

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

No. 6

Twenty-Cent-A-Week Fund

ward march of the gospel story. The books of heaven have been opened and new names inscribed, to stand throughout eternity, their final passport to the city of God. Surely it is more blessed to give than to receive. While the last rays of the setting sun linger for a moment, should we not renew our consecration and dedicate our all to the finishing of the work? C. C. PULVER.

Some Big Successes Closing 1917

We have just received an enthusiastic and highly appreciative letter from Elder F. W. Paap, stating that the Columbia Union has led all the Unions in North America in her receipts for the Harvest Ingathering. We wish in turn to thank all our brethren and workers for the splendid co-operation in not only raising the Columbia Union Goal of \$25,000.00, but in over-reaching it, \$26,685.30 having been received.

Just a word on the Philadelphia Meetings. Two weeks ago Sunday night, we had, as usual, our packed house. I spoke on the subject of the "Mark of the Beast." When I closed, I asked that vast audience how many there believed what I had been preaching was the truth; and to be explicit, by that I meant that theseventh day was the Sabbath from sun-down Friday night to sun-down Saturday night, and should now be observed, would they please stand on their feet? How many do you think arose? Between 1500 to 1800.

The following Sunday night, by invitation, Elder A. G. Daniels addressed the audience on the "World-wide Work of Seventh-day Adventists." The house was packed from root to topmost twig, and the theatre manager told me that 1,000 people had to be turned away. It was a great meeting. The subject matter was handled in an able and convincing fashion.

This makes the 24th week we have held meetings in that large theatre in the heart of Philadelphia, and our audiences still continue to pack in with heavy overflows. The interest this year is different from that of last year. Last year we put more money into newspaper work, and circulation efforts; it was what you would call more publicity interest. This year there is more audience interest. The truth has gotten down deep and gripped its fingers strongly around hearts, and we are being favored now regularly with humble gatherings of people. Precious souls are turning to the truth every week. A big wave is on. We regret to say that next Sunday night will have to be our last meeting this year, as Elder Parsons has been notified by the Coal Administration authorities that the theatre will not be permitted to be opened.

Our brethren will further be glad to

learn of the splendid results which the Columbia Union shows in her Foreign Mission Offerings. We will have something to say later concerning the tithe and increase in membership, but just now the figures on Foreign Mission Offerings are in, and I will pass the word along. We not only raised our quota, but went \$16,000 in excess!! The total receipts for Foreign Missions was \$106,000. The writer can remember when it was hardly \$20,000. We are glad to say that every conference in the Union went out this year, which is the first time in the history of the Columbia Union Conference. Thus we have made more than one new record for the Union in 1917.

B. G. WILKINSON.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

Sellersville Church Organized

On December 22, 1917, Elder Chas. Baierle, organized a new church of ten members at Sellersville, Penna. Most of these were members of the old Fair Hill Church, which has discontinued services for the present. A number of others will join us later.

Through Bible readings, cottage gatherings, and hall meetings, we have endeavored to spread the truth of God. Everywhere the Lord opens doors of usefulness and opportunity to those who live for His service. We have tried, in particular to exalt the Man of Calvary, and His mediatorial work, in all our efforts.

Several have decided to obey the truth and a number are interested in the message. Several have heard the truth here, and then left for other places, where the seed sown is bearing fruit. We desire the prayers of all that our interested ones shall come on the right side; also, that God will bless us and that we may be strong to do His bidding.

E. E. MESSINGER.

Result of Faithful Work

About four years ago in a little country town in Ohio, in the cold winter, Brother Kohr a colporteur, called at the home of an earnest young woman who was earnestly seeking help from God to be a true Christian. While demonstrating the book "Daniel and Revelation" and using scripture texts freely, the Lord was impressing her mind with the message he brought and the book was purchased. She not only read, but studied the book with intense earnestness, applying its message to her own heart and life, being inspired to accept and fully obey the will of God as it was unfolded to her.

About two years later her husband suggested that they move to Philadelphia a

city in which neither had been interested before this time. It was made a subject of prayer and He, who never fails to hear our earnest pleas, removed from their path every obstacle and, as a faithful General, led them every step of the way and added rich blessings to their experiences. The prayer was continued that God might reveal His purpose in this experience. Last winter while scanning the newspaper, their attention was directed to the announcement of the service in the Garrick Theater. She and her husband attended and were deeply moved, recognizing that they had read this message but not connecting the lecture and the book, "Daniel and Revelation."

In July, the West Philadelphia tent was pitched near this home and once more the attention was called to these services. In the course of one of the services Brother Baierle, the minister in charge, referred to the book "Daniel and Revelation", by Uriah Smith and remembering the book, her interest and intense enthusiasm were aroused. A Bible worker called at her home and after reviewing together the great truths of the Third Angel's Message and its power to transform men and women into God's own ideal for them, this dear soul observed the next Sabbath, was thoroughly converted to the truth of God for this time, and now with an entirely consecrated life, an Adventist of only a few months, with prayers and tears mingled, she is teaching the truth to her neighbors and is instructing relatives and friends by missionary correspondence that they, too, may enjoy the things of God and Heaven's richest blessing.

This dear sister knows that God is in this movement, that He it is, who has led her into this wonderful message and that He sent our brother to their home as His messenger with a book which has proven to be a link in the chain let down from heaven to draw them to God.

News Notes

Home Missionary Convention, Harrisburg, February 22-24. Watch for further announcements.

Brother T. H. Barritt spent last Sabbath with the First African Church and the Sellersville Church. He reports 20 subscriptions for the good old "Review."

Colporteur's Institute will be held in the West Philadelphia Church, 51st and Locust Streets. Splendid help and assistance is promised. All wishing to attend, write Brother C. E. Reichenbaugh, Mohnton, Pa., for particulars.

In looking over the results of the Missionary Volunteer work during 1917, we

find that our goal has been over-reached in several steps. Owing to the broken work of the year we feel that the report is splendid even if it is not quite what all hoped it would be.

	Goal	Results
Young people converted	45	41
Stan'd of Attainment Cer.	18	19
Reading Course Cer.	54	70
Bible Year	36	8
For India	\$588 00	\$1320 27

The many calls from the mission fields; the many workers that must be sent quickly; the short time in which the message must be given; all demand earnest, consecrated, decisive, action on the part of the churches at home. The quota for missions has been raised from twenty cents to twenty-five cents a member each week for the coming year. This is the earnest call God is sending to us for each to do his best to hasten the coming of Christ. Let us respond by our actions. "Come quickly Lord Jesus."

The thirteenth Sabbath offering at the close of the year amounted to \$874.40. This is the largest amount we have ever sent to the mission fields from one Sabbath. Our prayers are also offered that God's blessing may rest upon the gift and guide in its disposal.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

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

Report of West Pennsylvania Conference

For Year Ending December 31, 1917

The proclamation of the Gospel to all the world in this generation to fit a people for the coming of the Lord is the greatest work ever committed to mortals. Wonderful opportunities for service come to each person. We must now work with determined effort to save souls, as the angry nations, the condition of society, the calamities by land and sea show that time is short. It is our duty to lay hold of our work with such zeal that people will see that the Spirit of God, and the spirit of soul saving are in us. It is much more pleasing to God and angels to see us in the name of the Lord draw souls from Satan than to stand by and make but little effort. Not one of us is above temptation, but if we will draw nigh to God, God will draw nigh to us. When we draw from God with all our power, then He says, "Let him take hold of My strength." Then a work is accomplished in us which fits us for real service, "And the Saviour stretches out His hand saying, 'But ye brethren, are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a

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

Church	Members	Amt. at \$3 Per Mem.	Amt. Raised	Amt. Short	Amt. Over
Albion	18	\$54 00	\$2 97	\$51 03	
Allegheny No. 1	70	210 00	276 24		66 24
Allegheny No. 2	60	180 00	319 09		139 09
Altoona	46	138 00	143 09		5 09
Bradford	29	87 00	89 03		2 03
Clearfield	10	30 00	25 55	4 45	
Corry	23	69 00	2 55	93 45	
Corrydon	21	63 00	25 35	37 65	
Coudersport	30	90 00	109 45		19 45
Conference	45	135 00	104 46	30 54	
Dubois	41	123 00	214 85		91 85
Edinboro	4	12 00	10 00	2 00	
Erie	62	186 00	104 85	81 15	
Huntingdon	14	42 00	42 52		52
Indiana	30	90 00	5 50	84 50	
Jimtown	13	39 00	2 55	36 45	
Johnstown	54	162 00	1185 05		1023 05
Meadville	15	45 00	34 75	10 25	
Mt. Jewett	22	66 00	43 11	22 89	
Mt. Braddock	28	84 00	127 25		43 25
McDonald	20	60 00	22 56	37 44	
North Warren	30	90 00	42 16	47 84	
Pittsburgh No. 1	140	420 00	1024 36		604 36
Pittsburgh No. 2	75	225 00	240 90		15 90
Port Allegheny	18	54 00	5 00	49 00	
Raymond	34	102 00	8 45	93 55	
Shinglehouse	30	90 00	25 08	64 92	
Six Mile Run	6	18 00	51 00		33 00
Galeton	13	39 00	7 37	31 63	
Washington	22	66 00	59 07	6 93	
Totals	1000	\$3000 00	4354 16		\$1354 16

E. A. MANRY, Home Missionary Secretary.

thief. Ye are all the children of light and the children of the day."

We thank the Lord for the degree of success He has given in West Pennsylvania in 1917. There were 220 baptized. The membership of the conference is now 1120. The tithe was \$29,287.38, the largest we have ever received in one year, being more than double what it was four years ago. The Sabbath School offerings were \$6,470.66. An excellent gain was made along this line. Our Harvest Ingathering goal was \$3,000, and we received \$4,386.35. This is a nice increase and gives us courage to do more in the future.

Our books show that we have sent for foreign missions and home institutions \$12,582.89, which is an average of nearly twenty-seven cents per week per member, or \$3,118.89 over and above our quota of twenty-cents-a-week for each member.

The literature sales for the year were \$29,472.42 which is higher than ever before.

The faithfulness of laborers, and the hearty co-operation of our dear people have brought about the encouraging results in this conference.

The Future

The outlook for the future is good. There is an excellent spirit in all the churches. The note of courage and victory is being sounded for the finishing of the work in this generation.

The conference executive committee is planning for a good big camp-meeting,

and also for strong aggressive work during the tent season. We ask the prayers of our people everywhere that we may see our opportunities and responsibilities, and that we can truly say of Christ, "He hath broken the bands of Satan; He hath covered me with the robe of His righteousness. I will go in the strength of the Lord God. I will make mention of Thy righteousness." F. H. ROBBINS.

Harvest Ingathering

The above report shows how that the Lord has blessed the work of His faithful people in this field. Surely heavenly angels went before us. We have witnessed the fulfillment of the scripture, "Not by might or power, but by My spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts."

All praise be to the great Captain who never lost a battle. Every large church in the conference, except one, passed its goal. The nice sum of over \$4000 was passed on to Washington by our treasurer and now with this in the mission work many souls will be gathered in, while several thousands of families here have a better understanding of the work carried on by Seventh-day Adventists.

Those who worked faithfully with the papers saw the mighty hand of God in finishing the work and a new courage has taken possession of them. We hope to continue the work of soul-saving throughout the year, and see many gathered into the Lord's fold. E. A. MANRY.

NEW JERSEY

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

The Witness in the Case

To him, who in the love of Sabbath
School work
Holds communion with its tangible forces,
it speaks
A various language.

—Adapted for the occasion.

Can figures talk? Well, they have, to
sometimes, to convince people of what
they are doing as compared to what they
are able to do. They often serve a very
handy purpose, and let us hope they do
so here.

The complete dissemination of this
truth cannot so soon be realized if the
majority of the believers sit passively by
watching the few spend their time, their
means, and themselves toward this accom-
plishment. The hastening of the Glad
Day depends much upon the alacrity
with which we all respond to that which
is required of us. We all profess to fear
the Lord, and some of us perhaps have
reasons so to do. But with godly fear
and an openhearted, generous looking-
forward to His coming, how soon might
that glorious event be ushered in.

We show the actual sincerity of our
profession by the way we share our gifts
with others. This denomination stands
unique in its large comparative gifts to
missions, and liberally manifests this
characteristic through the channel of the
Sabbath School. We have reason to re-
joice over the work being done and the
growth experienced. When the people
have a clear conception of what is re-
quired of them, they respond with a will
and with readiness.

These statements are quite true of the
New Jersey Sabbath School members.
In comparing present results with those
of the past, we find a uniform increase
in the efforts put forth, especially financial
efforts. And still we are doing but a part
of what we can. For the third quarter of
1917, our offerings were \$1685.30, of
which \$434 were given on the Thirteenth
Sabbath. During the fourth quarter we
gave \$1602.24, of which \$476.55 was the
Thirteenth Sabbath offering. We have
reason to make apologies for our Thir-
teenth Sabbath offering, though three of
our schools gave \$50 or more apiece on
December 29.

Of the thirty-eight Sabbath Schools in
the conference, nineteen, during the last
quarter, contributed more than \$1.00 per
member. The list follows:

School	Mem.	Offerings	Per Cap.
Burlington	48	\$162.58	\$3.39
Newark German	6	26.47	2.94
Washington	4	11.05	2.76

Camden	70	130.47	1.86
Newark Boh'm	37	66.27	1.79
J. C. German	47	81.19	1.73
Jersey City 1	53	89.89	1.70
Jersey City 2	59	99.29	1.68
Hackensack	16	24.31	1.52
Rockaway	20	30.32	1.52
Ramah	45	64.78	1.44
Franklin Fur.	25	35.89	1.44
Perth Amboy	8	11.43	1.43
Vineland	40	52.66	1.32
Paterson Eng.	83	106.72	1.29
Newark Eng.	114	143.25	1.26
Trenton	108	132.75	1.23
Bridgeton	47	50.55	1.08
Cape May C.H.	37	38.29	1.03

If you find your school in this list, your
honor is congratulations and thanks. If
not, let's endeavor to have it there this
quarter. The whole life of the school
does not, lie in its offerings, but these are
a good indication of the spirit of useful-
ness we show. Let us make the success
of the past a criterion to point us to
greater things in the stirring times ahead
of us.

Yours for Christian co-operation and
enterprise,

L. DONALD WARREN,
Sabbath School Secretary.

News Notes

Elder Heckman spent last Sabbath with
the churches at Vineland and Bridgeton,
and the Sabbath before with the Dover
Church. At the latter place Brother
Wells Bement was ordained church elder.

Miss Jessie Weiss, a most successful
Bible worker of East Pennsylvania, has
been secured to do Bible work in the
city of Trenton.

During the past two weeks Brother
Kirk and a half dozen helpers have been
carrying on in Trenton a special campaign
with the book work. We are convinced
from the results of this campaign that a
great work can and will yet be done in
our large cities. The colporteurs find
many people who are honest in heart,
and who desire to know the truth. Plans
are being laid to launch similar campaigns
in the cities in the northern part of the
state.

Sister Jessen, of Paterson, who for a
few weeks past has been doing canvass-
ing work in Trenton, has returned to her
home.

New Jersey set its Harvest Ingathering
goal this year at \$3,000. The funds re-
ceived from this campaign previous to
January 1, 1918 amount to \$3,108.71. This
fact is quite characteristic of the usual

way in which the people of New Jersey
live up to the goals they set for them-
selves.

CHESAPEAKE

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

Baltimore Effort

It has been the privilege of the writer
to have charge of the Baltimore No. 1
Church and the English work the past
eighteen months in the city of Baltimore.

God has blessed our efforts to get the
message before the people and reduce the
indebtedness of the church building.

Seven series of evangelistic services
have been held. Four tent meetings and
three theatre and hall efforts. 125 have
been united to the church on profession
of faith, and thirty more have signed the
Sabbath covenant, who will no doubt
unite later. These meetings have been
well attended by congregations varying
from one hundred to fifteen hundred.
The past summer's tent efforts of sixteen
weeks only two Sunday nights were we
able to seat the many that came to our
70x90 tent. The offerings have also been
exceptionally good. Of the seven efforts
we have only gone behind \$750 on the
general expenses aside from the laborer's
salaries.

The financial report of the church shows
that during this time over \$3500 have
been raised on the church debt, \$1410 on
Ingathering, and the past year the church
has gone \$200 over their quota on the
twenty-cent-per week mission offering.

The tithe has increased \$3019.65 over
the corresponding eighteen months pre-
vious. The tithe of the new members
has amounted to \$2306. The past month
(December) for the church membership
of 250 the tithe has been \$826.61.

To reduce the church debt and to assist
in other missionary activities, the church
has been divided into bands of twelve
members each. The first \$500 payment
of the debt was made in the general way
of raising money. This was a real effort.

Our first band goal was set at \$1250 for
the church. This meant \$50 for each
band, each member endeavoring to do his
part. At the close of the six months'
campaign, we were all rejoiced to know
that the returns amounted to \$1602. The
second effort resulted in gathering
\$1535.51, making altogether more than
\$3500 to apply on the debt of \$5500. Fol-
lowing these two efforts, the Harvest In-
gathering was handled through the bands.
The goal set was \$750. Though the
church had been busy from the time of
the last year's campaign on the Ingath-
ering in the two campaigns on the church
debt, yet in two months they passed their
goal, raising the amount of \$910.

In our band work thousands of leaflets

of the Present Truth series have been placed in the homes of the people and many commandment cards as well. We feel that much good will be done in this way in getting the truth before the people. In fact some who have come into the church were first interested by our literature workers. In connection with the meetings more than 350,000 announcements were also carried to the homes of the people.

The membership of the church stands now at 250. About half of these are new members. Our hearts have been cheered indeed to see these interested ones take their stand for the truth, and also do their part in all the privileges placed before the church to do good for others.

The following workers have been associated with the writer in these various meetings: Brother G. Medairy has had charge of the music. Most of the Bible workers have been developed and educated in their work during the time of the services, three having been taken from the new members. Those who have labored at some time during these various efforts are: Mrs. M. S. Pettibone, Miss N. Ackerman, Miss E. Kimber, Mrs. H. Yingling, Miss E. Baus, Mrs. E. North, Miss A. Miller, Miss A. Dewers, and Miss B. Wagner.

We are thankful for the labors of these workers, and the co-operation of the church. Especially do we thank the Lord for His abiding presence. To Him be the praise. Though in one tent effort our big tent was blown flat causing much damage to the tent, yet through it all the Lord has been near, and things have worked together for good and the salvation of some.

At the present writing we are holding a series of meetings at Hagerstown. Sunday night meetings in a theatre and week nights in another hall. Our first Sunday night, though the theatre seats 2000, we were unable to accommodate the congregation. All seats were full, some two or three hundred stood throughout the service, and many were turned away. Our hall services have also been well attended. We have now had three services in the theatre Sunday nights with large attendance. The papers of the town are especially liberal in giving us free space for articles that have been submitted to them. We earnestly solicit the prayers of our people for the work here at Hagerstown.

A. S. BOOTH.

"So utterly was Christ emptied of self that He made no plans for Himself. He accepted God's plan for Him, and day by day the father unfolded His plans. So should we depend upon God, that our lives may be the simple outworking of His will."

The Work Among the Colored People in the Chesapeake Conference

The year 1917 has marked the highest record for progress in this field that has ever been known. The number of colored believers now number over one third of the entire conference membership. These believers gave in tithe last year over \$3600 and in offerings to missions about \$1500. The various churches have made improvements in their buildings and the one tent effort held last year among the colored people in the city of Baltimore netted 43 new members. This conference released another of its young workers in the person of Brother Jeter Cox for Ohio, Elder Muntz of that state taking Brother Cox's church at Wilmington, Delaware.

The Wilmington Church made marked progress under the leadership of Brother Cox and we know that there will be seen progress among the colored people in Ohio, as has been seen here. At the present time the Baltimore Church No. 3 is expecting the arrival of Elder Strachan from Florida to take the place of the writer who goes at once to Washington, D. C. The church and school at Baltimore are both in the best working condition and we feel loath to leave, but the brethren have so long persuaded us to do something for the Ephesus Church at Washington that we have consented to do our best under the guiding of the Lord. During the six years of our stay here the present building was secured, costing with improvements about \$7000. All is paid except \$1600. During the same six years this church has paid in tithe \$6400, in offerings to missions \$2700 and for the support of the local church \$6200 or a total of \$15,300. The membership has been raised from eleven to three hundred and we leave, feeling that heaven mightily blessed all our efforts to advance the cause. We solicit your prayers that these dear people may be loyal to the end.

GUSTAVUS P. RODGERS.

VIRGINIA

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

A City Worker's Training School

There has been a demand for a school to give special training to experienced colporteurs who may possess special qualifications for city work. It has been decided to open such a school at Norfolk, Virginia, February 18, 1918.

Our large cities must be worked with our literature. Brother George W. Lawrence has demonstrated thoroughly that our literature can be sold as successfully in the cities as in the rural districts. One thing to which special attention will be

given is the finding openings for, and the giving of, Bible studies in the homes of the people. Our colporteurs desire to see souls won to the truth by their direct effort. Brother Lawrence seems to possess this particular gift, and knows how to teach it to others. He will teach this phase of the work. He is now conducting fourteen Bible studies each week, and has openings for many more. Besides this Mrs. Richardson, a trained nurse of long and successful experience will give instruction in Medical Missionary Evangelism.

The harvest is ripe in our large cities. The theatre in Newport News was packed, and many were turned away. This interest was started by Brother Lawrence's work with the "World's Crisis" series last spring.

We began a theatre effort in the largest theatre in Norfolk, Sunday night, January 20. In these meetings the books will be given due publicity. One of our colporteurs working in connection with the Newport News theatre effort took orders for 114 books in one day. He tells the people that he is connected with the effort, and they buy freely.

The colporteur can more than make expenses. There will be no tuition charges. The course will consist of three months' work. Thirty hours of field work each week will be required. The "World's Crisis Series" and "Our Day in the Light of Bible Prophecy" by Elder W. A. Spicer will be the books used. Those who attend the school from outside of the Virginia Conference will be admitted only on consideration that they return to the conference from which they came, at the end of the three months, to engage in city evangelistic canvassing. No one will be admitted until full and satisfactory arrangements shall have been made with the conference from which the colporteur comes.

Address all communications to the following address: I. D. Richardson, 1806 Omohundra Ave., Norfolk, Va.

WEST VIRGINIA

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

Parkersburg

The meetings in Parkersburg are continuing with increasing interest. Our second supper for the poor was served Wednesday night, January 23. We fed one hundred and seventy hungry people and gave away hundreds of garments that had been donated by the better class of the city. The merchants contributed liberally and cheerfully food stuffs for the supper. The whole city has been aroused over this effort put forth by our people and it has had a tendency to allay prej-

udice and cause the people to look with favor upon our work. Practically every night the tabernacle is full, and although the streets were covered with ice Sunday, the 27th, we had a full house in the afternoon and had to provide many extra seats to accommodate the people on Sunday night. The Sabbath question was considered and great enthusiasm manifested on the part of the people. The offerings have been excellent and the spirit of God has brooded over the services in a marked manner.

The newspapers have been giving us excellent space, free of charge, for sermon reports and people all over, the city are much interested in the themes presented.

The Men's Mass meetings on Sunday afternoon have proven a great success and so much interest was aroused that the women petitioned us to throw the meeting open for them also, which we did last Sunday afternoon and hundreds were in attendance at the service. Many are already deciding for the truth and we solicit the prayers of the Visitor family that God will search out every honest-hearted soul in the city and gather them into the fold during this series of meetings.

Sunday night, February 3, we expect to present the "Seal of God and the Mark of the Beast" at which time we shall call for decisions as to what the people intend to do. We hope that you will remember this service in special prayer that the spirit of God may help the people to decide aright.

A further report will be rendered later.
T. B. WESTBROOK.

Young People's Convention in Huntington and Parkersburg

During the month of January we have had two good Young People's conventions in our conference. Professor Stone was with us and gave splendid help. As we met with the Huntington society, we were impressed with their willingness to walk in all advance steps in young people's work. This society has just been organized and with the exception of about three members are all new in the truth. We believe this society will soon be one of the strongest in our conference. Brother Earnest Manseel is leader of this society.

The second meeting was at Parkersburg. Here we had an all day's session. This society is starting out full of courage and faith, believing this new year will see advancement along all lines. Sister Delia Meek is the leader. As a result of the tabernacle meetings many homes in Parkersburg are open and the young people have been invited to assist in this work. Bands have been organized and we believe these young people will receive many blessings as they labor for their Master.
LIDA MAE WESTBROOK.

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, One Week Ending January 25, 1918									
Fred Hannah, Guernsey Co.		OD	10	72	43	94 00	22 50	116 50	
F. E. Wagner, Barberton		OD	11	55	55	125 00	18 80	143 80	46 50
M. B. Ingersoll, Vinton Co.		BR	4	32	6	26 00	2 35	28 35	6 35
Geo. Harvey, Trumbull Co.		BR	5	51	24	120 00	11 50	131 50	38 00
O. E. Taylor, Franklin Co.		PPF	4	20	7	21 00	50	21 50	3 00
C. J. Fritz, Shawnee		OD	4	20	7	15 00	1 00	16 00	3 75
Chas. Carter, Wood Co.		BR	2	18	5	20 00	1 75	21 75	4 50
D. McCarthy, Cincinnati		BR	3	16	2	6 00		6 00	
G. W. Yingling, E. Palestine		BR	3	11	6	27 00	4 25	31 25	2 50
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Dayton		BR	2	5	3	11 50	1 75	13 25	9 75
Robert Kline, Mount Vernon		OD	2	5	4	12 00	25	12 25	
Myrtle McPeak, Columbus		OD	3	4	2	4 00		4 00	
Totals	11 Agents		53	309	164	\$481 50	\$64 65	546 15	114 35
New Jersey, One Week Ending January 25, 1918									
Philip Broeckle, Trenton		OD	10	64	14	36 25	1 35	37 60	8 00
Mrs. J. W. Jenssen, Trenton		WCS	8			49 50	9 20	58 70	16 45
Fred Zimmerly, Trenton		WCS	3	21	12	15 38		15 38	5 50
John F. Clark, Trenton		WCS	6	21	39	43 50		43 50	16 75
Irvin W. Rodgers, Trenton		BR	5	22	10	48 00	31 50	79 50	78 00
W. B. Davies, Trenton		BF	2	16					40 00
Philip Broeckel, Trenton		OD	10	50	24	58 00	15 00	73 00	7 50
Miscellaneous		WCS				25 00		25 00	20 00
Totals	6 Agents		44	194	99	275 65	57 05	332 68	192 20
Chesapeake, Week Ending January 25, 1918									
J. E. Jones, Caroline Co. Md.		BR	6	37	17	70 00	20 00	90 00	5 00
Mrs. J. Vanzant, Rock Hall, Md.		OD	4	24	7	14 00	17 50	31 50	
D. W. Johns, Baltimore, Md.		OD			30	60 00	13 40	73 40	5 75
Magazines								15 00	
Totals	3 Agents		10	61	54	144 00	50 90	194 90	10 75
Grand Totals:	20 Agents	Value of Orders	\$901 15		Deliveries,		\$317 30		

News Notes

G. W. Ellers left Parkersburg Sabbath morning to join Elder T. M. French in his series of meetings at Cumberland, Md.

Elder W. L. Adkins is spending a few weeks in Morgantown looking after the interest of the work.

Brother and Sister Ledbetter of Gladys, W. Va., have sold their farm and expect to locate in Cumberland, Md., about the first of April.

Elder T. DeWitt Gauterau has accepted a call to make East Pennsylvania his field of labor.

Brother A. H. Rulkoetter conducted a very profitable meeting in Huntington Sabbath. While there \$100.00 were pledged on the Washington College fund.

Elder H. J. Detwiler has accepted a call to make West Virginia his field of labor and plans to arrive about March 1.

Elder French is reporting excellent attendance and deep interest in his theatre meetings in Cumberland, Md.

Miss Matilda Butker, who is assisting in the office, spent Sabbath with her people in Huntington.

Are you taking the "Bible Year?" If not start at once to read your Bible through in 1918. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Ps. 119:11.

March Watchman Now Ready

The March number of the "Watchman" is now ready. Among the leading articles are "Benedict XV and the Belligerents," "The Orient and the Next War," "The Land of Liberty," "The End of the Age," etc. The cover design shows a little Adventist miss in a country school knitting a sweater during the recess period for some soldier at the front. It is very impressive and has a strong patriotic appeal. Orders of 250 or more may be telegraphed free if you are in a hurry.

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The Missionary

(Concluded)

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he that winneth souls is wise." Eccl. 11:30.

The righteous or God's "called," "elect," or "saints" are compared as a tree of life, that which perpetuates fruit for eternity. Those who are included in this class are classed as "wise." Would it not be fine, if each one who professes to be a Christian, and a Seventh-day Adventist, and has their name on the church book, would be an active missionary, a "tree of life" bearing fruit to the glory of God. Those who are real Christians will bear fruit, and win souls to Jesus Christ.

A personal worker is what each Christian will be. While riding on the street car the other day, two well dressed ladies spoke to me, and said, "you are a personal worker for Christ, are you not?" I said I was, and was glad I could be of some service in winning souls to Christ.

I believe brethren and sisters, that if we would actually live in harmony with the light and truth for this time, which God has so graciously given us, that the people of this world, and the people of the church could distinguish us from the people of the world. I believe that it is a good lesson to one who professes to be a Christian; but does not possess it, to have some one come along and ask if they are Christians.

It is high time that we become active in personal missionary work. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11:6.

I want to insert a few words from the Spirit of Prophecy in Vol. 8, pages 244, 245, 246 of the Testimonies, in this article, as follows: "Lay Members to go Forth." "There is a much greater work devolving upon the individual members of the church than they realize. They are not awake to the claims of God. The time has come when every means should be devised that can aid in preparing a people to stand in the day of God. We must be wide awake, refusing to let precious opportunities pass unimproved. We must do all that we possibly can to win souls to love God and keep His commandments. Jesus requires this of those who know the truth. Is His demand unreasonable? Have we not the life of Christ as our example? Do we not owe the Saviour a debt of love, of

earnest, unselfish labor for the salvation of those for whom He gave His life?

"Many of the members of our large churches are doing comparatively nothing. They might accomplish a good work if, instead of crowding together, they would scatter into places that have not been entered by the truth. Trees that are planted too thickly do not flourish. They are transplanted by the gardener, that they may have room to grow, and not become dwarfed and sickly. The same rule would work well for our large churches. Many of the members are dying spiritually for want of this very work. They are becoming sickly and inefficient. Transplanted, they would have room to grow strong and vigorous.

"It is not the purpose of God that His people should colonize, or settle together in large communities. The disciples of Christ are His representatives upon the earth, and God designs that they shall be scattered all over the country, in the towns, cities, and villages, as lights amidst the darkness of the world. They are to be missionaries for God, by their faith and works, testifying to the near approach of the coming Saviour.

"The lay members of our churches can accomplish a work which, as yet, they have scarcely begun. None should move into new places merely for the sake of worldly advantage; but where there is an opening to obtain a livelihood, let families that are well grounded in the truth enter, one or two families in a place, to work as missionaries. They should feel a love for souls, a burden of labor for them and should make it a study how to bring them into the truth. They can distribute our publications, hold meetings in their homes, become acquainted with their neighbors, and invite them to come to these meetings. Thus they can let their light shine in good works.

"Let the workers stand alone in God, weeping, praying, laboring for the salvation of their fellow men. Remember that you are running a race striving for a crown of immortality. While so many love the praise of men more than the favor of God, let it be yours to labor in humility. Learn to exercise faith in presenting your neighbors before the throne of grace, and pleading with God to touch their hearts. In this way effectual missionary work may be done. Some may be reached who would not listen to a minister or a colporteur. And those who thus labor in new places will learn the best ways of approaching the people, and can prepare the way for other laborers.

"A precious experience may be gained by one who engages in this work. He has upon his heart the burden of the souls of his neighbors. He must have the help of Jesus. How careful he will be to walk circumspectly, that his prayers may not

be hindered, that no cherished sin may separate him from God, while helping others, such a worker is himself obtaining spiritual strength and understanding, and in this humble school he may become qualified to enter a wider field.

"Christ declares, 'Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit.' John 15:8. God has endowed us with faculties, and has entrusted us with talents, in order that we may use them for Him. To every man is given his work,—not merely work in his fields of corn and wheat, but earnest, persevering work for the salvation of souls. Every stone in God's temple must be a living stone, a stone that shines, reflecting light to the world. Let the laymen do all that they can; and as they use the talents they already have, God will give them more grace and increased ability. Many of our missionary enterprises are crippled because there are so many who refuse to enter the doors of usefulness that are opened before them. Let all who believe the truth begin to work. Do the work that lies nearest you; do anything however humble, rather than be, like the men of Merog, do-nothings.

"We shall not be stinted for means if we will only go forward trusting in God. The Lord is willing to do a great work for all who truly believe in Him. If the lay members of the church will arouse to do the work that they can do, going on a warfare at their own charges, each seeing how much he can accomplish in winning souls to Jesus, we shall see many leaving the ranks of Satan to stand under the banner of Christ. If our people will act upon the light that is given in these few words of instruction, we shall surely see of the salvation of God. Wonderful revivals will follow. Sinners will be converted, and many souls will be added to the church. When we bring our hearts into unity with Christ, and our lives into harmony with His spirit that fell on the disciples on the day of Pentecost will fall on us."

May God help us to heed the light, is my earnest prayer.

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Sowing the Seed

"But this I say, he which soweth sparingly shall also reap sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." 2 Cor. 9:6.

Every soul in this world is sowing seed, and some are sowing bountifully, but not seeds of truth. Others are sowing sparingly. There is no real love for souls in their sowing, and these will reap sparingly,

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however, whether we sow sparingly or bountifully the seeds of error, destruction awaits us in the end. God wants us to sow bountifully "beside all waters" and though some of the seed fall by the "wayside" or on "stony ground," the Lord of harvest will water the seed and give the increase. We are living in the "eleventh hour" of seed sowing, and yet those who go out to sow the seed now will receive the same wages as those who have toiled through the heat of the day.

COME, the seed has been prepared. The ground is fertile as it ever will be and is now waiting for the sower. "Bright showers" are about to fall and water the seed and make it spring forth. Say brother, sister, you who have been struggling against the conviction that God wants you to go into the colporteur work do not put it off longer. His Spirit will not always wait on you to "just get this," or "that done first." Now is the time such as we have never reached before in which to place our books and publications before the people who are earnestly seeking to know the way. Only a few days ago Brother Harvey who is working in Trumbull County took 21 orders for "Bible Readings" in 18 hours amounting to over \$100.00, and this week a report comes in from Brother F. E. Wagner, who is selling "Our Day," for 40 orders amounting to over \$100 and so the work goes. There are several throughout the state who are under the conviction that God wants them to take up this line of work; and yet are holding back for "a more convenient season" and I fear that time will never come. The enemy of all men will make it just as convenient for you as he possibly can. He will make us think the weather is "too cold just now to make the start, or times are hard."

Harvest Ingathering for 1917

"Over the top." It is very gratifying to find that we have passed our goal by nearly \$20,000. We wish to sincerely thank every one who took part in this grand united effort.

The circulation of considerably over 1,000,000 copies of the "Watchman" is a task. As a result of this united effort many thousands know more of our move-

ment and message than ever before. Great blessings have come to us as we have put on the armor and gone forth to the warfare.

The following report by union conferences for 1916 and 1917 will be studied with interest. It is our plan to give a report by conferences in the columns of the "Review." You will be interested to see just how your conference came out as compared with others.

Unions	1916	1917	Gain	Loss
Atlantic Union	\$ 15,721 41	\$ 17,742 02	\$ 2,020 61	
Central Union	13,531 53	10,403 23		\$ 3,128 30
Columbia Union	18,722 37	26,685 30	7,962 93	
E. Canadian Union	4,342 35	5,720 30	1,377 95	
Lake Union	19,748 69	25,242 15	5,493 46	
Northern Union	13,611 65	17,869 02	4,257 37	
North Pacific Union	9,508 35	14,603 53	5,095 18	
Pacific Union	13,303 45	21,227 14	7,923 69	
Southeastern Union	3,870 11	7,353 20	3,483 09	
Southern Union	4,265 24	6,121 80	1,856 56	
Southwestern Union	4,892 17	4,965 72	73 55	
W. Canadian Union	1,435 78	11,013 32	6,577 54	
Miscellaneous		223 45	223 45	
Totals	125,953 10	169,170 18	46,345 38	3,128 30
Gain over 1916		\$ 43,217 08		

We wish that space would permit of our giving a detailed report of what some churches and individuals have done. We

are certain that with more experience and better organization that we can do more during 1918.

F. W. PAAP.

He will have a lion in the street." If he can stretch our imagination sufficiently there would be a wolf at the door of every colporteur who is in the field. God says "go ye also into my vineyard and whatsoever is right I will pay thee" and who knows what is RIGHT better than He does.

Brother Fred Hannah writes after returning to his field in Guernsey County from the institute, that he is glad to get back to his work of seed sowing again. Brother Hannah is one of the oldest workers we have in the field at the present time, being well onto sixty years of age. The Lord is wonderfully blessing him for the faithful time and effort he is putting in. Last week he sold \$66.00 worth of books and the week before that ran over \$50.00. Do you think you are too old to do active work for God? Then look up the record and see what the older ones throughout our ranks are doing today. It really puts some of us younger workers to shame when we make the comparison. The seed must and will be sown. If we do not do our part someone else will do it for us, but oh the sadness of that day when we appear before the King of kings empty handed.

"Many shall say in that day, Lord, Lord have I not worked in Thy name and in Thy name cast out devils?" "Then He will say, depart from Me I never knew you," you did not do the work I gave you to do.

Let us sow the seeds now while we have

the opportunity and while inquiry is being made as to the Way.

"They tell this strange and curious thing
Of the patient plodding weaver—
That he works on the wrong side ever—
more

Yet he looks on the right side ever;
Far above his head the pattern hangs,
He studies it with care;
The while his fingers deftly weave,
His eyes are fastened there."

C. R. FAIRCHILD.

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