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A Seventh-day Adventist Speech at the

World-wide Prohibition Conference

I have been called upon as a Seventh-day Adventist to say a few words at the National Conference for World-wide Prohibition; a short statement concerning this important gathering, and our relation to it will be of interest to the Readers of the Visitor.

It was a great international gathering that assembled November 19-22, at Columbus, Ohio. Many leading thinkers who attended considered it the greatest meeting of the religious world up to date. It was great because it planned not only for America, but for the world. It proposed to organize at once and to enter all countries, since the war and its victory to the Allies had thrown open all nations which heretofore had built around them walls of separation. Besides the broad-minded President of the Anti-Saloon League, Doctor Russell, and its Secretary of great executive ability, Doctor Baker, and such noted temperance men as John G. Wooley and Sam Small, there were also present men of National fame as William Jennings Bryan, United States Senator Jones, Governor Whitman of New York, ex-governor Willis of Ohio, J. Wilbur Chapman, etc., etc. Men of international leadership as Honorable Ben H. Spence of Toronto, Bishop Cannon of England, delegates from Mexico, China, and other lands were there to represent overseas countries. Bishops of the Methodist Church and Presidents of the Temperance Boards of very nearly all the churches came. The conference proposed to get its claw in first, and to follow up the overthrow of Prussian despotism by the overthrow of King Alcohol's despotism. Or as a delegate from Mexico put it, "the Kaiser only dreamed of dominion of the world, but whiskey actually dominates it."

The convention had sent a request to Wilson to sign the War Time Prohibition Bill for United States as soon as it came into his hands. The gathering was thrilled when, Thursday, November 21, word came that President Wilson had

signed the bill. Following prolonged cheering, all joined in singing, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow," and then the "Star Spangled Banner." Three cheers were given for War Time Prohibition, and three more for President Wilson.

The last morning of the conference was devoted to short speeches from varied representatives and delegates. The writer was preceded by an ex-congressman and followed by a Bishop of the English Church from England, and a Bishop of the Methodist Church. Delegates from scientific organizations both from England and United States, as well as Presidents of denominational Temperance Boards were on the program. Having been called from the audience by name, and been asked to take a seat upon the platform, the chairman stated that though the Seventh-day Adventist denomination was a small one, they were standing right by in the crusade against whiskey and beer, and that they were everywhere loyal in the fight. After a warm reception and exchange of greetings, I stated that the denomination I had the honor to represent was bone dry. It performed an unusual and anomalous ceremony in that when a candidate was led into the watery grave for baptism, he was baptized dry, and that when one entered the church as a member he must leave his appetite and habit at the doors; and if he suffered a relapse, he was expatriated and was not permitted again to come in until the appetite had gone out.

The program of the convention was inspiring. It was strictly an anti-alcoholic program and world-wide in its scope. It is one in which every Seventh-day Adventist both at home and in foreign mission fields can engage. Jesus has said, "Occupy till I come." No true lover of Christ, or of His soon coming can escape the obligation to fight and to join in the fight against the saloon by any and all means of combatting. No religious bigotry marks the Anti-saloon League. The ovation given to me at the close of my few words was as warm and as loyal as that given to any other speaker - Catholic, Episcopalian, or Methodist. To rid a country of the saloon makes it an easier field to work in. Let us join loyally and heartily in the great fight, saying, "The Love of Christ constraineth me." B. G. WILKINSON.

WEST VIRGINIA

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

Has That Time Come?

Long have many been looking for the outpouring of the "Latter Rain." This latter rain is spoken of in the testimonies as the "refreshing" and "the baptism of the Holy Spirit." When it comes the work will be similar to that on the day of Pentecost. Sister White says, "The Spirit which characterized that wonderful meeting on the day of Pentecost is waiting to manifest its power upon the men who are now standing between the living and the dead as ambassadors for God." Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 5, p. 252. Now the question is, Has the time come for the Spirit to be poured out in great power?

In answer to this question the Spirit of Prophecy says, "At the commencement of the time of trouble, we were filled with the Holy Ghost as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully." "The commencement of the time of trouble, here mentioned," Sister White says, "does not refer to the time when the plagues shall begin to be poured out, but to a short period just before they are poured out, while Christ is in the sanctuary. At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming on the earth, and the nations will be angry, yes held in check so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. At that time the latter rain, or refreshing from the presence of the Lord, will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out." Early Writings, pages 85 and 86.

You will notice that this time of trouble is just before Jesus leaves the sanctuary, while trouble is coming upon the earth. The nations will then be angry yet held in check, etc. Now notice she says, "At the commencement of the time of trouble," not when it is nearly finished. Has this time of trouble yet commenced? It would surely seem as though it had. But, says one, has not the trouble among the nations ceased and peace been established? By no means. They have quit fighting, but the trouble still exists and is more complicated now than ever before.

In 1904, Sister White said, "Soon grievous troubles will arise among the nations,—troubles that will not cease until Jesus comes. . . . The judgments of God are in the land. The wars and rumors of wars, the destruction by fire and flood, say clearly that the time of trouble, which is to increase until the end, is very near at hand. We have no time to lose. The world is stirred with the spirit of war. The prophecies of the eleventh of Daniel have almost reached their final fulfilment." "Review and Herald," Week of Prayer Number, 1904.

It would seem that this time of trouble began in 1914, but is the spirit now being given? Again we quote, "Already many are receiving the Holy Ghost, and no longer will the way be blocked by listless indifference." Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 7, page 33. Now who is receiving the Spirit? When will the latter rain fall? Who will receive it? The answer is plain and simple. The Spirit of Prophecy says, "The soul temple courts have been converted into places of unholy traffic. Selfishness, mammon, malice, envy, pride, passion, are all cherished in the human heart." "It is left with us to remedy the defects in our characters, to cleanse the soul temple of every defilement. Then the latter rain will fall upon us as the early rain fell upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost." Vol. 5, pages 72 and 214. Again, "God leads His people on, step by step. He brings them up to different points calculated to manifest what is in the heart. Some endure at one point, but fall off at the next. At every advance point the heart is tested and tried a little closer. . . . Those who come up to every point, and stand every test, and overcome, be the price what it may, have heeded the counsel of the True Witness, and they will receive the latter rain, and thus be fitted for translation." Vol. 1, page 187.

Will all of our people recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain? "Unless we are daily advancing in the exemplification of the active Christian virtues, we shall not recognize the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain. It may be falling on hearts all around us, but we shall not discern or receive it. The loud cry will come and pass, and the latter rain will fall and many of our people know nothing about it." Mrs. E. G. White, in Signs of The Times, Aug. 11, 1892.

Let us take heed, brethren, lest we be left out in the final visitation of the blessings of God. T. B. WESTBROOK.

News Notes

Elder Westbrook spent Sabbath November 30, with the believers at Cumberland, Md.

Several of our "Sabbath School Worker" clubs expire this month. Let each one renew at once, for you cannot afford to miss a single copy. Every officer and teacher should be a reader of the "Worker." We cannot expect to do efficient work in the Sabbath School without this help which is prepared especially for us. May our slogan be fully realized in 1919 throughout our conference, "Every officer and teacher a student of the Sabbath School Worker." Two or more copies to one address, forty-five cents each. A whole year of the Sabbath School help for forty-five cents. Reasonable, isn't it?

Brother McHenry is visiting the colporteurs in Kanawha County.

Sister Welsh, our Bible worker in Cumberland, writes that she expects to soon go over her one hundred dollar goal for Harvest Ingathering. She also says that every member of the Cumberland Company will have the "Review and Herald" during the year of 1919. Will other churches soon send in a similar report? We hope so. The Home Missionary Secretaries throughout the state are working to that end.

Have you seen the new book, "The Hand That Intervenes?" It will surely strengthen our faith for the trying times which are before us. The price is \$1.50. Order from the office.

An important committee meeting was held at the office Wednesday, November 27. Elders Westbrook, Adkins, Westcott, and Brethren McHenry and Meredith, were present. Plans were laid concerning our work for the coming year.

Brother G. W. Mitchell was a pleasant caller at the office one day last week. He was accompanied by his daughter and her husband. This family will doubtless locate about twenty miles from Parkersburg in the near future.

VIRGINIA

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

News Notes

Brother F. E. Hankins is visiting with Brethren F. C. Butler, and J. E. Thompson at Big Stone Gap, and will assist them in making their delivery.

Miss Glenna Mears, who has been canvassing in our conference during the past summer, is now located at Gaffney, S. C., visiting with her sister.

Elders Green, Washburn, Farley and Mallory met with the Norfolk and Portsmouth Colored Churches in Union Meeting in Portsmouth, Sabbath, November 30. Four were baptized at the close of the meeting, eight determined to obey God's law, and four renewed their covenant with the Lord.

600 "World's Crises" books have been ordered by the students of Shenandoah Valley Academy. The proceeds of the sale of these books is to be used in furnishing the new dormitory. We are glad to say, that though the war is over, it has in no way effected the sale of these small books.

Elder W. E. Bidwell has been spending a few weeks visiting with the brethren at Guinea Mills.

Big Week of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign begins December 7. We are sending our churches an extra supply of papers so that there will be no shortage. Let every church member have a part in the campaign during this week.

NEW JERSEY

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

News Notes

We are glad to report that the Paterson Church is more than twice "over the top" in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. And they are still working. We received word last week that they had set their goal now for \$1000, and no doubt they will reach this during the "Big Week" which begins December 8.

A very interesting and instructive Colporteur's Institute is now in progress in Trenton (Dec. 3). We expect to see many books circulated in this conference during the coming year, as a goodly number are attending the Institute, preparing to go out into the field with our literature.

Miss Zita Hannah of Deshler, Ohio, arrived in Trenton this week. She will be connected with the conference office in the future, in the capacity of assistant bookkeeper and stenographer.

Brother G. H. Clark, Home Missionary Secretary, returned this week from an eight days' trip in the southern part of the state. He reports a splendid visit with the churches, and says they are still working toward their goals in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

We believe we have plenty of Harvest Ingathering papers to supply our churches for the "Big Week." If you need more, let us know at once.

The Ramah church school is doing splendid work this year under the supervision of Mr. Arthur Gibbs and wife. The work is thorough and the patrons are well pleased. Brother Gibbs is a graduate from Washington Missionary College.

Last week an Educational Rally was conducted in the Bridgeton Church. Professor Werline, Educational Secretary of the Union was present, also Mrs. Chaney, who is Superintendent of the Normal Department in Washington. All reported a profitable time.

CHESAPEAKE

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

News Notes

Elder A. S. Booth spent last Sabbath with the Baltimore No. 3 Church and his visit was much appreciated.

Professor C. M. Sorenson of the Washington Missionary College, spoke to the Baltimore No. 1 Church.

Elder Leslie Muntz of Wilmington, Del., called at the office this morning. He is at the present time working for the colored people in Dover, and is having some interest there.

Brother G. Medairy, who is holding meetings at Oakwood, Md., called at the office Sunday, and reports an increasing interest in the meetings there.

Miss A. C. Dewers, who has been in Baltimore for some time, has gone back to Hagerstown in the interest of the work there, and will spend a week or more at that place.

Good reports are coming to us from the work at Salisbury. There is quite an interest there and it is expected that a church will be organized there soon. Elder Stevens will have baptism there the coming Sabbath. They already have \$150 on the Harvest Ingathering work. At the last report Dover had more than \$100.

Baltimore No. 2 Church, our German Church in Baltimore, brought \$210 Harvest Ingathering money to the office the other day. Since the treasurer of the

church made her report more money has been collected and they have in all about \$240. Wilmington No. 1 reports \$271 collected. Fords Store and Hagerstown have each gone over \$100 at the last report.

Brother M.S. Pettibone, our wide-awake Home Missionary Secretary, has collected \$103. He set his goal at \$100. Baltimore No. 1 Church has considerably more than \$1000, but we do not have the exact figures at the present time.

Brother W. G. Whitaker is quite ill with pneumonia, but was improving at last report.

Brother O. C. Weller has been having some very interesting experiences in connection with his work. Only a short time ago he went into a home where he found a lady very anxious for the book, "Bible Readings." She had planned to go to town and do some shopping, but had the impression that she would have a more important place for her money than that would be, and remained at home. As soon as she saw the book she felt that was what she should buy, and immediately gave her order for the book and urged that it be delivered that evening. He says "the way the Lord is working upon the hearts of the people is truly wonderful." He also sold one copy each of the full leather binding to two colored ministers. Brother Weller's home is in Charles Town. The home of one of these ministers is in Martinsburg, but they met in Harper's Ferry. The minister said he felt sure the Lord led them together, for it was just the book he was wanting.

We trust all our people will plan for the week of prayer, and so arrange their affairs that they may not be hindered from having the benefit of every meeting for that week. God is hearing the prayers of His people when they cry unto Him, and we need to pray more.

OHIO

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

Akron Effort

It is a pleasure to me to be connected with the above effort in helping to launch the missionary phase of the work. I wish to thank all the members of the Akron Church for the willingness manifested in the giving out of the announcements and other literature. The service on Sabbath was given over to the writer, and the Lord greatly blessed in the organizing of the church for effective missionary

work during the effort and for the future. After the missionary talk based on Matt. 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven," the bands were announced with their respective leaders.

All entered heartily into the spirit of the meeting, and we are looking forward to the accomplishment of great things. The effort is progressing nicely; God is blessing in a wonderful way. The church is well filled every night. Last night (Sunday) the church was packed to its utmost and heard Elder Robbins speak on "The Millennium."

The offerings for the first week amount to the goodly sum of \$67.14. We are receiving assistance in the way of advertising through the courtesy of the press. All sermons and advertising are printed free of charge.

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

Important Notice

Since coming to this part of the state we find many families who are destitute and unable to support themselves. In Manchester alone there are many families who are in great need of assistance. Many are half clad. If any of our people throughout the state have on hand outgrown or castaway clothing of any kind, we will greatly appreciate any assistance that can be rendered. We are anxious to help the people here in every way possible. Please remember us at as early a date as is possible, for it is written, "Is not this the fast that I have chosen, to unloose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke, Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house, when thou seest the naked that thou cover him?" Isa. 58:6,7. Please prepay charges on all packages. Remember us at the throne of grace.

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.
Manchester, Adams County, Ohio.

The Colored Work in Cleveland

"What hath God wrought" is what the colored people in Cleveland are saying in relation to the new church dwelling just purchased and equipped.

The first of October we started a building fund and in six weeks we raised over \$1400 in cash. For this sum we are indebted to the faithful church members, friends, and the conference brethren. The building is a large one located on East Forty-sixth Street, the auditorium seating about 225 persons comfortably, while the prayer meeting room seats

about 60 people. Over the church is a suite of seven rooms and a bath which will be used for a parsonage.

The Lord blessed us in many ways in procuring our church furniture, so that we are now completely furnished. Too, the Lord blessed us with brethren in our church who were able to do the carpentry, plastering, plumbing, electrical work, in fact all the repairs needed was done by the brethren in the church, which is a great item in these times of high labor prices.

At the same time the church was rallying, in three weeks' time we went over the top in our Harvest Ingathering, our goal being \$200, and in addition to this we gave nearly \$50 in Sabbath School offerings. We feel that God is working among the 25,000 colored people of Cleveland to bring the truth more powerfully to their notice, for since we have been in our own building the Sunday night attendance is large and on the increase.

Since October 1 we have baptized four and about eight are ready for the service.

We beseech the readers of the VISITOR to carry us to the throne of grace that our future work may be crowned with the blessing and glory of God.

H. A. ROSSIN.

News Notes

Brother Barritt, Miss Greunke and Miss Bond were out together in the Harvest Ingathering on Thanksgiving morning. Notwithstanding the rain, they gathered in \$19.50 in two and a half hours.

Sister Nellie Wagner, of Ashtabula, sends word to Brother Barritt as follows: "We want you to know of our Ingathering success since your visit. You will rejoice with us to know that we have more than doubled our goal and have sent in for another supply. In the meantime, we have used some left-overs from last year. Our average thus far, has been forty cents per paper.

Encouraging news came from Elder A. R. Bell of Toledo, a few days ago: Yesterday there was \$98 reported. Sister Kummer is well on her way to her \$200 goal. We, of the Bell family, have \$78.50. The Dyes have their \$100 and are going for more. The Sbaws have their \$100, save about \$5. The Beldens, I think, are very near their goal, which is \$100. I have no doubt, whatever, as to the sum total being reached.

Toledo has raised up to November 30, \$851.49. Other churches follow this splendid example set by the Toledo Church.

Elder F. H. Henderson received \$20 from a man yesterday and \$10 from another this morning. Surely God is blessing our brother. He now has \$80, lacking only \$20 of his goal.

It was an inspiring sight at the Akron Church last Sabbath when Brother Barritt called for Miss Bond and Miss Greunke to show what the Lord had given them while out on Thanksgiving morning. They held up before the congregation a roll of bills pinned together, twenty-five in number.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

Have I Done My Duty?

Never in the history of the world has there been such a grand opening to do service for the Master as at the present time. The hour of opportunity has struck. The gospel is welcomed in all lands. Nations that here-to-fore were closed to the missionaries have thrown their doors wide open, and the commission has been given by the Saviour to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We cannot all go across the ocean, not every one can give all of his time at home, but we should ask ourselves the question, "Have I done my Duty?"

Often the cry is raised that the prejudice is too great among my neighbors, they will not give. A few days ago this objection was met in a small city in our conference, where it was claimed that the people never give. The writer went out with one sister in her neighborhood and in just three hours solicited \$10. What surprised the little company was that there were only five parties that refused to help, and two of these were ministers of the gospel. Brethren, with the help of the Lord this may be done in other places.

The Harvest Ingathering campaign affords a wonderful opportunity for laymen as well as ministers and Bible workers to do their part in the closing work of the Third Angel's Message. God has devised no other plan. He intends that we, as mortal beings, shall carry out this program.

Today God is calling you and me to go out in the highways and labor for Him. O, brother, sister, the laborers are few and the harvest is ripe. Will you not therefore lend your services in the work of God, and by gathering in funds help to gather lambs into the fold? Soon the work of God will be finished and the Saviour of mankind will come. Then the gathering work will be over. Let us in these last days of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign do all we can to help

reach our goal of \$8,500, and bring the truth to those about us.

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

Correction

Announcement was made in the issue of the Visitor under date of November 28 that the Sabbath School Lessons for the first quarter of 1919 would be a study of the Book of Acts. This was an error. The lessons will be a study of the Book of Psalms. We can furnish you with the pocket edition of this part of the Scriptures for 5 cents. Order from the tract society.

Harvest Ingathering Report, East Pennsylvania Conference, December 3, 1918

Churches	Cash Received
Allentown	\$239.38
Ariel	25.86
Blossburg	300.00
Bloomsburg	
Carbondale	16.25
Carlisle	
Covington	3.75
Danville	64.60
Emaus	11.30
Elkland	79.50
Fairhill	31.65
Fleetwood	188.08
Harrisburg	402.82
Honesdale	66.26
Lancaster	104.77
Lebanon	42.55
Mifflintown	14.75
Northumberland	12.40
Orwell	41.66
Philadelphia Colored	119.10
" German	
" North	59.41
" West	477.58
Phoenixville	6.05
Reading	86.44
Roaring Branch	9.20
Sayre	66.21
Scranton	165.75
Sellersville	62.67
Shunk	
Stroudsburg	5.30
South Canaan	
Tunkhannock	
Wade	
Westfield	100.00
Wilkes Barre	103.46
Williamsport	10.00
Wellsboro	67.55
York	40.00
Individuals	172.28
Total	3196.58
Goal	8500.00
Amount Short	5303.42

News Notes

Notes from the West state that Mr. Eugene Gloor, one of our experienced canvassers, has just commenced the medical course at Loma Linda, Calif. Also, that Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Scharffenburg are enroute for China.

You will all be glad to hear that the serial, "The Marked Bible" that we all enjoyed so much as it came to us through the "Signs" has been published in pamphlet form, and can now be obtained through the tract society for fifteen cents. Forty percent discount is given on all orders of five or more, less the postage.

Elder F. C. Gilbert, Secretary of the Jewish Department of the denomination, conducted a series of meetings last week at the West Philadelphia Church. His earnest plea for the Jewish people has stirred all hearts, and definite work has been taken up for them by the church members. In a special meeting for the Jews on Sunday evening, many were seen in the congregation, and at the close of the service, their hands were among the number that were raised asking for prayer that they might be led in the right paths.

While results may not be seen immediately, sooner or later the Jews will investigate the Third Angel's Message, if we are faithful in seed sowing. Who are your neighbors? If you have not obtained the little tracts telling how to interest the Jews in the truth, ask the tract society for them. They are free.

The influenza may stop public services, but it cannot stop the message when the people have a mind to work. Word has come from Wellsboro through Elder Gauterau that the church members are busy with the Harvest Ingathering in spite of the fact that the epidemic is raging there.

Two more of East Pennsylvania's colporteurs, Matthew Sterner and Henry Morris, have entered medical work. They are connected with the Lankinaw Hospital in Philadelphia.

Elder Leland reports splendid meetings both at Scranton and Wilkes Barre Sabbath, November 30. Five people were baptised at the former, and three at the latter church.

Elder McCord has returned from the sanitarium in Washington, D. C., but is still unable to attend to his duties as pastor of the English Churches in Philadelphia. With the burden of this work, Elder Parsons is unable to get out into the conference as he had planned.

Do not think that because the war has closed that the "World Crisis" series of books is out of date. If you have read these books you know that they do not deal with the war itself, but with present day conditions. If there ever was a time when they were needed by the people of the world, it is today. Do not through discouragement stop their important mission.

The Harvest Ingathering report of our conference in this issue is made up of actual cash received from the several churches throughout the conference. The previous report was taken from the reports of the missionary secretaries of the churches. This will account for the difference in the amounts.

Since the ban has been lifted in Philadelphia, Elder Schwedrat has been continuing his efforts among the German people of the city. Splendid interest is reported. Six people were baptised at the German Church Sabbath, November 30.

Miss Anna Schneider, in training at the Washington Sanitarium, and Miss Martha Fraustein, from Washington Missionary College, spent the week end at their homes in Philadelphia. Both were made happy by witnessing the baptism of their parents, who have taken their stand with the message.

Sad news came November 27, that our little North Church in Philadelphia had been burned to the ground. The tent and furnishings used by Elder McCord in the summer's effort were stored in the attic, so that they, too, have been destroyed. While the loss is keenly felt, we are thankful to know that as we trust in God, all things will work together for good.

While visiting at Ariel in northern Pennsylvania, we met dear old Grandma Bell. It has only been within the past few months that she has accepted the Sabbath truth, but now she is doing her best to be a witness among her friends and relatives. Her great desire is for her Lord to come quickly. She is in her ninety-eighth year and feels that her work is done, but her example of earnestness and patience is still an inspiration to those who are burden bearers.

Danville has gone "over the top" by 50 per cent. When we remember that the little church at Danville is only three years old, some of the older churches in the conference might well take a lesson

form this baby church. There are some live wires in the church, and among them is the Home Missionary Secretary who has pushed the Harvest Ingathering work until the little company of only twenty members have already collected \$120 more this year than last year. And they are still going.

The Big Week

There has not been observed in our conference what is known as Big Week. The Week of Prayer will be a splendid time for us to have a Big Week for the Harvest Ingathering work. During this time we ought to arrange our work so that we can spend quite a little time in prayer and work for the Master. November 19 had been set aside by the conference as a time when we encouraged every one to "do it in a day." As I am traveling throughout the conference, I find that wherever I go there are those who were out that day and gathered in \$5, yet there are many who did not take advantage of that day to do their part. The Big Week will give every loyal Seventh-day Adventist in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference one more chance to redeem himself in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. I plead with you, brethren and sisters, do not let this campaign pass by without your having some part in it. If there should be those who are unable to go personally, perhaps the Lord has blessed you with means that you can give your quota. Let everyone have some part in this work before the year closes. Remember these words from the servant of the Lord:

"God expects personal service from every one to whom He has entrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time." Vol. IX, p. 30.

"There is earnest work for every pair of hands to do." Vol. IX, p. 37.

"The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers." Vol. IX, p. 117.

Brethren, these are tremendous truths. Let us not try to evade them, but each one find his or her place and do faithfully what God expects of us. Remember the Big Week during the week of prayer, and remember also our conference goal of \$8,500.

H. G. GAUKER,
Home Miss. Sec.

"Those who live nearest to Jesus discern most clearly the frailty and sinfulness of humanity, and their only hope is in the merit of a crucified and risen Saviour."

SPECIAL

The Bible Year

"I found," said one of our sisters a few weeks ago, "that my prodigious reading of the newspapers was destroying my love for Bible reading, so I decided that I must make a change." She had been in the habit of spending a great deal of time each day on the daily papers, and neglecting to take time for the Word of God; then all at once she awoke to the realization that she was actually coming to the place where it was a task to sit down and enjoy reading a few chapters from the Bible, and that it was difficult to keep her mind on what she was reading.

Perhaps many have experienced the same trouble. We must put the study of God's Word first in our lives, if we expect to grow spiritually. And in order to accomplish anything of lasting value, one should have some systematic plan of daily study. "If a man does not know to what port he is steering, no wind is favorable to him." It is the lack of a definite plan that causes so many to drift along without receiving any real help from the Scriptures.

The Bible Year, which is the systematic reading of the Bible through by course, is an excellent plan to insure daily reading. While this plan has been called the Bible year, and was launched with the idea of encouraging people to complete the reading of the entire Bible in 365 days, it is in harmony with the plan to allow those who have already begun to read the Bible through, but have never succeeded, to begin where they left off and complete the unfinished task. And those who are already in the habit of reading the Bible through each year, will surely wish to do so again during 1919, for as the end draws near, it is even more necessary that we become very familiar with the Word of God.

Are there not a large number who will take up the Bible Reading course this year? It may mean that you will be obliged to cut short the reading of the daily paper, or put less time on magazines and books, but it will be a sacrifice well worth the making, and God will bless you for it.

The Bible assignments for each day are found in the back of the 1919 Morning Watch Calendar. They are also found in our new Bible Year book, written by Mrs. Evans, and published by the Missionary Volunteer Department a few months ago. This little Bible Year book contains a great fund of valuable information about the Bible. Its notes and outlines will help to make the systematic reading of the Bible very helpful and in-

Canvassers' Reports

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	DAYS	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL
West Virginia, Week Ending November 29, 1918									
B. P. Wright, Fayette Co.		BR	2	11	19	81 00	8 60	89 60	4 35
W. T. Dishman, Fayette Co.		OD	3	24	19	41 00	34 40	75 40	
N. D. Fisher, Fayette Co.		BR	4	28	43	191 00	45 20	236 20	13 90
S. G. Bertolet, Mingo Co.		BF				27 00		27 00	52 15
Misc.		OD	3	20	9	19 00	9 75	28 75	50
Misc.						400 00		400 00	
Totals	4 Agents		12	93	90	759 00	97 95	856 95	70 90
Virginia, Week Ending November 29, 1918									
Harry Wright, Rockingham Co.		BR	5	40	53	221 00	50	221 50	
F. C. Butler, Jr. Wise Co.		OD	4	29	57	140 00		140 00	
J. E. Thompson, Wise Co.		OD	4	28	39	97 00	27 65	124 65	
Totals	3 Agents		13	97	149	458 00	28 15	486 15	
New Jersey, Week Ending November 29, 1918									
Allan Boynton, Jr.		OD	4	20	13	57 00	2 25	59 25	2 25
Wm. Schmidt		Misc.	2			59 30		59 30	31 30
Wm. Vahrenkamp		BR	4	16	11	52 00	1 50	53 50	21 00
Mr. & Mrs. Otto Westerhoff		BR	4	26	17	74 00	19 25	93 25	13 75
Fred Zimmerly		OD	4	19	17	38 50	3 25	41 75	3 25
Totals	6 Agents		18	81	58	158 42	15 25	173 67	35 92
Ohio, Week Ending November 29, 1918									
Fred Hannah, Wayne Co.		OD	5	36	12	24 00		24 00	
Geo. Harvey, Stark Co.		BR	5	32	24	99 00	10 70	109 70	
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Van Wert		OD	5	26	9	19 00	5 45	24 45	4 50
O. E. Taylor, Athens		OD	5	25	24	56 00	16 45	72 45	30 80
Mrs. Pinnicks, Zanesville		OD	2	15	7	15 00	8 50	23 50	
Mr. & Mrs. R. R. Shank, Richland		OD	4	17	15	31 00	4 50	35 50	50
E. C. Alexander, Cincinnati		BR	3	16	3	14 00	5 10	19 10	5 95
Totals	7 Agents		29	167	94	258 00	50 70	308 70	41 75
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 29, 1918									
Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	3	35	16	67 00	5 00	72 00	30 00
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		BR	4	26	7	32 00	4 50	36 50	13 50
G. B. Jenkins, Berks Co.		BR	4	8	4	19 00	10 75	29 75	11 25
Sol. Diehl, Union Co.		OD	4	32	10	20 00	5 00	25 00	
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		OD	2	10			3 50	3 50	4 50
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co.		BR	3	24	6	26 00	50	26 50	
Mrs. Park Drake, Northampton		Misc.	3	13		11 75		11 75	25
Misc.						71 75		71 75	71 75
Totals	7 Agents		23	148	43	247 50	29 25	276 75	131 25
Chesapeake, Week Ending November 29, 1918									
J. E. Jones, Wicomico Co., Md.		BR	4	31	9	44 00	26 00	70 00	2 75
O. C. Weller, Jefferson Co., W. Va.		BR	4	27	25	108 00	9 90	117 90	3 10
Misc.						445 45		445 45	
Totals	2 Agents		8	58	34	597 45	35 90	633 35	5 85
Grand Totals	29 Agents					2600 75		Deliveries	321 30

structive. The price of the book is 65 cents. Why not procure a copy at once, and plan to begin the New Year by reading it in connection with the Bible during 1919?

All who wish to enroll in the Bible Year Reading Course, send name and address to the conference Missionary Volunteer secretary. No doubt many of you have said, "I will read the Bible through when I have time;" but the time has never seemed to come. Do not

put it off any longer. Stop drifting! Start doing! This is something worth while.

ELLA IDEN.

"We should day by day study the Bible diligently."

"The Bible should never be studied without prayer."

Influenza does not stop Uncle Sam's Mail.

This serious epidemic of Influenza now sweeping over the country has not only brought sickness and death to many homes, but it has practically paralyzed the public work of our ministry. Gatherings are generally prohibited and our ministerial brethren are forced to retire from the platform for the present. The epidemic has greatly affected our publishing work since the colporteurs with the books and workers with the magazines have, generally, discontinued their efforts until the epidemic passes. God grant it may pass soon.

But Uncle Sam's mail carriers still deliver the 60,000 Signs of the Times each week, and correspondence that follows these papers, and though our hundreds of living preachers in America are unable just now to hold meetings, yet these 60,000 "silent preachers"—these Signs Weeklies—are carrying to the people at least 120,000 good sermons each week. And those sermons are constantly creating interests among the people, and leading many to walk in the light.

Today's mail brings an interesting letter from which we quote the following: "Only yesterday a brother was in our office and told me that he has been mailing 'Signs' to his brother for several years. His brother has never as much as mentioned the paper until about a year ago, at which time he stated in a letter how interested he and his wife were in the study of the 'Signs.' Then a few weeks ago the joyful news came that he had fully decided to keep the Sabbath, and had begun to arrange his business accordingly. Primarily, it was the special series of articles in the 'Signs' entitled 'The Marked Bible,' that brought him to the final and determined conclusion. When this man began to receive the 'Signs' he was very prejudiced against the truth, but this is another evidence that the 'Signs' will win its way."

Let us use the mails more, especially while this epidemic of sickness is on, and remember that the Signs Weekly is prepared for this work of helping you to win relatives, friends and neighbors. More "Signs"—More Souls.

"The precious hours, instead of being given to pleasure, to display, or to gain-seeking, should be devoted to an earnest, prayerful study of the Word of truth."

"Every practice that weakens physical or mental strength unfits man for the service of his Creator and will God be pleased with anything less than the best we can offer?"

Washington Missionary College

The enrollment now stands at 281, and new students are still coming in.

About forty students are earning their board and lodging this year. This is an unusually large number.

Up to this writing, twenty-six students have been enrolled in the classes in Graham shorthand, and thirty-four in touch typewriting, besides those who are taking the regular bookkeeping course.

The printing office is furnishing work to nearly a score of students. This industry alone helps students to the extent of about \$5,000 a year. The work in the job department is especially heavy this season.

Of the students now in attendance, fifteen have earned one or more scholarships this year. Nearly half of these have earned more than one. One student has earned six scholarships, another four, and another three. Those young people who wish to be in school next year, but do not know where the money is coming from, would do well to begin now to consider the scholarship plan.

The Students' Association is rallying heroically to the task of raising money for the completion of "Columbia Hall," the new main building which has been needed for so long. Each student and teacher in the college is to be responsible for the raising of at least \$25. Many have already raised their quota, and the money is flowing in at an astonishing rate. Watch this column for further reports of progress.

Elder A. G. Daniells spoke recently to the large class in "Business Ethics" in the Commercial Department, on the great need of efficient, consecrated stenographers and bookkeepers. Among other things he said:

"We are very short of workers of this class. We are combing the denomination right now for stenographers. We want three for the Far East,—India, China and other places,—and if you had finished here so that your teachers could give you a good recommendation for efficiency and diligence and devotion, we would like to pick a number of you right up now and get you on the first boat that goes out. That is our situation at present."

Mount Vernon Academy

On Monday, November 25, Miss Mabel Butler attended the funeral of her cousin in La Grange, Ohio.

The holiday season for the students will begin December 18 and continue until January 2.

Mr. John Cassell has returned from Washington, D. C., for a short visit at home.

Mr. Lee Herrick left school to take up the Nurses' course at Newark, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Christman spent some time at his mother's home in Mount Vernon.

On Saturday evening, November 23, the dormitory students entertained the resident students. All enjoyed the evening.

Mr. Hubert Talmage spent Thanksgiving with his relatives of Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

Miss Rhoda Draper and Miss Ella Talmage spent Thanksgiving at their home near Mt. Gilead.

Last Sabbath the Mount Vernon Church enjoyed their first church service since seven weeks. Elder Robbins delivered a very stirring sermon.

Elder N. S. Ashton, accompanied by Messrs. E. J. Stipeck, J. E. Lippart, Leon Murphy and George Rapp motored to Zanesville last Sabbath and met with the church there.

We are sorry to lose Miss Helen Leslie from our midst.

A goodly number of our students went home or visited relatives and friends during the Thanksgiving vacation.

A new cooking apartment is under construction in the basement of the laboratory.

Miss Nellie Davis of Columbus, spent several days with Miss Grace Morgan at the academy.

The students who remained at the academy during the Thanksgiving vacation enjoyed a good time and a good dinner.

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New officers for the Sabbath School, Bible Workers' and Ministerial Bands have been elected for the coming three months.

Notice

The Sabbath School Lessons for the first quarter of 1919 will be a study of the Psalms.

OBITUARIES

JAMES.—Peggy Jane, was born in Sumpter County, S. C., December 24, 1864, and died at her residence in Cleveland, Ohio, November 22, 1918, of Pulmonary Tuberculosis. At the age of nineteen she was united in marriage to Thomas W. James and to this union eighteen children were born, nine of whom have preceded the mother. Before she knew there was an Adventist, Sister James began keeping the Sabbath, and when later she heard of them she readily united with the church, and since has lived a consistent Christian life. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Isa. 51:14.

H. A. ROSSIN.

BATEMAN.—Margaret L., was born January 26, 1892, and died November 23, 1918, aged twenty-seven years, nine months, and twenty-seven days. She and her husband, who died one year ago last September, accepted present truth and became active members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. On account of sickness the support of the family fell upon the wife. Bravely she met the situation, and by placing thousands of books in the homes of the people the necessary expenses were met. Eternity alone will reveal the number who have learned of the message through the literature which this sister distributed. The day she was compelled to leave her work was spent in delivering books. The cause of death was Spanish Influenza followed by

pneumonia. Four brothers, three sisters, a mother, and three small children are left to mourn. On account of the quarantine no public funeral could be held, but words of comfort were spoken to the near friends and relatives by the writer, from Rev. 14:13. The three children will be reared in Christian homes where they will be taught the truths loved by the parents.

E. A. MANRY.

PATTERSON.—Ethel Luvina, the daughter of John C. and Caroline Hyden of Sharon, Penn., was born October 17, 1893, died November 17, 1918, after a few days' illness at her home in Sharon, leaving to mourn their loss her husband, Harold L. Patterson, two sons, three sisters, also both parents, besides many friends. Sister Patterson was waiting to be buried with her Lord in baptism, after accepting the "Third Angel's Message" this summer during the tent effort which was held there. She gave her whole heart and life to her divine Master and was active and anxious to do her part to give the truth to others. The church as well as her family and friends have suffered a great loss in her early death. She was laid to rest from her labors and awaits the soon return of her Saviour. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to relatives and friends from Rev. 14:13.

R. W. SPENCER.

Have You A Globe?

A globe is very essential to the equipment of every school and home. For several years, the publishers of "Christian Educator" have been offering a globe as a premium with this magazine. A large number have secured a globe in this way. It is now offered as a premium for eight subscriptions to the "Christian Educator" at one dollar each, or for a cash price of two dollars, transportation extra in either case. Send your orders to the local tract society.

Conference Workers

Important Notice

Please note that December 18 will be the date of the last issue of the Visitor for 1918. Kindly contribute your copy accordingly, so that it will not be out of date for the first issue of 1919, which will be dated January 2.

EDITOR.

Notice

Second-hand clothing and shoes for adults and children could be used to great advantage in my work at Lynchburg. Those who have more than they need; or can solicit from another source, please send to W. H. Sebastian, 811 Jackson Street, Lynchburg, Va. Prepay all charges.

"The Signs Magazine"

For January 1919

Leading articles:—"The Parade of Universal Empires," by B. G. Wilkinson "Spiritualism and the War," by Leon L. Caviness. "Were the Disciples Disappointed Concerning the Second Advent of Christ?," by George B. Thompson. "The Origin of Sunday," by W. G. Wirth. "The Heavenly Questionnaire," by Stemple White. "The Millennium: When? Where? What?," by George W. Rine. "Some Fooleries of 'Popular' Science," by George McCready Price. "Near Possibilities," by J. O. Corliss. "The Creation of the Sabbath," by H. W. Cottrell. "A Triple Anthem," (On the Ministry of Angels) by Arthur S. Maxwell. "The Right Use of Reason," by Earle Albert Rowell. "Engine Trouble—Is It the Machine or the Fuel?," (Health Article) by Arthur M. Donaldson, M. D. And other good things.

"None but those who have fortified the mind with the truths of the Bible will stand through the last great conflict."

"We should rather dispense with selfish gratifications than neglect communion with God."

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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.