

# Columbia Union Visitor

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

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## UNION

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

### Our First Fall Garrick Theater Meeting

As there was quite a demand in Philadelphia that something should be done to follow up the great crowds which attended our meeting last winter in Philadelphia, the brethren hired the same theater again for this winter for ten Sunday nights, with an option on five.

We opened our first meeting last Sunday night, November 25. Not having any workers above the regular workers in Philadelphia, or the financial resources we had last year, the speaker also no longer being new, we wondered what might be our audience. We are pleased to state, however, that the auditorium and the two galleries were packed full; and fifteen minutes before opening, permission had been given to 184 persons to stand. After the doors were locked, between 1000 and 2000 people were turned away. One gentleman was present, who at the opening meeting last year, upon being shut out, climbed the fire-escape, and secured entrance by saying he was a fireman. This gentleman was out at our last meeting with a stenographer to take down the sermon. Since last year his mother and sister have been baptized Seventh-day Adventists.

Another gentleman, upon finding himself shut out the other night, went around and secured a counterfeit police badge, throwing the lapel of his coat back, he secured entrance, the usher believing that he was a policeman. There were also present five people, who had come from the city of Harrisburg, about 100 miles distant.

The Lord greatly blessed our meeting, and the message given. Scores of hands were raised both in the auditorium and the two upper galleries for prayer. Our collection amounted to \$111.

Sunday night, December 2, the subject presented was, "The Coming of the King Orient," or "The Great Part to be Played in this War by the Far East."

B. G. WILKINSON.

### Present Prices to Be Increased-- Take Advantage Now!

Beginning January 1, 1918, the subscription prices on the *Review*, *Signs*, and all our periodicals and magazines will be advanced because of the increased cost of printing materials. The readers of the *Visitor* will be pleased to know that the present low prices will hold good on any and all subscriptions sent in up to December 31, 1917.

The price of the *Review* up to December 31, 1917 is 1 year \$2.25; 6 months \$1.25. Beginning January 1, 1918, the price of the *Review* will be \$2.50 per year; 6 months \$1.50. Every family should have the *Review*. Subscribe now and save money.

The prices on the *Weekly Signs* were reduced to the present low figure by the publishers, with the hope of increasing the subscription list during the *Signs* Campaign to 100,000. During this campaign the subscription list has been increased to nearly 60,000.

December is the last month of opportunity to get the *Signs* at such a low price, and every member in the Columbia Union should take advantage of it. All churches and individuals should make up as large clubs as possible during December. Notice the following comparative prices on the *Signs*.

#### *Signs of the Times* Weekly

	Price to Dec. 31	Beginning Jan. 1
1 Subscription, 1 year	\$1.00	\$1.50
" 6 mos.	.60	
" 3 mos.	.40	
In clubs of five or more to one address,		
1 year, per copy	.80	1.00
In clubs of five or more to one address,		
six months, per copy	.45	.60
In clubs of five or more to one address,		
three months, per copy	.25	
In clubs of five or more to different ad-		
dresses, one year	.85	1.15
In clubs of five or more to different ad-		
dresses, six months	.50	.70
In clubs of five or more to different ad-		
dresses, three months	.30	

The subscription price of the *Signs* and *Watchman* Magazines beginning January 1, 1918, will be increased to \$1.50 per

year, and 15 cents per copy. 5 to 40 copies, each 8 cents; 50 or more copies, each 7 cents.

The magazines will be somewhat larger than they are now, and the profits on each sale will also be greater. Every time our subscription books have increased in price they have greatly increased in sales. I am confident it will be so with our magazines.

J. W. HIRLINGER.

## EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

### Progress in Harvest Ingathering Campaign

It has been my privilege to visit many of the churches in the interest of the above campaign, and I can truly say God is blessing all along the way. On my arrival in Tioga County I found Elder Detwiler and his corps of workers all of good courage, and ready for a strong campaign. During the week I spent with the brethren and sisters in this county we gathered in \$150 and many were the experiences and blessings received. We appreciated very much the kindness shown by the brethren in giving the use of their autos free of charge. The Lord will surely repay these brethren.

Elder Detwiler and I journeyed together to Sayre Shunk, and Roaring Branch, and encouraging reports are coming in from these places.

Wilkesbarre Church is doing remarkably well, going away beyond anything they have ever done before.

Harrisburg has burst their thermometer. Their original goal was \$300, but over \$500 has been gathered in and the end is not yet.

I am now in Philadelphia helping the churches in this large city. On Thanksgiving day, knowing that I would enjoy my Thanksgiving dinner better after going out with the papers, I put in a little less than three hours around my home, disposed of 58 papers, and gathered in \$15.40. Surely the promises of God are true "The wealth of the Gentiles will flow unto us," but we need the courage and faith to GO.

## Help Reach Our Union Conference Goal--\$25,000

Keep everlastingly at it until the end of the year and if you have not yet reached your individual goal, be sure and get it before this month is out, and if you have reached it, do not stop. Keep a-going.

I have enjoyed going out with our dear brethren and sisters and appreciate very much the hearty co-operation in helping to make this campaign a grand success.

T. H. BARRITT,  
Home Miss. Sec.

## News Notes

Sister Butts has reached her goal of \$400. Do not fail to do your bit. Everybody before end of year at least \$5. See that every paper is given out. Do not leave any in your home or churches.

Miss Ruth Sterner, who is now teaching church school in Bridgeport, N. J., paid a visit at the office the past week.

Brother Reichenbaugh has just returned from a trip to Carbondale where he has spent several days with Brother Garrett. This brother is one of our faithful city colporteurs and reports three souls ready for baptism through his efforts.

The Lord is still blessing J. S. Mack in Northumberland. He has reported another 100% delivery.

We had set our book sale goal at \$15,000 for the year 1917, but soon found it to be too low, so we again set it for \$25,000. We have now reached this amount and still have a month to go on.

## VIRGINIA

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

## News Notes

Elder A. G. Daniells delivered a stereopticon lecture on missions in the Richmond Church the last Sabbath in November and met with the two churches in that city on the Sabbath. His discourses were real inspiring to our people.

Brethren C. V. Leach and F. E. Hankins are just completing a visit to the churches in the state in the interest of the colporteur work.

Elder J. W. Hirlinger spent a few days with the Yale Russian Church. His visits are always appreciated by our Russian brethren.

A worker's meeting was held in the Newport News Church the latter part of

October, plans being laid at that time to raise our missions quota for the year. Special attention was given to arrange for strong work in that section of the state. Brother R. F. Farely and wife will follow up the Newport News theater effort and assist Elder I. D. Richardson in the Norfolk theater effort, which is to begin after the first of the year. Elder Richardson plans to form a class of colporteurs and Bible workers and give special training to those who come in during the ten weeks of this effort. Any of our people who are interested should write to Elder I. D. Richardson, 1029-27th St., Newport News, Va.

Elder R. D. Hottel met with the Richmond Church recently, delivering two stirring discourses, which will long be remembered by our people. The fire of the message is still burning in Brother Hottel's heart.

It has been decided to hold the Canvasser's Institute at Portsmouth, February 6 to 16. Quite a number of the new converts in Newport News, Portsmouth, and Norfolk are planning to enter the canvassing work at that time. Those who feel a burden for this work should correspond with Brother F. E. Hankins, Gordonsville, Va. A strong corps of instructors will be in attendance.

The Richmond No. 2 Church has already turned in \$180 on the Harvest Ingathering donation. This is about \$8 per member.

Elder L. O. Gordon is devoting his spare time to making his personal goal of \$100 for Harvest Ingathering.

Three more students are applying for admission to the Shenandoah Valley Academy, which already has an enrollment of thirty-five.

Sister F. E. Hankins took fourteen orders in one day for our message filled books in the town of Gordonsville. This was done in six hours and a half, as Sister Hankins has all the home work to look after. We are sure that other sisters can do this in their neighborhood.

Miss Louise Cousins has returned to the office after spending several days with her sister in Hot Springs, Va.

"The reward of whole-souled liberality is the leading of mind and heart to a closer fellowship with the Spirit."—Test.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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

Washington, D. C.

November 27, 1917.

The Columbia Union Visitor.

Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Dear Readers of the Visitor:—

As you are interested in all places where the gospel of Christ's kingdom is being proclaimed, I thought a few lines from the District of Columbia Conference would be of interest to you.

Our minds have been centered on the work of the "Harvest Ingathering," and we have been devoting our time to that work, in distributing the good papers in the homes of the people, and receiving their free-will offerings to help carry the gospel to all people, tongues and languages, so that Jesus may quickly come.

The brethren and sisters of this conference have devoted more time, and distributed thousands of more papers this year than last. Their interest has been much greater than before; and they are determined to see the conference reach their goal of \$3,500.00. Already we have received more than we did all during the year of 1916, and when the last day of 1917 comes, we expect to have our goal reached with the Lord's help.

The first churches to reach their goals were the Alexandria, Virginia Churches. The white and colored churches reached their goals on Sabbath, November 10, 1917. The next church to reach its goal was the "Ephesus" Church located at 6th and N Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C., on Sunday night, November 24. This is one of our colored churches which is alive, and believes in doing active service for the Lord.

The conference set its goal at \$150.00; but they decided to increase it to \$300.00 and believed that God would help them to reach it. On the Sunday night mentioned, they reported \$371.14 received, and expected to keep on with the good work. Last year they raised \$36.00. These dear people have worked hard, and I know that they shall be rewarded many times for their faithfulness in this part of the Lord's work. The rest of the churches are working, and others will soon reach their goal.

We are of good courage, and desire to keep on the whole armor of God until Jesus comes. May the Lord inspire us with greater zeal, and determination to see the Lord's work finished. Let us say as Christ said in John 9:4—"I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

F. E. GIBSON,  
Home Missionary Secretary.

**CHESAPEAKE**

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

**News Notes**

Elder J. O. Miller is visiting his daughter in Boston, where his wife has been for one week. He will return in time for the week of prayer services.

Elder A. S. Booth is taking a much needed vacation also, and is spending a few days at Norfolk, Va.

Elder S. T. Shadel passed through Baltimore and called at the office on his way from Rock Hall to his home, where he had been visiting. He is improving in health, we are glad to state.

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign still continues with good results. The little church at Dover, Del., has secured \$27 for for about 150 papers. The Baltimore No. 3 Church has secured about \$300 thus far. Wilmington No. 1 Church has about \$300.

Let all remember the Annual Offering at the close of the week of prayer. The Lord greatly blessed us in basket and in store this year. Now let us show our appreciation of His goodness by bringing an offering that is worth while as we come into His Courts.

A very pleasant and profitable evening was spent in the Baltimore No. 1 Church last Wednesday evening. There was held a Thanksgiving and Get-Acquainted meeting. So many persons have united with the church the past year that it was felt something should be done by which they might be made to feel at home and get acquainted with the older members of the church. A very interesting program, consisting of recitations, music, etc. was rendered by the young people of the church. All expressed themselves as having had a very pleasant evening, after all had been given the privilege of shaking hands with every other person present, and said they hoped more meetings of the same nature might be held.

Brother M. S. Pettibone called at the office today on his way to Fords Store. He will assist the people there in distributing Harvest Ingathering papers.

Elder F. C. Gilbert delivered two very interesting sermons to the Baltimore No. 1 Church, first on Sabbath morning and then on Sunday evening of last week.

Elder Gilbert is anxious to have the churches in the Chesapeake Conference labor in behalf of Jewish people, and truly we are indebted to them. What will YOU do to help bring them out of darkness into the light?

Elder R. T. Dowsett spoke to the Baltimore No. 3 Church on last Sabbath.

**NEW JERSEY**

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

**News Notes**

Elder Heckman states in a letter recently received from him that he will be able to take permanent charge of the work in New Jersey by the fifteenth of the month.

Brother Lawry was in Washington last week attending a council of the secretaries and treasurers of the Union, held in connection with the Union committee meeting.

Sister Andrew Hansen of Sussex County is suffering rather severe illness at this writing.

We are glad to report that Brother William Davies of Bridgeton has entered the canvassing work in the southern part of the state. The first day out alone Brother Davies took \$21 worth of orders.

Brother Warren attended the Missionary Volunteer council held in Washington at Thanksgiving time, and comes back to New Jersey with high hopes for the young people's work here. Many vital and interesting questions were discussed at this council relative to this part of the Lord's work.

New Jersey is honored by having about twenty of its young people attending the college this year. They are all busy and happy, and sure of making good. If you wish to know what they are doing, subscribe for the Sligionian.

A week ago Sabbath Brother and Sister Dolan of Nutley, N. J., were visiting in Trenton, at the home of Brother Kirk, and at the conference office.

Send in your order for Sabbath School quarterlies early. The office is prepared to fill your order at once. Also secure your Morning Watch Calendar now, and ask for information concerning the special leather-bound gift Calendar.

In the weekly Harvest Ingathering reports the Paterson Church so far leads the conference. They have received \$439.11 on a goal of \$500. For the month of November Trenton paid in the largest amount, which was \$291.44. The conference total for November was \$1428.76. The total so far this year is \$2444.43, a gain of \$189.24 over the receipts at the same timelast year. Indications are that the 1917 campaign will bring in \$3500, or \$450 more than was contributed in 1916.

**WEST VIRGINIA**

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

**A Day With the Church at Huntington, West Va.**

Sabbath November 24, I visited the church at Huntington. This was my first visit to this city and I was pleased to find such a large number of earnest believers. Through the labors of Elder and Mrs. French and Brother and Sister Ruhlkoetter quite a number of new people have united. They are planning on building a new church and have already purchased a lot in a fine location. We feel that the truth will be well represented in this growing city.

The Sabbath School work is on a good foundation and as I spoke to them regarding our next thirteenth Sabbath offering, I felt that Huntington will rally to the call. Nine hundred million people in the Asiatic Division without God. Are you planning for the offering December 29?

I was delighted to see so many young faces among the new people. At the 11 o'clock hour time was given to the Home Missionary work and the Missionary Volunteer Department. At this time a Young People's Society was organized with Brother Earnest Mansell as leader. While nearly all are new in the faith, we feel that we shall have a strong working society here and that souls will be saved as a result. We are now planning on holding two Young Peoples' Institutes during the month of January. One at Huntington, the other at Parkersburg. Professor Stone will be with us and we shall have some important meetings. I sincerely hope that all our young people in and near these cities will plan to attend. The meetings will be in progress several days, so make arrangements to be with us all the time. I will send the dates to the Visitor soon. It will be during the second and third weeks in January but I am not able to give the exact dates at this writing.

MRS. T. B. WESTBROOK,  
Department Secretary.

**WEST PENNSYLVANIA**

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

**News Notes**

The Connellsville Church has reached its goal in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

Although very busy in the conference office, Dr. Brown, Miss Kelly and Miss Dauphinee have spent a number of hours soliciting from home to home with the Ingathering Watchman, and have thus far received \$35.00.

Seven persons were recently baptized by Elder Harter in the Pittsburgh No. 1 Church. Two of these accepted the truth as a result of Bible studies given them by one of our colporteurs, Brother Baroudi; one first became interested in the message as a result of reading a Signs Magazine.

Brother E. A. Manry is spending a few days at his home in Tunesassa, N. Y.

November 19 Elder Harter was invited to the home of one of our new believers to meet the Lutheran minister of the church to which he had formerly belonged. Elder Robbins accompanied Elder Harter. When they arrived at the home of Brother . . . they found three Lutheran ministers awaiting them, also a number of the neighbors. An interesting meeting was held which lasted for several hours. The Lutheran ministers were asked to produce Scriptural references, giving their authority for keeping Sunday. Being unable to do this, they gave the usual reasons given for Sunday keeping without Bible authority. Their points were reviewed by Elders Robbins and Harter, and strong proof for observing the seventh day as the Sabbath was given by them, taking for their foundation the Word of God. This meeting brought the truth in a forcible way to the neighbors who had met there, and Brother . . . said when our brethern were leaving him, "I do thank God for this truth." Brother . . . requested the Lutheran minister to take his name from their church records. He had requested them to do this before, but they had paid no attention to his request, hoping that he would change his mind.

"Christ's favorite theme was the paternal character and abundant love of God. This knowledge of God was Christ's own gift to men, and this gift He has committed to His people to be communicated by them to the world."—Test.

**OHIO**

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

**The Real Agency**

During these closing weeks of the passing year, when the committees in our churches are choosing the leaders for the development of the various interests of the church during the ensuing year, it seems fitting and proper to pass on a few items of information and instruction that will assist materially in the attainment of God's ideal in every church. We feel especially desirous that in our churches in Ohio there be a proper understanding of the responsibilities of the various leaders intimately connected with the missionary activities of the church. This will help us to avoid confusion in the future workings of the church, and thus pave the way for the quiet movings of the Spirit of God within the ranks.

The Servant of God has given us these beautiful words as an expression of His purpose and plan in the organization of the church. "The church is God's appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for SERVICE, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world. From the beginning it has been God's plan that through His church shall be reflected to the world His fulness and His sufficiency. THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH, those whom He has called out of darkness into His marvelous light, are to show forth His glory. The church is the repository of the riches of the grace of Christ; and through the church will eventually be made manifest, even to the 'principalities and powers in heavenly places,' the final and full display of the love of God." A. of A., p. 9.

**The Missionary Leader**

In the light that has come to us from the Servant of God on this question we recognize that the Elder is, by virtue of his office, the rightful leader of the missionary activities of the church. This is not an arbitrary rule, however. There are times when, because of age, infirmity, or some other good reason, the Elder of the church is not able to shoulder the responsibilities attendant with the development of the missionary work of the church. In such cases another member of the church possessing the necessary qualifications as missionary leader, can be chosen. The church elder should counsel with the chosen leader from time to time, and by his influence and example give every needed assistance. We would urge that, as far as possible, our chosen elders assume the responsibilities connected with the missionary leadership of the church, and thus help to avoid a mul-

tiplicity of offices, which sometimes engenders a spirit of confusion.

**The Missionary Secretary or Librarian**

We find some instances where the Missionary Secretary is shouldering the larger part of the responsibility connected with the work of the church such as leading the missionary meetings, looking after the missionary reports of the members, and also acting as the business medium between the Conference Tract Society and the church. We have found some of our missionary secretaries so burdened with these various interests that they were practically unable to do real justice to any particular phase of the work. We recognize the import and beauty in the thought that "division of responsibility increases the efficiency of organization." We believe that much more will be accomplished in every church if each one will "do his bit" in the missionary activities of the whole body, instead of placing the entire responsibility upon a few.

As in the Sabbath School the secretary looks after the business interests of the church at study, so in the missionary society the missionary secretary looks after the church at work. It will mean much to the future success of the work to have a correct understanding of the simple, beautiful plan that the Lord has thus outlined for the furtherance of His work. We trust that as our committees in the churches plan for the work of the coming year due consideration will be given to the above instruction, and in this way form a well organized body in every church for advance moves during the coming year, which, to all appearances, will be a year of opportunity to the people of God.

"God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. 1 Cor. 14: 33. He requires that order and system be observed in the conduct of church affairs today, no less than in the days of old. He desires His work to be carried forward with thoroughness and exactness, so that He may place upon it the seal of His approval. Christian is to be united with christian, church with church, the human instrumentality co-operating with the divine, every agency subordinate to the Holy Spirit, and all combined in giving to the world the good tidings of the grace of God." A. of A., p. 96.

H. K. CHRISTMAN,  
Home Miss. Sec.

**Week of Prayer**

"Therefore said He unto them, the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." Luke 10: 2.

While we are supplicating before God

this coming week for His blessings, let us keep the above text in our mind, for truly, the Harvest is great and the laborers are few. In Joel 3: 14 we read, "Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision." This is the case at the present time. Thousands are daily making their decision either in favor of, or against the "Third Angel's Message." Shall we not pray most earnestly that their decision may be on the winning side, and then pray for those who are doing all in their power to place our literature before these seekers after truth? This "week of prayer" will give us a most excellent opportunity to pray in a united way for the best Xmas delivery our colporteurs have ever had. We who are in the field are praying to this end, and I am sure our brethren throughout the Ohio Conference will be glad to join with us. Then as we pray, shall we not allow the Holy Spirit to come into our hearts and lead us? Should it offer us the privilege of becoming co-laborers with our Saviour in placing God's message of love and mercy as contained in our subscription books, before the hungry souls now perishing in darkness, let us not put it off longer, but prepare at once to attend the institute and then go forth into this character building work and stay by it until called into some other line which God sees best to place us, and thus help to answer our own prayers. If there are those in the state who feel called to this work and would like to know more in regard to the coming institute, which will be held in Columbus, Ohio, December 26 to January 5, I would be pleased to hear from you at once and give such information as you desire.

#### "What the Work Has Done for Me"

"I am now attending college, and am taking fifteenth grade work. My age is twenty-two years. Altogether I have canvassed about eighty weeks, and sold approximately \$3,000 worth of books. The canvassing work has aided me spiritually, mentally, financially, and socially. It has shown me the great need of humanity for the gospel; it has given me a burden for souls, an appreciation of the feelings and situations of all classes of people, a knowledge of human nature, a keener mentality, a self-reliance combined with faith in God, and it has enabled me to attend school. If there are any especially bright spots in my life's experience, it has been in aiding people while in this blessed work." George W. Saether.

This is the experience of many others. Why not you? C. R. FAIRCHILD.

#### The Cincinnati Church

In harmony with the request to conserve food, the conservation committee, assisted by other ladies of the church, prepared more than twenty meat and

wheat bread substitutes, and on the afternoon of last Tuesday exhibited the same for inspection and sampling and furnished the recipes for these foods. It was not only a beautifully arranged display of foods, but from the standpoint of food values showed what can be done to supply our tables with eatables prepared entirely from vegetable products and at the same time supply all the needs of the body. It was an afternoon well and profitably spent not only for those present not of our faith and new Sabbath keepers but many of the older members of the church were much benefited.

Several calls to address public audiences on healthful living have been filled, and last Friday afternoon a number of prominent club workers, the domestic science teachers of the Cincinnati schools, and those who conduct lunch rooms in connection with the schools were addressed by the writer on the benefits of vegetarianism and food conservation. The interest manifested was such as to indicate that they are eager for the message of healthful living, and an urgent request was made for further talks and to allow them to be present at future food demonstrations.

J. H. BEHRENS.

#### Wedding Bells

Mr. Elvin P. Peet of La Grange, Ohio, and Miss Daisy M. Delph of Leesburg, Ohio, were united in marriage on the afternoon of November 28, 1917, at the home of Elder C. W. Weber, 3306 W. 31st Street, Cleveland, Ohio. We wish this young couple the rich blessings of the Lord.

The Cleveland German Church set a goal of \$200.00 for Harvest Ingathering, and, although they started their campaign three or four weeks later than the English Church, because of the delay in receiving the German papers, they have almost doubled their amount. Prospects are that within another week or two four hundred dollars in full will be gathered in. Thanks be unto the Lord for this experience.

C. W. WEBER.

Those who consent to do without the *Review and Herald* lose much. Through its pages Christ may speak in warnings, in reproofs, and counsels, which would change the current of their thoughts and be to them as the bread of life.

Mrs. E. G. WHITE.

#### Special

#### An Unusual Situation

Seldom, if ever, have our Sabbath schools been called upon to relieve so desperate a situation as that which is presented to us in the object of the next Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. There is no need in all our foreign work that is more urgent, more appealing, than for literature to be provided for the nations, kindreds, tongues, and peoples in the Asiatic Division. Native believers are waiting with outstretched hands for the truth-filled papers, books, and leaflets which they can so easily sell to the millions who must hear this truth before the work can be finished. There is in some of these places a veritable famine—a famine for the printed message of the third angel. One would think that the real difficulty would be to get the literature carried to the homes of the millions in these lands, but, no, the problem now is to get the message printed.

Imagine the tenseness of a meeting like this: The superintendents of these far-away mission fields assemble at a central point with two or three of the leading General Conference visiting brethren. Each man has brought from his field his budget of items with the approximate cost—so much for wage of workers—so much for the maintenance of the work already started, so much for the absolute necessities, so much to fit out the little printing plant that willing, faithful colporteurs need not quit their work for the lack of the printed page. Each man in accordance with instructions from headquarters has already pared his budget of items and costs down to the quick. The columns are added. The totals are brought together. The grand total for the whole field is staggering. It is far beyond the amount that can be counted on as coming from us to the mission fields.

What can be done? Only one thing. Items in the budget must be cut down. Again the lists are gone over. And, with every stroke of the pencil each heart grows heavier.

A superintendent of one of the fields arises and asks, "Brethren, does this mean that we cannot have our little printing plant?"

"That is what it means," was the reply.

And the man who had arisen sank back in his seat with a blanched face, tear-dimmed eyes, and a prayer to God for help. Strong men wept with him, but the work of cutting out items from the budgets still went on.

Now, brethren and sisters, those men counted on the Sabbath Schools giving \$30,000 on December 29. But that is all

they counted on from us. With a burden on my heart, such as I have seldom carried. I ask you, Is that all we are going to give? Remember, every dollar given beyond that amount will help put some item of need in the publishing work which is now stricken from the budget. At the recent Council meeting held at Minneapolis, every cord limiting the use of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering was cut, and we can sacrifice to our utmost to swell the offering on December 29 with the assurance that the overflow will be directly used for the specified needs.

How much better than \$30,000 can we do?

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.

Secretary Sabbath School Department.

### Almost Gone

The time is rapidly passing when periodicals can be purchased at the old prices. Have you renewed your *Review*? Here are some testimonies to its value:

"I tried to get along without it two or three years but I felt I couldn't take it, (not because I did not want to). But oh, what I suffered. No one knows how I missed it. I bore the agony as long as I could, and finally decided I would again subscribe for it at any cost. I felt I would, be willing to go without some other things less needful in order to have the good old *Review* come to my home once more. Being an isolated Sabbath keeper, it is truly comforting and keeps one in touch with the message and our ministers and workers in the field."

"To me the *Review* is one of the essentials of spiritual growth. I cannot be without it so long as I desire to keep growing in the message work!"

"Sometimes I get weary, lonely and the time looks long but the good old *Review* follows me around the country, and if it does not reach me when the Sabbath comes I miss it terribly. It cheers me on my way. It keeps me abreast with the times. It shows me what God's people are doing all around the world. It tells me that the poor heathen are getting won by the thousands for Christ. The best of all it tells me that Christ is soon coming in the clouds with great power and all His host of holy angels. Then we are going to be caught up to meet the Lord in the air."

"I could not get along without it and I am glad I can not. It brings us all as believers in this message closer together. I believe I have taken it ever since I became a Seventh-day Adventist, and I hope to take it till the end."

"I can truthfully say it has been a great help and comfort to me these many years as I have been a reader of the *Review* ever since I was sixteen years old

## Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Help	Total	Def
West Virginia, Week Ending November 30, 1917									
J. I. Butcher, Boone Co.		BR	5	30	39	155 50	6 30	161 80	6 30
C. G. Mays, Fayette Co.		BR	5	40	61	248 50	17 75	266 25	10 95
Mrs. G. E. Snyder, Clarksburg		Misc	4	13		38 00		38 00	55 50
Louisa Russell, Clarksburg		Misc	3	10		15 40		15 40	27 75
C. E. Will, Wellsburg		PPF	4	28	8	20 00	21 55	41 55	22 55
W. A. McElphatrick		COL	5	38	44	68 00	29 25	95 25	5 00
Norman Haye, Fayette Co.						8 00		8 00	
Totals	7 Agents					551 40	\$74 85	626 25	128 05

Ohio, Week Ending November 30, 1917									
Chas. Carter, Wood Co.		BR	5	44	12	48 00		48 00	166 00
Mrs. J. M. Northway, Stark Co.		BR	6	42	21	80 00	28 00	108 00	
Fred Hannah, Guernsey Co.		BR	5	40	5	17 50	27 00	44 50	12 60
Geo. Harvey, Trumbull Co.		BR	5	32	12	49 00	5 25	54 25	7 00
O. E. Taylor, Franklin Co.		PPF	5	24	12	43 70		43 70	14 45
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Montgomery		BR	5	22	8	31 00	3 75	34 75	5 25
Ed. Searles, Crawford Co.		WC	3	20	21	5 25		5 25	6 00
G. W. Yingling, Columbiana Co.		BR	3	17	10	41 00	4 00	45 00	3 25
E. C. Alexander, Brown Co.		BR	3	17	10	41 00	6 50	47 50	4 60
J. D. Fellabaum, Hancock Co.		BR	2	14	3	11 50	3 00	14 50	1 50
Clara E. Weber, Montgomery Co.		BR	3	14	5	17 50	8 50	26 00	4 75
J. W. Bowling, Hamilton Co.		BR	2	7	4	2 50	2 75	5 25	
Robert Kline, Allen Co.		BR	1	4	3	13 00	25	13 25	
Miscellaneous					61				319 00
Totals	13 Agents					48 358 126 \$400	95 \$89 00	489 95	543 20

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending, November 30, 1917									
C. F. Booth, York Co.		BR	5	46	27	99 50		99 50	
Sherman Booth, York		BR	4	15	6	24 00		24 00	9 00
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		BFL	3	9	4	8 00	14 25	22 25	
Wm. Frizzell, Bucks Co.		BR	2	11	7	30 50		30 50	
G. Lewis, Wilkesbarre		WC	4	30	54	26 85		26 85	18 35
W. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	4	34	11	42 50	2 75	45 25	16 00
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.		BR	4	24	11	43 50	2 50	46 00	
R. W. Garrett, Peckville		GC	5	33	11	47 50	3 00	50 50	
C. P. Durr, Phila.		WW	4	16		14 28	3 80	18 08	18 08
J. L. Gearhart, Northampton Co.		BR							34 00
Totals	10 Agents					5 226 131 336 63	26 30	362 93	95 43

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 30, 1917									
A. Brownlie, Allegheny Co.		SD	5	42	22	32 40	38 60	71 00	28 40
E. W. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.		BR	6	45	18	70 00	50	70 50	
A. Brownlie, Allegheny Co.		SD	5	44	11	19 50	35 35	54 85	85 20
A. Brownlie, Allegheny Co.		SD	5	45	12	18 25	26 95	45 20	111 10
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.		BR	4	18	10			41 50	
Geo. H. Gates, Erie		WC	5	37	25	36 60	12 50	49 10	2 25
Mrs. Dunn, Allegheny		BR	5			9 25	20 00	29 25	20 00
J. A. Heaton, Huntingdon Co.		WW	4	36	40	20 00		20 00	137 38
Sol. Diehl, Mifflin Co.		SP	4	21	6	8 50	4 50	13 00	2 00
Millie Smith, Allegheny		BS	2	9	16	10 75	7 50	18 25	7 50
Totals	8 Agents					45 297 160 \$266 75	\$145 90	412 65	393 83

Chesapeake, Week Ending November 30, 1917									
O. C. Weller, Jefferson Co. W. Va.		BR	3	18	9	37 50	21 90	59 40	10 95
E. Jones, Dorchester Co., Md.		BR	5	38	14	50 00	17 00	67 00	5 00
Mrs. J. Vanzant, Kent Co.		OD	4	27	15	27 50	12 00	39 50	
Mrs. A. M. Donaldson, Wilmington		OD	2	3			1 75	1 75	25
Mrs. M. S. Pettibone, Dover, Del.		OD	1	4	2	4 00	1 50	5 50	
Totals	5 Agents					15 90 40 119 00	54 15	173 15	16 20

District of Columbia, Week Ending November 30, 1917									
E. Wilcox and S. L. Christie Mont		BR	8	38	29	105 00	12 75	117 75	38 25



## New Jersey, Two Weeks Ending November 30, 1917

J. W. Greenhalgh, Burlington Co.	CK	5	28	5	11 00	32	11 32
W. B. Davies, Cumberland Co.	BF	4	32	31	72 60	3 15	75 75
Totals		2		9 60	36 83 60	3 47	87 07

## West Virginia, Week Ending November 23, 1917

Norman Haye, Fayette Co.	BR				24 00		364 50
J. S. Seal, Logan Co.	BR					24 00	125 00
W. E. Arnsett, Logan Co.	BR	5	28	19	92 00		92 00
C. G. Mays, Fayette Co.	BR	5	40	31	115 50	6 00	121 50
W. C. Fisher, Mingo Co.	BR	3			38 00		38 00
W. A. McElphatrick	COL	4	33	34	51 00	29 15	90 15
Dale Read, Mingo Co.	Misc.	4	20		37 95		37 95
N. D. Fisher, Mingo Co.	Mis.	4	32		61 70		61 70
Louisa Russell, Clarksburg	Mis.	4	15		42 35		18 50
C. E. Will, Wellsburg	PPF	5	42	9	22 50	26 15	48 65
Miscellaneous					147 12		147 12
Totals	10 Agents				\$632 12	61 30	693 42
							835 02

## District of Columbia, Week Ending November 23, 1917

F. T. Feutz, Prince George Co.	BR	4	29	3	12 50	2 00	14 50	81 00
Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Suder, Mont.	BR	2	12	11	42 75	25	43 00	
E. Wilcox and S. L. Christie, Mont	BR	8	50	40	140 00	11 50	151 50	61 50
Totals	4 Agents		14	91	54 195 25	13 75	209 00	141 50

Grand Totals: 61 Agents Value of Orders \$2690 70 Deliveries, \$2191 48

## District of Columbia, for Month Ending November 30, 1917

S. L. Christie, Mont. Co.	BR	17	58	27	99 50	13 25	112 75	32 15
Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Suder, Mont.	BR	13	84	42	150 75	75	151 50	377 00
Earl and Mrs. Wilcox, Mont. Co.	BR	5	26	36	125 50	11 75	137 25	114 25
J. I. Butcher, Northumberland	GC	2	15					135 00
F. T. Feutz, Washington, D. C.	BR	13	83	42	152 00	18 25	170 25	81 00
Earl Wilcox	BR	4	26	27	95 00	10 00	105 00	6 75
Mrs. Wilcox	BR	5	28	49	177 00	15 00	192 00	56 50
E. Wilcox and S. L. Christie	BR	16	88	69	245 00	24 45	269 25	99 75
Totals	7 Agents		75 408	292 1044 75		93 25 1138 00		902 40

in my father's house. I have read it for more than forty years and I could not do without it now."

"I have been a subscriber for the *Review* for over five years. I would not do without it. I would rather go hungry than do without the *Review*. I also subscribed for it for two of my daughters. One of my daughters has been giving it to her neighbor and she has commenced to keep the Sabbath. When I have read mine I send it to a niece, who seems to appreciate it very much. She writes that her father and husband both enjoy reading it. Her husband before this time was almost an infidel, and she says he spent one whole Sunday reading our literature."

"I have had the good old *Review* to read most of the time ever since I can remember. My father always took it while he lived, and I hope I never will be without it while this world stands. Our people do not know what they are missing when they are without the *Review*."

"Dear old *Review*! How could I do without your weekly visits? I should feel lost, deserted, and lonely. I am looking for you every Thursday. The many good sermons the *Review* carries to me! A live minister has not been to visit us

here for more than a year. But the *Review* brings us sermons full of life-reviving in their influence; comforting and strengthening us."

What about your *Signs* weekly club, that paper so greatly used of the Lord in saving souls? Have you sent in your renewal, and increased your club for the greater needs of next year? That those not of our faith value this paper and are benefited by it the following statements show:

"We read the *Signs of the Times* from beginning to end, and it is the best little paper of its kind we have ever read. Thank you."

"I am sending in one year's subscription to the *Signs of the Times*, and also one year's subscription to the *Signs Magazine*. I have not been taking them, but have been getting them of some Adventist neighbors. I like them fine, and think what they advocate is all right, so concluded I would send in a subscription of my own."

"I think it is just great of you to write to me as you have and to send that instructive paper, the *Signs of the Times*, so frequently. As little drops of water wear away the hardest rock, so has the *Signs of the Times* effected a change in

my outlook on life and things in general."

"I am not a Seventh-day Adventist, but I believe in the *Signs of the Times*, and the soon coming of Christ. Your paper deals very plainly with this subject, and I shall be glad to take it again."

"I found a copy of the *Signs of the Times* and found the truth in every word I read."

"One of our isolated sisters sent us an order for five *Signs* weekly to be sent to her neighbors. Accompanying the order was a very interesting letter from a person who has been reading the paper, and who finds in it much light for this time. She also tells of another person who is so interested in the paper that she can scarcely wait for the next one to reach her. Still another, who has been reading the *Signs* for only a few weeks, is very anxious to learn more."

Surely you want to share in the circulation of a paper that is having so much influence. Get your order in for your *Signs* club before the year ends and have the benefit of the old prices.

How about the *Church Officers' Gazette*? Every church officer should take it and study it, in order to become better fitted to be a leader in God's work. No one should be content with present attainments, but all should strive to attain greater efficiency. Matter for the *Gazette* is prepared by workers of long and varied experience. Up to the end of this year it is 50 cents for single subscriptions; and 35 cents for two or more copies to one address for the year. After that it is 10 cents more. Get in your orders and renewals early. EDITH M. GRAHAM.

## Mount Vernon Academy

Mrs. L. B. Taylor recently received a letter from Mrs. D. E. Rebock, formerly Florence Kneeland, who is now located in Swatow, China. They enjoyed a very pleasant trip, having met a number of acquaintances from the States at the places where they stopped. They are busy studying the language at present. We wish them success and the continued blessings from the Lord in their work.

During the Thanksgiving vacation the following were visitors at the academy: Mrs. C. L. Zedaker, of New Bedford, Pa., visited her daughter, Gladys.

Mrs. J. Herrick, of Pittsburg, Pa., visited her son, Lee.

Miss Helen Greunke, of Cleveland, Ohio, visited friends.

Mr. Lloyd Christman, who is teaching church school in Lockport, Ky., was visiting at his home for a week.

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Miss Marie Smith, church school teacher at Wellington, Ohio, spent several days at the home of her brother, Mr. James Smith.

Mr. Wm. A. Scharffenberg, a student of Washington College and business manager of the Sligonian, was on his way home to Milwaukee, Wis., and stopped off at Mount Vernon to visit the academy and Mr. Guy Corder.

## The Morning Watch Calendar

Gradually but surely the Morning Watch has been growing into a habit with many of the remnant people, and the greatest stimulus toward this habit is the Morning Watch Calendar. The circulation of this precious little booklet is not too wide yet, however, and every friend of the morning devotional hour should constitute himself an agent to circulate the calendar.

One of our sanitariums recently decided to place a Morning Watch Calendar in each guest room. Many people distribute these as gifts at Christmas time, and have them on hand with which to do missionary work as occasion permits.

If the whole field is worked, 1918 will easily see the 60,000 goal reached in the distribution of this beautiful, helpful, collection of Bible gems. C. L. STONE.

## Notice

Beginning January, 1918, Present Truth will be changed to a monthly and the subscription reduced to 15 cents, or seven subscriptions for \$1.

While the series thus far published can always be had in any quantities for regu-

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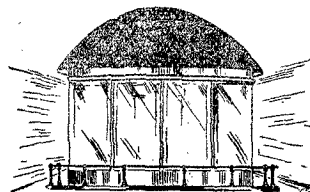
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## Notice

Remember the end of the year is rapidly drawing to a close and the time is here when subscriptions to all periodicals should be renewed. If you are not a subscriber, let us put your name on the list for 1918 for the "Review," "Signs Weekly," "Signs Magazine" and the "VISITOR," besides others of our good papers and magazines. Do it now: all subscriptions must be in by 12 P. M., December 31, 1917.

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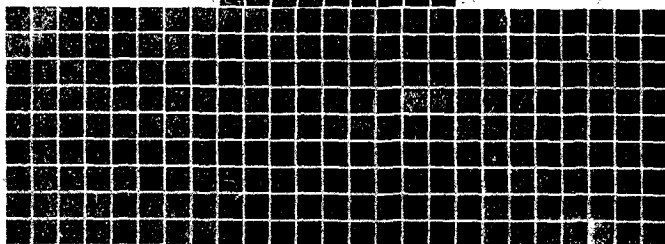
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