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"Every One to the Work. Each to Do His Best."

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Ohio Camp-meeting

The largest camp-meeting which was ever seen in the Ohio Conference was held at Mount Vernon, Ohio, August 15-25. The attendance reached as high as 1400. It was considered also the best camp-meeting ever held in the state. It was a continual revival from day to day, the people drawing nearer and nearer to God. Many became acquainted with the Lord for the first time, while large numbers who had grown cold, or had been offering upon the altar of service a lame sacrifice, gave themselves to God anew or for the first time. Never was so large a camp-meeting in the Columbia Union witnessed with such a spirit of revival. To many it was a visitation of the latter rain.

The presence of Elder S. N. Haskell and his wife, together with the devoted labors of Elder F. W. Paap, resulted in many people awakening to a realization of what they had missed in neglecting to read the Testimonies. So great an interest was manifested along this line that at one moment there were sold upon the ground 146 sets of these valuable books. Over \$5,000 worth of our books were sold at this meeting.

Doctor H. W. Miller was present and held several public meetings in which he presented the new school just opening at Washington in the interests of training young men in lines of nursing for war work. The interest in this line was indeed very great. Many of our boys desired to enroll immediately, if such a thing were possible, in order to come to Washington and get this training.

One unusual thing at this meeting such as never before has been witnessed at an Ohio camp-meeting was a forward movement on the part of the ministry. The ministering brethren of the Ohio Conference fully realize their need, so much so that deep confessions were made on the public stand, and the ministry moved forward as a body for higher personal life and more efficient service for God.

The interest of foreign missions was well cared for. The largest offering ever given in any one meeting the Columbia Union Conference was raised the last Sabbath of this camp-meeting; the offering amounting in round numbers to \$20,000. But best of all, there was a great offering of themselves on the part of the young people for service at home and abroad. On the last Sabbath of the camp, the platform was crowded to the utmost limit with from 400 to 500 young men and women, dedicating themselves to any line of the work to which God might call them, whether it be as preachers, Bible workers, teachers, colporteurs, nurses, etc., etc.

The last Sunday morning the writer in connection with Elder H. K. Christman presented the needs of our boys who are under the draft,—the need of giving personal comfort, of supplying them with literature, of rendering spiritual advice where necessary,—all of which would demand a certain outlay of money,—was presented to the people. They gladly responded with an offering in cash and pledges of \$2,396.77. The meeting closed with a baptism of twenty-five.

Outside of the Union Conference laborers and those already mentioned, we were favored with the presence of Elder F. A. Stahl, a returned missionary from South America. We believe that this meeting will mark a new era in the work of the Ohio Conference. B. G. WILKINSON.

A Great Educational Meeting

During the days of September 3, 4, and 5 all the educational workers of the Columbia Union Conference rallied to a meeting in the chapel of the Washington Missionary College. There were present the presidents of the eight conferences, the faculties of Washington Missionary College and Mount Vernon Academy, and the Educational Secretaries of this conference. A number of the general men as Elders Daniells, Wilcox, Professors Longacre, Howell, Benson and Doctor Ruble were present, as well as Doctor Olsen, principal of South Lancaster

Academy, and Professor L. H. Wood principal of Ooltewah Junior College. The Lord came wonderfully near this meeting. Many of those in attendance expressed their opinion that it was the best educational meeting ever attended for so short a time. The spirit of revival which has been going through our camp-meetings this past summer visited us in this assembly. All the educational workers dedicated themselves anew to God. Many expressed their dissatisfaction with their past years of spiritual service, and made public vows that the future would see them making first things first, and giving the spiritual leadership the prominent place over against either intellectual or social leadership.

The discussions took wide range. Most prominent were the new plans with reference to church schools. It was declared that the ideal for the Columbia Union should be a church school wherever there were six children or more. It was arranged at once to search out the financial condition of all places where there were six children or more and endeavor to give counsel, inspiration, and direction. Furthermore the faculty of Washington Missionary College and the conferences agreed at once to secure fifty new church school teachers. It was voted to raise the salaries of church school teachers in order that they might be enabled to prosecute their work in conditions not so harrassing. It was voted, moreover, to study how to give church school teachers better equipment, school rooms, and living quarters. At the foundation of our educational system lies church school work. Dear brethren we must begin to give more serious attention to this matter. Moreover the word coming from the president of the United States is "Go to school." Some seem to think that on account of the enormity of the war and the general tear-up occasioned by it, we should grow lax in our educational standards and in our determination to see our children and young people secure the education they ought to have. We all agree with the president of the United States, that at

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

this time we should not grow lax, but we should grow more concerned about the question.

We are glad for this Rally. President Machlan of the college informs me that the applications to enter the college this year are 100 per cent more than last year. So far as the college is concerned we look for things to be not only as they were last year, but much more so. We ask that our brethren throughout the field everywhere will pray for the work in educational lines.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Columbia Union War Service Fund

During the past month much interest has developed in our churches in the Columbia Union in connection with the raising of a fund of at least \$4000 to finance the work which is being done in behalf of our young men of military age, both in service and in civilian life. The results of the campaign in the churches has been most encouraging, and we felt impressed to give some report of the work done to date.

In this effort for our young men we find ourselves engaged in a home missionary enterprise that is just as essential and important as any other phase of our denominational activities. Considerable importance is attached to the movement when we realize that the future recruits for our world-wide work are being drawn by hundreds and thousands into the great whirlpool of international war. These young men must be saved to the cause of God whether it be in the stress and strain of military life, or in the quiet pursuits of civilian life. It is to the accomplishment of this stupendous task that the War Service Commission has volunteered its services.

We are glad to report at this time that there has been a most hearty response to the call that has been sounded throughout our churches for the above mentioned fund. In fact, in the minds of some, there has never been a call given to our people that has struck a responsive cord like the present call. This is primarily due to the fact that there are few homes among our people today where there are not some sons or brothers in the service of the nation. This brings the world conflict close home to many in Israel, and no parent will forget the son who has gone out from the home circle to share in the awful struggle. This has been evidenced by several mothers on a number of occasions when they have given \$25, \$50 and \$100 offerings to the cause which we have espoused,—that of working for the salvation of our young men in the most decisive hours in all their experience.

Just before the close of the Ohio camp-meeting two weeks ago the work of the War Commission and its needs were presented to our people assembled on the grounds. Experiences were given which outlined clearly the wonderful possibilities in the work. Others were related showing the providence of God in the cases of many young men who purposed in their hearts to stand firm and true to principle. It was a most impressive hour, and one that touched the hearts of God's people as they were brought to the realizing sense of the fact that we are entering upon the time of trouble, and that the words of the servant of God were being fulfilled when she said "the final movements will be rapid ones."

At the close of the meeting a call was made for a voluntary offering to the work, and within a few minutes those in attendance numbering approximately eight hundred gave almost \$2400. A request was made that those of our people who were not in attendance from the churches be given opportunity to contribute to the work, and we fully expect an offering of no less than \$3000 from the Buckeye State before the campaign is ended.

Some of our brethren in other parts of the Union report corresponding success in bringing this important issue to the attention of our people. We trust that every one will take advantage of the opportunity to give his mite to the work, and share in the blessing that will come to us as we labor for the salvation of our boys at this time. If you have not shared in this responsibility it is not too late to send your offering to the conference office.

We are nearing the close of human probation. Soon Jesus will come, and to every father and mother in Israel the question will be asked, "Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?" May we at this time unitedly accept the responsibilities of the hour, and work faithfully for those whom God has entrusted to our care, so that they with us may enjoy the blessings of an endless eternity.

H. K. CHRISTMAN.

OHIO

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Some Precious Experiences

Columbus, Springfield, Hamilton, Cincinnati and Washington C. H. Visited

The Lord has told us in the Testimonies Vol. 9, p. 117, "That the work of God can never be finished in this earth until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and help ministers and church officers," and on page 41, same volume, we are told that preaching will not do the work that

needs to be done, but by visiting the people, talking, praying, sympathizing with them, you will win hearts. It has always been my plan in the Harvest Ingathering to make it a soul-winning work, carrying out the above instructions, and in so doing I can truthfully say, God has helped me to win hearts.

Brother Hackman and I started in on time, the above mentioned churches being visited, and in each place we have taken the members along with us from door to door, and God has truly blessed us wonderfully. Dear brethren and sisters, we have found in almost every home visited thus far opportunities to sympathize with some one. Mothers are heart-broken over their sons being called away, wives over their husbands, and in many cases we would come across sickness. Although these dear souls being utterly strange to us, we have knelt down by their side and pleaded with God to spare their loved ones and to comfort those left behind. At one home in Columbus an old lady, crippled with rheumatism, could hardly walk; after talking and sympathizing with her, she hobbled up stairs and brought me down 50 cents. In this same city I found a family who had attended Elder Ashton's meetings in Mount Vernon about a year ago, and were favorably impressed, but upon moving to Columbus they had gotten out of touch with Adventists, yet my friends, they were living just around the corner only a few hundred yards from the Columbus Church. They did not know that there was an Adventist Church in the city. The Harvest Ingathering was the means of finding them and they are planning to attend church. Many more will be discovered if you will only go and seek them. Quite a number of our people were out with us in Springfield, and while with one sister we entered a home where the family had gathered in and were expecting the death of one of its members who was a man well up in years. I caught hold of his hand and leaned over near to his face and asked him if he was trusting in Jesus; he whispered, "yes." I talked with him a little longer as best I could and then asked all the family to kneel down and seek God for this loved one. The Lord came very near to us, and on leaving we wished them good-bye, hoping to meet again if not in this life, in heaven, where there will be no more sickness.

Hamilton was the next place visited, and I shall never forget the experiences received here. Not only did all of us have the opportunity to pray and sympathize with many, but good donations were received, which is bound to be the case if you carry on the work in this way. \$28 were collected in 2 hours on Friday morning by a very small company.

Cincinnati was our next stopping place.

After a good meeting on the Sabbath we started out on Sunday morning and in a little while we had gathered nearly \$30. We found the brethren and sisters of good courage, and already one individual has received a donation of \$20 for one paper. We greatly appreciate the assistance rendered by Elders Miller, Marietta and Behrens, who are very much encouraged by the outlook in their respective churches.

The colored brethren and sisters in Columbus, Springfield and Cincinnati have made a splendid start, and are determined to reach their respective goals.

Pray, work and report. Do your bit, and in the kingdom you will see the results of your work. Remember the "Big Week."

T. H. BARRITT, *Home Miss. Sec.*

Tent Effort for the Colored People in Columbus

As the tent effort (which has been in progress here the past six weeks in behalf of the colored people of this city) has come to a close we feel sure that the readers of the VISITOR will be glad to hear of its success.

From the beginning the interest was good and the first Sunday night about two hundred stood outside as the tent was unable to seat them.

Throughout the effort the attendance remained good and the fact that the same faces greeted us night after night gave evidence that the seed of truth was taking root in good soil. Much of the success of the effort was due to the faithful and untiring labors of the tent master, Brother York Wimberly, who scattered the printed page as the leaves of autumn, placing more than two hundred fifty books and magazines in the homes of the people. As the results of his work among the people, doors were opened for Bible studies and eternity alone will reveal the full harvest. Altogether nearly four hundred books and magazines were sold.

Already five have united with the people of God and many more are deeply stirred and are studying with us further along the lines of truth and we feel confident that quite a number of them will soon east in their lot with the remnant people.

The offerings also were good and assisted us materially in meeting the expenses of our effort. It was indeed gratifying to see the spirit of willingness and hearty cooperation that existed among the workers, and some who before had been prejudiced to the truth testified to the fact that their circumspect lives and conversation had completely overcome their prejudices. We feel that a new era is dawning for the colored work of Columbus and

earnestly solicit your prayers in our behalf that we may faithfully lift the banner of truth among the many thousands of colored people in this important city.

Sister Wiggins who assisted us as Bible worker is remaining for the present to help in garnering in the sheaves which are the result of our seed-sowing. We trust that we may be able to give a more complete account of the number added as a result of our tent effort in the near future.

J. E. Cox.

Ohio's Big Week--Sept. 22-29

We have decided to make the last week in September our "Big Week" in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. The battle is now raging, the fight is on, and Ohio has started splendidly. Let us, brethren and sisters, be determined to reach our individual goal, also the \$12,000.00 conference goal, thus putting our conference over the top by the end of the "Big Week." Do not delay, the month of September will be your golden opportunity.

Darkness is covering the earth and gross darkness the people. Never in the history of this world has there been such darkness as now. Millions today are being led astray by the great arch deceiver, and dear reader, God is calling upon you to arise and shine. Will you not heed His voice? Angels are waiting to cooperate with you in this great work, do not keep them waiting longer. Soon we are going home, our pilgrimage will be over, and then we are going to see Jesus, our blessed Saviour, the One who has done so much for us. Don't you want to see Jesus? I do, and I am sure you do. May God help us to be faithful and not shrink our duty is my prayer.

T. H. BARRITT, *Home Miss. Sec.*

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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News Notes

Profitable Way to Spend Holidays

Labor Day, September 2, about eleven members of the Wilkes Barre Church journeyed to Harveys Lake which is about 16 miles from Wilkes Barre and distributed over 200 Temperance Instructors and sang gospel songs in some of the cottages all around the lake which is nine miles around, and the Lord blessed the company with \$90.91 for the sacrifice they made. The proceeds go toward the church building fund.

The Danville Church was the first in the conference to send us a Harvest Ingathering report this year. Their first week's labor amounted to \$6.00. They

are very much encouraged, and are planning on having much better success. Allentown Church was the second to report. Their proceeds were \$20.42. The total amount of their collection to date is \$74.19. These are the only churches reporting so far.

Sister Butts of Harrisburg, who has been faithful for many years soliciting in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, has up to this time collected \$137.00. She has not used one copy of the new issue. She has been working with the back numbers of the Harvest Ingathering paper. Her goal this year is \$500.00.

Elder Phillips of Washington, who is visiting the churches in this conference collecting funds for the cantonment work, has visited several churches recently. The last visit made was at Harrisburg, Carlisle, and Lebanon. He reports very good success.

Brother Gauker has accepted the office of home missionary secretary of the conference.

Elder Parsons has just returned from the Educational Convention at Washington. Sister Acton was there also.

We are very much pleased to hear that Elder A. G. Daniells has promised to visit some of the churches during the week ends in this conference. Announcements of these visits will appear later.

Elder Chas. Baierle will soon be stationed at Harrisburg to take place of Elder Nutter and look after the surrounding churches.

Our gain to date of subscription book sales over 1917 is 103 per cent. Truly we are in the loud cry of the book work. Our colporteurs are meeting with splendid success. Those who have started out for scholarships this summer have succeeded and are now returning to school.

WEST VIRGINIA

Third & Juliana Sts., Parkersburg
T. B. Westbrook, Pres. L. B. Taylor, Sec.

Recent Labors in other Fields and at Home

Since our last report to the VISITOR we have enjoyed the benefits and blessings of the Ohio camp-meeting. This, I believe, was the best camp-meeting which has been held in the Union this year. The attendance was the largest, and the spiritual work seemed to go deeper into the hearts of the people than any other place where the writer has been this year. While in Ohio we secured the services of a minister, a new secretary and treasurer, and a tent master for West Virginia,

therefore, we feel that the trip to Ohio was doubly profitable to us.

Our next trip was to the Western New York camp-meeting which we attended in harmony with the direction of the General Conference. We were only there two days, however, but enjoyed our association with former brethren and sisters in the truth. We labored in the Western New York Conference for about eight years and, of course, it seemed good to us to meet with our children in the truth as well as others of like precious faith.

We next motored to Washington, D. C., to attend the Educational Convention. This meeting was a great blessing to all in attendance. Advance steps were taken in many ways relative to our Educational work, and I believe that a deeper spiritual atmosphere will pervade our school rooms than ever before, and we really feel confident that those who are graduated from the schools this coming year will be better prepared to do more efficient work in our gospel lines than heretofore. There seemed to be an earnest desire on the part of all present to make a full and complete surrender to Christ, that He may use them to the very best possible advantage in preparing others for service in His vineyard.

On our return home we spent the Sabbath with the Cumberland Church. All seemed to be happy and of good courage and pressing on to reach perfection through faith in Christ. Mrs. Westbrook had the opportunity of meeting with the Cumberland Sabbath School for the first time and her remarks seemed to be greatly appreciated by all in attendance.

We stopped a few moments with Brother Westcott at Fairmont and found that he is still continuing his meetings in the tent and reports ten new Sabbath keepers who will be ready for baptism within the next few weeks.

In Clarksburg, we found Elder R. E. French with his tent erected on the south side of the city, and expecting to open his series of meetings Tuesday night, September 10.

We reached home safely Sunday night, September 8, where we are remaining for a few days that I may register in harmony with the action of the government.

We earnestly solicit the continued prayers of the VISITOR family for the work in West Virginia. T. B. WESTBROOK.

News Notes

Mr. Leslie Taylor of Mount Vernon, Ohio has accepted a call to West Virginia, to serve as secretary and treasurer of the conference and tract society.

Elder R. E. French of Coshocton, Ohio, has accepted a call to make West Virginia his field of labor and is now engaged in a tent effort in Clarksburg.

Mrs. Jennie Seal, formerly Miss Burdick, secretary and treasurer of the West Virginia Conference, has been released from the work in West Virginia, to accompany her husband, John S. Seal, to Central America.

Brother Emil Byrd, who is in Camp Lee, writes that he and Brother Thurman Metcalf have been transferred to the Medical corps. They have Sabbath School every Sabbath with an attendance of about 10.

Word from the Canvassing Field

It is with pleasure we read the many lines and happy thoughts contained in the VISITOR, so we wish to thank you and the many other contributors to the welcome little paper that we canvassers like to read after a week of hard work. We also like to read of the experiences of the colporteurs.

We are now spending this beautiful Sabbath of the Lord out on one of the mountains here in Braxton County, W. Va., where the Lord has blessed us the last three Sabbaths in studying His word and in prayer. The Lord blessed wonderfully in the work the last week. People said they had been waiting for some one to come that had the message and they were sure we were they for whom they were waiting. Some wanted to give orders before we had shown half the book, others wanted us to stay half a day and give them instruction in Bible study, but we told them the books would do that, as there were others that were waiting as they had been and we must keep on with the work.

One day while Brother B. P. Wright was canvassing a home, they said the Lord had taken all they had and they could not order any books, but they would like to know one thing, and that was why God would afflict His people this way. Turning to page 562 he had them read what "Bible Readings" says about this. After reading it they said, "You may bring us one, that is just what we are looking for."

Also one day while I was canvassing in Gassaway, W. Va., I came to a home on the corner of the street. The woman of the house would not admit me to her home, as she said she did not have time to spend with book agents. I happened to pass that way the next day and saw the man sitting on the porch. The Lord impressed me to go in and try again. I gained a hearing from the man and he called his wife, but she again said they did not need any books. However, he said he was interested in that book as it contained the very things he wished to know, then turning to me, ordered a full leather binding, "Our Day," as that was the book.

We can see that the harvest is ripe, but the laborers are few, so let us pray that God will send more laborers into the field and let us work while it is yet day, for the night cometh when no man can work. Let us be faithful in the finishing of this grand and glorious Third Angel's Message.

FRANK BENTZ.

B. P. WRIGHT.

(This was sent in several weeks ago, but because of a lack of space, was not published until this time. Editor.)

VIRGINIA

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Union Meetings

The first Sabbath and Sunday in September the churches in Norfolk, Portsmouth and Newport News held Union meetings. The colored churches met at Portsmouth and the white churches at Norfolk. Remembering the small handful of believers four years ago, it was encouraging to see the large body of believers gathered in each of the two churches. At the white church Elder Farley baptized four new converts and we found him busy every night with Bible study in Norfolk. A number of others are keeping the Sabbath. Among a large number in the Union meeting at Portsmouth there was one colored minister who with a considerable portion of his flock is now keeping the Sabbath. Elder I. D. Richardson, Brother G. W. Lawrence, Brother F. E. Hankins, our field secretary, and Sister Eloise Williams the Educational superintendent were present.

There will be three schools in the Tidewater section this year; the colored school to be taught by Miss Miles at Portsmouth and another at Phoebus to be taught by Brother Ernest Watkins. Both of these young people are graduates of the Oakwood Junior College. The Newport News No. 1 Church is constructing a church school building. Sister Bee has been secured to teach there.

These Union meetings bring together our people from the different churches and are a source of encouragement and inspiration. W. C. Moffett.

Wedding Chimes

In the presence of a company of relatives and friends Leslie Wilson Hope and Ruth Elva Ellis were united in marriage by Elder W. C. Moffett at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. G. W. Ellis, in Richmond, at eleven o'clock Thursday morning, September 5. Brother and Sister Hope are members of the Richmond Church and young people's society, whose members unite in wishing them heaven's richest blessings.

News Notes

Already arrangements have been made for twelve church and home schools in Virginia this year by our energetic superintendent. Another important item is that these schools are being better equipped than heretofore and most of them will run nine months.

Brother and Sister Kenneth Gould of Newport News are planning to sell their home and to go out into the field as resident canvassers. The Lord is greatly blessing those who are devoting their time to this work. The sales in Virginia for the month of July reached approximately ten thousand dollars.

Elder W. C. Moffett, Miss Eloise Williams, Brother Cecil Ross and Minola Rogers represented the conference and academy at the Educational Council at Washington last week.

A church of fifteen members was organized at Harrisonburg at the close of the tent effort conducted by Elders L. O. Gordon and W. C. Moffett. Professor H. A. Miller and wife of Mount Vernon Academy assisted in the first part of the effort and Brother D. W. Percy is following up the interest.

A Canvasser's Experience

After the close of school at the Shenandoah Valley Academy, and after attending the camp-meeting in Richmond, Brother Maloney and I decided to canvass during the summer, and prepare to enter school another year. In fact, we had been talking of this line of work for some time before the close of school, but our plans were not complete till after the conference meeting.

We, with God's hand leading us, chose the two counties of Northampton and Accomac as our field of labor. Never have I entered into any work with such perfect serenity of mind as I did this work at that time. I felt assured that God would be with both of us.

We located at Cheriton, Va., and began work at once. The Lord was with us from the first, and we have had many rich and blessed experiences, only a few of which I can speak of now, these of course being my own, for Brother Maloney can best tell his.

One day, while canvassing, I came to a very large house located a short distance from the road. I started to the house, when upon taking a second look at it I saw, or seemed to see, its real size. Then I wanted to go by, for I felt afraid to go in. I had started by when something seemed to whisper to me and say, "If you do not go to this house you will have no more success all this week." I

felt a burden come over me, and I could not proceed further, but turned and retraced my tracks. I canvassed the lady of the house and received her order. This impressed the fact upon my mind that the Lord does not want us to pass any homes.

While waiting for my last delivery I have been selling the small book, "World in Perplexity." This book, though small and cheap is the book for the time. Some who have bought the book of me have said, "I would not take ten times what I paid for it," others, "I would not take a dollar for it," and one man said, "I tell you this is just the book that the people need, maybe it will wake some of them up."

We also obtained permission to sell books during the fair held at Keller, where we had access to thousands of people. This was a grand experience which I cannot tell here for lack of space.

As I look back over my summer's work, I can only say praise the Lord for it all. I have found many anxious hearts waiting for the truth. One lady said when I went to deliver her book, "Oh I was so afraid something would happen and you would not come." She seemed to be thirsting for truth and I shall send her more literature.

Oh, dear reader, the field is ripe, ready for the harvest, but how few the reapers are! Will you not wake out of sleep and go to work today? Oh what a rich blessing there is in store for you. You can find it in all branches of the work, but oh what a grand work is that of the faithful canvasser.

C. E. OVER-TREET.

A Colporteur's View of the Colporteur Work

When one leaves school in the spring for the canvassing field he is only leaving one form of school and entering another. I learn many things in school which I must put in practice while canvassing; on the other hand, I learn lessons while canvassing that I need in school. God has taught me in the canvassing field: how to economize, to have a living faith in His care, how to pray with the people, especially how to build family altars, how to sympathize, to be kind, to be meek, and how to keep a living faith with the great "I am." These lessons are very essential for one who goes to school.

While in school God, through the teachers has taught me: how to give Bible studies, to teach the love of God, and the present day message, how to keep up a conversation, to have good manners, and to ever be a live student wherever I am. These lessons I need in the colporteur work.

I have been in the canvassing work for

four summers; the wonderful experiences gained in this work I value very highly. I have worked in the northern, southern, western, and eastern sections of Virginia. I have not only learned a great deal about this beautiful state, but also about the different classes of people and their habits; thus one learns the different ways in which to work for the salvation of lost souls.

The Lord speaking through His servant said: "In evangelistic canvassing young men may become better prepared for ministerial labor than by spending many years in school. Those who are fitting themselves for the ministry can engage in no other occupation that will give them so large an experience as will the canvassing work." O, how much would be accomplished if all who go to school would take up this great and noble work! People have told me that they had been praying for just such books as we have, that will explain the prophetic portion of the Bible. They have said that my coming was a direct answer to their prayer.

All who know this message and have not taken up this work I would advise them to do so. Jesus is speaking to you when He says, "Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto Him, "Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into My vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive." I thank God for the blessings of this summer's work. Soon, the Lord willing I shall be in school, but the experiences I have gained this summer shall never be lost.

M. A. MALONEY.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Indiana, Pa.

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

Sure Promises

Many were the promises that God made to His people during the life of Moses. Some of them seemed impossible. Yet we hear Joshua saying to Israel "Behold this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the Lord your God spake concerning you, and not one thing hath failed thereof." Joshua 23:14. Long before the Hebrews became a nation, the Lord came down to talk with Abraham. In the conversation it was stated that the seed of Abraham should be in a land that was not theirs and they would be afflicted 400 years. "And also that nation whom they shall serve will I judge; and afterwards shall they come out with great substance." Satan and all his host tried with all their Satanic hatred to break that prophecy, but when the time had expired it came to pass that all the host of Israel went up out of the land of Egypt.

No reader, God's plans never fail and "God is not a man that He should lie; . . . hath He said and shall He not do it? or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?" Num. 23:19. His covenant will He not break (or alter the thing that has gone out of His lips. He tells us that the wealth of the gentiles shall flow in, and the wealth of the sea shall be converted unto thee.

In the past we have seen a partial fulfillment of this promise. People were willing to contribute to the cause when they were solicited by our workers. Had another Scripture been fulfilled we would have had an abundance in the mission treasury to carry forward the work. This Scripture says that God's people will be willing in the day of His power. A comparative few went at God's call and had rich experiences, but a great number staid at home.

This year Harvest Ingathering work began September 2 and if we all come up to the help of the Lord mighty movings of the Spirit will be seen. Much means will be brought in and souls will be converted. God still rules and He is willing and ready to impress the gentiles to give of their wealth.

Let us pray for a deeper experience and when the time arrives be ready to go forward and work as in the sight of heaven. Soon we will see the work finished and can hear the Saviour's voice, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

It is the ones that are doing that receive the blessing. Once upon a time the people of Meroz thought that they would be neutral. It was easier to stay home while those who offered themselves willingly went to the battle. In being wise, they become fools, and received the curse of God; while those who jeopardized their lives had the approval of God who will soon take His dear children home.

E. A. MANRY.

A Great Question

It is written, "A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, 'Son, go work today in my vineyard.' He answered and said, I will not; but afterward he repented, and went. And he came to the second, and said, likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. Whether of them twain did the will of his father?" Matt. 21:28-31.

In this parable the two sons represent two classes of individuals. The same commission is given to both but one does one thing and the other something different. The question is asked, Whether of them twain did the will of his father?

It is evident that the two classes brought to view in the parable must be church members for they are sons of the owner being born into the household.

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Hrs	Value	Helps	Total	Del
East Pennsylvania Week Ending September 6, 1918							
R. M. Milne, Lycoming Co.		BR	49	189 00		189 00	
Harold Leland, Lycoming Co.		BR	45	106 00	1 25	107 25	
S. J. Mack, Bradford Co.		BR	40	9 00		9 00	110 00
Sol. Diehl, Union Co.		OD	33	2 00		2 00	48 00
R. W. Garratt, Luzerne Co.		BR	74	215 00		215 00	
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		BR	54	107 00		107 00	140 85
H. J. Albright, Dauphin Co.		BR	30	41 00		41 00	340 00
Mark Hagman, Juniata Co.		BR	27				730 00
Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	25	49 00	4 50	53 50	4 50
H. Morris, Monroe Co.		OD	38	22 00	1 75	23 75	64 75
M. D. Hollenbaugh, Cumberland		OD	21	27 00	4 90	31 90	24 90
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster		BR	20	12 00		12 00	132 00
P. Shakespeare, Cumberland Co.		OD	57	71 00	9 85	80 85	112 40
W. A. Scharffenberg, Juniata Co.		BR	15				270 00
G. B. Jenkins, Berks Co.		BR	26	36 00	21 95	57 95	26 45
Misc.				135 15		135 15	
Totals	15 Agents		521	1021 15	44 20	1065 35	2003 85
West Virginia, Week Ending September, 6 1918							
Ivor Lawrence, Boone Co.		BR	40	110 00	29 90	139 90	104 35
N. D. Fisher, Boone Co.		BR	26	138 00	37 25	175 25	46 75
John Fahrner, Harrison Co.		BR	14		10 75	10 75	22 75
John McHenry, Kanawha Co.		BR	28				573 75
Frank Bentz, Braxton Co.		OD	53				350 50
Rosco Bee, Tyler Co.		OD	30	38 00	19 15	57 15	3 10
F. Detwiler, Mingo Co.		OD	47	124 00	38 60	162 60	7 05
Totals	7 Agents		238	410 00	135 65	545 65	1107 85
Virginia, Week Ending September 6, 1918							
E. M. Trummer, Rockbridge Co.		BR	47	180 00	21 45	201 45	5 00
J. E. Thompson, Lee Co.		OD	16	58 00		58 00	68 00
C. E. Overstreet, Accomac Co.		OD	25	15 00	45 75	60 75	60 75
S. N. Wilmer, Lee Co.		BR	18	32 50		32 50	125 00
W. E. Saunders, Roanoke Co.		BR	53	27 00	2 50	29 50	254 50
Pearl Engel, Nottoway Co.		OD	22	27 00		27 00	
M. A. Maloney, Northampton Co.		OD	12	8 00	8 50	16 50	8 50
Joseph Sangster, Rockbridge Co.		BR					255 65
H. A. Wright, Rockingham Co.		BR	24				200 00
Orion Lawrence, Warwick Co.		OD	17	4 00	6 55	10 55	120 00
Totals	10 Agents		32	351 50	84 75	436 25	1097 40
Ohio, One Week Ending September 6, 1918							
Geo. Carter, Champaign Co		BR	52	31 00	1 50	32 50	826 00
Fred Hannah, Wayne Co.		OD	50	2 00		2 00	100 00
Violet Murphy, Van Wert		OD	32	24 00	85	24 85	294 40
Mrs. Chas. Shillings, Columbus.		OD	27	53 00	10 75	63 75	
John Manuel, New Phila.		BR	55	96 00	31 20	127 20	50 25
Ruth Miller, Madison Co.		OD	22	12 00	15 20	27 20	4 25
Mrs. C. Carter, Chillicothe		OD	19	41 00	3 00	44 00	2 00
James Randolph, Perry Co.		OD	15	71 00		71 00	
Jas. E. Lippart		OD	10				71 00
Totals	9 Agents		282	330 00	62 50	392 50	1347 90
New Jersey, Week Ending September 6, 1918							
Freda Greenlee, Somerville		OD	36		2 00	2 00	48 50
Wm. Vahrenkamp, E. Stroudsburg		BR	23	41 00	2 00	43 00	
Totals	2 Agents		59	41 00	4 00	45 00	48 50
Grand Totals: Agents	43	Value of Orders	\$2153 65	Deliveries	\$5605 50		

Then, too, both knew that their father had a vineyard, and that it required care to make it fruitful, and thus, others (strangers) would be needed to help in the work. The commission was very plain. "Son, go work today in my vineyard." It mattered not what their an-

swer was, or what they had previously done, the commission was for today, and what they actually did was what determined their faithfulness to their father.

The parable does not state that the second son did nothing. He may have had many cares and been doing a worthy

work according to his own preference, but he did not do the will of his father.

Today, we are living in a time when the cares and pleasures of this life are leading many away from doing the will of God. Many are serving their own preferences or will. Yet, "All who would be sons and daughters of God must prove themselves co-workers with God and Christ and the heavenly angels. This is the test for every soul." Christ's Object Lessons, page 283.

Having made a profession we are now listening to the commission; "Go." What our answer is matters not, but our works will show whether our profession is genuine. The will of the Lord for every Seventh-day Adventist is the proclamation of the Third Angel's Message. Our monthly magazines form an excellent medium for doing this work. Will you, therefore, settle this great question today, by selling a few magazines each week and thus help in finishing the work of the gospel? C. E. HOOPER.

Forty-four Years of Soul Winning

The past few months have been most eventful ones for our publishing houses. With the Great Conflict among the leading nations, famines, pestilences, bloodshed, and destruction, with the fulfilling of the signs of the times, and the spirit of inquiry that is taking possession of the hearts of men and women everywhere, our publishing houses have been almost gorged with work—the great work of turning out our message-filled literature for the hosts of people who are troubled over the world situation.

This has been especially true in regard to the "Signs of the Times," our great pioneer missionary paper. During its forty years of circulation, millions upon millions of copies have gone out into the homes of the people. These have had their influence. They have left impressions upon hearts. And now that the people see conditions today, and recognize them as steps in the approach of the climax that the *Signs* has predicted all these years, they are even more anxious to follow what we have to say on these absorbing subjects.

The inquiries that come to the *Signs* are from every part of the country, and in varied forms, and express varied desires. Some of them show that a relative or a friend has sent the paper at some previous time—a six months' or a year's subscription. Some of them speak of finding a copy in a railroad station, on a train, or in some other place. Some mention old copies that have just been discovered in closets, where they have been laid away for years. Some say that when the writer was younger and at

home, father or mother took the *Signs*. Some tell of a copy received from some one on the street or at the office. Some refer to the copy that the husband brought home from town. Some mention the traveling companion or the business associate who spoke about the *Signs*.

And as they go, an almost endless chain, ever widening, and covering all phases of personal missionary endeavors, but all speaking of the desires for more copies. The inquirers want to subscribe, and many send in their subscriptions.

But what we want to see in all this is the restlessness, the anxiety, the real heart's desire of these people for truth, for more of the gospel; and then, recognizing that, plan to help them, plan to place in their hands the printed page that will bring to them just what they want and what they need.

Many of us can do this in a personal way. A club of the *Signs* coming to us each week, new and bright and clean, is just what we want. Others, who cannot give the work their personal attention, find that their needs are fully met in having the publishers mail the paper for a period of time direct to their friends or others. Both of these are most effectual lines of missionary work. It is just the kind of work that is bringing to the *Signs* office inquiries and subscriptions such as are mentioned above, and which will finally result in definite trophies for the kingdom. "MORE SIGNS—MORE SOULS."

Mount Vernon Academy

An automobile party consisting of Elder and Mrs. N. S. Ashton, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stipeck, and Mrs. A. E. King attended the Educational Convention held at Washington, September 3-5.

Professor and Mrs. W. H. Tessdale returned last Monday from Washington where they attended the Convention.

We welcome into our printing department as co-laborers Mr. Ernest Archibald of Columbus, Ohio, and Mr. Robert Black of Van Wert, Ohio.

The school has purchased two beautiful new Kroeger pianos for the music department.

The new commercial teacher, Miss Olive Boutelle of Lincoln, Neb., arrived several days ago and we welcome her to M. V. A.

The Mount Vernon church school opened September 11, with Miss Vera Behrens and Mr. Joseph Beach as teachers.

Miss Elizabeth Lee, Williamsburg, Ohio; Mr. Jesse Sivey, Bellefontaine, Ohio, and Mr. James Lippart arrived two weeks before the opening of school.

We are sorry to lose Brother H. S. Weaver from the printing office, who has been a faithful laborer here for a number of years. Brother A. I. Baker is now in charge of the work here.

There is every prospect of a full school this year. If you have not yet fully decided about coming, pray earnestly over the matter and make haste to join us. You will receive a warm welcome.

We have had in our midst since camp-meeting Mrs. Teresa Cropper of Zanesville, Ohio, who assisted in the culinary department. She returned to her home last Wednesday.

The following are students who attended camp-meeting here and remained for school: Miss Dorothy Flory, Reading, Mich.; Miss Vera Kistler, Warren, Ohio; Miss Caroline Petrasek, Cleveland, Ohio; and Mr. Myron Harvey of Elyria, Ohio.

Brother W. P. Saxby and family of Melrose, Mass., motored to Colorado and stopped enroute to visit with Brother H. B. Rudolph.

Mr. Leslie B. Taylor accepted a call as secretary and treasurer of the West Virginia Conference.

Mrs. A. R. Rudolph of Pittsburgh, Pa., mother of H. B. Rudolph, is visiting her children here. She brought with her her son George who will attend school here.

Mrs. E. R. Brown sold her home in Academia and has gone to Washington, where she will act as matron of the sanitarium.

We are sorry to report the death of Mrs. Raymond Vincent, the wife of one of our former students and graduates. After an illness of two months she died at the M. and S. Sanitarium, September 10, 1918. Interment took place at Oxford, Wis.

The Misses Mabel Robbins and Mabel Cassell, and Messrs. John Cassell and Robert Kruft left last Monday to attend Washington College.

Washington Missionary College

Opening of Washington Missionary College

Washington Missionary College opens September 18, 1918. The prospects for a full school were never better.

All summer long workmen have been hard at work to have the new building ready for the opening, and everything now indicates that the undertaking will be a success.

The chapel is a beautiful auditorium. It will seat when filled about six hundred persons comfortably, and chairs can be put in to seat at least one hundred more.

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It is built with two vestries and a balcony. These vestries will be used for class rooms and will seat about forty-five each. The balcony will seat one hundred and forty. The main floor will seat about three hundred and seventy.

The floor is nearly all laid and much of the trimming done. The class rooms are nearly all finished. The front hall and chapel still require a great deal of work to get them in readiness.

The large gymnasium in the basement will be welcomed by both students and teachers as a place for social gatherings. The Domestic Science department will also be in the basement.

Much care has been exercised in the building to make the structure both substantial and beautiful, and all who have visited Columbia Hall, for that is the name given it, are loud in its praises.

Besides the general work this year we will offer a strong Normal course for the training of church school teachers. It is to be hoped that a large number of young women and some young men will apply for entrance into that department.

An intensive course in shorthand and bookkeeping will be given that will fit the student for office work in from six to nine months. We believe that this course will be very popular also, inasmuch as there is a great need of stenographers and bookkeepers today.

We wish to say to our patrons and friends that we believe that Washington Missionary College this year presents to them advantages and opportunities never offered here before. The word to young men today is "Go to school." The same slogan applies equally to young women. Come along and enjoy the benefits and opportunities and privileges of Washington Missionary College and fit for the work of God.

B. F. MACHLAN.

The Dying Soldier

Weary and worn to a skeleton form
He lay on a couch of pain,
And his wish at even, his prayer at morn,
Were to visit his home again.

He talked of his mother far away,
And he talked of his lonely wife,
When the fever frenzied his burning head
And loosened his hold of life.

He talked of his home, the fair free land,
The home of his childhood's play,
He talked of his babe, and the large tears
fell
And rolled from his cheeks away.

We told him his feet might never again
Walk over his native sod,
But ere long they should tread the golden
streets
At home in the city of God.

And we said though his eyes would never
behold
The forms of his earth's deep love,
He should wait for them there by the life-
river fair
In the garden of beauty above.

But he wept and he talked of his burial
lone
In a stranger's unnoticed bed,
That no rose by affection's hand would be
trained
To wave o'er his grave when dead.

We told him that God would mark the
spot
Where all of His children lay,
And not one of His loved ones be forgot
On the resurrection day.

But he sighed and whispered "so long, so
long,
So many long weary years,
And my lonely wife and little one
Alone in a vale of tears."

We told him the word of God had gone
forth
In truth and holiness,
As the Friend of the widow's lonely life,
The Guide of the fatherless.

When death had stilled that loving heart
Kind hands with gentle care
Had saved for her, that lonely wife,
One tress of his long, bright hair.

Then they wrapped the worn-out soldier's
clothes
Round the martyred hero's breast,
And in his rude unvarnished bed
Laid him sadly away to rest.

Not a hymn was sung, not a prayer was
raised,
Not a word of counsel said.
But the hireling's rude, uncared hands
Piled the damp mould o'er his head.

Anon.

Boys in Camp

The October *Watchman* is a special "Service Number," especially arranged for reaching the boys in blue and khaki, and all who have friends or relatives in the service. The cover is most striking, being entitled, "Has God a Son in the Service?" This is answered by a strong editorial on page seven. Elder Daniells writes in this number on "The Victory of Faith," and there are a number of short articles written by our camp workers. The list of articles follows: "God Has a Son in the Service," Editorial; "Ye Saved," by Edward A. Sutherland; "The Bible in Khaki," Editorial; "The Camp Pastor Says," by different camp workers; "The Victory of Faith," by Arthur G. Daniells; "Geology and the Deluge," by George McCready Price.

In the above list we have not mentioned everything in the October *Watchman* which you will enjoy. The "Red Cross" and Food Administration have attractive sections; the editorial pages carry stirring messages; The Outlook is keen as ever; and Dr. Kress, Martha Warner, and others are among the familiar and welcomed messengers.

Mail a copy to every one you know that is now in the service. See that the army camps are well supplied with this October *Watchman*.

OBITUARIES

EBERT.—Frieda Ebert was born in Germany, December 22, 1881, and died in Flemington, N. J., July 30, 1918. The date of her coming to this country is not known, but she was a worker in one of the New York Conferences, before coming to New Jersey as a Bible Worker in 1914. Sister Ebert was a sincere Christian, and a faithful, devoted worker. Those who knew her witness to her beautiful, Christian character, and love for the Third Angel's Message. Funeral services were conducted by the writer. W. H. HECKMAN.

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