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The Fall Council of the General Conference

The fall council of the General Conference was held at Takoma Park, October 14 to 29, in conjunction with the first council meeting of the North American Division Conference. Many grave and important questions were discussed and considered at this time, we believe, with profit to all.

The question of the wages of the different workers throughout the denomination occupied considerable time for serious consideration as there seemed to be a lack of equality between the wages of the men working in the institutions and men working in the fields, and between men working in one conference and those working in another conference. The brethren earnestly considered the matter and endeavored to arrive at a proper adjustment of the whole question. We believe that the adjustment settled upon will result in great good and will help in bringing more uniformity and satisfaction throughout the ranks of the denominational workers.

The Harvest Ingathering came in for most earnest consideration. The brethren felt that this year ought to be the banner year in the history of our Harvest Ingathering work. I am pleased to know that all the different churches, workers, and conferences in the Columbia Union are prayerfully and earnestly entering into this campaign. We wish to say to our brethren throughout this Union that great benefit is going to come, not only to the work in foreign fields, but also to the work in the Columbia Union Conference, if we can make this year a banner year in closing up well our Twenty-cent-a-week Fund. We therefore earnestly entreat our dear brethren to beseech the throne of grace until they receive that inspiration and power which will help them to contribute a splendid part to the advancement of the work through means of the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

Another question which came up for

consideration was the question of the Union Conferences. It was planned, in connection with all the Union Conferences, to have both a canvassers' institute and a ministerial institute so that earnest consideration shall be given to the improvement and increase of the number of our ministry. These things will call for earnest consideration as well as the business affairs of the Union Conference.

The conferences will begin with the Atlantic Union, November 25, and will pass down through the south up to the Pacific Coast around the north and end up with the Columbia and East Canadian Unions. The date for the Columbia Union session is April 28 to May 10.

Much time also was given to the consideration of the work for our young people. The brethren carefully took up the question of training young people throughout the field for effectual leadership and also how to make the reading courses more effective.

The different fields were considered at this time and plans were made to carry on the work financially as it has been carried on before. Our brethren throughout the field will be glad to know that larger appropriations have been made to the different foreign fields in order to enable them to sustain the work already begun and as far as possible to make new advances along the line. On the whole, we had a very interesting and profitable meeting and we believe that it will result in much good for the advancement of the work throughout the field.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Getting a Training for Service

Plans are being laid for the largest and best institutes for missionary colporteurs ever held in the Columbia Union Conference. These institutes will be held as follows:

West Pennsylvania, January 1-15

Ohio, January 12-26

New Jersey, February 1-15.

East Pennsylvania, February 12-27

Chesapeake, March 1-15

Virginia, March 15-30

The reader will note that we plan for fifteen days rather than ten days as heretofore. We feel that our colporteurs and those entering this line of work should have more thorough instruction along special lines. The following is a brief outline of the subjects and time devoted to each:

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| 1. Bible Study | 14 hours |
| 2. Testimonies, Study in | 14 " |
| 3. General Instruction | 14 " |
| 4. Treating the Sick | 14 " |
| 5. Canvass Drill | 24 " |

1. *Bible Study*: Special attention will be given in Bible study such as will enable our colporteurs to lead men and women to accept Christ and give more thought to eternal things and less to the temporal.

2. *Testimonies, Study in*: The "Testimonies for the Church" contain valuable instruction along the lines of how to carry on our work as colporteurs. Therefore, we feel that the Testimonies should be carefully studied along this line by us as colporteurs.

3. *General Instruction*: Under this subject instruction will be given in house to house canvassing; such as entering the home, presenting the book, closing the deal or securing the order, how to raise up the old family altars as spoken of in the Testimonies, Volume IX, page 36, first paragraph, when, how, and under what circumstances to pray for the sick and administer such treatment as they should have, and many other subjects equally as important.

4. *Treating the Sick*: Many times the colporteur finds people suffering from sprained ankle, sore throat, cold on the chest with a rasping cough, a child suffering with ear ache, and many other equally common ailments which could be relieved with a few simple treatments such as a colporteur could give in the evening after the day's work or on Sundays without taking any time from his regular work. We are told in "Ministry of Healing" that "Jesus spent more time in healing the sick than in preaching." Why should we not go about doing good as he did?

As in the days of Christ, many to-

day are saying in their hearts, "We would see Jesus." "The Word was made flesh and dwell among us." Why should not the "Word be made flesh" in us and dwell among men? Men and women should be able to see "Jesus" in us.

5. *Canvass Drill*: Two periods each day will be given to memorizing the descriptive canvass for the book and doing real practical work in book selling, thus equipping everyone to go into the field and succeed as a colporteur.

We hope to make this the most thorough course of study ever given in this conference. We invite you to give the question of attending this institute your prayerful and most careful consideration and if the Holy Spirit impresses you with the thought that you should attend, kindly write to the one having charge of the colporteur work in your conference for further particulars.

I. D. RICHARDSON.

The Time of Trouble Near

About a year ago we, as a people, were justly stirred by the Balkan War. It looked as though the Turk was then about to be driven from Europe in fulfillment of Dan. 11:45. This we know according to Dan. 12:1 would indicate the close of probation and usher in the time of trouble. But the Lord in mercy has held the winds and the Turkish question has again quieted down like a smoldering volcano, and indeed it may continue to smolder until the Turk has quietly and without notice moved his capital to his appointed place "between the seas in the glorious holy mountain." The probation of the world will close to many as a thief in the night.

But while affairs have been quieted in the East, clouds most portentous of the coming storm have been gathering on this side of the Atlantic. The Catholic question has become within the past year a living issue in America. The recent boldness of Rome to suppress free speech and the press is arousing not alone Seventh-day Adventists but thinking people—lovers of liberty—all through this whole nation. Many, however, realize that Protestants have slept too long, and they admit that the image to the beast is about formed and that it will soon both speak and cause that as many as will not worship the image to the beast shall meet with similar experiences as occurred in the dark ages.

When we see those who know

nothing of the prophecies so aroused over the situation, what should be the zeal and earnestness of those whom God has enlightened concerning the immediate and final outcome of this struggle!

The peaceful prosperity now attending our work should stimulate every lover of truth to more consecrated activity. What we fail to do now under favorable conditions, we shall later be compelled to do under the most trying circumstances. "Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain; let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh at hand." Joel 2:1.

J. H. MCEACHERN.

CHESAPEAKE

Dedication of Hagerstown Church.

We were greatly pleased to be present with the brethren at the dedication of their new church at Hagerstown, Maryland, November 2.

Brother Hugh Peden has worked very earnestly in connection with the work at Hagerstown, Maryland, and his work has resulted in the establishment of a beautiful new edifice there. The building cost about \$4,500.00 and has a seating capacity of about 150. The building is built of imitation stone, the blocks being made from concrete. The trimmings are in white. The church is located in one of the best parts of the city; in fact, in one of the localities in which real estate companies are now operating to open up lots to build some of the very best homes in the city. There is a splendid cement basement covering the whole of the cellar and offering an excellent opportunity for certain lines of work which might be carried on suitably in a basement of that nature.

The membership of the church is only twenty-nine. So the readers of this article will see that the little company has done well to be able to erect so beautiful and so well located a church building at this time. Sunday afternoon at the time of the dedication, the writer asked for financial aid to help along in what had already been done. Though these twenty-nine members had already given, it would seem, to their very limit, yet the brethren came forward on Sunday and gave a splendid donation of about \$455.00. This, in connection with what already had been given in money, material, and labor, leaves only about \$1500.00 remaining to be paid on the church building. That is to say lot

and building being worth \$4,500.00, \$3,000.00 of it is already paid. This was all done by a little church company of twenty-nine members.

The Spirit of God was present on the occasion of the dedication. The seating capacity of the building was taxed to its utmost, there being present a large number of outsiders and many of them entire strangers to our truth. A splendid impression was made on the public, and we feel satisfied that now as Brother Peden takes up his labors again among the people for conversion of souls and an increase of membership, the church will grow in numbers, and it will not be long before she will be able to pay off what remains on her indebtedness. The evening of the same day witnessed another assembly of people and the blessing of God was present. All the brethren were greatly encouraged over the whole situation and feel happy that at last the work in Hagerstown has secured so promising a foothold.

B. G. WILKINSON.

The Sabbath-Schools

The Sabbath-school work in the Chesapeake Conference is on a very encouraging basis and all the schools seem to realize the truthfulness of the statement, that the Sabbath-schools have a very important part to act in the closing of the work in the earth. We are doing all we can to help the schools to see the importance of the three things that are held up before us as objects to be attained in the next four years; namely, daily study of the lessons, personal work for every pupil, and, a million dollars for missions in four years. We cannot accomplish any one of these things, without being impelled to activity along the other two lines mentioned. If we have the Word of God firmly fixed in our minds and its teaching woven into our daily lives, we will have such a love for the world that we will be constrained to put forth earnest efforts for the salvation of the lost. "Our Sabbath-schools are nothing less than Bible societies, and in the sacred work of teaching the truths of God's Word, they can accomplish far more than they have hitherto accomplished."—*"Testimonies on the Sabbath-school Work."*

We are much pleased with the way the schools are working to help with the mission offerings. The Sabbath-school at the camp-meeting was very interesting, and after earnest mission talks by Elder Spicer and Professor Wilkinson, the people responded nobly by giving \$211.83 to be used for

the support of the foreign mission work; and instead of feeling impoverished because of their giving, they all felt that it was indeed a great privilege. During the first nine months of this year the Sabbath-school offerings have amounted to \$1653.23, a gain of \$275.09 over the same period of last year. This is very encouraging, for it shows that the Lord has been blessing our people with means and also with liberal hearts. I hope that all our people will consider favorably the plan that we are setting before them, of beginning the new year right by paying their twenty cents each week, in the Sabbath-school offering and there will be no mountain to confront us at the end of the year, such as we are having to face at the present time. There are hundreds of missionaries in the foreign fields who are dependent upon us for their support, and still there are thousands of heathen who are dying each day without a knowledge of the Saviour. There are also hundreds of young men who would be glad to go and teach the glad news of salvation to them, if there were means in the treasury with which to send them. So let us all arouse and pray for the Lord to help us to do our full duty and sustain the proper attitude toward his work.

My earnest prayer is that the Sabbath-schools in our conference will be instruments in the Lord's hands for the salvation of the unconverted members, and thus be a strength to the church organization.

MRS. R. T. BAER, *Secretary.*

Harvest Ingathering News

"One day, in huckleberry time, when little Johnny Flails,
And half a dozen other boys were starting
with their pails
To gather berries, Johnny's pa, in talking to
him said
That he could tell him how to pick so he'd
come out ahead,
'First find your bush', said Johnny's pa, 'and
then stick to it till
You've picked it clean. Let those go chasing
all about who will
In search of better bushes, but its picking
tells my son.
To look at fifty bushes doesn't count like
picking one.'
So Johnny did as he was told, and sure
enough he found
By sticking to his bush while others chased
around
In search of better picking, 'twas as his
father said,
For while the others looked, he worked and
soon came out ahead.

And Johnny recollected this when he became
a man

And first of all he laid him out a well deter-
mined plan.

So while the brilliant triflers failed with all
their brains and push,

Wise steady going Johnny won by 'Sticking
to his bush.'"

Moral: C a n v a s s your territory
thoroughly.

Some people are afraid to lay up
treasures in heaven for fear they will
never see them again.

We are patiently waiting to hear
from our workers as to the success of
their efforts in the Harvest Ingathering
campaign. I trust that it will not
be so hard for them to report as it is
to start out sometimes. Let the timid
ones accompany those who have been
out and have had some experience,
and it will help both, and they will find
it both a pleasure and blessing to work
together.

We are pleased to get a good letter
from Sister J. T. Davies of Eden, Md.
stating that she has been working a
little among her neighbors, and now
Brother Davies wants to have a part
in the work also and has ordered fifty
papers to start with. They are of
good courage. We should like to see
other isolated members taking hold of
the work with as much earnestness.

Brother F. H. Seeney reports the
work moving along nicely in Wilming-
ton. These reports are encouraging
and we want to hear more of them.

The clock of the Baltimore church
now registers over \$150, and the work
is moving along toward the \$400
mark.

The first returns from the Harvest
Ingathering this year came in from
the Wilmington church, being \$5.75,
and the next was Fords Store with
\$22.92.

Sister Irena Coleman, who is one of
our faithful Bible workers here in
Baltimore, says she finds that this
method of soliciting for missions is a
good opportunity for gaining many
friends for the truth, as well as new
students for Bible study. She is
greatly encouraged to press on. Even
our Young People's Missionary Socie-
ty is enthusiastic over the Ingathering

campaign, and in their meeting Sun-
day evening, a number of good ex-
periences were related.

Sister Alverta Rodgers of the Third
Church has been doing well and has
collected over ten dollars. She said
that in soliciting from a Methodist
minister, she was interrupted several
times by the minister's wife saying
"Oh you needn't try to convert my
husband into a Seventh-day Advent-
tist."

These are experiences that we meet
on every hand, and we have many
opportunities for correcting erroneous
ideas in regard to our faith, and belief.

Elder Dowsett has kindly sent us
another supply of the envelopes for
soliciting, and any who wish them can
secure them by making request at the
office. Many of our people in Balti-
more are finding them to be a success-
ful means of getting substantial do-
nations.

Brother Musselman of Colorado
writes: "The Harvest Ingathering
campaign has proved such a blessing
to some of us that we desire to tell
some of our experiences. Another
brother and I in talking over our
plans for the campaign, decided that
we ought not to be satisfied to raise
less than ten dollars each; but after
he had solicited from three persons
and received five from each, he came
to me and said he had raised his mark
to \$25. I took an hour after Sabbath
to call on three in my territory and
received \$5 from each. I disposed of
five papers in all and received \$17.

Brother Isaac Hughes of Wyoming,
Del. writes that he is thankful for
the opportunity to do something for
the Lord and is ordering seventy-five
Ingathering *Reviews*.

We also have an order for fifty
Reviews from Sister Boyd at Paris, Md.,
and she says she will do what she can.
This is the right spirit and it will bear
fruit.

Brother Joseph Warrum wants to
have a part in the closing work also
and wants papers with which to work
among the people in his district.
When we show a willing mind, the
Lord will help us and lead the way to
success.

We are hoping to see the bulk of the work completed before the holiday season as the offerings will then diminish in proportion to the amount expended for festivities.

Do not forget to let us hear from you this coming week.

Pray much. Let Jesus be your captain going before you in the Spirit. Success is yours through determination and prayer.

Wishing you all success in gathering the harvest for the Lord, we look forward to the consummation of the work, and the homecoming.

W. T. DURST.

WEST VIRGINIA

Conference Notes

(Continued)

Plans and Recommendations.

Whereas, the Testimonies tell us that, "We have an army of youth who can do much, if properly directed and encouraged", and

Whereas, the Lord is calling the youth to active service, and

Whereas, the Missionary Volunteer Department is organized to assist in this work, therefore

We recommend, that all conference workers, church officers, and parents labor actively for our young people by encouraging them,

(a) To a faithful, daily study of the Sabbath-school lessons.

(b) To use the Morning Watch Calendar in their devotions.

(c) To pass the Standard of Attainment.

(d) To take the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course.

(e) To organize Young People's Missionary Volunteer Societies.

Recognizing the fact that our work includes the propagation of the principles of religious liberty as set forth in the three-fold message of Revelation 14, and

Whereas, these principles have been menaced by certain religio-political movements in the United States which, if successful, would result to a degree in church and state union, therefore,

We recommend, that our conference officers and churches be urged to study in a definite way the principles of religious liberty and be prepared to assist others in becoming acquainted with these principles by,

(a) Furnishing themselves with *Liberty* and the *Protestant Magazine* and other available literature on the subject.

(b) By distributing literature among the people at large.

(c) Placing in the hands of state, county, municipal officers, judges, and legislators, as may be possible, copies of the American State Papers.

Since the public schools are not designed to qualify workers for the third angel's message, we, therefore,

Recommend, that the churches of this conference pledge themselves to greater activity in—(a) The establishment and maintenance of church schools, receiving the moral and financial support of all church members. (b) Encouraging suitable youth to attend Mount Vernon College.

Whereas, the large demands coming from the foreign fields have led us to send out already this year, 150 missionaries, and

Whereas, to support these as well as those already in the field it will be necessary to raise twenty cents per member, and

Whereas, this conference is at present behind \$471.53 on this fund, therefore,

Resolved, that we pledge ourselves as laborers and church members to see that this amount is raised, and,

We further recommend, that to this end every conference laborer spend at least one full week in the field in the Harvest Ingathering work, laboring especially to lead and train the church members in this campaign.

Whereas, the health and morals of our children are in danger because of social evils, and

Whereas, vulgar and false teachings concerning the origin of life and related subjects are prevalent, therefore,

We recommend, (a) That church officials urge parents to secure suitable literature from our publishing houses and instruct children, and, (b) That wherever possible this subject be presented from the pulpit at least once during the year.

Whereas, the present constitution of the West Virginia Conference, printed in 1904, is out of date respecting the Columbia Union Conference, and many minor details of organization, therefore,

Resolved, that the West Virginia Conference Committee appoint a committee of three with full power to act; whose duty shall be to redraft the constitution in harmony with the more recent developments of our organization in the general bodies and conforming more to our methods and practices. J. S. BARROWS, *Sec'y*.

News Notes

Brother T. W. Thirlwell who has been laboring in Charlestown this past summer, called at the office one day this week. Brother Thirlwell and his mother will locate at Fairmont and he will have charge of the work here.

We were glad to have Brother and Sister H. T. Murphy of Cameron with us over the Sabbath. As the Fairmont company is small new ones coming in are very much appreciated.

Brother H. F. Kirk is now in the southern part of the state looking after new canvassers for that part of the state. He spent Sabbath with the Charleston church.

Sister Clara Wood, who has been located at Marietta Ohio, is now in Parkersburg, where she will take up the canvassing work. We wish her success in her new field.

Elder F. H. Robbins and Brother Barrows spent Sabbath and Sunday, November 1 and 2, with the company at Chester. They report a very good meeting there.

VIRGINIA

A Conference Church

At a recent council at Washington, it was recommended that all conferences that have not already done so, should organize a conference church. The president of the conference is to be its elder, and the secretary of the conference, its clerk. The manner of receiving members varies in different conferences. In some, the conference committee passes on the membership of those wishing to unite with the church. In other conferences, each member who unites with the conference church is requested to pay \$1.00 a year for church expenses and this money is spent in correspondence with the members. When one wishes to unite with the church, a letter is sent out to each member and if there is no objection, the person is received as a member of the church. The same course is pursued in granting letters.

There are a number of scattered Sabbath-keepers in Virginia, and we shall be glad to secure their names and addresses as soon as possible, and

where advisable connect them with the conference church. We ask our brethren and sisters through out the Virginia Conference who know of any persons who are eligible to church membership in some of our other churches, to write at once to the secretary of the conference giving the names and addresses of such persons.

W. J. STONE.

To the Sabbath-School Superintendents

The Sabbath-school lessons this quarter are taken from the book of Romans. Do you not think this book should be memorized? Everywhere we go it makes us trouble if we do not understand it. As a help to us in committing it to memory, the book of Romans has been neatly bound, with good print, and can be purchased for only four cents by ordering through the tract society. It is about two inches wide and three inches long. It can be taken everywhere one goes and a verse or two memorized on the way to work. Place one in the hands of every member of your school if possible. Order now, for one third of the quarter is gone.

Another thing of importance now is the Sabbath-school report. Has the secretary of your school sent in the report for the quarter ending September 27? I wish to thank the thirteen secretaries whose reports I have now for their promptness. Five reports have not come in yet. If your report is one of the five, this is to make you think.

The secretary of a neighboring conference writes that she has received every report, except one, from her schools. The quarterly report will appear in the *Messenger* as soon as the reports are received. I am anxious to tell you what Virginia has done for missions, and most of all, for the one hundred and fifty missionaries.

The objects of the next thirteenth Sabbath offering have been decided upon. They are as follows:—

1. Opening new African region, the Tanganyika Plateau, \$5,000.
2. Moving newly arrived missionaries from landing ports to fields and settling on mission stations, \$3,000.
3. To aid fields in keeping new missionaries in language schools and at language study the first year, \$4,000.
4. Mission headquarters for Central China Mission,—to be built in January and February, \$1,500.

As before, a leaflet of information will be sent you.

It has been reported that one Sabbath-school with a membership of twenty-three gave \$14.00 for their contribution to missions on the thirteenth Sabbath of last quarter. We are very glad to see them taking hold of the work in this way, and sincerely hope that other schools will endeavor to do as well according to their membership. Let us all do our best and it will be accepted in heaven.

Yours in behalf of the Sabbath-schools,

Mrs. R. J. Brown, *Secretary*.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

West Philadelphia

There is a statement in the Testimonies, that in the winter time there should be a special meeting held for the purpose of training workers. We are trying to follow out this instruction. First of all, we are endeavoring to help every member of the church to become thoroughly familiar with the Bible, and at each meeting some one of the members of the church gives a Bible reading of fifteen minutes' duration on some one of the points of truth we hold as a people. These are most interesting occasions and the attendance of the church is large. The prospect is that we shall have many helpers in the work in the great field open before us in West Philadelphia. Sister E. Poch, who has had an extended and valuable experience of many years in the work, is rendering most valuable assistance in developing each one who knows the truth to become a living worker, not merely a cold, formal listener.

We believe this is a great need today, that every member of the church should become a worker. In this way only, with the cooperation of the Holy Spirit, can the work of the third angel's message be finished in the earth. We believe our people are willing and ready to work if they can receive the proper instruction and encouragement.

We have been greatly interested in the case of a Congregational minister who has been holding services in the most complete gospel wagon we have ever seen, here in the city of Philadelphia. One of our canvassers met him, gave us his address, and we found him to be greatly interested; in fact, apparently almost ready to take his stand for the truth. He is from Cornwall, England, and has had quite an extended experience as a Methodist minister there. He has been in the United States about seven years. He became acquainted with our Italian

church in the city of New York and gave them the free use of his church for a year, but had never been acquainted with any English speaking Seventh-day Adventists until he visited Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., just one day after the close of the General Conference. He left the Methodist church because he believes in baptism and seems to agree with us in every point of present truth. He is now making a thorough study of the Sabbath question, and expresses his intention of a little later attending our Seminary in Washington, and uniting fully with us. On very brief acquaintance, it would seem that he might be an independent and helpful worker. His wife is fully in accord with him. We ask the readers of the *VISITOR* to especially remember this minister and his wife in their prayers, and also the work in this great city of nearly two million inhabitants.

J. S. WASHBURN.

Sayre—Towanda

Since the tent has been taken down, I have been dividing my time between Sayre and Towanda. Our church at Sayre is getting along nicely. The members are doing all they can to spread the truth by giving out tracts and papers. In this way several openings for Bible studies were secured. In September four were baptized, and others will be ready soon to follow their Lord in this ordinance.

Our company at Towanda is of good courage. Bible readings are being held in the homes of the people and the interest awakened during the tent meetings, is being followed up. One man offered us a lot to build a church; he also said he would assist us in building. We hope to see a church organized in this place before long.

I am sorry to announce the death of one of our number at Towanda, Sister Charles Neily. Sister Neily accepted the third angel's message last summer and was baptized this fall. A short time ago she was taken to the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre where she died Sunday morning under the second operation. Sister Neily was rejoicing in this truth, and was ready to go, for she found him who turneth the shadow of death into the morning. The body was taken to Waverly, New York, from there to Knoxville where the funeral was held and interment made.

It was my privilege to meet with the Scranton and Wilkes Barre churches at their quarterly meetings. Both these churches are putting forth a strong effort in the interests of the

Harvest Ingathering campaign. May God's blessings rest upon this important work, that the riches of the Gentiles may flow into the treasury of the Lord.

C. S. BAUM.

We learn from the secretary of the Wade Sabbath-school, Miss Elizabeth Head, that the thirteenth Sabbath was a most successful one for the school. An interesting program consisting of music, recitations, and other exercises, was enjoyed by all. It is especially interesting to note the large offering for so small a school. The average attendance is twelve, yet the offering for the day was \$28.56. This school should be commended for their excellent program and large offering.

NEW JERSEY

Annandale

On taking up my residence in Annandale according to the plans of the conference committee, that I should open the work in Hunterdon County, New Jersey, I will say, the Lord has certainly gone before me, as he is doing throughout the broad harvest field as the laborers go forth.

I started my work by canvassing in this town, using "The Story of the Seer of Patmos" as a leader and giving the Family Bible Teacher free. I have not finished the canvassing, but have quite a number to start with, which gives me faith to believe when I get over the town, I will have a goodly number to distribute the lessons to during the winter.

I have received an invitation to teach the Sunday-school lesson in a Methodist church at a small village about eight miles from here. In the afternoon I have been requested to conduct a Bible study in the home of the superintendent. He runs a general store and has invited all his customers and neighbors to his home next Sunday afternoon to the first reading. In planning for this he told me that he desired to obey God in all that is revealed in the Bible, so I suggested a series of readings in his home each Sunday afternoon, which resulted in the above arrangement.

All who read this pray that the work will be blessed of God to the salvation of many who enter into the plan and attend the studies.

I am of good courage and take up the work here joyfully, knowing that the Lord has promised "never to leave us nor forsake us." There is much comfort in the revised version

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending Nov. 7, 1913

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
R. DeGarmo, Athens Co.		ES	5	22	18	70 00	11 50	81 50	
J. S. Randolph, Delaware Co.		ES	5	44	14	46 00	21 50	67 50	16 80
Mrs. R. DeGarmo, Athens Co.		ES	5	23	16	55 00	3 50	58 50	
L. H. Bacher, Athens Co.		ES	10	42	23	69 00	13 00	82 00	
Ray H. Chapin, Perry Co.,		ES	3	23	12	42 00	9 25	51 25	
C. G. Douglass, Summt Co.		ES	5	30	7	30 00	13 80	43 80	
A. L. Bossler, Noble Co.		DR	4	37	9	27 00	12 45	39 45	
L. H. Waters, Shelby Co.		PPF	5	37	18	32 00	2 50	34 50	
Helen Greunke, Lucas Co.		PPF	5	25	19	32 00		32 75	
J. B. Reichenbach, Montg'y Co.		BR	5	34	9	31 00	75	31 25	
S. D. Phillips, Lucas Co.		ES	4	23	4	12 00	12 25	24 25	
Marie Flenner, Butler Co.		BF	3	20	7	7 50	15 00	22 50	
Marie Greunke, Lucas Co.		PPF	7	26	26	39 50	3 00	42 50	
Mrs. S. D. Phillips, Lucas Co.		BR	3	11	6	18 00	1 50	19 50	
Carrie Woodworth, Hancock.		PPE	5	27	9	14 50	75	15 25	
Bertha Greunke, Lucas Co.		PPF	4	19	6	10 50	3 10	13 60	21 00
Lillian Keyler, Cinti Co.		CK	4	22	7	13 00		13 00	
J. L. Sauder, Portage Co.		ES	5	35	1	3 00	2 25	5 25	102 25
Tillie Gable, Cuyahoga		ES	5	30	7	21 00	2 50	23 50	
Lloyd Swallen, Stark Co.		ES	4	26			1 80	1 80	68 25
Miscellaneous			14	54	12	23 50	49 05	72 55	13 60

Totals 20 Agents 110 608 230 \$596 50 \$179 70 \$776 20 \$221 90

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Nov. 8, 1913

F. Willruth, Seranton Co.	CK	5	59	36	59 00	30 00	89 00	34 00
W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	PPF	4	36	15	23 50	6 00	29 50	
F. A. Brownell, Lack'a Co.	GC	7	24	17	56 00	4 30	60 30	
Mrs. F. A. Brownell, Lack'a	CK	4	12	7	11 00	3 00	14 00	6 75
J. L. Gearhart, Berks Co.	CK	4	25	7	10 50	7 00	17 50	20 00
Mrs. M. Billington, Taylor Co.	GC	2	17	8	8 25		8 25	
Mrs. H. Tranger, Lehigh Co.	CK	3	17	20	29 00	9 60	28 60	
Miss Jean Curtis, Williamsport			17	14	6 60		6 60	3 50

Totals 8 Agents \$203 85 \$59 90 \$263 75 \$64 25

Virginia, Week Ending Oct., 31, 1913

K. Oertley, Portsmouth	GC		50	12	26 50	13 50	40 00	
R. W. Constable, Culpeper	DR			2	6 00		6 00	
J. Meyer, Chatham	PPF		36		27 00		27 00	4 00
B. Hamm, Geer	BR		19			8 50	8 50	50
F. R. Wood, Richmond	PPF		6			3 50	3 50	
Annie George, Richmond			10			11 00	11 00	11 00
Frank Parsons, Richmond			64			37 25	37 25	37 25

Totals 7 Agents 182 14 \$59 50 \$73 75 \$133 25 \$52 75

West Virginia, Week Ending Nov. 7, 1913

T. M. Butler, Harrison	PPF	5	44	34	62 50	4 50	67 00	2 50
Waldo H. Wilcox, Harrison Co.	PPF	4	40	40	64 50	7 25	71 75	1 50
W. A. McElphatrick, Broxton	DR	3	32					98 40
Clara Wood, Wood	CK	5	30	20	32 50		32 50	
E. Maddox, Wood	PPF	4	29		19 00	22 00	41 00	
O. J. Belt, Tyler	FS	2	10	3	6 00		9 90	

Totals 6 Agents 23 185 97 \$187 50 \$33 75 \$221 25 \$101 90

District of Columbia, Week Ending Nov. 7, 1913

F. Smith, Charles City	GC	4	68	23	73 00	1 50	74 50	120 75
Eva. Chandler, Wharves	GC	5	24		5 00	23 15	28 15	5 05
W. A. Williams, Clinton	PPF	4	28	6	18 00	2 25	20 25	
C. V. Leach, Indian Head	GC	4	40					170 00

Totals 4 Agents 17 160 \$96 00 \$26 90 \$122 90 \$295 80

New Jersey, Week Ending Nov. 7, 1913

Allan Boynton, Cape May C.H.	PG	5	36	15	47 00	47 00		
G. W. Blinn, Trenton	CK	10	66	9	19 00	34 35	53 35	15 00
H. Lauterbach, Warren Co.	PPF	10	83	29	44 50	9 10	53 60	
Wm. Schmidt, Newark	GC	10	54	7	23 00	15 80	38 80	30 80
Edward Sterner, Salem Co.	PG	10	75	13	19 50	5 30	24 80	5 30
W. B. Plant, Morris Co.	BF	4	29	1	1 00	12 45	13 45	23 25
Magazines					102 00		102 00	
Totals		6 Agents			\$256 00	\$77 00	\$333 00	\$74 35

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Nov., 7, 1913

C. Dunham, Pittsburgh Co.	DR	10	60	4	14 00	29 00	43 00	29 75
Mrs. C. Dunham, Pittsburgh Co.		4	33	10	10 75	12 30	23 05	
J. A. Kimmel, Fayette Co.	PPF	2	14	4	7 50	90	8 10	11 70
L. M. Yohe, Armstrong Co.	ES	4	37	11	33 00	27 65	60 65	2 30
Totals		4 Agents	20	144	29	\$65 25	\$69 55	\$134 80
								\$43 75

Grand Totals: 55 Agents Value of Orders, \$1464 60 Deliveries, \$854 70

Harvest Ingathering Record of Orders for Columbia Union

Week Ending November 7, 1913

Conference	Orders This Week	Orders To Date	Ordered 1912	Ordered 1911
Chesapeake.....	200	12,492	14,555	6,460
*District of Columbia.....		8,485	7,500	8,570
*New Jersey.....		6,981	6,357	6,280
*East Pennsylvania.....	215	11,070	10,280	14,875
West Pennsylvania.....		8,450	8,470	8,047
*Ohio.....	5	16,903	15,406	17,445
*Virginia.....	1287	7,611	7,165	5,419
*West Virginia.....		2,875	2,500	3,155
Total.....	1,707	74,867	72,233	70,251
*Grand Total...	15,097	564,648	484,288	517,812

of Isaiah 50:4: "The Lord Jehovah hath given me the tongue of them that are taught, that I may know how to sustain with words him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as they that are taught."

"He leadeh me! O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeh me."
G. MEDAURY.

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Four more conferences have, during the past week, covered last year's orders. They are: Western New York, Virginia, North Dakota, and South Texas. The Northern Union Conference also passed last year's record of orders, and takes the star this week.

Our orders last week being for 15,097 copies, we have a gain of 4,101 papers over the corresponding week of last year. The total number of papers ordered to date this year being 564,648, we were on November 7, 1913, 888 copies ahead of the orders for same date last year.

The Pacific still leads all unions in the number of papers ordered this year. Columbia and Lake maintain last week's relations to it and to each other.

In this report the conferences and unions exceeding last year's orders have a star opposite the conference names, and the union conference totals.

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OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS
OCTOBER, 1913

Akron.....	\$127 09
Alliance.....	23 86
*Barnesville.....
Bellville.....	12 30
Bellefontaine.....	1 50
*Broughton.....	....
Bowling Green.....	48 38
Bucyrus.....	3 45
Camden.....	49 51
Canaan.....	31 19
Canton.....	14 25
Chagrin Falls.....	52 51
Charloe.....	....
Chillicothe.....	7 80
Cincinnati.....	185 45
" Msn.....	9 45
Cleveland Eng.....	212 68
Cleveland German.....	82 44
Clyde.....	47 37
Columbus.....	377 63
Columbus S. D. A. Mission.....	....
Conneaut.....	3 50
Corsica.....	50 00
Coshocton.....	....
Dayton.....	45 04
Defiance.....	6 00
Delaware.....	..
Delta.....	121 19
Derwent.....	14 00
Dowling.....	6 00
Dunkirk.....	....
East Liverpool.....	35 50
Elgin.....	27 17
Findlay.....	40 37
Greenspring.....	....
Gilboa.....	5 00
Hamler.....	43 08
Hamilton.....	53 74
Hicksville.....	21 15
*Jackson.....	....
Jefferson.....	88 32
Killbuck.....	10 93
LaGrange.....	75 57
*Lakeville.....	16 62
Lakeview.....	35 67
Liberty Center.....	47 39
Laura.....	1 70
Lima.....	....
Locust Point.....	....
Leeburg.....	55 35
Mansfield.....	16 75
Marion.....	38 62
Marshfield.....	2 50
Medina.....	....
Mendon.....	9 99
Mount Vernon.....	336 87
Newark.....	138 04
Norwalk.....
New Philadelphia.....
Ohio City.....	7 40
Piqua.....	30 97
Pleasant Hill.....	29 46
Powell.....

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Waterford.....	84 15
Wilmington.....	80
*West Mansfield.....	15 00
Wheelersburg.....
Youngstown.....
Zanesville.....	178 97
Individuals.....	55 84
TOTAL.....	\$3,525 18

*Companies

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL RESOURCES

Tithe.....	\$3,525 18
Tract Society ..	1,516 15
Sabbath-school Donations ..	874 44
Missions.....	480 78
Harvest Ingathering	171 03
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Weekly Donations	183 29
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Loma Linda.....	1 00
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Philippines.....
Mission Literature	4 15
South America.....	6 80
Talent Fund	2 70
City Work.....	20 00
TOTAL.....	\$7,357 72

Colporteurs' Convention and Institute

Columbus, Jan. 12-26, 1914.

Arrangements have been made to conduct a colporteurs' convention and institute in Columbus, Jan. 12-26. All who feel called of God to enter this important line of self supporting missionary work, should begin immediately to lay plans to take advantage of this two weeks of practical education. For particulars write to J. H. McEachern, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

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"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near."

"In speaking of persons, if you cannot say a pleasant word, say nothing."

College Notes

Elder I. D. Richardson spent Tuesday night and part of Wednesday at the College. He spoke to the students Wednesday morning in chapel, emphasizing the importance of the colporteur work. The talk was much appreciated by all.

The students and teachers enjoyed a talk by Elder Slade in chapel Thursday morning on "Obstacles." He first spoke of the obstacles that come in the way to keep one from attending school. Then he spoke of the obstacles that come in to mar one's Christian experience and success in life. Many practical lessons were drawn which were of benefit to every one.

Elder J. O. Miller visited his daughter at the College and other relatives and friends in the village last week. He was on his way to connect with the New Jersey Conference.

On the evening of November 8, the Ohio colporteurs together with those from the neighboring states of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McEachern for a social gathering. After receiving a hearty welcome from the host and hostess, the guests prepared to spend a pleasant evening.

The evening was begun with prayer asking that the presence of heavenly beings might be with us and all evening we felt the good Spirit presiding over all that was done. Then followed an interesting program of music, both vocal and instrumental, readings, and speeches.

All enjoyed the encouraging talk given by Brother McEachern in which he commended the colporteurs for their faithfulness during the past summer. He also reminded us that among the thirty-five present, Canada, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey as well as Ohio were represented. We were also glad that Elder Slade could be present to enjoy the evening with us.

After the program followed the games into which all entered heartily. Excellent refreshments were served, and all too soon the evening came to an end. Every one felt that a profitable as well as an entertaining evening had been spent.

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."