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## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

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### Erie District Report

While visiting the different places in the district, holding quarterly meetings and preaching services, many encouraging features were seen in the development of God's work. The Erie Church is keeping up with her funds which are at present more than last year. A good interest is also being seen in the Harvest Ingathering work. Many places of interest are opening up for Bible work, and eight persons are preparing to unite with the church. The Ladies' Sewing Society has purchased a new carpet, costing about \$200 and while the ban is on here, so that we cannot hold public meetings, we have given the church a thorough house cleaning, and the new carpet has been laid, which makes a great improvement in the church.

At Meadville there is a good interest and the brethren and sisters are being blessed in the work they are doing. The tithe and donations are not falling off, but are getting larger, and the members are working with the Harvest Ingathering papers. While I was there with my wife and Brother Manry three grown persons were baptized, and we rejoiced with them.

While at Warren, in the midst of fine weather, we had some very profitable meetings. There was a larger attendance than has ever been seen there at a quarterly meeting. Three persons were added to the church, which caused many to praise God. The tithe and donations for this last quarter amounted to \$448.90. When you consider this church in the past you will see that this amount of tithes and offerings is as much as was paid in the year of 1915 or 1916. The new ones that have been added since last fall are faithful in their tithes and offerings. Other new ones are keeping the Sabbath at Russell and at Warren who have not united as yet. While at Russell we held a few meetings, and in both places my wife remarked how God had blessed and helped this church in the good work that had been done. At Corry the work is moving along very nicely, the Harvest Ingathering papers have almost all been

used. A fine spirit is being seen and felt by all. The quarterly meeting was appointed for October 19, but the ban that was put on there has not been lifted, as there have been about 1000 cases of influenza in that place, so that the Liberty Bond people could not go from house to house.

At the quarterly meeting at Albion one person was added to the church by baptism. This church is becoming scattered; some are at Washington, D. C., others at Springboro and Conneautville, but the few remaining ones are faithfully holding up the light of truth. During the last quarter I have been called to bury eight persons in this district. As we are now in the midst of war, famine and pestilence, which are taking away thousands of souls, let us all be found blameless, keeping all of God's commandments, so that the angel of God as spoken of in 2 Sam. 24:16 may stretch his hand over us to shield and protect us.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

### News Notes

News just came from Elder Kneeland of Dubois that the church there has gone "over the top" about a month ago in their Harvest Ingathering Goal.

Only about one-fifth of our conference goal on Harvest Ingathering has been reached. We, therefore, urge each one to put forth special effort, so that we can reach our goal of \$5,000 by the last of December.

"Though the fray be long and the foe be strong and the comrades you have are few;

Though the battle heat bring but defeat, and weariness makes you reel;

There's joy in life that can show such strife, and the glory and thrill you feel!

"When the wise ones pant that you simply CAN'T it's fun for the fighting man

To laugh and TRY with a daring eye—and prove to the world he CAN!

And if you stick till your heart is sick, and lose when the game is done,

It's fun to know that the weary foe paid dearly for what they won.

It's fun to dare in the face of despair when the last lone chance seems gone  
And to see hope rise in the angry skies like a promise of rosy dawn;

For victory's sweet when it crowns defeat, and you learn this much is true:

It's fun to fight when you know you're right and your heart is in it, too."

## EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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(Last Week's)

### To the Work

By the time this article reaches the readers of the VISITOR the epidemic "influenza" will have taken its course in Eastern Pennsylvania. How thankful we should be that only six or seven of our own people have been carried away with it. The writer has seen some terrible sights. Surely it is a fulfillment of Psalm 91, and also the statement in "Great Controversy," pp. 589,590.

While the epidemic was raging in Philadelphia, there were those who ventured to go and solicit funds for the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. Nearly \$100 were reported at the first meeting in the North Philadelphia Church. Surely these brethren and sisters are in earnest. In other parts of the field work has been done, but has not been reported.

We have been unable to make a united effort on the special campaign day on November 5, on account of the epidemic; therefore, another day has been set apart for this purpose. And I hope and pray that on November 19 as many as possible throughout the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, will go out and solicit funds for the Harvest Ingathering work. Let us remember our slogan, "Do it in a Day," at least \$5 per member. Brethren, let us not wait until the following statement will be true, "Soon doors now open to the truth will be forever closed. Carry the message now. Do not wait, allowing the enemy to take possession of the fields now open before you. Let little companies go forth to do the work to which Christ appointed His disciples. Let them labor as evangelists, scattering our publications and talking of the truth to those they meet." Test. Vol. 9, p. 172.

In a little while conditions will be such

that many will desire to go and carry these truth-filled pages but it will be too late, doors are closed. Let us do our part now, for we have but six weeks to reach our goal of \$8,500.

Remember those who are unable to go out to solicit, the Lord will bring them to your door. Do not send them away empty-handed, rather let them go with an empty pocketbook. Many can reach their quota in this way, or if you are too busy during the week, Sunday is a splendid time. Do not fear, people will gladly receive you.

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

## News Notes

The Influenza added an interesting yet perplexing feature to some deliveries made for college students recently. The report had been spread that they were German spies scattering the disease germs as they went about in the guise of religious workers. The same God who aided the colporteurs however aided the one making the delivery so that nearly one hundred percent were placed in the hands of the people.

After a day of earnest work among the people, Christ often spent the entire night in prayer. Here is found the secret of His strength. We are to "consider Him." The new Morning Watch calendar has the picture of Christ praying on the outer cover. This alone is an inspiration to His followers. Within are found precious texts for each day taken from the New Testament. Have you ordered yours? Delay may disappoint you. The later weeks of the year often bring the rush of orders. Now you may obtain this calendar and the one for 1918 for the price of the new which is five cents. Order at once.

The churches in Philadelphia are missing the earnest labor of Elder J. W. McCord, who has been forced by illness to lay his work aside for a while. He is now at the Washington Sanitarium where we hope he may be speedily restored to health.

Our faithful Sabbath School secretaries have been showing their zeal for the Master's work during the past few weeks. Although many homes were visited by sickness and some even by death, the reports were nearly all in on time to be included with the general report. The offerings for the third quarter were \$2583.37. The thirteenth Sabbath offering was \$1673.59.

Brother H. G. Gauker, our Conference Home Missionary Secretary, gave a stirring address in the North Philadelphia Church last Sabbath upon the "Responsibility and Reward of Earnest Christian Work." It naturally drifted into the theme of the hour, "The Harvest Ingathering."

The Philadelphia African Church show by their actions that the epidemic has not decreased their ardor in the Master's service. Although deprived of church privileges for several weeks, last Sabbath found their hall simply packed with worshippers. When the offering was taken, the collection baskets were not adequate to hold the pile of envelopes containing the tithes and offerings representing the amount they had gathered in while deprived of religious services.

Read the "Review." There is no other way in which we can watch the progress of God's cause, nor so well keep in step with the church as it marches to the kingdom.

The Sabbath School lessons for the first quarter of 1919 are studies of the Psalms.

"Those who regard work as a curse, attended though it be with weariness and pain, are cherishing an error."

## The Work is Going

It has been my privilege, with Brother H. K. Christman, our Union Home Missionary Secretary, to visit the following churches: Wednesday, November 13, Phoenixville; Thursday, November 14, Allentown; Friday, November 15, Fleetwood; Sabbath, November 16, the West and North Philadelphia Churches; Saturday evening, November 16, Lebanon; Sunday, November 17, Lancaster, and Monday, November 18, Carlisle. We spent as much time as possible with each church in the field, and find that the Spirit of God is working mightily upon the hearts of the people. Many questions are asked as to conditions in the world and what may take place next. Surely, brethren, it is a wonderful time to do our work in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

Brother Sufficool, who is giving his whole attention to the Harvest Ingathering campaign, is reporting success in his territory. Elder Parsons with Elder Daniells has made a short tour through the conference in the interest of the work and find the brethren and sisters very enthusiastic. Let us all do our bit in this very important branch of the Lord's work, then we shall not fail to reach our goal of \$8,500. The work is going; do you wish to have part in it?

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

One sister in the North Philadelphia Church is spending one day each week in the Harvest Ingathering work, and she has to do it secretly too, her husband not being of the faith. She has gathered almost \$30 and she has had rich experiences. We who are free should take this as an example and spend as much time as possible in the field.

Miss Acton, the Conference Educational, Sabbath School, and Young People's Secretary, has just started on a two weeks' trip through the conference, visiting in the interest of her departments.

Sabbath morning, November 9, a large gathering of the brethren of Philadelphia and vicinity was witnessed at the Grand Fraternity Building in this city and enjoyed the presence of Elder Daniells, also Professor and Sister Hamer. After leaving Philadelphia Elder Parsons accompanied them to Reading where a union meeting of the churches in that section of the conference met on Sunday evening, November 10. They then visited the believers in Harrisburg. The churches in that locality also came together and many words of appreciation have come to us for the stirring words and spiritual help that Elder Daniells gave at these meetings.

At this time Elder J. A. Leland has arrived at the office enroute to the churches of Wilkes Barre and Scranton, where he will look after the work.

## Gleanings from our Correspondence

"I am sending a little help for the Harvest Ingathering Fund to the amount of forty dollars. Sorry it isn't more.

"I am back to my old profession for the time being, civil-engineering. There is a large swamp to drain for the extension of Camp Lee. We are cutting a ditch fourteen feet wide at the top, ten feet at the bottom and from three to six deep through the swamp. None of these medical men know anything about such work, so I have charge of it all. I have forty some men with which to do the work, the ditch is about two miles long and the swamp is heavily wooded so there are many trees to cut, and many stumps to blast.

Last Sabbath I had the privilege of testifying for the true Sabbath before my commanding officers and feel grateful to my heavenly Father for His blessings."

From Brother C. Booth who is in army service at Camp Lee.

The following is from the little company that has been recently reorganized at Wellsboro in the far northwestern corner of our conference:

"The Wellsboro Company can report at this time sixty-one dollars collected for the Harvest Ingathering fund during the past week. We are greatly encouraged and have rejoiced in this work.

"We had our first church service that has been held in some years in Wellsboro last Sabbath, November 9. The attendance was very good and all present enjoyed the blessings of God. The ban has been lifted and the work will now progress. The Harvest Ingathering campaign has prepared the way for the "Present Truth" campaign which we are planning to conduct."

From the Philadelphia German Church:

"Our Harvest Ingathering is right on the increase. We need now less than \$100 to reach our goal. We aim to pass it by all means. This year we do not have the services of several that were in our ranks last year and I feel encouraged to witness the response and co-operation of lay members who have never taken as active a part as they do this year. I feel more encouraged when responsibilities are more distributed.

"We do our best work Sunday mornings. Then, the men are home and our work leaves a good impression. Our young people are helping loyally. Some have set goals for \$15 and over and expect to pass them. I am convinced from experiences that one can solicit about twice as much in the time on Sundays as during the week."

"I wanted the Review this long time, but have been unable to subscribe. I will accept your offer to sell books that the profits may pay for my subscription. I thank you for your suggestion."

The Chief Military Censor of the United States passed the revised edition of the "Return of Jesus", the new title of which is "Our Lord's Return" without making as much as a single correction. This is also true of the "Other Side of Death," "The Christian Sabbath," "Spiritualism," "Glorious Appearing," "Shadow of the Bottle," "Our Paradise Home," "World in Perplexity," "World War," "Armageddon," and "World's Crisis." We now have something definite to tell the public in order to bring these wonderful books to the people. Now that a cessation of hostilities has come about in this great world war let us not stop the circulation of our message filled small books, but push onward.

"Our Lord's Return" will be ready for

shipping about November 20. The new edition of this book is much better than the old, and contains a large number of illustrations, several of which are full page. Hasten your orders to the tract society.

The following is a testimony received from one of our sisters in the conference:

"In reply to your letter with reference to my Review will say that it is coming in my father's name. We subscribe for it together. I value the Review more highly than any other of our publications and would not care to be without it."

We should subscribe for our church paper the good old "Review" because we need the very helpful instruction found in the splendid editorials and general articles which it contains each week; and because it is impossible to keep abreast with the progress of the message and the plans for its advancement in both the homeland and the foreign fields, without having this paper.

### CHESAPEAKE

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### News Notes

Elder A. S. Booth is spending a few days in Wilmington and Church Hill visiting the churches there.

Elder G. A. Stevens will begin very soon a series of meetings in Dover, Del.

Brother G. Medairy will open a series of meetings Sunday night in Oakwood, Cecil County. Brother C. C. Diffenderfer has been working with people there and holding some meetings, and as a result eight persons were baptized last Sabbath in the Baltimore Church. Others are very much interested and the call came for the conference to send a worker to continue the good work begun.

Brother J. W. Siler, our Field Missionary Secretary is suffering from an ulcer in his eye. We hope he will soon be well and able to resume his duties.

Brother M. S. Pettibone, our Home Missionary Secretary, stopped in Baltimore after helping Brother Whitaker make a delivery of books.

Mrs. Lydia J. Hilton, who suffered some severe bruises and a severe nervous shock from a fall sustained two weeks ago, is again about her work, and praising the Lord for sparing her life in such a marvelous way.

Good reports are coming in from the Harvest Ingathering work. We received a letter from Brother C. C. Weller today, in which he tells of the splendid results he and his family and a few of the new members at Charleston, W. Va., are having in this work. He said Wallace, a little boy of about seven years of age, set his goal for \$1.00, but after working a couple of hours he had \$2.05. Sister Weller worked Sunday and received \$17.40 for the papers she put out. Others have done well, as is evidenced by the check of \$50 which accompanied his letter.

Brother J. W. Taylor who has been quite sick and unable to take up the canvassing work as he desired, is now well and has sent his first report. He is very much encouraged and requests the prayers of God's people.

The Baltimore No. 1 Church reported \$585.22 for Harvest Ingathering work last Sabbath. They have thus far averaged 19 cents a paper. This work was done by seventy persons in the church. If every member of the conference would do what he could we could easily go far beyond our goal for this year, and the cause of God would be greatly hastened in the earth. What will you do to help, dear reader?

### NEW JERSEY

200 Columbus Ave. Trenton  
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### News Notes

The Camden Church people were favored last Sabbath with a visit from Elder A. G. Daniells. The church was well filled, and the audience was very appreciative as Elder Daniells told of the advance of our work in all the world, and related experiences of how some of our brethren in other lands have suffered for Christ's sake.

"The Marked Bible." Perhaps you followed this interesting article in the Signs of the Times weekly as it appeared. It is now published in pamphlet form, and can be had by ordering from the tract society. Price 15 cents net. This article brings out in a very pleasing manner all the fundamental doctrines which we hold, and would make a very appropriate little gift.

Elder O. O. Bernstein opened his winter effort in Odd Fellows Hall in Jersey City last Sunday night. A good audience was present to hear the opening sermon on "Proving the Messiahship." We trust all our people will especially pray that this effort may be a fruitful one.

Back numbers of the Signs of the Times magazine (all 1918 numbers) may be had for missionary work at the special price of 1½ cents per copy. Other magazines are on hand here at the office, and while they would not perhaps be suitable for sale inasmuch as they are back numbers, yet they can be used very nicely for missionary work. Price 1½ cents each.

Are you interested in holiday gifts? If so, let us suggest that nothing could be more appropriate and do more good than some of our good books. The publishers are offering a "Christmas Set" of books, including "Friends and Foes," "Making Home Happy," paper, "Gospel Primer," cloth, and "Sketches of Bible Child Life," to our people for only \$1.10 plus postage. The usual retail price of these books is \$2.73. If you are interested, write the New Jersey Tract Society.

### WEST VIRGINIA

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T. B. Westbrook, Pres. L. B. Taylor, Sec.

## Reasons Why We Should Study the Bible

Because "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect." 2 Tim. 3:16.

"Thy word," says David, "Have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee." Again, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Ps. 119:11,105.

"The words that I speak unto you," said Jesus, "They are spirit, and they are life." And again He said, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of Me." John 5:39.

The whole Bible is a manifestation of Christ, and the Saviour desired to fix the faith of His followers on the Word. When His visible presence should be withdrawn, the Word must be their source of power. Like their Master, they were to live "by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

"As our physical life is sustained by food, so our spiritual life is sustained by the Word of God. And every soul is to receive life from God's Word for himself. As we must eat for ourselves in order to receive nourishment, so we must receive the Word for ourselves. We are not to obtain it merely through the medium of another's mind. We should carefully study the Bible, asking God for the aid of the Holy Spirit, that we may understand His Word. We should take one verse, and concentrate the mind on the task of ascertaining the thought which

God has put in that verse for us. We should dwell upon the thought until it becomes our own, and we know what saith the Lord."

" . . . The Word of God, received into the soul, moulds the thoughts, and enters into the development of character."

"By looking constantly to Jesus with the eye of faith, we shall be strengthened. God will make the most precious revelations to His hungering, thirsting people. They will find that Christ is a personal Saviour. As they feed upon His Word, they find that it is spirit and life. The Word destroys the natural, earthly nature, and imparts a new life in Christ Jesus. The Holy Spirit comes to the soul as a Comforter. By the transforming agency of His grace, the image of God is reproduced in the disciple; he becomes a new creature. Love takes the place of hatred, and the heart receives the divine similitude. This is what it means to live 'by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.' This is eating the Bread that comes down from heaven."

"Through the Scriptures the Holy Spirit speaks to the mind, and impresses truth upon the heart. Thus He exposes error, and expels it from the soul. It is by the Spirit of truth, working through the Word of God, that Christ subdues His chosen people to Himself." "Desire of Ages, pp. 390, 391, and 671.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

## At the Door

In answering the question of the disciples, "What shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world?" Jesus said, "Many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows."

"And there shall be signs in the sun and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth." Matt. 24:3,5-8, and Luke 21:25,26.

There certainly is no question but that we are very near the end, for He said, "When ye shall see all these things, know that it (margin, He) is near, even at the doors." Matt. 24:33. Truly we now see "these things" therefore we know that the end is very near.

Not only is He near even at the doors of the nations of the world, but He is near even at the door of the heart of every soul, especially the professed church members and particularly Seventh-day Adventists. He says, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me." Rev. 3:20. Now as a general thing when one stands at the door knocking, he is out side of the house. So the Saviour represents Himself as standing on the outside of your heart desiring to come in for He is knocking and says, "If any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him." How does He knock at the door? The Spirit of Prophecy says, "Every warning, reproof, and entreaty in the word of God or through His messengers is a knock at the door of the heart. It is the voice of Jesus asking for entrance. With every knock unheeded, the disposition to open becomes weaker. The impressions of the Holy Spirit, if disregarded today, will not be so strong tomorrow. The heart becomes less impressible, and lapses into a perilous unconsciousness of the shortness of life, and of the great eternity beyond. Our condemnation in the judgment will not result from the fact that we have been in error, but from the fact that we have neglected heaven-sent opportunities for learning what is truth." Desire of Ages, page 490.

From the statement of Solomon in Songs of Solomon, chapter five, it would seem that Jesus has been knocking and waiting for a long time for us to respond and let Him in. He says, "I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night." Verse 2.

Why has he been waiting so long? Why do we not open the door and let Him in? Again Sister White says, "I saw that many have so much rubbish piled up at the door of their heart that they cannot get the door open. Some have difficulties between themselves and their brethren to remove. Others have evil tempers, selfish covetousness, to remove before they can open the door. Others have rolled the world before the door of their heart, which bars the door. All this rubbish must be taken away, and then they can open the door and welcome the Saviour in." Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 1, page 143.

Now, reader, do you want the Saviour to come into your heart? Are you willing to remove all the rubbish? Notice that the rubbish which closes the door is; difficulties between brethren, evil tempers, covetousness, and love of the world. There is only one way to remove this rubbish.

bish, and it must be removed before Jesus can come in. Repentance and confession is the only way to remove the rubbish. "Those who . . . zealously go about the work of separating their sins from them in order to have the needed graces will be opening the door of their hearts that the dear Saviour may come in and dwell with them." Vol. 3, page 257.

We have only a little time left in which to prepare for eternity. We shall have to hurry now or it will be forever too late. Solomon says, "I rose up to open to my beloved; . . . but my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone: my soul failed when he spake: I sought him, but I could not find him." Songs of Solomon, 5:5,6.

May God help us to honestly confess and forsake every sin that the experience of this last verse shall not be ours.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

### News Notes

At this writing the quarantine has been lifted from nearly all of our churches. Let us now improve the time with our Harvest Ingathering papers. We know that Satan will do his best to hinder our work but One mightier than he rules. Jesus will help us. In Education by Mrs. E. G. White we read on page 284, "Those who reject the privilege of fellowship with Christ in service, reject the only training that imparts a fitness for participation with Him in His glory."

We have just received the sad news of the death of Letha Lawman, one of the members of the Kanawha Young People's Society. This case is unusually sad, for the mother's death is expected at any moment from the same cause, influenza which developed into pneumonia in both cases.

Brother Pulver from Washington spent several days in Parkersburg last week auditing the conference books.

Elder H. B. Westcott has secured the Opera House in Fairmont and opened a series of meetings Sunday night, November 10. Elder Westbrook and Brother McHenry were present and report a good attendance.

Brother Emil Byrd from Camp Lee, Virginia, is spending a 20 day furlough at his home in Kanawha.

The Review and Herald in every Sabbath Keeper's home in West Virginia. Can we do it? Of course, why not?

The Morning Watch Calendar for 1919

has arrived with a beautiful new cover. Order yours at once; it is only five cents. On one of its pages we find this precious thought,

"It is so sweet to know  
When we are tired, and when the hand of  
pain  
Lies on our hearts, and when we look  
in vain  
For human comfort, that the heart divine  
Still understands these cares of yours  
and mine."

### OHIO

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### Manchester Effort

During the month of June Elder Marietta and the writer came to Manchester and we pitched our tent on the bank of the Ohio River. As a result of proclaiming the message in this place, nine adults signed the covenant to keep the commandments of God as found in Exodus 20. During our camp-meeting and before our arrival here, some had given up because of opposition and ridicule, however, God has promised to gather into His fold every soul that will surrender to Him, and we believe God. The same God has promised to give His faithful, earnest workers a harvest of souls for their hire. We find the people as a whole, friendly and congenial.

We also find nearly all of the men and boys and some of the women smoking or chewing tobacco. This makes our work more difficult here in this part of the state. There is but little fertile farming land in this part of Ohio, the most of such ground is planted in tobacco. Year after year the farmer thinks he would starve if he did not have, at least as they call it, a patch of tobacco. I am of the firm belief that it would be pleasing to the Lord if some of our people would move into some of these unpleasant corners of Ohio and help spread the glad news of a soon coming Saviour.

Our courage is good and our hopes were never brighter. We ask the prayers of all of our dear people that the Lord may give us sustaining grace, also that the blessing of our heavenly Father may be ours to enjoy.

F. M. FAIRCHILD.

### Ohio's Second Big Week

Thanksgiving Week, November 24—30

We have planned another Big Week for the state of Ohio, and it is hoped that everybody will do his very best to reach his individual goal by the end of this Big Week. Thanksgiving is just the time to approach the people, especially now that

peace has come. You will find them in a frame of mind to give offerings to God for His goodness to them during the year. If you cannot get out for a little time every day during the Big Week, be sure to do something on Thanksgiving Day. You will enjoy your Thanksgiving dinner much better after spending a few hours in the campaign. Your appetite will be good. We have set our goal high, but it looks like we are going to reach it. Encouraging reports are still coming in. This past week end Brother Hackman and myself enjoyed meeting with the Dayton and Springfield companies. On Sunday morning we went out with a few of the Dayton members, and gathered in \$35. This church will reach its goal of \$500. Under the leadership of Elder and Mrs. Lewsadder, all members are working splendidly and are of good courage. Springfield has almost gone "over the top" only about \$25 being needed with which to complete the task. We enjoyed going from home to home with the brethren and sisters of Springfield, and found the people very liberal. Elder and Sister Miller were out with us, their enthusiasm and interest being greatly appreciated. Sister Hightower, the missionary secretary, has gathered in up-to-date \$134, and her goal is \$150. Several names of interested people were secured both in Dayton and Springfield, and Elders Lewsadder and Miller will follow up the interest.

I want to say, dear reader, if you are not engaging in this beautiful work, you are missing a great treat. Now is the time for God's people to work, for soon it will be forever too late.

Remember Thanksgiving week. Show your appreciation to your heavenly Father by taking part in the soul winning campaign all you can during the week. May God richly bless and strengthen you in my prayer.

T. H. BARRITT.

### News Notes

Let everybody be determined to reach their individual goal no matter what it be by the end of "Big Week."

All who have autos, we would appreciate your using them in the Harvest Ingathering campaign on Thanksgiving Day. The Lord will repay you.

Don't forget to send a paper to your friends and relatives living away, accompanied with a nice short letter inviting them to send you a Thanksgiving gift for the work in the foreign fields.

You are invited to be present at the

fourth Sabbath service November 23. All the elders and leaders are requested to take up the special program outlined in the Church Officers' Gazette.

Springfield are almost out on their goal, just a few dollars more and they will be "over the top."

A very encouraging letter has been received from the Cincinnati Church (Colored) stating that all the papers have been disposed of and requested 500 more to be sent.

Everybody keep at it until your church thermometer has "Busted".

If you are not taking the good old "Review" order it at once through your church missionary secretary. You cannot afford to be without it during these perilous times.

You ought to see the December's "Life and Health," it is fine and up-to-date. We are looking forward to orders coming in from all over the conference for this splendid number. Why not try your hand at selling some?

We recommend you to read the 34th Psalm, followed by a good season of prayer on Wednesday Night, November 27, asking God to bless your efforts the next day (Thanksgiving Day).

Brethren Barritt and Hackman will put forth a special effort during Thanksgiving week with the Mount Vernon Church members for the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

### Wedding Bells

On November 15, 1918, Mr. Edwin Coyle of Wheelersburg, Ohio, and Miss Chelsea White of Portsmouth, Ohio, were united in marriage by the writer. May their united life prove to all who know them that it was the hand of God that led them to take such a sacred step. May their life be one of happiness and peace.

F. M. FAIRCHILD.

### Notice

Present Truth No. 35, "Armageddon," is a revision of No. 27, and reissued November 1. It deals with this important subject and the coming of the Lord in a most impressive way, yet in keeping with the sensitiveness of the times. It proclaims the burning message of the soon coming King in a way that is most irresistible.

### Canvassers' Reports

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	DAYS	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEB.
<b>Virginia, Week Ending November 8, 1918</b>									
F. E. Hankins, Louisa Co.		OD	50	70		160 00		160 00	
W. C. Moffett, Louisa Co.		OD	40	50		115 00		115 00	
L. O. Gordon, Pittsylvania Co.		OD	16	12		31 00		31 00	
J. E. Thompson, Wise Co.		OD	13	21		55 50		55 50	13 00
Glenna Mears, Nanemond Co.		WC	28				7 75	7 75	65 75
R. E. Pleasants, Amhurst Co.		OD	23						184 70
Misc.						380 00		380 00	380 00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6 Agents</b>		<b>170</b>	<b>153</b>		<b>741 50</b>	<b>7 75</b>	<b>749 00</b>	<b>643 45</b>
<b>West Virginia, Week Ending November 8, 1918</b>									
John Fahrner, Greenbrier		BR	5	27	24	107 00	16 45	123 45	16 10
N. D. Fisher, Boone		BR	2	15					247 30
W. T. Dishman, Fayette Co.		OD	3	24	30	64 00	33 00	97 00	
Rosco Bee, Marion Co.		OD	10	54	80	193 00	30 40	223 40	10 25
C. E. Will, Wheeling		PPF	10	100		5 00	86 10	91 10	63 75
Misc.						315 95		315 95	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5 Agents</b>		<b>30</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>684 95</b>	<b>165 95</b>	<b>850 90</b>	<b>337 40</b>
<b>Chesapeake, Week Ending November 8, 1918</b>									
J. E. Jones, Delmar, Md.		BR	5	34	11	47 00	20 80	67 80	204 90
W. J. Valentine, Lewistown, Del.		BR	5	40	18	74 00		74 00	
J. W. Taylor, Somerset Co., Md.		BR	4	22	14	62 00	5 50	67 50	11 50
Hazel Leach, Calvert Co., Md.		BR				60		268 00	
Julia Z. Cooper, Baltimore, Md.		OD	6	25	27	55 00	2 50	57 50	25 75
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5 Agents</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>506 00</b>	<b>28 80</b>	<b>534 80</b>	<b>242 15</b>
<b>Ohio, Week Ending November 8, 1918</b>									
Fred Hannah, Wayne Co.		OD	5	50	7	14 00	1 70	15 71	
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Van Wert Co.		OD	5	44	32	70 00	15 35	85 35	9 35
Geo. Harvey, Stark Co.		BR	5	38	11	53 00	23 45	76 45	
Mr. & Mrs. R. R. Shank, Richland		OD	4	30	18	37 00	1 50	38 50	151 00
Mrs. Pinnicks, Zanesville		OD	4	29	19	41 00	7 70	48 70	2 00
E. C. Alexander, Cincinnati		BR	5	27	7	32 00	21 05	53 05	13 60
M. B. Ingersoll, Coshocton		BR	4	26	8	38 00	5 60	43 60	25 75
F. E. Wagner, Barberton		OD	4	24	10	20 00	24 50	44 50	5 25
Mrs. C. F. Schilling, Ross Co.			2	14					65 00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9 Agents</b>		<b>33</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>305 00</b>	<b>100 85</b>	<b>405 86</b>	<b>271 95</b>
<b>West Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 8, 1918</b>									
R. C. Lewis, Pittsburgh		OD	5	32	29	95 00	5 75	100 75	
A. Brownlee, Allegheny Co.		SD	5	44	46	79 00	13 70	92 70	47 79
Margaret Bateman, Cambria Co.		HM	3	17	22	53 00	6 50	59 50	68 00
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.		BR	3	36	3	15 00	50	15 50	314 50
Millie Smith, Pittsburgh		OD	3			14 00	4 45	18 45	10 00
Anna LeRoy, Greene Co.		BR	4	33	1	4 00		4 00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6 Agents</b>		<b>23</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>260 00</b>	<b>30 90</b>	<b>290 90</b>	<b>440 29</b>
<b>East Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 8, 1918</b>									
Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	5	44	23	104 00	5 00	109 00	21 00
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		BR	4	28	6	31 00	5 50	36 50	104 50
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co.		BR	4	29	11	49 00		49 00	
M. D. Hollenbaugh		WC				10 05		10 05	10 05
Misc.						42 00		42 00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4 Agents</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>236 05</b>	<b>10 50</b>	<b>246 55</b>	<b>135 55</b>
<b>New Jersey, Week Ending November 8, 1918</b>									
Fred Zimmerly		OD	2	15	5	27 00	25	27 25	4 50
Wm. Schmidt						50 25		50 25	30 75
Esther Lull		SB		30		8 00		8 00	8 00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3 Agents</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>85 25</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>85 50</b>	<b>43 25</b>
<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>38 Agents</b>					<b>Value Orders 2818 75</b>		<b>Deliveries 2114 04</b>	

## VIRGINIA

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### News Notes

Elders W. C. Moffett, L. O. Gordon, and Brother F. E. Hankins have been canvassing around Danville and Mineral, Va., with "Our Day." The proceeds of their delivery go to Foreign Missions. Could not some of our brethren and sisters spend several days a week with some good book donating the proceeds to missions?

Elder R. F. Farley and wife returned from a two weeks' visit with Mrs. Farley's parents in Massachusetts.

Miss Eloise Williams is visiting a number of our churches in the interest of their church schools.

Brother F. C. Butler, who has been canvassing around Newport News has joined Brother J. E. Thompson at Big Stone Gap.

Elder L. O. Gordon having turned the interest at Lacy Springs over to Elder R. D. Hottel, has returned to Richmond, where he will take up his work as pastor of the Richmond Church.

Brother F. E. Hankins is attending the Canvassers' Institute at the Washington Missionary College.

### SPECIAL

#### "Adopting" Armenian Orphans Important Notice

Our Armenian and Syrian Relief campaign which is now at its height, includes a plan whereby societies or individuals may assume the responsibility of supporting one or more orphans now starving in Bible lands. Fearing that the details of the "adoption" plan may not have been made sufficiently clear, we wish to explain it briefly that it may be understood by all.

Five dollars a month or sixty dollars a year will support an orphan. Any society which agrees to "adopt" one of these children for one year,—that is, promises to furnish means for its support,—should secure an Adoption Agreement from the local conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary. This Agreement should be filled in with the exception of the line for the secretary's signature, which line should be left blank for the name of our General Conference Missionary Volun-

teer Secretary. When the society sends in its first monthly payment of five dollars to the conference treasurer, then the Adoption Agreement should be sent to the General Conference Missionary Volunteer Department, Takoma Park, D. C., where it will be signed by the general secretary, and returned to the local society, together with a beautiful picture of little Shushan, an Armenian orphan.

Now let us sum up these points:

1. Adoption Agreements will be furnished by the Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

2. Upon the payment to the conference treasurer of the first five dollars, the Adoption Agreement should be sent to the Missionary Volunteer Secretary who will obtain the general secretary's signature.

3. When signed, the Agreement will be returned to the society, together with a beautiful picture of little Shushan, an Armenian orphan.

4. Each month five dollars should be sent to the conference treasurer until sixty dollars has been paid in. If preferred, the whole amount may be paid at one time.

5. Remember, do not send money direct to the Relief Committee in New York City, but to your conference treasurer, that it may pass through the regular channels. This is important.

6. All money sent in for this Relief Work should be marked "Armenian and Syrian Relief."

Let every society do its level best to help meet the need among the starving in Western Asia. "By 'need' we mean merely what is required to save from death those who are in a condition of abject want. Multitudes are perishing daily, all of whom might be saved were resources adequate." Jesus said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Can we fail to do our part?

ELLA IDEN.

#### The December Signs Magazine.

From cover to cover an altogether appealing and attractively prepared number of the magazine.

##### THE ARTICLES

"Germany's Church Federation," by George McCready Price. An analysis of present-day German theology and the kaiser's relation to it. The sort of religion a true democracy calls for, and America's obligation to the world.

"The Vatican's 'After the War'." A trenchant article by M. C. Wilcox. Here is a meaningful quotation from the article on the claims of the Vatican: "The capital reason of all the wrongs in human society of today is heretical doctrine that

recognizes as source of authority the will of the people." —Benedict XV.

"As was the Custom of Jesus and Paul," by Hampton W. Cottrell. A strong article on the Sabbath question, showing how Christ and Paul endorsed the institution of the Sabbath by life long observation of it.

"Building on the Sand Dunes," by Arthur W. Spaulding. The doctrines of socialism based on evolution.

"The Bible Version on the Millennium," by Robert S. Fries. The clear, consistent teaching of the Bible on the millennium.

"Is the Undertaker's Work Growing?" An article by Dr. D. H. Kress, teaching that the conquest of disease depends upon the conquest of sin.

"Christmas—What it is and What it Teaches," by M. Ellsworth Olsen.

"Health Conservation," by Dr. George Thomason.

And other good things. The December Signs Magazine is now ready for delivery.

### A Call to All

The General Conference Committee has asked the entire church to join with the young people in contributing to the Armenian and Syrian Relief fund. The leaders of our work feel that we should respond to the urgent calls for help in this time of the world's distress, while at the same time not decreasing our gifts to the gospel work, the finishing of which is to bring an end to all sorrow and suffering.

We believe that our young people have been doing well. I have just learned of a society with only twenty members that has set its goal to adopt five orphans, \$300. And, now with the extension of the effort until Christmas, and the joining in of all the members of the church, we shall surely be able to save many lives that would otherwise be lost.

See other articles in this paper and in the "Review." Send to your Conference Missionary Volunteer secretary for the Armenian banks, saving stamp books, and adoption agreements.

M. E. KERN.

### MT. VERNON ACADEMY

Recently, we as a school felt specially favored during the time of the epidemic, because the conference laborers were all home. We were glad to have with us during our chapel exercises at different times Brother M. W. Shidler, Field Missionary Secretary, Brother T. H. Barritt, Home Missionary Secretary, and Elder F. H. Robbins, President of the Ohio Conference.

Brother Earl Hackman, Assistant Hom

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The check mark here indicates that your subscription has expired. Kindly renew at once.

Missionary Secretary, and Miss Ruth Wagner favored us with special music a few times.

Last Saturday evening a recital was given in the chapel by Professor H. A. Miller and Miss Crump.

We are glad that the war ceased and that two of our young men, who will be seniors this year, and expected to be called November 16, are permitted to remain with us to finish their course.

The school enjoyed a vacation last Monday to celebrate the close of the war.

Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Archibald of Columbus, Ohio, motored to Mount Vernon last week to visit their son, Ernest.

Mrs. W. H. Teesdale was called to assist at the M. & S. Sanitarium for several days because of the unusually large number of patients.

Word comes from Berrien Springs of the serious illness of Miss Marion Kelner, a former student here.

Mr. Clifford Hubbell left recently for Boston to join the marines.

Miss Edna Shingleton left school last week because of illness.

Miss Hilda Rockey, church school teacher at Ravenna, Ohio, visited friends at the academy last week.

Mrs. H. P. Frondorf and little daughter Geneva, of Rarden, Ohio, spent the past month in Academia visiting relatives and friends. They returned to their home last Monday.

We are hoping to add to our printing office equipment a folding machine in the near future.

Miss Leah Bogle was called home because of her mother's illness. We hope she will return soon.

Mr. A. E. King spent the week end at Van Wert, Ohio.

Mrs. Porter of Akron, Ohio, spent the week end at the academy.

The Ministerial Band arranged the program for Young People's meeting last Sabbath. They presented a preaching service, Mr. A. I. Baker acting as elder gave a very good discourse on Daniel 2.

Mr. Alonza Ward, a former student, here has undergone a minor operation at the M. & S. Sanitarium.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Peet of Grafton, Ohio, motored to Mount Vernon, last week to visit their daughters Ethel and Edith at the academy.

Miss Gladys Zedaker was home last week on account of the death of her cousin. We are glad to report that she has returned.

We are sorry to have the Misses Georgia and Pauline Walp go home. We hope they will be able to return.

Mr. Lutin Haughey, a former student, was united in marriage November 9 with Miss Ruth Houck, of Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. Charles Christman visited at his home a few days last week.

"When in the way of duty we are brought into trial, as was Daniel in the king's court, we may be sure that God will protect us."

"The more the Christian imitates the divine Pattern, the more surely will he make himself a mark for the attacks of Satan."

"The fact that Christ has conquered should inspire His followers with courage to fight manfully the battle against sin and Satan."

"Live very near to God that you may be prepared for what may come upon you."

"Money, time, and strength are sacrificed for display and self-indulgence; but few are the moments devoted to prayer, to searching the Scriptures, to humiliation of soul and confession of sin."

### Advertisements

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