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Our Tabernacle Effort in Charleston, W. Va.

Elder T. B. Westbrook, President of the West Virginia Conference, with an able corps of workers is now working diligently to erect a commodious tabernacle in the center of Charleston, W. Va. Brother Westbrook has asked me to take charge of the preaching, which will be every night and every night for six weeks, while he will act as Bible instructor, business manager and press agent. We are planning, if possible, to flood the papers of West Virginia with reports of the sermons given in this tabernacle and by this means to proclaim present truth to the inhabitants of that land. We do not have a very large corps of workers, but the sisters of the Charleston Church have promised to take hold and do all they can.

The opening seemed very providential. The gentleman who owns the lot feels he has just heard enough of what the Seventh-day Adventists believe that he feels he wants to just hear a good full presentation of their truth. Other providential opportunities have arisen, which lead us to believe that it is the desire of the Lord that we open these meetings in this manner at this time. If the influenza does not hinder, we plan to have the first meeting Sunday night, November 10. We ask that all the prayers of our brethren be with us that God may show us unusual favor in the mighty proclamation of His truth.

B. G. WILKINSON.

The Fourth Sabbath Meeting

Our brethren have planned that the fourth Sabbath missionary meeting in November shall be devoted to the interest of the Home Mission Bureau. The work for the many foreign language people in the United States and Canada is a fruitful one indeed. A program has been prepared and printed in the Church Officers' Gazette, together with readings and other information. We hope all our churches will take time to study this important activity on the missionary Sabbath this month.

L. H. CHRISTIAN.

SPECIAL

The Stranger Within Our Gates

God solicited the memories of the children of Israel to ply backwards to the days when they were bondsmen in the land of Egypt in order that those reflections might awaken in their bosoms desires to be good to the stranger in their gates. Whatever principles were valuable under the old covenant, these are reacted into the new covenant. To us also who live under the new covenant come the divine solicitations to give heed and care to the stranger within our gates.

Selfishness is shortsighted; unselfishness generally rebounds upon the giver with value unexpected. The millions of foreigners who have come from distant lands to make this refuge of liberty and possibilities their home, this glorious country of America, ought to receive the thoughtful consideration of those who believe they are charged with a message to all men.

A special effort is now being made in the denomination to provide literature with means of circulating it, in order to reach those within our borders who do not speak the American language. To give them the gospel is to bring to them the spirit of Westernization, with Westernization goes civilization, and with civilization the mind becomes more receptive to the gospel, and the ideals rise above the medieval night.

We are under the bonds of obligation to do these dear people good. We would, therefore, solicit all our brethren and sisters throughout the Columbia Union Conference to respond to and co-operate with the efforts as set forth in this special issue to reach in a more effectual way the stranger within our gates.

B. G. WILKINSON.

God's Way to Reach and Win the Foreigner

Christ's methods are the only successful methods to follow. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name (or way) under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." He "went about doing good, and healing

all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with Him." Acts 4:12; 10:30. It was His personal work,—His personal contact with sinners that made Christ's ministry so effective. It was His personal presence and touch that caused "the blind to see," the "lame to leap as an hart," "the deaf to hear," and "the tongue of the dumb to sing."

"Our mission is about the same as that announced by Christ, at the beginning of His ministry, to be His mission, The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He hath sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of your Lord." Luke 4:18, 19; Vol. 9:134.

"Salt must be mingled with the substance to which it is added; it must penetrate, infuse it, that it may be preserved. So it is through personal contact and association that men are reached by the saving power of the gospel. They are not saved in masses, but as individuals. Personal influence is power. It is to work with the influence of Christ, to lift where Christ lifts, to impart that grace which Christ alone can impart. It is to uplift, to sweeten the lives and characters of others by the power of a pure example with earnest faith and love." Prophets and Kings, p. 232.

"One of the most effective ways in which light can be communicated is by private, personal effort. In the home circle, at your neighbor's fireside, at the bedside of the sick in a quiet way you may read the Scriptures and speak a word for Jesus and the truth. Thus you may sow precious seed that spring up and bring forth fruit." Id. 428.

"If we would come to Christ with the simplicity of a child coming to the earthly parents, and ask for the things He has promised, believing that we receive them, we should have them. . . Some who have entered . . . missionary fields have said: 'You do not understand the French; you do not understand the Germans. They have to be met in just such a way!'

"But I inquire, Does God understand them? Is it not He who gives His servants a message for the people? He knows just what they need; and if the message comes direct from Him through

His servants to the people, it will accomplish the work whereunto it is sent; it will make all one in Christ. Though some are decidedly French, others decidedly German, and others decidedly American, they will be just as decidedly Christian. . . .

"Let no one think there need not be one stroke placed upon him. There is no person, no nation, that is perfect in every habit and thought. One must learn of another. Therefore God wants the different nationalities to mingle together to be one in judgment, one in purpose.

"I was almost afraid to come to this country, (Europe), because I heard so many say that the different nationalities of Europe were peculiar, and had to be reached in a certain way. But the wisdom of God is promised to those that feel their need, and who ask God for it. God can bring the people where they will receive the truth. Let the Lord take possession of the mind, and mould it as the clay is moulded in the hands of the potter. And these differences will not exist. Look to Jesus, brethren; copy His manners and Spirit, and you will have no trouble in reaching these different classes.

"We have not six patterns to follow; nor five; we have only one and this is Christ Jesus. If the Italian brethren and the German brethren, and the French brethren try to be like Him, they will plant their feet on the same foundation of truth; the same spirit that dwells in one will dwell in the other, —Christ in them the hope of glory.

I warn you, brethren and sisters, not to build up a wall of partition between nationalities, on the contrary seek to break it down wherever it exists. We should endeavor to bring all into harmony that there is in Christ Jesus, laboring for one object,—the salvation of our fellowmen. As workers together with God, brethren and sisters, lean heavily upon the arm of the Mighty One. Labor for unity, labor for love, and you will become a power in the world." Vol. 8:179-183.

"Personal effort," then, "in the home circle" of "the stranger that is within our gates," as well as the homes of Americans, is "one of the most effective ways" of giving them the message and saving them from sin. It is only coming into personal contact with the foreigners and others, and laboring for them in their homes and otherwise, that we can fully understand them, their need, and be able to help them in a practical way. It is Christ's way.

J. W. HIRLINGER.

"No man is safe a day or an hour without prayer."

"We are nearer the end; are we nearer to God?"

A Bee-Line to all the Earth.

The Lord is never late. All His plans are finished on schedule time. They are carried out too not by a miracle but by rational and human means, which He Himself prepares beforehand. We often say that the Third Angel's Message is to be given to every nation on earth in our generation. This is a matter of prophecy and no Bible prediction ever failed or can fail. But do we realize the greatness of this task? There are 1,600,000,000 people in the world speaking a myriad of languages and dialects. Thus far we have only touched one hundred and twenty-four of these tongues. Yet this work being the Lord's He must have made a way to finish it and to finish it on time.

We believe we see how this will be done. As in Jerusalem on Pentecost so in the United States and Canada there are people from all the world. The British Bible Society in Canada sells Bibles in 110 different languages. In the city of New York 82 languages are spoken, in Winnipeg 61, in Boston 73. The Copper Country of North Michigan has men and women from 42 different countries. The last Fourth of July was celebrated in Chicago by 75 nationalities. Why are all these people here?

One purpose which the Lord had in bringing them to our shores is set forth in the Testimonies: "Great benefits would come to the cause of God in the regions beyond, if faithful efforts were put forth in behalf of the foreigners in the cities of our homeland. Among these men and women are some who upon accepting, would soon be fitted to labor for their own people in this country and in other countries. Many might return to the places from which they came, in the hope of winning their friends to the truth. They could search out their kinsfolk and neighbors and communicate to them a knowledge of the Third Angel's Message."

The millions of foreign speaking people in America are in direct connection with their relatives and friends in the land of their birth. They write to them. They visit them. They are continually sending them news and reading matter from this the land of their choice and devotion. Thus these many millions in our country open the greatest door of opportunity in all the history of missions quickly to send the gospel to all the earth. They are for us a bee-line to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. Remember that when you bring some literature to the Italians, Polish, Bohemians, Syrians, Chinese, etc., you are touching a line that reaches beyond the sea. You save the lost and you hasten the coming of our blessed Lord.

L. H. CHRISTIAN.

Spread of the Message Through Literature

A few weeks ago I sent information blanks to all the workers in our department and one of the questions was "Where, when and how did you embrace the truth?" Of the fifty-six workers who reported there were 13 who stated that they had embraced the truth through reading, others through preaching and a good many of them were raised in the truth. This shows that reading matter has even produced workers. If we should inquire throughout the rank and file of our foreign-speaking people we would find that a good per cent came into the truth through publications.

Elder J. H. Miller from Chicago has been carrying on successful evangelistic work in that city for several years. He writes me, "Without free literature to give to the people I would not care to work, for it is one of the best agencies I know of to reach the people. Souls have really read themselves into the truth through the literature which we handed out Sunday mornings. To others we mailed reading matter and they, by reading it, embraced the Sabbath truth weeks before we met them in our tent or hall. One lady on the South side kept the Sabbath weeks before we came down there with our tent. She attended meetings every night but one throughout the whole summer."

As the result of this work in Chicago the brethren were able to baptize 18 souls this summer. One of the young men is already attending the seminary to prepare himself as a worker and help to spread the message.

"We have also been using a good deal of literature in Brooklyn where Elder B. E. Miller has been conducting a tent effort all summer among the foreigners of that city. The last news we received was that they baptized 18 new believers. The request from these large cities comes that we shall send them more literature, so as to reach the masses of the people. When the foreigners see a paper or book written in their own language it seems like a friend talking to them. We are glad for the results that the reading matter has produced and we are sure that with the help of God more can be accomplished if greater efforts are put forth.

In some countries over in Europe, say for instance England, and I know of other places also, our brethren take a number of papers and pay for them and go regularly every week to their customers and deliver the paper. In this way they get acquainted with the people and know what interest they take in subject matter. Were it not for the printed page the work in Europe would not have progressed as it has. What has been done over there can be done over here. This work of

scattering reading matter must not depend upon one or two people, but every one should know himself "to be his brother's keeper."

A week or so ago I was out with the Harvest Ingathering papers. After I had delivered my canvass the lady asked me to what denomination I belonged—she herself had a store—I told her that I was an S. D. A. "Well," she said, "my mother and her people are all Adventists." Her husband had given me \$2 for the paper and she added another dollar.

Were it not for the Harvest Ingathering number I would have never gone to this lady. I hope to send more literature and pray that she might accept the truth. We in our department will do all we can, but are unable to cope with the greatness of the work, and therefore, it is our earnest desire that our brethren throughout North America will assist us in working for those who have been brought to our very doors.

J. T. Boettcher.

Doing General Missionary Work Among Foreigners

Pray before you go out—Pray while you are out. Claim Isa. 41:10,13; Jer. 1:6-9; Isa. 45:2,3. Become familiar with your book or paper. Be able to turn to illustrations readily. Make the pictures talk. Dwell upon the events of the day, more than upon religion, especially with men. Be natural. Be calm and composed. Use your own personality. Be brief, but do not rush. Remember that what you are, and what you do counts for more than what you say. Sisters should dress very plain—modestly, and go to the foreigners by twos as do the sisters of charity.

Be kind. Be courteous to foreigners as well as to Americans. Do acts of kindness. Show by deeds of love that you are really doing "Mercy Work." Comfort those who mourn. Relieve the sick and suffering, forgetting any untidy surroundings for Christ's sake. See Phil. 2:5-9; Matt. 25:31-45.

An apple, orange, banana or other fruits and foods; a bouquet of flowers or any little thing will work wonders in winning the hearts of foreigners. Give some attention to children.

Don't be afraid of the people, nor don't act as though you were, but always use tact, wisdom and caution. Come close to them in their homes, and be one with them as far as possible. Work done in the homes is more permanent than work outside. It is the Apostles' way. Acts 4:42. Those of experience often enter by the kitchen or back way. Greet them with confidence and with a smile.

If you are soliciting Harvest Ingathering or other funds, use the following: Pass

a copy to each adult and say, "Here are some good (English, Italian or Russian) books. They tell about missionary work, or "Mercy Work" at home and in the old countries. This is to give the gospel and to help sick people in the old countries. You will help. Some give \$10.00, some \$5.00 and nearly all give \$1.00. You will give \$5.00 or \$1.00. We must help the people in the old country. Thank you! Thank you!"

If you are selling magazines or books, use the following: First ask, "Do you read English?" Then hand each adult a copy and say, "Here is a paper in your own language. We have the same thing in English. It is the best I have found. It tells about the war and other things. We are leaving a copy in each home, (here turn to the front cover and point to the price, hold up one finger and say) "One, just (15) cents." If they begin to read, say, "Pardon me," and turn quickly to another page, and then to the price and repeat "One, (15) cents." Say "Thank you!" before they make any move to give or to pay. It has a wonderful effect on them.

If they hesitate urge and pray. These people bear more urging than do Americans. When leaving bow and thank them.

Be systematic in your work among foreigners. Devote some time to this work every Sunday regularly. Learn to greet them and say good-bye in their own language. It pleases them. Learn simple sentences by working among them. Become so well acquainted with the people that they will anticipate your coming.

Tell your good experiences to the church, remembering that "A good report maketh the bones fat." Prov. 15:30.

J. W. HIRLINGER.

A Church with a Trust

To Seventh-day Adventists has been committed a sacred trust—the last gospel message to the world. Their liberality, their godly lives, their missionary zeal makes plain too that they have some sense of this serious duty. Adventists desire to be fair and to deal truly in the message of the Lord. They plan to bring the gospel not merely to one nation or to one corner of the earth, but all the world. That is our program and profession. But in doing this world wide work we are in danger of overlooking certain parts. Of one of these we wish to make mention.

In recent months we have read much of the Armenians and their sufferings. We have been touched to the quick by the unspeakable atrocities visited upon this martyred people. We have gathered money with which to feed and cloth them, and we have done none too much of this good work, but there is another fact of

which we must not lose sight. In the providence of God 150,000 Armenians have come to this country, living here in colonies from the East to the West. They are an intelligent people. They publish a daily paper as well as several weekly and monthly journals. What are we doing to bring this, the oldest Christian people, the message of the Lord?

We have good literature in the Armenian language on present truth. Yet it is a fact that during the entire month of August we used only 75 cents worth of this literature and we used more in August than we did in some months previous. In the United States and Canada we find more than 100,000 Japanese. In August we gave them literature for 40 cents. In our eastern states live more than a quarter of a million of Slovenes and Slovaks. They are a liberty loving people as we all know from the reports concerning the Czecho-Slavs. In August we used Slovenian literature for \$1.25 and Slovak for 10 cents, and we used Croatian literature for only half a dollar. As a people we have often talked of our deep interest in missionary work in the Orient. There are well toward a quarter of a million Syrians, Arabians, etc., in America. Nearly all of these can read and wish to read. Yet during August they received just one dime's worth of our literature. There are said to be almost as many Greeks in America as there are people in all of North Dakota, and we bought them literature during August for less than \$14. We bewail the tragic fate of Serbia. God has permitted nearly 160,000 of them to reach this country, and we give them literature for \$9.49 in one month and that a large month. We could give other figures as telling as these.

Will we not have to give an account to God for these many foreigners about us? Is it right to neglect them as we have in the past? To bring the matter before us we have confined ourselves to the report of just one month, and August was a good month. In fact, counting out the lack of Harvest Ingathering papers in these various languages we are using much more literature this year than one year ago. Are we doing what we should for these strangers within our gates? There is scarcely an Adventist who hasn't some foreign language neighbors. Our cities are filled with them. They are waiting for the truth. We are asking our brethren everywhere to begin an earnest home missionary work this autumn for the many strangers that live on every hand.

L. H. Christian.

"All who are not decided followers of Christ are servants of Satan."

Our Day of Opportunity

The ever-rising tide of immigration has been stayed to a large extent on account of the Great War. Many believe that as soon as the conflict is over, the tide will rise higher than ever. But think of the vast multitude of strangers already within our gates. One person out of every seven in the United States was born outside our borders. Statisticians tell us that we have today 16,500,000 people of foreign birth, and nearly all of them are from Europe.

The great majority of those who come from eastern and southern Europe never knew religious freedom. The Bible was not an open book to them. In the providence of God these people have come to our very doors,—and for what?—"That they may have opportunity to hear the message." S. P.

Not many of us can go to other lands with the great message for these last days, but God has arranged things so that many of the people of these lands are coming within our reach that we may give them the light. Today we are all surrounded with foreign neighbors, not alone from Europe but from the oriental lands as well. What are we doing for them?

An interesting paragraph from a letter written by one of our sisters suggests a simple and effective method that all can use in seeking to pass on the message to those about us. She writes:

"There are about six or eight Chinese living near us, and since we are on friendly terms with them we think it is a good time to interest them in the message. Two of them came down the other Sunday evening and brought a big piece of pork and some cigars (which were returned with thanks), also some candy, nuts and fire crackers for the children. They sat and talked quite a little while with us. We now need some Chinese literature."

An order for Chinese tracts was enclosed with this sister's letter. How thankful we should be that inexpensive literature containing this glorious truth has been prepared for so many nationalities! How simple and easy it is to perform this kind of service when we are really interested in the welfare of these souls that are as precious to God as are our own.

Brethren and sisters, we profess to be followers of Christ, but Christ knew no distinction of race or color. We are slow to follow His example. Far down in our hearts we do not love the ignorant foreigner, we do not welcome him as a brother. And yet, "Have we not all one Father? Hath not God created us?"

"Every man is sacred in God's sight; therefore he who despiseth man despiseth

God. He who loves not man loves not God." We should be Christian enough and large-hearted enough to overlook the strange manners and habits of living which are so foreign to our customs and which violate our ideas of culture and refinement; for these things are superficial. It is the real man and the real woman behind these peculiar characteristics that we should seek. And having found them, we should deal with them in a friendly and sympathetic fashion, instead of looking upon them as mere animals. They have hopes, ambitions, desires, aspirations, souls, just as we have.

May the Lord deepen our sense of responsibility for those about us, of whatever nationality, and let us remember that because we have been made the depositories of His truth for this time we are in debt to any and all who do not share in the blessings of that truth.

ERNEST LLOYD.

Home Foreign Day

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

The responsibility of reaching with the last great gospel message the more than 30,000,000 of foreign speaking peoples within our borders, constitutes a problem. For years our beloved Elder O. A. Olsen, carried this burden upon his heart and was at the time of his sudden death getting a strong movement under way. Several delays and changes were made, but now under the leadership of Elder L. W. Christian, with able associates, this great task is being borne home and given its right place.

We are fully convinced that the responsibility of giving this message to these foreign born peoples right in our midst rests upon every member of the body of Christ. We may not be able to speak the language, but we can do something, leaving no stone unturned to reach their hearts and acquaint them with God's great message for today. If we seek God for a real heart burden for the unsaved, He will give it and we shall find opportunities to work for Him.

"Those in responsibility must now plan wisely to proclaim the Third Angel's Message to the hundreds of thousands of foreigners in the cities of America. God desires His servants to do their full duty toward the unwarned inhabitants of the cities, and especially toward those who have come to these cities from the various nations of the earth. Many of the 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.

We firmly believe that the wise and sympathetic distribution of our foreign literature on the part of all our people would bring results of the greatest magnitude, and we fondly hope that this important work and ministry will not be delayed. The Bureau of Home Missions is calling for help and we feel that the call must be answered. We earnestly intreat every home missionary worker to give this matter careful consideration and include in your program of labor for souls, those speaking any and every tongue.

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Ohio's Foreigners

The Lord has said that the gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, then shall the end come. This takes in every kindred, tribe, and tongue, and as a people we have a mighty task before us in carrying out the commission given us by our Lord and Master, but He being at the helm the task will be completed through the faithfulness of His children. The work is to have a glorious finish, thousands being saved from all the dark heathen lands. The United States has been called "The melting pot of the nations." To it come people from all European countries and from some outside of Europe. May it not be that in this immigration of many people from many lands the Lord is bringing them to our very doors that we may give them the truth, instead of having to seek them out in far countries?

"The salvation of the heathen has long been deemed a matter that should engage the interest of Christians, and it is not more than justice to bring light to their dark borders. But home missionary work is just as much needed. The heathen are brought to our very doors." Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 8, p. 60.

"There is a work to be done in foreign fields, but there is a work to be done in America that is just as important. In the cities of America there are people of almost every language. These need the light that God has given His church." Id. pp. 34-36. "There are among us those who, without the toil and delay of learning a foreign language, might qualify themselves to proclaim the truth to other nations." Id. Vol. 5, p. 291.

In this large state of ours we have thousands and thousands of these foreigners now in our midst. My brother and sister, God loves them just as much as you, but in His goodness has bestowed upon you the light of precious truth first. Now he is looking to you to take it to

them. Many of these foreigners in this country will after the war doubtless return to the old country, and what a great blessing it will be if they can carry this message to their relation and friends.

We in Ohio must awake to the situation. Personally, I have felt a burden for this work for some time, and am anxiously waiting the time when we shall see hundreds of our people in this conference devoting Sundays to the work of spreading the Third Angel's Message among our foreign friends.

Will you not commence right away and order literature in the various languages? While many are illiterate, others can read and in a strange country are glad to find something in their own tongue. If you do not care to work along the line of selling the foreign magazines, write in to the tract society and order some tracts and give these to them. Some are already doing this and in return are being greatly blessed.

We should all be watchful for opportunities to give a helping hand to our foreign neighbors. As Home Missionary Secretary of this conference, I earnestly ask of you to think of the situation seriously, and do all you possibly can to enlighten those more unfortunate than we, making their future bright and hopeful through the receiving of the saving message due the world at this time.

A Few Things We Can Do

1. Sell them magazines in their own tongue. You will find them anxious to buy.
2. Give them magazines and tracts in their own tongue.
3. Sell them small books (order home workers prospectus). "Best Stories," "Gospel Primer," "N. T. Primer," "Christ our Saviour." (All good for Christmas presents).
4. Place a book or magazine in foreign reading rooms and libraries.
5. Teach them health reform.
6. Give them treatment if sick.
7. Teach them how to care for their children.
8. Love and care for them just as Jesus would do.

It will soon be much more difficult to reach them than it is now, and not long before it will be forever too late.

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

"For Such a Time as This"

It requires no narration of current happenings to bring to the realization of any the extraordinary times in which we are living. This fact is constantly, and vividly brought home to the senses by all that is seen and read and heard in conversation. While thousands are being slain in Europe's awful carnage, multi-

plied thousands are being destroyed by the "famines and pestilences" that follow in its wake. In the land of stars and stripes we have felt secure from the ravages of this present war, but pestilence stalks abroad in the land, carrying many thousands with it to an untimely grave. So dire has the pestilence grown that in some of our largest centers of population the death rate has so increased that in the burial of those who have succumbed to the awful scourge the employment of steam shovels has become necessary to excavate trenches into which are placed the rude boxes—coffins having become unobtainable in sufficient quantities—containing the last remains of the victims.

As you have been watching the reports of the colporteur work in the VISITOR week by week, your heart has doubtless often raised in grateful thanks to our heavenly Father as you have recognized His fostering care for His workers, evidenced by the fact that instead of the work being paralyzed by the conditions in the world, as is the case with practically every other line of subscription business, it is increasing in strength. The God-fearing colporteur is using the very things that have hindered other works of a like nature as his selling points.

As I am writing these lines, I just finished making a delivery for one of our colporteurs who was overtaken with the epidemic. In spite of the fact that in a large number of homes where the books were delivered, persons were sick with the influenza, the delivery went better than 100 per cent. Instead of the people offering excuses for not taking their books, they manifested an eagerness to get them. Some who were obliged to be away, left their money with a neighbor, or made other arrangements to make sure they got their books. At one place I missed a party, but the lady noticing I was preparing to leave that part, sent her little girl hurriedly to tell me of the mistake. As I called at the home, the lady appeared eager to exchange her money for the book, and manifested a real joy in being in possession of it, and clasped it to her breast as something treasured. The delivery being a bit late she, like many others, had begun to fear something had occurred that would keep her from getting it.

Learning that I was to come in contact with some foreigners in making the delivery, I took a number of small books in their language and sold them as fast as I could hand them out, and received orders for several others. These foreign peoples are very ready purchasers for anything in their language purporting to give an explanation of our times. Some grew so anxious to read what was in the large book that they said they would guarantee that

every man in that district would buy it if it could be had in his language. Many who had children learning to read English took the book, hoping to get the message it had for them through their children reading it to them.

These experiences are just a few of many such I have met with recently. There is not a colporteur in the field, however, but that could recite many such instances. What does it all mean, anyway?—Simply this: The Spirit of the Lord is preparing the hearts of the people for the finishing of the work. A more opportune time for urging forward our work in all lines was never presented us; particularly is this true of colporteur work. We should have one hundred colporteurs in the state of Ohio at this very hour.

While conditions are most favorable at the present time for the promulgation of our message, it can be clearly seen that such will not long be the case. Seventh-day Adventists and their message are looked upon with greater popular favor than at any time previously, and than can long be hoped for in the future. It is evident from popular comment, the pulpit, and the religious press that a great religious wave will sweep over the country after the close of the war, special emphasis being given to the better observance of Sunday. It is quite generally agreed that the war with its attendant miseries is a judgment from the Almighty because of the desecration of the "Lord's Day," and general spiritual lethargy. It doesn't require "a prophet, nor the son of a prophet" to see what this will mean to our work, and what prophecies will thus be fulfilled. In the face of these stirring facts, what is our duty now? Will God hold us responsible for the fulfillment of our duty? "Who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" M. W. SHIDLER.

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Chesapeake Conference.

I wish to call the attention of all church elders, church missionary secretaries, and church members, to the special program prepared for Sabbath, November 23, as found in the Church Officers' Gazette; requesting that you do all you can to make this very important service a success in every way.

We are in the midst of our Harvest Ingathering campaign, endeavoring to raise funds to extend our Missions in the foreign fields, but as Sister White puts it, "Are the souls in China any more precious than the souls within the shadow of our own doors? . . . Many of these foreigners are here in the providence of God, that

they may have opportunity to hear the truth for this time. . . . Great benefits would come to the cause of God in the regions beyond if faithful efforts were put forth in behalf of the cities of America. Among the foreigners of various nationalities, who would accept the truth, there are some who might soon be fitted to labor among those of their own native land."

I do not say that we should relinquish in the least, our efforts along the lines of the Harvest Ingathering campaign, but I do say that by doubling our efforts to reach the foreigners in our land, it will work a two-fold blessing, for we can use the foreign magazines among these dear people, soliciting a donation from them, thereby bringing a knowledge of the truth to them, and applying the money we receive from them, to our Harvest Ingathering goal.

Last year Wilmington No. 1 Church used quite a number of the foreign publications in their Harvest Ingathering campaign, with excellent results, and even more recently, some of the members of Baltimore No. 1 Church have been working with literature among the foreigners, finding them very liberal when they see a publication in their own language.

So let each church take up this program as outlined in the Gazette, praying that God will give us a deeper burden for the souls of the foreign born within our gates.

"Shall we who have felt that heavenly touch which brings cleansing and power from the Holy One fail to give to these nearby 'souls benighted' the knowledge of this blessed truth? Dare we longer delay? May the Lord grant you wisdom and special fitness in this important work."

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

News Notes

Elder A. S. Booth spent Sabbath, November 2, with the churches at Wilmington, Del., in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering. He found the No. 2 Church had more than \$100.00 already, but the No. 1 Church has not done very much yet. However, they are planning to get to work, and we hope they may enter into it with the spirit that brings success.

Elder G. B. Thompson of Washington gave a very practical discourse on "The Tongue" in the Baltimore No. 1 Church last Sabbath.

Let all "come up to the help of the Lord" at this time and gather in the wealth of the Gentiles. You will be surprised to see how easy it is when you have given it a fair trial.

Canvassers' Reports

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	DAYS	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL.
New Jersey, Week Ending November 1, 1918									
Allen Boynton		OD	4	27	41	93 00	7 25	100 25	7 25
Fred Zimmerly		OD	4	33	41	99 00	5 50	104 50	5 50
H. F. Kirk			3	19	12	64 00		64 00	5 50
Wm. Schmidt						55 50		55 50	27 50
Totals	4 Agents			11 79	94	311 50	12 75	324 25	45 75

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 1, 1918									
Sol. Diehl, Union Co.		OD	5	38	24	56 00	8 00	64 00	
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		BR	5	31	8	39 00	4 50	43 50	38 50
Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	3	32	7	30 00	5 00	35 00	17 00
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		OD	4	18	7	14 00	3 00	17 00	15 00
G. B. Jenkins, Berks Co.		BR	5	12	3	15 00	2 50	17 50	13 75
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co.		BR	1	5	2	9 00		9 00	35 00
H. J. Albright, Dauphin Co.		BR	1	7					91 00
Misc.						134 00		134 00	
R. M. Milne, Lycoming Co.									448 00
A. J. Cooper, York Co.									108 00
Eugene Gloor, Lycoming Co.									254 00
Totals	10 Agents			24 143	51	297 00	23 00	320 00	1020 25

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 1, 1918									
J. A. Heaton, Huntingdon Co.		BR	4	26	25	110 00	4 00	114 00	4 50
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.		BR	3	25	13	65 00	50	65 50	50
A. Brownlee, Allegheny Co.		SD	4	37	19	33 50	24 20	57 70	36 44
John LeRoy, Greene Co.		BR	4	32	6	27 00		27 00	
R. C. Lewis, Pittsburgh		OD	2	11	8	25 00	2 75	27 75	34 00
Anna LeRoy, Greene Co.		BR	4	31	4	17 00		17 00	
Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co.		OD	4	25	4	8 00	3 75	11 75	134 25
Totals	7 Agents			25 187	79	285 50	35 20	320 70	209 69

Ohio, Week Ending November 1, 1918									
M. B. Ingersoll, Coshocton		BR	4	33	8	38 00	50	38 50	43 15
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Jackson		OD	5	42	27	56 00	21 00	77 00	10 80
John Manuel, Barn Hill		BR	5	31	5	23 00	10 70	33 70	10 75
Geo. Harvey, Stark Co.		BR	5	27	5	26 00	4 50	30 50	50
F. E. Wagner, Barberton		OD	5	19	12	34 00	9 10	43 10	15 25
E. C. Alexander, Cincinnati		BR	4	24	4	19 00	8 40	27 40	8 40
H. O. Kohr, Belaire		WP		23		60 00		60 00	60 00
Glen Pinnicks, Zanesville		OD	4	20	10	20 00		20 00	14 00
Totals	8 Agents			32 219	71	276 00	54 20	330 20	162 85

Chesapeake, Week Ending November 1, 1918									
J. E. Jones, Dorchester Co., Md.		BR	5	40	26	108 00	15 35	123 35	3 75
W. J. Valentine, Worcester Co., Md.		BR	9	77	36	147 00		147 00	
Totals	2 Agents			14 117	62	255 00	15 35	270 35	3 75

Virginia, Week Ending November 1, 1918									
R. E. Pleasants, Amhurst Co.		OD	3	23	16	35 00		35 00	
Misc.						404 45		404 45	404 45
Totals	1 Agents			3 23	16	439 45		439 45	404 45
Grand Totals	32 Agents					Value Orders 1864 45		Deliveries 1846 74	

Brother J. W. Siler stopped at the office for a few hours on his way to Crisfield to assist Brother J. Wildey Taylor in the canvassing work. He expects to be with Brother Valentine next week, who is now working at Georgetown, Del.

Brother M. S. Pettibone is spending several days at the office, in his efforts to push the home missionary work in the conference.

Elder G. A. Stevens is doing splendid work with the Harvest Ingathering, both in Dover and in assisting in Salisbury. The only ones working in Dover, are he, his wife and son, and they have already raised \$76. Salisbury Company are very much encouraged as they report nearly \$72. Let others and larger companies follow their example.

Brother G. Medairy spent last Sabbath with the church at Blythedale. From there he went to Rock Hall to conduct the funeral of Brother Willie Thomas, eldest son of Brother Joshua Thomas. Willie was converted at the time of our camp-meeting and was baptized before returning to his home, and has since been endeavoring to bring his young friends to the Saviour.

Let all remember that Brother M. S. Pettibone, Queenstown, Md., who is home missionary secretary of the conference is also the Sabbath School Secretary for the conference and all appeals for supplies for the Sabbath Schools should be made direct to him. As yet we have no Young People's and Educational Secretary and appeals for supplies should be sent to the Union Secretary, Professor W. A. Werline, 411 Cedar St., Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

Owing to the severity of the pestilence that has been raging, some of our churches have not done very much with the Harvest Ingathering work, but they are willing, we believe to do what they can, as soon as the health officers in these places see fit to permit the churches to assemble in the usual places of worship. Under the conditions they have been doing very well, and we expect to reach our goal. That means to every one who reads this, that you must do your very best, for we are counting on you.

Brother J. G. Whitaker, who has been quite sick for a time is back again on the firing line, and we expect to hear some good reports from him.

Brother Siler has been doing good work, having collected alone, about \$33.00. Some of the members of the church at Hagerstown have been out with him and have done what they could thus far, but they are going to do more.

VIRGINIA

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

News Notes

Elder W. E. Bidwell reports the organization of a Sabbath School of fifteen members at Mayberry in the southwestern part of the state, where he has been holding meetings in a Baptist Church, assisted by the pastor who took his stand for the truth at Independence.

Brother and Sister E. H. Dye, who are following up the effort conducted by

Elder Bidwell are themselves at Independence, report that new people continue to accept the truth there.

Brother D. W. Percy has nearly reached his goal of \$100 for ingathering for missions. Brother Percy has just moved his family to Harrisonburg to foster the work begun there this summer.

Elder W. C. Moffett reports good progress on making his ingathering goal of \$100 for missions, using the Ingathering "Watchman" along with selling "Our Day."

Brother F. E. Hankins is selling "Our Day" to raise his ingathering goal, his sales one day running up to \$50.

The dedicatory exercises of the new dormitory of the Shenandoah Valley Academy will be held November 22 to 24. It is desired to dedicate it free from debt and we trust that all who have unpaid pledges will forward them at once to the conference treasurer.

Brother and Sister R. E. Farley spent several weeks visiting her relatives in Massachusetts.

Word comes that Sister Tillie Olenic, who was taking the nurses' course at Newark, Ohio, has fallen a victim of the plague. Our sympathies go out to the parents who cherished fond hopes of seeing their daughter in the work.

The Portsmouth No. 2 Church is purchasing a store room to be converted into a church with a schoolroom in the rear.

Our veteran canvasser, Brother Wilmer, with his family, were all laid up with the influenza for several weeks.

Elder W. C. Moffett, made a recent visit to Danville and found the work prospering there under the labors of Brother and Sister A. J. Evelyn.

Elder W. H. Sebastian is opening up the work for the colored people in Lynchburg.

Important Notice

The December "Watchman" will be a special "Red Cross" issue. As the edition is limited owing to paper conservation please place your orders early.

THE WATCHMAN MAGAZINE.

WEST VIRGINIA

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

L. B. Taylor, Sec.

News Notes

The Parkersburg Church treasurer was busy the first of the month going from home to home gathering in the tithe, Sabbath School and Harvest Ingathering funds. Our conference treasurer reports that this church sent in more this past month than the previous month, regardless of the influenza quarantine. Church treasurers take notice.

The December number of "Life and Health" contains special information for the treatment of Spanish Influenza. Are you a subscriber for this health magazine? It is \$1 a year and will be a helpful monthly visitor to your home. 5 to 40 copies to one address 5 cents each, 50 or more copies to one address each 4 cents. Sell them for ten cents and earn your Sabbath School money or apply it on the Young People's goal.

The Cumberland Church has \$178.09 on their Harvest Ingathering goal. Is the mercury in your thermometer standing still? If so, do something quick.

Elder and Mrs. R. E. French and son Richard enroute from Charleston to Clarksburg spent Sabbath at the home of Elder and Mrs. Westbrook.

Charleston Church sold 1500 small books during the past quarter. Did your church do as well? The end is very near, let us hasten.

The Sabbath School offering for the third quarter of 1918, was the largest in the history of West Virginia. It is the first time that we ever totalled our column with six figures, the amount being \$1028.92. We do appreciate the splendid work the schools and the home department members are doing. We sincerely hope that all will continue to study the Sabbath School lessons and lay aside their offerings to be sent in at the regular time.

NEW JERSEY

200 Columbus Ave., Trenton
W. H. Heckman, Pres. Cora Felker, Sec.

News Notes

Elder Heckman has recently been visiting members in the Camden Church. Sabbath, November 2, he baptized six new members.

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We are glad to report that the ban was lifted, and all our churches were open again as usual the first Sabbath in this month.

Brother L. D. Warren is visiting a few of the churches in the interests of the Sabbath School work. The three weeks of quarantine has effected the Sabbath School attendance and also the offerings, which will make it very hard for the churches to reach their goals. Let us not be discouraged, for now that we have the privilege of attending Sabbath School again, we believe our people will be more regular, not only in their attendance, but also with their offerings.

The Morning Watch Calendar for 1919 is ready for circulation. We will now be able to fill all orders promptly. Those who have not been following the Morning Watch this year may obtain a calendar for 1918 and also for the new year by sending to the office the price of one, 5 cents. The German Morning Watch Calendar is also off the press, and may be ordered through the tract society.

"Stimulants and Narcotics" is the name of a new German tract just off the press. It sells for two cents.

Brother H. F. Kirk and Brother C. V. Leach our Union Bookman, are making a tour through the conference in the interests of the colporteur work.

Splendid reports came in from two of our boys in the field last week. Brother Fred Zimmerly sold \$104.25 of books in 33 hours, and Allen Boynton \$100.25 in 27 hours. We trust our people will remember all our faithful colporteurs in their prayers, that God may richly bless their efforts to place our literature in the homes of the people.

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign is still on. More churches are placing themselves on the honor roll. A new lot of the campaign papers has been received at the tract society office, and will be sent out promptly upon request.

Brother N. R. Pond is selling a large number of our small books in the vicinity of Dover and Rockaway. These small books sell themselves, and at the same time take the truth to the people, and bring a neat little salary to the agent. Try it, and see.

Brother B. J. Blinn, elder of the Trenton Church, attended Sabbath School and church service every Sabbath for seventeen years, without an exception, and would have kept up this perfect attendance record doubtless, indefinitely, had not the quarantine closed the churches a few weeks ago. This is a record worthy of mention isn't it?

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Indiana, Pa.

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

News Notes

Brother H. A. Weaver, superintendent of the Altoona District, was a visitor at the office this week, and preached in the Indiana Church on Sabbath. He has gone to his new field, and we trust the blessing of the Lord will follow him.

Brother Holst and the writer made a delivery of \$350 worth of "Bible Readings" about twenty miles from Indiana last week. We had some very good experiences, and saw the hand of the Lord displayed in many instances. One man refused to take the book he had already paid \$2.00 on. After talking with the man we decided to leave it. As we were about ready to start, he came running out, and said he would pay the balance on the book. Surely the Lord can take away the prejudice out of people's hearts. The delivery was a complete success, Brother Holst losing only a few books. On our return trip, about twelve miles from Indiana, the lights on the machine went out, and as it was an extremely dark night, we were compelled to buy a lantern from a farmer, and Brother Holst, leaning from the seat of the car, held the light so it would shine on the road enabling us to creep along. We reached home about 11 o'clock that night. If all our people could be permitted to take a few journeys with our colporteurs, and see where the message is going,—on top of the hills, and in the valleys, and in every nook and corner of the country; and the difficulties under which it is being done,

surely our hearts should go out in sympathy to these self-supporting missionaries. We should all put our shoulders to the wheel and do our part in forwarding this message. Around this section where Brother Holst is canvassing, Elder Richardson expects to hold meetings this coming winter. J. S. NEELY.

We would suggest that the church treasurers and church clerks be more prompt in sending in their reports.

Several of the colporteurs have been sick with the influenza, and this is one reason for the falling off in our book sales.

Brother Butler, our field missionary secretary, has been sick with the influenza, and we are glad to state that he is once more on the firing line.

Brother Manry's family are getting along nicely after a severe attack of the influenza.

"In the Judgment, men will not be condemned because they conscientiously believed a lie, but because they did not believe the truth, because they neglected the opportunity of learning what is truth."

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