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## UNION

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### Young People, Attention!

There is a great educational movement sweeping over our ranks that has as its goal: "Every Seventh-day Adventist boy and girl in our own schools. Every student in our schools a worker." Every loyal Seventh-day Adventist is interested in this goal. Have you caught the spirit? Do you know that a combination of forces have united to bring about the accomplishment of this goal in the Columbia Union? Have you heard of the scholarship plan by which a limited number of worthy students are to be aided during the coming year to secure a preparation for immediate work in the most needy fields, and that consequently, preference will be given to those who will take up church school work? If not, then you are not awake to the fact that an extraordinary opportunity is awaiting your decision to act.

Undoubtedly there are scores of young men and women scattered over the Union who are debating the question as to how they can secure the benefits of a college education. They are also concerned as to what are the best lines of work to pursue in order to get the needed preparation for active service. Let me help you to decide these questions by calling your attention to the great work which lies before those who will enter whole heartedly into our church school field of operation. Just now we are facing a problem which can only be solved by the young men and women of our denomination who are willing to consecrate themselves this day for service. God is calling for you to enter the church school work. There are calls coming in from every side for teachers to take charge of schools all ready for operation except for this one lack which we are at present unable to supply.

The Macedonian cry is now being sounded at our very door. "What can be done?" is the question raised by our educators. To this question but one answer can be given: "Fill our Normal Departments with consecrated and devoted young men and women willing to dedicate themselves to this service."

The goal for this Union is to secure fifty students to enroll in the Normal Department of Washington Missionary College for the purpose of obtaining the needed preparation for immediate entrance into church school work. The Columbia Union stands ready to aid worthy students, who will enter this Normal Department to prepare themselves for this work, by granting a limited number of scholarships to help defray expenses. Washington Missionary College stands ready to give you a welcome and to aid you in every other way possible to enable you to take advantage of this great opportunity. Do not let it slip away from you. You cannot afford to miss it. Write to the Educational Secretary of the Columbia Union and let us see what can be done about your coming at once. State your age, grade of work finished, financial difficulties, and let us talk our troubles over together. I am sure we can be a mutual help to each other. Let us get acquainted.

ALBERT W. WERLINE, *Educational Secretary of Columbia Union Conference.*

## OHIO

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F. H. Robbins, Pres. H. D. Holtom, Sec.

### Among the Churches of Ohio

Friday evening, September 13, Elder and Sister Daniells arrived in Toledo. After being nicely located at Elder A. R. Bell's home, we went to the church where Brother Daniells gave a very interesting and instructive stereopticon lecture on the work in the mission fields. All present enjoyed the services as many of the pictures shown were taken by Elder Daniells while visiting the churches in different countries. On Sabbath a stirring sermon was preached by Elder Daniells and hearts were touched as they listened to the message.

From Toledo we went to Columbus, where a meeting was held on Sunday evening. Elder Bell accompanied us as far as Bowling Green where he had an appointment with that church. Although it was a rainy, bad evening at Columbus, a good attendance of interested people were present. The new pastor for the Columbus Church, Elder C. F. Ulrich, of Altoona, Pennsylvania, had not at that time arrived, but has come since. All felt

that the meeting at Columbus was very profitable and a real success.

Springfield being our next appointment we went there Monday afternoon. Elder W. W. Miller, the pastor of our church, had secured the Presbyterian Church, which is a splendid building, for the lecture. Notwithstanding the heavy rain storm, we had a good company of people in attendance to hear the lecture. All were well pleased with the service and gave us a hearty invitation to come again.

Springfield is about one hundred miles from Mount Vernon. This distance was covered in a short time by automobile as the roads were good and this was our means of travel while visiting the churches. Two good meetings were held in the academy chapel. The first evening Elder Daniells gave his stereopticon lecture on the work in the mission fields, and the second night he preached an impressive sermon showing that the way to keep in the truth is to read our Bibles and the testimonies. The statement was made, "When we know that the Bible is the place to get help from God why not go there for it?" Meetings had been announced for Akron and Cleveland. Two good meetings were held at Akron, Elder Daniells occupying the time both nights. Elder Henderson, pastor of the church, Drs. Hilborn, and the entire membership gave us a hearty welcome. All the churches that we visited appreciated the meetings and expressed themselves as having been much benefited by the visit of Elder and Sister Daniells.

As I had a number of appointments to visit different churches, I could not accompany Elder Daniells to Cleveland, but I have been informed that Elder R. S. Lindsay had all preparations and announcements made for him. The Lord blessed greatly in the two meetings that were held there. Elder Christman, Brother Barritt, the home missionary secretary, and Brother Hackman the assistant home missionary secretary, were with us at some time or other on the trip while Elder Daniells was here. They had some appointments to fill, so could not be with us all the time. This was the first visit of Elder and Sister Daniells among the churches of Ohio, and as it proved to be so successful and helpful we look forward to the time when they can come again.

After separating from the regular meetings being held by Elder Daniel's, Brother Earl Hackman and the writer visited churches as follows: Defiance, Hicksville, Broughton, Van Wert, Elgin, Laura, Lakeview and Bellefontaine.

I am pleased to say that the Lord blessed in the meetings that we held and we find these churches of good courage. There was not a note of discord anywhere. The brethren and sisters are working hard to reach their goals in the Harvest Ingathering, each church whether large or small appears to be as true to the Third Angel's Message as the needle is to the pole. A little more work and the harvest will be finished and the sheaves will be garnered into the kingdom of God. The following lines of poetry by Worthie Harris Holden entitled, "His Rumbling Chariot Sound," are applicable at this time.

"We tread the fearful brink of time;  
The world is near its doom;  
Yet to be living is sublime,  
For light breaks through the gloom.

Dread and alarm spread far and wide  
To startle and affright;  
Still for His own at eventide  
God speaks—Let there be light!

Portentous are the omens here;  
Their certain tones declare  
The end of earth's domain is near.  
To meet thy God prepare!

Aghast, the nations, in their fright,  
A yawning chasm see;  
But faithful children of the light  
Herald eternity."

F. H. ROBBINS.

## Ohio's Goal in Sight

Good reports are still coming in and God is greatly blessing in our Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Brother Hackman and I are now visiting some of our churches in the northeastern part of the State.

Elder Robbins was with us in Zanesville last Sabbath, at which time we observed the ordinances. Elder Robbins preached a powerful sermon, taking for his text Ps. 24:4. The Spirit of God was present, all hearts being touched. This church has set its Harvest Ingathering goal at \$150.00, and under the leadership of Brother Stokes, this amount will be easily realized. We were glad to have our conference secretary and treasurer, Brother Holtom and his wife with us, they returning with Elder Robbins to Mount Vernon.

Brother Hackman and I proceeded to New Philadelphia, meeting with the members there on Sunday night. All are of good courage here and we greatly enjoyed going out with several of the members on

Monday morning. This church has gathered in already \$100.00 which is two-thirds of their goal.

Upon arriving in Youngstown, we found Dr. Venen and wife, and all members of good courage, and quite a number were out with us. By dinner time \$22.00 were collected. We had some splendid experiences and several names of interested people were secured. We greatly appreciated the good help Dr. Venen rendered by getting some of the sisters in his auto and bringing them to his home which was our starting point. He also proved himself to be a splendid nurse, taking care of several babies while their mothers were out soliciting. Surely this was genuine home missionary work. This church, with God's help will raise \$250.00.

God's blessing is attending us all along the way and both Brother Hackman and myself are of good courage, and although there are many calls for money at this particular time, we are finding lots of people ready to contribute to this worthy cause.

In conclusion, I ask you to read verses 6, 10, and 13, of Isaiah 41, they will be a help to you in future work.

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

The following churches are being visited by Brethren T. H. Barritt and Earl Hackman in the interests of the Harvest Ingathering and Home Missionary work.

Sabbath	Oct. 5	Zanesville
Sunday	" 6	New Philadelphia
Monday	" 7	East Liverpool
Tuesday	" 8	Youngstown
Wednesday	" 9	"
Thursday	" 10	Ashtabula
Friday	" 11	"
Monday	" 14	Conneaut
Tuesday	" 15	Madison
Wednesday	" 16	Geneva
Thursday	" 17	Chagrin Falls
Friday	" 18	Cleveland
Sabbath	" 19	"
Sunday	" 20	"
Monday	" 21	Elyria
Tuesday	" 22	LaGrange
Wednesday	" 23	Spencer
Thursday	" 24	Camden
Friday	" 25	Norwalk
Sabbath	" 26	Clyde
Sunday	" 27	Mt. Vernon and Mansfield

## News Notes

Sister McCullough of the New Philadelphia Church has set her goal at \$5 per week for the Harvest Ingathering. Let others follow her example.

Cincinnati Church has gathered in \$434.70 up to last Sabbath. Their goal was \$450.00.

Good news comes from Elder Henderson of Akron, stating that over \$200.00 have been gathered in, and all members are at it.

Cleveland Convention, November 8-10. Elder F. W. Paap has promised to be present. Other help and particulars will appear later.

Akron Convention will be November 15-17, just preceding the effort to be conducted by Elders Robbins and Henderson.

Don't let up until your church goal is reached.

Magazine workers needed at once in all of our cities. Write T. H. Barritt, Mount Vernon, Ohio, Box 8.

## EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

## Reading

After an extended trip through the northern part of the conference, visiting Wilkes-Barre, Scranton, Honesdale, Ariel and South Canaan in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering, the writer met with the Reading Church, Sabbath, October, 5, in quarterly meeting. It was a real pleasure to meet many new faces and renew our acquaintance with many we had met at camp-meetings in this conference at various times. The spirit of unity and service for the Master so manifest among our people, to the writer bespeaks the speedy proclamation of the message and the finishing of the work.

The quarterly meeting at Ariel, Sabbath, September 28, was indeed one of the best meetings it has been the writer's privilege to attend. Most all the members of the church being present, and taking part, the Lord certainly drew near and hearts were made tender before Him. We expect to meet some of these dear children of God over on that blessed shore.

The quarterly meeting at Reading was another blessed occasion. We were glad to meet members from a distance who came to meet with us at this time and enjoy the blessings which the Lord gives His children upon these quarterly occasions. Those present could but testify of the presence of the Lord upon this occasion and our hearts rejoice when we witness to the love of God manifest in the hearts of His blessed children. The members of this church are united in heart, and God will and is using their church as a mighty instrument for the accomplishment of a great work in the earth.

LEE SUFFICOL.

## News Notes

The Honesdale church school opens this week with Miss Virginia Shull acting as teacher.

A little home school with six children at Brother High's, near Mohnton, demands recognition this year. Miss Arvah Coberly is in charge.

Elder H. J. Detwiler, who has been successfully looking after the work in Tioga County in the northwestern corner of the conference has accepted a call to labor in the New Jersey Conference and is planning to leave here as soon as he can bind his present effort off.

Conditions forbidding church gatherings due to the epidemic has greatly retarded the binding off of the efforts in Philadelphia. Many souls have become interested as a result of the meetings conducted by Elders McCord and Baierle and we are looking forward to many taking their stand on the Lord's side through the faithful efforts of the Bible workers in their follow up work.

Elder J. S. Washburn has been spending a few days at his home in Philadelphia and has now returned to continue his work among the cantonments in Virginia.

Brother and Sister Hankins, members of the Sellersville Church, were visitors at the office last week. They gave a very encouraging report of the progress of the church, Sabbath School and Young People's work at that place. We are glad to have such visits from our brethren and sisters in the conference and are just as glad to receive a line or two telling of conditions elsewhere.

Brother Charles Patterson, who has been assisting in the effort at Wellsboro with Elder Detwiler, has accepted a call from an academy in the West where he will teach Bible. He will leave this conference about the middle of October.

So long as we Love, we serve: so long as we are loved by others I would almost say that we are indispensable and no man is useless while he has a friend.

*Robert Louis Stevenson.*

A grindstone that had not grit in it how long would it take to sharpen an axe? And affairs that had not grit in them how long would they take to make a man?

*H. W. Beecher.*

## CHESAPEAKE

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

## News Notes

A meeting of the conference committee, rather a partial committee, with Dr. B.G. Wilkinson and Professor Werline, present to consider the matter of filling the office of Educational Secretary for the conference. It was voted to invite Brother Frank Wells to take this position.

We are glad to report that Brother C. E. Andross, and little Barbara, who have been suffering with the Spanish Influenza are better. Also that Mrs. Andross who has been suffering from malaria is better.

We are very sorry to report a serious accident to Mrs. J. W. Siler. She had a severe fall and badly injured her hip, but did not break any bones.

Mrs. Robert Heine, who had been doing such splendid work with the literature was called home last week because of the illness of her husband. But we are glad to report that when last heard from him he was better.

The hearts of two of our Wilmington No. 1 families have been torn in the past two weeks by death smiting two young men. They are Le Roy Wittenberg, husband of Sister Henrietta Wittenberg, and J. Frank Bradford, son of Brother Thomas Bradford. Both died of influenza.

Our hearts were saddened only a short time ago to hear of the death of little Esta Miller, grandson of Sister J. O. Miller. He died of diphtheria, in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Some of our churches have begun their Harvest Ingathering work and are giving splendid reports. Let every church buckle on their armor now, and do their best. The time for work is short, and unless we work quickly it will soon be too late.

Brother N. D. Anderson and family have moved to Atlanta, Ga. The Baltimore No. 1 Church has lost some valuable workers, and we are sorry to have them go. Brother Anderson was a deacon, and his wife deaconess and treasurer of the church.

Brother G. Medairy and wife spent last Sabbath with the church at Rock Hall.

The Baltimore No. 1 Church has again made a splendid record in its band work for the church building fund, or rather on its church debt. At a meeting early in the year it was voted to devote a portion of the money raised to missions. Many of the members have worked faithfully and others who have been engaged in other lines, and did not have time to devote to the distribution of literature, or in any special band work, have given of their means. At a meeting of the church on Sunday night reports were given by the leaders of the various bands and it was learned that \$2329.52 had been raised. They have used the "Signs," weekly and monthly, "Watchman," "Present Truth," "Liberty," "Jewish Magazines," and other literature, thus not only gathering, but sowing as well.

The Baltimore No. 1 Sabbath School set its goal for the third quarter at \$350. When the report was given at the close of the quarter of the amount raised it was found that they had gone to \$500. The great success was a surprise to many, and the goal for the fourth quarter has been set at \$500.

## NEW JERSEY

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

## News Notes

The Harvest Ingathering work has thus far met with excellent success in our conference. Four churches have already overstepped their goals, Trenton, Paterson, Dover, and Franklin. Approximately \$3,000 have already reached the conference office from distribution of this year's papers.

Brother G. H. Clark has for the past month been enthusiastically devoting all his time and effort to the Harvest Ingathering work. During this time he has mingled with the churches, and encouraged the people to put real energy into the work. By his personal effort, Brother Clark has secured over \$150.

Brother Kirk spent several days last week in Swedeshoro and vicinity, in the interests of the canvassing and Harvest Ingathering work. He is spending this week with colporteurs in the northern part of the State.

Brother Clarence Lawry has been called to the secretaryship of the Florida Conference. We regret very much that we shall lose Brother Lawry from our conference. Miss Cora Felker has been secured to fill the vacancy, having had

several years' experience in office work. We feel sure that our people throughout the State will support the work of the new secretary as they have that of Brother Lawry in the past.

Elder Heckman was called last week to conduct the funeral services of Sister Smith, of Franklin. Our hearts go out in sympathy to the bereaved relatives and friends; but we have the assurance that blessed are they which fall asleep in Christ.

A meeting of the Conference Committee was held at the conference office on Monday October 7.

Allen Boynton Jr. and Fred Zimmerly have just made a record delivery of books in the vicinity of Woodbury and Glassboro. Fred delivered every book and Allen all but two, whereupon nearly \$200 were turned over to the tract society. This is the sort of effort that accomplishes God's purpose.

Brother Warren spent the week end in the southern part of the State, in the interest of educational and Sabbath School work.

Elder Heckman met with the church in Paterson last Sabbath and reports a good meeting, and excellent work being done in that church.

We are glad to report that Mr. Arthur Gibbs has been secured to take charge of the Ramah school. Mr. Gibbs is a graduate from Washington Missionary College, class of 1917. We anticipate a very bright future for the work in Ramah, as this is now one of the strongest schools in the conference.

Elder Howard Detwiler of Eastern Pennsylvania, has accepted a call to take up work in this field. Elder Detwiler's work has been a marked success, in that he has raised up a chain of five or six strong churches in northern Pennsylvania. We are glad to welcome him to the work in this field.

All the tent efforts of the season have closed at this writing, and the paraphernalia has been stored in the conference warehouse. Exact results of the work cannot yet be fully ascertained, but a good number of substantial members have accepted the message.

## WEST VIRGINIA

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

### At Sistersville and Huntington.

Thursday evening October 3, I spent with the little company at Sistersville. Brother McElpatrick has been spending a few weeks at this place encouraging these souls and working with the Harvest Ingathering papers. After having a Bible study on the subject "The Importance of Obedience," a little time was given to the Sabbath School work. These people are meeting together as a Home School at present.

The next day I left for Huntington. Here I found the Sabbath School members rejoicing over their thirteenth Sabbath offering of September 28, for it was the largest yet. It was indeed a delight to see the bright happy faces of the children also their deep interest in the Sabbath School. Surely next year will see a good church school in Huntington. Let us work for it now.

At the eleven o'clock hour the Home Missionary work was considered, and our Harvest Ingathering work was especially emphasized. This church is doing well. The mercury in the thermometer is steadily rising and we believe that this church will go way beyond its goal.

At 2:30 in the afternoon I met with the young people. This society has recently lost two good leaders, one going to war, the other to California. The young people are of good courage. Several have finished a Reading Course recently. All seem anxious to do their best for the advancement of this branch of the work.

LIDA MAE WESTBROOK.

## News Notes

We are sorry to learn of the death of Sister Testament, a member of the Huntington Church.

Brother R. M. Roberts has sold his hardware store at Huntington and expects to move to Kentucky. We are sorry to lose him and his wife from our conference.

Plans have been completed for the erection of a tabernacle at Charleston, where a series of meetings will be opened about the middle of this month.

What appears to be Spanish Influenza is visiting Brother McHenry's home and is engaging the attention of practically every member of the family.

Miss Butker has returned from Mt. Vernon to her home in Huntington on account of illness.

Elder W. L. Adkins is moving his family from Chester to Sutton, W. Va., where he expects to hold an effort as soon as arrangements can be completed.

## SPECIAL

### A Flesh-Hook Procession in New China

The past summer has been a very dry one in this section of China. Weeks ago we could see the industrious farmers trudging backward and forward through their little fields carrying water by the slow and laborious method used in Oriental countries (two buckets suspended on a bamboo pole, which is carried on the shoulder) to save their crops. The season advanced and still the rains did not come. The following tells what was done to meet the situation.

A week ago a herald passed down the road vigorously beating a gong, and this was repeated the next day. We later learned that this was an announcement that on a certain day a convocation was called for by the local priests.

Several days after this, as we were leaving the dinner table, we heard quite a commotion in the Chinese village, which is a quarter of a mile from our compound. Drums and cymbals were beating, shrill flute-like instruments were being played, men and women were shouting, and above all the hubbub we could distinctly hear the heavy, vibrating notes of the massive temple gong. Crowds were seen immersing from the village gate. Banners and showy regalia were much in evidence.

Several groups of banner-men, who proved to be the heralds of a procession, advanced down the road at a rapid pace. Small drums carried by boys were beaten very rapidly, and not without avail, for people came running from every direction to watch the procession. As the head of the column reached us, we could not help but admire the gorgeous silken banners of scarlet and blue, richly embroidered with dragons and other fanciful shapes. Large silk umbrellas, ornamented with tassels and with designs of gold and silver appeared at frequent intervals in the gay procession.

But we soon ceased looking at the gaudy trappings and ornamentations, for a strange and terrible sight met our eyes. Every few rods in the procession were men holding their arms out from their sides, and upon their arms were suspended heavy weights. Upon looking closely we

saw that the cord upon which the weight hung terminated into twelve or fifteen smaller cords. These were fastened to sharp hooks which were thrust into the flesh of the forearm. The weights for the most part consisted of large pewter urns, weighing approximately forty pounds each. One man was observed carrying three of these large vessels, with one arm, and he also had a weight suspended from the other arm. Many of the participants struggled along with large heavy gongs suspended on the hooks, which were constantly pounded by attendants. One individual had a large gong suspended from his right arm by hooks, and from his left arm, a heavy mallet, with which he himself beat the gong.

That the supporting of these heavy urns and gongs caused much pain was apparent from the drawn and tense faces of all the men who carried them. In many cases the flesh of the forearm hung down several inches, so great was the weight. Of course, the men could not hold their arms extended unassisted, so in each case a second man supported the clenched fist of the arm which was carrying the weight, though this did not relieve the sufferer of any of his burden. The entire column stopped frequently that these poor creatures could rest before staggering forward with their painful loads.

At the very end of the procession a large idol, two or three times the size of a man, was carried in an open sedan chair. It was dressed in royal apparel, and its waxy countenance beamed approvingly on the scene. Evidently this was the rain god. In addition to the carriers of the chair, a man walked by the side holding a large umbrella to protect the idol from the rays of the sun. Immediately preceding the idol, supported by two men, was a large container, in which were placed large quantities of the choicest foods, delicacies and candies.

After the procession had passed we asked each other, "What does it all mean? why do they torture themselves in this way? And then we were told the reason. When they saw their fields wilting for lack of rain, and hard times looming up like a specter, the farmer folk appealed to the priests to invoke aid from the gods. But no common appeals seemed to move the gods to actions of benevolence, and no rain was forthcoming. So an event in the form of a grand procession was planned which would surely favorably impress the god of rain. Opportunity was given for those who wished to demonstrate their loyalty and devotion to the god to have their arms pierced with the many hooks, take a place in the procession, and endure the

pain and suffering described above. And to make sure the god would not miss any of these personal sacrifices, he was carried at the rear of the procession where he would have a commanding view of the whole proceeding. Surely he would not be angry with them after such a feast of good things which had been given him that day, and he would send them the much needed rain!

How such experiences as this give us a new zeal to carry to these poor, benighted souls a knowledge of the God "Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth," the only God who can bring peace to their sin-sick hearts. Surely we are thankful that the daylight of the gospel is penetrating this heathen land, and that many who formerly took part in these idolatrous scenes are now seeking the true God with humble and contrite hearts. Let us pray the Lord of the Harvest that the saving knowledge of the gospel may be quickly carried to all parts of this needy land.

HAROLD L. GRAHAM,

*Shanghai, China.*

### Poor Yet Rich

"As poor, yet making many rich, as having nothing, and yet possessing all things." 2 Cor. 6: 10. How can a person be both poor and rich?

"Hearken, my brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which He hath promised to them that love Him?" Jas. 2: 5.

One said to Sister White in her early days of great need, "Sister White, you are very poor." "Oh no," she replied, "I am not poor, the whole creation is the Lord's and I am His heir." Now indeed, everything belongs to the Lord, and we absolutely own nothing. What does the Lord say on this matter? "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein." Ps. 24: 1. "Well," says one, "the gold and silver which I earn by labor is mine." "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts." Haggai 2: 8. "Ye have taken my silver, and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly pleasant things." Joel 3: 5

David, when passing over gold, silver etc., to Solomon for the temple, said unto the Lord, "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come to Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee." 1 Chron. 29: 14. Moses said, "Thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me wealth. But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is He

that giveth thee power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant." Deut. 8: 17, 18.

The Lord counts us stewards of *His own* in our hands, and wants us to have the first great object before us, "The kingdom of God, and His righteousness." Matt. 6: 33. He says to us as His stewards, "If ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's (the man Christ Jesus), who shall give you that which is your own?" Luke 16: 12.

We read of the man Christ Jesus, "He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich," (2 Cor. 8: 9), "He is heir of all things." Heb. 1: 2. He says of His adopted sons, that they are "joint heirs" with Him, "All things are yours." Rom. 8: 15-18; Gal. 4: 1-7; 1 Cor. 3: 21-23. Such will share in the estate of our Father Abraham, "heir of the world," (Rom. 4: 13); even the earth made new with the city "whose builder and maker is God."

Those holding much gold and silver in unrighteousness, who may look upon God's humble stewards with disdain, will yet "see and be ashamed for their envy at the people." Isa. 26: 11. This is very emphatically stated in the Apocryphal book, "The Wisdom of Solomon," chapter five, in these words: "Then shall the righteous man stand in great boldness before the face of such as have afflicted him, and made no account of his labors. When they see it, they shall be troubled with terrible fear, and shall be amazed at the strangeness of his salvation, so far beyond all they looked for. And they repenting and groaning for anguish of spirit shall say within themselves, This was he whom we had sometime in derision, and a proverb of reproach; we fools counted his life madness and his end without honor: how is he numbered among the children of God, and his lot among the saints." Verses 1-5.

J. N. LOUGHBOROUGH.

*—Bible Training School.*

### Our Only Safety

"Sanctify them through Thy truth: thy word is truth." John 17: 17.

"His truth shall be my shield and buckler." Ps. 91: 4.

"Because thou didst keep the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of trial, that hour which is to come upon the whole world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." Rev. 3: 10, A. R. V.

"The working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceit of unrighteousness for them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved; . . . a working of error, that they should believe a lie; that they all might be judged

who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." 2 Thess. 2: 9-12, A. R. V.

The above are a few of the many scriptures which declare the supreme importance of the word of truth in saving souls from destruction. Let us study them briefly.

The first is found in that wonderful prayer of our Lord just before the awful agony of Gethsemane and the deep darkness of the cross. It is a prayer so full, so comprehensive, that if the human soul would yield to its infinite depths, he would be saved, and saved for holy and blessed service forevermore. And among all its wonderful petitions there is none greater for his children than the one asking that they be sanctified through the truth; that is to say, that they be separated from the world, from sin, from selfishness, from all that is unlike God, and set apart to himself, to be one with the Father and the Son in holy, devoted service for God. The means by which this is to be accomplished is his word of truth. We can come to no other conclusion. Why should we seek some other way?

Our second scripture declares that in time of calamity, disaster, trouble, plague, pestilence, when it would seem that all the demons of darkness are arrayed in battle against the followers of Christ, our shield; against which all the enemy's darts fall harmless; our buckler, against which all his sword thrusts prove ineffective, is the shield and buckler of God's truth. This is not a use that will be found and acquired after the plagues begin to fall; it must be learned in the constant, daily strife with evil in probationary days. If we do not know it, before that dread hour, we shall not resort to it then.

The third scripture at the head of this article is God's promise to those who are faithful to him in the common and uncommon trials of the last days. They have been true where others have been false. They have kept the word when others have thrown it away or forgotten it. Facing all sophistry, all illusion, all delusion, all flattery and policy and guile, they have steadfastly held to God's truth. God's assurance is that when the greatest of all trials come, that "hour of trial," he will keep them safe and triumphant then.

Our fourth scripture is also a scripture for today, for the time when the devil will use every device, every delusion, every snare and trap and deceit, every imitation of something good, nay, more, even the good and the better, to keep us from God's best, every "deceivableness of unrighteousness," to ensnare souls. And not only men, but nations will be deceived; and the reason why points to safety,—"because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

## Canvassers' Reports

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	DAYS	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL
<b>West Pennsylvania, Week Ending October 4, 1918</b>									
John Morely, Fayette Co.		OD	3	21	37	99 00	5 00	104 00	
John Leroy, Greene Co.		OD	4	26	2	10 00		10 00	122 90
C. M. Brown, Johnstown		BR	5	35	15	61 00	16 55	77 55	20 00
Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co.		OD	12	104	80	196 00	22 00	218 00	128 40
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.		BR		20					422 80
Ella Martin, Juniata Co.		OD		24					152 35
Hazel Read, Juniata Co.		OD		15					71 85
Ruth Miller, Juniata Co.		OD		12		98 00	28 80	126 80	
Helen Guthrie, Juniata Co.		OD		10					52 65
Mrs. A. Morely, Pittsburgh		WP	3	11	21	10 25	11 20	21 45	24 70
Millie Smith, Pittsburg		Misc.	6	33		9 70		9 70	18 00
<b>Totals 11 Agents</b>			<b>33</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>483 95</b>	<b>83 55</b>	<b>567 50</b>	<b>1013 65</b>
<b>Ohio, Week Ending October 4, 1918</b>									
Mrs. C. Shilling, Chillicothe		OD		41	35	74 00	26 75	100 75	
John Manuel, New Phila.		OD		39	20	91 00	15 20	106 20	
Fred Hannah, Wayne Co.		OD		36	12	25 00		25 00	14 00
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Van Wert		OD		33	13	27 00	7 00	34 00	
R. Shanks, Mansfield		OD		33	27	57 00	9 75	66 75	9 25
Mrs. C. Carter, Chillicothe		OD		26	16	37 00	28 00	65 00	32 00
O. E. Taylor, Athens Co.		OD		23	10	23 00	15 75	38 75	5 45
Mrs. G. Pinnicks, Muskingum Co.		OD		6	4	11 00		11 00	
Glen Pinnicks, Muskingum Co.		BR		20	12	28 00	2 40	30 40	
G. W. Yingling, Columbiana Co.		BR		19	15	69 00	11 35	80 35	19 25
Geo. Carter, Morrow Co.				16					308 00
M. B. Ingersoll, Jackson Co.				9					54 40
<b>Totals 12 Agents</b>				<b>301</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>442 00</b>	<b>116 20</b>	<b>558 20</b>	<b>442 35</b>
<b>East Pennsylvania, Week Ending October 4, 1918</b>									
Harold Leland, Lycoming Co.		BR	6	51	16	71 00	2 50	73 50	488 00
H. J. Albright, Dauphin Co.		BR	3	26	10	45 00		45 00	136 00
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		BR	5	35	14	64 00	6 25	70 25	94 85
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co.		BR	2	15	12	51 00	3 00	54 00	
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		OD	3	13	6	16 50	6 45	22 95	
M. D. Hollenbaugh, Cumberland		OD				2 00		2 00	4 80
<b>Totals 6 Agents</b>				<b>19</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>249 50</b>	<b>18 20</b>	<b>267 70</b>
<b>723 65</b>									
<b>West Virginia, Week Ending October 4, 1918</b>									
N. D. Fisher, Boone Co.		BR	3	26	15	71 00	7 85	78 85	195 90
Ivor Lawrence, Kanawha Co.		BR	4	38	9	41 00	24 55	65 55	186 85
Rosco Bee, Doddridge Co.		OD	4	30	10	23 00	6 05	29 05	5 50
W. T. Dishman, Fayette Co.		OD	4	26	9	18 00	23 00	41 00	60 00
C. E. Will, Wheeling		PPF	5	40	3	7 50	40 80	48 30	30 60
Misc.		OD							400 00
<b>Totals 5 Agents</b>				<b>20</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>160 50</b>	<b>102 25</b>	<b>262 75</b>
<b>878 85</b>									
<b>New Jersey, Week Ending October 4, 1918</b>									
Allen Boynton, Wenonah		OD		28	5	10 00	1 00	11 00	161 00
Frank Dombrosky				20					205 00
Frank Krall		OD		27	16	38 00		38 00	164 00
Esther M. Lull				20			9 55	9 55	9 55
Wm. Vahrenkamp		BR		13	5	23 00		23 00	
Otto Westerhoff		BR		23	7	31 00	4 00	35 00	3 50
Fred Zimmerly		OD		29	17	43 00	1 50	44 50	156 00
Misc.									1800 00
<b>Totals 7 Agents</b>				<b>160</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>145 00</b>	<b>19 05</b>	<b>161 05</b>	<b>2499 05</b>
<b>Chesapeake, Week Ending October 4, 1918</b>									
J. E. Jones, Delmar, Md.		BR	5	43	21	92 00	31 30	123 30	7 80
W. J. Valentine, Worcester Co., Md.		BR	4	32	30	114 00		114 00	
Misc.						453 12		453 12	
<b>Totals 2 Agents</b>				<b>9</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>659 12</b>	<b>31 30</b>	<b>690 42</b>
<b>7 80</b>									
<b>Grand Totals 43 Agents</b>						<b>Value Orders</b>	<b>2140 07</b>	<b>Deliveries</b>	<b>5565 35</b>

What will save us in this awful time? Will it be a profession of truth?—No. Will it be a theory of the truth that can put all advocates of error to flight?—No. It must go farther than this; there must be the love of the truth. Not a love of our theories, or some other man's theories, or some elaborately worked out conception, but a lowly, deep, soul-emptying, self-denying, consecrating love of the truth, love for what God desires that truth to do for us,—to separate us from sin, and fit us for holy service.

It means such a love of the truth that we shall not wait to see what this man does or that man, what God is going to ask of this man or that man; but shall consider as all sufficient the Master's "What is that to thee? follow thou me." If we know that his Word speaks and he leads, can we ask more? The multitude may not go with us; friends may fail; strong, seemingly strong, soldiers in God's army may halt and turn traitor; but "he abideth faithful," and "the truth of the Lord endureth forever."

The truth of God means something today. When we see a great nation in anarchy and confusion, defeated in battle, doubtful and despairing, much of which evil came because of the delusion of following a dissolute, immoral, false-hearted, dirty monk, it is time to seek for rock foundations. Many of this man's dupes were educated and refined ladies and gentlemen.

Let the great fact be learned, that neither education nor position can save men from the delusions of the devil. There must be separation from the world, the flesh, the devil. "Let us not be deceived."

Worldly policy, worldly methods, are often resorted to to piece out a waning godliness, to support a sense of loss of power with God. All these will fade into insignificance, or will be seen, in the clearer light of the love of God's truth, to be painted shells of ashes covering withered skeletons.

It is a time to seek God for his truth, not for human theory.

It is a time to seek God for the power of truth in the life, not for the theory of the truth, however perfect.

It is time to seek God for the crucifying, self-denying, sanctifying, life-giving love of the truth, that we may be saved, and may reach out holy, helpful hands for the salvation of those who are peering from out the wilderness of sin for light.

MILTON C. WILCOX.

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The roses of pleasure seldom last long enough to adorn the brow of him who plucks them; for they are the only roses which do not retain their sweetness after they have lost their beauty.

Hannah More.

## OBITUARIES

**ALDERMAN.**—Pauline, was born among the Adriatic Mountains in New York State, February, 1830, and died in Madison, Ohio, September 17, and would have been 87 years old next February. Sister Alderman was converted at the early age of 17, and joined the Baptist Church. She accepted Present Truth at a tent meeting held in Windsor over fifty years ago and has been a loyal and intelligent Adventist ever since, and her poetical contributions have appeared in our papers from time to time through all these years. In her years of health she was always an active and efficient worker among the children and young people. A few years ago she bought a home in Mount Vernon so as to have and enjoy church privileges. There remain of near kin a sister and three grandchildren. The funeral was held at Windsor, Ohio, in the same church where she in former years had been a faithful worker. With a goodly number of old friends and neighbors we laid her to rest in the little cemetery just across the street where another one of God's faithful pioneers of the Third Angel's Message awaits the angel's summons on the morn of the first resurrection. Text Job 5: 26.

C. P. HASKELL.

**CIRCLE.**—George Albert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Circle was born in Springfield, Ohio, September 29, 1880, and died September 17, 1918, aged 37 years, 11 months, and 18 days. On October 19, 1901, he was married to Helen M. Saunders, and to this union five children were born. Brother Circle was baptized and united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Springfield, January 1912. Until his sickness he had occupied the position of missionary secretary for several years, being very faithful in his work. The day before his death he gathered his little family around him and offered a prayer in their behalf. He seemed to realize that the end of his life was near at hand. He leaves a widow, four children, father, mother, two sisters and two brothers and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Words of comfort were spoken from Isa. 57:1; Rev. 14:13. The writer was assisted by a Methodist minister who was a friend of the family.

W. W. MILLER.

**HOWLAND.**—Harriet, was born in Kent County, England, August 14, 1848, and died at LaGrange, Ohio, October 3, 1918, aged 70 years, 1 month and 19 days. She was married to Andrew G. Dean, December 25, 1865. To this union were born six children. Horace, the eldest son, and Grace the second daughter, preceded their mother to the grave. The other children who with the husband are left to mourn

are Mrs. Bessie Welch of Elyria, Ohio, Mrs. Ella Hibbard of Fitchville, Ohio, Albert and Iva Dean of LaGrange, Ohio. She is also survived by six grandchildren; two brothers and three sisters. Fifty years ago Mr. and Mrs. Dean came to the United States and settled in Hartland, Huron County, Ohio. They made their home in Huron County until seven years ago, when they moved to their present home in LaGrange, Ohio. Thirty-nine years ago she united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church of which she remained a member until death. She had been a great sufferer for many years, but bore it patiently and cheerfully. She died trusting in her Saviour, that as He died and rose again, she also should rise to live with Him. By the request of Sister Dean made before her death, Elder D. E. Lindsey conducted the funeral service, using Rom. 8:18-23, Acts 3:18-21 and Rev. 21:1-7.

D. E. LINDSEY.

**PATTERSON.**—Charles, was born August 13, 1833, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. C. Quillin, October 2, 1918, aged eighty-five years, one month, and nineteen days. He was married to Elizabeth Kline in the year 1859; to this union were born six children, two boys and four girls, five of whom are living, one having died in infancy. He is one of a family of ten children, seven boys and three girls, all of whom after having reared families and lived long and useful lives, passed to rest, except two girls, Mrs. Charles Uhl, of Iowa, and Mrs. Simon Pugh, of Keene, Ohio. He is the ancestor of twenty-five grandchildren and thirty-two great-grandchildren. In life early he espoused the Christian religion and joined the United Brethren Church. When the Free Methodist Church was organized at this place, he united with that body. Later after having heard the voice of God speaking to him more fully, and giving him additional light, he joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Killbuck as one of its charter members. During his last days he was fully rational, and spent most of the time in prayer and said that he fully trusted in his Saviour. As his sorrowing friends look forward with hope to the glad resurrection morning, they can say of him, "Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep."

F. H. ROBBINS.

Rejoice in all the honors which come to those you know. That you know them makes you in a sense a partner in their fame that you rejoice with them brings you their friendship.

Henry Worthington.



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### Mount Vernon Academy

We were pleased to have Elder F. H. Robbins, president of the Ohio Conference, occupy the chapel hour one day last week.

The amount gathered in by the students for the Harvest Ingathering was something over \$66. It has been suggested that another opportunity be given them, as there were so many ill the day they were to go out.

A trophy train passed through Mount Vernon last Wednesday morning and the students were dismissed to see it.

Elder N. S. Ashton is spending some time at Washington, D. C. on business.

We are glad to report that the epidemic has left us and that there were no serious results felt here.

Miss Lois Hightower was visited by her parents and sisters last week, who motored here from Springfield, Ohio.

All the bands usually connected with the missionary interests of M. V. A. have now been organized and we hope to give some reports of work done later.

Messrs. Harold Pudleiner, Charles Read, George Rudolph, Clyde Evans, and George Chambers, are new boys in the printing office.

A new Dodge truck has been purchased to replace the Ford truck which has been in use for the past few years.

Mr. Yoong Kway Chow spent the week end in Cleveland, Ohio.

Elder James Shultz occupied the church hour and also spoke in Young People's meeting Sabbath, October 5. These talks were greatly enjoyed.

The ministerial band opened its meetings at the State Farm Wednesday evening, October 8, with Mr. Clyde Newmyer as speaker.

Professor S. C. Rockwell spoke at the Ohio State Sanatorium last Sunday.

### The November "Signs Magazine"

The special articles in the November issue of the Signs Magazine, now ready for delivery, are as follows:

"Will a League of Nations Work?" An editorial setting forth the pros and cons of international federation and a United States of the world.

"Are Premillennarians Anarchists?" A strong article by M. C. Wilcox. It teaches that the end of the age and the inauguration of Christ's kingdom are to be supremely desired and looked for.

"Heaven's Speaking Tube." This is a reprint of the article by Dr. L. A. Reed that appeared in the August Magazine. That issue ran short something like 15,000 copies. We have had hundreds of requests for the paper on account of this particular article.

"Undermining Christianity's Corner Stone," by G. W. Wirth, Bible teacher at Pacific Union College. A beautiful lesson on the reality of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, disproving the growing idea that Christ was only in a comatose condition, that He did not really die. Professor Wirth also teaches that baptism, and not Sunday observance, is the memorial of the resurrection.

"The Devil's Unlabeled Package." A contribution on the subject of spiritualism, by W. P. Dayton.

"The Ex-Premier Attends Moving Pictures in Babylon." A very unique presentation of Daniel 7, by A. S. Maxwell.

"Tanning Our Interiors." An article on the use of tea and coffee, by H. F. Bulpitt, M. D. The article is written purely from a physiologic and economic effect.

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