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PAST FUTURE

A man's life is not truly measured by the number of his years, but by the value of his work. Not length of days, but loftiness of deeds, is the standard of measurement. You may wish for a long life, but remember that it will be of no use to you or to any one unless you make it all the time a life of well-doing. In short lives there have been great achievements and grand examples. The age of Methuselah is a poor thing compared with the work of Jesus. Let all action be straight and strong and true. Better have your life four-square than fourscore. *A. Irvine Innes.*

**“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not
all His benefits.” — David**

Appreciation

Loyalty to the third angel's message, consecration, activity and perseverance which were blessed of God, brought success to our Union work during 1919. We appreciate the faithfulness of the brethren and sisters throughout the field.

The General Conference quota for the Harvest Ingathering for the Columbia Union was \$32,853.66. The Union set its goal at \$60,000.00, and received \$64,717.42.

Our full quota for Missions was \$124,459.40, and we reached the amount of \$191,801.42. A good gain was made in membership. The literature sales for the year aggregated \$334,527.47, the largest in the history of the Union. There was a splendid showing in the increase of tithe. The Sabbath school work also made advancement, and a good start was made in the medical work. The Educational and Young People's Departments showed an excellent gain, and the home missionary work was put on a firm basis.

We wish to thank the members of the churches for their hearty co-operation and the means which they have so willingly given. Eternity alone will reveal the marvelous work which has been done for God and humanity.

F. H. ROBBINS.

Gratitude

“Hearty Co-operation” is the motto of our workers. They seem like one large family, each trying to carry the burdens of the other. These pleasant relations are not confined to our working force—they are characteristic also of the church members throughout the whole field.

This loyalty and splendid support of our brethren has made it possible for us to report the best year of progress and success East Pennsylvania has ever had. Personally, and on behalf of the Conference Committee, I wish to express our deep gratitude to both ministers and laity for their spirit, love, and prayers.

D. A. PARSONS.

To the Brethren and Sisters of the West Pennsylv- ania Conference Greetings!

Beloved Brethren:

Permit me to express to you my thanks and appreciation of the splendid spirit of co-operation and liberality manifested on your part during the year 1919. As the result of your faithfulness the Lord has richly blessed us. Progress has been made in every branch of the work in our field. Many souls have been won to the truth. We have a splendid field, filled with opportunities. The message is going with the loud cry and the prospects of the future in our conference are bright. Let us seek God for forgiveness for every failure of the past, and place all upon the altar in reconsecration to his service for the year 1920, that heaven's blessing may be poured out upon us in such measure that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

R. S. LINDSAY.

In Appreciation

The year 1919 has been one of advancement in the Virginia Conference. Nearly all the churches have added to their membership. The tithe has shown a very substantial increase over 1918. A new life seems to be taking possession of all the members, and the quantity of literature circulated by them has exceeded that of any previous year. The Sabbath schools have increased in membership and in percent of attendance. The church schools are better organized and more in number than ever before. Virginia has a larger percent of her youth in our own church schools than any other conference in the Union, and the Missionary Volunteer Societies have increased in number.

For all these omens of cheer we wish to thank first of all our Heavenly Father, who has made us partakers of the Divine Grace, and the members of the conference who have cooperated so heartily to make these results possible. J. A. LELAND.

Thanks and Appreciation

I wish to take this opportunity to express our heart-felt thanks to our people of the Chesapeake Conference for their loyal cooperation in the missionary activities of the church the past year. Our tithe has amounted to \$40,421.80. Tithe per capita \$43.65. While the General Conference goal for each member on Harvest Ingathering has been \$3.22, we have been so blessed of the Lord that an amount of \$10.49 per member has been reached, amounting to \$9,713.75. The total amount for the conference of all offerings for missions has been \$20,526.37, which is a trifle less than 43 cents a member per week.

The third quarter of the year, during the time of our seven tent efforts, we baptized sixty-six persons. Only two conferences of the North American Division did more than this in the corresponding time.

A. S. BOOTH.

Words of Appreciation

As we take a glance at the record of 1919 in our conference we feel profoundly grateful to God, and to our brethren and sisters in West Virginia, for all that was accomplished during the year.

Our tithe receipts totaled \$19,049.90 which was a gain over last year of \$5,044.90. This shows faithfulness in tithe paying.

Our offerings to missions amounted to \$7,301.97. This plainly shows liberality. The Harvest Ingathering receipts showed that we exceeded our goal. The literature sales were more than \$61,000.00, which meant that millions of pages of truth found their way into the homes of the people. The Sabbath school offerings exceeded \$1,000 each quarter.

We greatly appreciate the cooperation and loyal support which made possible these splendid records. We pray that God may richly bless the people of the West Virginia Conference and we believe that they will continue to unite with us for better records and more whole-hearted consecration to God and his work the present year. T. B. WESTBROOK.

In Appreciation

Last year our people dedicated to the Lord a tithe of \$58,552.61, or \$49.09 per capita. Our mission offerings for 1919 totaled \$29,436.80.

The Sabbath school offerings amounted to \$12,814.33, or more than 20 cents a member per week. The Harvest Ingathering returns were \$12,025.78, an average of \$10.00 a member.

Of the seven churches organized last year, one was English, three were colored, one Czecho-Slovak, one Swedish, and one Polish.

We are deeply appreciative of these evidences of the faithfulness of our people whose devotion, spirit of sacrifice, and prayers, with the blessing of heaven, have made these results possible. The smallest offering, the humblest service, if a true heart is behind it, will receive its sure reward.

W. C. MOFFETT.

Gratitude and Appreciation

No one can appreciate more than a conference president what it means to have behind him a loyal and willing people to help him in the many calls that come for means and men to hasten the swiftly advancing message. I cannot find words to express the gratitude in my heart towards the laborers in the conference for their untiring efforts in the cause of God. They have indeed endured hardship as good soldiers; no murmuring or complaining when additional responsibilities are placed upon already overloaded shoulders, and as they in turn go to the people they find the same ready response. Our people love this truth dearer than their own lives, and for it they are sacrificing home comforts, sons and daughters, time and means. Surely this is nothing less than the love of God shed abroad in the heart by the Holy Spirit.

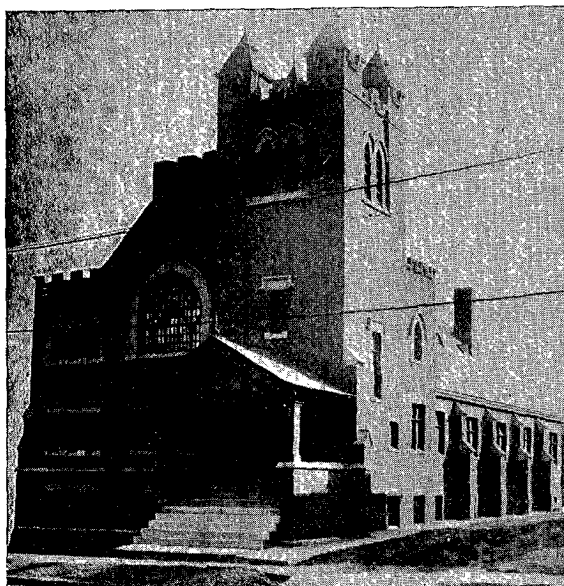
R. E. HARTER.

Appreciation

We sometimes sing "Count your many blessings," but as we attempt to enumerate them we find they are too numerous to mention. We can say with David,

"How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, oh God! How great is the sum of them! . . . They are more in number than the sand."

Our greatest reason for rejoicing is for the way in which the Lord has prospered the soul-winning efforts put forth by workers and lay members. A spirit of unity and harmony prevails throughout the conference, and we appreciate the faithful missionary efforts and hearty support of



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our constituency.

Our tithe receipts for 1919 were over \$100,000.00, an approximate gain of \$14,000.00 over 1918. The mission offerings amounted to \$48,747.44, exceeding our quota by \$14,791.44.

May the Lord continue to bless his people in Ohio, and prosper his work.

W. H. HECKMAN.

The Message Hasteth Greatly

Not short of marvelous has been the onward rush of the Advent Movement in recent years and especially during 1919.

In the year 1871 we had no schools and only one sanitarium in the whole world, but now we have more than 1,000 schools and 50 medical institutions, not including those privately owned. In 1855 our first publishing house was established—today they number more than 40 and are printing the third angel's message in nearly 100 languages. To secure one copy of each book, magazine, paper and tract it will cost over \$700.00.

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Union Plans for 1920

The hope of a soon finished work and the glorious return of our Saviour gives inspiration and courage to press forward and give the message as never before. In our plans for 1920 we realize that we have turned the leaf of a new year, and are nearing the time when the "mystery of God" should be finished. In order to keep pace with the third angel's message, greater success should be attained than in any succeeding year.

Last year our quota for missions was \$124,459.40, and we reached \$191,801.42. This year at 50 cents a member per week, the quota will be \$263,406.00.

The time certainly is here which is spoken of in "Testimonies for the Church," volume 5, page 151, which says: "Do not trust to your feelings, and give when you feel like it, and withhold when you do not feel like it. Give regularly, either, ten, twenty, or fifty cents a week, as you would like to see upon the heavenly record in the day of God." If the time has not come to give 50 cents a week, when will it come? The great cry from the mis-

sion fields for men and means is evidence that the spirit of God is opening doors, and that now is the time to press into these fields and proclaim the third angel's message. Romans 10:13 and 14 is applicable now: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How, then, shall they call on him in whom they have not believed. And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?"

The steps that are now being taken to place the work in Europe and Africa on a firm basis makes the call for workers urgent. The timely visit of Elders Daniells, Knox, and Spicer to Europe, and the plans laid for the furtherance of the work while they were there, will without doubt result in a fuller proclamation of the truth in those fields. In order that the message for this time may go to other countries, it is necessary for us in the homeland to cooperate to the fullest extent with our gifts and workers. It seems as if there should be a number of persons in the Columbia Union Conference who will give from \$1,000 to \$5,000 this year for missions. If those who have means

could realize that now is the time to give not only one-tenth of their income, but one-tenth of their property, it would greatly advance the cause of God and bring a blessing to the giver.

The Harvest Ingathering papers, the **Present Truth** and our other good literature, if placed among the people, will yield fruit. It should be distributed systematically, giving the themes in their order. After the literature is placed in the homes, the follow-up work is then necessary. This work should be carried on in a strong way. Much money can be gathered through the Harvest Ingathering which will greatly assist in raising our quota for missions. In 1919 the Columbia Union Conference received \$64,717.42 through the Harvest Ingathering work. The Union goal has not yet been set for 1920, but from the urgent appeals from the mission fields for means, the goal this year should be placed at not less than \$80,000.00. It certainly is a good thing to set a goal, as it gives an incentive which arouses to action, and causes the work to be carried through to completion.

The splendid gain which has been made through the Sabbath schools is evidence that one-half our quota for missions will come through this department from now on. At our last Union Committee meeting plans were laid to bring the Medical Department up to a higher standard. Conference presidents signified their willingness to place medical secretaries in their fields as soon as possible. This work has been neglected, and should receive careful attention and support.

A vote was taken recently by the Union Committee to give financial assistance to our college, academies and church schools. These institutions greatly need this help. We realize that in order to have a progressive Union Conference, we must have a strong educational system.

During 1919 there were books sold to the amount of \$301,193.29. This year the goal has been set at \$430,000.00. This we expect to reach as our faithful colporteurs do not know defeat.

Last, but not least, I wish to speak of the evangelical work. We should advance all departments of the message, but we should never lose sight of the preaching of the Word. God has chosen this means to reach the hearts of sinners, and has emphasized in the Scriptures the importance of preaching the gospel. The

hour has struck for a stronger evangelism, and also for hearty cooperation of conference workers and members of the churches in all lines which will make this year's work the best in our history. F. H. ROBBINS.

The Message Hasteth Greatly

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Our literature sold during the past year will reach the \$5,000,000 mark, and we hope to far exceed this sum at the end of the present cycle of months. Truly our denomination is scattering the printed page like the leaves of autumn. The spirit of prophecy foretold that this would be done and now God's people are fulfilling its prediction.

Thousands are accepting the third angel's message every year. During the dark and trying hours of the recent war, our membership grew by leaps and bounds in the most distressed nations. The record shows that our membership has doubled every decade.

Truly, brethren, the Lord is fulfilling his promises by accomplishing a quick work in the world as we draw near the end of time. Let us be of good courage.

D. A. PARSONS.

How Can We Reach Our Goals for 1920?

The apostle Paul assures us in the Hebrew letter that the God of peace will make us perfect in every good work, "an allotted task given with thorough competency to perform." The work before us is the greatest ever committed to mortal man—it includes the entire world. The people of God must be led to look beyond the narrow boundary of their own church or conference until their eyes get accustomed to see at long range the needs of this sin-cursed earth.

The same love that prompted Jesus to leave the glories of that eternal world must take possession of our own hearts. Love will be the mighty controlling force that will urge us on. Love sacrifices, goes without, that the object of the affection may be supplied. It is the work of God to shed love abroad in our hearts. It is this love burning in the heart that is urging every church member into the field with our small books and magazines. This is the means God has provided in order that the poorest will have something to

contribute to the cause. As our people take hold of our literature and put it into the hands of the people, they will find open doors on every hand. Every church member at work is the solution to our problems.

R. E. HARTER.

Cooperation

Cooperation, "team work," is what is needed to make the work of God succeed just as truly as it is needed to make any worldly enterprise a success. Only when church elders, deacons, clerks, and treasurers work together can we see the needed advancement. If one shirks his duty it causes a lack that is hard to fill.

The elder of a church should stand in a very close relation to the president of the conference. The aims of the conference and those of the local church should be identical. Elders and deacons should see that every conference measure is constantly kept before the church. The attention of all should be directed to the important matters sent out from the conference office. Many times these are left uncared for because the elder has failed to bring them before the church and urge them upon the attention of the members.

If some important message is sent out from the conference office and it falls into the hands of the church elder and he forgets and does not bring it to the attention of the church; or worse still he does not think, in his judgment, that it should be brought to the attention of the members, and so lays it aside, that church will not be long in getting behind in the progress of the message, and it may be a long time before it can recover from such leadership.

The clerk and the treasurer each have an important place to fill in the work of God. They should keep in close touch with the secretary and treasurer of the conference. They should be diligent to keep their records clear and plain. If they do not understand anything about their work they should ask the conference secretary or treasurer about it, so as to be able to do their work acceptably.

Envy should never be allowed to enter among the officers of the church. Let each be content with his place. It brings confusion for one church officer to reach over and try to do the work of another. Cooperation should be the motto of everyone in the closing work of the message.

J. A. LELAND.

This Generation Must Finish the Work

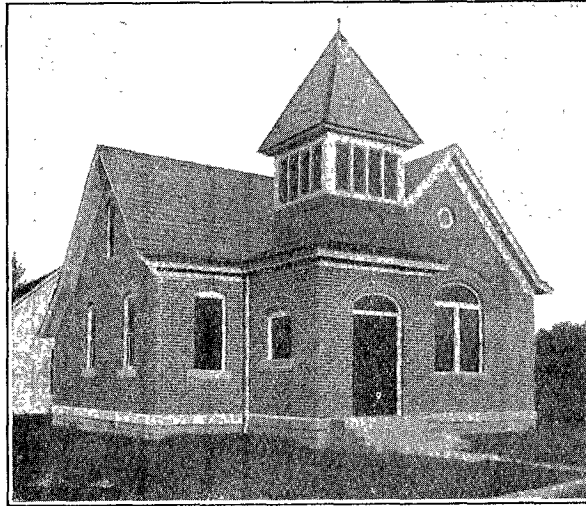
We are living in the time of the end. Soon, yea, very soon, even before the passing of the present generation, this world, blighted by sin, and full of sorrow, misery, blasted hopes, disappointment, suffering and death, will end. A beautiful new earth of Edenic splendor and glory will take the place of the present earth upon which the curse of sin has been resting with all its baneful results for six thousand years. This wonderful truth is made plain and emphasized in the word of God.

"Line upon line" of the prophetic scriptures announce to us that the "great day of the Lord draweth nigh." Some of the most wonderful prophecies which emphasize the nearness of the end are found in the book of Daniel, chapters 2, 7, 8, 9 and 11; in the book of Revelation, chapters 12, 13 and 14; and in our Lord's great prophecy recorded in Matthew, chapter 24.

The harbingers of the world's end as predicted by our Lord in this wonderful chapter have appeared in our world. We have beheld the wars, rumors of wars, nation rising against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, with desolation, ruin, slaughter most dreadful and terrible, drenching the earth in blood. Behold the false prophets, for but few cling to the "faith which was once delivered to the saints." Just now as well as in recent years destructive earthquakes are adding their fearful toll of ruin and death to that already accomplished. Famines and pestilences have visited the land. High in the heavens God has hung the signs of the darkening of the sun on May 19, 1780, and the falling of the stars, November 13, 1833. "When ye shall see all these things," says Christ, "know that it is near, even at the door." "This generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled." Truly we are living in the generation which has seen these things in their true light—that is, indications of the end of the world. Hence, this generation must finish the work of God in the earth and it will then behold him coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Linking with the great lines of pro-

phesy mentioned above such scriptures as Daniel 12:1-4, Nahum 2:3-5, Luke, chapter 21, and James 5:1-8, etc., etc., we have a chain of scriptural evidence sufficient to convince the unbiased, honest-hearted seeker after truth that we have reached the last generation and the last days of the history of the world. But our merciful Saviour "is not willing that any should perish" in the great destruction of the earth by fire, but desires "that all should come to re-



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pentance." Hence, we are instructed in the word of God that "this gospel of the kingdom must be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come."

Can this stupendous task be accomplished in our generation? Unhesitatingly, we answer that it can and will be accomplished, for Christ says that it will, (read Matt. 24:14) and his word never fails. Our faith in Christ's soon coming is not built upon the sands of men's traditions. "For we have not followed cunningly devised fables" in making known the message of God to the world. Our faith is founded upon that which cannot fail—"the sure word of prophecy."

Brethren, knowing the time and issues at hand, and facing the greatest crisis in the history of the world, should we not again ask ourselves the question, "What manner of persons ought we to be, in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting the coming (margin) of the day of God?"

May God help us not only to ask ourselves that question, but to an-

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The Spirit of 1844

The spirit that characterized the 1844 movement was one of sacrifice. The message was born in deepest poverty, but like their Master the few believers put their very lives and all that they possessed into the cause which they believed and loved.

In those early days God called a weak, uneducated, penniless girl to be his mouthpiece. Elder White, who later became her husband, was by no means a wealthy man. At one time he mowed hay with his scythe for seventy-five cents an acre to earn money to print our first literature. These self-sacrificing workers endured hardships. Elder White's overcoat, the only one he had, was covered with patches, and even the patches were covered with other pieces, until, like Joseph's garb, it was a coat of many colors, and "it was difficult to tell the original cloth in the sleeves."

Elder White at this time chopped cord-wood with his ax, although suffering with a severe pain in his side.

He received for this arduous labor about fifty cents a day. After working several weeks he settled with his employer and had the neat little sum of \$10.00. Sister White says, "With half of this I purchased articles of clothing which were much needed, and then patched my husband's overcoat." With the other \$5.00 Brother and Sister White started for a general meeting in Dorchester, Mass. Again she says, "Our trunk contained nearly everything we possessed on earth. But we enjoyed peace of mind and a clear conscience, and this we prized above earthly comforts."

Elder Joseph Bates, sold his interest in a ship for \$11,000 and spent all to advance the Advent message. He later devoted himself to the task of writing a small booklet on the Sabbath question with just a York shilling (12½ cents) in his pocket. This was all the means that he had in the world, yet he succeeded in publishing his tract on the Sabbath. He saw the need of visiting the believers to strengthen them in the message, but had no means with which to travel. A young girl who was engaged in doing house-work for \$1.00 a week borrowed \$5.00 and gave it to Elder Bates to aid him in the work. She then worked five weeks

to pay back the borrowed money. Two farmers in Jackson, Michigan, sold their farms and put the money into the work, while they in turn rented farms for their own use.

Could we but look into the home of Elder and Sister White, the spirit of sacrifice for the cause of God which we would see there would put us all to shame. April 16, 1852, Sister White wrote "We are just getting settled here in Rochester. We have rented an old house for \$175 a year. We have the press in the house. Were it not for this we would have to pay \$50 a year for office room. You would smile could you look in upon us and see our furniture. We have bought two old bedsteads for 25 cents each. My husband bought me six old chairs, no two of them alike, for which he paid \$1.00, and soon he presented me with four more old chairs, without any seating, for which he paid 62 cents for the lot. The frames were strong, and I have been seating them with drilling. Butter is so high we do not purchase it, neither can we afford potatoes. We use fruit sauce in the place of butter, and turnips for potatoes. Our first meals were taken on a fire-board, placed upon two empty flour barrels. We are willing to endure privations if the work of God can be advanced."

These are a few of the experiences of the early days which show to us the spirit of the 1844 movement. Now my dear brothers and sisters, how shall we relate ourselves to the work in our day? Shall we not be as willing to sacrifice for the cause of God in our day as others were at the beginning of this message?

May God help us to relate ourselves to him that we may be counted with those of whom the Lord speaks in Psalms 50:5, "Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice."

T. B. WESTBROOK.

The Columbia Union Visitor a Means of Information

We desire to keep our people in the Columbia Union Conference informed concerning the progress of the work. There is no better way of

doing this than through the columns of our Union paper. A few minutes spent each week in reading the Vis-

itor keeps one in touch with the work in every conference in the Union. In order to have this information it is necessary that the Visitor be sent to every home.

them all, suffice it to say that the need of keeping in touch with all our people throughout the field each week in order to have a clear vision of the work, should induce every family to be a reader of the Columbia Union Visitor. A hearty response in sending in yearly subscriptions will be appreciated, and will greatly assist financially in the publication of the paper.

F. H. ROBBINS.

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answer it by a whole-hearted consecration of all that we have and are upon the altar of our God, that during the year 1920 we may indeed hasten the coming of our Lord.

R. S. LINDSAY.

Why do we publish it when it means financial loss? We answer: To keep our people informed with reference to the work in the field and to have their cooperation in spreading the message in the homeland. We hope that this effort to send out information as to the progress of the work in the Union will cause our brethren and sisters to come to our assistance at the beginning of this year.

There are many reasons why our people should take the Visitor but as space will not permit naming

"Usefulness is the rent we are asked to pay for room on earth. Some of us are heavily in debt."

The Demands of the Hour

At this special time, when the Master is doing his last work for the human family in the heavenly sanctuary, God desires the cooperation of his church on earth to finish the work of the Gospel.

We are surely living in the closing days of the message. Most all Bible prophecies pertaining to the last days have already been fulfilled, or are in the process of fulfillment.

The Holy Spirit is now being poured out in an abundant measure upon the church. The angel of the eighteenth chapter of the book of Revelation is to enlighten the whole world with the glory of his power. The glory of God is to cover the world as the waters cover the sea.

However, we should remember that God's appointed way of enlightening the world is through his people. The Holy Spirit will be given in its fullness to those who are willing to lay self aside, consecrating their all to the Lord. In these closing hours of probation the Master is granting the last opportunity to his people to bear the message to others. There is a work for all to do. Men and women will be called from various walks of life, who will be given power to present the truth in its clearness. Children with the power of the Spirit resting on them, are to do a wonderful work for God.

If the church had lived up to its privileges, we would have been in the kingdom before this. In the words of another we read, "If every soldier of Christ had done his duty, if every watchman on the walls of Zion had given the trumpet a certain sound, the world might ere this have heard the message of warning. But, the work is years behind. While men have slept, Satan has stolen a march upon us." Vol. IX.

Shall we not at this time heed the admonition? "Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O, Zion; put on thy beautiful garments." "Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

A. S. BOOTH.

Personal Responsibility in the Church

Seventh-Day Adventists have always disapproved the idea that the minister should bear all the responsibility of soul-saving in the church.

When we become members of God's body—the church—we virtual-

ly pledge ourselves to share the responsibilities of the church—to be "workers together with Christ." Just as sure as there is a place on the church roll for our names, just so sure is there a work for us to do.

While we have certain responsibilities in connection with the different departments of the church, yet it seems to me the greatest field of endeavor for church members is in personal soul-winning effort. As church members, we have been instructed to do evangelistic and house-to-house work among our neighbors, and those who have not heard the message.

A church is what the members make it. Does your church receive life and strength from your personal activities?

Mr. Moody once had a dream, in which it seemed that he had only one more year to live. During that year he was to win a certain number of souls to Christ, and was given his choice of winning them by preaching or by personal effort. Though Mr. Moody was a powerful speaker, and could hold an audience spell-bound, yet he chose to win the number by personal effort.

So let us not be discouraged if we cannot preach the gospel or do active Bible work. A great field of usefulness is open to every church member, and through cooperation and earnest endeavor, the work will be speedily finished.

W. H. HECKMAN.

The Sabbath School

The Sabbath school is a vital factor in finishing the work, affecting as it does each week its 175,000 members throughout the world.

Primarily it was organized for systematic study of the Scriptures. The promotion of daily study of the Bible by every member should be a part of the superintendent's program.

In these perilous times when Satan's overmastering delusions are sweeping the world and subtle influences are at work to undermine the foundations of our faith, the superintendent should see to it that only teachers who have a deep personal experience in the things of God and who are sound in the faith should be chosen.

The wide-awake superintendent will stimulate liberal giving by keeping the needs of the field intelligently before the school, basing the ap-

peal on the constraining love of Christ. The possibilities of the Sabbath school as a training school for the development of workers should never be lost sight of.

The great object of the Sabbath school is to save souls and hasten the coming of Christ and every phase of its work should be shaped to that end.

W. C. MOFFETT.

Home Missionary Leadership

"Those who have the spiritual oversight of the church should devise some ways and means by which an opportunity may be given to every member of the church to act some part in God's work. Too often in the past this has not been done. That which is needed now for the upbuilding of our churches is the work of wise laborers to discern and develop talent in the church, talent that can be educated for the Master's use." "Testimonies," Vol. IX., pp. 116, 117.

"The greatest help that can be given our people is to teach them to work for God and to depend on Him, not on the ministers." Id. Vol. VII., p. 19.

"Let the missionary meeting be turned to account in teaching the people how to do missionary labor. God expects his church to discipline and fit its members for the work of enlightening the world." Id. Vol. VI., pp. 431, 432.

If we understand correctly, this inspired instruction, the kind of missionary leadership needed today is that which sets every member at work, teaches him how, and keeps things moving.

This involves the holding of a missionary meeting in which instruction may be given and necessitates an active experience on the part of the leader in missionary work and up-to-date information on plans and methods.

No missionary leader can keep informed who does not read the Church Officers Gazette, the Columbia Union Visitor, and the Review. The success of the wisest plans laid by the conference leaders depends upon the active cooperation of the leaders in the local churches, and the leader who trains and sets fifty people at work is multiplying himself fifty-fold, and hastening the coming of Christ.

W. C. MOFFETT.

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Contributed By The Secretaries and Treasurers of The Columbia Union Conference

A Soliloquy

I read in the Review of November 13 that we must plan for a more regular and systematic supply of trained missionary recruits. We have also received direct word from the General Conference Office that provision has been made for about 100 families to go into the foreign fields in 1920.

When I am ready to go, will that mean anything to my brethren? Will they remember me at the throne of grace? Will they think of my need?

But I am not going now; some others are. I wonder who they all may be—at least 200—quite a company. The General Conference must have exercised faith that all their needs would be supplied.

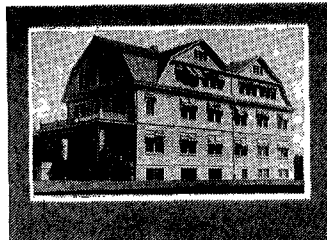
Christ said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Christ's command is obeyed in my going forth. I am glad to hear that still small voice telling me that although I cannot personally answer the call I may have a part in providing for the needs of those who go. Fifty cents a week seems very small for me to give. I will give that much anyway. Someone said that Jesus was depending upon me. Come to think about this, whom would he depend upon if not me? How blessed to think that Jesus is not passing me by to trust in another? Although he must have use for many, and has others in whom he does trust, I must not allow the Lord to be disappointed in me. I can do more than this. By a little planning, a little denial of some luxury, or by getting along without something that I always have had before, I can give a larger sum each week during 1920 than I have ever given weekly during the past.

Prayer

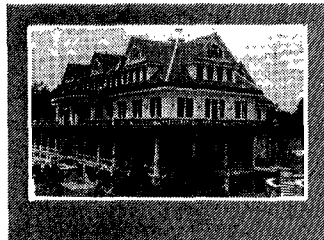
"Prayer brings the heart into immediate contact with the well-spring of life, and strengthens the sinew

and muscle of the religious experience. Neglect the exercise of prayer, or engage in prayer spasmodically, now and then, as seems convenient, and you lose your hold on God. The spiritual faculties lose their vitality, the religious experience lacks health and vigor."

"It is only at the altar of God that we can kindle our tapers with divine fire. It is only the divine light that will reveal the littleness, the incompetence, of human ability, and give clear views of the perfection and purity of Christ. It is only as we behold Je-



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sus that we desire to be like him, only as we view his righteousness that we hunger and thirst to possess it; and it is only as we ask in earnest prayer, that God will grant us our heart's desire."

"When men are as devoted as Elijah was and possess the faith that he had, God will reveal himself as he did then. When men plead with the Lord as did Jacob, the results that were seen then will again be seen. Power will come from God in answer to the prayer of faith."

"Family prayer and public prayer have their place; but it is secret communion with God that sustains the soul-life. It was in the mount with God that Moses beheld the pattern of that wonderful building which was to be the abiding place of His glory."—"Gospel Workers," p. 254.

Benevolence

Our Redeemer, who knew man's danger in regard to covetousness, has provided a safeguard against this dreadful evil. He has arranged the plan of salvation so that it begins and ends in benevolence. Christ offered himself, an infinite sacrifice. This, in and of itself, bears directly against covetousness and exalts benevolence.

Constant, self-denying benevolence is God's remedy for the cankering sins of selfishness and covetousness. God has arranged systematic benevolence to sustain his cause and relieve the necessities of the suffering and needy. He has ordained the necessities of the suffering and needy. He has ordained that giving should become a habit, that it may counteract the dangerous and deceitful sin of covetousness. Continual giving starves covetousness to death. Systematic benevolence is designed in the order of God to tear away treasures from the covetous as fast as they are gained, and to consecrate them to the Lord, to whom they belong.

The system is so arranged that men may give something from their

wages every day and lay by for their Lord a portion of the profits of every investment. The constant practice of God's plan of systematic benevolences weakens covetousness and

strengthens benevolence. If riches increase, men, even those professing godliness, set their hearts upon them; and the more they have, the less they give to the treasury of the Lord. Thus riches make men selfish, and hoarding feeds covetousness; and these evils strengthen by active exercise. God knows our danger, and has hedged us about with means to prevent our own ruin. He requires the constant exercise of benevolence, that the force of habit in good works may break the force of habit in an opposite direction.—Vol. III, p. 548.



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Evidences of an Unseen Hand

Columbia Union Report

Union organized 1907.
 Membership 1907—5717.
 Membership 3rd qr. 1919—10,886.
 Increase—5,169.
 Gifts to Missions 1907—\$14,439.26.
 Gifts to Missions 1919—\$191,801.42.
 Multiplied over 13 times.
 Tithe per Capita 1907—\$11.81.
 Tithe per Capita 1919—\$43.38.
 Multiplied nearly four times.
 Total Tithe 1907—\$71,621.01.
 Total Tithe 1919—\$416,711.70.
 Multiplied nearly six times.
 Sabbath School Off. 1907—\$6,633.05.
 Sabbath School Off. 1919—90,451.83.
 Multiplied almost 14 times.
 13 Sab. Off. Sept. 1912—\$1,375.76.
 13 Sab. Off. Dec. 1919—\$11,773.87.

Harvest Ingathering 1919—\$64,717.42.

Book Sales 1908—\$44,839.22.
 Book Sales 1919—\$351,255.21.
 1919 Gains Over 1918
 In Mission Funds—\$41,708.02.
 In Sab. School Off.—\$24,381.47.
 In Harvest Ingathering—\$23,169.33.
 In Tithe—\$80,671.70.
 In Book Sales—\$106,729.36.

Conferences Leading Per Capita Close 1919

West Va. in Tithe.
 New Jersey in Mission Offerings.
 Chesapeake in Harvest Ingathering.
 West Va. in Sabbath School Offerings.

Mission Goals 1920—\$263,406.00.
 Book Sales Goal 1920—\$430,000.00.

Report of Chesapeake Conference

Membership 4th qr. 1907—578.
 Membership 3rd qr. 1919—1109.
 Increase—531.
 Gifts to Missions 1907—\$635.94.
 Gifts to Missions 1919—\$20,526.37.
 Multiplied over 32 times.
 Tithe 1907—\$5,380.76.
 Tithe 1919—\$40,421.80.
 Multiplied over 7 times.
 Tithe per Capita 1907—\$9.81.
 Tithe per Capita 1919—\$43.65.

Sabbath School Off. 1907—\$424.04.
 Sabbath School Off. 1919—\$3,508.43.

Multiplied over 20 times.
 First 13th Sab. Off.—\$119.68.
 Last 13th Sab. Off.—\$1,068.07.
 Harvest Ingathering '19—\$9650.42.

Book Sales 1919—\$32,337.70.
 1919 Gains Over 1918
 In Tithe—\$5,935.80.
 In Mission Funds—\$5,118.82.
 In Sab. School Donations—\$2392.46
 In Harvest Ingathering—\$3,569.29.
 In Book Sales—\$12,631.12.

Report of District of Columbia Conference

Membership 4th qr. 1908—548.
 Membership 3rd qr. 1919—1407.
 Increase—859.
 Gifts to Missions 1908—\$2,994.38.
 Gifts to Missions 1919—\$24,149.96.
 Multiplied over 8 times.
 Tithe 1908—\$11,168.30.
 Tithe 1919—\$66,491.30.
 Multiplied almost 6 times.
 Tithe per Capita 1908—\$16.87.
 Tithe per Capita 1919—\$56.88.

Sabbath School Off. 1908—\$741.68.
 Sabbath School Off. '19—\$12,357.58.
 Multiplied over 16 times.
 First 13th Sab. Off.—\$166.12.
 Last Sab. Off.—\$1916.68.
 Harvest Ingathering '19—\$7,050.15.
 1919 Gains Over 1918
 In Tithe—\$18,459.50.
 In Mission Funds—\$7,232.64.
 In Sab. School Donations—\$3772.10
 In Harvest Ingathering—\$2,932.84.

Report of E. Pennsylvania Conference

Membership 4th qr. 1907—1014.
 Membership 3rd qr. 1919—1816.
 Increase—802.
 Gifts to Missions 1907—\$2,389.84.
 Gifts to Missions 1919—\$29,120.35.
 Multiplied over 12 times.
 Tithe 1907—\$12,629.22.
 Tithe 1919—\$60,343.70.
 Multiplied almost 5 times.
 Tithe per Capita 1907—\$11.87.
 Tithe per Capita 1919—\$38.12.

Sabbath School Off. '07—\$1,281.09.
 Sabbath School Off. '19—\$12,475.58.
 Multiplied over 9 times.
 First 13th Sab. Off.—\$278.28.
 Last 13th Sab. Off.—\$1,600.11.
 Harvest Ingathering '19—\$11,040.88
 1919 Gains Over 1918
 In Tithe—\$11,382.90.
 In Mission Funds—\$5,381.47.
 In Sab. School Donations—\$2247.04
 In Harvest Ingathering—\$3,191.00.

Report of New Jersey Conference

Membership 4th qr. 1907—528.
 Membership 3rd qr. 1919—1346.
 Increase—818.
 Gifts to Missions 1907—\$2,778.08.
 Gifts to Missions 1919—\$29,436.80.
 Multiplied over 10 times.
 Tithe 1907—\$7,103.84.
 Tithe 1919—\$58,552.40.
 Multiplied over 8 times.
 Tithe per Capita 1907—\$12.82.
 Tithe per Capita 1919—\$49.09.

Sabbath School Off. 1907—\$765.63.
 Sabbath School Off. '19—\$12,814.33.
 Multiplied over 16 times.
 First 13th Sab. Off.—\$94.01.
 Last 13th Sab. Off.—\$1,559.24.
 Harvest Ingathering '19—\$12,025.78
 1919 Gains Over 1918
 In Tithe—\$15,025.80.
 In Mission Funds—\$12,993.36.
 In Sab. School Donations—\$5507.08
 In Harvest Ingathering—\$5,218.36.

Report of Ohio Conference

Membership 4th qr. 1907—2188.
 Membership 3rd qr. 1919—2883.
 Increase—695.
 Gifts to Missions 1907—\$4,921.52.
 Gifts to Missions 1919—\$48,747.44.
 Multiplied almost 10 times.
 Tithe 1907—\$29,116.84.
 Tithe 1919—\$101,499.00.
 Multiplied over 3½ times.
 Tithe per Capita 1907—\$12.45.
 Tithe per Capita 1919—\$38.86.

Sabbath School Off. 1907—\$2,655.04
 Sabbath School Off. '19—\$23,981.05.
 Multiplied 9 times.
 First 13th Sab. Off.—\$498.63.
 Last 13th Sab. Off.—\$3,097.59.
 Harvest Ingathering '19—\$13,172.28
 1919 Gains Over 1918
 In Tithe—\$13,516.20.
 In Mission Funds—\$2,971.14.
 In Sab. School Donations—\$4212.46
 In Harvest Ingathering—\$2,454.59.

Report of Virginia Conference

Membership 4th qr. 1907—481.
 Membership 3rd qr. 1919—766.
 Increase—285.
 Gifts to Missions 1907—\$566.56.
 Gifts to Missions 1919—\$10,608.23.
 Multiplied over 18 times.
 Tithe 1907—\$3,523.61.
 Tithe 1919—\$22,646.10.
 Multiplied over 6 times.
 Tithe per Capita 1907—\$6.92.
 Tithe per Capita 1919—\$33.85.

Sabbath School Off. 1907—\$392.90.
 Sabbath School Off. 1919—\$5,460.43
Multiplied over 13 times.
 First 13th Sab Off.—\$29.16.
 Last 13th Sab. Off.—\$528.79.
 Harvest Ingathering '19—\$2,580.82.
1919 Gains Over 1918
 In Tithe—\$4,212.60.
 In Mission Funds—\$2,401.00.
 In Sab. School Donations—\$1608.29
 In Harvest Ingathering—\$991.19.

Report of

W. Pennsylvania Conference

Membership 4th qr. 1907—758.
 Membership 3rd qr. 1919—1,180.
Increase—422.
 Gifts to Missions 1907—\$2,839.94.
 Gifts to Missions 1919—\$21,891.49.
Multiplied over 7 times.
 Tithe 1907—\$11,527.21.
 Tithe 1919—\$47,707.50.
Multiplied over 4 times.
 Tithe per Capita 1907—\$14.41.
 Tithe per Capita 1919—\$41.74.
 Sabbath School Off. 1907—\$945.90.
 Sabbath School Off. '19—\$10,432.47.
Multiplied over 11 times.
 First 13th Sab. Off.—\$133.33.
 Last 13th Sab. Off.—\$1,450.28.
 Harvest Ingathering '19—\$6,996.00.
1919 Gains Over 1918
 In Tithe—\$7,094.00.
 In Mission Funds—\$3,977.73.
 In Sab. School Donations—\$4179.37
 In Harvest Ingathering—\$3,640.24.

Report of

West Virginia Conference

Membership 4th qr. 1907—170.
 Membership 3rd qr. 1919—379.
Increase—209.
 Gifts to Missions 1907—\$307.38.
 Gifts to Missions 1919—\$7,520.78.
Multiplied over 24 times.
 Tithe 1907—\$2,339.53.
 Tithe 1919—\$19,049.90.
Multiplied over 8 times.
 Tithe per Capita 1907—\$10.63.
 Tithe per Capita 1919—\$61.20.
 Sabbath School Off. 1907—\$168.45.
 Sabbath School Off. 1919—\$4,421.91
Multiplied over 26 times.
 First 13th Sab. Off.—\$51.51.
 Last 13th Sab. Off.—\$553.11.
 Harvest Ingathering '19—\$2,201.09.
1919 Gains Over 1918
 In Tithe—\$5,044.90.
 In Mission Funds—\$1,574.76.
 In Sab. School Donations—\$467.67.
 In Harvest Ingathering—\$1,171.82.

Goals

We believe in goals, but they must pertain to the good and great things of this world or the world to come.

Columbia Union goals are in principle the goals of the Kingdom of Heaven. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Mark 16:15,16. "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14.

To accomplish this, is our aim and desire in asking every Seventh-Day Adventist in the Columbia Union Conference to help us raise for missions during 1920, \$263,406.00; to sell books and magazines to the value of \$480,000.00; to gather through the Harvest Ingathering Campaign at least \$75,000.00; to scatter more tracts; to give out more papers; to make more missionary visits and give more Bible readings; and above all, to live a Godly life and to pray without ceasing for the success of the work at home and in fields afar.

C. C. PULVER.

More

What? More? Rather just setting ourselves to the work in that same determined way as we set about some other things. Ever keep a record of how much you really gave and recall how the total startled you because—it had shrunk so from your idea of it? Ever hear about the promises of our Leader to multiply our balances if we had faith to invest in that one big enterprise? Ever think how you might sacrifice to do your bit? Ever read the Review thoughtfully to learn definitely where the message is going and realize more that they "over there" need your help every week?

What is the influence of your stewardship? Think. Then remember its connection with your realization of that "blessed hope." Resolve to do well your part in 1920 and we shall see greater things in the future.

H. D. HOLTOM.

Prospects

The increase in all lines as shown by the reports for 1919 nearly staggers one. It shows what God has accomplished through his spirit. It also shows us what he will accomplish if we but let him. If each mem-

ber in the Columbia Union Conference would get the burden for souls, the results of the next few years would far surpass anything that has been accomplished in the past. We surely thank the Lord for the good showing made. It inspires our hearts and tells us that the time is drawing near for his second advent.

With our faces set toward Zion, let us make our past mistakes and failures but stepping stones in the service of God, and let each one do his share in carrying the burden of the message, thereby hastening the coming of the Lord.

J. S. NEELY.

Greater Things

Knowing that the Creator of heaven and earth has been our guide and leader, and crediting to him alone the great things of the past, we are caused to look forward with confidence to the Greater Things of the Future.

Every phase of the work of God is progressing as it never has before. This is due to the fact that our church members realize the time in which we live and they are rallying to the work in a way that is most encouraging. The leaders in the different departments of our work in New Jersey are bubbling over with enthusiasm at the bright prospects of the year 1920, and greater plans are being laid than ever before. We are expecting great things from God and are looking forward to the best year in our experience.

EDWARD J. STIPECK.

"Men are tempted to use their means in self-indulgence, in the gratification of appetites, in personal adornment, or in the embellishment of their homes. For these objects many church-members do not hesitate to spend freely, and even extravagantly. But when asked to give to the Lord's treasury, to carry forward his work in the earth, they demur. Perhaps, feeling that they cannot well do otherwise, they dole out a sum far smaller than they often spend for needless indulgence. They manifest no real love for Christ's service, no earnest interest in the salvation of souls. What marvel that the Christian life of such ones is but a dwarfed, sickly existence!"

Use of the Tithe

"The man who has been unfortunate, and finds himself in debt, should not take the Lord's portion to cancel his debts to his fellow-men. He should consider that in these transactions he is being tested, and that in reserving the Lord's portion for his own use, he is robbing the giver. He is debtor to God for all that he has, but he becomes a double debtor when he uses the Lord's reserve fund in paying debts to human beings. 'Unfaithfulness to God' is written against his name in the books of heaven. He has an account to settle with God for appropriating the Lord's means for his own convenience." — Vol. VI., page 391.

"God has given special direction as to the use of the tithe . . . He has made our duty on these points very plain. The portion that God has reserved for himself is not to be diverted to any other purpose than that which he has specified. Let none feel at liberty to retain their tithe, to use according to their own judgment. They are not to use it for themselves in an emergency, nor to apply it as they see fit, even in what they may regard as the Lord's work."

"Let the church appoint pastors or elders who are devoted to the Lord Jesus, and let these men see that officers are chosen who will attend faithfully to the work of gathering in the tithe. If the pastors show that they are not fitted for their charge, if they fail to set before the church the importance of returning to God his own, if they do not see to it that the officers under them are faithful, and that the tithe is brought in, they are in peril. They are neglecting a matter which involves a blessing or a curse to the church. They should be relieved of their responsibility, and other men should be tested and tried."—Mrs. E. G. White in *Review and Herald*, December 1, 1896.

A Tithing Experience

One night after delivering a discourse before a large audience in one of the eastern cities, three gentlemen came to the stand, saying they wished to talk to me. They were well-dressed, keen-faced, business men. One said that he did not belong to

any church and acknowledged no religion, but he felt that he had something to the glory of God to tell me.

He went on to say that he had been a big contractor on the Hudson River; that he had built a great many of the large mansions there. His mother had taught him the tithing principle and he had observed it. He had amassed a fortune of several hundred thousand dollars. A few years before the evening he was talking to me, he became interested



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in Mexican rubber. He invested quite heavily. There was a bad turn in affairs and he felt that he needed every cent possible so he began to use his tithe money. From that time on, his fortune rapidly declined and the night he was talking to me he declared that he was not worth five thousand dollars, whereas the years he had paid tithe he had accumulated several thousand dollars. He had prosperity while he paid tithe; his prosperity declined when he withheld his tithe. He declared it was his intention to begin again to pay a faithful tithe, no matter what happened.

B. G. WILKINSON.

A Tithing Experience

A very reliable report comes to us of a brother who, after accepting the truth at one of our sanitariums, went for his health to a little country home. He began raising chickens and promised the Lord that he would give to missions the proceeds from the sale of all eggs laid on the Sabbath. He was astonished at the number collected on Sabbath, it being far in excess of those gathered on other days. He stated that it was a real test to him to keep his promise to the Lord, as the amount far exceeded his expectations.

We trust others who read this will see to it that God has a part in helping them raise their money for missions.

A Tithing Experience

Some time ago in the old New England States two colporteurs who were working together in that field spent several days at their work without either taking an order. This caused some serious thinking on their part and led them to counsel together as to the reason for their failure. They confessed to each other their unfaithfulness in payment of tithes and attributed their failure to their unfaithfulness in returning to the Lord his own.

Shortly after this they found twenty cents. Two cents were set aside as tithe, the remainder was spent for food. The next day another twenty cents was found and again the tithe of this was paid and the remainder used for food as before. We are told that this was the turning point and the beginning of the road leading from failure to success.

Reader, here is an object lesson showing how God looks upon little things. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in that which is much."

"The minister should, by precept and example, teach the people to regard the tithe as sacred. He should not feel that he can retain it and apply it according to his own judgment, because he is a minister. It is not his. He is not at liberty to devote to himself what he thinks is his due."—Vol. IX., page 247.

"If the hill back of Nazareth could give back its secret, if the Lake of Galilee could tell what it witnessed, if the desert places round about Jerusalem could tell their story, if the Mount of Olives could speak out and tell us what transpired there, they would all tell us, more than anything else, of the prayer life of our Lord. They would reveal its intensity, its unselfishness, its constancy, its godly fear, that made it irresistible."—John R. Mott.

HOME MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

A Splendid Record

The year 1919 is now in the past, and with pleasure we sum up the results of another twelve months. We wish to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the faithful work done by our churches throughout the Columbia Union. As we glance over the figures for the year, we are reminded that they represent much earnest prayer, careful thought, hard labor, and daily sacrifice for the cause of God. We are certain that all who have had a part will feel duly repaid by what has been achieved.

As we visit churches and listen to the enthusiastic testimonies of their workers, we are convinced that missionary activity brings joy into the Christian experience and is really the life of a church. Let us courageously take on the greater responsibilities of 1920.

E. R. NUMBERS.

The Opportunities of 1920

A "brand new" year, which in the spiritual realm is freighted with possibilities incomprehensible to the finite mind, is before us. Every Christian is anxious to make the most of the opportunities that shall present themselves during the ensuing days of 1920. We therefore offer the following suggestions as a help to our people in their missionary efforts.

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND WORKERS

The general home missionary plan for the new year calls for the concerted action of every Seventh-Day Adventist in the world. The finishing of the task assigned this people is absolutely dependent upon the personal witnessing of every Seventh-Day Adventist in his own particular corner of the vineyard.

"By personal labor reach those around you. Become acquainted with them. Preaching will not do the work that needs to be done. Angels of God attend you to the dwellings of those you visit. This work cannot be done by proxy. Money lent or given will not accomplish it. Sermons will not do it. By visiting the people, talking, praying, sympathizing with them, you will win hearts. This is the highest missionary work that you

can do. To do it, you will need resolute, persevering faith, unwearied patience, and a deep love for souls."—Vol. IX., p. 41.

SYSTEMATIC WORK

He who works well plans well. Take a survey of the needs of your community, and plan under the blessing of the Lord to meet them to the best of your ability. A good way to begin is to place regularly and systematically in the hands of those for whom you labor, **Present Truth**, **Signs of the Times Weekly**, tracts, etc. As the interest develops there will be opportunities to answer inquiries about the message, to pray with and for individual souls. "Precious results will follow sincere, unselfish effort."—Vol. IX., p. 32. The results in conversions obtained from this personal effort on the part of the lay members in this movement the first three quarters of 1919, as reported through the Home Missionary Department, is 1772 souls. The total number of conversions for 1919 was approximately 2200. Twenty per cent of our people accomplished this much. If one hundred per cent of our people were earnestly engaging in missionary work for those around them, at the same ratio more than 10,000 souls would be converted through home missionary efforts in 1920.

FOREIGN-SPEAKING NEIGHBORS

In planning your missionary work for the new year, do not overlook the foreign-speaking people whom God has sent from foreign shores to your door. While we cannot converse with them in their native tongue, we can through the splendid foreign literature being prepared at Brookfield, convey to them the message. Many of these people may carry the message back to their home countries, if won to the truth. Foreign magazines can now be gotten in as small quantities as five copies at a time for the nominal sum of eight cents a copy. Millions of foreign-speaking people reside within the territory of the Columbia Union. May the Lord bless our home missionaries as they work for these needy people.

A GOOD RECORD

During the past year the Columbia Union has made a good record in home missionary lines. Of the 1772

conversions brought about through efforts of laymen in North America during the first three quarters of this year, 512 are reported from the Columbia Union. For the eleven months ending November 20 this Union had gathered more than \$49,000 toward a goal of \$60,000.

The Lord through his servant has written us as follows as to the attitude we should maintain toward this work and as to the results of throwing ourselves wholeheartedly into this missionary movement:

"They are to be ever ready to spring into action in obedience to the Master's commands. Wherever we see work waiting to be done, we are to take it up and do it, constantly looking unto Jesus. If our church members would heed this instruction hundreds of souls would be won to Jesus. If every church member were a living missionary, the gospel would speedily be proclaimed in all countries, to all people, nations, and tongues."—Vol. IX., p. 32.

C. V. LEACH.

The Campaign Department

The Campaign Department of the Review and Herald Publishing Association handles **Present Truth** and the **Temperance** and **Anti-Tobacco Annuals**. It also devotes some of its surplus energy to training stenographers, and to supplying other departments with extra stenographic help in times of special need.

The office force of the Campaign Department varies as to the number of workers employed. As a general thing, it has from three to five stenographers, one billing and stencil clerk, and two order and mailing clerks. At times, it requires additional help in the mailing room to get the millions of copies of **Present Truth** promptly counted and wrapped in the regulation mailing packages.

The work in and for this department has been so systematized through experience, that all individual orders, with rare exceptions, are filled the same day they reach the department. The exceptions are where two or three hundred thousand copies of **Present Truth** are ordered at one time. All orders are personally acknowledged within a few days after they are filled.

Stenographers in this department take, almost daily, dictation ranging from five to fifty one-page letters. They regard the preparation of 3,000 circular letters as a mere trifle; and writing and mailing a personal letter to each tract society is a bit of real pleasure.

The total of the printing orders issued during the year 1919 was 6,510,992 copies of *Present Truth*, besides the usual annual circulation of the temperance papers. During the year 1919 over \$7,000.00 were donated for

effort of any kind. To meet the need of the hour, we have prepared the "Epidemic Special."

We have set as our goal a combined circulation of 200,000 copies. This is small enough when we consider that there are over 8,000,000 people in the Columbia Union alone. In order to reach this goal, however, we need the help of every officer, leader, and individual member. We are confident that you will join us in starting this effort to place the truth in the hands of thousands of these

Set apart Sunday as field day and work for these people. They will welcome you into their homes. Sunday is the ideal time to work for them. If you are an isolated believer, ascertain the nationality that lives near you, order some of the magazines and go to work. Marvelous success has attended the efforts of all those who have tried it.

We must not delay longer. Why not place thousands of papers in the hands of these people? The foreigner is here in the providence of God.



the free circulation of *Present Truth*. The interest throughout the country in *Present Truth* indicates that this department, though the youngest of all, will in time become one of the leading features of the *Review* and *Herald Publishing Association*.

L. W. GRAHAM.

The Home-Foreign Field

Over 8,000,000 foreign-speaking people in the Columbia Union are in need of the message. For months our leaders have felt the need of an aggressive campaign in behalf of these needy people. Special literature is always needed to carry on a successful

people who have come to our shores.

Through its missionary secretaries the Columbia Union is organizing every church for service. The field of each church is the surrounding territory and it includes all classes of people. Too often we have passed by those who could not speak our language. We are now planning to organize a foreign band in each church in whose territory there are foreigners. You should have a band of this kind in your church. If there is none, get the names of those who are willing to do this work, organize them, and order your material. This should all be done under the direction of the Home Missionary Department.

Before the war, they were coming to our shores at the rate of 1,000,000 a year. Today they are returning by the hundreds of thousands. I have stood at the docks in New York City watching these people board the ships bound for their native land, and I have wondered how many were returning with the message. God sent them to us to get the message and we are allowing them to return without it. We must not neglect our duty longer. Help us in this great campaign. Make a special effort with the *Epidemic Special* magazine, then get some tracts and work systematically. You will soon find interested souls.

V. O. PUNCHES,
Field Secy. Bureau Home Missions,

Methods of Work

We have been told by the spirit of prophecy that our literature should be scattered as the leaves of autumn. Up to within the last few years this was impossible. Two difficulties faced those who desired to do this. First, the world in general did not desire our literature and, second, we had nothing good to offer at a low price to the public.

All this is changed now. Our periodicals and books are sought and **Present Truth** is so low in price that copies can be scattered by the millions. Every soul that can read can be reached by it.

The question arises, how best can this be accomplished? All our territory should be districted and a division given to each church to work. The church should divide its territory into as many sections as it has bands. The band leader should give each member of his band a certain block to supply with literature. Once a week or once in two weeks this territory ought to be canvassed from house to house. A note book carried by each worker should contain all the information needed, so that someone else could follow up the interest and have all the information one would desire in visiting a new section.

Let the elder of the church be a man alive to the work and one who is zealous for souls. He should hold every band leader responsible for the territory assigned him. By keeping in touch with the entire field through the band leaders, the elder can reach out after any interested souls, and constantly add to the church those that take hold of the truth.

Present Truth is one of the best mediums to reach all classes in a community. It is available, convincing, truth-filled literature that can fall as the leaves. Ministers and workers of West Pennsylvania are highly pleased with the results obtained with it. Last summer one tent effort used **Present Truth** as an advertisement. The name of the tent was **Present Truth Tabernacle**. Wherever the papers were distributed, the readers connected them with the tent on the hill by the same name. Thus it was not long until the city became acquainted with the teachings of the tent company. A little church was raised up in that place, and even now the people of the city connect **Present Truth** with Seventh-Day Adventists.

E. A. MANRY.

True Leadership

There are many leaders in the world today who are willing to suggest and lay plans and tell others what and how to do, but when it comes to do the actual work itself they are busy studying new methods. We have some beautiful examples of true leadership in the Bible. One marked record is that of Gideon. The Lord chose Gideon and gave him 300 men to fight against the unnumbered host of the Midianites. The secret of the success of Gideon was this, he did not ask his men to do anything that he himself was not willing to do. He said to his army, "As I do, so shall ye do," and in Judges 7:21,22, it says, "And they stood every man in his place round about the camp; and all the host ran, and cried, and fled. And the three hundred blew the trumpets." This was following the example of our Master, who said to his disciples, "Follow me." Let the secretaries of the Home Missionary Department in our local churches follow these Bible examples, and we shall see a marked difference in the amount of missionary work done among our lay members.

H. G. GAUKER.

Preaching the Message by Magazines

This is a magazine-reading age. Everywhere we see them, on the trains, in the cars, and in the homes. Our magazines have found entrance into thousands of homes and have preached a silent, yet thrilling message, where oftentimes the truth could not enter in any other way.

In Ohio, over 50,000 monthly magazines were sold during the past year. Yet when we think of the vast multitudes in our large cities, surely we see clearly that they must be reached by our truth-filled periodicals. We read these words from the pen of inspiration, "The world is to receive the light through an evangelistic ministry of the Word in our books and periodicals. . . . Let us now by the wise use of periodicals and books preach the word with determined energy. . . . The third angel's message is to be given through this medium and through the living teacher."

Brethren, let us go forth in this work with consecrated hearts. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as we put on the armor. The world must hear the warning. When the call comes, "Whom shall I send, and

who will go with us?" send back the answer, clear and distinct, "Here am I, send me."

E. F. HACKMAN.

The Stranger Within Our Gates

We all know the great commission of Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." But did you ever stop to think that the ends of the earth have come to us? That we can be foreign missionaries right in our own cities? In almost every city we have foreigners from many countries of the world. What are we doing for them?

As a people we are very liberal in offerings to the work in foreign countries, and that is good, but just how much are we doing for the foreign mission work right in our city?

How happy you would be if, by your efforts, in your own locality, some foreigner learned of this message of mercy, and returned to his native land anxious to find his own kinsmen and family, that he might tell them the truth he learned to love while in America. We read that great benefits will come to the regions beyond, if faithful efforts are put forth in behalf in the strangers within our gates. Although we cannot speak their language, we have prepared for use tracts and magazines in almost every tongue, and with these we can be real foreign missionaries right in our own cities.

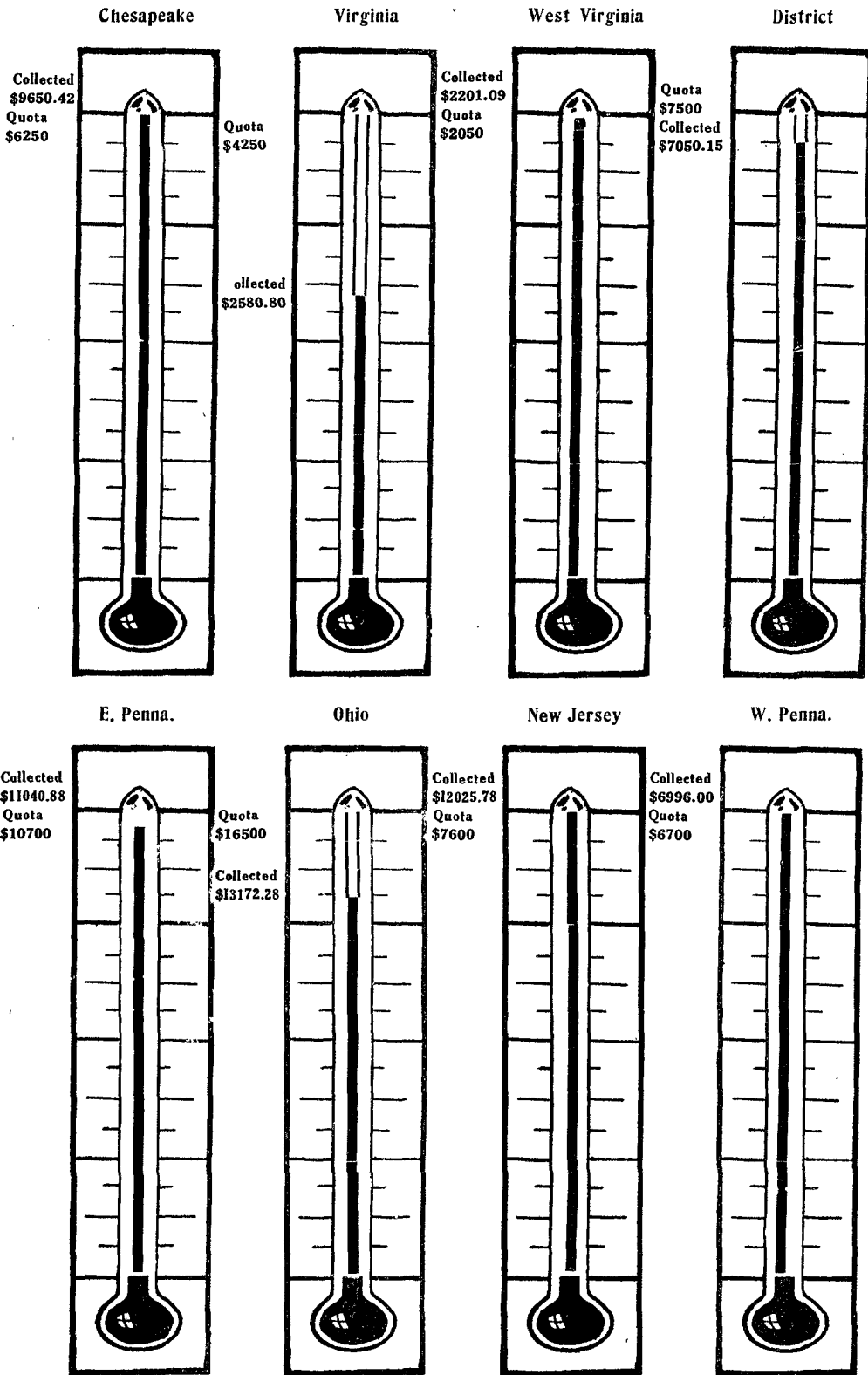
God desires his servants to do their full duty toward the unwarned foreign inhabitants of the cities. If this is true, and we believe it is, let us begin now to do our duty to the stranger within our gates.

L. J. BORROWDALE.

"The greatest victories gained for the cause of God are not the result of labored argument, ample facilities, wide influence, or abundance of means; they are gained in the audience chamber with God, when with earnest, agonizing faith, men lay hold upon the mighty arm of power."—*"Gospel Workers,"* p. 259.

"God's messengers must tarry long with him, if they would have success in their work. The story is told of an old Lancashire woman who was listening to the reasons that her neighbors gave for their minister's success. They spoke of his gifts, of his style of address, of his manners. "Nay," said the old woman, "I will tell you what it is. Your man is very thick with the Almighty."

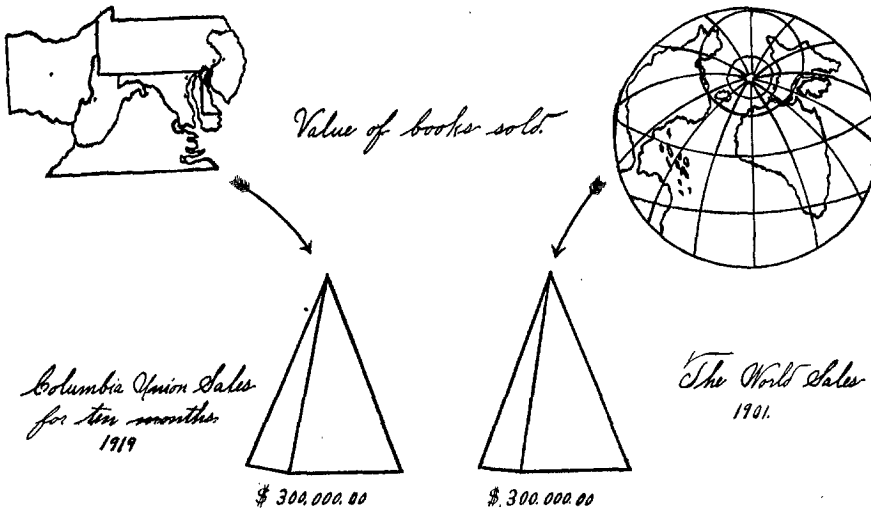
Columbia Union Conference Harvest Ingathering Thermometers 1919



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| Total amount collected in Union | . | . | . | \$64,717.40 |
| Goal for Union | . | . | . | 60,000.00 |
| Over | . | . | . | \$ 4,717.40 |

Colporteur Work

CAST IN THY LOT AMONG US



Special Blessings

“If thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, blessed shalt thou be **in the city**, and blessed shalt thou be **in the field.**”

Special blessings are promised to those who obey the Lord, and I believe each Field Secretary and colporteur in the Union is going to claim these blessings for 1920.

I fail to find words to express my appreciation for the large sales that have been made by them during 1919. I wish to say to the Field Secretaries: May God's sweet spirit comfort you in every hour of trial. I more than appreciate what the Lord has accomplished through you the past year. Be of good cheer, for the work is almost done.

Dear colporteurs, your sorrows are my sorrows. Your joys are my joys. My earnest prayer is that you hold fast the beginning of your confidence. A fully consecrated life to God is sure of success and a future eternal life which cannot be compared with temporal blessings. Our command is “GO.”

H. F. KIRK.

GOALS

The result of goals is the salvation of souls.

**OUR GOAL FOR
1919
\$300,000.00**

We reached this in ten months and re-set the goal, making it \$350,000.00. I praise the Lord for his blessing which made it possible to reach \$351,833.72, nearly \$2,000.00 more than we asked for.

1920

We plan to reach \$430,000.00 this year. Will you help?

NOTICE COLPORTEURS' PROFITS

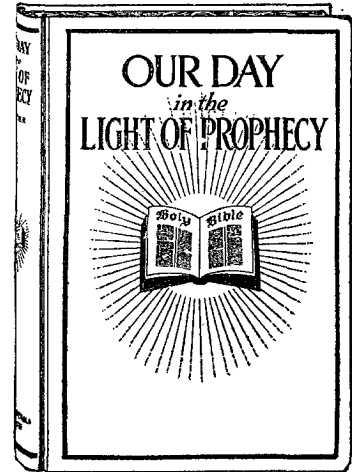
According to our year's report for 1919, I find that the average sales per hour of our colporteurs have been \$2.37. Allowing 25 per cent off from this amount for losses and delivery expenses, it leaves a clear profit average of 89 cents per hour—a splendid wage, to say nothing of the result of their work.

The Evangelist

“The evangelist who engages in canvassing work is performing a service fully as important as that of preaching before a congregation. God looks upon the faithful, evangelistic canvasser with as much approval as he looks upon the faithful minister.”

Colporteur Work

"GO WORK TODAY IN MY VINEYARD"



Comparative Book Sales of Columbia Union By Conferences

| Conference | 1918 | 1919 | Gain | Loss |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| West Virginia | \$38,076.36 | \$62,087.12 | \$24,010.76 | |
| Ohio | 36,984.20 | 61,021.42 | 24,037.22 | |
| Virginia | 39,395.95 | 56,442.86 | 17,046.91 | |
| Chesapeake | 19,412.90 | 36,970.58 | 17,557.68 | |
| District of Columbia .. | 12,511.38 | 28,302.32 | 15,790.94 | |
| New Jersey | 18,973.25 | 28,667.24 | 9,693.99 | |
| West Pennsylvania | 38,855.91 | 43,898.33 | 5,042.42 | |
| East Pennsylvania | 40,705.87 | 34,493.85 | | \$6,212.02 |
| | \$244,915.82 | \$351,883.72 | \$113,179.18 | \$6,212.02 |
| Total Sales 1919 | | | \$351,883.72 | |
| Gain for 1919 | | | 106,967.90 | |

Did the Work

In the fall of 1918 one of our Field Secretaries began to plan for his mid-winter institutes, and his letters of invitation were sent to many prospective colporteurs scattered over the entire state. Many were the replies that came in response to them. One was from a young man who had often expressed his desire to be in the service of the Master. His business held him back, but at this time he decided to get out of the business and attend the institute, and take up the work of the evangelistic colporteur, which he did. From the very first he had wonderful success in taking orders. Often in his letters to the Field Secretary he would say, "I feel so unworthy of doing this work."

After a few months he wrote, stating that a family had accepted the truth as a result of his work. Every member has been baptized and added to the church, and now the head of this family plans to attend the institute this year and take up the work of the evangelistic colporteur.

Is not this just what we are promised? "Let canvassers go forth with the word of the Lord, remembering that those who obey the commandments, and teach others to obey them, will be rewarded by seeing souls converted; and one soul truly converted will bring others to Christ."

Pray

"Humble, fervent prayer will do more in behalf of the circulation of our books than all the expensive embellishments in the world."

Who?

- Who is most interested in the wheelbarrow beginning?
- Who refuses other jobs when souls he can be winning?
- Who urged the publishers to bring out a subscription book?
- Who assured them the circulation if the job they undertook?
- Who loves souls enough to work in summer heat or winter cold?
- Who accepts the promises of God for pay instead of gold?
- Who will go to the broken-hearted mother and teach her?
- Who will go if it's away in the mountains? Can the preacher?
- Who is making a success of the work which began so tame?
- Who caused the wheelbarrow to grow to a train?

THE COLPORTEUR!

Colporteur Work

"WHY STAND YE HERE ALL DAY IDLE"

The Canvasser

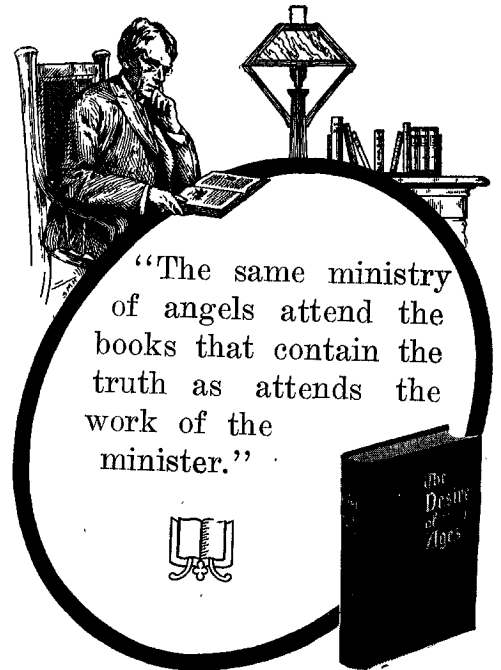
Who is it goes from door to door,
Repeats his story o'er and o'er,
And takes the orders by the score?
The Canvasser.

Who is it tramps through storm and shine,
Not knowing where nor how he'll dine;
Of troubled thoughts he gives no sign?
The Canvasser.

Who is it meets the stern and rude
With pleasant smile, and cheerful work;
By no ill-treatment he's disturbed?
The Canvasser.

O, may thy faith and courage be
Unfailing as the boundless sea!
We pray God's blessing upon thee—
Dear Canvasser.

—Mrs. L. Flora Plummer.



Deposits

The deposit plan is a material help in placing our books in the homes. Just recently one of our lady colporteurs took \$34.00 in deposits in one week. A brother in another conference took \$96.00 in deposits in one week, in thirty-one hours.

Our Small Books in the Cities

In one of the railroad stations of a certain city in this Union, an old lady, perhaps sixty-five or seventy years of age, secured permission to sell our small books. This is her only means of support, and for more than three years she has faithfully carried on her work. Thousands of these books have been scattered broadcast as the result of this elderly sister's work, and many times our colporteurs find people many miles removed from this city, armed with one or more of these books, who say, "I got them from an old lady," naming the station where she works.

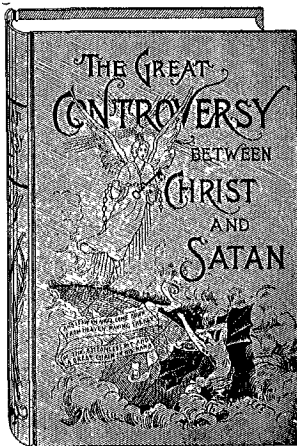
One day, as this sister was hobbling up the steps, tugging away at a heavy suitcase, a lady approached her and said, "Allow me to help you," remarking, after the suitcase

had been deposited at the top of the stairs, "You have something heavy in there."

"Yes, let me show you what it is," was the reply. So our good sister got out "Our Lord's Return," and handed it to the lady. "Oh," she said, "that is something I am interested in." Then she was handed the "Christian Sabbath," and again she remarked, "That is something I am interested in also." The lady bought these two books, and soon began to keep the Sabbath, and joined our Church. Then she began to sell the small books. She plans to attend the colporteurs' institute, and to dedicate her entire time to the service of God.

Dear reader, would you not like to have a part in this grand and noble work? There are many souls that are hungering for the truth. Jesus gave his life for them, then shall we not search for them and minister to their spiritual needs?

"No crisis has ever yet appeared when Christ's Word was not ready to take the van of human movement."—Ker.



Great Controversy

Result of one Great Controversy sold by one of our colporteurs:

Fourteen souls accepted the truth.

One of these is a deacon.

One is a deaconess.

Four are colporteurs.

One is a Bible worker.

Four are attending Washington Missionary College.

The book is in Russia doing its work, and the results will not be known until Jesus comes with his reward.

Colporteur Work

"COME OVER AND HELP US"



Get a prospectus; go out in the byways and show the people one of these message-filled books. Many are waiting for light. "There are hundreds of our people who ought to be out in the field who are doing little or nothing for the advancement of the message."—Vol. IX., p. 134.

Dear Reader, if God is calling you to this line of work, I pray that you will not disregard his pleading. Why not go into the vineyard and work?

No one can be truly educated or successful in life unless he is a reader of books.—Benjamin Franklin.

Greatest public benefactor is the man who sells good books.—Gladstone.

My opportunities in life for acquiring an education were limited, but I had the good fortune of being well supplied with useful and attractive books, and those gave me my success in life.—Daniel Webster.

"He whose heart is aglow with the love of Christ will regard it as not only a duty, but a pleasure, to aid in the advancement of the highest, holiest work committed to man—the work of presenting to the world the riches of goodness, mercy, and truth."

"Where there is Faith,
There is Love;
Where there is Love,
There is Peace;
Where there is Peace,
There is God;
Where there is God,
There is no need."

"I have been instructed that the canvassing work is to be revived. Our smaller books, with our pamphlets and journals can and should be used in connection with our larger books."

"Your daily duties are a part of your religious life just as much as your devotion."—Beecher.

"Only by our life can we prove to the world the genuineness of our solemn faith."—Review and Herald, 1882.

"Just a Minute"

I have only just one minute,
Only sixty seconds in it,
Forced upon me; can't refuse it;
Didn't seek it, didn't choose it,
But it's up to me to use it;
I must suffer if I lose it,
Give account if I abuse it,
Just a tiny little minute,
But eternity is in it.

Soon the Doors Will Close

"Some doors now open to the truth will be forever closed. Carry the message now. Do not wait, allowing the enemy to take possession of the field now open before you. Let little companies go forth to do the work to which Christ appointed his disciples. Let them labor as evangelists, scattering our publications, and talking of the truth to those they meet."

"Soon the work will be finished, and now is our time to labor with intense energy and untiring industry."

Big Week

The sales for the "Big Week" 1919 were \$17,000.00. We plan for a "Big Week" in July, 1920, the date to be given later. We want to reach the \$20,000.00 mark. Will you help us?

"Our canvassers are to circulate the books that give definite instruction regarding the testing messages that are to prepare a people to stand on the platform of eternal truth, holding aloft the banner on which is inscribed: 'The Commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.'"

"As God's work extends, calls for help will come more and more frequently. That these calls may be answered, Christians should heed the command, 'Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house.' If professing Christians would faithfully bring to God their tithes and offerings, his treasury would be full. There would then be no occasion to resort to fairs, lotteries, or parties of pleasure to secure funds for the support of the gospel."

Medical Missionary Department

Columbia Union Conference

DR. H. S. BROWN, SECY.

411 CEDAR ST., TAKOMA PARK, D. C.

Medical Missionary Work in the Newark English Church

The Medical Missionary Institute held in the Newark English Church a few weeks ago proved a great blessing to all who attended. The great principles of health given us by God were plainly set forth by Dr. H. S. Brown of the Columbia Union and Brother Hanna, medical secretary of the New Jersey Conference.

Many for the first time saw the importance of this branch of the message we have for the world. They had seen the publishing branch and the educational branch, etc., but very few had a knowledge of the Good Samaritan spirit as revealed in the medical missionary work.

The institute created such an interest that it was decided to organize a medical missionary class to study this branch of the message. Already more than forty have joined. The spirit that the institute has created has entered into every department of our church work.

Dr. Brown of the Columbia Union is preparing a set of lessons suited for home medical missionary work which will be studied and practiced. Excellent help to instruct this class has been secured and we believe much good will be done. Already those not of our faith have asked to join, for in giving the simple treatments they learned at the institute, they had excellent results.

We believe this line of work will help the church to be fruitful in its service for the Master, and when we consider the part this medical missionary work is to play in the closing of God's work on earth many more ought to have a knowledge of it.

C. S. BAUM.

Medical Instruction at the Colporteur Institutes

In harmony with the spirit of prophecy I have been endeavoring to carry out the following admonitions: "With these books, humble, faithful men are to go out as colporteur-evangelists, bearing the truth to those

who would otherwise never be enlightened. Those who take up this line of work are to go prepared to do medical missionary work. The sick and suffering are to be helped. Many for whom this work of mercy is done will hear and accept the words of life."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IV., p. 34.

"Canvassers should be able to give instruction in regard to the treatment of the sick. They should learn the simple methods of hygienic treatment. Thus they may work as medical missionaries, ministering to the souls and the bodies of the suffering."—*Id.* Vol. VI., p. 324.

I have attended all the institutes held in the Union thus far, and have devoted one hour each day to giving instruction to the colporteurs along lines of medical missionary work.

I find the colporteurs have a great yearning to become better qualified to do this work of mercy because they find many in their travels who need help. Many have requested me to get out a medical worker's first aid manual with instructions on how to treat diseases and on how to render first aid in accidents—a small book that can be carried in the pocket. I have promised them that this would be done as soon as possible.

At some of the churches where the institutes were held, one hour in the evening was devoted to giving instructions to church members. I have found the people anxious for more instruction along the medical work and many would have a burden to do more for their neighbors, if they were only trained to do the work.

At the last institute attended a sister made visits one evening and gave treatments to three individuals not of our faith. They were all benefited by the treatments and appreciated what had been done for them. Surely the Lord desires his people to gain a speedy preparation to carry the truth to others in the closing days of earth's history. DR. H. S. BROWN.

"During his ministry, Jesus devoted more time to healing the sick than to preaching."—"Ministry of Healing," p. 19.

The Health of Our School Children

Both health authorities and educational leaders are recognizing the importance of a proper supervision of the health of school children. Considerable provision has already been made, even though the movement is comparatively new, for a regular health examination of public school children. Similar provision should, as far as possible, be made for our church school children.

It is found that from sixty-five to seventy-five percent of school children have physical defects, such as impaired vision or hearing, diseased tonsils, adenoids, decayed teeth, malnutrition, and other conditions which, if taken early, may be corrected. Often these defects, if allowed to continue, prove very serious. They militate against the general health of the child, and thus prove a hindrance to his mental development.

Our Medical and Educational Departments are now developing plans for carrying health supervision into our schools. Several conferences already have appointed school nurses, and the reports received indicate the need of such work, and its value.

Action has already been taken by some of our training schools to provide instruction necessary to qualify nurses for various lines of field health work, including school health supervision. There are a number of important lines along which the school nurse can work to great advantage.

The following are some of the duties of the school nurse:

1. To discover physical, mental, or other defects of school children and secure correction of existing defects as far as possible.
2. To put parents in touch with special medical help where necessary.
3. To detect evidences of contagious diseases in the school and to cooperate with health authorities in preventing their spread.
4. To inspect school buildings, grounds, water supply, toilet facilities, ventilation, and sanitation in general, and to point out any condi-

tions which might endanger the health of teacher or pupil.

5. To give class room talks and public talks in churches or schools for the benefit of the community and especially of the school patrons.

6. To visit the homes of pupils and point out, if possible, the cause of physical defects and show how to correct them.

7. To follow up absences occasioned by medical inspection, or where contagious disease or conditions are suspected.

8. To render first aid in emergency cases and give instruction for the further care of the patient.

9. To aid in maintaining records of physical examinations in each school for all children.

L. A. HANSEN.

Medical Missionary Campaign in New Jersey

Last August I began a Health Campaign among the churches of the New Jersey Conference. My program consisted of six lectures on different diseases, and demonstrations of simple home treatments. I have used a stereopticon with suitable slides to illustrate subjects. Every church, without exception, has heartily cooperated in making the campaign a success and there is a general demand for such work to continue.

In the cities of Paterson, Newark, and Jersey City, the church members begin to sense their responsibilities. With such a congested population, disease prevails and there are always opportunities to do Good Samaritan work. In these cities we held special afternoon classes with good attendance. These classes were made as practical as possible and the question box was well patronized. We hope to see many of our churches get into line in this work and be prepared to meet emergencies.

The outside public has also been interested in this phase of our work. In several places there have been opportunities created to introduce the other features of God's great message.

In one country church where we held an institute, a sister was recently called upon to give treatments to one not of our faith. The treatment gave relief, and a favorable impression was made. The "entering wedge" prepared the way for the whole message. In another place a visitor was present at our health meetings and expressed a desire to

become better acquainted with our message and work. Arrangements were made for Bible work.

As the home missionary work develops with our people prepared to administer, intelligently, simple home treatments, what a vast field of opportunity will open to the church.

J. G. HANNA,
Med. Secy. N. J. Conf.

Mt. Vernon Medical and Surgical Sanitarium

The work at the Mount Vernon Medical and Surgical Sanitarium is steadily onward, and with voices from all lands we are pleased to join in acknowledging God's blessings during the past year. Each year new opportunities with increased patronage have come, and more has been accomplished. The spirit of earnestness, devotion and cooperation mani-



MT. VERNON M. & S. SANITARIUM

fest in our family allows God to lead. Many expressions from those under our care have shown real appreciation of the help received.

To our staff of teachers has been added Elder D. E. Lindsey, who has been a source of strength spiritually and who, we feel, has sown seed to bear precious fruit. Efforts have been made to strengthen our training school for nurses, and gratifying results have been accomplished. An all-around, scientific training, with the Bible and physiology as the basis, has proven effective in better preparing workers as they go out to various fields. We are pleased to see the earnestness with which our fall class of nine are entering into service.

Last year, because of the uncomfortable crowding of patients in our building, it became advisable to add fifteen rooms. These are almost ready to be occupied. The Lord has given special wisdom in planning the work and in purchasing the materials.

May we have an interest in your prayers for the work and for God's continued blessing?

V. L. FISHER.

"180,000 People Sick in New York Today"

My attention was called to the above notice on a poster a short time ago when I was in New York City.

These figures do seem amazing. A population nearly equal to a city the size of Columbus, Ohio, sick within another city, and in normal times when there are no epidemics raging. It has been said that there is only one well person in every twenty, and the proportion of sick in every city is probably no less than in the one just named. What does all this mean? The great epidemics occurring in the world are mile posts, and we should know the time in which we are living and awaken from our sleep and prepare to meet the things which are coming on the earth.

"Satan is exercising his power. He sweeps away the ripening harvest, and famine and distress follow. He imparts to the air a deadly taint, and thousands perish by the pestilence. These visitations are to become more and more frequent and disastrous. Destruction will be upon both man and beast."—"Great Controversy," p. 590.

Millions have died from influenza within the past fifteen months, and it is still raging in certain parts of the world. Toronto, Canada, has had over thirteen hundred cases of smallpox within the last two months. Famine and distress are increasing and we see the conditions set forth in the above quotation being fulfilled on every hand.

Shall we not prepare ourselves to meet the situation?

DR. H. S. BROWN.

Lord, What Wilt Thou Have Me to Do?

Living as we are in that little time of peace, while the four angels are holding the winds, every true Seventh-Day Adventist should be asking himself the question, "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?" Christ has said that when he appears the second time his followers shall be like him. Are we true medical missionaries, such as he? Are we out visiting the sick, ministering to their needs both physically and spiritually? His time was devoted to teaching and healing the sick, doing more healing than he did teaching or preaching. The work we are admonished to do is found in Isaiah 58. There is described in Matthew 25, two classes of people who will be

found on the earth when Christ appears. These are called sheep and goats. Those placed on the right hand are called blessed of the Father. They have been doing medical missionary work, and their reward, as clearly shown in Matthew 25:34, is eternal life. Those found on the left hand are cursed, and their portion is everlasting punishment because of their neglect of this work which came to their hand day by day.

In neglecting to minister to the needs of our neighbors, we are neglecting Christ, for he says, "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these ye did it not to me."

The Lord requires us to give an account of our time. Then shall we not devote a portion of it in helping others, and putting forth an effort to bring them to the one who has done so much for them? "Go ye today and labor in my vineyard."

DR. H. S. BROWN.

Plans for the Medical Work in the Columbia Union Conference

Realizing that we are facing a time of trouble, when sickness will be increasing in the world, the Columbia Union Conference is laying plans for a reorganization of the medical missionary work. This department should be represented in every conference and in every church. We hope in the near future that there may be someone secured in each conference to visit the churches and give the needed instruction in home nursing, simple treatments, and healthful cookery, etc. I believe that each church should be organized for medical missionary work. A medical secretary of the church is needed. He should be one who is able to lead out and assist members to do medical work, which will be an entering wedge whereby they may gain an entrance into the homes of the people and minister to both their physical and spiritual needs.

This work must not take the place of the home missionary work; it should work hand in hand with it, every member of each department doing his share. "The medical missionary work is the last work to be done on the earth."

This work is already started in three conferences of this Union and we expect to carry it on in others as soon as arrangements can be made.

DR. H. S. BROWN.

Mount Vernon Hospital

The Mount Vernon Hospital has been in operation nearly fourteen years, during which time several thousand patients have received treatment and care. A great many books, tracts, and papers have been loaned or given to these people and their friends. Many have expressed their interest in the truths contained in this reading matter, and some have accepted the third angel's message as a result of the efforts put forth.

During this time many young people have been trained to become earnest, Christian nurses, and some have gone out as workers in the home land; some as missionaries to China, to Japan, and to the islands of the sea.



MT. VERNON HOSPITAL

A company of from fifteen to twenty nurses and students are constantly laboring to relieve suffering humanity, and to inspire in the hearts of their patients a hope for better things in the future.

A special effort is made to keep the spiritual atmosphere of the institution on as high a plane as possible.

CHAS. E. WELCH.

A Work of Mercy

What a wonderful thing it is to know that we have given someone relief from suffering from the terrible diseases and afflictions which have come upon the human race. How much more wonderful it is to know that we have given relief from the most terrible disease ever known—that of sin. It is through relieving their physical needs, that many souls are to be reached who would otherwise die in their sins.

Sister White says in "Ministry of Healing": "Many who have no faith in God and have lost confidence in man appreciate acts of sympathy and helpfulness and as they see one with no inducement of earthly praise or compensation come into their homes, ministering to the sick, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, comfort-

ing the sad, and tenderly pointing all to Him of whose love and pity the human worker is but the messenger,—as they see this, their hearts are touched. Faith is kindled. They see that God cares for them, and they are prepared to listen as his word is opened." Thus we see how the medical missionary work acts as an entering wedge to get our message to the people.

Every gospel worker, whether he is directly or indirectly employed in giving the message, who takes advantage of his opportunities to give the message to those he meets should know and understand the fundamental principles of the medical work. He should know not only how to teach others to do simple nursing and give treatments, but should be able to do such work when it is necessary.

Some local conferences have employed a nurse whose business it is to search among the churches for those who are willing to learn, and instruct them in hydrotherapy and simple home nursing. Great interest has been shown in the churches and communities where this has been introduced. Several classes have been formed in the District of Columbia and we have great hope for the future work along this line.

LOIS A. PHILIPS,
D. C. Conference.

A High Standard

"Medical missionary work is not to be drawn apart and made separate from church organization. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." Luke 10:27. Just before he left his disciples to return to heaven, Christ declared, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." Here we see the standard lifted higher and still higher. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." John 13:34,35. . . . The Lord's people are to be one. There is to be no separation in his work. Christ sent out the twelve apostles, and afterward the seventy disciples, to preach the gospel and to heal the sick. "As ye go," he said, "preach, saying, the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give." Matthew 10:7,8. And as they went forth preaching the kingdom of God, power

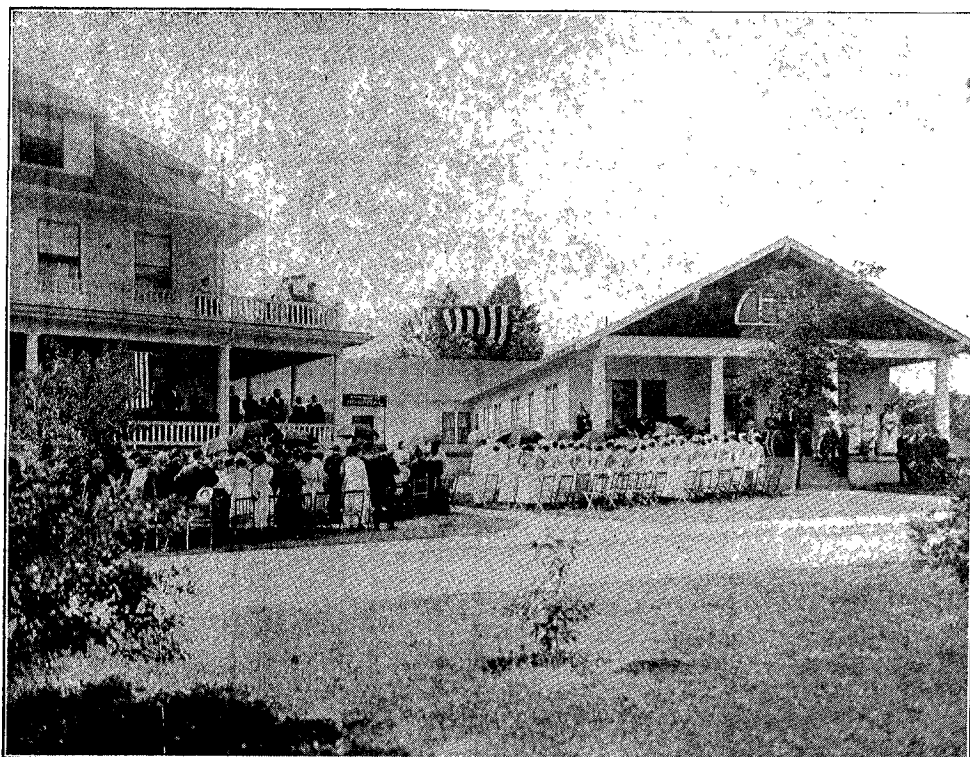
was given them to heal the sick and cast out evil spirits. In God's work teaching and healing are never to be separated. His commandment-keeping people are to be one. Satan will invent every device to separate those whom God is seeking to make one. But the Lord will reveal himself as a God of judgment. We are working under the eyes of the heavenly host. There is a divine watcher among us, inspecting all that is planned and carried on."—"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VII., pp. 164, 165.

increase and not diminish its alimentary value. The unwholesomeness of food is quite as often due to bad cookery as to improper selection of material. Proper cookery renders good food material more digestible.

It is rare to find a table, some portion of the food upon which is not rendered unwholesome either by improper preparatory treatment, or by the addition of some deleterious substance. This is doubtless due to the fact that the preparation of food being such a commonplace matter, its

The Washington Sanitarium And Hospital

We are very much pleased to announce to the readers of the *Visitor* that the record of the year 1919 has in almost every way surpassed any made by this institution and that made by any other sanitarium. The percent of gain in patronage was more than double that of the year before. The institution has had come to its doors during the past year a larger number of the real leaders of



Cookery

Cookery is the art of preparing foods by means of dressing or the application of heat. It also includes the preparation of foods without heat. Fresh fruits, nuts, frozen dishes, salads, fruit beverages, and some vegetables are prepared without the aid of heat. Dried cereals and most vegetables as well as some fruits are rendered more easily digestible by the application of heat. We are continually learning through scientific research the necessity of including in the bill of fare a more liberal share of natural food stuffs which have not been subjected to the chemical changes produced by a boiling or baking temperature.

It is not enough that good and proper food material be provided; it must have such preparation as will

WASHINGTON HOSPITAL

important relations to health, mind, and body have been overlooked, and it has been regarded as a menial service which might be undertaken with little or no preparation, and without attention to matters other than those which relate to the pleasure of the eye and the palate.

Bad cookery causes indigestion, indigestion causes thirst, and thirst causes a craving for intoxicants or stimulants.

A thorough, practical knowledge of simple, healthful cookery ought to form a part of the education of every woman, whatever her station in life. No position in life is more responsible than that of the person who arranges the bill of fare and selects the food of the household; and

the nation than has ever before been noted. Three years have passed without even so much as a printed circular having been put out for the purpose of advertising, and yet our institution has been filled to the limit of its capacity all through the year.

During the year the sanitarium completed its new nurses' dormitory, built a men's dormitory, added another cottage, and secured a farm of 341 acres.

The Washington Sanitarium has thus become the largest sanitarium in the United States owned by Seventh-Day Adventists. During the last year twelve nurses were graduated, nine of whom were quickly located in connection with our own work.

Possibly the most noteworthy improvements in our work have been

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EDUCATIONAL

FOR THE LOVE OF CHRIST
CONSTRAINETH US.

AND

WHERE IS THY FLOCK
THY BEAUTIFUL FLOCK?

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST SCHOOLS

Union Secretary's Report to General Conference Department of Education

Columbia Union Conf.

School period Ending Oct. 20 1919

By A. W. Werline Sec'y

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

| Conference | Superintendent | Elem. School | | | Home School | | | Inter. School | | | No. Teach. Read. Co | No. Taking Educator | No. Junior Societies | No. Mem. Jr. Soc. | No. Pupils Baptized | Stud. in Ch. School | No. Stud. in Acad. |
|--------------|--------------------|--------------|--------|--------|-------------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| | | No. | Enrol. | Teach. | No. | Enrol. | Teach. | No. | Enrol. | Teach. | | | | | | | |
| Ohio | O. S. Hershberger | 12 | 185 | 12 | 5 | 10 | 5 | | | | 17 | 17 | 10 | 164 | 195 | | |
| Va. | Eloise Williams | 10 | 216 | 10 | 3 | 13 | 3 | | | | 9 | | | | 229 | 53 | |
| N. J. Dist. | L. D. Warren | 9 | 146 | 10 | | | | 1 | 28 | 2 | 8 | | 8 | 98 | 174 | | |
| E. Pa. Ches. | C. A. Holt | 5 | 184 | 10 | | | | | | | ? | ? | ? | ? | 184 | | |
| | Bessie Acton | 5 | 71 | 5 | | | | 1 | 36 | 3 | | 4 | 6 | 93 | 3 | 107 | |
| W. Va. | Bessie Mount | 3 | 98 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | | | | | 2 | 4 | 101 | 10 | 101 | 12 |
| W. Pa. | Lida Mae Westbrook | 1 | 21 | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | | | | 21 | 10 | |
| | A. E. Holst | 1 | 12 | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | | 9 | 4 | 12 | |
| Totals | | 46 | 933 | 53 | 9 | 26 | 9 | 2 | 64 | 5 | 35 | 23 | 29 | 465 | 17 | 1023 | 75 |

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PERIOD ENDING Jan. 20, 1919

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-------------------|----|-----|----|--------------------------|----|---|--|--|--|----|----|----|-----|---|-----|----|--|--|
| Ohio | O. S. Hershberger | 10 | 152 | 10 | 5 | 13 | 5 | | | | 13 | 13 | 12 | 150 | 2 | 165 | | | |
| Va. | Eloise Williams | 9 | 166 | 9 | 2 | 14 | 2 | | | | 7 | | | | 1 | 180 | 44 | | |
| N. J. Dist. | L. D. Warren | 10 | 164 | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | 164 | 20 | | |
| E. Pa. Ches. | F. L. Chaney | 4 | 162 | 7 | | | | | | | | | 7 | 111 | | 162 | | | |
| | Bessie Acton | 4 | 58 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 1 | | | | 3 | 3 | 4 | 60 | | 65 | | | |
| W. Va. | To be Secured | 2 | 90 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 1 | | | | | | 1 | 9 | | 99 | | | |
| W. Pa. | Lida Westbrook | | | | No Schools in Conference | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | E. A. Manry | 1 | 14 | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | 14 | | |
| Totals | | 40 | 806 | 46 | 9 | 43 | 9 | | | | 23 | 16 | 24 | 330 | 3 | 849 | 64 | | |

SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORT, Oct. 20, 1919

| Name of School | Principal | No. of Grades | No. of Teachers | Enrolment | No. Students in Dormitories | No. Students Working Way or Part Way | Membership M. V. Society | Number in Prayer Bands | No. Students' Miss. Meetings |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mt. V. Acad. | C. L. Stone | 12 | 14 | 166 | 112 | 18 | | | 18 |
| S. V. Acad. | H. M. Forshee | 12 | 7 | 82 | 56 | 26 | 60 | 56 | |
| Totals | | | 21 | 248 | 168 | 44 | 60 | 56 | 18 |

SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORT Jan. 20, 1919

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|---------------|----|----|-----|----|----|-----|----|--|
| Mt. V. Acad. | N. S. Ashton | 12 | 12 | 177 | | 66 | 80 | | |
| S. V. Acad. | H. M. Forshee | 11 | 6 | 55 | 42 | 1 | 56 | 46 | |
| Totals | | | 18 | 232 | 42 | 67 | 136 | 46 | |

Comparative Reports of
1918-1919 and
1919-1920

In the above reports it will be readily observed that the first report of this year is compared with the third report of the preceding year. This third report was the best of any during 1918-1919. We hope the third report for 1919-1920 will show a still greater increase both in new schools and in enrollment.

In making this comparative report, we would call special attention to three items: The increase in the enrollment, in the number of new schools, and in the number of teachers employed. The first report of en-

rollment over the best of last year shows a gain of over 20 percent. The number of schools increased over 16 percent. The teaching force made a corresponding gain of over 20 percent.

OTHER INTERESTING ITEMS

Virginia leads any other conference in the Columbia Union in enrollment of church school pupils according to the above report.

Ohio leads any other in the number of teachers employed, and in the number of schools, and at the present writing, in the number of children enrolled.

East Pennsylvania conference

made the greatest percent of gain over the previous year in enrollment of any other conference. The number of children enrolled increased from 65 to 107, a gain of over 64 percent.

New Jersey made a slight increase in enrollment. New Jersey and East Pennsylvania have each an intermediate school to its credit.

West Virginia had no schools last year. There are two in that conference at the present writing.

Miss Bessie Mount, A. E. Holst, and C. A. Holt have only recently taken up the work in the Chesapeake, West Pennsylvania, and District Conferences respectively. Watch for future results.

A. W. WERLINE.

The Outlook for the Missionary Volunteers

The person who voices any other than a word of courage in regard to the future work of the Missionary Volunteers of the Columbia Union is either ignorant of their past achievements and present prospects, or is at heart a chronic pessimist. The enthusiasm shown in the young people by those responsible for this work is indeed encouraging. It might be well to mention here some specific instances where the work in their behalf has resulted in much good accomplished.

In the East Pennsylvania and New Jersey Conferences various conventions have been held for the benefit of the young people. At Blossburg, Pennsylvania, a convention was held which resulted in stimulating a desire in the minds of the young people in Mansfield to form a local society, and we hope to hear soon a report of their work.

The young couple from the surrounding churches were gathered at Lebanon, Pennsylvania, where a successful effort was made to boost the work of the Missionary Volunteers. Everyone who was privileged to hear the reports of work being done felt an inspiration to continue the good work of enlisting every young person in our ranks into the service of God.

New Jersey has been in the forefront in regard to convention work for the young people. At Bridgeton and Paterson the work was given an added impetus through this means. New Jersey has set the precedent in regard to another phase of work for Missionary Volunteers and young people in general by holding an institute for local society leaders at Camden, January 9-11. This was perhaps the first attempt at work of this nature in the Columbia Union. The results to be obtained from such methods of work are beyond human computation. The general plan succeeds or fails with the local society. In the institute for local leaders instruction is given as how best to make the society function as a church asset. Other conferences are planning to hold these institutes, and we believe they will mark a new era in the work of Missionary Volunteers in the Columbia Union.

We can depend upon the Missionary Volunteers. At no time has there been such heavy demands made of them, yet never before have they

been so ready to do their best as now. They are looking to us for help as how best to develop the talents God has entrusted to them. We are looking to them for future leadership. A mutual understanding is all that is needed, and the army of youth who form the greatest asset of the church today will be ready soon to work in the service for souls.

A. W. WERLINE.

Notes From East Pennsylvania

The year 1919 has been a very busy one for the young people of Eastern Pennsylvania. Five splendid church schools and our one intermediate school have been doing excellent work in training the children and



THE BLOSSBURG CONVENTION

youth for service. This has not been done in theory alone, as actual field work has been carried on by the teachers and pupils. Small books and magazines, and the Harvest Ingathering papers have been the ammunition used in active house to house work.

Soon, blue pennants will be hanging in the meeting places of eight faithful Missionary Volunteer Societies who have reported every member at work and reporting. By the end of another quarter we expect this number to be doubled.

Over 100 Reading Course certificates have been issued for the year, and 67 book-marks to those who have completed the Bible year. Twenty-two Standard of Attainment certificates have been earned and there are several wideawake classes actively preparing for the test in May.

The last campaign of the season has been an exciting one and has greatly helped in our offerings for the foreign field. The young people have given and solicited to the amount of \$2096.18, almost three times the goal set by the General Conference.

BESSIE E. ACTON.

From Washington Missionary College

The faculty and students of Washington Missionary College extend greetings to the brethren of the Columbia Union Conference.

This has been a good year for the College. During no previous year has there been such a marked interest manifested in the spiritual activities of the school. A real missionary spirit has taken hold of almost every one. The Missionary Volunteer Society is comprised of a number of bands actively engaged in various lines of Christian endeavor. The City Mission, conducted by the pastoral training class, has already borne fruit. A goodly number are attending the meetings, studying their Bibles, and making good progress toward accepting the truth.

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign was a great blessing to the College. Almost everyone connected with the school participated in it. Faculty, as well as students, engaged in the work of soliciting contributions. Two thousand dollars was the goal set, and great was the joy of all when a count of three days' work disclosed the fact that the goal had been exceeded.

Washington Missionary College has, as its great aim, the conversion of its students and the preparation of those students for effective service.

To all of its friends, Washington Missionary College extends an invitation to visit the school, and become better acquainted with its faculty and students. May it have your prayers that it may be found lacking in nothing that will glorify God.

B. F. MACHLAN.

Young People's Work in West Pennsylvania

The Lord has blessed the Missionary Volunteer work in the West Pennsylvania Conference, especially during the past two years. In 1917 we had two societies with a membership of 110; now there are twelve societies with a total of 222 members. The records show that about thirty-five young people have been added to the church during this period. There is at the present time a good interest in the Standard of Attainment and Bible Year.

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Young People's Work in West Virginia

As we looked at the records of our young people's work in West Virginia, the first mention of any activity which we found was in the year 1912.

During the years from 1912 to 1915, one society reported its membership varying from 4 to 20. During 1916 three societies reported, and during 1917, four societies reported, the membership ranging from 38 to 45. Not until June, 1917, was the first Reading Course certificate, ever issued to a person in West Virginia, received by one of our society members.

In August, 1918, the first Standard of Attainment certificates ever issued to persons in this conference were received by two of our members. We were happy to know that a start had really been made. In 1919 the first Standard of Attainment class in the history of West Virginia received their certificates. In the Harvest Ingathering Campaign which has just closed, our young people gathered the goodly sum of \$200.

A comparison of the work of 1918 and 1919 follows:

| | 1918 | 1919 |
|--------------------|----------|----------|
| Societies reported | 5 | 5 to 7 |
| Membership | 60 to 64 | 64 to 80 |
| Y. P. Converted | 5 | 15 |
| R. C. Certificates | 18 | 20 |
| S. of Attainment | 2 | 10 |
| Bible Year | 25 | 30 |
| Amt. to Missions | \$275.00 | \$298.42 |

We have two church schools this year, one at Charleston and one at Cumberland. Both are doing good work.

We believe that our young people's and educational work is growing, and we are praying that it will from now on not only hold the vantage ground which it has gained, but steadily advance until every young person in the conference is in one of our church schools and an active member of a Missionary Volunteer Society. The burden of our hearts is well expressed in the words of our goal, "Every Young Person in West Virginia for Christ."

MRS. LIDA MAE WESTBROOK.

"To know God, and to make him known, is our mission here."—Thoburn.

Report of Missionary Volunteer and Church School Work of the D. C. Conference

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WORK

Due to a large student constituency, the Missionary Volunteer membership of the District of Columbia Conference fluctuates considerably during the year. The present winter census shows a senior membership of 409 and a junior membership of 87, organized respectively into six and four societies. Of these members, 73 are reported taking the Bible Year; 72 the Reading Course; and 125 observing the Morning Watch. No certificates, however, have as yet been



FIRST STANDARD OF ATTAINMENT CLASS IN WEST VIRGINIA

issued, excepting nine for Junior Reading Courses.

The activity of our members in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign is shown by the approximate amount of \$2,400.00 secured by them for that fund. According to available reports, the total amount of offerings for missions through the Missionary Volunteer Department is \$3,169.00 for the year.

CHURCH SCHOOLS

There are five church schools in the District, employing nine teachers in all, and with a membership totaling to date 272 pupils. One of these is a colored school with two teachers and a reported enrollment of 60 pupils. The remaining seven teachers man the four white schools of this field. At this time last year, the total school enrollment, both white and colored, was 159. There were then seven teachers in the grade work of the conference.

C. A. HOLT.

"A cloudy day often keeps some folks from seeing an opportunity."

The Virginia Conference

The conference Missionary Volunteer record book shows that a number of societies have been at work during the past few years, but for the second quarter of 1918 only two reported. Somehow, the conference goal had been lost sight of, and as no annual report came from even the two societies mentioned as reporting, Virginia was not counted among the conferences that reached their goal in 1918. The records of 1919 show an awakening among our young people, with a desire to engage in the educational and the devotional features of our Missionary Volunteer movement.

I regret that a few of our societies have not sent in their report for the last quarter of 1919, or their annual report, but from those on hand the following items show that we have more than reached our goal.

Missionary Volunteer Work

Membership of societies—207.
Number of societies—15.
Conversions—31.
Standard of Attainment certificates—15.
Reading Course certificates—31.
Bible Year—34.

Amount given to Missions—\$83.99.
Harvest Ingathering—\$273.06.
Total for Honan—\$357.05.

Educational Work

Number of schools—13.
Enrollment, including academy—240.
Number of teachers—20.
Teachers' Reading Course certificates—10.
"Educator" subscriptions—?
Missionary activities—9 M. V. societies.
Parent-Teacher Associations—4.

In fulfillment of Mal. 4:6, our churches are awakening to the needs of their children and youth, and schools are being established and efforts made to enroll every child in one of our conference schools.

ELOISE WILLIAMS.

"God alone is a thousand companions; he alone is a world of friends. That man never knew what it was to be familiar with God, who complains of the want of friends while God is with him."—Thomas a Kempis.

The Work for the Young People in Chesapeake

The past year has brought many blessings to the young people of Chesapeake. During 1919 our Missionary Volunteer Societies have increased in number from four to twelve, and in membership from 133 to 337. Our young people have done faithful work in various lines of missionary activity, and about 35 young people have been baptized during the year.

A splendid interest is being shown in the Missionary Volunteer Courses. About 80 have enrolled for one or another of these courses, and 25 certificates have been issued. One hundred have enrolled for the Bible Year, and more than 30 are studying for Standard of Attainment membership. Our goal of \$350.00 for Honan, China, has been reached nearly nine times over—\$3,430.38 having been given for missions by the young people. Of this amount, \$2,649.80 was secured in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

The excellent work being done by our church schools is another cause for rejoicing. Three church schools and one home school are being conducted, employing in all seven teachers, and having an enrollment of 115 pupils. Each school has an active Junior Society. Together, these societies brought in \$340.00 in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

We thank God for our loyal army of young people, and in his strength we go forward to make 1920 a Victory Year in the Missionary Volunteer and educational work in the Chesapeake Conference.

BESSIE MOUNT.

Educational Growth in New Jersey

Somehow, quite unheralded and rather beyond our expectations, there has come in among the good people of New Jersey, a decided spirit of advancement in our educational work. Our constituency generally are acquainting themselves with improved plans for educating our boys and girls, knowing that in them is found the greatest possible asset for the finishing years of the work. Our schools are increasing in number as well as in enrollment. Our ten

schools began their year's work in September under twelve teachers, with an enrollment of 180. These pupils are distributed pretty evenly among the eight grades with a fine nucleus in the ninth and tenth grades.

Of our twelve teachers, one is college trained, five normal trained, and six are academic graduates. A splendid interest in the teachers' reading course and a determined working for higher certification strongly characterizes the work this year. Our school Missionary Volunteer Societies are giving excellent help in spreading the truth in their respective districts.

The school at Ramah is doing unusually good work, carrying at present grades nine and ten. Newark,



BALTIMORE NO. 1 CHURCH SCHOOL
This School Secured \$153.26 Through the Harvest Ingathering

with two teachers, is doing remarkably well. Others, like Trenton, are becoming well equipped, and are advancing in every way, as was demonstrated at our recent institute. We aim, during 1920, to continue the equipping of our schools, to show greater consideration toward our faithful teachers, and in every way possible strive to make our schools fulfill their purpose by training workers for the cause of God.

DONALD WARREN,
Educational Supt.

The Young People's Work In New Jersey

In spite of our standing in the way and, by our sin, selfishness and indifference, hindering the complete outworking of the Spirit of God, the young people's work in our conference has been greatly prospered during the year just passed. The 1919 goal, set for us by the Union and General Conferences, has been reach-

ed in all but one particular—the Standard of Attainment. We praise the Lord for all these manifestations of his favor toward us.

At the close of the year our societies in New Jersey numbered 25, with an enrollment of 340. Our goal of 250 reporting members was reached during two of the four quarters of the year. One hundred members were added to the churches of our conference last year, fully a half of whom were young people. This, we claim, was our greatest victory, for the winning of souls is our one great objective.

There were, incidentally, 75 people who received a certificate for the current reading courses, or 15 above our goal, and about 60 who finished the Bible Year. As to our gifts to Honan

Missions, let me remind you that our goal was \$900. Through the regular offerings to that field and through the Harvest Ingathering work, our young people secured over \$3500. Those reporting in the Harvest Ingathering work averaged somewhat over \$13 per member.

We have launched our 1920 goals. Encouraged by the past and present blessings, we are looking with hope and eagerness to the future. Relying on the promises of our Great Leader to be with us always and

in all our labor, we enter the new year with a determination to let Christ fully control our lives for the advancement of his work.

DONALD WARREN,
M. V. Secretary.

What Ohio Is Doing

| | Educational Work | | |
|----------------------|------------------|------|------|
| | 1917 | 1918 | 1919 |
| Number of Schools | 12 | 12 | 17 |
| Enrollment | 144 | 165 | 251 |
| Number of Teachers | 13 | 14 | 18 |
| Reading Course Cert. | 2 | 4 | 8 |

| | Missionary Volunteer Work | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|------|------|
| | 1917 | 1918 | 1919 |
| Number of Societies | 25 | 26 | 24 |
| Enrollment | 500 | 490 | 506 |
| Reporting Members | 152 | 416 | 472 |
| Number Converted | 46 | 114 | 116 |
| Reading Course Cert. | 97 | 137 | 161 |
| Stan. of Attain. Cert. | 22 | 28 | 36 |
| Bible Year | 17 | 74 | 124 |

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|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Miss. Foreign | \$1809.90 | \$2588.72 | \$4238.85 |
| Harvest Ing. | 1000.00 | 1122.61 | 3103.70 |

The comparative tables above speak for themselves of the progress

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of the work in these two departments. No phenomenal gains have been made but practically every item has enjoyed a steady growth and shows a good gain for the past two years.

The people appreciate the church school more and more, and they are taking up this important part of our message with renewed enthusiasm. The new schools and the increase in the enrollment bear us out in this statement.

The Missionary Volunteer work never looked more promising. We have more than reached our goals in the last two years. Glance at the comparative statement and see the excellent gains made. The Missionary Volunteers are actuated by the spirit of our motto, "The Love of Christ Constraineth Us," and are determined to make 1920 a great year for their work. A new enthusiasm is taking hold of our societies as we strive to carry out our aim, "The Advent Message to all the World in this generation."

O. S. HERSHBERGER.

"I could not live in peace if I put the shadow of a wilful sin between myself and God."—George Eliot.

"A Christian life is not an imitation but a reproduction of the life of Christ."—Van Dyke.

"It is surely better to pardon too much than to condemn too much."

Y. P. Work in W. Pa.

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In 1917 the young people raised about \$800.00 through the Harvest Ingathering; this year the Lord blessed them in gathering about \$1500.00. We earnestly pray that God will draw all the dear young people to himself and prepare them to do a great work for him.

A. E. HOLST.

Cookery

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what higher mission can one conceive than to prepare intelligently the wherewithal to make shoulders strong to bear life's burdens and heads clear to solve its intricate problems? What is worthier work than to help in building up bodies into pure, clean temples fit for guests of noble thoughts, and high purposes?

"To keep in health this rule is wise, Eat only when you need, and relish food,

Chew thoroughly that it may do you good,

Have it well cooked, unspiced and undisguised."

—Leonardo de Vines.

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the providing and installing of modern appliances for the diagnosis of disease and for the treatment of the sick. Everything has been added and provided for in this line that is necessary to make the Washington Sanitarium one of the most up-to-date, scientific institutions to be found any place, and it is the result of this thorough and painstaking effort in behalf of the sick that is bringing to our doors a much larger number of sick than we are able to accommodate.

We look forward to a still better year in 1920 and maintain as the slogan before us continuously the pushing forward of the great principles of this message, and we aim at continual improvement in the service rendered the sick, and to become a center for the training of large numbers of workers for the needy fields yet unoccupied by the gospel medical missionary.

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A Good Omen of Progress

Perhaps the best index to the general interest in education in any conference is the attention which is given to the work of promoting greater efficiency in the church schools, and since the teacher plays such an important part in the work of these schools, we rightly conclude that the extent of the effort put forth by a conference to strengthen its teaching force indicates the interest in the educational work in its jurisdiction.

The Mid-year Institute is one of the best ways, and practically the only way, of meeting the teachers on their own ground and helping them solve their problems. It brings them into touch with the organized work, and shows them the interest that is had in their efforts.

The Mid-year Institute, we trust, has come into the Columbia Union to stay. An interesting one was recently held at Trenton, New Jersey, under the auspices of the New Jersey and East Pennsylvania Conferences. The mutual exchange of opinions was a great benefit to all.

The Mid-year Institute has already become a fixed feature of the Ohio Conference educational program. The District and the Chesapeake Conferences have their plans already well under way.

Another year we hope to give every teacher in the Columbia Union the benefits to be derived from attendance at an institute during the progress of the year's work. Such a goal should ever be kept before us as workers in the cause of Christian education. We must "make our best better" in such an important work.

A. W. WERLINE.

"Our evidence to non-professors that we have the truth of the Word of God will be given in a life of strict self-denial. — "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 9, p. 70.

"Use the temporal; desire the eternal."—Thomas a Kempis.

"The heart ought to give charity when the hand cannot."—Inesnel.

"Let our people show that they have a living interest in medical missionary work. Let them prepare themselves for usefulness by studying the books that have been written for our instruction in these lines." — "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VII., p. 63.