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

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### Pittsburg and Philadelphia; Developing Work

No doubt the brethren in the Columbia Union will want to know if the work in Pittsburg and in Philadelphia, where the theater efforts were held, is going forward or going backward. We are glad to say that the work there is not only healthy, but that the laborers who since have taken up labor in those cities are doing excellent work.

Elder F. A. Harter was called to direct the work in Pittsburg following the tent effort held by Elders Robbins and Parsons. He now has a new class of 48 coming on for baptism. Brother Robbins reported to me in August that since the Pitt Theater meetings in Pittsburg, in 1916, they baptised 80 and since then they have baptised 88 in 1917. In my visit to the city of Pittsburg, the first week in October, I found Brother Harter hard at work and God was blessing his labors.

A visit to Philadelphia finds on every hand evidences of the progress of the truth. Elder Washburn, who held a tent effort on the north side of the city, reports 20 keeping the Sabbath. The tent effort on the west side conducted by Elder Bajerle reports 30 keeping the Sabbath. Brother Parsons, president of the conference, reports that in the city of Philadelphia, since the Garrick Theater meetings, some 100 have been baptised, and that with those of the tent efforts, a class of 55 was forming for baptism.

B. G. WILKINSON.

### A Success

The Special Campaign week—October 14-20, was a success. More churches and individual members reached their goals during that week, than in the same length of time in past campaigns.

These same churches and individuals are pressing right on in the good work, helping others to reach their goals.

All the reports are not in, so we are not able to give the total results of the special week.

J. W. HIRLINGER.

### Some Thoughts on the Council in Minneapolis

For the past ten days, the brethren of the General and North American Division Conferences have been holding their annual Fall Council in Minneapolis, and have made many plans for the advancement of the denomination, both in this country and abroad.

Great earnestness to work out plans that will mean advancement for the entire cause has been evident in all the deliberations, and the thoughts that these plans should be worked out in a Christ-like spirit has made everything harmonious, and to those who have come in to listen rather than participate in the speeches, it is evident that the brethren are aiming that no discordant note shall be struck.

In the gathering are the officials of the General and North American Division Conferences, the departmental secretaries, the Union Conference presidents, several local conference presidents, leading officials of the publishing houses and their branches in North America, and several returned missionaries who are now on furlough.

In the opening days of the council much thought was given to the question of giving spiritual help to the young men all over America who have been drafted into the national army. Stirring speeches were made favoring sending of ministers on frequent visits to the different cantonments, and helping these young men to overcome the many trials and temptations that beset them. In some of the cantonments the young men have been dealt with very kindly by the leading officials, who have favored them with secretarial and other non-combatant positions. They have also been granted the privilege of observing the Sabbath. A campaign of education as to the conscientious convictions held by our young men will be carried forward in all the cantonments.

It is quite probable that a plan will also be adopted to supply a series of our truth-filled books to libraries in different cantonments, so that the soldiers in general will be able to inform themselves as to the great truths that are due to the

world today, and what these things mean in connection with the future.

Opportunities to participate in the preaching services at these cantonments, where thousands of men who have never before heard the great advent truths will also be taken advantage of. Our leaders praise God for the many openings that are coming to this church for the proclamation of the truth along very extensive lines, and in their plans are giving very earnest consideration to the question of sending our ministers to give the gospel story.

Not only are plans being worked out for the advancement of this truth in this country, but our General Conference brethren, who are in close touch with the foreign mission fields, are laying before the delegates the many calls that have to come to them for more men, and also for more means. The mission stations in several of the Asiatic countries will be strengthened by the sending out of recruits, and additional funds. The keynote of all the deliberations concerning the foreign mission fields was that there should be no retreat sounded. The stations that have been established must not only contribute, but they must be strengthened and new fields entered.

Our people in the homelands are to be made acquainted with the great opportunities which our church has to herald the glad tidings of the near return of Christ, and they will be asked to give liberally of their means with which the work is to be carried forward. Our leaders expressed the fact that our brethren and sisters in America are united in the plan that the work must advance and they are doing their utmost to unravel problems which make for this advancement.

Practically all phases of our work are being considered. Among those in attendance were Elders A. G. Daniells, I. H. Evans, W. T. Knox, W. A. Spicer, G. B. Thompson, F. W. Paap, C. S. Longacre, J. L. Shaw, N. Z. Town, Dr. H. W. Miller, W. W. Eastman, E. R. Palmer, R. D. Quinn, Mrs. L. Flora Plummer, Miss E. M. Graham, B. G. Wilkinson, C. W. Flaiz, E. E. Andross, H. E. Rogers, C. H. Jones, C. F. McVagh, Charles Thompson, C. B. Stephenson, W. H. Branson, J. W. Christian, L. H. Christian,

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W. L. BURGAN.

### A Visit to Old Mount Vernon

I feel that I am a little more favored than a great many of those who have gone out from Mount Vernon, as I have the privilege of making a pilgrimage there occasionally during the school year. October 15 and 16 was the time of my first visit this school year. It is an earnest, enthusiastic, and energetic company of young people you find at Mount Vernon Academy. They impress you as being a class of youth who have a vision of the great world-wide field and are making a speedy preparation for service.

We were glad to see some who were formerly among our regular colporteurs here and there among the upturned faces in the chapel. One young man I asked the question, "Why are you here?" He said, "I am here to sharpen my ax. I believe that it pays to stop for a time and get a better preparation. I can accomplish more when I return to the field." This is a good reasoning. We feel the loss of these valued workers now, but know they will come back to us better workmen as a result of their stay at Mount Vernon Academy.

I found the general spirit of the school to be splendid. One young man upon being asked as to how he was enjoying his school experience said, "Fine! This is my first year here, but it is a second home to me." A number of the students expressed themselves in like manner.

If you want inspiration, go into one of our training schools and see the scores of young men and women training for service. See their beaming faces, hear them sing the songs of the message, and listen to them tell their experiences they had in

the canvassing field last summer. These young people are of the class referred to by David Starr Jordan, when he said, "The world steps aside to let the young man pass who knows whither he is going."

The prospects are bright for Mount Vernon Academy this year. We also expect to see a strong force of students become members of the Canvassers' Band, which will be organized about the first of December. A little later we will give you a report of the work done by the students of Mount Vernon Academy the past summer, which promises to be a good one.

C. V. LEACH

### A Happy Thought

During the last two months of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, November and December, we will find many people who are looking for holiday gifts. This will be another golden opportunity. We should call their attention to the famine and distress of the nations abroad caused by the war. Tell them about the thousands and millions of widows and orphans who are dying for the bare necessities of life, food and clothing. Then ask them if they do not feel, that since we are so much more fortunately situated than they, it would be a splendid thing for us to make a liberal holiday offering of our means to these needy people. Tell them that such an offering just at this time may save many lives from an untimely grave, and many souls from death. This will appeal to their hearts, and it will serve to turn many dollars into the cause of God.

Do all possible to persuade the people to make an offering to the Harvest Ingathering fund. If you fail to secure an offering, and they persist in buying holiday gifts, and many will, then help them in buying the right kind of gifts.

Perplexed

Many will be perplexed to know what to buy for their friends. Right here we may be the help to the people that Moses' sister was to Pharaoh's daughter Ex. 2. We have a fine assortment of large, nicely bound books for adults, and many beautiful books for the youth and children. If we do not have a Home Circle or other prospectus with us, we might suggest that we would like to be a real help to them in selecting their Xmas gifts; that we have something which we know they would greatly appreciate, and that we would be pleased to call back and show them what we have. One need not tell them what it is unless they ask. Take their names and addresses and call again, very soon, with the book or prospectus.

A great deal of truth can be scattered, and much means may be brought into

the cause of God in this way. If any one desires to do so, they could devote the profits from the book sales to the Harvest Ingathering funds, and thus help to swell this fund and at the same time reach their goal, or the Church goal.

In Vol. 7, page 14, the Lord tells us that we should "Be quick to recognize and SEIZE every opportunity and advantage offered in the turning of the wheel of Providence. . . . Let His soldiers move forward to victory. Let there be perfect unity in their ranks. Let them press the battle to the gates. As a mighty Conqueror, the Lord will work for them." J. W. HIRLINGER.

### VIRGINIA

Gordonsville, Va.

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

### Work in Virginia

On Sabbath and Sunday, October 19 to 21, it was the privilege of Brother F. E. Hankins and myself to assist Elder W. H. Armstrong in closing a series of meetings at the Oak Ridge Church, known to most of our members as the Republican Grove Church.

Elder Armstrong baptised one young man who is taking up the sale of our literature to secure funds with which to attend the Shenandoah Valley Academy.

Before the workers had reached Republican Grove, this church, eight miles from the nearest town any size, had districted the territory systematically and already had raised one half of their hundred dollar goal, a goal average of five dollars per member. It became necessary to order four hundred papers more to meet the enthusiastic call from this church. These brethren are also disposing of many of the twenty-five cent books in the World Crisis Series.

Proefessor C. L. Stone was present to assist Miss Amie Walter in opening the church school.

A glance at the monthly financial statement in the VISITOR will show that this country church, organized only two years ago, is faithful in every respect. We appreciate this all the more in view of the fact that at the time the church was raised up, many of these brethren who had raised tobacco crops all their lives, immediately discontinued this crop at a financial sacrifice of thousands of dollars, believing that the Lord would have them devote their energies to that which would glorify Him, rather than to that which would curse mankind. A few members, who have not seen their way clear to stop raising this crop at once, are steadily shaping their plans to that end. Only those who are familiar with the conditions in this country where tobacco is the only staple crop, can appreciate what

this means to our brethren. This little church is truly as a city set on a hill whose light cannot be hid.

C. W. MOFFETT.

### Newport News

Sunday night, October 28, we had a fine house of over 600. I asked all to leave who must leave before the lecture was over when I arose to speak. Not more than two or three left the house until we closed. Many hearty Amens came from all over the house from time to time during the lecture.

I spoke on the Second Coming of Christ, the manner, purpose and effect upon both wicked and righteous and wound up by reading three pictures of the day of the Lord from Rev. 6: 14-17, 16: 18-20 and Zeph. 1: 14—after which I made a strong appeal and asked all to raise their hands who felt that they would not be ready should He come at midnight and who wanted to be remembered in the prayer that the Lord would help them to get ready, and fully 200 hands were raised.

The spirit of the Lord was there in mighty power. The power of the Holy Spirit came in and delivered the message with mighty power and sealed it to the hearts of the people. A newspaper reporter came to me at the close and expressed his appreciation and said he was going to report the meeting.

I may say that we have a fine class of Newport News men and their wives coming now; at first they were a little slow about coming and our crowd was largely rif-raf, but now it is settling down to a good respectable class of truth seekers.

We changed to the Olympic Theater from the Imperial. The "Olympic" is a vaudeville house and is beautifully lighted. Total expenses last Sunday night were \$29; offering \$30. So we came out to the good. The Lord is doing a great work. Pray for us. I. D. RICHARDSON.

### News Notes

During our trip through the South-western part of the state partly in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work, Brother Hankins and myself were very much impressed with the prosperity of the people. Farmers who two years ago were in danger of losing their farms because of mortgages, this year through the high price of tobacco and the splendid crops grown, are completely paying off the mortgages, with plenty of money to spare. This condition is quite universal in Virginia this fall and it does seem to us that there ought to be a large corps canvassing in the field, working up a delivery for the holiday season. We realize that on account of the great demand for laborers in building the cantonment

and the high wages that are being paid, that our men are being tempted to do work that any Gentile can do. On the other hand, it should be remembered that sooner or later Seventh-day Adventists who yield to such temptation, shall eventually be looking for a job. At the present time men who are putting in faithful hours canvassing, are being blessed financially as well as spiritually and the favorable time which we now have for giving the message through the sale of our literature, will some time pass away.

We wish to urge our brethren to consider the present favorable opportunity and whether or not they are engaged in the work at the present time that the Lord would have them to do. There is no question but that the only thing that stands between us and eternity, the only thing that will hasten the end of the sad condition that is filling the world with woe at the present time, is the giving of the gospel of the kingdom to all the world. That is the work to which every Seventh-day Adventist should devote all his energies. W. C. MOFFETT.

While visiting the Spencer Church, Brother A. J. Evelyn met with a serious accident. The horses behind which he was riding became frightened at a passing automobile and overturned the wagon, breaking both bones in the left forearm. We hope that no permanent disability will follow.

Elder L. O. Gordon is painting the Richmond Church and Brethren Farley and Aplin are assisting the Ford Church in putting on a new roof on their place of worship.

We are informed that the News Ferry Church is arranging to erect a new building.

The newly organized Winchester Church has raised \$50 of Harvest Ingathering Mission funds.

Richmond No. 1 Church has turned in \$90 of Ingathering donations and Richmond No. 2 Church has secured a similar amount.

The last Sunday in October six were baptised by Elder W. C. Moffett at Ford, where Brethren R. F. Farley and E. Aplin are conducting a tent effort. On Monday nights, Elder J. B. Mallory speaks in the tent to the people of his race, many of whom have become deeply interested, and an effort is being made to secure the colored Baptist Church for an extended effort when the tent goes down.

Miss Vesta Clymer, a graduate of Emmanuel Missionary College has been secured to take the primary department at the Shenandoah Valley Academy. This gives a faculty of five members as against two teachers two years ago. Miss Clymer's two brothers came with her, bringing the enrollment up to thirty-four. This is the highest attendance in the history of the school and still others are planning to come.

Elder Moffett and Brother Farley spent a day recently at Camp Lee, looking up our boys there. Brother Frank Woods is in charge of a ward at the Base Hospital; Raymond Young is the chef for his company; and Benjamin Fahrner is the captain's bugler of his battery. Clyde Purdham is a regular infantryman.

At the time of the quarterly meeting at Portsmouth, Elder L. O. Gordon found the church there pressing forward courageously in all lines of endeavor. The September tithe of this little company was over \$100 and they are making monthly payments on their church debt, and had already laid in their winter's supply of coal. Brother G. W. Lawrence was elected elder and is busily engaged in prosecuting the Ingathering work.

### CHESAPEAKE

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

### News Note

Elder J. O. Miller spent last Sabbath with the church at Blythedale. He reports a splendid meeting.

Elder J. W. Hirlinger and Brother Ernest Lloyd spent last Sabbath with the Baltimore No. 1 and No. 3 Churches, in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work. Their hearts were very much cheered by the reports they heard from the work of these two churches. The Baltimore No. 1 Church has just completed the raising of \$1500.00 on their church debt, but when the call was made to know what had been done in the Harvest Ingathering work 54 persons responded, all having done something, and the total figures were \$133.77. The Baltimore No. 3 Church had only been working with their papers for one week and they reported about \$40.00. The churches too, were encouraged by the discourses of these brethren who have been out on the "firing line," and brought news fresh from the field of what is being accomplished in other places.

The Baltimore No. 1 Church does most of its work of soliciting on Sunday. Last

Sunday quite an army went to work and excellent returns have been reported, although we do not have the exact figures. This will be reported next Sabbath, and will appear in the VISITOR later.

The Baltimore No. 2 Church has reported about \$30.00. Smithsburg Church has reported \$35.31 to date.

Little John, five year old son of Brother F. E. Moore, arose last Sabbath in the Baltimore No. 1 Church when the call was made for those to arise who would go out on Sunday. When Sunday morning came he gave his father no rest until he would let him have his papers to carry out to the people. Brother Moore taught him a short canvass and sent him out with eleven papers. He came back without any papers, but had \$1.10 for what he carried out. Thus even the children are being used in this work. Surely the Lord will make a quick work in the earth, and those who are halting about doing anything had better begin at once, or they may not have the privilege of having a part in this closing work. Quite a lot of the Baltimore children are working, and have been ever since the campaigns have been begun on the Building Fund.

Elder G. P. Rodgers had a baptism in his church last Sunday night when 22 persons were baptized. These are the result, largely, of the tent effort this summer. Others are much interested and will doubtless take their stand later.

Elder Stevens reports encouragingly of the work in Wilmington No. 1 Church. He says one person took his stand very recently and will soon unite with the church.

Lincoln Jones of the College at Takoma Park visited his mother in Baltimore last Sunday.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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

### News Notes

At our weekly workers' meeting held at the conference office last Monday, reports of Ingathering results among the various churches were turned in amounting to about \$850.00.

With the conference goal set at \$3,500, and our church goals at a total even higher, we have a balance of some \$2,700, or \$1,350 per month to be raised during November and December. It is evident that greater hustling is necessary during the two remaining months of the year.

We trust that considerable attention is being given at every Sabbath, mid-week and Missionary service, to reports of interesting experiences, definite instruction to recruits, comparisons of results with goals, and generally encouraging more earnest effort. Watch your own church goal and see that it is reached. Then it will be time enough to notice what others have been doing. "Concentration is the key to success."

The message at Laurel is making steady progress. Since our tent effort began in this untilled but fertile field, two months ago, the hold of the truth on honest hearts has been quietly growing. Last Sabbath one convinced soul went to her erstwhile pastor, the Methodist minister, and requested her letter, which was granted grudgingly after considerable uncalled for abusive and almost insulting treatment. Several others are on the verge of decision for right, and many more are deeply interested; giving promise of a fine church of believers in a few more weeks. Brother and Sister Rees have moved to Laurel to shepherd the new flock. A storm Tuesday tore a large rent in the top of the tent so it has been necessary to discontinue the meetings for a few days, but we expect to resume them in a hall at once and continue indefinitely during the winter. Your response to our request for prayers in behalf of the Laurel effort has doubtless had much to do with the present favorable outlook, and we earnestly request that you continue your prayer-support of this field.

### Student Soul-Savers

Plans for more effective co-operation between the conference and the Ministerial and Bible Workers' Training Classes at Washington Missionary College are being arranged by Professor Sorenson, Sister Williams, and Elder Harter. Practical experience in personal and evangelistic work for souls is a very vital factor in a complete training for the work of of God, and the opportunities for its development in this territory are unlimited.

Arrangements have been made for the students to follow up some of the number who have been found interested by the Takoma Park members in their canvassing with Present Truth, and others with the Harvest Ingathering, while some are giving studies to individuals and companies interested through personal efforts of other members.

Evangelistic meetings have been started at Capitol Hill Church and will be carried during November by Brethren Richards, Grant, and Schafenberg. Plans are being laid for other efforts in various nearby stations in the conference, and prospects

are favorable for a school here of enthusiastic soul saving effort, with definite fruits for the kingdom in its wake.

Elder N. W. Philips and Brother A. J. Bristol have opened a series of meetings in a schoolhouse at Cedarville, Md., near Brandywine. A lively interest is reported, the attendance averaging about forty every evening, with an increase to sixty or more on Sunday evenings. The activity has become so alarming that the Methodists across the road have opened a revival in order to save if possible, their faithful sheep from those "Proselyting Adventists." "We can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth", nevertheless we feel the need of an interest in your prayers that the effort may bring fruit and that the Lord will overrule all opposition.

### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

### News Notes

Elder D. A. Parsons returned to the office Monday evening from a trip among the churches in the northeastern part of the conference. He reports good meetings and progress.

Brother C. H. Patterson has been assigned to the Wilkesbarre and Scranton Churches to lead out in the Harvest Ingathering work. He left Philadelphia for his new field Monday.

Elder Nutter reports that the Harrisburg Church has set their Harvest Ingathering goal at \$300. They already have over \$270 gathered and expect to go beyond the high water mark.

Brother T. H. Barritt is out in the field urging on the churches. He reports good success and is of splendid courage.

Elder Baierle's tent on the west side of Philadelphia was destroyed by a gale recently, but the Lord has greatly favored his servant with a rich harvest of souls. His full report will appear later.

Our baptisms this year will far exceed those of 1916.

At the beginning of the North Philadelphia tent effort, it seemed impossible to create an interest, and it was a serious question as to whether the tent should not be moved to another locality. But the Lord greatly blessed the efforts put forth in these meetings, and at the close of the effort, November 4, 30 signed the covenant to keep the Sabbath. Up to

the present time, \$733 have been contributed toward the expense of the tent meetings.

Miss Bessie Acton has just returned from a trip to the Ariel and Honesdale church schools.

Miss Anna Speidel, our German Bible Worker, has collected thus far \$35 towards her goal of \$75 for the Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

### WEST VIRGINIA

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

### Let the Gospel Ring

Success in the winning of souls does not depend upon age or circumstance, but upon the love one has for others. Indolence is to be despised. Effort is to be commended when it is rightly directed and when the motive is good. But we need to make proper estimate of things. Right here is one of the most difficult questions that confronts the followers of Christ.

Jesus has brought us face to face with this question. He has colored it for us; and if we will only let His solution be ours, we shall be able to live a well-balanced Christian life. What is the most precious thing in the sight of God?—A human soul. As we come to realize this value of a soul, we shall not only wait upon Christ for salvation, but we shall give ourselves to Him for service.

Christ offers rich rewards to His servants. They that turn many to righteousness "shall shine as stars for ever and ever." The missionary campaign that is now on is a splendid idea and consistent with our profession. It is an efficient plan whereby great good can be done for our fellowmen.

"Ministers and people, wake up! Be quick to recognize and seize every opportunity and advantage offered in the turning of the wheel of Providence. Let the gospel messengering through our churches, summoning them to universal action."

It has been my privilege to visit nearly ever Sabbath keeper in the West Virginia Conference. Elder Westbrook, our president, followed. Also Elder Hirlinger and Brother Ernest Lloyd. We have presented the Harvest Ingathering Campaign and organized the churches "summoning them to universal action."

You have heard "the gospel message ring." Now brethren let us have your reports. This work is not to close with October; but it is planned that strong, earnest, universal efforts shall be made during the month of November. Last winter and spring we were connected with the Philadelphia effort and enjoyed a rich blessing. How true the testimony—"in

our large cities the message is to go forth as a camp that burneth." God will raise up laborers for this work, and His angels will go before them. Let no one hinder these men of God's appointment. Forbid them not. God has given them their work. Let the message be given with so much power that the hearers shall be convinced.

God will raise up workers who will carry the truth to the most unpromising places. Men will say "yea" where once they said "nay." Some who were once enemies will become valuable helpers, advancing the work with their means and their influence. We have now begun this work in our own conference as was promised.

Morgantown is now hearing the message in one of the large theaters, with the president and a corps of workers. Elder French at Huntington with his company has accomplished excellent work. Clarksburg will be next and for this purpose the committee asked us to locate here last week. Brother G. Earle Snyder and his faithful companion have done good work here in the last two years, as was shown by their report recently.

In the last couple of months I have taken into the church fourteen souls, eleven by baptism. We need your prayers, brethren and sisters, as we begin work in these large centers. Deep down in the hearts of many in the world, back of all the hustle and care of earth, there is a longing for such peace and freedom as only the faith of Jesus can give.

Shall we not carry to these souls the "peace that no storm of human or Satanic wrath can disturb" and the truth that shall make them free?

E. DEWITT GAUTERAU.

### News Notes

The first Junior Reading Course certificate issued in the West Virginia Conference for the 1917-18 course was to Miss Yula Bee of Parkersburg.

Mrs. Grafton of Charleston, reports having worked two afternoons last week with the Harvest Ingathering papers receiving \$13.00.

W. A. McElphatrick has just completed a large delivery of "Christ's Object Lessons" in Greenbrier County. He called at the office Sunday enroute to Morgantown, where he expects to canvass and assist in the meetings being held there.

Notice the colporteurs' reports for week ending October 27 and see how many of them exceed the \$100.00 mark.

One of our young men who is in one of the training camps in the West writes a very encouraging letter and requests the prayers of our members in his behalf.

The donations of the Chester Sabbath School averaged 17 cents a week per member for the third quarter. Had the other schools done as well we would not be so far behind on our mission offerings. We are farther behind on our mission offerings than we were a year ago, but this is largely due to the fact that we did not have camp-meeting. One brother who was deprived of making a pledge for missions at camp-meeting recently sent in \$75.00 and promises to send \$25.00 more soon. If a few others would follow this brother's example and each member send in a check for \$1.00; \$5.00 or \$10.00 we would soon make up our deficit on the mission fund.

### OHIO

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

### The Great Objective

In the busy activities of our Harvest Ingathering work we sometimes find ourselves looking at the material part of the effort to the exclusion of the more important issue, the souls of the people. We are constrained to believe that when the Harvest Ingathering papers are used as a means of reaching the masses around us, and of bringing them in touch with the message for today, and its far-reaching influence all over the world, the financial results will follow as a natural consequence. In the sixtieth chapter of Isaiah the people of God were admonished to arise and let their light shine. There is no doubt but that these words apply to the people of God today, for in the words of the prophet, "Darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people." We are especially impressed with the words following this challenge of God to His people, when He said, "The forces (margin 'wealth') of the gentiles shall come unto thee." This is the resultant blessing that will follow obedience to the call of God to His people.

In harmony with these sentiments we are forcefully reminded of the admonition that has come to us through the Servant of God to the effect that, "If God's people had the love of Christ in the heart; if every church-member were thoroughly imbued with the spirit of self-sacrifice; if all manifested thorough earnestness; there would be no lack of funds for home and foreign missions, our resources would be multiplied; a thousand doors of usefulness would be opened, and we should be invited to enter. Had the purpose of

God been carried out by His people giving the message of mercy to the world, Christ would have come to the earth, and the saints would, ere this, have received their welcome into the city of God." An appeal to missions page 8. What a wonderful message! A thousand doors of usefulness would be opened, and we should be invited to enter. Herein lies God's ideal for the finishing of His work. God has outlined the plan, and it only awaits the co-operation of His people. The results follow in their natural order. God gives the call, Arise, shine; His people recognize His voice, and co-operate in the work to be done; doors are opened; and every other blessing necessary to the success of the work follows in its train.

We might cite many experiences as a practical demonstration of the value of the Harvest Ingathering work in soul-winning effort. Only a few days ago a letter came to us from a sister in Springfield telling of an experience where the Harvest Ingathering Signs of a year ago, with its silent message, actually won some souls to the truth. In part she said, "Mr. . . . who became interested, and recently commenced to keep the Sabbath in . . . , came here to look for work. His sister, a nurse, who has also decided to keep the Sabbath, ran down to Springfield on business, and came out to see her brother. In talking with her she said she first became interested in Seventh-day Adventists about a year ago, when a friend, knowing she was interested in missions, gave her a copy of the Harvest Ingathering Signs, purchased from a lady who came to her door. Previous to that time she had only heard of Seventh-day Adventists as an insignificant, deluded people, but when she read of their work in all parts of the world, she changed her opinions of them, and was ready for the truth when it came to her."

This is only one of scores of instances that will help us to appreciate the value of the seed-sowing. We trust that our people in the churches, with their hearts burdened for the souls of their friends and neighbors, will unite whole-heartedly in this present Harvest Ingathering campaign. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Prov. 11: 6.

H. K. CHRISTMAN.  
Home Miss. Sec.

## SPECIAL

### No Great Loss Without Some Small Gain

The war will have one beneficial result; it will teach people how to avoid waste.

## Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending October, 26, 1917									
J. L. Gearhart, Northampton Co.	BR	2	17	2	8	00		8 00	90 75
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.	BR	6	43	20	75	00		75 00	
W. P. Hess, Berks Co.	BR	5	35	11	40	50	3 50	44 00	10 50
E. J. Kesselmeier, Lebanon Co.	GC	1	10						111 25
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.	BFL	4	13				11 51	11 51	
Sherman Booth, York	BR	3	12	4	14	00		14 00	
C. Booth, York Co.	BR	4	35	6	21	00	1 25	22 25	1 25
R. W. Garrett, Lackawana Co.	GC	3	22	4	17	00	5 25	22 25	1 50
M. M. Sterner, Schuylkil Co.	BR	5	41	20	87	00	7 25	94 25	7 25
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne	WC	4	33	76	43	00		43 00	10 65
G. R. Hawthorne, Chester Co.	WW	2	9		3	15		3 15	78 75
Ruth Wilcox, Berks Co.	WW	4	35		63	25		63 25	63 25
G. Caine, Schuylkil Co.	BR	5	42	8	32	00	11 25	41 25	7 50
Miscellaneous					275	00		275 00	275 00
Totals	13 Agents		48	347	151	678 90	\$ 40 01	718 91	647 00
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 2, 1917									
Paul Baroudi, Washington Co.	BR	5	30		70	00	20 00	90 00	20 00
E. W. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.	BR	6	46	23	85	50	6 20	91 70	5 20
J. A. Heaton, Huntingdon Co.	BR	5	32	11	41	50	12 00	53 50	24 00
A. Brownlie, Allegheny	SP,SD	5	47	19	34	00	29 20	63 20	85 00
Mrs. M. Bateman, Cambria	HM		24	14	32	00	14 50	46 50	
J. Manuel, Jefferson Co.	BR	4	30	6	24	00	2 25	26 25	
S. Diehl, Mifflin Co.	SP	5	42	8	11	75	9 75	21 50	42 50
A. H. Snyder, Clearfield Co.	BR	2	11	2	8	00		8 00	
Millie Smith, Allegheny	RJ	4	15	13	8	25	4 00	12 25	4 00
Totals	9 Agents		35	277	96	\$315 00	\$97 90	412 90	180 70
West Virginia, Week Ending November 2, 1917									
N. C. Fisher, Mingo Co.	BR	4	20				2 50	2 50	87 00
W. D. Fisher, Mingo Co.	BR	10	49						61 00
W. E. Arnett, Logan Co.	BR	2	10	2	7	00	2 50	9 50	209 00
Norman Haye, Fayette Co.	BR	5		34	127	00	2 50	129 50	
J. I. Butcher, Fayette Co.	BR	5	36	31	110	50	1 00	111 50	2 50
J. S. Seal, Logan Co.	BR	4	44						173 75
Mrs. N. D. Fisher, Mingo	BR				27	30		27 30	27 30
Dale Read, Mingo Co.					8	00		8 00	8 00
Totals	8 Agents				\$279 80		8 50	286 30	568 55
Ohio, Week Ending November 2, 1917									
A. E. Alexander, Brown Co.	BR	3	22	8	30	00	6 00	36 00	6 00
J. S. Brentlinger, Logan Co.	DR	3	18	7	25	50	6 50	32 00	1 50
J. D. Fellabaum, Hancock Co.	BR	4	21	5	20	50		20 50	
Fred Hannah, Guernsey Co.	BR	5	40	5	16	50	5 25	21 75	4 25
M. B. Ingersoll, Vinton Co.	BR	4	28	2	7	00		7 00	
Robert Kline, Allen Co.	BR	4	31	6	23	00	25	23 25	182 00
Mrs. C. Kelley, Montgomery Co.	BR	4	10	3	11	50	2 00	13 50	12 50
E. Y. Smith, Montgomery	BR	4	25	8	31	00	8 00	39 00	14 00
Ed. Searls, Crawford Co.	WC	5	39	130	33	50	2 00	35 50	13 50
Mrs. O. E. Taylor, Franklin Co.	PPF	5	27	8	20	00	5 75	25 75	13 00
G. W. Yingling, Columbiana Co.	BR	2	9	7	28	50	5 25	33 75	2 25
Clara E. Weber, Montgomery Co.	BR	4	24	8	30	00	11 75	41 75	2 00
Totals	12 Agents		47	294	197	\$277 00	52 75	329 75	\$251 00
Virginia, Week Ending November 2, 1917									
Harry Wright, Henry Co.	BR	4	30	23	127	00	2 25	129 25	
E. H. Dye, Pulaski Co.	BR	5	31	12	45	00	10 00	55 00	
Total	2 Agents		9	61	35	\$172 00	\$12 25	\$184 25	



## East Pennsylvania, Week Ending, November 2, 1917

Geo. Cain, Shuylkill Co.	BR	4	32	9	30 50	5 05	40 55	
Sherman Booth, York	BR	4	13	4	15 00		15 00	
C. Booth, York Co.	BR	5	43	16	60 00	2 50	62 50	
Ruth Muhlig, Coatesville	WC	4	9	8	2 00		2 00	
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.	BR	3	24	12	50 00	50	50 50	
J. L. Gearhart, Northampton Co.	BR	5	26	4	16 00	5 00	21 00	
H. G. Lewis, Wilkesbarre	WW	3	25	41	32 50		32 50	
R. W. Garret, Lackawana	GC	2	10	2	9 00	1 50	10 50	
C. P. Durr, Phila.	WW	4	13		9 00		9 00	
M. M. Sterner, Schuylkill Co.	BR	4	33	25	123 50	9 25	132 75	
Miscellaneous, Berks Co.	BR	4	34	7	28 50	1 50	30 00	
Totals	10 Agents		42	262	128	381 00	25 30	406 30

## District of Columbia, Week Ending October 26, 1917

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Suder, Mont.	BR	4	26	33	102 50	3 75	106 25	3 75
F. T. Feutz, Prince George Co.	BR	5	37	24	92 00	12 25	104 25	8 00
Totals	2 Agents		9	63	57	194 50	16 00	210 50

## New Jersey, Week Ending November 2, 1917

J. W. Greenhalgh, Burlington Co.	BR	15	86	60	131 00	19 65	150 65	
Grand Totals:	62 Agents				Value of Orders \$2703 20		Deliveries, \$1871 00	

## Chesapeake, Week Ending November 2, 1917

O. C. Weller, Jefferson Co. W. Va.	BR	5	32	25	95 50	14 25	109 75	4 25
H. E. Donaldson, Wilmington, Del.	BR	2	11	1	3 50	1 00	4 50	8 00
Totals	2 Agents		7	43	26	99 00	15 25	114 25

## District of Columbia, for Month Ending October 31, 1917

H. L. & Mrs. Suder, Montgomery	BR	16	91	98	297 00	5 50	302 50	190 50
Mrs. E. Wilcox, Montgomery Co.	BR	15	58	75	257 50	13 00	270 50	267 75
J. I. Butcher, Northumberland	GC	3	29	4	14 00		14 00	291 50
F. T. Feutz, Prince Geo. Co.	BR	5	37	24	92 00	12 25	104 25	8 00
Totals	4 Agents		39	215	201	660 50	30 75	691 25

## Tithe and Missions 9 Months 1917

Church	Mem.	Tithe 1916	Tithe 1917	Per Cap.	15% a wk.	20% a wk.	Goal 9 mos.	Per Cap.
Bethel	15	36 51	23*01	1 50		148 86	117 00	25
New Market	42	555 19	925 53	22 04		382 27	323 85	23
Lynchburg	22	407 32	468 47	21 29		165 05	171 61	19
Gordonsville	10		155 55	15 50		56 24	60 00	19
Newport News No. 1	18	264 98	665 60	36 98		100 67	140 40	14
Norfolk No. 1	18		395 80	22 00		102 88	140 40	14
Charlottesville	10	94 55	93 88	9 39		51 89	78 00	13
Republican Grove	21	311 92	452 59	21 55		99 63	163 80	12
Richmond No. 1	108	1901 11	2158 47	20 00		513 18	842 40	12
Portsmouth No. 1	18	334 48	490 65	27 26		86 04	140 40	12
Conference No. 1	43	385 37	587 26	13 65		151 97	335 41	09
Yale	34	148 57	212 42	6 25		81 72	263 49	06
Roanoke	8	102 61	143 12	17 89		19 20	62 39	06
Rileyville	17	44 82	51 59	3 03		23 06	142 59	03
Stanley	88	287 61	319 25	3 63		104 24	686 41	03
Guinea Mills	15	56 37	73 03	4 87		7 87	117 00	01
Richmond No. 2	23	259 69	315 92	13 74	124 47		134 55	14
Conference No. 2	8	80 12	45 56	5 69	39 02		46 80	12
Newport News No. 2	20	202 29	276 64	13 83	84 87		117 00	11
Norfolk No. 2	20	172 01	288 81	14 44	83 47		117 00	10
Danville	7	28 61	66 83	9 55	21 91		40 95	08
Spencer	6	12 65	25 50	4 25	16 62		35 10	07
Thelma	8	17 47	33 92	4 22	18 51		46 87	06
Portsmouth No. 2	20	146 03	174 03	8 70	48 34		117 00	06
News Ferry	12	31 90	35 85	3 00	11 15		70 20	02
Totals		611 5882 18	8525 57	12 57	448 36	2100 98	4509 62	

Per capita at 20% .11  
 " " " 15% .09

Civilized peoples have been too prosperous for their own good, and in almost every stratum of society there has been excessive eating and drinking, and unnecessary and inexcusable waste. If one doubts this statement, let him give some poor person a ten-dollar bill and tell him to use it in the purchase of groceries. In nine cases out of ten, a considerable portion of the ten dollars will be spent unwisely.

Just now we are learning what it is to be on a short allowance of sugar. Stores are limiting sales to one or two pounds to a customer, and some stores have no sugar to sell. Other articles of food, notably the fats, will doubtless be much scarcer than they are at present. Such food shortages compel us to make observations as to what we can get along without, and higher prices suggest to us the advisability of limiting ourselves in the matter of certain foods which we have thought to be essential.

Some are awaking to the fact that even with scarcer foods and higher prices they can live as well as before the food scarcity; for they are learning to substitute certain scarce and high-priced foods with lower priced foods of equal value, and they are also learning to keep good wholesome food out of the garbage can; and some are learning that they do not require quite so much as they have been accustomed to eat.

For the sake of the hungry of Europe and for the sake of our own health, Americans should learn thoroughly the lesson of judicious economy in food consumption. While we conserve foods, we must at the same time conserve health.

G. H. HEALD.

## A Few Suggestions

Serve small helpings.

Take only what you are likely to eat.

Endeavor to make every meal a "clean plate meal."

Especially avoid waste of any fat.

Cut bread should be used to make zweiback, rusks, roasts, etc. Don't throw it out.

Remember the food you throw to the garbage must be replaced by other food, and makes that much less to go to Europe. It is a crime to waste food.

## Mount Vernon Academy

## Notes

Mr. W. A. Ralls spoke at the Ohio State Sanatorium Sunday, November 4, on the "Inspiration of the Bible."

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Halstead and fami-

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ly arrived last week. They make their winter home in Academia, so that the children may attend the academy and church school.

We are glad to number with our students, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Carter, formerly canvassers in Ohio.

Friday evening, November 2, a good students' prayer meeting was enjoyed. Elder Ashton used for his text Luke 24:29. Several students gave their hearts to God for the first time, while others renewed their consecration.

Professor L. R. Anderson gave a stirring discourse to the Mount Vernon Church last Sabbath.

The Local Board of the Mount Vernon Academy met last Thursday, and we had present with us in chapel Elders E. K. Slade president of the Ohio Conference, and F. H. Robbins, president of the West Pennsylvania Conference. Elder Robbins spoke to the students very encouragingly, his favorite term being, "He can, who thinks he can."

## Advertisements

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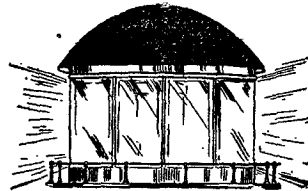
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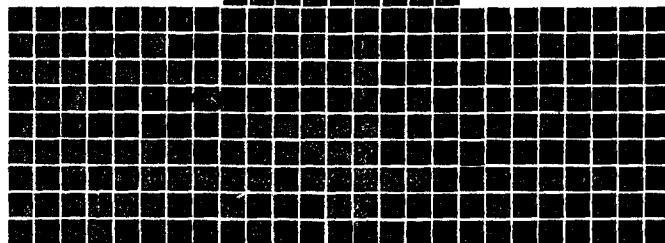


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