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

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UNION

411 Cedar St. Washington, D. C.
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A Great Student Campaign

The students of Washington Missionary College have begun. In harmony with the plans of the Columbia Union Conference Committee, they should have begun their campaign to raise their contribution for the construction of the new College Building some time ago. Delays arose. Now they have organized into twenty-two bands, eleven students each, and each one is out to raise at least \$25. Will you help them? The building is sorely in need of funds with which to finish.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Finishing Washington College Building

The readers of the Visitor will want to know how the new building is getting on which we are erecting to meet the increasing demands of our student body in the Washington Missionary College. We have not yet secured all the funds originally voted. The last meeting of the Columbia Union Conference Committee voted the Students' Association of Washington Missionary College the privilege of soliciting within the territory of the Columbia Union Conference for their contribution to the Building Fund.

This week the Student's Association have organized for a big campaign. The students are divided into twenty-two bands, eleven students each, and it is expected that each one will raise \$25. Owing to the delay in starting the building, the Students' Association has been delayed in its work. However, it is now full of enthusiasm. It was indeed an enthusiastic meeting which was held in Washington College Chapel yesterday morning. Two students walked in, each with \$25 that they had solicited outside the church membership of the Columbia Union Conference.

Now brethren, we beseech for these earnest workers your hearty cooperation. We are greatly in need of funds with which to finish the building. Already

some classes had begun to meet in the new school building. The College Board, however, thought it would not be wise even to have an assemblance of having finished when we were not yet quite finished. The part the students were to play should have begun over two years ago. I have explained, however, the delay. We would, therefore, ask that our conference workers, preachers, Bible workers, church elders, and all our brethren who are interested in this institution, this great training center for home and foreign fields, to give the students their hearty cooperation in the campaign.

We are expecting shortly to have a meeting of the presidents of the conferences of the Columbia Union, at which time we will prepare a fuller statement of the situation, that all our brethren may give us the cooperation necessary for the finishing of this construction.

B. G. WILKINSON.

A Great Meeting

The Sligo Church, comprising the College and Sanitarium families in Takoma Park, felt deeply the necessity of locking the door to the new College building and stopping all work until the cash necessary to finish should come in. It was hard on the students; they must continue to be jammed around in every nook and corner when the hour came to do good class room work. It was like trying to study in a crowded street-car. It was hard on the church; the longitude of their present meeting place could not even embrace the latitude of the congregation, and so services proceeded under stifling conditions.

Therefore the church desired to head the procession in making a sacrifice and another offering to the new building. And they decided to omit the students and sanitarium from the offering so they could give separately, the students through the Students' Association and the sanitarium as a family. That left only the teachers and a few residents about Sligo Creek, numbering about 150. How much did they propose to raise—\$1500. Many said it could not be done.

But Sabbath, November 16, after preaching a short sermon, the writer

opened the door for an offering. The door had on a new pair of self-sacrificing hinges, for it swung open easily. Professor Machlan, President of the school, led the way with an offering of \$125, and was followed by Professor Butler, head of the Bible Department also \$125; or more properly speaking the van of the givers headed in a brother living in the neighborhood who gave \$200. In a few moments, while the spirit of deep solemnity rested on the audience \$1515 were subscribed.

Then the Students' Association was dedicated to its task. They have formed into 22 bands of 11 each or 242, each going to raise \$25 or a total of about \$6000. With bowed heads, Elder F. M. Wilcox led the way in prayer. Already the students are coming in one after another with their \$25.

Next the leading brethren of the Sanitarium came forward and proposed to contribute \$500 as a sanitarium family. Thus the way is opened to get right here by the efforts on the Sligo hill about \$8000. How much remains? \$5000, for \$13000 is needed to complete the building. God is with His people, and they respond to a genuine call. On the remaining \$5000 two business firms promised Professor Machlan \$100 a piece and other firms to report later. Will you help?

Testimonies flow in from those who have seen the new building concerning its adaptability to the work. "Just what we needed," "going to have a great influence on the work in the Columbia Union and on the Educational work of the denomination," "will greatly mould the students' lives;" are some of the expressions coming in. Pray for us that we may rise to the situation.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Redeeming the Time

These words are especially applicable to our work at this time in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. The epidemic of the past month, which has exacted a terrible toll of human life, has hampered quite severely, our year-end campaign in the interest of missions, and now that the restrictions have been lifted it is

Every One to the Work, Each to do His Best

vitality essential to the success of the work that we put forth every possible effort to redeem the time.

A SOUL-WINNING EFFORT.

It is becoming more apparent every day that our present work is not a financial campaign alone. In fact, many have experienced a dearth of enthusiasm for the work when they have devoted time to it for purely monetary results.

On the other hand, many have found real inspiration visiting the homes of the people in this present campaign, making their first work the salvation of lost souls.

The servant of God has spoken very plainly regarding this phase of our Home Missionary work and its relation to the work in foreign lands. The success of foreign missions depends largely upon the success of our Home Missionary work, and visa versa. Writing concerning this matter, she said,--- "The Home Missionary work will be farther advanced in every way when a more liberal, self-denying, self-sacrificing spirit is manifested for the prosperity of foreign missions; for the prosperity of the home work depends largely, under God, upon the reflex influence of the evangelical work done in countries afar off. It is in working actively to supply the necessities of the cause of God that we bring our souls in touch with the source of all power. Vol. 6:27."

A PRESENT LESSON

We especially emphasize the words "working actively." As we look about us in the world today we find that aspirit of intense earnestness characterizes its many activities. Early in the present war the allied nations recognized that much was lost because of unpreparedness.

We recall how rapidly every resource within the territory of the allied powers was mustered into service to construct a vast military machine which would enable them to meet a common foe successfully.

What a wonderful lesson for the people of God at this time! We recognize that much has been lost in our year-end campaign during the past month on account of the terrible pestilence that covered the land. The year will soon be closed, and much of our task remains unfinished. The comparative Harvest Ingathering report of the various conferences which will appear in the next issue of the Visitor will show that more than half of our Union goal of \$40,000 for missions will have to be raised during November and December.

Brother, sister, much is at stake in the present campaign. Not only the work in the regions beyond is involved, but our Home Missionary work, with its rapidly developing interests, is at stake. Shall we allow this campaign to pass by

with the closing year, and God's people neglect to find in it the source of a new awakening? The answer to this question depends upon the relation you will sustain to the present task. I would urge that you give serious consideration to the following suggestions, and make them a reality in your experience.

1. Plead with God for a burden for souls, and a deeper interest in His closing work.

2. Determine to do your part in the Harvest Ingathering campaign by,—

- a. Disposing of at least twenty-five Harvest Ingathering Watchman before the close of the year.

- b. Raising at least \$5 for missions, and as much more as possible.

- c. Finding at least one interested soul for whom you will work and pray.

3. Set aside at least two hours each week for this work till the close of the year. (Sunday is a good day for Harvest Ingathering work.)

We shall watch with interest the reports from the churches throughout the conferences in the Columbia Union, and feel confident that success will crown the work at the end of the year.

H. K. CHRISTMAN, *Home Miss. Sec.*

NEW JERSEY

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

Over the Top

In harmony with the desire of the Union to set our goal for New Jersey book sales during 1918 at \$15,000 we consented, but had not one colporteur in the field; prospects were not at all favorable, but God blessed, and was true to His promise, "I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee; be strong and of a good courage." He has wonderfully blessed during these first ten months. Our sales have reached upward of \$16,000 of this blessed truth-filled literature in New Jersey. I believe God is waiting for us to yoke up with Him in service, that He might do great things with us.

It seems that especially at this time the sealing work should be strongly carried on by the colporteur.

Brother Schmidt, who is located in one of our large cities, only has the opportunity of canvassing two days a week, but for the past ten months, his cash sales, saying nothing of the orders, have averaged \$10.75 per day.

Feeling the blessing of God in this line of work, and considering the prosperity in New Jersey, we believe we should have at least five more colporteurs, which total ten. Realizing the benefit of an institute to the new beginner, also to the regulars, we plan to hold a one week institute at Trenton, 200 Columbus Avenue, December 1 to 6.

Dear reader, if you are convinced that God is calling you to this work, write me at once that I may plan for you to attend the institute and enter the work. Everyone entering the work needs the training. All the regular men plan to be present.

General discussions will be conducted each day on the following subjects:

The Colporteur a Soul Winner; Christian Salesmanship; Colporteur's Outfit; Approaching Homes; Adapting Canvass to Customer; Systematic work; Headquarters for Colporteurs; Boarding, etc.; Making profit on Expenses; Economy of Time; Reporting System; Delivering of Books; Our Business Partner; Sticking to the Work; General Department; City Canvassing; How to Use Small Books.

H. F. KIRK.

514 Bert Ave., Trenton, N. J.

CHESAPEAKE

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

News Notes

Brother W. J. Valentine called at the office on his way to his home in western Maryland. Brother Valentine has been canvassing in Somerset County, and was doing very well until the influenza affected the people to such an extent that the work went quite hard.

Elder F. W. Paap spent last Sabbath with the Baltimore No. 1 Church and his discourse was very much appreciated. The Harvest Ingathering report for the week, fifty-nine persons reporting, was \$387.46. Elder Paap commended the church very highly for their faithful work. The church reports \$975.43 collected to date on this fund. One of our faithful home missionary workers, Mrs. Bertha Barber, spent two days and put out 200 papers and reported \$100 for the two days' work. She is working with another 200 this week, and we hope she will have as good success.

Elder G. B. Thompson spent Sabbath with the Baltimore No. 3 Church. His excellent sermon was very greatly enjoyed by the members.

The Baltimore No. 3 school is getting along very nicely. They now have an enrollment of forty pupils.

Elder A. S. Booth spent Sabbath with the Smithsburg and Ponds ville Churches.

Brother G. Medairy has begun a series of meetings at Oakwood, Cecil County. He held his first meeting Sunday night, October 17.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Newcomer and son Edwin of Hagerstown, Md., spent Sunday with Mr. Newcomer's sister at the conference office.

We are well prepared now to fill orders for "World in Perplexity" and "World's Crisis," as we have quite a stock of them on hand. Now is the time to get our truth-filled literature in the hands of the people. Let our good home missionary work that has been going along nicely in the past months not slacken, but let every one show his gratitude for peace by faithful endeavor to call the attention of the people to the only enduring peace.

WEST-PENNSYLVANIA

Indiana, Pa.

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

News Notes

Money continues to come in from the Harvest Ingathering. Elder G. L. West of Bradford reports that he has taken in over sixty dollars. His courage is better than it was when he began and in a few days he will have several dollars more to add.

Yesterday the rain fell nearly all day, but in spite of it Elder West disposed of 40 Harvest Ingathering and received \$12.45. No one need fear but what his church will reach his goal.

Our church at Mt. Braddock has had some wonderful experiences with the Harvest Ingathering. Elder Robbins never fails to keep working until the mercury reaches the top of the thermometer.

Elder B. F. Kneeland spent the dismal rainy day of November 18 out with the Harvest Ingathering. Although the Dubois Church was the first to pass its goal, they are not satisfied to rest upon their laurels. They feel that it would be a real misfortune to fall behind in our offerings. They now have nearly 100 dollars more than the 5 dollar per member goal.

Some of the other ministers have not reported of late. Look for their reports in the next paper.

Brother Manry, our field missionary secretary, has been kept from putting in full time on account of sickness in his family, but reports for the Harvest Ingathering \$68.45 collected to date. This money has all been gathered from residential territory, and it should be an inspiration to all members, for "the harvest is great, and the laborers are few."

We received a letter from a man in Pittsburg a few days ago, requesting that he be sent a copy of the World in Perplexity. We referred the letter to one of our colporteurs, Brother R. C. Lewis, and when he called upon the man he found him and his family very much interested in the truth. Brother Lewis took an order for a half-leather "Our Day" and several small books; and after giving them a Bible reading, they promised to come out to church. Surely the Lord is working through the book department.

Brethren Richardson and Butler are in Washington, D. C., this week, attending the Bookmen's Convention.

WEST VIRGINIA

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

News Notes

Elder Westbrook delivered two lectures at the Robinson Grand Theatre in Clarksburg, Sunday, November 17.

Brother John McHenry left Parkersburg Sunday P. M. for Washington, D. C., to attend the Union Field Secretaries' Convention.

Just a word to those who entered the Sabbath School Teacher's Training Course last spring. Write a paper on the subject of the year's study. On the second page of the December Worker there are ten questions which will help you. Send your paper to Mrs. Westbrook, and receive from the General Conference Sabbath School department a certificate for having finished the course. Let each one finish the course as soon as possible.

John Fahrner who was just nicely getting started in the canvassing work in Greenbrier County, is now at his home in Helvetia suffering from influenza.

All money given for the Armenian and Syrian Relief should be sent to the office; from there it will go to those who have charge of that work.

Roscoe Bee is doing excellent work canvassing in the vicinity of Fairmont, his book sales are averaging about one hundred dollars a week.

The Youth's Instructor should be in every home where there are children or young people. Let us do all within our power to keep these loved ones in touch with this message, by surrounding them with our literature. The Instructor

subscription rate is \$1.75 a year. In clubs of five or more copies to one address it is \$1.25. Order today.

Brother B. P. Wright, who has been out of the canvassing field for a few weeks, will again take up his work this week in Fayette County.

VIRGINIA

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

News Notes

Our ministers and workers have been assigned to the following churches for the week of prayer:

R. D. Hottel	New Market
" "	Harrisonburg
" "	Winchester
W. H. Armstrong	Stanley
" "	Rileyville
W. E. Bidwell	Roanoke
" "	Lynchburg
F. E. Hankins	Guinea Mills
" "	Bethel
L. O. Gordon	Richmond No. 1
Eloise Williams	Oak Ridge
W. H. Jones	Yale
E. H. Dye	Independence
R. F. Farley	Newport News No. 1
" "	Portsmouth No. 1
" "	Norfolk No. 1
R. H. Watkins	Norfolk No. 2
" "	Portsmouth No. 2
" "	Newport News No. 2
A. J. Evelyn	Danville
" "	Spencer
W. H. Sebastian	Lynchburg No. 2
" "	News Ferry
J. B. Mallory	Richmond No. 2
" "	Thelma

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

News Notes

Allentown is going "over the top." Already they have more than their goal set by the conference, and by the time this note is read they will have reached and gone beyond their church goal. Besides the work in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, Allentown has, for the past quarter, sold over 1500 of the Worlds Crisis Series books. They are also doing quite a little along other lines of missionary work. Let us follow their example.

Sister Butts of the Harrisburg Church has collected up to date \$415. She set her goal for \$500 and it was feared that on account of the epidemic this sister would not realize her high aim. But when the home missionary secretary asked her what she did during the time when

the ban was on, she replied, "I simply kept on." This is the spirit we should like to see manifested everywhere among our members.

Brother H. G. Gauker with Brother H. K. Christman are traveling through the conference in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work, and find that a spirit of willingness is taking hold of our people throughout the field. Each evening a meeting is held in a church and the next day is devoted with the members in field work. Splendid success is following their efforts.

The North Philadelphia Church, on Sabbath morning, November 17, had the privilege of listening to Elder H. Christman, the home missionary secretary of the Columbia Union. The little building that was recently purchased from the United Presbyterian Church and which is located at 17th and Butler Streets, was filled comfortably. All enjoyed the timely sermon given.

There was a very good attendance at the Scranton Church last Sabbath morning, also the Wilkesbarre Church in the afternoon at which time Elder Leland addressed these companies. Elder Parsons was also present to take part in the meetings. On Sunday night he addressed the Stroudsburg brethren.

Brother Reichenbaugh attended a convention of the field secretaries of the Columbia Union held at Takoma Park last week. He stopped at the office on his way to these meetings.

We regret very much the loss of another colporteur. They seem to be dropping off. Brother Albright has just left our ranks to take up work in the Washington Sanitarium and we trust the Lord will bless him in his efforts there as he did in the book work in this conference. Brother Lee of Mifflintown is preparing on his canvass for "Bible Readings" and no doubt will enter the field soon, and will fill the vacancy made by Brother Albright. Dear reader, if you have a burden for the colporteur work and would like to enter it, or if you know of other recruits kindly write C. E. Reichenbaugh, Shillington, Pa.

Dear reader, if you have not paid your college pledge we can assist you. Write us for information, 4738 York Road, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Sabbath School Lessons for the first quarter of 1919 is a study of the Book

of Acts. We can furnish this part of the Scriptures in the pocket edition for five cents. Send your order to the tract society.

The Reading Church was happily surprised Sunday evening, November 9, to meet Elder Daniells and party consisting of Mrs. Daniells, Professor and Mrs. Hamer, accompanied by Elder and Mrs. Parsons. Elder Daniells gave a very interesting address, dwelling quite at length upon our work in the foreign fields and the great need of consecrated workers to enter the fields now open to the gospel. In his remarks he emphasized the importance and solemnity of the times in which we live, speaking of the "little time of peace" between the great struggle of the nations in the present crisis and the battle of Armageddon soon to follow. We trust Elder Daniells will pay us another visit soon.

The intermediate and church schools opened at Shillington a suburb of Reading Monday, November 10, and as far as we can learn with a full attendance.

The work has again started in Honesdale, and the church school is now open even though the "flu" is still in existence.

Sister Acton visited the companies at Ariel and Honesdale last week.

We call special attention to the correction of the article appearing in the Visitor of November 7. All communications concerning the Reading Intermediate School should be addressed to Professor E. F. Dresser, Shillington, Pa.

In the issue of the Visitor under date of November 7, page five, in article entitled "Reading Intermediate School," we desire to make the following correction. There were two articles submitted, one by Elder Sufficool closing with paragraph two, column two, "Address Professor E. F. Dresser." The article commencing with paragraph three was written by Professor Dresser.

Our people should make greater efforts to extend the circulation of the Review. If our brethren and sisters would only manifest greater earnestness and put forth more persevering efforts to accomplish this, it would be done. Every family should have this paper." Vol. 4, p. 599.

"If there is any question in your minds in regard to what is right, look to the Lord Jesus, and He will guide you."

Harvest Ingathering Report— Week Ending November 16, 1918

Churches	Papers Ordered	Amount Reported
Allentown	1500	\$311.37
Ariel	200	14.35
Blossburg	100	300.00
Bloomsburg		
Carbondale	25	10.00
Carlisle	250	
Covington	750	
Danville	505	89.44
Emaus	100	11.30
Elkland	300	79.50
Fairhill	150	15.50
Fleetwood	1000	122.65
Harrisburg	2000	381.82
Honesdale	350	66.26
Lancaster	500	39.55
Lebanon	200	12.40
Mifflintown	125	9.75
Northumberland	200	12.40
Orwell	300	40.66
Philadelphia Colored	1000	67.56
" German	800	240.00
" North	1000	298.89
" West	4500	477.58
Phoenixville	200	6.05
Reading	1800	86.44
Roaring Branch	100	9.20
Sayre	375	56.65
Scranton	1000	48.20
Sellersville	500	80.07
Shunk		
South Canaan		
Tunkhannock	11	4.25
Wade	294	34.90
Westfield	500	5.00
Wilkesbarre	1600	191.99
Williamsport	125	22.55
Wellsboro	100	60.00
York	20	3.00
Individuals	2524	773.08
Totals	25155	\$3337.93
Conference Goal		\$500.00
Amount Short		\$5162.07

OHIO

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

Opportunity for Christian Help Work

It seems to me that this is the opportune time to prepare ourselves for what is just ahead of us. The recent epidemic of influenza offered the best opportunity within my memory for medical missionary work,—for somebody to do something to help those in distress. The most lowly, the most ignorant even; anybody, who was not afraid of the terror flying about by day; nor the destruction that wasted at noonday; nor for the pestilence walking in darkness, could find openings aplenty in his own neighborhood to help the sick and to succor those in the shadow of death.

What better could a Christian do than to step in in such a time and lend a helping hand? Trained or untrained in the care of the sick those who helped were welcome by both physician and patient and family as well. Those who seized this opportunity in the recent epidemic, the people rise up and call them blessed.

As these visitations are to become more frequent and violent and widespread, it behooves us to be of more use in such emergencies. "Even now he (Satan) is at work. . . He imparts to the atmosphere a deadly taint, and thousands perish by the pestilence. These visitations are to become more and more frequent and disastrous." *Gt. Con.*, p. 590. "Let our people show that they have a living interest in medical missionary work. Let them prepare themselves for usefulness by studying books that have been written for our instruction in these lines. . . Those who study and practice these principles will be greatly blessed, both physically and spiritually. An understanding of the philosophy of health will be a safeguard against many of the evils that are continually increasing." *Vol.* 7:63.

Classes should be formed in every church to give same intensive training to lay members to fit them for usefulness in local communities as these epidemics increase. Why not now?

J. D. MONTGOMERY

Sanitarium, Newark, Ohio.

News Notes

Don't forget to read the 34th Psalm on Wednesday night, followed by a good season of prayer. This will help you the following day (Thanksgiving Day) in your Harvest Ingathering.

Everybody \$5 at least during the "Big Week."

Send in your good experiences. We want to hear them, and don't forget to tell them at church on the Sabbath.

Brother Barritt has received the sad news of the death of his only brother, Sgt. G. R. Barritt, who was "killed in action" October 1, on the British front. He leaves a wife and baby ten months old.

Mrs. Jacob Eusey of Millersburg was a caller at the office this week. We are glad to see our friends come in from time to time.

Elder F. H. Robbins and Brother T. H. Barritt left Mount Vernon last Friday for Akron to connect with Elder Henderson in the city effort which commenced Sunday, the 24th.

We are sorry to say that the Spanish influenza is still raging in Mount Vernon. Over thirty new cases were reported last Saturday, and nearly fifty yesterday. The ban is still on. This is hindering the progress of our work considerably.

Report what you have collected in the Harvest Ingathering up to the end of November. Put money in an envelope and mark it Harvest Ingathering. All missionary secretaries are requested to send in full report of total money collected up to the end of the month to Brother T. H. Barritt. Please remember this as it will help us considerably in our work. Send in as early as possible during first week in December.

Mrs. John Mouler of Lancaster is doing faithful missionary work in her locality. In a recent letter she says, "Please send me six Watchman and two Signs," and also states that the mailman thinks a great deal of the Watchman, and is sending it to his son and his chum in France.

Let all of our people follow up the Harvest Ingathering with the sale of our magazines such as the "Watchman," "Signs Weekly," "Life and Health," and "Liberty."

In a letter just received Sister Cora Cuddeback of Ashtabula says, "My sister secured some of the orders from friends who came in, and I secured the rest from neighbors not more than a block from home. I am very sorry I am not able to canvass the city. I am sure I could secure a large order if I could." Many of our sisters could spend a portion of their time in selling our small books. Why not try it? Now is the time. The people are ready and the angels are waiting to accompany you to the homes of the people. Do not keep these heavenly messengers waiting any longer.

Good news was just received from Sister Emma Vance, missionary secretary of the Canaan Church. It is this, "Just a few lines to say Canaan Church has reached her Harvest Ingathering goal, \$100, and is going over." Good for Canaan. We can now place you on the Honor Roll.

Don't go to church on Sabbath, November 30, end of "Big Week" without a report. Be sure to have something to tell.

Ashtabula have already reached their goal many weeks ago, but another order for magazines came in this morning. That's right. Don't stop when your goal is reached. Keep at it. Souls are at stake.

Dear Brother Barritt:--

"Over The Top"

and

"Still Going."

Brother and Sister Dye, Toledo.

The above card was received by Brother Barritt, which means that Brother and Sister Dye have reached their goal of \$100. We trust the same spirit will animate all our brothers and sisters throughout the conference.

SPECIAL

Are Your Banks Filling, Missionary Volunteers?

These beautiful autumn days when "the frost is on the pumpkin and the fodder's in the shock," when the harvest time has given us a wealth of good things to store away in barn and cellar for the winter days ahead, are we thinking, I wonder, of those who do not have such blessings—who, in fact, have not even a crust of bread to keep them from starving? Are we doing all we can—and a little more—to relieve their awful need?

"What is that little round box in the center of the table?" asked a visitor of his hostess the other day, as he was enjoying the excellent dinner which she had prepared. Can you guess what it was? An Armenian Relief bank, of course. It is needless to say that the guest gladly dropped a coin into it when he learned its purpose. And how about your Relief Fund? Is your bank filling, too? Do you keep it on the table or in some other conspicuous place where you will be reminded often to drop in a thank offering for your blessings? To give of our abundance is the very least we can do to show our gratitude.

Our Armenian Relief campaign, begun October 5, by action of the General Conference Committee is to last until Christmas. And the whole church is asked to join us in this effort. The initial offering taken up the day the campaign program was presented was just a beginning, and the real test of your interest in those starving in Bible lands will be shown by the sacrifices you make day by day as the campaign progresses.

And we hope the Juniors, too, are busy saving for Armenia. How many boys and girls will succeed in filling a stamp book before Thanksgiving? That represents \$2.50 saved for those starving children across the water. And they are not only starving, but without garments to keep them comfortable. One of the relief workers, in speaking of the expected arrival of another lot of orphans, says: "There is another squad coming along soon, and for them I have to buy clothes. They haven't a scrap of clothes that can

be put back on them after they have had their first bath. A bunch of rags around thin hips, and a piece of gunny sack over thin shoulders or heads is all they have." Can you imagine such destitution?

It will be a fine idea to have all the banks brought in at one time, and the offering counted. The best way to open these banks is to cut them in two with a penknife, as they are made of cardboard with the exception of the top and bottom. This is really the only satisfactory way to get at their contents. When counted, turn the money over to the church treasurer, marked "Armenian and Syrian Relief." Do not send it to the address printed on the bank.

Let all societies see that the results of their efforts are carefully reported when the society report is sent in at the close of the quarter.

ELLA IDEN.

To Our Missionary Volunteers.

One line of missionary work in which many of our students and other young people are planning to have a part this fall and winter is that of getting in touch through correspondence and sending the Signs of the Times, with many interested persons whom canvassing students have met during the summer's work, or persons met by our evangelists and who desire literature.

By distributing the cost, a few cents from each will support a club of fifty papers, and in this way all through the conference hundreds who have actually shown an interest can be followed up week after week. Does not this contain a suggestion for every one of our Missionary Volunteer Societies? It will mean reaching hundreds of families that have had at least one personal visit—families where the paper will be accepted, and generally read.

Fifty copies for six months in a club costs \$30—only 30 cents a quarter for each one in a society of fifty members. For \$35 the names may be sent direct to the tract society, whence they will go to the publishers, and the papers will be mailed from there direct each week, the latter method leaving simply the work of correspondence with the society. This is a method of missionary endeavor that will bring results, and give the participants a good experience. It has proved so again and again, and we hope the leaders of the Missionary Volunteer work in our churches will make up good lists of names, and organize to make this a strong line of their service for others outside, especially during the fall and winter months.

"The light, frivolous spirit indulged by so many professed Christians must be put away."

Canvassers' Reports

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	DAYS	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL
Chesapeake, Week Ending November 15, 1918									
J. E. Jones, Dorchester, Md.		BR	5	33	14	58 00	30 35	88 35	4 00
W. J. Valentine, Somerset Co., Md.		BR	5	28	115				186 00
Hazel Leach, Calvert Co., Md.		BR				497 00		497 00	
J. G. Whitaker, Anne Arundel Co.		BR	6	38		20 00	1 00	21 00	87 00
J. W. Taylor, Somerset Co.		BR	2	11	2	10 00	5 25	15 25	2 75
Julia Z. Cooper, Baltimore, Md.		OD	7	39	33	70 00	16 75	86 75	40 00
Totals	6 Agents			25	149	655 00	53 35	670 83	319 75
Virginia, Week Ending November 15, 1918									
J. E. Thompson, Wise Co.		BR	4	18	35	106 00	51 10	157 10	
R. E. Pleasants, Amhurst Co.		OD	4	36	52	119 00		119 00	
F. E. Butler, Jr. Wise Co.		BR	4	18	36	94 00	8 63	102 63	
Misc.						248 60		248 60	248 60
Totals	3 Agents			12	72	123	567 60	59 73	627 33
Ohio, Week Ending November 15, 1918									
Fred Hannah, Wayne Co.		OD	5	44	9	19 00	4 25	23 25	23 25
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Van Wert		OD	5	43	17	38 00	17 90	55 90	7 45
M. B. Ingersoll, Coshocton		BR	5	41	8	36 00	1 25	37 25	19 25
Glenn Pinnicks, Muskingum, Co.		BR	5	34	24	111 00	9 40	120 40	
Mr. & Mrs. R. R. Shank, Richland		OD	5	34	25	55 00	1 25	56 25	18 25
John Manuel, Barn Hill		BR	9	58	9	38 00	13 60	51 60	157 95
E. C. Alexander, Cincinnati		BR	5	31	11	52 00	7 75	59 75	7 25
Geo. Harvey, Stark Co.		BR	4	30	9	39 00	4 75	43 75	
F. E. Wagner, Kenmore Co.		OD	5	27	29	70 00	4 50	74 50	14 00
Mrs. Pinnicks, Zanesville		OD	4	24	10	14 00	3 40	17 40	
Geo. A. Keppler, Hamilton		OD	2	10					24 00
Totals	12 Agents			54	376	151	472 00	68 05	540 05
New Jersey, Week Ending November 15, 1918									
Allan Boynton		OD	5	24	33	73 00	2 25	75 25	2 25
Fred Krall			1	6			2 50	2 50	70 00
Esther Lull		SB	4	34		10 75		10 75	10 75
Wm. Schmidt			1	6		31 50		31 50	20 00
Wm. Vahrenkamp		BR	3	18	8	34 00	1 00	35 00	13 00
Mr. & Mrs. Otto Westerhoff		BR	6	38	20	85 00	9 00	94 00	9 00
Fred Zimmerly		OD	4	21	29	77 00	3 25	80 25	3 25
Totals	7 Agents			24	147	90	311 25	18 00	329 25
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 15, 1918									
A. Brownlee, Pittsburg		SD	5	42	35	62 00	46 95	108 95	42 00
R. C. Lewis, Pittsburg		OD	5	28	29	102 00	1 50	103 50	24 50
Anna LeRoy, Greene Co.		BR	5	44	18	77 00	1 00	78 00	14 00
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.		BR	4	31	9	40 00	3 00	43 00	3 00
Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co.		OD	2	14					33 50
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.		OD	2	6	2	4 00		4 00	10 00
Totals	6 Agents			23	165	93	285 00	52 45	337 45
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 15, 1918									
Mrs. Park Drake, Northampton		WC	6	33	98	41 50	8 50	50 00	
Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	2	15					149 25
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co.		BR	4	34	16	70 00		70 00	
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		DR	9	34	3	13 00	14 85	27 85	65 30
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		BR	5	32	7	35 00	4 00	39 00	25 00
Sol. Diehl, Union Co.		OD	7	63	6	12 00	5 00	17 00	38 00
Totals	6 Agents			33	211	130	171 50	32 35	203 85
West Virginia, Week Ending November 15, 1918									
C. E. Will, Wheeling		PPF	5	50	2	5 00	40 05	45 05	43 55
N. D. Fisher, Kanawha Co.		BR	5	39	46	206 00	24 60	230 60	
W. T. Dishman, Fayette Co.		OD	5	38	38	82 00	36 20	118 20	
S. G. Bertolet, Mingo Co.		BF	12	102					218 25
Totals	6 Agents			27	229	88	293 00	100 85	393 85
Grand Totals	44 Agents					Value Orders	2755 35	Deliveries	1634 35

December Topics of the "Watchman" Magazine

"Our Anchor," by Arthur G. Daniells, presents the Christian's only hope and refuge in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

"The Positive Message of Protestantism," by William A. Spicer, is the second article to put forth the gospel of Christ as it is expressed in the great Reformation.

"The Blessed Hope," by Daniel H. Kress, is another of those views of the soon coming of Christ which the "Watchman" Magazine keeps ever before us.

"First Day of Peace," by Martha Warner, brings to us in story form the need and the possibility of that soul communion which will cover the annoyances and perplexities of every-day life with a mantle of peace.

"The Church, the State, and the New World," an editorial declaring our position in relation to popular movements for world righteousness, and emphasizing the foundation for righteousness and peace in the proclamation of "this gospel of the kingdom."

"The King Shall Say," an editorial showing that the essence of Christianity is service, that the test of discipleship is ministry, and that the kingdom of glory will receive not those who have known much, but those who love much.

"The Simple Truth" this month brings before us the great basic of Christianity, in the subject, "God Saves Us."

The December "Watchman" will also contain some good instruction by Dr. Kress on the subject, "Spanish Influenza."

There will also be two articles dealing with the proposed league for peace to be established at the treaty table. One by George McCready Price, being the conclusion of his article entitled "Democracy and the Deification of the State." The other article by Carlyle B. Haynes, entitled, "League of Christian Democracies and World Salvation," is a report of the recent War Service Council of the Federation of Churches.

You will want a few extra copies of the December "Watchman," as it will be an exceptionally good issue.

A New Leaflet

Did you get it written, and was it mailed?—that letter you were planning to send to the friend whom you thought should have the stirring messages appearing in the "Signs of the Times." Wonder if we could help you a little with your missionary correspondence work. Now that the long fall evenings are here, and longer ones are coming, there is a little more time, you know, for writing to rela-

tives and friends. And really every one of us ought to be doing more of this kind of missionary service. Don't you think so?

A new leaflet, "Missionary Correspondence With the Signs of the Times," contains inspiration and help on letter writing. A supply of this leaflet has been passed on to each tract society office, and from there will reach the church missionary secretaries. If you have not received a copy, inquire of your church missionary secretary; or if isolated, send a post card to your tract society office, if you are interested in reaching the people through the mails. It is a very effective method. The leaflet is free on request.

A Christmas Message

Written on the eve of November 11, 1918.

A Christmas message to you, dear boy,
How can my pen convey?

Words are such frivolous foolish things,
They are almost in the way.

Out on the brink of the world's distress,
What avail is word or rhyme

Where death in a moment strikes the swath
That were years for the scythe of time.

Where the air is trembling with cannonade,
Can my Christmas message then,

Be glory to God in heaven above,

And peace, good will to men?

Yes, dear, through the scream and smoke
of war,

The truth of a Saviour's birth
Can cool the hate in the hearts of men

And bring them peace on earth.

The love I am sending you fills my world;
God's fills the universe.

If mine can reach you over there,

Can the Saviour's love do worse?

So my Christmas message is full of cheer,

And hope for the world's release.

Fight on for truth and liberty,

And God will bring you peace!

In the Morning

Scarce are the words dry on the page,

When I hear the church bells ring,

"Glory to God in the Highest, FOR

PEACE

HAS COME," is the song they sing.

—ETHEL MURPHY-TEMPLETON

Boldness

Those who have accomplished anything in this world may have been very modest, but they have not been afraid. They have not been cowards. Elijah faced Ahab and the prophets of Baal, a grand figure standing upon the mountain, and opposed to him all Israel, with these ringing words that come to every soul today, "If the Lord be God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him." The secret of his boldness is found in the

words, "As the Lord of hosts liveth, before whom I stand."

Hear the mighty words of the great reformer, Luther:

"And though this world, with devils filled,

Should threaten to undo us,

We will not fear, for God hath willed,

His truth should triumph through us."

Only guilt can bring fear. All have sinned, but on the ground of forgiveness we may be bold as an angel of God. He who has wholly confessed is wholly forgiven, and stands clear before God without fear now; and God, who makes him brave and strong for each day's conflict, will give him boldness in the day of judgment, when the captains and the mighty men flee in terror, praying for the rocks and the mountains to fall upon them to hide them from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb. O then may this be your experience and mine:

"Bold shall I stand in that great day,

For who aught to my charge shall lay,

While, through His blood, absolved I am

From sin's tremendous curse and stain."

J. S. WASHBURN.

OBITUARIES

MEDENBACH.—Edward Frank, was born September 28, 1915, at Honolulu, Hawaii Islands, and died at Newark, New Jersey, November 4, 1918, aged 3 years, 1 month and 9 days. He was laid to rest in Fairmount Cemetery, West Orange. His parents, brother and sister mourn but without hope.

C. S. BAUM.

PETRIE.—Verner Daniel, son of George W. and Mabel Margaret Petrie, was born June 7, 1913, and died October 23, 1918, at Oakmont, Pennsylvania, of pneumonia brought on by Spanish Influenza. Daniel was a devoted little Christian, having been diligently instructed by his mother. At the age of four years he could repeat the ten commandments. "I thank Thee, O Jesus, for dying for me," was one expression of his evening prayer. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder J. P. Gaede and the writer on the Christian's hope in the resurrection.

I. D. RICHARDSON.

PYLES.—Samuel Herbert, aged 16 years, 10 months, and 12 days, died of pneumonia developed from Spanish Influenza at the Emergency Hospital in Reading, September 21, 1918. Brother Samuel was a regular attendant of the Sabbath School and his bright, cheerful face will be missed by the members as they meet, as well as by his immediate relatives. The beautiful floral offering testified to the high esteem in which our brother was held by those who knew him. The mother suffering from the same dread

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disease could not be present at the funeral and at the time of interment was unconscious of the death of her youngest son. Besides the mother and father, our brother leaves to mourn four sisters and four brothers. After words of comfort spoken by the writer, we laid him to rest in the beautiful Charles Evans cemetery of Reading, there to await the call of the Life-giver.

LEE SUFFICOL.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

Respectfully and affectionately dedicated to those in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference who have recently lost loved ones by Spanish Influenza.

Mourning in Zion Today

Many are mourning in Zion today,
 For the angel of death hath passed through;
 And many have fallen along the highway,
 E're they reached the home of the true.
 Oh, many stand mourning in Zion tonight,
 For loved ones will enter no more;
 Gone to their rest,—rest for the night,
 To awake on that beautiful shore.
 Oh, mourner in Zion, look yon through thy tears,
 Behold thy Redeemer;—Oh fall at His feet;
 He loves thee so dearly, now be of good cheer
 For soon, if faithful, we shall all meet.
 Oh meet them, and greet them,
 Can it be true
 That we shall see them,
 Beyond the dark blue?
 List, mourner in Zion, I see thy sun rise,
 I see the new city, Jerusalem, arise;
 Behold it now ready,—it beacons to thee;
 Cease thy repining, from sorrow now flee.
 Dear mourner in Zion, let me say to you here,
 In that holy city there is no shedding a tear;
 Sorrow ne'er enters, death is no more,
 God help us,—we'll meet, on that beautiful shore.

PRAYER

And now, blessed Jesus,
 I ask for no more,
 Just hold me, dear Jesus,
 Till my journey is o'er.
 Oh, may I prove faithful,
 Till the journey I end,
 Then with my Saviour
 Eternity spend.

LEE SUFFICOL.

BRANDO.—Carrie May Hunt, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac T. Hunt, was born June 6, 1883, and died of la grippe and pneumonia at her home near Boyer, W. Va., October 17, 1918, aged 35 years, 4 months, and 11 days. She heard the message of the soon coming Saviour from a relative, and was baptised at the age of thirteen by Elder J. G. Sanders into the Seventh-day Adventist Church of which church she remained a faithful member and an active worker to the time of her death. June 12, 1909, she was united in marriage to J. W. Brando. She was a faithful wife, and her consistent, Christian life both in the home and neighborhood endeared her to many. She leaves to mourn their loss, a husband, a father, and one sister, besides many relatives and friends. R. E. FRENCH.

Mount Vernon Academy

Miss Dorothy Peters was called home because of her mother's illness. She left Sunday morning. We hope she will be able to return soon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Holquist of Norwich, Pa., parents of Miss Beatrice Holquist, have come to Mount Vernon to live.

The Misses Marion Sauder, Pearl Wooley, and Dorothy Schwaigert spent several days at the Sanitarium, having had their tonsils removed.

The Bible Workers' Band prepared a good program for the Young People's meeting last Sabbath afternoon.

Little Miss Eleanor Jane Rockwell on November 17, 1918, arrived at the home of Professor and Mrs. C. S. Rockwell.

Miss Alma Hide of Cleveland, Ohio, is visiting at the academy.

Elder and Mrs. N. S. Ashton and children motored to Zanesville last Sabbath and Elder Ashton spoke to the church there.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Welch and daughter Olive, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Gault, Mrs. E. J. Stipeck, and Mrs. A. E. King motored to Ashland, Ohio, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Holquist and daughter Beatrice, Mr. Eugene Weaver, and Miss Ruth Stevens, spent a few days last week in Galion, Ohio.

Advertisements

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

STUDY AT HOME.—If you can not go to school, you can study at home and make as good improvement as you could in school, in proportion to the time you can devote to study. The certificates of credit of the Fireside Correspondence School are recognized by all Seventh-day Adventist schools and probably by others schools. Form the habit of home study early, and practice it persistently. The president of the General Conference says, "I believe your school is conferring an inestimable benefit upon our people." Write today for information about subjects, prices, and how to earn your tuition. Address C. C. Lewis, Principal, Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C.

WANTED.—Ten young ladies and two young men to enter our Training Class for Nurses December 1. Exceptionally good medical and surgical experience. Entrance requirements not high. Graduate in two years. There is also an opportunity for one strong, capable woman to learn vegetarian cooking. Steady work and good pay to competent person. For particulars address Middletown Sanitarium, Middletown, N. Y.

WANTED.—To correspond with young women for domestic work at the Columbus Rural Rest Home, who would be interested in taking classes in hydrotherapy, massage, and nursing in connection with their work. Classwork starts at once. Cheerful disposition, neatness, and willingness to learn are required. Address, Franke Cobban, Mgr., Box 516, Columbus, Ohio.

Did you get a copy of "What More Could Jesus Do?" Send 15 cents to H. A. Miller, Mount Vernon, Ohio, in care of Academy, and have this pretty song in your possession.

Price of T. H. Barritt's song book, 50 cents; 55 cents postpaid.