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Africa's Needs---How Shall We Respond?

THE following letter from Elder W. H. Anderson, of the Southern African Division, will be read with interest by the readers of the VISITOR:

"Dear Brother Detwiler:

I have a little time today and will spend it visiting with you. Just now I am living in a little grass hut about twenty-five miles southwest of Broken Hill in Northern Rhodesia where I have been holding an evangelistic effort.

"We chose a central location where we could easily reach eight villages and started in. The first week that we were here every night we could hear the drums going which told us that there was a dance and beer drink on in one of our villages.

"I chose attractive subjects for them that I knew would arouse their curiosity and then we organized a choir of thirty-five of the boys and girls and taught them to sing. They were happy to get the chance to learn to sing and then they brought their parents to the meetings to hear them sing. In that way we got the people to the meetings. Near the close of the second week I started preaching against their special sins, beer, tobacco, ornaments, unclean food, spirit worship, and that stirred the whole country round about. Finally the headman of the largest village took his stand, but his people were not with him. When he said there would be no more beer in his village they were opposed to him. Then the Lord commenced to do things for us.

"One night one of the church elders came in from his village with his pockets full of beads, bangles, bracelets, leg bands, earrings, rings and a lot more of

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these things. That started things moving again and the next night a lot more of the workers came in with their pockets full and then the pipes and tobacco commenced to come in and they smashed the beer pots and the victory was ours.

"The Lord has given us 116 souls who have renounced their heathenism and accepted Christ as their Saviour from sin. Now in the evening instead of the drum and the dance we can hear them singing the songs of Zion in all the near-by places. It has made a complete transformation in the whole neighborhood. They have cleaned their villages, their homes, their clothes, and their bodies, and they are new creatures in Christ. In one village every adult accepted the message and joined the baptismal class.

"Soon after I began my work here a delegation from twenty miles to the south came here asking me to come and teach them. Later another group was sent by the chief for me and the last one said that when I complete my work here they are going to take me there and they will not let me go.

"I have been away from home now for nearly seven months, but what shall I do about these people? They just demand a (Continued on page 2)

Objectors' Special Form

CARLYLE B. HAYNES

 $R_{\rm of}$ difficulties which Seventhday Adventist registrants under the Selective Service Act have been experiencing in obtaining from their Local Boards the Special Form for conscientious objectors known as Form 47.

These reports disclose that in many cases Seventh-day Adventist registrants are told they will not need this Form until and unless they are called for physical examination. An additional reason advanced for withholding the the Special Form has been that married men will be placed in Class 3 anyhow, and consequently will not need to bother about their claim for exemption from combatant service inasmuch as they already will be in a deferred classification.

So many refusals to issue Form 47 have been brought to my attention that I have taken the matter up with Selective Service Headquarters here in Washington, asking whether we have misunderstood anything in connection with Form 47, and why our men should be refused it. I asked that the answer be given me in writing so that I could send it out to the entire field.

In the answer just received, dated January 22 and written "for the Director" of the Selective Service System by Lt. Col. Carlton S. Dargusch, my attention is first directed to the provision in the Selective Service Regulations that "A registrant who claims to be a conscientious objector shall offer information in substantiation of his claim on a special form (Form 47) which when filed shall become a part (Continued on page 2)

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(Continued from page 1) chance to be saved and can I . leave them in darkness? What would you do? Another chief has sent out the word to all the headmen of the village under him saying, 'I have received the Sabbath church with both hands. I want you to do the same. When they come to your village to preach, help them all you can for they teach the truth from the book of God.' It is like this all over the country. They call and call and there is so little response.

"The Lord has been pleased to give me 637 souls this year who have renounced their heathen ways and accepted the message, who are now in the classes preparing for baptism. But there are so many more calling.

I must stop now. Let me hear from you when you have time to write.

Yours sincerely, W. H. Anderson."

We thank God for the devotion of our dear people in every conference of the Columbia Union to our great foreign missions program. Our work is not yet finished. The message must be speeded on to every dark corner of the world.

We are happy to report that our total gifts to missions in 1940, including the percent of tithe to missions, amounted to \$537,620.52. This amount was an increase over the previous year of \$68,984.63. No better testimony could be given concerning the interest of God's dear commandment-keeping people of the Columbia Union in foreign missions. Nineteen hundred and forty-one we sincerely believe will show a marked increase in mission gifts over 1940. There is more employment and times are better. In these solemn closing days of probationary time every man and woman comprising our church membership should seek to do the utmost to provide funds for the speedy proclamation of the message in all the world. By the help of God can we not make 1941 the very best year in our history?

Objectors' Special Form

(Continued from page 1) of his guestionnaire. The local board, upon request, shall furnish any person claiming to be a conscientious objector. a copy of such special form (Form 47)."

Col. Dargusch then writes: "If you will advise this headquarters of specific instances where local boards have refused to furnish these special forms to registrants who claimed conscientious objection, this headquarters will be glad to see that the Regulations are complied with.

"Registrants who claim conscientious objection may be placed in Classes II, III, or the appropriate sub-divisions of Class IV, prior to physical examination. They may not be classified in Class I-A-O, I-B-O, I-D-O, I-E-O, nor in Class IV-E, without physical examination. In consequence of this provision, it is the thought that appeals from classification should not be made until after physical examination has been held.

"The Regulations specifically provide that registrants claiming conscientious objection should be considered for these other classes before consideration of their conscientious objection."

For the information of our Seventh-day Adventist registrants it seems best to present here the Selective Service Regulations which cover this particular matter. These are Regulations 363, 364, and 375 and they are as follows:

"363. Procedure on claims of conscientious objectors.---A registrant who claims to be a conscientious objector shall offer information in substantiation of his claim on a special form (Form 47) which when filed shall become a part of his questionnaire. The local board, upon request, shall furnish any person claiming to be a conscientious objector, copy of such special form (Form 47). In the case of any registrant who claims to be a conscientious objector, the local board shall proceed in the ordinary course to classify him upon all other grounds of deferment and shall investigate and pass upon his claim, he would have been placed in Class I-A, Class I-B, Class I-D, or Class I-E. The procedure for appeal from a decision of the local board on a claim for conscientious objection is provided for in paragraph 375.

"364. Conscientious objectors opposed to combatant service only.—a. If the local board finds that a registrant, who has been placed after physical examination in Class I-A, Class I-B, Class I-D, or Class I-E, and who claims to be a conscientious objector, is, by reason of his religious training and belief, conscientiously opposed to combatant service in which he might be ordered to take human life, but is not conscientiously opposed to non-combatant service in which he could contribute to the health, comfort, and preservation of others, the local board shall determine that the registrant is available for noncombatant service only.

"b. Whenever a registrant is thus determined to be available for noncombatant service only, the local board shall indicate this by placing an "O" after the letter indicating his subclass on all records, reports, orders, and other papers on which the registrant is mentioned by name. For example: Class I-A-O, Class I-B-O, Class I-D, or Class I-E.

"375. Procedure on appeal by conscientious objectors.—a. Upon any appeal involving the question of conscientious objection, the board of appeal shall first determine all questions raised by the appeal other than the question of conscientious objection. If, without passing on the question of conscientious objection, the board of appeal determines that the registrant should be classified in Class II, Class III, or Class IV (other than Class IV-E), the board of appeal shall make no determination on the question of conscientious objection. Otherwise, the board of appeal shall refer the matter of the claim of conscientious objection to the Department of Justice for its advisory recommendations.

"b. Upon reference, the board of appeal shall transmit to the Department of Justice the records and all other evidence which were transmitted to the board of appeal by the local board in connection with the appeal. The Department of Justice shall thereupon make an inquiry and hold a hearing on the character and the good faith of the conscientious

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objections of the registrant. The registrant shall be notified of the time and place of such hearing and shall have an opportunity to be heard. If the objections of the registrant are found to be sustained, the Department of Justice shall recommend to the board of appeal (1) that if the registrant is inducted into the land or naval orces, he shall be assigned to noncombatant service or (2) that if the registrant is found to be conscientiously opposed to participation in such noncombatant service, he shall be assigned to work of national importance under civilian direction. If the Department of Justice finds that the objections of the registrant are not sustained, it shall recommend to the board of appeal that such objections be not sustained. Upon receipt of the report of the Department of Justice, the board of appeal shall determine the question and in its determination it shall give consideration to, but it shall not be bound to follow, the recommendations of the Department of Justice."

The Special Form itself makes it plain that "Failure by the registrant to file this Special Form" * * * "may be regarded as a waiver by the registrant of his claim as a conscientious objector." And in view of the fact that the local Selective Service Boards have authority at ony time to change the classification of any registrant, it is supremely important that this special form shall be obtained, shall be filled out, and shall be filed.

It does not need to be submitted with your questionnaire but it should be asked for at that time.

And you should get it when you ask for it. Insist on it and keep on insisting on it until you get it. You are entitled to it. Your cuestionnaire instructs you to get it. Very well, get it. There is no justification for withholding it.

And in case of failure, report at once to me so that I can comply with Col Dargusch's request to advise Selective Service Headquarters of "specific instances where local boards have failed to furnish these special forms."

POTOMAC

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Progress of Literature Work

A DENOMINATIONAL school has just closed in Washington. The 10-day session of the Gospel Sales School has just completed its class work for 1941, and 50 men and women take up their kits and leave for the various appointments in the field. These energetic men and women go forth to their work armed with new ideas, new courage, new plans, and renewed determination to make this the best year they have ever spent in the cause of God. It is their definite plan that each closing day will record more visits to their credit, and this means more hours, more exhibits, more sales.

Every hour of the intensive 10day session has been filled with the best things gleaned from our experienced leaders in promoting the publishing work of this denomination. For practical demonstration purposes one day was spent in the field that those in attendance might put into actual practice the methods just learned, and the work of this one day proved highly successful.

So much of the world's goods today is purchased on a deferred payment basis. As the years have passed and various, methods studied and tried out in one place or another, we have come to the conclusion that some method of time payment will also be an asset to our book work. This has been demonstrated very successfully in the places where it has been given trial, and now the method is becoming more universally adopted.

Potomac is going to be another proving ground. These 50 men and women are going again into the field empowered with the intensive gospel salemanship training plus a new method of delivering which we believe will materially increase the results of their labors. With this in mind, we believe 1941 in Potomac will be a record year.

The book work in this field has been blessed with growth, and the following is a record of subscription books and periodicals delivered from 1933-40. Year Delivered

Year	Delivered
1933	\$ 7,784.16

1934	10,071.06
1935	
1936	
1937	
1938	
1939	
1940	

The seven years I have spent in Potomac have been most enjoyable, and now I step just across the border to our neighboring Chesapeake to launch an intensive program there to build up a work that has been without leadership for several months. Ishall greatly miss the churches and the friends with whom I have labored here, yet look forward to new faces and new friends where God bids me labor. Your interests shall always be mine, and in a new field where there is much to be done I ask your prayers that this leading branch of God's work may become a definite factor in providing re-munerative labor for the members of our organization, and inwinning souls for the coming Kingdom.

F. E. THUMWOOD

News Notes

HELD: The recent Sabbath school Convention conducted in Norfolk by Elder Dart included the officers of the churches in the Tidewater section. Elder MacNeil met with the Norfolk group.

ACHIEVED: Every church that has thus far reported to the conference on the Religious Liberty program has more than made its goal. Did you donate 30 cents to help maintain freedom of worship in this democratic land?

APPRECIATED: The Potomac Conference Commission held on a recent Sunday gave the Conference office members opportunity for brief visits with Elders Detwiler, Robbins, Conger, and Professor Neff and Mr. Mohr, who were present for the Commission.

ADVERTISED: Elder Quackenbush is holding a series of Sunday-evening evangelistic meetings in a well located auditorium in the city of Norfolk.

PROGRAM: The First Church is having a week of special services following the completion of the church renovation. New pews have been installed and about 50 more seats provided. The interior has been redecorated and an electric organ put in. The meetings will continue during the week with attractive features on the program. Elder MacNeil

[&]quot;The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne." Psalms 97:1,2.

spoke at the opening meeting. A number of visitors were present.

THANKS: The largest birthday offering given by the Potomac Conference Sabbath schools was offered to the Lord last year in thankfulness to Him for His kind protection and care over us. The total amount was \$1,312.40. "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord," declares the Psalmist.

INVESTMENT BANKS: So many have requested that we use the little dime register banks again this year for our Investment that we have voted to do so. Order as many new ones as you need for your school.

GAIN: The 1940 financial statement of the Book and Bible House has just been completed by Brother Knecht. These figures reveal that the volume of Book and Bible House sales for 1940 exceeded the previous year by about \$10,000.

NECESSARY: The increased membership and attendance at the Danville Colored Church makes it imperative that a Sabbath school room be added to the rear of the main auditorium. An intensive campaign by the members brought in \$125, and this sum will continue to grow. The members will do the necessary labor, and the money gathered will pay only for material.

READING COURSE: It is encouraging indeed to see how many Sabbath school teachers and officers have completed the Reading Course for 1940. Requests for the certificates are coming in right along.

NEW: For those members who must do their missionary work at home, Brother Crofoot made up packages of assorted numbers of *Present Truth.* These are kept near the door of the home for neighborhood visitors, delivery men, and others who might make contact with the home during the week. These Fredericksburg members are calling for more packages of *Present Truth.*

CONTINUES: The layman's effort conducted in South Boston by Brother Thomas Stevens, elder of Oak Ridge, has just ordered song books for its group. This interest continues good, and Brother Stevens plans to carry on for fifteen or twenty weeks yet.

NEW MARKET: Seven Sabbath schools were represented at Shenandoah Valley Academy during the first regional convention of the season. They were Winchester, Rileyville, Harrisonburg, Amicus, Staunton, Stanley, and New Market. They appreciated having Elder Stevens and Miss Ginther, from the General Conference Sabbath School Department, with them at this meeting.

INTERESTED: A Bible class is being conducted each Wednesday evening in the Danville Colored Church. Brother Murphy reports that over a dozen interested individuals are taking advantage of this class.

WEST VIRGINIA

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Thank You!

As I review the achievements of our good people in West Virginia for the past year, I wish to say, Thank you. It has been one of the best years West Vir-ginia has seen for a long time. The faithfulness of our dear people is seen in a substantial increase in tithe. This enabled the conference to hold some modest evangelistic efforts and to rebuild our book work. At the beginning of the year we had not a colporteur in the field. Elder Nickless was moved from Tennessee to West Virginia to take care of our book work. The progress in sales was phenomenal indeed. Before the year had closed the Book and Bible House had sold over \$10,000 worth of books. Elder Nickless has been very faithful in promoting subscription book sales. Many regions to which we are unable to send preachers have been visited by our faithful colporteurs with the truth-filled books that our denomination is producing. We feel certain there will be a great harvest of souls from the distribution of our literature.

There has been very hearty cooperation by our district superintendents, pastors, elders, and church officers, as well as members, in the special activities of the conference during the year. Our good people have increased their gifts to foreign missions by seven cents per capita per week; which is a very substantial increase, when taken all together throughout the year, for our great mission fields. In all the special offerings that have been taken in our churches, as well as among our isolated believers, there has been an excellent gain. These special offerings referred to are the Missions Extension, Midsummer, Week of Sacrifice, and Annual offerings. The Week of Sacrifice contributions were nearly double what they were the year before. The sacrifices made by our people in contributing to the cause of God have made it possible for our mission work to go forward, and we shall see many souls in the Kingdom as a result of the contributions made.

The campaigns have been entered into heartily. What we used to call the Big Week was very successful. This past year the Harvest Ingathering goals were raised mostly within about two months' time. Our people seemed to enjoy the Ingathering work in 1940, and I believe they will be ready to roll up their sleeves and do a better job this year.

The *Review* campaign was highly successful. West Virginia went far over its goal. When the report from the *Review* was issued on January 26, West Virginia had the highest percentage of gain of any conference in the Columbia Union. Our churches had gone 54 above the goal set by the publishing house.

With such a good record of achievement in 1940, we look to 1941 with great courage. We feel that there will be even greater cooperation on the part of our people and workers. In the offing, we are naturally looking toward the Bluefield effort by Elder Boothby, which will begin early in July, for a real increase in our membership. We trust that our people will be praying for that effort that it may be very fruitful in winning many souls to the Truth. Already some of our evangelists are having marked success in small efforts. We are looking forward to the day when West Virginia will take its place among the stronger conferences of the Union. As I review, in this belated report, our work in West Virginia for 1940, I wish again to say to our faithful church members and workers, Thank you.

T. M. FRENCH

COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR

[&]quot;As the great cause of the evil [of disease and crime] is to be found in the indulgence of appetite and passion, so the first and great work of reform must be to learn and practice the lessons of temperance and self-control."—"M. Y. P.," p. 233.

CHESAPEAKE

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News Notes

DID YOU KNOW THAT-

1. Elder Leach is recovering from an attack o. "flu?" He is now able to spend several hours each day at the office.

2. There are 264 children enrolled in our church schools throughout the conference?

3. Every Missionary Volunteer Society in the Chesapeake Conference reported for the last quarter of 1940?

4. The Survey Commission met at the Conference Office Wednesday, February 12?

5. According to our last report the Chesapeake Conference has more than reached its quota of *Review and Herald* subscriptions? We are very thankful for this and the splendid spirit of cooperation manifested by both workers and laymen. Surely the Lord will make this weekly visitor a blessing to each _amily_that receives it!

6. The Sabbath school Investment offering for the last quarter in 1940 totaled \$1,169.72? This is nearly a 100 percent increase over 1939.

7. Out of 28 Sabbath schools in the conference, nine are "A's" and six are "B's?"

8. Every church school in the Chesapeake Conference has an active Junior Missionary Volunteer Society?

9. The Smithsburg Church is erecting a new school building that is nearing completion? This will add one more to our list of schools next year.

10. Ffty-five people received the little book, "Mount of Blessings," as a Bible Year Award for 1940?

11. The Missionary Volunteer Societies report 31 baptisms for the last quarter of 1940?

12. The average membership of our Missionary Volunteer Societies is 760, and the attendance is 971?

13. The Reading Course Books are available through the Bible House at the following prices: Senior Reading Course \$4.95 Junior Reading Course \$3.95 Primary Reading Course \$2.95

14. According to recent information received from the teachers, 125 children of Seventh-day Adventist parents are not in our schools? This word comes from only nine churches where there are church schools.

15. George Doyle, of Wilmington Number One Church, received an honor award for 17 years of perfect attendance and lesson study at Sabbath school, and that Laura Leary Dibinie received a ribbon for 15 years of perfect attendance and lesson study?

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Those Unpaid Pledges

Sometrimes we make pledges at camp meeting and fully intend to pay them before the end of the year. At times we find that we can not do this and the year passes without the pledges being paid. We do not know if you have ever had this experience, but if you have, this article is intended for you.

It is never too late to pay an unpaid pledge. If you have made a pledge for the new dormitory at our Academy, or if you have a pledge for missions and have not paid the same, please do this now. It is possible that you made a pledge in past years but have

YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS HEARING—

Elder G. E. Nord, just returned from the Northern European Division of the General Conference, who is scheduled to speak at the following places: Akron, Fri., Feb. 21, at 7:30 P.M. 825 E. Buchtel Ave., Akron. Cleveland Hough Ave., Sab. Feb. 22, 11 A.M. 5706 Hough Ave. Lakewood, Sabbath, Feb. 22, 3 P.M. Arthur Ave. at Detroit, Lakewood. Mt. Vernon Academy, Sat., Feb. 22, 7:45 P.M. Dayton, Sun, Feb. 23, 7:30 P.M. Superior and Ferguson Aves., Dayton. Springfield, Mon. Feb. 24, 7:30 P.M. 29 E. Mulberry St., Springfield. Cincinnati Berea, Tues., Feb. 25, 7:30 P.M. Cor. Fairfax & Hackberry Sts. Cincinnati Walnut Hills, Wed., Feb. 26, 7:30 P.M. 1018 Wm. Taft Rd. Members of near-by churches and isolated members, plan to attend the service nearest you. Elder Nord, having just returned from the war-torn and affected countries of Europe, will bring his hearers a stirring message.

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failed to pay the same. Why not plan definitely to do this now? You can pay your pledge when you pay your tithe, and if you do this, be sure to mark your envelope properly so your church treasurer will know that you are paying a pledge. When your remittance reaches the Conference Office, we will mark your pledge paid and return the same to you.

There is no better time than now for us to square all accounts. The blessing of heaven will rest upon us if we do this.

E. F. WILLETT

Colporteur Flashes

"God has spoken, and his servant must obey; the happiest place on earth for him was the place where God would have him to be." "Patriarchs and Prophets," p. 126.

Such was the experience of Abraham. God is still calling. Miss Helen Oldham, one of our magazine workers here in Ohio, who has answered the call, says in her own words: "Satan doesn't want us to be in the colporteur work. He tries every way possible to stop us. He even offers different jobs. If I would do what he liked, I would sell insurance, silverware, fountain pens, ink, water softener, and automibles, or work in restaurants and candy stores. But I am happy in the service of my King, and I have no desire to do any of these things offered to me day after day." Accompanying this note was an order for 1000 Li'e and Health of the March issue.

The commission is "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." And were every one of us a living missionary, the message for this time would speedily be proclaimed in all countries, to every people and nation and tongue. God will not complete His work without human agencies. God expects personal service from everyone to whom He intrusted a knowledge of the truth. We must share in His work in order to develop a character like Christ's. There is something for everyone to do, and as soldiers of Christ, enlist in the work that you may save souls from ruin and hasten the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Every soul that believes the truth is to stand in his lot and place saying, "Here am I; send me." Isa. 6:8.

Two Valuable Books

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THE subtitle of this book reveals its nature—an older woman's answer to the many questions asked by all normal girls concerning the intimate interests and problems of every-day life in a modern world. It is meant primarily for young women and girls, but is needed by everyone who is called upon to counsel them. The author writes with a keen appreciation of the infinite resources of religion, and every conclusion relates to life as it can and should be lived at its best. Common sense and high ideals are here joined in a balance that is the result of years of experience as teacher and counselor for voung women.

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tal principles of the advent faith are clearly perceived and courageously stated in forceful, illuminating language. The voice of an outstanding evangelist rings out from every page, throwing light on the meaning of the present world situation, interpreting Bible truths, or showing the need of accepting the message for This book is so well today. planned that its compactness conceals its amazing scope. Its messages thrilled the multiplied thousands who heard them and will stir all who read them. Aside from its place in the Ministerial Reading Course, it will be for laymen and lay preachers a treas-ure house of comment on the transforming truths of the third angel's message.

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R. H. FICKLING

Sunset Calendar

F	Feb. 21	Feb. 28
Baltimore, Md. Cleveland, Ohio Columbus, Ohio Cumberland, Md. Parkersburg, W. Va. Philadelphia, Pa. Pittsburgh, Pa. Richmond, Va. Toledo, Ohio Trenton, N. J. Washington, D. C.	5:49 6:07 6:13 5:55 6:06 5:42 6:01 5:55 6:15 5:40 5:51	5:57 6:151 6:23 6:14 5:504 6:23 6:23 5:48 5:59

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W. A. HIGGINS, F.M.S.

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NAME	HRS.	ORDERS	DEL'D
James Stewart	56	10.50	10.50
Wilma Curtis	42	86.80	19.85
S. E. Curry	41	75.40	34.75
Floyd Densiow Lloyd Kidder	41 41	$\begin{array}{c} 79.70 \\ 19.85 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 33.00\\ 3.00\end{array}$
S. E. Curry	40	54.20	36.35
C. McCampbell	$\tilde{40}$	46.00	23.60
James Mansell	39	114.90	.25
Mayme Haygoo	d <u>38</u>	66.25	a
Carl Craig G.enn Dildine	37	69.45	$2.00_{-5.05}$
G.enn Dildine Mayme Haygoo	$\frac{37}{36}$	$\begin{array}{c} 29.60\\ 34.75\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5.95 \\ 1.20 \end{array}$
Wm. Schnoebel		17.15	17.85
Acel M. McDona	ald 34	19.80	
Lillie Robinson	33	45.25	0.40
L. S. Haynes Marie Zimmerm	32	4.15	2.40
Irene B. Hales	an 31 29	$\begin{array}{c} 53.80\\ 48.50\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 11.95\\ 10.90 \end{array}$
Leo Hadley	$\frac{1}{26}$	50.20	5.50
James Curry	$\overline{26}$	44.75	14.65
Mrs. G. E. Bro		28.75	
Joe Asher	22	56.40	2.00
Ilo Strawser	$21 \\ 15$	$\begin{array}{c} 22.60\\ 21.20 \end{array}$	6.70
Chessie Harris		$\frac{21.20}{49.70}$	2.00
Lucille Hopkins Robert Kinney	6	7.70	8.95
Mrs. Z. Robins	on 12	11.90	
Ernst Bodeker	11	11.90	11.90
Clarice Padgett		4.00	4.00
Juanita Jones Mabel Smith	· 9 8	$\begin{array}{r} 32.90\\ 6.70\end{array}$	$14.85 \\ .75$
A. M. Spicer	8	3.50	3.50
Robert Kinney	ĕ	7.70	8.95
Chessie Harris	4	7.70	.70
S. W. Lanham	1	4.95	
Magazine Wo			
Fern Harding	41	24.25	24.25
Clarence McGil	1 36	6.45	6.45
Helen Oldham Mrs. F. C. Gee	$30 \\ 30$	$\begin{array}{r} 40.15 \\ 28.00 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 40.15\\ 28.00 \end{array}$
Mrs. Simmers	25	16.00	16.00
		10.00	10.00
Elizabeth Gimle Mrs. E. J. Wald		6.30	6.30
Clara Redifer	. 11	7.60	7.60
E. C. Alexander Mrs. A. Walla		$\begin{array}{c} 5.90 \\ 6.70 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 5.90 \\ 6.70 \end{array}$
Grace Couts	7	9.80	9.80
A Report	6	6.25	6.25
Mattie McGill	5	2.20	2.20
Marie Lutts	4	4.00	4.00
Total	$\frac{1}{1142}$	1419.10	482.40
NEW JERSE CARL DORNBURG	Y .F.M:	S.	
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P. T. Workers	80	50.00	50.00
U. Bracy	$42 \\ 40$	65.75	$\begin{array}{c} 10.05 \\ 40.00 \end{array}$
Joseph Ledoni C. Hager	$\frac{40}{31}$	$\begin{array}{c} 58.45 \\ 25.80 \end{array}$	36.50
F. Frankel	30	$\frac{25.50}{3.50}$	3.20
John A. Craig	17	$7.45 \\ 42.75$	3.30
C. A. Dornburg			42.75
Magazine We			10.00
Ruth Todash H. A. Baker	$\frac{50}{40}$	$\begin{array}{c} 10.00\\ 40.00\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 10.00\\ 40.00 \end{array}$
E. Bronner	22	10.00	10.00
Miss Pierce	21	10.00	10.00
M. Winget	20	20.00	20.00
Mrs. A. Smalle		25.00	25.00
Ethel Smith	17 on 15	$11.30 \\ 7.60$	$11.30 \\ 7.60$
Mrs. M. Johnso A Worker	$\frac{10}{10}$	$\begin{array}{c} 7.60 \\ 4.40 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 7.69 \\ 4.40 \end{array}$
Peter Sansone	10	.40	.40
Total	473	392.60	324.70
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G. H. CARTER, F.M.S.

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NAME	HRS.	ORDERS	DEL'D
M. D. Hollenbau Naomi George	1gh 47 40	$\begin{array}{c} 54.85\\ 42.90\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 1.25 \\ 17.05 \end{array}$
Mrs. Charles Sc		$\frac{12.50}{9.75}$	3.75
Charles Soles	31	24.00	11.50
Mrs. A. Fegle J. Creighton	ey 30 30	$\begin{array}{c} 61.60\\ 42.65\end{array}$	$32.30 \\ 37.90$
Brother Guinya		67.20	14.90
M. Comer	28	13.90	2.00
Nicholas Klim	26	10.15	2.00
William Manbe H. C. Kaste	ck 21 21	$\begin{array}{c} 25.00 \\ 17.35 \end{array}$	$8.30 \\ 5.45$
Mrs. Ella Wrig	tht 16	13.00	
Mrs. Mabel Mo	ser 15	17.25	13.35
Mrs. M. Burro Mrs. E. Karl	ws 10 10	$\begin{array}{r} 17.40 \\ 6.45 \end{array}$	$4.00 \\ .50$
Nicholas Klim	10	13.75	.00
H. G. Lewis	6	3.20	3.20
H. G. Lewis P. T. Workers	5	.55 47.00	$.55 \\ 47.00$
T. C. Johnson	21	20.60	41.00
Mrs. V. Winle		41.75	19.80
T. C. Johnson	8	5.95	11.95
Magazine W M. Bartholome		39.35	39.35
Mrs. Alice Steel	her 22	12.70	12.70
Mrs. E. Hamm	16	7.25	7.25
Mrs. M. Gibso Jennie Carter	on 13 9	$\begin{array}{c} 7.40 \\ 11.50 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 7.40 \\ 11.50 \end{array}$
Mrs. L. C. Dani		5.00	5.00
Mrs. G. H. Car	ter 5	3.70	3.70
R. A. Cline Mrs. D. Price	$\frac{4}{20}$	5.47	$\begin{array}{r} 5.47 \\ 10.00 \end{array}$
Mrs. D. Price Mrs. M. Kelle		$\begin{array}{r}10.00\\4.00\end{array}$	4.00
Mrs. B. McLoud	i 10	$\hat{5.00}$	5.00
M. Suddler	5	2.00	2.00
Total	607	669.62	350.12
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F. E. THUMWO	OD, F.I	M.S.	
Irvin Butcher	40	54.75	74.45
C. E. Cverstree Katherine Bake		8.25	$\begin{array}{c} 5.50 \\ 10.70 \end{array}$
Lucile J. Tibbe	ts 15	$\begin{array}{c} 67.45 \\ 1.00 \end{array}$	10.70
Miss M. Barne	ett 10	20.85	
Mrs. Cunningha		14.20	95
Mr. Tutt Mrs Cleo Shaw	7 6	$35.75 \\ 7.95$.25
Mrs. Cleo Shaw Mrs. P. Jenkin	ns 6	10.05	1.35
Mr. J. E. Gou	ld 6	5.75	
R. Williams Mrs. Jenious		$9.90 \\ 9.90$	
Miss A. Saul	6	1.75	1.75
Mrs. E. Mitchel	1 6	17.85	1.50
Mr. Woodford Cordelle Dickey	6	$9.50 \\ 7.55$.55
Allen Hayes	6	26.70	.55
Mrs. Richardson	n 6	8.50	
Miss M. Barnet		61.55	
Mrs. Scheidegge Elnora Jackson	r 5 5	$\begin{array}{c} 12.95 \\ 20.25 \end{array}$	
Grace Wolfinger	• 3	10.95	
Stanley Hough	3	4.95	
Irvin Butcher Wm. Woodford	$45 \\ 41$	$\begin{array}{c} 81.75\\ 11.00 \end{array}$	7.80
Irvin Butcher	40	101.25	25.00
E. E. Gavers	35	57.70	10.00
Katherine Bake		$36.65 \\ 70.75$	$\frac{10.60}{8.75}$
R. Williams	20	19.80	11.90
Mrs. P. Jenki	ns 13	20.05	1.85
Gerard Conmac		25.25	2 5 2 5
$\begin{array}{c} Magazine \\ Mrs. E. Mitche$		30.00	30.00
Eva Chandler	18	9 50	9.50
P. T. Workers	15	12.50	12.50

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V HRS. ORDERS NAME DELTD Mrs. E. Parsons 10 A. E. Brown 8 Mrs. H. Gray 8 Mrs. Whittaker 6 6.006.00 7.007.0013.5013.504.204.20Miss V. Duke 6 2.702.70Mrs. Hedrick .6 2.152.15Mrs. S. Medley Alberta Baldwin 6 2.502.50 $\frac{3}{2}$ 4.50 4.50Mrs. Shorter .80 .80 Eva Chandler 11 3.403.40Total 591951.45286.65 CHESAPEAKE Ada B. Thomas Mrs. J. Russell 2218.00 4.45 $\overline{50}$ 26.75 44.65 Magazine Workers-Bertha Barber Bertha Barber 2030.00 30.00 2540.00 40.003.203.20Isla Lawson Annie Bannister Mary Johnson 9 15.0015.0055.805.80Total 131 156.65 125.20WEST PENNSYLVANIA BEN SAVAGE, F.M.S. Dalton Davis 101.6539 9.45 O. W. Cooper Chas. C. Cornell 3123.2526.20 83.30 30 5.00Sidney Arrington Cordell Evans $\overline{28}$ 38.65 $\overline{20}$ 72.60 Lillian Finch 11.90 19.4215Elsie Smith 14 Magazine Workers-19.806.50Laura Gerberding 15 Ruth Smith 9 13.80 13.80 12.90 12.90 Mrs. L. Klesa 4 4.004.00205381.8597.27 Total WEST VIRGINIA ARVA NICKLESS, F.M.S. Mrs. W. Campbell 15 Mr. W. Campbell 18 A. G. Drott 25 M. L. Howard 40 Fred Meister 39 Magazine Worker-Edno Reiner $57.50 \\ 55.75 \\ 80.25$ 21.00 $17.25 \\ 1.75$ 51.25 86.75 65.10150.90Edna Reiner 4 5.005.00 140 436.15 161.35 Total **OBITUARIES**

NICOLA: Emma El'a Curtis, a member of the Worthington, Ohio Seventh-day Adventist Church, was born in Hamilton, Wayne County, Ohio, October 10, 1853, and died at the home of her daughter in Worthington December 17, 1940. Sister Nicola is survived by one daughter and several relatives. She was a stanch Adventist all her life and died in the assurance of her Saviour's soon return. Funeral services were conducted by the writer. WAYNE B. HILL

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M. V. Convention and Investiture Service

ON SABBATH, December 14, ollowing the regular Week of Prayer meeting, we held a very inspiring investiture service in the Indiana Church. Eleven were invested, including five Master Comrades. This is the largest number of Master Comrades that were invested in any society during 1940. We surely appreciate the faithful and efficient work that Sister Schuerger has been doing. Elder C. P. Sorensen conducted the service. It was the third investiture service held here during 1940. There were 43 invested in these three services. This is the largest number of investitures held at any one church in the conference. Surely this should be an inspiration to the Missionary Volunteer various societies to promote the progressive class work.

On Sabbath, January 1, we held a very interesting and profitable Missionary Volunteer convention in the Coudersport Church. Elder Sorensen spoke at the 11 o'clock service. The importance of a'l our members' being faithful readers of our good church paper, the *Review and Herald*, was stressed. In the afternoon a very interesting investiture service was conducted. The first part of the service was a program that had been prepared by Miss Helen Tomcsanyi. There were 17 invested.

Following the investiture service, we held a very interesting discussion on the subject of whether the Missionary Volunteer societies are adequately meeting the many problems our youth are facing these days. Several questions were turned in and were answered by Elder Sorensen, Brother Melvin Sickler, and others.

Sabbath afternoon a light lunch was served by the Dorcas Society after which Elder Sorensen showed several interesting news reels. Sunday night, Elder Sorensen spoke in the North Warren Church to a large audience; and the following night, in Corry. We greatly appreciate having him in our convention and present at both of our investiture services.

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