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REPORT OF WEST PENNSYLVANIA  
CONFERENCE

Elder B. F. Kneeland, president of the West Pennsylvania Conference, made the following report:—

Beloved fellow-workers: The brethren and sisters of the West Pennsylvania Conference wish to tender a most hearty welcome to the delegates of the various conferences that form the Columbia Union. We are glad that you have this opportunity to get a clearer insight into the conditions that we have to meet in this field, and to form an acquaintance with our workers and people. We sincerely trust that our joy that you are here may only be equaled by your pleasure in being here. Our desire is that this meeting may greatly encourage and help us all, and thus hasten the finishing of the work.

The West Pennsylvania Conference has had a varied career. Many changes have been made since its organization in 1903, taking from this field many of its strongest workers. Few conferences can show so long a list of strong evangelists and administrators who have been removed from the field to fill positions of responsibility elsewhere. This, taken in connection with the failure to replace or develop workers to take the vacant places, partially explains the downward trend of the work here.

The present report will necessarily be brief and rather unsatisfactory, since the present president has been connected with the conference but a few months, and the method of book-keeping used during the first part of the biennial term and before that time was one that makes the gathering of statistics a very difficult task, which is made harder by the absence of official conference statistical records. During the last year the conference headquarters has been removed from its former country loca-

tion near the New York state line to a very conveniently located office in Pittsburgh, which will bring it much more closely in touch with the great part of the people of the conference.

The West Pennsylvania Conference has 23,104 square miles of territory, and contains a population, according to the 1910 census, of 3,152,044. The ten year period showed a gain in population of 630,989, which alone is considerably in excess of the entire population of the District of Columbia Conference. In fact there are in the United States fifteen conferences whose population is less than the increase in ten years of West Pennsylvania. This increase is almost exactly equal to the combined population of the four states of Delaware, Arizona, Nevada, and Wyoming.

However, the growth of our membership has not kept pace with this increase of population, and the present ratio of one Seventh-day Adventist to 4,230 persons is very low, being but one third of the average for the whole United States, and only seventy per cent of the average ratio for the Columbia Union. These facts show very conclusively that there are large unworked areas in this conference, and they should stir us to increased activity.

#### EVANGELISTIC WORK

We greatly regret that we are compelled to report a decrease, both in number of churches and membership during the biennial period. There have been several causes that have contributed toward this condition, such as the removal of a large number of members to other states, and the almost constant drafting of the best workers for other fields, while very little was being done to replace them. The number of churches December 31, 1909, was reported as thirty-three, with three companies, the total membership being 821. December 31, 1911, the records show twenty-eight churches and six companies, with a total membership of 735, a loss of five churches and 86 members, and a gain of three companies, during the biennial period. A large part of this apparent decrease

has come from the elimination from the church records of the names of those who had left the message in previous years, a work that has not yet been fully accomplished. However, we thank God for the seventy souls that were baptized into the faith during the past year, and we hope, through the grace of God, to show a growth in our next report. There were, January 1, 1912, 328,000 persons in West Pennsylvania for each minister and Bible-worker employed by the conference. We can only pray that the Lord will raise up more laborers for this neglected and needy field. We have a large proportion of foreign population, for which almost nothing has been done. Our German work has passed through very unfortunate experiences; but we are glad that the prospect at the present time is much brighter than it was a few months ago. A small beginning has been made among the Swedes, but the throngs of Italians, Bohemians, Hungarians, Slavonians, Poles, Russians, Finns, and other nationalities that swarm around our mines and mills call loudly to us for the light of the last gospel message.

There was an increase of \$147.33 in tithe receipts during the biennial period; but an increased faithfulness on the part of the members was shown in the gain of \$1.01 in the annual per capita tithe, which now is \$13.65. There was a falling off of \$687.27 in the amount raised on the ten-cent-a-week plan, during the two years just closed, as compared with the previous period. There is a good increase in the amount of Sabbath-school offerings to missions; though the records show a decided loss in the number of members.

A good showing has been made by our faithful canvassers, and the total sales of our literature reported for the biennial period 1909-10 were \$17,412.12, while during the two years just closed the sales amounted to \$23,878.04, a gain of \$6,465.92.

#### OUR CITY PROBLEMS

A very large proportion of the population of West Pennsylvania is found in the cities that crowd its

valleys and line its river banks. There are within the territory of the conference twenty-seven cities each having a population of over 10,000, sixty-nine having more than 5,000, while the census reports that we have one hundred ten municipalities containing over 3,000 souls. But the city of Pittsburgh presents our most difficult problem. Within the city corporation are 533,905 people, according to the census returns, but this is only one-half the real size of the city. The United States census gatherers, recognizing that often a large portion of the population of a community is divided into several municipalities, have created what is known as a "Metropolitan District," including in its limits the area within ten miles of the great metropolitan cities. This enumeration gives a Greater Pittsburgh with a population of 1,042,855, which ranks next to Boston as the fifth in size in North America. This great community outranks in population twenty-four of the organized conferences in the United States, having nearly double the number of people within its borders that are found in the District of Columbia Conference. In fact, if we were to take the entire population of the District of Columbia, and add to it the people living in the state of Delaware, with the city of Baltimore thrown in for good measure, we would have a number of people less than 50,000 more than are to be found in Greater Pittsburgh. Yet it is a fact that up to the very beginning of the present year, and for some time previous, the entire force of conference workers devoting their efforts to warning this great community consisted of one English and one German minister, who had been laboring without even the help of a Bible worker. Then our English minister, Elder Ashton, was taken from us for Union Conference work, and we have been unable to fill his place. A veritable Macedonian cry for help goes up from this great city. Filled as the city is with almost every known variety of foreigners, and with a very large colored population, Greater Pittsburgh presents a problem which we feel should have very serious consideration by the Union and General Conference leaders. The end of the present period of industrial peace looms up too much in the immediate future for further delay to be considered. We must get at this problem at once. The field is fruitful, the harvest is ready to be gathered, but where are the workers and the funds for has-

tening on the work? We most earnestly pray that this present series of meetings may be the beginning of a work that will move on with increasing power till all the people of every race found in this great city hear the third angel's message. It is one of the greatest industrial centers of the world, the headquarters of National Reform, and the breeding ground of Millennial Dawnism. It is one of the most important strategical points in our Union Conference. Why should it not become an important center for our work in the Columbia Union? May the wisdom of heaven direct the plans that concern the work of the third angel's message in this field.

#### APPROPRIATIONS

The following appropriations for 1912 were made by the Executive Committee of the Columbia Union Conference:—

West Virginia	\$1,000.00
Virginia	800.00
Chesapeake	600.00
New Jersey	250.00
West Virginia (Special Appropriation)	200.00
Chesapeake (Special Appropriation)	250.00
Total	\$3,100.00

#### CAMP-MEETING DATES FOR 1912

East Pennsylvania	June 19-30
New Jersey	June 27-July 7
Ohio	August 15-25
West Pennsylvania	August 22-September 1
Virginia	August 29-September 8
West Virginia	July 18-28

#### SUMMER SCHOOL

Voted that there be held at Mount Vernon a summer school during the coming vacation period.

#### APPROPRIATION TO SUMMER SCHOOL

Voted that an appropriation of \$200.00 be made, to apply on the expense of the summer school; and that the detail of billing the several conferences with the expense be left with a committee composed of the following: B. G. Wilkinson, W. H. Heckman, E. K. Slade, and S. M. Butler.

#### TANK FUND

Voted that we continue to raise the \$1200.00 Tank Fund; and that this be completed by the end of the year 1912.

#### RESOLUTIONS

The following final report of the Committee on Plans and Recommendations was adopted:—

8. *Resolved*, That the conferences of this Union share equally with the Review & Herald Publishing Association in paying the traveling expenses to the next session of the General Conference, and the entertainment at the conference, of all colporters who deliver \$1000 worth of our literature during the year beginning May 1, 1912, and ending May 1, 1913, and have paid in full for the same, providing such expense of railway fare and entertainment does not exceed the sum of \$40.

9. Inasmuch as it is the general plan of the Foreign Mission Board to raise fifteen cents per capita each week to carry the gospel to benighted souls in distant lands, we earnestly recommend that an earnest effort be made to raise the full quota in all our conferences.

10. Inasmuch as the next General Conference session is to be held within the United States, during the summer of 1913, the Columbia Union Conference wishes to urge the following reasons why this meeting should be held within its territory:—

(a) The Columbia Union Conference has a larger population than any other Union Conference in America.

(b) More large cities are located within its boundaries.

(c) There are several excellent locations with beautiful grounds and up-to-date buildings, especially suited for this great gathering of people; large spacious buildings such as assembly hall, dining room, and apartment buildings for housing such a vast number.

For this and other reasons we believe this session of the General Conference ought to be held within this Union. Furthermore, this Union, being in open session and believing the above facts to be of the greatest importance in locating this meeting, hereby earnestly extends a most hearty invitation to the General Conference Committee to come within our borders and receive at our hands a practical expression of Christian love and fellowship.

11. We, the Columbia Union Conference, feeling deeply the value of the Ingathering Campaign as a source of revenue, aiding our Mission Board in carrying on its important work, do hereby endorse this plan, and recommend that greater care be given to educate our people in the best methods of handling this means of income.

12. *We recommend*, That when a conference wishes to secure laborers or canvassers from a sister conference, satisfactory arrangements first be made with the officers of the con-

ferences concerned.

13. *Resolved*, That we express our thankfulness to the General Conference for the way in which it has helped to forward the work in the needy fields of this Union by the liberal appropriations made.

14. *Resolved*, That in harmony with the action of the General Conference Committee, "That three commercial teachers be chosen from our schools, who shall have the privilege of attending the Auditors' Convention to be held in Takoma Park, May 21-23," we in conference assembled respectfully request that the commercial instructor of Mount Vernon College, Professor C. C. Pulver, be chosen as one of this number.

15. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our deep gratitude to the West Pennsylvania Conference for the liberal manner in which it has provided for the comfort and entertainment of the delegates and friends to this session of the Columbia Union Conference.

16. *Resolved*, That we adopt as our rallying cry, "Two hundred and fifty students for Mount Vernon College for the school year 1912-13."

17. *We recommend*, That the religious liberty secretaries of the Union and local conferences take a special responsibility in supplying to the press news items concerning the work in their respective conferences; and that workers generally seek to utilize the press as a means of getting our work and message before the masses.

*Whereas*, There is need of a still greater interest in the work for our young people,—

18. *We recommend*, That all of our churches throughout the Union observe Young People's Day, May 25.

19. Realizing to some degree the high calling of the gospel ministry and the need of a better preparation, we request the General Conference Committee to take under consideration the matter of preparing for presentation to the next General Conference an outline expressing:—

(a) The preparation that should be made by those who desire to enter the ministry.

(b) The general standard of attainment that should be made the basis of examination of applicants to the ministry.

(c) The courses of reading and study that should be followed by licensed preachers.

*Whereas*, The Testimonies have for years been urging the necessity of combining the medical feature of our work with the evangelistic; and—

*Whereas*, We appreciate this sacred counsel from the Lord; and—

*Whereas*, A practical demonstration of this combined work has proved the wisdom of this plan as outlined in the Testimonies;—

20. We, therefore, heartily endorse this combined work, and recommend that great efforts be put forth on the part of our local conferences to secure qualified medical workers to be associated with our ministers in public efforts.

*Whereas*, the Ohio Conference has signified its willingness to pay the salary of one member of the faculty of Mount Vernon College; therefore,—

21. *We recommend*, That the Columbia Union Conference pay the salary of the Bible teacher during the next biennial period.

In view of the rapid development of movements having for their object the enactment of laws that will result in persecution; and the great need of properly trained religious liberty secretaries to lead out in the campaigns against these movements;—

22. *We recommend*, That an institute of religious liberty secretaries of the Columbia Union Conference be held as early as possible, as may be arranged with the General Conference Department; and that we invite the Atlantic Union Conference to unite with us in this institute.

#### CREDENTIALS

Credentials were granted the following ministers of the Columbia Union Conference: Elders B. G. Wilkinson, S. M. Butler, N. S. Ashton, J. E. Shultz, O. F. Butcher, and I. G. Bigelow.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR

The Committee on Distribution of Labor submitted the following recommendations, which were adopted:—

*We recommend*, (a) That Elder F. W. Paap, of Riverside, California, make the Chesapeake Conference his field of labor.

(b) That Elder J. E. Smith, of Ohio, make Virginia his field of labor.

(c) That G. Medairy, of the West Pennsylvania Conference, make New Jersey his field of labor.

The following recommendation was presented from the floor and adopted:—

23. *Resolved* that a special rally in behalf of the "Ministry of Healing" campaign for the relief of our sanitariums be conducted during the months of October, November, and December, beginning immediately

after the close of the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Voted to adjourn *sine die*.

E. R. BROWN, *Secretary*.

### An Easy Way to Sell "Ministry of Healing"

For those who say they "can't canvass" a way is now provided whereby they can have a part in the sale of "Ministry of Healing." A leaflet has been prepared that does the canvassing. It gives a brief description of the book, and sets forth the plan of its sale, telling of its dedication to the sanitarium work.

This leaflet is to be placed in the book, and should project a little so as to attract attention. It is to be signed by the person presenting the book. Calling on the prospective customer, it is only necessary to leave the book, stating that you will call in a few days. Ample time should be allowed for examination of the book; probably it could be left over Sunday.

Copies of the introductory leaflet may be had from your tract society or from the Medical Department of the General Conference, Takoma Park, D. C. The leaflet is free. Get a few, place one in each book, call on a few neighbors, and leave the books. Then, about a week later call again. You will find the way open for you to say anything that may be in place. Some may be ready to purchase the book without anything more being said. The plan is already being worked, and good success is reported. Try it.

L. A. HANSEN.

The third number of the Washington Foreign Mission Seminary *Record*, which has just been issued, gives considerable information concerning the development of the work at the Seminary. Some of the features of this school are quite unique, such as its emphasis on practical Christian work as a part of the training, the elementary dentistry class, the post-graduate nurses' course, comprising practical dispensary and city mission work, and the lecture courses.

A copy of the third number of the *Record* may be had free by addressing the president of the Seminary, Professor M. E. Kern, Takoma Park, D. C.

"Holiness is not to be measured by perfect joy but by perfect resignation."

## AT THE COLLEGE

### The Call to Be a Missionary

For my part, I have never ceased to rejoice that God has appointed me to such an office. People talk of the sacrifice I have made in spending so much of my life in Africa. Can that be called a sacrifice which is simply paid back as a small part of a great debt owing to our God which we can never repay? Is that a sacrifice which brings its own best reward in healthful activity, the consciousness of doing good, peace of mind, and a bright hope of glorious destiny hereafter? Away with the thought in such a view, and with such a thought! It is emphatically no sacrifice. Say, rather, it is a privilege. Anxiety, sickness, suffering, or danger now and then, with a foregoing of the common conveniences and charities of this life, make us pause, and cause the spirit to waver and the soul to sink; but let this be for only a moment. All these are nothing when compared with the glory which shall hereafter be revealed in and for us. I never made a sacrifice.

—David Livingstone.

The passing of the thirty-ninth anniversary of the death of David Livingstone was noticed by the history of missions class in a short program rendered during a recent chapel session. Mr. Harvey Gauker and Miss Ariel Arnold briefly outlined his life and travels, which proved the sincerity of his statement, "I am ready to go anywhere provided it be forward."

Last week our school enjoyed a visit from Elder and Mrs. B. F. Kneeland of the West Pennsylvania Conference. Elder Kneeland's chapel talks were appreciated by all.

On the last Sabbath of the College institute for canvassers Mr. Raleigh French and Mr. J. H. McEachern spoke to the young people in their Sabbath afternoon service, on the importance of the book and magazine work. Their earnest appeal for workers was listened to with eager attention by the young people.

Last Thursday was a holiday at the College. All seemed to thoroughly enjoy it, especially the members of the primary department who held their annual outing in Hiawatha Park on that day.

Mrs. Luta Ross Holden, and children, of Townshend, Vermont, are spending a few days with friends in Mount Vernon. Mrs. Holden is a former student of Mount Vernon. She will visit during the summer at her old home in southern Ohio.

Last Friday morning Elder Butler told the students of some of the improvements which it is hoped may be carried out at the College this summer, and which will add greatly to the facilities of some of the departments, as well as to the appearance of the building and premises. The chemical laboratory will be moved to the building now used for church school purposes, and the commercial department will be enlarged to take in the old laboratory and will be fitted up with bank and other business offices. There will be a complete renovation of the dining room and kitchen. A new cement walk will be laid around the building and down to the road. And finally, a new engine will be installed in the boiler room. These improvements have been definitely planned for, and there are others which the school management hopes to see carried on this summer.

### Commencement Week

First musical recital, Sunday, May 12.

Second musical recital, Tuesday, May 14.

School picnic, Wednesday, May 15.

Class Day, Thursday, May 16.  
Baccalaureate sermon, Sabbath, May 18, Elder E. K. Slade.

Reception, Saturday evening, May 18.

Church school closing exercises, Sunday, May 19.

Commencement, Monday, May 20; address by Elder A. G. Daniells.

## WEST VIRGINIA

Last week Elder F. H. Robbins visited Brother Shingleton, of Grafton, who had undergone a very serious operation. We are glad to report that he is making a rapid recovery.

Brother Burgess Ross, who has been assisting in the conference office during Brother Hamer's illness, has returned to his home in Parkersburg.

Brother I. D. Richardson of Elm Grove has gone to Little Grove to conduct a series of meetings there.

The tithes and offerings of our conference are increasing steadily each month; but more is needed as new workers are planned for during the tent season. We hope that our brethren will be faithful in returning to the Lord his own, and that all the church treasurers will be prompt in remitting to the conference treasurer at the end of each month.

Elder J. F. Steele is continuing his meetings at Martinsburg, and reports a very good interest there.

The camp-meeting, which is to be held in Fairmont, South Side Park, July 18-28, should be attended by all our people in the conference. All those who desire a tent should send in their orders to the conference office at once, as we wish to provide the very best for you. We are sure you will not regret the sacrifice you make to attend this meeting.

## CHESAPEAKE

### Workers' Convention

The workers of the Chesapeake Conference are holding a convention at Cambridge, Md., May 3-12, Elder Roscoe T. Baer presiding. The forenoon are occupied by conference committee sessions, in planning with the workers for the summer campaign. In the afternoon instructive papers on the vital points of our message are read and discussed. This is interesting to all. In the evening is conducted a preaching service, to which the public is invited. The fundamental principles of our message are being presented by the ministers present. All of these meetings are well attended by the members of the local church, who are showing their appreciation of our visit among them in a very tangible way, by entertaining all the workers.

The city newspapers are giving us from one half to one and one half columns for our reports daily, which enables us to place a synopsis of the Bible studies and sermons before the public.

The keynote of the opening meeting was a higher standard of spirituality, which has been adhered to so far in the meetings; and we expect that by the time the convention closes, every worker will be better equipped for aggressive work through the summer, that souls may be won to the truth. God grant that it may be so.

R. H. MARTIN.

## NEW JERSEY

During the absence of Elder Sandborn, the Trenton church has had the pleasure of listening to some excellent sermons by Elder M. C. Whitmarsh of Camden. Although on a number of occasions the weather was very disagreeable, the attendance has been quite fair, and there were generally some present who are not members of the church.

Elder Sandborn, president of the conference, and his family, arrived in Trenton this week from their former home in Holly, Michigan. They have secured a pleasant residence on Chambers Street in this city.

Miss Anna Cately, who is engaged in Bible work in Trenton, has just returned from a short vacation spent with relatives in Pennsylvania.

The Trenton Sabbath-school has adopted a plan of having each member of the school repeat a verse of scripture beginning with a certain letter of the alphabet. Next Sabbath each member will have a verse beginning with the letter "D." It is interesting to hear these verses repeated by all the members of the school, from the oldest in the senior department to the wee members of the kindergarten department. Try it in your school.

Morrison once said, "What you do thunders so in my ears that I cannot hear what you say." How careful one should be when he knows that "actions speak louder than words" that his actions should speak as those "who shall give an account of the deeds done in the body," that in these actions his neighbors may see that he "has been with Jesus and learned of him."

We are glad to note the good reports that have come in from our workers recently. We note the following experience of Brother Arthur Samuel, who sells "Glorious Appearing" exclusively:—

"A lady opened the front door, and seeing me she slammed the door shut before I could state my case to her; so I went around to the back door and knocked. Coming to the door, she said, 'I saw you showing books, and I don't want any. Didn't I stop you at the front door?' I said, 'Yes, madam, but you didn't stop me

at the back door. I just want to ask you to please take this book for a few days and read it, and see if it appeals to some member of your family, as I see you are busy now, and I don't want to take your time. I will call for it Sunday.' She asked what sort of book it was, and I told her briefly; then she asked the price, and going for the money, she said, 'I may as well buy it, or you will come up the cellar way.'

"I also stepped into a club house where six young men were playing cards and asked for three minutes of their time, and while they held their cards I canvassed them, and sold three fifty-cent books and one at twenty-five cents. So with the assurance of Jer. 1:8-17 and Isa. 41:10, and a little persistence ourselves, we must succeed."

W. B. WALTERS.

## VIRGINIA

### Action of Virginia Conference Committee

During the Union Conference session at Pittsburgh, as the majority of the members of our conference committee were together, we spent several hours in counseling regarding the work in Virginia.

While there we considered quite fully the matter of our Academy at New Market. Also the advisability of hiring Brother Smith of Ohio as principal. After due consideration we voted to secure his services, as already reported through the *Messenger*.

Our summer's work was also considered, and it was decided to hold at least four tent efforts, if help can be secured to do this. There will be an effort at Richmond, headed by Brethren Tindall and Garnsey. One at Lynchburg, with Elder Kime and Brother Raymond Gardner in charge. Brother Mallory will hold a tent effort at Richmond for the colored people, with such other help as can be secured, Sister Warnick and some of our institute workers assisting. Brother Gordon and perhaps Elder Hotel or Brother Smith will hold the fourth tent effort, the location of which has not yet been decided. Three of these companies will make a special effort in combining the medical and evangelistic work, as outlined in the Testimonies.

In order to carry forward this work, a new tent must be purchased. This we voted to do, and we

trust that our brethren will in due time render us the needed assistance in raising means to pay for the same.

As Elder Muntz has quite an interest at Norfolk, it was thought best for him to continue his efforts there for the present.

The matter of camp-meeting was also considered, and as a good work has been begun at Richmond, it was thought, that, unless there are other developments, it might be well to hold the camp-meeting at Richmond again this year.

In considering this matter, desiring to accomplish the most possible good for all concerned, we thought that if arrangements could be made, and help could be secured, it would be well to hold two camp-meetings at the same time, one for the white and one for the colored. It was believed that more good could be accomplished for both races by holding two camp-meetings and holding them separately.

The date of the camp-meeting was also considered; and, in order to close the tent efforts and bind off the work, it was thought that we could not hold the camp-meeting before the latter part of August. This date was also thought to be the time when our farmers would have the most leisure time,—perhaps August 22 to September 1, or one week later.

It was thought best not to call together the whole conference committee and workers, to plan the summer's work, although we should have been glad to meet them and have their counsel; but it would have incurred considerable expense, which we felt could be saved.

May God greatly bless the work in Virginia the coming summer.

W. J. STONE.

### From Our Workers

"Praise and thanks be unto God for the many blessed experiences which he gives me in this work. It is the Lord who sells the books, and who gives me the orders. He alone can touch the hearts of the people, and to him be all the glory and praise."

"I have had many experiences the past week in visiting while it was too rainy to canvass. I can remove the friction I spoke of in my last letter to you, in regard to hard times; this I can overcome on my knees."

"We realize more and more each day that the mighty hand of God is guiding in each instance of life, if

only we leave all to him. Sometimes we have dark experiences, but all comes out well in the end."

"We are glad to hear such good reports from the work in Richmond, and hope that every honest soul will be reached. We should like to see many unite with us to help carry this truth to the world. I shall be glad when the work is finished."

A. M. NEFF.

### Our Duty

The words of the apostle were true when he said, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." But thank God, we have a better hope, a hope "both sure and steadfast," that if we are faithful we shall receive a crown of righteousness when Jesus comes to make up his jewels.

But the question with some may be, How can I be faithful? The answer is so simple "that the wayfaring men, though fools, need not err therein." It is this: "Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." Eccl. 12: 13. If we are obeying God and keeping his commandments, and we know that Jesus is soon coming, and this world is soon to be visited with the wrath of God, will we sit and fold our hands as if this were a matter of little concern to us? Oh no, we will do all in our power by the help of God to give to the world the last message of warning.

Now we know that Jesus is soon coming, that the wrath of God is soon to break upon this world. What then is our duty?—Go and teach all nations. Carry the message of warning to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. But some will say, I cannot preach, I cannot be a Bible worker. But listen, brother, you can canvass, even if you cannot do those other things. From my own experience I know that there is no better way of putting the truth before the people. But in this work, as in any other, you will have trials. You will have dark hours. At times there will seem no possible way of escape for you. But keep pushing ahead, putting your trust in God; and soon the way will open for you as clear as the noonday sun.

Those who engage in this work will not be left without a reward; for "he that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Oh how

## Canvassers' Reports

New Jersey, Week Ending May 3, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
G. Blinn, Burlington		BR	4	30	14	45 00	1 00	46 00	
W. Fink, Warren		BR	5	46	16	48 00	1 50	49 50	1 50
J. Glunt, Camden		BR	3	17	2	6 00	2 05	8 05	5 05
N. R. Pond, Burlington		CK	5	28	9	13 50	1 70	15 20	1 70
*J. Rambo, Atlantic		CK	7	42	28	42 50	12 00	54 50	14 50
R. D. Stagg, Sussex		PPF	3	20	9	17 25		17 25	3 00
A. S. Samuels, Newark		GA	5	33	119	41 25	10	41 35	37 70
B. Hartman, Jersey City		GA	4	21	66	19 25		19 25	13 25
Totals			36	237	263	\$232 75	\$18 35	\$251 10	\$76 70

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 3, 1912

W. Hess, New Bloomfield		GC	4	32	7	22 00	4 50	26 50	2 75
Lucy Dicks, Hazleton		GC	4	22	2	6 00	3 80	9 80	1 05
J. T. McAllister, Phila.		DR	4	29	6	20 00		20 00	12 00
F. Willruth, Scranton		CK	5	37	21	33 00	10 80	43 80	20 60
Geo. Unger, Vera Cruz		CK	3	20	5	8 00	4 25	12 25	5 00
Jesse Smith, Clark's Summit		HM	5	31	7	15 50	13 85	29 35	11 10
Edw. Anderson, Phila.		HM		60	19	44 00	4 25	48 25	42 25
Leon Williams, Phila.		GA	3	18	40	10 00	30	10 30	30
Totals			28	249	107	\$158 50	\$41 75	\$200 25	95 05

West Virginia, Week Ending May 3, 1912

*F. Wagner, Elm Grove		DR	10	71	22	74 00		74 00	27 00
*B. Wagner, Elm Grove		CK	9	75	14	46 00	15 00	61 00	65 00
T. M. Butler, Marion Co.		BF	3	27					130 50
Totals			22	173	36	\$120 00	\$15 00	\$135 00	\$222 00

Virginia, Week Ending April 26, 1912

K. Oertley, Wytheville		GC		3	1	3 00	50	3 50	
F. W. Hall, Pennington Gap		BR		24					50 65
Mrs. F. W. Hall,		CK		22					63 90
W. Bekhout, Portsmouth		PPF		25	5	11 00		11 00	
C. Overstreet, Keller		BR		28	11	39 00	5 50	44 50	2 25
P. Hotel, Keller		PPF		20	23	36 50	9 00	45 50	2 00
L. Overstreet, Bloxom		PPF		25	25	49 50	9 45	58 95	
G. A. Covert, Bloxom		PPF		24	8		3 25	3 50	17 75
Totals				170	68	\$139 00	\$27 70	\$166 70	\$136 55

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 3, 1912

J. Kimmel, Somerset		PPF	4	30	15	26 00	2 20	28 20	97 20
*Wm. Seigle, Altoona		CK	15	109	25	36 50	30 30	69 80	
Ivor Lawrence, Bedford Co.		PPF	7	67	23	37 00	7 00	44 00	
T. Saxton, Indiana		PPF		5					117 50
*A. Brownlee, Washington		CK		59		63 68		63 68	50 95
A. Brownlee, Washington		CK		29		29 90		29 90	7 90
Totals			31	294	63	\$193 08	\$39 50	\$235 58	\$273 55

Ohio, Week Ending April 26, 1912

Rudolph Gross, Holmes Co.		DR	5	36	13	38 95	5 65	40 60	
I. Tait, Wayne Co.		BF	4	31	22	22 00	2 50	24 50	
John Schick, Summit Co.		GC	3	8	1	3 00	5 75		8 75
Totals			12	75	36	63 95	13 90	69 10	8 75

Virginia, Week Ending May 3, 1912

K. Oertley, Wytheville	GC	1	17	2 00	4 00	6 00	2 50
F. W. Hall, Pennington Gap	BR	21	3	9 00	1 25	10 25	25
Mrs. F. W. Hall,	CK	7	9	14 00	1 50	15 50	1 50
C. E. Overstreet, Keller	PPF	25	6	20 00	5 95	25 95	1 75
Paul E. Hottel, Keller	PPF	29	22	38 50	13 25	51 75	1 50
L. Overstreet, Bloxom	PPF	25	24	40 00	12 00	52 00	5 25
G. Covert, Bloxom	PPF	15	1	1 50	9 65	11 15	
A. Schenk, Wytheville	GC		5	11 00	6 75	17 75	

Totals 139 70 \$136 00 \$54 35 \$190 35 \$12 75

\*Two weeks

†Four weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1248.08

Deliveries, \$285.35.

sweet are the many precious promises to the faithful child of God. I shall feel fully paid for all my work if, when I get to the kingdom, there is one soul who was saved through reading the literature that I sold. I love this work. Often when walking alone along the road, looking back over my work, and seeing where I have found those who were honestly seeking after truth, which I was able to put into their hands, my joy knows no bounds. I can say with all my heart, Thank God for the privilege of carrying the printed page to the people. I ask the prayers of all God's people, that he may use me as seemeth best in his sight.

C. E. OVERSTREET.

### Norfolk

"Henceforth medical missionary work is to be carried forward with an earnestness with which it has never yet been carried. This work is the door through which the truth is to find entrance to the large cities."

"Sanitarium work is one of the most successful means of reaching all classes of people. Our sanitariums are the right hand of the gospel."

"Let the Lord's work go forward. Let the missionary and the educational work go forward. I am sure that this is our great lack,—earnest, devoted, intelligent, capable workers. In every large city there should be a representation of true medical missionary work."

"Let our ministers, who have gained an experience in preaching the word, learn how to give simple treatments, and then labor intelligently as medical missionary evangelists."—*Testimonies for the Church, Vol. IX, pp. 163-172.*

We thank the Lord for these instructions. We also thank him for the effort put forth in Richmond last winter by the leading brethren of our

conference. Already we see some of the results of it, as some of our sisters who took the nurses' course are with us again in Norfolk. We hope to have a good force of these trained workers with us in our tent effort this summer.

Our work in Norfolk is progressing. Some are awaiting baptism. We are doing Bible work from house to house. Every night is occupied, and we cannot fill all the calls.

Our temperance rally held a few nights ago was a grand success. We hope to have another one soon.

Sister E. V. Manners, who has rendered us invaluable service in our Bible work, is called to join Elder F. H. Seeney in his summer tent effort at Wilmington, Del., where she labored last summer. We shall be sorry to lose Sister Manners, but pray that many souls will be won for the Master through her efforts.

We hope the readers of the VISITOR will pray for the work at Norfolk.

LESLIE MUNTZ.

### EAST PENNSYLVANIA

#### Colporters' Testimony Corner

Miss Lucy Dicks: My work has not been very encouraging the past week; but I can assure you that I will not give up. I can never again feel satisfied doing housework for strangers after having tasted of the rich experiences there are in the canvassing work. I have been cheered by the news that the coal miners are soon to return to their work. Books will soon sell more readily here, and I am encouraged by the outlook.

We are glad to report that Brother Fred Willruth has improved in health, and is again pressing the battle to the gates. His associate laborer, Brother J. M. Smith, is also making advancement in the work, as may be seen by his reports.

Brother W. P. Hess, after paying a short visit to his family at Lancaster, has resumed his labors in Perry County.

Brother W. B. Lindsay has taken a week off to move and get settled in his new home at Fairhill. The Lord has greatly favored him in opening the way for him to get so pleasantly located with such an aggressive little church, where he can have the advantage of a church school. He is now in condition to pursue the canvassing work with earnestness and zeal.

Miss Daisy Ott has begun work in Williamsport. We feel that her colporter work in that city will be a great help to Brother Hirlinger in his Bible work.

J. H. MCEACHERN.

### OHIO

#### Workers Wanted

In our canvassing work we have a plan second to none as a means of placing the truth before the people; and it has been clearly demonstrated that persons of no special ability can earn splendid wages handling our books. We have a vast and fruitful field in Ohio. There is no limit to the number who may take up this work. We should have fifty regular canvassers in the field right along. I should like to see a good number take up resident canvassing. This plan offers a most flattering opening to any who may wish to have a part in helping to finish the work which is yet to be done. I should like to correspond with men and women within the state who have a desire to enter the Lord's work. There are many who should heed the voice that calls them into the harvest field. Pray for workers, and that the way may open for you to enter the work.

E. K. SLADE.

Elder E. K. Slade and Elder O. F. Butcher attended the recent session of the Lake Union Conference at Battle Creek, Mich.

Mr. J. Irvin Cassell, our tract society secretary, is laying the foundation for his new home near the tract society office.

Mr. Henry Spohn and Mr. Ray Chapin recently left Mount Vernon for Alberta, Canada.



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May 17-19 the Pleasant Hill church will hold a Sabbath-school convention, with a temperance rally on Sunday night. The church school picnic will immediately precede, marking the end of another year of school work. Miss Nellie Underwood, who is taking a much needed rest at the home of Miss Rebecca Miller, is arranging the program.

Sabbath and Sunday, May 25 and 26, Elders E. K. Slade and W. C. Moffett will meet with the companies at Camden and New London, holding a baptismal service during this time.

The Mount Vernon members are glad to welcome to their church Brother Moy and family from Indiana, who have settled on a farm five miles from Mount Vernon.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

#### Sanitarium Notes

The patronage at the Washington Sanitarium during the month of April was fifty on an average; and it is still keeping up.

Mrs. M. D. Wood of the Seminary is for a few weeks entertaining the patients on Thursday evenings by very interesting travel talks on India.

The Branch Sanitarium in the city has had an excellent patronage for the past two months, the resident physician on several occasions giving up her own room for the accommodation of guests.

The Washington Sanitarium Medical Dispensary on 4½ Street, S. W.,

in the city of Washington, was dedicated on Wednesday evening, May 1. Elder McElhaney gave the dedicatory address, and appropriate music was rendered. An emergency call came even during the service. We are greatly encouraged by the number of patients that have been in attendance for the first few days the dispensary has been open.

Dr. Menkel, who is for a few weeks staying at the Foreign Mission Seminary, gave a very interesting talk to the patients on missionary work in India.

Dr. Bourdeau-Sisco is in New York City for a few weeks doing post-graduate medical work.

H. N. SISCO, M. D.

### WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Mrs. Daisy Swartout of the Foreign Mission Seminary has been very successful in selling the *Life and Health* magazine in the city of Pittsburgh during the last two weeks.

Elder B. F. Kneeland visited Elder W. D. MacLay at Butler this week, and they made a short trip to New Castle. This section of the state should be entered at once, and it is planned to pitch a tent in Butler this summer.

Some of the West Pennsylvania students will work for scholarships in their home field the coming summer. Among these are Mr. Harry Doolittle, Mr. Delano Reese, and Miss Floy Humphrey.

Elder and Mrs. B. F. Kneeland made a short visit to the Mount Vernon College last week, and report a very pleasant trip. All of the West Pennsylvania students are planning to return next year and will try to bring some more young people with them.

The West Pennsylvania Conference has purchased the treatment room business formerly conducted by T. O. McCutchan in the Keenan Building, Pittsburgh, and is planning to carry on a strong medical missionary effort from this center. Brother J. G. Hanna is temporarily in charge of the rooms. We hope that the effort along this line will prove a great help to our Pittsburgh work. The rooms are well equipped for all kinds of baths and electrical and massage

treatments. The address is West Pennsylvania Treatment Rooms, 1001 Keenan Building, Liberty and Seventh Avenues, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Allegheny German church is again holding separate Sabbath services. During the winter they met with the English church. Meetings are held each Sabbath morning in Rogers Hall, Federal Street, near the bridge. Elder J. P. Gaede is in charge.

### Married

In the presence of many guests Charles L. Ashley and Phoebe A. Trott were united in marriage at the home of the writer on Thursday, at 8 P. M., April 25, 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Ashley will make their home at Ford's Store, Maryland, where Mr. Ashley is at present employed. They are the recipients of the best wishes of a large circle of relatives and friends.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

Sabbath, May 25, has been appointed as Young People's Day. At that time make a careful study of the work which is helping to save and train young people everywhere.

### OBITUARIES

MEEK.—Joseph L. Meek, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Meek, was born in Parkersburg, W. Va., August 4, 1906, and died in Grafton, W. Va., March 31, 1912, aged 5 years, 7 months, and 27 days. His death was caused by typhoid fever and other complications. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. Interment was made in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Wood County, W. Va.

F. H. ROBBINS.

ENGLAND.—Sarah Ann England was born Sept. 28, 1856, in Bristol, England, and died at Philadelphia, Pa., April 23, 1912. She was married Aug. 16, 1882, and became the mother of two sons and one daughter. She was a member of the Baptist church when the third angel's message came to her notice. It was under the labors of Elder W. J. Fitzgerald that she accepted the truth and united with the North Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist church. Sister England was a loyal, faithful member, always ready to extend a helping hand in time of need. The church very keenly feels the loss sustained by her removal, and yet we have every reason to believe that he who died that we might have life will in the great day of his coming bring this sister with him to crown her with life immortal. She leaves a husband, two sons, and many friends to mourn their loss. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from 2 Tim. 4:7.

C. S. WIEST