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Results of the Big September Drive

While these lines are being written we are in the midst of the "Big Week" in our Harvest Ingathering work, and already we are looking forward with anxious expectancy to the results that will accrue following the united efforts of our people in the Columbia Union during the past week. It will possibly be more than two weeks before we will have complete reports of the success of the "drive" from all the conferences, but we feel encouraged to look for a report of this week that will eclipse anything that has ever been done in any effort of like nature in past years.

This week does not close the campaign for the year, but will serve as an impetus to the attainment of our final goals in all the churches. There are still three months before the close of the year which can be given to Harvest Ingathering work if necessary in order to reach our goal. It would be ideal however, if it would be possible for us to accomplish the work in hand within the next few weeks, and thus have opportunity to devote some time and effort in other lines of work. In this connection we are reminded of the election to be held November 4 when the temperance issue will be at stake in several conferences in the Columbia Union. Just now very definite plans are being laid in some conferences to launch a strong temperance campaign with the Temperance Instructor during the last two weeks of October.

Then, too, in conferences where the question of prohibition has been solved successfully our people will find a limitless field for activity in following up the Harvest Ingathering campaign with the Present Truth Series. There is no other periodical published by this people that will help honest-hearted souls to decide for truth more than the Present Truth, and we would urge our people everywhere to place this truth-filled periodical in the hands of all who give any response to the work that is done in the present campaign. We may not see the definite results from such simple lines of service on this side of eternity, but may be encouraged with the hope that over there we will undoubtedly meet some who were

first directed to the truth through this little missionary enterprise.

During the "Big Week" it has been my privilege to visit several of our larger churches in Ohio in company with Brother Barritt, the Home Mission Secretary. At this writing we are glad to report excellent success. The conference having been carefully districted, and leaders appointed to look after the work in each district, the work is on during the passing week in every part of the conference.

Sabbath morning, the twenty-first, we enjoyed an inspiring hour with the Akron Church, at which time the importance of the work was emphasized. The response given by our people was most gratifying, and we feel confident that the goal of \$500 set by this church will be reached before the close of the campaign. Akron is a growing city, and presents a fruitful field for our growing effort.

Following the meeting with the Akron Church we hurried to Cleveland, where arrangements were made for the church located there to devote Sunday and Monday to the work of the campaign. Elder Daniells had just closed an all day meeting with our people telling them of the progress of the work of God in all the earth. We found our people in good spirits and very enthusiastic over the work, and met with a hearty response when the call was made for volunteers to go into the field during the first two days of the "Big Week." There were approximately thirty who devoted some time to the work while we were in Cleveland, and we found by Monday afternoon that almost \$75 had been solicited. Some of those who devoted time to the work had never experienced the joy of personal service, and a most inspiring feature of the work was the new vision that many received as a result of their co-operation in the work.

We plan to devote the closing days of the week with the church in Toledo. The outlook for this church is bright, and we feel assured that all our expectations for the success of the campaign in that city will be realized. It may be a matter of interest to know that during the two previous years this church averaged ten dollars for each member, each time reaching a goal of \$1000. Think for a moment what it would mean if each member in the Columbia Union were to reach this ideal. It is easily possible, and can be done if each one will take hold of the work enthusiastically.

tionally.

Let us take time during the closing year to work for some lost souls, and reap the blessing that will come to our own souls. "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11: 6.

H. K. CHRISTMAN.

VIRGINIA

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

News Notes

In view of the fact that the enrollment at the academy this year far exceeds that of previous years, and that the new dormitory is not yet completed, and funds are lacking with which to complete the building, the Executive Committee at a recent meeting in Richmond, voted the following resolution:

Whereas, our present accommodations at the academy are insufficient for the greatly increased enrollment, so that temporary quarters are necessary to provide for the students, and

"Whereas, sufficient funds are not in hand to complete the building of the new dormitory, be it

"Resolved, that we urge our people everywhere who have made pledges to the Building Fund, to send this money in at once to the conference treasurer, W. H. Jones, 12 W. Main St., Richmond, Va., and we further urge our people who have not made pledges to send in such contributions as they are able to make at once.

Brother C. E. Overstreet, who has been spending the summer canvassing in the southeastern part of Virginia passed through Richmond this week on his way home where he will spend a few weeks canvassing before returning to school at New Market.

A large attendance is reported at the Lacy Springs effort which is being conducted by Elder Gordon.

Don't forget to do your bit in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

CHESAPEAKE

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

The camp-meeting in the Chesapeake Conference is a thing of the past, so far as the meeting is concerned, but we know that its effects are not over. We wish every member of the conference could have been there to enjoy with us the splendid studies that were given, and the many blessings we received.

The workers have again scattered and gone to their respective fields. Brother C. E. Andross has returned to Salisbury for a short time and will then make Wilmington, Del., his field of labor. Brother G. A. Stevens has located in Dover, Del., and will look after the interests of the work in Dover and Salisbury. Miss Ethel Carroll has returned to Hagerstown to follow up the interest created there in the tent meetings this summer. Miss A. M. Cately has returned to Salisbury and will do Bible work there with the purpose of developing the interest created there.

Elder A. S. Kellogg and family have returned to California after a short stay in our midst. Elder Kellogg is not at all well, and thought he had better return to his native home.

Brother E. M. Andross, who labored with Elder Kellogg in Hagerstown during the summer, and Brother H. E. Wagner who labored with Elder C. E. Andross in Salisbury, have gone to Washington Missionary College, for the winter.

Mrs. J. O. Miller and sons Dr. H. W. Miller and Clarence Miller made a short call at the conference office last week on their way to Massachusetts.

Brother M. S. Pettibone, our home missionary secretary, has moved from Dover, Del., to Queenstown, Md. Let all church officers note this change in the address of Brother Pettibone.

Brother J. W. Siler will locate in Hagerstown as soon as he can find a place.

Elder Booth is continuing the tent meetings in Arlington for this week and then the tent efforts for the summer will all have closed. Quite an interest has been stirred as a result of these meetings and there will be valuable additions to the church in each place, no doubt.

Mrs. C. E. Andross suffered quite a severe attack of malaria while on the ground. She has recovered sufficiently, however, to return with Elder Andross to Salisbury.

The work in the office has been hindered quite a good deal by the heavy work resulting from the camp-meeting. We are

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our work up to date.

Brother C. Lincoln Jones, one of our young men from the Baltimore No. 1 Church has gone back to the college.

NEW JERSEY

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

News Notes

A Sabbath School and Young People's Convention was held in Dover on Sabbath, September 21. Quite a number of the members from Franklin were present, also from Morris Plains. The convention, though short, was interesting and instructive, and all seemed to enjoy it.

The reports which come in each week from the Harvest Ingathering campaign are very encouraging. We believe all the churches will work hard to reach the goal. The campaign does not necessarily end with this month, but may be continued through the balance of the year.

So far as we have learned, the Trenton Church is in the lead in funds received in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. They have almost reached their goal by the third Sabbath of the month.

The tent meetings have closed in Jersey City, and about 25 new members are reported. Meetings have also closed in Paterson and Bridgeton in the tents, but the interest will be followed up in a personal way.

WEST VIRGINIA

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

News Notes

Word comes from Sister Welsh at Cumberland, Md., that the church already has \$70.00 on their Harvest Ingathering goal. The church goal is \$250.00. Has your church done as well?

The first Standard of Attainment Certificates ever issued in West Virginia will be given to Brother and Sister McNemar of Little Birch. They have just passed the examinations receiving 100 per cent. Surely the Lord has some souls hid away among these hills who will be able to "Give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." 1 Pet. 3: 15. How many more are ready for the final test?

Elder Westbrook returned from Takoma Park Monday. He reports a good camp-meeting in the District Conference. He left for Wheeling Tuesday noon.

OHIO

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

A Wonderful Experience

A P. T. S. campaign was launched in Canton sometime ago, and Sister Bertsch, among many others, decided to spend some time working for her friends and neighbors.

One day while out with the P. T. S. she came in contact with a lady who was about to become a Catholic. She gladly accepted the little paper, and Sister Bertsch followed her up with more. Later some Bible studies were given which resulted in this lady accepting the truth, and at our last camp-meeting, recently held in Mount Vernon, in answer to the call for Missions she gave the splendid offering of \$1,000.00. She is sending one of her daughters to the Washington Missionary College, and another is attending church school in Canton.

Did it pay Sister Bertsch to spend that little time in the Master's service? It surely did, and just think a moment, dear reader, what you might accomplish if only you would devote a little of your time spreading the last warning message. God is calling for you and me to awake out of sleep, and become active soul winners in His cause.

May each individual member of the Ohio Conference prove faithful to the task assigned them is my prayer.

T. H. BARRITT,
Home Miss. Sec.

Canton

Miss Mildred Schlott and Miss Audra Reichenbaugh have left Canton, Ohio, to attend school at Mount Vernon.

On September 17, Miss Ruth Shriver of Canton, Ohio, left for Takoma Park, where she will take up her first year of medical work.

We miss these wide awake youth from our midst and wish them a speedy preparation for a more active part in the finishing of the work. MAY BERTSCH.

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WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Indiana, Pa.

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

Farewell to Western Pennsylvania

After five years of labor in the West Pennsylvania Conference, I am called to a new field of labor, Columbus, Ohio. As I look over the past five years of labor among you, I feel that they were years of pleasant associations as well as hard work, but the work was made sweet by the loyal support of the brethren. It is with regret that I leave this field, but I am assured that your prayers will follow me wherever I go.

I am encouraged by the loyal support pledged me by the brethren of the Columbus Church, a number of whom I have already met, and am certain that by the earnest prayers and faithful work, with the blessings of God, much shall be accomplished for Him. Just a few years more, and all partings, with its accompanied heartaches, will be at an end, then we shall see what we have believed, and shall receive the reward for faithful service.

Brethren, I need your faithful support at the Throne of Grace, and crave a daily interest in your earnest petitions for efficient service in the Master's vineyard.

CHAS. F. ULRICH.

After Many Days

Some who learned of the truth through the spoken or printed word years ago, but turned a deaf ear to it, are now sobered as they actually see the prophecies fulfilling. Letters similar to the following are becoming quite common.

"If I remember correctly, my mother took a paper called the 'Signs of the Times' and it contained comments on all the current events. This was years ago. If your paper is still published, will you kindly send a sample copy and price, also list of tracts or short articles you may

print on Bible teaching concerning the present war."

A gentleman in Pennsylvania attended some public meetings conducted by our people in his town about ten years ago, and was given a copy of the "Signs of the Times." Evidently he had kept it all those years for he wrote not long ago requesting more copies and other literature.

About a year ago a gentleman found a copy of the "Signs Weekly" in a railway station, and recently wrote: "I was so wonderfully pleased with it that I saved the paper. I never read a religious paper that I liked so well." And with his kind letter he sent along a check to pay for a year's subscription.

And so they come -- interesting letters from all classes and from all parts of the country, telling of the impressions made by the "Signs of the Times," and occasionally one like those above showing the influence of the paper even "after many days." One mentions an old copy just discovered in a closet where it had been buried for years. Another says that when the writer was younger and at home, father or mother took the Signs.

And thus we see how the message, this God-given, spirit-filled world-embracing Advent message, going out through the printed pages, as well as by the living teacher, has impressed countless lives. Today, as never before, they turn to God's people for help. How energetic we should be in the little time remaining to acquaint our neighbors and friends with the message for the hour by both the spoken word and printed page. "More Signs, more souls" is not a mere slogan, but a blessed fact.

A Relief Campaign

"One million children are dying in Armenia, the very cradle of Christianity—slowly, surely starving to death. Slowly? No, not so slowly. A million have already perished, while 200,000 mothers stood, powerless to help, with tearless eyes and desolate hearts." This is one paragraph from the heartbreakingly sad picture presented by the Literary Digest in a recent issue.

Did you know of this awful condition in Bible Lands? Have you read of the thousands of homes uprooted, of the fathers and brothers brutally slaughtered by the savage Turk, of the indescribable tortures to which the women and children have been subjected? Did you know that dogs, dead animals, grass, and even human beings are being eaten by these starving people, in the very land where Jesus once walked?

In these days of the world's great need, many and urgent are the calls for help which constantly come to us—calls which

stir the heart and loosen the purse-strings and we gladly give our bit to each worthy cause. But here is an appeal which is deserving of special effort; self-denial, that its imperative need may be speedily met; for thousands of lives depend upon it. Every day in Lebanon alone one thousand little ones perish for lack of food. Think of it, dear friends, one thousand every day! Can we who are comfortably fed and clothed and living in comparative ease, selfishly enjoy our blessings and refuse to share with those who are destitute and starving?

Beginning October five, a Relief Campaign in behalf of stricken Armenia and Syria will be launched among our young people, and you are asked to have a part in it. The recent General Conference Council recommended that such a campaign be undertaken by the Missionary Volunteer Department, and in harmony with this action plans have been laid to enlist every young person in a strong, enthusiastic, self-denial effort. The Missionary Volunteer Secretary of each local conference is the campaign promotion officer in his field, and will inform the local societies of all plans relating to the campaign, besides arranging for the promotion material to be sent to each one.

The Armenian Relief Number of the Youth's Instructor which was dated September 10, will furnish at least a faint idea of the great need in Bible Lands, and how societies and individuals can help to meet it. Read this issue carefully if you have not already done so.

A special program has been arranged for the Missionary Volunteer meeting on October five, which presents an earnest plea for Armenia and Syria—a plea which cannot fail to touch the hearts of all who hear it. Let every society, both senior and junior, carefully plan and carry out this program, which appears in the October Gazette. This meeting will mark the beginning of the Relief Campaign in which every Missionary Volunteer is asked to participate; therefore, the program should be a strong one that will stir to action. If you have not already heard from your conference Missionary Volunteer secretary in regard to the details of the campaign, write at once for particulars.

ELLA IDEN.

Shenandoah Valley Academy

Opening Days At Shenandoah Valley Academy

With the professor's family crowded to the basement and the preceptor in the attic, the regular school term of the Shenandoah Valley Academy opened Sep-

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tember 11. The empty class room has not been the problem this year, but rather the question has been where to place the next student. Besides three girls in some rooms we now have two boys rooming in the basement and eight in the attic with the preceptor. The enrollment is now over 50. More students are coming. Do we need the new dormitory? The roof of this structure is now on and in a short time the building will be occupied. The canning factory, in charge of Mr. Wood of the Industrial Department, and which has given employment to many of the students, has a record of putting up 20,000 quarts in the last month. It is the aim to have the barn and silo completed in time to fill the silo this fall.

Besides Professor Forshee, principal, Mrs. Forshee of the English Department and Miss Watkins, matron, who were here last year, the academy has secured Mr. C. L. Ross for the Bible and History Departments, Miss Minola Rogers for music and piano, and Miss Myrtle Neff for the primary grades.

Mrs. S. B. Hollidge visited us a few days at the opening of the term, bringing her two children with her.

Mrs. L. S. Gillispie of Roanoke, Va., who was visiting her daughter here has now returned home.

The officers of the young people's society have been appointed and are now ready for active work.

Miss Laura Watkins, sister to the matron, Miss Anna Watkins, has returned home after a few weeks' visit.

Mrs. I. D. Richardson spent a few days here with her son and daughter.

The academy recently purchased a thoroughbred Durham cow. We are in

need of two more.

Miss Williams, educational and young people's secretary of the Virginia Conference, met with the students in chapel and worship September, 19. She gave stirring talks, arousing the students to active missionary work.

In one week nearly one hundred bushels of tomatoes were picked from the academy tomato field.

On Saturday night, September 21, the faculty entertained the students and the parents of those coming in from the village. Professor Forshee gave the address of welcome. Games and special musical selections were played.

Mount Vernon Academy

News Notes

A reception was held at the academy last Saturday night for the students and residents of Academia that they might become acquainted. A very interesting program was rendered.

The school this year is filled to overflowing, three girls being in some of the rooms. There are also a large number of students attending from outside of the home. A good spirit prevails and we look for the best year of M. V. A.

An epidemic is abroad in the community, and many of the students are victims.

Messrs. James E. Lippart and Jesse Sivey have gone to Pennsylvania for a visit before being called to camp.

A number of our former students have come in since our last report and some new ones also and they are still coming.

Mr. Leslie B. Taylor of Parkersburg W. Va., has come to Mount Vernon to visit little Miss Sybil Mary who arrived to brighten their home on September 22.

The students went out in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering campaign on September 25. The result of their efforts will be reported later.

Friday, September 20, marked the opening of our students' prayer meetings. A note of praise and thanksgiving was sounded in the testimonies and it was surely good to have been there. We should like to report all the testimonies, but space will not permit.

OBITUARIES

VINCENT.—Edith Galbraith was born at Oxford, Wis., September 17, 1883, and died at the M. and S. Sanitarium, Mount Vernon, Ohio, September 10, 1918. She was a graduate of the Sanitarium Training School for Nurses, Madison, Wis., and on September 5, 1917, was married to Raymond L. Vincent of Ohio. She was a cheerful and true follower of Jesus, and was laid to rest in Briggsville, Wis., near her home.

C. J. TOLF.

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