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## MISCELLANEOUS

### THE REVIVAL

SOME time ago I wrote of a great revival in the canvassing work in the Columbia Union Conference which began only a few months ago, probably about January.

I feel to report at this time that this revival continues until, in one conference, there are more canvassers and prospective canvassers than the state agent is able to care for. It seems that everywhere there are numbers of our good, faithful Adventists who really believe the Message, who are wanting to do the work which the Lord wishes them to do, and many of them are convinced that it is to sell the precious books which contain this message of a soon-coming Saviour.

At all of our camp-meetings this summer, there has been seen a decided change in the attitude of our people toward the canvassing work. at our meeting a 25 x 40 foot tent was filled to hear about the canvassing work in special meetings for those especially interested in this branch of the work; and in no camp-meeting which I have visited this summer has there been any slackness on the part of our people in attending the canvassers' meetings.

In all of our camp-meetings in the Columbia Union Conference the canvassing work has received the best attention on the part of the conference committees that I have ever known. In each camp-meeting there have been conducted from two to three meetings in the large pavilion, besides meetings for those especially interested in this branch of the work.

These things not only speak to us that the canvassing work is to do a great work in swelling the "Loud Cry," but it is actually doing that work and will continue to do it until the work is finished.

I have just been attending the West Virginia Camp-meeting and Conference. The West Virginia brethren were well pleased that we had at last found them a good experienced man to act as State agent; Brother D. W. Percy, of New Jersey, was unani-

mously elected and will soon be on the ground to join the Conference and help them build up a good strong corps of workers. Brother Percy has been our banner canvasser in the Columbia Union Conference this summer in value of sales, and we believe has averaged well with many others in his duty as a Christian worker in house-to-house work.

I hope soon to give to our VISITOR readers our plans of house-to-house work, and trust that all will read them carefully that many will join our corps of workers in swelling the "Loud Cry."

I. D. RICHARDSON, *Gen. Agent.*

### OUR COLORED BRETHREN

THERE are now more than ten million colored people in the South. Their ancestors were brought to this country and enslaved by the white man for the money that there was in the accursed trade. Their children, however, have been declared free. When this boon came to them they were without education or money, but they had a practical knowledge of common labor, which has been a great blessing to them in many ways.

Many of those who were slaves have gone to their graves. A few of the present generation have a strong desire for an education, but thousands of them cannot read or write. Their condition appeals to the people who know that the Lord is soon to return to this world for his children. This people must have an opportunity to hear the message of the coming King. This work will have to be done largely by the colored laborer.

We have a successful school at Huntsville, Ala., where we have the colored youth in training for workers. This school still needs financial help to do proper work for the youth who attend it. We have faithful workers there who will conscientiously lay out the money donated to that educational institution.

It was my privilege to be present at the last Southern Union Conference, and to be with the finance committee who had the needs of the colored work under consideration. Among other things considered was the needs of the Huntsville school for the colored.

We must have centers of education for the white work, and it is equally needed for this unfortunate people. They have been wronged by the white man until they are distrustful of him. This is the opportunity for the people to whom the Lord has intrusted the closing work for the human family, to help this people with a knowledge of the way to eternal life. This is a great privilege for us as a people. In the coming collection, the first Sabbath in October, for the colored people, the Lord will see who will do as the widow of Mark 12:41-44. It was her love for the cause of the Lord that moved her to contribute so freely to his work. Those who love this glorious message will lay up treasures in heaven by contributing of their goods to help finish this work. He has made his people responsible to furnish the means to take it to every nation. Being upon the ground, I can realize what I could not when in the North. Within sight of our tent are the homes of a number of the colored people, but we are not allowed to mingle with them, socially, as we can with the whites.

Do not be fearful that the money sent down here will not be used as you have directed, and as we have planned to do with it. I will be pleased to correspond with anyone who may wish to know more about the colored work in this state. Address me at Moreland, Ky.

A. O. BURRILL.

### THE OCTOBER COLLECTION FOR THE COLORED WORK

You have no doubt heard of the "Black Belt," and have wondered what it is. Well, it stretches from the Atlantic coast clear across the states of Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and into Texas,—a great wide cotton growing territory, inhabited almost entirely by the negro tenants. White men own the plantations, live in the cities, and grow rich while the negroes do the work.

These colored people are nearly all ignorant, superstitious, underfed and hopelessly in debt. Only about thirty-five per. cent. of them can read.

Their religion is a mixture of Christian mythology and primitive devil-worship. They subsist very largely on corn bread and cheap bacon, year in and year out. Always in the clutches of debt, they have nothing with which to educate their children, or even to provide books for home study.

And yet they must be warned of Jesus' coming. We in the South are struggling day and night to place our work for the whites on a self-supporting basis, that we may be able to teach the truth to the colored people also. But this is not yet possible. Therefore we look to the prosperous Northern conferences for help in this work.

A most encouraging feature of this work is seen in the fact that God by his Spirit is enlightening some among the colored millions with this truth, and they are showing a heaven-born zeal to labor for their people. But many more will have to be educated to carry the Message.

God loved this world so much that he gave his son to die to save all who would believe, be they white or colored. What will you give that his message of salvation may be quickly given to the lowly toilers of the South? Let your liberality on the first Sabbath in October be your answer.

E. L. MAXWELL.

## KINDERGARTEN

THE Kindergarten department of the camp-meeting was well represented this year by between forty and sixty bright little tots who eagerly attended the meetings held twice each day.

Our morning hour was devoted to the lesson for the day, together with appropriate songs, prayer, and a report from each little one of what he had done for Jesus since the last meeting. We tried to have them realize that while they were doing kind deeds, speaking kind words, and willingly assisting mother, that they were not only doing it to be helpful here below, but that they were working for their Saviour. It was not only interesting but sometimes amusing to hear told, in the childish way, the deeds they had done.

In the afternoon meeting, our time after the opening exercises, was devoted to illustrate, in some way, the lesson of the morning, for example,—one morning the lesson was about how God clothes the lilies and cares for them, and in the afternoon, each child, with the teacher's help, folded, cut, and pasted a pure white lily in

his booklet, prepared for the occasion. Another day our lesson was on the "Bread of life," and how necessary it is for Christ to dwell in each one of our lives to make us live as we should. In the afternoon each one moulded out a loaf of bread from clay, to help impress the lesson. Then too, an interesting lesson was on Christ being the light of the world, and how dark it would be with sin and sadness if it were not for him. The illustration made was folding, cutting, and pasting miniature lanterns. We talked about the stars, their value, and of the one special star which guided the wise men, and then each child constructed a five pointed star with soaked peas and pea-sticks. Our other lessons were also interesting being illustrated with paper folding, cutting, and with the sewing cards.

By illustrating the lessons in this way, not only impresses the lesson on the mind of the child, but also teaches him to use his hand, eye, and brain. It helps him to become accurate, neat, and careful in his work.

We learned each day of the Lord's great goodness to us and of his love and protecting care for the birds and for us, and on the last day we learned how, through his great mercy and love, he died on the cross that we might have eternal life.

While we were glad to see the deep interest manifested by all the children and of their anxiety to claim the little booklet they had so carefully filled, still it was with a feeling of sadness that each teacher bid the little ones farewell. Many have been with us the past three years at camp-meeting and have found warm spots in the hearts of their teachers, and another year, if God so wills, will find them gone from among us to join with the older children. It is surely interesting to watch the development of these dear children, and the most earnest desire and prayer of my heart is that the lessons taught at camp-meeting may be as seed sown to bring forth good fruit, and that we as teachers may meet these precious little ones as an unbroken band around the feet of Jesus.

DEBORAH A. SECOR.

*Liberty* is also moving right along. One order for 1,000 copies to one individual in Oakland, Cal., was followed in a few days by a wire order for 5,000 copies for the Oakland Missionary Society.

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."

## CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

THE ninth annual session of the Chesapeake Conference was held in connection with the camp-meeting at Wilmington, Del., June 25 to July 5.

The first meeting was called to order by the President, Elder L. F. Starr, June 26, at 9 A. M. Elder Starr made appropriate remarks showing the need of divine power in the deliberations of the conference.

The needs of the field are great, but the prospects are bright.

Committees were appointed as follows:—

On Credentials and Licenses: J. F. Jones, L. F. Starr, F. M. Fairchild, K. C. Russell, E. E. Andross.

On Plans and Recommendations: C. B. Haynes, Mrs. Lula T. Leary, G. H. Clark, Miss Emma S. Newcomer, J. F. Piper.

On Nominations: J. F. Jones, A. V. Cotton, C. B. Haynes, H. S. Weaver, W. R. Pohle.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: President, L. F. Starr; Conference Committee, L. F. Starr, J. F. Jones, J. F. Piper, G. P. Gaede, R. M. Rosin.

Secretary and Treasurer for Conference and Tract Society, Miss Emma S. Newcomer; State Agent, G. H. Clark; Sabbath-school Secretary, Miss Emma S. Newcomer; Young People's Secretary, A. V. Cotton; Educational Secretary, A. V. Cotton; Religious Liberty Secretary, C. B. Haynes.

Miss Newcomer gave a report of the Sabbath-school work and the Young People's work; Mrs. Lula T. Leary, of the church school work, and G. H. Clark, of the canvassing work. These reports show a steady growth in the various lines of work, and to our heavenly Father be all the praise.

The following recommendations were discussed and passed:—

1. *Whereas*, the prospering hand of God has been manifest in the Chesapeake Conference during the past year in bringing precious souls into his truth, and in the help which has so generously been given us by the General Conference, Columbia Union, Ohio, Iowa, South Dakota and Minnesota Conferences,

*Resolved*, That we hereby express to God our heartfelt gratitude, therefore,

2. *We recommend*, That we, as delegates in Conference assembled, express our utmost confidence in the writings of the Spirit of Prophecy as written by Sister E. G. White.

3. *Whereas*, the word of God states

plainly our duty of paying tithe, and that the tithe is not our own, but is holy unto the Lord, therefore,

*We recommend,* That our church officers and conference workers give this obligation their special attention.

4. *Whereas,* there is great need of getting the truth before the thousands in our conference who have never heard the Third Angel's Message, therefore,

*We recommend,* That the following instruction, as given in Vol. VI, pp. 30 and 438 of the "Testimonies" be faithfully carried out in our churches.

"Instead of keeping the ministers at work for the churches that already know the truth, let the members of the churches say to these laborers, 'Go work for the souls that are perishing in darkness. We ourselves will carry forward the services of the church. We will keep up the meetings and by abiding in Christ will maintain spiritual life. We will work for souls that are about us, and we will send our prayers and our gifts to sustain the laborers in more needy and destitute fields.'" "Our churches should not feel jealous and neglected because they do not receive ministerial labor. They should themselves rather take up the burden, and labor most earnestly for souls."

5. *Whereas,* a number of local conferences have extended our system of denominational organization by dividing their territory into districts, and appointing directors to oversee the work in these districts, and,

*Whereas,* the conferences that have adopted this method have found it to be of great benefit and help in forwarding all lines of work in which we as a people are engaged, and,

*Whereas,* the Chesapeake Conference is in great need of some plan by which every part of its territory shall be thoroughly covered and worked, therefore,

*We recommend,* That the incoming conference committee be instructed to divide, as soon as possible, the conference into districts, and to appoint directors in each of these districts in such a way that the work in every part of this conference shall be under the direction of one of these directors, and

*We further recommend,* That the city of Baltimore and its suburbs be made a district by itself.

6. *Whereas,* the Spirit of Prophecy has said that to a large degree, through our publishing work is to be accomplished the work of the angel of Rev. 18:1-4, which we believe to be the angel of the "loud cry", and,

*Whereas,* our ministers and church elders are looked to for advice by all our people as to what line of work they should engage in, therefore,

*We recommend,* That our conference workers and church elders give special attention to looking out suitable persons for the canvassing work, and report the same to the president of the conference, who in turn will place the matter in the hands of the state agent for further development.

7. *Whereas,* the Spirit of Prophecy has said that our canvassers should be educated for their work, therefore,

*We recommend,* That the conference committee provide for a two weeks' institute, to be held at such a time as shall be provided by the Columbia Union Conference Committee.

8. *Whereas,* Mount Vernon College is now the educational institution of the Columbia Union Conference, therefore,

*Resolved,* That as parents, church officers, and conference workers, we hereby declare our loyalty to that institution; and that we pledge ourselves to do all we can to encourage our young people of this conference to take a course of training therein, in order that they may be fitted for labor in some part of the cause of God.

9. *We recommend,* That immediate steps be taken to raise a fund of five hundred (\$500) dollars for the purchase of tents, and that this fund be started at this meeting.

10. *We recommend,* That our brethren be urged to study the "Testimonies" regarding the church school work, to the end that church schools may be established in harmony with the instruction therein given, and that conference laborers be invited to agitate the interest of the church schools.

11. *We recommend,* That the secretary of the Educational Department of the conference be authorized to spend as much time as possible among our churches in the interest of the educational work.

12. *We recommend,* That each church member be urged to co-operate in getting our young people into our church and training schools.

13. *Whereas,* the blessing of God has attended the efforts of our missionaries in carrying the gospel to the ends of the earth, and,

*Whereas,* the times demand that greater facilities should be provided for finishing the work in this generation, therefore,

*We recommend,* That the plan suggested by the General Conference, that each church raise an amount of

not less than ten cents a week per capita, and we urge our workers and church officers to keep this important matter constantly before our people.

14. *We recommend,* That our churches on Sabbath, August 1, take a special collection to complete our share on the \$150,000 fund.

15. *We recommend,* That our conference laborers and church officers enter into an earnest campaign to place the *Review and Herald* also the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR into every Sabbath-keeping family in the conference.

16. *We recommend,* That the conference committee appoint one or more church officer's conventions.

17. *Whereas,* the Sabbath School Worker fills an educative place in our Sabbath-school work that is essential to its highest success, therefore,

*Resolved,* That we make earnest endeavor to encourage every officer and teacher in our schools to take the Worker.

18. *We recommend,* That our Sabbath-schools continue the plan of giving all their offerings to missions.

19. *We recommend,* That our conference workers and our churches endeavor to increase the attendance at our Sabbath-schools.

20. *Whereas,* Sabbath-school conventions have proven a great blessing to our schools,

*We recommend,* That a convention be held in each school this year.

21. *We recommend,* That the secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department take steps to reorganize our local Young People's Societies in harmony with the recommendations of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference.

22. *We recommend,* That our young people be encouraged to take advantage of the opportunities offered them in the Reading Course.

23. *We recommend,* That we encourage the youth of this conference to study to gain the certificate of attainment offered by the Missionary Volunteer Department to all who pass the required examination.

24. *We recommend,* That immediate steps be taken to create a fund to place the magazine *Liberty* in the hands of governors, legislators, judges, and others in official positions throughout the conference.

25. *We recommend,* That all our people procure and circulate as many sets of the Religious Liberty Post Cards as possible.

Ministerial Credentials were granted to L. F. Starr, J. F. Jones, F. M. Fairchild, J. F. Piper, A. V. Cotton, and F. H. Seeney.

Ordination and Credentials: Carlyle B. Haynes, G. P. Gaede, H. S. Prener.  
 Ministerial License: V. Nutter, W. R. Pohle, Walter Adkin, G. H. Clark.  
 Missionary Credentials: Miss Emma S. Newcomer. L. F. STARR, Pres.  
 E. R. NUTTER, Sec.

## "OUTLINE OF MISSION FIELDS"

GREAT progress is being made in the mission fields where this truth is being proclaimed. No subject should receive more careful study than that of quickly finishing the work out in these fields, where really the "big end" of our work lies.

Our churches should become intelligent as to what progress has already been made, and so be prepared to enter heartily into any plan for advancing the Message in the darkened corners of the earth. Nothing is better than giving study to the fields themselves, so that the fire of mission zeal upon the altars of our hearts shall not burn low.

Just recently a new edition of "Outline of Mission Fields" was published, bringing our mission story down to the close of 1907. This booklet gives the facts, interestingly told, going to make up the history of the Message in the different fields like China, India, Japan, Africa, the islands of the sea, etc. Why not spend some time during the coming winter in becoming familiar with this mission history? If each church elder would spend a little time occasionally in study with the church upon this topic, it would be very profitable indeed.

The elder, by writing to the state conference officer for a copy of "Outline of Mission Fields," will be supplied with one. These are furnished free by the Mission Board. No better use can be made of the booklet than for every church elder to procure one, and from it prepare live, interesting stories for the church, upon the subject of missions. A missionary map of the world ought to be in every church, to use in connection with these studies. A large-sized one will be furnished at cost—only \$2.25.

MISSION BOARD.

"It is meet that every legitimate means be used to manifest the attractiveness of truth; but its attractiveness, both to us and to our scholars, should be due to insight gained into its inherent beauty, and not merely to the means used for divulging that beauty."

"Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles."

## OUR WORKERS

Reading, Pa.

DURING the last year, commendable zeal has been manifested by some of our members in canvassing for our various publications in this city and adjoining territory.

Several mothers accompanied by their little daughters could be seen going from house to house bearing the precious truths for this generation. Some of our young girls of tender age have been moved upon to venture out alone on this important branch of the King's business. Brother Francis Showers and his sister Emma, notwithstanding the fact that they are both unable to walk and not even able to extend their hands to offer the papers, both volunteered for service.

These dear co-laborers believed the words of Jesus recorded in Mark 9:23: "If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth." By faith they ventured out, being wheeled about on a chair from door to door by some of our members and friends of the church, and with the blessing of God, sold as many as twenty-five copies of the New York Special and other ten-cent periodicals in one hour.

Some of our married sisters who have many family duties nevertheless have found time to sell *Liberty*, *Life and Health*, and other periodicals at odd hours during the week, and often with good success on the principal streets and in the stores on Saturday evenings after the Sabbath.

A good beginning has been made, and we hope that this movement may continue and increase in order that the church may grow and prosper.

J. H. KRUM.

Richmond, Va.

DEAR VISITOR READERS:—

It is with pleasure that we write concerning the progress of the work at this place. After spending nearly fifteen months in Washington, D. C., I moved my family to this place early in the month of June. This is a city of about 120,000 inhabitants, and is one of the finest cities of the South. The interest of this place is increased by the many historic points, both in and around the city.

The message of present truth was first preached here many years ago, and much labor has been put forth in the east end of the city since that time. Through the blessing of God a

faithful band of worshipers was organized which has continued to grow from the first. Later, a neat, commodious house of worship was erected which stands as a memorial for God's message in this city. This church now has fifty members, and several others are expecting to unite in the near future.

Through the kind gift of the General Conference we had a new forty foot circular tent to use here this summer. This tent was purchased from Kansas City, Mo., and on account of heavy floods there we were unable to get our tent until early in July. As soon as it arrived we pitched it in a splendid location on west Main Street in the opposite end of the city from the church and began our meetings on July 9.

The West Michigan Conference was very generous and sent Brother Oliver Denslow, a graduate from Cedar Lake Academy, to help us in the work. The Lord has richly blessed us together in his service, but Brother Denslow will soon leave me to attend the Foreign Mission Seminary at Washington.

We were both glad for the counsel and help of Elder Herrell, our Conference president, from time to time during these meetings. We have had a very regular attendance of as friendly and hospitable people as we ever met. On Sunday nights our seats were filled, and through the rest of the week we had an average attendance of about fifty. Eleven of these have started to keep the Sabbath and understand nearly all of our faith, and we hope will soon unite with us as a people. Others are deeply interested and are yet in the valley of decision. For these we are praying and laboring. We have distributed 10,000 pages of literature during this effort and sold some books. We have taken seven weeks for this series of meetings and carefully presented every phase of our message. We are thankful to our merciful Lord who has borne so patiently with us in our failures and given us of his pardoning grace, given health and peace and blessings more than we could ask.

My wife and four children are well, and we all like our new home and ask an interest in the prayers of the VISITOR readers. Yours in Christ,

B. L. HOUSE.

2008 Fairmount Ave.

"BE of good cheer. Do not think of to-day's failures, but of the success that may come to-morrow."

## Youngstown, O.

DEAR VISITOR:—

We are again settled in our home town, ready to engage with renewed vigor, in our entrusted work. Our tents are located in a pleasant part of the city, and we have had favorable weather for the opening of the meetings which began on Wednesday evening September 2, conducted by Brethren Floyd Gibson and John Shultz, with an excellent attendance of a good class of citizens.

Pray for the work in this part of the vineyard, dear brethren, that many souls may be saved at his appearing.

MRS. A. ALDERMAN.

## Birmingham, Ala.

DEAR VISITOR READERS: We are glad to see September again, and with it the cool nights. The summer has been very hot here, and with the heat a great deal of sickness.

Brother E. L. Iles and myself have just closed a series of tent meetings, and we are glad to report to our friends in the North that seven have taken a firm stand for the truth, and that the husbands of two sisters in the truth have publicly announced that, as soon as they can arrange their business they too, will obey the Message. One of these men is a contractor, and his partner is a worldly man. The other man is a passenger agent. Both will make good, substantial members. There is a lady, also, who has been taking the readings, who kept her first Sabbath August 29.

We give the Lord all the praise because we know that without him we can do nothing. Your brother in the work,

C. C. WEBSTER.

## Allegheny, Pa.

COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR: This is the eighth week since we entered the work in this city in behalf of the German people. The attendance and interest were very good for five weeks, but when the testing truths were presented the attendance fell off. When the Sabbath truths were presented, all present gave assent that it was the truth. When asked how many would obey, about twenty-five held up their hands, but when they saw what it meant, they concluded that the cross was too heavy to bear, and most of them dropped out by the wayside.

When people hear the truth and are not willing to obey, they generally make excuses for not walking in the light. These people, however, say they know it is the truth but do not

want to obey it and will not. Thus they judge themselves unworthy of eternal life. Acts 13: 46. They have been faithfully warned, and so are without excuse.

The Lord has greatly blessed us in many ways, especially with good health.

We ask the prayers of all the faithful in behalf of the German work in Allegheny.

GEORGE L. WEST.

C. A. SCHOLL.

## Delta, O.

DEAR VISITOR: July 30, Brother John Shultz and the writer struck our tents at Delta, and shipped them to the camp-ground at Mansfield.

At the close of our meeting, twenty-three signed the covenant, seven of these belonging to other churches, but the rest are new Sabbath-keepers, and the children of old members. The greater portion of this company are young people or those in the prime of life, so we hope to see some of them enlist in active work for the Master. If all will stand true to God he will bless and use them in bringing others to Christ. This is the greatest work on earth.

My work with Brother and Sister Shultz has been one of the most pleasant experiences I have ever enjoyed in the field. As they go to their new field my prayers go with them that God may ever sustain them in trial and in victory.

I hope to visit Delta after the Fall effort is over. I hope to find that they have continued the work begun there last Spring.

W. E. BIDWELL.

## Moosic, Pa.

DEAR VISITOR: Having received a great blessing from heaven on account of the canvassing work I have been permitted to engage in, I will relate a few of my experiences, hoping in this way to stimulate the weak.

The canvasser has a highly exalted position in the sight of heaven. We must pray much and walk humbly before God that he may use us to his honor and glory in the salvation of souls. In the morning we should put on the whole armor of God that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. We are going to the battle's front to stay, and it is here that the enemy is nearest us.

Let us picture a canvasser coming down the street clad as suggested in Eph. 6:14-17. He walks briskly up to a door, and the lady meets him, say-

ing in a very snappy tone, that she does not want the book, and shuts the door in his face. He takes this very well because he quickly hid behind his shield of faith, and so is not hurt. He goes to the next house and after an exhibition of the book that would melt the heart of a stone, is told "that is a lovely book, but I don't think I will sign to-day." After a few of these experiences you see the once brave canvasser going to his room discouraged. Does the trouble lay in the armor? No. He forgot to use the sword of the Word as Christ did and say, "Get thee behind, Satan."

I have passed through some of these experiences, but there are many good ones. The other day I went to a house where a man was sitting on the porch; as I approached he said, "You are a Seventh-day Adventist, and I don't want anything to do with you." I said, "Well brother, I came to talk with you about the gospel; but as you don't desire it, I won't." I offered to shake hands, and when I started away he said, "You are a Christian, and I want you to talk with me." I had immediately hid behind the shield, and the enemy received a fatal blow.

One day I saw a house down a long lane, and men were busy making a concrete walk. I went by thinking to call again. The next day I found the boards still there, but climbed over them, and when I got to the house found only a young servant girl at home. I gave her a canvass, had prayer, and took her order. Now I always ask for the servants in the house.

I find the more we love this Message the more God will bless us. I ask him to help me in the studies I give, and thus far two families who have never heard the truth before, have accepted it. I give a Bible reading nearly every evening after my work is done, and have been wonderfully blessed. Next Sabbath I expect to start a Sabbath-school of six members. A Bible worker is needed here, as I must leave to canvass other towns.

Yours in the Master's work,

WALTER GARRETT.

"THE Master may never say to you, 'Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast done great and wonderful things in the world.' He needs only say, 'Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things.'"

"THE Lord is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the righteous."

## REDUCED PRICES ON TRUE EDUCATION READERS

AT the meeting of the principals of our schools held at Cleveland, O., July 3-10, the following recommendations were passed concerning text-books:—

*Whereas*, The value and permanency, and hence the prices of text-books, are largely dependent upon the thoroughness and care given to their consideration and examination; therefore,

*We recommend*, That the Text-book Committee continue to give these features careful attention, passing favorably only upon such books as they believe will not need revision for at least five years.

*Whereas*, The True Education Series of Readers has proven itself eminently satisfactory, and

*Whereas*, The publishers believe it would be possible to reduce the price to sixty cents each on Nos. 1 and 2, seventy-five cents on No. 3, and ninety cents on No. 5, providing the Educational Department will require no revision for at least five years; therefore,

*We recommend*, The putting forth of special efforts to bring the value of these Readers before our people within the time specified.

In harmony with the foregoing recommendations, the Pacific Press Publishing Company has reduced the prices on the True Education Reader Series as follows:—

Book No. 1, 204 pages.....	\$ .60
Book No. 2, 256 pages.....	.60
Book No. 3, 304 pages.....	.75
Book No. 5, 353 pages.....	.90
Book No. 7, 392 pages.....	1.00
Books Nos. 4 and 6 are not yet ready.	

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ALL of our readers will desire to circulate a large number of *Liberty* No. 3, now ready to mail, for it contains the straight Third Angel's Message associated with the act of the United States Senate in passing a District Sunday bill during its last session. It presents the true principles of religious liberty upon which this nation was established, and through which it has been prospered; the history of the church of Rome and the formation, and the work of the Papacy is portrayed in contrast with these principles; the image of the Papal government being developed in the United States government in fulfillment of prophecy, is clearly set forth; it reveals the meaning of pres-

## CANVASSERS' REPORTS

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending August 28, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
W. Garrett, Lackawanna,		DR	5	31	12	\$34 00		\$34 00	
H. Gauker, Berks Co.,		DR	5	38	9	25 50	\$2 75	28 25	\$2 75
R. Spangenberg, Lackawanna,		DR	5	30	10	21 00		21 00	26 25
M. Campbell, Lebanon		DR	4	15	6	10 25		10 25	
H. Minier, Luzerne,		GC	5	32	3	9 25	2 90	12 15	3 70
L. Minier, " "		GC	4	25	3	8 25	4 70	12 95	30
L. Randall, Susquehanna,		HM	5	40	7	12 25	3 25	15 50	
W. Seigle, Lycoming,		CK	5	40	16	16 00	4 45	20 45	3 00
E. Swingle, York,		COL	5	29	3	3 75	6 25	10 00	2 50
J. Holman, Berks,		OPH	5	36	60	15 00		15 00	
Totals,			48	316	129	\$155 25	\$24 30	\$179 55	\$38 55

Chesapeake, Week Ending August 28, 1908

A. Williman, Seaford, Del.,	GC	5	34	5	\$15 50	\$3 50	\$18 50	\$10 25	
E. Mitchell, Louisville, Md.,	CK	2	10	6	9 50		9 50		
B. Arkebaur, Black Bird Del.,	CK	4	36	28	35 00		35 00		
W. Spicer, Princess Anne, Md.,	CK	5	35	28	35 50		35 50		
W. Wirth, Kirkwood, Del.,	CK	4	30	38	46 30		46 30		
S. Lush, Woodland Del.,	GC	3	18	2	5 50	1 50	7 00	14 25	
J. Jones, Sharptown, Md.,	GC	5	43	17	30 00		30 00		
C. Jones, Ellicott City, Md.,	CK	2	14	14	21 00		21 00		
Totals,			30	220	138	\$197 80	\$5 00	\$202 80	\$24 50

Virginia, Week Ending August 28, 1908

L. Overstreet, Riverton,	CK	27	20	20	\$20 00	\$3 85	\$23 85	\$2 10
C. Overstreet, Riverton,	CK	30	21	21	50	5 00	26 50	1 75
C. Stebbins, Basic City,	CK	17	20	28	00	35	28 35	
J. Woody, " "	CK	17	11	14	00	1 75	15 75	
W. Genter, Parksley,	CK	14	15	17	00		17 00	
C. Grey, Parksley,	CK	8	22	26	00	75	26 75	
E. Wilson, Portsmouth,	DR	18	5	14	75		14 75	
K. Oertley, Radford,	SP	20	11	14	00	4 55	18 55	
Totals,			151	125	\$155 25	\$16 25	\$171 50	\$3 85

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending August 28, 1908

J. Glunt, Edinboro,	BR	4	32	4	\$ 9 25		\$ 9 25		
W. Jack, Indiana,	DR	4	23½	5	13 75		13 75		
I. Lawrence, Cambria Co,	GC	3	27					\$71 50	
C. Dunham, Indiana,	GC	5	35	24	74 50		74 50	6 50	
A. Brownlee, Bean,	DR	5	44	8	19 00	\$11 65	30 65	2 90	
W. Hawkes, Bradford,	HM	6	37	8	16 00	6 00	22 00		
C. Zimmerman Morrison Cove	DR	6	31	3	7 00	6 60	13 60	38 20	
Totals,			33	229½	52	\$139 55	\$24 25	\$163 25	\$119 10

New Jersey, Week Ending August 29, 1908

B. Valenta, Bellville,	GC	4	26	3	\$10 25	\$ 25	\$10 50	\$7 75	
R. Funk, Middlesex,	GC	5	29	4	11 00	1 90	12 90		
C. Woertz, South Orange,	GC	4	32	5	13 75		13 75		
C. Armor, Crosswicks,	DR	4	26	3	8 25		8 25		
Florence Welsh, Westfield,	BR	2	11	1	2 75	2 00	4 75		
B. H. Welsh, Westfield,	BR	4	24	7	18 50	2 50	21 00	2 75	
Totals,			23	148	23	\$64 50	\$6 65	\$71 15	\$10 50

Ohio, Week Ending August 28, 1908

V. O. PUNCHES,* Putnam Co.,	DR	6	46	15	\$48 00	\$1 50	\$49 50	\$121 00	
L. Waters, Muskingum Co.,	BF	4	31	27	29 00	1 05	30 05	35	
J. Gallion,† Holmes Co.,	COS	2	17	10	7 50	2 50	10 00		
Totals,			12	94	52	\$84 50	\$5 05	\$89 55	\$121 35

\*Two Weeks.

†Week ending August 21.

‡Week ending August 22.



ent movements, and clearly places the issue between the law of God and the commandments of men.

In the glaring light of prophecy and the present developments, this nation is shown to be rapidly developing an image to the Papal government and making enforced Sunday observances the mark of loyalty. It is a timely issue, and all of our people should unite in giving it a large circulation.

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## THE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER COURSE

EVERY earnest, craving soul may advance continually in the path way of intellectual attainment. God has ideals for the youth to-day that are "higher than the highest human thoughts can reach." And his ideals are enablings to those who yield wholly to him. Some are striving to attain. Are you pressing onward to a better goal?

"The heights by great men reached and kept,

Were not attained by sudden flight;  
But they, while their companions slept,  
Were toiling upward in the night."

In this upward toil few companions render better service than good books. They make the poorest of us heirs to the wisdom of all time. With them we may penetrate the heavenly expanse; with them we may follow the explorer's course or the warrior's raid; we may look back through the avenues of ages or we may look into the future and behold what is yet to come. They comfort us in the hour of distress, and revive our courage when we are in the shadow of despair. Says Sir William Waller, "In my study I am sure to converse with none but wise men, but abroad it is impossible to avoid the society of fools." Men and women, whose lives have bettered the world, pay heavy tribute to good books. Such books have helped them, first in determining to make the most of themselves and their opportunities, and in doing so. Such books will help you.

You have read of good books inspiring young men and women to be a blessing in the world. You recall how they influenced Moffat, Livingstone, Wesley and a host of others. Years have robbed these books of no power. A few months ago the conversation of some students drifted into

a discussion of the value of good books. Among the many who expressed gratitude one young man said, "Steps to Christ gave me hope when I was about to give up everything."

Napoleon said, "Show me a man that reads good books and I will show you a man that moves the world."

Clay remarked, "When I was a boy I was poor, and my mother was very poor, but she was never too poor to buy her boy a good book, and to this more than anything else, I owe my success in life."

Franklin exclaimed, "A dollar in the head is worth five in the pocket and you might say fifty on the back, because that in the pocket will get out, that on the back wear off; but that in the head grows sharper by constant use."

The dividend we draw from time invested in reading good books depends upon the thoroughness and thoughtfulness with which we pursue them. Hasty reading robs the memory of its power to grasp and to hold, but systematic study, into which the whole mind enters enthusiastically, increases the mental and moral stature of the reader.

To aid the youth in good reading the Missionary Volunteer Department is offering Reading Courses. The lessons assigned will assure systematic study, and the test questions in each lesson demand that the reading be done carefully.

### Course No. 2

The course this year consists of two books. "Great Controversy" will occupy nearly three-fourths of the time. In this wonderful book, history and prophecy clasp hands and give a panoramic view of events relating to God's people from the dawn of the Christian era until the final consummation. Every youth should be familiar with the historical facts and the gospel truths with which this book is packed. Says the Master, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

The other book is "Daybreak in the Dark Continent." The author has made a careful study of Africa and his book visualizes splendidly many great events, many unsolved problems, and many historic movements. It gives much information on numerous questions as to races, customs, politics and the missionary outlook.

The course will be conducted through the *Youth's Instructor*. It will begin the first week in October and continue for eight months. All who desire to take it should send in their

names for enrollment to their respective Conference Missionary Volunteer Secretaries. No tuition is required for the work. Three reviews will be given, and the Young People's Volunteer Department will grant a certificate to each one who satisfactorily completes the course.

We hope many will join us in the course this year. You are busy? so were Lincoln, Greeley, and Garfield. Yet they sandwiched into the hard working day a few minutes for study. This is the way many of our most useful men and women are made.

Plan to take the course. Do not follow the path of least resistance. Progress is better than pleasure.  
MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT.

THE September number of *Life and Health* is a temperance, food, and home number, dealing with the great question of temperance in drinking, eating and, working. It suggests the foods best adapted to the needs of the body, and indicates the importance of proper home conditions in maintaining health and happiness. The entire number is filled with important matter that will prove to be very practical in every home during the month of September in the general care of the health.

The circulation of this journal is in a healthy condition as the following will show:

June	<i>Life</i>	and	<i>Health</i>	edition	35,000
July	"	"	"	"	45,000
August	"	"	"	"	55,000
September	"	"	"	"	?

Will you do your part in making it grow in the same proportion?

## MARRIED

FRIDAY, August 21, at 1:30 P. M. at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. Pierce, 275 Horker St., Mansfield, O., Mr. Virgil Whisler and Miss Elsie D. Wharton, in the presence of a few invited friends, were united in marriage by the writer.

Mr. Whisler has nearly completed the nurses' course, and Mrs. Whisler is a graduate nurse. They will connect with one of our sanitariums in the near future, and continue in this important branch of the Third Angel's Message.

May the prayers of their many friends follow them, and their life work prove a lasting blessing to many honest souls.

C. T. REDFIELD.

"A soft answer turneth away wrath."

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PROFESSOR OTTO M. JOHN, who will have charge of the sciences, arrived at the College last week.

ELDER O. F. BUTCHER, the Bible teacher, and wife, also arrived last week, and will occupy rooms in Brother Clymer's house.

WE neglected to state that the report of the Temperance Rally in last weeks VISITOR was written for the Mansfield daily paper.

WE are glad for the prospects of the best school year the College has ever enjoyed. Old and new students are arriving on every train.

"NOTHING succeeds like success," and from the reports of those working with the periodicals this branch of the work is surely to remain at the front.

BRETHREN JUMP AND VENEN have circulated very neat cards announcing their tent-meetings, and inviting the people to attend. We hope that Mansfield will appreciate the time of its visitation.

**THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE**

THE annual meeting of the Virginia Seventh-day Adventist Conference will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church at Richmond, Va., November 3-8. Instead of using tents we will rent rooms for those who will attend. Meals will be furnished at a reasonable price. We want our people in the state to begin to plan at once to attend this meeting.

We are expecting good help from both the General and Columbia Union Conferences. The different branches of the work will be represented. We are expecting a feast of good things at this meeting. Above all things we are expecting the Lord to meet with us. More will be said later concerning the meeting. H. W. HERRELL, Pres.

Lost—Miss Edna Wright, of Fords Store, Md., lost her hymnal at the camp-meeting in Wilmington, Del. The binding is of dull green color. The letter "R" in gilt is on the upper left hand corner in the back. If anyone has the book, they will greatly oblige Miss Wright by sending it to her. She is willing to pay the postage on it.

**COLUMBIA UNION CAMP-MEETINGS**

Virginia, New Market, Va., Sept. 8-13.  
West Virginia, Charleston, W. Va.,  
Aug. 27-Sept. 6.

**OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS**

AUGUST, 1908

Akron.....	\$	.....
Alliance.....	.....	.....
Ashland.....	.....	.....
Barnesville.....	14	88
Beaver.....	2	25
Bellefontaine.....	24	31
Bellville.....	.....	.....
Bowling Green.....	5	00
Brokaw.....	.....	.....
Broughton.....	3	00
Camden.....	35	00
Canton.....	.....	.....
Chagrin Falls.....	15	43
Charloe.....	10	26
Chillicothe.....	.....	.....
Cincinnati.....	.....	.....
Clarksfield.....	.....	.....
Cleveland.....	4	00
Cleveland German.....	35	61
Clyde.....	15	94
Columbiana.....	9	36
Columbus.....	223	09
Conant.....	.....	.....
Conneaut.....	6	77
Corsica.....	.....	.....
Coshocton.....	21	67
Cygnets.....	.....	.....
Dayton.....	50	56
Defiance.....	21	85
Delaware.....	.....	.....
Delta.....	.....	.....
Derwent.....	.....	.....
Dowling.....	.....	.....
Dunkirk.....	4	00
East Liverpool.....	5	56
Elgin.....	1	32
Fairfield.....	.....	.....
Farmer.....	.....	.....
Findlay.....	.....	.....
Fostoria.....	.....	.....
Geneva.....	.....	.....
Gilboa.....	.....	.....
Greenspring.....	6	08
Hamilton.....	49	31
Hamler.....	.....	.....
Haskins.....	.....	.....
Harpersfield.....	.....	.....
Hicksville.....	.....	.....
Home Department.....	.....	.....
Jackson.....	.....	.....
Jefferson.....	.....	.....
Kenton.....	.....	.....
Kirtland.....	.....	.....
Killbuck.....	13	38
Lake View.....	.....	.....
Lagrange.....	.....	.....
Laura.....	7	90

Leesburg.....	.....	.....
Lewistown.....	3	00
Liberty Center.....	.....	.....
Lima.....	10	28
Locust Point.....	.....	.....
Mansfield.....	18	83
Marion.....	.....	.....
Marshfield.....	29	00
Marysville.....	.....	.....
Massillon.....	.....	.....
Medina.....	.....	.....
Meigs.....	.....	.....
Mendon.....	.....	.....
Middlefield.....	4	66
Mount Vernon.....	108	98
Morrow.....	.....	.....
Nashville.....	.....	.....
Newark.....	46	55
Norwalk.....	22	00
New Antioch.....	.....	.....
New Philadelphia.....	.....	.....
Ohio City.....	1	45
Orrville.....	.....	.....
North Fairfield.....	.....	.....
Olivet.....	.....	.....
Pemberville.....	.....	.....
Piqua.....	68	39
Pleasant Hill.....	5	36
Plimpton.....	4	50
Powell.....	39	82
Ravenna.....	.....	.....
Reedsville.....	.....	.....
Rio Grand.....	.....	.....
Rows.....	33	19
Sandusky.....	.....	.....
Sherwood.....	.....	.....
Shreve.....	.....	.....
Sidney.....	.....	.....
Six Points.....	14	00
Spencer.....	13	50
Spencerville.....	.....	.....
Springfield.....	22	58
St. Clairsville.....	.....	.....
Steuben.....	.....	.....
Swanton.....	.....	.....
Tiffin.....	.....	.....
Toledo.....	77	04
Trinway-Dresden.....	2	95
Troy.....	.....	.....
Troy (Ashland County).....	17	00
Unionport.....	4	90
Van Wert.....	.....	.....
Wadsworth.....	8	10
Walnut Grove.....	.....	.....
Washington C. H.....	161	41
Waseon.....	.....	.....
Waterford.....	5	80
Wellsville.....	.....	.....
West Mansfield.....	5	00
Wheelersburg.....	.....	.....
Wilmington.....	.....	.....
Youngstown.....	.....	.....
Zanesville.....	40	17
Individuals.....	27	56

Total.....\$1,382 55

C. V. HAMER, Treas.

**TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES**

AUGUST, 1908

Tithe.....	\$1,382	55
Tract Society.....	1,175	68
First Day Offering.....	147	92
Sabbath-school Donations.....	219	16
Missionary Volunteers.....	35	22
Religious Liberty.....	4	13
Orphans and aged.....	66	.....
\$150,000 Fund.....	1	95
Mid-Summer Offering.....	53	06
Oakwood Industrial School.....	94	58

Total.....\$3,114 91

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