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An Appeal to Our People

Word comes from the General Conference that the receipts are thousands of dollars short of what they should be up to this time, to support our workers in the mission fields. The Foreign Mission Board of the General Conference is anxious that every conference reach its goal in the Harvest Ingathering this year. The Union Conference is also looking with intense interest to every church in the union, and trusting that the Harvest Ingathering goal will be reached.

Our Harvest Ingathering goal for the union this year is \$120,000. At present we are considerably below the mark. The union committee is inviting the membership throughout the union to put on a special drive, November 12-26, hoping that this will make it possible for us to reach our goal. This special effort will mean that every minister and district leader rally his people and encourage them to do a special work at this time. District leaders will, without doubt, need to strengthen their organization, by inspecting their bands as a general would inspect his army before going into battle. Experienced workers should take those of less experience with them into the field.

The need of the hour for funds for the mission fields should stir the heart and arouse every one of us to action. Doors are now open for the entrance of the message at home and abroad as never before. This special effort will bring people into the truth as we visit them and place the literature in their hands. As we visit the people we should not only see the cold dollar, but should endeavor to make our associations with the people very spiritual and helpful to those not of our own faith. When we have a burden for souls and go forth in that spirit, God will bless us and give us for our labor both souls and dollars.

There is no doubt but that the end of the world is near. For five thousand nine hundred years the world seemed to be slumbering and sleeping until about one hundred years ago a new era was ushered in. During the last one hundred years we have seen the fulfilment of Daniel's prophecy. There have come into existence steam boats, railroad trains, farm machinery, electric cars, telegraph, telephone, aeroplanes, submarines, radios, automobiles, and all the rest of the modern inventions that we see. According to the Scriptures, these things prove we are living in the last days. More Bibles are being circulated than ever before, and the gospel is going to the world with a rapidity and power that we do not fully realize. Soon the gospel shall have done its work in all the world, and the Saviour will come.

Every one of us wants to finish the work faithfully that God has committed to us. Shall we not respond to the urgent request to engage in the Harvest Ingathering special drive from Nov. 12-26. Shall we not say, "Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth," "Here am I, send me." F. H. Robbins.

Are You Excused?

It is a common thing now to hear the work of Seventh-day Adventists well spoken of and held up before the churches of the world as an example to follow in zeal and Christian benevolence. Recently I was canvassing in the vicinity of Washington, D. C., in the interest of Harvest Ingathering and found myself face to face with a minister. I hardly knew what to expect but believing firmly in the principle of visiting everyone in the community while doing Harvest Ingathering work, I

resolutely approached the preacher. Much to my surprise he showed a deep interest in our work and responded to my appeal by gladly giving a small offering. We had a fine conversation together during which he said, "You know it is nothing short of a miracle the way you Seventh-day Adventists give for missions. You seem such a small people and how you do such a great work is a marvel to us." Of course I felt flattered, but it set me thinking. Someway I didn't share at all in the praise that fell from his lips. I was thinking what we might have done if we had all done our best. And what God might have done for us had we done our best and then depended upon Him for the rest. And finally my thoughts drifted around to the Harvest Ingathering again and do you know what came into my mind?

I was thinking and thinking of the thousands of our people who every year have no part in our Harvest Ingathering campaign. If we as a small people can do so much, and yet so many in our ranks do not do what it is their privilege to do, I am wondering what the result would be if we all did our best. So far our work is a monument not to what a few great men have done, for we have few outstanding great men, but what all of us have done working together. Our success has been due, aside from the blessings of God, to the fact that when we launch anything, whether it is the Big Week campaign, Mid-summer offering, or the Institutional Relief, everyone lifts. Now, if 75 per cent of our people in the North American Division can raise \$687,000 in 1926 through the Harvest Ingathering, should not the other 25 per cent feel a burden this year to swell this amount to a million dollars? *It can be done.* And done easily if each member will only make himself responsible for his \$10.

Recently the following list came to me of all who might be excused from doing Harvest Ingathering work. Here it is:

Those who believe the world is not lost and does not need a Saviour.

Those who believe that Jesus Christ made a mistake when He said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

Those who believe the gospel is not the power of God, and cannot save the heathen.

Those who wish that missionaries had never come to our ancestors, and that we ourselves were still heathen.

Those who want no share in the final victory.

Those who believe they are not accountable to God for the money they might have gathered in during the Harvest Ingathering.

Those who are prepared to accept the final sentence: "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to Me."

Do you belong to the mission or the omission band?
E. F. Hackman, *Gen. Conf. Home Miss. Dept.*

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Harvest Ingathering in Church Schools

I have just attended a meeting of the East Pennsylvania teachers, assembled at the Teachers' Annual Institute in Philadelphia. It was very interesting to hear their reports on Harvest Ingathering. A number of schools reported more than ten dollars already raised for each pupil enrolled in the schools. This is more than the General Conference goal for members. Up to Oct. 29 all the schools had averaged over \$6 per pupil.

The teacher's reports also showed that all in some schools and nearly all in others, took part in soliciting the funds. This is surely good training for the children in this line of missionary endeavor.

If every church with six children to attend had a church school and the children were trained to do Harvest Ingathering as these reports indicate, think of the millions that the denomination would collect a few years hence when these children will be grown up and become active in their churches!

What are church school children doing in the Harvest Ingathering in your conference, educational superintendent? What are they doing in your school, teacher? I hope the church officers and parents and Harvest Ingathering leaders are cooperating everywhere in the union so that all of our church schools will make as determined and successful an effort as they are making in East Pennsylvania to the end that the literature may be distributed; that the money may be raised for the far-off fields; and that the children may have this training and experience to enrich their lives.

J. P. Neff, *Minister of Education C. U. C.*

Our Responsibility

The gospel of Christ exonerates no one from service. All are made one in Christ, whether Jew or Gentile, bond or free. The Lord has placed instrumentalities into our hands through which every man, woman and child can work in carrying the gospel to the world.

We read in the *Testimonies*, "The work of God in the earth can never be finished until the members unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers.

We believe this great message of ours is to go forth in the spirit and power of Elijah, and the experiences of Elijah are to be ours. Through obedience to the message he proclaimed, Elijah was translated to heaven. He discharged his duty, realizing no one else could relieve him of the sacred responsibility God had placed upon him. The work of Elijah is a type of the work of those who will be living and working for God when the Son of man, with all the holy angels, returns in power and glory to receive His saints.

A solemn responsibility rests upon every person who knows the truth. God holds us accountable for the souls we are able to help and bring to Him.

Our brethren and sisters, of the West Pennsylvania Conference, sense their responsibility in the Harvest Ingathering campaign more this year than ever before. To date our reports show a grand total of \$9,133.78. We pray that this splendid spirit of enthusiasm shall continue and we believe it will until the conference goal is reached.

W. M. Robbins, *Pres. of W. Pa. Conf.*

Our Duty Now

Great victories have been won by the play of minutes. Napoleon surprising his foes gained many a battle before his enemies could rally to the attack. Hannibal, who crossed the Alps and defeated the Romans failed to quickly follow up his retreating opponents and not only lost all that he had gained, but his life also.

Just so in God's work important events hang upon moments. In just a few days congress will assemble and bills will be introduced which if passed will infringe upon liberty of conscience. A mighty movement to educate the people is due and it can be carried forward only by those who have an understanding of the times and know what Israel ought to do.

The armies of Israel need to respond to the call of one hundred per cent. Work and pray and pray and work, are the orders to be followed. Therefore, it has been voted by the Columbia Union Committee that November 12 to 26 be set aside as a two-week rally, in which the Harvest Ingathering effort is to be finished.

Ministers, church officers and lay members are requested to set this time aside as a daily drive for missions. Doors are open on every side, thousands are pleading for teachers. God has made bare His arm in sight of the nations. By consecrating our efforts to the cause of God our goal of \$120,000 will be reached and the victorious armies of Israel will be ready to begin the greatest campaign of all time--that of educating the people to prepare themselves for the soon coming of Jesus.

Reader will you answer this call by sending back the answer, "Here am I send me?" Your influence and energy will be a great factor in this drive and we are looking to you as one of those who are designated in the Scriptures as God's servants.

"Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy Power."

E. A. Manry, *Home Miss. Sec. Columbia Union.*

Experiences of a Conference President in Harvest Ingathering

It is considerably more difficult to raise money for missions this year than it was last. In many places our offerings are averaging just about fifty per cent of those of last year. While talking with a prominent lawyer in one of the large cities of Maryland a few days ago, I said, "You gave us an offering last year and it was a certain amount." He said, "Yes, but last year is not this, money affairs are different." This is quite true without any doubt.

While visiting business men with the pastor of our colored church in Baltimore a few days ago, a real estate man who treated us very cordially, told us that he was obligated to his own church, but he believed we were doing a splendid work, and he would help us some. He wrote a check for \$20 to aid our work. Five other men gave offerings of five dollars each. These are the best offerings I have received this year.

It has been my experience to get plenty of 50-cent offerings from business men, but many of our people are working this year and we are very anxious to reach our goal. We are several thousand dollars ahead of what we were at the same time last year, even though money comes in more slowly.

R. M. Spencer.

A Splendid Showing

That the blessing of God has attended our Ingathering efforts this fall is plainly evident. At least twelve of our churches are directly concerned in building places of worship. Those closely connected with the financial end of the program have told me of amounts solicited in materials and cash which approximate \$50,000 for their local enterprises. Notwithstanding this and the general tendency to give less liberally than in former years we are ahead of last year's Ingathering figures at the same date. "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow."

Much credit is due the faithful laborers, our brethren and sisters who have denied self by putting in many soliciting hours. A dear old sister at Ariel, seventy-four years old, reported \$102 on her \$100 goal a week ago and said "I am still working". A similar record comes from Sellersville, while many others who are weak physically are receiving a blessing in doing their best. It is not the amount, but our best that counts with the One Who gave all for us. Eternity alone will reveal the prayers, the hours of sacrifice to the credit of many of God's dear people. It will not be long before that revelation will be made.

While good results are realized, yet our goal is not reached. The union committee the other day voted a final rally period in all the union from November 12-26 aiming to complete the goal by the 26th. East Pennsylvania is conformable to this, and hereby announces an extension of time in which churches that have not reached their goal may make a special effort in the closing days—November 12-26. According to past records it is possible for us to go over the goal before that date. We trust that all who are behind will rally to this final appeal for 1927 to the extent that each will have done his part at the close of the effort.

George Butler.

Future Possibilities

Millions of Dollars and Thousands of Souls

The Harvest Ingathering work has developed into a prominent, dependable denominational asset. Through it our missionary work has rapidly grown. We could not get along without it now, but there is a far greater value associated with this work than that represented by the money gathered in. The educational phase of this work far exceeds the value of the money collected. The experience the rank and file of our people have gained in this work could have come to them in no other kind of work. It has compelled them to come in contact with the people—the most dreaded, yet the most vital essential of all our evangelistic work. It has forced them to study and to explain the truth to others; and in this teaching, they themselves have been taught, and more perfectly established in the truth. It has been a great spiritual blessing, and has brought many of them a growing passion for souls. It has enlarged and greatly extended the knowledge of our world movement to the people of this nation. It has, more than any other work, made our people, their message, and their work known to the world.

As our people began more fully to recognize their privilege of successfully teaching the message as they solicited means for missions, there providentially came to them *Present Truth*, the best possible, and the most economical message teacher, which for only 25 cents, they could place in the home of an interested party, for an entire year, and

in it have enough of connected message to keep him studying all the time; something that produces results when known results are possible; something that covers a full year's connected teaching of the fundamental principles; something that deals only with the all-powerful message God is especially sending the world today, unmixed with other things not essential to a knowledge of this message; something that appeals to all message-susceptible people more than anything men can produce; something that teaches only one subject at a time, and that fully enough to lead to a definite conviction on that topic; something that teaches the full, converting message in logical, connected order just as effectively as our ministers teach it; something that heralds the full, plain, connected message which has no equal in the power to change men's lives.

If space permitted our citing the many testimonials voluntarily sent to *Present Truth* in proof of its converting power, we could give hundreds of them; for individual instances have multiplied until they have become common. They constitute a part of the daily mail. All of them tell, in different ways, the same inspiring story of having read *Present Truth* for some time and of having accepted its teachings and begun work for others through the circulation of the little papers that had done so much for them. The power of the message upon a message-susceptible person leads him or her to give to missions and giving to missions binds the contributor to the message. Giving to missions is a good indication of an open heart for the message, and no contributor should be, through any lack of ours, deprived of an opportunity to know of the message; and there is nothing more effective, nothing as cheap as *Present Truth* with which to impart this knowledge. The time has evidently come for the message and the soliciting for missions to go strongly together. When they are united as they should be, there will be millions of dollars for missions and thousands of souls saved through the Ingathering work.

Going Out to Go In

A short time ago I was talking to a group of young people; my objective being missionary activities. The text we were studying was Rev. 3:12. To be an "overcomer"—to come anyhow—right over the top of all difficulties—seemed to be the one desire. To fight the battle and to conquer was the goal.

There was also the idea of becoming a "pillar"—a real support to this great movement of ours. Everybody wanted to be a "pillar" and everybody wanted to be an "overcomer."

The next clause—"And he shall go no more out" was not received so favorably. "I do not like that," said a girl in the early teens. "Nor I," said another, "because I like to go out." It was evident that we were in trouble and needed to study the "going out" question, and we did.

Come with me back to Eden. Everything is beautiful and lovely, until—oh, the pity of it—sin spoiled it. "So He drove out the man," and that was the first "going out."

In the very next chapter we find another "going out"—a different kind. Two beautiful boys—one became jealous and killed the other. A life "went out" and not only so, but Cain "went out" from the presence of the Lord.

Jacob also "went out" from home because he had sinned, and so it has been down through the ages. Men

and women and boys and girls have "gone out." Some because of their own sins, and some because of the sins of others.

Then one day the great clock of time struck the hour and our God sent His Son "out of heaven and home," down to this dark earth to make it possible for us to come back home. He sent Him when He knew He would be despised. He knew those wicked men would spit in His face and nail Him to the cross. He sent Him anyway, because He loved Him so much. Our Jesus came "out" of heaven for you and me.

Just before our Saviour returned to heaven He gave the commission "Go ye." Go out to the ends of the earth and tell folks of my love and return for the faithful, the "overcomers" and the "pillars." And men and women have gone, as far north as people live and as far south as people live; to the east and to the west this gospel is being carried. Thousands of faithful "pillars" have given up home and relatives and "gone out." They must have sustenance—homes, food and clothes, while they lift high the banner of truth.

These workers can never give the message without help. The Lord has sent us word that "This work can never be finished until every man, woman and child gets under the load." The call now is to "Go out." Go and gather funds to sustain the work.

The rest of that verse talks about a certain label, or address that is being placed upon those who are "pillars"—those who "go out" and do this errand for God. They are billed right through to the New Jerusalem, where they will "go no more out."

Ere long the last song will have been sung; the last sermon preached; the last dollar gathered. *Now* is the time to "go out" for God. Then it will be forever too late.

The Chesapeake Volunteers have caught the spirit of service. They are responding to the call "go out" and gather in the harvest of dollars. Already they have reached their per capita goal, but they have set a higher goal and they are going to reach it. When the Lord gathers from the east, west, north and south, we Volunteers of Chesapeake hope "to go in" and "Go no more out."

H. L. Pickard, *M. V. Sec., Chesapeake Conf.*

Loving the Work Channels of Blessings

One of the greatest blessings that has ever come to this people is that of the Harvest Ingathering. Once every year, every member of the church has the opportunity of meeting, those for whom Christ died, in their own homes. It has ever been God's plan that His people should become channels of blessings through which the Holy Spirit might flow on to others.

Of Abram it is said, "I will bless thee . . . and thou shalt be a blessing." Every Seventh-day Adventist has been blessed with a knowledge of the truth for this time. To them comes the responsibility of imparting it to other, less fortunate than themselves.

Hoarded Love of Eternity

"Christ has demonstrated to us the great value of souls in that he came to the world with the *hoarded love of eternity in His heart*, offering to make man heir of His wealth He did nothing for Himself; *His work was in behalf of fallen man*. . . . In sacrificing Himself for the good of men, *Christ strikes at the root*

of all selfishness. He withheld nothing not even His own honor and heavenly glory. *He expects corresponding self-denial and sacrifice on the part of those whom he came to bless and save.*" Vol. V, p. 204.

Responsibility of Being Saved

Have you been saved by this great *Sacrifice of Love*? Then God has a work for you to do in behalf of others. There is a harvest of souls, at home and abroad, to be gathered. Brother! Sister! What are you hoarding? Is it the love of ease from service that led Cain to say to the Lord "My punishment is greater than I can bear," or are you willing to sacrifice home, comforts and ease for the cause of Christ?

A Great Blessing

I would not have you ignorant regarding the good that is accomplished through our annual Harvest Ingathering work. It is one of the greatest agencies we have for winning souls to God, and one in which every one may take part. Twenty-five per cent of the 60 cent-a-week fund is made up by it. Last year there was gathered in North America and turned over to the Mission Board \$687,276.14, and during the 14 years of the existence of this work, there has been gathered a grand total of \$5,280,691.65.

Reward of Faithful Service

How many souls do you suppose such an amount, in the hands of God, has been able to win? Do you think that the Lord of the harvest will know how to pay the laborers when the work is done? Will those who gather the sinews of war, and stay by the stuff have as many stars in their crowns, as those who spend it?

What I May Do

We are told that \$200 will support a native worker, a whole year, in a foreign field. If this worker would win twenty souls, and half should be given you, would you not be willing to raise \$200 in this 1927 Harvest Ingathering work? We have a world to warn, and the Lord is looking on to see who is interested in the completion of that work.

Finding Interested Ones

Last, but not least of all this work, is winning souls here at home. We will find interested souls wherever we go. Every worker should have a little notebook in which to write the name and address of such people. The finder should either follow up this interest or turn it over to the church to follow up. Remember we have a goal of one hundred souls for this conference this year. Will you not do your part by bringing in these names of persons that are interested?

U. D. Pickard, *Home Miss. Sec.*

When the Prospectus Made the Sale

The Harvest Ingathering work is drawing to a close in most of our conferences and no doubt some of us have found foreign-speaking people who were interested in the work which we are doing. Why not follow up this interest by endeavoring to place in their hands a copy of one of our small books in their language? By using the Foreign Prospectus, which costs only fifty cents, these people can be approached in a very easy manner.

Following is a paragraph written by one of the brethren in Michigan who used the Foreign Prospectus: "I wish to say that I think very highly of the For-

eign Prospectus, as almost a hundred times when I could not make my listeners understand a single word, the prospectus has come to the rescue and I have taken the order in some foreign language."

In case the individual is not interested in buying a book, you may create an interest by giving him *Present Truth* in his own language. Weekly and monthly periodicals are also published in the German, Swedish, Danish-Norwegian, Hungarian, Italian, and Russian languages. When the foreign-speaking people show such interest in our work, we should endeavor to give them some literature each year between the Harvest Ingathering campaigns.

Herbert Griffith, *Cir. Mgr. Int. Press. Pub. Asso*

A Splendid Way in Which to Spend Thanksgiving Day

The time appointed as Thanksgiving Day has lost most of its former meaning and significance. A reflection upon actual conditions then existing that created this day of thanksgiving by our Puritan fathers would lead us all to recognize the fact that the spirit and intent of the original Thanksgiving Day has largely disappeared. Instead of being a time of thanksgiving, too often it is a day of feasting; a day of gluttony; a day of idleness instead of a day of worship and thanksgiving.

It is so easy for the remnant church to drift into the ways of the world and to celebrate our national holidays in keeping with the common spirit of the world unless we are kept within the shadow of the cross continually.

I have just received a letter from our General Conference treasurer in which he sets forth the needs of the mission fields. By faith our brethren have pledged themselves, not only to maintain present work, but to contribute an amount that would enable our mission fields in the ends of the earth to make a forward movement. The times and conditions demand that we do this, and under the influence of God's blessed spirit our leading brethren have responded to this call by making an appropriation for mission fields that has exceeded any appropriation made by this people in the history of the past. Up to the present time, however, the funds received—the only available means to make these appropriations a reality—have been greatly diminished. How could we better spend Thanksgiving Day than to consecrate that day fully to God in earnest service by taking our Harvest Ingathering number of *The Watchman* from home to home, soliciting for our needy mission fields?

The customary Thanksgiving dinner, which I fear is not in keeping with the spirit and purpose of Thanksgiving Day, could well be sacrificed in the interest of our great needs in the fields beyond. There is no day that affords greater opportunity to gather funds for our mission fields. The spirit of Thanksgiving entering into the hearts of our American people generally, will afford us a splendid opportunity to press our appeal for a thanksgiving offering.

I trust that our people throughout the Conference of West Virginia and the neighboring conferences in this union may see in this coming Thanksgiving Day a splendid opportunity to make possible a grand advance in mission lines in the needy fields beyond by dedicating that day fully to God in the interest of Harvest Ingathering for missions.

H. J. Detwiler, *Pres. of W. Va. Conf.*

Ohio Volunteers in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign

The great commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel" has gripped the hearts of our youth until they have pledged themselves to give "*The Advent Message to all the world in this generation*". Their determination to accomplish this important task is manifest in every campaign launched by the church. Again their efforts have been felt in the present campaign for Missions.

All over the state our youth have been visiting the homes and business places presenting facts concerning the progress of our work, both in foreign and the home lands. Glad are they to announce to the people that our work has spread to earth's remotest bounds until at the present we are working in 124 different countries, publishing and preaching the message in 252 different languages. This youthful, energetic talent has gathered in thus far, nearly three thousand dollars. As volunteers in the great campaign they have determined to raise five thousand dollars before laying down their armor in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. With this thought in mind let every volunteer be at his post of duty, not relinquishing one bit of energy until the task is finished.

November 12-26 inclusive has been set apart for a special Harvest Ingathering drive throughout the union. May there be throughout the conference a mighty stirring of youth as they press to the front ranks:

To gather up the dollars,
That around their pathway lie.
Could they see sad hearts longing
For the Gospel over there,
They would surely not neglect them,
They would search the country o'er

When the Gospel has been given to the lands across the sea, and the Saviour comes to claim his own what a blessed time that will be for all who have done their part in the heavenly appointed plan of getting in means to be used in sending the rays of Gospel light to those who sit in darkness.

Mrs. A. E. King, *Ohio M. V. Sec.*

Everybody Doing It

The time is far spent when people thought Seventh-day Adventists did not amount to much and could be dismissed with a sneer. They are recognizing that we as a people really believe something very definite and that we act upon that belief. The Harvest Ingathering probably has done more to educate the public along this line than any other one thing.

As one of our keenest opposers once remarked, "Adventists have work for every one to do, from the oldest grandma to the youngest child." Yes, that is true, and except for the fact, it might be we would have three or four dozen missionaries in the field instead of thousands.

The glory of this accomplishment is not for us, though we may take satisfaction in the onward progress of the message, but the duty of not slackening our efforts most certainly is ours. All these years we have been pressing forward with the message of the Lord's soon coming. Surely now is not the time to settle back in comfort and ease and say by our actions, "My Lord delayeth His coming."

The word is very plain, "He that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved." W. S. Mead.

The Secret of Our Success

November 12 to 26 has been set apart by the Columbia Union Conference as the time when all its churches are to make a special effort to reach their Harvest Ingathering allotments. A number of people will ask, "Can we reach our goals in the given time?" Most assuredly we can if we follow the Lord's instruction contained in the following quotations from the *Spirit of Prophecy*.

"The secret of our success in the work of God will be found in the harmonious working of our people. There must be concentrated action. Every member of the body of Christ must act his part in the cause of God, according to the ability that God has given him. We must press together against obstructions and difficulties, shoulder to shoulder, heart to heart."—*Mrs. E. G. White, R. & H.; Dec. 2, 1890.*

"If Christians were to act in concert, moving forward as one, under the direction of one Power, for the accomplishment of one purpose, they would move the world."—*Testimonies, Vol. 9, p. 221.*

We trust that all will unitedly work to win success by the close of Thanksgiving week.

E. R. Corder.

Securing the Cooperation of City Officials

While the third angel's message is to be carried to the entire world with or without the approval of public officials, it is very fitting as Christians that we should secure the cooperation of the authorities in so far as possible. Sometimes it will be necessary to go forward with our work in the same way that the apostles did following the crucifixion of Christ. These men were forbidden to preach by the ordinance of the city of Jerusalem, notwithstanding this they went on proclaiming the gospel for that hour. There are times when by exercising tact we can secure the approval of the officials. In this connection I am very happy to relate my experience with the city officials of the town of York, Pennsylvania. Usually we find cooperation begets cooperation. Many times we find one cannot canvass for our subscription books unless the colporteur pays a license. My experience with the city officials, has led me to conclude that they are largely interested in protecting the people against fraud but special privileges are granted to worthy workers. If the sale of our good books or magazines is prohibited in a city it is generally best to call at the city hall and get information regarding the ordinance which effects our work. Personally I call on the city clerks to get this information. They will gladly tell me if there is any ordinance affecting my work. In case one finds the ordinance prohibitive unless a license is paid, the next step is to ask if a permit could not be obtained to do religious work. Explain that you are working for the salvation of souls and that usually the officials have granted permission to our workers to carry on their work unmolested. The city clerk may send you to the chief of police or the mayor, and your approach to these officials will mean much in procuring the permit. I might tell you briefly how I approached the Mayor of the city of York, Pennsylvania, and obtained his permission to sell our books.

Before I went to the city hall we had special prayer at the house and asked definitely that the Lord would soften the mayor's heart. I was given permission to speak with the mayor and when I introduced myself I told him that I was a Seventh-day Adventist and that I had come to York to sell our publications and do missionary work. I then took out the prospectus for "Patriarchs and Prophets" and showed him the book. After I had canvassed him I said this to him. "I am well acquainted with the Inter-State Commerce Law, but I thought there might be some minor ordinance that I would have to comply with in order to *be a law abiding citizen in the city of York; and I want to be law abiding, so I came to you for information.*"

I gained his confidence by telling him that while I was acquainted with the Inter State Commerce Law I wanted to be sure that there would be no ordinance that would prohibit me from being a law abiding citizen in York, and I made him glad by telling him that I came to him for information, and permission was granted not only for our book work but also for the Harvest Ingathering work and our magazine work, and he has had me speak to the city council twice on Sunday observance. He introduced me to the policemen of the city and told them to let me work unmolested.

Should the colporteur find that cooperation can not be obtained the first thing he should do is to notify his field secretary, and they together usually are able to secure a permit. Do not be discouraged as our "duty to God" is to carry the message and he will open the way.

F. D. Myers.

Ten Dollars Per Volunteer

October 22 finds the Missionary Volunteers of West Pennsylvania with a total amount of \$1650, and an average per capita amount of \$10 for every volunteer in the conference, Juniors as well as Seniors. That is holding up this end rather well, in fact, it ranks right up with the big folks. There are not many churches that show a per capita of \$25 per member as does the Mt. Jewett society. Pittsburgh No. 1 society has a per capita of \$21.80; Falls Creek, a per capita of \$13; and Greensburg a per capita of \$12.75. A banner was offered to add zest to the campaign and this was won by Mt. Jewett, having the highest per capita.

Our Sharon society, which is wholly Junior, excepting the leader, reached a per capita of \$11.32. The last time the conference Missionary Volunteer Society visited them, you could hardly find available territory anywhere—they had covered the ground so thoroughly. Our North Warren society has taken Sunday trips to all the surrounding towns to garner in the funds.

All in all, our young people have held their section of the Harvest Ingathering in the front. They were among the first to advance, when the drive was opened. This is as it should be. The Missionary Volunteer movement is organized to lead our young people to see that they have a responsibility to do their part to forward the great arm of the last great church—the heralding of the gospel to all the world. With this in mind, let us as good soldiers of Jesus Christ, quit ourselves like men, and rally once again around the banner, in the forthcoming weeks November 12-26, and make our victory certain and complete.

Stanley Brown, *M. V. Sec.*

Working for Missions on Pitcairn

The following paragraphs are taken from a letter recently received at the Mission Board Office from M. E. McCoy, treasurer of the Pitcairn church:

"We realize the good we may do on board of passing ships with our songs and reading matter. We distribute hundreds and hundreds of pages this way, and we pray God will bless it to the salvation of souls. I will here mention one special boat, the "Ionic", running between London and New Zealand. Good Captain Jackson calls both outward and homeward and he asks for a song service every trip. After the songs he collects offerings for missions. During last year and up to May this year he has collected from the passengers of his boat over \$45 for missions. This is helping in God's work and I believe the Lord will bless him.

"It cheers our hearts to learn of the progress of the dear message in the darkened corners of the earth: India, Japan, Africa, South America and the islands of the sea. It gives us joy to know that all trials and sorrows of this life will soon be over, and that God's children shall be gathered home.

"We are all well here at present, all enjoying much of the blessing of our Heavenly Father, with no sickness of any kind among us. Our Sabbath school membership is 125, three members having died since Brother Hare went away.

"I know you will be interested in what we are doing in our Harvest Ingathering for missions. We began this work in 1924 by setting apart a special ship and all that we received went for missions. Well, that year we raised \$258. Last year we had two collections and reached over \$330. We thought that this was the very best we could possibly do. This year, as there are fifty-two families on the Island, we planned for each family to try to obtain a pound each. I am very much pleased to say that on May 8 we totaled over seventy-seven pounds (about \$375), quite a little beyond the goal set for ourselves. I have never seen a more willing offering than this. If no ships come this way, then no money. So we prayed and everyone did his best, I believe, even to sacrifice, and God sent the ships and the money, and more, He gave to all the spirit of willingness and liberality, for which we thank and bless His holy name. All the honor goes to Him, and now our prayer is that He will use this money for the conversion of souls who are still in darkness.

"Brethren, pray for us. Pray that our lives here may be a beacon light to passengers going to and fro and also that when Jesus comes our little kingdom may be saved in His glorious kingdom. Christian love and brotherly fellowship to all of like precious faith."

M. E. McCoy, *Pitcairn Island.*

He has mastered all points who has combined the useful with the agreeable.—*Horace.*

"In every trial, if we seek Him, Christ will give us help." Our eyes will be opened to discern the healing promises recorded in His word." *H. M., p. 248.*

What is a stairway but a series of obstacles? Yet you rely on the stairs to help you mount to a higher place. If the life road had no obstacles, who would ever get up? No one can climb on thin air. —*Wellspring.*

COLUMBIA UNION

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The Crisis at Hand

Ever since some of us were little children we have heard the pioneers and leaders in this work preaching from the text of Revelation 13 and telling us of events in the closing days of the fulfillment of prophecy. Without a doubt the final issue is upon us. God's powerful restraining hand may yet hold back the Sunday law forces from achieving their full aim for some time to come, but without doubt we are face to face with the beginning of the final battle.

Elders Longacre and Votaw of our Religious Liberty Department, who are keeping in touch continually with affairs in Congress, have been telling us that there is a new line-up of the Sunday law forces. As never before they are laying themselves out to press for the winning of their objective. Well, we know what his conflict means that we are now entering upon. We must let the public know. Be ready, brethren and sisters, as the word is sounded, to do your part. Pray and spread the literature. Enlighten the people. Let everybody know what it means that the churches seem to be rising almost as one to throw influence of their millions into the scale for the enforcement of the long-coveted laws. God has hitherto helped this people in holding back these elements. These things are the call of God to us, to put away sin and to hold ourselves where God can work. His will through His people.

W. A. Spicer, *Pres. of Gen. Conf.*

Medical Missionary Work in the Columbia Union Conference

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." 3 Jno. 2.

It has been said that "health is worth more than wealth," and how true it is. One might own a large part of the world, but if he did not have good health, he would not enjoy it. God's wish for us, above all things, is that we may prosper and be in health, and there is much said in the Bible and the "Testimonies" concerning health.

When the Lord brought Seventh-day Adventists into existence, he gave them the gospel of health, and committed to their hands are many precious principles of health. These principles, if practiced will help to make ready a people for the second coming of the Lord.

From the years 1920 to 1927, about fifteen hundred people have been graduated in the Columbia Union Conference from the Home Nursing Course. In addition to this much other medical work has been done.

An advance step in medical missionary work was taken during the last camp meeting season. The Washington Sanitarium sent out from their institution three nurses to each of the camp meetings in the union. The supervising nurse being a graduate and having had considerable practical experience in institutional and field work, made the ministry of these nurses a great blessing

to the people encamped. Talks on health topics and demonstrations were given daily. The medical meeting was an interesting feature each day, and was well attended by the campers. Many people expressed themselves as having been greatly benefited by the lectures, and by the demonstrations as to how to give simple treatments. Expressions like the following were made, "It is not high sounding technical phrases we want to hear, but plain practical instruction, that will help us in our everyday life when we return to our homes."

More could be said about the medical work during the camp meetings, but space will not permit in this article.

As a result of the interest created during the camp meeting season, representatives from the Washington Sanitarium, and the Columbia Union Conference Committee met and adopted the following plan for the promotion of the medical missionary work throughout the Columbia Union Conference:

"That schools of health, consisting of ten lessons be given during a period of two weeks, and that these schools be held in as many churches as possible during the year. In connection with the schools of health, covering the true remedies outlined in the Spirit of Prophecy, six lessons of cookery be given in the afternoons, either in the church or in the homes of our people where the interest of the neighbors and friends not of our faith might be enlisted."

Arrangements have been made for two graduate nurses to spend their entire time in the field. The Field Secretary of the Washington Sanitarium will visit these schools from time to time and give assistance as may be found necessary.

The children of the church schools will be given a physical inspection by the nurses and the results will be the basis for individual and group instruction and counsel to the parents.

Children in all church schools in the Union Conference will be inspected; however, the children in churches where schools of health are conducted will be given more attention.

A health score card based on the principles laid down by the Bible, the Spirit of Prophecy, and science will be provided for distribution and use in the churches.

The Field Committee of the Washington Sanitarium recommends that in churches where the two-week schools of health are conducted, the opening service preferably be a symposium on a Sabbath morning, presented by representatives from the Washington Sanitarium, union conference and local conference.

Reports from the schools of health will be published in the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR, giving a statistical report of work done during the calendar month, together with a narrative report covering outstanding phases of the work. This will also include such human interest stories as will make the work live in the minds of those who read the reports.

The above program will be carried on during the whole year, and will not in any way hinder the camp meeting program which will be conducted by three additional nurses from the Washington Sanitarium.

The above plans if carried out will without doubt be a real blessing to our churches. To everyone who knows this truth God has given a responsibility to work for others. When ministers, physicians, nurses, and members of the churches set their hands of giving the gospel of health to others, the work will be quickly done, and the blessing received.

F. H. Robbins.

The Sabbath in the Home

Did you ever see little noses pressed against the window pane, watching a sun that seemed to sink all too slowly, while lugubrious young voices wailed, "Oh, when will Sabbath be over?" Well, perhaps not; I hope you have not. But I have; and therefore it is with keen pleasure that I read such a testimony as this from a mother in South Carolina:

"It has always been a problem for us to help the children keep the Sabbath aright without giving all our time. And I am not sure that even then we gave them the right idea of the Sabbath. If parents have to be on a constant strain during the Sabbath to keep their children from play or something wrong, the children have not really gotten hold of the Sabbath, have they? But I am so glad for the *Parents' Lessons*, which have taught us the true idea of the Sabbath and how to use it at home. We need all the help we can get in training our children to love this message and in preparing them to help carry it in these last days. I am sure these lessons have been sent to us from God for that purpose."

And later this same mother wrote: "I would not take twice the money, even as hard as it is to get, for what my lessons have been to me. And I know this year will be better; for I am starting in early, and unless we have sickness, I can put more time on them. They are one of the best things God has done for Seventh-day Adventists. My children have room for improvement, and I know it depends on me; and I am praying that God will help me, as well as other Seventh-day Adventist mothers, so to train my children that they may be examples of what He would have them be."

Is every one of you mothers, and every one of you fathers a student of how "to train my children that they may be examples of what He would have them be"?

District Leaders and Church Elders

"Moreover thou shalt provide able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties and rulers of tens. . . . If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall go to their place in peace." Ex. 18:21, 23.

"Well organized work must be done in the church, that its members may understand the manner in which they may impart life to others, and thus strengthen their own faith and increase their knowledge. . . . A working church is a living church." *An Appeal*.

The best help that ministers can give the members of our churches is not sermonizing but planning work for them. Give each one something to do for others." *Vol. 9 p. 83*.

"Wherever a church is established all the members should engage actively in missionary work. They should visit every family in the neighborhood, and know their spiritual condition." *Test., Vol. 6, p. 296*.

The most important work before us now is to thoroughly train the laity for service.

E. A. Manry, *Home Miss. Sec. Col. Union*.

"There are thousands who can recover health if they will. The Lord does not want them to be sick. He desires them to be well and happy, and they should make up their minds to be well." *M. H., p. 246*.

OHIO

N. S. Ashton, President A. E. King, Sec'y-Treas.
Box 517, Mount Vernon, Ohio

Our Visitor in France!

Collonges-sous-Saleve,
Haute-Savoie, France
October 20, 1927

"My dear Brother Wheeler:

"I like to get the VISITOR, as it helps to keep a bit in touch with the happenings there, and one always finds some little news note about some old friend of Academy or College days. It is always interesting to notice the reports from the colporteurs, and the little items which they send in from time to time, telling of their experiences. The names change, but there are always some of the old stand-bys, and *one is always glad to see the books are getting out in the field.*

"This winter I am trying to learn some more French, and get it to a place where it will be useable. Last winter I got a start, but it is so much harder than the Spanish or German for me that I do not seem to succeed any too well! (Of course that does not mean to say that I know so very much Spanish or German either!)

"Perhaps next summer I will be home in time to attend Camp Meeting; it just depends on my plans which have not fully formulated as yet because I want to attend the European Conference meeting if it is not too late in the fall.

"I wonder how school is going at Mount Vernon Academy this year. I suppose there are so many changes that I do not know many of the folks any more. I do not know the Principal, but I know his brother; and two of his nieces are here in school—fine folks.

"We have about a hundred students enrolled, and a couple more came today and some more are still coming, so I guess we will have a better enrollment than last year.

Sincerely your Sister in Christ,

Ruth Miller.

MOUNT VERNON ACADEMY

A. J. Olson, Principal
Mount Vernon, Ohio

News Notes

The enrollment of students in the Academy to-date is 155. This number will be materially increased during the second semester, as many have indicated their intention of coming then. However, it is not yet too late to enroll for the entire year's work. The first six weeks' tests have just been given; and the ambitious student can enter school now and finish the whole year's work in a strong way.

The response of the student body this year in the Harvest Ingathering effort is very gratifying indeed. The goal at first suggested for the Academy was \$400. But upon the visit of Elder H. K. Christman, and the enthusiasm which his talks aroused, the goal was increased to \$600. We are happy to report that nearly \$500 of this was in hand at the end of the first week. Various methods of securing funds are being used, house to house visiting,

soliciting with mission cans, and holding street meetings. All are greatly pleased with what has thus far been accomplished.

The students have chosen a name for the new brick dormitory that crowns the crest of Academy Hill. Several names were submitted one morning in chapel, and the decision went overwhelmingly to "Linden Hall. This name is especially fitting, as some fine linden trees were sacrificed to make room for the building.

Brother McClary, in charge of construction on this building, is sure the second and third floors will be ready for occupancy in less than one week. All students will much appreciate the change to larger and more convenient quarters.

A pastoral training class of twenty has been formed of the older students in the Academy, which is giving definite, practical instruction to those who are preparing for evangelistic and Bible work. A fine interest is being manifested also in the Young Peoples' Society, the Ministerial Seminar, and the Bible Workers' Band. Students develop rapidly as they make use of these avenues of expression and activity.

Professor Robert Ashton sustained a fractured ankle recently as the result of a fall. With the injured foot in a cast, and suffering severely, he is nevertheless carrying on his work as usual.

The school was recently favored with a visit from Brother W. H. McHenry and family, of West Virginia. The visit was most enjoyed by the son Donald, a student at the Academy.

The Mount Vernon church enjoyed two splendid talks by Elder J. W. MacNiel on Sabbath, Oct. 30. Both sermons were thrilling accounts of how the truth of God is sweeping on in the Dark Continent. Elder MacNiel has spent the past seven years in Africa, where he served as division evangelist and president of the South African Union Conference. The family were passing through on their way to the Pacific Coast, and were fortunate to arrive in Mt. Vernon for Sabbath.

WEST VIRGINIA

H. J. Detwiler, President C. M. Paden, Sec'y Treas.
1455 Seventh St., Parkersburg, W. Va.

News Notes

Boys and girls: We now have a supply of the "No-Tobacco Buttons" at the office. Send us 50c and we will mail you twenty-five of the "No-Tobacco Little Friend" with a button that you may wear.

We also have a good supply of the "Morning Watch Calendars" for 1928 on hand. Plain 5c, DeLuxe 15c. They are beautiful in design this year. Four colors in the DeLuxe: marble, light blue, maroon and tan.

Home Missionary Wall Calendar. We have a supply of the beautiful Home Missionary Wall Calendar for 1928. There is a great demand for this calendar this year. Place your order early to insure getting your calendar that you may start the New Year right.

Elder and Mrs. Connerley are locating at Konnarok for about six weeks, where Elder Connerley will look after the new company which was recently organized there as the result of the summer effort by Brother Berry, who is now located at Chilhowie. Brother Berry is looking after the new members in Chilhowie that have taken hold of the truth recently from the tent meeting he held there this summer following the one at Konnarok.

Uniontown District, A. E. Holst, Leader				
Uniontown	200.00	261.97		13.09
Washington District, L. W. Kurz, Leader				
Washington	210.00	39.90	171.10	1.90
Churches Not Districted				
Conference Ch.	8 30.00	306.54	656.42	3.69
Port Allegany	240.00	47.45	102.55	1.35
Corydon	90.00	10.00	80.00	1.11
Total Per Dist.	1160.00	363.99	968.97	3.13
Grand Total	\$11,630.00	\$7344.54	\$4285.46	

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

W. M. Robbins, President H. E. Garrarde, Sec'y-Treas.
506-508 First National Bank, Greensburg, Pa.

Harvest Ingathering Campaign Report to October 15, 1927

Bradford District, J. C. Oswald, Leader				
Coudersport	\$360.00	\$187.00	\$173.00	\$5.19
Shinglehouse	280.00	89.50	190.50	3.19
Bradford	180.00	125.00	55.00	6.94
Total Per Dist.	820.00	401.50	418.50	5.10
DuBois	450.00	303.05	146.95	6.73
Clearfield	70.00	63.79	6.21	9.11
Indiana	370.00	118.97	251.03	3.21
Total Per Dist.	890.00	485.80	404.19	5.45
Erie District				
Erie	790.00	550.00	240.00	6.96
Corry	300.00	78.40	221.60	3.63
Meadville	100.00	108.01		10.80
North Warren	410.00	468.00		11.41
Total Per Dist.	1600.00	1204.41	461.60	7.52
Johnstown District, G. S. Rapp, Leader				
Altoona	370.00	164.00	206.00	4.43
Johnstown	440.00	262.99	177.01	5.97
Greensburg	430.00	445.84		10.36
Huntingdon	130.00	137.25		10.55
Total Per Dist.	1370.00	1010.08	383.01	7.37
Mt. Braddock District, C. B. Newmyer, Leader				
Mt. Braddock	230.00	38.59	191.41	1.67
Mt. Jewett District, A. O. Lund, Leader				
Mt. Jewett Swed.	230.00	230.00		10.00
Warren Swedish	130.00	130.00		10.00
Total Per Dist.	360.00	360.00		10.00
Pittsburgh No. 1 District, M. R. Coon, Leader				
New Castle	360.00	192.94	167.06	5.36
Pittsburgh No. 1	2030.00	1400.00	630.00	6.08
Total Per Dist.	2390.00	1592.94	797.06	6.66
Pittsburgh No. 2 District, F. C. Phipps, Leader				
Pittsburgh No. 2	1210.00	174.36	1035.64	1.44
Pittsburgh German District, C. W. Weber, Leader				
Sharon	140.00	105.46	35.54	7.53
Pitts. German	1050.00	1305.44		12.43
Total Per Dist.	1190.00	1410.90	35.54	11.85

News Notes

Elder A. E. Sanderson, of the General Conference, who, with Elder and Sister W. M. Robbins, is making a tour of the conference this week, spoke to a large and appreciative audience at the Pittsburgh No. 1 church, Sabbath, November 5. A cordial invitation was extended to the German church, of this city, and a large delegation, together with the pastor, C. W. Weber, were present. Thirty-one families subscribed for the *Review and Herald*.

The following ten churches are "over the top" in the Harvest Ingathering: Uniontown, Huntingdon, Greensburg, North Warren, Mt. Jewett, Pittsburgh German, Warren Swedish, Pittsburgh English, Meadville, and Bradford. Two more churches are within sight of their Harvest Ingathering goal. Clearfield reports only 2.10 short November 5 and Sharon reports \$6.07 short November 5.

A card from Elder Oswald, received November 7, says that the church has raised \$302.81, or \$16.80 per member, in the Harvest Ingathering. Certainly the Lord is blessing these faithful brethren and sisters in their willingness to cooperate in giving the last warning message.

At the last union committee meeting, held October 24, much consideration was given to the Harvest Ingathering campaign. It was recommended that every district leader, as far as possible, give his exclusive time to the Harvest Ingathering work for the month of November, and that every church member be encouraged to make at least a goal of \$10. Brethren, let us put forth every effort to meet our goal. Let it be said, at the close of November, that we have met our goal.

Have you seen the new book, "His Cross and Mine" yet? This book, which has just come off the press, is a companion book to "Life of Victory." It will make a beautiful gift to some friend. Cloth binding, \$1.25 postpaid. Order now from your book and Bible house.

Give good books to your children. In these days of evil temptations when allurements beset the feet of the young at every turn, especially in trashy reading matter, there is one firm that has pledged itself to the production of *good character building books* for the youth. We invite your attention to the "Bible A B C's for the Little Folks." This beautiful little booklet, 6x9 inches, is particularly attractive. It gives the alphabet in big letters, each with an appropriate Bible verse and picture, many of them in pretty colors. The price is only 15 cents. Who will be the first to get one?

"The No-Tobacco Number" of *Our Little Friend* is also ready for mailing. We will have a stock on hand within a few days. Now is the time to save the boys and girls.

We will give every boy and girl a "No-Tobacco-Junior Button" to wear who will send us 50c for twenty-five copies of this number. They cost 2c per copy and sell for 5c. We know the boys and girls will want to wear one of these nice buttons. Order today from the West Pennsylvania Book and Bible House.

The statement by Brother C. E. Palmer, of the Review and Herald, that the "Bed Time Stories" are books that are good sellers at this time of the year, is verified by Brother and Sister Elmer Blair of the Greensburg church. Last Friday they sold forty-five "Bed Time Stories", aside from other books of the Home Workers set. The Lord is greatly blessing these faithful workers.

BURIED TREASURES FOUND

If you knew where a hundred thousand dollars lay buried, and it could be yours, merely for the work of unearthing it, you would, no matter who you are, soon have it uncovered. There are treasures greater than those of money. They are those of thought, and ability, and particularly those of character. None of us have exhausted his or her possibilities, and so, these, our treasures, lie buried. Thousands have gone unheedingly by these greatest of riches, a few have searched and found.

Do you wish to read a fascinating story of "Buried Treasures" and how others have searched and found theirs? If so, secure a copy of the new book "Buried Treasure" by Doctor L. A. Reed. You will get help from it. Order from the West Pennsylvania Book and Bible House.

Now that the "Bed Time Stories," No. 1, 2 and 3, are on the subscription book basis, our people should be able to sell these books. One brother in Greensburg went out a few hours last Friday, with no experience in selling books, and sold seventeen copies. He said people were anxious to get these books. Your order will have our prompt attention.

NEW JERSEY

A. J. Clark, President
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C. H. Kelly, Sec'y-Treas.

News Notes

Brother Joseph Schershinger of Newark is studying the canvass for "Return of Jesus," and expects to be in the field.

Mrs. M. Heuston, recently of Detroit, Michigan, is now canvassing for "Return of Jesus" at Long Branch, N. J.

In a recent trip through the field, Elder E. M. Fishel, the Union Field Missionary Secretary, and Brother J. E. Lippart, the local Field Missionary Secretary, raised \$30 in Harvest Ingathering.

A baptism was held recently in the Jersey City No. 1 church at which six persons were baptized. These six persons were from one family with the exception of one. They will unite with the Asbury Park Church.

Last Sabbath Brother E. M. Kester spoke to the Burlington members at their regular Sabbath service. The topic of his discourse was "Building for Eternity."

The sisters of the Trenton church raised in two Saturday evenings on the streets over \$155 for the Harvest Ingathering fund. The church is nearing its goal of \$1500.

The Mount Holly church reports that they have gone over the top in their Harvest Ingathering. All the churches in the conference are doing well, and by just a little extra effort right now we believe all will go over the top.

Mrs. J. W. Jenssen, one of our faithful colporteurs, who has lived in Newark for several years, has recently moved to a suburb of Paterson. We believe that she will continue to do good service for the Lord in the colporteur work in her new neighborhood.

At a recent meeting of the conference committee, it was voted to secure 5000 copies of the book, "Church in Politics". It is hoped that each family in the conference will cooperate with the committee by using at least ten per family. We all know that there is a crisis pending on the Sunday law question when Congress meets next month, and we should be doing all we can to enlighten the people as to what this will mean if this bill is passed. We can do much to give them information by distributing this little book. This book sells for 25 cents per copy and will cost \$1.25 for ten books plus the postage, which will be 8 cents on 10 copies.

The Bridgeton and Jericho churches enjoyed a series of meetings just passed. Elder R. B. Clapp and Mrs. A. J. Clark were present and Elder A. J. Clark was there for the Sunday evening meeting. The meetings were very well attended and all enjoyed the blessings these meetings brought to them. The Bridgeton church is busy on its Harvest Ingathering and Elder Clapp remained to assist them in this part of their endeavor on Monday.

The children are planning to use some of the "No-Tobacco" Little Friends and received eagerly the idea of the "Safety deposit vault" device to assist them in gathering money for their thirteenth Sabbath offering.

The Trenton Sabbath School reports \$30.38 as received on the Investment Fund. Jericho reports \$18.43. The little Sewell boy turned in \$2. We expect when the reports come from the other schools that they have done equally as well.

Elder E. M. Fishel, Field Missionary Secretary of the Columbia Union Conference and Brother J. E. Lippart toured the conference in the interest of the colporteur work. A retired business man and his wife are under conviction that they should enter the work. Another brother who earns \$75 a week says his conscience bothers him, and he wants to get back into the work. A brother who weekly earns over \$100 wants to put in part time. A young carpet cleaner salesman, who has been keeping the Sabbath about a month is thinking of entering the work. A brother who spent eight years in the work is impressed to return.

Englewood (Colored) and Camden No. 1 report several who want to spend part time in the field. Prospects in New Jersey are as bright as the promises of God.

Our institute is just a short ways ahead. Remember the date, January 18-28. Make all arrangements with your field missionary secretary, J. E. Lippart, 1600 Brunswick Ave., Trenton, N. J.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

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W. H. Jones, Sec'y-Treas

News Notes

An institute for our church school teachers was held in the North Philadelphia church on Sabbath, Sunday and Monday, November 5 to 7. All teachers but one were present and excellent help from the union and General Conference was provided.

The colporteurs in the southwestern part of our conference were called together for a two-day institute at York. Brother Fishel from the union conference and Brethren Weller and Myers gave valuable help and instruction.

Miss E. R. Hochschorner visited the West Philadelphia church on Sabbath recently.

POTOMAC

W. F. Martin, President
411 Cedar St., Takoma Park, D. C.

W. B. Mohr, Sec'y-Treas

News Notes

December 10 to 17 is the week set apart by the General Conference for the week of prayer in all of our churches. A supply of the *Review* containing the readings for the services during this special week has been received at the conference office, and they will be mailed to all church elders, leaders and isolated members, in due time. Extra copies can be secured by ordering from the book and Bible house, at five cents per copy.

Last Sabbath, November 12, marked the beginning of the two weeks final campaign in our Harvest Ingathering work. We hope every member in the Potomac Conference will unite in one big lift and help us over the top. Our last report at the writing of this note shows \$12,865.30, which is \$2000 more than reported at the same time last year. While these figures are increasing, yet we are sorry to report that, thus far, only seven churches have made their quota of \$10 per member, and at the same time last year thirteen had reached their goals. We hope that these two weeks of special effort will bring all of our churches out.

Word was received at the conference office last week from Elder Martin, now in California, that he arrived safely, and hopes to be back sooner than he expected. He will, no doubt, return about the last of November or the first of December.

Elder Gauker, of Norfolk, met with an automobile accident last week but he escaped injury.

We had hoped to report in this week's issue of the VISITOR, the actual cash received from all of our church treasurers, during the Harvest Ingathering campaign. We hope to have this report in next week's issue of the VISITOR.

Elder Gauker is now assisting Elder Mead in the Harvest Ingathering work. He will visit Richmond, Petersburg, Winchester, Lynchburg, and Roanoke. We hope that with this additional help these churches will soon reach their quota.

Arrangements are being made in this conference for a religious liberty campaign, to meet the crisis now on. The seriousness of the times in which we are living demands our diligent service, and we hope that every member in the Potomac Conference will take part in the campaign, to enlighten the public concerning the evil results of religious legislation. Information will be sent to all churches very soon, regarding this campaign.

A year has past and again we come to the annual week of Sacrifice, November 20-26. As we meditate over our manifold blessings, this year, let us remember our work and workers in war-torn China, with sacrifice offerings that will cause their hearts to rejoice. We will also be greatly blessed as we make this a time of sacrifice and offering. Last year, Potomac Conference gave \$3990.18. What will be our offering this year?

As a result of diligent work done by the members of the Norfolk and Portsmouth churches, they have more than reached their goals in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Two extended trips were taken in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work, by Elder Gauker, his wife and several of his church members. As a result of the first trip, \$107 was added to this fund, and on the second trip, \$55 was received.

While these members were absent, the two churches were praying and working; thus the goals were gotten in the six weeks' period. Both churches expect to make their sixty-cents-a-week fund by the end of the year.

The Portsmouth Young People's Society held the Conference Young People's banner for two years, with the exception of three months. This society has raised \$20 per member, in the Harvest Ingathering campaign, the leader and secretary each having raised about \$60.

On October 22, a baptismal service was held in the Norfolk Church, and five persons were baptized.

In the Norfolk Church a hundred *Signs Weekly* were distributed for a period of ten weeks, and as a result a number of homes are open for Bible study. The Portsmouth church has also ordered one hundred *Signs Weekly*, for ten weeks, to be used systematically.

Plans are being made for a series of Sunday night services in both churches during the Fall and Winter seasons, and we trust that as a result of our efforts many persons will accept the truth. We ask you to pray for the work in Portsmouth and Norfolk.

Wedding Bells

The marriage of Miss Nana Aleta Reep of Norfolk, Va. to Mr. Charles William Snyder of Vienna, Virginia, took place September 21, 1927 in the Norfolk Church. The church was decorated with flowers. Mrs. McHan of Norfolk, played the wedding march, as two flower girls led the procession to the altar. After the ceremony about one hundred guests gathered at the home of the bride's parents, where a reception was given. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder are, at present, living in Vienna, but expect to make their future home in Norfolk.

H. G. Gauker.

A Letter from Peter

When a Sabbath school at the close of the quarter sends its used picture roll to a mission field, it is doing real missionary work. Fourteen picture rolls are being sent to distant fields by the Potomac Conference Sabbath Schools. This is much appreciated. The General Conference Sabbath School Department receives many letters of appreciation from our missionaries, also requests for more rolls. They tell of how, on the first Sabbath of a quarter when a new picture roll has been hung on a tree and the first picture explained and a story told, that long after the Sabbath school has closed, you can find the natives in great crowds still looking at the beautiful picture.

The Vienna, Virginia, Sabbath School has for some time been sending its picture roll to Elder E. B. Hare's Mission in Burma. Peter, the Sabbath School Secretary there, has written two interesting letters to Brother V. B. Wheeler. They speak for themselves. We are not left in doubt as to whether the rolls are used and appreciated. The Vienna School feels more than repaid for the effort put forth in mailing the rolls to Elder Hare. If you are not acquainted with Peter yet, read Elder Hare's book, "Jungle Stories." This is one of the current Junior Reading Course books. Peter is a prominent character in the book. His letter follows:

Tennasserim Mission

of

Seventh-day Adventists

Kamamaung, Salween District, via Shwegon
Burma

Dear Brother Wheeler:

As our work has grown in the Tennasserim Mission of Burma, it has been impossible for our superintendent, Pastor Hare, to look after all the correspondence as he would like to do, so I have been recently elected as secretary of the Young People's and Sabbath School Department.

I am a Karen, and have been educated in the Mission Schools and have worked in connection with the Mission since I was a little boy. I have seen the work grow in this Mission from a Sabbath school of ten or eleven, to five Sabbath schools with a total attendance of a hundred forty-seven. It is my work to see that they are supplied with a picture roll and collect the reports at the end of the quarter.

We appreciate very much the rolls that you send us from time to time. Last week three arrived, and although they are not all for the current quarter, yet we find that every five years we return over the same lessons, so we have a large rack in which we carefully wrap and segregate our rolls, so that each quarter we are able to let our Sabbath schools have a roll.

We thank you very much for your thoughtfulness, and love, and pray that God will greatly bless your Sabbath school and give you stars in your crown as a result of your missionary work.

Very sincerely your brother in Christ,
Peter.

Another Letter from Peter

Dear Brother Wheeler:

With great pleasure we acknowledge the receipt of another picture roll. It does our hearts good to see them coming along regularly, quarter by quarter. Through the

kindness of our many friends in America we are now able to have all of our five Sabbath schools study the same lesson at the same time, and there is a picture roll for each of them.

Kindly thank your Sabbath school on our behalf.

Very sincerely your brother in Christ,
Peter.

I appeal to you Sabbath school superintendents, do not let your used picture rolls go to waste. They are a great help to the missionary as he gathers the natives about him. Do not let the picture rolls accumulate in the closets any more, but send to me at once for the name and address of a missionary to whom you can send yours.

Mrs. C. P. Sorensen.

Mrs. Sorensen is quite busy these days making preparations for the Church School Teachers' Institute, to be held at Columbia Hall, Washington Missionary College, Takoma Park, Maryland.

The first session will open Sunday 1:30 P. M., Nov. 30. Every church school teacher in the Potomac Conference is expected to be there.

WASHINGTON MISSIONARY COLLEGE

H. H. Hamilton, President
Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

Review and Herald Scholarships

A \$100 check was given to each of eight smiling boys as their names were called out by Elder J. W. Mace of the Review and Herald Publishing Association during chapel period Friday morning, November 4. It was a gift from the publishing house to those student colporteurs who had done faithful work last summer in the Review and Herald territory. Of the sixteen students entitled to that award for having each canvassed 500 hours and delivered \$750 worth of books, Washington Missionary College claimed exactly half, or as many as three other colleges and one academy put together. The special chapel program was introduced by Elders Fishell and Robbins of the union conference, who both stressed the importance of the literature work in our denomination. Elder N. Z. Town, representing the General Conference Publishing Department, spoke a message of encouragement, recounting some experiences of student colporteurs both in this and foreign countries. Elder Mace then announced the results of the work of sixteen students who fulfilled the requirements of the Review and Herald scholarship plan inaugurated this year. These students had spent a total of over 9000 hours in the field last summer, or an average of 568½ hours for each student. The average amount of actual deliveries per student was \$883.66, representing an average of \$1.55 per hour for each student.

The names of the eight students from Washington Missionary College receiving the \$100 award are: George Higginbotham, Reginald Pleasants, Edgar Wrigley, Raymond Finch, Paul Douglas, Wilson Beall, Percy Brockner, and Alfred Liu.

COLPORTEURS' REPORTS

Ohio, Week Ending November 4, 1927

I. M. Evans, Field Missionary Secretary

Name	Place	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Del'd
<i>West Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 4, 1927</i>					
L. W. Kurz, Field Missionary Secretary					
Miss E. Troupe, Washington	RJ	36	54.25		
David S. Reid, Clearfield	GC	32	45.50		3.25
J. W. Siler, Warren Co.	RJ	40	45.00		
C. V. Burket, Blair	HW	27	41.50		2.50
C. L. Wiltsie	RJ	11	18.50		
Mrs. L. W. Kurz, Greensburg	RJ	6	15.00		
E. Besonson, Clarion Co.	WC	15	12.50		12.50
Lillie Adams, Indiana Co.	HW	8	6.75		1.70
Mrs. R. J. Myers, Cambria Co.	RJ	4	13.50		
Lloyd Lener, Allegheny Co.	RJ	13			89.75
Totals 10 Colporteurs		193	\$252.50		\$109.70

New Jersey, Two Weeks Ending October 28, 1927

J. E. Lippart, Field Missionary Secretary

Mrs. Carrie Dolan, Paterson	LH		20.00		20.00
Schleifer Boys, Bergenfield	Mag		20.00		20.00
Mrs. Estabrook, Passaic	Signs		30.00		30.00
J. Upton, Jersey City	Mag		60.00		60.00
Mrs. VanDine, Paterson	LH		10.00		10.00
Seiah Silvers Jr., Jersey City	LH		17.50		17.50
Geo. Blinn, Freehold	PP	90	187.00		88.00
F. Frankel, Newark	OD	25	6.50		15.50
J. W. Jenson, Newark	GC	42	34.00		41.20
Ida Ericson, Bloomfield	WC	13	5.85		5.85
Mrs. Houston, Long ranch	BF	55	26.25		
Totals 11 colporteurs		225	\$417.10		\$308.05

East Pennsylvania, One Week Ending November 4, 1927

O. C. Weller, Field Missionary Secretary

Chas. Lorenz, Lackawanna	PP	31	130.50		31.50
Elmer Bange, York	PP	29	107.00		24.75
J. A. Baugh, Luzerne	PP	60	95.25		187.20
W. H. Smith, Schuylkill	BR	41	86.25		90.75
Norman Walk, Luzerne	PP	51	79.25		181.35
L. S. Holdsworth, Susquehanna	PP	78	75.25		73.00
Wm. G. Becker, York	PP	38	75.50		3.00
Chas. H. Wise, Schuylkill	BR	46	74.00		15.25
A. Bartlett, Chester Co.	BR	20	66.00		3.50
R. Hislop, Monroe	BC	27	49.25		5.00
Gei. Sayre, Wyoming	PP	32	43.75		5.00
Arthur Kocher, Susquehanna	PP	22			70.25
G. R. Ruggles, Harrisburg	WC	28	37.00		37.00
Mrs. E. Winston, Philadelphia	BR	39	30.72		
Miller Walleck, Adams Co.	PP	16	33.50		5.50
McLain Lofton, Philadelphia	OD	22	13.00		9.00
Elmer Davis, Lackawanna	WC	3	12.75		
J. Ziegenfuss, Carbon	GC	5			17.25
Mamie Harris, Philadelphia	OD	27	8.25		.75
Totals 19 colporteurs		615	\$1037.22		\$760.05

New Jersey, Week Ending November 4, 1927

J. E. Lippart, Field Missionary Secretary

Ida Ericson, E. Orange	WC	30	23.40		5.10
W. A. Widmer, Lakeview	OD	20	48.50		
Mrs. Houston, Long Branch	BF	34	28.50		1.50
Totals 3 colporteurs		84	\$100.40		\$6.60

E. C. Alexander, C. Bethel	PP	40	74.75		10.75
C. W. Beach, Washington Co.	PP	41	63.75		18.25
J. G. Bird, Delaware Co.	PP	16	15.50		1.50
Joan Booth, Toledo	PP	39	34.75		31.50
Mrs. Brewer, Ironton	RJ	55	71.25		15.25
J. R. Britt, Middletown	BR	50	97.50		78.50
C. N. Brown, Pike Co.	PP	40	48.75		1.00
J. Cheripko, Cleveland	OD	42	48.75		4.25
W. J. Coutts, Muskingum	PP	47	22.75		17.25
R. B. Craig, Cincinnati	PP	51	135.50		104.00
S. E. Curry, Cleveland	PP	47	79.50		32.75
C. J. Deavers, Ross Co.	PP	40	9.50		146.25
E. Deitemyer, Fostoria	PP	37	48.50		7.00
H. W. Gigax, Toledo	PP	26	30.90		11.50
James Hannah, E. Liverpool	PP	40	22.50		25.50
Fred Hannah, E. Liverpool	PP	37	58.00		2.25
Mrs. Kelley, Akron	RJ	15	20.50		1.50
P. Lipscomb, Delaware Co.	GC	43	61.50		51.50
V. Masters, Fostoria	RJ	40	10.00		6.75
F. B. Mayhew, Meigs Co.	PP	40	65.50		8.75
C. McCampbell, Lorain Co.	RJ	40	35.00		74.00
E. Morris, Portsmouth	BR	30	58.00		
E. R. Reed, Ross Co.	PP	33			59.25
D. W. Percy, Lawrence Co.	GC	42	101.00		50.00
R. S. Schoonard, Ross Co.	PP	16	.75		63.50
W. Slusher, Meigs Co.	PP	41	86.00		1.25
L. I. Thien, Defiance	RJ	26	27.50		19.00
Y. Wimberly, Middletown	BR	26	32.00		
Totals 28 colporteurs		1040	\$1359.90		\$843.00

Potomac, Week Ending November 4, 1927

John A. Bee, Field Missionary Secretary

A. H. Antisdale, Washington	LH	30	11.85		11.85
W. H. Gray, Washington	HW	14	13.50		2.50
Mrs. J. W. Heflin, Clifton, Va.	RJ	27	19.50		18.75
Mrs. Matthews, Washington	BS	8	1.85		
N. R. Pond, Hopewell, Va.	WC	18	20.71		20.71
Mrs. H. Purce, Washington	BS	5	3.50		.50
H. C. Wilcox, Washington	DA	41	51.00		64.75
Totals 7 colporteurs		143	\$121.91		\$119.06

West Virginia, Week Ending November 4, 1927

A. G. Drott, Field Missionary Secretary

B. A. Bridges, Allgheny Co.	RJ	48	107.25		5.75
F. A. Cadle, Fayette Co.	RJ	50	75.00		17.00
O. S. Harrell, Monongalia Co.	WC	85	170.50		131.75
Leslie Mansell, Clay Co.	RJ	29	87.50		
N. S. Marriott, Webster Co.	RJ	9			67.00
G. Missbaugh, Morgantown	MH	40	83.75		128.25
J. McHenry, Logan Co.	WC	41	202.50		115.00
J. R. Ridenour, Wood Co.	RJ	45	25.50		484.55
Fred Wenger, Calhoun Co.	RJ	36	162.00		
Totals 9 colporteurs		383	\$914.00		\$949.30

Chesapeake, Week Ending November 4, 1927

W. H. Groves, Field Missionary Secretary

G. Murphy, Mayo, Galesville	GC	33			147.45
Ada B. Thomas, Baltimore	RJ	32	43.50		21.25
Geo. Rickard, N. E. Balto	Mag	14	9.70		7.95
John Helfrich, Towson	RJ	16			112.00
James Thomas, Anna A. Co.	RJ	10			40.00
Seymour Zeigler, Anne A. Co.	RJ	10			66.00
H. A. Wright, Harford	HP	75	286.50		6.25
W. Riston, Odinton	RJ	6			11.25
J. E. Jones, Brooklyn		28	26.75		64.25
W. E. Holland, Milford	RJ	8			87.50
Geo. Holland, Milford	RJ	8			58.50
Totals 11 colporteurs		241	\$366.45		\$622.40

Grand Totals 98 colps., orders \$4,569.48, del'd \$3,710.16

GOOD NEWS FOR COLPORTEURS AND HOME MISSIONARY WORKERS

“UNCLE ARTHUR’S BEDTIME STORIES,” Nos. 1, 2, and 3.

These books were originally imported from England, as they were printed by our publishing house there, and the high freight and duty charges made it necessary to sell them for twenty-five cents, net, but the demand from the field has been so insistent that they have now been brought out in this country and can be sold at fifty per cent discount in quantities.

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