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Encouraging Report From Cincinnati

TO THE readers of the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR we are passing on a report just received, giving the progress of the evangelistic effort opened in the Emery Auditorium of the city of Cincinnati in January of 1940. In a letter just received from Elder Boothby, who is in charge of the campaign, the following report is given.

"Last Sunday night over two thousand were present to hear the subject announced, 'The Change of the Sabbath' Our workers are handling nearly four thousand names now and we have drafted every available church member to help in this work. I am conducting what I call a Christian Instruction Class from seven to seven-thirty each night, and the room seating one hundred is filled with those not of our faith. Sunday night the people were compelled to stand in this little room while others pressed into the doorway. Already one hundred and eight have requested baptism and most of these are adults with new ones being added to the list daily. In addition there are more than one hundred others keeping the Sabbath. Each day marks real progress in results. I expect to see several hundred baptized and rejoicing in the truth before the campaign ends.

"Our offering Sunday night was \$152.00. In the same meeting we sold \$55.00 worth of books.

"Every day brings a large number of letters in response to our radio program. There is a very fine interest manifested by many of the radio listeners. We are sending out lists of our twenty-five-cent books to those who write in for them and many are ordering books in this way, and through this means we are getting the people to read the message for themselves. It looks to

H. J. DETWILER

Pres., Columbia Union Conf.

me as though we would see one of the greatest harvests of souls in this campaign that have ever been brought into the message in a single effort.

"We were fortunate in securing the Emery Auditorium after it had been first used by the Baptist Church, who had installed a baptistry so everything is ready for us to baptize those newly won to the faith just as soon as they are sufficiently instructed.

"One of our ministers attended a ministerial meeting at which time the ministers present talked about importing a noted evangelist. They said they had thought the day for mass evangelism was in the past, but said, 'You have all heard what is going on in the Emery Auditorium.' It will not be long until we shall experience some real opposition. The enemy will never give us an easy victory. We have the exclusive use of the auditorium up until the end of May. After further counsel with Elder Robbins, the conference president, we have been encouraged to sign up for five nights a week and Sabbath afternoon for

the month of June also.

"We have now sold about \$300.00 worth of crisis books and \$300.00 worth of 'Gospel in Song' and are only in the eighth week of the campaign.

"We solicit your prayers in behalf of the work here.

Your brother in Christ,
(Signed) ROBERT L. BOOTHBY"

Under the blessing of the Lord 1939 brought to us the largest net gain in membership during the history of the Columbia Union. From all parts of the Union territory reports of successful evangelistic efforts are being received. From the Spirit of prophecy comes the soul-stirring prediction, "With mighty power the cry is again to be sounded in our large centers of population. 'Behold the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him.'" — Ellen G. White.

Under the blessing of God let us labor and pray to the end that 1940 may be by far the greatest year of advancement in the proclamation of the message. Now is our golden opportunity to warn the populous cities of our territory.

The Baptists Appreciate A Good Book

In referring to one of our new books just from the press, Rufus W. Weaver, D.D., L.L.D., Executive Secretary of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, has this to say:

"In this timely work by Charles S. Longacre, 'Roger Williams, His Life, Work and Ideals,' the author has rendered a long-needed service. Other writers have dealt with the life of the great apostle of religious liberty, Roger Williams, but no one has given in such clear and meaningful phrase

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Young Lady -- God Wants You

You doubtless have seen many times the large poster with the picture of Uncle Sam whose eyes look right at you wherever you stand, and he is saying, "I want you for service in the United States Navy," or for the army or air service. God, likewise, has an army of youth who are training for service in His great world-wide program. It is a movement that is international; it is no respecter of persons; it knows only humanity, human souls to be enlisted for the everlasting kingdom of God.

God wants *you* for His service. He wants young women for Bible workers, for church school teachers, for stenographers, for nurses, for academic and college teachers, for doctors, for foreign missionaries and for other lines of work. God has a particular place He wants you to fill. You may get advice from those in whom you have greatest confidence as to what place you should fill. You should seek divine guidance in the decision you make; for, after all, it is supremely important that you find the place God wants you to fill. That for you will be the most important position on earth, more important than to be Queen of mighty Britain.

To find *your* place, wherever it calls you to go, cost what it may, is the most noble, sacred and important position on earth for you. It may call you to a foreign field with all the thrill that attends such a call; but remember that there are great mission fields here at home, just as great as those in the most benighted foreign lands. The thing that matters is where God wants you to be.

One outstanding consideration must ever be the field of need. In what department of God's work are recruits most needed, most in demand? In deciding your line of work, do not forget that the prime motive should not be what I will get out of it, but what high and important service I can render. In God's work, it is not what one can receive for herself here, but what she can give that will bear fruit hereafter.

In looking over the great need of the work in the Columbia Union, I do not hesitate one moment to say that for the past 20 years the outstanding need has been for consecrated, trained

J. P. NEFF

church school teachers. Immediately you refer to the low salaries and hard work. Both of these we readily admit. Church school teaching is strictly missionary work, just as much so as work in the heart of Africa or the Orient, and it is missionary work bereft of the thrill and glamour that attend the foreign missionary. It does not reward you with the recognition and preference and advantage that come to those who have labored in the burning sands of India or in other far-off lands; but from afar, even from the courts of heaven, the highest commendation comes to those who teach in our schools — "Of all the institutions in this world the school is the most important."

There is always a position open in this most important work for the young woman who is prepared for it. Yes, a dozen, a score of positions in this Union are unfilled every year. We have to go to other unions to find teachers, and often take what we can get. And what is still saddest of all, my superintendents frankly tell me, "I could open several new schools if I could find teachers." Is it not a tragedy that the children of these churches are deprived of Christian education, of being taught of God while they are being taught of everything else simply because we cannot find teachers?

This ought not to be. There should be young women among us who are willing to make the sacrifice to prepare themselves and to engage in this honorable and sacred work. The Lord must be calling to some of you, speaking to your hearts; because Jesus died to save these children and He wants you to cooperate with Him in leading these little ones to Him and guiding their feet into the pathway that leads to eternal life.

I realize that Satan will have emissaries who will point you to vocations more remunerative, more constant in pay, with easier work, with fewer problems and hardships — a rosier pathway. But in these dreadful days I know of no vocation that is safer for your soul. It has fewer pit-

falls from the outside world. You are always working along intellectual, moral and spiritual lines with the children — teaching them the Holy Scriptures every day, praying with them, and in close touch with the work of the church. Your religion and morals are as secure as they can be. No other line of work is upon a plane so high or so safely guarded. The temptations and enticements of the world are largely shut out unless you deliberately open the gates; and you are largely shut in with the church and the children. As to health, the teachers live longer than those in any other profession on earth. They are the best insurance risk.

We have a beautiful new Normal building at the Washington Missionary College. We need all young women whom God wants to take the Normal course. We will have schools for all of them to teach. Does God want you? Think this over, talk with your elder, with your pastor, with your president, with the president of the Union, with others, and, most important of all, and absolutely all important, talk first, last and always with God about this and let Him do most of the talking and follow His leading, the "still small voice." We cannot afford to be anywhere these days except where God wants us to be. Does He want you to teach the little ones and guide their feet into the pathway of peace? Dictators are training the youth to kill and to destroy — for the vocation of war. The church school teachers are building for

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eternity; they are building for peace with God while all the world is going down in ignominious defeat. And when all the activities and achievements of men sink in ruin, the work of the consecrated teachers will survive in the Christian characters built in the lives of those whom they have taught.

WEST VIRGINIA

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The "Watchman" Campaign

THE *Watchman* magazine is no doubt the most valuable missionary monthly magazine that we can offer the reading public in West Virginia. "God will do the work if we will furnish Him the instruments." — "Testimonies," Vol. IX, p. 107. Certainly the *Watchman* is an "instrument" which God can and will use to bring the truth to the attention of many honest souls. It is a very important evangelical agency in our great literature ministry. Let us use more of the *Watchman* in our missionary literature distribution.

March 30 to April 13 has been set apart by the General Conference especially to promote our full message magazines: the *Watchman* and the *Message*. Some of the definite results which we hope to accomplish during the 1940 campaign are as follows: —

1. A *Watchman* subscription in every Seventh-day Adventist home during the coming year.

2. Missionary subscriptions for relatives and interested friends of the members of our churches.

3. A liberal offering in every church on Sabbath, April 13, to supply *Watchman* for all the public libraries in West Virginia for another year.

4. A definite call for recruits to engage in a larger work with *Watchman*, both in subscription and single copy distribution.

H. E. VOORHEES

News Notes

BROTHER C. M. Paden and Brother H. E. Voorhees visited the Cameron Sabbath School on Sabbath morning, March 9, and traveled on to the Wheeling Church in the afternoon.

We appreciate the support

which our churches have given in the *Signs of the Times* campaign. The church club subscriptions have all been renewed with the exception of two, and we are looking forward to receiving these two club renewals soon. Also there are at least six churches from whom we are expecting good *Signs* reports in the very near future. We should exceed by 10 per cent our subscription list of last year, which was 223 subscriptions.

Brother L. E. Hope and Brother M. L. Howard, two of our new colporteurs, were recent visitors at the office on their way from the Colporteur Institute at Pittsburgh, to their territory in Logan, West Virginia.

Brother and Sister Paully are locating in Huntington. Brother Paully will have charge of the Huntington Church, and it is hoped that he will be able to find a suitable location to hold an evangelistic effort soon.

H. E. VOORHEES

NEW JERSEY

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A Profitable Two-Day Meeting

GREATER EVANGELISM was the theme, the inspiration and the objective of an outstanding two-day Conference Workers' Meeting conducted March 6 and 7, at the conference headquarters. Days of earnest toil by our conference president, Elder M. G. Conger, in preparation of the well-balanced agenda which included all lines of denominational endeavor, the arranging for help of brethren from the General and Union conferences, the assigning of parts on the program, etc., were rewarded by a meeting that should mark a new era in evangelistic accomplishments in New Jersey.

In addition to the complete force of local conference workers, we were pleased to have the valued help of Elder C. S. Longacre, from the General Conference; Elders C. P. Sorensen and J. C. Holland from the Union; and Elder R. S. Fries, esteemed evangelist of national repute.

The basis for study during the devotional exercises conducted by Elder Conger on the first day of the meeting was "The Call To

Evangelism." This call should re-echo from every pulpit, arousing every church member to new devotion and increased activity for the Master. New Jersey's unwarned millions beckon every loyal believer to gird on the armor and go forth to proclaim with new power the last message of mercy. Scores of cities and hundreds of towns in our state still have no memorial to this truth. While we have during the last ten years added many new members to the churches already established, yet in that time no new English-speaking white churches have been raised up. Several new colored congregations and a number of foreign-speaking churches have been brought into existence in the last decade, for which we are thankful, but the great bulk of our population has remained unmoved. We must plant the standard of truth in many new places and raise up new churches throughout this state which ranks second in the U.S.A. in density of population. "This," said the speaker, "is a challenge to every conference worker, a challenge to our work, our prayers and our means."

Encouraging, indeed, were the verbal reports of the evangelistic efforts now in progress. Yet these reports also served to remind us of the need of augmenting the work of our evangelists and ministers by a strong army of soul-winning laymen. Never was the need greater for men and women to engage in presenting the gospel to the multitudes. This task must be accomplished in a comparatively brief time. It is possible that like other countries abroad, we may soon find such a work proscribed and even prohibited by law. The call for reapers is sounding now as never before. Men, women and young people, burdened for souls are needed to go from home to home telling of the love of Jesus and His power to save from sin.

The response of the brethren in coming to this meeting prepared to read their papers was gratifying indeed. This feature greatly added to the value of their presentations, and conserved time as well. The discussions that followed the reading of these papers, too, reflected thoughtful preparation. Some of these topics as presented at this meeting will appear in the columns of the *Visitor*. Watch for them and clip for re-study.

You will find them helpful in your soul-winning endeavors. After hearing presented and discussed the topic "Financial Responsibilities in Public Efforts," one of the ministers of experience remarked, "If our church members knew how carefully and judiciously the funds are used, I am certain that there would be a greatly increased sum made available for this kind of work."

Each minute of both days was utilized to the utmost in the presentation and discussion of many topics, of which the following are but a portion: "Unentered Counties and Cities of New Jersey," "Advertising the Effort," "Personal and Follow-up Work," "Literature Basis of Soul-Winning Endeavor," "Methods of Evangelizing Foreign Populations," "How to Secure Larger Fruitage in Foreign Work," "The Use of the Radio," "Holding Converts in the Truth."

"New Jersey is gaining strength," recently wrote Elder H. J. Detwiler, our Union Conference President, to Elder Conger as he reviewed New Jersey's recent Ingathering success, Review subscription gains, Religious Liberty achievements and the soul-winning program which contemplates the calling of two or three nationally-known evangelists to labor in this field in the near future.

The soon-coming Missions Extension Campaign received much favorable attention. Our ministers all agreed that we should strive to reach not less than \$2,500 in this year's Missions Extension Campaign. All will be called upon to do more than heretofore, for this contemplates a nearly \$600 increase over last year. We are always to do more, never less. Three excellent Big Week books already available should be widely sold in every section of the conference.

The spirit of prayer pervaded this entire two-day council, and we have reason to believe that through the help and inspiration received the workers returned to their fields of labor strengthened for continued and increased soul-winning endeavors. We praise God for the spirit of unanimity and hearty cooperation evident in every discussion, and we pray that the Lord will enable us unitedly to make this year of 1940 outstanding in all

soul-winning accomplishments.

R. H. FICKLING

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

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Missionary Volunteer Rally

ON MARCH 9 the youth of the West Philadelphia Church were the center of attraction. To them had been given the church service for their program. Mrs. Bertha Graves, the leader, and her associates planned a most helpful and inspirational program in which several talks were given — "Our Youth," by Mrs. A. E. King; "Morning Watch and Bible Year," by Jos. Stevens; "Good Reading," by Kenneth Michaelis; "Missionary Activity," by Mrs. Anabel Cuthbert. Elder M. L. Venden, the pastor, made some timely and encouraging remarks. Special music was rendered by the youth's choir, a vocal duet by Bertha Graves and Gertrude Honicker, and a trumpet solo by Dick Paisley. The entire congregation showed their interest in the youth and the program they are fostering in building up their library and sending out *Present Truth*, by an offering of over \$20.00. March 9 will long be remembered by the youth in the West Philadelphia Church because of the thoughtfulness and interest on the part of the pastor and church board in turning over to them the most important hour of the Sabbath service. Truly, "Youthful talent, well organized and well trained, is needed in our churches." — "Gospel Workers," p. 211. "Let not the youth be ignored; let them share in the labor and responsibility. Let them feel that they have a part to act in helping and blessing others." — Testimonies, Vol. VI, p. 435. The youth in our churches are worthy of all the encouragement and consideration possible. God is counting on them in this, the most important hour of earth's history. It is the privilege of the church to direct their talents in channels of usefulness.

MRS. A. E. KING

News Notes

WE ARE glad to report a number of baptismal services in our different churches recently. A baptismal service was conducted

by Brother Schirner in his district; another service was held in the West Philadelphia Church, last Sabbath; a number of new believers from Brother Hoffman's effort in Doylestown were baptized in Orvilla; and Elder Peters is planning another baptism in the Philadelphia Colored Church the latter part of this month. A number of efforts are now being held in different parts of the conference, and we look for more baptisms in the near future.

Brother I. H. Johnson is conducting a layman's evangelistic meeting in Hanover, in the Lyric Band Auditorium. He reports a good attendance at these meetings and hopes for some new believers to add to the church in that city.

Watch for the announcement soon concerning the new pavilion to be erected on our camp grounds at Wescoesville. We plan to have it completed in time for the coming camp meeting. Members of the conference committee met on the camp grounds last week to choose the site for the new structure. Remember the camp meeting date — July 4 to 14 — and plan to attend these important meetings.

Hurrah!

For Junior Camp! We can hear the Juniors of East Pennsylvania, New Jersey and West Pennsylvania shout for joy when they read this first announcement of the 1940 Junior Camp. August 4 to 14 is the date, and the site is the French Creek Recreational Demonstration Area, Camp 4-F, a government park situated near Reading, Pa., in a beautiful woodland spot adjoining Lake Hopewell. We will have every camp convenience and a private beach on the lake. The cost of camp is \$10.00 for each Junior—\$1.00 with registration and \$9.00 upon entrance. We have coin-registering banks for sale for Juniors who save their nickels and dimes for camp. The banks open automatically when \$10.00 is registered. Cost of bank is 25 cents. Order at once. We have a limited supply. Watch for further information! MRS. A. E. KING

POTOMAC

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Cogitations of a Sabbath School Secretary

THE routine work is done. Sabbath school reports for the fourth quarter have been compiled and sent on to the General Conference. Now I shall have time to go over these reports again and see why I have made little check marks by some items.

Let's begin with this one: There are forty members in the Home Department. That is fine. I visualize at least forty men and women, and perhaps a child or two, who for some reason are unable to attend their Sabbath school regularly. Every Sabbath at the appointed hour they study the Sabbath school lesson and have as much of the program as possible right in their own homes. It is a beautiful picture. Then why did I make a red check mark here? Oh, here it is. These forty individuals gave a total of only two dollars for the entire quarter, including Thirteenth Sabbath, Birthday, Investment and all. I take my pencil and do a little figuring. I divide the forty into the two dollars. That tells me that each one gave 5 cents for the quarter (the price of chewing gum). I start to divide the nickel by the thirteen Sabbaths, but don't. I wonder whether these people are poverty-stricken. I wonder whether the Home Division secretary is "on the job." And I wonder a few other things. True, mere figures do not tell the whole story, but I can think what I please, can't I? There is no law against thinking.

I pick up the second report. The most of the figures look very encouraging. They have twenty in the children's division, twenty prospective church members. They should be given special care and attention, but I notice that these twenty are huddled together in two classes. After doing a little thinking, I come to the conclusion that that school has either super-teachers for these two mammoth classes, or a dearth of willing workers.

Here is another report. The date is modern, but the figures remind me of the last report, and the report before that, and

the one before that. My curiosity is aroused, and I trace their record back for a period of eight years, and find that their membership is fairly constant, attendance practically the same, same number of honor cards are issued each time (I wonder whether these are to the same individuals? By checking the records, I find that they are), and that their offerings have averaged 10 cents per week right along. I begin to think that their goal is only 10 cents, and that in spite of the fact that the end of the world is much nearer than it was eight years ago, which means that our money is of less value than it was then, they are content to make no advancements. However, one thing is encouraging, they are determined not to retreat. That is an excellent determination.

It will soon be time for lunch, but I have time to glance over one more report. I come down to the children's divisions, and there I find sixteen enrolled in the various children's departments. Number of *Little Friends* taken, 2; *Youth's Instructor*, 0; *Junior Quarterly*, 4; *Picture Roll*, 0. I go back up the page and find exactly what I expected. The school is not taking a single copy of the *Sabbath School Worker*. I draw the conclusion that the officers of that school are asleep. No doubt they slide through the Sabbath school program with as little planning as possible. Maybe the teachers read the questions from the quarterly. I picture their entire Sabbath school program a very dull, routine affair. Would you say I am wrong? I hope so.

Oh well, who wants to look over more reports anyway?

But wait a minute. Here is another. The membership shows a steady growth each quarter. The offerings are marked in Banner Class, plenty of supplies are taken. Who is the superintendent? Oh, yes, he received a fourteen-year ribbon this quarter, too. I believe I shall enjoy my visit to that school.

ARCHA O. DART

News Notes

CONTINUING: The effort in Roanoke conducted by Brother Russell Quackenbush is now meeting three times a week. Due to bad weather the attendance has not been so large, but the number remains quite constant.

LAUNCHED: Elder MacNeil met with the Arlington Church Sabbath, March 9, and following the morning sermon a *Present Truth* campaign was launched. Brother Manuel will supervise the collection of four thousand names. Miss Brent will also assist as well as the church members.

SPLENDID: Mrs. K. Baker has over \$500 worth of orders to her credit in the last six weeks, which speaks well for the financial condition of our field.

BROADCASTED: In Norfolk 15 minutes each day is given to churches, and this time is apportioned to the various pastors in the city. Last Week Elder Smith was invited to fill the time.

Sunset Calendar

	Mar. 22	Mar. 29
Baltimore, Md.	6:19	6:26
Cleveland, Ohio	6:39	6:47
Columbus, Ohio	6:45	6:53
Cumberland, Md.	6:25	6:32
Parkersburg, W.Va.	6:36	6:43
Philadelphia, Pa.	6:14	6:22
Pittsburgh, Pa.	6:33	6:41
Richmond, Va.	6:23	6:30
Toledo, Ohio	6:47	6:55
Trenton, N.J.	6:12	6:19
Washington, D.C.	6:21	6:28

NOTE: — Approximate Eastern Standard Time.



ASSIGNMENTS FOR THIRTEENTH WEEK

MARCH 24 — MARCH 30

Volume: "The Great Controversy"	
"The Bible and the French Revolution" — Concluded, pp. 276-288	
"The Pilgrim Fathers" pp. 289-298	
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March 29	G.C. 292-295
March 30	G.C. 295-298

GEM THOUGHT

It was the desire for liberty of conscience that inspired the Pilgrims to brave the perils of the long journey across the sea, to endure the hardships and dangers of the wilderness, and with God's blessing to lay, on the shores of America, the foundation of a mighty nation. — "Great Controversy," p. 292.

CHESAPEAKE

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News Notes

Just before the Christmas holidays a three-week's meeting by the writer was held in our church in Martinsburg. After the holidays weekend meetings were continued to the present time. On the first Sunday in March ten candidates were baptized in the First Baptist Church. Others are keeping the Sabbath and will doubtless come in shortly. Elder Fries, during the latter part of the meetings, gave a number of stereopticon lectures which were greatly appreciated. The members of the Martinsburg Church have cooperated splendidly in every way, attending the meetings, inviting friends and neighbors and helping out in the personal work in the homes of the people. Starting with a membership of 45, we shall have well in excess of 60 when the meetings close. It has been a great joy to witness the working of the Spirit of God on the hearts of honest souls and it makes a very happy change from the round of administrative duties. We shall always remember with pleasure the hospitality and splendid cooperation of the loyal members of the Martinsburg Church.

Elder W. R. Riston is now holding a series of meetings in the Firemen's Hall in Shepherdstown, ten miles from Martinsburg. Brother and Sister Fisher, who are in the baptismal class in Martinsburg, are planning to work the city for *Life and Health* subscriptions.

A Medical Cadet Corps has been organized for the men of military draft age in the Baltimore area. This corps is meeting one night each week to take the Red Cross Standard and Advanced Courses in the Red Cross training. Brother Ralph Nestler, of Laurel, who has had years of experience in this line, is the instructor in this section. Sergeant Fordney is the instructor in military usages that will be needed by those who serve in the medical corps. Elder Fries is the Commander.

The office force took off time to help break ground for the Glenburnie Church building. For five years the church, which now has 40 members, has been wor-

shipping in a private home gradually accumulating funds for the building and the entire membership is taking hold enthusiastically.

The Baltimore Number Three Church is in the midst of a redecorating program. Considera-

ble labor and expense is involved in such a large building and a celebration is being planned when the work is concluded.

Elder C. V. Leach is opening meetings in the Blythedale Church.

W. C. MOFFETT

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

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Elder Maxwell Speaks In Pittsburgh

West Pennsylvania was happy to have the inspiring and strengthening leadership of Elder Arthur Maxwell, editor of the *Signs of the Times*, as he spoke in the First Pittsburgh Church on Sunday evening, February 18. His vitally illuminating message on present world conditions in the light of Bible prophecy stirred each heart to definite soul-winning plans for 1940. Those fortunate to hear Elder Maxwell's graphic presentation of "History's Crowded Climax" will long remember his message. Those present felt their responsibility to the extent of sending 150 yearly subscriptions to the *Signs* to chosen individuals in the interest of their salvation.

Elder Maxwell's second appointment was at Ethnan Temple in Pittsburgh on February 20. One hundred twenty-five subscriptions to the *Signs* were taken that this voice of evangelism may carry God's message during 1940.

God is blessing all district leaders and local officers in the *Signs* campaign this year. In 1939 West Pennsylvania had an increase of 225 subscriptions over the previous year. It is our purpose that 1940 shall show a similar increase that God's message may be spread still further in this great vineyard.

Kelly-Wetmore Nuptials

ON THE afternoon of February 12, a group of friends and relatives gathered at the home of Brother John Wetmore near Port Allegany, Pennsylvania, to witness a quiet wedding.

Brother G. W. Wetmore, who, for many years has been local elder of the Port Allegany Church, was joined in holy wedlock to Sister Josephine L. Kelly

of Jamestown, New York.

Both Brother and Sister Wetmore have been faithful members of the remnant church for a long time. They are making their home at Burtville, Pennsylvania.

May the Lord bless them as they strengthen His people and the Port Allegany Church by their labors. The service was conducted by Elder C. P. Sorensen. Brother A. C. Fearing and the writer were happy also to be present and witness the occasion.

M. W. SICKLER

The Baptists Appreciate A Good Book

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the arguments which he set forth in his famous controversy with John Cotton, the champion of religious persecution in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. The people of America need to know these arguments, even though they are set forth by Roger Williams in the form and style that characterized seventeenth-century discussion. Mr. Longacre has presented them in an excellent way.

"This book should be read by every lover of religious liberty and then lent to someone who does not fully appreciate the meaning and the inestimable value of this principle, first enunciated in this country by Roger Williams. The book has been written to meet an imperative need, and is dedicated to the cause of civil and religious freedom."

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COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR

THE LITERATURE MINISTRY

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REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 9, 1940

S. L. CLARK, UNION FIELD SECRETARY

POTOMAC

F. E. THUMWOOD, F.M.S.

NAME	HRS.	ORDERS	DEL'D
W. H. Groves	42	24.45	10.50
C. E. Overstreet	40	23.15	2.25
Wm. Woodruff	40	47.50	
P. M. Jenkins	30	42.95	5.05
R. B. Sheets	30	102.75	
W. R. Bell	26	79.20	4.95
Mrs. Bell	25	12.50	6.50
Mrs. R. Simms	21	25.00	8.75
P. T. Worker	15		30.00
J. E. Gould	12	6.50	3.75
Mrs. L. Earle	12	35.25	
Mrs. E. Dixon	12	18.30	7.95
Ivie L. Mahanes	5	4.25	
Mrs. J. Norris	4	3.50	
Mrs. L. Aitchison	2	1.75	1.75
T. S. Barr	46	6.25	3.10
E. E. Gavers	40	17.90	
Mrs. L. Tibbets	35	85.40	6.75
H. C. Wilcox	35	15.00	11.50
E. C. Barrett	34	27.00	1.25
K. Baker	31	193.95	8.95
Allen Hayes	28	52.40	7.50
J. H. Lester	27	94.00	7.40
Miss Barnett	25	17.90	
C. E. Overstreet	17	7.70	2.50
Mrs. R. Harris	14	15.50	1.75
Mrs. M. Moore	11	6.45	6.45
Mrs. Scheidegger	6	1.25	
Mrs. R. W. Lynch	3	2.25	.60
<i>Magazine Workers—</i>			
Mr. G. S. Walker	20	5.00	5.00
Mrs. R. Lawless	16	12.60	12.60
Mrs. C. Overstreet	16	2.20	2.20
Miss Norman	15	4.30	4.30
Mrs. Portor	15	5.00	5.00
Miss Jarrett	15	2.50	2.50
Miss R. Wrenn	15	5.00	5.00
Miss B. Damon	15	2.50	2.50
M. V. Hall	15	7.50	7.50
Mrs. E. Parsons	15	10.00	10.00
A. E. Brown	14	5.00	5.00
E. Chandler	14	9.20	9.20
G. Aitchison	10	2.00	2.00
I. M. Jordan	10	2.50	2.50
M. E. Suddler	10	2.40	2.40
Miss B. Norman	10	4.30	4.30
Elsie Shanko	8	3.70	3.70
Mrs. A. Meadows	6	2.50	2.50
Mrs. H. Gray	3	7.70	7.70
Mrs. H. Gray	3	9.10	9.10
Eva Chandler	15	7.70	7.70
Total	908	1082.40	251.70

CHESAPEAKE

I. V. STONEBROOK, F.M.S.

V. Montgomery	42	14.55	14.55
Ada B. Thomas	31	16.00	1.45
Rudy Schrock	22	17.50	1.50
<i>Magazine Workers—</i>			
Annie Bannister	30	35.00	35.00
Eva Kennedy	20	16.10	16.10
Eva Kennedy	20	23.32	23.32
Annie Mathews	13	15.50	15.50
Mrs. Barber	12	16.00	16.00
Pauline Zinn	9	13.00	13.00
Isla Lawson	8	4.50	4.50
Isla Lawson	6	2.75	2.75
A Colporteur	4	5.00	5.00
Total	217	179.22	148.67

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

GARLAND HOAG, F.M.S.

NAME	HRS.	ORDERS	DEL'D
A. Washington	48	53.70	
Lillian Finch	37	55.45	9.45
C. H. Carter	35	70.60	70.60
Della Carter	35	61.90	2.50
C. Thompkins	29	17.90	
Crowell Golladay	20	46.75	
Dalton Davis	12	35.80	
Sylvia Slagle	12	6.00	2.25
W. C. Fleisher	11	15.25	15.50
A. D. Haynal	8	22.00	
Wilson Strang	8	12.10	.10
Roy Marten	6	11.90	
Zella Duncan	5	25.00	
Claire Saucier	5	9.50	
R. M. Vaughn	5	4.75	
Everett Zoerb	4	1.50	
Chas. Davidson	3	4.95	5.00
A. D. Haynal	46	33.00	35.25
A. D. Haynal	44	35.00	29.75
C. H. Carter	35	96.15	96.15
Crowell Golladay	6	21.90	
<i>Magazine Workers—</i>			
Etta Miles	14	13.20	13.20
Mrs. Jane Meyer	11	12.55	12.55
Thelma Pangborn	8	8.70	8.70
Mrs. A. Pangborn	4	6.25	6.25
Daisy Gibson	7	6.00	6.00
Mrs. Heine	5	4.60	4.60
Mrs. Fred Klesa	4	4.00	4.00
Ruth R. Smith	4	4.00	4.00
Zella Duncan	9	3.20	3.20
Estell W. Biggs	21	7.60	7.60
Emma Krauss	3	3.10	3.10
Alice Eaker	4	2.50	2.50
Elizabeth Haynes	2	1.50	1.50
A. Washington	2	1.50	1.50
David Fockler	2	1.20	1.20
Charles Cornell	6	.10	.10
Hugh Dates	3	.30	.30
Etta Miles	27	18.75	18.75
Etta Miles	19	15.50	15.50
Mrs. Jane Meyer	4	3.35	3.35
Total	574	759.00	384.45

NEW JERSEY

CARL DORNBERG, F.M.S.

Eddie Dudley	32	45.50	23.35
John A. Craig	28	25.85	.70
Mary S. Howard	28	12.40	2.30
A. Cucinotta	27	17.50	15.07
E. Bronner	27	10.00	9.50
Joseph Ledoni	26	34.05	15.85
F. Frankel	20	4.30	4.00
A Worker	10	12.00	12.00
<i>Magazine Workers—</i>			
Mildred Moseley	50	50.00	50.00
Lillian Brensen	31	6.20	6.20
H. A. Baker	30	21.00	21.00
Miss M. Waller	30	6.10	6.10
Peter Sansone	29	3.70	3.70
Fred Jones	29	1.70	1.70
Marg. Price	26	9.90	9.90
Bessie Walker	19	5.70	5.70
Bessie Embrey	20	8.50	8.50
U. Bracy	11	6.50	6.50
H. Barrett	16	6.10	6.10
M. Ledoni	12	9.40	9.40
Helen Embrey	3	2.50	2.50
Mrs. Harvey	3	1.00	1.00
Total	199	299.90	221.07

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

NAME	HRS.	ORDERS	DEL'D
C. McCampbell	46	38.30	23.35
S. E. Curry	45	19.50	21.00
C. H. Paul	42	16.00	4.50
L. J. Jensen	41	126.30	126.30
Robert Kinney	41	23.30	36.25
A. Colporteur	40	92.00	
James Stewart	38	8.75	8.75
Marjorie Boettger	36	17.00	18.25
Loren Ward	34	63.45	1.50
M. Zimmerman	30	35.60	11.90
Beatrice Jordan	34	32.25	5.25
Mrs. G. E. Brown	30	23.80	
Mrs. Bernhardt	30	19.35	9.55
H. A. Rossing	41	81.20	8.20
Lucille Boyd	20	42.80	7.90
Mrs. M. Campbell	19	17.00	4.25
Mrs. E. Walden	16	4.95	.95
A. Colporteur	15	21.90	
Irene B. Hales	14	27.45	.70
Leo Hadley	14	2.00	5.45
Marvin Shirley	12	9.00	8.75
Flora M. Mann	12	8.50	
Almetta Paul	10	6.75	
Beulah Rogers	10		
Mary Dohner	5	5.95	
Mary I. Meck	8	11.90	6.25
Mrs. Russell Ricer	3	.75	
Wm. Zimmerman		6.75	6.75
E. C. Alexander		3.75	3.75
A Worker	40	50.00	50.00
P. T. Workers (6)	60	85.00	85.00
<i>Magazine Workers—</i>			
Maisie G. Heise	34	29.85	29.85
Mrs. H. C. Lilley	30	29.00	29.00
Mrs. F. C. Gee	30	27.50	27.50
Mrs. M. Pride	12	7.40	7.40
G. W. Washum	40	13.90	13.90
Mrs. F. Skinner	10	4.00	4.00
E. C. Alexander	9	6.40	6.40
Mrs. J. J. Reiff	6	7.00	7.00
Glen George	20	6.00	6.00
Total	973	1032.30	585.60

WEST VIRGINIA

ARVA NICKLESS, F.M.S.

L. E. Hope	13	14.15	.50
M. L. Howard	13	30.75	
D. J. Dixon	31	83.60	
N. S. Marriott		27.95	27.95
Miss M. Goodwin	10	5.25	.50
Mrs. Vivian Cain	6	2.00	
Erma Barbour	6	1.50	
<i>Magazine Worker—</i>			
Mrs. Edna Reiner	9	6.25	6.25
Total	86	171.45	10.75

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

G. H. CARTER, F.M.S.

Raymond Sullivan	44	19.05	
John Creighton	42	49.30	25.25
Fred Bellowons	40	19.45	1.50
S. L. Keiter	40	17.75	1.75
Naomi George	37	17.00	18.40
H. C. Kaste	36	45.00	12.00
Naomi George	36	11.75	2.25
E. Hofmann	35	24.50	25.85
George Reiff	35	59.00	
W. B'ankenhorn	31	35.60	9.35
Edwin Harris	31	23.75	23.00
Raymond Sullivan	30	31.30	

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Batakland

FROM a letter received from a former co-worker written from Sumatra in Batakland, I quote:

"Now, Batakland is a most interesting place, and like all the tropical islands, very beautiful. Everywhere one looks, it is rich in foliage. Giant trees with their great high, spreading branches, are usually covered with various kinds of beautiful parasite plants, that at times are covered with lovely blossoms. My limited power of description makes it impossible for me to express the inner feeling that overcomes me at times when I view the beauties of these tropical isles. Here is indeed inspiration for the poet's pen, and I am no poet. I feel at times a something swelling up within me, ready to burst out and give vent to my emotions. What thrills a nature-lover receives out here in these island gems of the East Indies! I know I am going to enjoy the New Earth from what I experience here.

"Let me tell you something about these Bataks. Really, they are a very interesting people. They are progressive, ambitious, and make good leaders. Just 60 years ago, however, they were wild cannibals, a fierce people ruling the jungles of North Sumatra. Just 60 years ago two American missionaries landed here to start work among these wild Bataks, and they paid the price of their daring with their lives, for these cannibals quickly killed them and ate their flesh. There is a monument near here, erected to the memory of these messengers of the Cross. I have been informed that no less than 40 years ago, human flesh was sold in the market place. Today, when a Batak who is considered wealthy dies, a caribou is killed and a feast given to the inhabitants of the village. Do you know how this strange custom began? I am told that formerly when a person died here in Batakland, his body was placed on a table and the villagers came to view the remains, and each one cut off a chunk of the human meat and ate it raw. After the body was viewed

by all, there wasn't much left but the bones. Well, a certain chief, I am told, lost his mother. Now, he loved his mother dearly, and he didn't like the idea of his mother being eaten in this way, so he told the people who came to view the remains that he would kill a caribou and that he would rather they cut chunks off its carcass than his mother's. Well, they say here, this was the start of substituting a caribou for a dead human body. That chap was a reformer and didn't know it, wasn't he?

"We have a very fine work here in the North Sumatra Mission field. Thirty churches and thirty-eight Sabbath schools are scattered in various places, with a fast-growing membership. Not the mushroom type of growth, for there is persecution here and it means sacrifice to accept the doctrines of Seventh-day Adventists."

(To be continued)

Be liberal in giving in the coming Thirteenth Sabbath offering, which goes to help advance the message in this very needy field.

ANOL GRUNDSET

Sabbath School Convention

A SABBATH School Convention for the state of Ohio was held in the Mt. Vernon Academy chapel March 1-3, under the direction of Elder Anol Grundset, conference Sabbath School Secretary. All the district leaders and Sabbath school superintendents were invited to attend as delegates, and about fifty per cent of the eighty-five Sabbath schools in Ohio were represented. Probably there would have been delegates from many other schools if the weather over that weekend had not made driving so dangerous.

On Friday night Elder W. M. Robbins, our conference president, opened the convention with some introductory remarks in which he welcomed all the delegates and others in attendance. Following this Elder J. A. Stevens, of the General Conference, spoke on the Sabbath school organization.

Sabbath morning during the eleven o'clock hour Elder Stevens delivered a very interesting and impressive sermon, in which he emphasized the importance of daily Bible study, which is essential in order to prepare ourselves to meet our Lord at His second coming.

Sabbath afternoon there was a convention session at which a number of the items on the agenda were discussed by the instructors and delegates. Saturday night Elder Stevens gave a stereopticon lecture on South America.

The regular convention work continued throughout the day on Sunday, and many topics of vital interest to those connected with the Sabbath school work were discussed. We felt highly favored to have Elder Stevens with us throughout the convention session, and the valuable instruction which he gave was much appreciated.

We were encouraged to see the progress being made in Ohio in this branch of our work. The records show that there was a gain in the Sabbath school mission offerings last year of \$2000 over the preceding year, and it is the aim of the Sabbath schools throughout the conference to work and pray for a greater increase during 1940.

As the convention closed Sunday afternoon, the delegates returned to their homes feeling that they had received much valuable instruction which could be used for the furtherance of the work in their local schools. The hospitality of the Academy and the residents of Academia in entertaining the guests was greatly appreciated.

MABEL L. COLBY

EAST PENNA. (Continued)

G. H. CARTER, F.M.S.

NAME	HRS.	ORDERS	DEL'D
O. C. Weller	30	29.30	37.50
William Manbeck	29	8.75	6.50
Mrs. W. Miller	29	35.00	58.45
W. S. Miller	29	4.20	21.05
H. G. Lewis	16	36.15	4.40
C. Creighton	15	15.25	1.75
Mrs. R. Roth	11	13.30	
George Russell	10	6.50	
Theresa Stryjak	5	2.25	2.40
Kasimir Stryjak	2		5.90
Julia Stryjak	2		3.40
P. T. Workers		78.00	78.00
Edmond Dolison	40	42.65	2.00
J. Wagner	33	36.00	.50
M. Fields	31	31.90	
T. Johnson	26	60.35	2.70
M. Holmes	23	21.75	1.75
J. Moore	23	19.70	.50
S. L. Keiter	50	18.50	13.00
<i>Magazine Workers—</i>			
M. Bartholomew	30	31.50	31.50
Mrs. Seigel	15	10.80	10.80
Mrs. Seigel	12	9.50	9.50
W. M. Wilkinson		13.50	13.50
Mary E. LaRue	9	14.75	14.75
Mrs. D. Price	29	17.00	17.00
Mrs. S. Medley	21	9.00	9.00
Miss L. Douglas	21	7.00	7.00
Mrs. E. Shell	18	4.00	4.00
Total		996	930.05 536.55