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Harvest Ingathering The Connecting Link

In a material way we can conveniently speak of our Harvest Ingathering work as the connecting link between Home and Foreign missions. It is one of our regular yearly campaigns which affords our people everywhere an opportunity to visit the homes of their friends and neighbors, at the same time acquainting them with the progress of the work of God in the world-wide field, and inviting them to share the burden of bringing it to a glorious completion.

In His closing words to His disciples the Master said, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Looking down through the unborn centuries, the Master beheld, with prophetic vision, the gospel message sending its rays into lands buried in heathen darkness. But in harmony with the Saviour's commission, the message first won its way into the hearts of the people at home. What a striking parallel in the work of the Third Angel's Message. A retrospective view of the progress of this work convinces us that the message has gained a strong foothold in the homeland, and in response to the Macedonian cry hundreds of our young men and women have laid their lives on the altar of foreign missions. To-day these hundreds of our advance guards in the regions beyond are pleading with us to "hold the ropes," and God is calling upon His people in the homeland to act their part faithfully.

We are exceedingly anxious that every Seventh-day Adventist in Ohio have some part in the Harvest Ingathering work this year. Would time and space permit, we should be glad to tell of some of the experiences enjoyed by our people last year. Many who had never taken part in the work before engaged in the work, and as a result reaped a rich experience. Many homes were found where further work could be done in leading some honest souls into the truth, and at the same time there was kindled in the hearts of those who engaged in the work a burden for souls. This is in harmony with a message from

the servant of the Lord, which tells us that, "The very simplest modes of work should be devised, and set in operation among the churches. If members will cooperate with such a plan, and perseveringly carry it out, they will reap a rich reward, for (1) their experience will grow brighter, (2) their ability will increase through exercise, and (3) souls will be saved through their effort. "An Appeal" page 11.

Every provision has been made for a strong effort during the time of the campaign. The churches in the conference having been previously organized, are well prepared to launch a good strong effort, not only for the purpose of raising Ohio's goal of \$8,000 for missions, but at the same time to find openings in scores of homes for the further presentation of the truth. We would urge that the missionary committee chosen in each church give careful consideration to every possible plan which will enable the members of the churches to make a grand success of the work. The leaders of prayer and missionary bands chosen for each district in the churches will have an important part to act in helping the members of their respective bands wherever help is needed. Instruction meetings should be held by the bands in the churches wherever possible, and some convenient time during the coming Sabbaths should be devoted by the entire church for preparing the church membership for the work before them.

The big week, from October 14 to 20 will be an opportune time for Ohio's church-membership to arise as one man for the finishing of the task before them. We do not wish to have the Harvest Ingathering campaign lag on until the close of the year. The last two months can well be used to follow up the interest developed in many homes as a result of the campaign, and also to conduct efforts in soul-winning along other lines.

A word concerning the most vital essential in preparation for work before us will not be amiss. Earnest, persevering PRAYER will open the channel for the blessing of God upon the work. "Let the worker for Christ remember that he is not to labor in his own strength. Let him lay hold of the throne of God with faith in His power to save. Let him

wrestle with God in prayer, and then work with all the facilities God has given him. The Holy Spirit is provided as his efficiency. Ministering angels will be by his side to impress hearts." Christ's "Object Lessons, p. 232. We trust and pray that this may be the experience of every one who will participate in this great soul-winning campaign.

H. K. CHRISTMAN.

Home Mis. Sec.

Mobilizing the Lord's Army

We are engaged in a terrific battle. Not only are the armies of earth locked in mortal combat, but also the armies of heaven, composed of those celestial beings who excelled in strength when Lucifer rebelled and his hosts were cast to the earth. These are engaged with the organized forces of darkness in this world. The inhabitants of earth are being mobilized by two great generals and are joining these celestial forces in a Titanic struggle over good and evil.

In the special Harvest Ingathering campaign week that will begin October 14, the Lord's people will band together in companies to gather money for the kingdom of God on earth. Every citizen of His in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, and indeed in this Union, ought to prepare to gather in the dollars necessary to reach our goal and do our part. If the little children as well as the older ones join hands and organize into bands we ought, in a week, to accomplish the deed. It has been my experience that the children are as successful as the adult, and not infrequently more so.

Every church ought to arise, as one man, to this labor. Every city and county must be divided into districts. The church members ought to be united together by thorough organization, and work shoulder to shoulder. We must ask for more than human strength, and for wisdom divine. We must plead with God to send the angels of heaven before us, and to open the way to success; by asking we will receive, searching we will find, knock, and doors will open unto us. It is indeed a precious experience to work with God. The Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Committee urges our people to look forward to October 14, and earnestly plead

with Jehovah to place them in the stream of mighty influence that flows from His throne.

D. A. PARSONS.

Faithful Service

In the stupendous enterprise of the Panama Canal, the whole American people joined in expressing their satisfaction and approval of the work which was done by Colonel Goethals, the world's greatest engineer.

To-day God's people have a duty and work to perform which is more vital and of greater magnitude than any national necessity. Faithfulness is required in every branch of God's service that the "Gospel of the Kingdom," may go to the world in this generation. Christ, our leader who has never lost a battle, is directing and accomplishing a work which will endure through all eternity.

Can we look up at such a time as this and say, "I will go where you want me to go dear Lord, I will do what you want me to do?"

Just as God has brought great facilities of travel into existence, so He has brought the modern printing press into use. No one needs to stand idle as our good literature can always be placed in the homes of the people. Just now we are nearing the beginning of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign week October 14-20. A great opportunity is before us to make this the banner year and reach our goal in one week. This can be done by putting into effect the plans adopted by the Union and local-conferences in districting the territory and also by having a conference worker as a general to form the members into bands and instruct and train them for service.

The value of this work is clearly brought out in Gospel Workers page 518-519. "The redeemed will meet and recognize those whose attention they have directed to the uplifted Saviour. What blessed converse they will have with these souls! 'I was a sinner,' it will be said, 'without God and without hope in the world; and you came to me, and drew my attention to the precious Saviour as my only hope. And I believed in Him, I repented of my sins, and was made to sit together with His saints in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.' Others will say: 'I was a heathen in heathen lands. You left your friends and comfortable home, and came to teach me how to find Jesus, and believe in Him as the only true God. I demolished my idols, and worshipped God, and now I see Him face to face. I am saved; eternally saved, ever to behold Him whom I love. I then saw Him only with the eye of faith, but now I see Him as He is. I can now express my gratitude for His redeeming mercy to Him who loved me, and washed me from my sins in His blood.'"

F. H. ROBBINS.

OHIO

Ohio Camp Notes

Since there was no conference session in connection with our annual camp-meeting, perhaps a group of news items would prove more interesting. Many will have obtained such news first hand for the attendance was the largest yet.

One of the special privileges was to listen to Elder Spicer's account of his trips among our churches in Northern Europe and his urgent invitation to keep in close touch with the God who is "doing things" through those willing to serve Him in finishing the work.

Those from the Columbia Union who contributed to the success of the meetings were Elders B. G. Wilkinson, G. F. Enoch, J. W. Hirlinger, C. L. Stone, Dr. D. H. Kress, and Brother C. V. Leach.

Besides the accommodations afforded by our tents and several buildings on the ground, many were located in the adjoining section of the city. Every department had provision for its program in some section of the camp.

Many had opportunity to again meet Elder S. M. Butler, who attended in the special interest of Washington Missionary College.

The importance of home missionary work was emphasized in both regular morning and special meetings by Elders F. W. Paap and J. W. Hirlinger, Brother C. E. Hooper, and our local secretary, H. K. Christman.

Brother Steen Rasmussen, secretary of the foreign work of the home field, was at camp several days.

On Tuesday a meeting was held for the election of trustees of the Academy board which Elders Robbins, Schwartz, Ulrich, and Dr. H. S. Brown of West Pennsylvania Conference attended; also Elder T. B. Westbrook then on his way from the Hamilton effort to take up the duties of president of West Virginia Conference.

The book stand this year was located in the W. C. T. U. building near the big tent and enjoyed the best sales, amounting to \$2225, \$1582 of which was cash. This does not include orders for over eleven thousand "World War" taken at one of the morning meetings representing

about \$1400 value. L. W. Graham of the Review and Herald, Washington, D. C., and H. H. Rans of their South Bend Branch, gave good assistance during their stay. Brother Ernest Lloyd in his talks reminded the campers that the "Signs does bring people into the truth."

Elder F. M. Wilcox gave some timely counsel in his discourses the latter half of the meeting. This should remind one of what they miss in his editorials in the Review if not a regular reader.

That usual material evidence of interest in progress of the work, the response to calls for means, made a total of \$11,660; \$107 for worthy student fund, \$565 for tent fund; \$1115 Sabbath School, and \$9873 for missions and W. M. C. jointly, \$2215 being conditional.

Those who were in attendance will remember the talks Brother N. K. Dalwani, a native of India, gave. He and Elder Enoch made more plain the great needs of that mission field to which they plan to return soon.

The daily papers of Bellefontaine were liberal in giving space for the daily reports.

We were pleased to have Elder S. A. Wellman, on furlough from India, with us the last few days.

Favored by good weather and greatly assisted by the many visiting workers the large attendance gained much of the blessing expected from such an annual gathering. Twenty-three were baptised and twenty-two more to be in their home churches.

One of the most impressive parts of the camp program was the ordination to the gospel ministry of Brethren H. K. Christman and R. E. French Tuesday morning, and Brother John Klépe the last Sabbath. The prayers of many will attend the further earnest efforts of these brethren as they press forward in the Master's service.

Following camp, tent companies were located at Bellefontaine, Elders Miller and Weaver in charge; Madison, Elder F. M. Fairchild and Joseph Shellhaas, Coshocton, Elder French and Brother G. C. Quillin.

"All the smiles in the world cannot remove the scars of one wound."

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Notice

Elder Robbins, Brother Manry and those having charge of the various districts will visit the following churches in the interests of the Home Missionary work and the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Preaching services will be held at each church in the evenings and the time through the day will be spent helping the members in the distribution of their Harvest Ingathering papers, soliciting funds for missions.

September 20	DuBois
" 21-22	Shinglehouse
" 23-24	Coudersport
" 25-26	Raymond
" 27-28	Galeton
" 29	Jimtown
" 30	Wrights
October 1-2	Eldred
" 3-4	Bradford
" 5-6	Mt. Jewett
" 7	Corydon
" 8-9-10	Russell-Warren
" 11-12-13	Corry
" 14-20	Erie District

News Notes

Miss Minnie E. Dauphinee, Sabbath School Secretary of the West Pennsylvania Conference, left Monday night September 10, for a three weeks' visit at her home, in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The students from Pittsburgh have returned to school, at Mount Vernon and other of our schools. Mr. C. H. Kelly will leave soon for Washington Missionary College, where he will take the ministerial course.

NEW JERSEY

Newark Tent Effort

August 8 the large pavilion of the New Jersey Conference was pitched at Eighteenth Street and Central Avenue, Newark, and the meetings began with an attendance of about six hundred people. The interest in the lectures at once became manifest, and the attendance not only kept up to the standard of the beginning, but on Sunday evenings and when special subjects were presented, at least one thousand persons were in and around the pavilion.

Six months ago a popular evangelist held a long series of meetings in a specially built tabernacle in the immediate vicinity of where our meetings are being held, and the people report that these meetings were without force and were practically

a failure, because nothing was given which was regarded as of much help to those who attended, but these same people say that they have never had the privilege of listening to an interpretation of the Scriptures such as has been given in the tent at Eighteenth Street, and that they are delighted to come night after night to listen to the discourses and to drink in the spiritual lessons which give so much information on the prophecies of the books of Daniel and the Revelation and make plain to them the message of God for this generation.

The Sabbath and other lessons connected with it were given ten days ago, but there has not been even a perceptible falling off in the attendance. A number of persons are already keeping the Sabbath, and the indications are that there will be a harvest of souls as a result of the meetings held and the lessons given. The members of the local church have been faithful in their service, and have given much valuable help with the meetings.

Elder J. W. MacNeill is the minister in charge, and he is being assisted by T. D. Gibson; Howard Shull is tent master, and Virginia Shull, Ethel Wilson, Pauline Kinner and Mrs. Gibson are distributing literature and visiting the people.

At the close of the first week more than three hundred names had been received from those who asked for literature giving additional information on the subjects presented. This literature has been furnished, and has been a leader or an inducement to the people to buy the twenty-five-cent booklets and a number of the larger bound books, and each night shows sales of from two to ten dollars' worth of the literature. The donations have been very good and will pay all of the expenses of the effort.

It is believed this is the largest effort ever held in New Jersey, and the people of the conference are praying that it will be a means in God's plan to give the light of the Third Angel's Message to a great many people in Newark.

T. D. GIBSON.

CHESAPEAKE

Salisbury, Md., Aug. 21, 1917.

To Whom it may concern:

After a sermon on "The State of the Dead" June 19, a minister came rushing up with a very boastful spirit, and in a loud tone of voice offered a lot of objections, which of course, before the sunshine of God's truth melted as does the snow before old Sol. About a week later he came to the tent and had a nice talk with Brother Schank, who loaned him the "Bible Readings for the Home Circle."

We have seen and visited him several times since, but there is no "argue" in him. Last week we went to get the book,

Brother Schank having sent for it. His wife could not find it, but said that he loved it, and might have hidden it somewhere about the house.

Today we passed the home. She hailed me and said that he was glad she could not find it, as he was to take a leading part in a camp-meeting this week and was depending upon that book. We too, are glad she did not find it, for he will be getting nearer the truth as he studies it. The man has "His Glorious Appearing," "Bible Footlights," and several of our small books in his library.

He told a lady he could not preach the Advent doctrine for \$100 per week, but unconsciously he is preaching some of it at least, and his own congregation, not the Adventists, are paying him less.

Will it pay to scatter our books, and pray for the silent messengers? Will you pray for that minister?

ONLY A POOR WORKMAN.

Late Reports From Big Week in Chesapeake

Though the following items were received too late for our BIG WEEK report, yet as they are unusually interesting, we cannot pass them by.

One sister while working among the soldier-boys with the P. T. series, disposed of 150 papers in 35 minutes, and received \$28 for same. Altogether she distributed 600 and received \$71.00, but this is only the financial side. She relates the following: "I was tired and about to leave, when mother advised me to go back again. The second person I met wanted to know if that was a S. D. A. paper, and was eager to get it, when he found that it was. He had been an Adventist, but was down-hearted. She soon found another soldier who asked the same question about the paper, and was delighted to receive an answer in the affirmative. He said he was an Adventist and had asked God that morning to let him meet some one of like precious faith. The sister told him of the one discouraged, and as her train pulled out, she saw them shaking each others' hand. Does not this show that God still answers prayer?"

The faithful three at Cambridge were busy during Sunday of BIG WEEK, and disposed of 93 Watchman magazines, receiving \$10.60 which should have applied to BIG WEEK sales. Our church secretary at Cambridge in writing states, "We had some good experiences."

We are glad to welcome Brother H. E. Donaldson, of Wilmington, Del., to the colporteur family. Though recently baptized, he has gone to work with a will, and while waiting on his "Bible Reading" prospectus, sold nearly 100 "World War" series. I had the pleasure of spending a few days with him last week, and can testify he is a hustler.

Are there not some more earnest men and women in the Chesapeake Conference willing to take up this noble calling?

M. S. PETTIBONE,
Field Missionary Secretary.

The Review and Herald

The *Review and Herald*, our denominational paper, should be a welcome visitor in every Seventh-day Adventist home. It brings to you every week the latest developments in the progress of our work in all parts of the world, and keeps you in touch with our ministers and workers and their different fields of labor, and the interests and demands of the cause in the various places of the earth. To be in harmony with the many advancing plans to hasten the spread of the message, and to be ready to co-operate with the great rank and file, we must be readers of the *Review and Herald* from which we get our orders and instructions.

Especially in this time of our country's call to arms we must be intelligent as to how we should relate ourselves to the situation and still be loyal to the principles of our faith. Our leading brethren, through the pages of the *Review*, are giving us the needed information. May every reader of this article fully realize his need and the value of the paper, and arrange somehow to partake of its benefits weekly as a subscriber.

R. E. HARTER.

District of Columbia

Experiences from White Stone, Va.

In these times of the closing up of the world's history, when the life of every soul is at stake, these words from the Apostle Peter come to my mind: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." Many times have I seen this in my experience since I arrived here in White Stone, Va., called "Sodom" by some.

I entered a store one evening. It was crowded with men. The store keeper asked them to open a way so I could get to the counter. After getting what I wanted and going out, the crowd followed behind me. In a group they talked together and then came on behind me a little distance. Then they stopped. I went home. The next day a white lady who was in the store asked me if those men did anything to me. I said "No," and asked why. She said that they came out to rotten-egg me.

One Sunday as I was going on my way to White Stone a crowd of men came out of the woods a little way behind me, firing their revolvers and crying out, "Old

Seventh-day Adventist!" I lifted my heart in silent prayer to the God of all refuge. The men returned to the woods again. Thus, twice the angel of the Lord has delivered me from the destroyer.

The ministers made it extremely hard for us. They had it so no one would receive us. We cried to the Lord night and day. He heard our cry and many doors were opened to us. Souls have seen the light and are walking in it. I thank God He does not leave us alone to work for Him. If we will link up with Him there is no failure.

One sister recently, with her five children, accepted the message. Her husband was away. The ministers and the people sent for him. He came like a destroying lion and tried to stop her. He was so furious and enraged that he would not let her come to the meeting on the Sabbath that Sister Harter came to meet with the company. This sister and the company have kept the brother before the throne. Now he is rebuking those who are against his wife. Again I praise God for the manifestation of His mighty power when we cry to Him for help in time of need.

If the Lord will help me, I shall press the battle to the gate of the enemy, and doubt not our Leader in this mighty and great battle. Let us pray much that we may know which way the Captain of the Lord's host is leading, and follow.

J. W. THOMPSON.

Not knowing the ground, the reader will not be able to read into Brother Thompson's letter but a small percentage of its true meaning. Brother Thompson is an aged colored brother who has labored against great odds in the lower section of the conference during the past three years. By his godly life of earnest consecration and sincere sympathy and concern he has won hearts. He now heads a company of some fourteen believers with several others interested. He has been instrumental in winning two or three white neighbors, now members of our Kilmarnock Church. He deserves a faithful interest in your prayers.

News Notes

Brother J. L. Butcher, who has been canvassing in Westmoreland County, Va., but was called home a short time ago for examination under the conscription regulations, writes: "I am back in the field and just finished making my delivery. I can truly say this is the first delivery I ever enjoyed making." His report shows \$345 worth of books delivered in four days.

The work at Laurel is progressing slowly but steadily. The workers report

many interesting and encouraging experiences as they visit from house to house. The local ministers have thrown some difficult obstacles in the way, though the Baptist minister has been quite friendly. We are learning, however, the meaning of the admonition to "Wait on the Lord" and realize that, in the light of our Ballston experience, in the Lord's work, "All things come to him who waits, and hustles while he waits." Nevertheless, we feel the need of the prayer-support of all believers, and we positively must have it for success. We beg of you, not to forget the Laurel effort in your daily communion.

Twenty-six attended the Ballston, Va., services held for the first time in the local school building last Sabbath. Six more are promised for baptism about October 1, and prospects are bright for a church to be organized there before the close of the year.

Elder F. E. Gibson has undertaken the work of Home Missionary Secretary for the conference, and will soon be pressing forward with flying colors in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. We are anxious that all church officers shall co-operate with Brother Gibson in a great advance move to make this year's Ingathering results the greatest in our history.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

The Elkland Tent Effort

I know that our people throughout the conference will be pleased to learn how God has blessed the work in Tioga County. Elkland, a beautiful town in the Cowanesque Valley, was selected as the place for the summer's tent effort. The ministers of Westfield only fourteen miles up the valley, where with God's blessing we raised up a faithful company of Sabbath-keepers, preceded us, warning both ministers and people of Elkland against pernicious doctrines which they declared we would teach.

Before we were able to begin our services, the public was urged to remain away from The Seventh-day Adventist tent, in the Sunday morning services. You may know how well the people obeyed the instruction as already fifteen are faithfully obeying the truth and rejoicing in it while a score more are deeply interested. When God's message is faithfully proclaimed by those who have confidence and faith in the great pillars of truth, God will give success in face of the most ardent opposition. A member of the official board of one of the opposing

churches is established in the truth.

Three weeks ago our people scattered all over the county met in our newly purchased church of Covington on a beautiful Sabbath day. After a very impressive service all filed down to the banks of the Tioga River, where fourteen earnest believers followed their Lord in baptism.

The Lord has greatly blessed in the preaching of His word in this needy portion of His vineyard, and precious souls are constantly being added to our churches. Remember us in earnest prayer. H. J. DETWILER.

WEST VIRGINIA

The West Virginia Colporteurs' Institute

No doubt our colporteurs, as well as other members, were greatly disappointed because of our inability to hold camp-meeting this year. Inasmuch as we could not hold our camp-meeting on account of the infantile paralysis quarantine, we have decided to hold our colporteurs' institute earlier than usual. The date set is December 19 to 29. The place will be announced later.

The object of this institute is to give the colporteurs an opportunity to come together and through Bible study, prayer and the relating of personal experiences, receive a spiritual-refreshing. Every feature of the colporteur work will be considered. The importance of the work will be emphasized and the best methods and ways of working considered. Those who have been long in the work will be able to give methods of work and relate experiences that will be a help to others, and even these workers, while helping others, will be helped by others.

No doubt there are many members in this conference who could be doing successful colporteur work. Perhaps some are impressed that they should enter this important branch of the work. We want everyone who is so impressed to attend this institute. Every one of us can do something, if we will only take the position that God would have us take. Every move that we take to enlighten others brings us nearer into harmony with the God of heaven.

The Spirit of Prophecy tells us that "God might have committed the message of the gospel, and all the work of loving ministry, to heavenly angels. He might have employed other means for accomplishing His purpose. But in His infinite love He chose to make us co-workers with Himself, with Christ and the angels, that we might share the blessings, the joy, the spiritual uplifting, which results from unselfish ministry."

We have recently learned of four adult members in one family in West Virginia who have accepted the truth as the result of a "Bible Footlights" sold to them by one of our colporteurs two years ago. This should not only be an encouragement to the colporteurs who are already engaged in the work, but should encourage others to enter the good work. This is only one of many books that have been the means of bringing souls to a saving knowledge of the truth. Eternity alone will reveal the good that may be accomplished by a single book placed in the home. Shall we not place all of the books we can while conditions are so favorable? We have plenty of good territory in both mining and rural sections. The mines are running good now and people buy the books readily.

All who would like to take up this line of the work should write to our new field agent, John McHenry. He will be glad to correspond with you or call on you and talk the matter over.

Elder Westbrook will attend the institute from start to finish and hold some good revival meetings. Come and receive the blessing the Lord has in store for you and a fitting up for the work.

Among the Churches

At the close of our legal association meeting in Clarksburg, Sept. 3, Brother Snyder and the writer visited all the members of the Clarksburg Church, and found them of good courage. Through the faithful work of Brother Snyder, the church elder, many new ones are deeply interested in the truth, and several are keeping the Sabbath. Hundreds of the "World War" have been sold by the members of the church. Elder T. De Witt Gauterau and family are locating in Clarksburg now to take charge of the work and no doubt a baptismal service will be held in the near future.

I next visited Fairmont where we have three sisters holding up the standard of truth. They are unable to meet together on the Sabbath, and although they had not seen an Adventist for many months, they were rejoicing in the blessed hope. Through the home department, they were keeping up the study of the Sabbath School lesson, and our denominational papers kept them in touch with the progress of the message.

Brother and Sister Waggoner live at Cady, a small place a few miles from Fairmont, and I enjoyed a good visit with them.

Morgantown was my next stopping place. Elder Stevens had been laboring there for about a year, but in June removed to another conference. Brother Thirlwell has been doing faithful work in this church Sabbaths, and the company

is of good courage in the Lord. They are engaged in selling "World War" and our other literature. I enjoyed a good season with them on the Sabbath, and spoke to an interested audience which nearly filled the hall on Sunday night.

At Charleston I found Miss Welch, our Bible worker, pushing the work ahead in giving Bible readings, and enlisting our members in selling our literature. 1000 Harvest Ingathering papers had been ordered and received, and the members are ready to relieve the citizens of Charleston of their cash for the mission fields. Dr. Blake, who has charge of the colored work, reported a good interest among the colored people, and anticipates a baptismal service in the near future.

I arrived in Huntington, Thursday, Sept. 13, and found Elder French in his first week of his fourth series of meetings. About 200 were present and I had the privilege of speaking to them on the subject "Ten Centuries of Peace." The workers requested that I speak again on Friday night on "The Home of the Saved." This I did to a large congregation which nearly filled the tent. Sabbath we had a precious season together. Every soul present responded to an invitation for reconsecration to the Lord, and the Spirit of God was felt in every heart.

More than a score have already been added to the church. Many others are keeping the Sabbath and are ready for baptism. A splendid interest is being manifested by those living in the neighborhood of the tent. Brother and Sister Rulkoetter and Brother Ellers are assisting Elder French in the work, and in their mind's eye these workers see a new church building being erected in Huntington. As soon as the present effort is over, the plans which are being laid for the new church will receive execution and the project will be launched.

We earnestly solicit the prayers of the VISITOR family for the continued blessing of God upon the work in West Virginia.

Virginia

News Notes

Elder Moffet made a recent trip to the Valley, meeting with the local members of the Academy Board to assist in making final arrangements for the opening of the school September 12. The faculty this year will consist of four members as against three members the year before and two members two years ago. The attendance from all indications will exceed any in the history of the school.

Elder W. C. Moffet spent a few days assisting the Winchester Company in closing its first effort in Winchester, and

at that time steps were taken looking to the organization of a church at Winchester some time in September.

Mrs. J. W. Hirlinger has taken the place of Sister Anna Watkins as organist and Bible worker in the second effort at Winchester, in order that Sister Watkins could take up studies in the academy this year and also act as matron.

We feel fortunate having secured Miss Ivah Krome, a graduate in music and normal of Emmanuel Missionary College at Berrien Springs. Miss Krome has had a number of years experience in teaching in our schools and will have charge of the music department. One of our last year graduates will give his whole attention to the study of music this year. Our students always want to come back.

Miss Louise Cousins spent a few days visiting friends in the Valley last week.

Miss Florence Swan on her way to Richmond from Ohio, spent a few days with friends in Gordonsville.

Elders R. T. Dowsett and W. C. Moffett spent the second Sabbath of the month in assisting in the organization of the white and colored churches in Richmond for the prosecution of the Ingathering campaign. The Richmond Church has set their goal for \$500, having organized ten bands whose leaders are responsible to see that each band raises at least \$50. The colored church has set its goal for \$100.00, the average in each church being about \$5 per member.

R. F. Farley writes that the tent effort at Ford has begun with a Sunday night attendance of between three and four hundred. The unusually cold, wet weather following the opening night has naturally affected the attendance, but prospects look very good. Brother A. Aplin is assisting in the effort. Elder Stewart Kime led out during the first ten days of the meeting.

Brother H. G. Leland stopped off at the office on his way back to the college, having earned his scholarship, as did Brother Baker, his companion in the work this summer.

Brother F. E. Hankins is spending several weeks in the southwestern part of the state, assisting the canvassers there both in securing orders and making deliveries.

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending September, 7 1917									
Thos. Beamsderfer, Dauphin Co.		BR	4	40	16	70 00	6 25	76 25	25
H. C. Baumgartner, Bucks		BR	8	75		241 00		241 00	
C. Booth, Franklin Co.		BR	5	40	5	19 50	4 50	24 00	24 00
L. Cruishanks, Carbon		BR	4	37	13	54 50	1 50	56 00	1 50
Geo. Cain, Montgomery Co.		BR	3	17	6	24 00	2 00	26 00	2 00
C. F. Durr, Phila.		WW	19			48 00		48 00	48 00
Roy Ertel, Montour		BR	6			60 00		60 00	
J. L. Gearhart, Berk Co.		BR	4	33	21	78 50	5 00	83 50	
W. P. Hess, York Co.		BR	3	29	11	39 50	4 50	44 00	3 00
E. J. Kesselmeier, Lebanon Co.		GC	3	22	9	36 50	1 50	38 00	
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		WC	2	13		22 55		22 55	4 75
L. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.		BR	2	31	5	18 50		18 50	88 50
H. L. Penn, Carbon		BR	4	30	7	24 50	1 10	25 60	
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne		BFL	6	22		33 10		33 10	7 70
Totals	14 Agents		73	389	93	770 15	26 35	796 50	\$189 70
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending, September 14, 1917									
C. Booth, Franklin Co.		BR	3	16			1 00	1 00	1 00
Thos. Beamesderfer, Dauphin Co.		BR	2	21					571 75
L. Cruishanks, Carbon		BR	4	36	16	66 00	50	66 50	50
C. F. Durr, Phila., Magazines						15 70		15 70	15 70
J. L. Gearhart, Northton Co.		BR	5	41	19	74 50	1 00	75 50	
W. Garrett, Lackawana		GC	5	39	12	45 00	2 35	47 35	14 00
Arthur Hill, Berks Co.		BR	4	28		57 00		57 00	
E. J. Kesselmeier, Lebanon		GC	5	41	14	51 00	4 50	55 50	3 75
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne		WC	5	40		45 10		45 10	45 10
Ruth Muhlig, Coatesville		WC	3	10	40	18 75		18 75	
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.		BR	5	41	25	94 50	1 50	96 00	
H. L. Penn, Carbon		BR	5	31	7	26 50	50	27 00	50
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne		BFL	5	14		15 45	20	15 65	2
Totals	13 Agents		51	358	133	\$509 50	\$11 55	\$521 05	\$652 50
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending September 14, 1917									
E. W. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.		BR		62		42 56	50	43 06	125 50
H. Rieman, Allegheny		WW	6	39		30 75		30 75	30 75
J. A. Heaton, Huntington Co.		BR	10	64	56	202 50	33 00	235 50	5 50
Paul Baroudi, Westmoreland		WW		90		87 00		87 00	87 00
A. Brownlie, Allegheny		SP,SD		94		37 00	70 85	107 85	36 95
A. Schmidt, Butler		BR		22					174 90
J. Kmetz, Westmoreland		Misc	4	45		35 75		35 75	35 75
A. Holst, Indiana Co.		BR		19					134 00
E. Laing, Indiana		HM							50 00
J. J. Vance, Beaver		BR		4					34 00
Totals	10 Agents					\$435 56	\$104 35	\$539 91	714 35
Ohio, Week Ending September 14, 1917									
Fred Hannah, Guernsey Co.		BR	5	51	3	10 50	13 25	23 75	19 25
R. D. Kline, Allen Co.		BR	5	48	15	55 50	2 25	57 75	6 00
J. D. Fellabaum, Hancock Co.		BR	5	46	16	58 00	2 25	60 25	1 50
H. O. Kohr, Bridgeport		Arm.	7	42			129 00	129 00	129 00
J. H. Stafford, Columbus		BR	5	42	5	20 50	6 25	26 75	32 75
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Mont.		BR	5	39	10	35 00	4 50	39 50	10 00
Clara Weber, Jackson Co.		BR	5	38	6	23 00	7 00	30 00	7 50
Mrs. C. Kelly, Jackson Co.		BR	5	33	6	23 00	8 40	31 40	24 40
O. E. Taylor, Franklin		PPF	5	31	15	37 50	5 30	42 80	
Geo. Harvey, Trumbull Co.		BR	4	24	7	25 50		25 50	4 50
M. B. Ingersoll, Vinton Co.		BR	2	16	5	18 50		18 50	10 50
E. A. French, Logan Co.		BR	1	9					108 50
Totals	12 Agents		54	419	88	\$307 00	\$187 20	\$485 20	353 90

West Virginia, Week Ending September 14, 1917

C. G. Mays, Box Co.	HM	3		2 50		2 50		
Norman Haye, McDowell	BR	2	10	11	27 50	1 40	28 90	1 40
N. D. Fisher, Mingo	BR	5			3 50	13 75	17 25	13 75
Mrs N. D. Fisher, Mingo	WW	5			17 00		17 00	17 00
W. C. Fisher, Mingo	BR	5			15 00	23 00	38 00	18 00
W. A. McElphatrick, Rainell	COL	5	47	80	120 00	20 00	140 00	4 00
C. E. Wills, Elm Grove	PPF	5	34	9	23 50	14 10	37 60	15 00
T. G. Bertolet, Logan Co	BF	5	50	40	80 00	20 00	100 00	
Totals	8 Agents				289 00	92 25	381 25	71 40

West Virginia, Week Ending September 7, 1917

W. A. McElphatrick,	BR	5	38	69	103 50	10 75	114 25	3 75
N. D. Fisher	WW			108		55 28	55 28	55 28
J. M. Morris						12 60	12 60	12 60
J. Paul Johnson	CK	4	20	5	10 00	1 25	11 25	1 25
Total	4 Agents		9 58	182	\$113 50	\$79 88	\$193 38	\$82 83

Chesapeake, Week Ending September 14, 1917

O. C. Weller, Engle. Co. W. Va.	BR	4	29	23	87 50	9 75	97 25	8 50
H. E. Donaldson, Wilmington, Del.	BR	4	25	2	9 50	4 50	14 00	5 00
Totals	2 Agents		54	25	\$97 00	\$14 25	\$101 25	\$13 50

District of Columbia, Week Ending September 14, 1917

J. I. Butcher, Westmoreland	GC	6	50	33	118 50	11 75	130 25	
Grand Totals: 64 Agents	Value of Orders	\$2640	21	Deliveries,	\$2078	81		

Don't forget the colored camp-meeting at Richmond, September 20 to 30. Those who are interested should write Elder J. B. Mallory, 113 E. Baker Street, Richmond, Va.

Food Conservation

Owing to the fact that we are facing an unprecedented world shortage in foods, the Government Food Administration is planning, during the first of October, to enlist, as far as possible, every family in this country in the food conservation campaign. A house to house canvass will be conducted in which every householder will be encouraged to pledge herself to co-operate with the effort of the Government to prevent all unnecessary waste of food, and to save especially those kinds of foods suitable for transportation to the starving millions of Europe.

At the Council of the North American Division Conference held in Washington in July, resolutions were adopted expressing our approval as a people of the work being done or attempted by the Food Administration, and offering to co-operate with the Administration in making it a success.

The work of conducting this campaign within the confines of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination has been assigned to the Medical Department, which will attempt to secure co-operation in each local church.

Briefly, it is desired that in every church, as far as is possible, some one will

be detailed to give instruction in the elements of dietetics and nutrition. The families that have pledged themselves to co-operate in the matter of food conservation will be asked to report each week on special blanks, to a local committee or one or more whose duty it will be to tabulate these reports and send results to the Food Administration in Washington.

The reports will have to do with only three items—the number of “meatless” meals during the week, and the number of “wheatless” meals, and the number of “wasteless” meals, i. e.—meals in which no food is wasted. The desire of the Food Administration is to get every family to pledge to have fourteen “meatless” meals in the week i. e., 14 meals in which there will be neither beef, mutton or pork. Surely every Seventh-day Adventist family will be able to report 21 “meatless” meals. Those who habitually eat only two meals a day should, in order to make the reports understandable, report the third meal that they do not eat as a “meatless” meal, otherwise their report card would be interpreted to indicate that they had 14 “meatless” meals and some meals with meat. The same thing, it seems to me, should apply to “wheatless” meals and “wasteless” meals.

The Medical Department is hopeful that our people will enter enthusiastically into this campaign and demonstrate that Seventh-day Adventists are able, on account of the principles they have so long professed, to occupy a leading position in

the matter of food conservation.

In future issues we hope to be able to bring out ways in which this campaign may be made a means of bringing the health principles to your neighbors. We have been told that health reform is to be an “entering wedge.” Have we sometimes wondered how this was to be? Have we only half-heartedly taken hold of this part of the message, and not really understood in what way it was to come to the front? In this time of the world's necessity we, if we are true to our principles, ought to be able to demonstrate to the world the full value of these principles.

UNION

Important Notice

When I attended the West Pennsylvania camp-meeting at Dubois, there were a number who were anxious to have me deliver in their home towns a lecture on the “Rum Demon and Its Finished Product.” I made some promises that I would be glad to do this if arrangements could be made so that I could give the lecture in the different towns in succession on one trip. All who have spoken to me about this matter and are anxious to have me come out to deliver this lecture in their home towns, please write to me at once, and let me know. Some have already written that they have made arrangements to have me come, and that they will meet all the necessary expenses involved in advertising and for hall rents. If I can get each one to plan his meeting to fit into my program, I shall try to fulfill my promise. Please notify me at once, so that I can complete the arrangements. Address me: Takoma Park, Washington, D. C. C. S. LONGACRE.

OBITUARIES

GIBSON.—Willard, the youngest son of Brother and Sister O. J. Gibson died July 15, 1917, in Yencheng-ho, Central China. The child was taken ill just before nine o'clock in the morning, developing symptoms of poisoning. Every means known to the parents and Brother C. H. Davis to alleviate the intense sufferings of the child through extended periods of convulsions were ineffectual, and death ended the struggle at nine in the evening. A little concrete grave was made in the corner of the chapel compound at Yencheng-Honan, and there the little one sleeps till Jesus comes to call him forth to the great family reunion in the kingdom of God.

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The Foundation Full

I am sure that those who have been watching the monument grow will rejoice that the foundation is now ALL BLACK that is, more than \$22,000 in actual cash is in the Union Treasury. Not only so, but we are now starting up the main shaft. Everybody knows that the building of the foundation is the most difficult of all tasks. When that is done, the superstructure is soon completed.

I feel very grateful for the privilege of laboring for a little more than a year in this Union in the interest of both Missions and the Missionary College. It has been a time of earnest labor, for there are those who do not realize that the missionary college is as much a part of the missionary advance as the actual missionary out at the front. In fact our missions must languish until our missionary colleges are up-to-date and filled with students.

The brethren are now laying plans to begin at once the new building. Full particulars will soon be published. But we are sticking to our promise not to go in debt. We want money in the treasury to pay every bill as it falls due. The money now in hand will pay for materials, and we have good substantial pledges to cover the needs as the building rises. So now that almost the full amount of pledges is subscribed, let each one come forward with the cash, and let everybody help and watch the blank squares of pledges fill up into good solid squares of cash.

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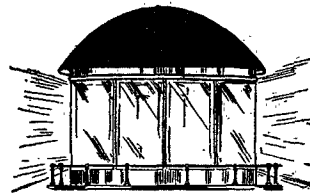
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Notice

Do not fail to read the articles on "Food Administration" which will appear each week. These articles are sent out by the North American Division Conference, and Seventh-day Adventists having had the light on this subject for so many years, should do their part in rightly representing this phase of the truth. Let your light shine.

Camp-Meeting Dates

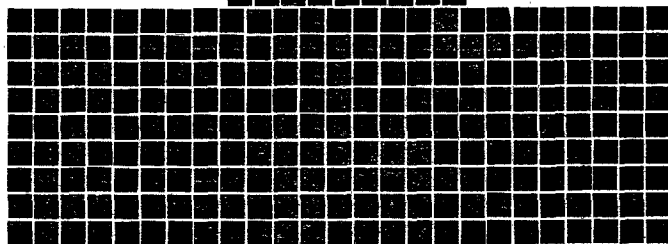
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