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Our Twenty Cent Results

That we must concede a shortage of \$2461.04 does not indicate that faithful efforts have not been put forth to make a success of this campaign. When the proposition was taken up last March, three months had already elapsed with many churches showing a low average on the 15c basis. When the importance of the campaign was understood and the plan adopted, with the exception of a few, all took hold and determined that the result should not only supply the 15c for missions but secure the additional five cents to cancel the College indebtedness. The VISITOR will announce later to what extent the latter item has benefited the College. Should you have an opportunity to study the list of results, you would readily agree that the responsibility for inactive members has to a large extent counteracted the advantage gained by the response of the majority in donations. This fact is substantiated by the splendid increase in mission donations by many churches, and further, that thirty-six reached or exceeded the fifteen-cent average against twenty-six of the previous year and twenty-four against seventeen on the twenty-cent basis. The highest average of 1912, 48c, increased to 64c in 1913. The steady progress made in this campaign has indeed been interesting, and the persevering and sacrificing efforts truly indicate a faithful response to the Macedonian cry.

The churches which have reached or passed the twenty-cent average are: Ravenna, 64c; Piqua, 52c; New Philadelphia, 45c; East Liverpool, 43c; Hamilton, 42c; Lake View, 33c; Findlay, 33c; Pleasant Hill, 31c; Chagrin Falls, 29c; Canton, 27c; Mt. Vernon, 25c; Alliance, 24c; Leesburg, 24c; Mansfield, 23c; Cincinnati, 23c; Hicksville, 23c; Newark, 22c; Delta, 22c; Coshocton, 21c; Canaan, 20c; Washington C. H., 20c; Youngstown, 20c; Cincinnati colored, 20c.

I regret that space will not permit a complete list to show that while others have not reached the desired average, some have made splendid gains, such as Cleveland English from ten to sixteen cent average over 1912; Dayton eleven to nineteen; and Wilmington twelve to nineteen. The disadvantages with which some have had to contend make it difficult to indicate in figures the good results obtained in pulling up to the standard. Many of our isolated members have added to the success of this effort by their donations and reports of good courage, claiming the promise accessible to all that even though not listed among the successful churches or companies, our liberal attitude toward the work brings a more liberal shower of blessings.

The total of mission funds for 1913, \$19,378.96, shows a gain of \$4,285.04 over 1912 and a total of tithe, \$39,605.31, a gain of \$2,924.22. With a review of such results and of the splendid experiences of our people during the week of prayer, surely we can enter upon the aggressive plans of 1914 determined to have a closer relation to this great closing work and a better preparation for a part in its triumph. The demands of the work and needs of this time call for large results. Our duty along financial lines is pointed out in such paragraphs as:

"Faithful stewards are to place the Lord's money in his treasury that workers may be sent to all parts of the world. The church here below is to serve God with selfdenial and sacrifice. If — faithful in bringing the means lent them to the Lord's treasury, his work will make rapid advancement."—*Testimonies*, Vol. IX, p. 58, 59, and many precious promises urge a faithful stewardship. Shall not our response in tithe and offerings be according to that blessed hope,—our services and means hastening the time of our Master's return?

We have an aim before us—at least one soul per member in 1914—which should start a more aggressive work than this people has ever experienced, in personal work, circulation of literature, and liberal return of our means

to the cause. Let us remember that the resources of God are promised only to those who undertake his program. Many are waiting for the message we should carry to them. Shall we not earnestly join the great Leader in this rally to advance the message and thus make more certain of a part in his kingdom? H. D. HOLCOM.

The Colporteurs' Institute

The Lord is richly blessing the Columbus Colporteurs' Institute. We feel assured that many prayers throughout the conference have ascended in our behalf. These prayers the Lord has heard and answered by pouring out his Spirit upon us.

The Institute was formally opened Sunday evening, January 11, with an earnest sermon by Elder E. K. Slade, the subject being, "The Armor of Light."

Throughout the busy activities of class work during the week we felt the sweet influence of divine presence. Toward the close of the week a movement was started in the hearts of several persons to fast and pray for a special blessing. The movement was spontaneous. It came without announcement or plan. None knew of the other's convictions.

Sabbath proved a day of great blessing. At the regular preaching hour Professor Salisbury, of Mt. Vernon College, spoke to the church. His sermon was free from emotion. It was intensely practical. The beauty of the character of Jesus was made to appear to all, and a yearning came into the hearts of all to be more like him. The Holy Spirit rested gently upon the people. It was thought best to close the meeting for dinner. A meeting was announced for three o'clock in the afternoon. However, the Lord took the meeting out of human hands.

An afflicted brother had requested prayer for his healing, and at the close of the meeting a number assembled at the rostrum to consult concerning his case. This merged into a prayer meeting. From a season of

prayer it changed in form to a season of confession of sin to God and faults to one another. There was a general desire to get a victory over besetting sins. Not only did all feel burdened for themselves, but scores of persons not in the truth were prayed for in response to requests by relatives and friends present. It is hopefully believed that many conversions in different parts of the state will result from these prayers. Seven persons announced their desire to be baptized. The service of baptism will be conducted next Sabbath. Several have testified that they have never seen such a meeting before. The meeting was opened by the pastor at 10:30 A. M. and he was not permitted to get farther from the desk than five feet till 5:30 P. M. Thus the meeting continued practically uninterrupted for seven hours. None appeared weary and indeed it was only the lateness of the hour that compelled the close of the meeting. The members of the Columbus church feel that they have been visited by copious showers of the latter rain.

Forty-two students are now in attendance at the institute classes. One encouraging feature is that nearly all are mature men and women who, hearing the definite call of God, have left good positions to engage in the Lord's work. A spirit of earnestness and application to the task in hand is manifest on the part of all. The general instruction is being given by Bro. I. D. Richardson and is being hallowed by the sweetness of the Holy Spirit. The impelling motive of all is to save souls and hasten the coming of Jesus. All are confident that as they shall go forth well trained, consecrated and followed by the prayers of God's people the goal of \$50,000.00 for 1914 will be reached and perishing souls will be saved for the heavenly garner.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE.

Wilmington, Sabina, Washington C. H., Leesburg

The writer spent the week of prayer among the churches named above.

In Wilmington arrangements had been made for preaching services Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings. There was a good interest and a fair outside attendance. We had a consecration service following the reading Sabbath morning. A good spirit prevailed through all the meetings.

Monday Brother Bert Bloom took me in his automobile to visit all the isolated members of the Wilmington

church. We had good visits with all and returned with \$30.25 for missions, which together with \$43.44 Sunday at the church made a total of \$73.69 annual offering.

We have three Sabbath keepers in Sabina. I held one meeting with them, and went out for a short time selling the Harvest Ingathering *Reviews* for which I received \$2.50.

In Washington Court House the little company is faithful and doing what they can to interest their neighbors in the truth. We held the readings in the afternoon and preaching services in the evening. The outside attendance was good and increased every night. One blind man, who is also a cripple, was carried to the meeting and thanked God for the privilege he enjoyed. When the needs of our missions were presented many responded with pledges. They hoped to make up their quota by the end of the year.

At Leesburg I found the church alive with the missionary spirit. On Sabbath the Lord came very near and our hearts were touched by his Spirit. The annual offering here brought their donations for missions up to twenty-three cents a week per member for the year, though they were \$53 behind on their quota at the end of November.

While in Leesburg I spoke in the Methodist church, of which my mother was a member when the third angel's message came to her. When she embraced the truth, she was opposed and the way was made hard for her, but she remained steadfast. At the age of eighty she is still faithful and expects to triumph with God's remnant people. It was a great privilege for me to tell some of my old schoolmates of the triumphs of the cross. I was also invited to speak in the public schools.

I never enjoyed a week of prayer more than the one just passed.

W.W. MILLER.

Findlay

It has been some time since I have reported my work through the *VISITOR*. I am truly thankful for the degree of success the Lord has given and for his tender care over us through the year 1913.

We came to Findlay the first of May 1913. The Lord has added to our number since coming to this place twenty-one members: seven by baptism, five on profession of faith, and nine by letter, making our membership at this writing twenty-eight. Besides our work in Findlay we have

visited the most of the churches in districts five and six and find our people of good courage and willing to help in forwarding the third angel's message to the ends of the earth.

I take this opportunity of thanking our people that I have visited and others whom I shall visit for their liberality and hearty response in the struggle for missions during the year now in the past and let us pray that the Lord may give us a passion for the lost such as we have never had before. Our time for work is almost over. In a few years we if faithful will stand on Mount Zion with the saved of earth and sing songs of his redeeming grace. F. M. FAIRCHILD.

Miss Bessie Acton has recently visited the churches at Toledo, Cincinnati, Dayton, Springfield, Columbus, Findlay, and Dresden in the interest of her departmental work; viz., Sabbath-school, young people, and church school.

The Sabbath-school donations contributed largely to the good financial results, showing a gain over 1912 of \$1,384.10 the total receipts being \$9,359.49.

Since the report of the twenty cent a week results were sent out to the churches and isolated, we have received an additional credit of \$82.00.

There are still some church clerk reports missing which retard the work at the office.

Remember that February 1 is the closing date for club rate on our periodicals. Remit now to extend your subscriptions about to expire.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Among the Churches

January 2-7 I spent with the Johnstown church during the first part of the canvassers' institute, conducted by Elder Richardson and V. O. Panches. Meetings were held each evening with a good attendance throughout the two weeks of the institute. The latter part of the institute Elder E. J. Van Horn from Pittsburgh was present and rendered good help. Elder J. W. Watt rendered good assistance during the institute. We trust that the institute will prove a great blessing to those in attendance

as well as a help to the Johnstown church. Our canvassers ought to be able to do better work after having a drill and many helpful suggestions given them. Like the minister, the canvasser must have the presence and help of angels of God if his work is a success.

January 9-11 I visited Connellsville and Mt. Braddock where Elder Geo. West has been holding meetings the last few weeks. I spoke Friday evening at Mt. Braddock in the Union church to about one hundred and twenty-five adults.

On the Sabbath we met in the same church for Sabbath-school with eighteen adults and twenty children, thirty-eight in all who took part in the Sabbath-school lessons. Following this we enjoyed a service in which a number of the new believers bore a good testimony. Six or eight persons have fully committed themselves to obey all the truths. Many more are interested and are friendly. Some as usual are stirred up to fight and oppose the truth.

Calls from several nearby towns come for meetings. The Methodists at present begin a series of revival meetings in the Union church. Elder West will hold meetings nearby, and will follow up the interest at Mt. Braddock as he may be able by holding meetings on the Sabbath and every other Sunday evening.

We should remember the work in this new field and pray that God will raise up many in this part of the state to be staunch believers in the message for this time. R. A. UNDERWOOD.

The Johnstown Institute

The West Pennsylvania colporteurs' institute was held at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, January 1-15. In some respects this was the best institute we have ever held in this conference. While the attendance was not so large yet we had a splendid class of devoted men and women who have cut loose from the world and from good positions paying good salaries to engage in the Lord's work feeling a definite call to this line of work.

We were pleased to meet Brother Heaton at this meeting. Brother Heaton has been out of the work for two or three years doing some school work with the idea of better fitting himself for the colporteur work.

We were very much pleased to have with us Brother John Brownlee, a brother to our old standby Archie Brownlee.

Very few of the regular colporteurs

were present. With the exception of Brother Kimmel all were new recruits.

The prospects for the colporteur work in West Pennsylvania are very encouraging. It will not surprise us to see at least \$20,000 worth of books sold in this conference in 1914. Brother Panches has labored very hard to bring the work up to a high standard. The workers he has secured are men and women who have held good positions with the world, but who feel that their talents belong to the Lord.

We are now in the midst of the Ohio institute at Columbus. The Holy Spirit is doing a mighty work in our midst. A full report of the meeting will appear in these columns soon.

I. D. RICHARDSON, *Gen. Agt.*

VIRGINIA

Every Church a Missionary Society

It is the design of the General and North American Division Conferences to have missionary societies organized in all the churches throughout the world. Plans were laid at the recent council at Washington to begin in organizing this much needed work. A paper has been started which will be quite largely devoted to missionary endeavor, and how to organize and carry forward successfully this line of work. This paper in clubs of two or more is only \$.35 a copy for the year, and should be in the homes of every officer in our churches and Sabbath-schools and young people's societies.

Missionary societies have already been organized at Lynchburg, Richmond, and Portsmouth, and aggressive work is being carried forward. We earnestly request our church officers in all of our churches to organize at once a missionary society, and if you have not the proper instruction, send to our office for it, and we will gladly furnish it. Shall we not see this work fully launched in all of our churches within the next few weeks?

W. J. STONE.

Sabbath School Donations for 1914

I take it for granted that our brethren and sisters all know that the total collections in our Sabbath-schools now go to support our missions, and are applied on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund.

How many read Brother Campbell's article in the last *Messenger* regarding the plan adopted at the beginning of last year in their Sabbath-school at Lynchburg? As a result, he writes that their church raised its full quota of twenty cents a week per member, but this was largely raised in the Sabbath-school.

You will hear something soon from our conference Sabbath-school secretary about this matter, but we all feel anxious that at the beginning of the year 1914 all our schools set their mark high for offerings to missions, and endeavor every Sabbath to reach that standard.

The Richmond Sabbath-school is endeavoring to raise ten cents a member for the entire Sabbath-school each week for the year 1914. Is this too much for all our Sabbath-schools to undertake? Will not our superintendents and teachers rally to this point at once, and have every class in our Sabbath-schools set a standard for each Sabbath and try to reach it?

Some can give twenty-five cents each Sabbath, some fifteen or twenty, while others can give only five or ten cents. The first month has now practically gone, but shall we not make up for this, and be fully organized to begin the work in earnest by the first Sabbath in February, and make the year 1914 the banner year for missions in our Virginia Sabbath-schools? If all will begin now and be faithful during the year, we will not come up to nearly the close of the year, and have to make such desperate efforts to reach the standard. May God greatly bless us and give us means to contribute to missions funds.

W. J. S.

A Good Beginning

Last Sunday night there was a meeting held at the First Richmond church to consider the matter of the church indebtedness, and how we could raise the money to pay it.

Elder Dowsett, of Takoma Park, led out in a talk, and was followed by Elder Stone and Brother Goode. Brethren Eason, Wright, Brown, and others gave short talks right to the point, after which a plan was adopted to raise the money by a card system, each card representing \$12.00, or one dollar a month for one year.

There were only about one fourth of our members present, but over forty cards, representing over \$500, were taken. A systematic canvass

will be made of every member of our church, and a strong endeavor to raise the total indebtedness.

The person taking or becoming responsible for a card can either solicit the money or pay it out of his own funds, and as soon as one card is paid, the person will be asked to take another card. Some took as many as four cards. We are much encouraged to believe that this debt will be entirely removed from our church building.

W. J. S.

Bethel

It was a great privilege for the little company of Sabbath-keepers here at Ford to have with us Elder W. J. Stone on Sabbath, December 6.

Sabbath morning there was a good attendance for Sabbath-school and services following. Brother Stone reviewed the school on the lesson previous to that date.

After Sabbath-school, Elder Stone talked between five and ten minutes impressing upon us the needs of a church school, and why the children should have a Christian education. This is a matter that we should think upon seriously, for think how the denomination would be strengthened if the children of our churches were kept from the world.

Immediately after this, Brother Stone spoke on the paying of tithes, bringing out forcibly Matthew 23:25, and how Jacob made a vow to God that if he would give to him only food and raiment that he would surely pay the tenth unto the Lord. Continuing, it was cited to us from the book of Matthew that we surely could do something for the Lord for each of us has at least one talent. It was explained how the tithes and offerings are used in carrying on God's work.

At the close of the meeting a number present gave in testimonies, as to their faith in the message and how they wished a part in the great work.

We were, indeed, sorry that Brother Stone could not be with us longer, but owing to a meeting which he had to attend, in Washington, D. C., on Monday, he was forced to leave for Richmond on Saturday night.

INEZ V. REAMES.

Lynchburg

Our little company was greatly cheered and encouraged by a visit from Elder Stone during the first two days of the week of prayer.

The regular services were held Sabbath morning, the first reading being read, and different ones taking part. In the afternoon another service was

held, Elder Stone occupying the time. Like the apostle, Peter, he was not negligent to put us in remembrance of the present truth, that we might be the more thoroughly established therein. He showed us plainly that if we would be among the one hundred and forty-four thousand, we must be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, living by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. We were also made to see that even one Babylonish garment, or one golden wedge hid in the camps, would hinder the work from moving forward. At the close of the service some expressed themselves that perhaps they had been Achan's in the camp, but that now they would surrender all and live hence forward wholly for the Lord.

On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, two services were held each day. At the close of the service on the last Sabbath, a liberal offering was taken up. The Lynchburg church enjoy giving to advance every branch of the work.

A missionary society has recently been organized in the church which is doing good work along spiritual lines. At their last meeting plans were formulated whereby means can be raised to help pay off the church debt.

All are of good courage, having the one aim to go forward. Brethren and sisters, do not forget our little company in your prayers.

ANNA C. RICE.

News Notes

Remember that the canvassers' institute begins February 12. We hope to see at this institute every person contemplating entering this line of work.

Elder Walker went to Portsmouth last Sunday to join Brother Gordon in a series of meetings in the new church building. Let us pray that God may greatly bless in this effort.

Brother Dick writes that the Lynchburg church has subscribed for four copies of the *Church Officers' Gazette*. Every church officer should have this valuable paper.

Mrs. W. J. Stone has been ill with sciatica and confined to her bed for nearly four weeks. She is not suffering quite so much as she did for a time, and it is hoped that she will soon recover.

Brother L. L. French, who at one time labored in this conference as a licentiate, and who has been in North Dakota for several years, writes that he is coming back to Virginia to work as a self-supporting missionary.

Dr. A. M. Neff has not been well for the past week or more, and has been unable to attend to his regular work in the office. His doctor pronounces his condition heart trouble and nervous affection.

Elder R. T. Dowsett was with the Richmond church last Sabbath and Sunday. He spoke at the white church in the forenoon and at the colored church in the afternoon. He also audited the conference books while in Richmond. His sermons were much appreciated by all.

The colored brethren and sisters at Portsmouth are casting around for a permanent place of worship. The prospects are fair for their securing a church home of their own. We know that they will have the best wishes of all of our people in the conference in this undertaking.

Elder Stone is calling a meeting to be held at New Market, February 5, for the purpose of considering the matter of labor in the valley, and to plan for the school during the coming year. The first meeting is called at 9 o'clock Thursday morning, February 5, at the academy. An invitation is extended to all who are interested in the school, and who can attend.

Brother Mallory writes as follows of his work at Thelma: "I am at present about eight miles from Thelma in the mountains giving Bible readings to anxious listeners. Many of these people say that they intend to follow the Lord all the way. I was made glad when they told me that they intended to hear the truth for themselves, and not believe what others say about us any more."

The elder of the Lynchburg church writes that their church has begun the warfare anew with the new year to raise their part of the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund for missions, and also their church debt, which they hope to decrease very materially the present year. This is certainly an encouraging report, and should stimulate others to action along these lines.

Sister A. C. Neff writes that she has collected about \$15.00 on the Harvest Ingathering Fund; that it was mostly received through correspondence; and that she received some very friendly letters. Her daughter also solicited about \$5.00. She writes that she still has 35 or 40 of the Harvest Ingathering *Reviews* on hand, but that she expects to dispose of these. We hope that all who still have papers on hand will do the same, completing this work in a commendable manner.

Elder T. H. Painter writes encouragingly of the work at Stanley. He thinks there will be a great improvement along the line of tithes and offerings the coming year.

The little church at News Ferry was the first to send in orders for the new paper, the *Church Officers' Gazette*. They sent in a post office money order for \$1.40 for four papers to be sent to that church for one year. We hope that all of our church officers will supply themselves with this paper.

Elder R. D. Hottel writes from Harrisonburg as follows: "I have been away from home since Tuesday morning and held three most interesting meetings in Bridgewater on the 'Eastern Question.' This was by special invitation."

WEST VIRGINIA

A Remarkable Experience

The Lord is good, and sometimes gives us blessings that we are surprised at. I just arrived in Clarksburg to assist Brethren Butler and Wilcox in the canvassing work. Brother Wilcox, who is just new in the work, related the following experience.

He had worked in the city Monday and Tuesday without much success. He had been following the Russellites who had stirred up prejudice. Wednesday he met a minister and was invited over to the church where they were holding a revival. He went over, and after the discourse the minister told the congregation that a book agent who was there engaged in a Christian work would then speak to them, so Brother Wilcox spent a few minutes on Gal. 6:7. Then the minister arose and advised his people to order books if they possibly could, for he had examined the book and it was a splendid help on the study of

the Bible. The result was that he took over \$40.00 worth of orders the next two days. He has three of the ministers on his list.

Many more just such experiences are in store for those who will enter into the work. H. F. KIRK.

Notes

A general meeting will be held in Parkersburg, February 3-8, 1914. At this time the auditing of the conference laborers' accounts for 1913 will be done. Prof. B. G. Wilkinson will be with us to assist in auditing, and do some speaking at the meetings. We hope that a number of our isolated people will attend this meeting, as it promises to be very helpful.

Dr. D. W. Green formerly of Erie, Pa., but who is now living in Connellsville, Pa., is at present visiting at the home of Elder F. H. Robbins in Morgantown, W. Va.

The cost of the first book is \$1.65 for the beginning of the Ministerial Reading Course. Elder Robbins said that he hoped that all our ministers in West Virginia would be able to take this course, and devote the necessary time to it.

A letter from Elder Charles Baierle of Parkersburg to Elder Robbins, dated January 14, 1914, states with reference to his work at Walker Station where he is holding a series of meetings: "I began meetings here Sunday night, and the attendance has been good considering weather and condition of roads. Pray for us and this dear company."

Brother Kirk, our field agent, writes: "After an examination, I was informed that I had a very severe attack of pneumonia of the lungs. Doctor thought that in about a week, I would be out of danger of a setback. So if the Lord wills, I want to get out with the colporteurs part of next week and help make up that \$1000.00 for the first month in the new year." We trust that Brother Kirk will have a speedy recovery to health again.

It is now time for orders for the new 1914 Temperance *Instructor*. It will be ready to mail January 30. We are sure that all our people will cooperate in getting this splendid issue before the public.

Brother T. W. Thirlwell and his mother, spent a few days last week in Morgantown visiting relatives and friends.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist Book Society will be held in Parkersburg at the Seventh-day Adventist church on Mark Street, February 3, at 10:00 A. M. This meeting is called for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. F. A. ROBBINS, *President*, J. S. BARROWS, *Secretary*.

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Allentown	\$ 30 07
Ariel	33 66
Bloomsburg	6 00
Carbondale	16 70
Carlisle	35 01
Cherry Flats	
Covington	39 49
Fairhill	293 86
Fleetwood	
First African	40 84
First German	90 10
Harrisburg	78 15
Hawley	62 38
Kulp	5 00
Lancaster	29 71
Lebanon	27 34
Lorenton	
N. Phila.	125 69
Northumberland	15 78
Orwell	70 19
Reading	291 65
Roaring Branch	53 50
Sayre	39 82
Scranton	79 81
Shunk	30 00
Shimersville	21 92
So. Canaan	
Stroudsburg	51 33
W. Phila.	380 61
Wade	
Wellsboro	10 75
Wilkes Barre	114 75
Williamsport	61 04
York	12 86
Towanda	15 90
Berwick	
Hanover	
Mifflin	
Phoenixville	50 00
Chambersburg	5 86
Conference	49 08

\$2268 75

L. P. EMERSON, *Temp. Treas.*

Meeting Issues

The whole history of this world is simply the working out of the great controversy between Christ and Satan. There have been through all the ages, two armies: God's people, led by Christ, helped by good angels; and Satan's people, led by him and helped by evil angels. Sooner or later every person is enrolled in one or the other army.

The closing days of the great controversy have come, and the fight is fiercer than ever. Satan is making every possible effort to get recruits for his army, and is using every conceivable device to ensnare souls.

Should not the soldiers of the Lord's army be equally alive to the need of devising plans to lead men and women to take their stand for the Lord's side?

There is a way by which we may make use of some of the things now happening in the world to warn men and women of what is soon to take place.

In one place there is a terrible flood, the news of which goes all over the country. Take some tracts dealing with the signs of the times, and sell them from door to door, introducing them by speaking of the flood, and calling attention to the paragraph which says floods are signs of the end.

Is there a big strike on? Sell the tract "Capital and Labor." Are there aeroplane flights in your neighborhood? Use them as an introduction for "Wonders of the Nineteenth Century." Is the war in the East renewed? Introduce the "Eastern Question." Are the Mormons active in your locality? Sell the tract "Mormonism and the Bible." Have you heard of any spiritualistic manifestations in which the people are interested? Sell "Spiritualism, Its Source and Character."

In short, keep your eyes and ears open for those topics which are interesting the people around you, and circulate tracts on them. We have referred especially to selling in this connection, for it has been proved that an astonishingly large number of tracts can be sold when they deal with the very issue in which the people are interested. But the tracts can be loaned or given at such times with equally good effect except in the matter of cash returns with which to purchase more ammunition in shape of more tracts.

In these last strenuous days we need to see and use every opportunity for getting our literature into the hands of the people. As the Spirit of God is being withdrawn from the

Canyassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending Jan. 16, 1914

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Marie Flenner, Butler Co.		BF	4	23	22	22 00	9 00	31 00	
John Schick, Akron		GC	3	14	5	15 00	3 50	18 50	10 00
Tillie Gable, Cleveland		ES	4	22	6	18 00		18 00	7 50
C. Woodworth, Hancock Co.		ES	4	6	2	3 00		3 00	2 85
C. A. Gibson, Huron Co.		GC	5	38	8	25 00		25 00	
Totals	5 Agents		20	110	43	\$83 00	\$13 50	\$95 50	\$20 35

Chesapeake, Week Ending Jan. 16, 1913

J. H. Barritt, Howard Co.	PPF	4	27	19	34 00	6 60	40 60	
M. S. Pettibone, Ann Rimdel	PPF	4	27	23	44 75	25 75	70 50	
J. E. Jones, Sussex, Del.	GC	4	24	9	17 50	15 00	32 50	6 75
Totals	3 Agents	12	58	51	\$96 25	\$47 35	\$143 60	\$6 75

Virginia, Week Ending Jan. 9, 1913

G. W. Hendricks, Skippers			64	52	79 50	10 25	89 75	
Annie George, Richmond			15					25 00
Alice Robinson, Richmond			4					1 00
C. K. Kirby, Norfolk			16					7 10
B. Hamm, Geer	BR		8	6				10 00
Totals	5 Agents		107	58	79 50	\$10 25	\$89 75	\$43 10

West Virginia, Week Ending Jan. 16, 1914

T. M. Butler, Harrison	PPF	5	41	23	46 75	4 50	51 25	1 50
Waldo H. Wilcox, HarrisonCo.	PPF	5	40	23	44 00	5 40	49 40	6 95
Clara Wood, Wood	CK	2	15	13	21 50	12 05	33 55	
W. A. McElphatrick, Webster	DR	5	40	15	47 00	16 25	63-25	
Miscellaneous					100 00		100 00	
Totals	4 Agents	17	133	84	\$259 25	\$38 80	\$297 45	\$8 45

District of Columbia, Week Ending Jan. 16, 1913

L. A. Godwin, Montgomery	PPF	9	78	37	111 00	16 50	127 50	
F. Smith, Charles Co.	GC	5	39	17	53 00	17 00	70 00	
G. B. Jenkins,					24 25		24 25	14 10
R. E. Orange, Prince Wm.	GC	5	40	13	40 00	4 50	44 50	
Totals	4 Agents	19	157	67	\$228 25	\$38 00	\$266 25	\$14 10

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Jan., 16, 1914

A. Brownlee, Washington Co.	PPF	9	80	48	88 25	24 60	112 85	103 95
C. Dunham, Pittsburgh	DR	15	93	14	50 00		50 00	54 50
F. W. Hall, Venango	GC	4	17	4	6 00	75	6 75	2 25
J. A. Kimmel, Fayette Co.	DR	2	25	1	1 75	3 60	5 35	44 70
N. B. Hulings, Elk Co.	GC	1	4	4	15 00		15 00	
Ralph Morgan, Beaver Co.	BF	6	30	29	37 25	5 25	42 50	3 00
L. M. Yohe, Armstrong Co.	ES	2	20	3	12 00	3 55	15 25	11 00
J. S. Neely, Armstrong Co.	GC	2	9	5	17 00		17 00	
Totals	8 Agents	41	278	108	\$227 25	\$37 45	\$264 70	\$209 40

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Jan. 17, 1913

W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	PPF	5	41	29	52 50	6 00	58 50	
F. Willruth, Lack'a Co.	OK		18	6	9 00	5 90	14 90	
W. B. Dunkinson, York Co.	PPF	3	12	1	1 50	50	2 00	

Totals	3 Agents	8	71	36	\$63.00	\$12.40	\$75.40
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Grand Totals:	32 Agents	Value of Orders,	\$1037.50	Deliveries,	\$302.15		

earth, and wickedness in increasing; it is becoming more difficult to get people to read anything of a religious nature. Hence the advantage of using wordly issues in which they are interested, to gain their attention. We know the large part of the people now living will reject the message, but they must all be warned of what is before them. That is our work, which we must finish before the Lord comes. To do it in the short time remaining we must be "wise as serpents." Who will try this plan?

E. M. GRAHAM,

Secretary Home Missionary Department.

An Experience in Home Missionary Work

(Concluded from last week)

"Having a burden to move away to some foreign field, we decided once more to make a promise to the Lord, that if he would send a buyer for our little cottage in twenty-four hours we would go to some island in the Pacific Ocean between San Francisco and Australia. The next day a person came, took the place and paid the price we had set, \$1500.

"We soon learned that the missionary ship Pitcairn would sail from San Francisco to the Islands and gladly accepted an invitation to sail on her. I could not now relate the interesting experiences we had in the Islands. In one of them I laid my dear wife to rest. I am now seventy-three years of age, and will start out in a day or two in the Ingathering campaign."

When this brother was in New Zealand, in a city of some 40,000 people, he made up his mind to get 1000 subscriptions to the health journal there, and of course, being determined to reach his aim, he got them.

This same brother tells of some answers to prayers he received while canvassing in Canada. "I was away up in the wilds of Algoma driving a spirited young mare. I had a covered vehicle and one day hitched the mare to a bush and went over in a field to see a man who was mowing hay. I soon saw the mare had got loose and had started to run. I ran to catch her, but soon saw I could not reach her. In my distress I cried out, 'Oh, Lord, stop the mare.' Quicker than I can tell it one wheel struck the stump which overturned the buggy, and the mare lay on the ground

tangled in the harness. I rushed to her side before she had time to get up.

"At another time I was driving twenty miles in the wild pine woods to canvass at a lumbercamp. I stayed over night at the first camp and next day while driving over a corduroy road my pony slipped her hind leg between the logs and could not pull it out. She struggled hard and then fell down. I prayed and coaxed her to keep quiet. I was not far from the camp and called for help. The leg was so badly bent I feared it was broken. Some men came and tore up a log, and the mare got up. To my surprise there was only a scratch, no serious damage to the leg. As soon as the men left, I threw my arms around the pony's neck, and said to her 'Nellie, it is the Lord who has saved your leg.' I wiped away my tears of joy, and went on my way rejoicing."

Do not these experiences show that it pays to serve the Lord? This brother sacrificed in giving willingly of his means, and the Lord gave him prosperity in money matters. He left his home to work for the Lord, and the Lord gave him happiness and many answers to prayer, and souls as stars in his crown. Truly the service of the Lord is worth everything in this life, as well as in the life to come. Will not every Sabbath keeper so live and labor as to share in these rich blessings?

Religious Liberty Day

By decision of the North American Division Conference the date for Religious Liberty Day this year has been fixed for February 28. A pertinent program has been prepared and will appear in the forthcoming number of the *Gazette*. In the suggestions to church elders and leaders it will be noted that our churches are urged to make a liberal offering for the carrying on of Religious Liberty work in local, union, and North American Division conferences. Our brethren are doubtless cognizant of the fact that progressive steps in behalf of Religious Liberty endeavor largely depends upon the support given to this department of the work. The time for successful work in making known to those unacquainted with our message the principles of civil and religious

liberty is fast passing away, and what we do must be done quickly. The Sunday law forces are not asleep by any means, but are conducting movements in a silent and stealthy way which will some day unfortunately be crowned with victory. Politicians will yield to the demand for Sunday laws, and it is our bounden duty to give warning to those who make the laws as well as to those who ask for this character of legislation.

Steps are being taken looking to the enacting of city ordinances which would deprive our periodical and book agents from prosecuting their work.

One of our brethren has recently been prosecuted in Tennessee for the violation of the Sunday law of that state, and we know not when similar prosecutions will come to the doors of other brethren. Such important incidents may be made opportunities for the dissemination of the true principles of civil government and religion, but unless those who lead out in the work are upheld by the hearty endorsement of the brethren throughout the field you can see that such opportunities would pass by unimproved.

We trust that the Columbia Union Conference churches will make February 28 a "red letter day" in the matter of Religious Liberty offerings. It will be remembered that the amount of the fund secured upon that date for Religious Liberty work will be divided into three parts: one third to be retained by the local conference, one third to go to the Union Conference treasury, and the other third to reach the North American Division Conference treasury. Of course the entire amount should be sent to the local conference treasury as is usual with trust funds. Should any be unprepared to give an offering for this work on February 28, they may bring the same to the church the succeeding Sabbath.

A final word: It will be well for the church leader to call attention to the Religious Liberty Day, its program and the offering to be taken up, at least upon the Sabbath preceding February 28.

S. B. HORTON,

Religious Liberty Secretary.

WANTED.— Situation by a young man, Seventh-day Adventist, aged twenty-five and married. Work of any kind will be very acceptable and references cheerfully given. Address Ira R. Sheirich, Carroll and Grant Ave., Takoma Park Station, Washington, D.C.

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COLLEGE NOTES

Foreign Mission Bands

This year it was thought best to follow the courses of study suggested by the committee on foreign mission work as laid out during the General Conference for our schools.

November 17, two bands were organized; one band to take the first year course, the other the second year course. Both bands have an average attendance of about twenty members. The first year band are using as a text book, "Winners of the World", the second year band are using the book entitled "The Foreign Missionary." These books are first class and make the courses enjoyed by all the members.

We believe the sovereign summons to men is the summons to prayer, and as a result decided each Friday evening in our opening prayer to remember our work in different parts of the world, knowing that if faith is exercised at home, strength will be given the active workers in the field as a result.

At a joint meeting of the two bands December 5, the different versions of the Bible were told about by several speakers from each band. The following Sabbath afternoon at young people's meeting, the experiences of conversions through the sale of the Bible were given by three of our members.

As we start this year, 1914, may each member have the spirit exhibited by Alexander Duff when he said, "Having set my hand to the plow my resolution was, the Lord helping me, never to look back any more and never to make a half-hearted work of it. Having chosen missionary labor in India, I gave myself up wholly to it in the destination of my own mind. I united or wedded myself to it in a covenant the bands of which shall be severed only by death."

J. IRVIN BUTCHER, *Secretary.*

On Saturday night, January 17, a stereopticon lecture was given by Professor Hall on "Higher Criticism in the Light of Monumental Records."

The principles involved in the "Higher Criticism" were shown by the statements that the reality of miracle, prophecy, and revelation is denied. The results of the movement were spoken of as seen in the teachings in the theological seminaries, and consequently in the pulpit.

The object of the lecture was to

help to understand articles in our own papers, and illustrations found in the concordances of our Bibles.

Among the slides shown were the following: "Creation and Deluge Tablets," "The Fall," "Rosetta Stone," "Ruins at Karnak," "Site of Ur of the Chaldees," "Black Obelisk of Shalmaneser II," "Moabite Stone," and "Cylinders of Sennacherib, Nebuchadnezzar, and Cyrus." Surely these records are substantial evidence of the accuracy of the Biblical records.

The sad news of the death of Miss Maude Pengelly, which occurred January 20, 2:45 A. M., at her home in Guelph, Ontario, was received at the office last Wednesday. She will be remembered by the readers of the VISITOR as a former editor of the paper. Her many friends deeply sympathize with the bereaved family in this sorrow.

Elder James E. Shultz, a College graduate of last year, recently wrote from Shanghai, China, where he is acting as editor of the Chinese paper, the *Signs of the Times*.

In speaking of his work he said, "They provide me with abundant help, but I need it as our paper has the largest circulation of any in China. We hope it will reach 100,000 within a year. It gained 5,000 last month."

He also stated that Mr. Harry Doolittle, a former student, and wife were living with them, and though they missed their American friends many times, they were happy and contented.

OBITUARY

DAVIS.—Rachel Johnson was born April 13, 1847, in Wayne County, near Wooster, Ohio. On September 22, 1868, she was married to Thomas J. Davis. There were born to them three sons and one daughter.

All the children with the husband, survive to mourn the loss of a good mother and a devoted wife. In 1887 Sister Davis was baptized by Elder H. H. Burkholder and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church at McClure. Later she united with the Hamler church. She was devoted in her faith, and happy to the last in her hope of a soon coming Saviour. She now rests in peace, awaiting the Life-giver who will raise her to immortality.

The funeral services were held at the house near Malinta, Ohio, and the deceased was buried in Calvary Cemetery near the farm.

A quartet of singers from the M. E. church rendered excellent music. There was a large attendance of old friends and neighbors.

D. E. LINDSEY.