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

The New Union Treasurer and Auditor

Elder R. T. Dowsett, who for the past five years has been secretary and treasurer of the Columbia Union, has accepted a call from the Review and Herald to be their treasurer. Many have learned to know and love Brother Dowsett and it is with regret that they will see him disconnect from the Union.

We are greatly fortunate in securing to fill his place one who brings to it a splendid record in the denomination along the lines which our tremendously growing Union work requires in a treasurer and auditor. Brother C. C. Pulver began work in the denomination as head of the Mount Vernon Academy Commercial Department over seven years ago. He soon became Business Manager. Later he was called to be Business Manager of the Washington Missionary College and lastly carrying the heavy business interests of the Washington Sanitarium. He has been chosen by the Union Committee to fill the place made vacant by the going of Brother Dowsett. Brother Pulver's close sympathetic touch with the people, and his love of presenting the truth in public where his services were needed, have brought to him many calls from home and foreign fields to both evangelical and business service. As the Union work grows, we are sure that Brother Pulver will add to its growth. We bespeak for him the prayers and co-operation of all our brethren throughout the Columbia Union.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Dirt Begins to Fly

All our brethren throughout the Columbia Union Conference will be pleased to learn that for two weeks every day eight tons have been dug out for the foundations of Washington Missionary College. Cement and brick are already

on the ground, and the foundations of the institution are going forward.

The cramped conditions of the college and the great demand for quarters sufficient to answer the needs of the institution, will cause everyone to rejoice that the prospects for new facilities are in sight. One sister in one of the conferences, who contributed very liberally towards the new building, told me that I need not waste a moment of time explaining to her the needs of the situation, because she had visited the school, and if a friend of hers had not left the chapel in order to give her a seat, she would not have been able to obtain a place in which to sit down.

Of the \$55,000 we were to raise for the new building, we have in pledges about \$47,000. On this only about \$30,000 has been paid on the pledges. May we not ask our brethren everywhere throughout the Union who have contributed to this enterprise to help that the building may not be hindered by paying as soon as possible the pledges that are coming due?

B. G. WILKINSON.

Missionary Volunteer Council Held in Washington

On November 30 the Missionary Volunteer secretaries of the Columbia Union Conference met in their annual fall council in Washington. At the sessions held at the college on Friday the thirtieth, seven of the eight secretaries of the Union were present. Professor Stone was in charge of the meetings and led out in laying plans for the work to be done for the remainder of 1917 and for the coming year. These plans met with the approval and co-operation of the secretaries, and all were eager for a part in advancing the work for and among the young people.

The college chapel was well filled on Friday evening, when Professor Kern addressed the secretaries and the student body on "The Consecration of Our Youth." Every heart was stirred by the ringing appeal in Professor Kern's words, and felt each one that he must truly be up and about his Father's business.

The services on Sabbath also were given over to the Missionary Volunteer work. In the morning the time was given to the students, who spoke on different phases of the Young People's work. Those who took part were Miss Lula Ferris, of George Washington University, and Messrs. Kenneth Gant and Howard Shull of the college.

The subject in the afternoon was "The Relation of the Students in School to the Work in the Field." The secretaries from the field of action spoke to the students at this time. Among those who spoke were Professor Kern, Mr. Manry, Mr. Warren, Mr. Hershberger, and Miss Acton. Both students and guests were greatly encouraged and helped by thus meeting to discuss points in common in the great work of which we are all a part.

Further sessions of the council were held at the college Saturday night, and at the General Conference building on Sunday. The work that we as young people can do for the boys in the army cantonments, was one of the chief points discussed. A worker has been secured for the cantonments, and it is urged that every society start a fund to supply the "Temperance Instructor" and other literature to the camp libraries.

The young people of the Columbia Union are answering to the needs of South India, and our goal for 1918 is \$5000 for that field. Our work is growing so rapidly and the call has been so well responded to in the past that every feature of our new goal was put in advance of that for 1917. Surely the 1700 young people in this Union can make their influence felt in support of this mighty cause. Many other vital and interesting matters were taken up in the council, and the secretaries returned to their respective fields with greater zeal and more fully equipped for the work that still remains undone.

L. D. WARREN,
Secretary.

"All trials that are received as educators will produce joy."—Test.

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

A Little Child Shall Lead Them

Brother H. F. Kirk, Home Missionary Secretary, writes of a little girl in Bridgeton, N. J., not five years of age, who pledged fifty cents as her Harvest Ingathering goal. She was so anxious to do her part that she could not wait till the "Watchman" came, so she took one of the Harvest Ingathering solicitors' cards and went out and collected one dollar before the papers arrived.

Another five-year old in Baltimore teased her parents to let her have some Harvest Ingathering papers. They let her have ten papers, which she took out and in a short time she came in with more than a dollar for her papers.

In this and also in many other ways the Lord is using the "weak things of this world to confound the mighty," and to give to the world the light of truth. May the Lord help every father and mother in Israel to live such exemplary Christian lives before their sons and daughters and so bring them up in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord," that their practical missionary experiences may make them shine for God, that they may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace: That our garners may be full affording all manner of store; that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets; That our oxen may be strong to labor; that there be no breaking in, nor going out; that there be no complaining in our streets; Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord." Ps. 144:11-15.

Some churches, and individuals that never had any part in past campaigns are doing splendid work this year.

J. W. HIRLINGER.

OHIO

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

Another New Church

Following camp-meeting, Elder F. M. Fairchild and Brother Joseph Shellhaas conducted a tent effort at Madison, and in connection with that they have held meetings near Madison which have resulted in developing a good interest and led quite a number to the obedience of the truth. It has been my privilege to meet with them in their work on several occasions. I had the pleasant experience of spending the first Sabbath of the week of prayer with the Madison company at which time a church was organized with twenty-six charter members. One feature of the work is that they have excellent material for church officers with which to start, and we look forward to a very interesting and prosperous work in Madison and vicinity. Brother Fred Numbers,

who was at one time connected with the book work in Ohio, is located there and he was appointed as local elder of this new church. Brother Lee Williams and family, formerly of the Walnut Grove Church, are located there and he was made deacon. I was very much impressed with the appearance of the new believers. Some excellent, substantial people have been brought into the church, and we look for several others to join them in the near future. Brethren Fairchild and Shellhaas have done faithful work in this place, and there is still a work to be done which will require some attention in the future. It is a great pleasure to me to report this new church, and to be able to speak with such confidence of the prospects for an important center to be developed in that part of the conference from this work.

E. K. SLADE.

Important Notice to Ohio Workers and Church Elders

There is to be held in Columbus, December 20 to 23, an important state meeting to be attended especially by all conference workers and local church elders. The invitation is extended to any who may wish to attend this meeting. In addition to the regular laboring force of Ohio there will be ministers from the General Conference with us. This will be a meeting of great importance and a time of special refreshing and inspiration to the work in Ohio we believe. A letter giving the necessary instructions has been mailed to church elders and conference workers, and this notice serves to invite any who may wish to come to this meeting and join us.

E. K. SLADE.

In a letter to Elder Slade from Elder C. W. Weber, pastor of our German Church in Cleveland, it is stated that the Harvest Ingathering goal for Cleveland was set at \$200, but they have already over \$400. It is certainly a splendid showing for the Cleveland German Church. Elder Weber and his family have led out very strongly in this work.

WEST VIRGINIA

Third & Juliana Sts., Parkersburg
T. B. Westbrook, Pres.

Jennie Burdick, Sec.

Christ's Gift to His People

Just before leaving the upper room for the last time Jesus said to the disciples, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever." John 14:15,16. Jesus knew that there would be days

when the disciples and His followers would feel discouraged and would be in need of comfort, and promised to send them just the very help they needed. This Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, would come so close to those in need of His help that He would dwell with them and be in them. The Spirit is the very gift we all need to receive today to fit us for the coming of the Great King. Commenting on the gift which Jesus gave us, the servant of the Lord says:

"In describing to His disciples the office work of the Holy Spirit, Jesus sought to inspire them with the joy and hope that inspired His own heart. He rejoiced because of the abundant help He had provided for His church. The Holy Spirit was the highest of all gifts that He could solicit from His Father for the exaltation of His people. The Spirit was to be given as a regenerating agent, and without this the sacrifice of Christ would have been of no avail. The power of evil had been strengthening for centuries, and the submission of men to this Satanic captivity was amazing. Sin could be resisted and overcome only through the mighty agency of the third person of the Godhead, who would come with no modified energy, but in the fulness of divine power. It is the Spirit that makes effectual what has been wrought out by the world's Redeemer. It is by the Spirit that the heart is made pure. Through the Spirit the believer becomes a partaker of the divine nature. God has given His Spirit as a divine power to overcome all hereditary and cultivated tendencies to evil, and to impress His own character upon His church." "Desire of Ages," page 671.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

Morgantown

We made the effort in Morgantown a short one, running just three weeks and one day. As a result of the work done several are now rejoicing in the truth. The work is being followed up by Miss Jessie Welsh who is giving readings to 32 precious souls.

Some of these dear people are meeting considerable opposition in their homes and from their friends. They need the prayers of the Visitor family that they may stand loyal and true to the truth for this time. We are not able to say just yet how many will unite with the church, but we expect to have some additions in the near future.

We were called to one home to pray for a sick child, and now the husband and father is keeping the Sabbath and the child is well. In many ways we could see the power of God working, and we feel the effort was a success.

We are planning to open up work again

soon after the first of January in another place of which we will write later.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

Harvest Ingathering Report, District of Columbia Conference, December 1, 1917

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

News Notes

The new Ephesus Church is taking a big lead in our Harvest Ingathering work this year. With a membership of 81, they started with a goal of \$300. Two weeks ago they had reported in \$371 and had raised their aim to \$400, practically \$5.00 per member. At last reports this mark was left behind, and a new target of \$500 has now been set, which they are determined to make by the close of December.

A baptismal service is being planned for Sabbath, December 22, at Memorial Church. Several from Laurel and Ballston, and a number from Washington are awaiting this ordinance. If there are others who have not made definite arrangements, word should be forwarded to Elder Philips as early as possible.

We are very anxious that this year shall prove a mighty inspiration for our next year's efforts, as well as a mighty factor in the progress of our all-important work. Elder Daniells reminded us a few days ago, that we need not expect this earth, with its turmoil and strife, to assume a permanently peaceful attitude until our work is done, until we have carried our message, which is our God-given responsibility and privilege, to the uttermost corner of earth. Then, the Master has said, "Shall the end come," and not before. We are, therefore, to the extent that we have failed to do our utmost to advance the work of God, responsible for the present war and terrible world conditions. Shall we not take this situation to heart as we have not yet done, and make real sacrifices of means and efforts to finish our work and bring "Peace on Earth?"

Acquaintances of Brother A. J. Bristol, who has spent his life in service for the Master, will be interested and grieved to know that for the past few weeks he has been critically ill at the Washington Sanitarium, suffering from a complication of diseases, and is at present in a very serious condition. However, we are glad to announce that he has somewhat improved during the past few days.

The interest at Laurel, Md., is steadily growing. Regular Sabbath meetings are being well attended and good meetings are being enjoyed in the Odd Fellows Hall on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday evenings. Some new converts are now awaiting baptism and several others are seriously considering the situation. Pros-

Church	Mem.	Share \$3500 goal	Collected	Ahead	Short	Goal
Alexandria No. 1	26	84 50	120 00	35 50		100 00
Alexandria No. 2	3	9 75	12 20	2 45		10 00
Arlington	48	139 75	61 00		78 75	100 00
Capitol Hill	66	214 50	203 50		11 00	300 00
Chiltons	9	29 25	4 00		25 25	30 00
Colonial Beach	4	13 00	6 07		6 93	10 00
Conference Church	6	19 50	44 97	25 47		25 00
Ephesus	81	263 25	375 00	111 75		300 00
First Church	131	425 75	166 00		259 75	300 00
Kilmarnock	24	78 00	22 38		55 62	100 00
Memorial	187	607 75	300 00		307 75	650 00
Mt. Rainier	29	94 25	21 00		73 25	75 00
Sligo Church	185	601 25	450 00		151 25	500 00
Takoma Park	335	1088 75	642 00		446 75	1100 00
	1129	3669 25	2428 12	175 17	1416 30	3600 00
Net Shortage					1241 13	

pects are favorable for a strong organization within a few weeks.

We publish herewith a statement of our Harvest Ingathering reports by churches. We trust that each member and officer will make a study of it and shoulder his responsibility promptly, that the present large deficit in our goal may be realized before the close of the year.

Brother Harold Richards will spend the Week of Prayer with the believers at Kilmarnock, and Elder F. E. Gibson will conduct services at Colonial Beach, Chiltons and Foneswood.

Be sure to get your subscriptions to our denominational papers in this month. All subscriptions received before January 1 are accepted at present rates. Rates on most of them increase after that date. Let us have your order for the *Review*, and any others you wish for 1918 now and save the difference in rates.

Ephesus Church has marked the first year of its history with a grand success in the Ingathering Campaign. Their pro rata share of the conference \$3,500 goal amounted to about \$263.25. They set their aim at \$300, and have already reported in almost \$400. This enviable record can be accounted as won only by most earnest effort. The members determined to reach their goal and all set to work. They did not wait for others to set a pace for them. Several solicitors accumulated as much as \$25.00 or more apiece. The total is made up entirely of small donations. About 3,000 papers have been used. A thorough organization into bands, and frequent band prayer-meetings had much to do with their success.

Trying Out City Territory

The writer, in about ten hours, in the city of Washington, took \$50.00 worth of orders for "Bible Readings." One lady, as the canvass was given, and the great sacrifice that Jesus has made for the sal-

vation of man was spoken of, with tears in her eyes, said, "Give me the best binding."

Now is the time to work this city. The people are ready but the workers are few. The city is being worked preparatory to the effort of Mr. William A. Sunday, to be held here in January, and anyone engaged in gospel work can now gain entrance to the homes of the people. The writer held up the new book, "Our Day," and took eight orders with \$3.00 deposits in only a few minutes. Oh, if our people only knew the day of their opportunity.

The prospect in this conference was never brighter for the book work. The orders during the month of November amounted to more than \$1300, and deliveries almost \$1000. Our territory has been nicely watered, as it were, with our good books, and where the people have received one book they want more. The following poems are good, "The Man Who Wins," and "The Man Who Fails."
W. H. GEORGE.

The Man Who Wins

The man who wins is the average man,
Not built on any peculiar plan,
Not blest with any peculiar luck,
Just steady and earnest and full of pluck.
When asked a question he does not "guess"
He knows, and answers "No" or "Yes."
When set a task the rest can't do,
He buckles down till he's put it through.
Three things he's learned: that the man
who tries
Finds favor in his employer's eyes;
That it pays to know more than one thing
well;
That it doesn't pay all he knows to tell.
So he works and waits, till one fine day
There's a better job with bigger pay;
And the men who shirked whenever they
could
Are bossed by the man whose work made
good.
For the man who wins is the man who
works,

Who neither labor nor trouble shirks
Who uses his hands, his head, his eyes;
The man who wins is the man who tries.

The Man Who Fails

The man who fails is the sort of chap
Who is always looking around for a snap;
Who neglects his work to regard the clock;
Who never misses a chance to knock.

He is grouchy and slow when the work
begins

When it's time to quit, he jokes and
grins;

He's always as busy as busy can be,
When he thinks the boss is around to
see.

He believes that a "pull" is the only way
By which he can ever draw bigger pay;
And he sulks and growls when he sees
his plan

Upset by the "push" of another man.

He's on his job when he draws his pay;
That done, he soldiers his time away,

While the men who tackle their jobs with
vim

Keep pushing and climbing ahead of him.

For the man who fails has himself to
blame

If he wastes his chances and misses his
aim;

He'd win if he'd use his hands and wits;
The man who fails is the man who quits.

CHESAPEAKE

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

Rock Hall

We are glad to note that our brethren and sisters of the Rock Hall Church, are filled with the missionary spirit, both for home and for foreign. This has truly been an eventful year for this church, and the spirit of unity has prevailed. Early in the summer it was decided by the members that they would throw off the shackles of debt, with which they had been bound, "lo, these many years," so plans were not only laid, but carried out, whereby all indebtedness on the church and to the tract society were wiped out, and on Sabbath, September 15, a praise service was held, and they sang the jubilee.

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign was the next to follow. The members being of good courage, ordered twice as many papers as any previous year, and they manifested a willingness to work.

The writer while passing through Rock Hall last Wednesday was prevailed upon by the church leader to remain over a day, and assist with the "Harvest Home" entertainment. Learning that about fifty papers were still on hand, we got one of the brethren to take three of the sisters

and myself out in his car. He readily consented, for which we feel much indebted to both himself and our worthy leader, who were willing to lose a day, for the advancement of the Lord's work. Soon after starting, we stuck in the mud up to the axle. Even the ladies had to get out and assist in prying the auto out of the hole. After losing considerable time, we were at our destination.

The first four papers disposed of brought in \$2.75 and we received \$8.34 for 35 papers. On our way to the next town, we had a blow out, and night caught us far from home. You can imagine how we felt, to know that the "program," and the one to make the "welcoming address," was in the car. However, the Lord answered our prayers, and we arrived at the church at 7:30 P. M., the hour for opening.

Those who arranged the fruits and vegetables, as well as the ones who took part in the program, deserve a great deal of credit. The children vied with the choir for first honors.

The church was filled to capacity with an appreciative audience, composed largely of prominent outside families, and a delegation from the Red Cross. It had been previously voted to show our appreciation to the public for their liberal response to our appeal for missions, and our willingness to co-operate with the government as far as possible, by taking up a special offering for the Red Cross, while the sale of the fruits and vegetables would go for missions. Through this arrangement we were able to turn over to the treasurer of the Red Cross, \$25.79. The president of the Red Cross unit was present and expressed her appreciation, saying we were the first church to set the example, and she hoped that other churches in the county would follow.

At the close of the program, the "First Fruits of the Land" valued at \$16 were removed to the school room, and all sold but \$3 worth.

Rock Hall is able to report over \$77 thus far for the Harvest Ingathering work this year. M. S. PETTIBONE, Home Missionary Secretary.

News Notes

Elder J. O. Miller has returned from his trip to Boston to visit his daughter, Mrs. W. Childs, having had an enjoyable and restful trip.

Elder A. G. Daniells spent Sabbath with the Baltimore No. 1 and No. 3 Churches, and was greatly appreciated.

Our Sabbath School officers are urging a liberal offering for the Thirteenth Sabbath. The needs in the Asiatic Division are great, and we hope there will be a liberal response to the appeals.

Let none of the Harvest Ingathering papers be left lying in the homes of the people. Our Conference is short on our twenty-cent-a-week fund to the amount of \$1717.24, and we are very anxious to make our apportionment on this fund this year. Let every one be faithful as the Lord has prospered him, and there will be no shortage.

Elder G. A. Stevens spent the week of prayer with the churches in Hagerstown and Martinsburg. We are sure his old friends in Martinsburg, where he formerly labored, were glad to see him again.

NEW JERSEY

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

An Interesting Report

The Paterson, N. J., English Church reached their Harvest Ingathering Goal of \$500.00 on Sabbath, December 8. Last year we had a goal of \$400 and solicited \$450. This fall we seriously considered a new goal. Our pastor, Elder R. H. Martin, was preparing to move with his family to Spokane, Washington, and left October 28. Two of our good sisters, who brought in \$60 together last year, had left. A few others, who had canvassed extensively, were ill. But these conditions did not discourage our people. It impressed us with the need for strong, concerted activity. Had not some of us gained experiences last year and could do more this year, and have we not new members, too? So we considered the need of the field and the promises of the Lord, and setting our goal at \$500, we prayed for faith and courage and rejoice that the Lord heard us.

Our weekly reports are as follows:—

Oct. 13	\$46 76
" 20	71 25
" 27	22 97
Nov. 3	27 20
" 10	51 52
" 17	31 25
" 24	64 30
Dec. 1	123 86
" 8	89 78
Total	\$528 89

Following are the names of some of our best solicitors:—

Brother George VanOlst	\$43 15
Sister Anna Hugg	42 87
Sister Julia W. Jensson	31 95
Daughter, Sister Hattie Baker	31 81
Brother Comer VanDine	22 52
Wife, Sister Eugenia VanDine	22 54
Sister Mamie Hickling	25 00
" Sophie Hugg	21 06
Brother Charles E. Dietz	20 94
Sister Emma Hendrix	17 17
" Lydia Wimmers	15 70

" Elizabeth Herbst	14 03
" Pearl Cody	11 57
" Maybelle Wilson	11 21
" Ellen Storms	10 31
" Evangeline Junco	10 50
" Marie Aldridge	10 00

Brother VanOlst had set a goal of \$10 and early forgot all about it. Misses Anna and Sophia Hugg had set no goals, yet brought in \$42 and \$21 respectively and Miss Anna told the writer the day the goal was reached she would like to go to the field again and raise her contribution to \$50. Sister Jenssen and her daughter, Mrs. Baker, had \$25 goals. Brother and Sister VanDine had pledged \$5 each and brought \$22 apiece. Our people never looked back to their goals, but ahead to the goal of the church and to the need of the home field for the message and of the foreign field for funds.

At least a dozen of the children gathered a total of \$40.32. Besides this they learned to love the message better and received a training in spreading it. The following three solicited highest amounts:

Margaret VanDine	\$6 63
Edith Butterworth	6 20
Lorna E. Dietz	6 03

A number of us still hope to cover fields that are partially canvassed but not finished. We realize we are spreading the great message here with the magazine as well as abroad with the means obtained; so we hope to distribute all the copies of the *Watchman* on hand.

CHARLES E. DIETZ.

VIRGINIA

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

Elder I. D. Richardson reports an addition of eight new members to the Newport News Church on the first Sabbath of the Week of Prayer. Others who intended to be baptized that day deferred it because of the extremely cold weather and their physical condition. The collection of the last two Sunday nights in his theatre meetings have run higher than at any time during the series.

Brother George W. Lawrence reports four more new Sabbath keepers in Portsmouth, making eight who have begun to observe the Sabbath there, since Brother Lawrence took up his Ingathering work in that city a few weeks ago.

Brother A. J. Evelyn has just added four new members to the church at Danville.

Elder L. O. Gordon reports another baptism at Richmond, bringing the additions to that church following the tent effort up to eleven, with a large class of interested people. Sister Anna C. Rice, who is doing Bible work in Richmond, has almost more than she can take care of at the present time. Everywhere there is an unusual interest.

A telegram just received announced the destruction of the washhouse and bakery by fire on the 11th inst.

Brother Orion Lawrence, a young man who has just accepted the truth in Newport News, sold 114 of the "World's Crisis" Library in one day. Brother Lawrence usually says that he is connected with the Theatre effort.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

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

News Notes

The list of churches that have reached their goal is still growing. Johnstown has now joined the number. After receiving the handsome gift of one thousand dollars the members did not pause but made the church goal in addition.

Last week Brother Manry spent some time with the people at Huntingdon. He reports that they are of good courage and expect to do more this year than last in raising funds for missions. Brother Heaton of this place has been doing excellent work in selling our literature. Several ministers have secured books and one or two are deeply interested in the truth for this time.

Elder Robbins has been confined to his home for a few days with an attack of neuralgia. He is some better now.

Many victories are being won during this week of prayer. Sin is being put out of the camp and we know that the blessings of God will fall richly upon us.

Last Sabbath a very interesting program was rendered in our M. V. Society at Pittsburgh. Dr. Brown and Brother Fleicher had some enjoyable surprises for us. Among them were the news notes from our young people at Washington Missionary College and Mount Vernon Academy. The Bible study given by Sister Belmont was much appreciated by all.

SPECIAL

A Test of Faith

At the council in Minneapolis very careful study was given to the problem of producing our literature at prices that would cover the rapidly increasing cost of production. Various plans were considered and rejected as unworkable and finally it was decided that the retail prices of many books and periodicals, all tracts, and the "Signs" and "Watchman" magazines must be raised.

This brings to our magazine sellers a real test of faith. The yearly subscription will be \$1.50, and the retail price 15 cents a single copy. The one who sells the paper will get more profit on each paper sold and subscriptions taken, but it

will doubtless be somewhat more difficult to sell the magazines at the higher prices.

Should difficulties cause us to abandon the work? We have been told that the last years of our work would be a time of difficulty, when we would meet many obstacles. But what if they are? We have a God with us Who is omnipotent, all of Whose biddings are enablings, and no difficulties should cause us to lessen our efforts, but they should rather be an incentive to greater things.

The publishers intend to make the magazines the best they can for the price. They will be full of world problems, that everyone is longing for light on, which will be there for them. They will have a wide influence, if they are only placed in the hands of the people.

We are not alone in raising the prices of our magazines, for many others have advanced in price. The public expect prices to rise, for it has become an everyday experience.

"Here is the patience of the saints; here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." Rev. 14:12.

The faith of Jesus was strong at all times. He was never discouraged by difficulties, but went steadily on with His work at all times, and under all circumstances. The faith He had is the faith the remnant people are to keep. The text does not say they are to have it, but to keep it, showing that they will meet with experiences that would be likely to cause them to lose it. In spite of all they go through, the true people of God will keep the faith of Jesus to the end.

Now is the time for all magazine workers to keep the faith of Jesus. The Lord has spoken many times in a very definite way in regard to the duty of God's people to sell periodicals. This makes the magazine worker, who has faith in God, invincible. The Lord can cause people to buy magazines at 15 cents just as well as at 10 cents. All He needs is a people with willing, trusting hearts to take them to the public, and He will give the success.

"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Josh. 1:9.

EDITH M. GRAHAM.

Continue Conservation

We have been asked to report the results of food saving till the end of 1917. But it is hoped that the habit of food saving, once begun, will continue during the war and after. Secretary McAdoo in his annual report says: "What is of superlative importance in the readjustment that must take place is that our people

shall be impressed with the necessity of economizing in the consumption of articles of clothing, food, and fuel, and of every other thing which constitutes a drain upon the available supplies, materials, and resources of the country. Everything wasted now is nothing short of criminal. Up to the present there has been a relatively small denial of pleasures, comforts, and conveniences on the part of the average citizen. He is drawing upon the general store of supplies in the country with almost the same freedom as before America came into the war. This can not continue without serious hurt to the Nation and to the world."

It was to encourage saving in foods, clothing, fuel, etc., that the secretary arranged for the sale of war-saving stamps, "so that the American people would have the opportunity as well as the direct encouragement to economize and save money by putting within their reach the opportunity of lending their savings, in such small amounts even as 25 cents, to their own Government."

Notes From the Mission Board

Let us spend a few moments with our missionaries out on the far-flung frontiers where the truths of the Third Angel's Message are being given to those in need of the light of life. From recent letters we glean the following:

British East Africa: A. A. Carscallen, August 6, (received Nov. 5). "Gendia Mission is prospering. Brother and Sister Morse and Brother Lane are there. Brother Lane leaves for home in a few days. They have a fair school, with several out-schools. They have only grass houses yet. Brother Lane has been using the printing outfit. Kisd Mission is entirely alone. Brother Lane and Sister Matter are at Kanyadote doing well. Brother Phillips is at Karungu having all he can do. Brother Watson is at Rusinga and has a good school. Some were baptized from his mission, boys and women. Others were baptized from Karungu, Gendia, Wire Hill and Kamagambo." This is interesting news from East Africa missions, we were unable to hear from for about two years after the war broke out.

China: J. E. Shultz, October 5, Shanghai, "It is safe to say that ninety-nine out of one hundred awakened interests in China are due to the influence of the Signs. The marvelous opening at Wen Djou was the work of the Signs. Two delegations from there visited Shanghai and took back some of our books. When the brethren went down there they found more than two hundred interested people, some of whom had been keeping the Sabbath over a year." He then mentioned recent experiences among workers of a personal nature. Two weeks ago I assisted at the

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
West Virginia, Week Ending December 7, 1917									
J. I. Butcher, Fayette Co.		BR	10	75	65	248 50	7 85	256 35	112 00
C. G. Mays, Fayette Co.		BR	5	38	48	187 50	13 00	200 50	35
C. E. Will, Marshall Co.		PPF	5	48	6	15 00	15 20	30 20	14 45
W. A. McElphatrick		COL	5	38	32	65 00	41 20	106 20	6 25
W. C. Fisher, Mingo Co.		BR	4	16		26 25		26 25	26 25
N. D. Fisher, Mingo Co.		WW	6	44		54 25		54 25	54 25
Dale Read, Mingo Co.		WW	6	40		43 75		43 75	43 75
Louisa Russell, Clarksburg		Mis.	4	14		66 05		66 05	66 05
Mrs. G. E. Snyder, Clarksburg		Misc.	7	25		93 50		93 50	57 75
Totals	9 Agents			52 378		799 80	\$77 25	887 05	381 10

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending, December 7, 1917									
C. F. Durr, Phila.		W.W.	5	21		18 25	2 50	20 75	20 75
W. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	4	29	9	22 50	3 00	25 50	107 00
J. L. Gearhart, Lebanon Co.		BR	5	36	14	53 00	7 25	60 25	
W. Garrett, Peckville		GC	5	34	14	62 00	5 25	67 25	21 00
Geo. Caine, Shuylkill Co.		BR	4	34	7	25 50	14 75	40 25	14 75
M. M. Sterner, Schuylkil Co.		BR	3	20	6	24 00	8 75	32 75	12 25
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.		BR	5	40	23	91 50		91 50	
C. F. Booth, York Co.		BR	5	45	37	136 50	50	137 00	
Sherman Booth, York		BR	5	26	20	74 00		74 00	16 50
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne		WC	5	37	60	30 00		30 00	33 00
G. R. Hawthorne, Chester Co.		WW	1	6		4 85		4 85	4 85
Totals	11 Agents			47 328 190		542 10	42 00	584 10	230 10

Ohio, Week Ending December 7, 1917									
M. B. Ingersoll, Vinton Co.		BR	5	35	3	11 50	5 00	16 50	20 00
Chas. Carter, Wood Co.		BR	3	34	8	34 00	2 00	36 00	2 00
E. C. Alexander, Brown Co.		BR	4	33	19	77 50	7 50	85 00	20 75
Robert Kline, Morrow Co.		BR	4	32	8	38 00	6 00	44 00	5 25
Fred Hannah, Guernsey Co.		BR	5	34	6	21 00	18 00	39 00	13 25
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Montgomery		BR	4	26	12	43 00	9 75	52 75	5 00
Clara E. Weber, Montgomery Co.		BR	3	24	3	11 50	7 25	18 75	4 25
J. W. Bowling, Hamilton Co.		HM	3	15	3	2 50	75	3 25	
G. W. Yingling, Columbiana Co.		BR	3	13	8	37 00	8 00	45 00	2 00
H. O. Kohr, Portsmouth		A	6	40		120 00		120 00	120 00
Totals	10 Agents			40 296 70		\$396 00	\$64 25	460 25	192 50

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 7, 1917									
A. H. Snyder, Center Co.		BR	4	31	35	132 50	3 00	135 50	50
E. W. Chisholm, Center Co.		BR	5	25	14	58 00	6 50	64 50	
A. H. Snyder, Center Co.		BR	1	6	3	10 50	2 50	13 00	
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.		BR	5	33	19	83 00	3 25	86 25	
A. Brownlie, Allegheny Co.		SD	5	46	24	38 00	30 95	68 95	35 80
Paul Baroudi, Allegheny Co.		WW	5	35			35 00	35 00	50
Geo. H. Gates, Erie		WC	5	39	22	23 50	9 35	32 85	
Sol. Diehl, Mifflin Co.		SP	5	43	9	11 75	4 50	16 25	
Totals	7 Agents			35 258 126		\$357 25	\$95 05	452 30	36 80

Chesapeake, Week Ending December 7, 1917									
O. C. Weller, Jefferson Co. W. Va.		BR	4	29	8	29 00	5 25	34 25	167 50
I. E. Jones, Caroline Co., Md.		BR	5	36	15	53 00	11 25	64 25	4 75
Mrs. Pettibone, Cheswold, Del.		OD	2	13	16	32 00	12 85	44 85	
Mrs. J. Vanzant, Kent Co. Md.		OD	3	22	8	16 00	12 25	28 25	
Mrs. O. Jones, Cambridge Co.		Mis.	3	5		3 75		3 75	1 75
Mrs. A. Donaldson, Wilmington		Misc.	2	5			5 25	5 25	
Totals	6 Agents			19 110 47		133 75	46 85	180 60	174 00

New Jersey, Two Weeks Ending December 7, 1917									
W. B. Davies, Cumberland Co.		BF	5	34	13	30 00	4 35	34 35	
Grand Totals	44 Agents			Value of Orders		\$2258 90		Deliveries	\$1014 50

Harvest Ingathering Report of the Churches of the E. Pa. Conference

Churches	Mem.	Papers Used	Goal	Collected
Allentown	46	1284	\$250 00	\$230 22
Ariel	27	105		15 84
Fleetwood	24	589	140 00	105 18
Danville	32	164	50 00	16 64
Harrisburg	64	2075	500 00	498 11
Honesadle	36	107	200 00	89 72
Northumberland	28	184		23 81
Philadelphia, North	60	650		66 63
Philadelphia, West	285	137	1000 00	151 09
Philadelphia, German	55	500		110 00
Philadelphia, African	19		300 00	45 95
Stroudsburg	36	300	200 00	88 00
Wilkesburre	80	1750	400 00	355 72
Total Collected				\$1796 91
Conference Goal				5000 00
32 Churches not yet reported				

funeral of Brother Brown's (we take it R. J.) little boy at Naking. Now word comes of the death of Dr. Davenport's younger child at Hancow, and the critical illness of Brother Gibson. We hear Mrs. Warren, in Szechuan, has been very ill."

Malaysia. F. A. Detamore, Singapore September 27: "We ordered about 3,000 Harvest Ingathering papers. Last year we received over \$2,000 from 1950 papers. I think we have a good paper this year, and that we can pull for large gifts with it. We are trying to raise an operating fund for our printing work."

Burma. J. E. Fulton, August 28. "From Maulmein we had a pleasant journey all day up the Salween River. About fifteen minutes after we reached Shewegon, my son-in-law, Brother Hare, arrived in our little mission launch. Greetings over, we started up the river eighteen miles to our Karen station. The Karen people in the immediate district seem very friendly, but have not manifested themselves very interested in the message. One or two of them that have been connected with the mission as servants are very bright young people, and if we are able to get hold of others of this kind I should feel very much encouraged if I were working in this place."

Africa. S. M. Konigsmacher, North Rhodesia, August 15. "We now have permission to do evangelistic work on both sides of the Belgian Congo line. I have asked permission to build on a piece of land on the Musofu stream. I hope to get it in time to build a house before the rains come. We have had quite a time with sickness. My oldest boy was taken with fever. When he was getting better our little baby, Joe, took sick and died. When his food came from Bulawayo, 800 miles away, it was rancid. This was too much for him. We buried him at the foot of a mammoth ant heap. Brother Bender made the little coffin in the night and we buried him early in the morning so Brother Bender could get his train. This makes three little boys waiting for Jesus in the heart of Africa. They are buried on the farthest outlying posts of our people." T. E. BOWEN.

Every Day

Several times I laid my fountain pen aside because it began to blot; it was so disappointing to have it bedeck the page with big splotches of ink. But I soon learned that the pen was not ruined; it was only empty and needed refilling. That was all, but that made all the difference there is between the useful and the worse than useless article.

This set me thinking. What if God should lay me aside when I blot the page for the day with mistakes? How often I have looked back over the record blotted with sins of commission and omission—with unkind words and neglected duties that filled the evening reflections with bitter regret! How often I have failed! How often I have disappointed God when He has tried to use my life for writing in another heart His message of loving care! And again and again an accusing conscience has whispered to my despairing heart: You failed to let God fill you today.

A new year lies before us! Its pages are still white. But they must all be filled as God turns the leaves. Now if we really desire to fill each page with a record of which our Master can approve, we must let Him fill us daily for service. If He does not fill us daily, we cannot succeed; if He does, we cannot fail. He must direct our feet and strengthen our hands for work. This is the spiritual law of cause and effect; and we cannot escape it.

The psalmist knew this law for he declared, "Thy words have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee." What he did, we must do in order to live right and to serve successfully. Our Master and Saviour when on earth followed the plan recommended by the psalmist. He studied the Scriptures; lived in perfect harmony with them; and He was an eminently successful worker — not one failure stained His wonderful record. He "spake as never man spake;" He knew how to comfort the sorrowing; He had power to heal the afflicted; He

was able, through God, to finish the work He came to do.

So the real question you and I are facing is: Will we pay the price of success during 1918? Will we hide enough of God's Word in our hearts to serve Him acceptably? Every day we should study the Guide Book — eat this bread of eternal life — for our spiritual life is as dependent upon prayer and Bible study as our physical life is on air and food. And we should study the Bible from Gen. 1:1 to Rev. 22:21, for it is all the word of God, and "is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." From cover to cover the Good Book is filled with the help we need for living the victorious life. Do you desire to become a successful Christian worker? Then will not you join with hundreds of other young people in reading the Bible through during 1918?

M. V. DEPARTMENT.

Shenandoah Valley Academy

Ministerial Band

It may be of interest to the readers of the VISITOR to know something of the work done by the Ministerial band of the Shenandoah Valley Academy.

Four meetings have been held by the band since its organization this school year. The hall in New Market has been secured to hold meetings every second Sunday in each month. At the first meeting we had an attendance of over one hundred and fifty, many coming for miles in automobiles.

A collection of over three dollars was taken, which more than paid for the hall and the "Present Truth Series" which we gave out at the close of the meeting.

We have also held two meetings at the Soliloquy school house and one in the Liberty church. These meetings were well attended and the people seem anxious to have us come back next month.

It is the aim of the band to give the special truths for this time at these places so that the people will understand the meaning of the things that are coming upon the world. Realizing that we are insufficient for these things and that these meetings will be in vain without the Holy Spirit working in the hearts of the people, we request the readers of the VISITOR to remember us at the throne of Grace.

M. A. MALONY, Leader.

News Notes

The first three months of our school has just passed. Teachers and students have been very busy with the term examinations.

Alice Hutchinson spent Thanksgiving

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with her parents in Washington. We were glad to see her back and to hear her merry voice.

Leroy Whitehead spent a few days with his sister at the academy.

Elder and Mrs. R. D. Hottel pleasantly entertained the school family at their home on Thanksgiving day. We are sure it was a day that will long be remembered.

Miss Maud Perdue from Roanoke is visiting friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. Tanner spent Thursday at Timberville, a small village near New Market in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering. She secured a little over five dollars for missions and sold six of the "World War." The work is not yet finished. Will you help?

Mount Vernon Academy

The Mount Vernon Academy enjoyed the rich blessings of the Lord during the week of prayer. We believe, that in accordance with the times in which we are living, the spirit came into our midst. Thursday morning, especially, every heart was touched and surrendered to God.

Brother H. S. Weaver, business manager of the College Press, went to the Washington Sanitarium for an operation. We shall miss him very much and our prayers for a successful operation and a speedy recovery are ascending to the throne of Grace.

Miss Hilda Rockey spent several days at the sanitarium last week, having had her tonsils removed.

Miss Lillian Coffman left for her home in Hagerstown, Md., on December 9, on account of the illness of her mother. We hope she will return after the holidays.

Mr. Lloyd Hoyman of Millersburg, Ohio, a former student here, visited the academy last week.

Miss Helen Beatty left last Thursday for her home in Northeast, Pa., where she will spend her holiday vacation.

Special

A Dream and a Story

A discouraged worker had the following strange dream: He thought he was standing on the top of a granite rock, trying to break it with a pickax. Hour after hour he worked on, with no result. At last he said, "It is useless; I will stop." Suddenly a man stood by him and asked: "Was not this task allotted to you? And if so, why are you going to abandon it?" "My work is vain; I can make no impression on the granite." Then the stranger solemnly replied: "That is nothing to you. Your duty is to pick, whether the rock yields or not. The work is yours, the results are in other hands. Work on." In his dream he set himself anew to his labor, and at his first blow the rock flew into hundreds of pieces. It was only a dream, but it proved a valuable lesson to the worker and a means of comfort and cheer to his soul.

So much for the dream. Brother Ernest Lloyd, who was associated with some of our Columbia Union missionary secretaries during the early part of November in the interest of our pioneer missionary paper, the *Signs*, tells of a California paper worker who, supposing it would be wasted effort to call at a certain miner's house that set well back from the road, passed it by several times. At last feeling that duty demanded a visit, the worker called and was agreeably surprised to secure a subscription. Three months later while continuing his work in another town, our brother again met the miner, who said, "The *Signs* is the best religious paper I have ever read. I am now keeping the true Sabbath. My daughter in the East, to whom I have been sending my paper, has also begun the observance of the Sabbath. She wrote me that she had passed the same paper on to her neighbor and that she too has taken her stand for the truth. This neighbor in turn gave the paper to a deacon of the Methodist Church, of which she was a member, with the result that he embraced the Sabbath also." Acting upon the suggestion of the miner our worker wrote to his daughter and learned that she had interested others in the truths presented in the *Signs of the Times*, and all desired to see a Seventh-day Adventist minister. The president of the conference was written to, a tent effort was held there, and a church was organized as a result. Yes,

the *Signs of the Times* does bring people into the truth.

Persons who formerly refused the *Signs* gladly accept and read it now. There is a genuine spirit of inquiry everywhere. How are we relating ourselves to it? Consider seriously the idea of securing a large club of *Signs* for use among your neighbors. Think of it! 80 cents each for a whole year if your club is for five or more copies, and only 85 cents each for five or more copies if you order the paper sent direct from the publishers to the persons whose names you might furnish. These prices are good only until 12 P.M., December 31, 1917, after which time prices will be increased. Remember the dream if you are tempted to ask, does it pay?

Notice

The article entitled "Christian Perfection," beginning on page 5 in *VISITOR* of December 6 was written by Elder D. E. Lindsey.

OBITUARIES

CARROLL.—Ardra Burton, born July 20, 1916, died November 25, 1917, of whooping cough and pneumonia. Little Burton was the only child of Brother and Sister Carroll. He was a lovely little child, always having a smile for everybody. All that skill and loving efforts could do was done to save his life, but to no avail. The sorrowing parents greatly feel their loss but they sorrow not as others who have no hope, for they know that on the resurrection morning the angels will deliver to their arms their dear one lost to them for only a little while.

Funeral services were conducted near Birmingham and also at Clyde, words of comfort being spoken by the writer.

E. L. ILES.

January Signs Magazine

Bigger, brighter, better than ever before. Selling agents ought to do well with it even at the new 15 cent price. Any one of the three new features—page of answers to health questions, page of short answers to Bible questions, page of significant church movements—will be worth 15 cents plus to many readers. Then there are the great powerful sermon articles by some of our best denominational writers. For example: Who Sired Autocracy (Spalding); Ancestral Apes and Patriarchal Polliwogs (Haynes); A Challenge to Skeptics (a mathematically precise prophecy—"70 weeks"); How Graham closed His Factory (Sabbath); Tracing Mormonism's Pedigree, and others.