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### A REMARKABLE RECORD

You will agree that our heading sounds like a feeble statement when you consider that the three brethren whose photographs appear herewith have actually delivered ten thousand dollars worth of our message-filled books during the year that is just closing. What a splendid record for the old year to carry with it down to the shores of eternity!

But that is not all. The full story cannot be told now. It is only at its beginning, but when it will have turned its last page, as the year 1925 is about to do, then on the full fresh page of eternity we'll read the complete story of what the labors of these three men during the year 1925 have really accomplished.

How cheering and satisfying must be the reflections of these three brethren, faithful soldiers of the cross. As I sit here looking at the little picture of these brethren that lies on my desk, I think I can read in the very expression of their faces, joy and satisfaction. Where are other brethren who will join these and set for their goal for 1926 a record such as these brethren have made?

May heaven's richest blessings be upon these and all our faithful colporteurs throughout the field.

N. S. Ashton.



*NEVER VANQUISHED  
ALWAYS TRIUMPHANT*

Like the mighty men of David's army, these three modern champions of the cross are always victorious in the work to which they have been divinely called, and

for which their lives have been laid on the altar of service as a living sacrifice.

It is unfortunate that the commendable activities of these three eminent gospel evangelists should be circumscribed to one or two articles in the Union paper, when, if all of the truth were told of the untiring labors of these disciples of Jesus, it would require a book of considerable volume.

Brethren Alexander, Craig and Drott have, to date, delivered \$9,455.75, and before the year closes, these men will have exceeded the \$10,000 mark in precious message-laden books delivered. Each of these men has had a definite goal to reach by the end of the year, and each one attained this in a period of about eleven months, as the following figures reveal.

Brother Alexander had a goal of 1,800 hours and \$3,000 worth of books delivered. Thus far he has worked 1,846 hours and delivered books amounting to \$3,379.20. Brother Craig had the same goal in hours and sales, and his record shows 2,000 hours worked and \$3,054.75 delivered. Brother Drott worked toward the same goal and achieved in hours 1,828 and books delivered \$3,021.80. An analysis of these facts and figures reveals that God has helped these men achieve the thing they believed they could accomplish by faith and earnest labor. Not speaking of the many earnest prayers and model demonstrations of their books rendered that souls might be rescued from sin, approximately 1,381,600 pages of truth have been placed in the homes of

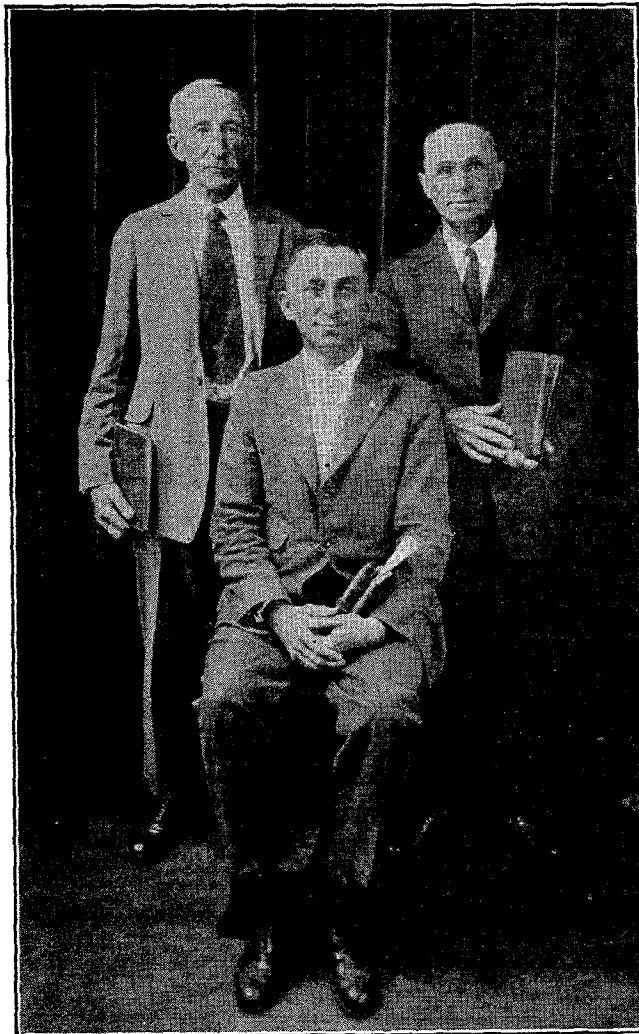
those who were seeking for the way of life.

Yes, brethren, it can be done and you by the Lord's help can do it too.

E. M. Fishell.



"Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance; it is laying hold of His highest willingness."



R. B. Craig, A. G. Drott E. C. Alexander

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E. M. Fishell.



## FAMILY ALTAR DAY

The first Sabbath in the new year, January 2, will be Family Altar Day. The regular church service for that day will be devoted to a study of home religion, and especially family worship. Leaders will find the program for this meeting in the January *Church Officers' Gazette*. The influence of family worship upon the home life, church and community, and in the training of our children as missionaries for Jesus, merits an earnest preparation for this first Sabbath service of 1926.

## COLUMBIA UNION

F. H. Robbins, President

E. J. Stipeck, Sec'y-Treas.

507 Flower Ave., Takoma Park, D.C.

## HERE'S YOUR CHANCE!

Are you a parent? And did you have the 1923 and 1924 *Lessons* which were written especially for parents? So many have said, "I do want them, but it seems I can not find the money to pay for them." We are happy to find a way to help such ones.

Here at the General Conference building, we are crowded and must make room for the 1926 *Parents' Lessons*. Therefore 1923 and 1924 *Lessons* must be gotten off the shelves. So send fifty cents for either year, or \$1 for both, and they are yours.

How the parents do like them! We receive many letters of appreciation. Here is a thought from one: "The *Lessons* mean a great deal to me. They are a wonderful help. I wish each of our churches could have a Young Mothers' Society."

A mother who subscribed late in the year writes: "Those splendid *Lessons* have all arrived, some Friday and some today. As I was looking over those that came Friday, I began to wish I had some earlier numbers which might have dealt with the baby's diet for the second year, when, just this evening, I could not help glancing through the earlier *Lessons* which arrived today; and there, to my delight, in the January number, is that splendid article on the care of the baby during the second year. Just the very thing I wanted! Thank God, and thank you dear people! I have been praying daily ever since our darling boy came, for wisdom to enable me to care for and train him, and now God is answering my prayers by putting these valuable *Lessons* into my hands."

Take advantage of this opportunity, *Now*. It will soon be too late, for the *Lessons* are going rapidly.

Further, it is time now to subscribe for your 1926 *Lessons*. The price is \$1.50 for the year. The January number is already off the press. Address; Mrs. Flora H. Williams, Ass't Secretary, Home Commission of the General Conference, Takoma, Park, Washington, D. C.

TO CHURCH ELDERS—INCOMING,  
OUTGOING, ABIDING

A recommendation passed at the recent Autumn Council in Des Moines, Iowa, of special interest to you, reads as follows:

"Whereas, There is a growing demand on the part of local church elders and other church leaders for a special reading course which will help them in the spiritual leadership of churches and companies; and

"Whereas, It has been demonstrated that such help can be provided these workers by a carefully selected set of books to cover a year of reading; we therefore—

"Recommend, That the Ministerial Association make a permanent feature of its work the selection of such books year by year as will provide the help needed, and promote this course vigorously under the name of 'The Auxiliary Ministerial Reading Course.'"

In harmony with this recommendation, we present to you the selection of books for 1926. Whether your term of office continues, begins, or expires with the opening of the new year, these books should be in your possession, and their study and use made second only to the Bible and the Testimonies of the Spirit of Prophecy.

"How to Live the Victorious Life," by "An Unknown Christian."

"The Real Holy Spirit," by Cortland Myers. (Companion volume to "Real Prayer" of the 1925 course.)

"The Pastoral Epistles of Paul," by C. R. Erdman, —an Exposition of Paul's letters to Timothy and Titus.

"I Cried, He Answered,"—A Testimony to Answered Prayer, classified under eight headings, as follows: Prayer for Recovery of the Sick, For Financial Aid, Deliverance in Time of Danger, Guidance, Conversion of Individuals, Revivals, Various Objects, Missions and Missionaries. This little book will serve to good purpose as inspiration for the prayer and missionary meetings during the year.

Combination price on the entire set of four books, \$2.50 postpaid. Order through the book and Bible House, and apply for registration blank and further information of value to church elders, to Ministerial Association, General Conference, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

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SUMMARY OF THE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WORK IN THE COLUMBIA UNION CONFERENCE

For Quarter Ending June 30, 1925

	Societies	Membership	Reporting Mem.	Conversions	Missionary Visits	Bible Readings	Hrs. Chris. Help	Treatments Given	Food Given	Clothing Given	Bouquets Given	Subscrip. Taken	Papers Distrib'd	Books Distrib'd	Tracts Distrib'd	Scrip. Cards Giv'n	Letters Written	Letters Received	Society Off. for Missions	Off. for Local Society Work	Mission Funds Through Society
Ches.	14	322	80	9	245	27	641	357	11.10	143	39	4	2451	44	121	20	68	40	18.48	21.54	192.25
East Pa.	31	398	126	10	203	96	598	27	100.75	95	164	13	5446	244	1631	173	97	41	42.25	71.37	432.83
New Jersey	25	294	119	9	272	45	561	39	24.30	285	37		3936	86	412		70	34	12.23	14.15	319.86
Ohio	39	944	425	91	1364	283	2602	155	88.18	475	348	159	7994	552	5535	298	374	279	459.62	50.21	5336.94
Potomac	38	1138	583	33	1916	414	3894	231	133.84	926	558	99	14713	1028	2551	1103	2240	201	132.31	91.90	634.87
West Pa.	9	144	77		38	7	62	18	6.00	18	5	3	377	52	72	4	10		38.29	5.30	124.68
West Va.	3	51	18	5	100	27	29	12	12.90	110	61		144	52	137	34	27		4.97	1.74	17.97
	159	3291	1428	157	4138	899	8387	839	377.07	2052	1212	278	35061	2058	10459	1632	2886	595	708.15	256.21	7059.34

AN APPEAL

Many of our readers will remember the visit of Elder D. D. Fitch to many of our churches and camp meetings year before last. In a recent issue of the *Field Gleanings from the South Caribbean*, of which Elder Fitch is editor, we find an appeal for used copies of our papers and magazines, tracts, charts and picture rolls. We are sorry that space will not permit us to publish the article, but we do wish to pass on to our readers the following, taken from a letter from the editor:

"Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard. . . . She found it was bare.' So did mother when a call came last week for a supply of literature for two young men who are starting an evangelistic effort. About all she had was some left-over *Sabbath School Quarterlies*, and old Harvest Ingathering papers.

"Our budget limiting us in finances, one of these young men is supported from private funds to the amount of ten dollars a month. Of course this barely pays for his food. Still there are others who would be glad to enter the work at that price, could funds be obtained. It could not be expected of the workers that they purchase their own literature, and our constituency is not able to do so. For one or two dollars a week, mature women can be placed where they will do efficient Bible work. If I can get a supply of literature for their use, I am planning to support four in this work. Believing there are those, who, if they knew of such opportunities, would be glad to promote the work by keeping such persons supplied with literature, I am making this appeal.

"Mother, now past her eightieth year, is still active and delights in doing the work incident to sending out such literature to these appreciative lovers of the truth. Send the literature to her, addressed as follows: Mrs. D. A. Fitch, Box 66, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, B. W. I."



Start the new year right by subscribing for *The Watchman* our Full Message Magazine. Each issue will be full of inspiration and blessing to you. Clubs of four or more, only \$1.05 each to separate addresses, through your Bible house. Do it today.

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Washington Missionary College

H. A. Morrison, President R. G. Bowen, Treasurer  
Takoma Park, D.C.

HARVEST INGATHERING AT CAMP MEADE

Five young ladies, Florence Laurell, Katherine Youngblood, Clare Astwood, Margaret Ellwanger, and the writer, went to Camp Meade in the Harvest Ingathering campaign. Our experience there was the most interesting we have ever had.

Upon reaching the grounds, we learned that it was necessary to secure permission to canvass the camp, from Captain Lewis, the commanding officer. We found this officer very friendly and willing to do all he could to help us. As it was not thought proper to have us visit the barracks unattended, he sent a young officer, Mr. Lundberg, with us as a guide, with the order that we were to have the privilege of soliciting the camp.

He first took us to the various schools which were in session. Each teacher (an officer), when our guide told him the captain's orders, introduced us to the class and told them I would explain the work we were doing. I did this in the form of a general canvass, and then we passed the mission cans for their donations.

In the same manner we were taken to the different companies. The captains of these companies proved very friendly, liberal and cooperative. The captain sent out an order for all the men to assemble in the recreation room. They were commanded to stand at attention while we explained our work as we had done in the schools. This was done in company after company until we had covered the whole camp.

The last canvass was given about noon to the soldiers in the mess room. The officer in charge called them to attention, we explained our work and then passed the cans from table to table.

We found the boys very friendly and generous. We felt very grateful for the courteous and helpful manner in which Mr. Lundberg conducted us about the camp. Without him we could have accomplished nothing, for the buildings all looked alike to us, and the rain was coming down in torrents. Such success was ours, however, that we forgot the rain. It rather proved a blessing for it served to keep the men near the camp.

Although only about half of the camp is occupied during the winter, we collected \$63 in three hours time, and feel that the Lord surely crowned our work with success.

Ruth E. Heller.

## NEW JERSEY

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### HARVEST INGATHERING REPORT

To November 21, 1925

Church	Members	Rec'd	Short	Over
Annandale	16	\$ 141.48	\$ 18.52	\$
Asbury Park Colored	13	68.62	61.38	
Bridgeton	75	179.64	570.36	
Burlington	36	370.80		10.80
Burlington Colored	11	67.02	42.98	
Burlington Polish	8	50.00	30.00	
Camden	108	650.00	430.00	
Camden Colored	23	160.76	69.24	
Cape May C. H.	33	232.14	97.86	
Dover	14	246.76		106.76
Elizabeth	32	98.48	221.52	
Englewood	10	50.00	50.00	
Franklin	27	152.54	117.46	
Jericho	44	405.21	34.79	
Jersey City No. 1	71	688.61	21.39	
Jersey City No. 2	46	398.25	61.75	
Jersey City Colored	45	129.20	320.80	
Jersey City Swedish	31	430.97		120.97
Jersey City German	53	670.98		140.98
Montclair Swedish	17	254.48		84.48
Mt. Holly	26	123.04	136.96	
Newark	141	1754.09		344.09
Newark Colored	72	188.30	531.70	
Newark German	11	204.60		94.60
Newark Slovak	82	424.55	395.45	
Passaic	23	257.50		27.50
Paterson	135	876.19	473.81	
Paterson German	37	556.60		186.60
Paulsboro	10	33.30	66.70	
Perth Amboy Danish	17	40.00	130.00	
Perth Amboy Slovak	26	290.00		30.00
Plainfield	20	110.00	90.00	
Pleasantville	32	142.31	177.69	
Ramah	28	48.06	231.94	
Swedesboro	37	149.61	220.39	
Trenton	157	1237.84	332.16	
Vineland	52	574.74		54.74
Williamstown	11	96.62	13.38	
Woodbury	24	20.17	219.73	
Conference Church	25	40.50	209.50	

R. B. Clapp, *H. Miss. Sec.*

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### NOT HOW LITTLE, BUT HOW MUCH

The Newark, New Jersey, English church is setting a splendid example in demonstration of this principle: "Not how little but how much." I quote from a letter just received from Brother C. L. Moore, the church missionary secretary: "Received your letter and read it to the church. \$157.09 reported today, making \$1754.09. To God be all the glory that He can so work with the children of men. And we are running against three separate community chest drives—\$450,000 in the Oranges, \$1,000,000 in Newark, and \$56,000 in Bloomfield.

"Our church goal was set by the conference at \$1,340, we set it at \$1,650, and you placed it at \$1,800. We are within \$46 of that, and are trying to raise \$2,000. Pray for us. Some of us are going till Christmas, God willing. One Sabbath school class has \$650, (six members and two visitors—five ladies and one man.) They sent in \$49.90 this week.

Our brethren and sisters of New Jersey will be glad to know that when the missionary secretary of each church gets in his report to the office for Harvest Ingathering receipts up to November 28, we shall have gone beyond the \$13,000 mark. I think it will be very close

to \$14,000. Brethren and sisters of New Jersey, we are now on the home stretch. Let us make every moment count. \$10 per member is our goal. We certainly must make our \$16,110. What cheer it will bring to our General Conference men who are carrying the heavy burden of responsibility! What joy will be felt among the angels of God! Our dear Saviour will look down fondly upon us and pronounce His "Well Done."

R. B. Clapp, *H. M. Secretary.*

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### REPORT OF SABBATH SCHOOLS FOR THIRD QUARTER

The total offerings this quarter were \$5,594.97. This is a gain over the corresponding quarter of \$314.73. Last year we stood at \$277 per week per member for the third quarter; this year \$284 for the third quarter.

We are so near the thirty-cent-a-week goal now that I hope this present quarter we will reach it. The following nineteen schools reached, or went over the thirty-cent-a-week goal: Asbury Park English, 47 cents; Burlington English, 33 cents; Burlington Polish, 83 cents; Burlington Colored, 35 cents; Drakestown, 49 cents; Englewood, 39 cents; Jericho, 30 cents; Jersey City German, 33 cents; Jersey City Swedish, 37 cents; New Brunswick, 40 cents; Newark Colored, 31 cents; Newark German, 30 cents; Oxford, 49 cents; Passaic, 34 cents; Paterson German, 31 cents; Plainfield, 64 cents; Rockaway, 33 cents; Trenton No. 2, 99 cents; Williamstown, 58 cents; The Burlington Polish Sabbath school has kept the "High Point" for four successive quarters;—54 cents, 76 cents, 77 cents, 83 cents. Williamstown stands next,—35 cents, 53 cents, 62 cents, 58 cents.

The following schools made Dollar Day on the thirteenth Sabbath: Asbury Park English, Burlington English, Burlington Colored, Englewood, Jersey City Swedish, Newark English, Oxford, Passaic, Paterson German, Williamstown, Burlington Polish, and Drakestown made \$\$ Day; Plainfield, \$\$\$ Day; and Trenton No. 2, \$\$\$\$ Day.

The following schools reached the membership goal: Asbury Park English, Burlington Polish, Burlington English, Burlington Colored, Drakestown, Elizabeth, Englewood, Jersey City No. 2, New Brunswick, Jersey City Colored, Jersey City No. 2, Newark English, Oxford, Trenton No. 1, and Williamstown. There were four to receive the ribbon book mark. All the Sabbath schools in New Jersey are working to make this last quarter the best, as it closes the record for the year 1925, and when Jesus comes, we hope to see many souls saved, both at home and in far away lands, as a result of our work.

Mrs. A. J. Clark, *S. S. Secretary.*

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Rights and Privileges. Here is an intimate story of school life, appearing in the January *Watchman*, by Miss Rochelle Philmon of Union College. It is told in an informative and interesting way. Start the new year right by subscribing for this Message Magazine. By the year, only \$1.75; clubs of four or more, \$1.05 each through your Bible house.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

W. M. Robbins, *President*      W. B. Mohr, *Sec'ty-Treas.*  
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### HARVEST INGATHERING REPORT

November 28, 1925

Church	Goal	Rec'd	Per Cap.	
			Over	Short
Pittsburgh German	\$ 980.00	\$1666.01	\$686.01	\$17.00
Bradford	180.00	236.00	56.00	13.11
Clearfield	80.00	90.00	10.00	11.25
Mt. Jewett Swedish	300.00	329.50	29.50	10.98
Warren Swedish	130.00	135.01	5.01	10.38
Sharon	130.00	131.87	1.87	10.14
Erie	980.00	857.20	122.80	8.74
DuBois	250.00	196.75	53.25	7.87
Indiana	400.00	286.77	113.23	7.16
Corry	410.00	277.32	132.68	6.76
Mt. Braddock	260.00	163.98	96.02	6.30
Shinglehouse	360.00	212.22	147.78	5.89
Pittsburgh English	1610.00	869.22	740.78	5.39
Meadville	120.00	60.30	59.70	5.02
Coudersport	350.00	175.40	174.60	5.01
North Warren	410.00	188.42	221.58	4.39
New Castle	260.00	106.19	153.81	4.08
Johnstown	500.00	170.69	329.31	3.41
Washington	200.00	62.30	137.70	3.11
Port Allegany	220.00	67.57	152.43	3.07
Corydon	120.00	25.00	95.00	2.08
Altoona	560.00	114.52	445.48	2.04
Albion	70.00	11.42	58.58	1.68
Greensburg	140.00	19.00	121.00	1.33
Conference Church	1050.00	119.01	930.99	1.13
Pittsburgh Colored	1040.00	42.90	997.10	.40
Bridgeville	70.00	no report		
Huntingdon	130.00	" "		
		6614.57		

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### COLPORTEUR EXPERIENCE

The field secretary and I were out last week in a coal town. We met a very interested lady, but somehow she would not buy a book. I had sold this woman's brother a book the day before. Of course, she had many excuses. The field secretary canvassed her and she felt she ought to have the book for the children, but we could not get her over the line. We both tried our best and just as we were leaving I felt impressed to ask her if we could pray. After we arose from our knees, she said, "You may bring me one of the books in the cloth binding, I will pay fifty cents deposit." God does not leave us alone.

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### NEWS NOTES

Elder Weber has just closed his Sunday-evening meetings in the hall on the South Side of Pittsburgh. He reports a very good interest which will keep him and Sister Lang busy during the winter months, binding off the work.

We have just learned of the arrival of a baby girl at the home of Brother and Sister R. R. Roberts, of Pittsburgh. We hope she will grow up to be a little worker who will help prepare souls for the soon coming of the Saviour. Brother Roberts assists Elder Phipps in Pittsburgh with the work among the colored people.

Be sure and look over the holiday book circular sent to every member last week. If you did not get one, write to the office of the book and Bible house for a list of suggestive gifts to your friends and relatives. Give good books.

Elder Robbins conducted a baptismal service last week at the Johnstown church.

## WEST VIRGINIA

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### NEWS NOTES

Brother W. A. McElphatrick reports that he has gone over his \$250 goal in the Harvest Ingathering. How many in their seventy-fifth year have done as well?

The Parkersburg church recently held two field days, which resulted in about \$100 being gathered for missions.

Sister Newberger, of Wheeling, has not been idle during the Ingathering campaign. She has already sent \$55 to the office, and is still working.

If you are planning on a gift to some friend this year, select one from the holiday circular sent out by the *Review and Herald*. You can give nothing better than a good book.

We have filled quite a number of orders the past week for Home Missionary calendars. They are going rapidly. Remember also the Morning Watch calendar. Thirty cents mailed to the West Virginia Book Society will bring you a copy of each.

Sunday evening, November 29, more than one thousand people were present to hear the lecture on Egypt, given by Elder Baierle in the city auditorium in Huntington.

The little company at Fairmont, West Virginia, under the leadership of Mrs Fannie Hood, has been doing excellent service in the Harvest Ingathering work. The members of this company are scattered, and it is quite difficult for them to have their regular meetings each Sabbath, but their leader, feeling the burden of the work, makes it a point to meet with each family at least once a month and sometimes twice. A few days ago, Mrs. Hood, together with another, went to the little mining towns near Fairmont and in a very short time gathered seventy dollars and fifty-three cents. At this particular time, it is quite hard to get into this territory, as the Union miners are on a strike, and as the mines are employing non-union men, there seems to be trouble on all sides. Permission must be gained before our workers can enter the towns, and then it is not always safe to work. But the Lord was with our workers, and not only money was secured, but many interested people were found who expressed their desire to know more about their Saviour. We feel we should thank God for His protecting care and for the faithful services of Sister Hood. Since the Fairmont company have reached their goal, Sister Hood is working hard assisting others to reach their quota and has turned in several large offerings gathered from the mining towns about Fairmont.

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### NEWS NOTES

Elder Manry, who just returned from a trip in the conference, reports that every church except one or two now stands far ahead of its last year's record, in Harvest Ingathering. In fact, by December 1, the conference had two thousand dollars more than was collected last year. God has surely blessed.

A few months ago Elder W. L. Adkins moved into the Valley of Virginia to look after the Stanley and Rileyville churches. In meetings recently held in these churches a number were taken into Christian fellowship. When the Harvest Ingathering campaign came on, it was found that very little territory remained for these churches. Elder Adkins decided to have an auction for missions. Different ones donated whatever they could for this purpose. These articles were auctioned and the money received given to missions.

Recently a gentleman and wife drove fifteen miles to one of our churches and presented themselves for membership. This brother and sister had been earnest seekers for truth, but for some reason became prejudiced against Seventh-day Adventists a few years ago, and at one time would not tolerate a Seventh-day Adventist book in the house. A copy of "Great Controversy" was given away, and anyone who tried to speak of the truth, met with a frown. However, becoming interested in the second coming of Christ, and accidentally getting some of our small books, *Present Truth* and "Daniel and Revelation," this brother and sister came to the conclusion that we have the message for this time. Accordingly, after some instruction had been given, this brother and sister and a sixteen-year-old son were taken into our church the following Sabbath.

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## Mount Vernon Academy

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

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### WEEK OF PRAYER

The Week of Prayer, just closing as the VISITOR goes to press, has proven a great spiritual blessing to many of the students and members of the Mt. Vernon church. Elder J. S. James, Field Secretary of the Sabbath School Department of the General Conference, spent the entire week with us. His helpful instruction at the chapel and worship periods was greatly appreciated.

Much time was spent in prayer bands, in secret prayer, and in private counsel with Elder James and the teachers; and many victories were gained.

May the Lord seal to our good the blessing and help this Week of Prayer has brought; that He who hath begun a good work in us may finish it; and make us instruments in His hands for the finishing of God's work in the earth.



"God's appeal to you to work for some individual includes a corresponding appeal of the Holy Spirit to that individual."

### NEWS NOTES

Elders Leach and Venen spent a few days with the Williamsport church during the opening of the Week of Prayer.

Elder F. H. Robbins visited the West Philadelphia church the first Sabbath in the Week of Prayer, and in the afternoon visited the church in Chester where a joint meeting of the Media and Chester churches was held.

Do not forget our holiday books. If you did not receive a circular giving special holiday prices, write for one.

Have you ordered your Morning Watch and wall calendar for 1926? The supply is limited, so order at once.

Have you subscribed for the *Review and Herald* for the coming year? Order at once, so your subscription will start with the new year. Next year's *Review* will contain the full report of the General Conference session.

If you are thinking of buying a Bible at this time of the year, send for our Bible catalog.

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## Obituaries

WHEELER—Mrs. Amanda Wheeler, *nee* Johnson, was born in Tompkins County, New York, October 4, 1836; and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Phillips, of Portage, Ohio, November 15, 1925. In 1854 she was married to John Wilson who died in 1862. In 1872 she was united in marriage to Anson Wheeler, who died in 1903. She was converted in childhood and united with the Disciple church. In 1892 she united with the Seventh-day Adventist church. She is survived by two sons, Wilson and Edgar, and one daughter, Mrs. Inez Phillips.  
C. C. Webster.

COVERT—Cora Elizabeth, daughter of Anna Elizabeth, and the late Robert Tubbs Covert, of Hunlock Creek, Pennsylvania, was born in Hunlock Creek, January 9, 1879; and died at her home at Hunlock Creek, November 21, 1925. Sister Cora, with her parents, accepted the truth and was baptized about twenty-five years ago. She was one of the charter members of the Wilkes Barre Seventh-day Adventist church, and was a member at the time of her death. She is survived by her mother and a half-brother.  
A. A. Cone.

HOLTOM—Bertha Maud Holtom was born in Bellville, Ohio, November 26, 1884; and died November 11, 1925, at her home in Academia. She was the daughter of Elder H. H. and Addie Burkholder. December 31, 1908, she was united in marriage to Harley D. Holtom, and to this union were born two daughters. Grace Lucile and one who died in infancy. At the age of ten she was baptized and became a member of the Bellville church which membership was later transferred to the Mt. Vernon church. Here she willingly carried responsibility in Sabbath-school work until ill health prevented. Because of her cheerful and hopeful disposition, many did not know of the serious condition of her health. She was a patient sufferer, ready to go, yet hopeful of further opportunity for service. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, mother, a brother and sister. Funeral service was conducted by Elder N. S. Ashton assisted by the writer.  
J. W. Hirlinger.

## COLPORTEUR REPORTS

Name	Place	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Del'd
<b>Ohio, Week Ending December 4, 1925</b>					
E. M. Fishell, Field Missionary Secretary					
E. C. Alexander, Ripley	PP	42	166.25	53.50	
Wm. Asper, Warren	PP	42	11.55	46.70	
Mrs. A. J. Bachand, Toledo	HM	16	3.75		
A. J. Bachand, Toledo	HM	28	27.00	.75	
Mrs. Bothwell, LaGrange	ES	5	8.25		
Mrs. B. Brewer, Cincinnati	OD	16	3.50	14.00	
John Booth, Portsmouth	OD	45	42.80	33.40	
R. B. Craig, Cincinnati	PP	45	132.25	134.50	
S. E. Curry, Cleveland	BR	56	116.00	92.50	
A. G. Drott, Warren Co.	PP	47	64.50	12.00	
V. Gibbons, Cleveland	BR	40	135.00		
H. W. Gigax, Toledo	OD	18	21.00		
Mrs. Glossner, Youngstown		7	23.00		
Mrs. Hayes, Columbus		33	86.50		
Mrs. Heasley, Ashtabula		9	26.25		
L. V. Harris, Cleveland	PP	27	42.75	14.80	
Mrs. Hoffman, Cleveland	CK	3		5.50	
C. Karns, Athens Co.	OD	17	31.50	12.50	
L. Karns, Athens Co.		14	19.00	12.00	
Mrs. C. Kelley, Akron	ES	18	20.00	154.60	
Elizabeth Lee, Akron	ES	8		58.05	
C. McCampbell, Cuyahoga Co.	PP	5		24.00	
Mrs. McKenzie, Cleveland	BR	16	15.35	16.25	
Mrs. Newgard, Columbus	BF	48	48.00		
Mrs. Onasch, Poland	HW	8	21.00		
E. S. Opdyke, Newark	BR	11	7.25	3.50	
D. Stephens, Warren	PP	30	18.50	25.50	
Mrs. M. Seimer, Cincinnati		16	25.00		
H. C. Wilcox, Youngstown	DA	37	37.75	155.00	
Totals 29 colporteurs			707	\$1153.70	\$869.05
<b>Chesapeake, Two Weeks Ending December 4, 1925</b>					
W. H. Groves, Field Missionary Secretary					
J. B. Perkins, Baltimore	BR	133	176.50		
A. Petrucci, Townsend, Del.	PP	14		91.15	
J. Laurent, Wilmington, Del.	OD	27	60.50	12.50	
G. Holland, Lincoln City	PP	20		87.50	
W. Holland, Lincoln City	PP	20		99.00	
J. E. Jones, Balnew, Md.	PP	64	125.75	4.50	
Jennie Keeler, Hagerstown	PP	72	159.50	1.00	
Nellie Baker, Baltimore	OD	45	48.70	9.00	
Mrs. W. H. Groves, Oella, Md.	PP	27	68.00	6.50	
Ada Thomas, Baltimore	BF	20	39.25	4.75	
A Colporteur, Oella, Md.	PP	32	73.50	1.50	
Totals 11 colporteurs			474	\$751.70	\$317.40
<b>Potomac, Week Ending December 4, 1925</b>					
J. W. Siler, Field Missionary Secretary					
L. W. Belote, Mathews Co.	PP	25	102.50		
Mr. & Mrs. Brownell, Roanoke	BR	30	93.25	4.75	
W. Munday, St. Charles	BF	36	86.25	5.25	
H. O. Gumbs, Suffolk	PP	45	57.25	102.50	
Gladys Clayton, S. Boston	WC	30	25.00	25.00	
W. Munday, St. Charles	BF	32	20.25	31.25	
Chas. Edwards, Norfolk		5	14.00		
A. H. Antisdale, Washington	WC	18	10.25	10.25	
N. R. Pond, Newport News	WC	6	5.95	5.95	
J. R. Arturo, Washington	OD	5	5.00	5.00	
Totals 10 colporteurs			232	\$419.70	\$189.95
<b>West Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 4, 1925</b>					
L. W. Kurz, Field Missionary Secretary					
H. E. Linss, Bedford Co.	PP	37	59.25		
H. E. VanDyke, Westmoreland	PP	34	32.75	21.25	
W. Christoph, Jefferson Co.	PP	32	56.25	332.05	

Name	Place	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Del'd
G. Buttermore, Beaver Co.	OD	29	72.50	59.20	
M. Bateman, Allegheny Co.	WC	29	31.10	32.75	
Lloyd Lener, Fayette Co.	BF	24	85.85		
E. S. Miles, Erie Co.	BR	15	12.05		
Maude Clothier, Cambria Co.	BF	11	47.00	2.50	
Mrs. Meyers, Cambria Co.	COL	3	9.00	27.00	
Totals 9 colporteurs			214	\$405.75	\$474.75

### East Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 4, 1925

O. C. Weller, Field Missionary Secretary					
J. E. Lippart, Williamsport	COL	30	81.25	18.75	
F. Meyers, Philadelphia	Mag.		70.00	40.00	
Benj. Bell, Ardmore	GC	65	75.50	58.10	
W. H. Smith, Lebanon	BR	28	57.75	22.75	
Albert J. Mill, Birdsboro	OD	16	26.50	14.50	
Fannie Martin, Warwick	GC	11	55.30	258.75	
Mrs. L. Ellett, Philadelphia	GC	21	41.75		
H. G. Lewis, Shavertown	GC			64.25	
Wm. P. Hess, Reading	CS	35	40.00	7.25	
Miss E. L. Miller, Hamburg	WC	36	34.65	38.45	
Totals 10 colporteurs			242	\$482.70	\$522.80

### New Jersey, Week Ending December 4, 1925

J. W. Wilhelm, Field Missionary Secretary					
Mrs. Carrie Dolan, Paterson	Mag.	10	20.00		
M. P. Gray, Newark	OD	24	59.95	22.50	
T. F. Kershner, Roselle Park			15.50	15.50	
C. H. Lingo, Trenton		19	50.80	13.25	
John F. Stringer, Vineland			13.00	13.00	
E. White, Camden		27	71.50	35.00	
Totals 6 colporteurs			80	\$230.75	\$99.25

Grand Totals 75 colps., orders \$3,444.30, del. \$2,473.20

## Shenandoah Valley Academy

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

### NEWS NOTES

Elder and Mrs. Beddoe and Mr. and Mrs. Lowry, of Takoma Park, spent a recent Sabbath at the Academy.

On Saturday night, November 21, Edward Brigham, basso profundo and reader, entertained us.

The Zimmerman sisters were delighted to have their father visit them last week.

Miss Dottie Franklin, our preceptress, has had her tonsils removed at the Washington Sanitarium. The student body misses her greatly.

Professor and Mrs. Hottel spent the Thanksgiving recess in Pennsylvania and Washington.

The death of his grandmother called Mr. William DeFries to his home in Pleasantville, New Jersey, for several days.

Some of the students who spent Thanksgiving day away from the Academy are: Dorothy Hampton, Kathryn Lewis, Margaret Dean, James Baker, Leroy Burgan, Curtis Quackenbush, Russel Quackenbush, Lester Harris, and George Watkins.



Mr. Harold Seward, a former student, visited his brother Thomas.

We are always very much pleased to have Elder Westbrook, our conference president, visit us. He and Brother Manry spent Wednesday night, November 25, at the Academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Klopfenstein entertained a number of the students at their home last Thursday evening.

The girls enjoyed the evening spent at the home of Elder and Mrs. R. D. Hottel during the vacation.



### CONFERENCE WORKERS AND OFFICES NOTICE

The last issue of the VISITOR for 1925 will be dated December 17, 1925. The first issue for 1926 will be dated January 1, 1926. Conference workers, offices and our readers will please take notice. There will be no VISITOR for December 24. Editor.

We would especially request that as far as possible, all copy for the Visitor be typewritten. Hand-written copy delays the work.



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