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

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Work in the Training Camps

The readers of the VISITOR will remember that some weeks ago the training centers in the Columbia Union were divided into four districts, and an experienced minister placed in charge of each section to give his entire time to the work of looking after the interests of our young men who have been called into the service of their country. Our arrangements have been finally completed, and at this writing we are able to inform those concerned regarding the division so as to enable each one to get in touch quickly with the proper worker over any particular camp, if there is a young man, with whom they desire him to visit.

We have arranged the districts according to the four large cantonments in the Columbia Union, and each district will be known by the name of the cantonment within its borders. The camps in each district, and the name and address of each minister in charge is given in another space, and we would urge that our people write to the Welfare Worker in charge of any district where they desire to have a son or relative brought under the influence of our work. The brethren who are giving their time to this work for our young men are reporting most inspiring results. In their personal visits with the boys from Seventh-day Adventist homes they find those who have made shipwreck of faith; others who are weighing truth in the balance under the heat of persecution and ridicule; and many who have emerged into the sunshine of a real experience in the things of God, after having successfully stemmed the tide of wickedness and sin.

In our training centers today there is an unlimited field for activity opened before us. Already several of our brethren have stepped out by faith and given their lives to work among the thousands of young Americans who are concentrated in the many military cities. Only recently a brother from one of the northern states, the pastor of a large city church volunteered his services in the Y. M. C. A. Shortly after entering this line of service he was sent to a southern army camp. In response to his urgent request, the Missionary Volunteer Society of his home

church furnished a reading room in the "Y" hut over which he had charge. Books, pictures, curtains, cushions and mottoes were sent, and after a little time a reading room was furnished which made one of the neatest little rooms of its kind in the camp. A little card was tacked on the wall, which read: "This room furnished by the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society of —"

"Some time after this, while three regiments of soldiers were getting ready to go 'over there' a young man from another part of the camp stopped in as he was passing, to use the telephone. The phone booth was off from the reading room. As he came out he acted a little strange for a moment, and then asked, 'Mr. Secretary, do you know if anybody in the regiment is an Adventist? I saw a Young People's society card in the reading room.'"

"Brother — took the young man aside, and had an earnest talk with him. Four years ago he ran away from an Adventist home, and never informed his parents of his whereabouts. He had joined the army and was about to leave for Europe. That night he gave his heart to God, and at once posted a Special Delivery letter to his mother. Three days later Brother — met him again by appointment, and found him rejoicing in the Lord. He went 'over there,' but he took the Saviour with him. It was the cozy room, and the wall card that aroused the memories of home and God, which called this wandering boy to confession and consecration. Can we not believe that no unselfish effort to be helpful is lost?"

Not every one will have opportunity to serve in the present issue as this brother has done, but we can have the blessed assurance that every service prompted from a burden for struggling souls will exert an influence that will develop into a grand fruition in the great beyond.

H. K. CHRISTMAN.

"A family without prayer is like a house without a roof, exposed to all injury of weather, and to every storm that blows."

"A good example before one's neighbor's children is the most potent power for good. It far excels words; and a bad example destroys more than every other agency can build up."

NEW JERSEY

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

To Our Friends in the East

Before Mrs. Spies and the writer left the state of New Jersey for the West, to which the General Conference assigned us last April, many of the friends in the above state requested that we write to them after we had arrived in our new field of labor. But the duties incident to attending another camp-meeting in the West; finding a home in our new location and getting settled therein; visiting the churches in this vicinity and becoming acquainted with their conditions; and conducting a series of tent meetings immediately after the camp-meeting here in the West,—these and other duties have kept us very busy. And hence this communication through the VISITOR, which we hope will, for the present, take the place of personal correspondence.

We left Franklin, New Jersey, on the morning of July 18, and arrived in Parkhill, Ontario, on the afternoon of the following day, where we spent ten days visiting Mrs. Spies' father and other relatives. While at this place, the writer had the pleasure of speaking in the Baptist Church, on Sunday evening, July 28, upon "The Signs of the Times."

On the following evening, we left Parkhill for Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, where we spent five days visiting Elder and Mrs. Morris Lukens, the brother-in-law and sister of the writer. On Sabbath, August 3, we had the pleasure of meeting with the Oklahoma City Church, whose pastor requested the writer to speak to them. On the evening of the following day, we left this place for Clovis, New Mexico, at which place we arrived on the morning of August 5. At the camp-meeting, which we attended here, we met a large number of friends; and, at an altitude of over 4,200 feet above sea level, we enjoyed the beautiful skies and sunsets, and the bracing weather.

The camp-meeting at Clovis, although comparatively small, was as good as any the writer has ever attended. The membership of the conference was about five hundred, less than half of whom were present. But those who were in attendance, raised more than \$4,000.00 for missions on the closing Sabbath of the camp.

meeting. On August 14, three days after the camp meeting closed, we left Clovis, New Mexico, for Lubbock, Texas, where we spent the night with friends. We held a cottage meeting here, at which about forty persons were present. On the following day, about noon, we left this place for Abilene, our present place of labor, which place we reached about midnight, where we were met by a brother and sister in the faith with whom we are now laboring.

After having traveled more than 2,600 miles, and having spent nearly one month living in our suitcases, we were glad to get back again to normal conditions of living. On August 22, we moved into our new home in Abilene, a beautiful bungalow, our goods having arrived after their long journey in good condition. On the 29th, we began a series of tent meetings in our new field, the tent being located about five blocks from our home.

This region, unfortunately, is suffering from a drouth of unprecedented severity and duration. Some of the farmers have had only one crop in three years; others, only one in five years. Many—about half the country population—have been obliged to sell their homes and move to other places; and among these unfortunate ones, have been a large number of our brethren. The demands of the war, the high cost of living, and the awful drouth, are making the work here very difficult. But it is all a part of the great field into which the Master sent His disciples. And notwithstanding the difficulties, the Lord is giving us some precious souls for our labor.

We are glad to hear from our friends of the prosperity of the work in New Jersey, and we trust the same will continue. Mrs. Spies joins the writer in sending Christian regards to all the dear ones in Christ.

GEORGE W. SPIES.

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CHESAPEAKE

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A. S. Booth, Pres. Emma Newcomer, Sec.

Colored Bible Workers Take Notice

In the winter campaigns in halls and theaters, also the summer tent efforts, there is a great lack of efficient and consecrated Bible workers. Strong evangelists have often found themselves handicapped because of the great need of Bible workers to follow up the interest among the hearers and to teach the Bible in the homes. Inexperienced girls and untrained men or women who have attempted to do this line of work have, in many instances, brought serious embarrassment to our missionary operations.

Those who are called to this work should connect with one of our large city missions, or one of our training schools, where a strong course of study is offered to Bible workers. No doubt there are many colored men and women among us who should immediately enter upon this course of instruction somewhere this fall. Some of our people are already doing creditable work in their homes, or with their neighbors, or perhaps in business, or professional lines; this may indicate that they should receive careful preparation for the work, in order to gain happier and larger results.

On the first of November, 1918, a school for Bible workers will open in the city of Baltimore at the colored church. Class work will be conducted three nights in the week. Nearly two dozen persons, at this writing, have been enrolled. Those living outside of the city of Baltimore may come and find employment during the day, and have the privilege of attending the class work at night.

The complete course will cover six months of diligent study, embracing the field of essential qualifications for Bible workers. Great stress will be laid upon the spiritual equipment of the gospel teacher. Every element of weakness in soul-winning will be reviewed. Students in this school will prize and treasure the hints, references, quotations, etc., taken from the spirit of prophecy, also from wellknown and successful city evangelists. Helpful and practical campaign work will be inaugurated. Each student will be taught how to obtain a vision and knowledge of his field. He will be drilled in the approved methods of organizing and directing an attack. Special attention will be given the matter of building or constructing a Bible lesson, gaining a hearing, the length of a study, topics and the order in which they should appear, our literature, getting people to obey, binding off, etc. This is an exceptional opportunity, and prospective Bible workers should come to Baltimore this winter and take the studies. No fee is charged. For further particulars write The Baltimore School for Bible Workers, 1901 Druid Hill Ave., Baltimore, Md.

M. C. STRACHAN.

News Notes

Elder Booth closed his tent effort last Sunday night, which he had been continuing in Arlington since the camp-meeting. This brings down the last tent in the conference, and results will be reported later.

Elder A. S. Booth spent last Sabbath with the church in Wilmington.

Elder R. T. Dowsett was in Baltimore last Sabbath and gave a stirring address to the Baltimore No. 1 Church. This was greatly appreciated.

Elder H. W. Heckman of the New Jersey Conference stopped over in Baltimore to visit Elder Booth one day last week, for a short time, only.

Elder Leslie Muntz of the Wilmington No. 2 Church also stopped over at the office to counsel with Elder Booth relative to his work. Already the Wilmington No. 2 Church has disposed of a number of hundred of the Harvest Ingathering papers, having begun their work early, and they have had very good results.

Sister D. A. Schaub of Greensboro writes very encouragingly of her efforts with this good paper. She says people give so willingly, and of fifteen papers she had presented to different people only one person had refused to give. One person gave her \$3.00, and she had \$7.85 for the fifteen papers.

Brother J. G. Whitaker, one of the new converts to the faith in Baltimore this summer, has entered the canvassing work today.

Brother J. W. Taylor, who has been tent master for Elder Booth during the summer is moving to Somerset County where he will enter the colporteur work.

Elder Muntz will soon begin a series of meetings in Dover, Del., for the colored people.

Elder G. A. Stevens has been confined to his bed as a result of the grip.

Elder C. E. Andross and family have been sick, Mrs. Andross having contracted malaria, and Brother Andross and Barbara having had the Influenza. All were improving at last reports.

Brother J. W. Siler is busy with his new canvassers which he is starting into the work.

Brother M. S. Pettibone spent a little time in the office, after having assisted in the taking down of the tent.

"An unkind word falls easily from the tongue, but a coach with six horses can not bring it back."

"O that the nation was one thousandth part as alarmed over the cost of low living as over the high cost of living!"

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

Do it in a Day

November 5 has been set apart by the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference as the great campaign time, "Do it in a day." We want every church member, and all others interested throughout our conference on that day soliciting funds for the Harvest Ingathering work, and let us remember our slogan, "Do it in a day." Men of the world make wonderful sacrifices in these days, what ought Christians to do in this hour of crisis?

The goal for every member in the conference is five dollars, but some have set their goal much higher. One sister set her goal at five hundred dollars, others one hundred. Of course, these goals are not reached in a single day, but in the great campaign let each one strive to reach the goal set by the conference. Then let us, with what has been gathered and, what will be gathered go away "Over the Top." We look for the support of every one. Let those who are unable to get out very much have a supply of papers at their home so that when the grocer, milkman, baker, and others come to the door they may ask for a donation. Much may be accomplished in this way. Let others send papers, accompanied by a missionary letter, to friends and relatives and in this way gather their quota. I would suggest slipping in your letter a copy of President Wilson's statement regarding the mission enterprise.

If your local missionary secretary has not sufficient copies on hand, send to the office and I shall mail some to you at once. Send in items of interest to the office so that I may occasionally make up a report.

H. G. GAUKER, *Home Miss. Sec.*

News Notes

If you are too busy during the week, Sunday is a splendid time for the Harvest Ingathering work. Sunday September 21, Sister Gauker, together with Sisters Laing and Dunlap, of the Reading Church were out about five hours and solicited \$24.00. The same work can and should be done in other places.

The Honesdale Church is busy in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. The members are actively engaged and we shall expect good reports from this church in the near future. Many experiences and good reports are also coming in from Allentown, Danville, North Philadelphia and several other churches.

Several new church schools have come into existence since the first of the present

school year. Sister Elsie Evans is looking after the school at Ariel. Professor Dresser and his wife are stationed at the Shillington school. This school has nine grades and splendid success is attending the institution at this time.

"I understand we are not allowed to sell some of our small books." "My isn't it too bad, some told me several of our books were forbidden circulation by the government." These and many other like expressions are arriving at the tract society office every day. There is no truth in them. They are all rumors. If we were busy circulating our message filled literature, we wouldn't take time to listen to such things unless they were official. The only notice that has been official is that of the discontinuance of "The Return of Jesus." Notice of this was sent throughout the conference some time ago. Whenever there is anything definite, notice will be sent out. The brethren at the publishing houses are in close touch with the government and endeavoring to make adjustments to meet all of its demands. There are some things under consideration but we have received no word that will hinder our work and pushing ahead. There have been many small books shipped out during the past week and we trust every one will push the work while there is opportunity. We should appreciate the necessity of working now. "We know not what a day may bring forth."

Sister Elsie Donachy has been elected missionary secretary of the Honesdale Church to succeed Brother Stalker, who has taken his wife to the Washington Sanitarium for medical attention.

Sister Rose Blum has recently been appointed leader of the Honesdale Young People's Society. This little society is very active and meets every Friday evening, at which time they enjoy their weekly Bible study and other lines of work in the outline of their program.

Sister Elsie Osgood of Ariel, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Osgood, has been called to teach the Indian church school at Oneida, Wis.

Fleetwood is also doing their share of the work in the front line trenches. They are quite active in the campaign. Reports of these churches in the campaign will appear in the next issue of the Visitor.

Brother Glen Swingle, elder of the Ariel Church, is now locating in Camden, N. J. He will be greatly missed by the brethren and sisters at Ariel.

Brother Charles Chapman has moved from Ariel to Carbondale.

Miss Nettie Osgood of Ariel, who graduated from South Lancaster Academy has now returned home and will remain there during the winter months.

Sister Jessie Weiss, a former Bible worker of this conference, has been visiting her mother and many friends in Wilkes Barre during the past week.

Sister Katharyn Scharffenberg, who has been a faithful helper in the office and well known throughout the conference, has left our ranks. She is now making a few visits among her many friends while her husband, who is manager of the "Slingonian," closes up his work, that he may turn it over to his successor, preparatory to their leaving this country for China where they will labor among that great country where many know not God. Brother Scharffenberg is expecting to take up the secretary and treasurer ship of the Honan Conference. May God's blessings attend them in their work of saving souls.

There is at the tract society office a large supply of 1918 catalogues. These should be in circulation. You may have one by sending your request to the office. You wouldn't believe what a great amount of literature is printed by our publishing houses, especially the foreign literature. Get a catalogue and look it over. It is quite interesting.

Miss Gladys Bowen, who has been working as stenographer at the "Review and Herald," has arrived at the conference office and will fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Sister Scharffenberg. We welcome her to this conference and wish her success in her labors.

Have you seen that little book, "In His Name?" My, it is a splendid piece of literature and only costs fifty cents. Why it is just the book to read yourself and pass it on to someone else as a gift, that is if you can't afford one for yourself and your friends.

A few bargain books are on hand at the tract society office. A list of these, with their reduced prices, will be sent upon request.

"The brave soul can mend even disaster."

There is only one way to get ready for immortality, and that is to love this life and live it as bravely and faithfully as we can.
—Henry Van Dyke.

OHIO

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

Among The Churches

It has been my privilege to visit the Canton, Akron, and Cleveland Churches the past week in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and God has surely been with us and blessed us. Elder H. K. Christman was with me in Akron and Cleveland, his help being greatly appreciated. I found the brethren and sisters in Canton of good courage, who have already made a good beginning. The day I was in Canton it rained all day long, hindering our plans, but we spent a happy time together.

Thursday and Friday found me in Akron assisting Elder Daniells and Sabbath morning the hour was given over to Elder Christman and me. A very impressive service was held, and all were determined by the help of God, to do more for Him than ever before. \$500.00 was the goal set.

We journeyed to Cleveland, where Elder Daniells held three meetings, telling how wonderfully God is blessing our missionaries in the far East, Saturday night being a stereopticon lecture. Sunday and Monday mornings Elder Christman and I enjoyed going out with the brethren and sisters, about 25 going each day, and the encouraging sum of \$70.00 was gathered in. The brethren and sisters of Cleveland are very enthusiastic and determined to reach their goal which is \$1,500.00.

This is the middle of "Big Week," and I am now leaving for Toledo and am looking forward to a good time there. Toledo's goal is \$1,000.00.

My experience this year in the campaign is that money comes just as easy as in any other campaign engaged in. My brethren and sisters, let me urge you to try the work, just get a taste of it, and I know you will want to go again.

Do something each week, each day, if possible and do not stop until the church goal is reached.

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

Toledo Going over the Top

Toledo Church has set her goal again in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign at \$1000.00. We realize that in these strenuous times, when a great campaign and a just is on for the Fourth Liberty Loan, and when men and women everywhere are contributing to War Chests, and to the Red Cross, and are buying War Saving Stamps, this goal will be a tremendous proposition for us to reach; but we have set our hearts to the task, and our faces are in the direction of victory.

Last Sabbath we had our first report of work done. It was wonderfully inspiring to hear the testimonies of the workers. One sister reported \$24.00, another young couple reported \$26.65, another family about \$20.00, a blind brother \$12.63, several others \$10.00 apiece, and others reported amounts received varying all the way from 10 cents to \$9.52. Two little girls, Esther Belden and Donna Geach, aged 10 and 9 respectively, reported nearly \$3.00 apiece. Altogether the amount reached for the first report was just a few cents short of \$190.00.

We are very happy and much encouraged, and we are looking forward to a completed goal not very far away.

A. R. BELL.

Victory in Sight

Ohioans in the Front Line Trenches

Most encouraging reports are coming in regarding the Harvest Ingathering, and at the present outlook of things, we feel confident of reaching our goal.

We extend our best thanks and appreciation to all those who have helped to make such a splendid beginning and we trust that all will keep pegging away until at least each church goal is reached. I have just returned from Toledo where I spent a few days during the "Big Week" and God is blessing there in a wonderful way. Elder and Sister Bell are taking hold of the campaign very enthusiastically and nearly all the members are working. This church has set \$1000.00 as its goal, which is an average of nearly \$10.00 per member and at our meeting last Sabbath \$190.00 was reported. To listen to the reports and experiences was quite an inspiration. Elder Bell and family have set their goal at \$100.00. The Belden family at \$100.00, Brother and Sister Dye \$100.00, others at \$50.00, and many at \$25.00 and \$10.00.

Cincinnati has been doing things in a hurry this year, and word from Brother Behrens states that already \$404.00 have been handed in, which is only \$46.00 short of their goal. (Keep going Cincinnati, we give you permission to double your goal.)

Cleveland is doing splendidly and we look for them to reach their goal very soon, which is \$1500.00.

Columbus has made a good beginning, and Brother Burlingame told me with great confidence that they would reach their goal of \$1000.00.

Brother H. I. Pettis reports success all along the line in his district, and with his help we are looking for great things.

Elder Robbins and Brother Hackman have just returned from a trip through some of the churches and report excellent meetings and that our people are willing to work.

Dear brother and sister, let us all put our shoulders to the wheel, and go "over the top" before the snow flies. Father, mother, daughter, son, out in the Harvest Ingathering; everyone. Ohio expects every Adventist this fall to do his or her duty, and may God richly bless you, and give you abundant success is my prayer.

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

News Notes

Help win souls by engaging in the Harvest Ingathering.

If your "Review and Herald" subscription has expired, re-order at once. You cannot afford to do without the welcome VISITOR.

Brother T. H. Barritt and Earl Hackman are planning a trip through the northern section of the conference.

Watch for particulars regarding the Cleveland Convention sometime in November.

Magazine and small book workers wanted in all our large cities and towns. Now is your opportunity. For particulars apply to Brother J. I. Cassell or T. H. Barritt, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, Box 8.

The Canton church school opened September 11 with an attendance of 12 pupils. Miss Martha Hottes of Dayton, Ohio, is teaching there this year.

WEST VIRGINIA

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

L. B. Taylor, Sec.

Report

Sunday, September 29, we closed our tent effort in Fairmont. The meetings were conducted for eight weeks, and the interest kept up well, except during the cold weather of the last two weeks. Eight have already begun the observance of the Sabbath; and there are a large number of others who are showing a deep interest. We are planning on starting meetings soon in a theater on Sunday evenings, with services through the week in smaller halls. Our working force has been rather limited, but the Lord has blessed our efforts.

We have greatly appreciated the faithful efforts of Miss Nelle Mead as Bible worker. We are expecting to organize a church in the very near future. We have been told that Fairmont has been a hard place to work, and we have found much prejudice to overcome in our work. We

find the people of West Virginia a whole hearted people, and we are greatly enjoying the work in this field. If any have relatives or friends in Fairmont that are interested we will appreciate their names and addresses. H. B. WESTCOTT.

News Notes

An important meeting of the Conference Committee was held at the office Monday. Elders Westbrook, Westcott, Adkins, and Brethren Meredith, McHenry and Taylor were in attendance.

Brother McElphatrich of Sistersville called at the office this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie B. Taylor are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl Sybil Mary, born September 22.

Brother Samuel Bertolet, who has been canvassing in our field, has been ill for several days. He is much improved and will make his delivery this week.

J. S. Seal, who at one time canvassed in West Virginia, is spending a few days in Parkersburg.

Elder and Mrs. Westbrook spent Sabbath with the Kanawha Church.

SPECIAL

A Christian Home a Light in the World

On the rock-bound shore, where the harbor is dangerous, stands the lighthouse, which by being kept constantly illuminated at night, guides incoming ships, lest they be stranded or broken to pieces on the treacherous rocks. The Christian home stands on the shores of time, and looks out upon the sea of life, its ever-constant gleam directing seafaring souls to a safe harbor. "Ye are the light of the world," applies to every Christian; and although his home may be humble, the light may be far-reaching. Never did a home send forth such a light as that which emanated from the rude manger in Bethlehem, when He came who was and is the Light of the world. And the home in which this Light abides today, sheds saving rays which guide tempest-tossed souls to the haven of eternal rest. One can scarcely think of such a home without contrasting it with that in which Christlike characters are wanting.

The twining rose of love so softly clambers

About the threshold, while the ivy green

Of happiness so delicately wanders,

And spreads o'er all, its friendly emerald sheen.

Such a home is a resting-place for the weary; a wayside inn where the deserving guest may find extended to him a sincere welcome and true hospitality. His greeting does not include the uncomfortable inquiry, "How long are you going to stay?" Here he finds the congenial atmosphere of unselfishness; for the sentiment seems to be, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." "When the wandering wind finds out an eolian harp, it becomes musical." Likewise when an opportunity to cheer a fellow-traveler on the path of life comes to one who rightly appreciates it, his benignant soul immediately responds.

In the cherished autograph album of my school-days a thoughtful girl friend inscribed the helpful quotation, "Trifles make perfection, but perfection is no trifle." The great billowy sea is made up of single drops of water, and its boundless shores are composed of single grains of sand. The single touches of the artist's brush one by one bring out the marvelous beauty of the completed picture. The single blows from the sculptor's chisel gradually reveal the outlines of the perfected statue. Similarly, the single opportunities for making others happy, rightly improved, little by little give to life's panoramic picture its marvelous tints and radiant hues; one by one shape the beautiful monument of a Christian character. Christianity is of the heart and soul; it is living; while affectation is but outward show, an artificial flower, devoid of the living luster and inward fragrance which so endear the genuine to human hearts.

There is a work of kindness, sympathy, and helpfulness to be done in every neighborhood, and the Christian appreciates the "day of small things." There are many occasions for lightening sorrows, alleviating suffering, and adding to the comfort and happiness of those in need. Only by improving them does one find the highest happiness himself. One sorrowing heart made joyful affords more true pleasure than all the selfish enterprises of a whole lifetime.

The Christian dwells in an atmosphere of usefulness. He stoops to pluck thorns from the pathway of others when his own inclinations would lure him on to more inviting employment. He yields cheerfully his preferences, and believes in the lesson taught by the story of the good Samaritan,—that kindness is never so beautiful as when exercised in behalf of an enemy. His courage, cheerfulness, and happiness in times of trial prove him to be the happiest person in the world.

To him every storm-cloud has its rainbow, every shadow has its sunshine, and every tempest has its "Peace, be still." And it matters not how trackless may be his course over the sea of life, his ear catches the sweet, familiar echo through the mist of nineteen hundred years, "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid."

There is an air of refinement and culture about the Christian home. It is not a dispensary for gossip, nor does it represent neighborhood difficulties. The library reveals appreciation of the greatest thoughts ever given to man—the blessed Bible; and the members of the household seek to practice its precepts. They remember to pay back as much as they borrow, and are honest in every detail of business. Their word is as reliable as their note, for their promises are made in sincerity. They have not joined the church for the sake of brightening their business prospects. Genuine Christians are Christlike, and for this reason they refrain from doing that which is hypocritical. Their Christianity is the same every day in the week, and does not change with the seasons. The old colored woman's remark, "Dey get religion in de wintah, and sweat it out in de summah," does not apply to them.

Young people who go out from Christian homes, carry with them an influence for right and truth, and set such an example of integrity of character as the world admires. Others may know us better than we know ourselves; but they appreciate most him who is upright in all his ways, who is most thoughtful in performing little acts of kindness which add to their happiness. The Christian sometimes makes mistakes; but when he does, he seeks to correct them, and to keep his "conscience void of offense toward God, and toward men."

From the Christian homes of the Bible there come to us today precious rays of light. After three thousand years we still see shining from the tented homes of Israel on the fatal night when the first-born of Egypt were slain, a gleam of light which attests to God's protecting care for those who implicitly believe and obey Him. The light of hospitality in that humble home at Shunem, where a little room was added for the accommodation of Elisha and his servant when they might be passing that way, is still visible through the mist of twenty-eight centuries. King David kindled a ray of immortal hope for orphans and homeless cripples when he welcomed as his own son, to his palace in Jerusalem, Mephibosheth, the grandson of Saul. From a cottage prayer meeting at the home of Mary in the suburb of Jerusalem, comes the light of effectual prayer, when Peter was miraculously delivered from prison. Who has not beheld the light which

gleams from the little home at Bethany which so often served as a stopping-place for Jesus as He quietly "went about doing good?" Mary and Martha and Lazarus, two sisters and one brother, were all that remained of that broken family circle. They were not all perfect, but in some way the atmosphere about the place was such that the Master loved to be there, and they greatly enjoyed entertaining Him. From every Christian home today there shines a beacon light which speaks of the Master's presence, and invites the world to participate in the joys of His companionship.

There are those amid the darkness of this world who appreciate the light which shines from the Christian home, where are extended the thoughtful courtesies of life, and the pleasing hospitality which bespeaks faith in Him who has given us the kindly admonition, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

MARY ALICE HARE LOPER, M. S., *Signs of the Times*, June 25, 1912.

Christian Help Work

Church members should be watchful for opportunities to give a helping hand to their foreign neighbors. Many of them have come from countries where the ways of living are primitive, and they know little about the proper way to care for their children, or of healthful cooking, cleanliness as a preventive of disease, and other things which are matters of common knowledge in this country. You may watch for opportunities to help them in these matters. It will require great tact to do this successfully, for they are often very much wedded to their own ways.

A demonstration of some simple treatments may be given to those who understand enough English to comprehend a simple explanation in regard to what diseases the various treatments will help. It would be a great blessing to many of these mothers to learn how to give fomentations, a hot foot bath, a sponge all over when the patient is in bed, a pack, and such simple treatments. If a free demonstration of home treatments for the sick is arranged, many will attend if invitations are taken to them.

These are some plans whereby we may work for the foreigners around us. Those who have a real burden for them will find other ways and means. The most important point is to do quickly what needs to be done. It will soon be much more difficult to reach them than it is now, and not long before it will be forever too late to do so.

"Live the life that counts."

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Books	Days	Hrs.	Orders	Value	Help	Total	Debt
East Pennsylvania Week Ending September 20, 1918									
Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co.	BR	5	43	19	83 00	7 00		90 00	23 00
Harold Leland, Lycoming Co.	BR	5	18	27	1 2 00	2 25		134 25	
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co.	BR	4	37	13	58 00	75		58 75	
H. J. Albright, Dauphin Co.	BR	5	32	18	75 00			75 00	
G. B. Jenkins, Berks	BR	9	49	14	7 00	11 85		78 85	103 60
R. W. Garratt, Luzerne Co.	BR	3	23	18	108 00			108 00	
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.	BR	5	34	14	66 00	2 50		68 50	129 55
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.	OD	3	16	14	22 00	3 00		35 00	4 00
Ethel Sanderson, Lebanon Co.	OD								344 96
Irma Baus, Lebanon Co.	OD								57 75
Totals	10 Agents		39	272	137	621 00	27 35	648 35	662 86
Ohio, Week Ending September 20, 1918									
Fred Hannah, Wayne Co.	OD	5	44	10	20 00	3 00		23 00	13 00
John Maunel, New Phila.	BR	4	32	8	34 00	11 00		45 00	
Mrs. Chas. Shilling, Chillicothe	OD	5	30	28	62 00	11 00		73 00	
Geo. Harvey, Massillon	BR	3	22	16	68 00	6 75		74 75	
H. O. Kehr, Elyria	WP		21		40 00			40 00	40 00
Geo. A. Keppler, Hamilton	OD	5	20	28	56 00			56 00	
Mrs. C. Carter, Chillicothe	OD	4	18	17	36 00	3 25		39 25	12 25
R. R. Shanks, Mansfield	OD	2		10	21 00	25		21 25	2 00
Elizabeth Morris, Oak Hill		1	10						30 00
Totals	9 Agents		29	197	117	337 00	35 25	372 25	97 25
Virginia, Week Ending September 20, 1918									
Ida Elder, Nancemond Co.	OD	6	36	43	95 00			95 00	
R. E. Pleasants, Amherst Co.	OD	5	40	37	82 00			82 00	
M. A. Maloney, Northampton Co.	OD	4	38	2	4 00			4 00	372 00
Totals	3 Agents		15	114	92	181 00		181 00	372 00
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending September 27, 1918									
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	OD	6	14	26	47 00	25 00		72 00	3 00
C. M. Brown, Johnstown	BR	2	13	5	20 00	4 70		24 70	
Mrs. M. Bateman, Cambria Co.	JIM	3	17	15	39 50	9 50		49 00	
Myrtle Bateman, North Wood	OD	5	33	27	73 00	7 75		80 75	64 80
A. H. Snyder, Shattonville	BR	2	10	1	5 00	1 00		6 00	109 00
Mrs. A. Morely, Pittsburgh	WP	11	33	56	59 25	22 00		81 25	71 98
John Morely, Fayette Co.	OD	8	41	91	234 00	1 50		235 50	
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.	BR	10	82	59	265 00	40		265 40	
A. Brownlie, Pittsburgh	SD	10	87	59	93 75	87 25		181 00	115 55
R. C. Lewis, Westmoreland Co.	OD	2	14	15	38 00	1 00		39 00	
Totals	10 Agents		59	364	354	874 50	160 10	1034 60	364 33
Wes Virginia, Week Ending September 27, 1918									
Roscoe Bee, Dodridge Co.	OD	5	30	8	60 30			60 30	77 50
W. T. Dishman, Fayette Co.	OD	3	16	23	58 00	22 25		80 25	
N. D. Fisher, Raleigh Co.	BR	5	46	67	306 00	39 15		345 15	27 60
Ivor Lawrence, Raleigh Co.	BR	3	22	18	86 00	16 20		102 20	36 85
B. P. Wright, Widen	BR	3	19	18	82 00	16 20		98 20	10 85
C. E. Will, Wheeling	PPF	4	36	2	5 00	36 20		41 20	25 80
Totals	6 Agents		22	169	136	597 30	127 00	724 30	178 60
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending September 27, 1918									
W. A. Schaiffenberg, Snyder Co.	BR	4	34	30	150 00			150 00	
G. B. Jenkins, Berks Co.	BR	4	14	3	14 00	6 75		20 75	9 25
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co.	BR	4	35	17	74 00	2 75		76 75	
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.	OD	5	35	20	45 00	19 20		64 20	
Thos. Beamsderfer, Snyder Co.	BR	3	17	11	54 00			54 00	
W. P. Hess, Berks Co.	BR	4	33	14	67 00	5 00		72 00	29 00
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.	BR	5	36	23	65 00			65 00	24 00
Sol. Diehl, Union Co.	OD	8	82	24	53 00	14 50		67 50	33 00
Totals	8 Agents		37	286	142	522 00	48 20	570 20	95 25

Ohio, Week Ending September 27, 1918

Fred Hannah, Loudenville	OD	5	48	11	22 00	2 55	24 55	18 00	
M. B. Ingersoll, Jackson Co.	OD	3	36	9	18 00	85	18 85	54 40	
John Manuel, New Phila.	BR	4	32	11	54 00	3 50	57 50		
Geo. Harvey, Massilcn	BR		28	13	57 00	2 00	59 00		
H. O. Kohr, Norwalk	WP		27		65 00		65 00	65 00	
Ceo. A. Keppler, Butler Co.	OD	4	25	26	52 00		52 00		
G. W. Yingling, Columbiana Co.	BR	4	24	9	42 00	14 80	56 80	18 25	
Glen Pinnicks, Muskingum Co.	BR		11	4	16 00		16 00		
Mrs. D. Pinnicks, Muskingum Co.	OD		1	7	17 00		17 00		
Totals		9 Agents	23	230	90	366 70	23 70	366 70	155 65

New Jersey, Week Ending September 27, 1918

Allen Boynton, Wenonah	OD	5	20	17	38 00	3 25	41 25	
Fred Zimmerly, Wenonah	OD	8	49	36	90 00	13 50	103 50	
Wm. H. Schmidt	OD				50 00		50 00	30 00
Esther M. Lull, Camden		1	5			1 25	1 25	1 25
Totals	3 Agents	14	74	53	178 00	18 00	196 00	31 25

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending September 13, 1918

A. Brownlee, Pittsburgh	SD	5	66	32	51 25	49 25	100 50	81 00
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	OD	4	14	16	36 00		36 00	35 00
J. E. Bugher, Hurron City	OD	4	20	20	21 00	3 25	24 25	
Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co.	CD	4	29	34	83.00	3 00	86 00	87 50
Mrs. Bateman, Somerset Co.	HM	5	35	23	68 00	4 25	72 25	170 00
John Leroy, Waynesburg	WP	3	25	28	14 00		14 00	
John Morely, Fayette Co.	BR	5	32	27	120 00	8 50	128 50	
Totals	7 Agents	30	221	180	393 25	68 25	461 50	373 50

West Virginia, Week Ending September 13, 1918

N. D. Fisher, Raleigh Co.	BR	4	33	29	132 00	13 55	145 55	104 85	
I. Lawrence, Raleigh Co.	FR	5	41	18	175 00	26 40	201 40	151 25	
B. P. Wright Braxton Co.	FR	4	34	19	90 00	16 90	106 90	4 50	
C. E. Will, Wheeling	PPE	3	28	1	5 00	22 75	27 75	26 65	
Totals	4 Agents		16	136	86	402 00	76 90	481 60	287 25

Chesapeake, Three Weeks Ending September 27, 1918

O. C. Weller, Jefferson Co., W. Va.	BR	2	23					257 15
J. E. Jones, Salisbury, Md.	BR	9	76	32	164 00	26 75	195 75	269 56
W. J. Valentine, Berkley Springs	FR	2	15					101 00
Lillian Coffman, Calvert Co. Md.	BR							96 00
Mrs. W. C. Witt, Shadyside, Md.	BR	3	12					200 75
Elsie Tatman, Calvert Co. Md.	BR	3		23	106 00		106 00	
Sallie Oberholtzer, Caroline Co. Md.		2	15					78 15
Misc.					38 00		38 00	
Totals	7 Agents	19	131	55	308 00	36 75	339 75	996 61

District of Columbia, Three Weeks Ending September 21, 1918

E. C. Tanksley, Lancaster Co.	OD	12	81	29	64 00	11 25	75 25	224 25
Frank Smith, Westmoreland Co.	GC	14	112	67	288 00	16 00	304 00	4 00
S. L. Christie, Fairfax Co.	OD	6	30	4	8 00	1 25	9 25	50 00
D. P. Corbett, Loudoun Co.	BR	2	20					117 00
Elizabeth Sanford, Richmond Co	OD	5	40	19	38 00	75	38 75	26 00
Otis Erich, Prince Geo. Co.	CK	11	48	14	28 00	16 25	44 25	23 25
Totals	6 Agents		50	331	133	426 00	45 50	471 50
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Grand Totals	82 Agents				Value Orders	5206 75	Deliveries	4059 05	
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An Interesting Letter

Through the kindness of friends in the Western Washington Conference a club of *Signs Weekly* has been going to Elder C. F. Lowry, Rangoon, India. We give below an extract from a letter received from Elder C. A. Hamilton, who has been using the papers in the city of Rangoon:

"As a result of our work with the papers we have the largest interest in the message among the English speaking people that we have ever known here. One

lady said the other day that it seems to her every other person in the city was a Seventh-day Adventist. The other churches have become alarmed and have warned their friends against us, and in issuing their warning they praise our literature, commenting on the beauty of the illustrations, etc.

"People who rarely go to church are being awakened and taking an interest in Bible study. We have found a remarkable willingness on the part of the people to pass the papers on after they have

finished with them, so that a great many families are benefited by them. The papers are in this way stimulating an interest in doing missionary work among their friends.

"The papers are having a noticeable effect in leading people to come to a decision. Several have recently begun to keep the Sabbath. The full fruit of the work with the papers will not be seen for some time yet, but it is always abundantly evident that they are being blessed of God in a very gratifying manner.

"It would be most unfortunate to have the papers stop now or with the end of the year. I hope that if it is still possible you will continue them for another year. Thus far we have not had enough papers to more than supply people we have come to know personally. Should we attempt putting in papers from house to house our club would immediately be exhausted, though we have often wished we could try a house to house canvass. I am really surprised to find how far we have made a few papers go.

"The Sunday evening congregations are slowly but steadily improving as is also our Sabbath school. In fact if you stop the papers we shall feel fairly lost and hardly know how to go on."

Any individual or church that will use in a systematic way a club of the *Signs* will get results.

The Truth About the Millennium

Since the matter of the circulation of our literature among the many foreign speaking people of this country was presented to our people at the various camp-meetings this summer, we have received many inquiries regarding the kind of literature to use, etc. We are taking this occasion to inform our people that we are just printing a special Present Truth number of the 'Evangelists Sendebud' with the above title. This particular number is packed full of interesting, spirit-filled truths. It is the paper for the Danes and Norwegians.

This particular subject is much discussed among the Scandinavians at this time, and the paper will be gladly received and eagerly read. We solicit the help of our brethren of every language in the circulation of this number. Seek out your Scandinavian neighbors and see that they are supplied. The price is two cents per copy in small quantities, in quantities of 100 or over 1½ cents per copy. Get your church to go in with you and order at least a hundred. If our English workers will use some we can supply them a limited quantity free. Order through your tract society.

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Quit Smoking

Everywhere, seemingly, every man, boy, and sometimes women are smoking or using tobacco in some form. Why are they doing this? Many are using tobacco because they enjoy its sedative effects, and do not know that it is injurious. Would they quit if they knew? Many would do as the three men who are referred to in the following report, just received from one who is circulating the Instructor Anti-Tobacco Annual:—

"You may be interested to know that I gave a copy of the Instructor Anti-Tobacco Annual to a prominent gentleman who smoked. He read it and has not smoked since last September (a year.) His son, a Cornell student, read it and quit. An uncle, past eighty years of age,

also read it and has not smoked since. Each one quit without consulting the other, and all three have not smoked since reading the Anti-Tobacco Annual. I am ordering an additional 50 copies."

This shows that the Instructor Anti-Tobacco Annual contains enough facts against tobacco to lead men to stop using it.

Does it Pay?

A sister in Ohio some time ago began working with Present Truth in a systematic way. She found a lady interested, and continued to supply Present Truth and give Bible studies until the lady accepted the message, attended the recent Ohio camp-meeting, and cheerfully gave \$1,000 for missions. Who can estimate the final results of this sister's efforts? What are the possibilities awaiting all of our members in a systematic work?

The Call to Service

Has your life flowed on like a song?

Was your future ideal and bright?

Were your plans, so fondly cherished

Crushed, as it were, over night?

Were you called from your round of pleasures,

From your friends and loved ones too,

And your life-long associations,

Which your childhood and manhood knew?

Were you planning to enter His service?

Was this the longing of your soul?

Were you struggling nobly onward

For the prize at the end of the goal?

Were you called from all these pleasures

To answer your country's call?

Go forward! young manhood, go forward!

God has a special work for us all.

In the furnace of trial and affliction

The test of our faith will be told.

If faithful—it will remain untarnished

And shine as the purest of gold.

As we go then to earth's teeming millions

With a message from heaven above,

We'll thank Him for the plan of salvation,

For the wonderful gift of His love.

—James E. Lippart.

Thoughts are real forces—living messengers of power. Love thoughts, even when brought to bear upon our pains and trials, transform them and make them educational.

—Henry Wood.

That best portion of a good man's life—his little nameless unremembered acts of kindness and of love. —Wordsworth.

"Age is an opportunity no less than youth itself, though in another dress; and as the evening twilight fades away the sky is filled with stars invisible by day."

OBITUARIES

PATTERSON.—Amy Bacon was born at Cherry Flats, Tioga County, Pennsylvania, July 29, 1870, and died September 4, 1918. Fifteen years ago Sister Patterson accepted the truth through the consecrated efforts of Elder Will Smith. She was a patient sufferer but remained faithful until the end. The husband and father, John Patterson, their son, Charles, and daughters Arena and Laura look forward anxiously to the return of the Life-giver.

H. J. DETWILER.

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