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

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## Our Mission Offerings By Conferences

Chesapeake . . . \$5,844 80

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 \* Amount Received \$1,645 26 \*  
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BALANCE \$4,199.54

District of Columbia . \$8,268.00

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 \* Amount Received \$2,080.66 \*  
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BALANCE \$6,187.34

New Jersey . . . \$7,092.80

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 \* Amount Received \$2,578.61 \*  
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BALANCE \$4,514.19

East Pennsylvania . \$11,772 80

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 \* Amount Received \$3,780.77 \*  
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BALANCE \$7,992.03

West Pennsylvania . \$7,644.00

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 \* Amount Received \$2,165.38 \*  
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BALANCE \$5,478.62

Ohio . . . \$21,840.00

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 \* Amount Received \$6,724.82 \*  
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BALANCE \$15,115.18

Virginia . . . \$ 4,888.00

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 \* Amount Received \$ 1,185.14 \*  
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BALANCE \$3,702.86

West Virginia . . . \$1,788.80

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 \* Amount Received \$582.28 \*  
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BALANCE \$1,206.52

Columbia Union . . \$69,139.20

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 \* Amount Received \$20,742.92 \*  
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BALANCE \$48,396.28

It is difficult to comprehend the magnitude of the work and what has, or has not, been accomplished when only figures are given, so a little object lesson helps us to appreciate the true situation.

The work entered upon in mission

fields requires an average of not less than twenty cents per week from the entire membership of the churches within the United States and Canada. This does not mean that the poor widow struggling to support her precious family *must* give twenty cents a

week, and possibly the same for a daughter for her mission offering; and the prosperous brother farmer or merchant give *only* twenty cents a week for his mission offering. No! No! But it does mean that each church should see that their offerings to mis-

sions average twenty cents a week for the entire membership. Some individuals can and will cheerfully contribute many times twenty cents a week thus making up for those who are less able to give. However, the time has come when every dear believer should lift as never before.

The above diagram shows how the conferences in the Columbia Union stand, to date Sept. 10. The figures given at the top of each square will be the amount gathered during 1913 if all are faithful in the payment of an average of twenty cents a week. The square represents this full amount. The amount of money coming from each conference which has been received at the Union office and passed on to the fields is that printed in the middle of the dark portion of the square. The balance shows the sum still to be raised and the relative portion of the square to be filled in.

Eight months of the year have passed and in no case has the amount received equaled one-half the total sum to be raised during the year. Some conferences have contributed a third, and some a trifle more than one-third. Other conferences have given but a fourth or a little more than a fourth of the total amount and two conferences average less than one-fourth. The last square shows how the Union as a whole stands. We are nearly \$3000.00 short of having one-third the total amount. It seems it has taken two-thirds the time to raise less than one-third the required amount. I believe we have a band of loyal souls within the Union and let us see if we cannot raise the two-thirds balance in the one-third of time remaining. The four remaining months can be most active months and exceedingly fruitful for missions. We are going to count on every reader of this article. Ask God to help you do your utmost.

R. T. DOWSETT.

Sabbath, September 27, is the opportunity afforded every believer to have at least one dollar invested in helping transport the dear missionaries sent out since last General Conference. Some dear souls have given their sons and daughters. Families have given loved ones. The missionaries themselves have given their lives, sacrificed home comforts, forsaken the blessings and privileges of kindred, lain all on the altar for missions. Surely every one in the home-land will esteem it a privilege to at least contribute one dollar. Many will want to give much more. R. T. D.

In a letter received from the General Conference office, information is given that the treasury is empty and they desire us to forward every dollar of mission funds which may be in our possession. Not a dollar of mission offerings was in the Union treasury when the letter came. Knowing the great demands, we hasten on the offerings as fast as they come to us. We sincerely trust our dear brethren and sisters will continue their stream of free-will offerings so that "Old Ship Zion" may continue her journey unhindered. No offering is considered too small or too large. They all help to swell the stream. R. T. D.

The Mission Board was compelled to borrow a little money in order to see the party of missionaries off for South America, there being not sufficient money in the treasury to meet the demand. The Harvest Ingathering campaign presents a precious opportunity to every believer to solicit funds and thus replenish a depleted treasury. The poor man's purse may not be able to spare twenty cents a week for missions. The wife of the unbeliever may not be privileged to give of her companion's income. The well-to-do may have means tied up in lands, etc. and cannot contribute as he should; but the Ingathering banishes every excuse and one and all can engage in the good work.

While spreading the influences of the message, a sum is gathered to equal, and many times exceed, the required amount of twenty cent a week. The devil knows we are after some of his cash as well as souls, hence expect many suggestions of your not doing anything. Let us show him of what material we are of and reap the reward. R. T. D.

### The Opening of Mount Vernon College

After the opening exercises, which consisted of an appropriate hymn, prayer by Elder H. F. Benson, and an instrumental duet by Miss Taylor and Miss Robbins, Professor E. G. Salisbury, the new president of the College, made a speech of welcome and encouragement, in part as follows:

I am glad this morning to welcome so many students to our school. We have been anxious during the summer to know how many would be here at the opening of school, and I am glad to see so large a number. I wish to extend to you our heartiest welcome. I suppose, too, that some of you will feel that you ought to extend to me your welcome, because I am as new

as the newest. If there are any new students here who feel awkward, you should consider that your president also feels the same way.

This morning I wish to welcome you to the traditions of this school. Mount Vernon College has been a waymark in the experience of hundreds of young men and women, who are now old men and women. As we look over the record of those who have finished their work in Mount Vernon, and those who have not finished, who have gone out into the work, we see that there is perhaps a larger percentage in the work of the third angel's message from this than from any other of our schools. This speaks well for Mount Vernon. - It ought to be so. We are placed out here by ourselves, in the quiet, and I am sure there is nothing but the desire to prepare for the Lord's service that could bring any here. I hope every one who is here has come with the great idea of preparing for service in the Lord's vineyard. It is that which we wish our students to prepare for. It is that which has brought this school into existence. I hope this morning that we may look upon the past record of this College, look upon the traditions of this school, and each one purpose in his heart to harmonize with that record, with those traditions, that the goal of the institution shall not be set back, but rather that it shall be set ahead. The time has come in the history of our work when it is necessary that we make greater progress than we have ever made before. We feel the obligation resting upon us, as teachers in this institution, to see that the work is progressive.

We would make our watchword "Onward, onward," and I hope that this is the watchword which each student will adopt, so that we may, together, make this the best year this institution has ever enjoyed. That means much; but it is not too much to ask, because there has come a time in the history of our work when it is necessary that we progress.

I wish to welcome you, students, to the fellowship of the teachers, and to the fellowship of each other. There are many things which enter into a student's life which are more important than the books he will study. I believe that the literary work of the school should be thorough, and that the students should work hard, and also the teachers; but there are so many other things that really the literary work of the school holds a place of minor importance in the general makeup of the character of the students. So I am glad this morning to

welcome you into the hearty fellowship of the teachers and of each other.

I would welcome you, also, to hard work. I believe this is what we are here for. I believe that was the object in the mind of the Creator when he brought us into existence. There is nothing so much to be despised as the human being who is not carrying his share of responsibility. The great thing that all should aim at is to produce something for the world, something that no one else has produced,—to bring something new into existence. It may be some great truth of science, or mathematics, or some great piece of art in literature. But no student should ever be satisfied until he has brought something into existence which the world has never known before, and which will be of benefit to the world. We welcome you to hard work in literary lines, and in all lines; and I am sure you will find plenty of it, for, as I have talked with our teachers, and have seen how progressive they are, I feel sure you will not find an easy teacher on the Faculty.

I am glad this morning that I have the privilege of being associated with this school. I am glad that the Lord has called me to a place of responsibility on this Faculty, and before I take up the responsibilities of the school, I wish to request your cooperation and your prayers in behalf of my work as head of the school. This will be necessary. The work cannot go forward without this is so. I hope you will remember this.

I wish the students to feel that there is no such thing as offence between you and me, and that there is no such thing as offence between you and the Faculty. I want you to feel that any time my services are needed in your behalf, then is the time to speak to me about it. If you become discouraged or homesick, then is the time I want you to speak to me. I wish you well in every respect. There is nothing that is so prominent in my heart this morning as a desire to see the students of this College this year do the very best that can be done. I want you to keep in good health; I want to see every one with a smile; I want to see you free from all imperfections of character, that your spiritual welfare may be the best. I wish the student body, and the Faculty, the very best that can possibly come.

B. P. FOOTE.

(To be continued.)

"If you wish to have the qualities of a great man, be modest in success and courageous in failure."

## COLLEGE NOTES

Mount Vernon College opened according to the appointment in our catalog, September 17, with an aggregate enrollment of ninety-seven the first day, which during the following twenty-four hours was raised to one hundred and twenty. We are thankful for this large company of young people who have come here to take up their work. We are glad, too, for the cooperation manifested in behalf of our work here on the part of our fellow laborers and lay members of the Columbia Union Conference. Correspondents from all parts of the field show a deep interest in our work and we are sure that by the blessing of God, assisted by the prayers and cooperation of his people, that our work will be a success this year.

Our dormitories are full to overflowing. We have not had to send any out into the village for rooms, but presume that we shall have to make special arrangements next week when the students come who have corresponded with us stating that they will come then.

We feel indeed thankful to the Lord for all his blessings. Surely the work is his. We carry no responsibilities, but to keep ourselves in position so that he may work through us for the advancement of his interest in this place.

Every effort has been put forth to make the opening of the school both pleasant and economical to the students. The second day after the opening, the work was so organized that the regular class work was taken up. We hope that we may have the benefit of the prayers of our brethren and sisters throughout the field.

E. G. SALISBURY.

A reception was given in the chapel last Saturday night by the Faculty to the friends and students of the College. President Salisbury made a speech of welcome and Mr. Cook responded on behalf of the patrons and friends. A program of vocal and instrumental selections and a reading was then rendered.

Announcements are out of the marriage of Miss Florence White, of last spring's graduating class, to Mr. Frank Spangler, September 13, at Dayton, Ohio. They both expect to teach in the school at Oshawa, Ontario. Their many friends wish them success.

The preceptress, Miss Bailey, informs us that the young ladies' dormitory is crowded. It has been necessary to put two in every single room and three in some double rooms. The day before school opened, it was found out that the partition on the third floor would have to be moved, so as to give the young ladies more room.

This school year opened with a large band of earnest and consecrated young men in the College Home. Others keep coming and very soon every room will be filled.

Most of these young men are preparing themselves to soon take an active part in spreading the third angel's message to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. Surely we have much to encourage us.

## OHIO

### Notes on the Colporteur Work

A short church institute was recently held in Columbus by H. F. Kirk and the writer. Although it was hard to get the members out to the classes in the evening, yet we rejoice that a goodly number are going to take hold of the book and magazine work and improve their spare time in missionary work.

One of our young sisters, who had never sold magazines before, after a good season of prayer that God would give her courage and words to speak, earned \$6.00 as a clear profit to herself in three hours and forty-five minutes, selling the beautiful October number of *Life and Health*.

The church school children of Columbus have also taken up the work enthusiastically and are not only earning their car fare to school, but are placing much before the people.

Brother and Sister L. H. Bocker of Cleveland, a young couple, who recently were baptized into the truth through the labors of Elder Patter and Brother Wales, have given up their home and a good paying position to enter the colporteur work. Mrs. Bocker will attend Mount Vernon College while her husband canvasses Knox County.

The eyes of other people are the eyes that ruin us; if all but myself were blind, I should want neither fine clothes, fine houses, nor fine furniture.

—Franklin.

## NEW JERSEY

### Annual Address

Another year has rolled around and its records have been passed on to the books above. As we look over the records of the year 1912, we are impressed with the fact that God has blessed us much and that he has been willing to use weak instruments in his work. We thank him from the depths of our hearts for what he has done for us here in New Jersey.

#### SURVEY OF THE FIELD

During the year we have had twenty-five laborers. Some of these have worked only a part of the time. The following figures show something of the work that has been done:

Sermons . . . . .	1,320
Bible Readings . . . . .	2,611
Other Meetings . . . . .	1,339
Baptized . . . . .	64
Added to Church . . . . .	75
Visits . . . . .	5,419
Calls . . . . .	5,934
Periodicals Distributed . . . . .	11,033
Pages Loaned . . . . .	170,835
Subscriptions . . . . .	376

These figures no doubt do not reveal *all* that has been done. They do not reveal the prayers offered, and the burdens that have been carried by the workers. God knows that. He knows whether we have been faithful in his work and whether we have carried the burdens as we ought in what he has given us to do.

While in comparison with the year 1911 there is a gain all along the line, yet I am impressed that the gain is not what it ought to be for the money expended. In 1911 the net gain in church membership was twenty-four. In 1912 it was forty-five. Of course these figures do not show all that has been done and the laborers are not to blame for the removals and the apostasies, yet, my brethren, I believe you are all impressed with the fact that the \$23,000 that is expended yearly in this conference ought to bring forth greater results and I trust that this meeting will be one that will fit us for greater efficiency in God's cause and enable us to use more of his power in hastening his work.

#### DEPARTMENTS

##### EVANGELICAL

We have in the English work four ordained ministers, (I do not reckon myself with any one nationality, but for all) one licensed minister, four holding missionary licenses; German, one ordained minister, and two carry-

ing missionary license; Swedish, one ordained minister, one missionary license; Danish-Norwegian, one licensed minister; Hollandish, one licensed minister; Slavish-Bohemian, Polish, Russian, one licensed minister and one holding missionary license. We have one licensed minister studying the Hungarian and another to begin the study of Italian. Thus you will see we are now doing work for ten different nationalities and are getting ready to work for two more. This conference is becoming decidedly a foreign field, and I am sure you are all glad that we are able to reach so many. But, my brethren, it means more work, more means, and a greater consecration to the cause of God.

#### MISSIONARY WORK

Our brethren in the office have done faithful work in keeping before the churches and the individuals the importance of the missionary work and of all of the churches and individuals having a part in it. Their reports will show what has been done. Our book men have been traveling the field over carrying the printed page into unknown portions of this conference, and they are opening up fields that it seems imperative that we should enter with the living preacher and gather in the harvest from the seed that has been sown by them. The good reports that come in from time to time from them are evidence that God is with this class of workers. This conference has stood nobly by its canvassers and has been willing to do all for them that it was possible to do. Two of our men have been benefited by the thousand dollar proposition made by the publishing department. The most of the work done by the canvassers has been in the country, while the evangelical work has been entirely in the cities, thus to a great extent separating these two lines of work, which ought to go hand in hand. I trust that plans will be laid at this conference that may result in enabling our canvassers to reach the cities and our ministers to reach the country.

#### SABBATH-SCHOOLS

Our secretary's report will show a decided gain in our Sabbath-schools and that the interest in mission work is growing and that our Sabbath-schools help very materially in raising our mission funds. God certainly is blessing this line of work.

#### CHURCH SCHOOLS

There have been two church schools in this conference with three teachers. There ought to have been more

schools and I trust that the Lord will help us to have a better educational system in this conference.

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

There has been nothing presented to the legislature of this state that would call for a decided campaign against Sunday legislation. We have been able to get very little into the papers a few times with reference to this matter.

#### MEDICAL

We have had one nurse during the summer of 1912, with one of our tent companies, who did good work; and Doctor Kinne visited the tent companies at Jersey City once a week during the summer. His work was much appreciated by those who attended and we truly, as a conference, appreciate the work the Doctor did for us.

#### OUR NEED

Our greatest need is more of the power of God in our work and more workers. If you could hear the calls that come to us from city and country for help you would say "We surely need more workers". We need more Bible workers for our cities, for this is the best way to reach the people in these large centers of population. I would that we might have a mission established in one of our large cities like Jersey city or Newark and have a minister in charge who is able to train Bible workers. I believe in the end it would be a paying proposition, not only from the standpoint of meeting the people and bringing them into the truth, but financially as well, and I hope and pray that we may soon see something of this kind established. There are cities yet unentered that have several thousand inhabitants: New Brunswick with thirty-five thousand, Phillipsburg with fifteen thousand, and many other towns with from five to ten thousand that have not been touched. I must not fail to speak of our country territory. I mentioned it before in speaking of the work of our canvassers, but I wish to speak of it still further. I have in mind several counties such as Hunterdon, Warren, Sussex, Monmouth, and others that have been gone over time and again by our agents where there is an interest to hear the truth, and it appeals to me, brethren, that there would be greater returns for labor bestowed in this rural territory than in any other part of our field. We ought, at least, to put two tent companies in rural districts next summer and we could expect that each effort would raise up a good strong church

that would be a financial help as well as a nucleus around which more work might be done. I trust the incoming committee will give much study to this line of work.

#### CAMP-MEETING

We were all blessed in the camp-meeting that we enjoyed last year and are sorry that conditions were such that we were not able to have one this year. I believe that we ought to begin to plan now for a good strong camp-meeting next year and plan to have it in a place where we can follow it with a strong tent effort. In considering a location for camp-meeting, I believe it would be well for us to take into consideration some of these unworked portions of the conference.

#### GENERAL AND UNION APPROPRIATIONS

We certainly appreciate what the General and Union Conferences have done for us in their appropriations of funds for the work here. We hope and pray that the time may soon come when we may be able to carry on the work here without help from without, only the power that comes from God. My brethren, may we all consecrate ourselves to the message so fully that the Christ life may appear in all that we do.

#### CONCLUSION

I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to the laborers and churches that have stood so nobly by the work during the past two years. It has been a pleasure to work here on account of the harmony that has prevailed. I not only wish to express my thanks to the brethren in the field who have helped to make the work go, but I appreciate very much that which the office force has done to lighten my burdens and make the work go. Harmony and union of action have prevailed all along the line and I trust that this same spirit will continue and that in the future we may see a greater work done in this conference in every line.

A. R. SANDBORN, *President*.

### New Jersey Conference

The New Jersey conference was held according to appointment in Trenton, August 26 - Sept. 1. This meeting was one of profit and pleasure to all who attended. The spirit of union and harmony was present from the very beginning and continued through to the close of the meeting.

The reports from the different departments show a marked gain over the former year. The net increase in membership was about double what it

was for 1911. The tithe increase was over \$1600.00; the Sabbath-school offerings for missions were about \$700.00 more than they were for the previous year.

The guiding hand of God was manifested in all the business of the conference, and it passed off quickly. The following officers were elected: A. R. Sandborn, president; W. B. Walters, secretary-treasurer; H. A. May, secretary of S. S. Department and Y. P. M. V. Department, and W. C. Moffet, educational secretary. There was only one change made in the committee.

Elder W. A. Spicer was with us and rendered valuable assistance by his timely sermons and counsel. Taking it in all, this conference was considered one of the best that has been held here and the people went home with courage for the outlook of the work in New Jersey, yet impressed with the magnitude of the field that we have, as it had been found out that we are working for ten different nationalities and getting ready to work for two more. Surely God is good and leading out very rapidly and our prayer is that we may be able and willing to follow where he leads.

A. R. SANDBORN.

### Dedication of the Trenton Church

Filled to its capacity by many friends from the vicinity, by delegates to the annual conference, and members of the church, the new Trenton church building was dedicated Sunday afternoon August 31. Elder W. A. Spicer preached the dedicatory sermon.

The church is thirty by fifty feet long and two stories high. On the first floor are located the conference offices and spacious church school room. On the second floor is the auditorium, which is finished throughout, including pews and rostrum, in chestnut, and lighted by electricity.

After congratulating the members of the Trenton church for having erected such a plain, though neat edifice, Elder Spicer explained to the congregation our work, in part as follows: "If we are asked what means this memorial, I can only tell you by stating the meaning of this movement of which it is a part. Seventh-day Adventists are Christians, Protestants, although the name is strange to many. Seventh-day Adventists stand for simply this: the Word of God, the example of Jesus. We teach no doctrine that is not stated in the very words of Scripture, and we will follow no religious practice of which we cannot say that Jesus did

this as our example. We feel that we must follow Jesus whatever people may say, and you will admit that if we stand by our profession, we shall not do anything wrong. We keep the seventh day of the week because Jesus did. He kept his Father's commandments and abode in his love. 'This is the love of God that we keep his commandments.' "

We feel sure that the congregation was pleased as well as deeply impressed by the words to which they listened, and we were glad to note several from the vicinity in attendance at the meetings following. One gentleman came to three meetings and said it was the first time in twelve years that he had been inside a church.

Now that the members of the Trenton church have a place of worship to which they can feel free to invite the public, we trust to see our numbers steadily increase. W. B. WALTERS.

### EAST PENNSYLVANIA

#### West Philadelphia

On July 13 a large city effort was started in West Philadelphia, corner fifty-eight and Christian Street with Elder R. E. Harter in charge and assisted by an able corps of workers. A large choir of forty voices under the direction of Henry DeFlueter of Denver, Colorado, has added greatly to the interest and success which has attended the effort from the beginning. The big tent has been filled, as many as seven hundred being in attendance at one meeting.

Many books have been sold, and a large number of tracts and magazines given away. A club of one hundred *Signs* has been sold each week from door to door and others. A wide interest has been awakened among the people. Two have already been baptized and another baptism took place Sabbath, September 13. The meetings will continue through the month of September under the direction of Elder J. S. Washburn, who recently came from Memphis Tennessee to take charge of the work in Philadelphia. The outlook is most encouraging, and a bountiful harvest will be the result of the seed sown. R. E. HARTER.

"The Bible Rejected" is a live article in the October *Signs* magazine. There are fourteen others and a good list of stirring current topics. You will enjoy this number. So will your neighbors if you take them a copy."

"He that doeth good is of God."

# VIRGINIA

## The Twenty-cent-a-week Fund for Missions and the Harvest Ingathering

At our recent camp-meeting the following recommendations regarding our Harvest Ingathering campaign and the twenty-cent-a-week fund to missions were unanimously indorsed, not only by vote, but nearly all present made a liberal donation to this fund:—

No. 9. *Whereas*, The Harvest Ingathering campaigns have proven a great blessing to our people as well as to those who have received the papers, and

*Whereas*, The funds collected are very much needed to meet the growing demands of mission work; therefore,—

*We recommend*, That we organize for thorough work among the churches and companies, and lay plans for the isolated that a great ingathering for missions may be brought into the treasury.

No. 10. *Whereas*, There are still many lands unentered by the advent message, as well as large sections unentered by us in the lands we have entered, calling for larger consecration, larger giving, and larger planning; and

*Whereas*, the General Conference has recommended that as a denomination we set as a standard of our giving twenty-cents-a-week per member for a decided active forward missionary movement in all mission fields; therefore,—

*We recommend*, That as a conference collectively, and individually, we put forth most earnest efforts to meet this standard; first, by taking a collection for this fund at this meeting, second, that we pledge ourselves, and plan to take up heartily and earnestly, the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and third, that in our Sabbath-schools, we keep this missionary giving constantly before them.

It will be seen from these recommendations that the Virginia Conference has adopted the twenty-cent-a-week plan per member for missions, and that they not only adopted it by vote, but, as the recommendation states, first, by taking a collection for this fund at this meeting, second, that we pledge ourselves and plan to take up heartily and earnestly the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and third, that in our Sabbath-schools we keep this missionary giving continually before

## Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending Sept. 12, 1913

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ray H. Chapin, Perry Co.,		ES	5	31	28	93 00	9 50	102 50	
C. E. Reichenbach, Licking Co.		ES	5	36	13	44 00	10 00	54 00	11 50
L. H. Waters, Shelby Co.		PPF	4	37	26	48 00		48 00	8 50
J. S. Randolph, Delaware Co.		ES	5	42	9	29 00	8 55	37 55	9 25
J. L. Sander, Portage Co.		ES	5	40	11	34 00	2 75	36 75	5 00
L. H. Bocker, Knox Co.		ES	4	25	9	33 00	3 45	39 45	
E. B. Kutscher, Shelby Co.		PPF	5	34	16	28 00	50	28 50	
J. B. Reichenbach Montg'y Co.		BR	6	42	9	28 00	4 00	32 00	
Tillie Gable, Cleveland		ES	5	30	7	22 00	75	22 75	19 75
C. B. Keppler, Fulton Co.		DR	3	24					102 75
Glee W. Mills, Wood Co.									92 25
Heien Grunke, Lucar Co.		PPF	5	32	4	6 00	1 25	7 25	45 00
N. J. Dean, Miami Co.		PPF	4	24	1	1 50	17 30	18 80	26 10
Lloyd Swallen, Stark Co.		ES	3	14	1	3 00	15 10	18 10	10
H. A. Rossin, Coshocton Co.		ES	4	20	2	6 00	8 20	14 20	27 75
Mrs. S. D. Phillips, Lucas Co.		BR	4	21	5	15 00	1 00	16 00	5 25
Mrs. Lon Christy, Clark Co.							15 75	15 75	0
Joy Walden, Sandusky Co.		ES	1	4					12 00
Totals	18 Agents		68	456	141	\$390 50	\$98 10	\$488 60	\$365 20

### West Virginia, Week Ending Sept. 12, 1913

T. M. Butler, Harrison	PPF	9	70	45	77 00	4 25	81 25	
E. E. Smith, Pleasant Co.	DR	13	89	31	120 00	10 25	130 25	
Clara Wood Pleasant Co.	CK	20	118	107	208 50	7 25	215 15	
E. A. Maddox, Wood Co.	BF	8	48	29	26 00	35 00	61 00	
Mary F. Rice, Wetzel Co.	PPF	2	14		18 00	2 25	20 25	
Hazel Leach, Jefferson	GC	3	20					162 00
Madge Miller, Wetzel Co.	GC	3	25					140 00
Clara Pettit, Marshall	PPF	3	20	28	44 00		44 00	
Haskell Cunningham, Mercer	BF	3	25	21	26 75	3 00	29 75	
Totals	9 Agents	64	429	294	\$520 25	\$62 00	\$582 25	\$302 00

### Virginia, Week Ending Sept., 5, 1913

J. Meyer, Gloucester	PPF		6				16 50	
L. A. King, Ingram	GC		63	12	36 00	6 50	43 60	122 00
R. W. Constable, Culpeper	DR		40	11	33 00	25	33 25	25
B. Hamm, Geer	GC		15	3	4 50	2 85	7 35	
F. S. Parsons, Richmond			65			32 35	32 35	32 35
K. Oertley, Roanoke			7					12 55
Totals	6 Agents		196	26	\$73 50	\$41 75	\$116 45	\$183 35

### East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Sept 13, 1913

W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	PPF	5	39	15	29 50	4 50	34 00	
F. A. Brownell, Lack'a Co.	GC	6	27	17	54 00	1 15	55 15	20 50
H. C. Baumgartner, Lebanon	PG	6		3	9 00	7 15	16 15	458 49
Mrs M. Billington, Mosaic	BF	3	22	5	5 50	20	5 70	
Mrs. F. A. Brownell, Lack'a Co.	CK	4	16	2	3 00	50	3 50	13 50
Miscellaneous						75	75	
Totals	5 Agents	24	104	42	\$107 75	\$13 50	\$115 25	\$492 40

### West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Sept., 12, 1913

A. Brownlee, Washington Co.	PPF	10	84	33	66 25	31 05	97 30	119 75
C Dunham, Pittsburgh Co.	DR	5	41	13	53 00		51 00	11 00
Mrs F. W. Hall, Venango	CK	5	26	10	16 00	3 50	19 50	2 25
F. W. Hall, Venango	CK	5	27	5	17 00	7 00	24 00	1 25
J. A. Kimmel, Fayette Co.	PPF	4	24	14	23 50	5 70	29 20	4 95
Miscellaneous		2	7	3	6 00	8 00	14 00	
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Totals	5 Agents	31	213	78	\$181 75	\$55 25	\$237 00	\$139 20

## New Jersey, Week Ending Sept. 12, 1913

G. W. Blinn, Monmouth Co.	PG	10	85	29	87 00		87 00
Geo. G. Taylor, Salem Co.	PPF	5	36	30	51 00		51 00
W. B. Plant, Morris Co.	BF	5	34	8	28 00	7 00	35 00
E. J. Kesselmeyer, Atco	DR	3	24	6	22 00		22 00
Irma Gerhart, Trenton	CK	3	22				32 50
Robert Reidt, Newark	CK	4	28	13	20 50		20 50
Wm. Schmidt, Newark		4	23		2 50	9 80	12 30
Miscellaneous			22		12 25		12 25
Magazines					20 00		20 00

Totals 7 Agents 38 274 86 \$243 25 \$16 80 \$260 05 \$66 80

Grand Totals: 50 Agents Value of Orders, \$1,517 00 Deliveries, \$1,548 95

### Report of the Sabbath-school Department of the New Jersey Conference

Name	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Donations 1912	Donations 1911
Atlantic City.....	10	10	\$11 40	\$27 86
Atco Home School .....	5	4	16 85	15 40
Bridgeton .....	29	19	59 46	62 63
Burlington .....	25	18	95 85	76 16
Camden .....	51	37	110 42	120 83
Cape May Court House...	24	18	19 40	10 98
Elizabeth .....	20	13	68 33	67 21
Hackensack .....	20	12	46 05	25 59
Jersey City First .....	44	32	107 42	88 00
Jersey City Second.....	41	37	121 99	61 91
Jersey City German.....	28	19	179 12	157 23
Jersey City Swedish .....	26	14	81 86	62 52
Jericho (three months)...	14	8	2 63	16 99
Newark .....	78	59	158 65	140 15
Newark Bohemian-Slav ..	36	31	122 93	35 04
Paterson.....	34	20	86 83	99 41
Paterson German.....	15	10	83 98	36 87
Paulsboro .....	7	4	8 92	9 41
Plainfield .....	18	12	38 18	7 30
Perth Amboy. ....	15	9	42 10	30 96
Pleasantville.....	30	20	58 61	37 56
Ramah.....	26	21	59 01	....
Rockaway .....	26	19	69 97	....
Salem Home School .....	11	10	18 79	3 66
Trenton .....	70	52	201 71	173 65
Vineland (six months)....	21	16	26 61	43 94
Woodbury .....	18	10	46 96	35 44
Home Department .....	3	3	11 11	20 06
Camp Meeting .....			134 18	33 00
Union Meeting at Jersey City			13 27	
Totals	745	540	2102 59	1480 40

### Total Offerings to Missions from the New Jersey Conference from Time of its Organization

1902.....	177 20	1908.....	659 18
1903.....	306 70	1909.....	1105 40
1904.....	349 43	1910.....	1371 95
1905.....	366 55	1911.....	1480 40
1906.....	343 65	1911.....	2102 59
1907.....	514 24	1913 (six months).....	1143 15
			\$9920 34
Our Goal for 1913 \$2500.00		Shall we make it?	

"The mind is always richer for the slander it forgets."

"Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved."

our people. Our Sabbath-school offerings at the camp-meeting amounted to something over \$100.00, and there was raised altogether, between six and seven hundred dollars for missions, which will apply on the twenty-cent-a-week fund.

We wish to make an appeal to all of our churches that they not only take up a liberal offering to apply on this fund in harmony with this action, which shall be paid in between this and the first of the year, but that they at once bring the matter before our churches and ascertain how many Harvest Ingathering *Reviews* they can use in this campaign.

The General Conference has sent out word that it is their aim that the Harvest Ingathering this year shall reach \$100,000.00. Now, to reduce this amount to a definite quantity, they have been doing a little figuring. With the membership of the United States and Canada of 65,000, to raise \$100,000.00 would mean that on an average, each member should bring in the amount of \$1.54. This does not seem like such a large task, yet some may not be able to do this, while others could collect much more.

This is not a tax levied upon our brethren and sisters, but in making out the quota of what each conference and church should raise in order to reach \$100,000.00, there is no other way of computing the matter only by figuring a definite amount for each member, and we trust that in doing this, no one will feel contented in simply reaching this standard. Some will, undoubtedly, be able to receive in single contributions, five to ten dollars, or even more, so we trust that every one will do all in his power to bring in the largest amount possible.

We hope to make this the largest ingathering that Virginia has ever brought in, and why should we not do so? Our numbers are increasing and the times demand that we should be more zealous and put forth greater efforts than in the past for the advancement of the work.

The General Conference has prepared a two color cover page *Review* for this Harvest Ingathering, and it is a very attractive paper, and the make-up throughout, including the illustrations, and the matter, make this the best Harvest Ingathering periodical that we have ever circulated. We should all be proud to have such a beautiful paper showing the extent of our work to go out in this missionary endeavor, and it seems to me that a large majority of our people ought each to handle fifty copies of this paper.



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Address all subscriptions and make all money orders payable to your tract society.

The check mark here indicates that your subscription has expired. Kindly renew at once.

I wish to appeal to our church officers to at once take this matter up in your respective churches and ascertain how many papers you can use, and send your orders immediately to our tract society office. These papers are free, and all can have as many as they will use judiciously, and all should endeavor to bring in on an average for the papers that they take out at least ten cents.

The *Review and Herald* desires to know as quickly as possible the number of papers that each church can use so that they will know how many to print, therefore, we ask that quick action be taken in regard to this matter. May God greatly bless this effort in the gathering in of a large fund for missions, and then may his blessing rest on the means as it goes forth on its mission for saving souls.

Sincerely yours in the work,

W. J. STONE.

### The October Collection for the Colored Work

It has been the custom for a number of years to take a special collection for the colored work in the month of October. At a meeting of the North American Division Conference July 10, it was voted that the time of the offering should be the last Sabbath in October instead of the first.

We are glad to say the work among the Negroes is very encouraging. The report of this department rendered at the recent General Conference showed a large increase in membership and tithes, the last quadrennial period. It is evident the Lord has begun to work in a special way for this long neglected race. Now is

the time to spread the message. A few years and conditions may so change that it will be very difficult to work for them. The Negro is realizing the opportunities and possibilities afforded him, and a spirit of progress is taking hold of him. Now is the time to evangelize this people.

The Lord has spoken again, and again to us about our duty to this people, exhorting us to more faithfulness. I quote from the *Southern Worker*, page 21, "The Southern race has been neglected. Men have passed by on the other side, as the priest past the wounded, robbed, bruised, and beaten one. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed that way, not only saw him, but had compassion on him, and went to him, bound up his wounds, set him on his own beast, brought him to the inn and took care of him. How many have left the colored race to perish by the wayside? But shall this indifference continue? Shall not decided efforts be made to save them?" These words should cause us to earnestly reflect upon neglected duty, and to renew our devotion to saving the lost. We can redeem the time, at least in part, by giving of our means to support more workers and to sustain those now in the field. The schools should be strengthened, and better facilities provided. A good beginning has been made, but the growth of the work calls for more means.

In one of the strong Southern Catholic cities where but little had been done for the colored people, a tent was pitched and an earnest effort conducted resulting in less than a year of over two hundred Sabbath keepers and a church school of over sixty pupils organized. This is not an isolated case, but in all the efforts good results are seen. The Negroes are responsive to the gospel, and as a rule, have great regard for the Bible, and can see the truth, and make loyal Adventists. They are faithful in paying tithe and offerings.

The third angel's message is to be given to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people before the Lord will say, "It is done." Right by our side is a wide open door to a race that is hungering and thirsting for the bread of life. Shall we give them to eat? Or shall we let them die in their sins? Your offering the last Sabbath in October will answer this question in some degree. C. B. STEPHENSON.

"Better a day of strife than a century of sleep."

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

## Important Meetings

Millport.....	Oct. 1-2
Shinglehouse.....	" 3-5
Sunderlandville.....	" 7-8
Jimtown.....	" 9-12
Coudersport.....	" 15-19
Ridgway.....	" 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 W. O. Punches will attend such of these meetings as he thinks will best advance the book work in the conference.

### Signs of the Times for October

The *Signs* magazine presents a good list of timely subjects.

"The Days of Babylon" — Then and now.

"Lovers of Pleasure" — In the churches.

"Ye Shall Be as Gods" — How it is realized.

"The Bible Rejected" — What takes its place.

"Are We Moving into Spiritualism?" — A vital question.

"The Angry Nations" — Is there a time for it?

One of the most important articles in the October *Signs* magazine is "Christian Science Again." A member of the Christian Science publishing committee in California takes exception to a recent article in the *Signs* and requests that his letter be published in the *Signs*. The editors comply, and add some comment. This article ought to be circulated everywhere. Show it to Christian Scientists. Show it to those opposed to this cult. Explain the reason for its appearance. It will prove a strong selling point for agents. Be sure to read it yourself. You can have ten or more mailed direct to friends by the publishers at five cents a copy. Your list and remittance should be sent to your tract society.



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## The Annual Conference

The fifty-first annual session of the Ohio Conference was held on Butler County fair-grounds, Hamilton, August 21-31, 1913. The first meeting was called Friday morning, August 22, by the president, Eld. E. K. Slade. Eld. Marietta invoked the Lord's blessing upon the plans and deliberations of this conference, after which eighty delegates responded to the roll call which in subsequent meetings was increased to 120. In harmony with the usual procedure, the chair appointed a committee on seating of delegates, members of which were H. D. Holtom, W. E. Bidwell, and W. H. Gossett. Since our last annual meeting the Canaan church had been organized and after remarks by Elders Slade and Bidwell, the church was formally admitted to the conference and the delegates seated.

In the naming of the large committee, a motion prevailed by which the executive committee together with eight chosen from the floor should appoint the several working committees. The following names were adopted: H. M. Jump, J. F. Olmsted, H. A. Weaver, F. H. Henderson, G. E. Wales, J. O. Young, F. M. Fairchild, and R. I. Francis.

Elder Slade, president, gave an opening address in which a review of results for the past year was submitted, our responsibilities enumerated and needs of the work presented forcibly according to which we should respond in our effort during the coming year. The selection of committees was reported as follows:

Nominating Committee: G. C. Quillin, H. M. Jump, R. G. Patterson, J. O. Young, J. D. Montgomery, R. I. Francis, and R. H. Patterson.

Committee on Plans and Recommendations: J. J. Marietta, H. A. Weaver, W. J. Venen, J. I. Cassell, J. H. McEachern, Miss B. E. Acton, and Mrs. Wm. Campbell.

Committee on Credentials and Licenses: W. W. Miller, C. T. Redfield, M. Andre, G. A. Kepler, and W. H. Gossett.

The treasurer's report as submitted and adopted is given elsewhere. Elder G. B. Thompson called atten-

tion to the large amount of tithe and offerings being placed by our people in the organized work for which strict account is given whereby our confidence should be more established in placing our means in the treasury which the Lord has instructed should be recognized and the more speedily advance this closing work.

Brother J. I. Cassell, tract society secretary, gave an encouraging report of the book and magazine work. With the continuance of such advancement and in view of its need at this time, surely our rally to the home missionary work will result in the printed page being scattered like the leaves of autumn. Brother McEachern reviewed the good results and prospects of the canvassing work. Elder H. A. Weaver, secretary Religious Liberty Department, in his report told of several instances as evidence of aggressive work through the religio-legislative movement, presenting the need of our giving this phase of the work due consideration.

Sister Acton told us in her report of the Sabbath-school Department of the steady increase in offerings and the need, not only for careful study of the Word, but also for personal work for every pupil. The work of the Missionary Department was reviewed by which we learned the extent of work done by our young people's societies in the circulation of literature, mission offerings, Christian help work, etc. The progress of our church school work was also reported, and attention called to the pointed testimonies given us on the urgent need of rightly educating our children and that they may be directed in right paths to become efficient workers in the Master's vineyard.

The committee on nominations reported the following which was adopted:—

President, E. K. Slade, Secretary & Treasurer, H. D. Holtom; Executive Committee: E. K. Slade, G. C. Quillin, R. G. Patterson, W. W. Miller, W. J. Venen, and W. H. Sauder; Tract Society Secretary, J. I. Cassell; Field Missionary Agent, J. H. McEachern; Field Missionary Secretary, H. F. Kirk; Sabbath-School and Young People's Department Secretary, Educational

Superintendent, Miss B. E. Acton; Medical Missionary Secretary, Dr. W. J. Venen; Religious Liberty Secretary, H. A. Weaver.

AUDITING COMMITTEE: J. D. Montgomery, W. H. Schwartz, A. Kline, and Ira Gault.

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

MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS: E. K. Slade, R. G. Patterson, F. M. Fairchild, C. T. Redfield, W. E. Bidwell, H. M. Jump, F. H. Henderson, J. F. Olmsted, W. J. Venen, J. J. Marietta, W. W. Miller, C. W. Weber, H. H. Burkholder, and Leslie Muntz.

HONORARY CREDENTIALS: D. E. Lindsey. Ordination: H. A. Weaver.

MINISTERIAL LICENSE: G. C. Quillin, Raleigh French.

MISSIONARY LICENSE: H. D. Holtom, Miss Cora B. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Campbell, Miss M. Hortense Howell, Miss Ida M. Walters, J. I. Cassell, Miss Carrie Askey, John Klepe, Mrs. Katherine Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Wales, Miss B. E. Acton, J. H. McEachern, H. F. Kirk, Miss Bessie E. Russell and P. Schell. COLPORTEUR'S LICENSE: J. B. Reichenbach, Lloyd Swallen, Mrs. S. D. Phillips, J. S. Randolph, C. E. Reichenbach, and Leslie Waters.

The following plans and recommendations as submitted by the committee were heartily endorsed as a means of greater progress:—

(1) *Whereas*, God has shown his love and protecting care for his people during the past year in the midst of the calamities that have swept over our state, and has prospered us in so many ways,

*Resolved*, that we express our gratitude to him not only by words, but by renewed consecration to his service.

(2) *Whereas*, in the providence of God, four devoted servants of the Lord, Elder G. A. Irwin, Elder R. R. Kennedy, Brother Oliver Mears, and Sister Holobaugh have been laid to rest during the past conference year; and

*Whereas*, these brethren have served as presidents of the Ohio Conference and Sister Holobaugh as church school teacher, and were loved and esteemed by all,

*Resolved*, that we hereby express our deep sorrow, that we take consolation in the hope that they died in the Lord and "rest from their labors and their works do follow them", and that we tender to the relatives of the deceased our Christian sympathy.

*Whereas*, the future of our work depends much upon the earnest consecrated effort put forth by our youth,

*We Recommend*, (a) that they be encouraged to perfect themselves in the knowledge of the doctrinal points and the history of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, thus attaining to the Standard of Attainment set forth by the Missionary Volunteer Department.

(b) that both workers and lay members do all in their power to interest the youth in reading good literature and that the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course be agitated as never before.

1. *Resolved*, that the work of circulating our religious liberty literature, especially the magazine *Liberty* and *The Protestant*, be continued, special efforts being made to reach clergymen, legislators, teachers, and other professional classes with literature.

2. *Resolved*, that the book, "American State Papers," be given a large circulation among all classes of civil officials and educators, and that the publishers be requested to place the book upon a 50 per cent commission basis.

*We Recommend*, that the Tract Society Secretary be known hereafter as Tract and Missionary Secretary and that Section A of article 6 of the constitution be amended to read as follows:—

The officers of the conference shall be: President, Treasurer, Auditor, Secretary, Tract and Missionary Secretary, Field Missionary Agent, Medical Missionary Secretary, Educational Superintendent, Sabbath-school Secretary, Missionary Volunteer Secretary, and Religious Liberty Secretary.

*We further recommend*, that Section G of Article 8 of the constitution be stricken out, and Section E be amended to read as follows:—

Tract and Missionary Secretary. The Tract and Missionary Secretary shall have charge of the Tract Society Department and the Home Missionary Work.

*Whereas*, Mount Vernon College has done and is doing a great work in our midst in the interests of the third angel's message,

*Whereas*, we realize the future work of the message depends upon the proper training of the youth of today, and,

*Whereas*, an increased enrollment is needed for the best interests of the institution itself, therefore,

*Resolved*, that we pledge ourselves anew to hearty cooperation with Mount Vernon College; that we encourage the young people of the Ohio Conference to attend there; and that we give of our means and prayers to its support.

*Whereas*, the spirit of prophecy has said that "to a large degree through our publishing work is to be accomplished the work of the angel of Rev. 18:1-4", which we believe to be the angel of the "Loud Cry",

*We recommend*, that special attention be given to the home tract and missionary work by our members as they visit the churches:

(a) By selecting competent missionary secretaries.

(b) By setting our people to work with our magazines, tracts, pamphlets, and home worker's books.

*We recommend*, that our churches hold weekly missionary meetings, forwarding monthly reports of work done to the conference office for publication in the *VISITOR*.

*We further recommend*, that additional help be provided to enable the Tract and Missionary Secretary to do the work now required by the constitution.

*Whereas*, at the General Conference Council of 1911, action was taken recommending that the magazine work and the subscription book work be combined under the same leadership, we, therefore,

*Recommend*, that our field missionary agent make earnest efforts to build up both of the lines of the colporteur work in this conference.

*Whereas*, the strength and permanent success of our magazine work are dependent upon the proper selection, wise training, and maintenance in the field of a corps of regular, resident agents, we, therefore,

*Recommend* (a) that our field missionary agent endeavor to secure in every city such house-to-house workers as will properly represent the truth.

(b) that the residence as well as the business be definitely assigned to, and canvassed by, these workers, such territory being assigned to each church as may be necessary.

(c) that these magazine workers make earnest efforts to take subscriptions, and also develop a list of regular customers for single copies.

(d) that careful attention be given to the possibilities of judicious Sunday rules from house to house and else where, as is done by our periodical

workers in Europe.

(e) that magazine workers be assigned specific territory, and be protected in the same.

(f) that these workers report regularly, as do our colporteurs for books.

(g) that the first orders from such resident workers be filled only upon the recommendation of the field missionary agent, the ministry, or our church officers.

*Whereas*, The Testimonies state that the Bible work is "a heaven-born idea", and, in view of the great dearth of Bible workers to encourage in house to house work in our cities and elsewhere, and in order to strengthen and encourage individuals to prepare for this line of work,

*We recommend*, (a) that the executive committee arrange for suitable places where well balanced work can be carried on for the training of Biblers workers in harmony with the instruction given in Volume 9, *Testimonies*, page 11.

(b) that individuals of suitable age and experience be encouraged to attend these training centers.

(c) that the lay members of our churches be urged and encouraged to take up Bible work in their vicinity.

(d) that some young people attend our college be encouraged to make the Bible work their life work.

*Whereas*, all departments of the work are brought in close touch with the churches by days set apart for special services or by conventions, and

*Whereas*, the medical missionary work is of investimable value to our people,

*We recommend*, that two services a year be set apart for this department, and that the medical missionary secretary be instructed to prepare a suitable suggestive program for these services.

*Resolved*, that we counsel our church elders and leaders to use great care in inviting individuals, and not permit those who are not in harmony with all points of truth to address or teach the churches or Sabbath-schools.

*Whereas*, the Harvest Ingathering campaign, now near at hand, affords an excellent opportunity to acquaint the people with the message, and also to increase the fund appropriated to missions, and,

*Whereas*, the Ohio Conference circulated over 17,000 last year,

*Resolved*, that we distribute 20,000 this year and endeavor to raise at least \$3,000 as our part of the campaign of 1913.

*Whereas*, as time advances, the advent message to all the world in this

generation means greater activity on the part of each believer, and since the General Conference has recommended that our contributions to missions average at least 20 cents a week per member; and recognizing the desirability of contributing as much as is possible that the work may the sooner close, therefore,

*Resolved*, that we most heartily cooperate in the general plan and endeavor to have our mission offerings average 20 cents per week per member for the entire year, 1913; and further,

*Resolved*, that inasmuch as the General Conference is depleted on account of sending out the 150 foreign missionaries since the General Conference, that immediate steps be taken to provide for our deficit to August 1, 1913 of nearly 6,000.

*Whereas*, the General Conference has set apart the thirteenth Sabbath offering in our Sabbath-school for definite mission fields,

*We recommend*, that our workers and Sabbath-school leaders encourage systematic efforts to be put forth in every school to earn and lay aside during the quarter the offering for this day.

*Be it resolved*, that we hereby express our vote of thanks and appreciation for the kindness and courtesy shown in publishing the various reports of the conference by the publishers of the *Republican News* and the *Evening Journal*.

The meetings were characterized by a deep interest in the plans and means presented for the advancement of the message and evident determination in greater individual preparation for a part in the triumph of the Lord's work. With his blessing upon the earnest efforts put forth, we may feel assured of much greater progress in Ohio during the coming year.

H. D. HOLTOM, *Secretary*.

### Treasurer's Annual Report

To the officers and members of the Ohio Conference assembled in its 51 st annual session:

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—

It gives me great pleasure to report to you the financial condition of the Ohio Conference for the year ending December 31, 1912, and review with you from the financial standpoint the results which represent our part in the progress of the work of this last message in this and other fields. This great closing work constantly keeps before us who strive to more closely relate ourselves to it the increasing need both of the world for

this truth and of our earnest cooperation in establishing it throughout the world. You will be pleased to note that this report indicates our standing as a missionary people more favorably by the splendid increase both in tithes and offerings.

There was received during 1912, \$36,681.09 in tithe which with the balance on hand January 1, 1912, \$803.13 and the refund of \$1,270.74 gives a total of \$39,037.99. Of this amount \$22,626.44 has been paid in support of the home work, \$3,668.10 to the Columbia Union Conference, \$1,834.05 to the Sustentation Fund and the 25 per cent or \$9,170.27 to missions. The total of these expenditures (\$37,298.86) deducted from the total receipts leaves a balance of \$1,456.10. With the exception of \$283.03, Young People's Society balance, the total trust funds of \$17,282.16 have all been passed to the departments of the work as indicated in the following list.

Tent and Hall Collections . . .	\$203 03
Sabbath-school Donations . . .	7,975 39
Missions . . . . .	1,702 66
Weekly Offerings . . . . .	1,122 27
Annual Offerings . . . . .	1,230 90
Mid summer Offerings . . . . .	574 72
\$300,000 Fund . . . . .	1,035 80
Colored Work . . . . .	281 74
Harvest Ingathering . . . . .	1,567 32
Religious Liberty . . . . .	237 00
Blind Work . . . . .	1 00
Mount Vernon College . . . . .	798 86
Mount Vernon College Tank Fund . . . . .	21 33
Ministry of Healing . . . . .	300 00
White Memorial Church . . . . .	60
India . . . . .	1 00
Asia . . . . .	75 00
Japan . . . . .	2 50
Tent Fund . . . . .	10 00
Christ Object Lessons . . . . .	1 25
Clinton Seminary . . . . .	18 76
City Mission . . . . .	5 00
Native Worker Africa . . . . .	10 65
Virginia Work . . . . .	4 00
Florida Work . . . . .	5 00
China . . . . .	1 00
Lantern Fund . . . . .	10 00
Orphans and Aged . . . . .	63 48
Y. P. S. Africa . . . . .	16 92
Cleveland German Church . . . . .	5 00

To this total add the tithe receipts 36,671 09  
and the refund amount . . . 1,270 74  
giving the total receipts all sources for year of \$55,233.99 or an increase of \$10,278.95 over the previous year.

Of the above list of mission funds, \$15,093.92 applies on the fifteen-cent-a-week plan for Ohio which made a per capita of fourteen cents per member.

The financial condition of the Ohio Tract Society for 1912 is briefly indicated as follows.

Balance on hand January 1, 1912	\$780 24
Received during 1912	\$12,623 70
Total Receipts	13,403 94
Total paid out during that period	12,616 85
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Brother J. I. Cassell, secretary of that department, will explain more in detail the progress made in establishing a more substantial basis and developing the work of circulating our literature.

By the above statements, we learn the results for 1912, but with another year well advanced, we naturally are more interested in those of the present time. To bring out the encouraging features of that already accomplished a few comparisons are drawn that should urge us onward and give greater faith in the promise that by our more liberal attitude toward the cause we become channels of great blessings. In the past ten years our tithes have increased \$17,440.96; and for 1912, \$6,371.29 over 1911. The average per month in 1911 was \$2,525.82 compared with \$3,056.76 for 1912. The average for 1913—7 months—has already increased to \$3,074.02 and in consideration of the usual heavy receipts in the latter half of the year, we hope will reach \$3,750.00. This is a very urgent standard to reach in view of the 40 per cent sent outside the conference to the Columbia Union, Sustentation Fund, and 25 per cent to missions and the many calls for workers in various parts of the state. Such an average would make a total of \$45,000.00. Shall we not reach it and thus further develop the work in this field?

However satisfactory our tithe receipts have been, our response to the Macedonian cry as indicated by the amount of mission fund receipts surely expresses our greater desire to supply the needs of the distant lands and speed the message to earth's remotest bounds. In 1911 we gave \$8,620.20 in an effort to maintain the ten-cent-a-week standard, but 1912 when the needs and progress of the work required the change to fifteen cents a week per member we responded by giving \$15,093.92, an increase of \$6,473.72, and the average per member from eight to fourteen cents a week. Now that we have raised our standard from fifteen to twenty cents for 1913, the faithful efforts of our members have already resulted in \$6,809.73 being received to the close of July with the Harvest Ingathering and the week of prayer offerings besides the regular donations before us by which we may successfully close the effort. Our quota for the year

is \$21,840.00 thus showing a shortage of \$5,790.27 for first seven months and \$12,030.27 to be raised during the rest of the year to reach the twenty cent average. Further assurance is given by the proportional response from our churches. Close of July, 1912, our highest average was thirty five cents and there were but two above twenty cents; close of July 1913, the highest was forty-nine cents and there were eight at twenty cents or above. An increase of at least a few cents is shown in nearly all and instead of 34 being below the 10 cent average there are 29 of which but 10 are below 5 cents. Let us remove these obstacles (low averages) as we strive to swing Ohio clear for 1913. That reliable factor of growing finances, Sabbath-school donations has more than contributed its usual share to the results, having doubled the result for 1912 over 1911 and thus far in 1913, \$4,425.86 has been received, an increase over the corresponding period of last year of \$678.71. The thirteenth Sabbath offering still continues to claim a good amount for the various fields to which it is assigned. Thus you will note that in spite of such calamities as befell this state last March, by which much loss was incurred, our people have, with faith in the many precious promises, responded more heartily in an endeavor to hasten the completion of this work.

We have enjoyed the Lord's abundant blessing, and according to the divine plan for support of his work, given tithe and offerings as reported. Such results probably include little interest on the part of some, but on the other hand represent much sacrifice by many who endeavor to manifest their desire for true riches by investing well their talents at this opportune time. Those who attended the recent General Conference heard the touching appeals for workers and means emphasized and our cooperation earnestly solicited. The work is onward, the way opening in the most difficult fields, its needs and our responsibility known. As never before our prayers and offerings should prepare us for a part in its triumph. According to the hearty cooperation in the past from church officers, members, and conference workers, much assurance is given that all will rally to the financial calls, and Ohio's gratitude expressed by deeper consecration of services and means.

Respectfully submitted,

H. D. HOLTOM, *Treasurer.*

"A sower went forth to sow."

## Camp-Meeting Notes

Those present from the General Conference were Elders G. B. Thompson, D. C. Babcock, and Dr. H. W. Miller; of the Union Conference, Elders B. G. Wilkinson, R. T. Dowsett, Brother I. D. Richardson and Professors E. G. Salisbury and C. C. Pulver of Mount Vernon College; also I. A. Ford and A. J. S. Bourdeau of the *Review and Herald*, Takoma Park, and J. W. Mace of the Western branch.

Although the attendance was small on account of location and many having attended General Conference, yet all seemed anxious not only to get much benefit from the meetings, but to join in plans for advancement of the work. This was evidenced in the response to the call for mission funds on the last Sunday morning. A chart had been prepared illustrating our deficit on the twenty-cent-a-week plan thus far this year as a mountain that blocks the path of progress. It consisted of rocks valued at from \$5 to \$200. Such a spirit of sacrifice prevailed that soon resulted in \$2,700 being pledged, some of the larger amounts a part of meager savings or a moderate income. It is hoped that with this good start, our members in the various churches will plan to carry away these rocks so steadily that besides the disposal of current obligations, this mountain will have crumbled away before December 31 and Ohio can press forward with a clear path. If we want a part in that great home-coming, we must plan accordingly. It is not difficult to become absorbed in things about us, but more to keep the path clear ahead. Our mountain (deficient interest in the work) must be moved aside by such use of our talents that will strengthen us for the task. Our investment will largely govern our plans and direct our efforts. What is your preparation and interest?

There was a good attendance at the meetings by those from the city which interest we trust will continue through the tent effort Elders Miller and Marietta are now conducting there. They report an encouraging outlook. The illustrated lecture which Elder Babcock, of Sierra Leone, Africa, gave the evening of the 30th was enjoyed by an audience which filled the large tent. His description of that country from the missionary's viewpoint was very interesting, and the slides helped to impress all that hearty support of these faithful workers should be given as they labor amid

great inconveniences and danger for the advancement of this truth in that dark continent.

The sales at the book tent were \$748.37. This was much better than last year in proportion to the attendance.

The canvassers' meeting each morning were well attended and the help given by Brethren Ford, Bourdeau, and Richardson greatly appreciated. The splendid results in the canvassing work should prove encouraging and indicate that many homes are yet waiting for books and magazines containing this precious truth.

The baptismal service in charge of Elders Fairchild, Henderson, and Olmsted was held Sunday afternoon, August 31. Nine were baptized, and others will receive the ordinance in their home churches.

## Field Notes

Elder W. E. Bidwell and Brother J. O. Young are conducting a tent effort near Van Wert.

Brother P. P. Schell is now connected with the German work in Cleveland as Bible worker.

Brother Vernon Hagmann is assisting Elder F. M. Fairchild in a tent effort at Findlay.

Miss Acton is now usily engaged in visiting the church schools, the number of which is steadily increasing. A list will appear later.

The report of the youths', children's and kindergarten, meetings will appear in a later issue.

Have you placed your order for the Harvest Ingathering number of the *Review*? The time is near to begin the campaign and the supply should be on hand that you may become familiar with its contents. Your friends and neighbors will be more favorably impressed with your peculiar faith after having read this splendid number, and many will contribute. At our last annual conference a resolution was passed that Ohio endeavor to raise at least \$3,000 in this campaign. This would require an average of \$1.50 for each member. Will you not assist in an effort to equal or excel that average in your church?