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

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## The Sabbath

O blessed, holy day of rest,  
By our dear Father given;  
Symbol of that we shall enjoy  
Inside the gates of heaven.

A sweet refreshment to our souls  
This holy day doth bring,  
While meditating on the works  
Of our dear Saviour, King.

When those of precious faith can meet,  
In sweet communion blest,  
Rejoicing in the blessed hope,  
Christ gives them sweetest rest.

If far from those who love God's day,  
We can to him draw near,  
And offer up our praise and prayer,  
Assured that he doth hear.

And his sweet blessing on the day,  
Rests on each faithful one,  
Who loves and keeps his blest commands,  
With faith in his dear Son.

MARY E. MOUNT.

## VIRGINIA

### The Virginia Camp-Meeting

The Annual Conference of Virginia August 14-24, was held in connection with their camp-meeting on the shores of the Atlantic at Portsmouth Va. The camp was pitched in full view of the big ocean liners, battle-ships, and ferries which moved to and fro across the large harbor of Hampton Roads. The site was on the car line which ran direct to the city of Portsmouth.

We had a splendid attendance of outsiders. But like all the camp-meetings in the Columbia Union this year, the numbers of our people who had gone to General Conference made the attendance of our own brethren light. But what was lacking in human presence was compensated for by the Divine Presence.

The Spirit of God presided over all the assemblies from the beginning. We must not omit to mention the colored camp-meeting which was carried on at the same time in another part of the city. The actions and resolutions as they were passed by the white delegates were carried over to the colored

delegates for their approval and co-operation. A good spirit was present in all the meetings, and though some serious and important questions had to be considered, yet all was done satisfactorily and in order.

We are glad to report that the work in Virginia is coming up. New and substantial people are taking hold of the truth. The tithe increased \$1000 in 1912 and has increased another \$1000 already in 1913. In 1912 the foreign mission offerings made a sixty per cent increase. The number of new converts in the last year were reported as being 100. We believe that there are better days ahead of the work in Virginia.

The laborers present from the outside were Elders W. W. Prescott, J. N. Anderson, D. C. Babcock, the Union men and the writer. A tent effort in the city of Portsmouth will be carried on to follow up the interest awakened.

B. G. WILKINSON.

### President's Annual Address

Through the manifold blessing of God, we are again permitted to assemble in annual conference and camp-meeting. This important meeting calls for wise counsel and a large measure of the Spirit of God. Shall we not individually seek the Lord for his guidance and decide, as for me, the Lord helping me, my presence shall only bring light and the blessing of God into this gathering? How we should all long for the Spirit and grace of God that every word we may speak may be kind, with due respect for the opinions and feelings of every brother and sister on this encampment.

The past year has been a prosperous one, not only for God's cause in general, but in Virginia, in particular. It has been a year of great prosperity in the business world. Crops have been good, and business, in general, has not been stagnated. The presidential year, which is an off year, did not seem to effect business matters, and a good degree of confidence is manifested in the present administration, which is a favorable omen for continued prosperity and peace for a time,

in which to prosecute our evangelical work. Advanced moves have been made by those who are working in the interest of civic righteousness, and steps have been taken in direct fulfillment of prophecy in the accomplishment of the final downfall of Babylon. The action of the, so called, Protestant churches at the Federal Council of Churches in Chicago last December, in dropping the word Protestant from their organization, was a direct fulfillment of the testimony, and the stretching of the hand across the gulf by the Protestant churches to clasp the hand of Romanism.

### WORK IN THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

I shall endeavor to be brief in my report, leaving to others the matter of reporting the work of the different departments. Last year was a prosperous year for the work in the Virginia Conference. In many respects it was the most prosperous year the Virginia Conference has seen for several years. Our workers reported about one hundred converts to the faith. Our tithes increased over the previous year nearly \$1,000, or about twenty per cent. In our offerings to missions there was a great increase, or about sixty per cent, above that of the year 1911. And the first half of the year 1913 shows a gain in our tithes of about twenty per cent over that of last year, or in other words, our tithes for the first half of this year have been nearly \$1,000 more than they were for the first half of the year 1911.

Thus far this year, our records show about as good results as were seen in the first half of last year in new converts, there having been reported by our workers over forty besides a large company at Thelma, whom we are sure can be counted upon. Brother Campbell reported twenty-eight, who signed the covenant, when he was there one month ago. We hope in the final outcome to see a church of double that number.

In February, Elder Tindall and others, began a series of meetings at Portsmouth, and as a result the little church here has been greatly strengthened. A fuller report will be given of

the work in detail when we have the reports from our laborers.

All the churches in the conference have received more or less labor during the past year. Elder W. G. Kneeland spent seven months in this conference, devoting all his time to working in the churches. His labors, however, were confined, largely, to the churches in the Shenandoah Valley. About the last work he did was to organize a church at Rileyville, where Elder Kime held meetings for several weeks about eighteen months ago. This church will, undoubtedly, ask for admission into the conference at this session.

#### MISSIONARY WORK

In many respects there has been advancement in our home missionary work throughout the conference. I am quite sure a much larger amount of literature has been circulated by our lay brethren the past year than there was the previous year. I believe this has been due, largely, to the urgent appeal and consideration given at our last camp-meeting to this line of work. We hope to see this spirit growing in our churches until all will become active missionaries.

#### THE COLPORTEUR WORK

We are glad to report that we now have a live state agent, who is devoting all his time to the circulation of our literature, and we are securing a large corps of laborers who are actively engaged in the field work. Several of these are those who have embraced the faith in the last eighteen months. A more extended report of this work will be given by Brother George, our field agent, at the proper time.

#### EDUCATIONAL WORK

In some respects this department of the work has not accomplished all we had wished. At our camp-meeting one year ago, we had great hopes for the future of the Shenandoah Valley Training Academy. Professor Smith had visited the New Jersey and W. Virginia Conferences in the interest of the school, and we hoped to secure about a dozen students from these two states, and felt sure we could count on as many more from Virginia, which would make the school nearly self supporting; but in this we were disappointed, there being only six or seven boarding students in the home and about eight from the neighborhood. We had a good faculty and all in attendance were well pleased, as far as we know; but with the heavy indebtedness upon the school, and repairs that had to be made, the school shows quite a loss again this year.

This will be one of the most important questions for this conference to consider and whether under the existing circumstances, it will be for the best interest of the work and for all concerned, for this school to continue another year.

Our educational work, however, comprehends much more than conducting an Academy, as we had last year about three times as many students enrolled in our church-school as there were in the Academy; and this is not all; we have as many more, that should be in church-school this year, receiving a Christian education. We have at least one hundred white children that should, by all means, be in church-schools the coming year, and not less than seventy-five colored children. And this is a question of great importance, and one that should engage the serious consideration of this conference. What are we going to do with this army of children, who, if given a Christian education may nearly all be saved to this cause, and in a few years help to compose our church-membership? Shall this question receive at this conference the attention that its importance demands?

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WORK

We have supplied our State senators and representatives with the journal *Liberty* during the past year, and further than this, but little work has been done in this special line.

#### MEDICAL MISSIONARY WORK

We have endeavored to keep this department of the work intact, and have combined it with our evangelistic work more or less in all our efforts, but we are still far from placing this work where it belongs in our real evangelistic efforts; however, we are not discouraged, and expect to keep on endeavoring to bring this work to the place allotted it by the Master.

#### SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK

This branch of the work will be reported by the secretary of this department, which will show some real advancement.

#### THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

On account of the secretary of the young people's work being engaged in the Bible work and her time being so fully occupied, it has been hard for her to give this department the attention that its importance demanded. Yet some progress has been made, and we hope more attention can be given to it in the future.

#### FUTURE OF OUR WORK

When I came to this conference the tent fund was in debt, and in order to carry forward aggressive work a new

tent and seats had to be purchased to meet the real necessity. The Conference Committee authorized the president to purchase all necessary equipment and in so doing the debt was greatly increased. At our camp-meeting last year, this matter was presented and several hundred dollars were pledged toward the tent fund, but many of these pledges are still unpaid. This fund should receive attention, and an effort should be made to relieve the present indebtedness. We also have an opportunity to purchase a few family tents from the General Conference at a reasonable figure, and as the conference should own a few more family tents, it will be well to consider the matter of purchasing whatever additional tents the conference may need.

#### LOANS AND DEPOSITS

Last year it was recommended that our brethren and sisters loan and deposit with the conference any surplus money they might have on hand. We are glad to report that this has been done, and has been a great help at times to the conference. I trust that this will be continued, as it is perfectly safe, and can be had when wanted, and is then assisting in the building up of the work.

#### THE TITHE FUND

As has been stated, the tithe has been greatly increased during the past year and a half; and we believe this has largely been brought about by adopting the plan of paying the tithe *weekly* in our churches, and then forward it on to the state treasurer each month. We trust even greater adherence to this plan will still show a greater increase. The large number of new converts to the faith has also helped to swell the tithe fund. Every worker in the conference should ever keep before our brethren and sisters and the new converts the importance of faithfulness in the payment of tithes and offerings.

#### FIFTEEN-CENT A-WEEK FUND

All of our older brethren and sisters are acquainted with the plan of setting aside a sum equal to fifteen-cents a-week for missions. It has been recommended by the General Conference that each conference raise a sum equal to fifteen-cents-a-week, per member, which is devoted to the work of our foreign missions. The amounts that go to make up this fifteen-cent-a-week, are the Sabbath-school offerings, the Mid-summer offering, the Annual offering, the Harvest Ingathering offering, and all other offerings for missions.

It was recommended by the General

Conference that this sum be increased from fifteen-cents-a-week to twenty-cents-a-week, and that the extra five cents a week be used in paying off the indebtedness on our sanitariums and schools. These institutions are a part of our great missionary organization. We never could have sent out to foreign lands such an army of workers had it not been for our sanitariums and schools, which have educated these workers, and by this means of educating workers, debts have been incurred, which we should now take hold of and liquidate, and then cease, forever, the establishing of so many institutions. I am sure the General Conference or the Division Conference will gladly return to the Virginia Conference all the money paid into this fund over the fifteen-cents-a-week, for the liquidating of our school debt.

#### THE HARVEST INGATHERING

Already plans have been laid for the greatest campaign ever launched by our people for the Harvest Ingathering, and it is proposed to make this not a spasmodic effort for one day, but continue the good work until the territory has been thoroughly worked. I hope the committee on plans and recommendations will bring in a well defined plan by which to prosecute this Harvest Ingathering work for the present season.

#### FUTURE OF OUR EDUCATIONAL WORK

My mind has been greatly exercised over the situation that exists in this conference, and we have been publishing during the last few months articles from Sister White upon the importance of Christian education. I am glad to know that this has had its influence upon our brethren and sisters throughout the conference, and that many of them are desirous of having their children in a church school and several applications have come to us for church school teachers.

The matter of looking after our young people and giving them a proper education and training, should not be overlooked, and must not be. We should make an effort, if possible, to educate them at our own Academy, if a sufficient number can be secured to warrant the expense of conducting the school, but if this cannot be done, these young people must not be overlooked, but must be urged to get a training in one of our other schools.

But what about the army of young children in our ranks from six to twelve or fourteen years of age? There are several times as many of this class as there are of the other. And shall they be neglected? I know

that it will be a task to secure teachers to properly conduct our schools, but would it not be a good thing for this conference to consider the matter of securing an educational secretary, who shall give his whole time to this work, having charge of the young people's work and then visiting our church schools and remain a week or more in a place and help to organize and systematize the work and give our young teachers assistance and advice and thus help to build up and educate in a measure our own teachers and greatly strengthen our educational work. If I can comprehend the importance of the instruction that has come to us along this line, it is that we should *without delay* take up this work with the children in our ranks, and seek to give them a proper education, that will mould their lives for eternity.

#### A MISSIONARY CONFERENCE AND CAMP-MEETING

I have a great desire to see this conference and camp-meeting a great missionary conference. Last year we made some progress along this line, and I am sure some gained a rich experience. This year the General Conference has taken this matter under advisement, and passed a recommendation advising that some time be given in our camp-meetings to giving practical instruction, and then going out each day and putting this instruction into actual practice. Shall we not at this meeting demonstrate what thorough practical missionary work can do when performed in the love and spirit of the Master?

While we shall have some business to transact at this meeting, it is not the all-important part of this conference. Let us first of all seek for the infilling of the Spirit of God, that at every meeting we may see leadings of the Spirit in every word uttered. May it be the *greatest desire* of every heart, to close every avenue to Satan and his suggestions, and open every avenue heavenward, that we may receive that infilling for his service and work, that the few days spent here together may prove the brightest spot in all our lives, and an oasis in this great desert of sin through which we must travel. May the accuser of the brethren be an unwelcome guest in every heart.

The meeting is now in your hands. The responsibilities of the future are yours. I am glad for the privilege of being with you, and shall share the responsibility of helping to plan for the future of the work of this conference. My greatest desire is that God

may lead and direct in every plan that is laid, so that the future will fully demonstrate the leadings of the Lord in all that is done.

W. J. STONE.

### News and Notes

The camp-meeting was a success in many ways, and the results will be seen in more active work for the Master in the future by many.

The tent that was in Richmond has been returned and has been pitched at the corner of Twenty Second and Pleasant Streets, East Richmond. It has been announced that meetings will begin Wednesday night, September 3.

The Virginia camp-meeting and conference is now in the past. The attendance was not large, but many expressed themselves as feeling that it was the best camp-meeting they had ever attended.

Brethren Mallory and Sebastian are to continue the tent effort at Portsmouth. Twelve or fifteen have taken their stand for the truth thus far in their meetings.

Between six and seven hundred dollars were raised during the camp-meeting for the work in foreign lands. All who took part in this service of giving demonstrated the sincerity of their love. Read 2 Cor. 8:1-9. Note particularly verse 8.

The Lynchburg church was well represented with a full delegation at our conference, as was also the Bethel church. If all the churches in the conference had been as well represented as these churches, there would have been a large attendance for the Virginia Conference.

Our hearts were made sad to hear of the death of Sister Ragsdale, which occurred last week. The particulars of her death will appear later in the *Messenger*.

Recommendations were adopted at the recent conference, which, if carried out, will, we believe, greatly advance the work in the Virginia Conference the coming year. These recommendations will be published and the attention of our people called to special features in the near future.

A finer location for our camp-meeting and conference, could hardly have been secured. All seemed pleased, and the weather was ideal all through the meeting.

Professor Dresser has been chosen as educational secretary of the Virginia Conference, the coming year, and will be glad to hear from any of the churches that may desire church schools. It is getting late, and our churches contemplating church schools, should make arrangements for teachers at once. Address Professor Dresser at the conference office.

For various reasons, Elder Stone felt that it was not best that he should accept the presidency of the Virginia Conference for another year, and the office was left vacant in the report of the nominating committee. Afterward it was moved that Elder Stone be elected president until the Union Conference could find a man to take the office. After a few remarks by Elder Stone, he consented to remain.

Elder J. N. Anderson, from the Washington Seminary, who spent several years in China, was with us all through the camp-meeting. Elder Wilkinson, president of the Union, was present the first half of the meeting. Elder Prescott was with us three days. Professor Salisbury, of the Mount Vernon College, and Brother I. D. Richardson, field missionary secretary of the Union, were also with us a few days. Elders D. C. Babcock and Konigmacher, of Africa were present during the last days of the meeting. We all appreciated very much the labors of all these servants of God.

The colored camp-meeting, although not so largely attended as last year, was a great encouragement to the new believers, as well as those longer in the faith. Elder Walker spoke three times at the colored meetings, and other visiting ministers spoke at different times.

A tent was pitched on the same ground that the white pavilion was pitched at the white camp, and the meetings are to be followed while the interest demands. Brethren Gordon and Reavis will follow up the work, and it is hoped that the services of another minister can be secured in the near future to aid in the interest at Portsmouth.

Professor Dresser is to teach the Richmond school the coming year. He has had long experience as a

teacher, and the Richmond church should congratulate itself in being able to secure the services of such an able teacher. Parents living in the vicinity of Richmond who have children up to the eighth or ninth grades, who can place them in this school, would do well to avail themselves of this opportunity.

One recommendation passed at our conference received more than passing notice, and that was the one regarding the Harvest Ingathering. Great interest was manifested in this question, and those present fully indorsed the plan and felt that we ought to do more than we have ever done in the circulation of the Harvest Ingathering *Review*. We had a few sample copies of the paper and all were delighted with its appearance. We are desirous that our church officers take up this matter at once in our churches and decide how many copies they can use. We shall be glad to furnish just as many copies as our brethren and sisters will use judiciously. It is an excellent paper with which to do missionary work, and I am certain that much more money can be secured in donations than has been secured in the past if we will only show the paper to our friends and neighbors and give them an opportunity to contribute to our missions. We ought to average fifty copies to each individual member of our conference. Can not this be done, and ten cents per copy be raised upon each paper? Some will give more than ten cents, others may give less, and some may not wish to give anything, but we ought to make the papers average ten cents each. We trust that our brethren and sisters will think seriously over this matter, and that the officers will take it up in our churches, and send their orders at once to our tract society secretary.

### A New Tract on the Sabbath

Elder C. M. Snow, associate editor of the *Review* writes this concerning the latest addition to tracts on the Sabbath question;—

“The Truth Emphatically Stated” is the title of a new tract on the Sabbath question, which contains a number of striking admissions by Catholic and Protestant leaders regarding the change from the seventh to the first day of the week. This will be a good tract to use in helping individuals to see the binding obligation of the Sabbath and the proper attitude of the Christian toward the whole law of God.”

Price: One cent each; 75 cents a hundred; add 25 cents for postage. Send all orders to John N. Quinn, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

## EAST PENNSYLVANIA

### Tithe report of East Pennsylvania during year 1912

Allentown.....	\$988 27
Ariel.....	186 03
Bloomsburg.....	217 39
Carbondale.....	139 59
Cherry Flats.....	187 23
Covington.....	305 73
Carlisle.....	402 87
Chambersburg(company).....	22 39
First German.....	1510 67
Fleetwood.....	82 00
Fairhill.....	949 42
First African.....	263 83
Harrisburg.....	740 38
Hawley- Honesdale.....	629 15
Jersey Shore.....	16 71
Kulp.....	55 79
Lancaster.....	231 87
Lorenton.....	131 31
Lebanon.....	450 35
N. Phila.....	1272 13
Northumberland.....	565 73
Orwell.....	320 26
Reading.....	2606 98
Roaring Branch.....	388 01
Stroudsburg.....	352 80
Shimerville.....	307 14
Scranton.....	1178 01
Shunk.....	37 50
Scandinavian(company).....	161 24
West Phila.....	4004 15
Wade.....	186 78
Wellsboro.....	186 78
Williamsport.....	1042 57
Wilkes Barre.....	656 86
York.....	104 83
So. Canaan.....	23 51
Phoenixville.....	31 34
Sayre Company.....	57 30
Waynesboro Company.....	2 60
Individuals.....	109 06

S. D. Hartwell, Treasurer.

### Report of Y. P. S. M. V., of Eastern Pennsylvania

A further report:

Four societies besides the church-school Junior Society have been organized during the year.

In the early spring a conference society with a membership of twenty was organized and from this three bands were formed.

#### WORK DONE

Literature has been distributed, Bible readings and cottage meetings held, also food and clothing provided for some in need.

Our Volunteers have contributed a small amount to Home and Foreign

missionary work. The West Philadelphia Society has helped to support a teacher in the Philippines. The Philadelphia German Society sent \$50.00 to Elder Meyer of South America to purchase a tent to be used in his work there. They are also raising a fund to educate one of their number whom they plan on sending to the German Seminary at Clinton, Mo.

We are now giving, with all the the Volunteers of this Union, for the work among the Indians of Peru.

#### FUTURE WORK

The department desires every Seventh-day Adventist young person to enlist for service. Where it is not possible to organize a local society, the few or isolated should join the State Society.

Your secretary has not been able to secure the names and addresses of all the young people in this conference. The cooperation of all church elders and Sabbath-school superintendents is needed that this information may be obtained and the work pushed forward.

ELLA M. TALMAGE *Sec'y.*

#### Millfintown

At this writing we are presenting the testing truths of the advent message. Sunday night we spoke on the "Change of the Sabbath" to the best audience we have ever had since our meetings began. We know of a number who are under conviction. This is the time to seek God, not only on the part of those who are at the front of the battle, but on the part of all our people. Brethren and sisters, pray as you never have prayed before that men and women may yield their hearts to the sanctifying influence of the truth and decide to obey God. The men and women who are listening to the proclamation of the message from night to night in the seven tents that are out in the field need your prayers. Pray earnestly for them, brethren. We laborers feel that we must have you bear us in your arms of faith to the mercy seat; and brethren and sisters, you need the service of definite, earnest prayer in your own lives for a testimony before God of your interest in souls whose salvation is hanging in the balance.

My boy and I are of good courage. The enemy is hard at work. Great pressure is being brought to bear upon many who are attending the meetings to keep them away, but we believe God has honest hearts in this place who will hear him and obey.

CLARENCE BELL,  
A. R. BELL.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

To the Brethren and Sisters  
of West Pennsylvania.

In laying down official responsibilities in this conference, I wish to express my gratitude for the support of both prayers and earnest effort which you have given me during the two years I have been in the conference. I also wish to ask all to loyally support Elder R. A. Underwood, the newly elected president, who is a man of larger experience than I in conference work, and as he is well-known throughout the field, I am sure he will receive a warm welcome as he again takes up work here.

The success that has attended the work during the time I have been connected with the conference has come only by God's grace, and he alone shall have the praise. The mistakes made he has forgiven and will over-rule to his glory. It matters little who shall do the work, but a great deal depends on our willingness to let God lead. It is not human devising or planning, but God's power which brings success.

It has been arranged that I devote my time to the work among the churches in the north eastern part of the conference, and in harmony with the action of the conference committee, I shall locate in Coudersport in the near future. This section is in great need of pastoral help, as several of the churches and companies have not been having regular Sabbath services for some time. The burdens of official work are laid down with much less reluctance than they were assumed, and I gladly take up again the work of a pastor and evangelist, trusting that God will bless the effort to gather a few sheaves for the harvest.

B. F. KNEELAND.

## Important Meetings

Millport.....	Oct. 1-2
Shinglehouse.....	" 3-5
Sunderlandville.....	" 7-8
Jimtown.....	" 9-12
Coudersport.....	" 15-19
Ridgeway.....	" 23-26
Lock Haven.....	" 28-29
Clearfield.....	Oct. 30 to Nov. 2

The above meetings to be attended by Elders B. F. Kneeland, I. N. Williams, and G. L. West.

Bradford.....	Oct. 2-5
North Warren.....	" 9-12
Erie.....	" 16-19
Corry.....	" 23-26

These meetings to be attended by Elders W. F. Schwartz and W. A. Westworth.

Huntigton.....	Oct. 1-2
Six Mile Run.....	" 3-6
Altoona.....	" 7-12
Johnstown.....	" 16-19

To be attended by Elders J. W. Watt and C. F. Ulrich. Brother V. O. Panches will attend such of these meetings as he thinks will best advance the book work in the conference.

## OHIO

### Notes on the Colporteur Work

Several of our workers are delivering this week. This makes our report of orders taken somewhat lower than usual, but the most important part is now being accomplished.

Over twenty of our colporteurs were in attendance at the camp-meeting. We believe all have returned to their field encouraged by the inspiring talks given directly on their work by I. A. Ford, A. J. S. Bourdeau and I. D. Richardson. The rally meeting was an occasion of refreshing for the entire camp. We see evidence that the uplifting testimonies borne by the colporteurs have resulted in encouraging others to follow their worthy example. A goodly number returned to their homes to shape their affairs so they can enter the work early this fall. J. H. McE.

### Free, For the Asking

It is designed that the new Thirteenth Sabbath Offering Leaflet, and accompanying map of the world showing by lines where one hundred fifty missionaries are going, shall be sent to each school, and each isolated member. Any who have not received these should write for them. They are free for the asking. Address your conference Sabbath-school secretary or Sabbath School Department, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

Those who are not connected with any Sabbath-school, but desire to contribute to this fund, are cordially invited to do so, stating when the money is sent, that is for the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering fund.

The fourth quarter Memory Verse Cards are ready to mail, and it is now time to place the orders for these cards, for they should be ordered in time to be received on, or before, the last Sabbath of the old quarter. These cards are 5 cents a set of 13 cards when five or more sets are ordered at one time. Less than five sets are 6 cents a set.

## COLLEGE NOTES

Professor Foote and family returned from Washington D. C. Tuesday of last week. He has spent the summer in that city studying in further preparation for his work.

Mr. Alfred Holst has returned from canvassing and reports nearly two scholarships. His parents are moving into the house recently vacated by Elder Lindsey.

Mrs. Anderson returned last Wednesday from a visit to her home in Ontario. Her sister returned with her for a visit.

On last Thursday night a recital was given down town in the Knights of Columbus Hall by Mr. Oscar Spohn's music students. He has had a large class all summer.

Mr. Charles Paden arrived in Academia last week. He has had a successful summer canvassing.

Mr. and Mrs. King and Mr. and Mrs. Baker spent a few days after camp-meeting visiting in Cincinnati, Dayton, and Columbus. They report a pleasant trip.

Miss Keifus of West Pennsylvania and Misses Beatrice and Joy Murphy of Ohio arrived at the College last week. Miss Beatrice Murphy will teach the church school this year.

Elder W. C. Moffett of last spring's graduating class arrived last week from Jersey City, where he has been holding tent meetings since the General Conference. He expects to return to New Jersey accompanied by his wife and little girl.

You will see the students are coming in already. The prospects are good for a large attendance. Are you planning on being here September 17?

I shall pass this way but once any good thing therefore that I can do or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now.

Let me not defer it nor neglect it for I shall not pass this way again.

—A. B. Hegeman.

## Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending Aug. 29, 1913

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
N. J. Dean	Miami Co.	PPF	11	71	33	54 00	25 15	79 15	48 50
H. A. Rossin	Coshocton Co.	ES	15	87	18	56 00	58 75	114 75	3 00
C. E. Reichenbach	Licking Co.	ES	10	82	29	78 00	28 80	106 80	8 00
J. S. Randolph	Delaware Co.	ES	13	113	23	86 00	26 95	112 95	149 10
L. H. Waters	Shelby Co.	PPF	8	62	53	94 50	3 00	97 50	1 10
J. B. Reichenbach	Montg'y Co.	BR	7	58	12	36 00	3 00	39 00	81 00
Dorothy Shryock	Wayne Co.	ES	9	62	12	39 00	16 50	55 50	
Tillie Gable	Cleveland	ES	15	80	15	50 00	7 00	57 00	
R. De Garmo	Medina Co.	ES	9	51	23	81 00	24 50	105 50	
Ray H. Chapin	Perry Co.	ES	4	20	11	87 00	12 75	49 75	
Andra Reichenbach	Montg. Co.	CK	7	30	7	11 50	50	12 00	21 50
Ira Rickett	Ashland Co.	ES	6	40	9	28 00	6 75	34 75	
Clara Reichenbach	Muskingam Co.	GC	5	27	10	31 00	4 05	35 05	3 30
Freeman Coolen	Madison Co.	PPF	5	35	10	16 00	15 70	31 70	
J. L. Holder	Richland Co.	GC	7	44	12	42 00	6 75	48 75	
H. L. Sheneman	Ashtabula	ES	4	28	7	25 00	4 50	29 50	
Marie Flenner	Buiter Co.	ES	5	20	23	23 00		23 00	
John Schick	Summit Co.	GC	5	36	4	13 00	4 25	17 25	40 25
Mrs. S. D. Phillips	Lucas Co.	BR	10	39	5	15 00	50	15 50	35 50
W. H. Geisweller	Henry Co.	PP	3	23	5	26 00	6 75	22 75	
Marie Grunke	Lucar Co.	PPF	1	7	6	9 00		9 00	
Mrs J. B. Reichenbach		Mag	1	8		15 60		15 60	15 60
Totals	22 Agents					318 \$826 60	\$266 15	\$1092 75	\$406 85

## West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Aug., 29, 1913

A. Brownlee	Washington Co.	PPF	20	179	96	179 50	87 50	267 00	80 55
H. K. Christman	Clarion Co.	DR	5	28	22	70 00	1 75	71 75	1 50
Alva Davies	Pittsburg	CK	20	130	43	72 00	12 00	84 00	90 50
Mrs F. W. Hall	Venango	CK	15	103	72	111 00	11 25	122 25	13 55
F. W. Hall	Venango	CK	19	122	103	197 50	19 20	216 70	23 50
A. E. Holst	Greene Co.	DR	9	102					301 25
W. H. House	McKean Co.	GC	4	29	17	27 00	12 60	39 60	5 75
J. A. Kimmel	Fayette Co.	PPF	19	116	44	80 00	18 20	98 20	129 45
D. E. Lindsey	Greene Co.	DR	7	66					336 80
W. Morgan	Beaver Co.	BF	5	42	3	3 00	7 25	10 25	21 00
J. E. Perkins	Fayette Co.	CK	4	23	1	1 50		1 50	26 50
Miscellaneous			3	21	7	9 50	10 30	19 80	15 50
Totals	11 Agents					139 961 408 \$751 00	\$190 05	\$931 05	\$1245 85

## Virginia, Week Ending Aug., 8, 1913

H. A. Wright	Hayes Store	PPF	59	33	62	00	4 75	71 75	104 75
L. A. King	Ingram	GC	50	23	70	00	6 00	76 00	
J. Meyer	Gloucester	PPF	98	61	114	00	9 25	123 25	13 35
C. Painter	Greenwood	PPF	43	27	46	00	3 00	49 00	
R. W. Constable	Culpeper	DR	131	44	123	00		123 00	
F. S. Parsons	Richmond		8				40 50	40 50	40 50
B. Hamin	Geer		16		5	00	12 00	17 00	
N. O. Shaffer	Marlboro	GC	8	4	3	00	2 00	5 00	2 00
E. E. Royer	Yorktown	GC	20	11	16	50	75	17 25	
L. R. Rainvells	Yorktown	CK	28	28	50	50	3 00	53 50	1 25
House Boat	Wm. Wharf		40				34 45	34 45	2 25
Totals	11 Agents					501 232 \$490 00	\$220 75	\$610 75	\$164 10

## New Jersey, Week Ending Aug. 29, 1913

G. W. Blinn	Monmouth Co.	PG	5	40	20	63 00		63 00	
J. Kennedy	Gloucester	GC	5	36	6	18 00	75	18 75	27 00
W. B. Plant	Morris Co.	BF	5	32	4	14 00	4 90	18 90	12 75
Edward Sterner	Cumberland	PPE	5	42	7	10 59	2 20	12 70	2 50
C. J. Beach	Warren Co.	PPF	1	8	1	1 50	3 00	4 50	51 00
Irma Gerhart	Trenton	CK	10	73	10	15 50	5 50	21 00	74 75
Louis Riess	Sussex	BF	10	80	16	17 50	50	18 00	
M. N. Ask	Perth Amboy	GA	10	66	21	6 00	20	6 20	27 75
Magazines						342 34 20		34 20	
Totals	8 Agents					51 377 88 \$120 20	\$17 05	\$197 25	\$195 45

"Before honor is humility."

## Chesapeake, Week Ending Aug. 28, 1913

Marguerite Tippet, Allegany	BF	5	31	15	23 50		23 50	12 00
D. W. Percy, Somerset Co.	GC	4	34	26	70 00	16 70	86 70	
J. E. Jones, Somerset Co.	GC	5	40	25	43 50	14 45	60 95	
G. R. Lehman, Newcastle, Del.	GC	3	23	12	26 00		26 75	
F. H. Barritt, Baltimore Co.	PPF	5	40	28	54 50	5 50	60 00	47 00
C. M. Paden, Washington Co.	PPF	5	50					166 75
M. S. Pettibone, Harford Co.	PPF	2	16	17	30 00	2 00	32 00	
J. C. Paden, Dover Del.	PPF	5	35	23	37 50	4 25	41 75	
G. W. Lawrence, Cecil Co.	Wat		12				10 00	10 00
S. Jones, Balto.	Signs		30				8 50	8 50

Totals 10 Agents 37 311 146 \$285 00 \$43 65 \$350 15 \$243 65

## West Virginia, Week Ending Aug. 29, 1913

T. M. Butler, Harrison	PPF	5	48	38	72 50	3 50	76 00	
Clara Pettit, Marshall	PPF	5	44	62	112 00	4 00	116 00	
E. E. Smith, St. Marys	DR	6	36	23	78 00	6 00	84 00	
Mary F. Rice, Wetzell Co.	PPF	3	15	38	13 50	1 50	15 50	
Guy Corder, McCowee Co.	BF	5	45					325 00

Totals 5 Agents 24 188 132 \$276 00 \$15 00 \$291 00 \$325 00

## East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Aug 30, 1913

W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	PPF	3	30			14 25	122 25	108 00
H. C. Baumgartner, Lebanon	PG	5	45	11	35 00	8 00	43 00	3 75
Stella Grube, Lehigh, Co.	CK	3	20	6	9 00	7 70	16 70	60
Miscellaneous		5	33	6	13 75		13 75	

Totals 3 Agents 16 128 23 \$57 75 \$29 95 \$195 70 \$112 35

Grand Totals: 70 Agents Value of Orders, \$2,806 55 Deliveries, \$2,693 20

## Monthly Summary of Canvassers' Reports

Conferences	Colporteurs	Hours	Orders	Value of Books
Ohio	35	4008	1442	\$4,610 95
West Virginia	12	1278	904	1,871 86
Virginia	15	1363	617	1,802 80
East Pennsylvania	16	1580	716	1,740 10
Chesapeake	11	1306	661	1,593 80
West Pennsylvania	13	1633	536	1,584 45
New Jersey	12	1069	484	1,098 89
District of Columbia	11	624	334	756 55
Totals	125	12864	5694	15,059 40

## The Summary

This summary of the canvassing work of the Columbia Union Conference is very interesting to all those engaged in this line of work, and we believe it will also be very interesting to all of the readers of the VISITOR; so it has been advised that each month we publish the summary in these columns that we may know how the work in our conference compares with the work in the other conferences of the Union.

You will notice that the total sales for July were \$15,059.40 as reported; yet we had one conference (Virginia), which failed to get one week's report to us in time to be included which would have raised it to nearly \$16,000,

and placed Virginia second in the Union.

You will notice that the District of Columbia Conference was the only one to fall below the \$1,000 mark, but next month they will likely reach \$1,200 or more. Brother C. V. Leach, who has charge of the work in the District of Columbia Conference, has only recently taken charge. We will watch their report carefully from month to month, for we expect to see their report grow steadily.

I know we all rejoice with the Ohio brethren with their \$4,610.95 which represents many, many thousands of pages of the blessed truth hundreds of homes throughout Ohio.

It does us all good to see the "Old Dominion" with such a fine report.

However, Brother George does not count \$2,000 a good stopping place. There is no good stopping place this side of the New Jerusalem.

Next month we hope to have a large report and many more good notes on the work in all of the conferences as we shall have a good report from the camp-meetings. It might be interesting to all of our readers to know that we shall have some good reports on city work in the near future.

The interest in evangelistic canvassing is rapidly growing all over the Union, especially is this true in Ohio where about fifty canvassers were in attendance at the camp-meeting besides about twenty-three who could not attend.

Let every one be careful to watch for the summary each month.

I. D. RICHARDSON,

## The October Watchman

For the benefit of our agents, as well as for those who appreciate the beautiful in art, we have prepared an unusually beautiful cover design illustrating nature in her quiet sublimity. The leading editorial, "Preparations for Armageddon" vividly pictures the holocaust which has been going on in the East as the probable beginning of the final great battle of Armageddon as spoken of by John the Revelator. The following are a few of the more important features:

Human versus Divine Authority.

The Character of God.

Preparations for Armageddon.

Korea and the Koreans, (Illustrated)

The French Revolution. (An exposition of Rev. 11, the first of a series.)

It will be of especial interest to our readers to know that a new series on the Sanctuary Question from the pen of Elder R. W. Parmele of Louisiana will commence shortly in the *Watchman*. As there has been some question in many honest minds as to the time when Christ entered the most holy place, Elder Parmele will present some very convincing scriptural evidence indicating that the denominational view that Christ went into the most holy place in 1844 is correct. This point is vital, as it affects one of the fundamental positions taken in the earlier history of the Great Second Advent Movement. Every honest seeker after truth should subscribe for the *Watchman* at once and secure the benefit of this splendid series.

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Danville.....	....
Guinea Mills.....	6 19
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Lynchburg.....	34 29
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New Market.....	....
Newport News No. 1.....	114 75
Newport News No. 2.....	21 41
News Ferry.....	....
Norfolk.....	21 34
Portsmouth.....	39 78
Richmond No. 1.....	227 82
Richmond No. 2.....	....
Roanoke.....	4 00
Spencer.....	25
Stanley.....	35 89
Rileyville.....	....
Individuals.....	2 40
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 549 00</b>

**Special Notice**

As the Academy at New Market, Virginia, is left in an unsettled condition for the present, and as the school will not be run by the conference, the New Market church is making arrangements to run a church school if possible.

As we have so few students of that age now located in this church, we thought we would invite others who are interested in the education of their children to correspond with us with a view of either locating here as families in order to secure the advantages of the church school here, or of sending their children here to board. Several families could be accommodated near the school building with cheap rent. Address for further particulars, R. D. Hottel, New Market, Virginia.

**The Next Thirteenth Sabbath  
a Great Opportunity**

How it thrills our hearts to know that one hundred missionaries have turned their faces to the "regions beyond" in response to the action of the last General Conference. Even now some of them are tossing upon the seas, outward bound. We have set our hands to the finishing of the work, and there must from henceforth be no wavering. When workers are willing to go, the means to send them must be supplied. The transportation expense of a hundred workers from the home land to the "uttermost parts of the earth" calls for a large cash outlay of means, and the resources of the General Conference Treasury are strained to the utmost in consequence. Indeed, it is doubtful if the plans in full can be carried out if special help is not given.

To meet this emergency the General Conference Committee has turned to the Sabbath-schools in the home land for help, and set apart September 27, the thirteenth sabbath of the third quarter, as the time when the schools may give for the special purpose of paying the transportation expenses of missionaries who are to go this fall to foreign fields. Shall we not work and pray for an especially liberal offering? It will truly be a sad thing if any of these missionaries under appointment remain at home on account of lack of means to pay their fare to the mission field. As we love this truth, as we believe it is soon to lighten the whole earth with its glory, let us deny self, and plan to give on that Sabbath, as we never have done before, that every selected missionary may be hastened on his way.

Remember the date,—Sabbath, September 27.

Remember the object,—The transportation expenses of one hundred appointed missionaries to their mission fields.

Remember to pray that God will give his people liberal hearts, that his work be not hindered, nor his coming delayed. MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.

*Secretary Sabbath School Dept.*

**WANTED.**— To correspond with a young man about twenty years old or older, who wishes to take the nurses' course. Address, Sanitarium, Newark, Ohio.

"Truth is the foundation of all knowledge and the cement of all societies."

**Attention Young Women**

In the work of God there is opportunity for all classes to labor. In this great evangelistic movement of the advent message, women are to act an important part.

In "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX, page 3, we read:—

"Of equal importance with special public efforts is house-to-house work in the homes of the people. In large cities there are certain classes that cannot be reached by public meetings. These must be searched out as the shepherd searches for his lost sheep. Diligent, personal effort must be put forth in their behalf. When personal work is neglected, many precious opportunities are lost, which, were they improved, would advance the work decidedly.

"As the result of the presentation of the truth in large congregations, a spirit of inquiry is awakened, and it is especially important that this interest be followed up by personal labor. Those who desire to investigate the truth need to be taught to study diligently the Word of God. Some one must help them to build on the sure foundation. At this critical time in their religious experience, how important it is that wisely directed Bible workers come to their help, and open to their understanding the treasure-house of God's Word."

For this work you need a preparation, so we are told that, "the Lord calls upon our young people to enter our schools and quickly fit themselves for service. In various places, outside of cities, schools are to be established, where our young can receive an education that will prepare them to go forth to do evangelistic work and medical missionary work."

The Lord has blessed the Foreign Mission Seminary in its efforts to follow this instruction. Situated as it is in a suburb of one of the important cities of the East and not far from several others, and having the staff and facilities of the Washington Sanitarium and Dispensary to aid in the work, the Seminary has felt itself duty bound to do something to increase the supply of Bible workers. Other schools are also offering courses of instruction for Bible workers. Who will respond and enter training this autumn?

M. E. KERN,  
*President Washington Foreign Mission Seminary.*

Words are things and a small drop of ink

Falling like dew upon a thought, produces  
That which makes thousands, perhaps millions think. —Byron.