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"THEY REHEARSED ALL THINGS THAT GOD HAD DONE WITH THEM"

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Our Foreign Population

ITS MAGNITUDE

It is quite well known that we have a large foreign population in this country, but I am sure that only comparatively few have any real knowledge of the immense number of these foreigners in our midst and the rate at which they are coming year by year.

According to government statistics about 30,000,000, or one third of our entire population are counted as foreigners. There are states where nearly one half the people are foreigners, and we have cities where the foreigners count 85% of the population. It is very difficult for us to comprehend such a situation and condition.

These foreigners represent every nation in the world. A hundred years ago they were coming in small numbers and mostly from northern Europe. But this small beginning which was only a tiny stream has increased until it has become a veritable flood. We present the reader with some figures by decades that will give some idea of the increase of this foreign immigration from time to time.

From 1776 to 1820, 44 years, it is estimated that 250,000 foreigners had entered this country. From 1821 to 1830, 143,439 immigrants landed on our shores. The next ten years from 1831 to 1840 brought 599,125; and from 1841 to 1850 the number increased to 1,713,251. The next decade, 1851 to 1860 brought in 2,598,214. The reader will note the steady increase. Every following decade nearly doubles that of the former one. We now pass on to the ten years from 1881 to 1890, during which time 5,246,513 immigrants arrived, while the last decade, 1900 to 1910 brought the enormous number of 7,795,389. The largest number coming any one year was during 1907 when 1,285,349 souls, representing some 30 nationalities and languages, entered our country and took up their abode in our midst.

It is very difficult for us to really comprehend these figures. To illustrate let us consider the year 1910, during which time 1,041,570 immi-

grants landed. That would mean that if they all should get off of trains at your railway station, and you should go to the station and watch them come in, you would see over 2,800 file past you every day of the 365 days of the year. Twenty thousand people would pass you every week, and 84,000 would pass you every month. If you divide these people into groups and put them into cities by themselves, you would have an Italian city as large as Minneapolis, containing 220,000; an Austro-Hungarian city the size of Detroit, 270,000; a Jewish city as large as Providence, R. I., with 180,000; and you would have one hundred cities from 2,000 to 22,000 people without an English speaking person in them. This will give you a little idea of the vast multitudes of foreigners that are pouring into our country year by year. Such a situation is certainly worthy of our study and attention, and we cannot close our eyes to the fact that right here is a foreign mission field of no small magnitude.

This influx of foreigners year by year has quite transformed our country. Frank M. Goodchild, D. D., makes the following statement: "New England is foreign to-day. Not only the great cities, but the small towns as well; not only the small towns, but the hillsides; not only the hillsides, but the valley farms are peopled with men and women who have strange faces and strange ways."

The following from Howard B. Grose, D. D., is to the point. "Go where you will, from Atlantic to Pacific coast, the immigrant is there. In nineteen of the northern states of our Republic the number of the foreign-born and their immediate descendants exceeds the number of the native-born. In the largest cities the number is two thirds, and even three quarters. There are more Cohens than Smiths in the New York directory. Two thirds of the laborers in our factories are foreign-born or of foreign parentage. New England is no longer Puritan but foreign. So is it in the Middle and the Central West, and not only in city and town, but hamlet and valley. The farms sanctified by many a puritan prayer are occupied

to-day by French-Canadian and Italian aliens. Foreigners are running our factories, working our mines, building our railways, boring our tunnels, doing the hard manual labor in all the great constructive enterprises of the nation. They are also entering all the avenues of trade, and few other than foreign names can be seen on the business signs in our cities large or small." —"Aliens or Americans" p. 236.

We request the reader to give these statements careful study for they present before us a situation of great importance. That we have a duty toward all these people of foreign tongue and nationality all will admit. There certainly must be a providence in their coming to our shores in these large numbers at this stage of the world's history, when the last warning message is to be given to "every nation, kindred, tongue, and people."

At some future time we shall present other features of this great immigration question. Our desire is that an earnest missionary spirit may be aroused that will bring the message to all these people of foreign speech in our midst. O. A. OLSEN.

The October Offering

Our readers will remember that the annual offering to support the work among the colored people in this country, is taken the first Sabbath in October. This year it comes on the fifth.

The General Conference has made a liberal appropriation for this work, but it depends upon the liberality of our people whether they are able to send on the funds to pay the workers.

The Lord is greatly blessing the efforts of our faithful workers. Hundreds are accepting the truth. Those who are reading the interesting reports in *The Gospel Herald* will not need more to convince them that the Lord is preparing the hearts of the colored people for the reception of the message.

In "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. 9, p. 225, we read: "Let us thank God, dear brethren and sisters, and take courage. God is laying bare his

arm to do a mighty work in this mission field within the borders of our own land. He is now giving his people unusual opportunities to extend the message rapidly in the South. Especially should we reveal a spirit of beneficence at the time the yearly offering for the support of the colored work is taken up. God has reposed confidence in us by making us stewards of means and of his rich grace; and he now points us to the poor and suffering and oppressed, to souls bound in chains of superstition and error, and assures us that if we do good to these, he will accept the deed as though done to himself. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren," he declares, "ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:40.

"Thousands of colored people in the South may now be uplifted, and become human agents to help their own race, if they can receive the help God is calling upon us to give them."

"My dear brethren and sisters, Christ is now saying to you; 'Lift up your eyes and look on this southern field; for it needs workers—sowers of the seed, and reapers. It needs your means for the maintenance of these workers.' The grace of Christ is unlimited, it is God's free gift. Then why should not this neglected people have some hope and courage and faith brought into their lives? There is sunshine in the heart for all who will accept Christ."

We have had to drop some of our workers this year on account of a lack of means. This has been very hard for us to do when the Lord was blessing their efforts and so many calls were coming in for help. What we shall be able to do in the future, depends upon what our people do October 5.

May the Lord impress you all with the needs of this work at this time, and help you to make a liberal donation.

A. J. HAYSMER,

Sec. N. A. Negro Dept.

In The Field Again

My last article to the VISITOR told of a prospective trip into the field after nearly four months at home on account of sickness. I am glad to report that I had the pleasure of attending the camp-meetings in Ohio, West Pennsylvania, and Virginia, and I was quite encouraged by the *Literature Interest* manifested at all of these meetings; in fact the prospects are excellent for a good winter's record, and we confidently expect to run away ahead of the winter of 1911.

AS IT OUGHT TO BE

Have you been noticing the reports in the *Review*? You will note that we are continually forging ahead. Beginning with the year 1855 when but *Two Thousand Dollars* worth of literature was sold, we took but one or two backward steps between that and 1906, when the summary reached over the *Half Million Dollar* mark, and since that year we have continued to climb the *Mountain of Type* until in 1911 we reached the *One Million, Six Hundred Thousand Dollar* mark.

THIS IS SOMETHING WONDERFUL, when we stop to think that this is all denominational literature, a peculiar faith and spurned by the so-called popular people of the world, but the name of the one who is directing the work is Wonderful, so how could we expect otherwise? While our books are going by the thousands, increasing in sales every week, every month, every year and many through their ministry are being brought to a knowledge of the truth.

OUR MAGAZINE WORK,

is helping to swell the mountain like the "leaves of autumn" blown from a mighty forest and stacking against its sides. We printed *Fifty Thousand Life and Health* for September and the *Whole Edition Was Gone Before the Month Began*, and we had to go to press with the second edition. *Protestant* number three (the last edition) is all gone although we had to print the second edition of this number and ran it up to thirty thousand. This is also almost true of *Liberty*, we went to press the second time with our last edition and have only a few of that most excellent number left.

SOMETHING YOU WANT TO KNOW

about this number of the *Liberty*. It is one of the best we ever put out. The article "History and Meaning of the Declaration of Independence," by Brother Sanford B. Horton is worth the price of the magazine; Brother A. J. S. Bourdeau writes in the same number on "Columbus Day and its Meaning." This is followed by another article on "Sectarian Garb in Government Schools"; I mention just one more, "Compulsory Rest in Argentina, South America." I must mention the beautiful engravings in this number; you are given a view of the unveiling of the Columbus Monument and a "near view of the monument before unveiling." It also gives you two beautiful illustrations, and *Double Page At That*, giving you an idea of the great throngs that attended the event mentioned and the "second

military field mass held on United States Government grounds, Washington, D. C., June 9, 1912." If you have not seen this number it will pay you to send in for it immediately, not only one for yourself but see that your friends and relatives get one of them. *Five Cents per Copy or Twenty Copies for One Dollar*. Now is the time to order, the one or two thousand we have left will not last long.

"SOME HEALTH PROBLEMS OF CHANGING CHINA"

is one of the interesting articles in the *October Number of the Life and Health* and if you are not a subscriber for this Magazine, now is a good time to begin; the cover design on this edition is one of the most beautiful ever put out. We ought to be getting this good magazine into the homes of many in our neighborhood. Twenty of either of our *Magazines* will only cost you one dollar, *Sell Ten, Get Your Money Back* and have ten *For Missionary Work*, if you do not care to sell them.

REMEMBER THE PROTESTANT

is now a *Monthly Magazine* and now if ever, is the time to give this magazine a wide circulation. Prophecy is fast fulfilling, the Papacy has begun a movement to drive every anti-Catholic paper from the earth, and while the *World is Laughing at the Attempt*, and say it can never be done, *We Know That They Will Succeed in the end* and many Seventh Day Adventists will look back in sorrow, realizing when too late that they did not do their part.

Let us work while the day lasts for soon no man will be able to work. Write your local tract society immediately for territory and order some of our good literature with which to begin or continue your work.

I. G. BIGELOW

Field Agent C. U. C.

Washington Sanitarium Notes

Dr. A. M. Cram and wife of Vermont will be with the Washington Sanitarium for the coming six months or so to assist in the medical work.

A class of fourteen nurses and two nurses from the post-graduate nurses' course were graduated on Thursday evening last, Elder F. M. Wilcox giving the graduating address. Quite a number of these nurses will remain in the employ of the institution.

Elder and Mrs. G. A. Hamilton, now on their way to Burma, are just

finishing a short course of instruction in Washington, having taken some medical studies at the Sanitarium, and engaged in dispensary work in the city.

A goodly number of graduate nurses are entering the post-graduate nurses' course at the seminary this fall, and we expect a prosperous year.

The medical dispensary in Washington has had an excellent patronage during the summer, and nurses stationed there have had a valuable experience.

The Watchman

The Present Truth Evangelizer

The October number of the *Watchman* will be a splendid "City" number. The cover page will represent a beautiful night scene in New York City. The terrible judgments of God which are imminent will be symbolized by a sword about to fall from the sky. This is a very unique design and is a striking illustration of God's judgments which will soon fill the land. The editor will write on "The Peril of the Cities." This article should be read by everyone and widely circulated. It will indicate how the iniquity abounding in the cities has tempted the judgments of God.

An interesting report of the National Reform Convention will be given. The propaganda of this movement is gaining ground, and we as children of the truth should be earnest in our efforts to offset the influence of this movement.

Elder I. H. Evans will furnish a well illustrated article on "Confucius and Confucianism." Elder Evans is in charge of the Asiatic Division and we believe the Lord has a message to give in this article.

Professor B. G. Wilkinson will write on "The Position of the Law in the Christian Dispensation." Many honest in heart have a misconception of the Law and the position it should properly occupy. This article will give a clear exposition of the subject.

G. H. Heald, M. D., has contributed an interesting article entitled "Plague a Menace to the United States." In view of the present possibility of this country being invaded by a scourge, we believe this article should be widely read.

Rates in quantities: five to forty copies, five cents each; fifty or more copies, four cents each. Yearly sub-

scription price, \$1.00. Order through your local tract society.

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AT THE COLLEGE

Two rooms for normal classes have been added to the old church school building. The work was contributed by members of the church.

Miss White reports an enrolment of thirty-five—almost more than the school can comfortably accommodate.

The classes in the College are well under way. A sound spirit of earnestness seems to characterize the student body.

Students are continually coming in. It seems good to see each face, old or new, with its smile and its expression of a definite purpose.

Harry Doolittle is unable to be with us this year on account of sickness.

Miss Bertha Hanger is staying at the home of V. H. Cook.

The commercial room has been enlarged by removing the partition between it and the room formerly occupied by the chemical laboratory. On the north side of the latter a bank and business office have been built, thus adding materially to the equipment of the department.

The students are much pleased with the reconstructed dining room and the new chairs.

Miss Krum reports that during the three weeks she canvassed she sold 1500 copies of *Life and Health*.

Mrs. King, who was also selling *Life and Health* in Pennsylvania, worked thirty days, averaging seven hours a day, and sold 41,070 copies. This makes an average of twenty copies per hour.

The excellent testimonies given at the first students' prayer meeting were much appreciated.

Elder Shultz reports that there are more boys in the dormitory at the present time than there were at this time last year.

Oscar and Eugene Spohn are gradually recovering from typhoid fever. Both have had severe cases.

Mr. Gauker has charge of the bookstand and with Mrs. Gauker the laundry.

The College Press is still pressed with work. Jobs keep coming in from the Union and out of the Union.

Miss Bensel is staying at the home of J. I. Cassell.

Last week quite a number have been busy drying corn.

The chapel talks have been of a helpful nature to all. The responsive readings from the Bible, with comments on important parts by Elder Butler, have been practical for school life.

In a previous number it was stated that Mr. L. C. Metcalf went to Ashville, N. C., to bring home his brother Dallas. During the past few weeks Dallas had grown worse and before he could be removed from Ashville he died, August 31. It will be remembered that it was only last May when he was taken sick. His fellow students and teachers extend their sympathy to his family.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Colporters' Testimony Corner

Miss Dicks, who has been in poor health for some time has recovered sufficiently to enter the work again. She has joined the workers in Williamsport. Pray for her.

Brother Willruth of Scranton writes that he was asked by a Catholic family to have prayer with them. As he prayed direct to the Father through Jesus Christ instead of to images and crucifixes their hearts were touched by the Spirit of God. That same day he took six orders from Catholic people.

Brother J. L. Smith has just had a splendid delivery. In delivering over \$100 worth he only lost two small orders.

Remember to pray for, and get ready to attend the colporters' institute in Lebanon, October 10-27.

J. H. McEACHERN.

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"The great law of life is a law of service."—*Education*.

OHIO

The Conference

The fiftieth annual session of the Ohio Conference was held on the Clark County fair grounds, Springfield, August 15-25, 1912. The first meeting was called Friday morning, August 16, by the president, Elder E. K. Slade. Elder R. A. Underwood led in prayer after which ninety-two delegates responded to the roll call and later increased to one hundred and sixteen. Elder D. E. Lindsey, a former laborer in this conference, Elder Frank Hall of Columbus, and Brother John Klepe of Cleveland were seated as delegates. The president then addressed the assembly reviewing the progress of the work in the Ohio field and presenting our needs and responsibilities in advancing the message.

In the consideration of the naming of a large committee by which the several standing committees were nominated, a motion was supported that a committee of eight named from the floor act with the conference committee. The following were named: H. M. Jump, J. W. Shultz, R. G. Patterson, W. C. Moffett, R. I. Francis, J. O. Young, F. M. Fairchild, and J. F. Olmsted.

At a subsequent meeting the following selection of committees was reported.

Committee on Nominations: G. C. Quillin, chairman, H. M. Jump, F. M. Fairchild, J. O. Young, R. G. Patterson, Harvey Cassell, John Shultz.

Committee on Licenses and Credentials: Marcellus Andre, chairman, J. J. Marietta, W. H. Gossett, W. H. Wright, W. W. Miller.

Committee on Plans and Constitution: J. F. Olmsted, chairman, W. C. Moffett, J. I. Cassell, Raleigh French, H. D. Holtom, V. L. Fisher, H. F. Kirk.

The committee on nominations reported the following which was adopted: President, Elder E. K. Slade; Executive Committee, E. K. Slade, G. C. Quillin, Marcellus Andre, R. G. Patterson, J. J. Marietta, W. W. Miller, G. A. Keppler; Secretary, H. D. Holtom; Treasurer, H. D. Holtom; Educational Department Secretary, Bessie E. Acton; Missionary Secretary, J. I. Cassell; Field Missionary Agent, H. F. Kirk; Field Missionary Secretary, Raleigh French; Medical Missionary Secretary, Dr. W. J. Venen; Auditor, Columbia Union Conference Auditor; Auditing Com-

mittee to act with conference committee in auditing laborers' reports, W. E. Beebe, Harvey Cassell, D. D. Panches, Jacob Minesinger; Young People's Missionary Secretary, Sabbath-school Secretary, and Religious Liberty Secretary referred to conference committee.

The report of the committee on licenses and credentials read as follows:—

For ministerial credentials, E. K. Slade, R. R. Kennedy, F. M. Fairchild, C. T. Redfield, F. H. Henderson, J. F. Olmsted, W. J. Venen, R. G. Patterson, W. E. Bidwell, H. M. Jump, W. W. Miller, H. F. Graf, W. C. Moffett, J. W. Shultz, A. C. Shannon, J. J. Marietta, Frank Hall.

For ministerial licenses, G. C. Quillin, Raleigh French.

For missionary licenses, H. D. Holtom, Cora B. Gibson, W. M. Campbell, Mrs. W. M. Campbell, Anna E. Smith, Hortense Howell, Ida M. Walters, J. I. Cassell, G. E. Wales, Mrs. G. E. Wales, Carrie Askey, Bessie E. Acton, H. F. Kirk, John Klepe.

The following plans and recommendations were presented by the committee and were earnestly supported as evidenced by the many interesting discussions:—

Whereas, since our last conference it hath pleased our heavenly Father to spare our lives and preserve the health of our laborers, to bless us with means to carry forward his work and to cause the several lines of conference work to prosper, therefore,

We would express our gratitude for his great mercy and many blessings by our renewed consecration and more faithful service.

Whereas, the donations for the colored work are now counted in the fifteen-cent-a-week plan, and as the annual October offering goes to this work, and

Whereas, there is a great need just now for funds to carry on this work; therefore,

We recommend, that we make a special effort in this conference to raise a good liberal donation the first Sabbath in October.

We further *recommend*, that we make a special effort to get the Self-denial box, and the *Gospel Herald* in every home.

Whereas, the work being done and accomplished demonstrates that Mount Vernon College deserves our most hearty co-operation and support, and since the College is located in our midst, and

Whereas, the Columbia Union Con-

ference Committee has inaugurated a plan to further aid the worthy institution by completely liquidating her indebtedness by the time of next General Conference; therefore,

Resolved, that (a) we enter an active campaign for the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" and the proceeds to be donated to this fund, and

(b) That we continue our earnest support of the quarter-a-quarter plan for the Missionary Educational Fund, and

(c) That we as a conference co-operate with the Union Committee in the card plan by cancelling as many cards as are represented by our membership. To accomplish this we, the individual members of the conference, hereby pledge ourselves to cancel as many cards as is possible and encourage others to do likewise, and

(d) That we encourage and assist our youth to attend the College and that we seek to have 125 students from Ohio there this fall.

We recommend that all our Sabbath-school teachers and workers take the Sabbath-school Teachers' Reading Course.

We further *recommend* that we encourage all our young people to take the Junior or Senior Missionary Volunteer Course during the coming year.

Resolved, (1) That colporters' credentials be given by our conference to such colporters as have attained to a satisfactory standard in all important features of their work, and that these credentials be granted by the conference.

(2) That the following conditions enter into the basis of granting colporters' credentials:—

(a) The colporter should be sound in the truth.

(b) Proper influence, dress, and manners.

(c) Faithful and industrious in the use of his time.

(d) Must keep free from debt.

(3) That all colporters be placed on trial when first enlisted, with the understanding that they will receive credentials when they have attained to a satisfactory standing.

(4) That all colporters who hold credentials be assisted to attend the annual conference or some other important institute or convention, as may be arranged, by the conference paying the traveling expenses both ways.

(5) That all territory for colporters be assigned under contract, signed in triplicate, copies being furnished by the field agent to the colporter and to the supply house.

(6) That the financial policy recommended by the General Conference for the Publishing Department be followed, which is as follows:—

(a) That state tract societies settle monthly for supplies secured from the publishing houses.

(b) That canvassers for books settle monthly with state tract societies for all goods including helps, due allowance being made for length of time required in shipping books to distant points.

(c) That agents for periodicals accompany their orders with cash.

(d) That church tract societies and companies settle monthly for all supplies.

(e) That conference laborers either pay cash for supplies or give order on conference treasury for monthly settlement from wage account.

(f) That lay members pay cash for supplies.

(g) That all these recommendations be interpreted with a proper recognition of exceptional conditions.

We recommend, that all our churches organize and maintain active missionary societies.

Whereas, there is a tendency for many of our people to attend service in one church, and hold their membership in another, thereby making it very difficult to know the standing of such members; and also to properly adjust credits on tithes and offerings; therefore,

Resolved, that the Ohio Conference seek to encourage all of our people to hold, as far as consistent, their membership in the churches where they worship.

We recommend the following amendment to the Constitution: that in Article 6, Section A the words Sabbath-school Secretary, and Missionary Volunteer Secretary be inserted following the words Educational Superintendent.

That in Article 8, Section J be stricken out and that Section X be known as Section M.

That the following be inserted: Section J.—The Educational Superintendent shall have charge of the educational department of the conference work. Section K.—The Sabbath-school Secretary shall have supervision of that department, record reports and conduct correspondence concerning the same. Section L.—The Missionary Volunteer Secretary shall have oversight of the young people's work of the conference.

Recognizing that God has used the printed page in opening many doors among different peoples and languages in this and other countries,

therefore,

We recommend, that all our Missionary Societies make a study of the foreign quarters in their locality and their needs a special feature of their missionary program and that we encourage the distribution of our foreign literature to the stranger at our doors.

Whereas, the General Conference has planned for the use of that truth-filled magazine, the *Special Monthly Signs*, in the Harvest Ingathering campaign for the soliciting of mission funds from the world, and,

Whereas, this is an excellent opportunity to increase our amount credited on the Fifteen-cent-a-week Plan,

Resolved, that we enter this campaign with careful plans and a determination to double the results of the past year.

Whereas, the two city papers of Springfield have given good reports of the camp-meeting and conference, therefore;

Recommended, that we extend to the managers of the *Sun* and *News* our appreciation for this courtesy.

The treasurer's report as read and adopted is given elsewhere. Copies of the statements supplied to the delegates are still to be had on request at the conference office.

The plans for the work adopted together with the spirit of harmony and deep interest in the advancing of the message in this important field are encouraging evidence of much progress during the coming year.

With God's blessings upon our sincere efforts to advance his work above all else, we should press forward assured of accomplishing much in response to the calls and the needs for this time.

H. D. HOLTOM, *Secretary*.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Important!

The time for the special Harvest Ingathering effort in behalf of our foreign mission work, beginning September 30 will soon be here. There are some reasons why the brethren and sisters in West Pennsylvania should make extra efforts to make this campaign a grand success this year. Never in the history of our message have the calls from the unentered fields been more pressing, while our missionaries find themselves simply overwhelmed with work at all our mission stations, and the cry, "Come over and help us!" is heard in every direction. Many of these calls could be filled at once if

the Foreign Mission Board had the funds to send out the workers and support them. A part of this deficiency arises from the fact that the amount contributed to foreign missions from the West Pennsylvania Conference for the first seven months of this year has fallen short about \$1,600 of what we promised to give. That is, we lack this amount of coming up to the fifteen cents a week per member which we undertook to raise for 1912, and on which the Foreign Mission Board has been depending for the support of the workers already in the field. So that this deficiency not only prevents advance moves, but if it continues will compel the Mission Board to stop some of the work already started. No loyal Seventh-day Adventist in West Pennsylvania would consent for one minute to such a policy on the part of the Foreign Mission Board. We want to see the work advance, and it must go forward much more rapidly than it has in the past.

The Harvest Ingathering offers a special opportunity for us to make up this deficiency. I believe that if all will take hold of the work we could easily raise enough through our Ingathering so that we could close the year with our full fifteen-cent-a-week per member paid in. The amount now back is only a little more than \$2 for each member. There are some people who could easily pay this amount from their own pockets. But even if this were done we would fail to place the knowledge of the message and our work before our own friends and neighbors. It seems to me that this feature of the Harvest Ingathering should not be overlooked. We should realize that we have here a grand opportunity to present the truth to the people of our own neighborhoods in a way that will disarm and break down prejudice, and enlist the sympathy and co-operation of hundreds and thousands of people who have not accepted the message, but, if they have invested their money in it, will be favorably inclined toward learning more of what we teach.

Shall we not set our aim to raise not less than \$2 per member in this campaign by each of our churches? Let Sabbath, September 28, be made a day for special prayer that the Lord will bless both us and the people during the 1912 Harvest Ingathering. The Lord has set his seal of approval on this means of advancing the interests of the message, and we should each do our part that the work may be speedily finished.

If your order for papers is in, use these, and if possible order some more, for in this effort, as in many others, the more the better. Let every one take hold to make this Harvest Ingathering a grand success.

B. F. KNEELAND, *President.*

Items

From a spiritual view-point the camp-meeting this year was pronounced by those in attendance as the best ever held in the conference. Both Sabbaths were seasons of great spiritual refreshing. Before the camp closed nearly every one on the grounds was able to sing the song of victory over sin. There were a number of marked manifestations of the willingness of God to hear and answer prayer in behalf of the unconverted. Nineteen were baptized on the last Sunday, the occasion being very impressive.

A sanitarium tent was pitched at the camp ground, in charge of Miss Grace Cherry, of Altoona, assisted by Miss Nettie Porch, of Johnstown. The work of these nurses, and that of Dr. Henkel, was greatly appreciated by the campers.

A number of our young people are leaving this week for Mt. Vernon College. We wish them success in the year's work.

We were all glad to have the labors of Elder Mead MacGuire, the General Conference Missionary Secretary during a portion of the camp-meeting. There was opportunity for a great deal of personal work, and this was so blessed by the Lord, that with two or three possible exceptions, every young person on the grounds gave evidence of sound conversion before the meeting closed.

The blessedness of using every moment of the Sabbath was well illustrated in the remarkable meeting which marked the close of the last Sabbath on the camp ground. At this vesper service nearly every person on the grounds participated in a testimony of praise for the blessings of the camp-meeting, and some, who had been struggling for days and had found no relief even in the good revival service in the morning, surrendered to God as the Sabbath sun sank in the west, making a grand climax to a day of special blessings.

Canvassers' Reports

West Pennsylvania, Two Weeks Ending September 6, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
*A. Brownlee, Washington		CK	13	95		65 15	11 95	77 10	88 40
*S. N. Brown, Allegheny		CK	12	55	76	122 00	14 00	136 00	36 75
†F. Hall, Allegheny		CK	3	11	8	13 00	75	13 75	4 00
†W. House, Potter		CK	2	12	3	4 50	14 70	19 20	
†I. Lawrence, Bedford		PPF	3	26	2	4 00	3 00	7 00	
†J. Paden, Allegheny		CK	4	18	13	20 00	6 25	26 25	
A. Davies, Allegheny		CK	5	32	26	39 00	4 25	43 25	
E. French, Somerset		PPF	5	37					
Celestia Midkiff, Armstrong		PPF	10	54	25	53 50	8 75	62 25	
Anna Saxton, Armstrong		PPF	10	54	19	36 00	4 05	40 05	
Totals			67	394	172	\$357 15	\$67 70	\$424 85	\$190 65

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending September 6, 1912

F. Willruth, Scranton	CK	5	26	23	39 00	11 55	50 55	14 55
Ella Padgett, Chester	CK	5	20	6	9 50	4 20	13 70	14 90
Daisy Ott, Williamsport	CK	1	7	2	3 00		3 00	21 75
Mrs. M. Schmidt, Phila.	CK	2	12	3	4 50		4 50	1 50
Josephine Bauerlein, Wms'port	CK	1	4					22 50
Irma Gerhart, Bethlehem	CK	5	40					89 60
Minnie Gerhart, Bethlehem	CK	5	40					76 20
Belva Morris, Hanover	PG	5	33	10	33 00	17 75	50 75	
R. Morris, York Co.	GC	5	48	12	37 00	10 50	47 50	
F. Williams, Lebanon Co.	GC	1	8					13 45
Nora Gibbons, Chester	DR	5	28	3	4 50	1 80	6 30	6 60
J. L. Smith, Adams Co.	HM	4	34					101 50
F. J. Detwiler, Norristown	W	4	30	186			18 60	
Sadie Detwiler, Norristown	W	4	22	215			21 50	
Ruth Sterner, Hilltown								19 40
Totals		52	352	623	\$130 50	\$45 80	\$216 40	\$381 95

Chesapeake, Week Ending September 6, 1912

J. Jones, Worcester Co., Md.	GC	4	35	7	23 00	6 75	29 75	
†D. Percy, Caroline Co., Md.	DA	10	105		83 50		83 50	84 00
H. Richards, Dorchester Co., Md.	CK	5	45	28	57 00		57 00	
G. Lawrence, Cecil Co., Md.	DR	2	15	6	17 00	6 00	23 00	
Totals		21	200	41	\$180 50	\$12 75	\$193 25	\$84 00

H. Richards,	LH	50	\$5 00
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Virginia, Week Ending August 30, 1912

K. Oertley, Wytheville	GC	17	2	5 00	50	5 50	26 00
C. E. Overstreet, Covington	PPF	39	19	29 50	12 50	42 00	3 15
C. Painter, Stanley	PPF	90	33	63 00	4 05	67 05	1 35
F. Cook, Rileyville		60	25	41 00	1 00	46 00	3 20
Totals		206	79	\$138 50	\$22 05	\$160 55	\$33 75

West Virginia, Week Ending September 6, 1912

Guy Corder, Kanawha Co.	CK	4	30	33	50 50	1 10	51 60	5 00
H. Forsythe, Kanawha Co.	CK	3	23	33	31 00		31 00	
Hazel Leach, Ritchie	PG	5	35	10	31 00	9 50	40 50	
A. Halstead, Lincoln	CK	2	20		21 00	5 50	26 50	2 00
T. M. Butler, Marion Co.	GC	3	37					169 20
W. McElphatrk, Nicholas Co.	DR	4	36					62 50
Madge Miller, Weston	CK	3	35					216 00
Totals		25	216	206	\$133 50	\$16 10	\$149 60	\$454 70

New Jersey, Week Ending September 6, 1912

W. Schmidt, Elizabeth	GC	4	13	10	35 00	4 20	39 20	17 00
A. S. Samuel, Newark	GA	6	39	85	38 25		38 25	28 00
†J. Rambo, Cape May Co.	CK	5	31	24	36 50	5 00	41 50	99 50
G. G. Taylor, Ocean Co.	PPF	2	13	7	10 50		10 50	
Eva Morton, Moorestown	GA	2	11	27	6 75		6 75	
G. Blinn, Burlington Co.	BR							122 00
A. Dennis, Woodstown	GC							90 00

Totals 19 107 153 \$127 00 \$9 20 \$136 20 \$356 50

Ohio, Week Ending September 6, 1912

F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.	GC	5	36	11	37 00	5 20	42 20	23 70
J. Schick, Summit Co.	GC	4	28	5	15 00	5 75	20 75	
†H. Bisel, Greene Co.	BF	9	45	5	6 50	10	6 60	131 05
L. H. Waters, Hardin Co.	CK	4	39					150 00
J. Reichenbach, Montgomery Co.		3	26	1	3 00		3 00	85 90
J. Weldy, Preble Co.	DR	2	9					23 40

Totals 27 183 22 \$61 50 \$11 05 \$72 55 \$414 05

†One week. †Two weeks. *Three weeks.

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,313 35 Deliveries, \$1,950 60.

Brother and Sister Geo. W. House, and Sister Lucy Ryan looked after the kitchen and dining room at the camp.

Among the ministers in attendance at the camp-meeting, besides those employed by the West Pennsylvania Conference were Elders M. C. Wilcox, B. G. Wilkinson, R. A. Underwood, Mead MacGuire, R. T. Dowsett, I. G. Biglow, N. S. Ashton, and J. E. Shultz, and Dr. Henkel. We were very glad to have the help of these laborers.

Now is the time to prepare for the Harvest Ingathering of 1912. If your order for papers has not been sent in, send it on without delay. The beautiful issue of the *Signs of the Times* magazine for October, which is to be used is a credit to our people and should be scattered far and wide. The world needs the knowledge of the work of the third angel's message which this magazine contains, and the mission fields need the funds that will be collected through this appeal.

Elder Kneeland visited the company at Butler last Sabbath. Eight adults have recently been baptized at that place following the tent effort conducted by Elders W. D. McLay and G. L. West. The new converts, with five others, who previously had been keeping the Sabbath were organized into a company with Elder G. L. West as their leader and treasurer, and Mrs. Mary McCandless as librarian. Officers were also elected for the Sabbath-school, and we trust

that the work in Butler has been placed upon a substantial basis which will later develop into a strong organized church.

Elder W. D. McLay left Butler last Monday to join his family in Missouri, where he will continue his ministerial labors. We regret that he felt compelled to make this change which removes him from our conference, and wish him success in his new field.

Miss Viola Joplin has taken up work in Washington, Pa., following the camp-meeting.

Mrs. Mary Matson, one of our Pittsburgh workers, left Tuesday for Jamestown, N. Y., where she will take a much needed vacation and visit her mother and other relatives.

The field agent, Brother V. O. Punches, is in the northern part of the conference this week getting some new canvassing recruits started. We are glad that the camp-meeting was the means of deciding some to enter the canvassing work. When the Spirit of the Lord comes upon people as he did at the camp-meeting, we begin to hear them say, "Here am I, send me."

A general meeting will be held at Erie, October 3-6. This will be the first of a series of general meetings that will be held in various parts of the conference this fall, and through which we hope to reach all our

churches. Elders R. A. Underwood and B. F. Kneeland, and other workers will attend the Erie meeting. All our people in that section of the state, especially those living in Erie and Crawford counties, are requested to attend this meeting. Announcements for other meetings and the workers to be present will be made later.

Please remember that Sabbath, September 28, is the time for the special thirteenth Sabbath offering for missions. Last quarter this collection amounted to \$111.97. Can we not make it at least \$150 this quarter for the work in the great Chinese republic? This would be an amount equal to an average of about thirty cents a member. Many schools are trying to make this a "Dollar Day," and make their offerings come up to that amount per member. The needs of the Chinese field are beyond our realization, and the statement made by one of the missionaries there that he believes that 1000 people could be brought into the truths of this message during the next year in one of the unentered provinces of China if the workers could be provided for that field ought to stir the liberality of all who love the progress of the advent message.

CHESAPEAKE

Baltimore

It is now full three months since we arrived in this big city and they have been busy months. It took us a little time to get located and settled and our working force organized and ready for our special effort in connection with the tent meetings.

The Lord greatly favored us in the location for our tent. The property seemed so favorable in every way that we put forth extra efforts to secure it as a permanent location for our new church building. To enable us to get these lots they, in the providence of God, changed hands just a few days before. Mr. Brandun, the gentleman from whom we purchased them is so willing to help us that we are encouraged more and more in our first convictions that God led in this selection. The Baltimore church is much in need of a church building. The church is reaching out her hands for this needed blessing. Our prayers are daily ascending to the mercy seat for wisdom and help in this advancement.

Our tent effort on 9th Street, Wal-

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brook is now closed. It has resulted in great blessing. Our own dear people have been strengthened and encouraged. Hundreds have listened to the message and deep impressions have been made on many hearts. Some have decided to walk in the light. From the very first the attendance was good, especially on Sunday evenings. This continued right up to the close. Our closing services were among the best from the standpoint of numbers, finances, and general interest. While the tent meetings have closed we have secured a good centrally located hall to continue the Sunday evening services. Walbrook Hall is located on the corner of 9th Street and North Ave., just two blocks from where the tent was pitched. From the very beginning of our effort we have visited the homes of the people regularly and distributed literature as the leaves of Autumn. We have handled, with the help of the church, about 5,000 magazines and a large number of tracts. Our work has been decidedly educational and the result, in the long run, cannot be other than gratifying. Never have I found a greater welcome into the homes of the people than is given us here. Monday evenings we have devoted to the Gospel of Health. Dr. Bordeau Sisco has rendered us very much help in this connection. The last service in the tent was for women only, and the Doctor was privileged to speak to over 200 women. The meeting was greatly enjoyed.

While we carry forward this interest we shall do all in our power to get a permanent church home. Any help that the readers of the VISITOR can give will be appreciated.

We desire your prayers. We trust to see some of you shortly at the conference—then you will see more than we can possibly tell you now. The workers are all of good courage.

F. W. PAAP.

Chesapeake Conference

The thirteenth annual session of the Chesapeake Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Baltimore, Md., October 10-17. The purpose of this meeting is the election of officers for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the Conference. The first meeting will be called Friday, October 11, 1912 at 9:45 A. M. Each church in the Conference is entitled to one delegate for its organization and one additional delegate for each ten members. A full delegation is desired from all our churches.

ROSCOE T. BAER, *President*,
 E. S. NEWCOMER, *Secretary*.

Chesapeake Conference Association

The Chesapeake Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a body incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, will hold its annual meeting in connection with the meeting in Baltimore, Md., October 10-17, 1912. The first meeting will be held on Monday, October 14, at 9:30 A. M. This meeting will be for the election of five trustees for the association and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the association.

ROSCOE T. BAER, *President*,
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Sabbath, September Twenty-Eight

A great privilege is given to the Sabbath-schools in the homeland on September 28. It is the privilege of providing mission homes for our workers in China. It is estimated that these homes will cost on an average of one thousand dollars apiece. How many homes can we build with this one day's offering? The Sabbath-schools will answer this question.

Four cottages have already been erected in China and one in Korea. Of these Elder I. H. Evans writes:—

"We are indeed grateful that we have been able to make a beginning in providing homes for our workers

in the East. To be sure, it is only a beginning, but it gives promise of better days for our workers, and longer service in the cause of God. The price of these homes will soon be more than saved in the extra time the laborers can remain at their work each year. Other homes will be provided as soon as funds are available. Our workers are pleased with their homes, and are most grateful to our brethren and sisters in the home land, who by their sacrifice have supplied means with which to erect the buildings."

Remember the date.

Remember to plan to give liberally.

Remember to report correctly the amount and the purpose for which it is given. MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.

Cor. Sec. Gen. Conf. S. S. Dept.

OBITUARY

CRAWFORD.—William, the infant son of Brother and Sister M. E. Crawford was born at Homestead, Pa., July 1910, and died Sept. 3, 1912, being, at the time of his death, a little over two years old. The cause of his death was summer complaint from which he suffered about three weeks. Although all was done that human hands could do for his recovery it was of no avail; but his passing away was very peaceful though conscious almost to the last moments of his life. Brother and Sister Crawford have been in the truth but a short time, and have had many trials since they began to keep the Sabbath, but their faith is firm in the Lord, and while they feel keenly their heavy loss yet they look forward with courage to the bright morning of the resurrection when they shall receive to their arms again the precious treasure they have laid away. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer and Elder B. F. Kneeland.

"Blest be the grief that closer binds

Our mourning hearts, O Lord, to thee:

Blest be the faith in death that finds

A hope of immortality."

N. S. ASHTON.

WELTER.—Michael Welter, husband of Sister Ella Welter of Toledo, O., died August 29, aged 42 years. His death was caused by a fall that killed him instantly. He had no bad habits and was one of those fine appearing, honorable men with whom it is a pleasure to associate. For more than a year he has been studying the three angels' messages and had accepted every point of faith. He was held in high esteem by the members of the church and was honored and respected by all who knew him. We pray that our Lord will give Sister Welter the strength to bear this great sorrow.

H. M. JUMP.

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Camp-Meeting Notes

Those present from the General Conference were Elders R. A. Underwood, A. J. Haysmer, Mead MacGuire, and Dr. Henkel; of the Union Conference, Elders B. G. Wilkinson, R. T. Dowsett, N. S. Ashton, and I. G. Biglow, also Elders Butler, Miller and Shultz, of Mt. Vernon College.

The book tent enjoyed sales of our literature to the amount of \$791.38. J. W. Mace, manager Western Branch of the Review and Herald, assisted Brother Cassell in calling attention to many good values offered.

The interests of Mt. Vernon College were taken up on Wednesday. In the morning service the card plan was presented and in response to the call to place these cards each of which is a pledge to pay \$5.00 toward a complete liquidation of the indebtedness, about \$1,800 was definitely pledged, and \$1,000 more conditionally. We are glad to see this special plan taken up which if successfully carried out will cancel a debt which to many of our people has been a very indefinite proposition. The result of the call at the camp has given this campaign a splendid start and since there are many who were not in attendance we trust that this plan will so appeal to them that the number of cards which Ohio should take care of may be promptly assigned. Mt. Vernon College has occupied a very important place in the work and at the present time is successfully carrying out the idea of being self-supporting. The educational work in this field should have your support and this institution your share of lifting this burden. We trust that our churches will maintain such an interest that the above plan will be a success which only can be brought about by actual support of the resolution adopted by our recent conference.

The baptismal service in charge of Elders Redfield, Venen and Hender-

son was held Sunday afternoon, August 25. Thirteen were baptized and a number of others will receive the ordinance in their home churches.

As evidence of the interest taken in the financial support of this message \$1,105.00 was pledged for foreign mission work in response to an appeal made in the early morning service on the last day of the meeting.

That our churches are taking a deeper interest in the financial problems of the work and making more definite efforts to meet the responsibilities in the support of such as the Fifteen-cent-a-week Plan was indicated by the careful consideration of that resolution referring to the adjustment of church membership. Each desires to see their church reported well in the list of results from time to time and there is no better way to improve results primarily than to put in use such recommendations that will obtain an average different from that which exists so extensively by which one church carries the responsibility in the amount of offerings and another church secures the benefit. While there are consistent exceptions there is still much opportunity for revision and improvement along this line.

Treasurer's Annual Report

To the officers and members of the Ohio Conference assembled in its 50th annual session,

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—

I take pleasure in presenting to you a report of the results of our efforts to advance the work of this last message in the various fields. The work rapidly develops, presenting needs which indicate the several ways in which the Lord would have us co-operate with him in giving this precious truth to the world. We respond to the calls according to our several interests and ability, striving to maintain our place in the forward movement of the work. Ohio has a definite responsibility as a conference and as individuals, and each year adds to the importance of faithfully discharging such trust. We need

review past results as reminders of the great things we may accomplish and the increased blessings we enjoy as we endeavor to work in harmony with his plans.

During the year 1911, \$30,309.80 was received as tithe. Adding the balance on hand Jan. 1, 1911, \$5,171.20, to this amount we have a total of \$35,481.00. Of this amount \$26,266.90 has been paid to our workers at home, \$3,030.98 to the Columbia Union Conference, and in harmony with the plans of the General Conference we have forwarded \$1,515.49 for the Sustentation Fund and 15 per cent or \$3,864.50 for foreign missions. The total of these expenditures (\$34,677.87) deducted from the total receipts leaves a balance of \$803.13. There were also received the following donations all of which have been passed on to be applied in the work of the several departments as indicated:—

Sabbath-school Donations	\$3,929 58
First Day Offerings	924 32
Missions	744 71
\$300,000 Fund	3,371 75
Mount Vernon College	398 20
Annual Offering	1,095 49
Mission Signs	816 94
Colored Work	214 21
Blind Work	81 18
Midsummer Offering	549 29
Mount Vernon College Tank	250 62
White Memorial Church	29 73
"Ministry of Healing"	1,208 00
City Mission	5 50
Tent Fund	157 00
Ingathering (S. S. Donations)	95 98
Africa	121 00
China	10 00
Caribbean Watchman	86 00
Jewish Work	1 00
Camera Little Friend	60
Canvassers to India	30 00
Swatow Chapel	2 00
Religious Liberty	141 55
Orphans and Aged	151 74
Young People's Society	20 02

Total Offerings	\$14,436 41
to which add the tithe receipts	\$30,309 80

giving a grand total of \$44,746 21
Of the above amounts, \$8,620.20 applies on Ohio's portion of the Ten-cent-a-week Plan in support of foreign

mission work. Our quota, \$10,920.00 thus shows a shortage of \$2,299.80 or about two cents each week per member.

The financial condition of the Ohio Tract Society for 1911 is briefly indicated as follows:—

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1911	\$ 635 93
Receipts during 1911	\$14,997 76
Total receipts	\$15,633 69

from which is deducted \$14,853 45 the total amount of expenditures leaving a balance on hand Jan. 1, 1912 of \$780.24.

By the above statements you learn the results for the year closing Dec. 31, 1911. Since this report is presented to you at this time when another year is over half gone, our interest is more naturally transferred to results for 1912. For this reason and further, to arouse a greater desire for progress in our responsibility of carrying this great work forward I submit a few statements to the close of July 1912. The amount of tithe received for the first seven months is \$19,836.37. This shows a monthly average of \$2,833.77 compared to \$2,525.82 for 1911 and \$2,694.81 in 1910 or for the full year a per capita of \$16.20 (in proportion) against \$14.43 for 1911 and \$15.40 for 1910. Of this amount of receipts but \$11,901.83 is applied to home work while \$7,934.54 has been paid out as follows: Tithe to Columbia Union Conference \$1,983.63, 10 per cent; Sustentation Fund \$991.82, 5 per cent; and \$4,959.09, 25 per cent to missions. Thus there is expended under present plans 40 per cent outside the conference and 60 per cent remaining for home work leaves an amount several thousand dollars short of average conservative requirements. We have endorsed the above plan of expenditure, yet the many calls for additional workers indicate the need of an average monthly tithe of \$3,500 or \$42,000 for the year.

At the beginning of the present year we increased our plan of support of mission work from ten to fifteen cents per week for each member. We have received for such credit \$6,086.81, an average of nine cents per member. While this is but an increase of one cent per week, we are encouraged by the effort made among our churches to make this plan successful. At the close of July 1911, there were two churches paying over 20 cents per week (20 and 21), four at 15 to 20 cents, nine at 10 to 15 cents, eight at 8 to 10 cents, and forty at 7 cents or below. At the close of July 1912 there were two above 20 cents

(24 and 35), ten at 15 to 20 cents, seventeen at 10 to 15 cents, ten at 8 to 10 cents, and 24 at 7 cents or below. Let us earnestly strive to eliminate these low averages and bring Ohio's average up to fifteen cents per week. Our present shortage up to this time is \$6,930 shows a total of \$10,293.19 to be raised by the close of 1912. We greatly appreciate the efforts put forth by our local church officers to carry out these plans and feel assured that they will make a special effort to raise this amount. We need carefully plan to develop our resources. The Sabbath-school donations have doubled from 1902 to 1907, to 1911 and now with \$3,747.15 already received we hope also in 1912 by reaching a total of \$6,500. The thirteenth Sabbath offering indicates such possibilities and deep interest in the work in distant lands by having contributed \$401.32, the first quarter, to the support of city workers in India and \$475.13, the second quarter, for the establishment of the new mission station in Africa. The harvest ingathering campaign now near at hand is an excellent opportunity to increase our average on the Fifteen-cent-a-week Plan as we solicit the world to help advance the work of this message. The *Signs* monthly will be used and should we read the letters from the publishers stating that every month their supply runs short of the orders from their enthusiastic agents we would feel assured there are many waiting for our copies with their donations.

You will be interested to learn that to June 30, 1912, the date on which the General Conference designated the special effort to raise the \$300,000 Fund would be closed, that Ohio has paid a total of \$5,688.70 on a quota of \$9,772.80. There are many unpaid obligations to this fund and let us plan to meet the still existing need, proving that our interest in those needy fields has not lessened. Your church will be credited on the weekly plan.

We have enjoyed the Lord's abundant blessings and in harmony with his plan have given to the support of his work tithe and offerings to the above amounts. We have learned of the progress of this work both at home and in distant lands. Its rapid development, however, and the fast approaching end present the urgent need of increasing our efforts. As never before our prayers and our offerings should be such that they may come up as a true memorial before God. As we claim the many promises of the Lord and realize the needs of ourselves and the work,

surely we find Luke 17:5, "Lord, increase our faith," an appropriate prayer for this time.

Respectfully submitted,
H. D. HOLTOM, *Treasurer*.

Field Notes

We are pleased to announce that Brother H. A. Weaver has been invited to labor in this conference and take up the Religious Liberty work. Brother and Sister Weaver were formerly of Springfield, and have been located for several years in Port Huron, (East Michigan Conference) as Bible workers. He has spent some time the past winter at Washington, D. C., in further preparation for Religious Liberty work and also assisted Elder Olmsted during the sessions of the Constitutional Convention at Columbus. This is an important department of the work and we request your earnest co-operation with Brother Weaver in his plans concerning this vital principle.

The following tent companies have been assigned:—

Elder J. F. Olmsted and J. J. Marietta at Columbus; Elders C. T. Redfield and W. J. Venen at Springfield; Elder Shultz and Brother French in Pike County; and Elders Bidwell and Moffett near Creston, Wayne County.

The orders for the Harvest Ingathering *Signs* and supplies are being received by the tract society at a very encouraging rate, over 4,000 having been received up to and during the first week of the present month. This special number in magazine form will present a very attractive appearance and we should aim to use them effectively in the gathering of funds for mission work. Our aim during this campaign should be nothing short of \$2,000. Since the results of this fund are credited on the Fifteen-cent-a-week Plan this is a splendid opportunity not only to eliminate those low averages but to overcome any deficit which might accrue to a church and the conference. Remember the time set is the week beginning September 30 and arrange for a supply at that time.

If you are not already receiving the *VISITOR* be sure to send in your subscription and keep in touch with the work in Ohio and the Columbia Union.

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