

Columbia Union Visitor

"Surely I Come Quickly. Even So, Come, Lord Jesus."

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CAMP-MEETINGS

NEW JERSEY CAMP-MEETING.

THE annual camp-meeting of the New Jersey Conference will be held at Woodbury, New Jersey, August 20 to 30. We have secured a beautiful plot of ground in a fine location, only three blocks from Court House Square. We trust that all our brethren and sisters will make special effort to attend this meeting, bringing with them any of their friends who may be interested. We hope to make this meeting the best ever held in this Conference, and as we have been assured of the very best of help from the Union and General Conferences, we feel sure that we will not be disappointed in our expectations.

Woodbury is on the main line of the Pennsylvania electric line from Camden to Atlantic City, and also has trolley direct from Kaighn Street ferry, Camden.

The grounds are at the corner of Delaware Ave. and Davis Street, eight minutes walk west from Pennsylvania station, and bus lines run direct to the grounds. Those coming by trolley can get off at Court House and walk three blocks west to the grounds.

Reduced rates on the certificate plan has been granted by the Trunk Line Association, to all coming before the 24th, where the single fare is over seventy-five cents.

The Lord has been going out before his people in a marvelous way, and the developments in the last few months, show that we are entering upon the time when the Message is to go with mighty power. The Holy Ghost fell upon the disciples at Pentecost, after ten days seeking God in earnest prayer. Shall we not make the ten days of this meeting a season which shall prepare us for a similar outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Tents can be rented at the usual rates: 10 x 14 \$2.50 12 x 16 \$3.00 Usual provision will be made for accommodation of our people, at dining tent and grocery. There will be a book tent where a fresh supply of literature can be obtained.

Let us come with the earnest desire to devote our time to the seeking of God that His blessing may rest upon us, and that the unconverted and back-slidden may receive needed blessings.

We especially urge parents to bring the youth of their families. Special attention will be paid to our young people at this meeting by those in charge.

Let us all pray that this meeting may be a source of great spiritual uplift to all churches in this Conference.

B. F. KNEELAND.

WEST VIRGINIA

YOU will notice in this issue of the Columbia Union Visitor, an appointment of our camp-meeting and conference which is to be held at Charleston, August 27 to September 6, 1908. The date of this meeting will be upon us ere we are aware of it, and now is the time, if we have not already done so, to begin to prepare for it. I look upon this as being one of the most important meetings that has ever been held in West Virginia. Charleston is the most important city in the State, being the capital. We have been anxious to get a strong hold here, and for the past two years Elder Suffcool has made it his home, and last summer as well as this thus far has been holding tent meetings, and now the little church is being strengthened and some good material is coming to the front. So now to give tone to our work at Charleston, the committee thought it advisable to hold our annual camp-meeting and conference here this fall.

We have ventured out by faith in this matter, my dear brethren, and as chairman of your committee I feel that you are going to come to the rescue. If ever your presence was needed at a camp-meeting it is at the one to be held at Charleston. Therefore, brethren, let no common or worldly excuse keep you away, if it takes a sacrifice. "Make a covenant with the Lord by sacrifice". If you have not seen the way open as yet for you to come, remember there are five weeks yet before us until the date of the camp-meeting to begin.

In that five weeks everyone who has a desire to come can by courage and faith step out on the promises of the Lord. "Ask and ye shall receive" and be prepared to start to camp-meeting on the 26th day of August and land there in time for the first meeting the 27th.

We need not plead hard times for I am sure it will grow no better, and going to camp-meeting next year will be fraught with more difficulties than going this year, but these things we must expect. And as worldly avenues close to us, remember that Heaven comes nearer and Christ is dearer, and every annual convocation grows better and better than the preceding one.

So let us come and with our songs, our prayers, our testimonies, and our preaching plant the truth so deep in good soil in and about Charleston that it may grow and radiate all thru and about the capital of our State.

J. M. REES.

OHIO CAMP-MEETING

That the health of those who attend the Ohio camp meeting this year may be protected—four physicians will work with the medical department to that end.

Dr. W. J. Venen will have charge of the sanitary condition of the tents and grounds

Dr. Maude L. Bull will act as consulting physician to the ladies.

Dr. V. L. Fisher and Dr. H. M. Jump general consulting physicians.

Drs. Bull, Fisher and Jump will have regular consultation hours in the Medical department tent at which times those needing their advice may receive it.

Treatment tents with competent nurses in charge and fitted with the necessary equipment to give such treatments to the sick as the consulting physicians may prescribe will be located in a retired but convenient place on the grounds.

We are indebted to the College Springs Sanitarium for the equipment of these tents and for the nurses.

Medical advice and treatments will be free to those tenting on the grounds. H. M. JUMP, *Medical Miss. Secretary*,

STATEMENT OF

Receipts and Disbursements
COLUMBIA UNION CONFERENCE OF S. D. A.
Six months ending June 30, 08

RECEIPTS

Tithe A. U. C. Division.....	\$ 704.01
" Lake Union ".....	537.38
" semi-annual period.....	3,412.78
Sabbath School Donations.....	2,462.65
Weekly Offering.....	985.13
Foreign Missions.....	119.65
Annual Offerings.....	1,842.31
Mid-Summer Offerings.....	4.25
Religious Liberty.....	448.62
\$150,000 Fund.....	1,162.51
Colored Work.....	48.81
Second Sabbath Offerings.....	28.34
China Printing Press.....	15.00
Portugal Missions.....	41.14
India Missions.....	1.50
Kingston Missions.....	2.00
Southern Work.....	18.26
Shp Missions.....	1.00
West India Training School.....	100.00
Phillipine Islands.....	10.00
Southern Missionary Society.....	7.78
Missionary Volunteer.....	16.89
Stanborough Park.....	1.32
Most Needy Field.....	58.05
Java Mission.....	10.00
India Tamil Sabbath Keepers.....	42.63
Gilbert Jewish work.....	8.85
African Mission.....	7.73
General Conference.....	1.00
Toluca Industrial School.....	10.00
Venezuela Missions.....	10.00
Hazel, Ky. School.....	52.63
James White Memorial.....	.36
Maintenance Fund.....	218.53
Visitor Account.....	81.39
Mileage ".....	29.16
Outside Auditing.....	92.89
Account Receivable.....	18.91
Total.....	\$12,613.46

DISBURSMENTS

Funds to the Mission Board.....	\$ 7,518.41
Chesapeake Appropriation.....	249.99
New Jersey ".....	249.99
Virginia ".....	400.01
West Virginia ".....	609.99
Penn. Sanitarium ".....	99.99
Tithe to Gen. Conference.....	541.29
Paid to Laborers.....	1,185.06
General Expense.....	170.43
Traveling Expense.....	321.94
Office Expense.....	43.94
Furniture & Fixtures.....	168.17
Mileage.....	94.62
Rent.....	65.00
General Conf. A.cct.....	13.16
Maintenance Fund.....	50.00
Cash on hand June 30.....	941.47
Total.....	\$12,613.46

E. R. BROWN, TREAS.

CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE

Financial Statement for Year Ending December 31, 1907.

Gains

Tithe.....	\$5,380.78
Tent & Hall Collections.....	191.44
Interest on Note.....	1.47
Tent Equipment, (From Tent Fund).....	82.64
General Conference Appropriation.....	600.00
Atlantic Union ".....	500.00
Total Gains.....	\$6,756.31

Losses

Salaries.....	\$4,364.13
Traveling Expenses.....	379.62
Freight & Drayage.....	111.04
Tent & Hall Expense.....	409.98
Office & General Expense.....	122.08
Rent & Storage.....	94.50
Camp-Meeting Deficit.....	37.21
Tithe to Union Conference.....	538.08
Total Losses or Expenses.....	\$6,056.64
Net Gain for Year.....	\$699.67

Resources

Cash on hand and in bank.....	\$1,016.83
Inventories, tent & hall equipment.....	625.00
" office furniture and supplies.....	105.00
Local trust funds.....	109.96
Total Resources.....	\$1,856.79

Liabilities

LOCAL TRUST FUNDS	
Bills payable.....	\$100.00
Aged & orphans fund.....	5.30
Church school fund.....	4.96
Total liabilities.....	\$109.96
Present worth January 1, 1908.....	\$1,746.83

E. R. Nutter, Treas.

THERE will be a boarding tent on the ground run on the European plan. Call for what you want and only pay for what you get.

A beautiful pavilion will be pitched in which meetings will be conducted in the interests of the youth and children.

No leaky tents this year. All old tents will be paraffined so they will be as comfortable as new. Price of tents will be the same as last year.

A GROCERY and provision tent will be on the grounds where those who do not care to board can be supplied with such things as they desire

LET every church and company in West Virginia elect their delegates to the conference as soon as possible. Remember you are allowed one delegate to every organization and one additional delegate to every seven (7) members. If you have fourteen members, you are entitled to three delegates, and so on.

Lancaster, Pa.

Dear Welcome Visitor:—

Not having seen any account of our good Campmeeting in the VISITOR or Review and Herald, I felt that some might think it was of no account, But such is not the case. I have been attending campmeetings for the last fifteen years. I enjoyed them all. Most of them were precious seasons but our last campmeeting held in Scranton, June 11 to 21, was the most precious of them all. The harmony thruout, was beautiful

The presence of God's Spirit was realized by all. It sweetened lives and made them beautiful for God. At many of the campmeetings, there have been more appeals for money than for souls. At this meeting this order of things was fully reversed with good results. Almost every sermon and talk ended with an appeal for souls to get right with God. The entire encampment bowed in humility before God—putting away sin and renewing their covenant with God. It made one think of Israel of old on the typical day of atonement. It should

WEST VIRGINIA CAMP-MEETING NOTES

LET no one forget to bring straw ticks. They will be needed.

THE book tent will have a good supply of our books on hand, as well Bibles, tracts, and periodicals.

CHESAPEAKE TRACT SOCIETY

Financial Statement for Year ending December 31, 1907

Resources			
INVENTORIES			
Subscription books.....	\$ 67.84		
Trade books	7.79		
Tracts	5.94		
C. O. Lessons.....	45.25		
Office furniture & supplies.....	11.00		

Total inventories		\$137.82	
Cash on hand and in bank.....		104.25	
Accounts receivable			
Personal 173.22			
Society 97.02.....		270.24	

Total resources.....			\$512.31
Liabilities			
Accounts payable, publishing houses.....	\$103.92		
" " local societies.....	6.08	\$110.00	

Total liabilities		\$110.00	\$110.00

Present worth January 1, 1908.....			\$402.31
Gains			
Subscription books	\$203.52		
Trade books	25.58		
Tracts	28.68		
Periodicals.....	40.01		

Total gains.....		\$297.79	
Losses			
Office expense	\$16.77		
Donation to Conference tent fund.....	96.26		

		\$113.03	
Net gain carries to stock account		\$184.76	
Stock account January 1, 1907.....		217.55	

Net worth January 1, 1908.....			\$402.31
Cash on hand January 1, 1907.....		\$ 143.87	
Cash received during year		2,433.63	

		2,577.50	
Cash paid out during the year		\$2,473.25	

Cash on hand January 1, 1908		\$ 104.25	
			E. R. Nutter, Treas.

be so since this is the last day of atonement

Between twenty and thirty souls were buried with Christ in baptism. Every phase of the Message received due consideration. We had two symposium meetings, which were very instructive and impressive. One on Health Reform and one on Education.

Altho the Conference is much in need of means, no appeal was made to the people until the last day. In a very short time after the needs were presented, more was raised than was asked for. The people gave willingly. We praise the Lord for this evidence of his care for his work.

The instruction given by those outside the Conference, especially Elder K. C. Russell, Profs, Wilkinson and Butler, was much appreciated.

Yours in thankfulness for blessings received.
J. W. HIRLINGER.

Baltimore, Md., May 22, 1908.

Elder L. F. Starr, Pres.,
Chesapeake Conference,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Brother:—

I am glad to hand you herewith a favorable report of the Chesapeake Conference and Tract Society, after completing my examination of the books for a period of one year ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Upon entering the office I verified the cash on hand and in the Farmers' & Merchants Bank, and found same to agree with the balance of the Cash Book. I have carefully checked up the cash receipts, and Disbursements, and find everything accurately and neatly accounted for. The work is up to date and the Ledger in balance.

All of which I respectfully submit.

Sincerely your brother in Christ,
(Signed) E. R. Brown,
Columbia Union Conf. Auditor

OUR WORKERS

Allegheny, Pa.

COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR:

The tent for the German work in Allegheny, Pa. was pitched on July, 7, on Rhine St., at the end of the street car line, in a very nice neighborhood of German people.

The first meeting was held on Thursday July, 9, with an attendance of about thirty grown people and a tent full of children. The attendance has been increasing each evening, and those attending are very much interested in the truth presented thus far. We hope to see a number of these dear people, accept the Third Angel's Message, and that when the angel shall announce "Here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith Jesus," they may be among that number, and have right to the tree of life, and enter in through the gates into the city.

We hope to have a fuller report later on.

C. A. SCHOLL,
GEORGE L. WEST.

Jersey City, N. J.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE COLUMBIA UNION CONFERENCE: I enjoy hearing from you through the VISITOR. I am still in the Bible work; and am at present in Jersey City N. J. I feel it a great privilege to have a knowledge of the truth for these days, and a place and part in God's closing work for man's salvation. The narrow way sometimes seems rough and difficult; and the work goes hard, and Satan tempts to discouragement, but the study of the word, and prayer, and reading the Testimonies, strengthens and upholds, and sends me on my way again with a song in my heart," and often on my lips as well.

There are two English and two German churches here. They are all quite small however, and probably do not number together more than eighty or a hundred members. It seems to me as fruitful a field as the average at least. German and Scandinavian tent-meetings are in progress here. Northern N. J. has an immense city population, and there has been practically no Bible-work done. These large eastern cities with their many nationalities to be warned, and the lack of workers and means, makes one wonder how it is to be accomplished. The Spirit of Prophecy has said that this message that arose here in the east was to go west, then return east. Our eastern brethren took it west; so per-

haps our western brethren will feel a burden to help bring it east again.

I enjoy our canvasser's reports, and am so glad the seed is being sown so widely through them. If everyone who believes the Message were a live missionary worker, watching daily for opportunities, of course vastly more would be accomplished. The Testimony in the last Review, July 16, says, "Frequently the Lord has revealed to me, as an indication of unfaithfulness on the part of his people, the little that is being done in our large cities." It seems to me that individually and as a people we ought to receive strength and courage from the study of our present series of Sabbath-school lessons on the book of Nehemiah. The work and people of God were in reproach and affliction; and he might have reasoned thus, "Our people for the last hundred years have been trying to restore and rebuild Jerusalem; and now after the third attempt what is the use? I'm very sorry of course, but my work keeps me here, and I don't see that I can do anything; so what is the use to bother my head about it. I have a good position and must not risk losing it." But no! though far from Jerusalem, his interest in the work and people of God led him to inquire of their progress and welfare; and the report, besides causing him grief, sent him to his knees with fasting and humble acknowledgement of sin, and earnest prayer for help; and as he prayed, God laid the burden on him to go, and opened the way in answer to further prayer. He depended on God *continually*, and how wonderfully he was used! Now the work is one the world over, and wherever it is going hard we must be especially interested in that place to pray for it. If it is our own field, where unfaithfulness, apostasy, division and strife, and worldly alliance have devastated and laid waste, as in Nehemiah's day, shall we let our hands down in discouragement, and say, in our hearts, if not with our lips, what is the use? we are too few and feeble, and the difficulties too great. Rather let us gather strength and courage from these lessons, and each go to building "over against his own house" at least; and we shall surely see something accomplished, if it is only to "hold the fort" from still greater disaster till God sends some Nehemiah to do aggressive work. Meanwhile if we are taking our periodicals, our hearts are cheered with the good news from other fields, and we praise God that the Third Angel's Message is triumphing gloriously, and we mean to triumph with it. But what about those who are

not reading our periodicals nor studying the Sabbath-school lessons nor attending prayer-meeting? O, it is very sad, but they are gradually "losing out" and don't realize it; for they are not receiving the anointing of the Spirit's "latter rain" to enable them to stand. They know nothing of the advancement of the Message, and can only see and talk discouragement. Remembering how someone "cared for our souls" when we were "ready to perish" let us do all we can to help them to take a new start for the Kingdom. If we can only get them to subscribe for the Visitor they will then be getting acquainted with the work and workers in their own conference at least. Dear ones here is something good I read today in Gospel Workers, pa. 462. "We need not keep our own record of trials and difficulties, griefs and sorrows. All these things are written in the books, and Heaven will take care of them. Asking to be remembered sometimes in prayer I am yours in Christian love.

Ammy W. Welsh.

608 Bramhall Ave. Jersey City, N. J.

Homestead, Pa.

DEAR VISITOR,—

I was with the church at Washington, Pa. last Sabbath and Sunday in their Quarterly Meeting, and truly the Lord was with us.

The ordinances were celebrated in a solemn and impressive manner.

The Mid-summer Offering was quite good, and a good sum was paid in tithes.

Nearly all promised to adopt the "ten-cent-a-week plan".

One member was added to the church, and four others requested prayers.

I am now in Homestead with Elder Ashton, preparing for tent work.

B. F. PURDHAM.

Wellsboro, Pa.

DEAR VISITOR,—

The evening of July 10 was our opening service in the pavilion, and regardless of the Band Concert nearby that evening, we had a good attendance, and the attendance is increasing each successive evening.

We are surprised at the intense interest and cordiality manifest on the part of the people, yet we are living in a time when we can expect great things of God. This Message is becoming mighty and our prayer is that God will take out of our lives all that would tend to retard the progress of the work.

We believe the Spirit is working in the hearts of the people and that we will realize fruit for our labor in Wellsboro.

In preparation for the Summer's work we believe that the Spirit has gone before us in preparing the hearts of the people and we have but hope and cheer for the readers of the VISITOR. Brother Chas. S. Wiest, the writer and wife compose the Company at this place. Our prayer is that God will bless the efforts of all the Workers in the Columbia Union Conference. Yours for work.

B. M. HEALD.

WESTERN PA.

Nanty Glo. and Indiana. Since my last report to the VISITOR I have been at Nanty Glo. a few days, where one of our Sisters has lived for a few years. While there we held some Cottage Meetings which were well attended, and the people seemed deeply interested to hear the truth. But as Camp Meeting was near at hand I could not remain to follow up the work.

July 4 and 5 were good days for the Indiana Church. Five persons were baptised and five united with the Church, Four of those baptised were Students of the Church School. We are thankful that the Lord is giving us the Children and Youth to walk with us in his ways.

I am now at Erie to assist Elder Robbins in a tent effort, we expect to pitch our tent tomorrow and hold our first service July 16. what the interest will be we cannot at present say, but we hope for a good lively interest. Brethren, pray for the work in this place.

J. W. WATT.

GREETINGS FROM VA,

Our hearts have been cheered as we see the reports of the canvassers increasing, While the canvassers in Virginia have not come up to the top notch in number and value of orders, some of them have rivaled the workers in other fields in the number of miles covered in getting their orders. As one Brother writes, "I am thanking God that he has given me strength and grace to enable me to walk 100 miles and get \$100.00 worth of orders." The Lord surprised this Brother; who thought he could not at his age cover so many miles, by upholding him. His companion in the field, has also been agreeable surprised in that he has been able to labor each day, while before he had quite a lot of trouble from indigestion. All the workers letters report that they are of good courage,

and some are saying that the Canvassing school is a good one to be in.

The worldly people are trying new tactics to get their books into homes. On firm had their agent place books in homes early in the Spring without taking any money as security, simply stating they would collect after they gathered their harvest. One Brother who is canvassing in this section (Eastern Va Shore) finds that this is hindering him from placing our books in many homes. A good brother with a colporters wagon can find a large field in Virginia. And we would invite any one that wishes to do this kind of work to correspond with the writer or the Virginia Conference Committee.

W. H. ZEIDLER. 1312 N. 28th. St, Richmond Va.

THOUGHTS OF A STATE AGENT AS HE TRAVELS OVER HIS TERRITORY

Why is it that the question arises when a canvasser is to be started out, Where is good territory. This may be answered in several ways. With a new beginner the object is to give him territory, that will encourage him. to one who has been long in the field it is to induce him to stay in the field. Should this be the way to reason? What work are we engaged in? To give the last Message of mercy to a dying world. When we see a person dying how long do we wait to consider what pay we shall receive? As I cross from one end of the field to the other, and notice the wide gap in between that does not have a solitary worker, I ask why is it. When Jesus was holding the heavenly beings and the beings of other worlds together, did he not have much work to do? did this poor, forlorn world's condition appeal to Him? You answer. Now look and see the needs of them who do not have the light that you have, scattered high upon the mountains. or far across yon valley. Will you go? It means much "Muscular Christianity" but it will pay you. Come, Virginia offers you such a field.

W. H. ZEIDLER.

ANOTHER WORD

SINCE writing our last report, two precious souls have united with the Charleston church. The conditions associated with this event make it one of interest to us, and we can but say, God works in a mysterious way. Elder Oscar E. Hall and wife, of the Church of God, united with the Charleston church, S. D. A. on con-

fession of faith Friday evening July 17. The meeting was one we shall long remember. The writer had spoken from Ezek. 13:10 "One built up a wall, and lo others daubed it with untempered mortar". The Lord blessed in the presentation of the word, while the Spirit strove with the listeners. At the close of the sermon, after prayer Elder Hall and wife came forward, and after careful examination upon all points of faith, was given the hand of fellowship by the Pators and members, and thus welcomed into full fellowship of the church. His remarks to the congregation were much appreciated. At the close of the remarks, he sang a beautiful hymn, "This is why I love the Pilgrims, I am one of them today." Upon request the brother and his wife sang,—"The Message Must Go". The Lord blessed, men and women wept, and several held up their hands for prayer.

We were sorry Brother and sister Hall could not remain a few days with us, but as the brother had several appointments it seemed advisable for him to leave. I am glad to say, the brother is in full harmony with this people. We solicit for him the prayers of the beloved as he stands before churches he has pastored for years, to give them the message. He appreciates that he will be cast out, buffeted and tried. He needs and solicits our prayers.

L. E. SUFFICOL.

STRABISMUS

THE physicians call it; we call it cross eyes. It is not good taste to appear to notice it, of course, for the one so troubled cannot help himself.

But there is a mental and spiritual disorder fairly well illustrated by this physical example. The one so affected rarely knows the sad state of his spiritual eyesight. Indeed, he many times imagines that he has great discernment, and can see "afar off." He flatters himself that he has need of nothing.

Spiritual strabismus is characterized by inability to see any good in others. "Sister A gave a good testimony to-day." "Yes, but she is a good talker any way. There isn't much in talk." "Brother B is a good worker." "Yes, for himself." "What a good sermon the minister preached to-day!" "It ought to be. He has preached it many times." "Brother C is very patient." "He is too lazy to get mad." And so on *ad infinitum*.

Thus day by day, by word and tone, our cross-visioned individual gives

continual evidence of his sad affliction. With what earnestness might Elisha's prayer be uttered, "Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes that he may see." How many hard speeches would die on the lips, if suddenly the hand of the great Physician should be extended, and each one should see clearly, with sight all undimmed by selfish plans or personal preferment. How our own goodness would fade from view like morning clouds. We should see some good where possibly now we discern evil.

Let us heed the counsel of the true Witness—anoint the eyes with eyesalve that we may see.—T. H. Jeys, in *Progress*.

IN a recent communication, Doctor Selmon mentions a bit of interesting experience concerning the death of one of our believers in inland China. He says:—

"One of our oldest Sabbath-keepers in this section died the other day. He was over sixty years of age. He had always been a faithful Christian. He was at the mission a short time before his death. He sickened very suddenly, and, living over twelve miles from us, his relatives, who were all heathen, did not notify us, and we did not get to see him, or we might have given some treatment that would have saved his life. The people are fatalists, and when an old person comes down with a serious illness it is not uncommon for the relatives to place him on his deathbed, or some times even in his coffin."

THE Bermuda Islands, just off the southeastern coast of the United States, afford a desirable climate. The present season their crops have suffered somewhat, because of a lack of rain and because of a disease affecting the onion crop, so that the residents will realize but little from that product this year. Brother and Sister J. A. Morrow and Brother and Sister M. Enoch are at present engaged in the work there. Brother Morrow is conducting evangelistic work, holding meetings in different places. Brother Enoch is doing self-supporting missionary work. They are endeavoring to support a school, but very much need a teacher. Brother Morrow writes:—

"A young man and wife, the latter to take the school, and the husband with musical talent, so that he can give music lessons or engage in some other self-supporting work, would fit in very nicely in assisting in the work."

PUBLISHERS' NOTES

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One day last week over three tons of books were shipped from the Book Department of the Review and Herald, Takoma Park, Washington, D C.

We are not keeping many books on our shelves these days, but we can report that we have thus far been able to fill our orders promptly.

Our bindery is now running three nights a week until nine o'clock. The clerks in our shipping department are also obliged to work overtime.

Brother J. W. Mace, manager of the Battle Creek Branch of the Review & Herald, reports an increase of 60% in the subscription book business for the month of June over the corresponding month of last year. These were actual sales in the Lake Union and Ohio Conferences.

Orders were taken in the Atlantic Union Conference for \$5,217.35 worth of books during the month of June. For the same month of last year in the same territory, the orders amounted to \$2666.56, making an increase of 95%.

The entire sales of the Atlantic Union Conference for the month of June, 1907, were \$4,601.26. This was before the division of the territory. This year for the same month, with a little over three-fifths the territory, orders were taken for \$616.00 worth more than were taken in the entire territory last year in June.

A report just handed in of orders taken in the Columbia Union Conference for the month of June amounts to \$7,008.85. This is an increase of \$3,777.95 over the same month last year, or 116%. Surely the Lord is blessing the efforts of the faithful, energetic canvasser.

In looking over one of our Conference papers a few days ago, I noticed that fully one-half of it was devoted to articles concerning the canvassing work. The report in that paper was among the largest in that Union Conference, and it showed a very large increase over the same week in June, 1907.

Today's mail brought two letters from heads of families who have recently accepted the truth as the result of reading books placed in their homes by our canvassers. One writes that he would like to canvass for the book he had purchased, and adds, "I think this truth should be in every home."

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

New Jersey, Week Ending July 17, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
F. Loasby, W. Hampton,		DR	5	42	26	\$76 50		\$76 50	
S. Oberg, Quinton,		DR	5	45	26	73 50		73 50	
H. Province, U. Pennsneck,		DR	5	40	16	50 00	\$3 50	53 50	
D. Percy, Pleasantville,		DR	3	30					\$179 50
G. Taylor, "		DR	3	30	2	4 00		4 00	119 75
W. C. McCoy,* Lebanon,		DR	4	28	12	41 00		41 00	
" " " Tewksbury,		DR	5	42	21	82 75		82 75	
G. Webber,* Lebanon,		DR	4	28	6	21 50		21 50	
" " " "		DR	4	31	3	10 25		10 25	
C. Armor, Mansfield,		DR	3	11	3	8 25		8 25	
C. Woertz, Roselle,		GC	5	42	17	53 75		53 75	
R. Funk, Union,		GC	3	19	7	22 25		22 25	2 75
G. Blinn, Hopewell,		GC	3	20	4	13 00		13 00	
W. Hirst, "		GC	4	28	6	19 50		19 50	
T. Hilgers, Somerset,		GC	5	38	1	3 75	1 00	4 75	5 50
Sadie Winter, Bloomfield		GC	1	5	1	3 75		3 75	4 25
B. H. Welsh, Summit,		BR	5	31	14	40 75		40 75	
Florence Welsh, "		BR	5	27	5	21 00	7 00	28 00	
Totals,			72	537	170	\$545 50	\$11 50	\$557 00	\$311 75

Chesapeake, Week Ending July 17, 1908

J. Paden, Myerville, Md.,	CK	5	48	17	\$ 18 50		\$ 18 50	\$ 74 00
W. Spicer, Princess Anne, Md.	CK	5	46	37	55 50		55 50	
A. Williman,† Atlanta, Del.,	GC	9	87	21	71 75	\$ 6 00	77 75	197 00
E. Mitchell, Gaither, Md.,	CK	5	42			3 50	3 50	101 00
S. Lush,‡ Mt. Pleasant, Del.,	GC	13	115	37	114 50	7 50	122 00	148 75
Henry Scott, Crisfield, Md.,	CK	3	33	51	50 00	13 15	63 15	
W. Wirth, Little Creek, Del.,	CK	5	42	27	34 50	75	35 25	54 60
B. Arkebanr, Star Hill, Del.,	GC	5	48	3	8 25	10 75	19 00	50 25
J. E. Jones, Hebron, Md.,	CK	5	44	7	10 00		10 00	65 00
E. Matthews,† Ch'y H'l, Md.,	CK	5	32	8	10 00		10 00	39 35
D. Stout, Worthington, Md.,		1	5					2 50
F. Rowcliffe, Wilm'gton, Del.,		1	5					17 00
D. Johns, Baltimore, Md.,	CK	3	39	31	41 00	6 00	47 00	
Totals,		65	586 *	239	\$414 00	\$47 65	\$461 65	\$749 45

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending July 17, 1908

H. Gerhart, Bucks Co.,	DR	3	22	8	\$17 00		\$17 00	
H. Minier, Wilkes Barre,	GC	5	40	12	39 00	\$ 9 45	48 45	
Minnie Edwards, Tioga Co.,	GC	4	27	8	24 00		24 00	
J. Dixon, Berks Co.,	HM	5	37	16	28 00		28 00	
R. Kimble, Chester Co.,	HM	5	37	17	29 75	16 80	46 55	\$13 30
N. Bigart, Chester Co.,	HM	3	24	8	14 08	2 10	16 18	11 55
R. Spangenberg, Lackawana	COL	3	23	14	17 50	1 75	19 25	10 00
Elsie Swingle, York,	COL	5	30	9	11 25	5 25	16 50	
B. Garrett, York,	OPH	5	29	49	13 00		13 00	
M. Hackett, Luzerne,	HM	4	30	5	8 75	1 50	10 25	5 75
G. Hackett, "	HM	4	37	4	7 00	1 00	8 00	3 00
Totals,		46	336	150	\$209 58	\$37 85	\$247 18	\$43 10

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending July 10, 1908

C. Dunham, Pittsburg,	GC	1		3	\$ 3 75		\$ 3 75	\$6 25
Andrew Ness, New Castle,	SP	5	19	4	5 00	\$2 70	7 70	60
A. Brownlee, New Brighton	DR	5	48	15	40 00	2 40	42 40	8 05
I. Lawrence, Country,	GC	3		14	38 50	5 25	43 75	1 75
W. Hawkes, Bradford,	HM	2	13	5	10 00	1 00	11 00	
I. Bigelow, Bradford,	HM	2	13½	9	18 00	1 00	19 00	
Totals,		18	93½	50	\$115 25	\$12 35	\$127 60	\$16 05

West Virginia, Week Ending July 17, 1908

J. Jennings, Berkeley Co.,	DR	5	39	2	\$ 4 00	\$ 5 50	\$ 9 50	\$18 00
D. Whitmire, Hardy Co.,	DR	5	35	2	5 50	16 50	22 00	
F. Gardner, Dodridge Co.,	CK	3	19	4	4 00	5 75	9 75	9 75
H. Waggoner, Berkeley Co.,	CK	5	42	14	14 00	2 75	16 75	36 00
Totals,		18	135	22	\$27 50	\$30 50	\$58 00	\$63 75

*Week ending July 10, 1908.

†Two weeks.

‡Three weeks.

Ohio, Week Ending July 17, 1908

C. Van Gorder, Sandusky Co., DR	4	32	3	\$10 25	\$5 00	\$15 25	
L. Gallion, Coshocton Co., COS DR	4	22	13	12 00		12 00	
V. O. Panches, Hardin Co., DR	2	18	2	5 50		5 50	
R. Corder, Mahoning Co., DR	5	38	1	2 75	5 45	8 20	\$157 18
L. Waters, † Mahoning Co., CK	9	65	36	42 00	1 20	43 20	82 70
F. Evans, Ross Co., CK	3	21	23	23 50		23 50	
H. Weeks, Ross Co., CK	1	5	5	5 00		5 00	1 00
E. Sharp, † Scioto Co., BF	7	54½	72	72 00		72 00	
D. Gallion, Holmes Co., COS	5	36	31	25 75		25 75	
Totals,	40	291½	186	\$198 75	\$11 65	\$210 40	\$240 88

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending July 17, 1908

R. Wheeler, Allegheny Co., HM	3	12	5	\$ 5 50		\$ 5 50	
W. Hawkes, Bradford, HM	4	25	3	6 00	\$2 75	8 75	\$19 75
A. Ness, New Castle,	4	19	2	2 50	4 85	7 35	
I. Lawrence, Cambria Co., GC	3	23	11	29 25	7 75	37 00	4 50
A. Brownlee, Beaver Falls, DR	5	41	6	15 50	4 55	20 05	8 00
C. Dunham, Pittsburg, GC	1	½	1	2 75		2 75	
Totals,	20	120½	28	\$61 50	\$19 90	\$81 40	\$32 25

A canvasser in one of the Western conferences writes:

"In my first three months' work, I only took one \$2.50 order. Now, my last three weeks have been 146 hours, 236 orders, \$966.50.

"I do not believe I ever saw people more anxious to get our books. Some do not want to wait until I make my delivery. Sometimes people say, 'I have pledged myself never to order another book from an agent, but I can't afford to let Daniel & Revelation go by.' I often miss some as I go through, and they will come and overtake me and order a copy. It certainly seems like the 'Sound in the tops of the mulberry trees.'

"I feel that the work is fast closing up, and O, how I long to be in the kingdom! I can truly say that I am of good courage, and I long to see more laborers in this line of the Lord's work."

Another worker sends on this good news:

"I sold over \$200.00 worth of books in three weeks. I expect to have a scholarship before another week is past. Great Controversy is a wonderful seller. One day I sold at every other house, and other days nearly as well. Surely the Lord is in the work. He sends His angels before to prepare the hearts of the people. I know that He has answered my prayers many times, and given me orders when I otherwise would have failed. There was a failure of crops here last year, but that does not prevent the Message from going. I have had many precious experiences the past few weeks. The people are not prejudiced."

MORRIS LUKENS.

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EVIDENCE THAT GOD IS DIRECTING THE WORK

WHEN we closed our report last week, we had four miles to work yet before finishing the valley in which we were working.

We returned for our second days work and altho we took an early car, it was after ten o'clock before we reached the point where we left off the day before (circumstances at home causing us to go home the night before.) The sun was high in the heavens and bearing down upon us with a force that caused us many times to turn our eyes to the inviting shade of the woods so near at hand, we were also tired having walked five miles to our territory, but we started in to redeem the time and the Lord immediately began to help us. The writer taking orders now and then but Brother Hawkes was destined to go through a different experience, visiting from home to home and seemingly Satan had determined to discourage him; but we are pleased to report that he ignominiously failed for every time we met (Brother Hawkes and I,) we compared notes and he rejoiced with me and after expressing my sympathy I would always hear the hopeful statement "I believe I will take some orders yet".

At one o'clock we entered a home together and I canvassed the woman for the book doing all that I could to take her order but she seemed on the point a number of times of giving her name I failed to get it. We then asked her if she would sell us some milk, this she willing done and loaned us a bucket and two cups so that we could go over to the woods and eat our dinner. I did not feel satisfied and expressed myself so my brother, but as I had done all I could I left it all with

the Lord. On returning to the house to return the bucket and cups we were about to turn away when the woman called to me and said "I have changed my mind in regard to the book, I think that it will make my husband a nice birthday present", Needless to add that I stopped long enough to take her name and thank her for it. Now candid reader, Who gets the credit for that order? We hastened to thank the Lord for this evidence of the work of the angel who remained with the woman to influence her for her good and our encouragement.

Shortly after this experience we met a woman who had joined the class who "liked the book, think it fine, but would like for my husband to see it first" It happened this time that the husband was the foreman of the Chemical works close at hand, and the writer on going into the office and asking for permission to see him, found that the angel had gone on before and had the man right there in the office for him. After explaining the reason for my visit I showed him the book, but he replied that he had all the books he needed. *Knowing* that God had planned our meeting in the office and that the angel was still there, I sent up a petition and the Lord in answer to his promise that "The Lord will teach you what to say", gave me just a few words of persuasion and suddenly the man turned and *freely* gave me his name for the book. Once more the angel, like the one who sent to influence "the prince of the kingdom of Persia." prevailed and the directing hand of God was again manifested.

I came out and meeting Brother Hawkes, received his glad smile and heard that same encouraging word, "I believe I will take some orders yet". It was almost time to quit as it was Friday and we had two miles to walk and a ten mile ride to make before sundown. But just a few doors from here Brother Hawkes took his first order, and as we were about to pass the house of an Indian family, he said are we not going here? I hesitated for I didn't think that Indians would buy books, then curiosity—wait, WAS IT CURIOSITY? impelled me to go in with him, A large swarthy face with piercing black eyes met us at the door, and invited us in. On getting inside we were met by a large Indian woman, whom, if it had been the year 1879, we might have feared more than the man. Brother Hawkes gave them an exhibition of the book to which they listened attentively.

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WEST VIRGINIA CAMP-MEETING

THE annual camp-meeting and conference of Seventh-day Adventists in West Virginia will be held at Charleston, August 27 to September 6, 1908. The regular business of the Conference will be transacted, officers will be elected, and plans laid for the coming year.

The first meeting in the Conference session will be held Friday August 28 at 10:00 A. M. Let every delegate plan to be present at the first meeting that we may start our work promptly. J. M. REES, *President*.

WAR PREPARATIONS AND THEIR MEANING

The leading topic in the August number of the SIGNS OF THE TIMES Magazine will be on the development of war preparations. Facts in this field are most striking. Occurrences within the last five years, and particularly within the last year, show most tremendously that we are hastening on to the "war of the great day of God" (Rev. Ver.).

The illustrations in connection with this article will show the development of the battleship and the gun during the last half century. This development brings to view a most remarkable advance during the last five years.

The meaning of these war preparations will be shown from the prophecy, in order that the attention of the world may be directed to the great fact that the second coming of Christ is near at hand.

The promises of Christ's second coming will also be presented in a brief article.

There will be other articles on the following subjects:

- (a) Immortality thru Christ;
- (b) What of the dead? where are they?

(c) The resurrection;
(d) Sabbath reform in the light of prophecy;

(e) A Bible reading, subject: "The New Earth."

(f) Man's condition and need.
The Home Department will give useful and helpful suggestions for the family.

An article from Elder Spicer presents the significance of the great speed with which the world is doing things in this time, and most striking of all the rapidity with which the message is going to all portions of the world.

Religious Liberty as taught in the Bible will be presented in a brief and pointed article.

These are only a few of the good things that will be laid before the reader. The whole magazine will be filled brimful of short, striking articles covering the various phases of the message.

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BROTHER L. J. BURGESS, who has recently passed through a serious illness of typhoid fever at the Mussoorie Sanitarium, says of the work in that institution:—

"The Sanitarium work here is going on well. They are full to overflowing, and are having good results. They not only give treatments to patients, but also give Bible studies. As a result, some are accepting the Message. Doctor Menkel seems to be doing faithful work. I can say that during my illness he was very attentive, and I appreciate his prayers and advice very much.

"We have our first Hindustani gentleman nurse in training at the sanitarium. He is an earnest young man, and we hope he will in time become well prepared for that line of work."

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We found them, especially the woman, among the best educated ones that we had met that day and they readily gave an order for the book. Truly this gospel is to go to all nationalities and our God "is no respecter of persons". As we left this place we saw that we had just two houses to visit, this we did and on meeting found that the Lord had given us both success, making three straight orders for Brother Hawkes, thus his undaunted courage and faith were rewarded and thus ended our trip through this valley which took about fourteen hours. Altogether we took orders to the amount of \$30.25.

In our work, when one of us had visited a home and gone, we told the other one about it by plucking a handful of daisies and scattering them in the road, when we had finished, the path was strewn with flowers from one end to the other. But as you read these good experiences and look upon this "flower strewn" path, we don't want you to get the idea that there were no thorns along the way; for there were but, like the servants of God who finally reach heaven and are asked by those who had laid down their arms before, "What trials they had passed through while they were sleeping" and all that the servants could say as they viewed "the far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory that surrounded" them, was, "Alleluia, Heaven is cheap enough". So as we look back at this hour and review the blessings on this trip, the thorns disappear and we can only see the flowers so that we are led to exclaim, Praise God for the blessings that come in the canvassing work.

There is still room for others. Come, don't you want to enjoy these blessings?

May the Spirit of God impress you to respond.

The writer desires to hear from those interested in this part of the Lord's great harvest field.

I. G. BIGELOW,
Field Agent, West Pa.

COLUMBIA UNION CAMP-MEETINGS

Ohio, Mansfield, O., Aug. 13-23.
New Jersey camp-meeting at Woodbury, N. J., Aug. 20-30.
Virginia, New Market, Va., Sept. 8-13.
West Virginia, Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 27-Sept. 6.

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