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

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## UNION

### Out of Touch

Only a word, yes, only a word,  
That the Spirit's small voice  
Whispered, "Speak";

But the worker passed onward  
Unblessed and weak,

Whom you were meant to have stirred  
To courage, devotion, and love anew;  
Because when the message came to you,  
You were out of touch with your Lord.

Only a note, yes, only a note  
To a friend in a distant land;  
The Spirit said "Write," but then you  
Had planned

Some different work, and you thought,  
"It matters little."

You did not know it would have saved  
A soul from sin and woe;  
You were out of touch with your Lord.

Only a day, yes, only a day,  
But oh! can you guess, my friend,  
Where the influence reached, and  
Where it will end,

Of the hours you frittered away?  
The Master's command is,  
"Abide in me;"

And fruitless and vain will your service be  
If out of touch with your Lord.

—Selected.

### A Fourfold Blessing

Seventh-day Adventists who live in the United States and Canada have many privileges. Times are good, and wages high; so that while living is high, too, there is still enough to provide for all the comforts of life. Above all, there are abundant opportunities to do missionary work, to have a part in giving the truth to others. We can give of our money; we have many people about us well able to buy our literature, so no one who wishes to work for the Lord is prevented from doing so from lack of means.

In some other countries it is not so. Our people are extremely poor, living on the border-line of starvation much of the time. They have no money with which to buy literature to give away, nor can they sell, for their

neighbors are as poor as they are. Yet they long to be able to have a part in giving this truth to others, because they love the Lord and his cause as we do.

Should not the strong help the weak? We would suggest a plan whereby this could be done, with very little trouble to our people in this country.

Let every Sabbath keeper in the United States and Canada sell one ten-cent magazine during the month of September, and give the five cent profit to a fund for providing our brethren in China, Japan, and India with literature for free distribution. We have 68,000 Sabbath keepers in the United States and Canada. Five cents from each of them would give \$3400. This would buy a large quantity of reading matter in countries where it can be produced very inexpensively.

Some may say that if it is only five cents that is needed from them, they will give that rather than trouble to sell the magazine. Brethren and sisters, do not do that. If you have five cents to spare, give it to the regular mission offerings, for they are in great need of every cent that can be obtained. We ask you to get this fund from the public. The Lord says that "the forces ("wealth," margin) of the Gentiles shall come unto thee." Isa. 60:5. By every Sabbath-keeper's selling one magazine, we may obtain \$3400. of the wealth of the Gentiles. Is it worth this small effort?

Let all who decide to unite in this effort—and we hope every one will—order through your church missionary secretary, who will order the magazines in clubs, in order to get the fifty per cent discount. If some desire to sell more than one magazine to benefit this fund, so much the better. The larger the fund, the more missionary work our people in China, Japan, Korea and India will be able to do with it.

There is in this plan a fourfold blessing; the Sabbath keepers in this country will receive a blessing as they sell the magazine, the people who buy the magazines will be helped by them, our people in those heathen lands will be blessed as they use the

fund to help their friends and neighbors, and the people who receive the literature will have the opportunity of receiving light from the Lord.

We must also remember that the big end of the warning work yet to be done is in the foreign fields, and everything we can do to hasten the message in them brings the end of our work nearer. This plan will be especially helpful in China, with its 450,000,000 people. To reach all these in the short time left by living preachers alone would be a hopeless task. Literature must be scattered from one end of the country to the other, in order to warn these vast numbers of people. That this is a successful method of working has been proved, for whole companies have accepted the truth in China from reading alone.

Therefore, who will sell one magazine on behalf of India, Japan and Korea? E. M. GRAHAM, *Secretary,*  
*Home Missionary Department.*

### The New Harvest Ingathering Review

Across the lawn from our office we hear the steady rumble of printing presses from morning until night, some of which are now at work printing the *Harvest Ingathering Review*. And it is a beautiful issue, too. We are wondering how many of these mission-filled papers will be needed this autumn in supplying the demands as our brethren and sisters, young and old, again go out among the people to work for missions, from Maine to California, and from Texas to the frozen regions of Canada on the north.

The North American Division Conference brethren think we ought to raise \$100,000 this year, and have really set this as the goal. Can we make it? We can do it and that easily, if all will take hold of it with a will. The *Review and Herald* will be able to send out the new *Harvest Ingathering Reviews* by September 1. The cover is printed in two colors and is very attractive. During August, churches and individuals will do well

to order what papers they will need of their tract society secretary.

Last year we received from the people \$50,164.45 for missions by handing out about 450,000 *Signs* magazines. If we really succeed in raising \$100,000 this year it will mean earnest hard work on the part of all. But, really, we have not yet done our best. We have done well, to be sure, but we can break our former records if we really try. And if we succeed in reaching an average of twenty cents per week per member for missions, it will mean loyal work on the part of all our church members. Last year the Western Canadian Union Conference passed the twenty-cent-a-week average. One little conference in this Union set their mark at \$1,000 for missions at harvest time. There were only a few churches in this conference. One of these, at the conference headquarters, took the responsibility of raising one fourth of the conference goal and proposed that they gather \$250 for the Lord. Each member, including the children, was allotted a certain sum to work for, and with a will they went at it. They were still at it when the secretary wrote us last year, but they must have succeeded, for the union conference averaged, as above mentioned, over twenty cents a week per member for missions. It took them out with the people more than a day, to be sure, perhaps a full week altogether, here a fragment of time and there a little more; but this is how people succeed at anything, by keeping at it until some definite goal is achieved. This is a new idea, and it might not work everywhere, yet it contains a valuable suggestion at least.

There are sixty-nine local conferences, with three mission fields in the United States and Canada. If a little conference of six or eight churches up in Canada could gather in \$1,000; and all the rest did equally well (think of the many strong conferences with forty, sixty, or eighty churches), surely, \$100,000 does not seem such a large task after all. If all co-operate with your conference officers, order your papers early from your church or tract society, and work, we can do it.

Almost three million copies of mission-filled papers have been placed in the hands of the people since 1908, when our Harvest Ingathering Campaigns began, and \$178,533. has been brought into the mission treasury.

May God help us each to make the most of our opportunity this year with the Harvest Ingathering *Review*. If each one does his best, doing honest

service as unto the Lord and not unto men, we shall see a great work accomplished which will not only rejoice our own hearts, but bring joy to the angels about the throne.

T. E. BOWEN, *Ass't Sec'y,*  
*General Conference.*

## EAST PENNSYLVANIA

### Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Proceedings

The ninth annual session of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference was held on the same grounds as had been occupied for the past three years, — the Emmanuel Grove Camp Grounds, near Allentown, and the largest gathering of the believers in the Eastern Pennsylvania was in attendance, notwithstanding some fear for the attendance, owing to the fact of the General Conference being held this year at Washington, D. C. An excellent spirit was manifest throughout the entire meeting, and many hearts were made to rejoice at the goodness of God in the forgiveness of sins, and the manifest willingness of the Lord to supply keeping power for time to come.

The resolutions passed and the statements showing the financial condition of the conference follow, as well as the names of those selected to bear official burdens in connection with the work for the ensuing year.

S. D. HARTWELL, *Secretary.*

### Report of the Committee on Plans and Recommendations

East Pennsylvania Conference in session June 19-29, 1913.

1. Realizing that during the past year God has graciously blessed the East Pennsylvania Conference in the prosecution of its work in all of its departments of operation resulting in the salvation of a goodly number of precious souls, we recommend, that

(a) We express our heartfelt gratitude to God and plead his continued mercies and blessings without which all human efforts are vain.

(b) That as a conference, as churches, and as individuals, we dedicate ourselves anew to God for service in the work he has intrusted to our hands.

2. *Whereas*, in the providence of God, the beloved wife of our esteemed brother, Elder T. H. Branch, has been removed by death, we, the East Pennsylvania Conference assembled, do hereby express our sorrow and extend to him our sympathy in this hour of bereavement.

3. Realizing that in many places much has been lost for lack of attention to the youth, and knowing that the young people's work when carefully organized and faithfully supported, has done much to save our youth from the world and train them for Christian service, we recommend,

(a) That Missionary Volunteer societies be organized where practicable;

(b) That all young people be encouraged to take the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course, to strive for the Standard of Attainment goal, and to observe carefully the Morning Watch.

(c) That parents, church officers, and conference workers, study prayerfully the needs of our youth and co-operate in every possible way with the conference Missionary Volunteer secretary in making the Young People's work in this conference fulfill the purpose for which God called it into existence.

4. *Whereas*, less than 50 per cent of our young people are in attendance in our denominational institutions, and

Realizing that the future success of our work as a people depends upon the proper education of our children, and

*Whereas*, Mount Vernon College is the designated training school for the students of the East Pennsylvania Conference therefore,

(a) *Resolved*, that we as laborers and church members, pledge ourselves to encourage our young people to attend Mount Vernon College to prepare for the master's service, and that we endeavor to make our enrollment in that institution the coming year double that of last year.

(b) That we encourage all our churches that have sufficient number of children of school age to establish church schools.

5. *Whereas*, the organization of the North American Division Conference, leaving the General Conference free to give its entire time to, missionary endeavor, will mean increased activities in the work, thus calling for larger donations from our people and

*Whereas*, the Mission Board is in need of funds to support workers already in the field and one hundred and thirty-three additional workers sent out this year, and

*Whereas*, the General Conference has adopted the plan of raising twenty cents per week per member therefore,

*Resolved*, that we as a conference concur in this plan and pledge ourselves to raise our full quota of this fund this year.

*Whereas*, experience has shown, and the Spirit of Prophecy tells us, that

the missionary colporteur branch of the gospel work is one of the most important agencies for carrying this gospel message to the world and of saving souls for the kingdom and that as much care and discretion must be used in the choice and training of the colporteur as in the choice and training of men for the Gospel ministry, therefore,

(a) *We recommend*, that colporteurs be divided into two classes

1. Home workers who can spend only a part of their time in the field,

2. Regular colporteurs, being those holding credentials or those who are putting in full time in the field and are working to attain to the standard which will warrant giving credentials.

(b) That credentials be granted to those who fulfill the following requirements:

1. That they be Seventh-day Adventists in good standing.

2. That they show an adaptability for the colporteur work.

3. That they have put in at least six months of regular work in the field.

4. That they shall work on an average of at least 25 hours per week.

5. That they be prompt in settling all accounts with the tract society and regular in reporting.

(c) That whenever for the good of the work it is thought best to request the presence of any colporteur holding credentials and any institute or general meeting, that traveling expenses and suitable wages be paid such a colporteur for such time as he is required to be away from his work.

(d) That the Executive Committee be empowered to use such funds from the earnings of the tract society as shall be necessary for conducting of institutes, or for the carrying on of such other lines of training that may be necessary.

(e) That steps be taken as soon as possible to procure a colporteur with ability to open up work that such financial assistance be granted such a worker from the tract society funds as shall enable him to work out and prove methods that are successful.

(f) That we forever throw out the name book agent as one that is unworthy of the work, and let our workers with literature be known as colporteurs or missionary canvassers.

7. *Whereas*, the Spirit of Prophecy has told us that "to a large degree through our publishing work is to be accomplished the work of the angel of Revelation 18:1-4", which we believe to be the angel of the loud cry of the third angel's message,

(a) *We recommend* that sufficient in-

struction be given at all our general meetings to enable our people to do efficient service along the lines of home, tract, and missionary work.

(b) That our ministers and church elders give special attention to this work in churches which have not had such instruction in general meetings and that they continually keep this matter before all our people.

S. D. HARTWELL, *Secretary*.

(*To be continued*)

## Annual Report of the Sabbath-School Department

1912-1913.

To the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Greeting:

Many blessings have attended our schools throughout the year. The work is onward for which we thank the Lord and take courage to press forward.

Five new schools have been added to our list with an aggregate membership of ninety-five;— Sayre, 41; South Canaan, 25; Chambersburg, 8; Waynesboro, 7; and Chinchilla, 14.

We also have a growing membership in our State Home Department and two family schools have been added. Thus the number of schools has increased 46 to 50, and the membership from 1127 to 1251, a gain of 124.

The conversions reported were 56 with 75 baptisms.

About forty teachers have availed themselves of the benefits of the Teachers' Training Course.

The offerings amounted to \$2,969.07 including \$955.77 thirteenth Sabbath offerings, or a gain of \$846.95 over the previous year.

Eastern Pennsylvania ranks second in the number of schools and membership, also in offerings made, with one exception, the District of Columbia Conference gave almost \$60.00 more to missions the last quarter of 1912 than we, but our Thirteenth Sabbath offering was larger than theirs.

The co-operation of the superintendents and secretaries and the promptness of the secretaries in reporting has been much appreciated.

I have had the pleasure of visiting fourteen of the schools and have held two Sabbath-school conventions. It is now possible for every Sabbath-keeper to be a member of a Sabbath-school. Those who are sick or shut in or who for any reason cannot attend they should belong to the Home Department of that school. And all isolated Sabbath-keepers should belong to the State Home Department.

We ask the co-operation of all Sabbath-school officers in this matter and all our people in sending names of isolated Sabbath-keepers to your state secretary.

I would recommend to all our schools,—

OUR AIM,—Daily Study of the Sabbath-school Lesson.

OUR STANDARD,—Personal Work for Every Pupil.

AND OUR GOAL,—A Million Dollars for Missions in Four Years.

May greater prosperity attend the Sabbath-school work in this conference during the coming year.

ELLA M. TALMAGE, *Secretary*.

### Reading

In harmony with suggestions of the Conference Committee that I make Reading my field of labor, and that I take the pastorate of the church at this place, on July 18, we left Philadelphia. On Sabbath, 19, we held first meeting with the church, preaching in the morning to a good sized congregation, and holding the ordinances of the Lord's house in the afternoon, at which nearly one hundred took part.

During the time which followed, we have been getting settled in our home, which is conveniently located not far from the church, and in finishing up some necessary work in connection with the conference office.

On Sunday night, July 26, we began to hold Sunday night meetings, in answer to a demand made by the series of Sunday night meetings begun during the time of the Canvassers' Institute held in 1912, but which has been discontinued for some time. There have been those who desired to have the meetings continued, and we trust others will be found who will become interested in the study of the Word. The attendance at the two services held is encouraging, and we desire an interest in the prayers of all God's people for the work here.

S. D. HARTWELL,

446 N. 12th Street.

"The Washington Foreign Mission Seminary Record on Missionary Preparation" is a document that should be in the hands of our young men and women. One of the leading features is an article by Elder J. N. Anderson on "Specialized Preparation for Missionaries". If you are interested, a copy can be had by writing to Professor M. E. Kern, Takoma Park, Washington D. C.

## Berwick Tent Company

We came to Berwick, Monday, July 7, erected the tent as quickly as we could after it arrived and held our first meeting, July 16.

We had an old tent and the first Sunday afternoon it was somewhat wrecked by a storm, but we managed to get it up so that we had services in the evening. The following Wednesday, the tent was again badly torn by storm. Another tent was sent from New York. This we put up in place of the old one.

In three weeks or less we put up the tent four times. We had three meetings in eight days. We now have a better tent, but it leaks during a storm and of course some are afraid to come out for fear of having the tent blown to pieces and getting wet.

A popular evangelistic campaign has been planned for since we secured the tent site last May. All the ministers are working for this, and are advising their members not to have any thing to do with our effort, but to wait for the "big evangelistic effort" in October.

All these things have had, and are having some effect, but with it all and through it all, God has helped us, and we are of good courage.

We have had a good interest from the first. The average attendance has been good, about seventy-five. We have had two overflow meetings; not all could be seated. The people who come seem deeply interested. Although we have only just touched the Sabbath, one man of standing, who was previously interested, has decided to keep it. A lady, who as attended regularly, said she had it in for her pastor, who is away, and that she was going to talk plainly to him when he returns. She said, "If he says any thing, I will just tell him to give me my letter and I will join the Seventh-day Adventists."

The Prince of the power of the air is putting up a hard battle here, but the God of heaven and earth is with us, and for us, and he is giving us the victory. We are confident that he will raise up a representative company here. We plead for the prayers of all who read this. Faith and prayer is "the victory that overcomes the world." Our company consists of, J. W. Hirlinger and wife, Howard Detwiler and wife, and Sister Tillie Ertle of Williamsport.

Wishing all the other tent companies and workers success, we remain,

Your brethren in the Lord's work.

J. W. HIRLINGER,  
H. J. DETWILER.

## Towanda

We opened our tent meetings Thursday evening July 17. It rained all day and night. We did not expect to hold a meeting, but to our surprise about twenty-five people came, so we had a meeting.

The next morning we found some one had circulated a large tract against us all through our neighborhood. In the evening we had two Mormon Elders to contend with. After that it was reported we were Mormons. This affected our attendance, but it is now generally known who we are. Sunday night August 10, the Sabbath question was presented. We believe God has some honest hearts here who will be willing to march under his blood-stained banner. In our daily devotion, let us remember the tent companies in the various fields.

H. F. RAHN,  
C. S. BAUM.

## The Campaign in East Pennsylvania

It was my privilege to spend nearly six weeks in Eastern Pennsylvania visiting the churches in the interest of the educational work. After attending the Allentown camp-meeting during its closing days, the following churches were visited; Fleetwood, Reading, Lebanon, Harrisburg, Chambersburg, Carlisle, Lancaster, West and North Philadelphia, Fair Hill, East Stroudsburg, Scranton, Hawley, Honesdale, Lake Ariel, Wilkes Barre, Bloomsburg, Cherry Flats, and Williamsport. I was enabled to attend Sabbath services and spend several days visiting eight of the larger churches; while in the other churches a number of week day meetings were held or personal visits were made to the homes of those having young people.

A live interest in Mount Vernon College was manifested by both parents and young people. Many of the students who have attended the College are planning to return next fall, also a goodly number of new ones.

Present-day conditions in every walk of life indicate that this is a day of decision. On a decision hangs either a misspent or a successful life. A Christian education is an effective means of insuring true success, both in work and in character building.

May every young man and young woman in this conference decide to obtain a Christian education, and as many as can find a way possible enter Mount Vernon College next fall to take advantage of all the opportunities it may have to offer.

O. M. JOHN.

## OHIO

### Another Pioneer at Rest

Oliver Mears was born at Danville, Vermont, January, 1820 and died August 10, 1913, age 93 years, 7 months, and 4 days. His companion preceded him April 13, 1904. In 1824 he moved to Milan, Ohio, from there to Wood County near Bowling Green, and in 1880 moved to Clyde, Ohio, where he remained until his death. He died at the home of his daughter. Eleven children were born to Brother and Sister Mears, six of whom attended his funeral, the others having fallen asleep. Brother Mears was a man of iron nerve and will and muscles of steel. The arrival of himself and his brother John in Wood County worked quite a revolution in their vicinity because of their push and integrity. The deceased made no profession of religion until he heard the second advent message in 1858. A few days before his death, father Mears wrote on a fly leaf in his Bible the following:

"Many the sorrows this sad earth hath known,  
Hopes have been withered, hearts have been torn,

Tears have been gushing from fountains of grief,

Oh, for the day that will bring us relief."

"I think my days are drawing to a close. I bid farewell to all my dear children. I love them all. God bless them."

From a copy of the constitution and business proceedings of the Ohio Conference for the years 1863-1866, I learned that Brother Mears was the first president of the conference. Several informal meetings were held prior to 1866, and a constitution recommended by the General Conference was adopted. The conference for that year was open with prayer by Brother Loughborough. Five delegates were present. Brother Loughborough, Brother Lawrence, and John Clark were chosen as a committee on resolutions. Levi Gegory, I. N. Vangordeg, and H. Hodgson were chosen as a committee on nominations. Bro. Loughborough gave instructions and advice as to the mode of conducting business matters in the conference, and also gave the encouragement that a minister would probably locate in Ohio. The treasurer's report for the year was as follows: Cash on hand, \$332.21. Received during the year, \$599.07. Total, \$931.28. Paid out, \$288.50. Balance on hand \$642.78. From the minutes of 1865, I quote

interesting resolutions of those early days: "Resolved, That we recommend to the Conference to run the tent the coming season, if the General Conference can furnish two effective messengers to man it.

"Resolved, That if this is impossible, we would gratefully accept the labors of one messenger to water and build up the churches by personally laboring among them.

"Resolved, That if we can obtain no messenger, we tender our tent and our means to the General Conference Committee to use where they think best." "Behold what God hath wrought."

Brother Mears lived to see all the wonderful discoveries and inventions of this marvelous century and the mighty strides of the message which he loved until the last to which he gave of his means and the best years of his life. He had no organic trouble and might have lived until the Lord came, but for a fall which hastened his death. The funeral was held at the home of his eldest son, in Clyde, Ohio, where he was buried in the beautiful McPherson Cemetery. Many aged citizens attended the services. Mr. E. M. Woolgar sang two favorite hymns of Brother Mears. Before his death he requested that the writer preach his funeral.

"In our long voyage when the flush of youth is over, it may be that we shall value less the pretty clothes and gayety and fun of our early years and betake ourselves to more serious work, and presently even work will lose its use and zest and the shores about us will grow hazy and dull, and we shall learn to rate the world and its prizes cheaply and seldom think of it, or the millions of people who are in it. We shall care only for two or three dear ones that we have loved for many years. And at the last, even these shall grow dimmer in our sight and in our thoughts and we shall know only God and that he has brought us into the harbor at last."

"It is so natural that we fall asleep  
Like tired children when the day is gone  
That I would question why the living weep,  
When death kissed the laughing lips of one.  
We do not sigh when golden skies are donned  
With purple shadows and gray of night,  
Because we know the morning lies beyond,  
And we must wait a little while for light.

"So when, grown weary with the care  
and strife,  
Our loved ones find in sleep the peace they  
crave,

We should not weep, but learn to count  
this life  
A prelude to the one beyond the grave;  
And thus be happy for them, not dis-  
tressed,  
But lift our hearts with love to God, and  
smile,  
And we, anon, like tired ones will rest,  
If we will hope and wait—a little while."  
D. E. LINDSEY.

## Camp-Meeting

We have just visited the fair-grounds in Hamilton where our camp-meeting is to be held, and found it to be a very desirable place. There is plenty of shade, good drinking water, and many other important conveniences.

Those arriving on the C. H. & D. railway will have to transfer from the East Avenue street car to the Lindenwald. Ask for transfers when you pay your fare, and be sure to get a car going to the fair-grounds.

Those who arrive over the Pennsylvania can get a car at the station going directly to the grounds.

The aged and infirm will be met at the street car and assisted to their tents. We expect to have all the trains met, and will make every effort possible to make it pleasant for the campers. We trust that no one will lose the opportunity of attending this important meeting. Soon, we know not how soon, camp-meetings on this earth will be things of the past; therefore, come to this one.

### RECEPTION COMMITTEE

#### Findlay

Elder Bidwell and the writer have just closed a series of meetings at New Hampshire, Ohio. The meetings closed August 3. The Lord blessed our effort. Sabbath, August 2, Elder Bidwell buried eight precious souls beneath the watery grave. After baptismal services we went to the usual place of worship at Lake View where those who were baptized with one other united with the little company. The Lord came very near while we celebrated the ordinance of humility and partook of the Lord's Supper. Our hearts were made glad for what God has wrought. To him be all the praise.

We believe that others will soon take their stand with us, for many are convinced. One lady, visiting her parents near our place of meeting, is waiting until she sees her husband before going forward with us. Their home is in Cincinnati. She expects to attend camp-meeting.

Our work was signally blessed of God, although the enemy became very angry and gave Elder Bidwell and me a free exhibition of uncooked eggs one evening after service. But the men soon departed in the darkness. With plenty of soap and water, we were soon ready to retire for the night.

May our Heavenly Father ever bless and keep this little company true and faithful through the trying experiences of this life, that when the great day of the Lord shall come, and the loved of earth meet, not one may be missing. The brethren from Bellefontaine were with us the last Sabbath to witness the baptismal service and took part in the ordinances.

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

#### Cleveland

In response to the request of the Conference Committee that we make Cleveland our field of labor, we located here in May.

Owing to our attendance at the General Conference in Washington, we were not able to do very much toward getting started in our work here until our return about June 10.

We are comfortably located and enjoying our work. Our pastor, Elder Patterson, Miss Askey, the Bible worker, and the church members have assisted us in getting our work started by furnishing us names of some who were interested; and as a result of our house to house visits, we have found many others who were anxious to hear the truth. The interest continues to grow. Truly the spirit of the Lord is moving upon the hearts of many in this great city, and awakening a desire to know what the Bible says concerning the perplexing conditions existing in the world today.

We are thankful to be identified with other workers in giving this great message to perishing souls. Surely the harvest is great here in Cleveland. Pray for us and the work here.

MR. and MRS. G. E. WALES.  
1189 East 86 Street.

"Be not too dousy, O thou earnest heart  
To hear what friends are saying at thy  
side,  
To know if cares or joy with them abide,  
And for their help or cheer to do thy part;  
To hear the music of humanity,  
To feel thyself one of God's family."

Do today thy nearest duty.

—Goethe.

## Hamilton

Sabbath, August 2, was a day of joy and blessing for the Hamilton church as they witnessed the baptism of twelve souls by the writer. One of the candidates was a blind sister. A beautiful running stream afforded an ideal place for the baptism, and the reverence manifested by the church, the friends, and the strangers, who were present, was marked.

These souls are the fruit of the faithful labors of the elder, Brother Keppler, the Bible workers, Sister Cora Gibson and Brother J. O. Young, and members of the church.

Many more are interested through the Bible studies now being given by Sister Gibson. The recent flood seems to have awakened some of the people at last to the fact that God who is mighty to save is also mighty to destroy.

We trust that the camp-meeting soon to be held in Hamilton will be a means of awakening a deep interest among the people and that many sheaves may be gathered as a result of the efforts put forth. Let us pray for the work in Hamilton.

W. W. MILLER.

## Notes on the Book Work

Brother Ray Chapin of Mount Vernon has left a \$3.25 per day job in the foundry to enter the colporteur work. Having a family to support and educate, it was a step by faith, but for sometime he has felt the Lord calling him into more active service. He did not expect to take more than two orders a day, but the Lord has done for him more abundantly than he could ask or think. Starting Wednesday noon his report for the close of the week was over \$73.00.

A number of the regular colporteurs will attend camp-meeting. Our rally hour, when those active in the work will relate their experiences, will be one of the inspiring features of the camp-meeting. In addition to this, we shall have daily meetings for those interested in this work, at 8:00 A. M. Elder I. D. Richardson, I. A. Ford, and other general ministers will be the leading speakers at these meetings.

Brother Richard DeGarmo of Akron has gone to join Brother Chapin in Perry County. Brother Geo. Gentry is also preparing to leave his farm and enter the work.

## Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending Aug. 8, 1913

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
F. D. Wells	Delawaae Co.	ES	5	37	23	77 00	13 15	90 15	6 25
Ray H. Chapin	Perry Co.,	ES	5	40	21	72 00	11 00	83 00	
L. H. Waters	Shelby Co.	PPF	5	39	32	59 00	1 50	60 50	1 50
C. E. Reichenbach	Licking Co.	ES	5	39	15	54 00	1 25	56 25	5 25
*J. B. Reichenbach	Montg'y Co.	BR	10	81	26	82 00		82 00	
Marie Grunke	Lucar Co.	PPF	5	23	32	50 00		50 00	
J. S. Randolph	Delaware Co.	ES	4	34	7	23 00	10 60	33 60	3 60
Helen Grunke	Lucas Co.	PPF	5	24	19	29 50	3 75	33 25	
H. A. Rossin	Coshocton Co.	ES	5	33	6	20 00	12 75	32 75	
N. J. Dean	Miami Co.	PPF	4	21	8	13 00	15 30	28 30	
Mrs J. B. Reichenbach		Mag	4	20		31 25		31 25	31 25
†Grace Sims	Hamilton Co.	CK	13	65	17	25 50		25 50	10 50
M. G. Klopfenstein	Hancock Co.	ES	5	41	5	16 00	5 25	21 25	75 00
J. L. Holder	Richland Co.	GC	3	20	4	13 00	5 25	18 25	
Tillie Gable	Cleveland	ES	5	30	5	16 00	50	16 50	3 00
Dorothy Shryock	Wayne Co.	ES	3	21	1	3 00	5 05	8 05	
H. L. Sheneman	Ashtabula	ES	3	20	1	5 00		5 00	55 75
D. J. Royer	Ashtabula Co.	GC	3	26					97 64
J. I. Butcher	Madison Co.	PPF	3	20					74 25
Freeman Coolen	Madison Co.	PPF	3	20					101 25
Joy Walden	Sandusky Co.	ES	5	35					118 02
Lloyd Swallen	Stark Co.	ES	5	39					167 75
†Miscellaneous			16	97	29	53 50	7 75	61 25	143 25
Totals	22 Agents		127	832	241	\$645 75	\$93 10	\$736 85	\$894 24

## District of Columbia, Week Ending Aug. 8, 1913

S. N. Brown	Anacostia	CK	5	28	51	76 50	2 50	79 00	
L. A. Godwin	Lancaster	PPF	3	24	4	6 00	1 50	7 50	56 75
W. H. Jack	Hampshier	PPF	5	26	19	27 00	11 00	38 00	
Jack Sherman	Montgomery	PPF	5	31	18	30 00	16 20	46 20	1 45
*Frank Smith	Londen Co.	PPF	12	86	83	134 00	9 00	143 00	56 50
W. A. Williams	Fairfax Co.	PPF	5	41	12	20 50	3 00	23 50	
Totals	6 Agents		35	236	187	\$264 00	\$43 20	\$337 20	\$114 70

## West Virginia, Week Ending Aug. 1, 1913

T. M. Butler	Harrison	PPF	5	50	37	60 00	2 00	62 00	
James A. Bodle	Mineral Co.	BF	5	41	13	19 50	3 00	22 50	
*Madge Miller	Jefferson	GC	9	80	10	32 00	24 80	56 80	
*Mary F. Rice	Wetzel Co.	PPF	9	73	70	126 00	8 50	134 50	
*Hazel Leach	Jefferson	GC	10	70	6	19 00	16 00	35 00	180 00
*Guy Corder	McCowell Co.	BF	10	16	70	84 50	8 25	95 75	150 00
*Haskell Cunningham	Mercer	BF	9	57	67	93 50	10 75	104 25	
Totals	7 Agents		57	447	273	\$434 50	\$73 40	\$507 90	\$511 00

## New Jersey, Week Ending Aug. 9, 1913

*Irma Gerhart	Burlington	CK	10	69	13	44 00	4 75	48 75	83 50
H. Lautererback	Warren Co.	PPF	4	25	16	30 00		30 00	
C. J. Beach	Warren Co.	PPF	3	20	6	10 00	9 00	19 00	
W. B. Plant	Morris Co.	BF	5	39	8	13 00	5 00	18 00	
Louis Riess	Sussex	BF	5	45	12	15 00	1 00	16 00	
M. N. Ask	Perth Amboy	GA	6	32	13	3 25		3 25	8 65
Magazines						80 00		80 00	
Totals	6 Agents		33	230	72	\$195 25	\$19 75	\$215 00	\$92 15

## Chesapeake, Week Ending Aug. 8, 1913

J. E. Jones	Somerset Co.	GC	5	40	12	25 00	3 60	28 60	143 70
C. M. Paden	Washington Co.	PPF	3	17	10	16 50	75	17 25	75
M. S. Pettibone	Harford Co.	PPF	3	27	17	30 00	7 25	37 25	
J. C. Haden	Dover Del.	PPF	3	21	11	18 50		18 50	
G. R. Crowther	Frederick Co.	PPF	1	11					55 70
O. E. Thompson	Carroll Co.	PPF	5	40	20	49 00	3 20	52 20	

G. R. Lehman, Newcastle, Del.	GC	4	32	11	24	00	50	24	50	
D. W. Percy, Wycómicó Co.	GC	1	10							35
Marguerite Tippett, Allegany	BF	5	22	15	22	50	2	20	24	70
E. A. Huet Arundel Co.	PPF	1	7	1	1	50	50		2	00

Totals 10 Agents 31 227 106 \$187 00 \$18 00 \$205 00 \$235 15

\*Two weeks. †Three weeks ‡Agents less than 20 hours

Grand Totals: 51 Agents Value of Orders, \$1726 50 Deliveries, \$1847 24

We trust that the power of God will take hold of many hearts at camp-meeting, leading such a number to take hold of the colporteur work as to make necessary the holding of an institute at the close of camp-meeting. Those who have any thought of taking up this line of work should come prepared to remain for this course of training. Let us expect great things from God, and attempt great things for him, that this dark reign of sin may be hastened to a close.

J. H. MCEACHERN.

### The Columbus Church School

We were compelled to abandon our church school room on account of recent laws which govern light, ventilation, etc. For a time it seemed as though we would be unable to have school this year. Had it been possible to sell the church property early in the summer, the building of a new church and school would have not hindered the school proposition.

Time went on and we all felt very anxious about the school. Finally a few of the brethren moved out by faith and saw a way to build. Five and one half lots were found and purchased. These are covered with beautiful trees about thirty feet high, and are located one half square south of Sullivant on Ryan Avenue. They are twenty minutes run from the center of the city and above the flood area. It has been planned to start the school building in a few days, and then after the church is sold, build a new one in the same grove.

The church voted, unanimously, to raise money and build the school at once. \$880.00 was pledged, to be paid on or before January 1, and we feel confident that we shall soon be free from debt, and have the new school ready by October 1.

We would be glad if any of our members living in different parts of the country could come over and help us. We need \$420.00 to erect the school free from debt. The building will be modern, will seat thirty two, and have one of the finest playgrounds in the state. The attendance will be

twenty-five. The outlook is good and we all feel greatly encouraged to see the hearty co-operation in the church. We certainly feel grateful for this effort that has drawn us all closer together. The Lord opened the way in the face of apparent failure and has made it possible to advance the interests of the school. If any feel inclined to help in the erection of the Columbus Church School, it will be greatly appreciated.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.

### WEST VIRGINIA

#### Camp-Meeting and Conference

The West Virginia camp-meeting and conference is to be held in Charleston, September 4-14, on the grounds adjoining the church.

Our plan is to pitch but very few tents and rent more furnished rooms, which will be handy to the meetings, and to the dining tent. These rooms can be rented from \$2.00 to \$3.50 per week. Those desiring furnished rooms, should write to the address below immediately.

The K. & M. the C. & O., and the Virginia Railroads enter Charleston, the capital of the state. Those who can not come on the railroad should come by water on the beautiful Kanawha River.

Let all our people through out the state plan on coming to receive many blessings from the Lord as a result of the meetings. Come and bring your family and friends. Come to remain from Sept. 4-14. Let us have as good a representation at our general meeting as other conferences have. I believe we can.

F. E. GIBSON,  
381 Layette St., Charleston, W. Va.

Probably he who never made a mistake never made anything.  
—Samuel Smiles.

The first hour of the morning is the rudder of the day.  
—Henry Ward Beecher.

All that thou canst call thine own lies in thy today.  
—D. C. McCallum.

### CHESAPEAKE

#### Wilmington

The tent effort at Wilmington Delaware began Sunday July 27, at Ninth and Clayton streets, in the northwestern section of the city. We had hoped to begin July 6, but a new tent had been ordered and for some reason, unknown to us, failed to reach here in time to begin earlier.

The tent lot is less than one full block from the lot on which the church building will be erected. This will be begun in a very short time.

The location of our tent is ideal. The Rockford Park car passes immediately in front of it. The Eighth Street and the Dupont Street car line pass each only one block away. The beautiful, new, white tabernacle can be seen from both of these.

Thus far we have had a good interest. The people in the neighborhood are very cordial. The four newspapers in the city, three of them dailies, and one a Sunday paper, are reporting our meetings almost every day, granting us from one inch to almost twelve inches of space, and in almost every instance, giving us good headlines and a prominent place in the paper. This we greatly appreciate. We frequently meet people, or hear of those who are watching for these reports and reading them with interest. These reports have been instrumental in bringing some people to the tent.

The church here and our tent company are all much encouraged over the prospects for success in this summer's effort, and we beg an interest in the prayers of our brethren and sisters in the field, that there may be an abundant harvest of souls as a result of our labors.

R. H. MARTIN,  
BRUCE MARTIN,  
LORA L. TARBELL,  
EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

Elder R. T. Baer and family have returned from Greensboro, Maryland, where they have been spending several weeks visiting the members there, and also helping to build a church at Whittlesburg, Maryland. They report a good interest among a number of the people in that vicinity who are not at the present time in the truth.

Mr. F. E. Hankins, Field Missionary Agent, is visiting Brother D. W. Percy, and J. E. Jones, on the eastern shore. Brother Jones had a very good delivery last week.

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### Notice

The VISITOR will not be published during the week dated August 27 on account of the Ohio camp-meeting. Subscribers will please note this omission.

### A Correction

We wish to make a correction in the canvassers' report of the District of Columbia Conference for the week ending June 27, in the VISITOR of July 9. The report was given as four weeks, whereas, it should have been one week. We are sorry such a mistake was made.

Brother W. L. Adkins, who has been laboring at Frederick, has accepted a call to North Carolina, where we wish him success in his new field.

Brother Joseph Paden, who nearly lost his eyesight when in Pittsburg last winter, has sufficiently recovered his sight in one eye, to take up the canvassing work in Delaware and he reports that he is of good courage, and thinks he will do well. We wish Brother Paden the Lord's blessing in his efforts, and pray that he may be successful.

We are glad to hear good reports coming from our tent efforts at Frederick, and Baltimore, and from Wilmington, Del. Brother S. D. Shadel, who for sometime has been laboring in Georgia, and who now has charge of the work in Frederick, reports an excellent interest, and has baptized several lately.

Remember the camp-meeting at Chestertown, Md., September 18-28. Everybody plan to come and make

this the best camp-meeting we have ever held in this conference. Come praying. Come seeking the Lord with renewed determination to do more the coming conference year than you have ever done and let us bring our store of courage and enthusiasm with us that we may be able to help someone, who is not having a good experience, to a better experience, and a joy in the Holy Spirit. The Lord will bless our coming together to seek him, and some souls may be encouraged to step out on the Lord's promises by seeing a goodly number of earnest souls seeking God in humble prayer. Let us use our influence for good. W. T. DURST.

### Chesapeake Conference

The fourteenth annual session of the Chesapeake Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, will be held at Chestertown, Md., in connection with the camp-meeting, Sept. 18-28, 1913. The purpose of this meeting is the election of officers for the ensuing year, and transaction of such other business as may properly come before the conference. The first meeting for organization and appointment of committees, etc., will be called at 11 A. M. Friday, September 19. 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.

R. T. BAER, *President*;  
 W. T. DURST, *Secretary*.

### Chesapeake Conference Association

The Chesapeake Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a body corporate under the laws of the state of Delaware, will hold its annual meeting in connection with the camp-meeting at Chestertown, Md., September 18-28.

The first meeting will be held on Monday, Sept. 22 at 11 A. M. for the purpose of electing officers, and transaction of such business as may properly come before the meeting.

R. T. BAER, *President*;  
 W. T. DURST, *Secretary*.

Lost—a golden hour, set with sixty diamond minutes. There is no reward, for it is gone forever.

—Henry Ward Beecher.

Charms strike the sight, but merit wins the soul. —Pope.

### COLLEGE NOTES

Every one is busy trying to finish the work around the College before going to camp-meeting. Most of the workers in the Home expect to go.

We were glad to welcome Mrs. Benson last week. She was a student here some years ago, and has been with her husband in Japan for the last seven years. Since the General Conference she has been visiting relatives in Michigan. She and her husband will be in the College until January when they expect to return to Japan.

### The West Virginia Conference Notice

The twenty-sixth annual session of the West Virginia Conference will be held in connection with the camp-meeting at Charleston, West Virginia, September 4-14, 1913, for the election of officers for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the conference. The first meeting will be held September 5 at 9:30 A. M.

F. H. ROBBINS, *President*;  
 J. S. BARROWS, *Secretary*.

“Our time belongs to God.”

### OBITUARY

CAROLINE BINDER.—was born in Trenton, N. J., October, 28, 1862. In 1864 she united with the German Evangelical Church. She accepted present truth in 1901 and united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church of Trenton. She lived a consistent Christian life, and was a faithful member of the church until her death on June 12, 1913. An aged father, two sisters and many friends are left to mourn their loss. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Hebrews 9: 27, 28, and we laid our sister away to await the return of the Life Giver, confident that she will have a part in the first resurrection.

A. R. SANDBORN.

SKEEN.—Lorin Orville, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Skeen was born Feb. 4 and died July 30, 1913 from Cholera-infantum. The dear child suffered only two days. Many kind friends were in attendance to offer sympathy. Elder Butcher, a friend of the family, was called to preach the funeral, but being hindered, the writer served in his place choosing Jer. 31:15-17, as an exhortation of hope. How beautiful the promises of God are to a trusting soul!

D. E. LINDSEY.