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

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## A True Experience and A Dream

Mildred Black, resting in an easy chair drawn up before the grate in Aunt Martha's cozy living room, was thinking intently. This had been her first Sabbath in a large city, and she made her first visit to a large Adventist Church.

Dear Aunt Martha, to whom she had been sending the *Signs*, and who seemed really interested in what they contained, had been with her; it was her first visit to any Adventist Church, large or small.

They had walked in and found seats just as the service was about to begin. The singing had been such a joy. To be sure, Aunt Martha could not sing, for they had no book, but Mildred knew the songs by heart and joined in heartily with her sweet voice.

The sermon was clear, solemn, and inspiring; it seemed such a blessed thing to belong to this great company of believers in the soon coming of the Saviour. Mildred had looked around with a warm feeling of relationship; these were all her brothers and sisters in Christ, and how she loved them, every one.

After the last song and the benediction they walked slowly along with the congregation until just outside the door; then, with a detaining touch on Aunt Martha's arm, Mildred had stepped a little to one side and waited. She would be leaving for home before another Sabbath, but she wanted Aunt Martha to become acquainted with some of these dear sisters; she felt sure that if they invited her to come to church again she would do so, and after hearing more of the truth might accept it, and become one of God's commandment-keeping people.

So they waited. One sweet-faced woman bowed and smiled in friendly fashion, and Mildred, with an answering smile, started to reach out for the hand clasps she longed to feel; but her action was unnoticed, and the sweet-faced woman passed on. No one spoke, no one noticed, no one else even smiled.

She and Aunt Martha had walked home very quietly; they had not talked much during the afternoon, either, for Mildred's

heart was sore. For herself she did not care so much; she would soon be back with the dear, loving company of Sabbath keepers at home. But dear Aunt Martha! Would she ever again feel like entering the inhospitable doors of that city church? Would she ever again feel attracted toward a belief whose followers seemed so cold, and so forgetful to the strangers at their door?

As a few slow tears rolled down the girl's cheeks she felt glad that the lights had not been turned on; the shadows of dusk better fitted her mood.

She and Aunt Martha had almost reached the church door. As they started up the steps she smiled happily and said, "I do hope they sing 'Faith Is the Victory' today, Aunt Martha; that is my favorite song, and I know you would like it."

An usher led them to a good seat, and as the first song was announced a lady handed them an open hymn book. How good it seemed to be in the house of God again. Mildred gave a glance around, and a warm feeling of fellowship filled her heart as she joined in singing one of the songs of Zion. The prayer seemed to bring the sacred Presence very near; the sermon was about the nearness of our Lord's return.

At the end her joy was made complete by having her favorite song announced.

"Faith is the victory, faith is the victory;

Oh, glorious victory, that overcomes the world."

As the triumphant words of the refrain rang out at the close of the song, Mildred glanced toward Aunt Martha, and saw that her eyes were bright with tears.

"I am so thankful she came with me today," thought the girl.

After the benediction, they walked slowly along with the congregation, but just outside the door they saw several men and women standing on either side, greeting those who passed. A sweet-faced lady held out her hand with a smile. "You are stran-

gers here, are you not?" she asked.

"Yes, this is the first time we have been here," answered Mildred, returning the warm hand-clasp. "My home church is in C—. I am visiting here with my aunt, Mrs. Case. She is not an Adventist—yet—but she is much interested in the truth."

"My name is Skidmore," said the lady as she shook hands with Aunt Martha. "We are so glad to welcome you to our church. I do hope you will come again; we must become better acquainted."

"My niece will be going home in a day or two, but I have enjoyed your service, and I plan to come again," answered Aunt Martha.

Looking just beyond where they stood, Mildred saw one of the brothers talking to a seedy-appearing man whom she had noticed as she entered, sitting in one of the back seats. When she saw the brother write something on a slip of paper and hand it to the man, interest emboldened her to ask, "Do you speak to all the strangers who come to your church?"

"We try to," answered Mrs. Skidmore. "We have a committee appointed the first Sabbath in each month, whose work is to greet all who pass out of these doors. We plan for each member of this church to know all the other members, at least by sight, so that makes it easy to tell visitors and strangers. A special effort is made to show an interest in these, and often, if we find they are stopping over the Sabbath at a hotel, they are invited to go home with some of us for the day."

"But isn't it expensive, inviting strangers home for Sabbath dinner, with the high cost of living here in the city, and all?" inquired Mildred, fascinated with the glimpse of systematic hospitality she was being given, and eager to know more.

"Expensive? No, I shouldn't call it that," was the thoughtful answer. "You see, the committee is large, for this is a large church, and it is changed at the beginning of each month. This gives all our members a chance to share in the blessed

work, and it is blessed, especially to us as a church. And when we remember that Jesus will say, 'I was a stranger and ye took me in,' if we have taken in one of the least of the brethren, it makes it a privilege to share whatever we have with others, especially on the Lord's own Sabbath day. We have had some wonderful experiences, and feel more than repaid already for everything we have done."

"This is my first visit to a city church. Do they all have these committes?" inquired Mildred.

"No, I'm afraid they do not," and a shadow came over the lady's face. "But if they knew the blessedness of it, I feel sure they would."

"Child, child," Mildred heard Aunt Martha saying—and suddenly the sweet-faced lady, the passing congregation, the church, all vanished, and she was staring into Aunt Martha's smiling face with wide, puzzled eyes.

"You must have been having pleasant dreams, child, by the way you were smiling," spoke the familiar voice again, and then memory came back with a rush.

"Oh, Aunt Martha!" and Mildred sat up and covered her face from the light. "It was such a beautiful dream. Why couldn't it be true? Why couldn't it be true?"

ELIZABETH J. ROBERTS.

### "What Is That In Thine Hand?"

"What is that in thine hand?" the Lord asked, when Moses tried to excuse himself from doing the missionary work to which he had been called. And Moses said: "A rod." What could that rod have to do with the subject before them? This probably was merely the rod he had been using out on the plains of Midian while watching the flocks of Jethro. Only a rod. That was all.

"Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh?" Moses had asked the Lord when the plan for his great missionary enterprise was first laid before him. Then he went on explaining to the Lord why he could not go. He was sure the people would not believe him. But the Lord promised to look after that part of the enterprise. Then he told the Lord that he could not talk. He was slow of speech. Of course, that would be a great drawback in pleading the cause

of a downtrodden people in the courts of Pharaoh. But the Lord knew all about it and in his plan made provision for this deficiency.

And then when Moses ceased making excuses, the Lord sent him to work with that same rod. A simple tool, you say. Worthless it would seem in the great work outlined for Moses to do. Still Moses took the rod as the Lord commanded and went to work. But there had been a change in Moses and in the rod. Moses had given himself and his rod to the Lord. And when he went down into Egypt, it was with "the rod of God in his hand." (Ex. 4:30.)

"The divine command given to Moses," says "Patriarchs and Prophets," "found him self-distrustful, slow of speech, and timid. He was overwhelmed with a sense of his incapacity to be a mouthpiece for God to Israel. But having once accepted the work, he entered upon it with his whole heart, putting all his trust in the Lord. The greatness of his mission called into exercise the best powers of his mind. God blessed his ready obedience, and he became eloquent, hopeful, self-possessed, and well fitted for the greatest work ever given to man. This is an example of what God does to strengthen the character of those who trust him fully, and give themselves unreservedly to his commands."

Young friend, "What is that in thine hand?" O, no, your hands are not empty. You can live a life that will draw others to Christ; and you can pray. "And the earnest effectual prayer of the righteous man availeth much." You can speak a word for the Master in the social meeting, and when among those who know him not; you can pass out papers and tracts; perhaps you can carry God's message in song to others, or give Bible readings, or nurse the sick. Every talent counts in the Master's service.

Never say, "O, what I can do does not amount to anything." The little lad had only a lunch basket in his hand. He might have said, "O, this is nothing for that crowd." But when it was consecrated to the Master, it became a feast for thousands. Young friend, "What is that in thine hand?" Give it to the Master. Give him your time, your talents; let him direct you daily in your work. That is all he asks. He will look after the results.

Someone passed out a tract. A very simple piece of missionary work. But God used it as a mighty

## Testimony Corner

Conducted by A. W. Werline.

### Divine Instruction to Us

Has the church fulfilled its duty?

"There has been altogether too little attention paid to our children and youth, and they have failed to develop as they should in the Christian life because the church members have not looked upon them with tenderness and sympathy, desiring that they might be advanced in the divineline." - "Counsels to Teachers" page 41.

What work is of first importance to the church?

"The work that lies next to our church-members is to become interested in our youth; for they need kindness, patience, tenderness, line upon line, precept upon precept. Oh, where are the fathers and mothers in Israel? There ought to be a large number who would be stewards of the grace of Christ, who would feel not merely a casual but a special interest in the young. There ought to be those whose hearts are touched by the pitiable situation in which our youth are placed, and who realize that Satan is working by every conceivable device to draw them into his net.

"God requires that the church arouse from her lethargy, and see what is the manner of service demanded of her at this time of peril. The lambs of the flock must be fed. The Lord of heaven is looking on to see who is doing the work he would have done for the children and youth. The eyes of our brethren and sisters should be anointed with heavenly eyesalve, that they may discern the necessities of the time. We must be aroused to see what needs to be done in Christ's spiritual vineyard, and go to work." "Counsels to Teachers" page 42.

"There is no work more important than the education of our youth."

"Counsels to Teachers," page 49.

Is the Church alive to the situation?

"The Church is asleep, and does not realize the magnitude of this matter of educating the children and youth."

"Counsels to Teachers," page 43.

rod for working miracles first on hearts at home, and then on heathen hearts in far-off India. It sent Dr. Scudder and his wife to India. Mrs. Scudder gave thirty years of service; Dr. Scudder thirty-six. In all, about thirty members of that family gave their lives to soul-winning work in the Gibraltar of heathenism. And this great "Scudder movement" can all be traced back to a little tract

that someone left in the doctor's office.

"What is that in thine hand?" Give it to the Master! Let us give him our all for service. Let us give him our best, not our bit, during 1920.

MATILDA ERICKSON.

## UNION

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F. H. Robbins, Pres. - C. C. Pulver, Sec.

### After Nine Years

December 12-16 Brother T. H. Barritt and the writer had the pleasure of visiting the Shenandoah Valley Academy. It had been nine years since I had the privilege of visiting this school. At that time several young people graduated who are now occupying responsible places in our denominational work. It was very encouraging to see the signs of progress on every hand. Nine years ago there was but one building and a very small attendance. Today the school is filled to the utmost of its capacity. Every inch of space is utilized in the chapel, dining room, and dormitories. A good new dormitory has been erected without which it would have been impossible to accommodate the students. A splendid new building is in process of erection which will contain a chapel, also commodious class rooms, and several living rooms for the faculty. A good barn and other necessary buildings, including a dwelling, has been built. The school now has its own electric lighting and canning outfits, and is rapidly adding other improvements.

We arrived in time for the closing meetings of the Week of Prayer, and were glad to find Professor O. M. John already there. Friday evening nearly everyone expressed their determination to dedicate their lives to God for service. The Sabbath services were well attended, and in the evening after the Sabbath, a large number of beautiful household articles, prepared by the students and friends of the school, were sold to the highest bidder. The total sale receipts amounted to between \$60 and \$70 for the benefit of the school.

Sunday, definite plans were laid for a rousing Harvest Ingathering Campaign, and the next morning about forty students visited the surrounding towns and rural districts. Although they were without sufficient papers, the total receipts amounted

to \$143.00. Prof. and Mrs. H. M. Forshee, who are in charge of the school, led out in this work, securing by their own individual efforts more than \$30.00. The faculty cooperated in inspiring the students to activity, and a splendid missionary spirit prevails. Twenty-six names of interested persons were secured during the field day, which will be followed by the young people with Bible readings.

The total attendance at the Academy is about eighty. The Ministerial Band numbers about fifteen. These young men are holding meetings in five different localities. This visit to Shenandoah Valley Academy has been one of the bright spots in our Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

E. R. NUMBERS.

## NEW JERSEY

200 Columbus Ave. Trenton  
W. C. Moffett, Pres. E. J. Stipeck, Sec.

### Foreign Churches News Notes

On the third Sabbath in December it was my privilege to join Elder Paul Matula in organizing a Polish Church of 12 members in the city of Burlington, in connection with an all-day service in the English Church. I am informed that this is the first real Polish church in America, there being a small company in the city of Chicago. It is very encouraging to see the zeal of these new members and to note the way that the Lord is opening up the interest among our foreign-speaking peoples.

As a result of the blessing of the Lord upon the labors of Elder Matula, there is a Slavic Church of almost 100 members in Newark, and it is hoped that soon the fine church building they are erecting will be entirely free from debt. Perth Amboy is another branch of this company in the form of a church of 14 Czecho-Slovak members, and as a result of some Russians connecting with the church in Newark, we have recently called in Elder T. T. Babienko and Brother F. Lues to develop the Russian work in that city, Elder Bablenko dividing his time with the work in New York City.

An Italian interest is springing up in Nutley, near Newark, and another Italian interest is reported in Hamonton, South Jersey, while in Trenton a Polish sister baptized about a month ago is stirring up such an interest that Elder Matula reports a

house full of people attending studies in that city. Thus the message is reaching to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, not only in the lands beyond, but in the congested centers of America.

W. C. MOFFETT.

### An Excellent Report

I am very glad to report some wonderful experiences in the Harvest Ingathering work. The Newark Church was divided into bands, each band being assigned a certain section, my territory being the business section. It was many days before I picked up enough courage to visit the business men. Something seemed to spur me on, so I started. Fifty cents was my first donation, and then \$1.00. I went into a big department store, and after inquiring and waiting, I met the advertising manager. We shook hands. I presented the paper and the object of my visit. I thought he put down one and two dollars, but he turned and handed me \$10.00. In seven hours the Lord enabled me to secure \$35.50 as my first day's experience in Harvest Ingathering in the business section of Newark. I felt like giving a good old Methodist shout.

One Sabbath, Elder Gilbert came and the church ordered twelve hundred Jewish papers, so I started for the Jews. I have received from the Jews alone over \$225. It is wonderful to see literal Israel coming to the help of Jehovah, in spite of their rejection of Jesus. One man said, "All I have is \$2.00. Will it be accepted?" Another said, "The world will end tomorrow. Will you accept \$1.00?" I said, "Give me all you possess, for the Lord, if you believe that." He smiled, and I knew he did not.

I received blessings untold in the Harvest Ingathering this year. I hope those who missed going out, either through fear or negligence, will overcome it and go out with the papers. Altogether, the Newark Church has raised about \$1400 to date.

WM. F. SCHMIDT.

### News Notes

On the last Sabbath in December, Elder Charles Thompson met with the Newark and Paterson English Churches. On the same day, Elder C. S. Baum baptized four members in the Newark Church, being the first fruits of the summer's tent effort.

A letter just received from Elder A. R. Sandborn, for a number of years president of the New Jersey Conference, states that he and every member of his family are enjoying the best of health, and are greatly enjoying their work in the Arizona Conference, of which he is the president.

On a recent Sabbath, Elder Paul Matula baptized nine new Czecho-Slovak converts, and Brother T. T. Babienko baptized one Russian convert, the baptism taking place in the Newark English Church.

We are pleased to report to the readers of the Visitor that Brother W. W. Jennings has so far recovered from an attack of typhoid fever as to be able to return from the Washington Sanitarium to his old home in Franklin.

Brother C. C. Pulver of Washington is spending a few days at the Trenton office auditing the tract society and conference books.

## CHESAPEAKE

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

### Blythedale

The Blythedale Church has just closed the most successful year of its organization. Its members are rejoicing over the blessing of the Lord on their efforts to do their part to hasten His coming. The church has no regular place of meeting. At present, they crowd into some one of the members' homes, yet all are rejoicing to have a humble part in the finishing of this great movement that is stirring the earth with the message it bears. This crowded condition of the church will not last much longer, for the husband of one of our sisters has offered to erect a suitable building for the church at a low yearly rental. Steps have been taken to carry this purpose into operation at once. This brother has been keeping the Sabbath for some months, and is considering baptism.

Quarterly services were conducted by the writer on January 3 and officers for the coming year were elected. The treasurer's report was read showing substantial gains in every department of the work. The offering on the thirteenth Sabbath was \$40.29. The Sabbath school donations

for the last quarter, including the offering on the thirteenth Sabbath, were \$103.16. Their Harvest Ingathering fund was \$231.46. The total funds received by the treasurer during the quarter were \$1248.11. They have in their treasury now \$162.09 which will be used to furnish their new place of worship.

At the next business meeting of the church we expect to set our goal for the next Harvest Ingathering Campaign and begin at once to work for it.

There are quite a few interested as the result of personal work and we expect they will take their stand shortly. To no individual can this glowing report be attributed, "for without me ye can do nothing," says Jesus. Therefore, what is man that he should boast? To God be the glory for ever and ever. "O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand." We are glad that the Lord has set the seal of his approval upon our feeble efforts. Consequently, we solicit a continuance of an interest in the prayers of the readers of the Visitor.

G. MEDAIRY.

## News Notes

The Colporteurs' Institute is now in progress in the church in Baltimore. Those present from the Union Conference are Brethren H. F. Kirk, F. E. Hankins, and Dr. H. S. Brown. There has been a good attendance from the first, and all are of good courage.

Splendid reports are coming in from the various churches for the close of the year. Just what our figures will be we do not now know, but the prospects are very encouraging.

Elder Booth spent last Sabbath with the German Church in Baltimore. They had their election of officers. All are of good courage, and they are anxiously looking forward to the coming of their new pastor, Elder Drews.

Mrs. L. J. Hilton has returned to Martinsburg from her visit among relatives in Pennsylvania. She stopped over in Baltimore for a short time.

Mr. H. E. Wagner, who had been spending some of the holidays with his parents in this city, has returned to Washington Missionary College for the remainder of the term.

The church school children of the Third Church of Baltimore have raised more than \$160 on the Harvest Ingathering. They have done splendidly, and are very happy over their work.

The Baltimore No. 1 Church has raised more than \$3100 on Ingathering and to about \$3,000 on Home Missions. This is a wonderful record, and the most of this money was gotten by the members soliciting from door to door.

Brother Medairy writes: "The Blythedale Church has passed the conference goal of \$7.00 per member on the Harvest Ingathering."

We look for a splendid record for the conference when the reports for December are in.

Daniel Stevens, son of Elder G. A. Stevens, who had diphtheria, has recovered. Brother J. W. Siler spent last Sabbath with the Dover Church to take the place of Brother Stevens who could not attend on account of quarantine, and also in the interest of the colporteur work.

Elder C. E. Andross spent last Sabbath with the church at Hagerstown. Brother E. M. Andross was with the churches at Smithsburg and Ponds-ville. The latter also spent a few days with his brother at Martinsburg, W. Va.

Cards are being received from Mrs. Emma F. North, showing she reached California in safety and greatly enjoyed her trip.

The institute for colporteurs began Sunday, January 4. Brother H. F. Kirk, Union Field Secretary, and Brother F. E. Hankins, Assistant Union Field Secretary, were there, as well as others who were able to give instruction along these lines.

**VIRGINIA**

12 W. Main St., Richmond

J. A. LELAND, Pres. W. H. JONES, Sec.

**Roanoke**

The Roanoke Church is of good courage. While there has been no great landslide of success attending our efforts here the Lord has blessed. A good foundation is being laid and in spite of adversities, the Lord has added to the little flock in the past year six by baptism and five by letter. A neat little building is being used to hold meetings in with a good interest from the outside. I am sure there will be a steady growth to this little plant.

**Oak Ridge**

The writer spent the Week of Prayer with the Oak Ridge Church. The church was not satisfied to meet and have the reading and a prayer and praise service but requested that a sermon be preached each night. So one hour was taken for the Week of Prayer services and another hour for preaching services. These meetings were well attended and enjoyed by all. Reconsecrations were made and souls were reclaimed for the Master. The last Sabbath the ordinances were celebrated and I do not think I ever attended a meeting where the power of God was more manifest than in that meeting. Officers of the church were elected for another year and I am sure we can expect much from this little flock.

L. O. GORDON.

**News Notes**

Let all who have read the Bible through during 1919, send their names to Miss Williams.

As we are reorganizing the Home Department of the Conference Sabbath School, we would like to have the names and addresses of all the isolated Sabbath keepers in the state.

The new goal charts are being sent to all the societies. Of course each item is larger than it was last year, as Missionary Volunteers are to grow in grace and in works.

The long looked-for, "Elementary Curriculum" is now ready for use, and will

be welcomed by all the teachers. The book may be ordered through the Tract Society.

**WEST PENNSYLVANIA**

Indiana, Pa.

R. S. Lindsay, Pres. J. S. Neeley, Sec.

**A Word of Appreciation**

In the final counting up of the Harvest Ingathering money, it was found that the West Pennsylvania Conference had reached its goal of \$6,700, and a few hundred to spare.

To collect this sum our people have spent many hours of toil. Had not the angels of God preceded our workers failure would have been our lot, but true to the promise, angels of God help to win the victory.

Our conference workers and people responded nobly, and God greatly blessed. The Home Missionary Department thanks all who had a part in this great work for God.

May the blessings of our Saviour be with our people at this time.

E. A. MANRY

**News Notes**

The churches of West Pennsylvania will be glad to learn that the conference Harvest Ingathering goal has been passed. The office thermometer bursted when a remittance \$137.00 from Pittsburgh No. 2 Church reached the office.

There are several individuals yet to report, and a few churches have not sent their reports. When all has been received we will have a surplus of several hundred dollars.

Remember the Colporteurs' Institute will be held in Johnstown, Pa. February 2-12. Next week's *Visitor* will give instructions how to reach the place of meeting.

The church elders and leaders are requested to make MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DAY, January 17, the best it has ever been. The program is outlined in the *Church Officers Gazette*.

The Pacific Union Conference has set apart the week ending March 6 as Missionary Volunteer week during which time all the workers in the union are to give special attention to the work for the children and youth.

**EASTERN  
PENNSYLVANIA**

4738 York Road, Philadelphia, Pa.

D. A. Parsons, Pres. W. B. Mohr, Sec.

**News Notes**

Brother Baierle reports the organization of a Sabbath school at Easton with a membership of seventeen. Some of these are the fruit of his summer's effort.

Last week a large order for tracts was received at the office from the Lancaster Church. We have no doubt but that the church plans some soul winning work; then again, they took advantage of the 1919 prices. We trust a few more of our churches will lay plans for such work in the near future.

Brother C. F. Booth and wife have accepted a call to India. They are closing their effort at Mercersburg and are preparing to sail soon.

Brother Homer Baumgartner and wife have also accepted a call for the mission field. They expect to sail January 27, for Singapore. We regret to lose the association of these dear brethren and sisters but realizing the great need across the water we rejoice that we have such volunteers in our conference.

Brother and Sister Dresser who have charge of the Intermediate School at Shillington spent their holiday vacation at the Washington Sanitarium. Both had minor operations performed and have now returned to their duties.

Have you seen the first quarter *Liberty Magazine*? Some stirring articles are set forth, and now that Sunday legislation is arising in Pennsylvania it is high time to circulate *Liberty* among the officials of the cities and state. Let us arouse and sow the seeds of truth. How many will you purchase and distribute, or better still, they sell for 15 cents a copy. 5-40 copies, 8 cents each; 40 or more, seven cents each. Send your order to the Tract Society.

A Union Missionary Volunteer Secretary writes concerning the new book "Missionary Volunteers and Their work." "It is a fine work. That first chapter on the history of the Missionary Volunteer work has helped me very much to have a clear understanding of the developments of this department. The book is well written, handily subdivided and easy of

comprehension by the young people. I shall do all I can to give the book a wide circulation in this field."

## WEST VIRGINIA

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

### News Notes

Elder Westbrook and Brother Parrish spent Sabbath with the Fairmont and Morgantown Churches.

Brother and Sister E. R. Corder spent several days in St. Albans last week, visiting at the home of Brother Guy Corder.

An interesting program was rendered by the Charleston Church School and Sabbath School pupils last Thursday evening.

Brother Thirlwell is at Charleston finishing up the work on the new church building. This has been delayed on account of not being able to get some of the supplies.

Miss Nell Mead has been called home to Parkersburg to care for her mother, who is ill.

## OHIO

Box 8, Mount Vernon, Ohio  
W. H. Heckman, Pres. H. D. Holtom, Sec.

### Time of Sunset

Sun Time	Eastern Time	Cen. Time
4:59	5:31	4:31

Elder Heckman spent Sabbath, January 3, in Akron where he organized a Serbian church of twenty-five members, nearly all adults. Elder Ostolch has been working in Akron since one year ago last May and nearly all of the members, with the exception of eight, are new converts who have accepted the Truth during that time.

Twenty-two churches are now "out" in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign. The latest arrivals are Piqua, Ashtabula (averaged \$15.00 per member), Bowling Green, Cleveland English, Madison and Ravenna.

Start the New Year right and take the Review.

## COLPORTEURS REPORTS

NAME	Place	BOOK	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL.
West Virginia, Four Weeks Ending Dec. 26, 1919								
C. E. Will,		OD	120	38	95 00	55 65	150 65	60 75
W. A. McElphatrick,		OD	95	32	89 00	47 75	136 75	479 30
N. S. Marriott,		OD	131	45	118 80	60 80	179 60	413 34
F. Detwiler,		DR	84	47	212 00	53 10	265 10	116 85
Frank Bentz,		DR	82	65	290 00	92 70	382 70	309 59
I. Lawrence,		BR	79	24	104 00		104 00	126 00
R. C. Bee,		OD	82	45	122 50	27 00	149 50	147 70
R. W. Oliver,		BR	78	122	820 70		820 70	221 70
J. Fahrner		GC	69	69	303 00	41 55	344 55	19 15
B. P. Wright,		BR	64	5	21 00	12 00	33 00	305 90
A. T. Halstead		BR	31					310 00
R. Livermore,		OD	29					252 00
A. Halstead,		BR	24					200 00
B. Halstead,		BR	10					200 00
Clare Wood,		OD	10					107 50
C. B. Moser,		BR	8					63 00
E. Sanderson,		BR	5					21 00
J. W. Brando,		BR	4					37 30
S. J. Monroe,		BR	108	32	148 00	29 25	177 25	197 20
W. T. Dishman,		OD	70	38	115 00	92 60	207 60	70 65
Totals	20 Colporteurs		1183	562	2439 00	512 40	2951 40	3655 93

East Pennsylvania, One Week Ending Jan. 2, 1919								
Benjamin Bell, Philadelphia	GC	45	23	103 05			103 50	
S. Diehl, Northumberland	OD	36	13	32 50	10 00		42 50	
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co.	BR	32	13	69 00	1 25		70 25	71 50
Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co.	BR	37	19	103 50	3 00		106 50	247 50
E. J. Kesselmeier, Chester Co.	BR	40	16	81 00	2 00		83 00	
D. L. Leshar, Adams Co.	BR	11	9	40 50			40 50	
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.	BR	29	16	99 00	1 05		100 05	69 25
Mrs. Frank Smith, Tioga Co.	PG	10	8	37 50			37 50	
Totals	8 Colporteurs		240	117	566 50	17 30	583 80	388 25

West Pennsylvania, One Week Ending Jan. 3, 1919								
G. Missbaugh, Butler Co.	DR	30	14	72 60	33 65		106 25	
E. H. Grapp, Center Co.	BR	35	16	79 00	2 35		81 35	59 70
Archie Brownlee, Pittsburg	PPF	44		40 00	40 35		80 35	80 55
John LeRoy, Indiana Co.	BR	41	12	54 00	5 00		59 00	
G. Rager, Westmoreland Co.	OD	29	19	50 50	1 75		52 25	1 75
Geo. McKnight, Beaver Co.	OD	36	18	48 00	3 55		51 55	20 10
G. Buttermore, Westmoreland	OD	63	38	99 50	3 70		103 20	40 55
Totals	7 Colporteurs		278	117	443 60	90 35	533 95	202 55

Chesapeake, One Week Ending Jan. 2, 1919								
E. J. Jones, Cambridge Md.	BR	52	12	53 00	38 62		91 62	9 65
Marian Marchant, Chase Md.	OD	47	61	155 00	6 30		161 30	6 30
E. J. Heller, Annapolis, Md.	OD	9						45 35
Nathan Bell, Baltimore	OD	54	7	30 50	8 85		39 35	
Ada B. Thomas, Wilmington	CK	8	7	15 50			16 00	2 50
Lillian Robinson, Baltimore	BR	10						35 11
Totals	6 Colporteurs		180	87	254 00	54 27	308 27	98 91

New Jersey, One Week Ending Jan. 2, 1919								
George Blinn, Lawrenceville	HM	15	18	61 00	1 00		62 00	
F. A. Brownell, Camden Co.	BR	13	13	58 50	10 07		68 57	45 07
G. S. Hoffman, Paulsboro	BR	17	6	28 50	25		28 75	
A. Hansen, Sussex	OD	21	12	40 00	13 50		53 50	60 00
J. W. Jenssen, Paterson	BR	9			9 25		9 25	5 25
Esther Lull, Berlin		13			3 50		3 50	2 15
W. F. Schmidt, Orange	OD	19	14	43 00	12 25		55 25	67 35
E. G. Wrigley, Paterson	OD	17	3	10 00			10 00	36 00
Totals	8 Colporteurs		124	66	241 00	40 82	209 82	215 82

Have you finished the Bible year for 1919? If so, send in your name for your book-mark, to the Missionary Volunteer Department.

A monthly Spanish magazine is the latest out. Yearly subscription \$1.50. Let us not forget these strangers within our gates.

Ohio, One Week Ending Jan. 2, 1919

G. A. Keppler, Butler Co.	OD	10	4	12 00		12 00	
Mrs. F. Schneider, Lima	OD	8					22 50
O. E. Taylor, Athens Co.	OD	32	23	63 00		63 00	
Mrs. C. H. Wolcott, Toledo	OD	11	9	26 50	1 70	28 20	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4 Colporteurs</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>101 50</b>	<b>1 70</b>	<b>103 20</b>	<b>22 05</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>53 Colporteurs</b>			<b>Value 4771 44</b>		<b>Deliveries 4583 51</b>	

Brother and Sister Oancea, students of Mt. Vernon Academy, collected \$57.60 for Harvest Ingathering during their Christmas vacation while they were visiting their friends.

Evelyn Beebe of Cleveland has sold 211 magazines, **Bible Training School**, to help the blind. She also took in about \$11 for the Harvest Ingathering work. We think this is a splendid record for a little girl only twelve years old.

Many of the churches are sending in orders for the **Present Truth**. They are using it for follow-up work in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign and are having fine results. Let every church think over this method and let wise plans be laid for the new year that souls may be won into the truth.

Have you seen the latest **Liberty** for 1920? It is one of the finest gotten out and takes up some of the most interesting subjects, such as "A New World a Political Impossibility," "The Third World's Christian Citizenship Conference," "Sunday Law Versus Constitutional Law," etc. The Sunday question without a doubt is a very vital question with our people. When we read, "the changing of the Bible Sabbath to Sunday by merely human authority is the last act in the drama" surely it should make us think more seriously about this question. Everyone should take the **Liberty** and keep up to date on these things. The subscription price is only 35 cents a year.

The office is now well stocked with "Epidemics" and anyone sending in their order at this time can be assured of prompt shipment. Every day we receive order after order for this splendid book. Now is the time to sell them before the fine spring days come. Send in your order early and avoid the rush.

The total business for the Ohio Tract Society for the past year will be approximately \$87,000.

A beautiful wall calendar has been gotten out by the Missionary Volunteer Department. It is free to the young people. If your church has a Missionary Volunteer Society, hand your name and address to the secretary and have him order the calendar. If you are isolated or belong to a church which has no society, send your name and address to the Missionary Volunteer Department, Box 8, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Mrs. Fritz of Columbus writes, "If you think there will be a shortage in the February number, you had better send me 200, as they go fast. Sister Wirtz and myself sold 135 on Saturday night and were through at 8:15." This is a good testimony for the **Watchman** and shows what can be done. Have you tried it?

### Important Notice

If you have kept a file of the **Visitor** you can secure from the **Visitor** office any number you may need to complete your file except the following numbers: 3, 9, 12, 24, 35.

## The World When Christ Appeared

The "golden age" of Augustus ended before the Son of Man appeared. Streaks of the sunset were still upon the sky, but, the great day of literature had passed, and night was coming rapidly over the most impressive country and nation which the world ever saw. Only for a moment recall those names so familiar to us all, and as loved as familiar. Julius Caesar, the writer and warrior, had been slain forty-four years before our era began. Cicero was murdered a few years before the great Caesar fell. Virgil died nineteen years be-

fore Christ came. Horace was in his grave forty years before Christ began to teach mankind. Sallust had been dead thirty-four years before the Child was born in the manger. Christ was only eighteen years old, was still an unknown carpenter, when Livy died. Publius Syrius, Catullus, Terrence—all these gifted children of philosophy and song had gone to sleep long before the music of Bethlehem came to the ears of the shepherds. Except Tacitus and Pliny, no great name ever passed over the line which divided the pagan and Christian periods. Not a single great orator or artist, poet or statesman, was remaining upon the Roman or Greek world when our Lord appeared.—Swing.

## Missionary Volunteer News Notes

Two societies in East Pennsylvania Conference made one-half of the entire Missionary Volunteer financial goal.

The New Jersey young people raised one-half of the entire financial goal of the Columbia Union Missionary Volunteers.

Some of the conference Missionary Volunteer Secretaries are now laying definite plans to have the Junior work continue through the summer months.

The Manitoba Conference has commenced to publish a monthly mimeographed "M. V. News" sheet.

The work in the Australasian Union Conference is growing rapidly, and the time is not far distant when the biggest local conference in the Union Conference will be not a home conference, but a foreign conference, namely, Fiji, where the natives are taking hold of the truth by the hundreds. A few years ago the Missionary Volunteers of Australia raised the money for the purchase of the boat, Melanesia, to ply among the islands of the South Seas. There are still one thousand islands unentered by either our message or the gospel. Thousands of the people are still nude cannibals and head hunters.

A little company of young people in West Pennsylvania went out one day and sold \$36.00 worth of "World Peace."



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Entered as second-class matter March 25, 1908, at the post-office at Mount Vernon, O., under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

Address all subscriptions and make all money orders payable to your tract society.

The young people of South Africa set for their goal this year the erection of a hospital at the Solusi Mission. Never before had they reached their goal in one year, but this year they had reached their goal by the end of the third quarter, and began at once on their 1920 goal of two hundred pounds for the payment of the salary of the superintendent of the Belgian Congo Mission.

The Missionary Volunteer work is onward in Korea. Last spring twenty-one students passed in the Bible Doctrines examination for Standard of Attainment with an average of 89 per cent. A census of the young people is being taken. They are publishing both the Junior and Senior Standard of Attainment manual in the Korean.

### Mount Vernon Academy

The time has arrived when doubtless each student is thinking "knowledge is a treasure at once priceless and imperishable," for the mid-year examinations are being given this week.

With the exception of a very few, all the students who spent their holiday vacation at home have returned. Several new students have come and we are glad to welcome them.

Ralph Crawford of Akron, Ohio, was not able to return to school because of the injuries he received when hit by an auto. He is recovering nicely and hopes to be in school in a few weeks.

Miss Edith Peet will not be in school the rest of this year on account of poor health.

On January 7 the chapel hour was given to Mr. Gant of the Washington Missionary College. He stopped at the academy for a day to tell us about the Student Missionary Movement Convention which was held in Des Moines, Iowa, in the interest of evangelizing the world. His report and the charts displayed were very interesting.

The mystery of the large parcel that came to the academy several days ago was solved when its contents was exhibited in chapel on Thursday morning. It contained a beautiful quilt, and was sent to the academy to be used in the guest chamber. The givers are the members of the little sewing circle of the company of Seventh-Day Adventists in Batavia, New York. They have started to make quilts for several of our schools and M. V. A. received the first, since one of their company is teaching here.

### ADVANCE IN CLUB PRICES of SIGNS WEEKLY

Among the numerous changes in prices recommended at the Boulder Council was that of the *Sings* weekly in clubs. New prices were to go into effect January 1, 1920. Due, however, to the *Signs* campaign, which has been waged so vigorously during the month of December, the publishers deemed it inadvisable to put the new prices into effect until the orders resulting from the campaign were placed, consequently the advance prices will not take effect until February 1, 1920.

#### The New Prices Are as Follows

Clubs of 5 or more to one address, one year	each \$1.10
Clubs of 5 or more to one address, six months	.65
Clubs of 5 or more to one address, three months	.50
Clubs of 5 or more to different addresses, one year	1.25
Clubs of 5 or more to different addresses, six months	.75

There is no change in the single subscription price, which remains \$1.50 per year.

### Notice

If you have any local church news or report of work done that you would like to be published in the *Visitor*, please send it to your conference office. Any general article will be gladly accepted by the editor and given space in the paper when possible. We thank those who have kindly contributed during the past year and trust we shall hear from them again.

### European Council

Elders Daniells, Spicer, and Knox have just returned from an important council held in Stockholm, Sweden. At this meeting important decisions were made which have to do with the future of our work in the great European field.

The January 22, 1920, issue of the *Review and Herald* will contain a report of this important meeting. There will be matters of interest in this issue which every believer will wish to know. If you are not a subscriber why not subscribe now, having your subscription begin with the European Council Number? The *Review* is but \$2.50 a year, but during the month of January all new subscriptions for a year will be entered for fourteen months instead of twelve months. Now is the time to subscribe. Send all subscriptions to your conference tract society.

### Advertisements

Approved advertisements will be published in the *VISITOR* at the rate of twenty-five cents for twenty words or less, and one cent for each additional word. A charge of twenty-five per cent of the cost, if not less than ten cents, will be made for each insertion after the first. Cash and reference must accompany copy or all advertisements.

**WANTED**—Homes for three good-looking boys, aged 3, 9 and 11 years. They were deserted by their father, and their mother is not able to provide for them. Address Mrs. J. W. Jenssen, 74 McBride Ave., W. Paterson, N. J.

**FOR SALE**—Located within a few rods of the Indiana Church and Church School, a nine-acre farm with six-room frame house, barn, new granary and chicken house, and one-half acre planted in strawberries last spring. Good reason for selling. Address John McIntyre, R. D. 5, Indiana, Pa.