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Pentecostal Experiences in Nigeria

Our recent camp meetings in Ibo Country have been excellent. A spirit of courageous enthusiasm pervaded the gatherings. Our two Yoruba pastors returned to their own field much encouraged. It was a new experience for them to attend a camp meeting with five thousand believers present. To-day, a new record of the Acts of the Holy Spirit is being written. Perhaps a few experiences may be of interest.

Africans generally indulge in long sermons, but our worker told how he had preached a "short but scaring sermon" which resulted in the conversion of several fetish worshippers. Another related the story of a young woman who had been possessed of evil spirits for a long time. Tortured by these spirits she had no peace, and lived mostly in the forest. Finally she came into contact with our teacher, and through earnest prayer was delivered from the evil spirits and converted to the "third angel's message." Now her mother, sisters and others have joined our church.

A poor woman had been seriously ill for nineteen years. She had spent large sums of money paying fetish doctors and making expensive offerings to the displeased gods. Still the disease continued unabated until Teacher Marcus told her of the "Great Physician." Prayer was offered and a remarkable cure took place. The Lord is honouring the strong faith of these simple people. Answers to prayer are widely spoken of throughout the surrounding villages, and are followed by the conversion of many.

Two years ago I reported the conversion of a notorious "medicine man." He burned his idols publicly, gave up seventeen wives, built a prayer house, and has given himself to lay evangelism. This has resulted in many of his former colleagues consigning their idols to the flames. Teacher Ukebu said: "One man burned his big *juju* and sent one of his wives away. She was unwilling and proceeded to take out a

summons against him, but he said he could not keep two wives any longer, took her by the hand and led her home to her parents.

The message exerts a strong influence on our young people. Boys go without food for days rather than partake of food offered to idols. This is a test, for African boys are generally ready for a meal, and food prepared for an idol feast is of a choice kind. However, these young people stood firm.

Stephen Obonna told us that fifty people were won to the message in his district as a direct result of the Ingathering work.

B. I. Tikili, an African pastor, said, "Budo was a man-eating country not long ago, but now we have twenty believers there. The truth had been carried by some of our faithful members who had gone to that village to trade in fish." Following the camp meetings, when over a hundred people were baptized, we visited Budo and had the privilege of immersing three souls. These people wanted to keep us over night, but we were pressed for time.

Brother Edmonds recently had a chief and some men come to see him. These told of a company of forty Sabbath keepers who were wanting an Adventist missionary. Pastor Tikili has visited the village and reports over eighty observing the Sabbath. For a long time they did not know that there were any people keeping the Sabbath, other than the few at Budo.

We would ask God's people to pray for our workers and believers, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit and prepared to do their part in finishing the working in Nigeria.

Wm. McClements

"Those whose hands are open to respond to the calls for means to sustain the cause of God, and to relieve the suffering and the needy, are not the ones who are found loose and lax and dilatory in their business management." Vol. 4, p. 573.

The Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital for the Colored People, Recently Opened

In January of last year, the General Conference took over the property of the Riverside Sanitarium as a gift from Mrs. N. H. Druillard, to be operated as a Sanitarium and Missionary Nurse's Training School.

Our time and efforts have been put forth in the raising of \$20,000 for the erection of a modern Sanitarium and Hospital building. About \$9000 of this amount has been received in cash. It was voted by the Board of Directors not to begin the new building until the full amount of \$20,000 is raised.

Inasmuch as many urgent requests have been received from both physicians and individuals to bring medical and surgical cases to this institution, it was felt that our present set-up of seven cottages should be put in shape for the receiving of patients. This was then done, and we are pleased to announce that on January 1, 1937, our doors were opened to receive medical and surgical cases.

This is the only institution of its kind in North America for the colored people. In the present set-up we will be able to accommodate twenty-five patients. The cottages are all modern, with steam heat. The medical and surgical departments are fully equipped.

The personnel is made up of consecrated men and women who have had previous training in our institutions. The doctors and graduate nurses are well qualified to render efficient service.

The Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital is located at Nashville, Tennessee, two and one-half miles from the city limits, overlooking the Cumberland River. It is a beautiful, quiet retreat from the noise and bustle of the city. The rates are reasonable and will be quoted upon request.

For further information, address Riverside Sanitarium and Hospital, Route 3, Box 53, Nashville, Tennessee.

H. E. Ford

Watching Our Radio Log Grow

The message Seventh-day Adventists have to give the world is now flying through the air sixty-six times a week—on every day in the week, and in every union conference in North America. This is an increase of eighteen over the first published list in our Master Radio Log some weeks ago.

What we need, to help greatly in having our broadcast reach the ears of "every creature" within the radius of these stations, is the personal visiting of every home in the station area to give a courteous invitation to the people to tune in. Our watchword is "All my neighbors listening in." All who live in your station area are your neighbors. Send for our little covenant card to aid you in this work, and for a supply of printed Radio Logs at a dollar a thousand to leave at the homes you visit. The size of our Log will help impress the importance of listening in. Start the new year with this noble work, for the destiny of souls is at stake.

W. E. Howell

General Conference Radio Secretary

Why Not Also in Your Church?

In some seventy-five churches of North America, there are now groups of forward-looking men and women studying the course in Lay Evangelism offered by the Home Study Institute. The members meet together once a week for prayer, and for study and recitations, and they are learning how to present Bible truth in an attractive way to their neighbors and friends. When the course is completed, these students will take the regular examinations given by the Home Study Institute, on passing which they will receive a certificate which is good for a certain amount of regular school credit.

The cost of taking this excellent course has been reduced to \$1.00 for each student where there is a group of five or more members. The lessons are practically complete in themselves. "Steps to Christ" being the only book required outside the Bible. We are told in the Spirit of prophecy that we all know the truth, but we do not know it well enough to present it to others in such a way that they will see its sacred, majestic character; and then the servant of the Lord adds the words: "It is training, education, that is needed."

The training is being given in

these study groups, and the members are enjoying the weekly meetings, and also the Home Study hour around the fireplace. During the cold part of the year, while the evenings are fairly long, what a pleasant thing to have something definite to be working on! The Sabbath school lessons just now are dealing with our doctrines. This course in Lay Evangelism teaches people how to present the doctrines to their neighbors and friends in such a way that they will see the truth in an attractive light.

Our Home Missionary secretaries and other departmental men are mentioning this course as they have opportunity, and we shall be glad to hear from church officers and other wide-awake, consecrated persons who desire to study the fine art of soul-winning. The cost of the complete course is only 1.00 for each student.

Write to the Home Study Institute, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

M. E. Olsen

"God's Book"

Those workers and lay members who take the 1937 Sabbath School Workers' Training Course, which begins in all Sabbath schools in North America in February, and which is based upon C. B. Haynes' latest work, "God's Book" and the *Sabbath School Worker*, have the privilege of studying one of the most helpful and inspiring books on the Bible that has been written. It is no surprise that Doctor P. T. Magan, in his foreword to the book, has said, "Surely Pastor Haynes has served his generation well in producing a work which exalts again the need of a living faith in the everlasting, eternal, immutable, and impregnable rock of Holy Scriptures."

"God's Book" is filled with basic facts concerning the history, inspiration, study, and interpretation of the word of God. It is written in an unusually clear, simple, forceful style. Even a child could get much from this book, and it would answer the questions and establish the faith of our young people. That the Southern Publishing association has made it available in a paper-cover edition at seventy-five cents is remarkable, and in cloth at \$1.50.

We furnish here a sample, taken somewhat at random, of the contents of this new book. Scores of passages of equal worth could be cited:

"This authoritative Book carries a vitalizing power with it wherever it goes. Out from it flows an energy and an influence which changes lives,

transforms human character, gives strength to the weak, imparts courage to the depressed, and brings hope to the dying. In brief, the Bible is a real dynamo of spiritual power.

"The Bible is old, but it has not grown feeble and weak. Its power grows as the years go by. Kingdoms perish, but it remains. It outlives its enemies, marches in triumph over the graves of its critics, while the broken weapons of those who have assailed it lie broken and impotent all about it, shattered by its impregnable might.

"Its words are spirit and life. How different that is from every human product! Milton's 'Paradise Lost' is *poetry*. Shakespeare's writings are *drama and tragedy*; Cicero's writings are *eloquence*. But Christ's word is life." "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

"Single sentences from God's Book have humbled proud spirits; bound up broken hearts; dried up tears of bitterness; replaced sorrow with joy. Other voices leave only distorted echoes behind them. This voice leaves an impression that never fades. It imparts life. Through it men are born again . . .

"Yes, the old Book is filled with divine energy and power. Its words live because it is the word of the living God. And it should always be remembered that it is not merely the *living Word*, but *life-giving* as well."

May our Sabbath school officers and teachers everywhere, with thousands of others, unite in studying "God's Book" and the *Worker* in Training Course classes where possible, or privately where they haven't opportunity of joining with others. We feel confident all who do so will feel richly repaid.

J. C. Thompson

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Keep good books always before them.

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A Sabbath at Ebenezer

The enthusiastic leadership of the Sabbath school superintendent, his associate officers and the talk by Mrs. King, conference Sabbath School Secretary, inspired every one present at the Philadelphia Ebenezer church, Sabbath, January 16, to want to come to Sabbath school every Sabbath during 1937, on time, with his lesson studied every day, an offering for missions and to have a part in the Investment program. A clear, logical and convincing presentation of the day's lesson was given by Elder Manry, the Union Conference Home Missionary Secretary. He showed from the Spirit of prophecy that the Lord expects every one who learns these doctrines to give them to others. This series of lessons was planned for that purpose, and they should be given to every family in the neighborhood.

The reports of the missionary band leaders during the fifteen minute service gave us a clearer insight into the joy of soul-winning. One leader told of a family of twelve that had been won as a result of a series of Bible studies held in that home. Another reported a class of fourteen taking studies, several of whom will soon be ready for baptism. The leader of this group has turned them over to his assistant, so he can take charge of an interest that has developed in another section. A third band leader reported an attendance of 51 at a Sunday school which he is conducting for unbelievers. Real interest has been created which may result in the raising up of another church. These band leaders are following the example of their pastor who has been conducting a cottage meeting across the street from the church. Elder Rowe reports that some in his class have already decided to keep the Sabbath. The Dorcas, medical and other leaders are also doing good work, but space forbids a detailed report.

Appropriate music rendered by the choir and a special selection rendered by Professor Jessie Rowe prepared the audience for the soul-stirring message delivered by Elder Eichman, at the eleven o'clock service. The Spirit of the Lord was present, and every heart was touched.

The program rendered by the young people during the Missionary Volunteer hour in the afternoon revealed that a splendid work is be-

ing done by the young people in various missionary activities and that they are getting a training that will prepare them for the greater usefulness in the years to come. Every third Sabbath the Juniors and Seniors have a combined program. It was certainly inspiring to hear some of these Juniors give a Bible study, sing songs and play the piano. Words of appreciation and encouragement were spoken by Mrs. King, and plans were briefly outlined whereby their missionary organization may be strengthened and greater results obtained in soul-winning efforts. Practical instruction on how to win souls was given by Elder Manry during the last half hour of the afternoon program.

At 8 o'clock Saturday night a short, impressive lecture on missions, and moving pictures on missions were given by Brother Paul Cardey, Home Missionary Secretary from New Jersey.

It was a day well spent, and every one went home determined to win at least one soul for Christ during 1937. J. C. Holland

Special Notice for You

Our Annual Colporteur Institute will convene in Philadelphia, February 17-27. The special course in Christian salesmanship to be conducted by Elder J. J. Strahle, will be of inestimable value to every one in attendance. If interested in this phase of the work, write and make the necessary arrangements with your Field Secretary.

Report of West Chester Church

The members of the East Pennsylvania Conference no doubt will be interested to learn of the progress of the work in West Chester. As reported previously in the VISITOR, Elder Eichman organized the church on August 15, 1936. This baby church of the conference began to function with earnestness and zeal, and God richly blessed the faithful endeavor of the members to advance the work along all lines. Not only has the church reached its voluntary Ingathering goal of \$250.00, but has also raised the specified amount for the Educational Fund.

At the close of 1936, when the reports of the Treasurer, Missionary Secretary, and Dorcas Society were

read, the members were astonished to learn what the little church with only twenty-five members, was able to accomplish in the short space of four and a half months of activity. The treasurer's report revealed that almost \$1,000.00 had been gathered in tithes and offerings. Included in this amount is almost \$125.00 that has been set aside for a church lot. In addition to this the church has started on an intensive soul-winning campaign, in which the membership as a whole are taking part, every member endeavoring to win at least one soul to Christ in the year 1937. One hundred *Present Truth* have been given out weekly and the interest carefully followed up. The report of the Dorcas Society under the leadership of Sister Gray is as follows:

128 Hours of Christian help work.
30 Bouquets given away.
55 Articles of clothing given away.
5 Treatments given.
9 Meals given away.
3 Missionary visits.
3,000 Ford Radio logs given away, Cost \$1.80.
\$10.00 Donated for church carpet.
5 Baskets of fruit given away.
2 Plants for sick given away.
Communion set, towels, and basins given to church.
64 Pamphlets given away. Also one Bible.
13 Carryall bags of food given away.
2 Large boxes of food given away.
Brother Brown, the Missionary Secretary, also rendered a very inspiring report as follows:
11 Persons reading the Bible through.
31 Bible readings.
73 Missionary visits.
99 Persons taken to S. S. or meetings.

56 Persons given needed help.
17 Treatments given.
334 Hours of Christian Help Work.
64 Articles of clothing given away.
28 Baskets of food and bouquets given away.
792 Pieces of Missionary literature given away.
24 Missionary letters written.
\$9.75 For Missionary expenditures.

Goodly supply of clothing given to Red Cross for flood sufferers.

We thank God for His blessings to us over the past four and a half months, and solicit an interest in your prayers on behalf of the West Chester church, that God may continue to bless us as we begin our soul-winning work for the year 1937.

B. P. Gernet.

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Cheering Experiences

Brother Russell of Salisbury writes, in regard to his work:—We have been interested to know how many dear souls, who met each week at the F— home, would take their stand for the message. After presenting the "Three Angel's Messages" I gave a call to those who desired to come out of Babylon and line up with the glorious message of Revelation 14. Anxiously I looked around the circle and my heart rejoiced to see four hands raised. On that eventful night four precious souls took their stand for the message we love and hold so dearly. Others are still in the valley of decision, so let us pray that their hearts may be touched that they with the others may step over the line and stand, like the Daniel of old, for truth and right.

In the circle which we have just mentioned sat a little girl ten years old. Sometimes we are prone to pass over the little ones, forgetful that they, too, have souls that must be saved. We think that they are too small to grasp these glorious truths. Little did I realize what was going through that little brain until just very recently. This girl of ten was put to the test and proved that a "little child shall lead them." Every Wednesday this girl had to go to the Lutheran Bible class. The Lutheran preacher, whom we have introduced to you in a previous article, thought that being defeated by her parents at their home, he would turn to their little girl and fill her mind so full of Lutheranism that she would be poisoned against the truths we were bringing to the F— home. The preacher was instructing the class that Sunday is the Sabbath for the Christian to keep.

The little girl spoke up and said "Saturday is the Sabbath of the Bible. Jesus kept that day and long after his death the disciples still kept it." She continued, "The early church kept the first Sabbath after the crucifixion of our Lord as the book of Luke tells us." The minister was very much disturbed and said that her young mind had been poisoned. When the little girl came home she told the mother of her experience. She said, "Mother, when I become of age to be confirmed I do not want to be confirmed in the Lutheran church, I want to join the

Seventh-day Adventist Church." Our hearts were indeed touched when the mother related this experience to us. May we be more patient with and thoughtful of our little ones and remember that they, too, are just as anxious for the seeds of truth as we are.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. P— are gathered, each Wednesday night, three earnest souls. Recently, a man was invited to these studies by Mr. P—. He passed on the word of the wonderful Bible studies that were being held at his home, and that he was anxious that his neighbor should hear them. Since then his neighbor has taken an intense interest in the word of God and, every Thursday morning, while enroute to his work beyond Snowhill, he would tell those in the car of the inspiring studies he was attending. He has interested one man and has brought him to the Bible study. This man that he has brought is a Baptist, and a very sincere one, too. When I came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. P—, Wednesday night, my heart sang with joy as I saw one more soul added to our Bible class. I was anxious to know how our Baptist friend would respond to the study. After the study it is customary to have a discussion on the subject. All was silent for a moment, then our Baptist friend spoke up. He said that the study was very clear and needed no further elucidation. He did not stop there, and what followed thrilled me through and through. He said, "Mr. Russell, I have come to this study for one purpose. I have come to know what truth is. I want to know what lies between the covers of that good old Book. Therefore, I have one question that I would like to ask you. I have talked with many other preachers concerning it and I am not satisfied with their answers. You are the last man I shall ask. Where does a man go at death?"

Turning to him I said, "I shall answer your question, but it will not be Mr. Russell's opinion, for mine is not to be considered. Let us turn to the word of God." After a few texts our brother replied, "Mr. Russell, that is exactly what I believe. Each night you will find me here at this study, for I am desirous to know more about the Bible."

The interesting part of it is that he knows that I am an Adventist preacher, and the fact that he wants to know more about the Bible from an Adventist preacher cheers my heart. Fellow believers, such a spirit that is manifested among these dear souls, to know more about the Bible

and to pass on the good word to their neighbors, is indeed a challenge to Seventh-day Adventists. Are we as enthusiastic as these dear souls to tell our friends and neighbors about this wonderful message? The servant of God says, "Thousands are looking wistfully to heaven, only waiting to be gathered in."

News Notes

On the second Sabbath in January, Brother and Sister Hanson and the writer visited the churches in the Salisbury district. Three years ago just three women were meeting, irregularly. Under Brother and Sister Walter Riston's labors the work was revived. The new members have succeeded in interesting others. Sister Hayes, in her colporteur work has found many seekers for the truth, and Brother and Sister Edwin Russell are going night and day, giving Bible readings. It is the best interest we have anywhere in the conference at the present time, with a number of people taking their stand.

The following Sabbath we held a union meeting of the Cheswold, Millsboro, Wilmington Number 2, and Dover Number 2 churches, in the Dover church. The members from Wilmington chartered a bus. Millsboro came in a truck. The high point of the meeting was the forenoon meeting. Elder Phipps' sermon greatly moved the hearts of the people. The Spirit of God was manifestly present, and every one present joined in seeking the Lord for a new and deeper experience.

Mrs. Hanson awarded Sabbath school pennants to Wilmington and Millsboro. The latter school gave 66 cents per capita, weekly, to missions last quarter. We believe that this meeting will mark the beginning of a new era in the work on the Eastern Shore.

W. C. Moffett

Approximate Sun Set Times

(Eastern Standard Times)

	Jan. 29	Feb. 5
Trenton, N. J.	5:14	5:21
Philadelphia, Pa.	5:16	5:23
Pittsburgh, Pa.	5:31	5:38
Baltimore, Md.	5:23	5:30
Cumberland, Md.	5:39	5:46
Washington, D. C.	5:25	5:32
Richmond, Va.	5:26	5:33
Parkersburg, W. Va.	5:41	5:48
Cleveland, Ohio	5:41	5:48
Columbus, Ohio	5:44	5:51
Toledo, Ohio	5:45	5:52

Should we not be doing far more to warn the world?

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M. V. Activities at Capital Memorial Church

Mrs. Lois Mays, leader of this society, sent an encouraging letter to Mrs. Sorensen recently. We take the liberty of quoting a portion of this letter, believing that it will be an inspiration to the other societies:

"I didn't realize that we had so many young people in our society until Friday evening when we held our first meeting of the new year. We were almost obliged to use the main auditorium in order to get every one seated, but after getting in every available chair we did accommodate the crowd in our young people's room."

"We are going to promote the Bible Year again in 1937. The topic for this first meeting was 'The Bible and How It Meets Human Needs.' Our society was compared to a band of young people who had taken a twelve month's trip, beginning last January, on route No. 1936. Our guidebook was the Bible. We knew the road would be straight and narrow and it would be necessary to consult the guidebook daily in order to be sure that we were travelling in the right direction. We spent more than two hundred evenings in special studies from the guidebook (Elder Ford's lectures). During this time we took special interest in our young people who had never realized the importance of the Bible and its study. Hundreds became interested in the journey. This was one of the pleasant valleys through which we passed."

"We learned that this highway, No. 1936, extended all around the world, and we knew that other groups were also traveling, but that there were some who were not as well acquainted with the guidebook as we were, so we found pleasure in spending seven weeks of our time in raising \$400.00 to help them (Harvest Ingathering campaign)."

"The little ones among us needed instructions along the way, so we gave them \$82.50 (Educational fund)."

"Our social times together were pleasant parts of the journey. We also passed through other valleys not so pleasant, namely, the valley of discouragement and the valley of difficulty; but each time we consulted our guidebook and found strength to continue."

"December 31 we completed the journey together, with our number more than doubled."

"As I mentioned the new highway, No. 1937, and learned that some of us had already gone several miles on this new route, I asked for those who would like to join us to come to the front of the room and sign their names. To my surprise sixty signed. We shall need another Bible Year chart. I shall do all I can to encourage them to complete what they have begun."

"A number of our new members had a part on this first program of the year and they gave some excellent talks. All seem so willing."

"We plan this year to encourage the study of the 'Morning Watch' in a special way."

Good leaders have been chosen for the bands to visit the various instiplans for the Reading Course. Elder Gilbert is going to meet with us and instruct us in the Jewish literature work. We are anxious to do some definite things along this line."

"We have made a small beginning with some children in Congress Heights. Sister Stone told some time ago that she believed we could have a little Sabbath school with the children in her neighborhood. We began with seven children. We spent about forty-five minutes singing the little hymns they liked. They were so interested and promised to bring others. Next week we shall have the picture roll and other items of interest for them. We are hoping in this way to interest the parent; then perhaps an opening will be made for cottage meetings."

"We realize a responsibility rests upon us as leaders to keep so many members at work and to help them become well established in the faith. we must guard well our influence for many are watching and will follow the way we lead."

Lois Mays

News Notes

The annual winter Colporteur Institute is progressing nicely at this time of writing. The meetings are well attended, the number present ranging from twenty two to thirty five. Professor A. W. Peterson of the General Conference, Elder F. D. Nichol and Elder W. P. Elliott of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, and others, have given their able assistance.

On Monday night, January 11, the leaders of the Cradle Roll and Kindergarten Divisions, of the Sabbath schools in this Washington area, met for a Leader's Council under the

direction of Mrs. C. P. Sorensen. The division leadership, organization and program were discussed freely in this informal meeting. Demonstrations of appropriate finger plays and songs were given. Miss Rosamond D. Ginther, of the General Sabbath School Department, gave valuable help and counsel. Many of the leaders expressed their appreciation for the meeting and for the concrete help and inspiration which they received.

January 15 to 17 there was held in the Norfolk church a general convention covering, to some extent, the work of the Sabbath school, Missionary Volunteer, and Home Missionary Departments. Representatives from Newport News and Portsmouth churches were also present at the sessions. Elder MacNeil joined Elder and Mrs. Sorensen in this convention. They were pleased to meet so many of the new members in Norfolk who were brought in as a result of Dr. Millard's evangelistic effort of the past year. These new members, with the older members, joined heartily in the spirit of the convention. It is hoped that the convention will mean much for the upbuilding of the work in the Tidewater section.

Farewell for Elder and Mrs. W. S. Lowry

Monday evening, January 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Linnell, in Norfolk, a farewell reception was given for Elder and Mrs. W. S. Lowry by the members of the Norfolk church. An interesting program was given, part of which was the history of their married life given by Mrs. Gentry Lowry, and a travelogue by Elder Gentry Lowry in which he took the audience on an imaginary trip through the interesting land of Palestine. In behalf of the friends present, Dr. Millard, pastor of the Norfolk church, presented to Elder and Mrs. Lowry an Aladdin lamp. Elder and Mrs. J. H. Smith of Richmond were also present at the reception.

Elder and Mrs. Lowry have made Norfolk their home for the past nine years. They have now moved to Jefferson, Texas, where they own property, and where Elder Gentry Lowry, their son who is home on furlough from India, will help them build a home before he and his wife return to their mission field.

Elder and Mrs. Lowry will be greatly missed in the Norfolk church and the Potomac Conference. We wish them much of God's blessing in their new home.

A Rendevous With Death

"We are facing a war of world-wide magnitude which will ring down the curtain of civilization. The world has a rendevous with death. In the words of the prophet Isaiah, the nations of earth are saying, 'We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement.' The blood-bath of 1914-1918 revealed how close we came to keeping that appointment, but apparently the lesson made no impression. During those frightful years twenty-three million men, women and children were sacrificed on Mars' altar — a population equaling three cities the size of New York. Twenty million men were maimed, wounded, unfitted for the duties of life, — a population equaling two countries the size of Ethiopia. Nine million children were forever deprived of parental love, care, and training. Five million wives found the burden of family care and support thrust entirely upon their grief-laden shoulders. To bring about this tragic suffering, the world spent \$300,000,000,000 to pay for a 'war to end war,' and 'make the world safe for democracy.'"

In this opening paragraph Theodore Carcich presents a most striking article under the caption "A Rendevous With Death." This is the first page contribution in the columns of the February *Watchman*, which presents an unusual aggregation of articles that make it a most attractive piece of missionary literature meriting a large circulation during the month. Another article of similar import, entitled "Will Japan Fight America," from the pen of Gwynne Dalrymple, presents some interesting revelations on the preparations of the Kings of the East for a coming world catastrophe. "Sky Writing," by Henry F. Brown, suggests a fascinating study of the historical background of the "signs of the heavens" to which Jesus referred in His thrilling portrayal of prophecies pertaining to His second coming.

The February *Watchman* fits admirably into the thought and idealism of the masses at this season of the year in that it places its major emphasis in the doctrine of the Second Coming of Christ. For this reason it should have a wide distribution, not only among our own people, but wherever there are people who are perplexed over present trends in world affairs. This is the hour for direct action in reaching the multitudes, and *Watchman* provides

a most effective medium for this work.

Single copy 10c. Ten or more copies to one address 5c each. Missionary subscription rate to our church members for themselves and their friends 60c per year. Order through your Book and Bible House.

"How Did You Get My Name?"

This question came from a woman in Texas who writes as follows: "I have been reading one of your *Present Truth* papers on 'Prayer,' No. 83. It truly did feed my soul. What are you people? What do you believe? and how did you get my name? I surely do believe in prayer. Prayer is the keynote to Heaven."

We do not know who supplied this name, but many of our people could answer similar questions that come from all parts of the country, for the sending of a year's subscription to *Present Truth* to relatives, friends, and neighbors, has become a well-established and most productive line of missionary work among Seventh-day Adventists. This is part of God's plan for evangelizing the world, for we are told in the Spirit of prophecy, "Papers and books are the Lord's means of keeping the message for this time continually before the people." Testimonies, Vol. p. 315.

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January 30, 1937

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February 6, 1937

Winning Souls Through "The Signs of the Times"

NEW JERSEY

W. M. Robbins, Pres. W. H. Jones, S. T.
1574 Brunswick Ave., Trenton, N. J.
Phone 2-3919

Yes, Indeed!

New Jersey is going to have a Colporteur Institute this year. The date has been set for March 3 to 13. The place will be announced later.

A Call For Recruits

"Elmhaven," St. Helena, California, December 6, 1902.

"Dear Brethren and Sisters: The new year is just before us, and plans should be laid for earnest, persevering effort in the Master's service. There is much to be done to advance the work of God. I have been instructed that the canvassing work is to be revived, and that it is to be carried forward with increasing success. It is the Lord's work, and a blessing will attend those who engage in it with earnestness and diligence." C. E. p. 35.

Dear reader, will you not read the above statement again? Weigh each sentence carefully, and just think how these wonderful words, have echoed and re-echoed to God's people around the world for more than thirty-four years. And when can they apply more forcefully than now and here in New Jersey?

The message says, "The canvassing work is to be *revived*, and carried forward with *increasing success*."

Then comes the REWARD in the last sentence. Just listen to it: 'It is the Lord's work, and a BLESSING WILL ATTEND THOSE WHO ENGAGE IN IT WITH EARNESTNESS AND DILIGENCE.'

Dear reader, do YOU want the Lord's BLESSING? Then drop the writer a few lines and let him explain just how you can get it.

O. C. Weller.

ADVERTISEMENTS

WANTED: Young ladies to take a one-year course in practical nursing. Experience given in medical, surgical, maternity, and bedside nursing. For particulars, write The Middletown Sanitarium, 10 Benton Avenue, Middletown, New York.

FOR SALE: Strictly modern house, with six rooms and bath, close to church school and academy. Write or call, Norma Young, Route 1, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

Do you know of a certainty that God does not want you to help Him in this work?

THE LITERATURE MINISTRY

"This is the work the Lord would have His people do at this time." C. E. p. 5.

E. M. Fishell, Union F. M. Secretary

Week Ending, January 16, 1937

THE OHIO CONFERENCE			
<i>S. L. Clark, F. M. Secretary</i>			
Name	Hrs.	Orders	Del'd.
J. S. Randolph	52	32.80	39.45
J. W. Hanawalt	48	78.95	17.55
Mrs. J. Jones	42	34.50	1.00
Roy E. Stone	40	102.00	
D. B. Simmons	40	52.50	
E. C. Alexander	88	117.00	47.50
C. W. Lorenz	40	32.50	34.25
Zelma Campbell	32	47.50	3.75
Mrs. L. Brube	30	3.00	
H. C. Kaste	39	25.50	.50
S. E. Curry	38	36.40	27.85
C. McCampbell	38	22.25	20.75
Ray Campbell	37	69.25	11.00
H. A. Rossin	36	93.25	1.75
Joe Gatten	31	6.75	
G. Washington	30	32.00	2.10
H. D. Freese	30	17.00	14.00
George Washum	30	7.00	
Anna Janke	28	5.75	3.00
Elmer Maze	28	4.25	
Marie Zimmerman	25	16.75	
Allen Smith	24	3.50	
D. Washington	21	66.50	
Milton H. Rice	18	16.50	4.25
J. C. Hughes	18	7.05	10.15
Eleanor Stewart	17	35.10	10.60
D. Bothwell	32	22.50	5.00
B. Crosby	16	12.70	2.75
John Booth	16	7.25	10.50
L. V. Johnson	13	6.75	1.50
Eva Pangborn	12	1.20	1.20
Mrs. C. Evans	10	5.25	2.15
Robert Kinney	9	4.75	40.75
Clara Carter	8	16.00	12.00
P. T. Workers	26	197.00	192.20

MAGAZINE WORKERS:

Elizabeth Morris	33	7.00	7.00
Ruth Haughey	30	19.00	19.00
Clarice Padgett	35	11.90	11.90
A. B. Jones	30	15.00	15.00
Verna Bretz	28	35.40	35.40
Edith Smith	27	16.70	16.70
Mrs. F. C. Gee	26	23.60	23.60
Maisie G. Heise	21	21.10	21.10
Minnie Truss	18	7.50	7.50
Mrs. A. Bowman	18	6.80	6.80
Alice Kelly	11	8.00	8.00
Mike Sanders	44	34.25	34.25
P. T. Workers	15	11.00	11.00

Totals 1382 1456.20 734.75

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Allen Hayes	35	26.45	8.25
R. J. Brown	25	21.80	.30
Mrs. M. Johnson	24	68.50	2.70
W. H. Groves	22	15.20	2.20
Alice Kenney	21	40.50	17.25
P. M. Jenkins	17	25.75	8.00
Mrs. J. Wolfinger	17	79.15	19.40
Hazel Brent	15	50.50	6.75
J. E. Smith	15	14.00	
H. C. Wilcox	12	13.25	5.00
Mrs. Brensinger	6	6.20	
Eugenia Short	6	7.00	7.00
Mr. Nicholas	4	11.50	
P. M. Jenkins	11	16.25	8.00

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Jennie Russell	20	33.00	11.00
Hettie Jackson	12	2.00	2.00
Mildred Porter	17	23.25	
J. E. Jones	32	51.75	1.50
W. A. Widmer	36	111.00	
Ada Thomas	27	22.25	2.00
Ada Thomas	23	21.50	1.00
Jennie Russell	25	24.00	5.00
Hettie Jackson	15	16.00	.70
Sarah Monk	31	14.20	7.55

MAGAZINE WORKERS:

Patsie Martin	10	1.50	1.50
Victoria Wise	13	2.80	2.80
Blanche Russell	12	3.00	3.00
Lillian Ward	31	1.40	1.40
R. McCleary	10	1.00	1.00
Susie Haywood	10	2.50	2.50
Annie Bannister	15	5.00	5.00
Mrs. Cann	15	10.50	10.50
Annie Matthews	25	12.70	12.70
Jeanette Worth	25	11.90	11.90
Mrs. Cann	15	4.30	4.30
Sammy Bond	10	2.00	2.00
Patsie Martin	15	1.70	1.70
Annie Matthews	15	7.70	7.70
Annie Bannister	30	11.50	11.50
Eva Veniey	15	3.80	3.80
Blanche Russell	10	2.00	2.00
Lillian Ward	15	2.00	2.00
V. Campbell	15	2.25	2.25
Sarah Monk	15	5.10	5.10
Susie Haywood	10	1.70	1.70
Edith Kent	10	1.50	1.50

Totals 584 416.80 128.50

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

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A. D. Haynal	42	29.00	23.00
Bertha Griffin	39	17.50	3.50
Charlie Key	30	23.00	
Lucinda Mallory	30	31.25	
Rosa Bowman	28	17.25	8.00
Estelle Vincent	26	22.00	4.00
Zan Glanton	20	19.00	
Florence Miles	20	36.50	14.00
G. S. Buttermore	14	13.00	6.50
Etta Miles	10	8.00	8.00
H. C. Perkins	10	14.25	
Etta Miles	10	8.50	

MAGAZINE WORKERS:

Lillian Johnson	31	5.30	5.30
Cathrynne Gibson	28	6.30	6.30
Lewis Jackson	25	3.00	3.00
Cathedral Griffen	22	4.20	4.20
Etta Miles	19	12.50	12.50
Selton Cobb	17	5.60	5.60
Milton Harris	14	4.50	4.50
Sylvia Slagle	14	3.00	3.00
Estelle Vincent	13	3.50	3.50
Etta Miles	18	12.60	12.60

Totals 481 229.75 127.50

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B. Bell	3	3.25	

MAGAZINE WORKERS:

Miss B. Lambert	17	13.70	13.70
Miss L. Jones	17	5.80	5.80
Mrs. G. Harrell	17	18.10	18.10
H. W. Bell	16	31.00	1.25

Totals 74 82.35 38.85

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

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Name	Hrs.	Orders	Del'd.
H. Detwiler	54	28.25	4.25
J. E. Smith	40	71.70	7.70
Wm. G. Becker	40	36.75	4.75
E. B. Dolison	40	18.95	1.60
Eliz. Winston	35	13.55	9.05
Wm. F. Manbeck	33	27.50	11.70
W. S. Miller	33	27.75	1.75
Mrs. W. S. Miller	33	23.00	4.50
Daisy Jones	30	60.00	3.50
I. H. Johnson	30	52.00	16.25
S. B. Blanding	30	40.00	20.00
Estella Carey	30	40.00	
H. G. Lewis	30	31.60	32.30
E. H. Pifer	24	19.00	.50
D. L. Leshner	20	25.10	22.10
Melvin Hale	12	3.50	14.50
Jos. Ledoni	12	6.05	
Mrs. Allen		26.00	26.00
P. T. Workers		49.50	49.50
Wm. G. Becker	29	34.75	9.50
Wm. G. Becker	40	47.50	

MAGAZINE WORKERS:

Mrs. Leshner	20	12.65	12.65
Michael Ledoni	15	3.70	3.70
Wm. Cortright	12	16.70	16.70
Mrs. E. Brooks	10	7.50	7.50
Allentown Church		34.00	34.00
Bethlehem Church		21.00	21.00
P. T. Workers		16.00	16.00

Totals 652 794.00 351.00

NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE

O. C. Weller, F. M. Secretary

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W. Warnick	40	48.25	
F. Frankel	14	6.00	3.00

MAGAZINE WORKERS:

Blanche Renneisen	21	5.00	5.00
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Totals 160 95.75 36.00

ADVERTISEMENTS

WANTED: A single man, or boy, to work on the farm by the year. Must know how to milk, and to handle a team. Write to "Helper" in care of Editor, Visitor, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

WANTED—By April 1 man, not over 50, to work on dairy farm. Must be able to milk and do general farm work and feeding. Church privileges. Edw. S. Levison, Adamstown, Md.

HANDYMAN or couple, German preferred, can be invalid, for county health place, also teacher for the lower grades. Write Dr. F. C. A. Meyer, Box 125, Pewee Valley, Kentucky.

POTATOES WANTED

If there are any of our people who have more potatoes than they need, and would like to apply these on either present or future student accounts, we shall be glad to hear from such immediately.

Guy A. Newlon, Farm Manager, Mount Vernon Academy.

Arm your boy for the next war—give him "S. D. A.'s in Time of War."

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

M. G. Conger, Pres. C. M. Paden, Sec.-Treas.
P. O. Box 235, Greensburg, Pa. Phone 2520

The 1936 Bible Year

Missionary Volunteer members who have completed the Bible Year in 1936, kindly send this information to the office with the number of times you have read the Bible as a different award is given for each reading.

Miss Eloise F. Williams
Conference M. V. Sec'y.

Our Sabbath School Convention

Our first of a series of Sabbath School Conventions to be held in our conference was scheduled for January 9, and practically all of the members of the schools at Connellsville, Uniontown, and Mt. Braddock were present.

The members of the Mt. Braddock church extended such a cordial welcome to all that it added to the pleasure of the occasion.

The morning program dealt with those items of interest to the church at large, while the afternoon was spent in study of those details of our work which means so much to its efficiency. It was gratifying to note the excellent spirit of freedom in our midst.

We appreciated the excellent help rendered by Brother R. H. Fickling in adding to the musical program of the day and also in the Round Table topics.

As the parents were all anxious to attend the entire session, it meant the presence of some fifteen children and youth, and not having a room where they could have a program suited to their needs, they spent the afternoon reading their Sabbath school papers and listening to the topics under discussion. One could not have asked for a more quiet group and the writer feels that a word of appreciation is in order for the excellent deportment of this group.

Miss Eloise F. Williams
Conf. S. S. Sec'y.

Superlative Accomplishment

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX witnessed by far the largest amount (\$13,058.82) of Ingathering funds ever raised in the history of the West Pennsylvania

Conference. Our financial records of prosperous, pre-depression, peak years do not reveal that this figure was ever approached. Every church and every district in the Conference reached or exceeded its assigned Ingathering goal. The total white membership raised the high average membership nearly doubled former per capita of \$10.39, and the colored amounts, and raised a per capita of an even \$5.00.

Columbia Union Conference Session Broadcasts

Arrangements are being made for daily broadcasts during the Columbia Union Conference sessions, by ministers, February 2 to 11. The time of these broadcasts cannot now be given, so keep your radio tuned to Columbus stations. WHKC, 640 kilocycles; WBMS, 1430 kilocycles and WCOL 1210 kilocycles. Be sure to write your appreciation of these programs to the station managers.

W. B. Mohr

An Invitation

We cordially invite all who are able to attend the Sabbath services to be held in connection with the forthcoming Columbia Union Conference Quadrennial Session, as follows:

Sabbath School, 9:30 A. M.
Preaching, 11:00 A. M.
and an afternoon meeting at a time to be announced later.

These services will be held in the Memorial Hall, located between Fifth and Sixth Streets, on East Broadway, Columbus, Ohio, on Sabbath, February 6, 1937.

F. H. Robbins
Pres. Ohio Conference

This splendid conference goal was achieved in the face of many trying circumstances. Difficulties abounded, but not even the devastating floods of 1936 that preceded our Ingathering Campaign—and caused millions of dollars of damage and loss in the

Pittsburgh area, and in Johnstown vied with the famous flood of 1889—could halt West Pennsylvania's onward march to Ingathering victory.

In view of having raised this splendid and unusual amount of Ingathering funds and having done so, notwithstanding unusual difficulties, it is a real privilege to express heartiest commendation and genuine appreciation to conference workers, faithful members, courageous isolated believers, talented young people, and to all who helped make possible *this superlative accomplishment.*

M. G. Conger

WEST VIRGINIA

C. V. Leach, Pres. N. C. VanHorn, S. Treas.
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Honor Roll Students

The following students in our church schools were on the Honor Roll for the second six weeks period.

Nancy Thirwell, Margaret Halstead, Thurl Breese, Shirley Coon, Lee Niswander, Jr., Evane Carberry, Doris Davidson, Arthur Leach, Ruth Vaughn, Ruth Cox, Victor Coon, Peggy Jones, Bobby Holst, June Vincent, and Shirley Brown.

The following students were neither absent nor tardy for the second six weeks period:

Evane Carberry, Robert Bentz, William Snider, Robert Cummins, Warren Bibbee, Dorothy Myers, Tenny Kirk, Jackie Kirk, Margaret Halstead, Donald Spradling, Wanda Bee, Hazel Van Horn, Nancy Thirwell, Karl Vaughan, Thurl Breese, Doris Thirwell, Peggy Jones, Verna Berry, William Jones, Alpha Varney, Florence Poole, Donald Roach, Bobby Roach, Ralph Roach.

Beginning with the second semester, all students on the Honor Roll for the year will receive, at the close of the year, \$1.00 credit at the Book and Bible House.

Those students neither absent nor tardy for the year will also receive \$1.00 credit from the Book and Bible House. Therefore, a student on the Honor Roll who has neither been absent nor tardy for the year will receive \$2.00 credit.

This program starts the beginning of the second semester, and for this term, those who have the above mentioned record for the second semester will receive the full awards.

Beginning next term, 1937-1938, the plan carries through the year and awards will be given only for the entire year's work. It applies to all grades.

Maybelle Vandermark