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### Harvest Ingathering

Now that the big fourth liberty bond campaign is in the past (and it was a tremendous success, showing what can be accomplished by thorough organization), we desire to call again every believer in this great advent movement to the colors. You will appreciate more than ever before the fact that the public mind is being educated to give, and everybody knows that no great world-wide campaign of any sort can be carried on without funds. We are engaged in a work second to none, and it is world-wide in its scope and it has one purpose, one aim—the uplift and betterment of humanity, comprehending both time and eternity.

Our great General has given the command: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and the command must be obeyed. Everywhere doors are being thrown open and hearts are responding to every earnest, devoted effort put forth in their behalf. But the harvest is great, as well as ripe, and the laborers are few. Many are waiting to go, but the number sent is in a measure limited by the means with which to send them and support them.

In this Harvest Ingathering campaign for a quarter of a million dollars, is to be found another opportunity to show our loyalty and interest in the kingdom of heaven. "Buy a bond," is the cry, at least \$5.00 for each individual member. Many will do twenty times as much. The writer has but just begun and has already handed in \$115.00.

Let the forces be organized and let a united effort be made in every community to over-subscribe our quota. We can do it if we will. Very encouraging reports are coming in from different parts of the field. Those who made an early start are reaping the benefit.

We would suggest that no time be lost in any section of the country. Why not have a definite time set in every conference, in every church, and by every individual, and make first things first, and visit our friends and neighbors at once and answer the Macedonian call that is

coming up from every land, and send workers to preach, to benighted souls, the gospel of God's saving grace?

F. W. PAAP.

### Harvest Ingathering for September

We are nearing the close of the second month of our Harvest Ingathering work, and now that the reports are all at hand we will give some brief statements of the progress of the campaign to the first of October. Our people in the churches responded most heartily to the work as is evidenced by the excellent reports that have come from all parts of the field. From some conferences word has come to us that many churches have reached their goals for the entire campaign, and are now at work endeavoring to raise larger amounts. There are at least three distinguishing features about our campaign this year that are especially encouraging, and help us to look forward to a successful completion of the task before us.

#### The Response of the Public

It is strikingly noticeable during our present activities, which bring us in close touch with the outside world that a real spirit of liberality has taken hold of people everywhere. Present world conditions from almost any angle touch a responsive chord in the heart of the average American. People are in the spirit of giving, and a needy cause which can be presented to them in a clear, definite way will not be passed by without some consideration. The service flag in thousands of American homes today is evidence that a loved one is serving a nation's cause, and that anxious hearts are waiting and longing for the homecoming. As our people visit these thousands of homes, and in a simple, comforting way tell of a greater home-coming which is very near, hearts are touched, and willing sacrifices are made which will hasten that glad day. There is no doubt but that every one who has given some time to the work during the past month has had this experience many times, and as a result has found real joy in service. We have found that where people gave small offerings to the work in former campaigns, they are increasing them two, three and

four-fold during the present campaign. If there are those in our churches who have not had any part in the work thus far we would urge that at the earliest opportunity some time be set apart for a little endeavor that will bring real joy in Christian living.

#### Response of Our People

While the outside world is giving a hearty response to the work which our people are doing at this time, we have reason for encouragement in the fact that our people are being aroused to their responsibility. Throughout our churches there is evidence of a new awakening. The inspiration of the Harvest Ingathering work has taken a universal grip upon church-members, and many are gaining a new experience in Christian service. We are still in the days when God is willing and ready to manifest Himself with His people. And God's people are willing to "launch out into the deep" at an hour when a world is staggering preparatory to the final plunge over the abyss to eternal destruction. Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power. Ps. 110:3.

Just a few words from the servant of God will give us a clear vision of the results that will follow this new awakening. "When the reproach of indolence and slothfulness shall have been wiped away from the church, the spirit of the Lord will be graciously manifested. Divine power will be revealed. The church will see the providential workings of the Lord of hosts. The light of truth will shine forth in clear, strong rays, and as in the times of the apostles many souls will turn from error to truth. The earth will be lighted with the glory of the Lord." Test. Vol. 9, p. 46.

#### The Results in the Present Effort

We have been very much encouraged in compiling our reports of the Harvest Ingathering work for the first month of the campaign. Most conferences reached more than one fourth of their goal before the close of October. One conference reached more than half, and to all appearances will have to increase its goal before the close of the campaign. The reports from all the conferences in the Columbia Union to October 1 totaled \$8,938.54. This is \$5,387.76 more than was reported for the same length of time last year, and encourages us to look forward to the \$40,000 goal for the Columbia Union with confidence.

While it is true that there have been hindering causes in the campaign this year, yet we find that the work is progressing marvelously, and that results go far beyond expectations. The present epidemic, which has exacted a terrible toll of human life, seems to have brought our work to a standstill for a short time. We trust, however, that our people will find new enthusiasm and inspiration when the restrictions are lifted, and that the close of the campaign will be crowned with a victory jubilee.

H. K. CHRISTMAN. \*

## OHIO

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

### Watch And Pray

We are living in the time of the end. The fast fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being withdrawn from the earth. Plagues and judgments are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war are portentous. They forecast approaching events of the greatest magnitude. Vol. 9, p. 11.

Most of us have read these solemn words many times during the past few years, possibly not realizing or grasping the seriousness of such a message and how soon we would witness its fulfillment. O, for a faith that will not shrink. Dear brethren and sisters, just such a condition foretold by the servant of God is now prevailing in the land, and how thankful we should be that we have a heavenly Father and a faith in which we can place full confidence, knowing that He can and will care for us even in such a perilous time as is now existing. Let us appreciate this wonderful message God has given us, first of all by living faithfully up to it ourselves, revealing its principles in our own lives, thus reflecting the lovely life of our great Captain, Jesus, causing others to be drawn unto Him. The beautiful words of that splendid song are ringing in my ears.

Earthly pleasures vainly call me;  
I would be like Jesus.  
Nothing worldly shall enthrall me,  
I would be like Jesus.  
Be like Jesus this my song,  
In the home and in the throng;  
Be like Jesus all day long,  
I would be like Jesus.

In order to be like Jesus we must heed the counsel given by Him in Luke 21:36. "Watch ye therefore and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass and stand before the Son of Man."

Brethren and sisters, let us watch and pray as we have never done before. Jesus is surely coming and coming soon, and to be able to stand firm through the terrible time now existing and those soon to come upon us, and to look Him in the face and welcome Him when He appeareth, it will be necessary for us to be found often on our knees. We need to pray in a time like this asking God to give us heavenly wisdom so that we might know how to carry on the work He has given us to do. Many of our plans have been delayed and we cannot do as we had hoped to, but let us remember that God still lives and that His ways are not our ways. Don't stop your personal work with the Harvest Ingathering paper. Take every precaution and ask God to make you worthy to escape all these things that are coming upon the earth, then go from home to home, speaking words of comfort and cheer everywhere you go and you will find that your own soul has been greatly blessed.

Jesus loved to sit by the side of a weary, sin-sick soul, and and I cannot recommend anything better for you to do as one of His children than to do as He did. The Harvest Ingathering work affords you just such an opportunity, and we sincerely hope that every member of this conference will do his part in hastening on the message. Then we shall witness that great scene given us in "Early Writings," page 286, and victory will be ours throughout all eternity.

I have been alone with Jesus,  
With my head upon His breast,  
For I was so very weary  
That I waited there to rest.

I have been alone with Jesus  
And He bade me stay awhile,  
And it felt so very precious  
In the sunshine of His smile.

I've been alone with Jesus,  
My blessed, blessed Jesus.  
I've been alone with Jesus  
In the sunshine of His smile.  
T. H. BARRITT, *Home Miss. Secy.*

### Evening Worship

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord and to sing praises unto Thy name, O, most High. Ps. 92:1.

The following is a suggestive program for evening worship during the week.

Friday, November 1, "Early Writings," pp. 125-127, "Christ in Song" No. 650.

Sabbath, November 2, "Steps to Christ," pp. 9-18, "Christ in Song" No. 57.

Sunday, November 3, "Steps to Christ," pp. 19-25, "Christ in Song" No. 50.

Monday, November 4, "Steps to Christ," pp. 47-52, "Christ in Song" No. 51.

Tuesday, November 5, "Testimonies," Volume 9, pp. 19-29, "Christ in Song," No. 566.

Wednesday, November 6, "Testimonies" Volume 9, pp. 30-42, "Christ in Song," No. 865.

Thursday, November 7, "Early Writings," pp. 282-289, "Christ in Song" No. 879.

Friday, November 8, "Early Writings," pp. 289-295, "Christ in Song" Nos. 650, 57, 50, 51, 566, 865, 879.

We do not sing enough in our homes. Take time to sing at your family worship, it will help you. Singing helps to drive away all gloom. Jesus loved to sing. See "Ministry of Healing," page 52. Sing the hymns given at the close of the reading and on Friday, November 8, sing all three hymns and notice the connection. The first one, number 650, you tell the Lord you love Him, then number 57, you tell Him there is not a friend like Him. In the song number 50 you witness that He is your best Friend. Number 51, after proving Him to be your best friend, you are willing to surrender to such a friend as that. After surrendering all to Him and He calls you to do some missionary work (Harvest Ingathering or otherwise) you can sing from the heart number 566, and when you have done all this and the "Roll is called Up Yonder," number 865, you'll be there and then have the joy of spending eternity in "The Land that is fairer than Day," as sung in number 879.

If you do not have an instrument in the home, sing just the same. When songs are sung from the heart, angels take up the strain with you, O, blessed thought.  
T. H. BARRITT.

### News Notes

Here is an opportunity for service. The Spanish Influenza epidemic is a clarion call for one who can in any way help to alleviate the present situation to do his utmost. The editors of "Life and Health" have prepared special articles for the December issue, not only telling what treatments are best to give for those stricken with this disease, but give full instructions as to how these treatments can be given.

"Life and Health" are two valuable assets. The people will welcome you when you approach them on such subjects.

Every church member should sell at least ten copies of the December number of "Life and Health." Many could sell fifty. Send in your order at once.

Word from the publishers state that

they are expecting half a million copies to be sold. Don't fail to do your part.

Don't let your "Review and Herald" run out, re-order at once.

Our slogan: Every Adventist home in Ohio taking the good old "Review and Herald."

Arrangements are almost completed for the two conventions in Cleveland and Akron, but we may have to postpone them for a time owing to the serious epidemic of Spanish Influenza. Full program will appear in VISITOR later.

Don't forget the "Present Truth." Now is the time to send it to your neighbors and friends. Send names in as well.

Keep a faithful record of all the missionary work you do, not forgetting to hand it to your church missionary secretary. This will be greatly appreciated.

Brother Franks, the assistant field secretary, spent last week at home recovering from the influenza.

A few friends spent last Tuesday evening at the home of Brother Barritt in honor of Sonny's fourth birthday.

Do not forget that the Sabbath School offerings are considered the most sure of all offerings received by the Mission Board. Shall we allow the influenza to cut down our offerings here in Ohio when the need is so great?

Professor Werline, the new Columbia Union Educational Secretary spent several days at the office last week.

### CHESAPEAKE

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

On account of our camp-meeting coming in September, and much time being consumed during this time, and in the taking down of the camp, we lost in our Harvest Ingathering campaign, one of the best months for work of this kind. In other words, we are a month behind the other conferences in the Union.

Those who were at camp-meeting will recall that we set our conference goal for this important campaign at \$3,000.00. We just received word from the Union Conference that they have set their goal at \$40,000.00 and that our proportion of this is \$3,630.00.

Dear co-laborers in the Chesapeake, what are you going to do about this?

Would you have me write and ask that the Union not place their goal so high, or will you do your part to see that we not only reach this goal of \$3,630.00, but that we go far beyond it? It can be done, if each and every member will do his or her part. In our own strength we can do nothing, but "we can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us."

Realizing that much time has already been consumed on account of camp-meeting and of much sickness among us, will not you who have been blessed with health, determine more than ever that you will not only do your part with the Harvest Ingathering papers, but that you will work a little extra to make up for those who, on account of sickness, are prevented from working?

Those who are now working are receiving rich experiences, and God is using them as channels through which the wealth of the Gentiles is flowing into His treasury, that this blessed gospel may be carried to the uttermost parts of the earth. Instead of this epidemic hindering our work, by causing people to refuse to give of their means, it has had the effect of causing them to look at the seriousness of the situation, and when we approach them for a donation for Missions, we touch a responsive chord, and receive a liberal response. A party of four went to a country town where the Spanish "flu" was raging, and in a few hours received \$36.56. In Baltimore four sisters received \$55.00 in about two hours last Sunday. Similar reports of excellent work are coming in from different quarters.

If the president of your conference, with his many other duties, and his wife are willing to go out and labor faithfully that the wealth of the Gentiles may flow in, should not we be willing to follow his example? God is able to protect us as we go about His work, and even should we fall a victim to this epidemic, had we not better be found doing what we can for the Master, instead of shrinking from our duty?

Let each one remember that our goal is \$3,630.00 and work faithfully until we pass it. "Let all the people say, Amen." May God bless and strengthen you to do what you can.

M. S. PETTIBONE, *Home Miss. Sec.*

### News Notes

Brother G. Medairy who had been ill is again out and about his work. Mrs. Medairy who has also been ill is again able to be out of bed, and is improving rapidly.

Elder J. H. Wierits visited the church at Marydel and brings back a good report of the courage of the people there.

Elder G. A. Stevens is working with the Harvest Ingathering papers and doing what he can to encourage others to take hold of the work. He will also visit Salisbury and Cambridge Churches in the interest of this good work.

Brother J. W. Siler, our Field Missionary Secretary, has located at 42 South Cannon Ave., Hagerstown, Md.

Word has just come to the office that Sister Alice Donaldson of Wilmington has died of pneumonia.

The work in Baltimore is onward, although the churches have been closed for several weeks. We trust none will lose courage, but as we see these new evidences of the rapidly approaching end, that each one will press forward with a new determination to press the battle to the gates, and work as they never have before to get the truth into the hands of the people. Let each one strive to fill his place at this time when all about us are so many opportunities for helping others.

The office force enjoyed a short visit from Elder N. W. Philips from Washington, D. C. Elder Philips will spend some time visiting the churches in the conference in the near future. We bespeak for Elder Philips a cordial welcome from each church, as we feel sure you will greatly enjoy his visits.

### WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Indiana, Pa.

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

### The Colored Churches of West Pennsylvania

For several reasons it was found impractical for us to have tent meetings this summer, but the rich blessings of God have been resting on our churches nevertheless, as the following brief report for quarter ending September 30, will show. During August four were baptized, and the same number were baptized in September and united with the Pittsburgh No. 2 Church. Others are preparing for the rite also. The finances for Pittsburgh No. 2 Church for the three months stand thus: Tithes \$1120.41; Foreign Mission offerings \$316.78; for Colored work in the South \$105.10; church debt and local expenses \$179.96, or a total contribution of \$1,722.25. It was an encouragement indeed when on September 28, the Sabbath School gave \$110.00 as Thirteenth Sabbath offering, notwithstanding the fact that two weeks before \$105.10 had been raised for the South.

The McDonald Company for the same time also turned in Tithes \$156.51, and Mission offerings \$38.13.

We feel thankful to God for these rich blessings, and the harmony and love among our members. Of course, we have our trials. As far as my family is concerned, we have had our severest test since August 2, when our dear ten year old daughter was burned fatally, dying three hours later in the hospital. The accident occurred two hours after I left home for a two days' visit with the McDonald Company, and while my wife went to the city, shopping. When she reached home the child had already been rushed to the hospital by neighbors and the nearest physician. On telephoning to know if she could come to stay over night with her, the reply came, "she is dead." I received the telegram Sabbath morning as I was about to start for meeting place, more than thirteen hours after she had died. We put away the remains without viewing the charred face. We have tried to bear up under the test, being sustained with the many precious promises of God's word, such as Jeremiah 31:15-17; Isaiah 65:17-23, etc; but only the heavenly intelligencies, and people who have passed through like experiences, can know the heart pangs we have suffered. Mrs. Durrant, whose health had been failing for some time, has tried to keep up; but it came to the place where we were obliged to send her three weeks ago to the Mount Vernon Surgical and Medical Sanitarium, as she was on the verge of a total collapse. What the end will be, we do not know, but I know our God will have regard for her most devoted and self-sacrificing life. I ask all interested readers to pray for her especially.

A. N. DURRANT.

## News Notes

A letter just received from one of the workers in Pittsburg states that three ladies from the Standard of Attainment class are now doing self-supporting Bible work. This is as it should be. We wish with such results that all our people would enroll for the Standard of Attainment.

The Indiana Church and church school were favored with a week end visit from Professor A. W. Werline, Secretary of the Educational Department of the Columbia Union Conference. The church school in particular was greatly helped by his visit.

A special effort is being put forth in all our conferences to get in touch with those who would like to attend the normal department of Washington Missionary Col-

lege this year and prepare for church school teaching next year. No doubt some financial assistance may be arranged for those who need it if they should attend. Those of our conference who would like to avail themselves of this opportunity should correspond at once with E. A. Manry, Indiana, Pa.

The conference Worker's Institute, scheduled for October 25-30 at Pittsburg has been postponed until the Spanish Influenza ban on church services is lifted.

Brother Manry was called home this week by telegram on account of sickness in his family.

Here and there a few of our people are suffering from the Influenza epidemic. Let us give more earnest heed, as we see these pestilences of the last days coming, to the light given us on healthful living.

Let us not forget that November 4 we are to sweep in heavily on the Harvest Ingathering again, and not let up until word comes that it is enough, as no doubt there will be a little letting down on our Sabbath School offerings for missions, caused by the Influenza ban. Let us not forget, however, to lay aside our Sabbath School offerings each Sabbath as we study our lessons, and add to our offerings our street car fare and bring it all with rejoicing when the ban is lifted.

We just received an order from a professor in the Carnegie Technical School ordering "Our Day". He stated in his letter that he wished to examine it. Surely the Lord is placing His literature into the hands of the men in the higher walks of life. This should be an encouragement to us to work among the educated and men of higher positions.

## Important Notice

When sending a telegram to a minister for a funeral, the telegram should be carefully worded, giving the day and hour of the funeral, as telegrams are very uncertain in these times of war.

Some messages have not been received promptly and ministers have answered the calls only to arrive too late for the funeral. Church officers should call attention to this notice.

A slender acquaintance with the world must convince every man that actions, not words, are the true criterion of the attachment of friends; and that the most liberal professions of good will are very far from being the surest marks of it.—*George Washington.*

## EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

## "Throughout the Field"

It has been the writer's privilege the last few weeks to be among some of the churches in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering campaign. I find that the brethren and sisters throughout the conference are of good courage, and determined more than ever to do a great work for the Lord in this campaign.

West Philadelphia, North Philadelphia, and Harrisburg each have set their goal at \$1,000.00. Let us follow the reports of these churches. Lebanon, \$500.00; Wilkesbarre, \$350.00; Allentown, \$345.00; Fleetwood, \$300.00; Philadelphia German Church, \$300.00; Lancaster with only about twelve active members set their goal for \$200.00. The following churches set their goal for \$100.00; Phoenixville, Sellersville, Etna, Danville and other churches that I have not as yet heard from are setting their goals in proportion to their membership.

My experience at this time is that offerings are as freely given as in any previous campaign in which I had part. Let us not fear, but go forward and with the help of the Lord we shall accomplish great things.

While the epidemic of influenza and other national campaigns have been a drawback to our Harvest Ingathering work, let us as soon as the quarantine is lifted make a special effort to boost this grand work. Let each take part and continue until your church has reached its goal. Already splendid reports are coming from various churches and I am sure that a number will go "over the top." At which end of the class do you wish your church to stand?

Remember November 5, and our slogan, "Do It In A Day." If the quarantine is not lifted by that time, a later date will be announced through the VISITOR.

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

## Philadelphia

The influenza epidemic has visited us with a violence before unknown in our land of sanitation. We can truly say, "Death is come up into our windows, and is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from without, and the young men from the streets." Jer. 9:21. It has been no time for the wise doctors to glory in their wisdom or for the rich to glory in their riches, for death has claimed many from both classes. The health department has been brought face to face with a most critical condition, the instructive and pacifying placards in street cars and

public buildings tell of the fear and anxiety of the people. "We have heard the voice of trembling and of fear, and not of peace." Jer. 30:5.

Many of our people are growing faint-hearted over the conditions and the experience of a brother who works in a large factory in Philadelphia may give them courage. This brother believed that it was the time to glorify God and circulate the message which enlightened him, so he has used his spare minutes during lunch time and after working hours to sell our small books to his fellow-laborers. In a tactful way, impressed with the solemnity of the hour, he has sold as many as 30 to 40 books in less than forty-five minutes. He reports that it aroused a spirit of inquiry among the men in the shop who will gather in small groups to ask about the present visitations.

During the siege of the epidemic, the writer accompanied several of our lay-members to solicit contributions for the Harvest Ingathering through house to house work. We sensed our privilege in being able to pass out a paper which would tell the people that we are nearing the time of a clean universe where "the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick." In such an hour, this message meets a liberal offering.

"Destruction upon destruction" will visit our lands, but the optimistic Christian who has his eyes on the prophecies and his heart in the work, grows more intense in soul-saving and experiences the promise, "the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness." Isa. 10:22.

LOUISE C. KLEUSER.

## News Notes

Up to October 22, the Allentown Church reported \$242.30 collected during the present campaign. We are confident they will soon reach their goal. Can we hear from others?

Brother Reichenbaugh, our Field Secretary, has been suffering from a slight attack of the Influenza and is now at his usual duties. Last week he made a very successful delivery of books for Brother Cooper who is now attending the Washington Missionary College. Splendid work has been accomplished by Brother Reichenbaugh's department during the summer, and still reports are coming in. Brother Lee, of Mifflintown, has recently enlisted in the service of the Master and will canvass for one of the large books, possibly "Bible Readings."

Brother Gauterau and family are now on their way to Tioga County, and will take charge of the work there in the place of Elder Detwiler.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Sister Mamie Zearfoss, a member of the Fairhill Church, which occurred after a short illness of pneumonia on October 17. The services were conducted by Elder Gauterau on the 22nd. Sadness comes to our hearts when we hear of the loss of those of like precious faith, but we rejoice to know that the time will come when the voice of the Master will be heard by the sleeping ones and they will then come forth to everlasting life.

Sister Rudolph, a member of one of the Philadelphia Churches, passed away last week after a few days' illness of the Influenza, and is survived by four little ones and a husband. Her dying request was that the children be looked after by Adventists. The husband is not able to care for the children and would like to have the request of the mother granted. Dear reader, if you know of any one who could give one or two of these little ones a good Christian home, or if you would like one yourself, kindly address W. B. Mohr, 4738 York Road, Philadelphia, Pa. A description of the children will be sent upon request. We desire references.

Brother and Sister Scharffenburg have left Harrisburg for the West, where they will visit the relatives of Brother Scharffenburg before leaving for the Orient.

A good supply of the new book, "The Hand That Intervenes," by Elder Spicer has just been received at the tract society office. It seems to be different from any other book that has been previously issued. It is full of thrilling experiences which show the intervening hand of providence in a special manner in the preservation of His people. There are 344 pages, divided into twenty-five chapters, every chapter being of interest and intended to strengthen the faith of the children of God in His preserving power. Surely this is an appropriate book for these times. The price is \$1.50 net.

## WEST VIRGINIA

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

L. B. Taylor, Sec.

## News Notes

We have just received the sad news from Brother J. W. Brando of Boyer that his wife has been called by death. Our hearts go out to Brother Brando in this hour of his deep sorrow. These dear people have been faithful members of the Conference Sabbath School Home Department.

Elder Westbrook conducted the funeral of Mr. German at Charleston, Tuesday, October 15. We sympathize with Sister German and her young son in their loss of a husband and father.

At this writing the influenza is still raging in West Virginia. All of our churches are closed. Two of our members have died from the disease and there is no sign of the quarantine being lifted. Sister Welsh of Cumberland writes that she is unable to do any Bible work, but is busily engaged in caring for the sick. Many not of our faith are calling for her and she is going into their homes ministering to them. She feels that this will open the way for the truth to enter. We know that the Lord will carry forward this message in many ways before the end.

The Senior Standard of Attainment Manuals have just reached the office, so send in your order at once. The price is 50 cents.

Several of our Sabbath Schools have been calling for the Absentee cards. We are glad to tell you that your order can be filled now. Samples have been sent us, intended for all ages. They are only one cent each.

Are you using "Present Truth" in your neighborhood? This little paper is valuable and inexpensive. 100 copies post-paid for 60 cents or 50 copies for 35 cents. Surely these prices are within the reach of all. Let us remember that upon each one rests the responsibility of giving this message.

## SPECIAL

### Important Announcement to Elders, Leaders and all the People

At the beginning of the war there were about thirty million foreigners of home and foreign birth in the United States. Many of them have not heard from their friends and relatives over there since war began. A large percentage of these foreigners, who are still making even the

now realize. They mine seventy per cent of our coal; they make ninety per cent of our clothing; nearly all our railroads are built by them, and the railroad shops are operated by them; they clean our streets, build our sewers and keep our cities in a sanitary condition. They are doing many other things which are not now appreciated by Americans. Their leaving this country, or even a large per cent of them, will naturally cause a great depression in business generally, but that is not the most distressing feature of the situation.

The situation is this: They are going back, and the Lord says that, "Many of these foreigners are here in the providence of God, that they may have opportunity to hear the truth for this time, and receive a preparation that will fit them to return to their own lands as bearers of precious light shining direct from the throne of God." Mrs. E. G. White, — Mission Fields at Home, page 1.

According to this Testimony, God has sent them here. They "are here in the providence of God, that they may have opportunity to hear," and accept the message. Now, the question is have they had sufficient opportunity to hear the message? Have we, God's ambassadors, gone to them and done what we could to give them the message? Have we come in personal contact with them? and have we labored for them, watching for their souls "as they that must give account?" If we have fulfilled our Christian obligation to them, then they are ready to return to their native lands. If we have not done our duty toward them then they are not prepared to return, neither are we ready, before God or them, to have them return. But they are really going. Soon they will be gone forever. We must meet them in the judgment.

May the Lord help each one to ponder the following questions: "For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon Him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on Him in Whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe Him of Whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring good tidings of good things!" Rom. 10:12-15.

"I must write something in regard to the way in which our cities in America have been passed by and neglected, — cities in which the truth has not been proclaimed. The message must be given to the thousands of foreigners living in these cities in the homefield.

God says to His people, "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the

## Canvassers' Reports

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	DAYS	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL.
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending October 18, 1918									
John Morley, Fayette Co.		OD	4	25	60	145 00		145 00	
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.		BR	5	41	24	111 00	75	111 75	4 75
Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co.		OD	5	37	41	96 00	2 25	98 25	119 85
R. C. Lewis, Cambria Co.		OD	3	18	22	66 00	1 50	67 50	
John LeRoy, Greene Co.		BR	5	46	13	63 00		63 00	
C. M. Brown, Cambria Co.		BR	5	27	9	37 00	4 00	41 00	42 55
Mrs. J. LeRoy, Green Co.		BR	5	44	16	45 00	5 00	50 00	
Margaret Bateman, Cambria Co.		HM	3	15	10	25 00	2 75	27 75	45 00
A. Brownlee, Allegheny Co.		SD	3	21		6 75	7 90	14 65	72 55
Millie Smith, Pittsburg		OD	6	34	12	20 00	85	20 85	14 05
Totals 10 Agents			44	308	207	614 75	25 00	639 75	298 75
West Virginia, Week Ending October 11, 1918									
N. D. Fisher, Boone Co.		BR	7	57	47	202 00	25 15	227 15	411 95
W. T. Dishman, Fayette Co.		OD	5	34	40	89 00	30 30	119 30	
Rosco Bee, Doddridge Co.		OD	4	37	33	78 00	12 00	90 00	3 00
C. E. Will, Wheeling		PPF	9	76	4	10 00	78 00	88 00	72 10
S. G. Bertolet, Mingo Co.		BF	4	27					50 24
Totals 5 Agents			29	231	124	592 67	145 45	524 45	537 29
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending October 18, 1918									
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		BR	10	70	26	123 00	23 80	146 80	150 15
Thos. Beamsderfer, Union Co.		BR	5	38	23	117 00	4 00	121 00	
Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	3	22	16	72 00	4 50	76 50	20 50
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co.		BR	3	23	10	43 00		43 00	
S. J. Mack, Bradford Co.		BR		47	14	60 00		60 00	36 00
Sol. Diehl, Union Co.		OD	7	68	11	24 00	1 50	25 50	
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		DR	2	12	6	26 00	6 75	32 75	
M. D. Hollenbaugh, General		OD	1	3					17 75
H. J. Albright, Dauphin Co.		BR	1	6	1	4 00		4 00	4 00
Misc.						60 30		60 30	
Totals 9 Agents			32	289	107	529 30	40 55	569 85	228 40
Chesapeake, Week Ending October 18, 1918									
J. E. Jones, Dorchester Co., Md.		BR	2	8	5	22 00	7 75	29 75	3 10
W. J. Valentine, Worcester Co., Md.		BR	5	41	11	45 00		45 00	
O. C. Weller, Jefferson Co., W. Va.		BR	4	26					313 15
Hazel V. Leach, Huntingtown, Md.		BR	8	63	31	142 00		142 00	409 00
Julia Z. Cooper, Baltimore Md.		OD	5	46	37	78 00		78 00	15 00
Misc.						202 00		202 00	
Totals 5 Agents			24	184	84	489 00	7 75	496 75	740 25
Ohio, Week Ending October 18, 1918									
O. E. Taylor, Athens Co.		OD	10	67	75	86 00	6 45	92 45	45 85
M. B. Ingersoll, Coshocton		BR	5	40	13	56 00	19 50	75 50	22 70
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Fremont		OD	5	40	25	55 00	9 60	64 60	6 60
Fred Hannah, Wayne Co.		OD	5	40	6	13 00	4 27	17 27	13 25
Mr. & Mrs. R. Shanks, Richland Co.		OD	5	36	30	64 00	50	64 50	4 50
John Manuel, Rossville, Pa.		BR	5	38	6	28 00	30 95	58 95	22 75
Mrs. C. Shilling, Chillicothe		OD	5	30	15	31 00	3 50	34 50	104 00
Glen Pinnicks, Muskingum Co.		BR	3	25	14	60 00	2 17	62 17	
Geo. Harvey, Stark Co.		BR		23	10	42 00	7 00	49 00	
F. E. Wagner, Barberton		OD	3	18	9	22 00	4 00	26 00	6 00
E. C. Alexander, Cincinnati		BR	2	10	3	15 00	3 30	18 30	3 30
G. W. Yingling, Columbiana Co.		BR			4				63 00
Totals 12 Agents			48	371	206	472 00	91 24	563 24	291 95
New Jersey, Week Ending October 18, 1918									
Wm. Schmidt			5	48		200 00		200 00	100 00
O. Westerhoff		BR	1	8					54 00
Fred Zimmerly		OD	5	33	18	45 00	7 00	52 00	11 00
Totals 3 Agents			11	89	18	245 00	7 00	252 00	165 00

## Virginia, Week Ending October 18, 1918

R. E. Pleasants, Amherst Co.	OD	2	23	23	53	00	14	85	67	85	14	85
Pearl Engel, Nottoway Co.	OD	4	19	10	21	00	4	25	25	25		
Glenna Mears, Isle of White	OD	4	3	6	21	00	1	70	22	70		
Orpha Smith, Albemarle Co.	OD	3	21	3	13	00	4	30	17	30		
Pearl Engel, Nottoway Co.	OD	3	17	7	14	00	1	50	15	50	4	00
H. A. Wright, Rockingham Co.	BR										220	00

Totals	5 Agents	16	83	49	122	00	26	60	148	60	238	85
Grand Totals	49 Agents				Value Orders	3064	72		Deliveries	2500	49	

Lord is risen upon thee." Isa. 60: 1. Why, then, do they feel so little burden to plant the standard of truth in new places? Why do they not obey the word, "Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not?" Luke 12: 33. Why do they not return to the Lord His own, to be invested in heavenly merchandise? Why is there not a more earnest call for volunteers to enter the whitening harvest fields? Unless more is done than has been done for the cities of America, ministers and people will have a heavy account to settle with the One who has appointed to every man his work." Vol. 8:34,35.

A Home-Foreign Band should now be organized in every church to study the situation, and to "go out into the streets and lanes" of our cities to seek and to save "the stranger that is within our gates." Thorough, systematic work should be done among them. Read about the "Italian Band" and its Godly leader in the days of the Apostles, Acts 10: 1,2. See also Vol 7: 21,22.

J. W. HIRLINGER.

## Shenandoah Valley Academy

## News Notes

Elder Hottel has been very busy the last few weeks arranging for the finishing touches to the new dormitory. Work on the furnace is almost finished and most of the rooms are plastered and ready for the baseboard and door-trimmings.

Miss Lillian Shanko, who has come to live with her brothers and sister in New Market, has already matriculated at the academy.

Mr. Paul Jack of Newport News has come to attend school.

Mr. C. E. Overstreet, one of Virginia's faithful canvassers, is among the recent arrivals at the academy.

Miss Eleanor Oliver, a student of last year, has returned. She has her former position of assistant cook.

The school work which was suspended for a week because of the influenza epidemic is now in session again. The doctor reports that with the exception of two or three cases the attack here was lighter than in most places. This is probably due to the rural location of the school and the abundance of fresh air, with which we are always blessed.

The work in the cannery is completed for this season.

The new silo is finished and now stands filled with silage.

During the last week Mr. Woods came driving to the academy with two big wagon loads of red apples. This bids fair to the bill of fare for the coming winter.

We have had several frosts and the students are gathering chestnuts on the mountains.

## Mount Vernon Academy

## A Report of Our Ministerial Band

Our band, in the words of our constitution, is not merely for the young men who are looking definitely toward the ministry, but for all the young men who are preparing for a place somewhere in the Lord's work.

Our band this year consists of 23 members, 13 of whom have been members of one or more year's standing. From these old members and the new ones who are added from time to time we expect to have a live, energetic and active band. There is a good spirit of co-operation; and plans are being worked out to increase its activities.

As in the past few years, meetings will be conducted among the prisoners at the State Farm, one service being held each week; and at the Ohio State Sanatorium, among the patients there, every two weeks. These meetings have already begun and an interest has been created. Our schedule for Bible readings to be held in the city has not yet been worked out. We expect to have several readings given each week.

Every Sabbath morning, between Sabbath School and the church services, we have a meeting in the commercial room. Here opportunity is given one or two members or those who have had little experience in public speaking. Then we have a criticism of their effort. We are fortunate this year in having as one of our critics, Professor S. C. Rockwell, who has had actual ministerial experience. Professor H. A. Miller is our other critic. The criticisms and suggestions of these brethren are much appreciated by the whole band. It is interesting to note the improvements the speakers make from time to time. On these occasions, as far as is possible, we conduct our Sabbath services like regular preaching services.

Last Sabbath as there was no church, we held our service in the chapel. The order of the meeting was a preaching service, the time being given to Mr. Paul Johnson. It was the opinion of all that this was Mr. Johnson's best effort so far. We are sorry to lose him, as he was called home on October 21, to take charge of his father's farm, as his father had his leg broken recently.

Our business meetings are held on Saturday evening, after the Sabbath. Here matters concerning the band are discussed, and subjects are presented, mostly from the Testimonies, for our improvement along various lines.

Plans are on foot to keep a constant supply of tracts, magazines and reading matter, in the city library, barber shops, railway stations, and other public places. Books, tracts, current magazines or periodicals, will be appreciated if sent to the secretary of our band, so we can carry on our outlined program. Then too, if any one feels impressed to send us a donation, our band can use it to good advantage.

The officers of our band for this quarter are: President, George Rapp; vice-president, Paul Lipscomb; secretary-treasurer, Edmund Miller; assistant secretary-treasurer, Kenneth Blaylock.

We trust the readers of the VISITOR and our friends will remember our band and its officers in their prayers. Pray for us daily that we may gain a true preparation for the Lord's work and that we may do what He has given us to do.

JAS. E. LIPPART.

The Young People's Society rendered a program on October 19 in behalf of the Armenian and Syrian Relief, and \$120.00 were pledged for the adoption of two children.

The students enjoyed a marshmallow roast last Saturday evening.

Elder and Mrs. H. A. Weaver, accompanied by Mrs. Tuttle, motored from



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Galion to Mount Vernon last week. Eugene had been home on account of illness and returned with them.

Miss Martha Hottes, who is teaching church school at Canton, visited at the academy last week.

We are sorry to learn of the illness of Mr. Raymond Kraft. He was taken ill with the influenza and this developed into pleuro-pneumonia. The doctor gave him up, but a letter from his mother recently says that he is now able to sit up in bed. We hope to have him with us soon.

We were pleased to have with us for several days Professor A. W. Werline, Educational Secretary of the Columbia Union. He occupied two chapel hours.

Miss Maud McDade left for Fort Logan, Buffalo, N. Y., October 19, as a regular army nurse.

Elder H. K. Christman spoke to the students in chapel last Thursday. We were glad to have him with us.

We are sorry to report that Mr. Paul Johnson was called home last week because his father met with an accident. We miss him, especially in the printing office, where he always proved faithful.

Mrs. Ida Walp of Erie, Pa., spent the week end at the academy, visiting her daughters Georgia and Pauline.

Mr. and Mrs. Hightower and family of Springfield, Ohio, motored to Mount Vernon last week to visit their daughter, Miss Lois Hightower.

"What More Could Jesus Do," an excellent song by Professor H. A. Miller, is well worth the price. "Alma Mater" another one of his compositions should be in the hands of every student and former student of M. V. A. Price 15 cents per copy, two copies, 25 cents. The proceeds on "Alma Mater" go towards purchasing a new rug for the music department.

Mr. Guy Corder of Dresden, Ohio, while attending to some business at Mount Vernon, visited at the academy.

The oratory class gave their first public recital last Thursday afternoon.

## OBITUARIES

EGGLESTON.—Katherine Rupert was born in Germany, January 9, 1865, and died September 12, 1918. She came to America in 1883 and was married to Horace Eggleston in 1889. She was reared a strict Catholic, but accepted protestantism after coming to this country and became a member of the M. E. Church, of which she was a member until a year and a half ago when she fully accepted the present truth. She was desirous of being baptized and uniting with the Seventh-day Adventists, but disease kept her from this privilege. She died believing that she was accepted and would meet her Saviour in the resurrection. She leaves to mourn their loss a husband, three children and a very large circle of friends. The funeral service was conducted by the pastor of the M. E. church.

## Important Notice

It is our aim and desire that the Columbia Union Visitor reach its readers in good season each week. To accomplish this, it is necessary that the paper be made up Friday afternoon, and this cannot be done unless the copy can be had by Wednesday morning. We request, therefore, that all contributors send in their reports weekly at the time specified, and that the reports be short and frequent, rather than long and far apart.

EDITOR.

BOOKS WANTED.—The Ministerial Band desires books, Bibles and Testaments for use in its activities. These will be given to the paroled prisoners working at the State Farm. A splendid opportunity is thus afforded. Mail to Paul Lipscomb, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

FOUND.—Gentleman's watch on August 26, 1918, in my house. Owner must give description. Mrs. S. A. Clymer. Academia, Ohio.

## Advertisements

Approved advertisements will be published in the VISITOR at the rate of twenty-five cents for twenty words or less, and one cent for each additional word. Each group of initials or figures counts as one word. Cash and reference must accompany copy for all advertisements.

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HELP WANTED AT ONCE—Men and women of middle age wanted at Washington Sanitarium to assist in the general work during the winter. One woman of business ability to take charge of helpers' cafeteria. Five good men or women to assist in domestic departments. Two good men for janitor work. For further particulars write E. G. Fulton, Business Manager, Washington Sanitarium.

WANTED.—A good, strong, settled woman to help around house and help care for four little children. Good home and good wages; no washing. Address Mrs. Wm. E. Van Seiver, 622 L Street, S. W., Washington, D. C.

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