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The Mount Vernon Academy as it appeared just before the Sanitarium was changed to a school. The print is from an old wood engraving.

Mount Vernon Academy

K. L. Gant, *Principal and Business Manager*
Mt. Vernon, Ohio

HISTORY OF THE MOUNT VERNON ACADEMY

(Continued)

My first installment of the history of the Mount Vernon Academy appeared in the *Visitor* of September 3. One of the students has written a very complete and interesting history of this institution. Continuing, the narrator says:—

“It was about the year 1885 that ten men caught the vision of the great possibility for advancing the third angel’s message in this place of which I have been telling you. They considered it an ideal place to erect a sanitarium, and so they formed a corporation in which each of them invested \$1,000. With this money they purchased

the farm, and on the summit of the hill they built a beautiful three-story brick structure and equipped it. They obtained Dr. G. A. Hare as the chief surgeon, and its history began. Three of these ten men were ministers, namely, Elders R. A. Underwood, G. A. Irwin and A. G. Haughey. W. H. Gilmore acted as business manager. Then there were Brethren George Bissell, O. K. Mitchel, E. C. Penn, and Carey. The names of two other brethren we do not know. This sanitarium developed rapidly. In 1888 an addition was built which included a large chapel and Dr. O. C. Place succeeded Dr. G. A. Hare as physician in charge. In just eight years time its value had increased from \$10,000 until in 1893 it was worth \$56,000.

“At the General Conference held in 1888 at Minneapolis, it was voted that a school be established at Mt. Vernon which would operate in connection with the sanitarium. This was in accordance with the plan as outlined by God’s servant, Sister White, for she had been shown by the Lord that our schools and sanitariums should be conducted in conjunction with one another. But, the plan voted at Minneapolis Conference never

matured, and later there arose quite a little agitation about changing the sanitarium itself into a Christian training school.

"In 1893 a testimony came from Sister White, who was at that time laboring in Australia, as follows: 'If my voice could be heard across the waters of the great Pacific, I would say: Let the sanitarium at Mt. Vernon be changed into a training school such as would lend character to the cause.'"

Thus the institution was divinely planted by higher than human wisdom. It is not then to be wondered that Mount Vernon Academy has been a real success from its beginning. Now, since the erection of a new building, the Academy is prepared to do a much more complete and perfect work than ever before in its history. But improvements have of a necessity, cost, in these expensive days, a considerable sum of money, and yet the new building is very simple and plain, modest, but very durable and eminently suited for its work.

As stated in my previous articles, we are appealing for one united fund to raise the indebtedness of Mount Vernon Academy, Shenandoah Valley Academy and Washington Missionary College. Never since the world began has there been a greater need of our Christian system of education than today; for a scientific, subtle infidelity is corrupting the very springs of all the worldly systems of education. Shall we not as never before, rally to the support and equipment of these educational institutions? We are still looking expectantly and hopefully for the brother or the sister who will donate \$10,000 to this great educational fund. While we need immediate cash very much, yet we shall be pleased to receive subscriptions on which the subscriber may take a year or even two years time in which to pay. Send all cash to Brother E. J. Stipeck, treasurer of the Columbia Union Conference, 507 Flower Avenue, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., and send all pledges to me at the same address.

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| Cash and pledges reported to date | \$26,025.90 |
| Dr. W. A. Kelly | \$100.00 |
| Mary Fulton | 50.00 |
| George H. Gates | 25.00 |
| A. R. Fitch | 10.00 |
| Mrs. M. R. Allen | 10.00 |
| Mrs. Rathburn Shaw | 5.00 |
| Cameron E. Deiter | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Pearl E. Cook Deiter | 5.00 |
| Katherine Lang | 2.00 |
| Mrs. K. Grouer | 2.00 |
| Gertrude Wint | 2.00 |
| Mrs. L. Moll | 2.00 |
| Mrs. E. Simmons | 2.00 |
| Mildred Dick | 1.00 |
| Elsie Wellesey | 1.00 |
| Frank Wesley | 1.00 |
| German Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. | 1.00 |

Total to date \$26,249.99
J. S. Washburn, *Field Representative, W.M.C.*

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A LETTER FROM M. V. A.

My dear Evelyn:

No doubt you wonder why I have not written to you sooner, but really so much has taken place within the last few days that I simply could not find the time to answer your letter as promptly as I would have otherwise.

You asked me to be sure and tell you all about the opening of school and the activities from then on. I will endeavor to do my best.

On Wednesday morning, September 16, we assembled in the new auditorium for our chapel exercises. The predominating Christian spirit throughout those exercises impressed me very much. All were very quiet as the soft strains of music won its way into the hearts of the listeners, then as the faculty came in we all arose and sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and I truly feel like praising God, Evelyn, for giving me the privilege of being in this Christian school. But I must hasten on. After prayer and the scripture reading, we sang the school songs, "Alma Mater," and "For M. V. A.," written by Professor Miller, the music director. Talk about enthusiasm, Evelyn, you ought to hear the students of M. V. A. sing—they certainly make that chapel ring. Professor Gant, our principal, talked to us for a few minutes, then introduced the teachers, each of whom had a word of welcome. Then the students from the various states, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New Jersey, and Ohio were asked to rise at stated intervals and each state had a goodly number. Then we marched out of the chapel to get our programs arranged the way they should be. I had quite a time with two of my subjects, as I could not take them both at the same hour very conveniently; but that conflict is straightened out now. "Conflict" seemed to be the chief word for two or three days among us. It was not long, however, before school was in full swing. I like all my teachers very much, because they really seem to have my interest and welfare at heart. Friday morning we were pleasantly surprised upon being told by Professor Gant that we were all invited to attend the "Get Acquainted Reception" in the old chapel to be held the following Saturday evening, and we surely enjoyed ourselves at this reception. I will not go into detail about it, but we were welcomed very heartily by the old students and teachers both in speech and song.

Now I must tell you about some of our religious activities. Of course, the first meeting we all look forward to is the Friday evening prayer meeting where we have such good spiritual times. Oh! such a contrast to the usual Friday evening dances so prevalent in the public high school at home. Sabbath morning we have Sabbath school at 8:30 and that is very interesting. Immediately after this the girls are cordially invited to attend the Bible workers' band and the young men the Ministerial band. These bands offer good experience to the young men and young women. At eleven o'clock we go to church. In the afternoon we have young people's meeting and we want to make it one of the best societies; in fact, the best. Our leader gave us some very specific reasons why we should make it the best. The first reason is because it is the birthplace of the Missionary Volunteer work; second, it is the birthplace of the Volunteer song, so if for no other reasons we should make it a first class society, do you not think so?

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Address all subscriptions and make all money orders payable to your book and Bible house.

All copy must reach our office by Wednesday morning of the week preceding the date of publication. Whenever possible it should be typewritten and double-spaced.

I could keep on writing page after page about the advantages here, but it would take too long. However, I do wish, Evelyn, that you could see your way clear to be in school with me here. It is not too late to catch up, if you act quickly. However, if you cannot, now is the time to begin to plan to come next year.

Lovingly your friend,
Grace.

OHIO

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NEWS NOTES

In the VISITOR Harvest Ingathering reports, an error was made in the amount raised by the Columbus church for 1924. Columbus' report was made to read \$732.20. It should have read \$1732.20.

Cheering reports come from Dayton. Restrictions placed upon the Harvest Ingathering work last year, prevented our people from soliciting at all in that city. This year a permit has been readily obtained for a month's solicitation—September 22 to October 22. In the Ingathering rally held October 3 in the church, the members manifested a sweet spirit of cooperation in God's work, which will result in good use of the allotted time.

Dayton is working for one thousand dollars in the campaign. Sister West, 77 years old, got \$10.50 in one week, and Brother Wier's small children reported offerings. A number of others had started.

Ohio believers are paying for the distribution of 1936 copies of the *Signs* every week. Single yearly subscription, \$2; five or more to one address, \$1 25.

It is now time to order your 1926 Home Missionary calendar. Price 25 cents.

Madison church members, a month ago, had made their second visit to the Finnish homes of Fairport with Finnish tracts, preparatory, in part, for Harvest Ingathering. We hope that every member of the Madison church will be successful in reaching his quota of \$10 a member. Brother F. B. Numbers, the local elder, assisted in soliciting Painesville business men.

The Springfield colored church has a \$150 goal. Brother Henry, local elder, is anxious that his church reach its goal. We trust that every member will bend his efforts to the task.

The Corder brothers report having raised together almost \$500 in this year's Harvest Ingathering campaign.

Another strong effort is being made by the National Reformers to have the Bible taught in the public schools. Their official organ, *The Christian Statesman*, September number, is devoted to this purpose. The *Liberty* magazine for this quarter, and just off the press, explains why the Bible should not be taught in the public schools. Every Seventh-day Adventist should understand the right side of the issue, and now while the public mind is agitated, we should place this special number in the hands of educators, doctors, lawyers, and interested people everywhere. *Liberty* retails at 20 cents, and in lots of 10 or more comes to us at 8 cents a copy. For 9 cents a copy,

Liberty will be mailed from the publishers to ten names or more. Brethren, strike again for liberty!

Wednesday night, September 30, an Ingathering meeting was held with the Columbus colored church. The members are meeting in the colored Y. M. C. A. on Spring Street, while their church building is being moved. Elder Campbell and his members are aiming to do good work in the Ingathering campaign.

Do not forget to read the good old *Review*. A large number of Adventist families in Ohio are not reading our church paper. They are missing things of vital interest to everyone who loves the message. We urge all non-readers to subscribe now. Yearly subscription price, \$2.75; the *Review* and *Life and Health* for one year, \$3.

It is inspiring to meet with the colored brethren of Dayton who have a \$250 Harvest Ingathering goal. As this church has only one month in which to work, we are looking to Brother Joseph, the pastor, and his members, to do great things in this limited time.

We are sorry that the Chinese Ingathering papers have not come. But they are on their way, we are told. If they arrive too late, let us save them for next year's campaign.

Missionary secretaries, watch your stock of Harvest Ingathering papers. Before your supply runs out, order more. Deplorable would be the situation if a battle were lost because the officers failed to replenish the ammunition in time. We are depending upon our church leaders to keep their soldiers well supplied with fighting material.

Dayton's new one-story church school building of frame structure, in the rear of the church, is in process of construction. Miss Lottie Gibson, the teacher, has a school of sixteen pupils.

The women of the Springfield church are nobly coming to the help of the Lord in these campaign days. Sisters Holobaugh, Hoover, Wilson and Zoph assisted in the Harvest Ingathering canvass of the business men of Springfield. The fifty members of this church have a \$500 goal. Two sisters have \$50 goals. Brother Russell Gram is the local elder, and Sister J. L. Hoover, missionary secretary.



AMERICA ON A PEDESTAL

This is the title of an article appearing in the November *Watchman* by William G. Wirth. In it he tells of the unique position now held by this nation. The information it contains should be circulated extensively that its influence might be fully realized by as many people as our united efforts can possibly reach. Professor Wirth tells of some of the perils it faces and some optimism concerning them. *Watchman* magazines are selling splendidly, it being quite common for full time workers to sell a hundred or more copies in a single day. The commission is 15 cents a copy, \$15 a hundred. More regular magazine workers are needed at this time. Enlist in this pleasant and profitable home missionary work at once. Your conference field missionary secretary will arrange with you for magazines and territory.



"No ones example is as dangerous to us as our own."

POTOMAC

T. B. Westbrook, *President* E. L. Workman, *Sec'y-Treas.*
411 Cedar St., Takoma Park, D.C.

NEWS NOTES

Elder T. B. Westbrook visited the Kilmarnock church Sabbath, September 26, and reported an excellent interest manifested at the quarterly meeting. He found the people pushing the Harvest Ingathering work, and full of courage.

Elders Manry and Hall spent last week with the churches in Washington in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work and had several splendid field days, when the dollars rolled in and greatly encouraged the companies working.

Mr. E. L. Workman, our Secretary and Treasurer, has been away from the office for the last two weeks enjoying his vacation.

Elder T. B. Westbrook spoke at the Sligo church, Sabbath, October 3, and left Sunday for the Fall Council in Iowa.

Miss Bernice Gamell has returned to the office after having spent a month in Vermont visiting friends and relatives.

One of our young sisters working in the Harvest Ingathering campaign raised fifty dollars in about fifty hours and found thirty-five desiring Bible studies and about sixty wishing literature.

We are glad to welcome a new canvasser to our field this week. Brother Lawrence has entered the work and will canvass near South Boston.

Elder Westbrook visited the tent effort at South Boston, Virginia, where Elders Harter and Shanko are closing up their seven weeks' campaign. Some of the finest people of the city have been in attendance, including senators and ex-judges. Leading church members of the various churches have rendered excellent help in the music. So far fifteen have signed the covenant to keep the commandments of God. Many others are deeply interested. A hall has been secured in which the meetings will be continued and we are expecting to see a large church organized in the little city of South Boston.

Is your Sabbath school supplied with the *Little Friend*, *Instructor*, and picture roll? If not, order at once, for no Sabbath school can be successfully operated without these excellent helps.



THE LONDON DEBATE

On September 6, Professor George McCready Price, recently a teacher in Union College, Nebraska, debated the subject of evolution with Joseph McCabe, the rationalist and militant atheist of England. The debate took place in the great Queen's Hall, London.

Elder Arthur S. Maxwell, editor of our publishing house in England, has written up the story of this debate for the *Signs of the Times* in a most graphic and interesting way. He rushed the manuscript with photographs across the Atlantic and his story will appear in two issues of the *Signs of the Times*, October 13 and 20. Most of Professor Price's argument is given verbatim. Be sure to read these two numbers of the *Signs*, and when done, pass them on to your neighbors.

Shenandoah Valley Academy

J. Z. Hottel, *Principal and Manager*
New Market, Va.

Shenandoah Valley Academy opened its doors September 16. By the end of the end of the first week the enrollment had reached one hundred, which is a little higher than that for the first week of last year. Sixty-two are new students who were not at the Academy last year.

Elder Westbrook, together with the members of the conference committee, attended the opening exercises. The committee very recently voted us financial help for needed improvements at the school. The union conference also voted us a financial gift.

Improvements and equipment already provided or to be provided are: Large laundry washer, improved dairy quarters, enlarged furnace in girl's home, new piano, two new sewing machines, and two hot-water heaters. In addition to this, during the summer the Potomac and Columbia Union Conferences gave money for a new steam heating plant for the boy's home. With these improvements and added equipment, the Academy is placed on vantage ground to give that training that will prepare our boys and girls for efficient service.

John Z. Hottel.

COLUMBIA UNION

F. H. Robbins, *President* E. J. Stipeck, *Sec'y-Treas.*
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AFTER HARVEST INGATHERING—WHAT?

This may sound like a strange question, but whether it is or not, it has been at least a perplexing one to the General Conference Home Missionary Department for several years. The facts are that for years we have been giving away thousands, yes, millions of Harvest Ingathering papers and we have not seen the soul-winning results at home that we would like to see as a result of this distribution.

This is without question due to one great lack on our part. Namely, the failure of our people everywhere when they have found interested people, as they have gone from door to door, to follow-up these same individuals with literature, personal visits, and Bible readings. This year, however, we look for a different state of things, for we have asked all our people to keep a notebook record of all interested parties and to follow up these interested ones later on.

But just now has come the good news that the *Signs* which is always ready to assist our people in their soul-winning work, has decided to continue their special six-months' offer of seventy-five cents until the end of the year, to accommodate our people in their Harvest Ingathering follow-up work. Surely this is good news! We therefore hope that every reader will take note of this and plan to send a six-months' subscription to all the interested people they find. You will find the effort worth while. Souls will be saved. This paper coming every week for six-months will make an impression for good. *Why not supply a six-months' subscription of the Signs as a follow-up to every interested person found in the Harvest Ingathering this year?*

E. F. Hackman, *Gen. Conf. Home Miss. Dept.*

WORD FROM ELDER BIDWELL

The following news from Elder Bidwell, who labored for years in the Columbia Union Conference, but is now Superintendent of the Bahamas Mission, will no doubt be of interest to the readers of the VISITOR.

"I reached this field July 2, and have not missed a meal since I landed, so you may know that the climate seems to agree with me. Naussa, where the headquarters of the mission are located, is a city of about twelve thousand inhabitants. It is in many respects a modern city, and the ways of the past as well as many of the buildings which have seen many years of service are fast being replaced by things more up to date. Many of the buildings are built of the soft coral stone which underlies these islands.

"Some of the time we have had quite hot weather, but not so extremely hot as has been experienced in the States. While our people in the States are laying in their coal and buying winter clothing, we are studying how to keep cool and enjoy life.

"We have a church of about eighty members here in Nassua, and there is much talent which can be brought out by training. There is a fair sized church school. Brother O. J. Lawrence, of Newport News, is under appointment as teacher and secretary of the mission, but has not yet arrived.

"Brother G. W. Lawrence, who works as an evangelist, has been in Nassua for a month. He conducted a two weeks' meeting, but is now preparing to return to Long Island, where he is planning to build a chapel. We have had two baptisms recently in which fifteen members were added to our list. There are more whom we believe will take their stand soon.

"Besides the evil which is among the people, we have a large class from the States who are as vile as they can be, and are paying our shores constant visits. We hope to have a better class when the tourists begin to arrive.

"The work is onward here. All are working to do their part, and God is blessing in many ways."

W. E. Bidwell, *Supt. Bahamas Mission.*

Box 35a, Nassua, Bahamas.

CHESAPEAKE

R. M. Spencer, *President* N. C. VanHorn, *Secty-Treas.*
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Phone, Catonsville 991

"BIBLE READINGS" OPENS THE WAY

A little less than a year ago I met a Mr. Savage, then proprietor of a variety store in Pocomoke City. In the course of our conversation I spoke to him about the signs of the times and the fulfillment of prophecy. He said he had bought a book which he had been reading that told of those things. I asked him the name of the book. He did not remember the name, but said he would show me the book. It was "Bible Readings for the Home Circle." Seeing that he was interested, I offered to come to his home and study with him. He at once accepted my offer and we began soon after the first of the year. He and his wife accepted the points of truth as they were given in the different studies, and began to keep the Sabbath in March.

On Sabbath, September 26, after an inspiring sermon by Elder McCord at the Salisbury church, with a goodly company of our people we went to the bank of the river, where our hearts were made glad to see these two dear souls, man and wife, buried in baptism. Elder McCord administered the ordinance.

L. A. Godwin, *Church Elder.*

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

W. M. Robbins, *President* W. B. Mohr, *Sec'y-Treas.*
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HARVEST INGATHERING CAMPAIGN

Report to September 26, 1925.

| Church | Am't to date | Am't per member |
|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Clearfield | \$ 82.37 | \$10.29 |
| Pittsburgh German | 624.47 | 6.36 |
| Warren Swedish | 76.63 | 5.89 |
| Mt. Jewett | 130.00 | 5.20 |
| Mt. Braddock | 101.13 | 3.89 |
| Erie | 345.42 | 3.52 |
| Sharon | 41.89 | 3.21 |
| Shinglehouse | 81.10 | 2.22 |
| New Castle | 52.13 | 2.00 |
| Corry | 70.82 | 1.75 |
| Indiana | 37.85 | 1.60 |
| Pittsburgh English | 236.36 | 1.46 |
| North Warren | 58.25 | 1.42 |
| Coudersport | 50.00 | 1.42 |
| Corydon | 15.00 | 1.25 |
| Johnstown | 20.68 | .41 |
| Altoona | 10.00 | .18 |
| Bradford | 2.86 | .15 |

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NEWS NOTES

Elder Robbins has been busy visiting churches in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering campaign. He left October 4, for Des Moines, Iowa, where he will attend the Fall Council of the General Conference.

Brother Barritt has been assisting the Pittsburgh churches with the Harvest Ingathering work.

Our church schools have started with usual enrollment. Following are the instructors and their schools: Miss Rebecca Norris, Indiana; Miss Lillian Anderson, Erie; Miss Evelyn Reichenbaugh, Falls Creek or DuBois. There was some talk of a school at North Warren, but nothing has materialized as yet.

Miss Martha Hansen, of North Warren, has accepted a call as instructor at the church school in Wilmington, Delaware, in the Chesapeake Conference.

Brother Kirk, Field Missionary Secretary of the Columbia Union Conference, and Brother Kurz, Field Missionary Secretary of the West Pennsylvania Conference, are visiting a few of our churches.

You can get your 1926 Wall Calendar any time, as stock has arrived at the West Pennsylvania Book and Bible House, Greensburg. The price is the same as usual, 25 cents.

The conference office has been compelled to order more Harvest Ingathering papers. We hope the big demand for papers this year will be a sign of greater returns than ever.

The interest at Greensburg continues. Elder Rapp is still holding Sunday evening meetings. A call was made for Miss Cately of New Jersey to take up Bible work in Greensburg, but due to the present interest there, she was forced to decline. We hope to secure someone soon.

Elder and Mrs. M. R. Coon have been visiting relatives in New York state. Elder Coon was compelled to take a much needed rest after his strenuous work at Greensburg during the summer.

Several inquiries were received at the book tent at camp meeting for side-reference Bibles. The book and Bible house at Greensburg has secured stock in two bindings, Persian fine-grained Morocco and real Morocco. Further particulars will be sent on request.

A Bible was found at camp meeting with the name "Clarabel Norton" on the inside cover. This is being held at the conference office, and the owner can get it by sending notice there.

Our good Brother Witz, local elder of the North Warren church, past seventy years of age, made a wonderful record in the Harvest Ingathering work for a man of his age. One day last week, he gathered in \$29 in four and one-half hours, all alone, but with God's help. He has nearly \$50, but says he will try to double that amount before the season is over. What he can do, many others can do also.

Church treasurer; We want you to notice the Harvest Ingathering report. If your church is not in the list, it is because you have not reported.



COLPORTEUR EXPERIENCE

As I was canvassing, I came to a house sitting back in the woods, but no one was home. Presently a man came from the woods and told me the man of the house was out in the woods pumping oil. In some way I became lost in the woods, and could not find the man. I felt like going out to the road, but was impressed to pray. When I arose it seemed as if the angel was at my side directing me to the place where the man was. It seemed as if God talked with the man before I found him for he was so interested in the book, and immediately when I finished the canvass, he ordered a copy. Satan would have been glad for me to turn back and go on. I know God leads the colporteur. Stuart Miles.

WEST VIRGINIA

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BAPTISM AT RAVENSWOOD

Sabbath, October 3, on the banks of the Ohio River at Ravenswood, West Virginia, a beautiful baptismal service occurred. Elder M. G. Conger, who has had charge of the work in Jackson County, has just closed a series of meetings in Ravenswood. Up to the present time fifteen precious souls have taken their stand for God and His truth. Eight of these were buried with their Lord in baptism Sabbath morning.

Elder W. A. Ralls and Miss Lillian Halstead, who were connected with the effort, have rendered faithful service. Elder Ralls has returned to Cumberland to take up his work there, while Miss Halstead, as Bible worker, remains in Ravenswood to assist in the still growing interest. We are sorry to announce that on Friday Elder Conger was taken very suddenly ill and was unable to

have charge of the baptismal service. Elder Charles Baierle, who is now locating in Huntington, was called to Ravenswood and administered the rite of baptism. The service was well attended in the theater on Sabbath morning and after a Bible study given by Elder Baierle the company made their way to the river bank. This service will be long remembered by those who gathered there. Elder Baierle took advantage of the opportunity and gave a stirring appeal urging obedience to God and His commandments. Eyes were filled with tears, and as the candidates came out of the water many words of praise were heard. The Spirit of the Lord was prevalent throughout the hour. All felt that it was a good place to be. We are sorry to know of Elder Conger's illness, but no doubt the hard, strenuous labors of the hot summer are having a telling effect. But at this writing we understand that Brother Conger is improving and able to be out of bed and together with Mrs. Conger will go to the Washington Sanitarium for treatment. Our hearts go out to these faithful colaborers, and we feel that God will add many more precious souls to the list as a result of the summer's work.

Nell E. Mead.



NEWS ITEMS

Elder H. J. Detwiler is attending the Fall Council which began in Des Moines, Iowa, October 6.

Every Adventist home should have in its library a copy of the new book, "Origin and Progress of Seventh-day Adventists." It can be secured in cloth binding for \$3 and in paper cover at only \$2.

The book society has already secured its stock of Home Missionary calendars for 1926. Church members should place their orders with their missionary secretary at an early date. The price will be the same as last year, 25 cents.

Miss Jessie Welsh, of Bluefield, is assisting in the Harvest Ingathering work at Fairmont and Clarksburg, and will go from there to Charleston, Huntington and Bluefield.

Brethren O. S. Harrell and E. G. Belcher have moved from Welch to Williamson where they are working with "Christ's Object Lessons."



ADVERTISEMENTS

We do not solicit general advertisements, and must reserve the right to reject any or all. But to accommodate our friends in reading notices considered proper to admit to the columns of this paper, especially about the sale of homes, employment, or for institutional requirements, finally approved advertisements will be published at the rate of one cent for each word or initial, with a minimum charge of 25 cents, rate the same for additional insertions. To receive any consideration, cash and reference from conference presidents or workers must accompany each request for advertising space in the VISITOR. Address Editor Columbia Union Visitor, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

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Wanted at once—Two farm hands, one married, by the year; single, by the month. Good house, free gas. Good place for the right man. See or write to C. A. Shryock, Burbank, Ohio. 2t

COLPORTEUR REPORTS

| Name | Place | Book | Hrs. | Orders | Del'd |
|---|-------|------|--------|-----------|----------|
| Ohio, Week Ending October 2, 1925 | | | | | |
| E. M. Fishell, Field Missionary Secretary | | | | | |
| E. C. Alexander, Brown Co. | PP | 40 | 76.50 | 24.00 | |
| Wm. H. Asper, Warren | PP | 40 | 38.70 | 13.25 | |
| Mrs. Belden, Toledo | BF | 8 | 7.85 | 1.60 | |
| John Booth, Portsmouth | OD | 41 | 50.50 | 52.25 | |
| Mrs. Brewer, Cincinnati | OD | 35 | 40.25 | 20.50 | |
| R. B. Craig, Cincinnati | PP | 49 | 103.50 | 147.50 | |
| S. E. Curry, Cleveland | PP | 36 | 83.50 | 49.50 | |
| A. G. Drott, Butler Co. | PP | 43 | 114.75 | 16.50 | |
| I. M. Evans, Steubenville | PP | 36 | 205.35 | 23.75 | |
| Mrs. Harris, Akron | PP | 25 | 18.75 | 20.90 | |
| Mrs. Hoffman, Cleveland | CK | 21 | 24.10 | | |
| Mrs. C. Kelley, Akron | BR | 29 | 57.75 | 52.00 | |
| Elizabeth Lee, Akron | ES | 29 | 46.50 | 2.50 | |
| Paul Lipscomb, Mansfield | GC | 45 | 62.85 | | |
| Elmer Lyon, Summit Co. | ES | 7 | 27.75 | 2.00 | |
| C. McCampbell, Cleveland | PP | 30 | 16.95 | 24.00 | |
| D. W. Percy, Steubenville | PP | 37 | 164.00 | 12.50 | |
| D. Stephens, Warren | PP | 38 | 29.75 | 25.40 | |
| H. C. Wilcox, Youngstown | DA | 43 | 27.25 | 88.00 | |
| Totals 19 colporteurs | | | 632 | \$1196.55 | \$576.15 |

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending October 2, 1925

L. W. Kurz, Field Missionary Secretary

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| H. E. Linnss, Bedford Co. | | 46 | 94.00 | | |
| E. S. Miles, McKean Co. | | 42 | 150.65 | | |
| W. P. Christoph, Jefferson Co. | | 41 | 81.25 | | |
| N. S. Marriott, Braddock | | 71 | 148.30 | 39.75 | |
| Jennie Keeler, Mercer Co. | | 33 | 80.75 | | |
| Myrtle Bateman, Allegheny Co. | | 27 | 30.30 | 21.10 | |
| Geo. S. Buttermore, Beaver Co. | | 16 | 37.25 | 4.00 | |
| Mrs. Edwin Read, Washington | | | 34.75 | | |
| Mrs. Charles Read, Washington | | | 55.25 | | |
| Totals 9 colporteurs | | | 276 | \$712.50 | \$64.85 |

West Virginia, Week Ending October 2, 1925

John A. Bee, Field Missionary Secretary

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| *E. G. Belcher, Williamson | COL | 55 | 271.55 | 252.60 | |
| J. McHenry, McDowell Co. | WC | 32 | 155.00 | | |
| O. S. Harrell, Williamson | COL | 28 | 148.00 | 1.05 | |
| G. E. Missbaugh, Welch | PP | 35 | 114.00 | | |
| Fred Wenger, Calhoun Co. | COL | 40 | 12.00 | 440.00 | |
| Totals 5 colporteurs | | | 190 | \$700.55 | \$693.65 |

Potomac, Week Ending September 25, 1925

J. W. Siler, Field Missionary Secretary

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| W. B. Powell, Wise Co. | | 44 | 237.75 | 11.00 | |
| C. A. Blount, Wise Co. | | 44 | 182.00 | | |
| Mr. & Mrs. Brownell, Winton | BR | 37 | 74.50 | 7.00 | |
| *W. Munday, Appalachia | BF | 76 | 100.95 | 12.50 | |
| H. Gumbs, Arlington | WH | 12 | 32.00 | .45 | |
| N. R. Pond, Newport News | WC | 16 | 17.50 | 17.50 | |
| Totals 6 colporteurs | | | 228 | \$644.70 | \$48.45 |

Chesapeake, Week Ending October 2, 1925

W. H. Groves, Field Missionary Secretary

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| Jos. Jones, Havre de Grace | PP | 31 | 91.00 | 4.25 | |
| A. Petrucci, N. Castle, Del. | PP | 23 | 59.50 | 21.50 | |
| Ada Thomas, Baltimore, Md. | BF | 37 | 45.00 | 23.00 | |
| J. A. Houston, Dover, Del. | PP | 6 | 23.50 | .50 | |
| H. Wheatley, Baltimore, Md. | OD | 21 | 18.50 | 5.75 | |
| Freda Dybeck, Hartly, Del. | PP | 5 | 17.50 | 1.00 | |
| Totals 6 colporteurs | | | 123 | \$255.00 | \$56.00 |

Name Place Book Hrs. Orders Del'd

New Jersey, Week Ending October 2, 1925

W. H. Wilhelm, Field Missionary Secretary

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| Helen Bassett, Bridgeton | | 23 | 9.75 | 9.70 | |
| F. Frankel, Newark | OD | 89 | 57.00 | 18.50 | |
| C. H. Lingo, Trenton | OD | 21 | 44.65 | 79.95 | |
| W. R. Martin, Elizabeth | WH | 33 | 21.00 | 35.00 | |
| A. L. Post, Trenton | OD | 68 | 62.65 | 56.30 | |
| Elizabeth White, Camden | OD | 10 | 20.50 | 67.00 | |
| Totals 6 colporteurs | | | 244 | \$215.55 | \$263.45 |

*Two weeks.

Grand Totals 51 Colps., Orders \$3,724.85, Del. 1,502.55

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

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NEWS NOTES

Elder Leach is attending the Fall Council being held in Des Moines, Iowa.

Elder Leach recently moved his family from Phoenixville to Harboro, where he will be nearer the office.

A meeting of the conference committee was held in the office last week, in which a number of important matters were considered. Elder Robbins met with the committee.

Professor L. C. Metcalf, our singing evangelist, has been released for a three-months' period, to assist the Potomac Conference.

Over \$5,000 has been reported by our churches on the Harvest Ingathering up to the end of September. This is but one-fourth of our goal. A number of our churches have not reported, while some have already reached their goals.

A telegram received from Brother Applegate, who is visiting our churches in the Harvest Ingathering, reads that the Honesdale church has reached its goal. Who will be next?

Does your Sabbath school provide the picture roll for its children? If not, why not order one for the fourth quarter at once? We are advised by the Sabbath school department that they have enough to fill all orders for this quarter.

A delightful farewell gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fausnaught in Danville, in honor of Miss Mina Dengler, of the East Pennsylvania Conference, who has been assisting the Danville church in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Forty-three persons were present. After singing and prayer, some interesting games were played, and supper was served. The members of the Danville church have been pleased to have Miss Dengler with them, and feel that she has been a great help to them in many ways.



"Great faith must have great trials."

Harvest Ingathering Goals

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| World Goal | \$1,250,000.00 |
| North American Division Goal | 750,000.00 |
| Columbia Union Goal | 100,000.00 |

Individual Member's Goals

Objective: At least one soul won for Christ.
 Service: At least ten hours Ingathering work.
 Financial: At least \$10.00 for Foreign Missions.

NEW JERSEY

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THE ORPHAN

What are we doing to help the Orphan recently adopted into the Sabbath school family? I hear good reports from other conferences, and lately I am pleased to learn that New Jersey Sabbath schools are working on the Investment Plan. Some are selling tomatoes, one is raising two chickens, one sister is tating ends on towels and selling them, a brother is making wall mottoes and selling them, another will paint a pillow top and sell it. One sister puts something in her can when anything happens for which she is especially thankful. She had a toothache, and she prayed the Lord to help it to cease. It stopped aching, and she put \$1 in her can. Another lady asked for pieces of silk and cretonne for her class, and we must wait and see what it will be. Others are busy with their investments, but want to keep them secret till the appointed day for opening the cans. I am sure that when the time comes and the cans are all opened, and the money gathered into the Sabbath school, we will find the adopted Orphan has meant a blessing to the Sabbath school, to the individuals taking part in it, and also to the heathen sitting in darkness. Hence a triple blessing. Let's pray God to bless the Sabbath school Orphan.

Personally, I hardly knew what to do, for my Sabbath school work and my home duties keep me so busy; but as I am near the office, and people are coming and going, I placed a can on my dining table, and it was ready to receive anything from a penny to a ten-dollar bill. So far, I have no ten-dollar bills, but I am pleased with the way the can gathers the coins, and I look forward to the opening day. I am sorry we were a bit late in getting started in our conference, but perhaps we can hasten and gain the time. I think of that text in Nehemiah 4:6, which says: "So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work." May this be true of all the New Jersey Sabbath schools in regard to this Investment Fund Plan.

Mrs. A. J. Clark, *Conf. S. S. Sec.*



In clubs of four or more, *The Watchman* will be sent to separate addresses for \$1.05 each. Single subscriptions, \$1.75. Send your list of subscriptions to the conference book and Bible house.

THE OPTIMIST, THE PESSIMIST,

THE PEP-TIMIST

The optimist: Wherever you chance to meet the optimist you are always welcomed with the "glad hand" and a wreath of smiles. Everything that happens is all right with the optimist. He lives in the sunshine and always says, "It can be done." You will always hear glowing accounts of wonderful achievements to be accomplished in the near future. He never stops to measure or to reckon the strength of the opposition. He smiles at it all. His line of thought produces health and courage, buoyancy of spirit, but with him the joy of achievement is always a matter of the future. Mere optimism does not necessarily mean success. Real success cannot be measured by day-dreams or visionary fancies. It was Thoreau who said: "If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost. There is where they should be! Now build the foundations under them."

The pessimist: Did you ever hear anyone say, "It can't be done?" Well, that's the attitude of the pessimist. He is the breader of gloom and discontent everywhere he goes. Of any undertaking worth while he says, "It's no use; it can never be done." If someone does succeed in any worthy vocation, there is always an attitude of doubt surrounding him. The nature of his mind by this mode of thought has shriveled up his brain cells, he becomes an object of pity, enjoys nothing but ill health, is a miserable mental wreck, and a complete failure in life. Pessimism works out a whole philosophy of despair.

The pep-timist: Now we have it! The name itself is suggestive. He represents optimism plus energy. He wades right in with his sleeves rolled up, and not only says "It can be done," but really does the job himself. The presence of a pep-timist is stimulating. He not only talks about the theory of doing things, but he actually demonstrates it himself. He combines optimism with intelligent effort and gets the results which can always be expected. An adequate amount of intelligence, determination, and faith are applied wholeheartedly to the task. His face glows with the expression of victory. He believes in his work. He knows the task in hand can be accomplished, so he goes right at it and gets the necessary results.

E. E. Franklin, in *Lake Union Herald*.



Harvest Ingathering Six Weeks' Campaign Ends

October 17

How Does Your Record Stand?