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

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Make It Two Dollars

Goal Dollar Day is a visitor that comes annually, and because of the warm place we have given it in our hearts, it is growing more popular each year. It does seem to me, that the only change we will need to make would be Goal Two Dollar Day, or Goal Five Dollar Day.

While we are thinking of the western front; while we are thinking of high prices, while we are thinking of our boys in the camps; the cry of the South India mission field comes to us with unabated force. Because of many other sounds, you may not hear it as distinctly as formerly; but surely the cry is just as insistent, if not more so, because we are rushing on to the final climax. A real vision of these millions of souls, stretching forth their hands to us for help, will surely inspire us to the same sacrifices that has marked the Red Cross and other worthy enterprises of modern warfare. Those of us, who cannot go to the front in this spiritual conflict, may have the same patriotic aspirations to support those who are at the front, and to send others, as do men and women in carnal warfare. It seems that the appeal to save men's lives rather than the reverse ought to come home to our hearts with a special grip now that we can see so clearly that the work is soon to close.

There is a very peculiar reactionary effect that comes from giving. An individual who is inclined to be self-centered, who has much of this world's goods and is anxious, like the man in the parable who enlarged his barns, to retain them, is not sowing for self happiness. Any person who will go to that man and appeal to him so that he will dispose of the surplus of his goods in philanthropic activities, that individual, I say, has done the man a great kindness. It will bring wealth to the man's soul, and enrich his life.

How often have I seen solicitors dodged by those who did not care to give. Not those who were unable to give; but those who did not care to give. It may be that some of our young people are of this

class. The needs of India do not appeal to them. These hot August days drive them to the cold drink stand and ice cream parlor. Such surplus as they can spare is spent on keeping comfortable and pleasing the taste. For our own soul's good, we must restrain our inclinations to spend much on ourselves, and must allow our hearts to go out in a practical way to those who are yet without the light of this truth.

Money is much more easily obtained than it was a few years ago. All prices have arisen everywhere, and the price for our effort has, in many instances, increased two or three hundred per cent. This being true, many of our young people can more easily give two dollars or three dollars when two or three years ago they could give one. How do you like the sound of Goal Two Dollar Day? How many of you Missionary Volunteers will plan August 24 to double any previous offering on Goal Dollar Day?

C. L. STONE.

The Blessing of Giving

The Bible says it is "blessed to give." The sound of the word "give" should be as music in the Christian's ears, for "God so loved the world that He gave."

What is our Missionary Volunteer Aim?—"The Advent Message to All the World in This Generation." That expresses our purpose to obey our Lord's last command when on earth. But O, hasn't the church of God been slow in obeying this command! A missionary worker was telling the people of the awful blindness of the poor people of India and Thibet, how they made prayer wheels to turn and grind out their prayers as it were. A little girl spoke up and said, "Why don't somebody tell them?" Sure enough, why don't somebody tell them?

The Bible says, "How then shall they call on Him in Whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" It is our privilege to give money

to send missionaries to tell them.

The divine program calls for the carrying of the Advent message to all the world in this generation. This is the greatest and most important undertaking in the world today. What a blessing to have an active part in this program!

The salvation of the church depends upon her obedience to our Lord's command. The success of a Missionary Volunteer Society depends upon its active interest in this great work. The Christian experience of an individual is measured by his genuine interest in the thing for which Jesus gave His life. Today we must think in terms of the world missionary conquest: "The resources of God are promised in their fullness only to those who undertake the program of God in its fullness."

The world is in need of and is calling for what we have to give. Latin America with its seventy millions calls loudly for some one to come and show them a better way. Africa, the dark continent, with its one hundred and fifty millions, seventy millions of whom are not included in the plans of any Christian missionary organization, sends up her mute appeal to the messengers of light. India with a population twice that of Africa, is calling.

There are so many villages in India, with an average of four hundred people each, that if Christ had begun to visit them when on earth and had visited one each day, it would still take fifty years to finish. But greater works than He alone could do, can His disciples do if they will give themselves and their all to His service.

The Mohammedan world with its two hundred millions is calling. This great apostate religion with its belief in one God, but not in Jesus as Saviour, is perhaps the greatest barrier to Christianity. Then there is the great East—China, Korea, Manchuria, Japan, and Malaysia—with more than a third of the world's people, restless and in the midst of mighty changes. There are wonderful openings now, and every loyal Missionary Volunteer wants to help.

REMEMBER SOUTH INDIA

Shall we give? Ah, yes! Not because God is a pauper or a beggar. The gold and silver is His. But He wants us to give because it makes us more like Him in character. He loved and He gave. If we love, we will give. "A man may give without loving, but he cannot love without giving."

This year the Missionary Volunteers of the United States and Canada are endeavoring to raise \$40,000 for missions. Today is Goal Dollar Day when everyone is asked to bring a dollar to apply on the goal.

Some conferences are definitely planning to double their goal. Shall each individual not do the same? "God so loved . . . that He gave." M. E. KERN.

Our Task in South India

That portion of the Indian Empire which has under our denominational organization been designated as the South India Mission, embraces the territory of that country known as the Madras Presidency, Ceylon, and the native states of Hyderabad, Mysore, Travancore, and Coorg. Within this territory there are sixty-nine million, one hundred ninety-five thousand, four hundred and fifty-five souls, only slightly over two million of whom have as yet accepted the Christian faith, the largest number and proportion, however, in any part of the great Indian Empire. Five main languages are spoken including Tamil, spoken in the southern portion of the Madras Presidency and as far north as Madras and Nellore; Telegu, spoken in the northern portion of the Madras Presidency and the southern and eastern portions of Hyderabad; Kanarese in Mysore and Coorg; and Malayalam in Travancore and the western part of Madras Presidency. Sinhalese is spoken in southern and central Ceylon, the Tamil predominating in the northern part of that island.

THE CLIMATE

The climate of southern India is rather trying in many sections, though it has some of those havens of rest and recuperation peculiar to the country, and in the periods of excessive heat Europeans and the wealthy among the Indians retire to the hills for their vacations. But the plains of the south are hot all the year around and Trichinopoly is known as the "Frying Pan of the South." Ceylon and Travancore have a decidedly tropical climate, but are favored by sea breezes which mitigate the otherwise trying temperatures.

RELIGION

Both Buddhism and Hinduism are found within the area to the south, and in Hyderabad a strong sprinkling of Mohammedanism exists and the govern-

ing family of this native state is Moslem. In all parts of the South India Mission Christianity has made very encouraging progress, and our own message is finding eager hearts who are, with us, locking for the coming of the Lord.

OUR WORK

Our work in South India was started in 1907 by Elders J. S. James and G. F. Enoch, later Elder Enoch being sent to the West Coast in the Marathi country and Brother James locating our first mission station in Nazareth, Tinnevely District, where a station and a strong native church were built up. As the work grew at Nazareth there came a demand for literature and this was produced with the assistance of native brethren and its circulation begun throughout the Tamil sections of the South. Interests were created and from this first station there have grown up churches and conferences in Madras, Pondicherry, and in local villages of Travancore, Ceylon, and the Telegu country of the northern part of the mission. Today churches and companies of believers are growing rapidly and the calls for workers to meet the interests that have been created are coming in faster than they can be met.

THE TAMILS

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the work in the south has been its training of the Tamil youth of the growing church. In this the brethren of the south have been wise, for from them has come that strong band of Indian workers who now preach the message, sell our literature, and fill the positions of teachers in our village and station schools. And they are bearing the burden of teaching also in the training school at Bangalore, Mysore State, where the headquarters of the South India Mission are located.

It has been customary for the pupils of the South India schools of our mission, when calls came in to help in giving the message to others, to leave out one of the meals each day and contribute the cost to missions. The churches likewise are very liberal givers, and the tithes of the believers is very large when one considers the poverty of those who pay it.

THE TELEGUS

In the Telegu country the work grew up through native labor. For years we had been calling for workers for this people. The waiting was long and trying but finally the Lord went before us and some young men who were working in Burma and who had a knowledge of English accepted the truth in that country, and giving up their work returned to give the message to their own people. A growing work is the result, a literature has been developed, and now, after eight

years of waiting for the European leader who has long been wanted, one of our American workers has located in the Telegu country to study the language and help in planning a broad work for this interesting and approachable people.

NAZARETH

On the West Coast in Travancore little out stations were begun two or three years ago from the Nazareth station, which is in charge of an Indian brother, our first ordained minister in the south country, Elder E. D. Thomas. As a result, the calls have come in from this country where the Malayalam language is spoken, until this past year it was necessary for a European worker to be sent to take up this language and direct the work for this people. Brother Woodward, formerly a captain in the Salvation Army in Madras, was sent. From one section of this field a large representation of native people came to our workers to plead for the giving of the gospel to their people.

Among the parts of South India as yet unentered by the living messenger are Ceylon with four and one-half million souls, Hyderabad with thirteen and a quarter million, while Mysore State has but just been entered in the establishment of the South India Headquarters in the semi-European city of Bangalore.

NATIVE WORKERS

One of the remarkable things about the work in South India is that native workers from the first have been a strong factor in the development of new stations and native churches. With the needed help from the homeland, counsel and financial aid in pressing the advance in new districts, educating and preparing leaders of the native church, the work in South India will see constant and encouraging progress, and it is possible that in the providence of God we shall see astonishing things here as in other parts of the great ripening harvest field.

At the present time Pastor G. G. Lowry is superintendent of the work in the South India Mission, and with him are associated Brethren Peden, Meleen, Poley, and Woodward, and their wives and a good company of faithful and efficient native workers. But what are these among nearly seventy millions? South India needs the prayers and the offerings of the people of God at this time in great liberality that the good work which has begun may be pressed forward to its only true status, the preparation of a representative company of people ready for the coming of their Lord.

S. A. WELLMAN.

The divine eye-salve will impart clearness to the understanding.

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A SCHOOL IN SOUTH INDIA

Our Attitude Toward the 1918 Goal

"Work, work, work, work,"—in clear, forceful, yet subdued tones the words of this chorus often ring out in our Volunteer meetings, telling the secret of success in any endeavor. Next, sweet, clear, and distinct, the reasons for work are added to the chanted measures. "Swiftly the hours of labor fly, Freight with love let each pass by;" and the grand united chorus peals forth "There is joy in labor for the struggling neighbor, Work ever work for Jesus."

As Missionary Volunteers, we have pledged ourselves to earnest work for the Master until all the world has been reached by the Gospel. Unskilled, haphazard movements do no count for much. For this reason the Missionary Volunteer goal is placed before us each year, that we may advance step by step in those lines that lead to victorious results. Ways and means are provided for developing workers that will win the battle for Christ. G-O-A-L often spells, "openings for wider, more extended service." The one for this year should be of special interest as we think of the demands of the hour. The great goal for the united body of our youth has been divided and subdivided among unions, local conferences, societies and individuals. By what is known as the "Budget plan" the exact work we are to do by carefully planning the use of time and talent is mapped out plainly. While we should rejoice over the

victories gained by others and the success attending the young people's efforts as a whole, yet the individual goal is what should interest us most. Upon it everything else depends.

Now as the first half of the year is in the past, we need to examine our attitude toward the goal very carefully, not only the present but the past and future attitude during 1918.

At the opening of the new year, when 1918 was still only suggestive of "opportunities for service," many of us signed our little pledge cards outlining our resolutions to be carried out during the coming months. As we studied over the different steps of the goal, we thoughtfully marked off what we believed by God's help we should accomplish. Every earnest worker checked off the first important item, that of keeping the "Morning Watch," for we knew that in the faithful observance of this blessed season lay the secret of a successful Christian life.

The second step caused hesitation. How many souls should we seek to win for Christ during the coming year? Our own failings and unworthiness confronted us and it was with a prayer for help and forgiveness that we put down the number for whom we planned to work during the busy months to follow.

Next came the test which showed whether our Volunteers really loved study for its own sake or whether they were taking it up from a sense of duty. Time also had to be taken into consideration, so that the Bible year, Standard of

Attainment studies, and the Testimonies were carefully considered, and that which was most needed by each individual was chosen. The reading course was also considered, and every one who could, added it to his list of books to be perused during the coming months.

The appeal for help from the people of darkened India called forth feelings of compassion and we willingly checked what seemed possible for us to give each week that the message might be hastened. This was the beginning.

The present—Now has come a critical time in the year's history of our goal. Defeat or failure hinges upon our attitude to the pledge formed at the opening of 1918. Now we hear mingled together the voice of praise and firm determination, with notes of discouragement. Victories are recounted, also accounts of failure and broken hopes are given. Some are weaker today, others stronger, because of the "Morning Watch." The precious stories from the Sacred Word are fresh in the minds of many, while to others they appear as Greek. Ah, the precious season that has been, or might have been spent in the study of the Bible and Testimonies. Can we say with happy hearts, "We have lived up to the opportunities that God has given us?" With many, the earnest traits of character revealed in "Life Sketches" and the lessons found in the other books of the reading course have already wielded their influence upon the earnest readers, and their highest desire is to do and dar

more for Christ. Has it been so with us?

Now is the time for deep heart searching, and a renewing of our pledges to the Master. Wherein we have failed we need to ask for help and forgiveness; then with renewed efforts endeavor to redeem the past by loving service in the future. Again the goal needs to be reviewed as our thoughts turn to the remaining months of 1918. A careful study of each step and the importance of each branch of the work helps to broaden our views and determination to help win in this onward movement. The true volunteer scorns thought of failure, so with redoubled efforts we must quicken our pace that we fall behind in no point. Those who are strong must help the weak. So much can be done by encouraging words. Talk of the blessings you are gaining from the reading of our books in the reading course; compare progress in reading the Bible through, with your neighbor; do not neglect the bands for prayer and personal work, God can touch hearts that to us may appear unapproachable; our offerings may not have been what we had hoped to give; but the Harvest Ingathering is right at hand. Now we can show by faithful effort our love for the cause as we scatter the precious pages telling of the progress of the message and gather in the offerings that will hasten its further advance. Ways and means for service will appear like magic as we lay our plans at the feet of the Master.

Soon the year will come to an end. Then comes the final reckoning with the goal. Let our constant prayer be that we may stand as victors.

BESSIE E. ACTON.

The Work of the Young People in West Pennsylvania

One year ago 106 young people reported their work to the conference. These belonged to two societies, located in Pittsburgh. At present we are getting reports from 227 members belonging to 11 societies.

It may be of interest to know what these young people are doing. A large class are studying for the Standard of Attainment. Each week finds them with Bibles in hand fitting themselves for service. On other occasions thousands of pages of Present Truth are sent out to those interested. Many letters are finding their way from our Societies to people who are deeply concerned over the signs of the times. Several of our young people are planning to attend school this fall. Some of them are earning scholarships. Four young ladies who are handling magazines have on different occasions sold over 100 copies apiece in a day. The ones that are using books have made records for

themselves this vacation.

Perhaps the reader would be interested in the description of a Missionary meeting of one of our large societies. After song service and prayer, the leader called upon a young man to review the Morning Watch texts. Nearly all were ready to respond. Then followed instruction upon giving a Bible study. Texts were called for upon Jesus' second coming. Different individuals gave them and when a sufficient number had been received, the list was reviewed and the texts were arranged for the study which all could present to interested souls.

The next feature of the meeting was beneficial. Members were asked to tell of the work they had done since the last meeting. Some had given Bible studies, others sold literature, many visits had been made and a wise distribution of the 200 "Signs" had been made.

God is blessing our work and we hope soon to see every young person in this conference an active worker.

E. A. MANRY.

The Attitude of the True Missionary Volunteer

"My son, give Me thine heart," and let thine eyes observe My ways." It is natural and right that all of us should, in our young manhood and womanhood, be exhilarated and joyous because of the vivacity and vigor which we possess. As the athlete comes forth to the contest conscious of his latent strength, so should we also rejoice in the God-given capabilities of our youth. We have placed before us, an open door of opportunity, that we might put our resources to the test. If we can in body, mind, and spirit meet successfully the great issues and crises of life, then we shall surely some day become the pillars in this great world-wide work of saving souls.

In all the activities of life, whether business or social, we must let the will and grace of God be uppermost. With such motives at work within us as these forces will create, our lives cannot possibly be failures. We naturally prefer a life full of activity and brilliant with success. No one wants to remain a non-entity, or become a carbuncle on the face of society. Then wake up to the fact that you are a responsible son of God, and partly at least pay for the trouble caused by giving you a place in the world, and do some efficient Christian work.

Listen to the words of promised leadership that are spoken through David: "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go; I will counsel thee, Mine eye shall be upon thee." Our young people have, through this promise of God, been organized into what should become the greatest fighting force the

world has ever seen. No army ever went forth to conquest better equipped than we for the campaigns before them. Have we manhood enough to "quit" ourselves, and as true soldiers to endure hardness?

We all have ambitions for a place of greater or less responsibility in the cause. Our young people's organization is the greatest channel through which these ideals may be realized. By this route do we become effective church members; and what success we have in later life depends upon what attitude we now take toward the Christian life. Our society leaders are, for us, pastors, and it is our part to fulfill the junior functions of the church.

We should be happy, yes, almost proud, to be connected with a movement of such mighty proportions. There is a place in God's plan and in this His world-wide work, for every young person who has the spirit of consecration. We are willing indeed, to follow His leadership. We are ready today, right where we are, to transact the business of the King. Whatever course is outlined for us, in whatever way we can fulfill God's purpose, we devote ourselves, our time, our talents, to the accomplishment of this end. It is our natural right to receive advancement, and some day we shall attain some true achievements for the Master.

We, the young people of New Jersey, dedicate ourselves to support the plans of the Missionary Volunteer Department. We shall endeavor to embrace the opportunities that come to us, to do a work worth while at home, and support the work this year in South India and other lands. L. D. WARREN, M. V. Secretary.

Missionary Volunteer Goal

These are days when we hear the word goal used on every hand. The Red Cross has one for the relief of suffering humanity. Each state in our United States, is now raising its goal of men to take their place in the Great World War of the day.

And so the Missionary Volunteers have mobilized, and with a definite aim in life set forth to reach their threefold goal—literary, financial, and spiritual.

Surely every young person is interested in every plan for self-improvement, and as "Reading maketh a full man," the well selected reading courses of our societies prove to be both educational and entertaining. And how can we better prepare ourselves to be active workers at home or abroad than to become a member of The Bible Year?

Knowing the signs of the times, we cannot but have a heart interest in India, that needy field where millions are waiting for the message which will cause them to lift up their hearts, knowing that their redemption draweth nigh. So

as we bring in our offerings we may know it will help reach the conference goal, which in turn swells the world-wide goal used for this unenlightened field.

Then as our hearts picture the throng which will one day gather around the great white throne, there is a heart longing to do our part to bring some one nearer to the Master, to win souls for the One who left us the commission, to go and work in the vineyard while it is yet day. There are lives to be cheered; there are hearts to be strengthened, there are precious souls to be brought in to the fold.

So with our threefold goal before us, every Missionary Volunteer can be one of the links of the chain which stands for service and efficiency.

ELOISE WILLIAMS

UNION

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

Our Educational Rally

By vote of the Columbia Union Conference Committee, and in harmony with the action of the Washington College Board, the Columbia Union is planning to do an unusual thing in the history of the educational work within the Union for a new advance in educational lines. An Educational Rally is to be held and the date is September 3, 4, and 5; the place Washington College chapel, Washington, D. C.

About twenty-five topics are under consideration for this Rally, which generally speaking are aimed at four main points:

1. Greater spiritual ideals and plans.
2. A new era in our church schools throughout the Union.
3. More system and energy in the plans for recruiting and assisting students while in school.
4. General field policies.

We feel that the hour has struck when immediate and positive plans should be laid for a large increase of church schools within the Union. Moreover, more must be done to stabilize this work. Like different parts of the United States, we find some sections rich and some sections not so rich. So some schools flourish with good places, good equipments, and qualified teachers, while others have either none of these things or hold a questionable possession of them. We know our brethren will join heartily in this proposition.

We further desire that all our institutions, the Washington College, Mount Vernon Academy, Shenandoah Valley Training School, and all our church schools, shall feel in a deeper way the message of the hour, and be imbued with a higher spiritual purpose. Then what

ever possible modifications should come into our educational work as a result of the great war will demand attention.

WHO ATTEND. We expect definitely that all members of the faculty of the Washington College; at least the heads of departments of Mount Vernon Academy and Shenandoah Valley Training School; the educational secretaries in the different conferences; the presidents of the different conferences; and certain other persons who have been invited, as some of the General Conference men; the educational secretaries and heads of the training schools within the Atlantic, Southern, and Southeastern Unions.

We would like this notice in the VISITOR to be a general notice. We are also sending out special notices with the programs, the topics to be discussed, and the ones to whom they are assigned.

We trust that all the brethren throughout the field, who are interested, will pray that God will greatly bless our work in educational lines in all the conferences.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Our Cantonment Fund

We are very glad to state that our Cantonment Fund is being heartily subscribed to by our different churches. This will help us to get literature and to provide for a Camp Pastor to visit our two hundred boys, who are in different camps throughout the Columbia Union, and give them spiritual help.

Presented last Sabbath at the Memorial Church in Washington, in a few minutes the brethren subscribed \$230. One sister very generously gave \$35 to the fund. Presented the following Sabbath at the Takoma Park Church, about the same amount was raised.

It was a surprising sight to see the colored brethren of the Sixth and N Church in Washington come forward after an earnest appeal from Elder Rogers and lay down a dollar a piece upon the table. In a few moments \$50.00 had been subscribed.

If the work to be carried forward by this fund is properly done the next twelve months, we will need \$5,000. Our brethren feel for our boys who are gone to join the forces of the country, and shall do all they can for their comfort and spiritual help under the direction of military authorities. B. G. WILKINSON.

NEW JERSEY

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

President's Address

My report for the New Jersey Conference for the two-year period ending December 31, 1917, will necessarily be rather brief, inasmuch as I was in this

field only a few weeks of that time.

In September, 1917, I was asked to take the presidency of this conference, thus relieving Elder Sanborn who desired to go to Florida for the health of his family. Because of circumstances in my own conference, as I was in the midst of camp-meeting and a large church building proposition, I was unable to reach New Jersey until November. In a short time, I was called back to Florida on business. Hence the biennial period for which I must report had almost expired before I was able to locate here permanently.

Upon my arrival here, I found a splendid corps of workers, numbering in all twenty-two. Since then Elder MacNeil was called to take up the presidency of the North Carolina Conference. We felt very reluctant to let him go, inasmuch as we looked upon him as one of the leading workers in the conference, but as the call was urgent, we could not refuse. On account of Elder Langdon's health, he asked for a transfer to the West where his children are located. I am very sorry to say however, that since leaving here, Elder Langdon has been unable to do any work whatever. Physicians say that unless he absolutely refrains from all labor, he cannot possibly live.

While the loss of these laborers is keenly felt by us all, yet we are glad to report that since they have been called away, we have secured the following named workers: Elders O. O. Bernstein and C. S. Baum, Brethren R. L. Shoemaker, G. H. Clark, J. A. Svenson, G. F. Theiss, and Miss Jessie M. Weiss, Miss Ada Madison, and Miss Emma Mallot. Brother H. F. Kirk, our field missionary agent has also come to this field since Elder Sanborn left. At present the total number of workers employed by the conference is twenty-nine.

Evangelical Work

We are planning the largest effort ever held in New Jersey. In fact, it will be one of the largest ever held in the East. This will be conducted by Elder O. O. Bernstein and a corps of efficient workers in Jersey City. Other large evangelical efforts are also being planned.

Literature Work

We have secured in Brother H. F. Kirk, a man whom we believe, with God's blessing will make a grand success of the book work in this field. The first five months of this year shows the total retail value of literature sold as \$6,330.33, as compared with \$3,937.34 for the same period of 1917. This is a gain of \$2,392.99.

Home Missionary Work

We believe there is a bright future for the Home Missionary Department. Brother Clark who has recently come to us, is a man of some years' experience, having spent eight years in South Africa.

He has taken hold of the missionary work with enthusiasm, and we believe that our people will co-operate with him in various missionary activities. Our motto is "Every member a working member," and we believe that when all the churches really get to work many more souls will be brought into the truth, and the membership of the conference will soon be doubled.

Educational and Sabbath School

The school year closed with eight church schools, while last year there were seven. About twenty from this conference were in attendance at the Washington Missionary College this past year. The membership of our Sabbath Schools is steadily increasing. The Sabbath Schools are one of the most important factors of bringing people into the church, and these, together with the Y. P. M. V. societies, have done and will do a great work for our young people especially.

General Survey

The following figures show what has been done during the last two years. At the close of the year 1915, there were twenty-seven churches in the conference with a total membership of 1036. This membership had increased to 1107 at the close of the year 1916, showing a gain in membership of 71, though there were no new churches organized. During the year 1917, two new churches were organized. The Newark Colored Church was organized on May 5 with a membership of eleven. The Elizabeth Church was organized on July 4 with fifteen members, so at the close of 1917 our membership totalled 1192.

In 1916, the amount of tithe received was \$29,897.65; in 1917 \$32,673.25. The amount raised for foreign missions for the year 1916 was \$9,832.95, or \$410.55 more than the quota on the twenty-cent-a-week fund. In 1917 the offerings to missions amounted to \$10,806.37, which was \$31.97 above the quota, and a gain of \$973.42 over the previous year.

I might say that for the first five months of this year, the tithe paid amounted to \$17,678.74 as compared with \$13,755.23 for the same period of 1917, or a gain of \$3,923.51. Our mission offerings amounted to \$5174.71 for the five months as compared with \$3771.91 for the same period of 1917. However, since our quota to missions has been raised to 25 cents-a-week per member, instead of 20 cents for this year, our churches have fallen short of the quota \$637.04, though we believe they will make up this deficiency.

Conclusion

With the co-operation of all our workers with one another, with the prayers, and earnest support of a faithful constituency back of the workers, and

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Help*	Total	Del
East Pennsylvania Week Ending August 9, 1918									
S. J. Mack, Bradford Co.		BR	4	40	15	67 00		67 00	137 00
W. A. Scharffenberg, Juniata		BR	8	55	47	207 00		207 00	
H. Albright, Dauphin		BR	5	39	31	86 00	6 00	92 00	6 00
A. J. Cooper, Chester		BR	4	37					203 35
S. Diehl, Union		OD	4	36	1	2 00	11 50	13 50	24 25
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne		BR	5	36	17	64 50		64 50	31 75
Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	4	36	9	40 00	3 25	43 25	203 50
Irma-Baus, Lebanon		OD	5	32					740 45
T. Beamsderfer, Juniata		BR	3	31					1009 20
Geo. Caine, Perry Co.		BR	3	29	1	4 00	1 35	5 35	100 95
Ethel Sanderson, Lebanon		OD	5	27					275 00
J. L. Gearhart, Lanc.		BR	3	26	9	38 00		38 00	
P. Shakespeare, Dauphin		OD	5	26	25	57 00	2 25	59 25	37 75
G. B. Jenkins, Berks		BR	5	22	7	33 00	1 45	34 45	6 45
Wm. Frizzell, Luzerne		BR	3	20	54	290 00		290 00	133 00
J. L. Schultz, York		BR	2	12	6	30 00	1 25	31 25	
Arthur Hill, Berks		OD	1	8	10	20 00	1 00	21 00	129 00
S. H. Swingle, Wayne		WCS	1	5		22 75		22 75	21 00
Miscl.						345 25		345 25	
Totals	18 Agents		70	517	232	1306 00	28 05	1334 55	2491 65
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending August 2, 1918									
Mrs. Margaret Bateman, Jenners		HM	5	29	52	141 00	23 25	164 25	
E. W. Chisholm, Braeburn		BR	5	42	16	78 00	4 50	82 50	
Clyde Newmyer, Somerset		OD	5	49	32	75 00	7 15	82 15	280 05
Carleton Mason, Erie		OD	10	84	52	115 00	3 75	118 75	2 50
D. W. Chisholm, Braeburn		BR	5	41	15	69 00	3 50	72 50	3 00
Myrtle Bateman, Blair		OD	5	32	32	65 00	6 35	71 35	68 85
Maynard Riemann, McKeesport		SmBK	5	30	188	66 00		66 00	32 25
G. S. Buttermore, Fayette		OD	6	46	26	58 00	5 75	63 75	106 25
Ruth Miller, Juniata		OD	5	20	19	40 00	22 40	62 40	3 50
E. D. McKnight, Armstrong		BR	5	37	11	49 00	6 95	55 95	4 44
A. Brownlie, Allegheny		SD	10	105	35	58 50	63 50	122 00	153 60
Helen Guthrie, Blair		OD	5	21	18	37 00	16 60	53 60	17 95
A. H. Snyder, DuBois		BR	5	40	12	52 00		52 00	16 00
Geo. Lauger, Erie		OD	10	67	24	50 00	7 25	57 25	
Hazel Read, Blair		OD	5	18	13	26 00	9 15	35 15	23 55
Ella M. Martin, Blair		OD	4	17	12	24 00	8 85	32 85	1 75
G. Dunn, Pittsburg		Misc	6	18	10	15 05	12 85	27 90	
Mary Wolfe, Beaver		OD	5	20		27 00		27 00	
Blanche Buttermore, Fayette		Sm Bks	5	31	24	19 50		19 50	22 90
Millie Smith, Pittsburgh		Misc	11	34	42	31 60	7 15	38 75	11 30
Agent, Pittsburg		OD	5	22	4	3 00	8 60	16 60	19 10
J. D. Evans, N. S. Pgh.		Misc		8		17 00		17 00	
Mrs. A. Thurman, Pittsburg		Misc.		3	12	4 00	5 00	9 00	
Mrs. H. Scibert, Washington		Misc.	5	10		5 55		5 55	
Waller Morly, S. S. Pgh Pa.		Misc.	4	13	30	14 50		14 50	21 25
Totals	24 Agents		136	837	679	1145 70	222 57	1368 25	788 20
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending August 9, 1918									
A. E. Holst, Indiana		BR	5	40	44	208 00	1 55	207 55	75
Geo. S. Buttermore, Fayette		OD	6	39	42	97 00	17 45	114 45	7 45
A. H. Snyder, Clarion		BR	4	18	21	96 00	1 00	97 00	
A. Brownlie, Allegheny		SD	5	48	36	57 50	36 85	94 35	57 85
C. Newmyer, Somerset		OD	5	50	39	91 00	50	91 50	165 50
Maynard Riemann, Pittsburgh		WC	15	75	392		282 75	282 75	120 00
M. L. Bateman, Somerset		HM	3	19	27	71 50	10 50	82 00	
B. Buttermore, Fayette		WP	5	32	145	65 75		65 75	39 75
M. Bateman, Blair		OD	4	14	22	47 00	1 10	48 10	3 10
G. Lauger, Erie		OD	3	20	17	36 00	1 75	37 75	
Ella Martin, Blair		OD	5	22	15	30 00	6 65	36 65	1 75
E. W. Chisholm, Pomossis		BR	4	23	6	29 00	2 00	31 00	2 00
D. Chisholm, Logans Ferry		BR	4	23	4	19 00		19 00	
Helen Guthrie, Blair		OD	5	26	4	8 00	8 65	16 65	37 65
C. M. Brown, Johnstown		BR	1	6	5	16 00		16 00	4 00
Hazel Read, Blair		OD	5	27	1	2 00	13 85	15 85	58 30
Mary Wolfe, Beaver		WP	4	31	19		9 50	9 50	
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.		OD	2	8	4	9 00		9 00	56 00
Alice Thurman, Pittsburgh		SmBk	2		27		8 00	8 00	4 55
J. Leroy, Greene		WW	3	25	10		2 50	2 50	
A. E. Holst, Indiana		BR							250 00
G. C. McKnight, Allegheny		OD	1	12					64 35
Millie Smith, Allegheny		SM	2	11			.85	.85	14 75
Totals	22 Agents		93	569	880	880 75	405 45	1286 20	887 75

Virginia, Week Ending August 9, 1918

F. C. Butler, Jr. Mathews Co.	OD	5	43	11	23	00		23	00	211	00			
C. E. Overstreet, Accomac Co.	OD	4	37	37	107	00	4	75	111	75	4	75		
R. E. Pleasants, Amherst Co.	OD	5	40	35	90	00	1	85	91	85	3	00		
J. E. Thompson, Lee Co.	BR	3	15	31	93	00	1	75	94	75	1	75		
H. A. Wright, Rockingham Co.	BR	2	15	14	59	00			59	00	238	00		
J. P. Spaulding, Rockingham Co.	BR	2	18	13	43	00			43	00	10	00		
Orion Lawrence, King & Queen Co.	OD	4	35	18	39	00	5	00	44	00	116	00		
M. A. Maloney, Accomac Co.	OD	4	25	16	34	00	2	25	36	25	7	25		
Elinor Oliver, Campbell Co.	OD	4	25	11	22	00	3	50	25	50				
Mrs. J. E. Thompson, Lee Co.	CK	2	8	2	5	00	4	25	9	25	3	75		
E. M. Trummer, Rockbridge Co.	BR	5	56								440	00		
Beulah Hurtman, Alleghany Co.	GC	3	23								29	00		
Carrie Sims, Alleghany Co.	GC	4	33								110	00		
Totals		13	Agents	47	373	188	515	00	23	35	538	35	1174	50

West Virginia, Week Ending August 2, 1918

Ruth Fahrner, Fairmont	BR	5	25	5	21	00	17	20	38	20	12	70		
Daisy Rollins, Fairmont	BR	5	24	1	5	00	10	10	15	10				
John Fahrner, Harrison Co.	BR	5	28	8	32	00	27	80	59	80	35	50		
Ruth Fahrner, Fairmont	BR	3	19	2	9	00	20	53	29	53	20	55		
B. P. Wright, Gassaway	BR	4	34	18	76	00	15	55	91	55	8	65		
Frank Bentz, Gassaway	OD	4	35	37	85	00	17	15	102	15	29	10		
W. A. Gallaway, Giatto	OD	5	48	28	60	00			60	00				
J. I. Butcher, Raleigh Co.	OD	5	46								226	00		
E. R. Corder, Raleigh Co.	OD										376	10		
W. T. Dishman, Montgomery	OD	2	10	17	40	00	28	25	68	25	74	50		
S. G. Bertolet, Mingo Co.	BF	5	36	22	70	50	22	40	92	90	13	35		
J. Paul Johnson, Randolph Co.	CK	2	11	9	19	50	50	20	00					
Totals		12	Agents	45	316	147	418	00	159	40	577	43	796	45

New Jersey, Week Ending August 9, 1918

Wm. Vahrenkamp, Warren Co.	BR	3	13	14	70	00	1	50	71	50	1	50		
Fred Krall, Florence	OD	3	19	20	55	00			55	00				
Frank Dombrosky, Beverly	OD	3	16	30	68	00	3	50	71	50	2	00		
James Wild, Blue Anchor	OD	2	16	6	13	00	2	75	13	75	2	00		
Misc.					200	00			200	00	200	00		
Totals		4	Agents	11	61	70	406	00	5	75	411	75	205	50

Ohio, One Week Ending August 9, 1918

Geo. Carter, Morrow Co.	BR	5	56	24	117	00	12	25	129	25	12	25		
Jas. E Lippart											207	25		
F. Brandstetter, Cincinnati	OD	4	40								62	00		
H. O. Kohr, Marion O.	WP				107	50			107	50	107	50		
Violet Murphy, Van Wert	OD	5	35	19	40	00	2	55	42	55	2	55		
Mrs. C. Carter, Chillicothe	OD	5	33	6	13	00	42	25	55	25	111	25		
M. B. Ingersoll, Jackson Co.	BR	3	28								224	35		
Robt. D. Kline, Miami Co.	BR	3	26	6	29	00	7	70	36	70	7	70		
Jas. E. Lippart, Morrow Co.	OD	3	15								42	10		
Paul Lipscomb, Champaign Co.	GC	1	7								72	00		
E. C. Alexander, Dayton, O.	WP	1	6				4	25	4	25	5	25		
Alfrida Larsen, Clermont Co.	OD	1	9								78	30		
Misc.											5	00		
Totals		11	Agents	31	295	55	360	50	69	00	375	50	937	50

Chesapeake, Week Ending August 9, 1918

J. E. Jones, Wicomico Co. Md.	BR	5	47	2	8	00	7	45	15	45	245	40		
O. C. Weller, Jefferson Co. W. Va.	BR	3	30	13	57	00	3	75	60	75	145	65		
W. J. Valentine, Berkley Co.	BR	4	28	10	43	00	1	25	44	25				
Hazel V. Leach, Calvert Co. Md.	BR	3	31	9	42	00			42	00	265	00		
Lillian Coffman, Calvert Co. Md.	BR		20	1	4	00			4	00	500	00		
Totals		5	Agents	15	156	35	154	00	12	45	166	45	1156	05

Grand Totals: Agents 109 Value of Orders \$5191 95 Deliveries \$8437 60

with the blessings of God on our endeavors, we ought to double our membership during the next two years. Let us all work and pray that the light of this precious truth may reach every city, town, and hamlet of this thickly populated state, and that the honest in heart may soon be rejoicing in our blessed hope of a soon coming Saviour.

W. H. HECKMAN.

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The only hope for the Laodiceans is a clear view of their standing before God, a knowledge of the nature of their disease. Vol. 4, p. 87, par. 3.

Prosperity multiplies a mass of professors. Vol. 4, p. 89.

CHESAPEAKE

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Chesapeake Conference

In connection with the camp-meeting to be held at Reistertown Road and Belvedere Ave., Arlington, Baltimore, Md., the biennial sessions of the Chesapeake Conference will convene September 5-15, for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the conference. The first meeting will be held at 8 p. m.

A. S. BOOTH, *President.*

EMMA S. NEWCOMER, *Secretary.*

The Chesapeake Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists [Incorporated]

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the corporation of The Chesapeake Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the camp-meeting at Baltimore, Md. The first meeting will be held, Thursday, September 12, at 9 a. m. Officers for the ensuing biennial term will be elected and all such other business as may properly come before the association will be attended to. A. S. BOOTH, *President.*

EMMA S. NEWCOMER, *Secretary.*

News Notes

Professor B. F. Machlan spent last Sabbath with the Baltimore No. 1 Church. He spoke in the interest of the Educational work, and caused a deep stir in the hearts of some of our young people.

Elder J. S. Washburn will be with us the coming Sabbath and speak in the interest of the young men in the camps.

We are informed that the extremely warm weather has affected the attendance at the tents in the conference, but we feel sure it has not killed the interest among the people who have become interested as a result of the things they have heard.

Brother J. W. Siler is spending a few days in Baltimore on business.

The camp-meeting will be held at Belvedere Avenue and Reisterstown Road in Arlington. This was formerly known as Electric Park. It is in the five cent car limit, and is on several of the main lines of the city.

Let all the churches send in the list of their delegates at once in response to the request that has gone out from the office, please. Also please favor us with your orders for tents so you may be provided for when you come.

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Remember the date of the camp-meeting as well as the place, September 5-15.

Several of our colporteurs made very successful deliveries last week as our summary for the week shows. Surely the Lord has been with them, and blessed them. Are there not others in the conference who desire to enter this good work? If so just write to our field secretary and he will be glad to make arrangements to meet you and help you in the work.

Brother M. S. Pettibone, our home missionary secretary, is very anxious to get in touch with all the home workers. Write to Brother Siler at the office and write to Brother Pettibone at his address at Dover, Del.

Brother J. W. Siler is laying special plans for our book tent at the camp-meeting. Come prepared to carry home with you a good supply of books and papers, to sell and give to your friends and neighbors. We have only a little time in which to work. So work while it is day. The night will soon come and it will then be too late.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

News Notes

Monday morning, August 12, the members of the Conference Committee met at the office to transact business and solve many perplexing problems pertaining to the work in the conference.

Elder Christman of Washington, who has charge of the cantonment work in the Columbia Union, also the home missionary work, presented his plans pertaining to these two phases of the message. They were heartily endorsed by

the Conference Committee and announcements of these plans will be sent throughout the conference at a later date. Elder Christman also has charge of the Harvest Ingathering work in the Union and at this meeting he brought before the committee the plans for this great campaign. We are looking to that ten thousand dollar mark. Don't forget! 25 papers per member, and 25 cents for each paper!

The resignation of Elder Nutter of Harrisburg has been accepted by the Conference Committee. We are very sorry to see Brother Nutter leaving our ranks and wish him much success and blessings in his work. He is planning to take his family to Washington where he will attend the Washington Missionary College for the next two school years. He feels a greater preparation is needed for his work.

Brother H. G. Gauker, who has been looking after the company at Phoenixville, will take the place of Elder Nutter at Harrisburg, and will oversee the work of the surrounding churches. By a unanimous vote Brother Gauker was elected a member of the Conference Committee to succeed Brother Nutter.

Elder F. D. Gauterau will supervise the Harvest Ingathering work in this conference during the coming campaign.

Mrs. Parsons, of California, mother of Elder D. A. Parsons, will arrive here within another month or two to spend the winter with her son and at the same time taking part in the Bible work in Philadelphia. Sister Parsons has had many years of experience teaching and training Bible workers and is very efficient and successful in this work.

Miss El'a Iden, one of the secretaries of the Young Peoples' Department of the General Conference, is spending a few days of her vacation at Philadelphia with Mrs. W. B. Mohr.

A letter was received at the office last week from Brother E. E. Messenger, who had been looking after the church at Sellersville before he was drafted into the army, telling us of the blessings that had attended him. He seems to have had some trying experiences, but feels very much strengthened and rejoices in this message with twenty other boys who are also in service at Camp Meade.

And still the colporteurs come. During the past week Brethern H. J. H. Albright and W. W. Leader, have taken up the colporteur work in this conference. Success to them both. Dear brethern and sisters of this conference, the colporteurs need your prayers.

Elder Parsons left a few days ago for Washington, where he will visit with Elder Andross pertaining to conference

work and will go from there to the Ohio camp-meeting.

Up to the date of August 13 orders have come to the tract society from the churches for 8,570 Harvest Ingathering papers. Many of the churches have not sent their orders in as yet. In order to supply the conference with the number of papers required, we shall have to have more orders and sincerely hope the missionary secretaries of the churches will send them immediately as these papers come from the South. When the time comes to start in this campaign all the churches should have their supply.

One plus one sometimes equals one but the sum is supposed to be stronger than either of the former units alone. In responding to the call from the far East, Mr. W. A. Sharffenburg, wishing to be able to give the best possible service in the mission field, decided to work out a similar problem. Accordingly, he and Miss Katharyn Fickes who has been doing efficient work as stenographer in the conference office during the past year became one on the evening of August 10. Their many friends join in wishing them a happy and successful future.

Camp-Meeting Dates

Ohio	Aug. 15-25
Chesapeake	September 5-15
District of Columbia	Sept. 13-21

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