

Harvest Ingathering Big Week September 22 to 29
Every Member at His Post of Duty

Columbia Union Visitor

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

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B. G. Wilkinson, Pres - C. C. Pulver, Sec.

Harvest Ingathering Big Week

The fall campaign for missions is on. During the past month every conference in the Columbia Union has put forth every possible effort to make it a grand success. Each conference has been carefully districted, and assignments made to the various workers. Most of the churches have been visited and fully organized, and everything is in readiness for a strong campaign during the closing year.

September 22 to 29 has been set aside as our first "big week" in the campaign this year. In past campaigns we have found real inspiration and added strength in setting aside some definite time for our united forces to concentrate their every effort on the work in hand. We have entered upon a big program this fall, and without a doubt will find ourselves face to face with many problems which will arise as we meet the powers of the enemy. It will only be united effort that will bring ultimate victory and crown our work with success.

While we do not wish to emphasize too strongly the material part of our work, because we feel that in the final outcome this will not be the great objective, yet we need to have ever before us a material goal toward which our efforts are directed. As was suggested in a previous article we plan to raise \$40,000 for missions in the Columbia Union through the Harvest Ingathering. This places upon every church-member the responsibility of raising at least \$5.00 before the close of the campaign. And this is not impossible. The experiences of hundreds of our people everywhere who have received a vision of the beauty of personal service is a demonstration of what all can do. We believe firmly that if every member were to give at least four hours during the "big week" to Harvest Ingathering work our goal could be reached. There are vast resources at our command, and if each one will act his part

faithfully we can bring our work to a successful issue.

THE GREAT OBJECTIVE

While it is true that from a material viewpoint we are endeavoring to secure funds for the speedy finishing of the work of God in the earth, we realize fully that the eternal destiny of souls is involved in the work we do. As we engage in the Harvest Ingathering work we find an unlimited opportunity for personal service. Last year through the medium of this campaign hundreds of homes opened their doors for further effort, and many souls were brought in contact with this message who would have never heard it from any other source. In this connection we find much encouragement in a few lines from the pen of the servant of God. "By personal labor reach those around you. Become acquainted with them. Preaching will not do the work that needs to be done. Angels of God attend you to the dwellings of those you visit. This work cannot be done by proxy. Money lent or given will not accomplish it. Sermons will not do it. By visiting the people, talking, praying, sympathizing with them, you will win hearts. This is the highest missionary work that you can do. To do it, you will need resolute, persevering faith, unwearied patience, and a deep love for souls. Vol. 9, p. 41."

There is no other campaign in our yearly program that affords a better opportunity for the development of greater efficiency in personal service than the Harvest Ingathering campaign. And a careful study of present developments in our work together with a survey of the possible outlook causes us to believe that during the closing moments of our work personal service will constitute the most essential factor. May the Lord help every Seventh-day Adventist during these days of passing opportunity to gain an experience in this line of service that will serve them well when all other methods of labor for lost souls have ceased. Let each one take hold of the work with a whole heart, and determine fully to make the "big week" a grand success.

H. K. CHRISTMAN.

One Dollar a Member

"One Dollar a Member" is the goal set for the offering for our colored work on Sabbath, September 14.

What has been done for the needy negro race since we were especially stirred up on the question in 1895 may be briefly summarized thus:

Mission schools started in various parts of the South.

A central boarding school for workers established on a farm near Huntsville, Ala.

Gospel efforts held in tents, halls, and on the boat "Morning Star."

A literature begun for children and the illiterate.

A Negro Department of the General Conference organized.

Now this all sounds good—very good, but there is so little of it being done when we think of the 10,000,000 Negroes in North America to be evangelized. The work of our colored ministry has been greatly prospered of late in the gathering of souls, but the force of colored gospel workers can never be increased as the needs demand, until our training school at Huntsville, Alabama is greatly strengthened and enlarged. It is especially for this particular purpose that the offering of September 14 is taken. The status and needs of this school may be briefly summarized as follows:

About a year ago, Oakwood Manual Training School was raised in rank to fourteen grades, and re-christened Oakwood Junior College. This makes it possible for the school to reach the minimum standard (14 grades) in preparation for the ministry set by the General Conference, the same as our white schools, and also to do standard work in training teachers.

The faculty has been enlarged and strengthened, most of its members being college graduates.

These teachers say that our Negro young men and women do a quality of work in their studies that will average well with that of our white students.

Almost as many students are turned away each year as accepted, for lack of facilities.

\$40,000 for Missions—\$5.00 Per Member

To meet all these conditions a plan has been laid to erect a college building (including chapel and library), a gentlemen's dormitory, and an addition to the new ladies' dormitory completed two years ago—so as to accommodate 250 students.

We were fortunate in securing recently a tract of land (adjoining the old campus) which was about to become a menace to the present plant by being parceled out to petty planters of all sorts. This new tract furnishes an excellent supply of water (meager before), and a large supply of lumber and other building material.

Now all these things must be paid for, and our cash policy calls for the raising of the money at once. "One Dollar a Member" will mean over \$80,000 to help put our colored college and evangelistic work on a better basis to respond to the message that came on this work twenty years ago. Every cent of this amount will be needed. Let every member lift at least a dollar who possibly can, and let many members lift many dollars each.

W. E. HOWELL.

VIRGINIA

12 W. Main St., Richmond
W. C. Moffett, Pres. - W. H. Jones, Sec.

Virginia

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign began this year September 1, 1918. The special week of the campaign is September 15-22.

Supplies have been ordered to each church and isolated individuals. If you need more papers or supplies, order them from the office, 12 W. Main Street, Richmond, Va.

Let the officers of the church organize their forces for service before the close of the present month. Organize into bands, with leaders for each band.

The goal set for this conference is fifty papers and five dollars per member. It can be done if we all go to work earnestly and faithfully from the beginning. "Go to work, whether you feel like it or not . . . In such labor you will find both a stimulus and a tonic."

Isolated members can begin their work in their own neighborhoods. "God expects personal service from every one to whom He has entrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time. Not all can go as missionaries to foreign lands, but all can be home missionaries in their families and neighborhoods."

The conference has been districted, and those having charge of these districts will take the general oversight of the work at the time appointed. We trust to see all our people respond promptly to the call for service in this important and solemn year of 1918.

"There will be no idler, no slothful one, found inside the kingdom of heaven."

If those in general charge do not reach you in time, do not wait, but go to work at once. If near a church become part of the organization, so as not to cover the same territory twice. If you are isolated, as stated above, go to work where you are.

"There is earnest work for every pair of hands to do. Let every stroke tell for the uplifting of humanity. There are so many that need to be helped. The heart of him who lives, not to please himself, but to be a blessing to those who have so few blessings, will thrill with satisfaction."

Let us hear from you of any experiences that would be an encouragement and strength to others.

R. D. HOTTEL,

Home Missionary Sec.

News Notes

Brother George W. Lawrence who was connected with the Norfolk tent, and who since laboring in Virginia has been in the Tidewater cities has asked for his release from this conference which took effect August 12. We regret very much to lose Brother Lawrence from this field.

Many of our canvassers have earned scholarships this summer and are now preparing to spend the winter months in school. The Lord has truly blessed our boys as they have worked faithfully in spite of the exceeding hot weather and other trials.

The brethren at Danville have just plastered the church at that place which was much in need of repair. The tent effort conducted by Brethren Sebastian and Watkins is bringing new life into the work there.

On Sabbath, August 10, our Norfolk tent was burned to the ground by some boys. Everything in the tent including the piano and seats were lost. While there was no great interest we regret very much that the effort should be brought to such an end.

Professor H. A. Miller and wife who have been connected with the Harrisonburg tent effort this summer left August 11 for a short stay at Mrs. Miller's home in Stanley before returning to Mount Vernon.

Elder L. O. Gordon and family have returned to Richmond to find a home for the writer. As soon as the family are settled Elder Gordon will return to Harrisonburg.

Elder W. E. Bidwell and Brother E. H. Dye have pitched again three miles from Independence.

Elders R. D. Hottel and L. O. Gordon are planning to pitch at Lacey Spring half way between New Market and Harrisonburg where new Sabbath keepers have sprung up.

Brother F. E. Hankins has gone to Ohio to bring back his family who have spent the summer at their old home. We understand that his mother will come with him to Virginia.

Newport News No. 1 Church is erecting a church school.

Our teachers who attended the Institute at the college report that it was a most profitable occasion.

Three Washington College graduates are on the faculty of the Shenandoah Valley Academy this year.—Mr. Cecil Ross, preceptor; Miss Minola Rogers, music teacher, and Miss Myrtle Neff, primary teacher.

The new canning factory is in operation and Brother Carl Woods has his hands more than full.

Brother Eddie White of Winchester is superintending the construction of the boy's new dormitory at the academy.

Professor H. M. Forshee and family after two strenuous years' work at the academy are taking a well earned vacation of a month at their old home in Michigan.

A church of fifteen members was organized at Harrisonburg on Sabbath, August 31, at the conclusion of a tent effort conducted by Elders W. C. Moffett and L. O. Gordon. Of the fifteen members six are new converts. Others are expected to soon take their stand.

Sister H. A. Wright of Harrisonburg was rushed to the Washington Sanitarium where she underwent an operation. We have not yet heard of her present condition.

Elders L. O. Gordon and R. D. Hottel are now conducting a series of meetings at Lacey Springs, Va., a few miles out of New Market, Va.

Elder and Mrs. W. C. Moffett and daughter Marion have returned to their home in Gordonsville, after spending the summer in connection with the Harrisonburg tent effort.

The Richmond Church Sabbath School spent a very enjoyable day picnicing at Bryan Park near Richmond last Sunday. The day was delightful and all report having had a pleasant time.

Elder R. D. Hottel and wife and daughter Fern met with an accident while returning home to New Market after attending the tent meeting in Harrisonburg one night last week. While the car was badly damaged in the collision none of the occupants were severely injured.

Brother C. E. Williams* of Newport News has located his family at New Market where they can be near the Academy.

The tent effort at Independence, Va., has been brought to a close and the interest will be followed up by Brother and Sister E. H. Dye. Also the colored tent effort at Danville closed on September 1. Reports from these different efforts will appear in these columns later.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Indiana, Pa.

I. D. Richardson Pres. - J. S. Neely, Sec.

Among the Churches

Last week in company with Elder Schwartz and Brother Manry I visited the churches of Erie, Meadville, Corry, Warren and Russell; at the last named place Elder Schwartz left us and we went on to Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Du Bois, in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering.

As we traveled in the conference machine, we visited many isolated brethren along the way, as we traveled from church to church. All seemed to have their eyes fixed on the fast fulfilling signs of our times and eager to have their neighbors know more of the truth. We hope that it will be possible to return to some of these churches soon in the interest of the home missionary work and later to conduct some efforts.

This coming winter we want to hold at least two theater efforts outside of Pittsburgh and if possible conduct a strong campaign in Pittsburgh. The theater efforts outside of Pittsburgh will be held where churches are already established. Definite plans will be laid at the time of the workers' institute which will be held in one of the large churches sometime late in October. The churches which will be found doing the largest amount of home missionary work will likely get the theater efforts. These efforts will begin early in January. We hope to see a very decided effort put forth by these churches with the Present Truth Series and a good interest awakened.

I. D. RICHARDSON.

The Fall Drive

Only a few days remain before the 1918 mission drive will be launched. All necessary plans have been made for a swift campaign. The generals, lieutenants and captains have considered the details carefully and have been inspired by the letters of courage from the men and women on the firing line.

Great quantities of supplies are on the road to the various centers where the drilled soldiers under the direction of the band leaders will supply themselves with the necessary ammunition for a successful campaign.

The question may arise, "What is the object of this movement?" Millions of souls in heathen lands are dying for the bread of life. Over 1000 each hour sink into Christless graves and multitudes who are stretching their hands toward us for light will meet the same fate unless we stir ourselves.

But missionaries cannot go without they are sent and we cannot send them without money. God has entrusted much wealth to the gentiles and in this trying time of distress for the world He has told us that the gentiles would be willing to give of their means. So a neat attractive magazine has been prepared telling of the work in heathen lands will be given out and contributions asked for mission work.

It will give our people an opportunity to work as has been outlined in the testimonies. Their souls will be refreshed and all who receive the papers will be brought to see more clearly how the gospel message is going to the ends of the earth.

O what a campaign! The soldier is blessed, the one approached is helped and those in far off mission fields will hear of Jesus who died for them.

We are so near the end of time that it will be hazardous for any to excuse themselves from engaging in this drive for missions. The people of Meroz decided not to take part in the war against Sisera and his 900 chariots of iron, but they were cursed, not for any great sin but for doing nothing. Surely in this trying hour each believer should come up to the help of the Lord.

In the view of the coming conflict given Sister White the following scene between the forces of evil and good was shown. "I saw two armies in terrible conflict. One army was led by banners bearing the world's insignia; the other was led by the blood-stained banner of Prince Emmanuel. The battle raged. Victory alternated from side to side. . . At last the victory was gained. The army following Prince Emmanuel was everywhere victorious. His power was mightily displayed, encouraging them to press the battle to the gates. He taught them terrible things in righteousness as He led them on step by

step, conquering and to conquer."

All who were commandment keepers were actively engaged in the ranks of the army under Prince Emmanuel. With such a Leader who never lost a battle let every believer enter heartily into the 1918 Campaign for Missions. E. A. MANRY.

Signs of the Times

Beginning September 3 there will be a series of articles in the Signs Weekly upon Jesus' second coming. These will be highly prized by all who are looking for Jesus' return.

It is hoped that our people will do all in their power to secure a wide circulation of the Signs. These articles will run through twelve issues and can be had for fifty cents.

Nearly every denomination is considering the question and with a little effort our people can do much good.

E. A. MANRY.

News Notes

We are pleased to announce that Elder J. E. Veach is planning to take up ministerial work again. This will be good news to all of the old friends of the West Pennsylvania Conference.

Elder Richardson and Brother Manry are attending the Educational meeting in Washington, D. C. From Washington Elder Richardson will go on to Virginia to move the family to Indiana, Pa.

The office is now located in Indiana, Pa. All communications for the office or officers of the conference and tract society should be addressed to Indiana, Pa.

The attendance at the Sharon tent continues good. Though the Sabbath has been presented the attendance continues about as before. We hope to see a goodly number take their stand.

Elder A. O. Lund reports a splendid interest among the Swedish people at Mt. Jewett. The tent is more than full on Sunday night and a good interest is manifest. The tent is pitched in a prominent place on the main street.

Sister A. O. Lund is convalescing from an operation in the Kane Hospital. Elder Richardson and Brother Manry called at the hospital to see her last week and report that she is making a good recovery.

Elder F. A. Harter left Pittsburgh last week for Virginia. It is hoped that a good evangelist can be secured to take up the work in Pittsburgh which Elder Harter has laid down. Greater Pittsburgh has a population of one million people.

Elder Ulrich left last week for his new field of labor at Columbus, Ohio.

Elder H. A. Weaver of Ohio has accepted the call to the Altoona district.

It is earnestly hoped that a liberal offering will be made next Sabbath to the colored work of the south. This is a very urgent call.

Brother E. A. Manry, our home missionary secretary, is spending this week with the churches in the southern portion of the conference in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering. Next week Elders Richardson, Schwartz and Brother Manry will visit the churches in the northern portion from Erie to Warren and Bradford.

At a recent meeting of the conference committee Mrs. I. D. Richardson was appointed to the secretaryship of the Sabbath School department, and Medical Missionary department. Mrs. Richardson is engaged in Bible Work in the Virginia Conference at present but will be coming to West Pennsylvania next month.

Brethren Kneeland and Spencer report a good interest in the tent meetings in Sharon. The attendance is on the increase and the interest is good.

The Bradford effort opened Sunday night, August 11. Elder West is in charge. We hope to have a report from this effort soon.

Elder A. O. Lund is conducting a tent effort for the Swedish people at Mount Jewett. A good interest has developed in the Swedish settlement at this place and it is hoped that a good church can be established.

We must earnestly request that those who have not paid their pledges in full, to the Washington College Building fund, arrange to do so within the next thirty days. It is planned to complete the building next month and dedicate it Free from Debt. Let us strain every nerve to make this possible. Send the amount of your pledge to the West Pennsylvania Conference.

The young people of the Allegheny Churches No. 1 and No. 2 have a union meeting every Tuesday night at the different homes. The first meeting was held at the home of Elder J. P. Gaede with 30 in attendance and last Tuesday night they met at the home of Sister Wiese with 48 in attendance. The young people like their new leader, Mrs. Alice Ferguson, very much. They also had the privilege of listening to a talk by Professor Teesdale of Mount Vernon Academy who spent some time in Pittsburgh and vicinity visiting the young people.

The Allegheny Churches have recently added 8 new members, four having been baptized before camp-meeting and the rest at camp-meeting.

CHESAPEAKE

1901 Rosedale St., Baltimore, Md.
A. S. Booth, Pres. Emma Newcomer, Sec.

The Colored Work in Wilmington, Delaware

Believing that the readers of the VISITOR might be interested in the work here in Wilmington, Del., I wish to report that the work is moving on slowly, and that the Lord has seen fit to give us a degree of success. The writer has been in this city about seven months from January 1, 1918. For the seven previous months to this the tithes and offerings were \$489.44, while for the seven months of this year the tithes and offering are \$500.00.

Our book and magazine sales have been about \$125.00. The spiritual side of the work has been most gratifying; the Lord is blessing our efforts. We have had three baptisms and four accessions to the church. Many more are interested; I am doing Bible work from house to house.

Our Missionary Volunteer department is doing aggressive work with Sister Gibbs as leader, and also the Sabbath School department is growing with Sisters Franklin and Thomas as leaders. We solicit the prayers of the readers of the VISITOR for this little church.

LESLIE MUNTZ.

News Notes

The conference secretary received a very interesting letter from Elder and Mrs. R. T. Baer only a short time ago. It will be remembered that Elder Baer was president of the Chesapeake Conference for a number of years, and went from here to take the presidency of the Argentine Conference. They are well and the work is prospering greatly. Elder Baer says, "I am so very busy I cannot find time to write to all the Chesapeake workers, so would appreciate your kindness very much if you would pass on to them our hearty good wishes for their success. Winter has been on in Argentine, and some time in July they had a very beautiful snow storm. It was the first one Argentina had had for eighty-eight years. It was hailed with delight. Some of the workers there had never seen snow.

Work is in progress at the camp ground and we hope to have everything in readiness when the time comes for the opening of the camp. We are very grateful to both New Jersey and Ohio Conferences for their great kindness in shipping to us

tents from their field. We had more orders from the people of the conference than we could fill even with the tents we were getting from New Jersey. So Ohio has very kindly expressed some to us, and with the rooms in the neighborhood that have been offered for rent, we feel we will be able to accommodate all who come.

The workers from the various parts of the conference are in and helping to pitch the camp.

Elder Booth had a baptism Sabbath morning when eight persons were baptized.

The camp-meeting will be in full swing at our next report, and we feel confident all who come will not need to go away disappointed.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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

The Colored Work in Washington D. C.

Answering the call to connect with the work in Washington, D. C., we left Baltimore, Md., where we had labored for over six years, in February of this year. In the short time we have been in Washington we have seen marked advance in every line of work. The Sabbath School offerings have jumped from about \$10.00 a month to over fifty and the tithe from less than a hundred a month to nearly two hundred and something over two hundred dollars a month. The entire church is hard at work with our magazines, placing these silent preachers in the hands of hundreds as well as raising means to do all in their power to reduce the church indebtedness. At the present we have been holding four weeks of tent services in the northwest section of the city with the best attendance that has been seen in Washington in years, and the interest is the best we have ever had in all our past years of tent work. We write this that those interested in the work here in this center that have suffered so many fearful experiences, may know that better days are ahead and with the continued blessings of the Lord upon us we hope to see the work here solid and forever on the move. We realize that the enemy rejoices when our brethren are in an upset state, but we have placed our hands to the plow, this time, never to look back and ask your prayers that throughout the entire country the work for the colored people may be pushed with every advantage. We ask those deeply burdened for these people to give in the Annual Offering for the colored work to be taken September

14, as they have never given before remembering that soon the days of giving will be over and we shall begin to receive the rewards that are laid up in store for us. There are many large cities where as yet nothing has been done for the colored people and while the colored people themselves do splendidly to show their personal interest in this work, yet they must have much help to quickly send the gospel to those in darkness.

GUSTAVUS P. RODGERS

WEST VIRGINIA

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

L. B. Taylor, Sec.

Offering for the Colored Work

This article is to remind you that Sabbath, September 14, is the day set apart by the General Conference in which the offering for the colored people is to be received. There is a great work to be done for the colored people in the South, as well as in the other places, and it requires funds to prosecute our work in the needy southern fields. The General conference has recommended that so far as possible we set our goal for at least \$1.00 per member in this field, and we sincerely hope that the members of the churches in West Virginia will respond to this call as faithfully and loyally as they do to every call that is made by this denomination. We are in the closing days of the work, and we should consider it a great pleasure to have a part in contributing to the calls as they come, that the work may quickly be finished in this world that is so terribly burdened with the guilt of sin. Will the members of all the churches and the isolated members plan now to make Sabbath, September 14, a *Dollar Day*? Send the funds as soon as possible through the regular channel.

We are glad to report that the work is progressing nicely in every department in the conference. Reports are coming in from the three tent efforts that souls are taking their stand for the truth, and we solicit the prayers of the Visitor family that God by His Spirit may search out those who are honest in heart and quickly bring them into His fold. Yours for continued service. T. B. WESTBROOK.

Chester, W. Va.

After our camp-meeting, the conference committee voted that the writer conduct an effort in this city. We began our meetings on July 18. Our attendance was very small at first. This was caused by a very deep-seated prejudice that has existed here for some time. The attendance continued to grow until there was a fairly good attendance. This continued until the Free Methodists

began their camp-meeting within three blocks from us. This affected our attendance very much. We are glad to say, however, that the Lord is blessing, and some precious souls are taking their stand for the truth. We are planning a baptism at a very early date.

Among those who have accepted the truth is a young lady that teaches school. She is a very promising girl, and the prospects are she will make a valiant worker for God. Another candidate for baptism has made application for training in the Washington Sanitarium.

There are others we are expecting to take their stand for the truth in the very near future.

We earnestly solicit the prayers of the brethren and sisters that the Lord may continue to bless the work here.

W. L. ADKINS.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

The Wellsboro Camp-meeting

The local camp-meeting held in Wellsboro-Tioga County, Pa., was a great spiritual blessing to all in attendance. We were favored with the presence of Elders Parsons, Heckman, Gauterau, and Stahl, who presented stirring messages of truth, dwelling especially upon the serious time upon which we have entered. Elder Stahl's missionary experiences in South America will always be remembered, and awakened in every heart a greater response to the needs of the mission fields. Sister Acton's appeal to the young people, and earnest call for greater interest in Sabbath School work made a deep impression upon all.

H. J. Detwiler.

OHIO

Box 8, Mount Vernon, Ohio
F. H. Robbins, Pres. H. D. Holtom, Sec.

To the Church Elders in Ohio

At the General Conference held in San Francisco, to which the writer was a delegate, the Religious Liberty Department was the only department that succeeded in getting a periodical mentioned in its resolutions before the body.

Part of that resolution reads, "That, a Liberty Magazine goal be fixed equal to one subscription for each church member."

In few words this means, if we are to do our part in carrying out the resolution, that we have a shortage to fill in our conference of 1105 subscriptions.

Will you not take this matter up in your churches and companies?

There are men of influence in every community, who through lack of infor-

mation probably do not see any iniquity in placing religious laws upon the statute books. It is the privilege of our churches to reach many of these men with the Liberty Magazine, and they surely ought to be reached.

For five or more subscriptions sent in at one time the price will be 25 cents a year. A member can subscribe himself and furnish other four names. This does not mean that one person would have to subscribe himself and furnish four names in order to get the 25 cent rate, but if the church in the aggregate sends at least five names they are entitled to this special rate.

Do not send in the names of any legislators or editors. The department is sending the Liberty Magazine to all these men.

This is but a small task if each elder or leader will do his part, and there are many friends of religious liberty principles in all parts of the land.

Why not have more friends?

A. R. BELL, *Religious Liberty Sec.*

To Every Seventh-day Adventist in Ohio

Congress is convened, and is preparing to resume the subject of War Prohibition. This is one of the most crucial periods in the history of this terrible war. If we get War-time Prohibition now, it is almost sure to last after the war.

Will you write *AT ONCE* to the senator and congressman from your district urging this measure?

Please do not write a stock letter. It will not do near as much good as personal letters from constituents.

Everything depends on your doing this immediately. There is not a moment to be lost. Get your material and write as soon as you read this.

We need the food, coal, ice, sugar, and the transportation facilities that are consumed by brewing beer and distilling wine and whiskey. Impress this when you write, and get everyone you can to write.

A. R. BELL, *Religious Liberty Sec.*

NEW JERSEY

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

News Notes

Miss Jessie Weiss, who has been doing Bible work in connection with the large tent effort in Jersey City, made a pleasant call at the office last week. She reports a good interest in the meetings there, and many have expressed a willingness to keep the Sabbath and obey God.

Elder W. H. Heckman and Mr. L. D. Warren attended the Educational Rally in Washington, September 3, 4 and 5.

Miss Freda Greenlee, who has been canvassing in Somerville and Plainfield, recently visited in Trenton. She is of good courage.

Splendid reports are coming in from some of our church treasurers for the month of August. The tithe receipts are gratifying. This shows a willingness on the part of our people to return unto the Lord His own in tithes as well as offerings.

Miss Beatrice Murphy, who has for some months been connected with our office force, was recently called to her home in Ohio.

Elder C. B. Haynes of Washington visited relatives in Trenton last week, and assisted with the services on Sabbath. As soon as he can locate a house in Washington, Mrs. Haynes and their son, Donald, will join him there.

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign has now been launched, and many of our people are already at work in earnest, soliciting for missions. We trust none will refuse to do their "bit" for the Lord in helping to raise money for the needy fields beyond. You cannot afford to miss the blessing that comes from willing service. Try it.

"My Great Mistake"

A gentleman in Minnesota wrote the following message to the office: "Looking over your *Signs Magazine* today, I realized my great mistake in not subscribing for it sooner. I chanced to meet a lady one Saturday night who sold me the magazine. Not knowing where to find her, I thought I would write you and send in my subscription. It is a splendid magazine and is appropriately named the *Signs of the Times*."

This gentleman saw his "great mistake," acknowledged it, and then sent in his subscription. He, an outsider, sets an example to our own people. We don't ask you to acknowledge your "great mistake" in not being a subscriber (if you are not) but just suggest that you do as the Minnesota gentleman did—send in your subscription. You, of course, will send it through your tract society office. Be sure, however, to have your subscription begin with the

September Signs Magazine

1. Because the supply of the August number will be gone, no doubt, by the time your subscription reaches the publishing house.

2. Because the September magazine will be the best thus far in the year. It

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
East Pennsylvania Week Ending August 30, 1918									
S. J. Mack, Bradford Co.		BR	5	50	14	62 00		62 00	
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster		BR	5	42	21	93 00	2 75	95 75	5 75
A. J. Cooper, Dauphin		BR	4	42	7	30 00		30 00	
W. A. Scharffenberg, Snyder		BR	4	38	31	150 00		150 00	
Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	3	33	7	35 00	6 25	41 25	16 25
H. Albright, Dauphin		BR	3	32	15	65 00	50	65 50	50
W. C. Rahn, Wayne Co.		WCS	4	31		28 75		28 75	28 75
T. Beamsderfer, Snyder		BR	4	29	25	127 00	3 50	130 50	
M. D. Hollenbaugh, Cumberland		OD	3	13	8	16 00	2 00	18 00	2 00
Sol. Diehl, Union Co.		OD	3	30	12	25 00	4 00	29 00	
R. M. Milne, Lycoming Co.		BR	5	51	33	160 00		160 00	
Harold Leland, Lycoming Co.		BR	5	49	22	102 00	1 25	103 25	
Eugene Gloor, Lycoming Co.		BR	5	54	32	146 00		146 00	
Misc.						11 00		11 00	
Totals	13 Agents		53	494	227	1050 75	20 25	1071 00	43 25
Virginia, Week Ending August 30, 1918									
E. M. Trummer, Rockbridge Co.		BR	5	49	35	164 00	17 25	181 25	
H. A. Wright, Rockingham Co.		BR	4	35	35	164 00	50	164 50	
Orpha Smith, Albemarle Co.		BR	10	63	32	134 00	24 65	158 65	
Glen Mears, Albemarle Co.		BR	10	63	16	74 00	11 60	85 60	10 85
Orion Lawrence, Warwick Co.		OD	8	29	30	91 90	55	92 45	
Joseph Sangster, Rockbridge Co.		BR							384 85
M. A. Maloney, Accomac Co.		OD	5	32	2	4 00		4 00	35 50
C. E. Overstreet, Accomac Co.		WP	5	25		31 75		31 75	31 75
Totals	8 Agents		47	296	150	663 65	54 55	718 20	462 95
West Virginia, Week Ending August 30, 1918									
Ivor Lawrence, Kanawha Co.		BR	3	23	24	112 00	18 80	130 80	9 40
N. D. Fisher, Kanawha Co.		BR	5	39	25	113 00	24 05	137 05	23 20
Wm. A. Galloway, Mercer Co.		OD	5	48	40	82 00		82 00	
W. T. Dishman, Fayette		OD	5	26	42	100 00	48 75	148 75	
E. R. Corder, Fayette Co.		OD	3	25	31	96 00	5 00	101 00	
Frank Bentz, Braxton Co.		OD	5	44	28	62 00	14 40	76 40	3 85
C. E. Will, Wheeling		PPF	4	37	2	5 00	27 85	32 85	24 00
Totals	7 Agents		30	242	192	570 00	138 85	708 85	60 45
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending August 30, 1918									
A. E. Holst, Indiana		BR	5	30	21	95 00	3 00	98 00	11 00
Myrtle Bateman, Tyrone		OD	5	31	38	78 00	8 00	86 00	3 25
A. Brownlie, Hickory		SP	5	45	78	44 50	27 90	72 40	50 20
Ella Martin, Bellwood		OD	4	29	29	59 00	7 60	66 60	1 00
John Leroy, Greene Co.		BR	5	44	15	69 00		69 00	
D. J. Hoover, Fayette		OD	4	13	14	28 00		28 00	63 00
B. Buttermore, Fayette Co.		OD	6	29		62 50		62 50	62 50
M. L. Bateman, Somerset		HM	4	31		46 50		46 50	310 00
J. E. Bugher, Manor		OD	4	16	11	13 00		13 00	
Millie Smith, Pittsburg		SM	3	11			11 60	11 60	7 35
E. W. Chisholm, Valley Camp		BR	3	24					91 00
D. Chisholm, Valley Camp		BR	2	20					83 00
Maynard Riemann, Pittsburgh -		WP	4	40	108		27 00	27 00	50 00
Misc.		WP					150 00	150 00	
Totals	13 Agents		54	363	314	495 50	235 10	730 60	732 30
West Virginia, Week Ending August 23, 1918									
S. G. Bertolet, Thaker		BR	5	46	59	176 50	21 20	197 70	6 00
John Fahrner, Adrian		BR	4	24	9	39 00	18 75	57 75	10 25
Ivor Lawrence, Kayford		BR	5	32	23	108 00	9 35	117 35	10 85
N. D. Fisher, Kayford		BR	4	35	13	62 00	31 00	93 00	27 10
Roscoe Bee, Tyler Co.		OD	4	31	8	16 00	12 10	28 10	14 55
Frank Bentz, Gassaway		OD	5	55	30	62 00	12 80	74 80	6 70
E. R. Corder, Fayette Co.		OD	6	40	125	350 00		350 00	
W. H. Galloway, Mercer Co.		OD	5	46	24	51 00		51 00	
E. R. Corder, Fayette Co.		OD	5	45	7	14 00	10 00	24 00	376 10
C. E. Will, Wheeling		PPF	5	40	4	10 00	21 70	31 70	41 70
J. Paul Johnson, Randolph Co.		CK	2	13					82 00
Misc.									6 25
Totals	10 Agents		50	457	302	888 50	136 90	1025 40	581 50

Virginia, Week Ending August 23, 1918

E. M. Trummer, Rockbridge Co.	BR	5	52	35	162 00	25 25	187 25	3 50
J. E. Thompson, Lee Co.	BR	5	31	25	125 00	19 85	144 95	70 80
R. E. Pleasants, Amherst Co.	OD	5	50	49	120 00		120 00	
C. E. Overstreet, Accomac Co.	OD	5	31	13	31 00	42 50	73 50	36 50
M. A. Maloney, Accomac Co.	OD	5	43	33	72 00	18 00	90 00	30 00
W. E. Saunders, Roanoke Co.	BR	5	19	6	27 00		27 00	
S. N. Wilmer, Lee Co.	BR	4	28	4	19 00		19 00	227 00
Edmond Olsen, Norfolk Co.	OD	3	14	6	12 00		12 00	4 00
Totals 8 Agents			37	268 170	568 00	105 70	673 70	371 80

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending August 23, 1918

M. H. Riemann, Braddock	Per	6	43	191		98 50	98 50	25 75
A. E. Holst, Indiana	BR	5	35	20	88 00	2 00	90 00	2 00
A. Brownlie, Allegheny	SD	5	49	32	51 20	32 70	83 90	70 30
G. S. Buttermore, Fayette	OD	6	46	27	70 00	4 85	74 85	66 31
E. W. Chisholm, New Kensington	BR	5	40	13	62 00	5 00	67 00	
D. W. Chisholm, Allegheny	BR	5	40	12	57 00	3 00	60 00	2 00
C. M. Brown, Johnstown	BR	1	12	21	8 00	30 25	38 25	
Geo. Lauger, Albion	OD	5	41	16	33 00	1 00	34 00	
Myrtle Bateman, Blair	OD	3	19	12	24 00	6 05	30 05	106 85
J. Leroy, Greene	BR	5	50	8	28 00	1 00	29 00	1 00
J. E. Bugher, Manor	OD	4	21	15	22 00	5 00	27 00	5 00
Mrs. Leroy, Washington	Per	4	37	43				21 50
Walter Morley, Pittsburg	Per	5	17	37		18 25	18 25	17 00
George Evans, Pittsburg	Per	4	12	19		8 50	8 50	3 50
Helen Guthrie, Roaring Spring	OD	3	24					132 95
Hazel Read, Roaring Spring	OD	4	28					181 35
Totals 16 Agents			65	515 466	443 20	216 10	659 30	635 51

Ohio, One Week Ending August 23, 1918

F. E. Wagner, Barberton Co.	OD	8	64	38	81 00	28 50	109 50	116 00
Fred Hannah, Loudonville	OD	10	90	60	120 00		120 00	20 00
Violet Murphy, Van Wert	OD	5	41	24	48 00	3 40	51 40	3 40
Elizabeth Morris, Jefferson			3	40				212 25
F. Brandstetter, Cincinnati	OD	4	36	4	8 00	32 00	40 00	34 00
John Manuel, New Phila.	BR	4	34	13	59 00	3 05	62 05	
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Fremont	BR	5	26	3	13 00	1 00	14 00	42 90
Totals 7 Agents			39	231 112	329 00	67 95	396 95	428 55

Chesapeake, Week Ending August 30, 1918

J. E. Jones, Wicomico Co., Md.	BR	5	44	19	88 00	39 25	127 25	
W. J. Valentine, Berkley Co. W. Va.	BR	5	30					209 00
S. Oberholtzer, Caroline Co. Md.	OD	2	17					65 00
Totals 3 Agents			12	91 19	88 00	39 25	127 25	274 00

New Jersey, Week Ending August 31, 1918

Allen Boynton	OD	5	25	28	65 00	4 50	69 50	
Fred Zimmerly	OD	5	35	22	53 00	10 75	63 75	
Fred Krall	OD	5	31	17	44 00	2 00	46 00	
Totals 3 Agents			15	91 67	162 00	17 25	179 25	

Grand Totals: Agents 88 Value of Orders \$5258 60 Deliveries \$3590 31

Please note correction in issue of September 5, Canvasser's reports, East Pennsylvania, week ending August 16, Mark Hagman, Juniata instead of reading 3 days 27 hours, should read \$730 delivered.

is now (July 25) being made up. The cover design ("Forging The Chain Of Protection Around Our Children") in attractive colors, will appeal instantly to every patriotic citizen, and parents especially.

3. Because the articles are unusual. Your interested neighbor should see the magazine, when you have finished with it, and read Elder G. B. Thompson's article on "Populating Heaven By Wholesale," showing the fallacy of the universal salvation theory held by so many today. "The Intrigue of the East," by Elder G. F. Enoch, tells of the schemes to obtain control of the Far

East. Elder M. C. Wilcox will have a splendid article in the September number on the great principles of religious freedom—"Lest We Forget." An article by Professor George McCready Price shows clearly where higher criticism and modern disbelief in the Bible comes from, and how they are being fostered in religious (?) literature and in educational institutions of the world. The movement for national prohibition of liquor is discussed in this number by Mr. Grant Bennett. Other striking and helpful articles will appear in the magazine from Dr. Geo. Thomason, Ruth Lees Olson, Josef W. Hall, and others.

Brother Lippart has been succeeding so well in his territory that he has gotten so full of fire and enthusiasm that it has inspired him to write in verse for us.

M. W. SHIDLER.

The Colporteur

Out on the highways and hedges,
Out on the roads and streets,
The truth-filled colporteur canvasses
Whosoever God plans him to meet.

He's at it the first thing in the morning;
He's at it till late at night,
In warning the lost honest-hearted,
And dispelling the dark gloom of night.

He warns the erring and froward
From their evil ways to depart.
And seeks to bring back the wayward.
And for a home in heaven to start.

He canvasses the poor and the needy,
Brings joy to those who are faint,
And breaks their strong band of bondage
And frees them from sin's awful taint.

Methinks in the book of remembrance,
Kept by the angels above,
The colporteur record is written
And soon shall he have his reward.

So friends, let us each one be faithful;
Soon the battles of life will be won,
And soon as we finish our life's work,
We'll hear from His lips that "Well done."

When at last the long journey is over,
And on eternity's shore we shall stand,
I would love to hear some one say to me,
"But for you I'd not be in this land."

Then all through eternity's ages,
As the cycles of time roll along,
We'll thank the great Lord of the
Harvest

For the gift of His beloved Son.

We'll thank Him for the Plan of

Salvation,

For the souls that through Grace we
have won,

For His great gospel commission,
And the colporteur work we have done.

We'll cast our bright crowns before Him,
And on bended knee we will fall,
To worship, and to praise, and adore Him,
And crown Him the Lord of us all.

—Jas. E. Lippart.

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OBITUARIES

ENS.—Elizabeth, fell asleep in Jesus in her home Cleveland, Ohio, August 18, 1918, after a very painful siege of cancer. Sister Ens was a member of the Cleveland German Church for several years, and had been very earnest and very regular at prayer meetings as well as all other meetings as long as her health permitted her so to do. All the members of her church miss her presence and sorrow because of her departure, yet believing we soon shall meet her again in the resurrection of the righteous. The undersigned spoke words of comfort from Is. 45:17. May the good Lord in a special way comfort her sorrowing husband is our prayer.

C. W. WEBER.

SCHUCKMEL.—Cathrine Graham was born June 4, 1879, and died September 1, 1918. Sister Strong while out in Harvest Ingathering work last year found our dear Sister Schuckmel an invalid. In reading the contents of the paper she became interested and through further studies of the message she became fully converted and gave her heart to God, and died in the blessed hope of the soon coming of her Saviour. She was paralyzed from the waist down, thus losing the entire use of her lower limbs. Although suffering for more than two years in this helpless condition she was never known to murmur or complain. She leaves a husband, father, and one sister to mourn their loss. Words were spoken to those who had gathered to pay their last respects to the dead from Revelation twenty-first chapter, first four verses.

F. H. HENDERSON.

Virginia Conference Tithe and Mission Statement for 7 Months 1918

Church	Mem.	Tithe 1917	Tithe 1918	25% a week	Per Cap.	Goal 7 mos.	Amt. Short	Amt. Over
Conference No. 1	24	501 73	742 61	487 49	.67	182 00		305 49
New Market	46	863 63	1127 61	908 69	.65	348 81		559 88
Portsmouth No. 1	25	332 72	1006 44	226 52	.30	189 56		36 96
Lynchburg No. 1	23	384 07	450 75	185 90	.27	178 29		7 61
Newport News No. 1	39	371 61	1250 50	314 67	.26	296 10		18 57
Winchester	19		159 41	149 82	.26	144 06		5 76
Norfolk No. 1	20	227 76	644 96	155 80	.25	151 62		4 18
Bethel	21	23 01	115 55	142 79	.22	159 25		16 46
Oak Ridge	18	304 96	355 53	107 00	.20	136 50	29 50	
Richmond No. 1	119	1631 75	1733 96	431 54	.12	903 56	472 02	
Rileyville	11	35 71	33 37	36 40	.11	83 37	46 97	
Roanoke	7	104 42	111 75	19 07	.09	53 13	34 06	
Yale	20	193 27	119 30	53 14	.09	151 62	98 48	
Stanley	63	237 78	260 82	104 78	.05	477 75	372 97	
Guinea Mills	6	44 00	13 00	5 10	.02	45 50	40 40	
10% a week								
Lynchburg No. 2	4		67 81	18 72	.15	12 18		6 54
Norfolk No. 2	17	40 14	251 05	72 42	.14	51 52		20 90
Portsmouth No. 2	15	113 48	213 31	55 96	.12	45 50		10 46
Danville	13	46 77	89 62	41 97	.11	39 41		2 56
Newport News No. 2	34	187 88	523 79	102 19	.10	103 11	02	
Richmond No. 2	42	265 77	558 61	126 45	.10	127 40	95	
Conference No. 2	4	32 41	63 08	9 12	.07	12 18	3 06	
News Ferry	12	24 62	35 78	22 09	.06	36 40	14 31	
Spencer	9	13 15	15 95	17 45	.06	23 70	6 25	
Thelma	6	24 07	50 00	2 27	.01	18 20	15 93	
Keokee			4 83	2 73				2 73
	617	6004 71	9999 39	3321 71	25%	3970 72	1152 28	981 64
Per capita at 25%	.24			471 37	10%	3800 08	981 64	
" " " 10%	.10			3800 08		170 64	170 64	

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Camp-Meeting Dates

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

NOTICE

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N. S. Ashton, Principal.

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