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THE HOLIDAYS

We are rapidly approaching the season of the holidays, and many conscientious ones are now questioning what course they may pursue that will be pleasing in the sight of God. By the world the holidays are spent in frivolity and extravagance, gluttony and display. It is the prevailing custom at this time to make and receive presents. And it is no small burden upon the mind to know how to distribute these gifts among friends so that none will feel slighted. It is a fact that much envy and jealousy are often created by this custom of making presents.

Thousands of dollars will be worse than thrown away upon the coming Christmas and New Year's in needless indulgences. But it is our privilege to depart from the customs and practices of this degenerate age; and instead of expending means merely for the gratification of the appetite, or for needless ornaments or articles of clothing we may make the coming holidays an occasion in which to honor and glorify God.

We advise all our brethren and sisters to make a decided reform in regard to these festal days. Those who appreciate the gift of God's dear Son to save them from ruin, now have a favorable opportunity to give tangible proofs of their gratitude by rendering to God their thank-offerings. Let old and young lay aside their mites as sacred offerings to God. If we would give to the cause of our Redeemer one-half as much as we have bestowed upon our friends, we would do much good and receive a blessing for giving.

Let us seek to faithfully represent Christ on the coming festal days by imitating His example as He went about doing good. It is impossible to enjoy the approbation of God while living for self. As Christians who profess a living faith in the near coming of the Son of man, keeping all of God's commandments, let us make earnest efforts to draw near to God through Jesus Christ, and make a covenant with Him by sacrifice. In our principles of action we must be elevated above the customs and fashions of the world. Christ came to our world to elevate the minds of men to the divine level, and to bring them into sympathy with the mind of God.

As every blessing we enjoy is brought to us through the condescension, humiliation and sacrifice of Jesus Christ, we should render to Him our best gifts, above all not withholding ourselves. The infinite sacrifice which Christ has made to free us from the guilt and woe of sin, should work in every heart a spirit of gratitude and self-denial which is not manifested by the world. God's gift of Christ to man filled all heaven with amazement, and inspired at His birth the angelic song, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Christmas day, precious reminder of the sacrifice made in man's behalf, should not be devoted to gluttony

and self-indulgence, thus exalting the creature above the Creator. Let us who are partakers of this great salvation show that we have some appreciation of the Gift, by rendering to God our thank offerings. If we would indulge less in feasting and merriment on these occasions, and instead make them the means of benefiting humanity, we should better meet the mind of God. It is a pleasure and gratification to exchange gifts with our friends; but are there not nobler and more glorious objects for which we may give our means, and thus do good by shedding light upon the pathway of others?

There are many who have not books and publications upon present truth. Here is a large field where money can be safely invested. There are large numbers of little ones who should be supplied with reading. Children need proper reading, which will afford amusement and recreation, and not demoralize the mind or weary the body. If they are taught to love romance and newspaper tales, instructive books and papers will become distasteful to them. Most children and young people will have reading matter; and if it is not selected for them, they will select it for themselves. They can find a ruinous quality of reading anywhere, and they soon learn to love it; but if pure and good reading is furnished them, they will cultivate a taste for that.

Special efforts should be made to exclude from our homes that class of literature which can have no beneficial influence upon our children. Many times I have been pained to find upon the tables or the book-cases of Sabbath-keepers, papers and books full of romance, which their children were eagerly perusing.

There are those who profess to be brethren who do not take the *Review*, *Signs*, *Instructor*, or *Life and Health*, but take one or more secular papers. Their children are deeply interested in reading the fictitious tales and love stories which are found in these papers and which their father can afford to pay for, although claiming that he cannot afford to pay for our periodicals and publications on present truth. Thus parents are educating the taste of their children to greedily devour the sickly, sensational stories found in newspaper columns. All such reading is poisonous; it leaves a stain upon the soul, and encourages a love for cheap reading which will debase the morals and ruin the mind.

Parents should guard their children, and teach them to cultivate a pure imagination and to shun, as they would a leper, the love-sick pen pictures presented in newspapers. Let publications upon moral and religious subjects be found upon your tables and in your libraries, that your children may cultivate a taste for elevated reading. . . . God is giving light from heaven, and not a family should be without it. Let the presents you shall make be of that order which will shed beams of light upon the pathway to heaven.

Anciently the children of Israel were commanded to keep three annual feasts each year: the Passover, the

Feast of Tabernacles, and the Feast of Weeks. The Lord gave directions that on these occasions their gifts and offerings were to be consecrated to Him, and none should appear before Him empty handed. But in our day it has become fashionable to observe these festal occasions in a manner that would divert the mind from God instead of bringing glory to His name. Those whom God has blessed with prosperity should acknowledge the Giver, and feel that where much is given much will be required.

Our holidays have been perverted from the intended use. Gifts are lavished upon one another, and praise which should have been given to God, to whom all these things belong, is bestowed upon poor mortals. . . . We are now nearing the close of another year, and shall we not make these festal days opportunities in which to bring to God our offerings? I cannot say sacrifices, for we shall only be rendering to God that which is His already, and which He has only intrusted to us till He shall call for it.—Ellen G. White, in Review and Herald, Dec. 11, 1879.

Ohio

LAGRANGE

Sabbath, October 21, was a banner day for the church at LaGrange. It was the privilege of the writer to spend this Sabbath with the brethren and sisters there, and to speak to them at the regular Sabbath services.

That evening they held their regular annual Harvest Ingathering service, which was a very enjoyable and profitable one. The young people had done excellent work in decorating the church for the occasion, having brought in beautiful branches of trees with the leaves colored and painted in beautiful and gorgeous hues by the hand of nature. There were hanging from these branches the fruits of the autumn harvest, small pumpkins, and ears of corn. Electric lights of various colors arranged in advantageous places gave a very beautiful effect to the whole scene.

The program had been carefully arranged and was well rendered. The townspeople turned out in large numbers and the church was hardly able to hold all who came. In fact, a temperance meeting that had been advertised for the city by some outside speaker had to be called off, because all the people of the town had come out to attend our Harvest Ingathering service.

After the service, the various articles brought by different ones were sold and the proceeds given to missions. All together about one hundred dollars were raised, which put the LaGrange church over the top on their Harvest Ingathering goal.

The LaGrange church is a good active church, and there is a fine class of young people growing up in the church who will doubtless play a very important part in the fast closing work.

All together, Sabbath, October 21, was a very encouraging and profitable day for the church at LaGrange.
N. S. Ashton.

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“Charity giveth itself rich; covetousness hoardeth itself poor.”

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“Riches are an evil only in their abuse. In the hand, a blessing; in the heart, a curse.”

WHAT WILL HELP US TO KNOW WHERE DUTY LIES?

One of the very first things that will help us to know where duty lies is to avail ourselves of every means of grace. If we neglect prayer and Bible study and the prayer-meeting, our spiritual ear will be heavy, our minds will become engrossed with the earthly, and we shall not be able to discern when good cometh. We are not to neglect the assembling of ourselves together and so much the more as we see the day approaching. We should provoke one another to love and good works. Surely every worker in this cause needs to avail himself of every opportunity to meet with God's people for spiritual help and encouragement. Another opportunity to do this is granted to every colporteur and to every one who wishes to become a colporteur, at our coming Institute from December 21 to 31, the last ten days of this year.

We plan to make this not only a school on salesmanship, but also a spiritual feast to all who attend, and no regular or prospective colporteur can afford to miss it. If for no other reason, the Bible studies that were given last year were worth attending such a meeting. This year we plan to have some more good studies every morning, and are led to believe that we shall have some additional help from the General Conference and Review and Herald. If you have felt a call to this work at all you will feel surer about it when this meeting is over and will know where duty lies. The Master calls for men and women of decision in this critical period of the world's history. Decide now what you will do about attending this Institute and let me know at once, as we wish to have well laid plans for all who will attend so as to know how to entertain them, etc. Address D. W. Percy, Field Miss. Sec., Box 8, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

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THE MEDICAL MISSIONARY CONVENTION TO BE HELD AT WORTHINGTON

As announced in last week's Visitor, members of the church who are interested in health reform, layman's movement, self-supporting missionary work, education of the public in cafeterias, small sanitariums, and classes in home nursing, and other allied subjects, are invited to be the guests of the Columbus Rural Rest Home from December 21 to 24, 1922, to join the Worthington church in a medical missionary convention.

Dr. E. A. Sutherland, of the Nashville Agricultural Normal Institute and the Madison Sanitarium, of Madison, Tennessee, will discuss The Eastern Question and Its Relation to Our Endeavors, The Working Church, Can We Let Our Light Shine by Proxy, Training for Opportunities in God's Cause, and Working the Cities.

Mrs. E. A. Sutherland, teacher of dietetics at the Madison school, and director of the Madison church's Nashville cafeteria, which serves as the laboratory for her classes, will lend valuable aid in the discussion of Cafeteria Problems, Health Reform in the Home, Teaching Health Principles, Food Factories as Missionary Enterprises, and Opportunities for Burden Bearing in the Work.

Doctors V. L. Fisher, Maude Bull and D. S. Teters, and Brother Charles E. Welch will take part in the discussions. Doctors Morse, of the Hinsdale Sanitarium, Simpkins, of the Wabash Valley Sanitarium, and Kress, of the Washington Sanitarium, are expected. Every self-supporting medical missionary establishment in Ohio ought to be represented, and every church in central

Ohio and every neighboring conference as well. Elder Marietta and some of his coworkers will tell us what the Cincinnati convention did for them; Elder Coon and others will talk of plans for a Cleveland convention. Brother Ray Corder will tell What Constitutes Ideal Home Missionary Work; Brother T. H. Barritt has promised to emphasize Music as a Missionary Agency; and we hope to get our Conference Treasurer, J. I. Cassell, to talk on The Results of Disobedience of Nature's Economic Laws in Church Work. We wish we might say that all our conference officials will be there or have a personal representative present.

Many engaged in medical and nursing service and ministerial work will be with us, and isolated nurses will enjoy this meeting. Early morning devotional meetings will be held. Just plan to come to see how helpful and uplifting such a meeting can be; but please announce your coming to Mr. D. K. Nicola, Worthington, Ohio, before December 21, 1922.

G. T. Harding, Jr.

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NEWS NOTES

The Toledo church has \$1000 in Harvest Ingathering offerings. The church's goal is \$2000, which Elder Washburn and his members are confident of getting by the close of the year.

The Lord is blessing our church schools in the campaign. Sisters Howe and Tracy, the Toledo teachers, and their pupils have brought in almost \$100. Last year the Toledo school gathered in a larger amount than any school in the conference.

Brother J. I. Cassell spent Sunday, November 19, in Cleveland, where he audited the church treasurer's books.

Brother Polinkas reports that his company of thirteen Hungarian believers have obtained \$275 Ingathering donations this year. This means over \$18 per capita. If all our churches were doing as well, our \$25,000 goal would be reached now. Sisters Makra, Kummer and Szana have been doing well in soliciting for missions Saturday nights on the streets. Three of the Hungarian girls attend the Toledo church school. One little girl, Helen Tary, received over \$3 Ingathering money on the church school's first field day this year.

Mr. O. S. Hershberger spent a few days in Harrisburg, Pa., where he attended a Missionary Volunteer Secretaries' Convention.

Doctor Olson, local elder of the Worthington church, writes that the members have passed their goal of \$400, and are expecting to get \$50 more.

We have some last year's Harvest Ingathering papers at the tract society, which can be used for missionary work. These can be had for paying the postage on them.

Elder R. E. French spent Friday evening, October 27, at Hicksville, Ohio. On Sabbath, he baptized Mrs. Harry Elser and son Willard. Mrs. Elser was reared a Catholic, and is the mother of six children. She is fruit of Home Medical Missionary work, and is already working for her neighbors and friends.

Elder N. S. Ashton recently attended a Union Committee meeting in Harrisburg, Pa.

Brother Johnson writes that on Sabbath, November 11, a large audience witnessed five faithful souls follow their Lord into the watery grave at the Cincinnati Colored church.

December 9 to 30 was designated by the Fall Council as the time for the Review and Herald subscription campaign. We hope all our church boards, especially the missionary leaders and secretaries, are planning now to make this Review effort a success. The aim of every church should be to place our excellent church paper in every Adventist home in the church.

The little pamphlet "Straightening Out Mrs. Perkins" is having a ready sale. This is a very good tract on the Sabbath question. One copy, 15 cents postpaid. 12 copies for one dollar postpaid. Order from the tract society today.

Brother Gigax, our blind brother in Toledo, does not permit his physical defect to hinder him from doing home missionary work. Every month for two years Brother Gigax gave out 250 copies of Present Truth in house to house work. My seeing, brother and sister, what are you doing in the distribution of the printed page? Brother Gigax is a busy man. He earns a living by making reed baskets.

In order for us to reach our \$25,000 goal for missions this year, we all must work hard until it is accomplished. God wants every person to enjoy the blessing that comes from performing his divinely appointed work.

East Pennsylvania

OFF FOR MEXICO

It will probably be a surprise to many of our brethren and sisters to learn that Elder J. A. Leland has been called from the presidency to take the superintendency of our work in Mexico. We have known for some time that on account of his familiarity with the language and former experience in South America that he would soon be called to a Spanish field. The call was hastened because of the death of Elder J. E. Bond, who had been superintendent of the Mexican field for some time.

On the evening before Elder and Sister Leland left for their home in Washington, D. C., to get ready for their journey, the Conference Committee and several of the workers and friends gathered at the conference office building and gave them a farewell reception. A pleasant evening was spent and at its close they were presented with a genuine walrus suit case as a token of remembrance, the high esteem in which they were held and appreciation of their labors among us. I am sure that all in the conference join with us in asking that the Lord may bless them in their new field. Surely we shall now be more interested than ever in the progress of the message in Mexico.

W. E. Fortune.

NEWS NOTES

The Philadelphia German church greatly appreciated the timely talk given by Elder C. K. Meyers, of the General Conference, last Sabbath afternoon. The Philadelphia North church was invited and it was pleasing to see the good attendance.

Elder Meyers was formerly a missionary in Australia, and gave us many interesting facts regarding the work in that field. He has promised to meet with us again the first part of the coming year, and I am sure he will have a hearty welcome. Mrs. Schirrmeister.

On account of the hurried call of Elder Leland to Mexico, no one has yet been selected to take his place as president of the conference. All correspondence in regard to conference work should, therefore, be addressed to the secretary, W. E. Fortune.

At a recent meeting of the Conference Committee each member pledged to give one week's salary to the cause of foreign missions. It is expected that every worker and our brethren and sisters throughout the conference will follow in the sacrifice for foreign missions that our missionaries may be sustained without calling them home.

West Virginia

OUR FEET PRECEDE OUR CONQUESTS

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation." Isa. 52:7.

Who are these messengers described by the prophet? They go on foot, their path includes the mountains, they bring good tidings of salvation, they are publishers. The word "publishers" is significant. It is used twice in this one verse. Immediately we think of the gospel colporteurs, those hunters who "hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks." The colporteur is certainly included in this beautiful eulogy, even though he is not specifically named by the prophet.

In this figure of speech the feet only of the messenger are mentioned to give emphasis to the thought that the message must be carried to the place of its conquest. "Every place that the sole of your feet shall tread upon, that have I given unto you," said the Lord to Joshua. All those precious promises found in Joshua 1:1-9 are based upon that condition. The soles of their feet must tread the land before they could receive it as a possession.

So in the work of the gospel. It is not enough to pray for the conversion of sinners; it is not enough to look with fear upon the palaces of the rich, or with solicitude upon the hovels of the poor. Our feet must cross their thresholds. Even the great God takes short steps by our side to walk with us as we go into the harvest fields. Showers of blessings are promised on the fields we sow and cultivate, but we should always remember that these blessings upon good soil must be preceded by the footsteps of God's messengers.

Dear reader, has the Spirit of God been impressing your mind to enter the colporteur work? Why not do it now?

Brother Phillippi, one of our faithful colporteurs in the southern part of the state, in a recent letter says: "I am doing country (trail) work. I find no trace of any of our books in this district, so I take it for granted that no colporteur has ever been through this section. The Lord is wonderfully blessing me with health, and my experiences are the very best. Certainly this is a very needy field."

Dear brother, sister, if you are interested in working for the salvation of souls, and desire to enter this important branch of the Master's work, will you not write me at Parkersburg, West Virginia, Route 1? I shall be glad to help you in any way that I can.

O. C. Weller, Field Miss. Sec.

NEWS NOTES

At the close of October our per capita for missions stood at 46 cents a week. We have bright hopes that West Virginia, with the funds for the last two months of the year, will reach her goal of 60 cents a week for the mission fields. If you have a camp meeting pledge that is unpaid, will you not put forth a special effort to pay this during the month of December?

Many inquiries concerning our teachings are being received at the office. One inquirer wishes to know how he may enter the colporteur work, as he has become so interested in a copy of "Our Lord's Return" which he purchased that he wishes to place it in all the homes he can reach. Another wants to know how he may establish a church in his home town, and is already keeping the Sabbath. Another is so interested and so anxious to know more that he offers to pay the expenses of the Field Missionary Secretary from Parkersburg to the southern part of the state and return if he will come and see him. Why should we feel discouraged when so many here in the homeland are reaching out for the truth? If we may not go as foreign missionaries, there is great opportunity for mission work here at home.

Virginia

AN ENCOURAGING EXPERIENCE

The Harvest Ingathering campaign is still in full swing and I shall relate the following experience as an encouragement to our people, and that they may know in what light our work and workers are regarded by the business men of the world.

One of our brethren in visiting some of the business men of Richmond, called upon the president of one of the leading banks. The first time he called he left the paper and was requested to return in a day or two during which time the president would look up the status of our work and judge for himself whether or not it was a worthy cause. The banker was much pleased to see our brother when he called and asked him several questions in regard to our work in this particular vicinity, and then made the comment that our people were certainly busy workers and deserved a great deal of credit for the vim with which we launch our missionary enterprises. He had subscribed to the work in years previous, and made the statement that whereas heretofore he had given \$30 to our work, this year in view of what our own people are actually doing for missions, he would increase his offering to \$40.

Surely, brethren and sisters, we should not be ashamed to represent this people in our Harvest Ingathering campaign. Let us all press forward and hasten the time when this work shall have been finished.

C. H. Kelly.

HARVEST INGATHERING

	Raised 1921	Quota 1922	Amt to Nov. 18	Short
*Bethel	\$119.30	\$ 200.00	\$ 99.70	\$ 200.00
Conference	136.46	1100.00	99.70	1000.30
Danville	167.68	180.00	40.44	139.56
Lynchburg	232.67	280.00	200.00	80.00
*Mayberry	1.60	200.00		200.00
*Newport News No. 1	368.07	700.00		700.00
Newport News No. 2	89.50	510.00	55.09	454.91
New Market	237.52	530.00	200.00	330.00
*Norfolk No. 1	172.22	500.00		500.00
Norfolk No. 2	113.93	280.00	91.45	188.55
News Ferry	10.17	90.00	5.40	84.60
Portsmouth	151.17	400.00	245.00	155.00
Petersburg	53.81	100.00	18.02	81.98
Richmond No. 1	950.75	1290.00	558.00	732.00
Richmond No. 2	52.54	430.00		375.54
Roanoke	175.10	250.00	135.00	115.00
*Rileyville	9.13	160.00		160.00
Stanley	50.88	580.00	15.71	564.29
Spencer	4.30	80.00	4.00	76.00
*Thelma	5.00	70.00		70.00
Winchester	106.89	210.00	47.69	163.31

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NEWS NOTE

The Richmond No. 1 church was indeed glad to welcome Elder Spicer on Sabbath, November 18, and eagerly listened to the message he brought to us. Surely no man knoweth the day nor the hour of His coming, but we as Seventh-day Adventists cannot afford to look forward to any term of years before the Lord comes, as the prophecies yet remaining to be fulfilled before Jesus comes could be fulfilled within a very short time. When the great clock of time strikes the hour, God can, and will finish the work, and "cut it short in righteousness." Our aim should not be to get ready, but rather to be ready now, for in such an hour as we, Seventh-day Adventists, think not will the Son of Man come.

New Jersey

COLPORTEURS' INSTITUTE

Our Annual Colporteurs' Institute will be held this year at Jersey City in the German church December 28 to January 7. All our regular colporteurs will be in attendance, besides many who are planning to join us in the work.

There is much work yet to be done and surely God's people will come to the front at such a time as this. Conditions on all sides seem to be calling this people to quick action. It means a life of sacrifice, but it is worth the price.

Come and get the training, and meet the travel-worn soldiers of the Cross and hear the experiences related. The way to peace and true happiness in this life, and the life to come, is by the way of constant service for the Master who knows the road.

Elder Town, who has travelled in all parts of the world in the interest of this department, will speak at the opening exercises December 28.

Ernest Mansell, Field Miss. Sec.

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"When some people pray 'Thy kingdom come' they do it with a mental proviso that somebody else has got to stand all the expense."

Chesapeake

HARVEST INGATHERING

Reports received from our various churches up to November 21 show the following figures. Many of our churches have not reported the last few weeks, so we cannot give their report up to date. So far the total amount reported for Harvest Ingathering in our conference is \$5,700.

Church	Amount	Per Cap.
*Whitleysburg	\$311.80	\$22.27
*Cambridge	289.92	16.10
Baltimore No. 2	514.10	13.53
Brunswick	104.08	10.40
Salisbury	179.59	8.16
Martinsburg	235.68	9.42
Dover No. 1	274.32	7.84
Pondsville	113.26	6.80
Wilmington No. 2	184.18	6.82
Smithsburg	169.62	6.80
Hagerstown	319.63	5.81
Baltimore No. 1	1575.88	5.25
Miscellaneous	31.00	5.17
Blythedale	188.49	4.71
Graysonville	85.63	4.28
Rock Hall	329.84	4.28
Wilmington No. 1	528.13	3.77
Cheswold	20.00	2.00
Marydel	3.72	.46
Baltimore No. 3	No report.	

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NEWS NOTES

Elder Eastman, Brother Kirk and Brother Wright are visiting our churches in the interest of the colporteur work. It is hoped they will be successful in securing many new recruits for this work. "The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order . . . thus the message will go where the preacher cannot go, and the attention of many will be called to the important events connected with the closing scenes of the world's history." Colp. Evang., p. 1.

Miss Eloise Williams is attending the Missionary Volunteers' Convention being held in Harrisburg, Pa.

Elder McCord recently spent several days in Harrisburg, attending a Union Committee meeting.

A week's revival is being conducted by Elder M. C. Strachan in the Baltimore No. 3 church. Friday evening, November 24, an all night prayer service was held. We pray for the success of these meetings which are being well attended.

Brother Pettibone writes: "Five, besides myself, went out from the Graysonville church Sunday morning, and the Lord surely was with us. In the first hour we had within a few cents of \$30. One sister went over to a group of fourteen men and gave an exhibition and then passed each a paper and gathered in fourteen one dollar bills, and all within five minutes. For the day they received \$84.16." We hope all our members will continue their efforts until the close of the year, regardless of whether or not they have reached their goal.

West Pennsylvania

A CALL FOR SERVICE

Brother Linss, our Pittsburgh colporteur, writes me that two ladies are coming to our church as a result of his selling them "Bible Readings." One lady is taking the Standard of Attainment from Sister Anderson every Thursday evening.

Last week the writer was in Pittsburgh canvassing and I met a lady who is trying her very best to study and understand God's word. She said after I had shown her "Bible Readings," "I have been praying for an understanding of the Bible, now I know God is answering my prayers by sending me that book."

Dear brother and sister, many are waiting for you to bring them a book that will help them to understand the Bible, will you take it to them? The invitation to work in God's vineyard will not be extended to you much longer.

We need immediately, colporteurs to handle "Practical Guide to Health," and "Patriarchs and Prophets." Virgin territory, 32 counties in this conference. We will guarantee success to every person who will consecrate himself to God, work five days, or 40 hours per week. Who will answer the call for service?

T. M. Butler, Field Miss. Sec.

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WHY NOT SELL OUR CHILDREN'S BOOKS?

The writer, in company with Brother F. E. Hankins, visited some of our churches in the interest of our publishing work. I am glad to say there was a hearty response to the call for workers to handle our children's books and the World's Crisis Series. Several are planning to make the colporteur work their life work as soon as they can. Are there not others in the conference who would like a part in the finishing of this message?

We will give a prospectus of the children's books free of charge to anyone who will send for it and work up an order right away.

Your neighbors will spend money for presents that will perhaps do the children no good. Why not sell them some of our children's books which will direct their minds to God? Write today for the prospectus.

T. M. Butler, Field Miss. Sec.

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NEWS NOTES

Wearing apparel for our people in Russia and other famine stricken lands should be sent parcel post to Professor H. A. Morrison, Washington Missionary College, Takoma Park, D. C. Please see that everything is wearable and as clean as possible before making your shipment.

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Every year sees great progress in the fulfillment of prophecies which show that the end is near. The coming year will no doubt be a red letter one in the attempts to secure Sunday Laws. The forces favoring these laws are stronger than ever, and are planning to have drastic laws passed by the different state legislatures. As we see them making progress we know that

we are heading rapidly toward "The last act in the drama."

The conference through the assistance of the members plans to send the Liberty Magazine to a greater number of officials than in the past years.

Reader, can we depend on you for a liberal offering to the Religious Liberty Fund? Send it direct to the conference office or through the church treasurer. We hope to send this wonderful truth-filled journal to over a thousand names. The subscription price is 35 cents each. You can see what the expense will be. Do all you possibly can.

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Your church paper needs your subscription and you need the church paper. The Review keeps you posted on the progress of the message. If you are not a reader, how can you tell others the gospel is going to the ends of the earth? Send your order with \$2.50 for one year or \$1.50 for 6 months.

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We hope to have a note in next week's issue of the Visitor about the work at Corry and Warren.

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Brother Reichenbaugh recently visited the Washington and Mt. Braddock churches and looks for both companies to raise their quota of the Harvest Ingathering Fund. He also visited the home Sabbath school at Brother Higgenbotham's at Dunn Station. They appreciated his visit very much.

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Sister Adah Morley is confined to her bed at 738 Harry St., Youngstown, Ohio, as a result of a trolley accident recently. She is suffering from torn ligaments of the shoulder and arm and injuries of the spine. Her condition is worse than she had thought. She asks to be remembered to her many friends, and requests an interest in their prayers that the Lord will give her a speedy recovery if it is His will. She is anxious to continue in her work of circulating our message-filled magazines, in which she had been actively engaged for some time previous to her accident.

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If you are interested in German or Swedish publications, send to the tract society for a catalogue of our books, etc., in these languages. Separate catalogues are now issued in German and Swedish.

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Elder C. K. Meyers, Associate Secretary of the General Conference, visited the Erie church Friday night, November 24. He gave a stereopticon lecture on the work in South America, calling attention to its progress and needs for funds to carry on the extended foreign mission program. Everyone enjoyed the lecture, and resolved to do more than ever to aid in the finishing of the work. He also spoke at the church the next morning and at Corry in the afternoon. From there he went to Warren where he gave a lecture Saturday night. Elder Parsons accompanied him on the trip.

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The Signs of the Times will be \$1.35 a year after January 1. Better send your subscription and those you are contemplating for your friends immediately for \$1.25 each.

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Sister Myrtle Blaine, whose health compelled her to cease her work at the conference and tract society office, left Pittsburgh last week for Loma Linda, California, where she will work as stenographer and bookkeeper at the Loma Linda Sanitarium. We wish her success in her efforts and trust the change of climate may be the means of giving her better health.

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Colporteur Reports

Name	Place	Book	Hours	Sales	Deliv'd
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Ohio, Week Ending November 24, 1922

E. C. Alexander, Clermont	BR	35	118.25		
Turner Battle, Sandusky	BF	22	8.50	34.25	
C. H. Carter, Jefferson	BR	40	82.50		
R. B. Craig, Cincinnati	GC	41	86.50	37.00	
Mrs. T. Daily, Barnesville	DA	12	68.25		
J. L. Gearhart, Tuscarawas	BR	43	74.00		
Fred Hannah, Bellaire	GC	37	51.50	1.00	
Clem Johnson, Columbus	GP	5	3.75		
Mrs. Lehman, New Phila.	ES	25	14.10		
Paul Lipscomb, Gallia	BR	28	45.50		
D. W. Percy, Gallipolis	GC	26	87.50	10.00	
D. E. Prutzman, Canton	BR	14	35.75	4.75	
C. F. Robinson, Gallia	BR	26	61.00	4.50	
W. E. Wagner, Wilmington	BR	35	22.50	22.50	
H. C. Wilcox, Canton	DA	30	98.00	18.00	

Totals 15 colporteurs 419 \$857.60 \$132.00

West Virginia, Week Ending November 24, 1922

J. H. Berry, Kanawha	GC	43	49.00		
John Fahrner, Pendleton	PG	40	34.50		
Miss Minnich, Harrison	WCS	35	37.00	37.00	
G. E. Hundley, Kanawha	GC	28	88.00		
N. E. Vergason, Cabell	DR	25	22.30	51.30	
Eliza Wright, Kanawha	BF	20	37.25		
G. E. Missbaugh, Taylor	HM	18	94.40	62.75	
G. C. Phillippi, McDowell	WCS	17	110.10		
A Colporteur, Wood	DR	4		66.70	
Mary E. Wright, Putnam			22.50	22.50	

Totals 10 colporteurs 230 \$495.10 \$240.30

Virginia, Week Ending November 24, 1922

H. H. Rima, Newport News	GC	40	188.50		
A. L. Gary, Franklin	BR	40	59.50	4.00	
C. A. Blount, Norfolk	BR	32	105.00	1.50	
Miss E. White, Petersburg	OD	26	66.50		
Mrs. Brooks, Newport News	BR	10	18.50		
L. W. Belote, Newport News	GC	5		50.00	

Totals 6 colporteurs 153 \$438.00 \$55.50

Chesapeake, Week Ending November 24, 1922

F. Harter, Smyrna, Del.	OD	32	73.25	4.25	
W. Harter, New Castle	OD	39	34.75	7.25	
E. Heller, Martinsburg	BR	17	22.00	35.50	
W. Holland, Berlin, Md.	BR			45.50	
J. E. Jones, Kent Co.	OD	38	48.50		
L. W. Kurz, Baltimore	OD	31	63.75	63.00	
Mabel Kurz, Baltimore	OD			57.00	
Mary Mills, Berlin, Md.	BR	18	27.00	11.50	
L. Robinson, Baltimore	OD	11	16.00	15.75	
J. Russell, Baltimore	CS		116.00	61.50	
Ada Thomas, Baltimore	OD	21	35.50	13.25	

Totals 11 colporteurs 207 \$436.75 \$314.50

District of Columbia, Week Ending November 17, 1922

Miss Mary Millington	PP	46	103.50		
W. H. Groves	PG	31	52.00		
Charles Dunham	PP	17	130.50	56.00	

Totals 3 colporteurs 94 \$286.00 \$56.00

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 24, 1922

B. Bell, Philadelphia	GC	26	17.00	90.75	
P. Brown, Williamsport	OD	34	30.40	26.50	
G. Cain, Williamsport	OD	34	30.50	46.75	
Mrs. L. Ellett, Philadelphia	WCS	22	20.75	4.00	
Jennie Lewis, Philadelphia	WCS	31	21.75	17.75	
James Lindsay, Philadelphia	BR		134.75	134.75	
C. Powell, Philadelphia	WCS	20	8.00		

Totals 7 colporteurs 167 \$263.15 \$320.50

New Jersey, Week Ending November 24, 1922

W. W. Ellis, Asbury Park	BR	36	148.00	2.00	
C. E. Fatscher, Trenton	BR	26	47.00	1.75	
W. M. Jacobus, Nutley	BR	30	39.70	8.20	
Esther Lull, Atco		17	4.87	3.02	

Totals 4 colporteurs 109 \$239.57 \$14.97

Grand Totals 56 Col., Sales \$3,016.17, Del.\$1,133.83

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The tract society office has had many responses to the call made for laymembers to handle our children's books for the holiday season. Encouraging letters are coming from members taking part in this work. They enjoy it and are having success. The following comes from a sister:—

"The prospectus for the children's books did not come so I took three books that were at home, 'Gospel Primer,' 'Making Home Happy' and 'Making Home Peaceful' to use as samples. In a few hours I took thirteen orders."

We are sure much more could be done. Anyone desiring to take part, write immediately to the tract society for particulars.

Sister Marjorie Stambaugh, of the Sharon church, has been visiting her friends in Pittsburgh over the past week-end.

Have you seen the new pamphlet "Straightening Out Mrs. Perkins"? This is a true story of a front porch dialogue that ended well. Price only 15 cents per copy. Two or more at half price plus postage. Just appropriate for your friends to acquaint them with our belief.

Friday evening, November 17, Elder Parsons was attending a union meeting at the Pittsburgh German church. After the services he discovered that the conference automobile had been stolen from in front of the building. He has made diligent search and notified the police, but the machine has not been recovered at this writing. We hope it will make its appearance soon.

If you have ever seen the book "Helps to Bible Study" which is now out of print, you will realize the value of the new book "Bible Made Plain." The tract society has stock and can fill all orders promptly. Price is 25 cents. Two or more at 12½ cents per copy plus postage.

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"A place in the ranks awaits you,
Each man has some part to play.
The past and the future are nothing
In the face of the stern today."

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"For every one of the millions who have never crowned Him King in their lives, Christ wore a crown of thorns, and counted their souls worth Calvary. What do you count these souls worth?"

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ATTENTION! CONFERENCE OFFICES AND WORKERS!

As the paper bearing date of December 21 will be our fiftieth issue this year, there will be no paper published December 28. The following issue will be dated January 4, 1923.

ADVERTISEMENTS

Approved advertisements will be published in this paper at the rate of one cent for each word or initial, with a minimum charge of 25 cents, rates the same for additional insertions. Cash and reference must accompany advertisement. Address all communications to Editor of Columbia Union Visitor.

A Seventh-day Adventist mother who wishes to enter the colporteur work desires homes for her two boys aged five and seven. Can pay something for board. Those who can do missionary work of this kind, please write to D. W. Percy, Box 8, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Don't Wait!—Get your copy of the beautiful sacred song, "He'll not Forget," by H. A. Miller, care of Academy, Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Postpaid 25 cents each. Lower rates in large numbers. 2t

For Sale—Seven-room house and four acres of land. About three blocks from M. V. A. Write or phone Mrs. J. E. Porter, Phone 76 Black, Route 1, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Wanted At Once—A single man to work by the month on dairy farm. Must be able to milk. Glenn Klady, Route 1, Berlin Heights, Ohio. 2t

Wanted—S. D. A. agents to sell Self-Washing Compound. Washes clothes clean without usual hard rubbing. Several other uses in every home. Nature's effective cleanser. Pure; harmless. Good seller; excellent repeater. Good profits. Sample free. Harvey Laboratories, 513 Eitel Bldg., Seattle, Wash.

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NOTICE

Wanted Immediately—The names and addresses of your friends and relatives who live in Oklahoma. We shall be glad to place these names in the hands of our conference workers that they may come in touch with them. Address E. R. Potter, President of the Oklahoma Conference, Box 1077, Oklahoma City, Okla.

WILL THE TRANSLATED BE FLESH-EATERS?

Is there any relation between this matter and a spiritual revival and reformation?

Why should we not eat flesh if Christ did?

All our people will be interested in the current issue of *The Medical Evangelist*, a leading feature of which deals with these questions.

Such writers as Doctor D. H. Kress, Elder J. E. Fulton, and Elder S. N. Haskell with others have prepared articles for this number on this subject. This is possibly the last article Elder Haskell ever wrote for publication.

The question of eating flesh will be treated in a broad way from the standpoint of inspiration and of science.

You will surely want to preserve this issue for future reference on this subject. If you are not a subscriber, begin with this number. Price, \$1.00 a year; foreign \$1.25; single copy 20 cents, sold direct only. Published every other month. Order of your tract society or of *The Medical Evangelist*, Loma Linda, Calif.

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PURE UNADULTERATED GRIT

No matter what his name or place of residence, here are the facts: he attended camp meeting last August, where his love for the truth was rekindled. He was baptized, attended a colporteur's institute, and soon after was engaged in selling or trying to sell, his favorite book, "Daniel and Revelation." For several weeks his reports contained only a row of zeros. One report indicated forty-three hours' labor without a single order, but he cheerfully related several encouraging experiences, and said he would not exchange jobs with a banker. After awhile a report was received which showed thirty-six hours' work with a sale of ten full leather bindings. With the report was a letter which said in part, "I am glad to say that two women have accepted the third angel's message from the book I placed in their hands, and I am looking for another to step out any time." A report just received shows thirty-seven hours' labor with a sale of eighteen full-leather bindings.

"We confidently believe," wrote Brother _____, Field Missionary Secretary, "that a worker with such determination and faith will be abundantly blessed and crowned with success."

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HIS TRAIN WAS LATE

Did he sit around and wait for it? No indeed. You see he was selling those much-talked-of Home Workers' Books, and having learned that his train was two and one-half hours late, he hustled around, visited every home in the little town, and added fifteen dollars to his day's sales. "You see," he said, "it doesn't take a good colporteur to sell good books."

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"In my travels the past summer, it has been my privilege to baptize several persons who had been won to the Master through personal work done with our good literature by lay members and colporteurs."—One of our ministers.

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"Today is the day of opportunity for those who are really consecrated to the finishing of the work."