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411 Cedar St., Washington, D. C.
B. G. Wilkinson, Pres., R. T. Dowsett, Sec.

Week of Prayer

Our week of prayer this year will be December 8-15 inclusive. It will certainly need no words of mine to express the fact which we all so keenly feel that never before was there such a year in which was needed a Week of Prayer.

The enemy is endeavoring to break down the distinction between the righteous and the wicked. The Lord, however, promises such power and such blessings to His people, that it will not be hard to discern between the righteous and the wicked. Sister White says God's people should be different from the people of the world. In what sense does she mean they should be different? Should they be odd, peculiar, or untidy? No; their walk and conversation should be so holy and so far above the world, that the difference would easily be discerned.

We would beseech the elders and those upon whom rests the responsibility of feeding the flock of God everywhere throughout the Columbia Union, to begin now to make diligent preparations for a successful Week of Prayer. Let the church boards be called early, and lay definite plans. Appoint good readers who can bring out the deeper meaning of the articles, which can be found for this week in the Review and Herald of November 8. Advise total abstinence from worldly pleasures; and as far as possible, let general duties become less in favor of more time for prayer, Bible study, and getting close to God.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Garrick Theatre Meetings Begin Again

Our brethren through the Columbia Union will be interested to know that the Garrick Theatre Meetings will open again Sunday night, November 25, in Philadelphia.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Union Successes in 1917

Knowing that some of our brethren throughout the field will be glad to know what great things the Lord has been doing for us throughout the ten months of 1917, I will offer the following few items of interest.

Looking over the figures as reported by the different conferences, I find that in the first six months of this year, we have baptized in the Columbia Union 473 precious souls. Without doubt, before the close of the year we will have baptized 1000. Our net increase in membership likewise for the current year, has been 523. From all the different points we hear the good reports of splendid results in the tent efforts.

This increase in membership has also met a corresponding increase in tithes and offerings. Formerly this Union used to roll up an average increase in tithes of \$10,000 a year; but already for the first nine months of 1917, the figures reveal an increase in tithe of nearly \$33,000. We confidently expect that the increase in tithe for 1917 will be about \$45,000.

Elder D. A. Parsons, who was in the office a few days ago on a visit from Philadelphia, said that the East Pennsylvania Conference, which in past years has averaged about \$800 to \$1,000 increase a year in tithe, already for the first ten months of 1917 has a splendid increase of \$6,000. Reports are given that between \$1,000 and \$2,000 have been given in tithe in Philadelphia from those who embraced the truth in the Philadelphia Effort.

Our Foreign Mission offerings display the same balance. In spite of the increase in membership, which, of course, obligates each conference as well as the Union to increase the amount to be raised, our Mission Offerings are ahead in 1917 what they were in 1916. Into account on this point must also be taken in the fact that there has come in in cash on the new College Building nearly \$30,000.

Our book sales have been tremendous!! We have sold already in the first ten months \$129,000 worth of books, as much as used to be sold some years ago through-

out the world by the whole General Conference. This means an increase in sales for this period of time of \$22,800.

Having already previously reported upon the tent efforts in the Union, and upon the work in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, I will not add anything further just now.

B. G. WILKINSON.

The Review a Necessity --- How to Get It

In these days of peril and rapid spiritual and civil, national and international changes, every Seventh-day Adventist should be armed with the "Review." Very important instruction and information appears in the columns of this valuable world-family paper each week. The editors and contributors are giving careful thought to all subject matter which appears.

Our position as a denomination and the tenets of our faith are carefully defined in it.

The "Review" serves as "a watchman upon the walls of Zion" and it gives the trumpet a certain sound. When there is such a confusion of doctrinal sounds being piped within and without our ranks, all need a trusty watchman—"The Review."

Readers of "The Review" are best informed regarding the world-wide movement and the rapidly growing work. They know when and where the General, Division, Union, and Local meetings and councils are to be held.

In so many ways "The Review" is a household necessity in the household of faith. At the special offer—fourteen months for the price of a year's subscription—every family in the Columbia Union ought to send in their subscription at once even though it be at some sacrifice.

It costs only a little more than four cents per week. If one would sell a single copy of the "Life and Health," "Liberty," "Watchman," or "Signs" magazine each week, the profits will more than pay for "The Review." Anyone devoting only a few hours to selling the above magazines, "World War" or other small books

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would realize sufficient profits to more than pay for a year's subscription. Try it! Do it NOW! J. W. HIRLINGER.

An Interesting Letter Results of Good Leadership

213 S. Brady St.,
DuBois, Pa.,
Oct. 4, 1917.

Elder J. W. Hirlinger,
Takoma Park, D. C.
Dear Brother:

I have received several letters from you regarding plans, etc., for the work, which I have greatly enjoyed, and it has occurred to me that you might be pleased to know how some of the plans are working out in actual practice. This is a new church, having been organized the past summer, so the work has been new to nearly all. During the summer and fall we have had very bitter opposition from the churches. They were having an average of one to three sermons a week against us and a boycott of our meetings was in full blast when we decided to place a statement in the daily papers. I will enclose a clipping showing it as it appeared in the leading paper of the city, free of charge. Having waited some time and no one appearing with the wanted text I inserted another article, again challenging them for the Bible text commanding Sunday observance, and quoting Cardinal Gibbons, Dr. E. T. Hixox, et al. on the subject. This was a hard blow for the preachers, and they do not seem to have gotten their breath yet, as they have since maintained a most eloquent silence.

Many of our people felt that under the circumstances it would be very hard to do much with the Ingathering campaign here. But we followed the plans you outlined. We organized the church into six bands with leaders. We have 28 members, and the goal was set at \$5 per member, or \$140 for the church. It looked like a big undertaking. I took charge of one band and told the other leaders that I would spend time in personal work with each band, letting that band have credit for whatever money I received while working with them. Then I took a blackboard and ruled it so it would show the weekly results of each band's work, and had the leaders report each Sabbath at the missionary meeting, just after the Sabbath School. This helped to stimulate interest in the campaign. I gave them what instruction I could. I started out with one band and soon had them trained so they could get money faster than I could, so I left them and went with another. We thought we had papers enough ordered, but for some reason they did not all come and by the middle of Campaign week we saw our-

selves running out of papers, and there were some lively doings on the line to the office. Then we happened to run across some last year's Ingathering papers and rushed them to the rescue. The people gave just as readily with them as with modern ones, but of course, we had to be careful not to take them where we had been last year.

Along the last of the week I found that one of the bands was way behind the others. They were all new Sabbath keepers and had no experience in Ingathering work. I visited the leader of this band one night and found he had only 25 cents. He worked all day in the mines, so I could not go out with him very well, but I went at him and gave him the best canvass I could think of. It seemed to stir him up, and the next day he collected \$8.44. When the week closed he had \$14, and he now has over eighteen dollars. With \$4 that I got for them, his band had their quota at the close of Campaign week, although two members of the band had accomplished nothing. I had to leave town the following Monday morning, but before I left I hunted up one of these, a brother who is new in the faith and has had many obstacles to meet. I helped him as I had helped the leader of his band, and you can imagine my surprise and joy when the next time I saw him he handed me \$15.10 that he had collected. This band of six new Sabbath keepers, one of them a crippled sister 73 years old, has already raised over \$50.

The Lord has certainly blessed us in a remarkable manner during this campaign. I recall only one business man in this city whom I approached who has refused to give, and he apologized for his inability to help. We passed our \$5 per member goal during Campaign Week, but the work is being continued as the members have time, and we now have almost \$175 collected, or over \$6 per capita. As the largest individual gift was \$2, you can see that the results show a lot of work. One of the best features of the campaign was that hardly anyone failed to do his share. We are now planning for an aggressive campaign along other lines of missionary work.

When we remember that one year ago we were holding our Sabbath School here with no one attending regularly except our own family, we can see that the Lord is still able to work. There were several interested ones, but the first one to permanently join the Sabbath School was a sister who had decided not to allow us to visit her home any more. She saw Mrs. Kneeland approach the house and intended not to go to the door, but for some reason Mrs. K. went past the house, not recognizing it. When she returned the woman had no chance to hide, opened

the door and took one of the Ingathering papers. The Lord opened her heart to make an offering, and in a few weeks she became a regular attendant at the church services, and is now one of our most faithful members. We praise the Lord for what He has done for us. I trust that the same spirit of willing service will be found in all the churches, and that the Union will go far beyond her \$25,000 goal.

Praying that the Lord will give you success in your work, I am

Very sincerely your brother,
(Signed) B. F. Kneeland.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

Fleetwood

The neat little church building at Fleetwood, Pa., was dedicated to the Lord's service November 17, free from debt. This has been made possible by the willing efforts and sacrifices on the part of its loyal members.

Elder A. G. Daniells preached the dedicatory sermon and in the afternoon gave an illustrated description of the work in the foreign fields and what our offerings are doing to spread the message in those lands. Elders D. A. Parsons and C. S. Baum also assisted in the services of the day, while Elder Baum remained and held services Sunday also. The Allentown and Reading Churches were well represented and all joined in rejoicing over the grand result of the months of faithful effort.

Helpful Hints from Wilkes Barre

"The Lord is certainly blessing us in our work. We now have \$200. We go out in bands of four each, and take the business sections of the towns. That makes it possible for two to go together on each side of the street. Thursday four of us got almost \$40.00. A bank president gave me \$5.00 and the sheriff \$2.00. I had to empty my purse three times, the money came so fast."

News Notes

Elders Heckman and Langdon from New Jersey called at the office last week.

Over fifty young people have now enrolled as preparing to take the Standard of Attainment test in Denominational History in December. We welcome all who wish to follow their example.

W. B. Mohr and wife are spending a few days with friends in Trenton.

The new book—"Our Day in the Light of Prophecy" by Elder Spicer is now in stock. You will be delighted with it. Price in cloth \$2.00

Elder C. S. Baum is now located in Reading as pastor of that church. Miss Mabel Gage has also returned to take up Bible work in that city.

Last Monday evening brought all the city workers together for counsel and prayer regarding the effort soon to open in Philadelphia. Sunday, November 25, marks the date of the first of the series of ten sermons to be given in Garrick Theater Sunday nights by Elder Wilkinson. Earnest prayers should be continually offered that God's blessing may rest upon the efforts put forth in this great city.

VIRGINIA

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

News Notes

Mrs. Forshee with three of the school family gathered up \$17.00 on the Harvest Ingathering recently at Harrisonburg in just a few hours.

People everywhere are receiving our people very favorably as they solicit for missions.

Word from Brother W. W. Eyster, the former elder of the Richmond Church, informed us that his family is happily situated in the mountains at Hot Springs, North Carolina, where he is in charge of internment station. Brother Eyster is improving every opportunity to get the truth before the large German camp there.

Another home school is just being started in Richmond, Miss Roberta Ellis teaching the children of Brethren Hagemyer and Aar.

Brother F. E. Hankins delivered books last week for the lady students from Mount Vernon who had been canvassing in Pittsylvania County.

Brother Paul Lincke stopped over at the office in Gordonsville on his way to Baltimore last Sunday.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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

News Notes

Brother Rees reports an excellent interest in the meetings at Laurel and good attendance. Sabbath services will be started next Sabbath and prospects are favorable for a good company present.

Reports are now in bringing our Harvest Ingathering up to about \$1,200. With a goal of \$3,500 we have some hustling to do.

Memorial and Alexandria Churches have set their aims to finish their goals this month.

Takoma Park will be well on the way by the close of this week, as the Review and Herald and General Conference employees plan for a full day's Campaign Wednesday.

Ephesus and First Churches are putting forth faithful efforts and their reports are steadily growing. Both are using many more papers than were used last year.

We have found it necessary to order 2,500 more papers, making our distribution this year some 3,000 more than for 1916.

One secret of success is "Use plenty of papers and don't let one go without soliciting a donation."

We have only about six weeks left in which to bring in our balance of \$2,300 to make up our goal. Have you done your best? Have you solicited every friend, relative, neighbor, and business acquaintance with a paper and a good strong plea? The responsibility is yours. Don't neglect it. DO YOUR BIT.

Beginning January 1 prices on the Signs of the Times will be raised as follows:—Yearly subscription, \$1.50; five or more copies to one address, \$1.00 each; five or more to separate addresses, \$1.15 each. The old prices will hold good for all subscriptions received before January 1, 1918. We suggest that all our churches and individuals renew their subscriptions and clubs as soon as possible, taking advantage of the present rate for all next year, and let us see if we cannot swell our list by several hundred copies in this big drive before the close of the year.

We believe there are several of our isolated members who know nothing of our Home Department Sabbath School plan. You can be a Sabbath School member right at home, getting all the advantages it offers except the association, and we will try to give you all the association we can through the Visitor and our correspondence. If you would like to be a Home Department member let us know and we will do the rest.

The Capitol Hill Church was filled to overflowing last Sunday night when Brother Harold Richards presented "The Crash of Empires." The meetings being held by the College students are being well attended and increasing in interest.

CHESAPEAKE

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

News Notes

The Colporteur's Institute in this conference is a thing of the past, but those in attendance will not forget its influence for a long time. An excellent meeting is reported. A very good spirit prevailed, and some new canvassers have been secured and some of our old colporteurs have been reclaimed to the work. There were eleven present who will take up this work in all probability. They are full of enthusiasm and good courage, and the prospects are very bright for a good work to be done this winter.

The Harvest Ingathering work is still onward and good reports are coming to the office. One young lady in Wilmington sent a paper to a prominent business man there and in return received a check for \$25.

One lady has been convinced of the truthfulness of this message by reading one of this year's Harvest Ingathering papers, and is about ready to unite with the church.

The Baltimore No. 1 Church has reported about \$400 with 2700 papers circulated.

Professor C. S. Longacre preached in the Baltimore No. 1 Church, last Sabbath to a very appreciative audience.

Elder J. O. Miller spent last Sabbath with the church in Wilmington for the closing meetings of the Institute.

Elder A. S. Booth will have baptism the coming Sabbath.

Wilmington No. 1 Church reports \$200 collected on Harvest Ingathering, to date. They are full of zeal and have ordered another thousand papers.

OHIO

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

Mount Vernon Academy Ministerial Band

I was most favorably impressed by the gathering of thirty young men in the commercial room of the academy, Sabbath, November 17, which was the regular meeting of the Ministerial Band. Aside from the general benefits of the

thorough class work, the Ministerial Band is organized for special lines of work designed to give each member an opportunity for actual experience in preparing and presenting sermons on the many points of truth. These subjects are presented by the members of the band, as arranged by their directing committee, at their regular meetings. After one has spoken, in a kind and careful way errors in language and faulty presentation of the subject are pointed out for the benefit of the speaker and the edification of the hearers. The ministry in all its phases is carefully studied. I was especially pleased to learn from Brother A. I. Baker, who is acting as leader for the first three months of the school year, that much consideration was given to the use of our literature, Bible readings, press work, and visiting at the hearthside, as of vital importance to successful ministry, and that the members of the band did not consider the pulpit work alone as the one essential to success. I was pleased to note that the desire to avoid the sentimental and spectacular in our ministry was clearly expressed, and that a thorough knowledge and a clear presentation of the message for the hour was given prominent consideration. These points are strongly urged and feeling prevailed that the faith of the speaker should be placed more in the Word that he is to minister than in the eloquent manner of his presenting it.

In addition to the Band meetings and studies the members are holding regular meetings in six good locations in and around Mount Vernon. This is giving the boys excellent experiences and at the same time good will come from the presentation of the truth at these meetings.

The fact that thirty young men are thus preparing definitely for the ministry at the academy is most encouraging in this time of great dearth of laborers, and I am pleased to pass on to the patrons of the academy this good news. No doubt a good number of this band will, after having a season's experience in the field, pass on to the college, but some will enter the work without the longer preparation. I find that Elder Ashton and his associate members of the faculty are giving splendid assistance to the boys in this preparatory work. In a later report I want to give other encouraging items in connection with the academy.

E. K. SLADE.

Mount Vernon

It is not often that a report of the work at Mount Vernon appears in the Visitor. Sabbath, November 17, it was my privilege to meet with that church, which is now one of the largest churches in the Ohio Conference as well as in the Union.

Its present membership is 267. In addition to this are the many students of the academy who form a part of the congregation. For many years the brethren at Mount Vernon have felt keenly the need of a church building, as the academy chapel was not large enough to properly accommodate the church when all attended. Considering the great and many needs of the cause, it was for the time passed by and the chapel is serving as the place of meeting, though it is crowded almost to standing room capacity every Sabbath.

In looking over the records I find the Mount Vernon Church well up on the various funds and in conforming to the general plans and policies of the denomination. The mission receipts for the year now ending will run a good sum above the fixed quota. The Harvest Ingathering receipts will be more than double the amount received in 1916. The gain in tithes is very encouraging. It is very gratifying to us that we can report so favorably for this church, standing as it does at the center here in Ohio, and I feel that a spirit of earnestness and deep interest exists at a high average in the Mount Vernon Church. Elder N. S. Ashton, the pastor, and Professor C. Welch, and Brother I. J. Gault, the local elders, with the other officers are giving careful attention to the many interests of the work in this large church.

The church school seems to be operating most successfully. The earnest teachers, Mrs. C. L. Mitchell and Miss Vera Behrens, are endeavoring to meet the high standard that our school work is designed to meet. The enrollment of the church school is 41.

In centers like Mount Vernon there are always conditions that are not altogether ideal, but on the whole it will be found that at Mount Vernon and in the Mount Vernon Church there is an earnest and consistent body of believers, who are whole hearted in their labors, their love, and their loyalty in this great closing work, and that they stand shoulder to shoulder with the sister churches of the conference.

E. K. SLADE.

Girls Not of Our Faith

We are told it is the little things in life that count. May it be so in this case. Being a great lover of children I have been privileged to become quite closely connected with the little girls in my neighborhood. In this way I have been successful in more ways than one in helping them to bear their burdens and in pointing them to the Great Burden Bearer, and also demonstrating to them that prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse. Not think-

ing that the time would come when the opportunity would present itself to organize a prayer band among them, the Lord has led until this opportunity has presented itself. There are at present four who have joined and others are planning to come in at our next meeting. We were happily surprised to receive a donation of \$5, which was given to supply these children with small Bibles. By God's blessing we were able to purchase the Bibles and also the Youth's Instructor for six months, which will be used and passed on with other reading matter to the more unfortunate children of this city. I know there was rejoicing in the courts above when these Bibles were presented. Laying them, together with the money left over, before the Lord, each one took a part in thanking God for the gift bestowed. When asked how many would make a covenant with God to at once begin reading them through, every hand was raised and all are willing to sign the temperance pledge cards.

As this is a new experience to me, I solicit your earnest prayers that these children may through this effort be led into the truth and that the time will come when it can be said in behalf of their parents that "a little child shall lead them."

Clean back numbers of the "Little Friend" would be acceptable.

Mrs. May Bertsch, 927 Greenfield Ave., Canton, Ohio.

Ohio is on the Honor Roll

The splendid Sabbath School offerings for the third quarter have made it possible for Ohio to take its place with the other conferences whose Sabbath School offerings average 15 cents per church member. We jumped all the way from an average of .123 for the second quarter to .155 for the quarter that is just passed. We have worked hard and long to reach this goal and now that our ambitions have been realized, we cannot keep from rejoicing.

Now that we have gained our place of honor, we must keep it. It would be a calamity if we had to step down and give our place to some other conference. Now is not the time for backward steps. At the recent council a million dollar appropriation was voted for our work in foreign lands for 1918. Our work is growing rapidly and we must advance with it if we would be among the number who will triumph when the work is finished.

We have just one more month left of this quarter. Let us go over the records of the past two months and see how we stand and then go to work with a determination to make the last quarter of this year just what it should be,—the best.

GOLDIE E. HIXON.

Thursday, November 15, Elder E. K. Slade drove to Columbus accompanied by Elder R. A. Underwood, president of the Central Union Conference. Elder Slade spent the day in counsel with Elder S. A. Wellman and Elder Leslie Muntz in the interest of the different lines of work in the city. A visit was made to the Columbus church school which was found in a prosperous condition with an enrollment of 22 under the management of Brother Joseph Beach.

NEW JERSEY

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

Trenton, Burlington and Camden

After a vacation of over two and a half months as the result of a successful operation at Washington D. C. Sanitarium, I have again entered the work. Six weeks ago I began labor in the churches of Trenton, Burlington and Camden. Members are distributing literature and some are holding Bible-readings and new ones are attending our services. The Lord by His Spirit has visited us in our gatherings and hearts have been moved. Ten persons were baptized on Sabbath and united with us. Eight joined the Trenton Church and two at Burlington. There are five others who have decided to walk in the footsteps of their Master at Camden, and the sacrament of baptism will be administered soon.

A good beginning has been made in Harvest Ingathering work for missions in each of the churches, and we are looking for a bountiful harvest before the close of the year.

We have moved to Camden and are planning soon to hold a series of meetings in their neat, new church. A systematic distribution of literature is planned and we trust God will awaken many souls to see the true meaning of these portentous times.

G. E. LANGDON.

News Notes

Elder W. H. Heckman arrived in New Jersey, November 12, as president of the conference. He first met with the brethren at the committee meeting held in Jersey City, Thursday, November 15. He was given a very cordial welcome by both the committee and the people of New Jersey.

Elder Heckman preached at the Trenton and Camden Churches on Sabbath, the 17th. The excellent sermons which he gave were greatly enjoyed at both places.

Mr. Lambert Parish of Washington, D.

C., has taken up the work in the Newark church school. Mr. Treible, the former teacher, has been called to the army, and we feel fortunate in securing Mr. Parish to take charge of the school.

Elder Heckman brings word from Florida that Elder Sandborn's people are enjoying their work there and are very pleasantly located. The daughter Ruth is not, however, making the progress that was hoped for her.

Elder Hirlinger paid a surprise visit to Trenton, November 14, and attended the committee meeting held in Jersey City the following afternoon. We are glad for even a short visit from Elder Hirlinger.

Brother Kirk's work for the last two weeks has been among the people in Camden, Bridgeton, Vineland, and Jericho. The Harvest Ingathering campaign in those places has been meeting most excellent results.

Those who wish to make a holiday gift to their young friends may be interested to learn that the tract society can at once supply Junior No. 10 and Senior No. 11 Reading Course books at the net prices of \$2.35 and \$2.75 per set.

Sabbath School quarterlies for the first quarter of 1918 are now on hand at the conference office. Please send your order for the quarterlies in early. Also, we would be glad to receive large and early orders for the Morning Watch calendars. The calendars for the coming year are especially interesting and attractive. Get one for yourself and one for a friend.

How many Missionary Volunteers will give ten *Morning Watch Calendars* away and help ten persons to form the Morning Watch habit? Will you?

SPECIAL

An Opportunity That Will Soon Pass

[Will all CHURCH ELDERS bring this subject before the people on Sabbath, December 1.]

The war goes on and difficulties increase. Prices rise continually in all directions. These things cause much perplexity in the prosecution of God's work, for it must go on, no matter what difficulties have to be overcome. At the last Fall Council it was found necessary to raise the prices of most of our publications and again this year still further advances must be made.

We have, however, a month or two left before the new rates come into effect, so, as wise people, we should secure all we can at the old rates. I am writing particularly in regard to the renewal of all clubs of the "Signs" Weekly and the securing of orders for new clubs before the year closes.

Next year the club rates will be \$1.00 for each paper for one year, instead of 80 cents as it is now. Therefore, every paper ordered now for next year will cost 20 cents less than if the order goes in after January 1, 1918.

It hardly seems necessary to speak of the value of the "Signs" as a soul-winning agency. The Lord has blessed this paper in a very marked manner. The publishers are continually receiving letters from persons who have become interested in the truth through reading it, and many of these people are influential people, prominent in the work of the world, people of means, who are difficult to reach through our public efforts. Many do not remain merely interested, but fully accept the message. Besides these who write, there are many who seek our people and thus follow up the interest aroused by the paper.

Every true Seventh-day Adventist longs to have sheaves to present to the Master. "He that winneth souls is wise." It takes a wise person to win souls, wise in the wisdom that comes from God, and surely it would be an evidence of wisdom to make a large use of a paper which the Spirit of God does use to win souls to Christ.

In years gone by many of the members in each church used to make it a regular business to solicit subscriptions for the "Signs" from their friends and neighbors, because they believed the message in regard to this work given through the servant of the Lord. This method of circulating the "Signs" should be revived and prosecuted with vigor. We can do nothing better than to follow the counsel of the Lord in regard to our soul-saving work.

Another method of work which has fallen into disuse is the selling of the "Signs" from door to door. The magazines have largely taken its place. But why neglect one paper to use another. We are not better off in such case than we were before, as far as extending the warning goes. We should sell the "Signs" regularly from door to door in the cities and towns, and sell the magazines too. All fish are not caught by the same bait, so we should fish all waters with as many kinds of bait as we can.

There is missionary correspondence in which the "Signs" can be used to excellent advantage and many methods of free distribution.

All over the land we hear of Liberty

Bond Rallies and Drives. Great energy is displayed in making these a success. Shall the children of the world display more zeal and energy than those of the King of Heaven? Shall we not have a "Signs" Weekly drive during the remainder of November and December? Let every church plan for the renewal and increase of its present club and also, to secure many subscriptions from the people living in its territory. When December 31 ends the new prices come into effect, so begin at once and work fast. Then the fast passing opportunity will have been improved.

EDITH GRAHAM.

Sugarless Days

Though the report cards sent out by the Food Administration do not provide for "sugarless" meals, the Administration has made an earnest request that Americans economize more in the use of sugar. The present scarcity of sugar, both in Europe and America, is an intimation that we should use sweets, particularly cane and beet sugar, more economically than has been customary in the past.

America has been using three times as much sugar per capita as the countries of Europe, and very much more than three times as much as Europe can now obtain. There is good reason for believing that many Americans use much more sugar, especially in the form of candies and soft drinks, than is good for their health, and that in many instances, cutting down the sugar allowance would be a decided advantage. When, as is often the case, sweets are eaten after a full meal the result can only be harmful.

On the other hand, for the hungry underfed and overworked peoples of Europe, whatever sugar is eaten will help to make up for the lack of energy-food. Many of us, by cutting down severely the amount of sweets that we eat, so that more may be sent to Europe, will be benefiting ourselves as well as the hungry of Europe. "Whether, therefore, ye eat or drink, or whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

G. H. HEALD.

Something New

With each new year our denomination has advanced step by step until today, under the guiding hand of God the work accomplished by Seventh-day Adventists is a marvel in its scope and character. Perhaps one of the greatest forces for carrying on the gospel work has been our publications, and in foreign lands where the colporteur has entered single-handed with the printed page whole companies have been raised up to stand with God's people.

Few of us fully realize the thought, the

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
West Virginia, Week Ending November 16, 1917									
J. S. Seal, Logan Co.		BR	5	19	26	95 00	12 60	107 60	48 10
W. E. Arnsett, Logan Co.		BR	6	26	21	74 50	17 75	92 25	14 25
J. I. Butcher, Fayette Co.		BR	5	43	45	168 50	2 50	171 00	72 00
W. C. Fisher, Mingo Co.		BR	2	7			2 50	2 50	17 00
N. D. Fisher, Mingo Co.		BR	5	46		7 50	79 70	87 20	87 20
Norman Haye, Fayette Co.		BR	4	25	26	98 00	1 45	99 45	1 45
C. G. Mays, Randolph Co.		BR							35 00
W. A. McElphatrick		COL	4	11		12 00	5 25	17 25	2 25
Dale Read, Mingo Co.		Misc.				56 40		56 40	56 40
C. E. Will, Marshall Co.		PPF	5	40	8	21 00	9 70	30 70	37 50
Mrs. G. E. Snyder, Clarksburg		Misc.	3	13		49 95		49 95	25 75
Totals	11 Agents					\$582 85	131 45	714 30	396 90

Ohio, Week Ending November 16, 1917									
Ed. Searles, Crawford Co.		WC	5	42		29 75	1 30	31 05	40 80
Fred Hannah, Guernsey Co.		BR	5	42	6	21 00	6 00	27 00	16 50
J. H. Stafford, Franklin Co.		BR	5	42	14	57 00		57 00	
J. D. Fellabaum, Hancock Co.		BR	5	41	9	30 50	75	31 25	75
O. E. Taylor, Franklin Co.		PPF	5	32	10	25 00	1 50	26 50	20 90
Geo. Harvey, Trumbull Co.		BR	4	26	5	20 50	4 50	25 00	
J. F. Brentlinger, Hardin Co.		DR	4	28	14	49 00	14 75	63 75	4 00
O. E. Taylor, Franklin Co.		PPF	4	24	14	40 00		40 00	21 00
M. B. Ingersoll, Vinton Co.		BR	3	22	5	17 50	1 25	18 75	19 75
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Montgomery		BR	4	10	3	10 50	7 25	17 75	18 00
Clara E. Weber, Montgomery Co.		BR	2	3	3	10 50	50	11 00	
H. O. Kehr, Steubenville		A	9	63		175 00		175 00	175 00
Totals	11 Agents					384 83	486 25	\$37 80	524 05 \$316 70

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending, November 16, 1917									
C. Booth, York Co.		BR	5	23	7	26 50	2 00	28 50	194 25
Sherman Booth, York		BR	5	21	3	10 50	75	11 25	70 25
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		BFL	9	31	10	27 30	22 20	49 50	4 25
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.		BR	5	54	20	84 00		84 00	179 00
R. W. Garrett, Peckville		GC	5	39	11	46 50	3 00	49 50	8 00
Ruth Muhlig, Coatesville		WC			2	1 00		1 00	1 50
W. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	5	34	5	24 00	3 25	27 25	72 25
M. M. Sterner, Schuylkill Co.		BR	2	19	5	21 50	9 00	30 50	5 25
Geo. Cain, Schuylkill Co.		BR	4	38	22	81 00	6 50	87 50	5 00
G. R. Hawthorne, Chester Co.		WW	4	21	31	9 50	50	10 00	8 00
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne		WC	10	78	140	72 55		72 55	75 75
J. L. Gearhart, Northampton Co.		BR	4	30	6	23 00	50	23 50	
Totals	12 Agents					54 388 262	427 35	\$47 70	310 10 623 50

District of Columbia, Week Ending November 16, 1917									
Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Suder, Mont.		BR	4	21	25	87 00		87 00	20 50
Earl Wilcox, Mont. Co.		BR	4	26	27	95 00	10 00	105 00	6 75
S. L. Christie, Mont. Co.		BR	6	23	18	64 00	5 75	69 75	6 40
F. T. Feutz, Washington, D. C.		BR	5	20	21	70 50	4 75	75 25	
Mrs. Wilcox, Montgomery		BR	5	28	49	177 00	15 00	192 00	56 50
Totals	5 Agents					24 128 140	493 50	35 50	529 00 90 15

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 16, 1917									
E. W. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.		BR	6	43	29	118 50	1 75	120 25	12 75
S. Diehl, Mifflin Co.		SP	5	37	20	26 50	8 00	34 50	
Geo. H. Gates, Erie		WC	5	36	32	25 50		25 50	1 50
A. H. Snyder, Clearfield Co.		BR	5	32	25				102 00
Paul Bareudi, Washington Co.		BR		30	12	46 00	2 00	48 00	45 00
Geo. H. Gates, Erie		WC	4	28	27	24 75		24 75	50
J. A. Heaton, Huntingdon Co.		BR	5	42	19	70 50	10 00	80 50	115 50
Mrs. M. Bateman, Cambria		HM	5	24	19	46 50	18 50	65 00	
J. Manuel, Jefferson Co.		BR	4	32	12	44 00	3 75	47 75	
Totals	8 Agents					37 304 195	\$402 25	\$44 00	446 25 277 25

New Jersey, Week Ending November 16, 1917

J. W. Greenhalgh, Burlington Co.	BR	8	56	31	67	50	4	65	72	15
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Virginia, Week Ending November 16, 1917

Bennet Ham, Madison Co.	BR	4	36	219	60
Miss Williams, Pittsylvania Co.			14	82	50
Miss H. Leach, Pittsylvania Co.			10	25	25
Miss M. Miller, Pittsylvania Co.			13	57	50
Miss H. Rockey, Pittsylvania Co.			14	71	25
Totals		5	4	87	456 00

Grand Totals:	53 Agents	Value of Orders	\$2459 70	Deliveries,	\$2160 50
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labor, the expense and the prayers that have been necessary to make the printed-page gospel what it is today and we as a people should unitedly place ourselves on the altar of service to scatter it abroad in a way never before attempted. An hour or two each week exclusive of Sabbath devoted to our publications will return a rich reward in souls.

The new January "Watchman" will contain some exceptional articles. One of them is, "The Great War—What will be its Result?" This is a question on the mind of the world at large. Can it be answered? Among the interesting features of the pictorial section will be the Red Cross at work. The cover is one of the most striking ever issued, appealing strongly to every patriotic American citizen, in fact, President Wilson would be glad to have a copy of the January "Watchman," and there are many others who live right at your own doors. An extra four pages has been added, making 36 pages of intensely interesting matter and profusely illustrated.

Such good magazines as the "Watchman" and the "Signs" monthly should have an extensive circulation. They are most attractive and appealing, and, when properly presented, will sell by the thousands. Let our churches everywhere rally to the call "The Lord gave the word: great was the company that published it." Ps. 68:11. C. E. HOOPER.

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Sabbath School Department.

Washington Missionary College

The faculty and students of Washington Missionary College send greeting to the brethren and sisters of the VISITOR family. From the very opening of the college this year, the attendance has grown until now we are beyond that of last year at this time. It has been remarked a number of times that we have a more earnest, sober company of students than has ever gathered here before. They have taken a great interest in the class work and in their home life, and we are very thankful indeed for such students.

Our Friday evening meetings are seasons of great refreshing, and in all the religious exercises of the school a deep interest is manifested.

We are very thankful for Lyndon Hall, our new dormitory, which houses twenty-four of our young men and makes a very pleasant and agreeable home. Our other dormitories are full, and we have students living outside of the home.

The New Assembly Hall has been begun and will be a great blessing to the school. Owing to the failure of the town to get men to finish paving Carroll Avenue, it seemed that we were going to be greatly hindered in getting building materials delivered. Seventy-five of our young men volunteered to work two days, and the workers at the Sanitarium agreed to work two days, and this has been greatly appreciated. The Mayor sent us a notice that the Town Council had passed a vote of appreciation for the good work our boys had done. The paving will soon be finished, and street cars in operation, and we trust that there will be no further hindrances in the delivery of materials.

Our Ministerial Band has begun a series of meetings in the city, and our Bible Worker's classes are very busy looking after the interests created by this effort. Surely the opportunities for the training of workers at Washington Missionary College are great.

We wish to extend an invitation to our brethren of the Columbia Union to come and visit us. B. F. MACHLAN.

Week of Prayer-Decision Day

Clearly the coming week of prayer should be the best in the history of this denomination. The day and the times demand it. Also the fact that our young people are being brought more and more

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into severe tests should awaken all to the importance of this hour.

Much more will be accomplished if definite plans are laid for the meetings and a time set apart for definite decisions. Some have suggested decision day. This is a day set apart for making a whole hearted decision. Especially should this apply to those who have never given their hearts to Jesus. Can not our pastors and church elders choose either Monday in connection with the reading relating to our youth, or the last Sabbath as a day when special prayer and special appeals shall be made?

God will work mightily with our consecrated efforts and many hearts will yield to Him.

C. L. STONE.

Too Good to Keep to Himself

The following is from a tract society secretary:

"Here is something that is too good to keep to myself and inasmuch as you are interested in the 'Signs,' thought I would pass it on to you. A doctor came into our office the other day and told me he was not a Seventh-day Adventist, but said that there was no question in his mind but that the 'Signs Magazine' was the best magazine on the market today, and informed us that it was his intention to send us a good many subscriptions for this paper. I thought that was a pretty good statement for a man like him to make. A number of business men have come into the office of late and have made similar remarks about the 'Signs.' It really is amazing to see how anxious these people are to learn more of the truths presented in this magazine. That standing order we have for 1000 each month seems to be going faster than ever."

Dirt Begins To Fly

All those interested in the cause of education, both in the Columbia Union and throughout the world, will be glad to know that the new building for the Washington Missionary College is under way.

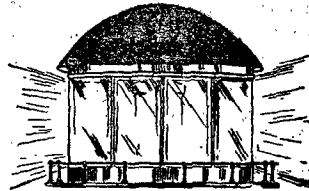
Dirt began to fly last week when seven teams were on the ground, hauling out the excavations. Materials have been ordered, the building has been properly placed, plans drawn up, and everybody thanks the Lord for a forward movement.

B. G. WILKINSON.

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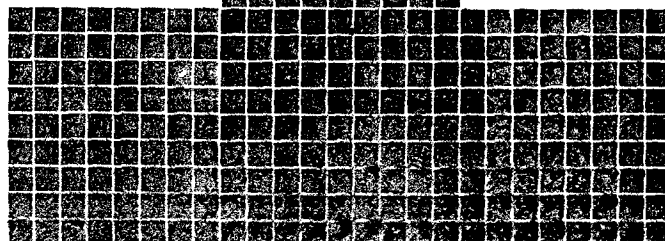
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