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What Next

The next issue of the Visitor will be largely devoted to Educational problems and plans. You should be deeply interested. Be sure to read articles by Doctor Wilkinson, Professor Machlan, Professor Werline, Elder Ashton, and your Conference President.

Evangelistic Colporteur Institute Dates Columbia Union

District of Columbia, January 30-February 8	February 6-15
Virginia	February 17-24
Bookmen's Convention	February 27-March 8
East Pennsylvania, February 27-March 8	March 6-15
Ohio	February 13-22
West Pennsylvania	March 20-29
West Virginia	March 27-April 5
Chesapeake	Schools
Washington Missionary College	April 7-14
Mount Vernon Academy	April 16-24
Shenandoah Valley Academy	April 27-May 3

It will at once be observed by those interested in the colporteur work that we are planning our institutes a full month later in the year than usual. The heavy winter season will be in the past as the majority of our new workers enter the field, the advantages of which will at once be obvious.

The new year presents the greatest opportunity that has ever been offered to the colporteurs in the history of this work. The spirit of inquiry is manifest on every side. People are anxious to know, "If we are now going to have world peace? If the league of nations idea is outlined in the prophecies? If there is any significance to this epidemic of influenza that has the first six weeks of its awful work carried three times as many Americans as were killed during our eighteen months participation in the world war?"

Only one people in all the world can give the certain sound of the trumpet at this time. Many sounds are heard, but they are not of the definite satisfying kind demanded by the honest inquirer after truth. Upon Seventh-day Adventists rests this solemn and sacred responsibility of making known to the human family the meaning of these things.

We appeal to those who have been engaged in the colporteur work to return without delay. We appeal to those who have heard the call to this line of service to not procrastinate, as many will awaken in the immediate future to find that procrastination has been the thief of their soul's salvation. In the providence of God we have been given a little time of peace in which to finish the work.

Get in touch with your field missionary secretary and plan to attend the institute in your field and get a training for service. Join in the great drive to finish the work in your conference while the completion of the task assigned us is being made in your sister conferences.

C. V. LEACH.

A Worker Fallen

The many friends of Brother Leslie Waters will be made sad to know that he has fallen, but his death was as glorious as his life. We who have known him so many years as an evangelistic-colporteur think of him as a victorious warrior in the battle of life. We think of him as being only asleep while the mighty force he has liberated on the side of right, goes marching on till the day Jesus appears.

Brother Waters was born July 25, 1883, at Salem, Ohio. When Leslie was three years old, his parents moved to Massillon, Ohio, their home to the present time. Brother Waters graduated from the Massillon High School in 1901, accepted present truth in 1903, and those who have lived closest to him testify that he was faithful to the time of his death, December 14, 1918.

During his twelve years of service as an evangelistic colporteur, Brother Waters has begun a work no power on earth can stop. Think of the scores of miles he has travelled over every kind of road, the hundreds of homes he has visited, the thousands of judgment-bound souls that today have the message of God for this hour but an arm's length from their most comfortable position at their fire-side,—because Brother Waters was faithful to the heavenly vision that God gave him of the best way he could spend his life. Brother Waters sleeps, but his work goes marching on.

Methinks on the resurrection morning when the saved of earth gather about the waiting Saviour, there will be a happy meeting of the colporteur-evangelist and those to whom he has extended an in-

itation to that heavenly country for does not the promise read, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126:6.

C. V. LEACH.

Columbia Union Home Missionary Convention

In giving a final report of the Union Home Missionary Convention recently held in Pittsburgh, December 9 to 11, 1918, we will confine ourselves largely to a presentation of some of the plans and resolutions which were adopted for the future development of the work.

The principal objectives of the meeting were to organize, train and discipline our churches throughout the Union for greater service. In considering these important objectives some very definite plans were outlined, which, in their simplicity, will include every member of every church. In this connection we feel that an earnest effort should be made in the development of this Home Missionary work to follow the program given us by the servant of God. This plan is so simple and so comprehensive that every believer, young and old, educated and uneducated, can have some part in its development.

LOCAL CONFERENCE CONVENTION

The question of leadership in this great movement was given considerable study during the course of the convention. It was recognized that if we would attain to any appreciable degree of perfection in educating and training our people for greater soul-winning service, a movement must be put into operation to bring the leaders in the conferences and local churches into more intimate touch with the Home Missionary department. Accordingly the following resolution was adopted:—

Recognizing the value and importance of Institutes and Conventions in giving unity to our Home Missionary work in the churches, and in training our people for greater, more efficient service,

We recommend, That a Worker's Institute be held in each Local Conference in the Columbia Union. That where consistent this Institute be held in some large city church in the Local Conference, where practical demonstrations in setting our people to work may be given.

That following these Workers' Institutes, Home Missionary Conventions be

held by the Conference Home Missionary Secretary in the churches, organizing and training the members for service.

The principle of this resolution will be carried out during the next few months and we plan to hold Workers' meetings in every conference in the Columbia Union before the opening of spring. We feel confident that this is a step along the line of advance, and one which will greatly strengthen our leadership, as well as give a permanent mould to our Home Missionary work throughout the field. It will give unity to the work, and give to those who are in positions of responsibility in our conferences a larger vision of its wonderful possibilities.

ORGANIZING THE CHURCHES

Whereas a thorough organization of our churches on a simple, practical basis is fundamentally essential to the accomplishment of the great task assigned us,

We recommend, That immediate steps be taken to complete the work of organizing every church in the Columbia Union for active soul-winning service.

We have been told by the servant of God that "Time is short, and our forces must be organized to do a larger work." Vol. 9, page 27. As we take a retrospective view of the progress and rapid development of our world-wide work during the last few decades, we are constrained to believe that the results accomplished are attributable in a large degree to the simple plans of organization which have been given this people under the inspiration of God. In the sounding of the Loud Cry thorough organization will be still more essential.

In order to help us to appreciate the need of perfecting the plans of organization given us under divine inspiration, for the development of our missionary work, we quote a few lines from volume 9, page 258. These are words of warning, and should strike a responsive chord in our hearts at this time, when great dangers toward disorganization beset us in our denominational work. "O how Satan would rejoice if he could succeed in his efforts to get in among this people and disorganize the work at a time when thorough organization is essential, and will be the greatest power to keep out spurious uprisings, and to refute claims not endorsed by the word of God! We want to hold the lines evenly, that there shall be no breaking down of the system of organization and order that has been built up by wise, careful labor. License must not be given to disorderly elements that desire to control the work at this time."

Careful study was given to the various phases of our Home Missionary work during the convention. The distribution of literature in its varied forms, the Bible work, Christian help and personal

work, and work for the foreigners, as well as other interests in the development of the work, were studied, and plans laid by which we can bring them all into play in the movement. Time and space will not permit us to give a detailed report covering all these interests. There is one phase of the work, however, that was studied and discussed thoroughly, and we will endeavor to give it some space in this report because of its essential place in the Home Missionary program.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY WORK

As we study the Saviour's life, we are deeply impressed with the fact that healing the sick and suffering occupied no small place in His earthly ministry. In the closing work of God in the earth we are told that the Medical work, that of healing the sick and suffering, will constitute an essential part in the program. We have been told that "The medical missionary work is the gospel in illustration."

Realizing the need and importance of giving our people in all the churches a training which will enable them to give simple treatments to the sick, the following resolution was adopted:—

Whereas, the epidemic of influenza has led us to see the great possibilities of the Medical Missionary work as an entering wedge in the missionary activities of the church,

We recommend, That definite plans be set in operation to train our people in the use of Hydrotherapy as a remedial agent in the treatment of such epidemics as may sweep the land in the time of trouble before us.

In the final reward given to the saints who shall inhabit the kingdom of God it will be seen that personal house to house ministry, relieving the sick and suffering, and speaking peace to sorrowing hearts will be recognized by the judge of all the earth as some of the fundamentals of Christian living here below, and as a large part of the training which will fit a people for the blessings of an endless eternity. "Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungered, and ye gave Me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took Me in: Naked, and ye clothed Me: I was sick, and ye visited Me: I was in prison, and ye came unto Me. . . . Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Matt. 25: 34-40.

Under the spell of a new inspiration and a larger vision, we launch out upon the activities of the new year for greater things in our Home Missionary movement. We feel confident that, with the continued blessing of God, our churches

will be awakened, our people everywhere will be trained for more efficient service, their spiritual condition will be elevated, and the Lord's work will be finished speedily.

H. K. CHRISTMAN.

Home Miss. Sec.

Be sure to read Doctor Wilkinson's article which will appear on the first page of the next issue of this paper.

The Minister a Leader

In all Lines of Missionary Endeavor

We are entering upon a new era. The conditions of yesterday are gone, and we must prepare ourselves to meet the crisis through which the world and the church are passing. Popular churches are meeting the demand for a new alignment of spiritual forces by renewing and extending their alliances with the world and human philosophy. The great Triple Alliance of Romanism, apostate Protestantism, and Spiritualism, long ago foretold by the Spirit of Prophecy, is fact becoming a real and dominating power. Now is the time of crisis for every believer in the Third Angel's Message, when like Moses, Daniel, John the Baptist, and Paul, we must prove ourselves real leaders. To be a drone in this great struggle means eternal loss. So as shepherds of the flock we should bend every energy to the task of enlisting and training our people into a great army of workers.

Our right to be counted ministers of the Gospel is based on the great commission given by Christ just before He ascended to heaven, leaving His disciples here as witnesses. A careful analysis of this commission, as recorded in Matthew 28:18-20, A. R. V., and Mark 16:15-18, shows that there are four prominent lines of work committed to the minister. These are:

1. Preach the gospel.
2. Teach the commandments.
3. Make disciples.
4. Heal the sick.

Let us consider our duty of leadership in connection with these great lines of church activity.

I. Preach the gospel. This is the foremost business of a minister. This is why he is called to the highest and most indispensable work on earth. If he cannot make his hearers understand clearly the great lines of truth as revealed in prophecy, type and Bible doctrine, if he puts human theories in the place of the gospel of Christ, he is a failure. In the pulpit he must be a leader, not a thermometer or a weather-vane.

II. Teach the commandments. Now, when God's law is almost universally set aside for the commandments of men, there is most urgent reason why the Christian minister should earnestly endeavor to become a successful teacher. This involves: (a) The ability to get his hearers to think and believe right. (b) Leading them to act on their knowledge and faith. (c) Making them so familiar with the process that they can do it without his aid. True educational leadership breaks the shackles of mental and spiritual slavery.

But though preaching the gospel and teaching the commandments are very important features of the minister's work, yet our purpose now is to consider more particularly the other two phases of his work which we have mentioned.

III. Make disciples. The minister must be able to lead to some purpose. He must not travel in circles. Making disciples involves training the flock in discipleship. This is one of the great tests of a real minister. He is not satisfied to be a disciple himself. He must train someone else to be one. Having climbed to spiritual heights, he is not content till he helps others climb the same path of glory. Sometimes there is a tendency in the minister to feel that his work is done when he has prepared and delivered the sermon. Others, realizing that the public presentation of the truth is only the beginning of the minister's work, throw themselves earnestly into Bible work, distribution of literature and other lines of missionary endeavor. By this means they gain a good harvest of converts, and a church is organized. However, in a short time conditions change, and they find themselves obliged to spend more and more time nursing a spiritually crippled and dying church. The minister has become a church servant, instead of a church leader. He does everything and wears himself out doing a lot of things that other members of the church could do just as well or better if they were properly instructed.

Listen to some counsel that the Lord has sent to us on this point.

"The minister should not feel that it is his duty to do all the talking and all the laboring and all the praying; he should educate helpers in every church. Let different ones take turns in leading the meetings, and in giving Bible readings; in so doing they will be calling into use the talents which God has given them, and at the same time be receiving a training as workers.

"In some respects the pastor occupies a position similar to that of a foreman of a gang of laboring men, or the captain of a ship's crew. They are expected to see that the men over whom they are set, do the work assigned to them correctly and promptly, and only in case of an emergency are they to execute in detail.

"The owner of a large mill once found his superintendent in a wheel-pit making some simple repairs, while a half-dozen workmen in that line were standing by, idly looking on. The proprietor, after learning the facts, so as to be sure that no injustice was done, called the foreman to the office and handed him his discharge with full pay. In surprise the foreman asked for an explanation. It was given in these words: 'I employed you to keep six men at work. I found six idle, and you doing the work of but one. Your work could have been done just as well by any one of the six. I cannot afford to pay the wages of seven for you to teach the six how to be idle.'

"This incident may be applicable in some cases, and in others not. But many pastors fail in not knowing how, or in not trying, to get the full membership of the church actively engaged in the various departments of church work. If pastors would give more attention to getting and keeping their flock actively engaged at work, they would accomplish more good, have more time for study and religious visiting, and also avoid many causes of friction." Gospel Workers, pp. 197, 198.

"But instead of thus developing, the church is left to be a weak, dependent, inefficient body. The members of the church are trained to rely

upon preaching, and they do little for Christ. They bear no fruit, but rather increase in selfishness and unfaithfulness. They put their hope in the preacher, and depend upon his efforts to keep alive their weak faith. Because of the lack of proper instruction among the church members by those whom God has placed as overseers, there is not one merely, but scores, who are slothful, and who are hiding their talents in the earth, and still complaining of the Lord's dealings toward them. They need to be tended as do sick children. This condition of weakness must not continue. Well-organized work must be done in the church, that its members may understand the manner in which they may impart life to others, and thus strengthen their own faith and increase their knowledge. As they impart the light which God graciously bestows upon them, to those in darkness, they will be confirmed in their faith. A working church is a living church." Appeal to Our Churches, p. 15.

Recognizing the fact that we are all more or less guilty in this respect, may we not profitably spend a few moments studying the problem of how we may really become leaders in the various lines of church work?

1. The Sabbath School. I mention this first because of its fundamental importance, its availability and its possibilities. No minister who is really awake will fail to give his keenest attention to this great auxiliary of the gospel. The Sabbath School is, or should be, the great training school, where every member of the church learns the art of personal study of the Word of God, and those who have ability in teaching or administration can begin the exercise and development of these talents. Since this is the great preparatory school which all our future workers attend, and where the foundations of useful service should be laid, it is evident that the minister should be a most active Sabbath School leader. He should be prepared to help the superintendent in properly organizing and conducting the school. He should not only be able to teach (not preach) the lesson or conduct a pointed and interesting review, but he should be a trainer of teachers. Never should he show any lack of interest in this important activity of the church.

Permit me to say, in passing, that the success of the whole system of Christian education depends largely on the active leadership of the ministry. If we recognize the imperative needs of the cause of God, we will as spiritual guides be personal Sabbath School workers, zealous church school promoters, and active scouts for students for our higher schools. A vast army of our young people are in worldly schools, filling their minds with worldly plans and aspirations. Proper leadership of our ministry and workers would bring many of these under the influence of our Christian schools where they can be prepared for a part in the work of the great three-fold message.

2. Missionary Volunteers. Not only should we get our young people into Christian schools, but we must devise plans whereby their energies and talents may have proper employment. "Why do not the overseers of the church have councils to devise ways whereby young men and women may be trained to put to use their entrusted talents?" "Let the ministers put to use all their ingenuity, that plans may be devised whereby the youthful

members of the church may be enlisted in the cause of God. Why should not they be interested in the great work that is to be done? But do not imagine that this interest can be aroused by going to the missionary meeting and presenting a long sermon; plan ways whereby a live interest may be kindled, and train up the young to do what is appointed them. Let them have a part to act, and from week to week let them bring in their reports, telling what they have experienced, and, through the grace of Christ, what success has been theirs." Appeal to Our Churches, p. 16. But be sure that your plans are practical and workable, and then show the young and inexperienced how to put them in operation by actual demonstration. Be a leader, not a driver.

3. Bible Work. Not only should the minister give much time and earnest thought to Bible work in the homes of the people, but he also should improve every opportunity of training the members of the church in the same line of work. Much damage is sometimes done by zealots, but untrained members in presenting various features of our message in such a way as to arouse unnecessary antagonism and prejudice. Wise leadership in our churches will discern the abilities of different members, enlisting and training them in such a way that their energies and talents will not be unemployed or misdirected. God has a place and a work for everyone, and with the wealth of undeveloped talent placed under our charge shall we as ministers be accounted faithful stewards if we fail to give attention to this important part of our work? A class may be conducted in which the correct methods of preparing and giving a Bible reading are discussed, and the class members given helpful assistance in actual Bible work.

4. Work With Our Literature. We talk a great deal about our literature being scattered like the leaves of autumn, but this will be more theory than fact unless we can enlist all in this great campaign. Others with wider field experience than I will deal with this problem at this Institute, so I will not deal particularly with details, but I wish to emphasize the importance of the minister's leadership in this great field of church activity. If the minister has any true conception of the possibilities lying before a church of consecrated colporteurs, magazine workers, and wholesale distributors of message-filled tracts and papers, he will not only give this work his hearty support, but he will prove himself a real leader by organizing, training and directing the field workers. He will thoroughly organize his church, appointing band leaders, upon whom the responsibility of directing the members of the band in working certain territory will be placed. By giving careful attention to the selection of the literature to be used a great deal may thus be done to aid in preparing for a special public effort, or in following up an interest. Instead of simply doing the talking while the others do the work, he will take these precious seeds of truth in his hands and go out with those who have been chosen as band leaders and others who may need help. The leaders of our colporteur work learned some time ago the value of getting out in the field in actual work with their men. Much of the phenomenal success of the colporteur work is due to the impetus of this personal leader-

ship. Why should we ministers be so slow to use this means of greatly increasing our efficiency?

5. Finances. The financial needs of the cause demand the active leadership of the ministry. Without this our tithes will decrease and our missions be left without support. Our people have confidence in their ministers, and if we faithfully present the privilege of co-operation with God in the salvation of souls through our tithes and offerings there will be a hearty response. Then when the Harvest Ingathering campaign comes, we should take the members of our missionary bands into the fields and show them how to gather the funds. A few minutes of actual field demonstration with band leaders and members will be worth more than hours spent in theorizing about the work.

IV. Heal the Sick. I now come to the fourth and last phase of the minister's work. Christ has set us an example of effective ministry, in which He combined considerate attention to the physical needs of the people with loving ministrations to their spiritual necessities. Every minister should acquaint himself with the laws of health and the art of ministering to the sick, and should not only urge the importance of this work upon his church, but he should also lead out in personal ministration to the sick and needy. The present opportunities for this line of ministry must not be neglected. As a people we have been entrusted with wonderful light upon the care of our bodies and the treatment of disease, and this must not be hidden under a bushel. Had we done our full duty in giving these principles to the world, doubtless thousands who have gone down in death might have still been alive and well. With sadness we note the fact that we have worked so slowly that to a large degree, instead of these principles being first presented to the people in their true setting as a part of the living gospel of Christ, they come tainted with the spirit of commercialism or cursed with the follies of a pleasure-mad godlessness. While the judgments of God are falling on a sinful world through war, famine and pestilence, we have a wonderful opportunity of revealing His love in our ministry to the sick and distressed. When our churches are closed and the circulation of our literature is forbidden, doors will still be open to our medical missionaries.

The following instruction has been given us: "The church of Christ is organized for service. Its watchword is ministry. Its members are soldiers, to be trained for conflict under the Captain of their salvation. Christian ministers, physicians, teachers, have a broader work than many have recognized. They are not only to minister to the people, but to teach them to minister. They should not only give instruction in right principles, but educate their hearers to impart these principles. Truth that is not lived, that is not imparted, loses its life-giving power, its healing virtue. Its blessing can be retained only as it is shared.

"The monotony of our service for God needs to be broken up. Every church member should be engaged in some line of service for the Master. Some cannot do so much as others, but every one should do his utmost to roll back the tide of disease and distress that is sweeping over our world. Many would be willing to work if they were taught how to begin. They need to be instructed and

encouraged.

"Every church should be a training school for Christian workers. Its members should be taught how to give Bible readings, how to conduct and teach Sabbath School classes, how best to help the poor and care for the sick, how to work for the unconverted. There should be schools of health, cooking schools, and classes in various lines of Christian help work. There should not only be teaching, but actual work under experienced instructors. Let the teachers lead the way in working among the people, and others, uniting with them, will learn from their example. One example is worth more than many precepts." Ministry of Healing, pp. 148, 149.

Health lectures, cooking classes, and demonstrations of simple treatments both in public and at the bed-side of the sick, combined with a careful attention to the laws of health, will do much toward increasing the effectiveness of our leadership. We are in the beginning of the time of trouble. War and pestilence have cast a dark shadow upon the earth. Soon the dragon voice will be heard and the last desperate struggle before the close of probation will be upon us. How important it is that we as ministers should be real leaders in the church, preaching the gospel of Christ in its purity, teaching the commandments of God, training the church in true discipleship, and imitating the loving ministrations of Jesus in the midst of a sin-cursed and dying world.

B. F. KNEELAND.

The next issue of this paper will deal with problems of vital interest.

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The Review

I have always looked upon the "Review and Herald" as a necessity in every adventist family. It has been a regular and welcome visitor in our home since I accepted the truth twenty years ago, and it seems to me like getting a letter from home, as it contains news relative to our workers in all parts of the world.

Our brethren are constantly changing their field of labor. Those who were once our fellow laborers become separated far from us, and in the rapidly advancing work we lose sight of them altogether. Many times in the pages of the "Review," I have seen the names and learned the whereabouts of those I had not heard from for years. There are many isolated Sabbath keepers who rarely see a minister or hear a sermon, and still they are up to date regarding all of the plans for carrying forward the work, because they read the "Review."

While out soliciting for the Harvest Ingathering a few years ago, I stepped into a lumber office and handed the manager a copy of the "Review," and the moment his eyes caught sight of the heading he remarked, "the good old 'Review and Herald,' I have known that paper for years," and handed me a dollar. This man was not of our faith.

The "Review" makes friends wherever it goes. If you are not a subscriber, take advantage of the special offer being made now, and let it bring to you this coming year, the help and courage it has given to thousands of others.

R. E. HARTER.

The Book Work in Washington

During the months of November and December, the students of the Washington Missionary College and the writer have been working the city of Washington in the sale of various books. We were somewhat surprised to find the people so ready to respond, when we stood before their doors making known to them our business by saying that we were engaged in a line of Christian work, and had called to explain to them, and at the same time stepping forward by faith believing the invitation would be given to come in, and admittance was granted in almost every case.

Success has attended the efforts of the workers, God has blessed them wonderfully. Brother Thos. Beamsderfer received three hundred seventy-five dollars' worth of orders in twenty-nine hours. Brother D. D. Coleman took seventy orders in twenty-three hours, amounting to three hundred sixty-seven dollars. Miss Hohensee sold nine hundred Armageddon, which amounted to two hundred twenty-five dollars, on the streets of Washington within nine days.

The people in our large cities will buy books, and now is the time to work. Sixty percent of those who embrace this message have acquainted themselves with the facts by reading our literature. Will you not then volunteer to help carry our good literature to those with whom you come in contact? W. HENRY GEORGE.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Indiana, Pa.

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CORRECTION

In the Visitor dated January 2, 1919, page 4, column 1, an error was made. The eleventh line beginning read, "One manager of a syndicate stated that the management turned down a worthy cause." It should read, "One manager of a syndicate stated that the management never turned down any worthy cause."

News Notes

The Week of Prayer will be long remembered by the little church in Sharon because of the presence of God with His people. The last night of the week the Lord gave us two souls, and since that He has given us six more.

G. W. LAWRENCE.

At the close of the Week of Prayer in the Indiana Church the Lord's presence was especially manifested. On Sabbath, December 28, a consecration meeting was held, and many new decisions were made to put off all sin and walk more closely with the Lord. Many wrongs were made right. This is as it should be, and we as a church have agreed to follow Christ's command when He said, "Let not the sun go down upon your wrath." We called upon all members of this faith to follow this commandment, and thereby save many heart aches and untold criticisms.

Brethren Leach and Butler are planning to visit all the churches in this conference in the interest of the colporteur work. Be ready with a smile and an encouraging word, also with your prayers to help forward their work of spreading this gospel where there are no preachers.

Elder H. A. Weaver is nicely located in Altoona where he expects to begin aggressive work.

We were impressed by a statement made by Elder Daniells while speaking before the Workers' Convention at Pittsburgh a few weeks ago, when he said he would be glad to see the time come when the General Conference would make an appropriation for an aeroplane to forward the Third Angel's Message in China. This is not an idle dream, for when we think that recently when one of our missionaries started on a journey of 1000 miles with only donkeys and wheel barrows, and how long it would take him to get to his destination, surely an aeroplane would finish the work in that vast country in a much shorter time than under present conditions.

Do not overlook the importance of the message which will be given through the pages of the next issue of this paper.

CHESAPEAKE

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News Notes

Although Chesapeake Conference may not always have a report, please let it be remembered that we are not asleep. We have been working hard and are glad to pass on every item of interest. One of our churches has gone to about an average of 60 cents on the 25 cent-a-week-fund. The Baltimore No. 1 Church has reached \$2600 on the Harvest Ingathering work. They set their goal in the beginning at \$1250.

It will be remembered that the Harvest Ingathering goal for the conference was \$3630 and we wondered how we would ever reach it, we have now reached the astounding figures of \$5898.76 with a few of

the churches yet to be heard from. The Lord just opened hearts and purse strings, and the money rolled into the hands of the solicitors.

Elder A. S. Booth began a series of meetings in the Queen Theater in Wilmington, Del., Sunday night, Jan. 12. He is being assisted in this meeting by Elder Celian Andross who is located in that city.

We are very glad to report that Brother J. G. Whitaker, who has been so ill with pneumonia, is again able to be out.

Brother J. W. Taylor called at the office this morning. He was on his way to Washington on a little business trip. He reports considerable interest in his section of the conference, and longs for the time when meetings may be held in Crisfield, Md.

A Home Missionary Institute will be held in Baltimore, January 13-15, and it is hoped there will be a good attendance of all the church elders of the conference.

Elder J. H. Wierts will go to Rock Hall next Friday to spend the Sabbath with the Rock Hall Church.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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News Notes

The West Philadelphia Church on Sabbath, January 4, had the privilege of a visit from Professor Kern. The leading thought in his talk to the congregation was on the importance of work for the young people. Many expressed their appreciation of his visit and felt very much encouraged as a result of the talk. Brother Kern has been attending a conference in Philadelphia, which enabled his visit to the West Church.

Sister Florence Kimmel, one of our Bible workers in Philadelphia, has recently undergone a successful operation at the Washington Sanitarium. Sister Parsons has just returned from a visit with her and reports that she is getting along splendidly. We appreciate hearing this good news and trust Sister Kimmel will soon be in our ranks again.

It has been necessary for Elder and Sister McCord to lay down their labors for a while, and they have been compelled to go to Florida where they will be able to regain their much needed strength. They left Philadelphia last Thursday for the South. Let us remember these workers in our prayers.

We are always glad to welcome the members of the conference to our office. Last week Sister Brubaker, of the Lancaster Church, while visiting in Philadelphia came in to see us. A few days later we enjoyed a call from Brother J. H. Ott, of Phoenixville.

The church at Lancaster has been sold and we learn much nicer quarters have been obtained in a hall in the city, where the brethren and sisters will meet in the future.

The colored church in Philadelphia have found their meeting place for Sabbath services entirely too small and have moved to much larger quarters in another section of the city.

"The Honor Roll" at last for the East Pennsylvania Sabbath Schools. The goal is 15 cents a week for each church member. We have reached over 18 cents; during the past quarter \$3413.69 having been given.

Names for perfect attendance cards are coming in steadily, also orders for book-marks because of perfect attendance at Sabbath School for an entire year. The first red seal is being attached to a perfect attendance card for Miss Phoebe Haslam of Wade, Pa., who studied her Sabbath School lesson daily during the past quarter and was perfect in attendance.

While at the Reading Church, the home missionary secretary met two little girls, Katharine and Emma Smith, about nine and five years respectively, that gathered \$18.60 during the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. When asked how they enjoyed the work, they replied, "Fine, next year we will do better." These are the kind of home missionary workers we appreciate throughout our conference.

Elder J. A. Leland, while spending the holidays at his home in Washington, contracted the influenza and is compelled to stay there until he regains his strength and is able to return to Wilkes-Barre. We learn now that Brother Leland is feeling much better and expects to be back at his duties soon.

Over ten hundred Morning Watch Calendars have been sent out to our people in this conference. These are splendid figures for this little book. Are you one of those ten hundred? If not, send your order to the tract society. The price of the Morning Watch is five cents.

Have you received your bookmark for reading the Bible through during 1918? If not, send in your name to Miss Acton at 4738 York Road, Philadelphia, at once.

The interest is increasing at the German effort being conducted by Elder Schwedrat in Philadelphia. Last Sunday night the hall was crowded, many sitting in the aisles and on the staircase, also occupying the rostrum and gallery. Many of these people came from long distances to hear these last day truths.

Watch for the next issue of the Visitor; and read carefully. It will contain a message for you.

NEW JERSEY

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

News Notes

Elder Heckman visited the Newark and Paterson Churches last Sabbath. In the former place, Brother Laurell was ordained deacon; in the latter, Brother C. E. Dietz was ordained local elder, and Brother De Bonté deacon.

Brother C. C. Pulver, of Washington, D. C., is in Trenton this week auditing the conference and tract society books.

We are very sorry to learn of the death of Brother Eric Ericson, superintendent of the Elizabeth Sabbath School. Our hearts go out in sympathy to the companions who are left behind.

Our people will be glad to know that the New Jersey Conference came out a long way in advance of her quota on the 25-cent-a-week fund for 1918. The tithe for the year was more than \$10,000 greater than that of 1917. The conference Harvest Ingathering goal for the 1918 campaign has been exceeded by more than \$500, more than \$6000 having been received to date.

Our Missionary Volunteer societies are laying their plans during the first part of the year, for the accomplishment of some really efficient work during 1919. Let us devote some attention to every point in the year's goal.

It is with considerable surprise and regret that we learn of the death of Mrs. H. F. Taylor, which occurred in the Glendale Sanitarium, California. After leaving New Jersey last August, Elder and Mrs. Taylor were located in the vicinity of Los Angeles.

Brother Merritt Macpherson, an experienced stenographer and bookkeeper from Newark, has been definitely secured to take up work in the conference office. Brother Macpherson's experience and ability will make him a valuable worker on the office force.

We have on hand at the office, a supply of the small edition of the book of Psalms, Revised Version. These sell at 5 cents per copy. Order for immediate use.

Your Conference President will have an article in the next issue of this paper, be sure to read it.

WEST VIRGINIA

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

News Notes

Encouraging reports are coming from the secretaries of the different churches along all lines of department work.

Canvassers' Reports

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	DAYS	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL
New Jersey, Week Ending January 3, 1919									
George Blinn		BR	8	53		176 00		176 00	60 00
Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brownell		BR	5	20	11	53 00	12 30	65 30	12 30
Julia W. Jenssen		BR	6	27	2	8 00	17 40	25 40	12 90
Fred Krall		OD	4	22	9	27 50	2 75	30 25	2 75
C. L. Moore		BR	5	34	9	39 00	1 50	40 50	1 50
Wm. F. Schmidt		Misc		100		230 00		230 00	226 65
E. G. Wrigley		OD	4	22	13	39 50	5 00	44 50	9 00
Fred Zimmermanly		BR	5	34	20	115 00	5 25	120 25	5 25
Totals	9 Agents			37	192	64	688 00	45 20	732 20
West Virginia, Week Ending January 3, 1919									
S. G. Bertolet, Mingo Co.		BR	14	80	104	510 00	26 05	536 05	20 80
Ivor Lawrence, Grant Co.		BR	5	39	8	39 00	15 35	54 35	45 35
B. P. Wright, Kanawha Co.		BR	4	21	13	55 00	24 05	79 05	230 25
C. E. Will, Wheeling		PPF	4	34	3	7 50	29 85	37 35	33 40
Roscoe Bee, Marion Co.			4	33					186 20
W. A. McElphatrick, Tyler Co.			2	16					92 90
E. R. Corder, Kanawha									500 00
J. I. Butcher, Kanawha									400 00
R. Kraft									400 00
Edmund Miller									450 00
Miss M. Wade									167 00
Totals	11 Agents			33	223	138	611 50	95 30	706 80
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 3, 1919									
Geo. Buttermore, Mt. Pleasant		OD	16	86	60	165 90	48 35	214 25	153 20
Geo. E. Misbaugh, Butler Co.		DR	11	43	25	120 00	31 65	151 65	
Harry G. Lee, Burnham		BR	8	47	10	44 00	43 00	87 00	
A. Brownlee, Pittsburg		SD	9	89	17	64 25	57 65	121 90	125 65
R. C. Lewis, Pittsburg		OD	13	77	45	158 00		158 00	124 50
E. W. Chi-holm, Oil City		BR	5	35	6	30 00	2 50	32 50	9 50
Millie Smith, Pittsburg		OD	3	19			8 15	8 15	8 00
Totals	7 Agents			65	396	163	582 15	191 30	773 45
Ohio, One Week Ending January 3, 1919									
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Van Wert		OD	5	33	17	34 00	5 05	39 05	10 70
Geo. Harvey, Stark Co.		BR	4	14	2	9 00	11 00	20 00	
M. B. Ingersoll, Coshocton		OD	1	5		55 00	13 65	68 65	
Fred Hannah, Loudonville		OD	4	25	3	6 50	1 70	8 20	8 20
John Bee, Perry Co.		BR	1	9	4	20 00		20 00	
R. Kline, Perry Co.		BR	1	9	8	33 00	2 00	35 00	
Geo. Carter, Perry Co.		BR	1	9	2	9 00		9 00	
F. E. Wagner, Barberton		OD	4	26	13	31 00	6 50	37 50	54 00
E. C. Alexander, Cincinnati		BR	3	17	6	25 00	4 50	29 60	4 00
Mrs. Pinnicks, Muskingum Co.		OD	2	7	1	7 25		7 25	12 85
Mr. & Mrs. O. E. Taylor, Athens Co.		OD	4	42	18	45 50	85	46 35	11 50
Irregular		BR		20	12	57 00		57 00	
Totals	12 Agents			30	116	66	332 25	45 35	377 60
East Pennsylvania, Two Weeks Ending January 3, 1919									
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		BR	8	51	40	147 00	15 05	162 05	111 70
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co.		BR	4	26	8	34 00	1 25	35 25	
Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	3	19	8	33 00	3 00	36 00	23 00
Total	3 Agents			15	96	46	214 00	19 30	233 30
District of Columbia, Month Ending December 31, 1918									
D. P. Corbett		BR		90	51	224 75	19 25	235 45	422 65
Earl Smith		BR		32	27	136 00		136 00	50 00
Theater Effort		RJ					125 00	125 00	
T. Beamsderfer		BR		29	64	375 00		375 00	
D. D. Coleman		BR		23	70	367 00		367 00	
Miss Smith		BR		6		42 00		42 00	
W. H. George		GC		10	10	68 00		68 00	68 00
College Students		MH				1166 90		1166 90	417 00
Eric Otis		CK		7	7	12 50		12 50	100 00
Misc.						227 00		227 00	125 00
Totals	Agents			197	229	2619 15	144 25	2754 85	1182 65

Virginia, Week Ending December 27, 1918

F. C. Butler, Jr. Wise Co.	OD	9	40	31	70	00	8	00	78	00	112	50
H. A. Wright, Rockingham Co.	BR	2	23								156	00
Pearl Engel, Nottoway Co.	OD	1									1	30
W. E. Saunders, Rappahannock Co	WC	4	14	98	21	70			21	70	21	70
Misc.					232	50			232	50	232	50
Totals			4 Agents	16	77	129	324	20	8	00	332	20
											524	00

Chesapeake, Week Ending January 3, 1919

J. E. Jones, Cambridge, Md.,	BR	13	84	40	168	00	53	55	221	55	87	15
O. C. Weller, Jefferson Co., W. Va.	BR	4	33	7	29	00	35	55	64	55	300	30
W. Swope, Washington Co., Md.	OD	6	37	32	93	25	6	25	99	50	69	00
J. Wilder Taylor, Crisfield, Md.	BR		9				1	75	1	75	40	95
W. J. Valentine, Georgetown, Del.	BR		20								116	00
Julia Z. Cooper, Baltimore, Md.	OD	4	34	16	34	00	4	00	38	00	76	00
Totals			6 Agents	27	217	95	324	25	101	10	425	35
											689	50
Grand Totals 52 Agents							Value Orders	5695	50	Deliveries	5909	20

Elder Westbrook was in Parkersburg the last of the week but has returned to Charleston, where the tabernacle meetings have now started.

Have you ordered your Morning Watch Calendar yet? If not, order at once and you can soon catch up with those who have already started. Price five cents. Order from the office.

Miss Jessie Welsh, our Bible Worker in Cumberland, Maryland, is assisting in the tabernacle meetings at Charleston.

Elder H. K. Christman spent several days in Charleston last week.

Miss Ruth Fahrner has left for New Port News, Va., to take up work in that field.

The Workers' meeting which was to have been held in Charleston, December 31 to January 4, has been postponed.

We still have on hand some of the Reading Course books for this year. Senior course includes four splendid books and is only \$3. Junior course including the same number of books is \$2.65. There is also a splendid book for little folks, "Little Stories for Little People," this is 85 cents and is number 2 of the Primary reading course. When you have finished any of these courses send your name to the Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretary and you will receive a certificate card.

If there are any of the isolated people who do not have a Sabbath School quarterly notify Mrs. Westbrook at once.

1,792 pages of up-to-date news, and inspirational studies for less than five cents a week. Send in your subscription to the "Review and Herald" now as this offer expires January 31, 1919.

Let us each one begin the New Year right by memorizing the verses given each week in our Sabbath School lessons, and by the end of the year we will have a real knowledge of the book of Psalms.

Washington Missionary College

Glenn and Eula Morton have left school, planning to go to California with their parents.

Naomi Hagan and Geneva Wilson have left South Hall and are living with Mrs. Hagan.

Among the holiday visitors were Mrs. Fred Brooke, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Shull, Mr. Andre and Mr. Neff.

A taffy pull was held in Dining Hall, Christmas eve. Pop corn balls and apples were passed around.

The people of Takoma Park and college vicinity gave the dormitory students a very pleasant Christmas by inviting them all to dinner. We surely wish to extend our thanks as a sincere appreciation of their hospitality.

Thursday evening Mr. Carr led a march in the sanitarium gymnasium.

Saturday evening in the chapel, Elder E. L. Maxwell, president of the North Latin-American Union Conference, gave a very interesting account of his experiences in Peru, while president of the Inca Union Mission.

A Christmas tree for the poor children of the vicinity was held in the Sanitarium parlor Christmas night.

The broom factory of Mr. J. E. Cross, who lives near the college, caught fire, Sunday, from a wood stove in the building. It was extinguished in a very few minutes, so that only slight damage was done.

Lyndon Cottage, one of the boys' dormitories, caught fire Tuesday morning, defective wiring in the basement being the cause. The flames had a good start before discovered, and it took considerable time and effort to get them under control. It is estimated that the damage to the building is about \$800, which will be covered by insurance. Several hundred dollars' worth of personal property was destroyed.

A volunteer fire department has been organized among the young men of the college, with Professor Kimble as chief.

New Years' morning, Professor M. E. Kern, occupied the chapel hour.

An interesting program was given in the Sanitarium parlor New Years' night by several of the college students for the entertainment of the patients, guests and nurses.

VIRGINIA

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

News Notes

Elder W. E. Bidwell is spending a few weeks with his wife at Orlando, Florida, on account of sickness.

An Educational Rally was held in the Norfolk Church January 2 and 3. A detailed report will appear later in these columns.

A Workers' Meeting will be held in Richmond February 10-12. In connection with these meetings the Canvassers' Institute will be held at the same place, February 6 to 15. Any persons interested in the canvassing work and who would like to attend the institute, should correspond with the Field Agent, F. E. Hankins, Gordonsville, Va.

Some of the boys from the academy spent the Christmas holidays canvassing, and report excellent experiences with the people.

Brethren J. E. Thompson and F. C. Butler, who have been canvassing some time near Big Stone Gap, report several new Sabbath keepers who attend their Sabbath School each Sabbath.

CIGARETTES OR PSALMS.—The tobacco profiteers said: "Give the soldier cigarettes to quiet his nerves***." The W. C. T. U. and other organizations say: "Tobacco must go! Sell them the Anti-Tobacco Instructor. If you want to speak in schools or churches send 50 cents for special printed matter to James Joy Jeffreys, Takoma Park, D. C. (Temperance, Anti-Tobacco, and Evangelistic material with a "We Don't" pledge and button included), and the message given in churches and at camp meetings by Mr. Jeffreys, "Cigarettes or Psalms for Soldiers."

OHIO

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

Three of the student colporteurs attending the Mount Vernon Academy, John Bee, Geo. Carter and Rob't. Kline, spent Christmas vacation in the colporteur field. Although they were able to work but seven days each, their combined sales amounted to nearly \$600. This proved to be a most practical way of spending the vacation. Instead of spending time and money in making a trip, and engaging in the indulgences common to the season, they were instrumental in placing over one hundred "silent messengers" in the homes of the people that will continue their work while they are in school. This fact in addition to the physical and spiritual exercise, and liberal remuneration they received, enabled them to return to their school work with renewed vigor.

Brother M. B. Ingersoll, one of our faithful colporteurs, together with his wife and child, is just recovering from a severe attack of influenza. They were all bedfast at the same time, and being alone in their house, with no one to wait on them, thirty-six hours elapsed before help arrived, when a neighbor chanced to call by. They are getting on well now, but it will be some time before he will be able to return to work.

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Having just returned from a tour among the churches where they have been in search of recruits for the colporteur work, Brethren Shidler and Franks report a large number who are planning to enter the work and be present at the institute to be held the latter part of February and the first of March. The Lord is moving upon the hearts of His people to arise and quickly finish up the work.

Brother Leach, our Union Field Secretary, was with Brother Shidler the greater part of the time, but was required to leave sooner than he expected, owing to his wife's illness. Word received from him later states that both are getting on well.

Brother O. S. Hershberger spent a part of last week in Columbus, teaching the church school. Sickness kept Miss Multer at her home in La Grange during the first part of the week.

Good for the Ravenna Sabbath School! At the beginning of 1918, \$70 was suggested for a financial goal. Some thought that a little beyond them, but they reached it with \$7.70 over. The second quarter goal of \$80 was reached with a good surplus. The goal was set for \$90 for the third quarter and the report showed \$93.07. A goal of \$100 looked rather large for a small Sabbath School, but not too large for Ravenna. So, all through the past quarter they have been working faithfully toward their \$100 goal. Last week we received their report and find that their Sabbath School offerings total \$105.05, and average 36 cents per church member. Did your Sabbath School do as well?

Brother E. F. Hackman is working with Elder Henderson in Akron. They are being kept very busy looking after those who have recently become interested in the truth.

A very interesting report from Zanesville, where Elder Robbins, assisted by Brother T. H. Barritt, Miss Ruth Bond and Miss Helen Greunke, is conducting an effort, has just been brought to us.

We have in Zanesville a nice little church located in a good, residential part of the city. But as in a good many other places, the people have not been attending our church. At the first meeting held Sunday, January 5, the church, which will seat about 200, was full. Monday night the attendance was larger, and

Tuesday night the aisles were filled and people stood in the vestibule—265 by an actual count. It looks good to the believers in Zanesville to see so many turning toward our little church. The people are urging that a larger place be secured before Sunday night, as the church will not hold all who will come.

Only three meetings had been held when the above report came, but we are sure that the interest will continue to grow as the meetings continue.

We are glad to notice that Cincinnati is not satisfied with just reaching the Sabbath School goal of 15 cents per church member. They have added 4 cents to their average this quarter, making it 19 cents.

WANTED.—To correspond with several good Christian girls relative to taking the Nurses' Course in our institution. Address Sanitarium, Newark, Ohio.

Ten Reasons Why Every Church Should Have A Club Of The Signs Weekly

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4. Because our ministers and writers are giving their best through the columns of the SIGNS and we should cooperate with them by passing on their messages to the people. You will be delighted if these men could talk personally with your friends and neighbors. They want to do the next best thing—talk to them through the SIGNS. Let us bring them and our friends together in 1919.
5. Because it is a weekly paper. The frequency of its visits is an advantage. It slips into the mail boxes of some 60,000 homes regularly every week, giving its messages in a quiet, yet persistent manner.
6. Because the contents of the paper are varied. One member of a home is interested in a certain article, and another member is attracted by something else. Its scope is wide, and one issue contains material for a variety of persons.
7. Because the very life of the church is dependent on the work it does for others. The SIGNS is one of the greatest aids in the work of witnessing among friends and neighbors. It is the church's evangelist where there is no other, and a mighty helper where there is one.
8. Because of what the SIGNS will contain in 1919. Our writers will make the paper vibrant with matter that will focus Bible interpretation upon world events, and the tremendous issues before us. The spiritual delusions of the day will be treated by the positive counteracting Bible truth. Strong articles will deal with the fundamentals of religion, the great doctrines of the Book, Christ the saviour of men, and His Coming as the solution of all earth's problems.
9. Because people, including our relatives, will read the SIGNS when they cannot be reached in any other way. The SIGNS furnishes an opportunity for individual work, even though home duties prevent, to a great extent, the personal touch.
10. Because of its very low price every member can afford to pay for one to five or more copies. And because more SIGNS simply means more souls.