

# Columbia Union Visitor

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

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## UNION

411 Cedar St., Washington, D. C.  
H. G. Wilkinson, Pres. - C. C. Pulver, Sec.

### The Selective Draft

The selective draft has gathered into the large cantonments of the Columbia Union many young men from Adventist families and many who stand alone in the message. It has also many now on the waiting list whose addresses are sought immediately.

Recently a letter was mailed out to all the churches and a blank containing columns for names, addresses at home and at the cantonment, and other important data.

Could the leader to whom this letter has been sent be privileged to visit the boys now in camp and see the eagerness and joy as they greet a worker, could he visit the homes of the parents whose vacant chair indicates that a young man from the family has now been called, could he see the tears come unbidden as the seriousness of the present conflict is discussed, could he spend a few hours on the drill grounds and with the marching columns and in a small way become imbued with the spirit of the camp, could he know first hand of the court marshal that awaits many who will stand firmly for conscience, could he see the good that must come from the literature prepared and under distribution to our boys now in camps and to those soon to enter; then some minor matter would be set aside until the list is complete and forwarded to the Columbia Union office.

Already these lists are coming in and those upon whom the burden rests heavily are thankful indeed for this hearty co-operation. May God help us to be faithful and let us not omit for a single day from our prayer list the young men in the training camps.

Will not those who know of young men whose names have not been sent in from the church nearest you forward at once the following information: Name, present home address, cantonment address if already called, age, whether or not a member of the church, and any other information that would help to become acquainted with present conditions.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Truly your brother,  
C. L. STONE,

411 Cedar St., Takoma Park, D. C.

### Ohio Institute

December 26-January 4 was the date again this year of the Ohio Conference Colporteurs Institute. About thirty-five were in attendance. The general spirit was good and the testimony of all, that last Friday morning at the devotional hour was that they had been greatly benefitted.

#### Instructors

The General Instruction was given by Brother C. R. Fairchild and the writer. The Spirit of Prophecy has said, "There should be men trained for this branch of the work who will be missionaries and will circulate publications." Manual for Canvassers p. 76. By being real missionaries among the people we prepare the way to place our books. While we fail if we do not place the book in the home we are not book-agents. We give our prospective customers a ten or fifteen minute talk on the message and he is so well pleased with the new thoughts brought to him that he agrees to take and pay for a book on the subject. Thus these book-evangelists go about the country leaving behind them a great "whitetrail."

#### Keep the Pole on the Wire

The program for our institute calls for the first hour of the day to be given to Bible study and prayer. Under Brother Wellman's direction this hour proved to be indeed a "power hour." Our great need as evangelistic-colporteurs is to keep in touch with the great power house of the universe, the Sanctuary. As long as the trolley-pole is on the wire, the car runs around turns through rain or snow, up-grade, anywhere on the surface of the earth the will of man decrees. The moment the pole is off the wire the lights go out, the car stops. Before the heaven-called colporteur stops on the trail which has been blazed by the angel that precedes him there is usually a pulling of the pole from the wire,--we cease to commune with God, we look at the obstacles instead of into the face of Jesus, we become dissatisfied with the work rather than with the way we do the work. May the God of heaven bless the Ohio colporteurs in

keeping in touch with the power so essential to success.

#### The Work Onward

This great conference with its 88 counties, a population of nearly five million and a constituency of more than 2,000 members is undoubtedly the most promising field in the Union. We are glad that she still stands at the head of the list of conferences in our Union in subscription book sales and hope to see her pull up to her goal of \$42,000. in 1918.

#### It Can Be Done

"There are thousands to tell it can't be done,

There are thousands to prophesy failure.

There are thousands to point out to you, one by one

The dangers that wait to assail you;

But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,

Then take off your coat and go at it.

Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing

That "can't be done," and you'll do it."

C. V. LEACH.

### Only a Penny!

How frequently we hear the expression, "Oh, it's only a penny," or "It's only a nickle, or a dime!" Few really appreciate the value of a penny, nickel or a dime. These coins are a common medium of exchange, and so common that their real value is little considered and usually underestimated. They are usually invested with little or no consideration.

As the Lord held the individual to whom He gave the one talent equally responsible with the one to whom He gave two and five; it is reasonable to believe that He will hold the one who has and invests one cent as responsible, comparatively, as the one who has a dollar and invests it. Dollars are made up of pennies, and it takes only one hundred of them to make a dollar.

#### Some Interesting Figures

If one would only drop a penny in the self-denial box at each meal, or three cents per day, it would amount to \$10.35 a year.

There are about eight thousand, five hundred members in the Columbia Union. If all would be faithful in practicing self-

denial as the Lord has directed, even to the extent of only one cent a meal, it would amount to \$87,975 in a year. This is within \$12,000 of the Union goal for 1918.

In the world there are about 140,000 Seventh-day Adventists. If all would take up their cross daily and follow their Lord and Master, laying by for the cause of God, only three cents per day, the grand sum of ONE MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS would be turned into the treasury of the Lord, or \$448,000 more than the General Conference goal for 1918.

This is a very simple way to raise "A Million for Missions." Some families in the Columbia Union are practicing this plan faithfully. Why not all? Are you? Why not begin to-day?

Place the self-denial box on the table regularly and drop in a penny every time you eat a meal and notice how it sweetens the meal, the life, and stimulates the movement. Pass the box to your friends as they call, as a family over in Parkersburg does. Tell them the object and they will be pleased to drop in nickels, dimes and quarters.

"Every church member should cherish a spirit of sacrifice. In every home there should be taught lessons of self-denial. Fathers, and mothers, teach your children to economize. Encourage them to save their pennies for missionary work. Christ is our example. For our sakes He became poor that we through His poverty might be made rich. He taught that all should come together in love and unity, to work as He worked, to sacrifice as He sacrificed, to love as the children of God.

"My brethren and sisters, you must be willing to be converted yourselves in order to practice the self-denial of Christ. Dress plainly, but neatly. Spend as little as possible upon yourselves. Keep in your homes a self-denial box into which you can put the money saved by little acts of self-denial. . . . Let none withhold their mites, and let those who have much rejoice that they can lay up in heaven a treasure that faileth not. The money that we refuse to invest in the work of the Lord will perish. On it no interest will accumulate in the books of heaven." Vol. 9: 130, 131.

Don't delay. Begin this good work "To-day"—the very next meal. If you haven't a self-denial box, use a cup until you get one. Don't be spasmodic in this. Be regular—systematic. If you are away from home for a meal or two, drop in extra coin to more than make up.

As you sit at your table, discern the Lord's body and remember the great sacrifice—the self-denial He made for you. In return for this sacrifice for God, make some real sacrifice for your suffering fellow-

men who are perishing out of Christ. Read Matt. 7: 7-12; 25: 40.

J. W. HIRLINGER.

## The Ohio Teacher's Institute

A most pleasant and profitable convention was held for the Ohio teachers at Ravenna at the opening of the present school semester. Nearly every teacher of the conference was present from the beginning and the time was spent in discussing questions vital to the successful teacher. Morning and afternoon meetings were held on Thursday and Friday, a meeting night after Sabbath and a morning meeting on Sunday. A part of one afternoon was spent in visiting a near-by foundry. Almost every variety of toy and scores of articles for the house and the shop materialized before the eyes of the visitor. All were encouraged to gather information at first hand by making excursions of this sort with their pupils.

The predominant theme of the convention was the teacher's relation to others and his own self improvement. Among the titles of papers were the following: Qualifications of a Teacher, The Teacher's Relation to the Church, Teacher's Responsibility, Outside of the School-room, Responsibility to the Conference, Teachers and Parents, Teacher's Preparation of the Lesson, Educational Journals, etc.

Exceedingly inspirational papers were prepared and read on the topics that teachers are meeting most often in actual school-room work. The time was all too short to exhaust all that was discussed, but very satisfactory results were obtained.

Many earnest prayers were offered and many exchanges of experiences that will bring new life to all the schools in the Buckeye State. C. L. STONE.

## The Goal Overreached

I am sure all will rejoice to know that the Union Harvest Ingathering Goal of \$25,000 was overreached by nearly \$2,000. Our Union leads the world in raising the largest amount.

The leaders and members in the Union "have all worked together in all kinds of weather" and made it possible to reach the goal; and I take this opportunity to thank all who have labored so faithfully, for your interest and good work.

Nearly a million and a quarter of the special "Watchman" have been placed in the homes of the people. Very many souls will be saved as a result of these life-savers.

Why not keep a few Harvest Ingathering Watchman handy and use them throughout the year? When friends call or on special occasions? There will be

many opportunities as the months roll by. I know of one individual who has between \$25 and \$50 on the 1918 goal already. Let us make this year a year of opportunity—and make every opportunity count for practical, soul-saving missionary work. "Do something for somebody every day." J. W. HIRLINGER.

## NEW JERSEY

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

## A Proof of Loyalty

Just at this time, when we have but well launched on the 1918 campaign, it seems quite necessary and extremely interesting to note what the Missionary Volunteers in this state accomplished last year. To know that we far outstripped the pace-maker in the 1917 races, furnishes us a guaranty of the power within our ranks to exceed in a similar way what is asked of us for the year.

As the conference report goes in to the Union office, there are three societies yet unheard from. Some certain evils are unavoidable. But we must not keep the good tidings of complete victory from the others for a longer time. Full reports are not yet available, and much splendid work has been done and not reported at all; but we are more than sure that last year's goal has been beaten to a frazzle. If we have fallen down in the one particular of conversions, it but reiterates the great truth that the ultimate aim of all our endeavors is the winning of souls.

For the sake of comparison, I am going to remind you here of the speed the time-keepers set for us a year ago when we were qualifying for service. Consider the speed—

### The New Jersey M. V. Goal for 1917

46 Young People Converted  
18 Attainment Certificates  
54 Reading Course Certificates  
36 To Read the Bible Through  
229 Young People Reporting  
\$615 To Missions

### The New Jersey M. V. Accomplishments for 1917

(Reports Incomplete)

44 Young People Converted  
22 Attainment Certificates  
68 Reading Course Certificates  
48 Completed the Bible Year  
271 Young People Reporting  
To Missions:

Weekly Offerings	
Through the Church	\$484 37
Through the M. V. Society	512 10
Harvest Ingathering	
(14 Societies)	975 09
	\$1971 56

We have now begun to qualify for the contests of another year, and consequently these are the last reverberations of the 1917 echoes. The outlook is ever forward, so let us forget our last year's crop of failures and inconsistencies, and courageously lift up our heads and set our determination to accomplish a task that we and the whole organization and God himself may well be proud of.

The evidences recorded here do not show what societies or individuals did most to make possible these results, nor who the slackers were; that was not my purpose in giving them. You yourselves know how great was your part in the work accomplished. If you wish to test the vitality of your society and its activities by comparing it with that of your sister societies, we can give you all the details you like. But let us place above all spirit of emulation, above all selfish ambitions of our own, above all alluring, but destructive pleasures that may beset our way, the sacrifice and determination needed to proclaim the messages which we carry to all the world in this generation.

L. DONALD WARREN,  
M. V. Secretary.

### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

### Colored Work in Philadelphia

A few words to the readers of the "Visitor" concerning the colored work in Philadelphia might be of interest.

On Sabbath, January 26, we had the pleasure of the presence of Brother T. H. Barritt, Home Missionary Secretary of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, who conducted the services for us. His special burden was for Missionary activities and a working and reporting church. A new and decided interest has taken hold of our little church as a result, I believe, of much earnest prayer and fasting by some of our members. As a result of Brother Barritt's visit 17 subscriptions to our good church paper, the "Review and Herald" were taken.

On Sabbath, February 2, at our home missionary meeting, there were about 20 of our members signified a willingness to do a systematic work with the Present Truth series. One dear brother, who is not in a position to take these papers out, gave \$5.00 for the purchase of 1000 of the Present Truth series to be used by the members desiring to work along these lines.

We have been having wonderful Sabbath meetings, our little meeting place often being inadequate to accommodate comfortably those who attend.

Brothers and sisters, as you petition the Throne of Grace for your various bless-

ings, won't you just include a few words of pleading in our behalf?

JULIUS C. OSWALD.

### News Notes

A Home Missionary Convention will be held in Harrisburg February 22-24. Lebanon, Carlisle, Mifflin, and York Churches are uniting. Those in attendance to lead out will include Elders D. A. Parsons, president of the conference; F. W. Paap, N. A. Division secretary; J. W. Hirlinger, Columbia Union secretary; and T. H. Barritt, local secretary.

We are very glad to report that about 140 subscriptions were sent in last week for our church paper, the good old "Review." This will almost put us out on our "Review" goal. Let others who are not taking this paper, order at once. You will be well repaid.

Elder DeWitt Gauterau has arrived in the conference from West Virginia and will make Seranton and Wilkesbarre district his field of labor.

For particulars and instruction on the sale of our small books and magazines, write Brother T. H. Barritt our Home Missionary Secretary.

Elder Chas. Baierle commenced a series of meetings last Sunday in the West Philadelphia Church. The church was full and at the close many expressed the desire to follow their Master. Special musical items were rendered by Miss Young, Miss Whaley, Brother W. B. Dunkinson, and T. H. Barritt.

Brother Barritt was in Harrisburg last week making arrangements for the coming convention. He reports good meetings and splendid progress being made in this capital city of Pennsylvania.

One brother who is awaiting baptism in Phoenixville owes his conversion to the scattering of the Harvest Ingathering papers. Two years ago one was left at his home. His interest was aroused in the truth. The following year he subscribed to the "Signs" monthly and now the "Signs" weekly comes regularly to his home.

"In the morning sow thy seed and in the evening withhold not thy hand for thou knowest not which shall prosper, either this or that."

"Angels from courts above will attend the steps of those who come and go at God's command."

### WEST VIRGINIA

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

### The Parkersburg Effort

We are rejoicing over the blessing of God upon the work in Parkersburg, and glad to report that twelve new Sabbath keepers were in attendance at the meeting last Sabbath morning. A number of others decided to take their stand for the Sabbath at the meeting Sunday night, February 3.

We have had some of the severest cold weather that has been known for many years, and for about two weeks the streets have been a glare of ice practically all the time. Yet in spite of the cold and the slippery condition of the streets, we have had an excellent attendance at our tabernacle practically every night.

The newspapers have given us excellent space for our sermon reports and the whole town seems considerably stirred by the Third Angel's Message.

We still have the subjects of Health Reform, Dress Reform, Tithing, and Spirit of Prophecy to present, and earnestly request the prayers of the Visitor Family that God will help these new children to accept every phase of present truth.

One prominent man of the city who has taken his stand, runs one of the best cafeterias in town. It has a large patronage of the best people in the city and he is a man of considerable influence among business men and church men. He plans to close his restaurant on the Sabbath and all of his workers have decided to stand with him in this thing. There are about six or eight in the family, and I think every one will be with us in this glorious truth within the next few days.

Our workers are kept busy from early in the morning until late at night visiting the families who have handed in their names for literature and Bible studies. We earnestly ask every member of the West Virginia Conference to pray as you have never prayed before that God will help us to press the battle to the gates and gather in every honest hearted soul from this campaign. Just as soon as this effort can be successfully bound off, we plan to move our tabernacle to a new field and continue the good work.

A further report will be rendered later, as we see how the interest develops.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

### News Notes

Elder T. M. French reports excellent attendance and splendid interest at the Theatre meetings in Cumberland.

Professor B. G. Wilkinson and C. C. Pulver were in West Virginia Sunday and Monday, February 3 and 4, to meet with the auditing board.

Miss Nellie Burdick, who has been assisting Elder Westbrook in the work in Parkersburg, has accepted a position in the Sanitarium at Mount Vernon.

Nearly two hundred copies of the "Morning Watch Calendar" have been sold in West Virginia. Have you ordered yours? If not, do not delay longer.

Elder W. L. Adkins reports good cottage meetings in Morgantown.

Brethren Monroe, Meredith, and Mansell were in Parkersburg on Monday to meet with the auditing board.

Two of our colporteurs were taken for German Spies the other day and were forced by the authorities to leave the territory in which they were canvassing.

### CHESAPEAKE

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

### News Notes

Elder A. S. Kellogg was called to Rock Hall recently to officiate at the funeral of Mr. Satterfield, the father of several of the faithful sisters in the church there.

Elder J. H. Wierts just returned from a trip to Salisbury. The company there are of good courage, but sorry they must lose the services of Brother G. Medairy, who has been laboring there for some time. Brother Medairy has responded to a call from the conference to connect permanently with Elder A. S. Booth as singing evangelist.

Elder Booth reports continued interest in the meetings in Hagerstown, despite the extremely cold weather. 1500 or 1600 people were out to the Sunday night meeting. The heavy snows have greatly interfered with travel of every kind and this prevents many people from attending who would otherwise be there.

The conference committee met on January 24. Weather conditions prevented Brother James Richardson from being present. Besides the other members of the committee there were present Elder G. A. Stevens from Wilmington and Brother M. S. Pettibone of Dover. Some important matters were considered and all feel a desire to do a greater work for

the Lord during the year than ever before.

Brother O. C. Weller has been invited by the conference to spend some of his time in laboring for the new company being raised up in Kearneysville, W. Va., as a result of the reading matter he has circulated there, and the recent visit of Elder A. S. Kellogg to that place with Brother Weller. He will canvass in that section with the new book "Our Day."

Brother J. E. Jones says, "I have been plowing through the snow this past week. It fell thick and fast last Tuesday, but I got a pair of leggings and kept marching on and thank the Lord for success." Brother Jones had success, too, last week. His report shows \$90.00 worth of orders. On Tuesday he took orders for \$16.00 worth and \$1.35 worth of helps. He worked seven hours. We wish others would catch this same spirit of earnestness and zeal for the cause of Christ and enter the ranks of the colporteur, and help carry the printed page to those who know not this truth. There is room for all who will do so, and stars and crowns await those who are willing to labor in this capacity.

Professor Shaw and Elder Hirlinger of Washington, D. C., spent Sabbath, January 19, in Hagerstown with the church there. Elder J. O. Miller and Elder F. W. Paap were with the church in Wilmington last Sabbath. Elder Hirlinger spent Sabbath morning with the German Church and the afternoon with the Baltimore No. 3 Church.

Good reports have come from all of these meetings, and we trust the churches have been greatly benefitted, and enthused to greater endeavors in the cause of Christ.

### WEST PENNSYLVANIA

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

### Progress of Allegheny Churches Nos. 1 and 2.

When I was about to make a report of the progress of the two churches, I was prevented by an accident. This is my first opportunity to give a report of the work.

We had no tent effort this summer; the only public meetings held were a series of Sunday night meetings in the Century building, with results still pending. The work was mostly done by house to house visiting and Bible work. In the early part of the year 1917 we baptized ten souls, and in April 7 more, in May 4, in July 4, and in September 6, making a

total of 31. About 6 more are awaiting baptism.

The goal of our Harvest Ingathering was \$500 with a membership of 137 for both churches. The result was \$586.79, exceeding our goal \$86.79. The receipts for both churches for December, including all gifts and offerings was \$911.87. Total gifts for the year of both churches \$6668.36. The tithes of both churches was \$4170.09; missions \$306.70; Sabbath School, \$684.50.

Comparative report of offerings are as follows:

Allegheny No. 1.	Allegheny No. 2 (Ger.)
76	Membership 61
\$2062.18	Tithes \$2197.21
26.77	Annual 46.15
264.14	Harvest Ing. 322.65
	Mid Summer Of. 11.51
8.18	Colored Work 6.68
39.95	Missions 191.57
3.60	1st Day Of. 1.65
319.78	Sabbath School 364.72
6.34	Rel. Liberty 8.83
225.17	Miscellaneous 273.89
25.90	Watchman
106.17	Church Expense 125.83
6.67	Red Cross 6.05
11.00	Poor Fund 39.90
3094.68	Grand Total 3591.68

After spending a month in the hospital, I am slowly recovering from my injuries received in the accident. We are of good courage in the Lord. J. P. GAEBDE.

### 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 theater 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.

"In taking our nature, the Saviour has bound Himself to humanity by a tie that is never broken." Through the eternal ages He is linked with us."

### News Notes

One hundred and forty new converts were added to our churches during 1917. Of these Richmond No. 1 received thirty, chiefly the result of house to house work. Twenty-four were added to the Newport News Church No. 1 as a result of the tent work there this past summer, with others keeping the Sabbath. The colored tent effort in Richmond brought sixteen into the No. 2 Church. One new church of twenty-two members was organized at Winchester, following the tent effort in that place.

The tithes and offerings have also shown a splendid increase. The tithes for 1916 were \$8500.00; for 1917, \$13,000. The mission offerings were over \$6,000. We especially appreciate the loyalty of our people in rallying to make the mission goal, one-third of which came in the last month. Now when the work is hastening to its completion, and the people are seeking for light as never before on the signs that are filling the

world with perplexity, the means is being provided with which to carry forward the work. World wide war cannot stop the onward sweep of the Third Angel's Message.

Much enthusiasm was manifested in the Harvest Ingathering work, 17,225 papers were ordered; which is three thousand more than last year. If any churches failed to use all their papers, let them be used now. It is a sin to destroy or hide away our papers containing the saving truths of this message when thousands of people are waiting for them. In 1916 \$932.00 were raised in the Ingathering work. In 1917, \$1600.00 were received. Portsmouth No. 1 Church reports the best average per member of \$10.00 each. With Richmond No. 2 averaging \$8.28. The Richmond No. 1 Church leads in the total amount of Ingathering with \$346.79, nearly trebling last year's receipts.

For the past six weeks Sister W. E. Bidwell, who is assisting her husband in the work in Winchester, has been very ill. We are sure that her friends who read these lines will join us in seeking the Lord in behalf of her early recovery.

I. D. Richardson reports an attendance by actual count of seven hundred at the first two theater meetings in Norfolk despite the unusually severe weather. One hundred and sixty books were sold at these meetings and the collections for the two meetings totaled \$78.00. These meetings should receive the support of our prayers. It is evident that the Lord is leading out in His work. Elder Richardson's collections at last year's meetings passed \$500.00 mark.

The annual meeting of the academy board and the conference executive committee met at the academy at New Market the last of January. Important actions were taken which should strengthen the work of the school and conference. These will be reported in detail later.

Several desirable properties owned by those not of our faith in New Market are for sale or rent. Those who are interested in locating where their children can obtain a Christian education at the least cost should write to Professor H. M. Forshee.

Professor H. M. Forshee has gone to the Washington Sanitarium for medical attention. It is hoped that a lengthy stay will not be necessary.

### OHIO

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

### Tithe Receipts for Ohio During 1917

A more detailed report will be given by the treasurer of the conference and in this report I shall refer to the general results in tithe receipts for 1917. I am sure that the church membership throughout the conference feel a deep interest in the advancement of the work and in its support. We look upon the increase or decrease of our tithe receipts with no ordinary interest because it has such a vital relation to the support of the work, and it also indicates spiritual decline or advancement in the cause. The tithing system is God's own arrangement for the financing of the gospel work. There is vastly more involved in it than merely the support of the work. This has been set apart and made holy just as truly as has one-seventh part of time. For that reason a solemn responsibility rests upon every believer in bringing one-tenth into the Lord's storehouse and a grave responsibility rests upon those who have charge of the work in carefully and conscientiously using this fund.

The tithe receipts for 1917 amounted to \$70,419.81. One year ago we felt that our tithe receipts at the end of the year should reach \$50,000. To our gratification the amount received was something over \$53,000. This gain of over \$17,000 above the large tithe receipts of one year ago was far beyond our expectation and we are profoundly grateful to God for this increase. When we consider that six years ago the tithe receipts for the year amounted to a trifle over \$30,000 we are made to realize that the Lord's prospering hand has been with us and it should be an encouragement to do even better and be more faithful in the future. We have in mind one conference having received \$69,000 for 1917, in which about \$15,000 came in as "windfalls," or large amounts paid on special sums of money. The receipts in Ohio for the past year have been almost wholly the ordinary flow of tithes without any special windfalls. As we stand, our tithe receipts for 1917 are the largest of any conference in the denomination for the year. In looking over the records I find that this increase has been distributed to nearly all of the churches indicating the general advancement throughout the field. Shall we not, throughout the conference, endeavor to maintain, and even improve upon, this good record for 1918?

E. K. SLADE.

"Character is power."

## From a Worker in the Field

Some time ago I sent a little poem to one of our colporteurs entitled, "The Web of Life" and in answer to the letter I sent, speaking of the poem, and of the condition of the weather we have been having to contend with this winter, this is what he says:

"Dear Brother: I got a good lesson out of that poem you sent. It may look hard to us if we keep our mind's eye on the snow and cold and this dreary time of the year, but when we look at the pattern we are following, it vanishes like the warm sun's rays as it melts the snow and warms the air. I believe there are no cold days with the Christian, or snow drifts. If we, like the weaver, start out every morning and keep plodding along, we will find that opportunities come to us that we never dreamed of, and we will wonder at people saying they cannot do anything for the snow and cold. I believe we need not lose many days in this line of work. I never had to stop since I entered this line of work, only for a day or two on account of the weather; then I need not have done it, however, I know there are some that have not the health I enjoy. I can say I never have had a pain or ache since I have canvassed in Ohio, only a cold I had at the institute. I feel very thankful."

This letter was written by one of our workers who is close to the sixty mark. The Lord is blessing him wonderfully since the time of the institute in working through the very cold weather we have had this winter. He is selling between fifty and seventy dollars worth of books every week. The Lord is rewarding him for faithful time.

This week Brother Franks is giving Brother C. R. Dotson a start in the canvassing work in Harrison County. We earnestly pray that God will bless their efforts.

We are receiving applications from earnest souls nearly every day to go into this line of work. The prospect is good for the largest band of workers we have ever had. A number of these will join our ranks in the very near future. THE TIME IS RIPE. Many who have been in the work years ago are again preparing to enter.

This is "the eleventh hour," but still the call comes ringing out "go ye also into the vineyard." C. R. FAIRCHILD.

## News Notes

Elder Slade made a visit to Newark and Columbus last week in the interest of conference work.

In a letter from Dr. Venen, pastor of Youngstown Church, it is shown that

## Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, One Week Ending February 1, 1918									
Fred Hannah, Guernsey Co.		OD	5	38	27	55 00	5 40	60 40	7 50
O. E. Taylor, Franklin Co.		PPF	5	28	10	28 00	1 95	29 95	18 75
C. J. Fritz, Perry Co.		OD	4	25	10	21 00	1 00	22 00	4 25
H. W. O'Hara, Crawford Co.		WCS	4	25	69	17 25		17 25	1 50
F. E. Wagner, Barberton		OD	3	21	14	28 00	2 20	30 20	2 00
D. McCarthy, Cincinnati		BR	3	20	2	8 00	3 50	11 50	
G. W. Yingling, E. Palestine		BR	4	16	6	24 00	20 50	44 50	44 25
Geo. Harvey, Trumbull Co.		BR	3	16	5	29 00	5 00	34 00	
Chas. Carter, Wood Co.		BR	2	15	5	20 00	50	20 50	50
M. B. Ingersoll, Vinton Co.		BR	2	13	1	5 00	2 35	7 35	10 85
C. B. Graham, Wood Co.		BR	2	11	6	24 00	1 50	25 50	1 50
Totals	11 Agents		37	228	155	\$259 25	\$43 90	303 15	94 10
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 1, 1918									
R. Garret, Avoca		GC	5	29	13	65 00		65 00	
C. F. Durr, Phila.		WW	3	14		8 75	30	9 05	9 05
M. M. Sterner, Perry Co.		BR	3	17	13	12 00	4 50	16 50	8 50
Geo. Caine, Perry Co.		BR	3	23			6 20	6 20	6 20
Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co.			5	23					93 50
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.		BR	4	31	8	35 00		35 00	
C. F. Booth, York Co.		BR	6	20	16	69 00		69 00	
Sherman Booth, York Co.		BR	3	9	3	12 00	1 25	13 25	19 25
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		BFL	4	11	1	2 00	11 85	13 85	
H. G. Lewis, Wilkesbarre		WC	5	33	60	44 50		44 50	28 75
Totals	10 Agents		41	210	104	248 25	24 10	272 35	165 25
Chesapeake, Week Ending February 1, 1918									
J. E. Jones, Caroline Co. Md.		BR	5	34	6	25 00	27 25	52 25	4 50
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 25, 1918									
J. L. Gearhart, Lebanon Co.		BR	4	24	7	30 00	3 60	33 60	40 50
R. W. Garret, Avoca		GC	2	12	6	30 00		30 00	
C. F. Booth, York Co.		BR	5	26	12	54 00		54 00	
Sherman Booth, York Co.		BR	2	7	1	4 00		4 00	
W. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	8	56	22	91 00	8 75	99 75	32 75
H. G. Lewis, Wilkesbarre		WC	5	33	63	45 50		45 50	26 50
Geo. Caine, Schuylkill Co.			3	18		50		50	80 50
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		BFL	3	8		10 70		10 70	85
C. F. Durr, Phila.		WW	4	18		5 75	7 30	13 05	13 05
Totals	9 Agents		37	373	111	271 45	19 65	291 10	194 15
Virginia, Week Ending January 25, 1918									
H. A. Wright, Norfolk Co.		OD	4	12	29	63 00		63 00	
S. N. Wilmer, Norfolk Co.		OD	5	22	30	70 00		70 00	
Totals	2 Agents		9	34	59	133 00		133 00	
Grand Totals: 33	Agents Value of Orders					\$936 95		Deliveries, \$457 95	

that church has made splendid gains in membership, tithes, and offerings. Evidently a good work is in progress there.

Elder A. R. Bell writes of splendid advancement made in the funds and in the work in general in Toledo. Doubtless a full report will be given by Brother Bell soon.

The pulpit at the academy was occupied by Elder E. K. Slade at which time he spoke upon the question of fundamental righteousness.

A meeting of the Ohio executive com-

mittee was held at the conference office Tuesday at which time the laborers' accounts for the year 1917 were audited, and many important items pertaining to the work were considered.

## The Teacher's Training Course of the Sabbath School Worker for the New Year

What has been in the world since the days of Eden, but has been very little understood though every human being knows it experimentally? —The child.



How many young men and young women still cherish the root of bitterness in their hearts because of wrong treatment, unfair judgment, mistaken kindness, they received during the growing up years admitting, however, that parents and teachers intended to do the right thing, but failed through lack of insight into individual needs?

Now these same young people are beginning their duties as parents and teachers. Ask yourselves these questions seriously: What is my mental and spiritual equipment for knowing the young mind? for understanding the shy, brooding, yearning heart? for suiting training to the demands of each peculiar nature?

You, young teacher, are you putting all your pupils through the same educational mill, expecting each one to grasp on the fly what is suited to his nature?

You, devoted young father and mother, earnestly striving to give your children the best as they grow up, can you analyze each flash of personality, and adjust your discipline and training to each unusual temperament?

The Teachers' Training Course of the "Sabbath School Worker" for 1918 is planned to help teachers and parents to study their pupils and children in the home, in the Sabbath School and in the day school. We purpose to co-ordinate the available instruction on child study into a series of year's lessons. The two text books: "Thoroughly Furnished," Part 1, The Child, by Coleman, and "Talks to the Training Class" by Margret Slattery are used to outline the subject and furnish topics. References from other works will be given, especially to those of the Spirit of Prophecy. Many hours are devoted to the planning of the lessons, and the result is offered to any and all who are interested in this mystery,—the child mind and how it should be trained for God.

The lessons are for, Sabbath School teachers, Secular teachers, Fathers and mothers.

Send fifty cents to your tract society for the books.

Subscribe for the "Sabbath School Worker," where is printed the lesson outline and references for supplementary reading. The first lesson appears in the February number.

Each superintendent should organize a Teachers' Training Class, if there is not one already formed. The lessons may be taken as a private reading course if there is no class to join.

May the Lord's blessing be added as you "study to show thyself approved."

Sabbath School Department.

## General Conference Bulletin

The next General Conference will be held in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, March 29 to April 14, 1918. A daily Bulletin of the proceedings will be issued as has been the custom for a good many years. The Bulletin will be published by the Pacific Press Publishing Association.

It is now less than two months until the conference convenes, hence none too early to place orders for the Bulletin. This will be the most important General Conference ever held, and surely every Seventh-day Adventist will want to read the Bulletin. The price has been placed exceedingly low, only 50 cents. Send orders to your tract society office.

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## A Successful Economical Plan Worked Out

The following wire order was recently received for Present Truth No. 25: "Send fifty thousand (50,000) 'World in Ferment.' Print on last page as follows: 'For other reading matter on this or kindred subjects, call on or address Central California Bible House, 2524 Mariposa Street, Fresno, Calif.' Expect to place one in every home in this conference. G. A. Wheeler."

In these days of large figures, it is gratifying to be able to deal in terms of millions in the totals of our publications circulated. It strengthens our faith in the soon coming of the King of kings, in these days of war among the rulers of nations, to know that the message in printed form, through the efforts of the churches, is reaching every nation and tongue by the millions. Present Truth alone, during 1917, reached over fifteen million people with some part of the message. This is the way to bring the glad long-looked-for day.

## Mount Vernon Academy

### Making Progress

Those bimonthly meetings which were started by the ministerial band at the State Sanatorium are being continued with a splendid interest.

On Sunday evening, January 27, at 6:30, Professor Graham presented as food for his listeners the seventy weeks of Daniel 9:24-27.

Brother Ralls with others held a very cheering service January 30, with the men who stay at the power house which is connected with the Sanatorium. At this meeting brother Ralls, in his talk dwelt especially upon the "Love of God."

In our cottage meetings in town there is still seen an opportunity for doing work for the master, as the interest still continues good.

In all of our efforts we would not forget the Teacher of teachers who has promised us all power in our efforts to win souls to Him.

We solicit the prayers of our older brethren and sisters that God may make the Ministerial Band a power for good both, in winning souls and receiving the training necessary for such a work.

GUY CORDER.

Elder H. K. Christman occupied the chapel hour last Monday and he told us of some of the existing conditions among our young men in the training camps. The important thought brought out was, that we are facing the supreme crisis and our young people should be so instructed that they may be able to give a reason for the hope within them.

The senior class was formally organized on January 29, and the following officers were elected: Mr. Guy Corder, president, Mr. W. A. Ralls, vice president, Miss Mabel Robbins, secretary and Miss Hilda Rockey, treasurer.

On Wednesday morning we were pleased to have with us Elder H. A. Weaver. In his talk to the students he brought out the thought that the "art of waiting is one of the greatest arts that can be acquired."

In response to Elder Ashton's inquiry as to whether we should like to have Elder Weaver entertain us with his violin some Saturday night, the entire student body rose to their feet.

Mrs. E. J. Stipeck spent the week end at her home in Cleveland last week.

It was necessary for Miss Pearl Cook to leave school last Thursday because of illness. She has gone to her home in Coudersport, Pa., where she will undergo an operation for appendicitis. We wish her a speedy recovery.

The father and sister of Rachel Abbott of Cleveland, Ohio, visited her last week.

We welcome to M. V. A. Miss Dorothea Nothstine of Cincinnati, Ohio. M. V. A. is growing.

Elder N. S. Ashton spent some time in Canton last week in the interest of the school, and from there went to Washington to attend a meeting.

# COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR

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We were especially favored last week with visitors because of the meetings held by the local conference committee and the school board.

On Tuesday morning Elder A. R. Bell, of Toledo, Ohio, spoke to the student body, and on Wednesday morning almost all of the visiting members of the board spoke a word. We do appreciate these chapel talks.

Elder I. H. Evans recently wrote us (January 2) regarding his interest in the present campaign for the "Weekly Signs," and the following paragraph is from his encouraging letter:

"I do wish that during 1918 the denomination could use weekly 100,000 copies of this splendid missionary paper. Within the last few months I have received several letters from different individuals assuring me that they had found Christ through the "Signs," and had never understood the plan of salvation as they understand it by reading that good paper. The times in which we are living, the nearness of the end, and the importance of helping men and women to find Christ should come home to us all in a new way as we start out with the new year of 1918."

## Foods to Replace Meats

In many a household this knowledge would be gladly received. But very few people know how to prepare a good nourishing meal without flesh foods.

To Seventh-day Adventists who have been teaching and practicing vegetarianism the meatless meals and meatless days are no hardship. On the other hand they are able to give valuable information to others so they can live well and economically without using flesh foods.

Our Health magazine, "Life and Health" is especially appropriate to circulate now. In every home where a Food Administration food card is seen, people will be found who are interested in the health principles which are a part of our cause.

The March issue of "Life and Health" contains, among other items, three articles, especially adapted to the present needs. They are, "Foods to Replace Meat," "Food Economies," and "A Few Facts about Fats."

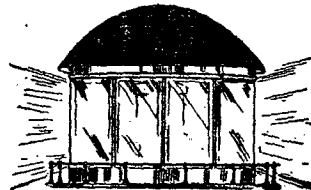
The price of this number is but ten cents a copy. Fifty or more copies cost four cents each. The magazine is easy to handle, easy to sell.

Why not order a quantity from your conference tract society today and sell them in your neighborhood?

## Advertisements

Approved advertisements will be published in the VISITOR at the rate of twenty-five cents for twenty words or less, and one cent for each additional word. Each group of initials or figures counts as one word. Cash and reference must accompany copy for all advertisements.

**STUDY AT HOME.**—If you cannot attend one of our training schools, why not form the habit of studying at home? The Fireside Correspondence School will teach you how. Elder A. G. Daniells, President of the General Conference, says, "I believe your school is conferring benefit upon our people." Let us tell you more about this matter. Address C. C. Lewis, Principal, Takoma Park, D. C.

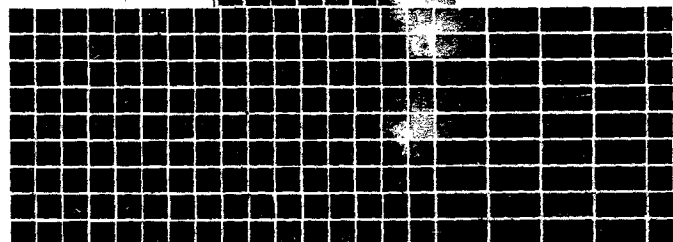


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