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### Visits to Norfolk, Newark and Baltimore

An earnest effort to give the truth to Newport News and Norfolk has been carried on this past summer by Elder I. D. Richardson with good success. Anything which contributes to the advancement of the work in Virginia interests us greatly; and the Norfolk district is one of the hard places in Virginia in which to preach the truth.

Sabbath, October 13, and the Sunday following, I visited the work in Newport News in company with Dr. Morgan, pipe-organist at John Wanamakers, Philadelphia. Some 27 were baptized Sunday morning, and about 20 more are keeping the Sabbath. Brother Richardson and his wife have worked hard. The old church, a small building formerly, with but few attending, had been enlarged to twice its capacity and is now well-filled on Sabbath Service. The Lord came near at the hour of dedication.

On Sunday night I spoke in the Imperial Theater, to a capacity audience, the building seating over 800. The audience was mostly soldiers, navy men and officers, as the two cantonments, Camp Stuart and Camp Hill, are located near Newport News. God came wondrously near and 40 of the young men gave their hearts to Christ. Dr. Morgan wrung some music out of the noise-clanger there, they called a pipe-organ. The theatre meetings are being continued by Elder I. D. Richardson.

In the middle of the week I went to Newark, New Jersey, to consult about improving the situation in the Slavic Church. The brethren are struggling hard to meet an unusually distressing financial burden, and their case will be taken up at the Fall Council at Minneapolis, October 26 to November 10.

I found Elder MacNeil of good courage, having just closed a large and well-attended series of tent meetings. The average week-night attendance was 600

with the tent crowded on Sunday nights. He reports about 35 keeping the Sabbath. He is planning to open up some large meetings in the theater there this winter.

My visit to Baltimore, October 20, led me into scenes of great interest. Being the day for the colored collection, I spoke in the morning at Elder G. P. Rodger's church. About 250 of our colored brethren were present and God greatly blessed. The Holy Ghost was poured out in liberal measure, and a revival service ensued which lasted between two and three hours. Especially were the young delivered. Brother Rodgers has a church school there with (72) seventy-two pupils, he being obliged to turn away applicants from Massachusetts to West Virginia on account of insufficient room. God has blessed that congregation which has grown from a mere handful to 275 members, giving liberally in tithes and offerings.

Brother Booth has just finished his second tent-effort this summer, for the white population, and has been highly favored with success, considering the number of tent and hall efforts he has held in Baltimore. Week nights audiences ran from 400 to 600, with the tent crowded Sunday nights. New people are rejoicing in the truth—20 already baptized and 20 more keeping the Sabbath. The new church building is already too small, and whereas the debt on it was \$5000 when Brother Booth came to Baltimore it now stands at about \$1500.00.

In my next report I shall speak of visits to Pittsburgh and Philadelphia, the scenes of the two big theatre efforts. In the past three weeks I have seen the work in the West Pennsylvania, the Virginia, the Chesapeake, the New Jersey and the East Pennsylvania Conferences and I can say,—God is blessing. All departments and conferences of the Union are pushing ahead wondrously, and the figures put one on the upper benches of encouragement.

B. G. WILKINSON.

A cheap Christian character works more harm in the world than the character of a worldling. Man will believe what the church lives.—Testimonies.

### Results of the Special Harvest Ingathering Week

While not all returns are in and all conferences have not been heard from, yet the reports that have already come in are most encouraging. Without doubt a greater work was accomplished and larger returns were realized during the special campaign week than any single week during the past Harvest Ingathering Campaigns.

But the campaign was not confined to one week. It is to continue till December 31. Millions of people may be taught the truth and solicited during November and December. When people are spending so much money for that which is not bread, let us give them an opportunity of purchasing the truth, and of securing the pearl of great price.

J. W. HIRLINGER.

### The Door of Opportunity Will Soon Close

"May a sobering sense of our responsibility rest upon us in this time of opportunity." "A thousand doors of usefulness are open before us. We lament our scanty resources. . . . Were we thoroughly in earnest, even now we could multiply the resources a hundredfold. Selfishness and self-indulgence bar the way. Church members, let the light shine forth. . . . Visit your neighbors, and show an interest in the salvation of their souls. . . . The Lord Jesus will open the door of their hearts." *Review*, Feb. 22, 1917, Vol. 9: 38.

"Soon doors now open to the truth will be forever closed. Carry the message now. Do not wait, allowing the enemy to take possession of the fields now open to you. Let little companies go forth to do the work to which Christ appointed His disciples. Let them labor as evangelists, scattering our publications, and talking of the truth to those they meet." *Vol. 9: 172.*

Whether or not we will ever have the privilege of participating in another Harvest Ingathering Campaign, we do not know, but we do know that conditions will never be as favorable as they now are. The time is rapidly approaching when we will not be able to buy, sell

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or solicit in any way. Therefore, we should work while it is day for the night is coming "when no man can work."

The people will be so overburdened with taxes and demands from the government that it will be exceedingly difficult for them to meet the demands, to say nothing of making free will offerings.

#### "Say Ye Not, There Are Four Months"

Some are making a mistake in not soliciting now. They say, "There are yet two months, we will have time to do our part." But the Lord says, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto eternal life." Jno. 4: 35, 36. "Go work today in My vineyard."

As we approach the holidays, we will find more solicitors in the field. "Now," right now "is the accepted time." Almost before we know it, the Harvest Ingathering opportunity will be forever past, the summer will be ended and some souls will not be saved that might have been saved. May God help us to be faithful to our opportunity. J. W. HIRLINGER.

### OHIO

Box 8, Mount Vernon, Ohio  
E. K. Slade, Pres. H. D. Holtom, Sec.

### Hamilton, Dayton, and Columbus

It was the privilege of the writer to spend a little time with the Hamilton Church last week. I greatly enjoyed my stay with Elder Marietta, having the privilege of talking over plans and prospects for the future work in that city, where he has recently located. Miss Cora Gibson is continuing her work in Hamilton, and it was encouraging to know that these workers were looking forward to a profitable and fruitful campaign in the future. I met with the church Sabbath morning and was greatly pleased to see a large number of new faces and a spirit of earnestness and devotion to the work on the part of all. Nearly forty new members have been added to the Hamilton Church, and many others are interested, warranting our fond hopes of many more additions.

I arranged to meet with the Dayton Church, and accordingly a special meeting was called for Sabbath afternoon. Elder Wm. Lewsadder, who has for many years labored in the Lake Union Conference, has been called to take up the work in this important city. Elder Lewsadder has already secured a nice grasp of the work, and definite plans are being laid for the accomplishment of good results in the future. Miss Mary Meck is still engaged in Bible work in Dayton and reports a good interest among her readers. We are glad to welcome Elder Lewsadder into

the conference, and I was pleased to note the warm reception given him by the members of the Dayton Church. Steps are now being taken to provide a place of worship for the Dayton people.

I have recently spent a little time with Elder S. A. Wellman, who has been called to take charge of the work in the city of Columbus. Elder Wellman has had a large experience in the mission fields. He is permitted to spend some time in the homeland now, and it is a pleasure to us to welcome him into our conference, and we find him full of zeal and earnestness as he enters upon the important responsibilities in Columbus. The Columbus Church has become one of our largest churches in the conference. In addition to the labors of Elder Wellman there, the Misses Walters, Howell, and Smith are engaged in the Bible work. We have reason to believe that a strong, soul-winning campaign will go forward in the city of Columbus the coming months.

E. K. SLADE.

### Noble Workers

"The management and instruction of children is the noblest missionary work that any man or woman can undertake. Special talent should be given to the education of the little ones. Many can put the crib high, and give food to the sheep; but it is a more difficult matter to put the crib low, and feed the lambs." Vol. vi, p. 205.

We are glad to have fourteen workers who are engaging in this noble work of training the children in our church schools. The following is a list of these workers and their addresses:

Florence Hartsock, 87 Fay St., Akron, Ohio.

Bessie Mount, 2217 Ontario Ave., Springfield, Ohio.

Joseph P. Beach, 304 S. Central Ave., Columbus, Ohio.

Nellie Mutler, Ravenna, Ohio.

Mrs. Mary Mitchell, R. F. D. No. 1, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Vera Behrens, Box No. 8, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Lily Schar, R. F. D. No. 3, Dresden, Ohio.

Bertha Acton, Newark, Ohio.

Ethel Harrington, Wellington, Ohio.

Marie Smith, Wellington, Ohio.

Lottie Gibson, R. F. D. No. 4, Wake-man, Ohio.

Lena Mary Lane, LaGrange, Ohio.

Audra Reichenbach, 1433 14th St., N. W., Canton, Ohio.

Ruth Fahrner, R. F. D. No. 1, Reinersville, Ohio.

We solicit an interest in the prayers of God's people in behalf of this important work. O. S. HERSHBERGER.

### Colporteur News Items

Brother John Brentlinger finished his initial week in the field with orders for \$121.00 worth of books. He is selling "Daniel and Revelation" in Hardin County, a county that has been worked with several of our denominational books in the recent past.

The time of the institute will be December 26 to January 4.

We trust we will be able to announce the place it will be held before the next issue of this paper. I shall be glad to hear from those who are thinking of taking up the colporteur work, and would like to attend. Address all inquiries to C. R. Fairchild, Field Sec'y., Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Box 8.

Have you noticed the splendid work done by the colporteurs last week? If not, take another glance at the VISITOR and if you do not take the VISITOR you had better send in your subscription at once for you cannot afford to do without it.

"Very much more efficient work can be done in the canvassing field than has yet been done. The canvasser should not rest satisfied unless he is constantly improving. The Lord desires everyone to improve to the utmost the talents committed to his trust." "Canvasser's Manual" p. 16.

C. R. Fairchild, in company with Elder H. K. Christman, spent Sabbath and Sunday with the La Grange and Camden Churches.

After six years of faithful service engaged in stenographic work and as an assistant in the Tract Society office, Brother Cecil Waller responds to a call to connect with the Review and Herald Branch at South Bend, Indiana. In this new field of work Brother Waller enters upon important duties, and his friends will wish for him the best success in his new labors. Brother H. E. Garrard of Mt. Vernon, who has had a long experience as telegraph operator, takes up the work laid down by Brother Waller.

The Ohio Executive committee held an important session at the conference office last week. Many items of interest were before the committee, and plans were laid for future work.

"Fame is a vapor, popularity an accident, riches take wings, those who cheer today will curse tomorrow; only one thing endures—character."

**CHESAPEAKE**

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

**Colporteur's Institute**

In Testimonies for the Church Vol. 6, p. 444, we read, "Have you tasted of the powers of the world. to come? Have you been eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of God? Then, although ministerial hands may not have been laid upon you in ordination, Christ has laid His hands upon you, and has said, 'Ye are my witnesses.'"

How are you my brother, my sister, in the Chesapeake Conference witnessing for Christ? What are you doing to warn a sin cursed world of its impending doom? There never was a time in this world's history when these word's found in Ezekiel were more applicable; "So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore, thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me." Eze. 33: 7. Hundreds are passing into eternity every day without a knowledge of the Third Angel's Message, and many millions more in their mad rush for earthly riches, are ignorant of the sentence shortly to be pronounced, "He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he which is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And, behold, I come quickly."

You have tasted and seen that God is good, don't you want to have a part in bringing a full knowledge of God, and of the times in which we are living, to a sin sick world? You ask, "What can I do?" You can attend the Colporteur's Institute to be held in the Wilmington No. 1 Church, 1604 Howland Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware, November 11 to 17, inclusive, and get a thorough training as how to sell our truth filled books, which will bring many precious souls to a full knowledge of God, and His wonderful goodness to the children of men, and prepare them to meet the Great Day of God's wrath.

God is calling every one; and that means you, to be His witness, so why not come and join the noble army of colporteurs that is being recruited in the Chesapeake Conference? You know the blessed word in Ps. 126: 6, says: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing seed baskets, (margin) shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Now, in Luke 8: 11 Christ says, "The seed is the word of God," therefore, our books which are surely filled with God's holy word, must be "Seed Baskets," and those who will go out with these in faith and trust, will most assuredly gather in many precious sheaves.

To those who really desire to take up the canvassing work, board and lodging will be furnished free during the Institute, and when you have sold and paid for One Hundred Dollars worth of books, at retail value, your car fare to and from Wilmington will be refunded to you.

Let every child of God pray earnestly that the hearts of our young men and women will be impressed with the importance of attending this institute and of taking up this branch of witnessing for Christ.

Let those who anticipate attending this institute, correspond with the writer at once, that proper arrangements may be made. The time is short, so write at once.

M. S. PETTIBONE,  
*Field Missionary Secretary.*  
Cor. Del. and Penn. Aves.,  
Dover, Del.

**News Notes**

Elder N. W. Phillips of Washington, D. C. was called to Wilmington, Del., in the interest of the Temperance Cause. He spoke to the Wilmington No. 1 Church on Sabbath morning, and in the evening to an open air audience of 1500 or 2000, on the Court House plaza. Sunday morning and afternoon he spoke in two M. E. Churches to attentive audiences. There is a hard fight in Wilmington at this time on this question, and the liquor people are much alarmed.

Mrs. J. I. Laurent of Wilmington visited in Baltimore, Sunday, at the office for a time. She was formerly from Baltimore and her friends were glad to see her again.

Elder Miller spent last Sabbath with the company in Dover. It is hoped to reorganize this company, and the prospects are that there will be a real live church there in the near future.

Elder Booth baptized four more persons last Sabbath. The Baltimore No. 1 Church has been greatly blessed in the past year, and they are showing their appreciation by their work. They have set a goal of \$600.00 for Harvest Ingathering. This is \$100.00 more than they did last year. They have been working hard to raise \$1500.00 in the past six months on the church debt, and the prospects now are that they will reach their goal. More will be reported on this a little later when complete returns are in.

The Fords Store Church is now hard at work to raise their church debt.

Wilmington No. 1 Church has reported thus far \$90.16 on the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. This is almost as much as they raised in all last year, and they have only just begun their work. They are hoping to raise \$500.00. Other churches are doing well, so far as we have heard. One of the brethren in the Baltimore Church put out 100 papers and secured \$15.00. This is a good average for house to house work on Sunday in Baltimore. He covered ten blocks in the fashionable sections of the city, and worked two successive Sundays.

To date there have been ordered for our conference 18,132 of the Harvest Ingathering Watchman. Are you doing your share with these good papers? If you have not ordered any, do so at once, and do your share in gathering funds to give the gospel to the world.

Remember the Colporteurs' Institute to be held in Wilmington, Del., November 11-17.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

7 Fourth St., N. E., Washington, D. C.  
R. E. Harter, Pres. R. C. Taylor, Sec.

**News Notes**

Sister Rebecca E. Thompson, missionary secretary for our little colored company of nine believers at White Stone, Va., writes, when sending us her report for last quarter, which is the first missionary report ever received from them; "Our little company isn't large enough to be called a Missionary Society. The name we have given it is 'Prayer Band of S. D. A. No. 2, White Stone, Va.'" And what better name could be given? What better suggestion can be offered to our larger Missionary Societies? Shall we not make every society in the conference a literal "Prayer Band" for the advancement of our Harvest Ingathering Campaign and every other line of our missionary effort?

Plans are now being perfected for the establishing of a church school in connection with the First Church of Washington. This is our sixth church school this year. Last year we had only two. It is filling a long felt need and we trust these schools will have the hearty support and co-operation of every believer. The Christian education of our children in our church schools is a most important foundation stone in the work of God.

Elder Gibson is visiting the churches at Chiltons and Colonial Beach this week in the interests of the Harvest Ingathering work.

The District Conference Harvest Ingathering goal is \$3,500. The pro-rata share for each member is about \$3.25

The individual goal suggested is \$5.00 per member. Let us each accept the responsibility of our share and do the work. The work is calling for support. We should bend every effort to at least reach our goal.

The fall tent effort at Laurel, Md., still continues, though we shall probably have to go into winter quarters very soon now. The interest continues good and that we are to have a Laurel Church within the next few weeks is now a foregone conclusion. Several who have been attending the meetings regularly now express themselves as convinced and determined to follow the light. We appreciate the assistance of those who have supported the effort by prayers and solicit their continuance for the upbuilding of the work at Laurel.

Published herewith is report of churches for September 30. It shows a nice increase of \$3950 in tithes over a year ago, but only about \$350 increase in Missions offerings. Our goal is considerably higher, owing to increased membership, and our standing relative to it is \$581.64 shorter than last year. We anticipate a rally when the Ingathering funds come in, but wish to call special attention to this alarming shortage in the hope that all will lift with might and main to wipe it out just as rapidly as possible.

### Burnt Over Territory

We have heard much about "Burnt Over Territory." Here is a paragraph from a letter received last year in response to a request for donation from my father, living in South Dakota, who had always been considerably prejudiced: "I am enclosing a check for \$2.00 to help out on your pledge. There was a woman in the office a few weeks ago selling the Missionary copy of the Signs of the Times, and one of the boys bought one without looking at it. When he saw what it was he threw it away. I took it home and read most of it. The Adventists seem to be doing quite an extensive work in the Missionary field, and you certainly got up an attractive edition of the paper." Had it not been that this woman covered the field ahead of my letter, probably getting ten cents for her paper, I doubt very much if I should have received a cent.

### WEST PENNSYLVANIA

7155 Mt. Vernon St., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
F. H. Robbins, Pres. H. S. Brown, Sec.

### Young Men Wanted

"Christ calls for young men who will volunteer in the great army of colporteurs to carry the truth to the world."

"Men and women are wanted now who are as true to duty, as the needle to the pole." Manual for Canvassers.

God is blessing the efforts of the canvassers who are sacrificing the comforts of home to take the truth-filled literature to those in darkness. One of our faithful colporteurs writes of his experience while delivering:

"Dear Brother Butler:

As you see from my report, the Lord has blessed me in delivering. I had some good experiences. I had arranged with a man for the use of his Ford to deliver, for which he was to get a half morocco "Bible Readings" and I was to pay the extra milage. When the time came he did not appear. I waited for him until half past eleven. Finally I went to a nearby garage and made other arrangements.

Things looked rather bad. After delivering about three-fourths of the books, the driver got sick and we had to go to the garage for another driver. By this time it was getting dark, but we finally got through. When I came to pay my livery bill, all three of the livery men took a "Bible Reading," even the one who disappointed me. So the extra sales to these men amounted to \$12.50, nearly enough profits to pay the delivery expense. So my disappointment was God's appointment." A. E. HOLST.

Brother Holst is canvassing in territory that has been canvassed over and over with our books, yet he is taking orders without any trouble.

Brother Chisholm writes how the Lord is blessing him. In three months' time God has blessed him with over \$900.00 worth of orders. He is canvassing in territory that has been canvassed over several times.

Brother Heaton who has been out of the work for a few years, feels that God has called him back to his place in the canvassing field. Brother Heaton is doing excellent work. God is blessing his efforts. In less than two months he has taken over \$700.00 worth of orders. He told me that three colored ministers came to his home on Sunday and bought books to the amount of \$14.50. He also sold a half morocco "Bible Readings" to a Greek-Catholic priest.

Sister Margaret Bateman writes, while she has three children to support and take care of, yet God is blessing her efforts. In thirteen hours she took \$51.50 worth of orders.

Brother Snyder, our youngest man in experience, took \$103.00 worth of orders his first week in the field.

Our brethren throughout the field are of good courage. We are planning to have a "big week" November 18-24. It is our earnest prayer that our people will put

forth every effort to make this the best week West Pennsylvania has ever had.

Heavenly intelligences are waiting to co-operate with human instrumentalities. We have lots of good territory and would be glad to correspond with any one who feels it their duty to take up this work.

T. M. BUTLER.

### News Notes

Last Sabbath the Mt. Braddock Church was pleased to have a visit from Elder Robbins. The members are of good courage and are doing much to spread the message.

Three were added to the Pittsburgh No. 1 Church by baptism last Sunday evening. Over 50 individuals have received the ordinance of baptism in this church since the first of the year.

Returns from the Harvest Ingathering work are coming in almost daily. One isolated brother reports \$30 collected from the distribution of 40 papers.

One brother in the Pittsburgh No. 1 Church felt so impressed by the needs of the mission fields that he contributed 10 new \$10 bills. In these closing scenes men and women are responding to the call of God.

Sister Belmont, our Bible Worker, was called home by the severe sickness of her brother-in-law. Later he passed away.

### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

### Danville

The Seventh-day Adventist Church, corner of Spruce and Pine Streets was dedicated Sabbath, October 20, at 2:30 P.M. A special program was arranged for the occasion; Elder D. A. Parsons, president of the conference, preached the sermon, Elder Chas. Baierle offered the prayer and Brother T. H. Barritt sang and played the oboe.

The church was beautifully decorated with palms, flowers and flags. It was a clear Sabbath day and the attendance was good. Many brethren and sisters of nearby churches were present and enjoyed the services.

Last summer a year ago when a tent was pitched in Danville, more than fifty people began the observance of the Sabbath. As the result of that effort this building was bought and a church organized. The building was first erected by the Welch Baptists; when it passed into

our hands it was remodeled and repainted and fitly represents our work. The brethren and sisters worked hard to have a meeting place and God blessed their efforts. It has a seating capacity of over two hundred, and is one of the largest churches in the conference. May it be a light to this town and be the means of bringing to many the last message of mercy God is sending to a dying world.

C. S. BAUM.

### News Note

Early Thursday morning, October 18, a pleasant interruption came to the regular duties in the East Pennsylvania office as the workers were invited into Elder Parson's office to witness the marriage of Miss Hettie Rentschler and Mr. Irvin Herschner, of Reading, Pa.

Elder O. F. Schwedrat visited the Allentown Church Sabbath, October 20. The services were especially sacred as not only were the ordinances observed, but one soul was buried in baptism, and two others also united with the church. The spirit of consecration to service is taking hold of all of the members, and they are of good courage.

A druggist in Philadelphia became interested in our literature through the Harvest Ingathering Watchman, and has ordered five of the books advertised on its back page.

Elder Parsons was heartily welcomed back to the office after his absence for a few days owing to illness.

The Missionary Volunteers of the Philadelphia African Church have just presented their church with four dozen neat glasses for communion service.

A tract explaining one of the prophecies was left in one of the elevated trains in Philadelphia. The conductor noticed it, looked it over and gave it to a friend of his. A few days later one of our young men canvassed her neighborhood with the "Watchman." She had read the tract and when he presented the magazine, she was glad for the opportunity to learn more of what the tract had explained. She invited him into the house and after having a profitable visit with her, made an appointment for a Bible worker to visit her. She has been holding readings regularly with her, and week by week she learned to love the truth. Now she is converted to the truth of God, is keeping the Sabbath, and will be baptized very soon. Another woman to whom he sold a magazine the same

day, with whom the Bible worker has been holding studies, through the appointment he made, has just decided to obey God and very soon she with her daughter, will join our ranks.

Mr. Clarence Lawry and family from Trenton called at the office one day the past week.

Elder Hirlinger and Brother Lloyd were in Philadelphia in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. They are planning a hurried trip through the conference.

### NEW JERSEY

St. Francis & Columbus Aves., Trenton  
W. H. Heckman, Pres. C. Lawry, Sec.

### Where Are You Enlisting?

One of the highest aims of this denomination should be that "our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace." With a full realization of the meaning of this statement, there is room for no indifference or low ideals in the work for and among our young people.

The greatest asset, the richest source of strength and action, for any community of people, is a large number of energetic, intelligent, wide-awake young people. The fruits of our evangelizing work which is stirring the world today will be in proportion to the efforts put forth by our youth. We thank God that so many thousands of them are now in our schools preparing for a life of Christian service.

Never has there been an age of greater opportunities, inducements, and calls for efficiency than today; and no work has such demands upon ourselves and our capabilities as the proclaiming of this message. Our youth have no excuse for not enlisting in this invincible army of Christian soldiers.

Many of our boys are availing themselves of the high wages now being paid in almost every line of employment, that tomorrow they may be in a position to attend our academies and colleges. Wherever I go throughout New Jersey I am continually coming in contact with these young men. May their courage remain unshaken, that they may overcome the wicked one, and that the word of God may abide in them.

We feel that the God of Israel has been with us in that so few of our young men have been called to the colors. Very few Adventist boys in New Jersey have as yet been drafted. God is leaving the way open to enlist in another sort of army. But if our hearts are right, we shall be able to serve the Captain of our salvation wherever we may be placed.

We do not even have to leave our homes to enlist in this Christian army. This conference has today twenty-seven Missionary Volunteer societies, and our souls are stirred by the zeal and earnestness of the members of these societies. Ringing reports and testimonies come in from these young people everywhere in the state. With the Harvest Ingathering and in many other lines of home missionary work, they are setting a splendid example and lively pace for the older members of the church.

We must mention also the excellent work that is being done in our schools. About one hundred sixty pupils are now attending the elementary schools of the conference, and as ever New Jersey is this year very well represented in our higher schools and sanitariums. It is quite evident that there is no lack of willingness on the part of the youth, and the situation must be made to meet the demands of these conditions. It requires the support of every department of the work, and the co-operation of every member, that our youth may receive that true education which means to them the "life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent."

L. D. WARREN.

### News Notes

The people of New Jersey are taking hold of the Harvest Ingathering work as never before, and some most wonderful results have been realized. We are not content to stop with the "big week," but will continue the work for some time in the future.

Miss Pauline Kinner of Paterson, and Miss Ethel Wilson of Washington Missionary College, are doing Bible work in Newark to continue the splendid work of the tent campaign there this summer.

In a letter recently received from Elder Sandborn, he tells us that his family are very nicely located in Orlando, Florida. The camp-meeting there just closed, during which orders were placed for 68,000 of our small books. This puts Florida at the head of the list in this line of our work.

Brother Lawry paid a visit to Oakland recently, and found Brother Garrison much improved in health, and happy in his Christian experience. Sister Pulis, though in a critical condition, is of most excellent courage.

Brother J. W. Greenhalgh of Paterson has taken up the colporteur work in the vicinity of Trenton, as a result of Brother

Kirk's lively influence. He is meeting with splendid results and has many interesting experiences, reporting an opening in one home for Bible Studies.

Elder R. H. Martin leaves Paterson October 28 to take up work in his new field, Spokane, Washington. He will be missed in New Jersey, but he has our prayers and best wishes in his new work.

### VIRGINIA

Gordonsville, Va.

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

### News Notes

Brother F. E. Hankins spent last week assisting Brother Harry Wright in opening his canvassing in Henry County. Brother Wright and his wife have both been hindered by poor health. Our canvassers should be remembered in the prayers of our people.

While waiting for about three hours at South Boston to catch a train, Brethren Hankins, Armstrong and Moffett, gathered in about six dollars on the Ingathering. The truth is unknown to the people of this city, yet the workers found the people very friendly and generous.

Brother A. J. Evelyn reports the baptism of two converts at Cascade and one at Spencer in the Danville colored district.

Elder Mallory reports four more baptized at the Richmond No. 2 Church, making ten who have been baptized since the close of the tent effort, with as many more keeping the Sabbath.

Elder W. E. Bidwell has just baptized five new members at Winchester, bringing the total membership of this newly organized church to twenty-two. Others are in a class awaiting baptism in the near future at this place.

Already the additions to our church membership for this year are considerably past the one hundred mark.

### SPECIAL

### The Report Cards

Plans have been laid to give every Seventh-day Adventist family in every church in the United States the opportunity to co-operate with the Government in the matter of saving food for Europe. At headquarters we are querying whether every family has been reached and whether each is co-operating faithfully in

### Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
<b>West Virginia, Week Ending October 26, 1917</b>									
J. S. Seal, Logan Co.		BR	5	24	35	137 50	26 15	163 65	
C. G. Mays, Morgantown		BR	5	36	30	130 50	10 00	140 50	
J. I. Butcher, Fayette Co.		BR	5	32	31	118 50		118 50	
Norman Haye, Fayette Co.		BR	5	40	25	93 50	8 25	101 75	
W. E. Arnett, Logan Co.		BR	1	7	4	18 00	2 50	20 50	
W. A. McElphatrick		COL							280 00
Miscellaneous						273 70		273 70	273 70
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6 Agents</b>					<b>\$771 70</b>	<b>46 90</b>	<b>818 60</b>	<b>553 70</b>

<b>Ohio, Week Ending October 26, 1917</b>									
E. C. Alexander, Brown Co.		BR	3	20	7	28 50	3 00	31 50	2 50
J. S. Brentlinger, Logan Co.		DR	5	41	28	101 00	20 75	121 75	4 25
J. D. Fellabaum, Hancock Co.		BR	3	24	8	30 00		30 00	3 50
Fred Hannah, Guernsey Co.		BR	5	40	6	21 00	6 00	27 00	21 00
M. B. Ingersoll, Vinton Co.		BR	5	40	8	31 00	25	31 25	3 75
Mrs. C. Kelley, Montgomery Co.		BR	2	8	1	4 50	1 25	5 75	50
C. H. Ries, Butler Co.		DR	5	44	2	7 00	3 00	-10 00	
J. H. Stafford, Columbus, O.		BR	5	46	7	26 50	17 15	43 65	
Ed. Searls, Crawford Co.		WC	5	40	123	34 50	5 50	40 30	40 30
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Montgomery		BR	5	26	11	40 50	4 75	40 25	9 00
Mrs. O. E. Taylor, Franklin Co.		PPF	5	35	21	53 50	3 70	57 20	17 50
Mrs. G. W. Yingling, Columbiana		BR			6				15 50
G. W. Yingling, Columbiana Co.		BR	5	14		5 25		5 25	58 75
Clara E. Weber, Columbiana Co.		BR	3	17	6	23 00	11 00	34 00	1 25
S. G. Bertolet, Knox Co		Mag.	7	62		48 75			48 75
Miscellaneous					13	47 35			47 35
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15 Agents</b>					<b>76 463</b>	<b>\$502 35</b>	<b>76 35</b>	<b>477 90 \$273 90</b>

<b>West Pennsylvania, Week Ending October 26, 1917</b>									
E. W. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.		BR	6	50	32	132 00	12 20	144 20	6 00
A. H. Snyder, Clearfield Co.		BR	5	40	30	111 50	4 25	115 75	3 70
Paul Baroudi, Washington Co.		BR	4	30	12	42 50	6 50	49 00	
J. A. Heaton, Huntingdon Co.		BR	3	28	5	19 50		19 50	117 20
A. Brownlie, Allegheny		SP,SD	5	43	23	34 50	26 90	61 40	42 45
J. Manuel, Jefferson Co.		BR	4	31	9	31 50	2 25	33 75	
S. Diehl, Mifflin Co.		SP	4	21	9	14 00	13 50	27 50	3 15
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7 Agents</b>					<b>41 243 120</b>	<b>\$385 50</b>	<b>\$65 60</b>	<b>\$451 10 172 50</b>

<b>Virginia, Week Ending October 26, 1917</b>									
E. H. Dye, Pulaski Co.		BR	3	19	10	36 00	1 25	37 25	
Bennet Hamm, Madison Co.		BR	4	30	19	67 00		67 00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 Agents</b>					<b>7 49 29</b>	<b>\$103 00</b>	<b>\$1 25</b>	<b>\$104 25</b>

<b>Chesapeake, Week Ending October 26, 1917</b>									
O. C. Weller, Jefferson Co. W. Va.		BR	3	23	14	52 00	4 50	56 50	4 00
H. E. Donaldson, Wilmington, Del.		BR	5	34	9	31 50	1 25	32 75	37 75
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2 Agents</b>					<b>8 57 23</b>	<b>83 50</b>	<b>5 75</b>	<b>89 25 41 75</b>

**Grand Totals: 32 Agents Value of Orders \$1846 05 Deliveries, \$1041 85**

the program of saving food and in reporting the same. We in Washington have promised for you all over the field, that you would enter most heartily into this work.

The campaign of reporting is to last only till the end of the year, and for this reason we particularly request that a

faithful report be made promptly for every week, and we urge upon the person or the committee appointed for this work in each church that they get as complete reports as possible and send the summary every Tuesday to Washington, on the post-card summary blanks prepared for the purpose.

## Report of Churches for Month of September, 1917

	Title	Total Title	20%-a-wk.	Total 20%
Alexandria No. 1 .....	34 29	441 24	18 12	128 30
Alexandria No. 2 .....		15 54		1 88
Arlington .....	30 76	300 31	49 91	227 42
Belmont Co. ....	9 05	39 86	3 55	9 97
Capitol Hill .....	123 99	1142 24	50 74	264 23
Chiltons .....	24 78	152 28	3 40	12 34
Colonial Beach .....	8 25	35 83	98	19 14
Conference Ch. ....	17 26	59 61	4 90	70 94
Ephesus .....	149 51	959 57	12 76	168 82
First Church .....	182 44	1684 13	35 49	174 05
Kilmarnock .....	124 67	549 88	14 73	130 16
Memorial Church.....	454 24	3266 50	160 26	969 99
Mt. Gilead Co. ....	5 04	70 65	2 61	22 61
Mt. Rainier Ch. ....	73 24	590 21	46 28	226 43
Sligo Church .....	479 08	4224 67	39 90	1018 98
Takoma Park .....	1349 71	9412 57	303 56	2037 64
J. W. Thompson Co. ...	21 52	62 12	14 39	37 85
	3087 83	22967 21	761 58	5520 75

## Report of 20 cent-a-week Fund to September 30, 1917

Church	Members	Goal at 7.80	Amount Received	Amount Ahead	Amount Short
Alexandria No. 1 .....	8	62 40	128 30	65 90	
Alexandria No. 2 .....	3	23 40	1 88		21 52
Arlington .....	31	241 80	227 42		14 38
Belmont Co. ....	4	31 20	9 97		21 23
Capitol Hill .....	30	234 00	264 23	30 23	
Chiltons .....	20	156 00	12 34		143 66
Colonial Beach .....	8	62 40	19 14		43 26
Conference Ch. ....	16	124 80	70 94		53 86
Ephesus .....	60	468 00	168 82		299 18
First Church .....	101	787 80	174 05		613 75
Kilmarnock .....	16	124 80	130 16	5 36	
Memorial Church.....	156	1216 80	969 99		246 81
Mt. Gilead Co. ....	5	39 00	22 61		16 39
Mt. Rainier Ch. ....	29	226 20	226 43	23	
Sligo Church .....	150	1170 00	1018 98		151 02
Takoma Park .....	354	2761 20	2037 64		723 56
J. W. Thompson Co. ...	5	39 00	37 85		1 15
	996	7768 80	5520 75	101 72	2349 77
			Net Shortage		2248 05
			Net Shortage Sept. 30, 1916		1666 41
			Increased Shortage		581 64

But let us all remember that these seven weeks of reporting are only a beginning. Having during this time acquired habits of saving, it is to be hoped that you will keep up the good work for the period of the war and afterward, and that you will influence your neighbors to do the same.

G. H. HEALD.

## Mount Vernon Academy

## Notes

The class for "First Aid" began Monday. Thus far we have been unable to organize because of our inability to get the material needed.

Mrs. Mary Bertsch of Canton, Ohio, spent the week end at the academy, visiting Miss Mildred Schlott and Mr. Wallace Kay.

Mr. Wm. Dornberg was favored with a visit last week by his mother, Mrs. Emma Dornberg of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Fifty tons of coal were put in by some of the students last week, and we are expecting to increase our supply.

We always appreciate having a conference committee meeting, as we are usually favored with a chapel talk by one of the members. Last Thursday Elder A. R. Bell spoke to us about God's purpose concerning His church.

Mr. D. Whiteis and Miss Myrtle Kirkendall united in marriage October 29, 1917.

The Young People's meeting was given over to the Bible Workers' Band last Sabbath and an interesting program was rendered.

## Shenandoah Valley Academy

## News by the Rhetoric Class

Brother R. T. Fultz who has been sick with pneumonia for the past few weeks is much improved at this writing.

About ten acres of wheat has been put out on the academy farm during the past week. We hope to raise enough wheat to help supply the school house another year.

Four of the older boys from the academy left the school home about four o'clock last Sunday morning to help a farmer pick apples. There is more than one way of getting through school.

The young men of S. V. A. have again organized a ministerial band. This band plans on holding meetings on three Sunday nights out of the month. One meeting a month will be held in the town of New Market. We hope to see good results from these meetings and desire the prayers of all the readers of the VISITOR.

On account of the large attendance at the academy, it has been necessary to secure the help of another teacher. Miss Vesta Clymer of Mount Vernon has been called to this position.

Charley Hottel has lately returned from Hinsdale Sanitarium, Illinois, where he has been taking a nurse's course. We are glad to welcome him among us, while he is completing the remainder of his tenth grade work.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy and children from Tunesassa, New York, were visitors at the academy Sabbath. They were on their way to Blackstone, Virginia.

Both teacher and students feel very proud of the Rhetoric class this year. Last year the class numbered four, while this year we have twelve thus far. We have a few extra chairs; will you not join our class, and help us write themes?

The S. V. A. Missionary Volunteer Society has been organized and is now laying some definite plans for work. The morning service of every fourth Sabbath of the month has been assigned to the society in order to give a program and let all know just what is being done.

It makes our hearts rejoice to see the large increase in our numbers. A dormi-

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tory would come in very acceptably at this time, nevertheless we are all crowding in and working together till we get it.

The culinary department attracts a great deal of attention three times a day. The cooking utensils not having enlarged in proportion to the growth of the school, it proves a very perplexing problem to the matron how to cook the necessary quantity in the small kettles.

Last Sunday afternoon five of the academy students were given permission to go to the mountain after chestnuts. Just at lunch time they returned with a broad smile, few chestnuts; but hungry and tired.

**Advertisements**

Approved advertisements will be published in the VISITOR at the rate of twenty-five cents for twenty words or less, and one cent for each additional word. Each group of initials or figures counts as one word. Cash and reference must accompany copy for all advertisements.

**WANTED.**—Married man with small family, desirous to rent place of from 2-20 acres. Address S. G. Allen, Elyria, Ohio. Gen. Del.

**FOR SALE.**—Seven-room modern house. Two lots, stable, some fruit. Two blocks south of church. For particulars address W. J. Huffman, College View, Neb.

**WANTED.**—Middle-aged or younger Adventist shoemaker who is a good repairer. Good wages will be paid. With a view to constant employment, correspond with T. A. Stagg, 29 N. Washington Ave., Battle Creek, Mich.

**WANTED.**—Adventist man with family either to rent or share an eighty acre farm by the year. Address F. E. Rawcliff, Gen. Del., Salisbury, Md.

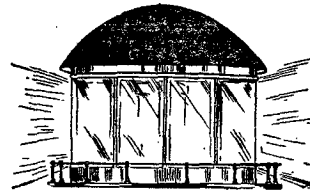
**WANTED.**—Competent girl to do cooking and another to learn baking in Adventist establishment. Must be at least 20 to 25 years old or older. Good position for reliable people. Address Miss Bertha Greunke, 2142 Monroe St., Toledo, Ohio.

**An Appeal**

Second-hand shoes and clothing for

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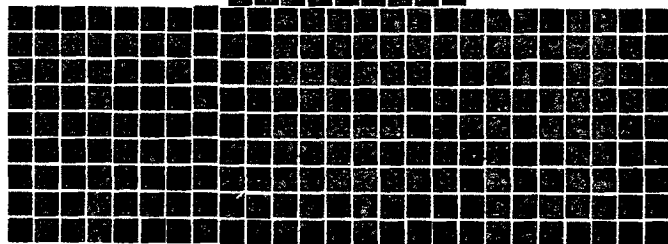
“What shall I do to be forever known?  
Thy duty ever!  
“This did full many who yet sleep all unknown,—  
Oh, never, never!  
Think’st thou, perchance, that they remain unknown  
Whom thou know’st not?  
By angel trumpets in heaven their praise is blown,  
Divine their lot.”



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