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

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Results

With the passing of the old and ushering in of the New Year, the time has returned when I am reminded that a report of the Union results for the year 1918 should be made to our people through

The accompanying table sets forth many interesting facts. By it one can view the field as a whole, or single out the results attained by any local conference. We are sure you will find items of special interest concerning your field, as well as interesting comparisons with your neighboring conferences. Here are a few items the table sets forth:

1. Our Baby Conference, West Vir-

4. We have passed our Harvest Ingathering goal by \$1,548.09. We have written a few facts as shown by the figures, but some day, not far hence, we hope to read a full report of the results of this year's work when we have reached the day spoken of in Jeremiah 17:10, the time when God will reward every man according to the fruit of his doing. Then we will receive that heavenly treasure

Summary for the Year 1918

Mission Offerings, Tithe, Harvest Ingathering

CONFERENCE	MEMBERSHIP	AM'T. REQUIRED	AM'T. REC'D.	AM'T. OVER	HARVEST INGATHERING REC'D.	TITHE REC'D
Chesapeake	782	10166 00	15407 55	5241 55	6081 13	34486 00
Dist. of Columbia	1047	13611 00	16917 32	3306 32	4117 31	48031 80
East Pennsylvania	1400	18200 00	23738 88	5538 88	7849 88	48960 80
New Jersey	1107	14391 00	16438 44	2047 44	6807 42	43526 60
Ohio	2360	30680 00	45726 30	15046 30	10717 69	87982 80
Virginia	617	6804 20	8207 23	1403 03	1589 63	18433 50
West Pennsylvania	1002	13026 00	17713 76	4687 76	3355 76	40613 50
West Virginia	298	3874 00	5946 02	2072 02	1029 27	14005 00
Totals	8613	110752 20	150095 50	39343 30	41548 09	336040 00

CONFERENCE	MEMBERSHIP	TOTAL OFFERING PER CAP.	WKLY. OFFR. PER CAP.	TITHE PER CAP.	INGATHERING PER CAP.	1919 SLOGAN
Chesapeake	782	19 70	.38	44 10	7 77	TITHE
Dist. of Columbia	1047	16 16	.31	45 88	3 93	FOUR
East Pennsylvania	1400	16 96	.32	34 93	5 60	HUNDRED
New Jersey	1107	14 85	.28	39 32	6 15	THOUSAND
Ohio	2360	19 38	.37	37 28	4 54	MISSIONS
Virginia	617	13 30	.25	29 88	2 58	ONE
West Pennsylvania	1002	17 68	.34	40 53	3 35	HUNDRED
West Virginia	298	19 95	.38	47 00	3 45	EIGHTY
Averages	8613	17 42	.33½	39 02	4 82	THOUSAND

Mission Receipts 1918	\$150,095 50	Tithe Receipts 1918	\$336,040 00	Ingathering 1918	\$41,548 09
" " 1917	99,773 74	" " 1917	244,491 00	" 1917	26,685 30
Gain	50,321 76	Gain	91,549 00	Gain	14,862 79

the columns of the Visitor. It is a pleasant task, as the results are most gratifying. We have made progress, and as we look with satisfaction at the increasing columns, we should ask ourselves if our spiritual attainments have been in the same ratio. We must confess that spiritual growth is the greatest demand of the hour. Nevertheless, figures are the most convincing argument concerning the status of any financial project.

ginia, leads the Union Conference in tithe and mission offerings per capita.

2. The Chesapeake Conference ranks second in mission offerings and first in the amount of Harvest Ingathering raised per capita.

3. The total mission offerings increased during 1918 from a little less than \$100,000 to a little over \$150,000. We do not believe that any other Union has gained proportionately.

which we have been laying up by sacrifice and toil for the advancement of this message. May every one who has contributed to this, the greatest of all tasks, remain true and faithful until we as the people of God can say as did our Saviour, "We have finished the work Thou gavest us to do."

C. C. PULVER.

"A thing of beauty is a joy for ever."

Success

One of the most inspiring features about any program or endeavor in this great movement is its successful completion. During the last few months of the past year our people throughout the Columbia Union have been striving faithfully to secure for missions from the outside world the handsome sum of \$40,000.

We are all aware that there were apparent hindering elements to the success of the campaign. War was raging at its fiercest heat, and government financial campaigns followed in rapid succession. A terrible pestilence swept the land, exacting in its onward march an awful toll of human life. From a financial viewpoint society was in an upheaval, and for a while the outlook for our year end campaign for missions looked a little gloomy.

The year 1918 passed into history, and our Harvest Ingathering came to a close. Our November report from the conferences totaled a little less than \$25,000. There was still more than \$15,000 to be raised during December in order to reach the goal of \$40,000. One by one the reports arrived from the conferences, and gradually the remaining deficit began to disappear. The last report brought the total amount of our Harvest Ingathering beyond the \$40,000 mark, and reached the handsome sum of \$41,586.09.

Just a few items in connection with this inspiring report may be of interest to the readers of the VISITOR. The amount raised this year eclipsed the results for 1917 by more than \$15,000. It was an average of \$4.85 per member. Chesapeake led the conferences in the amount raised per capita, averaging \$7.77 for every member in the conference. New Jersey followed with \$6.15 per member. Baltimore No. 1 set its original goal at \$1250, and losing sight of it entirely in the heat of the campaign, reached the inspiring sum of \$2600. This is a worthy example for other churches to follow.

There were over 105,000 Harvest Ingathering Watchman used by our people in the Columbia Union. This meant an average of 22 papers per member. No human mind can compute, or figures portray with any accuracy the final results which will develop from the faithful distribution of these thousands of papers. Who knows but that in the heart of many an honest soul there may have been kindled a desire to become acquainted with this blessed truth.

May the Lord grant, dear reader, that as a result of your humble effort some souls may be saved in the eternal kingdom in the harvest-time.

H. K. CHRISTMAN.

Our Opposing Evangelists Discouraged

When we opened up our tabernacle effort in Charleston, W. Va., the building, which has been in process of erection since October, was hindered many times on account of the flu and the war band, and was not finished until January 5. This gave the churches of Charleston ample opportunity to poison the minds of the people.

The Churches sent off and secured four great evangelists who were to start revival meetings exactly the same week as our effort started. In addition to that, three other churches started up revival meetings using their pastor as the evangelist. We were informed yesterday that while the audiences at the tabernacle not only creep up, but are increasing in size, the other evangelists are becoming discouraged; they cannot get the people to come their way. We were informed yesterday that one of these revival meetings had an attendance of seven people.

Yesterday, (Sunday) January 19, we had two large audiences out. One entirely composed of men at 3 P. M., and another in the evening, the largest one we have had yet. We are informed that the subjects presented at the tabernacle are the talk of the city. This probably is the first effort of this magnitude which has ever struck West Virginia. The brethren are of good courage and believe that this will be a mighty help in the future work in this very needy field. Some are already deciding for the truth.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Our New Medical Secretary

I am glad to announce to our brethren throughout the Columbia Union that at last we seem on the eve of realizing the great possibilities which we have seen before our eyes in the Medical work in the Columbia Union Conference. Elder F. W. Paap, former Home Missionary Secretary of the North American Division, has accepted the call to become Medical Secretary of the Columbia Union Conference.

He has the first prime requisite of a good secretary of this department in that he is an enthusiastic believer in the possibilities of the Medical work. More than technical knowledge, this department needs an organizer. Elder Paap has already proven by his work in the East for the last eight years that he possesses that ability.

It is proposed first of all to gather together in a Medical Convention all the Medical workers of the Columbia Union.

Besides our Medical Institutions at Washington, we have sanitariums at Col-

umbus, Mount Vernon, Bowling Green, and Newark, Ohio, with splendid bath rooms at Zanesville, Ohio, Parkersburg, W. Va., Pittsburgh, Pa., Erie, Pa., and other medical centers in the Union. We hope that this convention will be the means of tripling the work within the boundaries of the Columbia Union Conference.

Then, we have many nurses who are nominally Seventh-day Adventists and have graduated from our Institutions and are hither and yon without being definitely in touch with our work. We propose, if possible, to remedy this state of affairs.

Probably in a short time, Elder Paap will have associated with him either a very competent nurse or a good physician. We shall then hope to have splendid instruction given in our Canvassers' Institutes. Then, we desire that all our church school children should be examined physically. We further hope that our churches will be given the benefit of all the light that can be obtained on health reform, and on medical treatments, so as to prepare them against coming plagues and diseases. We would also like to see our churches trained so that they know how to do missionary work with the fomentation cloth as well as the tract. These and other plans we had long hoped to materialize. Elder Paap will have communications to send to you from time to time which will point the way to the realization of these and other endeavors. All inquiries, propositions and questions concerning the Medical work please address to Elder F. W. Paap, 411 Cedar St., Takoma Park, D. C.

B. G. WILKINSON.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Indiana, Pa.

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

News Notes

A letter from one of our colporteurs this week reads, "On New Year's day I called at a home where the woman had fully made up her mind to kill her husband and herself that evening when he came home. She had three children, and her husband was a drunkard. She certainly was in a desperate condition. She said she used to believe there was a God, and she had prayed for her husband, etc. He appeared to be converted about a year or two ago; but instead of growing better, he grew worse, so she came to the conclusion that God did not hear or answer her prayer. Before I left she asked for the prayers of God's people, and that I send a Seventh-day Adventist to see her." Our traveling evangelists are finding souls in need of help.

Another colporteur's letter reads, "Surely there are many honest souls, seeking for light, and it was my privilege last week, while calling from home to home, to meet an earnest truth-seeker. After showing a young woman, visiting a friend, the book 'Our Day,' she told me she was very much interested in the Bible, as was also her family, and that often they discussed these very subjects at home, but were unable to understand them. She pressed an invitation to visit and study the Bible with them.

"I called the following evening, and found some of the neighbors gathered there. We studied the Bible together, and God came very near, blessing the study of His Word. All were very much interested, and asked questions until late. They pressed me to come as often as possible and study with them. They also gave me an order for a full leather 'Bible Readings.'

"Such experiences as these come to the colporteurs often, and show us how the Lord works in bringing to hungry souls the message for which they are seeking."

Elder I. D. Richardson, accompanied by Elder B. F. Kneeland, recently made short visits to some of the churches in Potter County, among them being Coudersport, Raymond and Galetton. Plans were laid which we hope will greatly strengthen the work in these churches. Later, Elder Kneeland visited the Shinglehouse Church, holding quarterly meeting with them, and speaking on Sunday night to a good audience in the U. B. Church at Millport.

God is blessing the work in Sharon, Pa. Although the weather is very cold, the interest in the Sunday night meetings is up to the standard. Special Bible studies on the Book of Revelation are being conducted on each Tuesday night for the benefit of the public as well as the young church in the hall, besides the daily Bible studies in the homes of the people throughout the city. We have evidence that God is watering the seed thus sown, as souls are taking their stand with the remnant church. Soon, with the Lord's blessing, another class will be ready for baptism.

The General Conference program was carried out in the Sharon Church, January 4, and after a short appeal to the church on the merits of the "Review," the spirit of the Lord came in and moved each family present to subscribe.

Elder G. L. West visited the office last week on his way to his new field of labor. His address hereafter will be Tyrone, Pa.

Elder Richardson was in Dubois last week, counselling with Elder Kneeland relative to plans of work for the

Coudersport district. Two efforts will likely be conducted in that district this winter.

Encouraging reports come to us from Elder Lund's work at Mt. Jewett, where we have a growing work among the Swedish population of that community.

Brethren Spencer and Lawrence report eight more dear souls keeping the Sabbath at Sharon. Recently a church of thirteen was organized there. We confidently expect to see a church of at least thirty by our next camp-meeting.

Our colporteurs are doing splendid work this winter. Resident colporteurs are being placed in Oil City, New Castle and other places where we hope to conduct strong evangelistic efforts in the near future.

There is a good interest in New Castle, where we hope to conduct a tent effort next summer.

Brother Manry was at the office last week, after a long visit among the churches. He reports that where he has been the churches have been organized into working bands of from six to eight persons, with a leader for each band. This organization will continue permanently throughout the year for all lines of home missionary work.

The Sabbath School work is moving off strongly, with each Sabbath School thoroughly organized to reach the goal of every church member, with their children as members of the school. The officers of each school are actively engaged in correspondence with isolated or Home Department members, in an effort to secure perfect attendance for their schools.

The new Sabbath School thermometers have reached the schools, and our superintendents are expressing themselves as delighted with this device for increasing the offerings.

On a recent visit through the northern part of the conference, Elders Richardson and Schwartz visited Elder I. N. Williams. Elder Williams has not been well for some time, but seemed much better at the time the brethren visited him. Several important matters of business were gone over for the benefit of his counsel.

Brother William Robbins has been asked to add Greensburg to his list of churches. On a recent visit, Brother Robbins assisted the little company there to secure a suitable hall for Sabbath meetings.

Friends of Miss Myrtle Bateman will be glad to learn that she has taken up Bible work in the West Pennsylvania

Conference, and is now located in Tyrone. She reports a good interest and prospects for a great work in this section.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

Hygienic Cooking Schools

In volume nine of the testimonies, page 161, I read under the heading, "Teaching Health Principles," the following:

"Greater efforts should be put forth to educate the people in the principles of health reform. Cooking schools should be established, and house to house instruction should be given in the art of cooking wholesome food. Old and young should learn how to cook more simply. Wherever the truth is presented, the people are to be taught how to prepare food in a simple, yet appetizing way. They are to be shown that a nourishing diet can be provided without the use of flesh foods.

Teach the people that it is better to know how to keep well than how to cure disease....Much tact and discretion should be employed in preparing nourishing food to take the place of that which has formerly constituted the diet of those who are learning to be health reformers. Faith in God, earnestness of purpose, and a willingness to help one another, will be required. A diet lacking in the proper elements of nutrition, brings reproach upon the cause of health reform. We are mortal, and must supply ourselves with food that will give proper nourishment to the body." This quotation needs no comment.

Just fourteen months ago the third of January, Mr. Oswald and I at the invitation of Elder Parsons, began our labors with the Colored Church in Philadelphia, and God has worked a miracle in their behalf, physically, spiritually, and financially; and a number have been added to the church.

As a result of instructions received, God has moved upon their hearts to desire to become loyal members of His church, living up to all the light that He shed upon them. One of their desires is to eat and drink in a way that will honor God in their bodies and for this reason I am having this article published.

I will be glad to hear from any of our good Adventist sisters who have some good recipes that are tasty and wholesome and not too expensive, foods that may be prepared in the home and that can be enjoyed by those not of the fold.

It is my desire and intention to have copies of these recipes made, and in the cooking classes which we are planning to have in the near future, to give them to the members and others who may come, that we may become better

acquainted with the principles of true health reform.

We read in Vol. 9, page 160, "Only when we are intelligent in regard to the principles of healthful living, can we be fully aroused to see the evils resulting from improper diet."

I would suggest that only recipes be sent that have been tried and that you know for yourself, as a result of personal experience, can be fully recommended.

We are particularly anxious to obtain recipes for foods that will take the place of meats and also recipes for some good gravies.

In behalf of the Colored Church I thank those who will co-operate with me in this work that these worthy souls may also have light upon this neglected subject.

Mrs. Julius C. Oswald,
1923 S. Alden St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

News Notes

The "Signs Weekly" campaign has started. This is a wonderful opportunity for our lay-members to do real soul saving work. Let every one be prepared to take part in it when the call is made. Sabbath, January 18, the Home Missionary Secretary met with the Phoenixville Church, and their little company of thirty-four subscribed for a club of seventy.

The Reading church school reports over \$100 gathered in as their share of the Harvest Ingathering.

The Scranton and Wilkes-Barre Sabbath Schools have each set their goal for missions at \$100 for the present quarter. This more than trebles the amount given last quarter. Have you set your goal with equal zeal?

Elder Parsons is spending the week among the churches, Wellsboro, Sayre, Williamsport, Reading, and Allentown being among the churches visited.

January 25 was the date of the Educational Rally in Reading. A. W. Werline and Professor Sorenson from Washington were the helpers from without the conference.

Brother Jenkins sends in an interesting experience showing the value of our people having a practical knowledge of simple treatments. While visiting a home in connection with his canvassing work, he was able to give quick relief to one suffering severely from acute indigestion. The doctor had given no relief, so our worker's suggestions were gladly carried out.

From one of the boys in camp—"Since being in camp I have read nearly all of

the Old Testament, most of "Desire of Ages," (the fourth time) and parts of several other books. Considerable time has been spent in getting together Bible readings. Perhaps the most time has been spent in committing scripture to memory. More than half of Revelation has been learned, the Epistle to the Hebrews, and the first Epistle of John. If any man desires a blessing, I should say "Learn the first two of these books by heart—they are wonderful in style, and in their content of present truth."

Harvest Ingathering Report of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference for the Year 1918

Allentown	\$423.86
Ariel	38.61
Blossburg	381.42
Carlisle	202.60
Covington	3.75
Danville	122.02
Emaus	67.31
Elkland	131.55
Fairhill	46.15
Fleetwood	235.25
Harrisburg	901.63
Honesdale	81.86
Lancaster	200.39
Lebanon	213.87
Northumberland	37.19
Orwell	48.99
Phila. Colored	269.04
" German	384.71
" North	508.38
" West	1565.39
Phoenixville	118.70
Reading	421.99
Roaring Branch	17.75
Sayre	108.86
Scranton	346.44
Sellersville	152.51
Stroudsburg	220.36
Wade	75.00
Westfield	131.22
Wilkes Barre	354.04
Williamsport	63.10
Wellsboro	67.55
Bloomsburg	
Carbondale	16.25
Mifflintown	76.45
Shunk	1.25
Tunkhannock	9.43
So. Canaan	
York	13.20
Individuals	235.44
Total	8293.51
Goal	8500.00
Short	206.49

The above report shows a shortage of \$206.49 on our goal of \$8500. Even though the goal has not been reached, the Lord has blessed our people and we have gone far beyond the quota of \$6500. No doubt our goal would have been reached and greater results attained had it not

been for our work coming almost to a standstill as a result of the epidemic. This splendid report shows that an earnest and faithful effort has been put forth by the brethren and sisters in Eastern Pennsylvania.

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

Ohio's Success

Having been asked to devote my time as Singing Evangelist of the Ohio Conference, I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation for the hearty co-operation shown me while acting as conference Home Missionary Secretary. Although I have been relieved from the responsibility of the Home Missionary work, yet it will be my privilege to meet with you from time to time. I am glad that Brother E. R. Numbers has been secured to take up the work, and know that you will support him as you did me.

I wish to speak of the recent Harvest Ingathering campaign. Surely God has blessed this conference in a wonderful way. Eternity alone will reveal the results of your faithfulness in this work. When you consider the terrible epidemic of the Spanish Influenza that was raging, and the ban that was placed on our cities; and yet with God's help we have been able to gather in the sum of \$11,002.33 which is \$4,502.33 more than last year; truly we all can sing, "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow."

T. H. BARRITT.

Zanesville Meetings

Our people here in Zanesville are rejoicing over the wonderful series of meetings that Elder Robbins, ably assisted by Brother T. H. Barritt and the Misses Greunke and Bond, have just held here. They began Sunday night, the fifth, and ran to Sunday night the nineteenth inclusive, excepting Saturday night. Elder Robbins lectured on many of the testing truths for this time, freely illustrating the same with some very fine stereopticon slides, which were manipulated by Miss Greunke.

We had exceptionally good attendance, the church being well filled every night and the closing night those that stood up in the vestibule state that there must have been over 200 that were turned away, unable even to get standing room, being attracted by the subject, "Who Changed the Sabbath?" The holy spirit was present to a marked degree in all the meetings as was evidenced by the intense earnestness and interest displayed by the hearers, who were of a good and intelligent class of people, among whom at several meetings were two super-annuated ministers of other denominations and a bank president, the latter declaring that

we have the best of the argument on the Sabbath question.

Brother Barritt's singing made a good impression on the people and aided materially in the work accomplished. He was ably accompanied by Miss Bond on the piano. Four have taken their stand to keep the Sabbath, 16 others want literature on our faith, and many others seem to show more than a passing interest. We have organized the church into bands and districted the city and plan to follow this effort with a well directed missionary campaign. The whole city has had a chance to learn of some of the things brought out at the meetings, as the daily press, the "Times-Recorder," very kindly gave us good reporting of the services and we have heard those that were not in attendance speak favorably of the meetings, from what they had read.

We believe that the Lord is calling His people to work and may He richly bless Elder Robbins and his faithful assistants in their labors. P. S. STOKES.

News Notes

Brother E. F. Hackman has just arrived at the office from a two weeks' stay at Akron. He reports that the work there is going along nicely and the interest is still at a good height. The Akron Church is now one of the best organized churches in the conference and this is also to be seen by the work that they are doing in their missionary society. He will spend the week of January 26 to February 2 at Zanesville, following up the work there.

Brother E. R. Numbers is at present in Massachusetts, making arrangements to move his family to Columbus, Ohio.

Brother Hershberger spent the week end with the Cleveland Church, looking after the Educational and Young People's work.

Sabbath, January 18, after the sermon, Elder Ulrich made a call for those who would read their Bibles through during the coming year. Ninety-eight responded with their names, and after the meeting others signed their names until the number had grown to one hundred twenty-five. This is about one half of the members of the Columbus Church who are reading their Bibles through.

An evangelistic effort was begun in Columbus January 26, conducted by Elders F. H. Robbins and C. F. Ulrich. They are assisted by Brother T. H. Barritt, who has charge of the music, and the Misses Smith, Howell, Walters, Greunke, and Bond as Bible workers.

CHESAPEAKE

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

News Notes

One of the most interesting and helpful institutes ever held in the Chesapeake Conference convened in Baltimore. It was in the interest of the Home Missionary work. There were present Elders G. B. Thompson, F. W. Paap, H. K. Christman, Professor W. A. Werline from Washington, D. C., and representatives from nearly all the churches in the conference. We are sure the work in the conference will be greatly strengthened by the words of counsel that were given. As a result of the experiences being given by those who have been engaged in this work, our brethren are getting a vision of this work and seeing its importance as they never have seen it before. We are sorry all of our churches could not be represented.

Elder J. L. Shaw gave a very instructive sermon in the Baltimore No. 1 Church Sunday night to open the convention held.

Elder F. W. Paap spoke to the Baltimore No. 3 Church Sunday night.

Elder A. S. Booth opened his meetings in the Queen Theater in Wilmington, Del., Sunday night. The theater was packed and about 200 people were turned away from the doors. We solicit the prayers of the people in the conference in behalf of this effort.

The company at Salisbury, Md., was organized into a church Sabbath, January 18. This company has been doing splendid work, and we believe will do even better work after they are organized.

We are glad to report that our conference reached a total of \$6080.98 on the Harvest Ingathering work. It will be remembered that our goal was \$3630. On our twenty-five cent a week fund we have gone over to the extent of \$5241.54. To have just reached our goal we should have raised \$10,166.04. We actually raised and passed on to missions \$15,407.58. This is an average for the year of \$19.70 per member or a weekly average of almost thirty-eight cents instead of twenty-five cents. We thank our brethren and sisters everywhere for their faithful efforts and we feel sure the Lord is pleased with the results in Chesapeake Conference for the year 1918.

We must not settle down now and take our ease, for the work is not yet accomplished that we should do, and it will not be until the work in the earth is finished. Let every one determine to do more in 1919 than he did in 1918, and let us not wait until the close of the year to do the

work, but begin at once.

We are glad to report one new colporteur in the field this week. Brother Strother of Martinsburg Church has entered the work and is very much encouraged by the success he has had and by the good experiences he has enjoyed.

Not only has our conference gone ahead of previous years in its offerings to missions, but this has been the biggest year in the Tract Society work. In a report just received from the Review and Herald, we have ordered books to the value of \$19,732.38 for the year 1918. In 1917 we had ordered to the value of \$5834.41. This is a gain of \$13,897.97 for the year 1918. This does not include our periodical sales, and these have been quite heavy for the year. We praise the Lord for the work that has been done, and believe the seed that has been sown will bring forth an abundant harvest in the near future. Let all pray to this end.

The Worker's Meeting held in Baltimore closed last Wednesday night. Every one who attended went away with a great spiritual uplift and we are already beginning to see results in the work our people are planning to do the coming year.

The conference committee met on Thursday, January 16. Plans were laid for the upbuilding of the work, and among other things was the vote to call Elder C. T. Redfield of Ohio to come to Chesapeake to take the Educational and Young People's work of the conference. We have had no secretary for these departments for several months and we are badly in need of a secretary.

The meeting Elder Booth held in Wilmington last Sunday was very well attended and by a good class of people. There is considerable opposition being stirred by the ministers of that section, but this is only serving as an advertisement for the work, and the meetings held in Queen Theater are the talk of the city.

Elder A. S. Booth, in company with Elder G. A. Stevens, who has been looking after the interests of the work in Salisbury for the past few months, went to Salisbury last Sabbath and organized a church of fourteen members. This is a strong company and they have been faithful in their endeavors. Although an unorganized company, they raised \$195.37 on the Harvest Ingathering. Miss Anna M. Cately has done good work there, having been associated with Elder Andross in the tent effort and then returning after the camp-meeting and remaining there until the beginning of this year. She has answered a call from the New

Jersey Conference and has gone to labor in Trenton, N. J. We were sorry to lose Sister Cately from among our force of workers, but feel that New Jersey has gained a good laborer, and we wish her abundant success in her new field.

Miss Ethel A. Carroll who has been laboring in Hagerstown for the past few months will now make Cambridge, Md., her field of labor, and Miss Anna C. Dewers will do Bible work in Hagerstown.

Truly literature is falling like the leaves of autumn. During the year 1918 the Chesapeake Tract Society ordered 116,055 copies of the little Present Truth. These have been circulated by various members of our conference, and many, many of them have gone into the homes of the people of Baltimore. The seed is being sown and surely there will be an abundant harvest some time, for the Lord has promised that His word shall not return unto Him void.

Brother G. Medairy reports continued interest among the people at Oakwood where he held several weeks' meeting, and has strong hopes of a number of people taking their stand for the truth.

WEST VIRGINIA

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

News Notes

Elder Westbrook spent Monday afternoon and Tuesday in Parkersburg last week.

Elder Richardson, President of the West Pennsylvania Conference, visited Charleston and Parkersburg last week.

John McHenry and C. E. Will are canvassing in the southern part of the state.

When this "Visitor" reaches you "Signs of the Times Weekly Day," January 25, will be in the past. Every church in our conference was given due notice and instruction and we hope there will be many new subscriptions for this soul-winning paper. Five or more copies to one address 1 year, each \$1. Five or more copies to different addresses 1 year, each \$1.15. Single subscriptions 1 year, \$1.50. If you have not subscribed, send your order to the office without delay. Remember that "The Signs does bring people into the truth."

Every Sabbath School teacher is earnestly invited by the department to sign the enrollment cards which are being sent out, and move forward together when the course starts March 1.

Canvassers' Reports

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	DAYS	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL
West Virginia, Week Ending January 17, 1919									
F. Bentz, Charleston		GC	3	15	5	22 00	6 20	28 20	50
B. P. Wright, Kanawha Co.		BR	3	25	1	4 00	85	4 85	91 00
Ivor Lawrence, Grant Co.		BR	4	34	15	66 00		66 00	56 00
Roscoe Bee, Gilmer Co.		OD	4	35	11	45 00	19 20	64 20	4 25
Misc.						314 00		314 00	314 00
Totals	4 Agents		14	109	32	451 00	26 25	477 25	465 75
Ohio, One Week Ending January 17, 1919									
F. E. Wagner, Barberton		BR	5	39	15	47 00	10 00	57 00	38 00
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Van Wert		OD	5	35	15	31 00	2 95	33 95	26 50
O. E. Taylor, Athens Co.		OD	5	33	19	54 50		54 50	62 50
E. C. Alexander, Cincinnati		BR	4	30	10	48 00	4 65	52 65	8 20
H. O. Kohr, Columbus		WW		24		52 00		52 00	52 00
Geo. Harvey, Stark Co.		BR	5	22	3	12 00	1 75	13 75	
Ed. Searles, Bucyrus		OD	5	21	26	54 00	18 00	72 00	21 00
Glenn Pinnicks, Muskingum		BR	4	19	9	37 00		37 00	15 85
Mrs. Pinnicks, Zanesville		OD	3	16	9	12 50	3 40	15 90	
Mrs. O. E. Taylor, Athens Co.		OD	2	13	1	2 50		2 50	40 00
Mrs. C. E. Lackey, Jackson		OD	1	5	2	6 00		6 00	29 00
Fred Hannah, Ashland		OD	5	37	11	27 50	2 55	30 05	22 55
Totals	12 Agents		44	294	120	384 00	51 30	435 30	315 60
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 17, 1919									
Geo. Buttermore, Westmoreland Co.		OD	6	44	27	84 50	14 40	98 90	121 60
Harry G. Lee, Mifflin Co.		BR	4	29	2	8 00	18 00	26 00	150 00
Geo. E. Missbaugh, Butler Co.		DR	6	35	12	57 00	13 25	70 25	
E. W. Chisholm, Reno		BR	6	42	14	65 00	1 50	66 50	
R. C. Lewis, Pittsburg		OD	5	30	18	62 00		62 00	32 00
J. A. Heaton, Huntingdon Co.	PG, BR	2	6	4	22 00			22 00	
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.		OD	2	4	8	20 00		20 00	
John Leroy, Beaver Co.		BR	1	5	3	14 00	50	14 50	50
Anna Leroy, Beaver Co.		BR	1	4		4 00	6 00	10 00	1 00
Totals	9 Agents		33	199	92	336 50	53 65	390 15	305 10
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 17, 1919									
Benjamin Bell, Philadelphia		GC	5	39	32	123 00	1 50	124 50	
Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	5	40	13	53 00	4 50	57 50	31 75
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		BR	5	34	6	27 00	22 00	49 00	76 95
F. W. Holland, Phila. Co.		BR		7		34 00		34 00	
Mrs. Park Drake, Northampton		WC	1	8					25 05
G. B. Jenkins, Berks Co.		BR	4	13	4	18 00	1 00	19 00	25
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co.		BR	2	15	2	10 00	2 50	12 50	
Sol. Diehl, Union Co.		OD	4	31	2	5 00	6 50	11 50	
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		BF	3	10	2	4 00	2 20	6 20	
Totals	9 Agents		29	190	68	274 00	40 20	314 20	134 00
West Virginia, Two Weeks Ending January 11, 1919									
Ivor Lawrence, Garrett Co.		BR	7	63	19	86 00		86 00	84 00
R. C. Bee, Gilmer Co.		OD	8	62	31	71 00	14 80	85 80	4 50
F. Bentz, Charleston		GC	2	11	6	28 00	20 30	48 30	1 00
C. E. Will, Wheeling		PPF	5	32		10 00	40 35	50 35	52 75
S. G. Bertolet, Howard Co.		BR	12	33	10	48 00	39 55	87 55	47 55
Totals	5 Agents		34	201	66	243 00	115 00	358 00	189 80
Virginia, Week Ending January 17, 1919									
F. C. Butler, Jr. Wise Co.		OD	4	19	6	2 00	3 70	5 70	65 55
Misc.						203 75		203 75	203 75
Totals	1 Agents		4	19	6	205 75	3 70	209 45	269 30
Chesapeake, Week Ending January 17, 1919									
J. E. Jones, Cambridge, Md.		BR	5	32	16	67 00	18 05	85 05	2 50
W. Swope, Hagerstown, Md.		OD	3	11	7	17 50	8 75	26 25	4 50
Totals	2 Agents		8	39	23	84 50	26 80	111 30	7 00
Grand Totals	42 Agents					Value Orders 1978 75		Deliveries 1686 55	

The members of the Parkersburg Church are taking a live interest in the Standard of Attainment. 18 Manuals have been sold by their Home Missionary Secretary. More will soon be heard from this live band who have determined by the help of the Lord "to be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh."

Have you sent in your renewal for the "Review and Herald?" You cannot afford to miss a single copy. The World Outlook number is being sent to every one in our conference who has not yet sent in their subscription. As this number is read, surely each one will see the importance of having this paper visit your home each week.

VIRGINIA

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Over the Top

\$38,000 in Sales

Word has just come to us from the Review and Herald Branch that they have shipped \$38,000 worth of subscription books into Virginia during the year 1918. The largest sales of subscription books to any conference in the Union. We desire to thank each one for the part he has had in helping to make this splendid report. We are sure there is rejoicing in heaven that this needy field so long neglected has been able to place the truth in so many hundreds of homes. Some are rejoicing in the truth as a result of the visit of the colporteur to their home. Still there is a great work to be done, still there are many thousands of homes that have never heard the message, but our faithful colporteurs are going forward as tried soldiers and hunters. "And they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks."

We believe our time to work in this world is very short, probation hours are swiftly passing by, souls are passing into eternity and many will never hear the message perhaps unless you and I carry it to them in their homes. Brethren, can we feel content giving our time and talents to the things of the world, and men and women dying without a knowledge of the truth? We would urge you to stop, take thought. Do not your convictions tell you you should be doing something for these souls for whom Jesus gave His life? Do you know of a better way to make them acquainted with the truth than by placing in their hands our good literature? There never was a time when people were so greatly concerned about conditions as at this present time, and we are sure nothing will give that satisfying knowledge as do our good books and magazines.

If that still small voice is speaking to

you, we would urge that you hearken, some day we may meet some precious souls in the kingdom and hear them say, "it was you that invited me here." If you feel timid and would like to have help in getting started in your work, remember we are at your service.

F. E. HANKINS, *Field Sec.*

News Notes

The brethren at Norfolk have just purchased a church building, which was dedicated Sabbath, January 18. Elder Daniells preached the dedicatory sermon, and there were present other ministering brethren from the local conference.

A new church school building has just been completed by the brethren at Newport News.

Brother Emmanuel Wilkins, (colored) of Baltimore, Md., has come to Virginia to canvass. He will take up work in Brunswick County.

Mrs. J. E. Thompson passed through the other day on her way from Big Stone Gap to Newport News, where she will spend the winter in order that her children may attend church school.

Elder W. E. Bidwell is now located at Portsmouth, and will conduct a series of meetings in that church.

Elder J. B. Mallory returned home last week after a two weeks' visit with his relatives in New York City.

The Richmond Church No. 1 Missionary Society has ordered 1,000 Present Truth a week, which they intend to distribute throughout the city.

Miss Ruth Fahrner of Helvetia, W. Va., has taken charge of the church school at Newport News. Mrs. Glenn Bee of Salem, W. Va., had returned to her home, after her husband received his discharge from the army. We considered ourselves fortunate in securing a teacher at this time of the year, but Miss Fahrner responded to our emergency call.

Twenty-seven of our Sabbath School members have enrolled for the "Sabbath School Teacher's Training Course. As the course does not start until the March number of the "Sabbath School Worker," there is time for others to enroll. The "Worker" will give the lesson outline, and the two books, "The Teacher," and "The Devotional Life of the Sunday School Teacher," will be used as text books. If you are interested, write to the Sabbath School Secretary.

If you have read the Bible through during the year 1918, send in your name to Miss Eloise Williams, and receive the card sent out by the M. V. department. If you started, but did not finish the read-

ing, do not be discouraged, but continue your reading, and then you will be counted as one of the readers for 1919.

A seal will be added to the Perfect Attendance cards, for all who have studied their lesson daily, through the quarter.

The Phoebus church school is closed again, on account of the influenza. The school work is progressing nicely at Portsmouth, and before long we hope to have a well equipped school there.

Before long the Sabbath School lessons, adapted to the needs of the young people, will be given each week, in the "Youth's Instructor." This valuable paper should be in the hands of all our youth, so let all see to their subscriptions as soon as possible.

Elder W. E. Bidwell has returned to his field of labor at Mayberry, after a brief stay at Orlando, Florida.

Miss Ruth Fahrner who is now located at Newport News, and will take charge of the church school there, is confined to her room on account of sickness. Miss Williams, our Educational Secretary has taken charge of the school during her sickness.

We are glad to inform our members throughout the state that the Virginia Conference went over its goal \$1300. Most of our churches went over the goal, and we trust next year every church will go over.

A meeting of the Virginia Conference workers has been called, to be held in Richmond, February 10-12. Full report of the meetings will be given.

We have on hand at the office a good supply of the New Book "Our Lord's Return" in paper binding. Price 25 cents.

Plans for the Institute to be held at Richmond February 6-15 are completed. We extend a warm welcome to all who come with a definite purpose. Several have told us they would be with us. There are others that should join us still halting. Brethren, do you think the time will ever be more favorable to make the start?

We should hear from you very soon, that arrangements can be made for your entertainment. F. E. HANKINS.

Brother Harry Wright, who has been canvassing in the mountains of Rockingham County took sick with the flu while back in the mountains 25 miles from the railroad. For ten days he was taken care of by a kind family, without charge. When he was taken sick he was taking orders to the amount of \$100 per day.

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Mount Vernon Academy

Ministerial Band Report

Although the influenza ban has prohibited quite a little progressive work during the first quarter, the Ministerial Band has been advancing. We have had good meetings in the band, usually being addressed by student members and a few times listening to instruction from our teachers. The only outside meeting we have been able to hold regularly has been with the Honor Men at the State Sanatorium. There are about fifteen who attend regularly, and most of these have stated more than once that they appreciate the interest shown in them. Those who have had a part in the work feel well repaid for the efforts they have put forth. After a study on the value and necessity of prayer given by Professor Miller, each of the men was presented with a copy of the 1919 Morning Watch. We trust that seeds sown will bear fruit in the Master's harvest.

During vacation nine meetings were held by members of the band, most of them in the home churches. Some passed out literature, and others did personal work, so all have had a part.

The report for the entire quarter follows:

Letters written	41
Letters received	10
Missionary visits (personal work)	14
Bible Readings and cottage meetings held	34
Papers and magazines sold	150
Papers and magazines mailed, lent and given	153
Books sold	163
Books lent and given	41
Tracts sold	10
Tracts mailed, lent or given	36
Hours of Christian help work	30
Articles of clothing given	3
Tithe paid	\$91.85

Eight barber shops of Mount Vernon are carrying current copies of the

"Watchman" and the "Signs Monthly" on their reading tables. We are glad that last month's copies show wear.

And while our work is onward, we realize that its success depends on prayer as well as works, so we ask that the Visitor readers will remember the band and its work in their prayers.

GEORGE RAPP, *Leader*

EDMUND MILLER, *Secretary*

News Notes

The exams for the first semester are over, and now we have started on the homeward stretch.

We are glad to welcome in our midst for the second semester, Miss Helen Beatty, Messrs. R. C. Kraft, C. Hubbell, R. Kruft, W. Kay, J. G. Wolf, H. Wolf, and G. Lipscomb.

Messrs. B. Buss and F. Schoonard have recently joined us, and to them also we extend a warm welcome.

Elder N. S. Ashton addressed the Akron Church, Sunday night, January 19. An effort was recently held there.

Brother M. W. Shidler spoke to the students in chapel last Wednesday morning and told of some of the wonderful experiences the colporteurs are having.

H O ! !

The beautiful song, by Professor H. A. Miller, "Won't You Give Your Heart to Jesus?" should be in your home and in your friend's home. Its pleasing melody will linger in your mind. Here is one stanza:

"Long the Saviour has been calling
For the wand'ers to come home.
Soon His sweet voice will be silenced,
When He turns from Mercy's throne.
Leave the sinful ways you've followed;
Hate the things you dearly love;
Turn around and serve the Master,
Tread the path that leads above."

The proceeds from the sale of this song go to MISSIONS. Single copies 15 cents, 10 or more, special rates. Order from Professor H. A. Miller c-o Academy, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Miss Hilda Lauger of Erie, Pa., spent several days at the academy visiting friends.

Mr. E. F. Hackman, Assistant Home Missionary Secretary of the Ohio Conference, spoke to the students in chapel last Thursday.

Some of the music and oratory students took part in a recital given in chapel Saturday night, January 18.

The influenza is making its second visit here and a number of students and church school children are afflicted.

Mr. Earl Woodworth, a former student, visited here last week.

Corrections

"Visitor" of January 16, 1919, page 1, column 1, read that the Colporteur Institute of West Pennsylvania would convene February 13-22. This should read March 13-22.

"Visitor" of January 23, 1919, page 8, column 1, Brother Shidler stated that the Ohio Colporteurs' Institute would be held at Cleveland from February 27-March 8. This should read March 6-15.

Washington Missionary College

Mr. Tinsley is enjoying a visit from his mother.

Several boys from Lyndon Cottage have been taken to the Sanitarium with influenza.

Shelves are being built in Columbia Hall. It is planned to transfer the books soon.

The model training school will occupy the former library room in the college building.

Elder Longacre spoke to the Young People's Society Sabbath afternoon, January 18, concerning the work that has been done for our boys who have been court martialed and imprisoned for conscience sake. He read extracts from a ninety-two page report of a court martial trial, to show the sort of questions that are sometimes asked.

Professor Foote gave an interesting talk recently on the cultural and practical value of shorthand and typewriting. One writer says, "An education that does not embrace a knowledge of phonography must be regarded as incomplete and short of the wants of the age."

The typewriting students have been making some excellent records considering the length of time they have been taking the subject.

Many students are canvassing in the city afternoons, with good success.

Several new officers have been elected on the "Sligionian" staff, to begin their work with the opening of the second semester.