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Elder J. H. Morrison

Obituary

Elder J. H. Morrison, so long known in the activities of this denomination, has passed from our midst at the age of seventy-seven. Of him we may say, a prince in Israel has fallen. He was born in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, October 22, 1841. It was at the age of twenty-two, after his removal to Iowa with his parents, that he met present truth and threw in his lot with the people of God. He was attending the Baptist College at Pella, Iowa, when in 1862 the truth presented itself to him for his acceptance. Naturally of a deep faith in God, and easily fore-seeing the ultimate triumph of the Third Angel's Message, he eagerly embraced the new light which was coming in amongst men.

Throughout the days when the Adventist cause was small in numbers and confronted by strong obstacles, he was its unfaltering advocate. Soon after embracing the truth, he heard the call by the sea to become a fisher of men. He was ordained to the ministry June, 1872. Gifted to an unusual degree with good common sense, and being of keen discernment, he soon became known as one of the foremost who appeared before the public in defense of the truth. He was not only a watchman of the night, but also a herald of the morning. He preached as one who spoke to the hearts and consciences of men. Had he been so mindful he might have been, through his ability in that line, a financial leader. But he chose otherwise. Both by his life, as well as by his ministry, he everywhere persuaded men to be reconciled to God.

His contribution to the work went beyond that of the ministry. The rapidly growing advance of the truth afforded place for the exercise of his administrative ability. Soon after the introduction of the first unit of organization among us, he was elected president of the Iowa Conference. Those days of slender resources and untried growth demanded simple faith and untiring thought. These he

gave without stint or measure. The garment of organization now being worn by this rapidly growing denomination contains many threads which were woven into it by the life and services of Elder J. H. Morrison. Before the organization of the union conferences, he labored for some years as superintendent of two large districts which embraced six conferences, and was in charge of just such a district with its headquarters at Battle Creek, Michigan, when the condition of his health compelled him to give up active service. During the ten years he served as a member of the General Conference Committee he gave of his best, that the message might prevail throughout the earth.

During the twenty-five years that he has been a resident in College View he has taken an active interest in all the affairs connected with the community. He was one of the founders and charter members of Union College, and served for eleven years as a member of the college board. He served also for a number of years as mayor of College View, and it was under his administration that electric lights and the water system of the place were introduced. He also was a charter member of the College View Bank, a member of its board of trustees, and at the time of his death was vice-president of the corporation.

As a further contribution to the work of the denomination he has left behind him his books which speak as he lived. He was quick to see the potency of the pen to quell the daring of the adversary. Even in his latter years, with his right hand disabled and being compelled to write with his left, he could not bear to suffer those who were living on their past reputation to buttress up their subtle attacks on the truth with daring impiety. His book entitled, "Plain Talks to Old Brethren" came forth as a timely rebuke to those who claimed that no one was able to refute their doctrines. And when Elder D. N. Canright thought to bring confusion into the ranks, Elder Morrison in his second book completely silenced his attacks on the Sabbath. His third book, an Exposition of Revelation 17 has thrown a flood of fertilizing thought upon that momentous chapter.

He was united in marriage August 17,

1871, with Miss Jennie Mitchell, of Whiteside County, Illinois. Throughout the years of their wedded life, he found his wife strong in service, and an unfaltering support to his spiritual warfare, ever keeping the door of his house open for his return to a loving home. Several children were born to them of whom two are now living.

Professor H. A. Morrison, who is now serving as president of Union College, and Ruby Charlene Morrison, now Mrs. Varner Johns, who is standing by the side of her husband, the pastor of the church in Kansas City, Mo.

He was a kind father, a loving husband, and a lover of his home. He would never consent that his family or any of his children should consider any service higher than that of this message. He will be greatly missed. His wife and children mourn their loss. He also leaves behind to mourn their loss, five grandchildren, two sisters, a brother, and numerous nephews and nieces. He was a great entertainer, and loved nothing more than to discuss with men of labor and experience the vital issues of the day. He was a lover of young men, and was greatly interested in their progress. He spared no pains to give counsel and advice to all who sought it of him. Travelers on the Lincoln Highway from Washington to the coast will long remember his hospitable home, and the house which always stood in defense of the truth.

His death came unexpectedly to all. Suffering greatly in the main digestive organ, he sought relief from the renowned specialists at the Mayo Institution, Rochester, Minn. The operation was successful, but his heart was unable to endure the strain. Professor Morrison, his son, was with him in his last journey and trial. He was given every care and comfort which human device could produce. He passed away in triumphant hope. The faith which had supported him all through these years sustained him as he went down into the dark valley. Just before the last he twice repeated the Twenty-third Psalm, claiming its promises as his own. His last moments were lighted up by the peace that passeth all understanding. And as the sun betrays its brightest colors when it

finally sinks to rest, so he met the last enemy as he folded his cloak about him, a tired warrior, and 8 A. M., November 25, quietly fell asleep. He has handed in his charge. He can do no more. Angels will now take up the trust he so long and faithfully defended, while they guard the spot where sleeps his dust. Methinks that on the morning of the resurrection, when the Redeemer of the world shall call His faithful followers to share with Him His triumph, that Elder J. H. Morrison will be recognized for his years of faith and labor. B. G. WILKINSON.

The Big Normal Drive

The faculty of Washington Missionary College, the various conference presidents of the Union, and all the educational workers, have united their efforts at the present time in one big drive for the purpose of recruiting the Normal Department of our college with students desiring to prepare for church school work. Yet all our efforts will be of no avail unless our young people rally to the call of the hour and respond to the invitation to become connected with our excellent college, for the purpose of becoming trained and efficient workers in our church schools. Just now the call comes to you. It is a personal call and demands a personal answer to God. You have been given talents to be used in His service. The door of opportunity is open, and leads to the children of our own people. The call is especially urgent for young men to enter this line of work. The work of fitting them for usefulness in church school service, we feel, has been greatly neglected in the past, and we are endeavoring to rectify past mistakes by doing all possible to enlist the services of consecrated young men, willing to sacrifice that the cause of truth may not suffer through lack of qualified workers to carry it on. God has called the young men because they are strong. It needs strong men to carry on successfully the work in our church schools. Men of character and breadth of vision, who can see beyond the four walls of the school room, and behold the message being carried to the world by men and women whose success as gospel workers can be attributed to the principles of Christian education early taught them in the church school. This work has the stamp of divine approval resting upon it. It may be harassed and obstructed on every side, but the foundation principles are ordained of God and can not be overthrown. The very struggle through which our elementary schools have gone is in itself an evidence of their importance in the eyes of the great enemy of all righteousness, who has therefore made the church school a special object of at-

tack. But the controversy is between Christ and Satan, and the teacher is truly a "laborer together with God."

Just now we are confronted with a great shortage of teachers. The call is for both men and women to step into the ranks and help carry the burden of this work. Are you saying that to accept a call to our denominational work calls for too great a sacrifice? Are you asking to be excused by your very attitude of indifference to this great need now confronting our people? Do you know that soon the opportunities now on every side will be closed to you, and that you will be lost to this truth unless you definitely connect yourself with this message? We cannot afford to trifle. Uncertainty abounds everywhere. Only those who have a living faith can expect to triumph in the end. Such a faith comes only to those who are grappling with the problems of this message. To them comes a consciousness of a personal connection with God. This opportunity for spiritual growth is open to the church school teacher. Decide now to enroll as a student in Washington Missionary College. Let nothing hinder that decision. Your all may depend on the choice you are making. May your decision be a right one, and evidence your willingness to become definitely connected with the giving of this last message to the world.

A. W. WERLINE.

Leadership

During the passing days of the present month, our people throughout the Columbia Union are giving careful study to the selection of leaders in the various activities of the church for the coming year. Therefore, we felt that a few words of instruction and information at this time would be helpful to those who are giving consideration to this problem throughout the field. We would deal especially with the question of leadership as related to the Home Missionary Department, because we feel that the success of this important work will depend upon those who are placed in positions of responsibility.

While the world is passing through its Gethemane, and even now emerging into a dawn of universal peace, when a work of reconstruction among the nations is the principal demand of the hour, much will depend upon those who lead out in international affairs. The world needs leaders who sense the magnitude of the task in hand, and who will give themselves in a spirit of deep sincerity for the accomplishment of the great and terrible tasks which confront the nations at this critical time.

In finishing the work of the church, and preparing a people for the second advent of Christ, there is great need that those

who are placed in positions of responsibility as leaders of the people recognize the magnitude of the work to be done. Then too, how essential that leaders in the church of God make an unreserved surrender of heart, mind, and soul for the work God has given His people to do. We feel confident that when every leader in our churches is wholly surrendered to the task assigned, it will not be long until the work of God will be finished, and Jesus come.

We read of Moses, that man of God who led his people through the wilderness for almost forty years. Our hearts are stirred as we study about his personal relationship with God, his meek, humble spirit in dealing with the many problems connected with the journeyings of that chosen people, and his unreserved surrender to the work God had called him to do. While it is true that all will not be able to act as did Moses in leading a nation, yet we feel that every one will have some place to fill in the closing work of the church. The servant of God has told us that His church is militant, and recognizing this truth we are especially interested in having active leadership in all our churches.

Before the close of this month our churches throughout the Columbia Union will have chosen those who are to lead our people into fields of greater service during the coming year. It is possible that the events of the year 1919 will mean much to the church of God, and we feel to urge that in the choice of leaders careful study be given to some of the essential qualifications which will be in demand. In this connection we are reminded that the elder of the church is its rightful leader in its missionary activities. Where it is found he cannot shoulder this responsibility alone, another should be chosen to assist him in the work. We desire to see every church throughout the field an active unit in helping to sound the warning cry to the thousands of people who "have no hope, and are without God in the world." The attainment of this ideal will devolve upon those who lead the church, and we trust that the Spirit of God will direct in the selection of proper leadership in all our churches.

H. K. CHRISTMAN.

OHIO

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

News Notes

Another colporteur added to the ranks. On December 3, 1918, a son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dotson of Moorefield, Ohio.

Elder J. H. Schilling, president of the Illinois Conference, visited friends in Al-lentown, Lebanon, and Reading last week, this being his home conference. His visit was greatly appreciated by all.

The following excellent report comes from Elder Leland of the work in Wilkes Barre and Scranton:

"We had a splendid meeting last Sabbath at Scranton. The Lord came very near as all renewed their consecration to God just preceding the baptismal service. Five souls were buried with Christ in baptism. There are several other candidates at Scranton nearly ready for the sacred rite.

"In the afternoon at Wilkes-Barre we had another precious service, where three candidates were buried in the watery grave. Here also are several others nearly ready to follow their Lord in baptism. Both churches are pulling to raise their quota on the Harvest Ingathering Fund, realizing the solemn obligation resting upon us in the matter.

"We are having some very interesting and profitable cottage meetings at both places. A number of interested outsiders attend these gatherings, and we are confident some of these will soon step out upon the firm platform of the gospel message for this time. At one of these meetings held in West Pittston the Lord sent His Spirit like a breath from heaven. We are of good courage in the work in spite of the difficulties that surround us. The terrible epidemic hinders some, but only makes the people think more seriously of eternal things."

Books for all ages for the long winter nights, and most appropriate for holiday gifts.

"Little Stories for Little People" for the little tots, at 85 cents.

For the Juniors:

"The White Queen of Okoyong," "Early Writings," "The Land of the Golden Man," "Outdoors, Indoors, and Up the Chimney." Value \$3.00. Complete set now \$2.65.

For the youth:

"Makers of South America," "Making Good," "The Days of June," "The Story of Prophets and Kings." The value of this set is \$3.20. They can now be obtained from the tract society for \$2.85.

The following note was received from Brother J. E. Kibler, of South Woodstock, Vermont:

"Do you know of any place in Eastern Pennsylvania where I can get work on a farm near a good church school?" I have four children and am anxious to have them brought up in one of our church schools."

If there is any such opening in our conference, kindly write Brother Kibler.

There is just one more week left for those who have not reached their individual goal in the Harvest Ingathering work. And there is just one more week left for those who have failed to have part in this campaign. In this last week we want every member to either work or give. Let us hope that there will not be a single "slacker" in the East Pennsylvania Conference, January 1, 1919. Watch for the final report, and see that your mite is included.

CHESAPEAKE

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

News Notes

Elder A. S. Booth, our Conference President, and Brother M. S. Pettibone, our Home Missionary Secretary, were called to Pittsburg to attend a Home Missionary Convention in that city for a few days last week.

Brother J. W. Siler, our Field Missionary Secretary, is in Baltimore for a few days, taking care of some book sales for Brother J. G. Whitaker who has been so ill with pneumonia. We are glad to report Brother Whitaker is slowly improving.

Brother Siler brings a very encouraging report for the Harvest Ingathering work for Hagerstown.

Elder Celian Andross was called to Baltimore from Wilmington Monday to conduct the funeral service of Brother Geo. H. Thomas, of Edgewater Park, N. J.

We are sorry to have to report Elder Stevens and two of his children ill with influenza.

A terrible explosion took place in the Baltimore No. 1 Church last Sabbath morning. The Ingathering thermometer was only made to register \$1250. When the reports were all totaled of the work done by the church, it was found that \$1602.81 had been raised. Of course, this broke the thermometer all to pieces. No one was hurt by the explosion, but all the congregation were very happy, and those who worked hardest looked the happiest.

The little company at Salisbury, Md., not yet organized into a church, sent in

an ingathering report of \$177.71. The little company at Charles Town, W. Va., another unorganized company, have reported \$91.73.

The church at Fords Store deserves honorable mention at this time. In addition to reporting to us \$160.96 on the ingathering work, they have just succeeded in raising \$224 on their church debt. They are all very much encouraged over the results of their labors.

Elder Andross informs us that he fully expects the Wilmington No. 1 Church will raise at least \$500 on the ingathering. Elder M. C. Strachan, pastor of the Baltimore No. 3 Church, says he expects his church to raise \$500.

We firmly believe we will raise our full quota for this year on this fund, and if there are any in the conference who have not yet raised their share of it, they had better get busy, or some one else will get their crown.

Little Maurice Siler, only five years old, son of our earnest Field Missionary Secretary, has already reached his goal of \$5. Other children in the conference are making theirs, and one young girl, a member of the intermediate division of the Sabbath School in Baltimore, has raised more than \$30.

Dover Church, a very small church, reports \$114.90. This work was done by five people. Think what a report we would have if every member of the conference had done as well!

Brother G. Medairy reports two new Sabbath keepers from his effort in Oakwood. Others are much interested.

Five persons were baptized by Elder A. S. Booth in the Baltimore No. 1 Church last Sabbath.

Let all remember the Annual Offering at the close of the week of prayer. The Lord has blessed His people in this field with means, and let us not forget to make a sacrifice at this time that will mean some thing to us.

NEW JERSEY

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

News Notes

Elder Heckman spent last Sabbath in Paterson, visiting Elder P. F. Richard and the German Church of that city.

Just think what it means, dear reader, if every member of this conference will get the small sum of \$2 during the week, over \$5,000 will be gathered in for missions.

The Akron effort closed Sunday night. The house was packed. The offering was \$61.40, making the grand total for the two weeks of about \$140. Six people took their stand to keep the Sabbath of the Lord.

Elder Robbins met with the Youngstown Company last Sabbath and reports a good meeting. All are of good courage.

Don't forget, dear reader, we are looking to you to raise at least \$2 during the week of prayer. Be sure to get it either by soliciting, through the mail, or from callers at the house.

During the week of prayer we are asking every member of the Ohio Conference to raise at least \$2 for the Harvest Ingathering. If each one will do his or her part, we shall go over the top by the close of the week of prayer.

Brother Barritt visited the Cleveland Church last Sabbath and brings back a good report. This church has raised up to Sabbath, December 7, the sum of \$1,121, which leaves only \$379 with which to reach their goal of \$1500.

Cleveland German Church reports nearly \$300 up to date. Cleveland Colored Church reports \$200. This makes with the three churches combined, the grand total gathered in the city of Cleveland alone, \$1600.

Be sure to get your \$2 during the week. If you are not able to go out, write some of your friends or relatives and canvass every caller who comes to your door.

Toledo lacks only \$100 of its thousand dollar goal. This is surely a splendid record for a church of only 116 members.

News has just reached the office that Springfield has reached its goal of \$300. This is the first time this church has reached the \$100 mark. We have much to be thankful for in the success attained in this year's campaign.

The little company in Ashtabula has averaged forty cents per paper, and has more than doubled the goal.

Elder Robbins Brother Barritt, and Brother Hackman left for Pittsburg to attend the Home Missionary Convention.

Miss Maud Belmont, the Bible worker of Mansfield, spent the week end with Miss Bond and Miss Greunke in Akron, attending the closing meetings of the effort.

Elder D. E. Lindsey's post office address is now Lock Box 376, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

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

The Last Call

This no doubt will be the last chance I have this season to give an urgent call for the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. While the work has been very much hindered a great share of the time, I feel that we have great reasons to be thankful for what the Lord has done for us in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. Wherever I have been, and I have visited practically every church and company in the conference, our people have nobly taken hold of the work. But I am one of those Home Missionary Secretaries that is never satisfied. We must do still more. Now I am quite sure that there are those who have not yet taken part in this noble work. Won't you lend your helping hand in these last few days that remain. If you feel that you cannot personally go out in the field, can you not give your quota? Let each member in our conference feel responsible for at least \$5.

Soon the last Harvest Ingathering will take place. That will not be a gathering of money, but a gathering of souls. Brother, sister, do you expect to be gathered in at that time? If so, notice these words from the inspired servant of the Lord; "Those who share in Christ's glory must share also in His ministry, helping the weak, the wretched, and the despondent." Test. Vol. 9, p. 31.

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

Harvest Ingathering Report

Week Ending December 7, 1918

Churches	Papers Ordered	Cash Received
Allentown	1500	\$351.11
Ariel	200	32.11
Blossburg	100	300.00
Bloomsburg		
Carbondale	25	16.25
Carlisle	250	
Covington	750	3.75
Danville	505	112.00
Emaus	100	12.30
Elkland	300	79.50
Fairhill	150	31.65
Fleetwood	1000	188.08
Harrisburg	2000	502.82
Honesdale	350	79.26
Lancaster	500	104.77
Lebanon	200	165.57
Mifflintown	125	14.75
Northumberland	200	12.40
Orwell	300	45.16
Philadelphia Colored	1000	119.10
" German	800	
" North	1000	59.41
" West	4500	477.58

Phoenixville	200	6.05
Reading	1800	86.44
Roaring Branch	100	9.20
Sayre	375	66.21
Sellersville	500	97.42
Shunk		
South Canaan		
Stroudsburg		5.70
Tunkhannock	11	
Wade	294	
Westfield	500	105.00
Wilkes Barre	1600	163.46
Williamsport	125	15.00
Wellsboro	100	67.55
Individuals	2524	989.71
Total cash received		\$4320.31
Conference Goal		8500.00
Amount short		4179.69

News Notes

Sister Kimmel, one of our Bible workers in Philadelphia, has returned to her home in Washington until after the holidays to take a much needed rest.

Brother W. C. Rahn of Ariel, one of our colporteurs, has been very sick at his home with the influenza. He is now improving.

C. E. Reichenbaugh, the Conference Field Secretary has moved from Mohnton to Shillington.

An Educational Rally was held at the West Philadelphia Church Sabbath, December 7. Elder Butler from Washington Missionary College and Professor A. W. Werline, Educational Secretary of the Columbia Union Conference, were present to have charge of the services.

Elder Parsons and Brother Gauker left for Pittsburg last week, where they attended a three days' Home Missionary Convention, also a Union Conference Committee meeting.

Without the "Review" in our homes week by week we would be ignorant of the advancement of the Third Angel's Message in the distant lands, for the reports appearing in this paper every week are published nowhere else, and are largely taken from fresh communications sent direct from missionaries to the Mission Board. These reports tell of their experiences, and how the hearts of the people are thrilled with the message that so comforts our hearts at home. Besides learning what is being done in the distant fields, the "Review and Herald" keeps us informed of the progress of the work in the homeland. If we could have but one paper, that paper should be the "Review and Herald."

On November 30, a very successful and well-attended Educational Rally was held in Bridgeton, the Jericho, Ramah, and Swedesboro Churches being well represented. Mrs. Chaney, of the W. M. C. Normal Department, and Professor Werline of the Columbia Union, were prominent speakers. A number of those present expressed themselves relative to the need and importance of greater educational ability among our young people, and of entering our schools with the view of making teaching a big factor in their life's work.

The week following the Rally, Mr. Werline and Mr. Warren visited four of the schools in that part of the state, and found very creditable work being done, though there is a general need of globes, maps, and other illustrating material to make the work 100 per cent efficient.

The church in Burlington has lost a prominent and valuable member, in the death of Brother G. H. Thomas, which occurred last Wednesday. A week's illness of the influenza was the cause of this loss among us. Services were conducted by Elder Heckman Sunday afternoon, at the home in Burlington.

Sister Gilbert, home missionary secretary of the Camden Church, called at the office one day this week and purchased an unusually large consignment of books, for use during the holidays. This church is always very active in distributing a great amount of our literature, much of this being given to those who cannot well afford to buy it, but who appreciate our message at its full value.

The Sabbath Schools of New Jersey expect to raise \$1000 on the soon-coming Thirteenth Sabbath. This means an average of nearly one dollar per member, old, young, or otherwise. This will be an advanced step for us, but we do not question the loyalty for a moment, of any Sabbath School or its individual members.

We are glad to report that Sister Leidecker of Jersey City, who has been ill in Middletown, N. Y., for more than six weeks, is able to return to her home. Her attending surgeon was Dr. B. B. Kinney of the Middletown Sanitarium.

Elder Heckman and Brother G. H. Clark are attending the Home Missionary Convention being held in Pittsburgh this week.

Brother "Billy" Mohr, of the East Pennsylvania office, made a good-natured business call at our office this week.

Miss Zita Hannah, our new stenographer recently arrived from Ohio, was urgently called back to her home by a telegram late last week.

Probably the most successful and most profitable Colporteur's Institute ever held in this part of the country, convened in Trenton, December 2 to 6. Brethren Leach and Kirk, and their enthusiastic co-workers in this conference, are beginning to make New Jersey a very inviting field for the canvasser. The success of their plans is assured by three facts: The aggregate population of the state is three and one quarter millions; the large number of thriving cities and the abundance of manufacturing plants, make the resources practically illimitable; and a score of Christian soldiers have faithfully dedicated themselves to carrying truth-filled literature to every part of ideally located and centralized conference.

Among those recently entering this branch of the work in our state are: Brother and Sister Brownell, and son; Brother and Sister Westerhoff; Sister Jessen; Brethren F. Johnson, J. W. Johnson, Wahrenkamp, Hansen, Moore, Applegate, Blinn, Zimmerly, Boynton, Wrigley, Krall, and Dombrowsky.

Our Missionary Volunteers will be especially busy during December, making good every opportunity to reach the conference goal. Let every member contribute a generous share toward holding our record of former years.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Indiana, Pa.

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

No Time to Lose

Every Seventh-day Adventist is familiar with the words, "We have no time to lose," "Probation is closing" and "What is done must be done quickly." These statements should fill us with zeal. No one should be satisfied unless he is doing his best.

There are but a few days remaining in which to reach our Harvest Ingathering goal. Many have done nobly, and will work on to raise more money, but some have accomplished little because they attempted little. Let us all work faithfully to place every Harvest Ingathering paper where it will be read, and forward our offerings to the mission treasury.

Unless all take hold of this work, souls in the distant lands will be deprived of hearing this blessed message. Jesus died for them. His life blood flowed freely that they might be saved. The one great lack is means to send the missionaries to their homes. Even the gentiles

are willing to furnish this money, if the humble Christian will but give them the invitation. God has touched their hearts.

The few remaining days should be busy ones. Every believer should be active in this work. Should you neglect this service it may mean souls for whom Jesus died will be lost.

If it seems hard to call upon outsiders with the Ingathering papers, just think what it meant to Jesus to leave heaven and come to a planet where even His professed followers took His life. Love caused Him to do this.

We are blessed with homes, comforts and many joys. Our brothers in mission fields are deprived of even a knowledge of Jesus. Can we with this picture before us rest easy, while the days of December flit by?

No that is not like West Pennsylvania Seventh-day Adventists. With God's help we will do our duty and send our quota to the fields that are calling "Come over and help us."

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

News Notes

A card from Elder Durrant shows that the colored church has raised \$170 Harvest Ingathering money. This church is thoroughly organized and never falls below its quota.

The German and English Churches of Allegheny have raised \$300 each. One sister secured \$36 in a few hours. In a short time a thousand dollars will find its way into mission fields from Allegheny.

So far our churches have reported \$2400 for missions. The Lord has blessed.

A few churches have not reported, but we are sure something is being accomplished. They are Coudersport, Corydon, Port Allegheny, Huntingdon, McDonald, Shingle House, and Washington.

It seems easy to raise money this year. God has gone before His people and impressed hearts. So let us not be discouraged by the enemy, but go forward to success.

VIRGINIA

12 W. Main St., Richmond

W. C. Moffett, Pres. - W. H. Jones, Sec.

News Notes

Brother and Sister Ewert M. Foster, who have been living the past few months at Williamsburg, have moved to Rileyville, where they will engage in self-supporting missionary work among the mountain people.

Brother R. G. Burley, of Chicago, who has been laboring the past two months with the Yale Church, was called to his home on account of sickness.

Elder Moffett spent last Sabbath with the Richmond Church, and was then joined by Elder L. O. Gordon in a trip to Guinea Mills, where they held Sunday services, and we are glad to report that at that time sufficient money was pledged to pay off their long-standing church debt.

Brother Milo Gavett, of Jackson, Michigan, has joined our force of canvassers. He is located at Covington, Alleghany County, and will work with "Bible Readings."

Elder R. D. Hottel, who is visiting the churches throughout the conference, spoke Sunday night in the Richmond Church, and visited the Yale Church on Monday.

Elder W. C. Moffett attended the Home Missionary Convention and Union Conference Committee Meeting at Pittsburg December 9-11.

One of our sisters writes in ordering more Harvest Ingathering papers, "I can hardly stand it to read the grand reports and experiences others are having, and not have a part in it too."

Our goal for Morning Watch Calendars is 1000. This will mean more than one in every home, or rather, one in your home and one in your neighbor's home.

The Book of Psalms at 5 cents a copy can be had at the office, and will be a great help in studying the Sabbath School lessons next year.

We were glad to welcome a number of our Adventist boys from the Pacific Coast, who are now located at Camp Lee, and who visited the office recently, and who attend Sabbath services at the Richmond Church when possible.

Washington Missionary College

A new roof is being put on North Hall.

Mr. Ellsworth Andross spent Thanksgiving with his brother in Wilmington, Delaware.

Mr. Howard Shull was taken to the sanitarium, December 1, for treatment. He is improving.

Canvassers' Reports

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	DAYS	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL.
Virginia, Week Ending December 6, 1918									
Mrs. Ida Elder, Isle of White		OD	12	96	150	300 00		300 00	
F. C. Butler, Jr. Wise Co.		OD	4	27	24	63 00	30 65	93 65	94 00
Harry Wright, Rockingham Co.		BR	4	29	40	165 00		165 00	101 00
J. E. Thompson, Wise Co.		OD	4	19	35	86 00	5 10	91 10	62 50
Pearl Engel, Nottoway Co		OD	4	10	9	18 00		18 00	23 50
Misc.						354 85		354 85	354 85
Totals	5 Agents		28	181	258	986 85	35 75	1022 60	635 85
Ohio, Week Ending December 6, 1918									
John Manuel, New Phila.		BR	5	44	7	34 00	12 75	46 75	28 00
F. E. Wagner, Barberton		OD	3	64	38	82 00		82 00	73 00
Fred Hannah, Loudenville		OD	5	38	5	10 00	1 70	11 70	
O. E. Taylor, Athens		OD	4		15	39 00	1 70	40 70	
M. B. Ingersoll, Coshocton		BR		30	12	85 00		85 00	
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Van Wert		OD	5	30	9	18 00	6 25	24 25	209 35
Mr. & Mrs. R. R. Shank, Richland		OD	5	29	26	61 00	1 00	62 00	6 00
Glenn Pinnicks, Muskingum Co.		OD	5	28	7	16 00	2 55	18 55	8 40
E. C. Alexander, Cincinnati		BR	3	16	4	20 00	3 50	23 50	51 50
Geo. A. Keppeler, Hamilton		OD	5	25	9	18 00	6 60	24 60	1 90
Geo. Harvey, Stark Co.		BR	4	15	3	12 00	5 50	17 50	8 00
Totals	12 Agents		44	319	141	395 00	41 55	436 55	386 15
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 30, 1918									
Geo. Buttermore, Westmoreland Co.		OD	6	44	30	72 00	5 70	77 70	5 70
Geo. E. Missbaugh, Butler Co.		DR	4	23	11	53 00	16 75	69 75	
R. C. Lewis, Pittsburg		OD	3	13	13	43 00		43 00	
Harry G. Lee, Mifflin Co.		OD, BR	4	27	16	44 00	25	44 25	25
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.		BR	4	30	8	36 00	1 50	37 50	11 50
E. W. Chisholm, Oil City		BR	3	16	7	31 00	5 00	31 50	
A. Brownlee, Pittsburg		SD	4	17		1 75	15 60	17 35	32 70
Millie Smith, Pittsburgh			5	5		8 00	2 55	10 55	
Totals	8 Agents		28	175	85	288 75	42 85	331 60	50 15
Chesapeake, Week Ending December 6, 1918									
J. E. Jones, Wicomico Co., Md.		BR	5	36					396 65
O. C. Weller, Jefferson Co., W. Va.		BR	4	29	22	93 00	10 50	103 50	4 55
Julia Z. Cooper, Baltimore, Md.		OD	16	74	68	138 00	18 25	156 25	90 75
Totals	3 Agents		25	139	90	231 00	28 75	259 75	491 95
West Virginia, Week Ending December 6, 1918									
C. E. Will, Wheeling		PPF	9	84		2 50	74 10	76 60	68 80
W. A. Galloway, Goodwill Co.		OD	5	46	43	90 00		90 00	
R. D. Bee, Doddridge Co.		OD	6	50					174 35
B. P. Wright, Kanawha Co.		BR	5	29	21	94 00	25 05	119 05	10 25
Misc.		OD	3	21	6	12 00	9 40	21 40	4 50
Totals	4 Agents		28	210	70	198 50	108 55	307 05	257 90
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 6, 1918									
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co.		BR	1	10	2	8 00	4 30	12 30	
Mrs. Park Drake, Northampton		WC	3	14	11	5 00	7 50	12 50	
M. D. Hollenbaugh		Misc.				13 25		13 25	13 25
Totals	3 Agents		4	24	13	26 25	11 80	38 05	13 25
Grand Totals	35 Agents					Value Orders 2126 35		Deliveries 1835 25	

Professor Salisbury was ill for a few days recently, but is now taking charge of his classes again.

School was held Thanksgiving Day, with short class periods. All enjoyed a specially prepared dinner and games in the afternoon.

Influenza continues to break out. Four light cases are reported in Lyndon Cottage, four in South Hall, two in Dining Hall, and several in North Hall.

Elder and Mrs. W. S. Holbrook recently spent a few days with us before sailing for Trinidad. Elder Holbrook is to take the presidency of the South Caribbean Conference.

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Shenandoah Valley Academy

During the last two weeks Professors Machlan and Werline of Washington, D. C., and Miss Williams of this conference, called on business trips at the academy. While here they favored us by special talks in the chapel and worship.

The Ministerial Band has been assisting in the meetings and Sabbath School at Lacey Springs, about eight miles from the academy. Elder Gordon held a tent effort there last summer and several are keeping the Sabbath as a result.

In response to a call from one of the town officials of New Market, the academy students gave twenty-five dollars on the late War Fund.

Mr. M. A. Maloney and Wilbur McCummons had a light attack of influenza lately. These are the only two cases in the school now.

The Missionary Volunteer Society has

ordered one thousand of the "Present Truth Series" for its soul saving campaign in the vicinity of the school and through correspondence.

On Thanksgiving evening the girls dressed in white Quaker collars and cuffs, invited the boys to the chapel for a surprise reception. Games, recitations and dialogues made the evening enjoyable to everyone present. The "Silent Band," although it did not play a note, was a scene of most skillful fingering and bowing. All gathered in groups around the fodder shock which centered the room, while refreshments were served. The girls considered it a great victory that they had preceded the boys in giving a reception this year.

Silently and stealthfully the work of the Student's Union is going ahead. The goal was doubled recently and now stands at six hundred instead of three hundred dollars. Part of this is to be applied on the purchase of books for the library and part on other necessary equipment.

On December 4 the first snow flurry of this year swept through the valley.

Elder Hottel, who has stood by the school so faithfully, is now visiting the churches of the conference again, in its interest.

Elder Hottel, with members of the faculty and students, attended the Union Thanksgiving service at Lacey Springs.

OBITUARIES

SEARLES.—Edward, son of Brother and Sister Searles of Bucyrus, Ohio, was born January 4, 1899, and died December 4, 1918 of pneumonia brought on by Spanish Influenza. The father and mother and other brother and sister are all down with the same dread plague, the mother and brother so low that it was thought best to keep the sad news of the death of Edward from them and even the father could not be present at the service, nor even look at the face of his loved one. Another sad incident is connected with the sad experience this stricken family is passing through. The young lady to whom Edward was to be married soon was visiting at the home, and was stricken with all the rest of the family and is lying at the point of death in the same hospital with Edward's mother and brother. Edward was Young People's Leader and Sabbath School Secretary in the Bucyrus Church. He rests in hope, awaiting the call to life and immortality when Jesus comes.

A. R. BELL.

PYLES.—Virena Jane, aged 54 years, 2 months, 25 days, died November 24, 1918, after a lingering illness of some six weeks, caused by Spanish Influenza. Our sister was from Randolph County, Ill. In 1884 she was united in marriage to Job Pyles and to this union ten children were born, three of whom have been laid to rest. In 1891 Brother and Dr. Pyles moved to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, later settling near Reading. For six years Sister Pyles has been a consistent member of the Reading Church and in her death this church sustains a loss which only the great Life-giver can restore. We mourn, but not as those who have no hope. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

LEE SUFFICOL.

Notice

The General Conference has set apart Sabbath, January 4, as Missionary Volunteer Day, to be observed in all our churches. The program and readings for the day are published in the "Review" of December 19. Let us dedicate the first Sabbath of the new year to the consideration of the great question of how to save and train our children and young people. Let every church observe the day whether or not there are young people in it.

M. E. KERN.

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.

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Virginia Conference Tithe and Mission Statement for 10 Months 1918

Church	Mem.	Tithe 1917	Tithe 1918	25% a week	Per Cap.	Goal 10 mos.	Amt. Short	Amt. Over	
Conference No. 1	24	595 43	1077 90	564 10	.54	260 00		304 10	
New Market	46	1062 56	1273 81	956 35	.48	491 60		464 75	
Portsmouth No. 1	25	578 31	1489 18	432 72	.39	270 90		161 82	
Lynchburg No. 1	23	496 55	673 28	296 14	.29	249 10		47 04	
Norfolk No. 1	20	481 88	968 15	250 41	.28	216 60		33 81	
Winchester	19	60 78	173 01	207 07	.25	200 00		7 07	
Newport News No. 1	39	865 27	1587 70	415 27	.24	422 50	7 23		
Oak Ridge	18	557 37	587 54	153 54	.19	195 00	41 46		
Bethel	21	36 01	634 23	180 45	.19	227 50	47 05		
Richmond No. 1	119	2353 20	2560 95	805 87	.15	1289 10	483 23		
Rileyville	11	59 19	68 17	48 93	.10	119 20	70 27		
Roanoke	7	161 17	215 59	35 00	.09	75 90	40 90		
Yale	20	212 42	177 59	77 12	.09	216 60	139 48		
Stanley	63	348 09	329 73	157 11	.06	681 60	524 49		
Guinea Mills	6	73 03	32 00	6 74	.02	65 00	58 26		
				10% a week					
Danville	13	81 22	151 79	126 67	.22	56 30		70 37	
Lynchburg No. 2	4		94 71	30 93	.18	17 30		13 63	
Norfolk No. 2	17	335 56	395 29	126 18	.15	73 60		52 50	
Portsmouth No. 2	15	204 96	378 20	90 50	.14	65 00		25 58	
Richmond No. 2	42	368 80	836 91	191 76	.11	182 00		9 76	
Conference No. 2	4	50 01	63 08	15 41	.09	17 30	1 89		
Newport News No. 2	34	304 49	754 36	145 83	.09	147 30	1 47		
Spencer	9	35 72	38 53	31 38	.08	39 00	7 12		
News Ferry	12	44 63	46 32	33 42	.06	52 00	18 58		
Thelma	6	33 92	71 20	10 08	.04	25 20	15 12		
Keokee			75 58	33 71				33 71	
Harrisonburg			1 50	64 67				64 67	
		617	9398 57	14747 30	4651 49	.25	5655 60	1456 55	1288 81
Per capita at 25 cents a week—23 cents					836 37	.10	5487 86	1288 81	
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One day last week the chapel hour was devoted to the writing of letters, requesting funds for the new building. Sixty-nine letters are reported as having been written.

Many students have been canvassing in the city of Washington to raise money for the new building. One young lady took orders for "Bible Readings" to the amount of forty-two dollars in one afternoon.

The faculty of the Sanitarium gave a vegetarian banquet in honor of the College faculty, Thursday evening, December 5. The ten or twelve after-dinner speeches took the form of short talks on practical education.

A large ministerial band has been organized, with Mr. Howard Shull as leader. The band meets once a week. Good work is expected from this band this year under the supervision of Professor Lacey.

The thermometer placed in the vestibule of the college continues to rise. This thermometer represents the money taken in by the Students' Association for the Building Fund. Not a day passes without additional funds being received.

Two new students have recently been enrolled. One is Miss Nadia Frolkova, a little Russian girl who has been in this

country but three months, and understands but little English. Her sister was leader of the "Battalion of Death" in Russia. The other is Miss Karen Firing, who came from Norway about eight months ago. She is a graduate nurse from the only Adventist sanitarium in Scandinavia.

MT. VERNON ACADEMY

Mr. George Lipscomb, who has been mustered out of the army, spent several days at the academy, visiting his brother Paul, and sister, Pearl.

We were pleased to have with us last Friday Professors W. E. Howell, B. F. Machlan, and A. W. Werline, also Elder B. G. Wilkinson. We appreciate the visits of these brethren, as they always bring a good spirit with them.

Elder N. S. Ashton accompanied by Messrs. E. J. Stipeck, Clyde Newmyer, Jesse Sivéy and Y. K. Chow, attended a baptismal service at Zanesville on December 7. Ten were baptized.

Sabbath, December 7, the Mount Vernon Church was favored with the visits of Brother V. O. Panches of the Atlantic Union, and Elder H. K. Christman, of the Columbia Union. These brethren gave us timely admonition concerning our relation to the home missionary work.

We were pleased to have the Misses Jane Stumme and Kathryn Allen return to school last week. They had gone home some time ago because of illness.

Mrs. Williams and her daughter Edith of Elyria, Ohio, spent several days in Mount Vernon, visiting Mrs. Lloyd E. Christman, formerly Miss Malena Williams. Mrs. L. E. Christman had been quite ill for some time, but is now recovering, and returned to Elyria with her mother and sister.

Mr. Howard Wolf, a student here several years in the past, has come to join us again. He is taking up work in the printing office also.

Mrs. E. Milbourn, mother of Mrs. George Carter, of Sygnet, Ohio, and Mrs. M. Whisler, aunt, of Mansfield, Ohio, spent several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carter recently.

Miss Shenaman of Cleveland, Ohio, enrolled as a student of M. V. A. last week.

Miss Laura Weaks of Ravenna, Ohio, returned to her home on December 8. We are sorry to have her leave school.

Elder N. S. Ashton attended a meeting at Pittsburg two days last week.

The week of prayer was held a week early at the academy, because the holiday vacation began during the week of prayer set aside by the General Conference. The Lord blessed us as we gathered each day.

All heaven is in activity, and the angels of God are waiting to co-operate with the human agent who will devise plans whereby souls for whom Christ died may hear the glad tidings of salvation. *Every soul has an influence for good or evil.* If the soul is sanctified to the service of God, and devoted to the work of Christ, the influence will be to gather with Christ. *God depends upon the church for the forwarding of His work,* and He expects that His professed followers will do their duty as intelligent beings. There is great need that every trained mind, every disciplined intellect, every joy of ability, shall be brought to the work of saving souls. *There will be no idler, no slothful one who neglects the work of the Lord, found inside of the kingdom of Heaven.—Mrs. E. G. White.*