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Remember the Colored Work October 20, 1917

In the midst of our great and busy Harvest Ingathering Week, let us not forget while working for Foreign Missions that we have a great field mission endeavor at our doors, namely the Colored Work. We have been greatly gratified in seeing the last number of years the splendid progress made among the colored people for the advance of the message. Their growth has been like a little boy out-growing his clothes,—all the parts are tightened and straightened,—and if the growing creature is to have sufficient clothes and warm clothes, the parents of the Colored Work must contribute liberally to the child. To receive this contribution an offering has been appointed in all the churches for October 20, 1917.

This year probably will mark one of the greatest years in the history of the Colored Work for the South. A vote of \$60,000 was taken at the Huntsville, Alabama, meeting, looking forward to the increase of the school facilities there. Special donations have been taken from time to time providing new churches of worship. Here in Washington, D. C., a splendid church worth nearly \$20,000, has been secured for the Colored Work at headquarters. A special school for colored people has been opened up at Baltimore amid the same peoples. The work is just beginning. We pray that all the brethren everywhere may know that the grace of God is fresh for this work, and this people, and that all may contribute liberally to the collection of the Colored Work, October 20, 1917.

B. C. WILKINSON.

Let it be seen that you consider it more important to obtain a knowledge of God's word than to secure the gains or pleasures of the world.—Testimonies.

Oakwood Junior College, Huntsville, Ala.

The Oakwood Junior College has been established twenty-two years. It is located in a fertile valley five miles northwest of the city of Huntsville on a farm of 358 acres of land. The campus is situated on an eminence which affords a broad and comprehensive view of the surrounding country. The city is in plain view. According to instruction which has been given us in regard to the location of our institutions Oakwood is situated in the country. We are living in a land of fresh air and sunshine, long summers and mild winters, and apart from the noise and dust of the city. As we drive out from the city on entering the farm, we pass through a large gate, over-arching which in large letters appear the words "Oakwood Junior College." On the right of the drive leading to the buildings is a grove of pine, oak and chestnut. On the left are broad cultivated fields. We have eight buildings located about 150 feet apart, all on the outside of a large open circle. Formerly our campus was heavily wooded with great oak trees (150 in number at one time) but only a few of those giant sentinels of the forest remain. They are being replaced by a young growth of walnut, maple, and cedar. The buildings are dressed about with beds of flowering shrubbery which furnish a profusion of bloom from March until September.

The purpose of this school is to train colored workers to supply the various departments of our organized work with men and women who are qualified to labor in our different fields of missionary endeavor among the colored population of our country. Our ministerial course is carried on with the purpose in mind to supply our organized conferences with ministers. The normal course with the object in view of supplying our church schools with teachers, the Bible workers and Church officers' course is maintained to supply our organization with Bible workers and Church officers. The nurses

training course is with the object in view of equipping these workers with a knowledge of the laws of health and temperance, and also with a knowledge of how to treat diseases and how to serve the sick and suffering colored workers to work for the colored race, we believe to be the most efficient means at this time for the advancement of evangelistic and educational interests among the colored people. Seventy-five per cent of our colored workers are young men and women that have previously been students at the Oakwood school. At this time young men from our ministerial course are conducting meetings in tents or halls in nearly all of the leading cities of the South. These young men are loyal in every sense of the word to our organization. As yet, not one of these workers has ever been a leader in an apostasy.

Oakwood is a place where the dignity of labor is maintained. There is no excellence without great labor. Booker Washington has ably said, "that true greatness does not consist in doing extraordinary things, but in doing ordinary things in an extraordinary way." It is the purpose of the managers of the Oakwood school to make the institution serve its own needs in every way just as far as possible. To this end a line of industries and trades are carried on. They are as follows: Farming, gardening, fruit-growing, poultry raising, black-smithing, printing, broom making, carpeting, sewing, all domestic work, and this school also operates the saw-mill. These industries are carried on in such a way that the benefits are mutual to both the students and the institution. A large amount of work is thus furnished to the students, so that many are enabled to work all, or part of their way through school, and at the same time such things are produced as the institution itself consumes, or makes use of. Aside from serving the school itself these industries in many ways are of service to the neighborhood.

A Mission school is also operated by the girls in the normal department for the benefit of the negro children of the community. The attendance has varied

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Old Testament History Class No. 1, Oakwood Junior College, 1917

from 65 to 80. By the presence of our institution in our own local community the percentage of illiteracy has been reduced from 65 per cent down to 25 per cent in the last five years. The attendance in our training department last year was 135.

Financially the negro is very poor. There are in the state of Alabama alone 95,309 negro farm tenants. The average size of these farms is about 26 acres. These 26 acres are divided about as follows: 19 acres in cotton, 5 acres in corn, and two acres of miscellaneous crops. This negro owns on the average according to the 1910 census report one mule, one cow, two pigs, and fourteen chickens. The house that he lives in, his barn, shed, and chicken house inventories on this same average \$189. From these facts it can be easily seen that these farmers are one crop farmers of the most dependent type. They are large purchasers of food stuffs for both man and beast, because five acres of corn averaging fifteen bushels to the acre will not keep the family and the stock. Neither will two acres of forage make a sufficient amount for his needs, hence the remainder of this food stuff must be bought through the purchasing power of the cotton. His landlord is his furnisher, and carries him from year to year. In this wasteful system little or nothing is left for the negro at the close of the year. It can be easily seen that this man has nothing with which to educate the son or the daughter. If they ever acquire an education it usually comes from some encouragement outside of the home.

In an educational way the American negro is in need of help. At a meeting of the North American Division Conference Committee, which was held at the school last April, it was voted by this body of representative men to raise and appropriate the sum of \$60,000 with which to double the capacity of this institution. It is the plan to erect a new college building, a boys' dormitory, extend the girls' dormitory, equip this school with a good library and science department, and install several minor improvements all necessary to complete a good Junior College.

Sabbath, October 20, has been set apart to ask our people by contribution to remember this important work.

CLARENCE BOYD.

The Week of Weeks

The Harvest Ingathering is on now on full-swing. The returns at this early date are good and the outlook for a fruitful ingathering is most encouraging.

This week—October 14-20—is special campaign week. It is the week set apart by all the conferences in the Union as a week of special devotion, when every conference worker and individual member will devote each day of the week to soliciting funds to reach the individual, local and Union Conference Goals.

I trust that every member will do his best every day this week. If anything has hindered your going out this week, go out next week and every week, during the campaign, which lasts till December 31. Keep on with the good work until

the Lord says: "It is done," and "Well Done."

See September "Church Officers Gazette" for good Harvest Ingathering canvasses. Be sure and learn one. It will help you much. J. W. HIRLINGER.

A Good Experience

Brother O. C. Weller of the Chesapeake Conference writes: "I did not go out canvassing last week. My brother-in-law was very ill on Monday and died on Wednesday. I took advantage of the time I could with the Harvest Ingathering papers, and I am surely encouraged to see that the people will give liberally of their means. The devil tried to get me to believe that the Harvest Ingathering work would be a struggle this year, but the Lord has proven to me that this work can be done. I gave out 94 papers and received \$26.71. This is better than I did last year, on an average.

"I surely hope our people will be encouraged to take up this work. There is no reason why we should not reach our goal this year. I am enclosing a check for the above amount, and I expect to do more of this good work." This proves that blessings come to the faithful colporteur and to all who will take advantage of every opportunity. Take advantage of every opportunity that knocks at your door. Solicit every friend, neighbor and business man that visits you. God sends them to you for a purpose—to receive the light of truth. Thank God you are privileged to fulfill His purpose.

Reach \$5 goal every week.

"We are to give the last warning of God to men, and what should be our earnestness in studying the Bible, and our zeal in spreading the light! Let every soul who has received the divine illumination seek to impart it. Let workers go from house to house, opening the Bible to the people, circulating the publications, telling others of the light that has blessed their own souls. Let literature be distributed judiciously on the trains, on the street, on the great ships that ply the sea, and through the mails." Test. Vol. 9, pp. 122, 123.

The Verdict

The almost universal verdict is that this is the most interesting of all the Harvest Ingathering Campaigns. Many are saying, "I have more of a burden and zeal for this work this year, than I have had in any of the past campaigns, and I am getting more blessings out of it too," "I just can't help going out." "I don't see how any one can stay at home all the time and not go out." "I have already received more this year than I ever did in any past campaign." It should be so, for we are living in the time of the "latter rain," and in the time of the last reformation when "Hundreds and thousands were (are to be) seen visiting families. . . . Hearts were (are) convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit. . . . On every side doors were (are) thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. . . . I heard voices of thanksgiving and praise, and there seemed to be a reformation such as we witnessed in 1844." Vol. 9, p. 126—Read it all.

The voices of true thanksgiving come from the "hundreds and thousands" who visit families and take an active part in the Harvest Ingathering and all missionary endeavor, and this brings the "reformation." Will you not act your part in this last great "reformatory" movement? and have your heart filled with praise and thanksgiving, even as other hearts are? "Arise, shine, for thy light is come." Yours for the Goal—\$25,000,

J. W. HIRLINGER.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

4738 York Road, Philadelphia, Pa.
D. A. Parsons, Pres. W. B. Mohr, Sec.

Districting of Conference for Harvest Ingathering Campaign

District

1. West Philadelphia, Elder Chas. Baierle
2. North Philadelphia,
Elder J. S. Washburn
3. Philadelphia German
Elder O. F. Schwedrat

4. Philadelphia Colored

Elder T. H. Branch

5. Fairhill, Allentown, Emaus, Phoenixville, Brother H. G. Gauker
6. Reading, Fleetwood, Mohnton, Lebanon, Wade, Brother C. E. Reichenbaugh
7. Harrisburg, Lancaster, York, Carlisle, Mifflintown, Elder Virbrook Nutter
8. Northumberland, Danville, Bloomsburg, Williamsport, Elder C. S. Baum
9. Tunkhannock, Orwell, Towanda, Sayre, Elder H. J. Detweiler
10. Tioga Co., Elder H. J. Detweiler
11. Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Tunkhannock, Ariel, Honesdale, Brother A. Schultz

Some Valuable Helps for the Harvest Ingathering

1. Never forget to pray.
2. Have your papers neatly done up in paper with rubber band around. Leave one end open so that you can readily pull them out as needed.
3. Walk briskly up to the home, with a prayer on your lips.
4. Do not hang on to the bell too long or scare the occupant by nearly knocking the door down.
5. Always wear a Christian smile. It is catching.
6. Get inside if possible. (In this you will find the smile helpful.) You will get more, and larger donations.
7. Don't talk too much.
8. Talk dollars, and you will get them.
9. Always impress it upon the people that in giving of their means, they are engaging in a soul winning work.
10. Talk medical work, especially to Jews and Catholics.
11. Never argue.
12. Have prayer before leaving.
13. Always be appreciative, no matter what the gift.
14. No one to get less than \$5 in this campaign. You can do this in one day, if you try.
15. Your hearty co-operation in this campaign is earnestly solicited by the conference committee, president, and home missionary secretary. T. H. BARRITT.
Home Missionary Secretary.

Harvest Ingathering News Notes

A special meeting of all ministers and workers of the conference was held in Philadelphia, Tuesday, September 18, at which time plans were laid for the coming campaign.

Elder F. W. Paap and Elder J. W. Hirlinger were present with us from Washington. Their kindly help and sugges-

tions were greatly appreciated. We were also favored with the presence of Dr. B. G. Wilkinson, and our esteemed president, Elder D. A. Parsons.

Everyone left the meeting greatly blessed and determined to work in this campaign faithfully.

Brother Barritt met with the colored church in Philadelphia on Sabbath, September 22, in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering. On the following Thursday he started five of their members in the good work. These testified the following Sabbath of the great blessings received. This church has the missionary spirit and have set as their goal \$300.

A union meeting of all the churches in Philadelphia was held on Sabbath, September 29, the auditorium of the Grand Fraternity Hall being engaged for the occasion. Elder F. W. Paap was present and rendered timely help, showing the needs of the great work in its various phases.

A new Home Missionary Secretary arrived at the home of Brother and Sister T. H. Barritt, September 24. His name is Oliver Richards, and he weighs eight pounds.

Get your allotted sum, \$5, in October.

Rally to the work, this is not the time for slackers.

Elder Chas. Baierle has been chosen to be the pastor of the West Philadelphia Church. The announcement of this on Sabbath last met with the hearty approval of all present.

News Notes

Danville Missionary Society is progressing nicely, all are enjoying the meetings, and success is attending the personal work being done by the society.

Allentown Church has a good start with the Harvest Ingathering. One sister who recently came into the truth through the Harvest Ingathering is very much enthused, and is having excellent success.

Don't forget the special week October 14-20. Everybody working.

Let all, young and old get their \$5 during the special week.

See How Easily it is Done, - and Get a Blessing Too.

Brother Barritt met with the Phoenixville Company on Sunday last, and he reports \$100 as the goal set for this little company.

Brother Gauker closed his tent meetings on Sunday night. Four have taken their stand, and others are interested.

A very impressive scene was witnessed on Sabbath at the West Philadelphia Church; eleven dear souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. Elder Chas. Baierle officiated.

The Garrick Theater meetings commence on Sunday, November 25. Let us all pray that God will richly bless these meetings, and that a goodly number will hear the truth and accept it.

All missionary secretaries please send in your quarterly report at once to the Conference Home Missionary Secretary.

A new song book containing many songs with the missionary spirit may be had from the Tract Society. Send in your order at once. 25¢ per copy.

CHESAPEAKE

2901 Brighton St., Baltimore, Md.
J. O. Miller, Pres. Emma Newcomer, Sec.

A Plea for the Colored Work

After reading the article, in the *Advent Review and Sabbath Herald*, of September 27, written by Elder G. B. Thompson, calling attention to an offering to be taken October 20, 1917, for the help of the colored people, more especially the Oakwood Junior College at Huntsville, Alabama, my mind was led to two scriptures, one of which says "But, in every nation he that feareth Him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with Him." Acts 10:35. The other is found in Acts 17:26; "And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth . . . and the bounds of their habitation." These scriptures certainly settle the question, that one person nor any one race of mankind has any pre-eminence, or special favor with God, for we are all His by creation and, if saved, will be His by redemption.

It is true that some nationalities have been kept in ignorance and slavery by other nations, who had superior power in the political world, but this act was that of man and not of God. The Lord did let His people go into bondage, for a purpose which should be for their good and then delivered them out of slavery, but it was not so in the beginning before sin entered.

When the children of Israel were delivered by Moses out of bondage, God Himself gave Moses special instruction for them; they really were His favored people above others, because they had not for years had a fair chance to know the true God. So it is today, the colored people of both North and South have not had an opportunity to develop with that of the white race, however, while they are not ignorant of this fact, they have borne this unfortunate condition with much patience, but the time has not only now come when an effort should be put forth to help them, but, if we will read the testimonies, we will learn that we are long past the time, so now while probation lingers and this present opportunity comes, let us surprise, not only ourselves, but the colored brethren, both north and south, by contributing a sum of money which will give them better church buildings, better school buildings as well as better equipped, so that the children can have just as good opportunity to receive an education as any other nation on the globe. This will bind us together better and restore a confidence which will be steadfast to the end, and lead us all to believe that God has only one family in heaven as well as in earth, as we read in Eph. 3:15.

Here in the city of Baltimore, there are more than 100,000 colored people alone. Elder G. P. Rodgers has a church with a membership of 250 or more, good, strong, believing Adventists. The church is growing in numbers right along. This is the second year that the church has had a school, the church building, (which is not suited for a school building) is crowded to overflowing with a class of bright boys and girls; and others are being turned away who wish to come, because they can not be accommodated.

These colored people are loyal in tithe paying, in Sabbath, and mission offerings they stand on a level with any of our churches, but they are not so many in numbers as we and need help to get on a level with us in having a chance to develop.

I sincerely hope that every one who reads this article will seriously consider what he or she ought to do on the Sabbath of October 20 to help the colored work in both the North and South. Our general brethren fully understand their needs and have been moved by the Lord to set this date for the special benefit of the colored work.

J. O. MILLER.

News Notes

We are glad to report that thus far there have been ordered by the various churches in our conference 15,882 of the Harvest Ingathering papers for this year. This is just 37 more than were ordered

last year. We have reported by several of the churches in donations on this fund to date \$72.67. Thus a good work has been begun, and we trust each member of the conference will continue to work until the papers are all out among the people. We feel sure we will be able to make our goal easily if all will do as well as those who have already begun.

Elder A. S. Booth baptized five persons Sabbath.

Elder Rodgers and family have visited relatives and friends the past week at Cheswold. He has returned to his work

Elder Miller preached to the No. 3 church on last Sabbath. This is a growing congregation, and it is thought something will have to be done soon to make room for the many new people who are coming, in the way of finding another church. Elder Rodgers will have baptism next Sunday night.

Brother Ernest Atkinson, who has entered the Bible work to assist Elder Rodgers, reports a splendid interest among the colored people, and that he is kept busy visiting and studying with the people.

Miss Harriet Medairy, daughter of Brother G. Medairy, has gone to the college for the winter.

Miss Alice Miller and Miss Irma Baus, who have been doing Bible work in connection with the tent efforts of Elder Booth, have returned to the college. Miss Beulah Wagner, one of the young ladies of the Baltimore No. 1 Church, has entered the Bible work here.

Miss Nellie Apsley has gone to the Sanitarium at Takoma Park where she will enter the Nurses' Training Class.

Miss Baus will spend two weeks visiting her parents in Pennsylvania before taking up work at the college for the year.

Brother Medairy and family are in Baltimore, preparing to move to Salisbury.

Married

On the evening of September 25, 1917, a very pleasant company gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Spear, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., the occasion being the marriage of Theodore S. Dunham and Miss Della McIntyre, both of Takoma Park. Elder Allen Moon officiated. All their friends wish these young people a happy future.

VIRGINIA

Gordonsville, Va.

W. F. Moffett, Pres. W. H. Jones, Sec.

Newport News

The first Sabbath and Sunday in October were happy days in the history of the Newport News Church. On Sunday afternoon twenty-one candidates were baptized by Elder I. D. Richardson in the historic Hampton Roads, following which the remodeled church was rededicated.

We can recall the time when only four or five faithful sisters were meeting in this little church. The little building was falling to pieces and it seemed that the church was doing likewise. But God heard the prayers of these faithful sisters.

The building has been repaired, the interior plastered and beautifully decorated, new seats secured and other improvements made, and best of all, the church filled to overflowing. Another large class are preparing for baptism, and there will be no letting down in the work with the close of the tent effort.

Sunday night Elder B. G. Wilkinson spoke to an audience of over six hundred people in the Imperial Theater. At the close of the sermon some thirty men arose for prayers. Dr. Morgan of Philadelphia presided at the organ. The collection of \$35.59 nearly covered the expenses of the theater meeting, and the theater meetings will be continued by Elder Richardson with the assistance of Brother G. W. Lawrence and Sister Richardson. The Lord is greatly blessing this work in Newport News. W. C. MOFFETT.

News Notes

The Portsmouth Colored Church under the earnest leadership of Brother W. H. Sebastian, is leading the churches in the conference in Home Missionary work. During the past quarter over \$267 worth of literature was sold by this little company of less than twenty members. Every few days we are receiving an order for twenty and twenty-five dollars worth of literature. The company there is rapidly establishing a fund for which to purchase a church by this means.

On the last Sabbath and Sunday in September the Richmond Colored Church held its dedicatory services as a climax to the summer's tent effort. Prior to the dedication of the church, six of the new converts were baptized by Brother J. B. Mallory and another class is awaiting baptism. Professor C. J. Boyd preached

the dedicatory sermon in the presence of a large audience of people not of our faith. Elder L. O. Gordon offered prayer. As the church now stands it has cost nearly \$3,000 of which almost one half has been raised in one year. We are pleased to report that the colored tent effort conducted at Richmond takes the lead in the offerings made in connection with the tent effort. The total receipts are about three times the current expenses of the effort and the result in souls won looks promising. The brethren and sisters are rejoicing for what the Lord has done for them. Surely the time has come for us to press forward in the work with courage.

The Norfolk No. 2 Church has agreed to distribute at least twenty-five copies of the Ingathering papers per member.

Brother Harry Wright is just locating in Martinsville, Va., in Henry County for winter's canvassing.

Brother George W. Lawrence is spending a few days following the close of the Newport News tent effort in Perryville, Md., enjoying a well earned rest.

Sister I. D. Richardson has taken three patients from Newport News to the Washington Sanitarium for medical attention. Brother and Sister Richardson have made a leading feature of the medical missionary and Christian Help work in the tent effort this summer and this has opened many doors for the message.

The tent effort at Ford conducted by Brethren R. F. Farley and E. Aplin has the honor of being the last to be pulled down because of the cold weather this season.

Elder W. H. Armstrong is conducting a series of meetings at Republican Grove.

Elder L. O. Gordon is painting the Richmond Church. Little by little throughout the state our churches are all being put in first class condition. While the Lord can bless His people who worship Him in spirit and truth in the most humble places, yet it is a reproach to His name and cause when our churches are permitted to run neglected. We feel that putting in good condition the house of God is an indication of the spirituality of the worshippers therein.

Brother G. W. Lawrence is spending a few days with his family at Perryville, Md.

Elder W. C. Moffett has been assisting the Tidewater tent companies in closing their efforts.

Elder J. W. Hirlinger and Brother Ernest Lloyd have just completed a tour of the churches in the interest of the home missionary work.

Miss Robbie Sutphin of Middleburg is teaching the Stanley church school.

Elder J. B. Mallory reports the baptism of six dear souls following the Richmond No. 2 effort as the first fruits.

The tent at Winchester was blown down by the violent wind storm Sunday afternoon, September 30, and the company at Winchester closed the effort and stored the tent the next day. Brother Overstreet has returned to his work in the academy which now has over thirty students and more coming.

Brother F. E. Hankins made a very difficult delivery in the mountains in the western part of the state for one of the students a few days ago. On account of the steepness of the mountain it was impossible for him to use a rig or any conveyance, and for two days and a half climbed back and forth, carrying his books in a suit case. This is probably the only opportunity that these people will ever have to hear the message.

The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. Prov. 15:3.

WEST VIRGINIA

Third & Juliana Sts., Parkersburg
Jennie Burdick, Sec.
T. B. Westbrook, Pres.

The Lord Does Work

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." 1 Sam. 7:10.

We find in the seventh chapter of 1 Samuel that the Lord wrought great victories for Samuel; so he set up a stone as a memorial.

As I read this chapter, I thought of what God has done in West Virginia the past year. Our colporteurs have been greatly blessed, and, due to their consecration, they have at least fifteen Sabbath keepers, of which five have been baptized and one is actively engaged in the book work. Here are fifteen lights set up as a memorial of God's goodness the past year.

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." Dating from the last camp-meeting a year ago, September 1, 1916, to September 1,

1917, our sales have reached upward of \$26,000, a gain of nearly \$6,000 over the previous year.

Truly we saw the Lord's hand in West Virginia during the Big Week. Many things came up to hinder, but in the face of it all, the Lord gave us \$2,513 in sales. The smallest conference in the Union has the record of the largest amount of sales in one week. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

I take this privilege of expressing my deepest feeling of respect and honor to the ones who so faithfully and perseveringly made it possible for the above reports, and I assure you that you will ever have my highest regards as devoted colporteurs.

I was very thankful for the interest manifested in the book work by our colporteurs. When I accepted the call to New Jersey, as Field Secretary, at the same time we filled two other vacancies as Field Secretaries out of the West Virginia colporteurs. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." H. F. KIRK, Field Sec.

Charleston

Aggressive work was opened up in Charleston a year ago in the month of June, by Elder Redfield, Miss Jessie Welsh, and the writer, together with local help. A tent effort was conducted in the east part of the city in the early part of the summer. Elder Redfield was called to the Harvest Ingathering work during the autumn, while the small company of workers held another short series of meetings in West Charleston.

As a result of this and follow up work, we have added 25 members, 21 white and 4 colored, to the church. Sister Osborne has had the Bible work among the colored people, until Dr. Blake was called to the field.

While we have not seen as great results in numbers as we should have liked, still the Charleston Church has responded surprisingly in tithes, offerings to missions and in the Harvest Ingathering work. As an example of the spirit of giving, with a membership of 53 and a number of these away, the church raised over sixty dollars for the last thirteenth Sabbath offering.

While the writer has had the care of this church from Huntington for the past six months, with the assistance of Sister Welsh, it has been most gratifying to watch its steady growth. We solicit your prayers for the work in our capital city.

T. M. FRENCH.

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending October, 5, 1917									
Ruth Muhlig, Coatesville		WC	3	7	19	9 50	50	10 00	50
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.			4	20		5 40		5 40	22 65
W. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	5	41	18	68 00	5 50	73 50	8 50
C. Booth, York Co.		BR	9	87	22	80 00	2 25	82 25	1 00
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.		BR	5	38	12	45 00		45 00	230 90
E. J. Kesselmeyer, Lebanon Co.		GC	5	32	10	36 00	2 00	38 00	
R. W. Garrett, Lackawana		GC	8	46	11	37 50	2 25	39 75	60 50
G. Caine, Schuylkil Co.		BR	4	31	7	26 50	7 00	33 50	23 25
M. M. Sterner, Schuylkil Co.		BR	3	16	1	3 50	1 75	5 25	1 75
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne		WC	5	42	54	29 55		29 55	41 60
J. L. Gearhart, Northampton Co.		BR	3	30					205 50
Mrs. M. Reynolds, Phila. Co.		WW	5	31	71	17 75		17 75	17 75
Totals	13 Agents		59	422	225	358 70	21 25	379 95	\$613 00
Ohio, Week Ending October 5, 1917									
Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.		BR	5	52	5	14 00	8 50	22 50	15 00
Geo. Carter, Shelby Co.		BR	5	45	10	37 00	3 75	40 75	3 00
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Mont.		BR	5	37	5	17 50	6 00	23 50	5 25
O. E. Taylor, Franklin		PPF	5	36	24	61 00	7 25	68 25	24 75
J. H. Stafford, Franklin Co.		BR	10	65	17	64 50		64 50	
Ed. Searles, Crawford Co. W. C. Series			4	31		27 00		27 00	2 00
F. E. Wagner, Barberton Foreign			11	60		66 20		66 20	
C. H. Ries, Butler Co.		DR	3	24	2	7 00	50	7 50	50
Mrs. C. Kelly, Jefferson Co.		BR	5	24	4	17 00	4 45	21 45	11 95
R. D. Kline, Allen Co.		BR	3	15	8	35 00	3 75	38 75	3 75
Geo. Harvey, Trumbull Co.		BR	2	15					36 75
M. B. Ingersoll, Vinton		BR							10 50
Totals	12 Agents		58	404	74	\$346 20	\$ 34 20	\$380 40	113 45
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending October 5, 1917									
A. Brownlie, Allegheny		SP,SD	5	43	23	35 50	25 15	60 65	19 25
Paul Baroudi, Washington Co.		WW	10	70		75 00		75 00	75 00
E. W. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.		BR	5	37	17	75 00	4 40	79 40	6 40
S. Diehl, Mifflin Co.		SP	10	78	21	29 25	21 00	50 25	1 50
J. Manuel, Jefferson Co.		GC	8	45	7	25 00	11 55	36 55	
A. H. Snyder, Clearfield Co.		BR	5	39	15	53 50		53 50	
M. Smith, Alleg.		HW	5		20	10 00		10 00	5 50
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Virginia, Week Ending October 5, 1917									
S. N. Wilmer, Madison Co.		BR	1	10	4	28 00		28 00	120 00
E. H. Dye, Mont. Co.		BR	1	11					79 25
Bennet Hamm, Madison Co.		BR	4	33	7	24 50		24 50	
Totals	3 Agents		6	54	11	\$52 50		52 50	199 25
Chesapeake, Week Ending October 5, 1917									
O. C. Weller, Jefferson Co. W. Va.		BR	2	15					270 20
H. E. Donaldson, Wilmington, Del.		BR	10	61	17	62 50	2 75	65 25	80 75
Totals	2 Agents		12	76	17	62 50	2 75	65 25	350 95
Grand Totals: 37 Agents Value of Orders \$1123 15 Deliveries, \$1384 30									

"Love never asks how much must I do; but how much can I do." Testimonies.

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Cleveland

I have recently spent a few days in Cleveland where I find our work in prosperous condition and our workers are earnestly endeavoring to hasten on the work in that great city. The population of Cleveland is claimed now to be very close to the million including the near suburbs. The English Church at this time has a membership of 353. This is, no doubt, the largest church in the Union Conference. Large additions have been made to the church in recent months. In standing before the people Sabbath it was a great pleasure to me to see so many substantial, strong men and women who have recently embraced the truth. There are many interested ones who are being led along now that will no doubt unite with the church later. Elder R. S. Lindsay, who is in charge of the work in this church, is leading out strongly and from time to time special evangelistic efforts are made, and in the interim the interest is followed up. The Bible workers assisting him are Miss Carrie Askey and Miss Fannie Emmel.

A great increase has been made in the various fields in the Cleveland Church. The goal set by the church this year for the Ingathering campaign is \$1600. We truly hope that the church will succeed in raising this amount.

Owing to the pressure of other appointments it was not my privilege to meet with the German Church or with Elder C. W. Weber, their pastor, on this occasion, but I am glad to report that the work is onward in our prosperous German Church in Cleveland. Elder Weber is devoting himself to the work most earnestly and feels greatly the need of assistance. We should earnestly pray for the advancement of the message in this great metropolis of the state. Steps are being taken now to locate a Hungarian minister to labor for the thousands of that nationality in Cleveland.

E. K. SLADE.

Harvest Ingathering Notes

Before the close of September, Ohio had ordered almost 36,000 Harvest Ingathering Watchman. This is only a few thousand less than we used during the entire campaign last year. We should not feel satisfied until at least 60,000 homes have been visited with this interesting missions number in Ohio. Has your church ordered a sufficient supply? If not, kindly order from the office as soon as possible.

Word comes from the church at New Philadelphia that their supply of 500 papers was exhausted before the campaign was to begin. Over \$60 was raised on their goal of \$100 before the first of October. In a letter from the missionary secretary a few days ago, we read, "Our work is at a stand-still, because the papers are all gone." Several hundred more were ordered at once. We shall be glad to hear from other churches in the same way.

The little church at Canaan reports over \$50 toward their goal of \$75 before the first of October. This is only another evidence of the value of a vision. We trust that every church in the conference will get a vision of the wonderful possibilities that lie in the path of faithful service.

Our Cleveland English Church is well prepared for a strong effort in the Harvest Ingathering. The city having been restricted, and the church membership of three hundred fifty having been formed into Prayer and Missionary bands, the foundation was laid for aggressive work. Each band set its goal for amounts to be raised for Missions, averaging \$5 per member. The church set its goal at \$1600 for missions. The prospects look bright for a very successful campaign in this Buck-eye metropolis.

Just an item to remind you that this week, October 14 to 20 is "Big Week" in the campaign. Can you not give the Lord one full day of your time this week in a definite search for souls through our Harvest Ingathering work? Endeavor, with the Lord's help to "Do your bit," and do not forget the slogan for the campaign this year, "When you have reached your goal, help somebody else." We are expecting to find it necessary to revise the goals in some of the churches. This will not be objectionable, however, because we are anxious to secure results in our campaign this year with which the records of past years will fade away into insignificance.

Dr. W. J. Venen spent September 16 with the Ashtabula Church, at which time four were baptised and added to the church. We are glad of the gains that are being made from time to time in Ashtabula.

Why Conserve Wheat?

Why is wheat rated so much higher than other grains as a human food? Is it because it contains nutritive elements not found in other grains? Is wheat bread in reality the "Staff of Life?" From

recent investigations it would seem that the only real superiority of wheat to other grains lies in the property of its flour to rise and make a light bread.

Then, why should we send wheat to Europe and eat corn and other grains ourselves? There are two principal reasons. In the first place, in France, especially where wheat is most needed, the people do not know how to make bread in the home, and corn bread is a home-made bread not a baker's bread. In the present time of stress when women are doing double duty it would not be feasible to take on the additional task of learning to bake bread.

If we wish to be of real service to the French women and children we will send them wheat.

Another reason for sending wheat is that in that part of Europe which wants our wheat they have no mills for grinding corn, and, corn meal could not be shipped without danger of spoiling.

In addition to the motive of helping to feed Europe there is the motive of economy. Even at the present high price of corn meal, it is cheaper than wheat flour.

The Food Administration, moreover, is not asking that we do entirely without wheat. If we have one "wheatless" meal a day, it will be sufficient. Dinner may be the wheatless meal without much trouble, inasmuch as potatoes offer a good substitute in the menu for wheat bread, and it is a simple matter to include potatoes with the other vegetables served. If, however, breakfast is the meal that seems best adapted to be the "wheatless" meal, delectable substitutes for wheat bread are obtainable in corn meal muffins, mush, or rolled oats.

Gems, muffins, rolls, when made from mixture of wheat and other flours—such as rye, corn meal, barley, etc.—save some wheat, but do not, of course, constitute a wheatless meal when served instead of the usual white bread, as they all contain greater or smaller quantities of white flour.

Delicious breads that might be served more frequently may be made from one grain, such as corn, barley or rye, without the use of yeast or baking powder, as the writer of this article can testify. For years he has had baker's bread three times a day. Since he has gotten back to the use of these other types of bread at breakfast, he wonders how he ever got along without them.

The Food Administration is sending out recipes for making bread which saves wheat. Directions for these may be obtained by request to the Home Economics Section of the Food Administration at Washington

"A cheap Christian character works more harm in the world than the character of a worldling." Testimonies.

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WEST PENNSYLVANIA

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First Church Pittsburgh

A most interesting reception was held at the home of Dr. Walter A. Kelly last Sunday afternoon, for the forty-eight new members baptized by Elder Harter, since coming to this field.

The spacious rooms of this beautiful home were filled with about one hundred and twenty-five of the church people. The pastor gave an address of welcome, recounting the progress of this great movement from very small beginnings, and welcoming the new members to share in the sacrifice, the service, and the triumph incident to the finishing of the work.

Mr. J. D. Evans responded very feelingly in behalf of the new Sabbath keepers, and expressed the satisfaction they felt in knowing "the certainty of the things in which they had been instructed."

The program was interspersed with music and recitations, and enlivened by short talks by some of the older members. A little bit of humor was introduced in the parody on the Harvest Ingathering. Dr. H. S. Brown and Miss Lillian Burdick, alias Silas Ganderfoot and wife, living on a farm, were canvassed for the Harvest Ingathering by Mr. Bert Rieman. The parts were admirably presented, and a good impression made by the old farmer and his wife bringing out the "old stocking" and making a generous contribution from their little savings.

A delightful luncheon was served by the ladies, and all united in voting it a most pleasant and profitable occasion.

F. H. HARTER.

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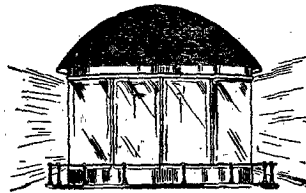
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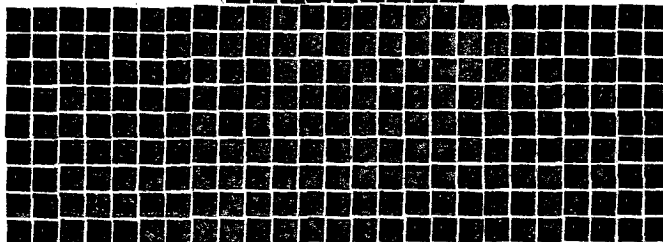
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