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Final Harvest Ingathering "Big Week"

At a very important meeting in connection with the Home Missionary Convention held in College View, Nebraska, last week, some very definite action was taken pertaining to our Harvest Ingathering work, and a specially chosen committee drafted several resolutions which we are passing on to the readers of the "Visitor." We do this with the earnest suggestion that throughout our churches a united effort be set on foot for the attainment of the ideals set forth in the resolutions.

Whereas, Our 1918 Harvest Ingathering campaign to raise \$250,000 for missions has been greatly hindered by the influenza epidemic, and other causes, and

Whereas, unless a strong, united effort be made at once to enlist the co-operation of every believer in this important task, irreparable loss will be sustained, and the treasury, which is being taxed to the limit, will be further hindered in meeting ever increasing demands made upon it,

Be it Resolved, That we do hereby set our hearts as one man to the finishing of this great campaign; by

a. Enlisting all our forces for another big final Harvest Ingathering drive for one full week, making December 7 to 14 the time, wherever possible.

b. That we ask every church, company, and believer to make up the \$5 goal, at least, during this time,

c. That every effort possible be made to use wisely the full compliment of papers on hand.

Notice carefully the time set apart by the committee, and let us unitedly set ourselves to the completion of the task before the Week of Prayer. This will enable us to enter upon its solemn moments with hearts aflame with love which will respond to the working of the Holy Spirit.

We have been intensely interested in the success of the campaign in the Columbia Union, but at this time we are forcefully reminded of the fact that there is still an unfinished task before us.

Brother, sister, give yourself enthusiastically to the task of using every Harvest Ingathering paper in your church before the close of the year.

At the present Home Missionary Convention some very broad, definite plans are being laid for the finishing of the work which God has entrusted to us. Reports of this meeting will be given through the columns of the "Visitor" for our people throughout the Union.

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

NEW JERSEY

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

News Notes

THE LAST BIG WEEK! Of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign in the New Jersey Conference, will be December 8-15 inclusive—just before the Week of Prayer. We have been wonderfully blessed of the Lord thus far, for which we are grateful. However, we have not yet reached our goal of \$5,000 for the conference. In the name of the Master, and for the sake of perishing millions, the conference asks every member to devote some time during "Big Week" to this the supreme work in all the world—the winning of souls to Christ. Have you plenty of papers? If not, send at once to the office for more. Remember the date, December 8-15.

G. H. Clark.

OHIO

Box 8, Mount Vernon, Ohio
F. H. Robbins, Pres. H. D. Holtom, Sec.

Akron Effort

The effort is now in full swing and opened Sabbath morning with a stirring sermon by Elder Robbins. Almost everyone came forward and consecrated themselves anew for service. The presence of the Spirit of God was manifested in a strong manner and hearts were touched.

Sunday night, the church was crowded with little available standing room.

The theme for the opening lecture was "Pictures of Christ" depicting His life from birth to His ascension. The Lord blessed Brother Robbins in presenting this subject. As the beautiful pictures were thrown upon the screen, many wept

as they realized the Saviour's sufferings for the human family. Following the illustrated solo, "Let Him In" by Brother Barritt, Elder Robbins made a call for those who had not accepted Christ and desired prayers; and a number responded by uplifted hands.

Monday and Tuesday nights, the church was well filled. Quite an interest was shown in the subjects, "The Kaiser's Defeat Foretold" and "Heaven."

Connected with the effort are Elder F. H. Henderson, assisting with the preaching, T. H. Barritt, musical director and looking after the missionary interests of the campaign; Miss Ruth Bond, Bible worker and accompanist, and Miss Helen Greunke, Bible worker and stereopticon operator.

We request the prayers of the readers of the "Visitor" that the Lord will bless with a rich harvest of souls.

F. H. HENDERSON.

Note Regarding the Colored Work in Ohio

After closing his journey through the South, the writer visited several places in Ohio where the work has been started. There are five workers in the state including one Bible worker, who is Miss Wiggins, located at Columbus.

The work at Cincinnati, which has been started for some time, is now well located with a nice building with a chapel in it that will seat about 150 persons. Brother R. R. Roberts has recently taken up that work. They are buying the property for about \$3500 on good terms. There are living rooms above the chapel which are now rented, that may be used for the minister to live in later.

Brother J. E. Cox, who has the work in charge in Columbus, is putting real life in the cause in that rent and torn city. There is a live little church there, and they, too, have secured a well-situated property for \$3000 which they are using as a chapel below, with rooms for the pastor and his family above. But they had to remodel the place before it was thus suited for use.

Brother H. A. Rossin has taken charge of the work, newly organized, in the great city of Cleveland, which seems to

be blessed of the Lord from its start. For they have already gotten a nice church property finally located for giving the message to our people. It cost them \$5000. It has a good chapel that will easily seat 250 persons, also two school rooms, with a fine flat above for the minister to live in with his family. There are about 50 members in the church.

Brother George Johnson is laboring at Youngstown. He has only been located there a short time, but he is trying to get hold of the situation and build up a strong work from the start.

Brother Cox looks after the church in Springfield, which has been organized for several years, and he reports that they are doing well, and are in need of a place of worship. There are other needy places in our state, where a special work should be done to reach our people.

It should be stated by way of gratitude, that the President, Elder Robbins, and his officers are doing much to encourage, set in order, and push forward the work for our needy people along with his other heavy duties.

W. H. Green, *Sec'y.*

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Indiana, Pa.

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

A Crisis

Many times in the history of God's work there have come times of special warnings to be given or real battles to fight. An event of this character came in the life of Deborah, prophetess in Israel. God's chosen had drifted away from the teachings of Moses and Joshua. Matters were in a terrible plight, until a strong heathen army invaded Israel and put the land under tribute. Twenty years of bondage brought repentance. They cried to God and He raised up a deliverer.

Barak blew the trumpet and called Israel to follow. A few thousand came, but too many feared Sisera with his 900 chariots of iron. Reuben felt that the call was of God but the bleatings of his flocks kept him home. He might have received a blessing, but did not. Thousands of others felt that it was foolish to go out unarmed against a well organized army. The city of Meroz had a large number of able bodied men that could have been a great help in this crisis but they remained neutral. Those who followed the leadings of the prophetess were victorious and received a blessing from God. The inspired record is, "My heart is toward the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless ye the Lord." Judges 5:9.

How about the city that waited to see which side would win? "Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitter-

ly the inhabitants thereof; because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Judges 5:23. This historical incident occurred 3000 years ago. The God that never gets weary or sleeps was on the throne. He never changes and if men who remained neutral in a crisis received the frown of heaven, we may be sure that it is the same today.

In Vol. 6, p. 16, "Now is the time for the last message to be given. There is a special power in the presentation of the truth at the present time, but how long will it continue? Only a little while. If there ever was a crisis, it is now." Soon it will be difficult to travel from place to place, everything will be placed to obstruct the way of the Lord's messengers. Vol. 6, p. 22. A terrible epidemic has been cutting off thousands all over the country and we are told in "Great Controversy" that these visitations come from Satan who will lay all calamities to the charge of God's elect, who keep the commandments.

Is it any wonder that we have been told over and over "We have no time to lose." Are we to fail in reaching our Harvest Ingathering Goal? Some of us have delayed while a few have been richly blessed. O! let us do our duty now. We must not remain idle in this crisis. The mission board cannot send the means on to foreign fields unless we do our duty. Can it be possible that the millions in heathen lands are crying to us in vain?

God has softened the hearts of the gentiles, so that it is easy to gather offerings for missions. It remains now for us to be faithful and follow in the path where Jesus leads. Every consecrated soul in West Pennsylvania can reach his goal in a few hours if he will lean heavily upon the mighty arm of Jesus and go forward.

E. A. MANRY, *Home Miss. Sec.*

News Notes

About two weeks ago the office force with nine members of the Indiana Church went out in our little town of Indiana in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work. Many good experiences were reported, and over \$40 were collected in the one day. Surely the Lord is working upon the hearts of the people to give this year more than any year previous. Let us all pull hard until the end of the campaign with our best efforts to go "over the top."

The Conference Workers' Institute will be held December 7-12, at which time many important matters relating to the progress of the conference work will be considered, and plans for the New Year will be laid. We most earnestly

solicit the prayers of all our people to the end that wise and far-reaching plans may be laid.

Truly these are serious times for God's people as well as for the millions who are rejecting God's last message of warning. It seems that we are living in the short time of peace spoken of in volume 1 of the Testimonies, page 268. If so, we should be of all people most serious. We note now and then on the church treasurer's sheet, which is sent to the office with the tithes and offerings, some one dropping off in their tithes. Be careful brethren and sisters, and don't let the devil deceive you at this late hour.

Word just comes to us announcing the death of one of our faithful colporteurs, Sister Margaret Bateman of Johnstown. A sketch of Sister Bateman's life and labors in this conference will appear in these columns next week. Her three children have been provided for in Seventh-day Adventist homes.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

News Notes

The importance of subscribing for the Review was taken up at the North Philadelphia Church last Sabbath, and many new subscriptions were added to the list of this company. Let each church in the conference continue the good that has been started and help place the "good old Review" in every English speaking Seventh-day Adventist home.

The following churches have reached or are nearing their goal for the Harvest Ingathering Campaign, and will then be placed on the honor roll: Allentown, Phoenixville, Sellersville, Wilkes-Barre, Danville, and perhaps others that have not reported up to date. Will you not see that your church is placed on the honor roll?

If you desire a copy of the old edition of "Bible Readings," we have some at the tract society for \$1.10 in the cloth binding and \$1.35 in the half-leather. Just a few more left. Send your order immediately. Postage prepaid. There are also some bargain books on hand. Send for a list with prices.

Only four more weeks left for us to do our part in the Harvest Ingathering Work. Have you solicited at least \$5, the individual goal set by the conference? If you are too busy during the week, take Sunday for the work. Only recently the

home missionary secretary with four members of the Phoenixville Church were out on a Sunday morning in a Ford car and in just two hours gathered over \$20. Let us not try to find an excuse for ourselves in this important work.

Elder McCord, who has been very ill for the past two months with the flu, has returned from the Washington Sanitarium. He is much improved, yet very delicate in health.

Elder Parsons went to Washington last week on conference business.

Elder Leland, who has lately taken charge of Wilkes-Barre and Scranton, is getting hold nicely and enjoying his labors.

Mrs. L. A. Parsons, Senior, who has spent the most of her long life in proclaiming the Third Angel's Message, has already started three large Bible classes in Philadelphia. All who attend have made solemn covenant that they will go out as self-supporting Bible workers as soon as prepared. Several other classes will be formed.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of the sister of Brother Mohr, the secretary and treasurer of the conference. We are sure that the whole field will deeply sympathize with Brother Mohr in his sad bereavement.

Word has been received at the office that Elder Howard Detwiler has reached his new field of labor in Patterson, N. J.

WEST VIRGINIA

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

News Notes

Elder and Mrs. Westbrook spent Sabbath at Fairmont and were present at the organization of the church. Elder Westcott baptized two. There will be another baptism later, as several were kept away by illness. We pray God's blessing on this company.

Brother Thurman Metcalf from Camp Lee is spending some time at his home in Kanawha Station. We are glad to see him among us again.

Brother McHenry reports an excellent meeting at Washington, where he has been attending the Union Field Missionaries' Council.

Subscriptions for the Review and Herald are coming into the office. Have you subscribed yet? Don't forget the special offer we wrote you about.

Sister Scanland of Morgantown recently sold one hundred "World War" in four hours.

Are you planning on giving Christmas presents this year? If so, why not present your friends with one of our good books?

Miss Mable Gage, our Bible worker at Clarksburg, is now recovering from an attack of Influenza.

We sympathize with Brother and Sister Oliver Eaton of Parkersburg, who mourn the loss of their baby. We believe that soon these lambs will come from the land of the enemy.

Several of our Young People's societies report excellent programs on the Armenian and Syrian work. Huntington has adopted three orphans and the Parkersburg Society is raising money for these suffering people.

CHESAPEAKE

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

News Notes

Elder G. A. Stevens sends in excellent reports for the Harvest Ingathering work for both Dover and Salisbury. Both these companies are very small, but they have been working hard, and are full of enthusiasm and each company, more than one week ago had gone a little beyond \$109.

One of the sisters from the Millington Church was in the office yesterday and said she had raised \$30 in two and one-half days in Millington and some of the towns nearby. While waiting between trains in one town she secured \$13.

A company of four, led by Elder Booth last Sunday, secured \$35 in one of the prominent sections of Baltimore. A company of seven went to Annapolis last Sunday. One of the brethren was sick and did very little work, but they returned in the evening, having secured \$55.

Elder Booth had the Bible workers report their work in their usual Monday morning meeting, and it was found that the conference employees here in the city

who worked that day had secured \$72 for their work on Sunday. In a report from the Baltimore No. 1 Church last Sabbath, it was found that ninety-two persons have solicited \$1043.75. If every member of the conference would do as well as these have done, there would be no shortage of funds from this conference to missions. Let us work while the day lasts. We have only one more month left in which to work and this year will be gone.

Rock Hall, Hagerstown, Fords Store, Wilmington Nos. 1 and 2, Baltimore No. 2 and Baltimore No. 3 all deserve honorable mention in this good work. We have no doubt that others should be given special credit, but we may have more to say of them next week when the reports for the month are in.

Brother J. W. Siler, our Field Missionary Secretary, stopped in the office last week on his way from the convention at Washington and gave a splendid report of the meetings. We are glad that Chesapeake does not rank among the least when it comes to literature work, but we would be glad to have every individual engaged in the distribution of these pages of truth and thus hasten the finishing of the work. There is no panacea for discouragement and dispondency as to get out and give this message to some one else. Try it and see.

Miss Newcomer is spending Thanksgiving at her home in Hagerstown.

Brother J. W. Taylor is having some good experiences in the book work among the people of the islands in the southern part of the state.

Brother Jones and Brother Weller also write encouragingly of their work.

Brother W. J. Valentine has gone to his home at Mothers Station for a few weeks.

"Those who are earnestly seeking a knowledge of the truth, and are striving to purify their souls through obedience, thus doing what they can to prepare for the conflict, will find in the word of truth a sure defense."

"He would sooner send every angel out of heaven to protect His people, than leave one soul that trusts in Him to be overcome by Satan."

"The nearer man approaches to moral perfection, the keener are his sensibilities, the more acute is his perception of sin."

Shenandoah-Valley Academy

The Missionary Volunteer Society

At the afternoon meeting on Sabbath, November 9, practically the whole student body arose to unite with the Missionary Volunteer Society. As each recited his favorite verse in the Bible, he was enrolled by the secretary and given a M. V. pin.

Connected with the Society are the Ministerial, Bible Workers', and Correspondence Bands, organized for active field work. The Ministerial Band is continuing its work of last year in the school houses and halls of neighboring districts. It announces a meeting for the near future in the New Market Opera House.

The Bible Workers' Band is studying the arrangement of studies and the methods of presentation. Some visiting has already been done.

The names of interested ones, found by the canvassers, are forming a good nucleus for the Correspondence Band. Several letters have been sent and favorable answers received. All bands are under the supervision of an executive committee formed by the leaders of the bands and the Missionary Volunteer Society officers. Professor Ross, leader of the society states that he believes the school is located so as to have a great opportunity for actual field experience in ministerial and Bible work, and that the constant and definite aim of the society this year will be to take the message to our neighbors.

Miss Mary Burns has recently arrived from Maryland and will take up school work. Her father accompanied her to school, returning the next day.

On November 18, Professor Forshee went to Washington, D. C., on a business trip in the interest of the academy. He purchased apparatus and chemicals to better equip the laboratory.

On Saturday night the sixteenth, eighteen boys slipped out of the dormitory with Mr. Ross, the preceptor, at the lead and went for a moonlight hike through the woods. This was a pleasant break in the Saturday evening social program, which usually consists of marches and indoor games.

During the absence of the boys, the girls lost no time in making their part of the evening interesting at home on the academy campus.

All right boys! come on over to Shenandoah; we have only one room left in the boys' dormitory that is not occupied, and it is the parlor, but we will be glad to give it up to the next pair of boys who arrive.

Mrs. Sanders of Takoma Park, who has been living in New Market, has gone back to her home in Takoma Park. Her son William is now living in the dormitory and attending school.

Mr. F. H. Kemmerer of Richmond arrived November 18.

The old structures on the academy ground are one by one giving place to new and up-to-date equipment. Professor Forshee has just completed his new garage. Work on the new barn is now under way.

The Students' Union, with its former officers, Mr. C. E. Overstreet, president, Mr. M. A. Maloney, vice-president, and Miss Cleora Woods, secretary, is now beginning its 1918-1919 campaign. The special goal of their efforts is to increase the library by adding the latest books and magazines. Six bands have been chosen and are now busily working with needle and pen to bring in the necessary funds.

Mr. S. F. Ross, the father of Professor C. L. Ross, spent several days on a visit to the academy.

OBITUARIES

CORDRAY.—Mable was born April 3, 1885, and fell asleep October 10, 1918. The deceased was a believer in the Third Angel's Message, and a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Zanesville, Ohio. Her husband and three sons mourn.

PAUL STOKES.

LOVERIDGE.—Philip W., was born November 26, 1820, in Knox County, Ohio, died November 3, 1918, on the same farm on which he was born. If he had lived until the 26th of this month, he would have celebrated his ninety-eighth birthday. The house in which he lived and died he helped to build when only a boy of thirteen years of age. His father was one of the early settlers in this section of the country when it was an almost unbroken wilderness. Wild deer were still in the woods and the quiet hillsides had never echoed the puff of the locomotive. On January 1, 1856 he was married to Miss Adelaid Elizabeth Frost and to them were born two children both of whom are living, the older Mrs. W. Z. Evans, who resides at Delaware, Ohio, and Mr. John C. Loveridge with whom he made his home. His companion died in 1910 after 54 years of united fellowship. Mr. Loveridge was one of a family of eleven children, all of whom have preceded him in death. In early manhood he became a member of the Methodist denomination and served in the

office of deacon in his local church for about 50 years. Four years ago he became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church by baptism which ordinance was administered by Elder W. E. Bidwell in Lake Hiawatha. Brother Loveridge was a user of tobacco all his life until his baptism at which time, at the age of 94, he gave it up. He was a firm believer in the soon return of the Lord and died with the full assurance of a resurrection at His appearing. We believe that he sleeps in Jesus, soon to arise again when the voice of the Arch-angel awakes the sleeping saints. N. S. ASHTON.

LESHER.—Sarah, nee Thrush, wife of D. L. Leshar, died October 21 of pneumonia, her life's span numbering 27 years, and 10 months. August 27, 1917, she departed with her husband joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Carlisle, Pa., having learned of the truth through faithful neighbors. She passed quietly away with a song of Zion on her lips, confident in the assurance of being accepted in the Beloved. Her husband, who was also on the bed of sickness, her father and mother and other relatives mourn their loss as well as the church of which she was a faithful and devoted member. O. F. SCHWEDRAT.

HENDERSON.—Wilber, son of Wilber and Florence Henderson, died of influenza October 20, 1918, being one year and eight months old. His father and mother were both lying in a very serious condition with the same disease. The funeral conducted by the writer was very brief and private owing to the danger of the malady. Jer. 9:21.

W. W. MILLER.

SHELTON.—Laurence, son of Thomas and Lillian Shelton was born November 19, 1910, and died October 19, 1918, aged 7 years, eleven months and four days. Laurence and his mother went to visit his aunt who was down with influenza; they both contracted the disease, from which he never recovered. Laurence was a believer in Jesus, and in his last moments he was continually calling on the Saviour to help him. He took Best Stories to school and asked the teacher to read it to the pupils. He was laid to rest in the Springfield cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver. Jer. 31:15-17.

W. W. MILLER.

CLIFTON.—Ida Florence, was born September 30, 1876, died October 12, 1918, aged 42 years and twelve days. She was married to Charles Meadford Clifton December 13, 1897, their union being blessed with six children. Sister Clifton was always religiously inclined and in early life became a member of the Methodist Church. In the summer of 1912 she attended a series of tent meetings held in West Philadelphia,

and in the fall of the same year was baptized into the faith by Elder R. E. Harter. She became a member of the West Philadelphia Church and remained faithful until the awful epidemic "Influenza" claimed her, only being bedfast for a few days. Brief services were held at the grave, where words of comfort were spoken by the writer from 1 Thes. 4:13-18. There remains to mourn their loss a sorrowing husband, five daughters at home, and one son married. She rests in the blessed hope of hearing the Lifegiver's voice at the first resurrection.

H. G. GAUKER.

FORSHEE.—Death entered the home of the Shenandoah Valley Academy for the first time in its history. On October 17, 1918, at 11 A. M., little Dorris Ellen Forshee, daughter of Professor and Mrs. H. M. Forshee, passed quietly away as the result of pneumonia superinduced by Spanish Influenza. Dorris was born at Fairgrove, Michigan, March 11, 1905, and was therefore 13 years, 7 months, and 6 days of age. As soon as she was taken sick, she seemed to have a premonition of death, for she expressed to her parents that she did not think she could pass through the perils of the last days, that she was ready and willing to die, that the Lord had forgiven her sins, etc. She also wished to be buried at their old home at Fairgrove, Michigan. This sad death brought gloom into the school home and entire neighborhood, and was especially distressing to the parents, but they mourn not as those who have no hope. Brief services were conducted by the writer at the academy chapel on the evening of October 17, and the remains, accompanied by the parents and brother, left next morning for Fairgrove, Michigan, to comply with the dying request, and to lay their loved one away till the morning of the first resurrection. On the day of her death the following stanzas were composed by the contractor of our new dormitory, Brother Edward White, and were read at the services in the evening:—

In Memory of Dorris Ellen Forshee

O'er the fair domain of the S. V. A.
A shadow of gloom was cast today;
For the reaper of earth, in might and stealth,
Came in our midst, and took Dorris in death.
But with Job, God's faithful servant of old,
Who was haunted severely by Satan so bold,
We bow to his will, and resignedly say,
The Lord did give, and hath taken away.
So Dorris, so young, and gentle and fair,
Sweet be thy slumber from sorrow and care;
For of thee it may well and truly be said,
From henceforth blessed are the righteous dead.

For from the trials that soon will be
Thou art securely hid, and safe and free;
And may we who on earth must wait and remain,
Prove faithful to God, and meet thee again.
R. D. HOTTEL.

FORD.—Florence May, was born in King George County, Va., February 21, 1885, and died October 8, 1918, aged 33 years, 7 months and 17 days. Sister Ford has been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Colonial Beach, Va., since its organization several years ago. She was church treasurer for several years, and was always faithful in her church duties. She leaves to mourn their loss, a husband and two sons, Carroll Watt and John Stokely, three brothers, Vivian F., Lester L., and Carroll W. Lee, all of this place, besides many relatives and friends. Words of comfort were spoken in our little church, and she was laid to rest in the family burying ground in King George County, Va. F. E. GIBSON.

The Bible

Thou wondrous book of God, the wisdom
of whose pages,

No human mind can fully comprehend.
Yet to the simple and unlearned through
all the ages,

Thy truths have been as counsellor and
friend.

The truths inspired by Him, the Author of
salvation,

They fall as balm upon the troubled
heart,
And in the testing hours of trial and temp-
tation

Their saving virtue, grace and strength
impart.

God guides us by His Spirit when His
words are heeded,

And by His Spirit sweet He brings to
mind,

The very words and promises by us most
needed,

In trouble and distress of every kind.

How sweet to often turn those dear famil-
iar pages,

And find as precious way-marks here
and there,

Some marked sweet promise, counsel good
of sages,

Helpful to holy living, faith and prayer.

O blessed book divine, by our dear Saviour
given,

May thy blest counsels guide our way-
worn feet

Until we reach our home prepared by Him
in heaven,

And in His presence find our joy com-
plete.

Mary E. Mount.

**Christmas Giving—and
What to Give**

It is hardly necessary to remind you that we are rapidly approaching the popular giving season of the year. While we as a people do not regard the Christmas festival as does the world at large,

yet, as you know, there is no period of the year when the spirit of giving is so prevalent as then, and it is our privilege to take advantage of the opportunity to scatter our attractively prepared literature.

Here is a good message from an interesting article on making Christmas gifts: "The first Christmas gift was God's gift of His son to the human family. The wise men presented gifts to the infant Saviour as was fitting that they should do. This was the First Christmas giving on the part of men. How much better to follow the example of the wise men than to make our gifts to those who, perhaps, have no need of them, obeying the mere dictates of worldly custom. While the Saviour is not visible on earth today, yet we can make a Christmas offering to Him just as truly as did the wise men. We can do this by giving to advance the work which the Master committed to this world to accomplish, and which He is carrying forward to certain victory."

This is the time for young and old to assist in placing our good literature in the hands of their friends and acquaintances, and all whom they can reach. We can each do this at a small expenditure of money. And what more appropriate present could we make to any one than a good piece of interesting and profitable reading? At this time of the year when the spirit of giving is in the air, what an opportune time for us to place the great message in some attractively printed form in their hands. Now, dear friends, we wish to suggest a year's subscription to the "Signs Magazine" as a gift worth while. Have you seen a copy of the December issue? Please secure one and notice the article on the inside of the back cover, telling something of what the editors purpose to give the people during 1919. The influence of such a gift as a subscription to the "Signs Magazine" would reach through the entire year, yes, and perhaps through eternity.

We are just sending to the Tract Society offices some neat little Christmas greeting cards upon which is printed a few words stating that the "Signs of the Times" is being sent as a gift, and a space where you can write in your own name. These cards will be passed on to the local church missionary secretaries. Be sure to get one or more to use in your gift-making this year.

The Morning Watch Calendar

"Isn't it beautiful?" so many exclaim when they catch their first glimpse of the new 1919 Morning Watch Calendar. And really, it is beautiful without and within. The texts this year have been selected from the New Testament and deal with the all-important subject of

Christian living. They are full of spiritual food.

The front cover of the calendar is, — well you must see it for yourself to appreciate its beauty. It pictures our Saviour as He kneels in the Garden of Gethsemane, while underneath the picture are the simple words, "Consider Him."

One cannot look upon that face so full of love and sorrow without thinking of the price He paid for our redemption; and then comes the thought, "What a wonderful Saviour! I must serve Him better."

What is it that we all need most? Is it not closer fellowship with God? Then let us during the coming year "take time to be holy." Let us keep a daily tryst with the Master, using as an aid to the maintenance of the prayer life this beautiful Morning Watch calendar with its inspiring texts from the Word, and its pictured message of love.

Your tract society will be glad to fill your orders. Help to circulate as many calendars as possible. And the price?—In spite of the fact that the cost of nearly everything has doubled, and even tripled in some cases, the Morning Watch calendar still sells for the same price, five cents. Let us circulate 100,000 this year.

ELLA IDEN.

100,000, At Least?

The good news has come that already 60,000 1919 Morning Watch Calendars have been sold this year; and there is still a month till New Year's. This surprising sale is no doubt due very largely to the beautiful cover picture of Christ in the Garden, which alone is worth the price of the calendar. But let us not forget that while the cover is inspiring, the contents of the calendar will be even more so, which is another good reason why you want to buy a copy.

Although 60,000 copies is a splendid sale, it isn't nearly large enough. 100,000 is the least we should think of circulating, and "we can do it if we will." It is a blessed kind of missionary work to place such a booklet as the 1919 Morning Watch Calendar in the hands of as many individuals as possible. Let us remember that.

There are many ways of helping to circulate the calendar. Here are a few of them:

Buy a copy yourself, and use it.

Recommend it to all your friends.

Encourage every one in the Sabbath School and Missionary Volunteer society to have one of his own.

Use dozens of them in hospital and jail work.

Send them to the isolated, as New Year's presents.

Canvassers' Reports

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	DAYS	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL.
Virginia, Week Ending November 22, 1918									
R. E. Pleasants, Amhurst Co.		OD	5	39	49	104 00	5 25	119 25	
F. C. Butler, Jr. Wise Co.		OD	2	10	28	72 00	2 00	74 00	
J. E. Thompson, Wise Co.		OD	2	12	20	57 00		57 00	
Misc.						197 40		197 40	197 40
Totals	3 Agents		9	51	97	430 40	7 25	437 65	197 40

Ohio, Week Ending November 22, 1918									
Fred Hannah, Wayne Co.		OD	5	42	6	12 00	5 10	17 10	17 50
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Van Wert		OD	5	38	8	19 00	15 25	34 25	99 10
F. E. Wagner, Barberton		OD	5	37	36	80 00	7 50	87 50	16 00
John Manuel, New Phila.		OD	3	24	7	34 00	4 75	38 75	
E. C. Alexander, Cincinnati		BR	4	23	10	51 00	1 50	52 50	5 85
Geo. Harvey, Stark Co.		BR	5	23	5	22 00	2 25	24 25	
R. R. Shank, Richland		OD	5	20	6	13 00	25	13 25	50 25
Geo. A. Keppler, Hamilton		OD	4	15	13	27 00	1 90	28 90	12 00
M. B. Ingersoll, Coshocton		OD	2						4 00
Totals	9 Agents		37	222	91	258 00	38 50	296 50	204 70

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 22, 1918									
Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	5	47	15	69 00	4 75	73 75	16 75
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		BR	5	30	19	94 00	5 20	99 20	73 55
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co.		BR	2	20	8	32 00	2 00	34 00	22 50
Sol. Diehl, Union Co.		OD	2	20	4	8 00	3 00	11 00	
Mrs. Park Drake, Northampton		WC	6	23	41	18 90	4 25	23 15	1 25
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		DR	3	9		12 85		12 85	5 85
G. B. Jenkins, Berks Co.		BR	1	4	2	9 00	3 25	12 25	38 50
Misc.								84 25	
Totals	7 Agents		21	153	89	243 75	22 45	350 45	163 40

West Virginia, Week Ending November 22, 1918									
N. D. Fisher, Kanawha Co.		BR	4	26	25	115 00	36 95	151 95	10 20
Rosco Bee, Marion Co.		OD	3	20	26	61 00	40 50	101 50	20 00
C. E. Will, Wheeling		PPF	5	40		54 70		54 70	49 95
Totals	3 Agents		12	86	61	230 70	77 45	308 15	62 15

Chesapeake, Week Ending November 22, 1918									
J. E. Jones, Wicomico Co., Md.		BR	5	33	22	97 00	34 75	131 75	3 25
O. C. Weller, Jefferson Co., W. Va.		BR	4	36	23	106 00	4 25	110 25	40 95
G. A. Stevens, Dover, Del.									233 00
J. W. Taylor, Smith's Island, Md.		BR	3	19	6	27 00	18 50	45 50	12 25
Totals	4 Agents		12	88	51	230 00	57 60	287 50	289 45

New Jersey, Week Ending November 22, 1918									
Esther Lull		Misc.				8 72		8 72	8 72
Wm. Schmidt		Misc.	2			37 70		37 70	18 45
Otto Westerhoff		BR	4	26	11	48 00	8 25	56 25	6 25
Fred Zimmerly			3	16	25	64 00	7 00	71 00	2 50
Totals	4 Agents		9	42	36	158 42	15 25	173 67	35 92

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 22, 1918									
A. Brownlee, Pittsburg		SD	5	24	5	9 75	13 80	23 55	59 95
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.		BR	5	32	6	27 00	4 10	31 10	4 10
Geo. Buttermore, Westmoreland Co.		OD	4	31	28	60 00	2 60	62 60	60
Totals	3 Agents		14	87	39	96 75	20 50	117 25	64 65
Grand Totals	33 Agents					Value Orders 1648 02		Deliveries 1017 67	

Give them to friends not of our faith.

If we go about this Morning Watch Calendar campaign as systematically and earnestly as we do about other kinds of missionary endeavor, results will follow. Will you do your part to help to circulate

that other forty thousand? M. V. D.

"All whose faith is not firmly established upon the word of God will be deceived and overcome."

Columbia Union Conference Harvest Ingathering Thermometers

1918 Goal \$40,000

Harvest Ingathering

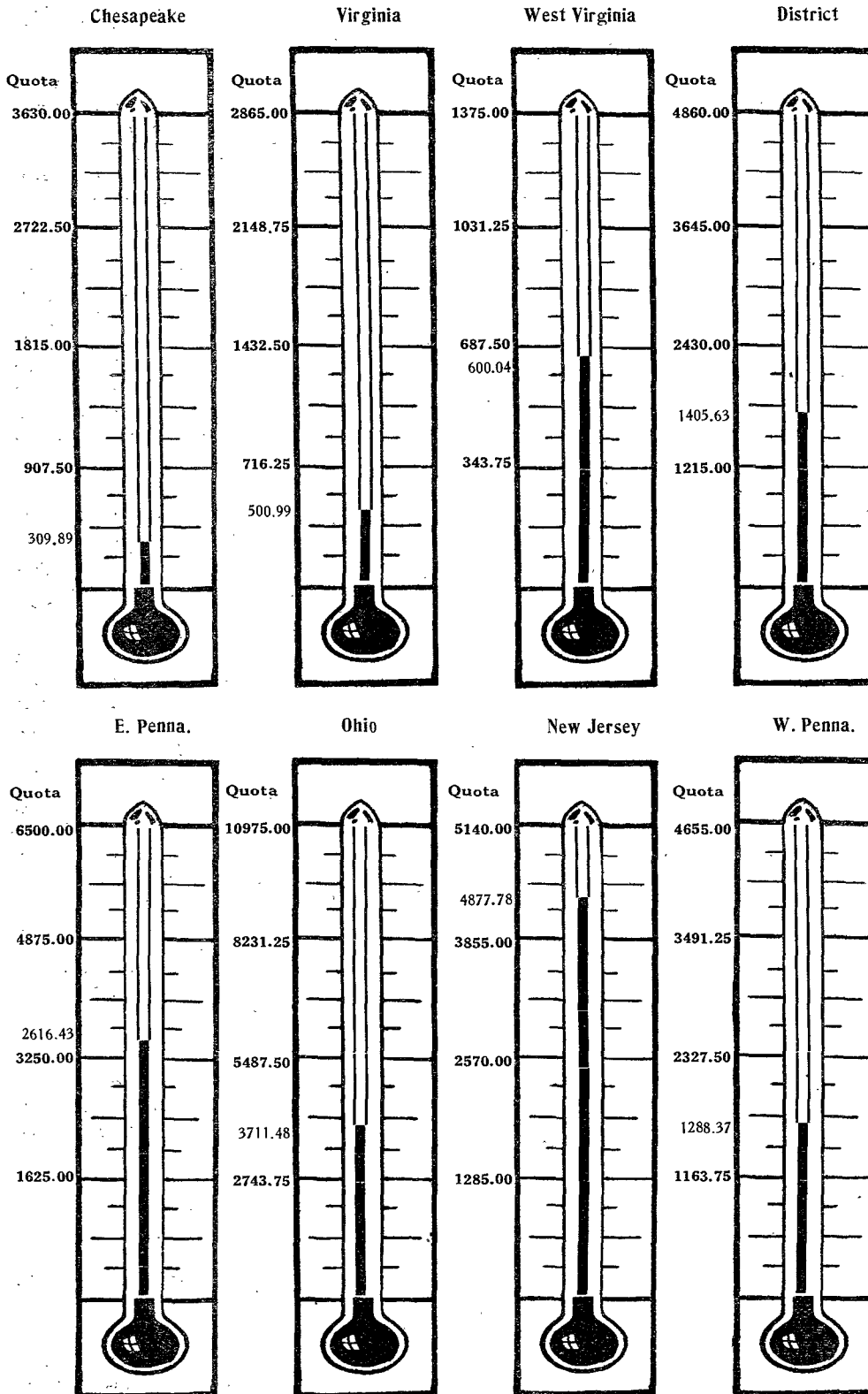
Comparative Summary in the Columbia Union

With this issue of the VISITOR we are giving a comparative report of our Harvest Ingathering results in the conferences in the Columbia Union to October 31. This report is a little late in making its appearance, but on account of delays in reports reaching us from a few of the conferences it was necessary to postpone making a complete summary. It is highly probable that by this time most of the conferences are much nearer their final goals than the report will show, but we feel that a glance at the enclosed report will serve as a stimulus to greater effort in bringing the work throughout the Union to a successful issue. Judging from present conditions, we are encouraged to believe that our \$40,000 goal will be reached before December 31.

PAPERS USED TO DATE

The latest report from the "Watchman" informs us that the Columbia Union has ordered 202,247 Harvest Ingathering papers to date. This is most encouraging when we consider that our people throughout this field are using 60,000 more papers in the present campaign than are being used in any other Union in the United States. This phase of the work should have special mention because of the influence it has on our people in the churches. While visiting one of our live churches recently, I learned that several of the members added to its number during the past year came in through the Harvest Ingathering work. In fact, one of the new members had set a goal of \$100 for this year's campaign, and reported a few days ago that, in spite of the epidemic, she had succeeded already in raising almost half of this amount.

There is no doubt but that this same encouraging report could be given from many of our churches throughout the Union. We can never appreciate just what results may develop from the faithful,



Amount reported to Oct. 31, 1918 \$15310.61
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 Gain over 1917 to Oct. 31. \$6901.54

Amount to be raised by Dec. 31, \$24689.39
 Number of papers ordered by conferences
 in Columbia Union to Oct. 31, 202,247.

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humble service we render in an effort of this kind. Here and there the Lord gives us a little demonstration of His guiding providence so as to spur us to greater activity. Brother, sister, have you seen His guiding hand in your experience? Have you co-operated with Him in His work, and tasted the joy of personal service? We are told by the servant of God that "heavenly angels have long been waiting for human agents—the members of the church—to co-operate with them in the great work to be done." Vol. 9:46. We urge every one to co-operate in this blessed work, and reap thereby the blessing that comes in saving souls won to this precious truth.

AMOUNT REPORTED TO DATE

In arranging the thermometers for each conference we have divided our Columbia Union goal of \$40,000 on the basis of membership in each conference. It will be observed that in most cases the quota suggested for each conference is smaller than its goal. A glance at the accompanying totals will show that to October 31 our results in the Columbia Union aggregate \$15,310.61. This is \$6,901.54 more than our conferences reported for the same time last year. Another item of interest to our people is found in the fact that we reported \$1235.97 more for October this year than in 1917. This is an evidence to us that there are no hindering causes in God's work, and that while He is at the helm His cause will move on to certain victory. We can fully expect that from now to the close of time the work of God will make marked strides in spite of developments in the world which might appear to be hindering causes.

Just a word in regard to the task that lies beyond before we can sing the jubilee song. Commencing with the first of November, there were still \$24,689.39 to be raised on our Harvest Ingathering in

order to take us "over the top" on our goal. We feel confident that this will be done. During the last few days reports from the various secretaries throughout the field tell us of their plans for the last two months of the year. May the Lord richly bless the efforts of our people, and crown our feeble efforts with success, not only in the attainment of a \$40,000 goal for missions, but also in precious souls saved in the heavenly kingdom when His work is done.

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

Christmas Gifts Worth While

The glad holiday season is just before us, bringing with it the spirit of gift-giving. It is a blessed spirit, when rightly exercised; but there is danger, if we are not careful, of our spending money for gifts which are of no service in any way which are really a dead loss. Thousands of dollars will be worse than wasted this Christmas in buying useless trinkets which do no one any good.

In speaking of the buying of Christmas gifts, Sister White wrote in the "Review" of December 11, 1879, "Let the presents you shall make be of that order which will shed beams of light upon the pathway to heaven."

Among the gifts for which money can safely be expended are good books. The children and young people need suitable reading "which will afford amusement and recreation, and at the same time not demoralize the mind or weary the body." Most children and young people are bound to read, and if books are not selected for them, they will choose for themselves. Very often the choice made is anything but a wise one.

May we suggest that of all good books for the children and youth, none can excel the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course books? They have been selected with the greatest care, and were chosen because they are interesting, instructive, and suited to the ages of those for whom they were selected. There are three sets of books: the primary, junior, and senior. An entire set, or one or more volumes selected from a set, will make a gift truly worth while. The books are as follows:

Senior: "Makers of South America," 60 cents; "Making Good," 60 cents; "The Days of June," 50 cents; "The Story of Prophets and Kings," \$1.50; club price, postpaid, \$3.00.

Junior: "The White Queen of Okoyong," \$1.00; "Early Writings," 75 cents; "The Land of the Golden Man," 50 cents; "Outdoors, Indoors, and Up the Chimney," 75 cents; club price, postpaid, \$2.65.

Primary: "Little Stories for Little People," 85 cents
Ella Iden.

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 other 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 Middleton 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.

"The young would not be seduced into sin if they would refuse to enter any path save that upon which they could ask God's blessing."

"Only those who have been diligent students of the Scriptures, and who have received the love of the truth, will be shielded from the powerful delusion that takes the world captive."

"Man will never rise higher than his standard of purity or goodness or truth."

"Those who would stand in this time of peril must understand for themselves the testimony of the Scriptures."