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

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## EAST PENNSYLVANIA

### The Colporteur Work

At the solicitation of the brethren in this field I accepted the office of field agent for the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference and left my home in Nashville, Tenn., January 13, to enter upon my duties in this to me a new and untried field. My wife accompanied me and we are now located in Reading and wish to extend greeting to our brethren in this conference. We have been most cordially received and realize as never before that the work is indeed one all over the great harvest field, that the same God is over all and that we can claim his blessing here as fully as where we have labored in the past.

Now brethren and sisters, we need your prayers and hearty cooperation and we feel sure we shall have them. The needs of this great cause have been presented to you many times in the past. You have been made to sense the importance of getting the truth-filled pages into the homes of the people. I do not know that I can impress these things more forcibly upon you at this writing, but I hope to visit you as soon as time and circumstances will permit.

I trust many are preparing to attend our colporteurs' institute which will be held March 15-30, probably at Reading. We will give more definite and extended notice regarding this meeting in the VISITOR very soon.

I shall be glad to hear from all who are now engaged in the colporteur work in this conference and also from those who feel that the Lord is calling them to this work. C. D. WOLFF.

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### A Letter from Brazil

Santo Amaro, Brazil, December 20, 1913

My dear Friends in the Columbia Union Conference:

I know many of you are waiting to hear from me, and to learn my impressions of this far away land.

We had a most delightful voyage of nineteen days and came ashore at Santos a happy group, thankful that God had preserved us on the "great deep" and kept us well. The crew spoke of the remarkably calm weather which we had and we knew that it was in answer to the prayers of God's people.

Four of our party left us at Rio de Janeiro to go immediately to their fields of labor (they are to be teachers of the German schools), the rest eleven in number, came here ("into the wilderness") to study the language and more efficient ways of laboring for souls.

From Santos we came by rail to Sao Paulo. This was one of the most beautiful rides I had ever taken. We were drawn for half an hour by a steam locomotive, then as the grade was very steep we changed that for a wire cable until we reached 3,000 feet above the sea level, an hour later. The road bed was cut in the side of the mountain and where there was too much rock to cut away, tunnels were cut through. There were fifteen or twenty of these, from a quarter to a half mile in length. These helped to make the scenery very picturesque, for as we were constantly rounding curves we could see the tunnels before us and behind us. As we emerged from each tunnel we looked down the steep slope of the mountain, and away across the canyon to the rising peaks beyond, looking back the valley was seen stretching away to the ocean. The sun sank beyond the tallest peak like a ball of fire and left the canyon clothed in a bluish mist. After reaching the summit we coasted swiftly down a gentle grade and found ourselves on a broad fertile plateau. Sao Paulo is built on this 2,500 feet above the sea level.

From Sao Paulo we came to Santo Amaro by trolley, about eight miles out into the country. Here we found a little village through which we walked carrying our heavy hand-luggage and then on out into the darkness along a sandy country road for about mile. It was then after 10 P. M. Here is located the home that the

brethren had rented and fitted up for us until the Union Conference time when it shall be determined where each of us shall labor.

As we realized what an easy time we had in entering the country with Brethren Spies, Boehm, and Brown to pilot us along, speaking the language for us, and saw what a nice home was prepared for us in this quiet place, we felt unworthy to receive all this from the Lord when the first missionaries who came had to find their own lodging, battle with a strange language, and find out by often painful experiences what things were lawful, and proper to do. Now we can profit by all their failures and success and have their wise counsel to start out with.

I am truly ashamed that I took so little interest in this field, and was so little informed about in times past. It is a land of opportunity both for the immigrant and the missionary. Here the soil is fertile, the climate good (because of the altitude), and natural beauties unsurpassed. The natives are very ignorant and lazy, they do not know how to till the soil or even to build themselves comfortable houses. The latter have mud walls, mud floors, leaky roofs, not too many windows and these always shut (they contain no glass, only solid wooden shutters), a smoking fire, while the family, the goats, the chickens, the dogs, and cats all inhabit them at the same time. How to reach these dear souls with the message of the Saviour's love is our constant query. This class do not know the meaning of many of the Portuguese words. They are not accustomed to listen to reading and cannot keep their minds on even a few sentences, yet they love us and do many little kindnesses for us. These are the conditions in the country. When we get into Sao Paulo we find many rich, well educated, and cultured people. We have already made friends with one family there in which there are five lady professors. They are charming people all speak a little English, but with a queer accent that we can understand their Portuguese about as well. It is very hard for the Latin races to pronounce the hard

English sounds, they never pronounce "h" and have no "w."

It is summer time here; we have had a nice garden which the men made; had radishes and lettuce in an astonishingly short time. The fruit trees in our "chacara" (garden plot) were in bloom when we arrived and now we have eaten nearly all the peaches and plums, it took only three months for them to mature.

Yesterday was Christmas Day and we thought of the dear ones in the home land and could scarcely believe that it was cold there. January and February are the hottest months here. We have had no really hot weather yet. Only in the sun does one feel the heat; in the shade and in the houses it is delightful. We have nice light thunder showers; often a good breeze most of the time [of course in many, or, most other places the heat is almost unendurable for the foreigner. Sr. Myers came from Rio a short time ago almost exhausted with the heat. She said that for many nights they had not slept because it was so hot and breathless.

We have almost finished preparations for our conference the first of its kind in Brazil. We have some lovely new tents which our party brought along with our things from the States. The speaking tent is the kindergarten size at our Campmeetings. We have a dining tent and ten family tents. A wonderful encampment for the natives to look upon! We ladies are making the flies for the ten small tents, on two small hand power machines. I wish you could see us at work. We have almost been discouraged at the magnitude of the task, especially when the machines are balky and the thread breaks every few stitches, but discouragement and discontent are things which we have determined shall never enter our hearts in this land, for God has shed his love upon us, given us the knowledge of his wonderful plan of salvation, and we have the knowledge of some of the prayers that are going up for us in America and we are ashamed to let the angels look upon us with these thoughts in our minds seeing that they are constantly working in our behalf.

We have been in class about six hours every day; two hours with a native professor who does not speak a word of English, and four hours with Elder Lipke. The latter has taught us both in the language and of the laws which govern the work of soul saving. This is the thing I have so long felt a need of, and I am so thankful to have it now. These laws are all

found in the Bibles and Testimonies and Elder Lipke has manifested much of the Spirit of God in the wisdom he displays in his instructions. We have committed to memory and recited to him the first two chapters of John's gospel in Portuguese; this is a splendid way to learn the language. We also know the Lord's prayer.

Sister Hoy is my constant companion. We expect to work in Sao Paulo together unless the brethren at conference make some other decision in our cases.

Thanking you all for your fervent prayers and for your liberal gifts to our mission field, I remain your sister in Christ. LOUISE V. WURTS.

(It will be remembered by many of our readers that Dr. Louise V. Wurts left East Pennsylvania for Brazil last fall.)

## CHESAPEAKE

### The Baltimore Convention

The first convention of the colored churches of the Chesapeake Conference held in the new church at Baltimore opened Wednesday night, January 14, at eight o'clock with an address by the president of the conference, Elder R. T. Baer. Services were held all day during the convention, beginning at 7.30 each morning. The visiting ministers, Elder T. H. Branch from Philadelphia, Elder F. H. Seeney of our own conference, and Elder J. M. Campbell of Washington with the writer, formed the help for the daily services. All the convention sessions were presided over by Elder Baer and the resolutions passed will appear in print.

Good reports from the three churches represented brought forth from all words of praise to the Lord for his blessings to this branch of the work in the past year. The colored churches in this conference are not large in membership, but their liberality to the cause shows that they have the real cause at heart. With a total membership of no more than one hundred these believers have given into the cause about \$1,700 and with the money raised for home work added to this made a total of about \$2,500 in the past twelve months. Although the church at Dover was not represented at the convention by any delegate yet it too has done its share of work and we wish that we had all its success to report.

The needs of the colored people are surely urgent; having but two work-

ers to reach 275,000 people it does seem a problem as to how to do it. A Bible worker had been voted to this work at the last annual conference, but because of no funds this cannot be done. The two laborers in this field are praying and working hard to assist the churches to double their membership this year, and they will divide their time as much as possible with the churches having no pastors.

During the convention Drs. H. N. and Patience Bordeaux Sisco gave an excellent medical lecture and demonstration assisted by a trained nurse. Excellent services were conducted by Elder Branch Sabbath morning at which service the Lord came very near. A Sabbath-school convention was held prior to this service and in the afternoon a young peoples' convention was held with the church building filled with visitors from the first church as well as from the public.

Good papers were read and discussed; solos, duets, quartets, and speeches made the afternoon one that will long be remembered. Sunday all day the meetings were excellent, the last business session lasting four hours. At night Elder Seeney preached a stirring sermon on the seven last plagues, the church filled, was stirred to the heart and we expect to see souls come to Christ as the result of that meeting. At the close of the convention, those attending said it was the best meeting they had ever attended in all their lives and all were sorry when it was over. Following are the resolutions passed at the convention.

#### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE FIRST CONVENTION OF COLORED CHURCHES OF THE CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE

*Whereas*, because of the blessings of the Lord, causing many souls to be added to the colored churches of this conference, we the assembled delegates taking this means of uniting our voices to the Lord in praises for the rich blessings of the past year,

*Resolved*, that we pledge ourselves to a fuller consecration, and renewed activities in the service of God during the coming year.

*Whereas*, the spirit of prophecy teaches us that evangelistic canvassing is missionary work of the highest order, and is one of the most important agencies for carrying this gospel to all the world, and that as much care should be taken in the selection and training of colporteurs as in selecting men for the ministry,

*We recommend*, that colporteurs be divided into two classes,

(a) Those who can spend but part of

their time in the field to be known as "Home Workers."

(b) Those working twenty-five or more hours to be known as "Regular Colporteurs."

We recommend further that colporteurs' credentials be granted only to those who have spent at least six months in the field as resident canvassers.

We recommend further that whenever for the good of the work it be thought best to request the presence of any colporteur holding credentials at any institute or general meeting, that expenses with a suitable compensation be granted for such time as he is obliged to be away from his work.

We recommend further that our colporteurs improve suitable opportunities for providing for their expenses by selling our ten cent magazines Saturday nights and Sundays.

G. P. RODGERS.

(To be concluded)

## Colored Convention at Baltimore

As I write this article my mind runs back twenty years ago when my wife and I accepted this blessed third angel's message, and as we stood a lone for more than two years, little did we think that it was the beginning of a great and mighty work. The Lord was working among the colored people in the conference. Oh, if we could only see and understand as God does, what a change it might work in our lives, but God wills otherwise!

As I stood and looked over the congregation at the convention at Baltimore, January 14-18, I could truly say *See what God has wrought*. There stood in that convention delegates representing more than eighty believers of the third angel's message, three churches and two companies, who paid into the conference for the year 1913 \$1,099.98 tithes, \$501.19 offerings for missions and for their home work \$942.50 or a total of money raised by this people for the Lord's cause for home and abroad \$2,543.67. The Cheswold church has maintained a church school for thirteen years with some of the best teachers South Lancaster sent out, and this church, which has stood loyal and true to the cause of God for more than eighteen years, has sent some workers into the field. Elder Muntz, who is now laboring in Cincinnati, Ohio, is one of the charter members of this church, who has been very successful in the Virginia Conference where he labored for more than five years; also the writer, who has

labored in this field ever since he received this message, twenty years ago except three months he was in Philadelphia and has been in the employ of the Chesapeake Conference for nearly thirteen years. This church has also sent out Bro. G. P. Rodgers, who is laboring so successfully in Baltimore; one trained nurse, who spent one year in Battle Creek Sanitarium also two years in Philadelphia Sanitarium; one church school teacher, who spent two years in South Lancaster Academy; also others who are in training who hope to enter the work in the future, and one sister who is now teaching this school this year. And this does not do justice to this church for it has had more than one hundred members added to it in the eighteen years of its existence who are scattered over five states of the Union, and I say to God be all the praise, for it is his work.

We assembled together in the first convention transacting our business, in making reports, drawing up resolutions, and laying plans for a greater work to be done in the present year than ever before. Elder Baer, the president of the conference, was with us all through the meeting. Outside of our conference laborers we had with us Elder Branch of Philadelphia, and Elder Campbell of Washington D. C. The Lord was with us all through the meeting and every delegate went out from this convention with a new determination to do more for God than ever and with a firm determination to raise his full quota of the twenty cent per week per member for the year 1914. And also double our membership this year. Can we do it? I believe we can.

Now my dear reader, pray for the work here. We have a colored population in the conference of 275,000. Pray that God will give us means to reach this great mass of people, and above all pray that we may be loyal and true to the cause of God.

FRED. H. SEENEY.

Wilmington, Del.

## OHIO

### Our Harvest Ingathering Effort

At this writing, I am not permitted to give the total sum of money collected through our Harvest Ingathering effort of 1913, but I am permitted to report that we have far exceeded the record of the past years in the number of papers that we have used.

We have distributed about one thousand more papers than we did in 1912,

and three thousand more than during 1911. We are led to believe that the results in money received will be proportionately large. It is gratifying and encouraging that our people have responded so faithfully in this effort. The amount of money received is not the only consideration. Approximately 18,500 papers have been distributed which will be potent for much good. Only four other conferences in America have used a larger number of papers than has Ohio. We hope that a campaign may be carried on during the last weeks of 1914 that will be proportionately stronger than the one just closed. E. K. SLADE.

## A Good Motto

During the Columbus convention, a very neat and attractive motto was painted by Brother Alexander of the Columbus church, and placed in a prominent place which read, "Win one soul for God." This motto attracted much attention throughout the institute and proved to be quite an inspiration to all. It would be well if all our churches could have a similar motto and thus keep the thought constantly before the members. The tendency of these times is to endeavor to reach the masses in a wholesale way and on a large scale. When our hearts are set upon winning one soul, the way is open for that individual and personal work which is really the most successful of all. Winning one soul opens the way for still others. For us to wait for an opportunity to do something in the way of reaching large number at a time is to neglect many opportunities that may be presented for working in a way that our Saviour worked in the most of his efforts and the way that has been practiced by the most successful soul winners more than any other way.

I trust that the splendid spirit that prevailed throughout the institute may take possession of our people throughout the conference. If every church member in Ohio will be actuated by a firm purpose to win at least one soul to the obedience of the truth through the blessing of God in 1914, a work will be accomplished in the state like unto which nothing has been seen in the past. I trust that our church officers in all the churches will lead out in an endeavor in this line.

E. K. SLADE.

"This work of enlightening others is not the work of the minister only, but it is the work of all who profess the truth of God."

## Report of Missionary Societies of the Ohio Conference for Quarter Ending December 1913

Places	Membership	No. Reporting	Missionary Meetings	Letters Written	Letters Received	Missionary Visits	Bible Readings and Col- tage Meetings Held	Subscriptions Taken for Periodicals	Papers Sold	Papers Mailed, Lent, or Given Away	Books Sold	Books Lent or Given A- way	Tracts Sold	Tracts Lent or Given A- way	Hours of Christian Help Work	Articles of Clothing Given Away	No. of Meals Provided	Treatments Given	Offerings to Home Mis- sionary Work	No. of Conversions
Cleveland	203		3	17	4	68	20	10	156	1404	73	51	16	302	22	266	30	8	\$450.00	9
Springfield	82	22		57	38	75	32	23	432	547	96	50	232	345	259	22	6	13	30.00	2
Zanesville	40	9		25	19	23	12	4	483	417	54	12		696	81	15	70	8	21.00	
Toledo	70			69	30	586	137	18	55	88	1	32		20	64	63	18	9	.10	8
Youngstown	28	4	3	12	7	53		1	6	116		2	255	50	58	54	180	3	10.70	
Cincinnati	70	16	3	7	1	19	13	27	45	194	7	6	31	110	55½	49	11	17		
Washington C. H.	12					60	24	11	100	100	50	12	12							
Conneaut	9	9		8		42	8		36	14		7		350	7				3.62	
Caanan	15	6	3	3		15			31	180	2			250		12				
Troy (Ashland Co.)	12	5							20	43	18	3		4						
Marion	16	7				30	20		25	300	4	5		20	50		15			
Coshocton	13			3		12	1	1	100			10				10				
Corsica	15	4		1		15			5	42		2		9	2					
Laura	12	8						2	100	40		1								
New Philadelphia	10			11	4	5	4	6	110	29	4	5		50		19	11	1		
Findlay	5			50	15	100	10		150	50				250		50	10		.30	
Lake View	21	17		21	8	19	32	30	24	185	70	10		65	105	21	1		15.74	
Ravenna	18	6		2		19		6	85	93	32	8		102	41	17	6			
Delta	20						13		15	300	26	17				27				1
Mt. Vernon	200	3		59	4	100	8	3	121	775		6		35	52	20				34
Piqua	13	6	15	4		312	103	6	171	88	52	13		195	13	1	1	9	6.61	
Pleasant Hill	16	5	15	12		6	2		20	145	68	7		12	81	7			3.00	
Newark	39		15	15		55				32268					71	17	15		8.10	
Camden	40	3		14		7				6										
Hicksville	10	2		1	1					36		1			53					
Totals	989	132	57	406	138	1521	439	148	2290	77520	556	260	546	2865	1014	670	474	68	\$549.27	54

The above summary represents the work done by twenty-five of the sixty-five churches in Ohio. Considering that the reporting system was but recently brought to the attention of our churches we feel that this first summary is very encouraging. We are confident that, as our people become familiar with the plan, and are furnished with report blanks, every church will fall into line to send the tract society regular and accurate reports. In our next report the names of all the churches will be published. Let each missionary society, therefore, begin early to organize their forces and be ready to send a summary for this quarter immediately at the close. A few churches were quite late in reporting for the last quarter. Consequently the publication of this summary has been delayed. "A good report maketh the bones fat." Prov. 15:30. Let none deprive their sister churches of encouragement, and bring upon themselves leanness of soul by withholding their reports.

The revival of the home missionary work is a significant sign that the end is near. The Lord had sent word to

his people that a great reformatory movement will come among the believers. "Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence." Vol. IX, page 126. "The work of God on this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of the ministers and church officers." Vol. IX, page 117. It is encouraging to see the churches in Ohio advancing with this movement, which is quickly sweeping over this denomination, and will culminate in the loud cry of Rev. 18:1.

The reports from the twenty-five churches is indeed appreciated, and we trust that not one of the sixty-five churches of this conference will have to appear as a blank in our report for the present quarter, ending March 31. Let every member aim to do something practical for the Master every

day. An acquaintance may be pointed heavenward by the letter you can write. Some discouraged neighbor may get a new glimpse of Jesus by your friendly visit. A soul, hungry for the truth may be saved by a Bible reading you can give in the evening. A family may be converted by the subscription you can take for the *Signs* or *Watchman*. The sick may be healed by the simple treatments you can give. The poor may be won to Christ by giving them articles or clothing. The tracts, books and papers you can sell or give away will enlighten thousands; and the hour of Christian help will bring you in touch with suffering humanity and enable you to reach the hearts of the unconverted as Jesus did the woman of Samaria.

"Then shall the King say unto them: on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited

me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me..... Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matt. 25:34-40.

J. H. MCEACHERN,  
Home Missionary Secretary.

#### Youngstown, Warren

Sabbath, January 17, the writer baptized at Cleveland nine Roumanians, who accepted this message under the faithful labors of Brother John Klepe. One was from Cleveland, two from Youngstown, and the rest from Warren.

One of these was an ordained minister, who had charge of the Roumanian Baptist church at Warren. He has now resigned and is laboring in a shop. All have suffered some persecution. The couple from Youngstown, who keep a tailor shop in the foreign district and with whom I have been holding Bible readings, have been threatened and about two months ago at midnight, two large stones were hurled through the front windows of their shop, while up stairs, where they live, two more stones were cast at the windows, but as they were raised at the time, the stones spent their force rolling across the floor.

One of the other brethren now living in Warren, while staying a few weeks with the brother in Youngstown was threatened to be shot if his wife accepted of this faith. Not long after the above incident, while he was returning to his home, about eleven o'clock at night, and shortly after he had alighted from the street car, a pistol shot rang out in the stillness of the night air. Was it intended for him? No one knows, but we do know that we buried his wife in baptism and they are both happy in the Lord.

Most of these people speak English quite well and some of them speak three other languages.

The working of the Holy Spirit is just the same in every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. There are many different languages spoken in this city of Youngstown. The Catholics have a strong hold here, nearly one half being of that faith.

The great steel mills are the principal industry, and while thousands of men are busily engaged in rolling into shape the product of these mills, I cannot refrain from also adding that the great mouths of the smoke stacks of the same mills are freely distributing to the city great volumes of black smoke.

I am now holding readings among a number of families, who seem very much interested. I pray God may lead me to every honest soul in this large city who is longing to know more of God's blessed Word.

941 Lakewood Ave. W. J. VENEN.

#### Piqua

Sabbath, January 24, was a day filled with unusual blessings for the Piqua church. Elder Fairchild was with us and gave a very interesting discourse on organization. We also had a baptismal service in the afternoon during which three precious souls were buried with their Lord in the watery grave, and were raised to newness of life in Christ Jesus. These with one other dear soul on profession of faith were added to the church. This brought gladness to our hearts, and stimulated us on to greater earnestness in the service of the Master. All are of good courage, and we hope to see others in the near future take their stand and unite with us.

Although the enemy is using all his powers to prevent people to become established in the last message of mercy, God is working, and victories are being gained. One ambition fills our souls, and that is to live day by day that God can use us to win souls to this glorious truth. To this end we solicit the prayers of God's people.

RALEIGH FRENCH.

1015 Covington Avenue.

#### Toledo

Believing others would be interested in our progress, we wish to add to our previous reports. On January 10, three more young ladies, members of our Missionary Volunteers, followed their dear Lord in baptism. The following morning these three with several others went to Columbus to attend the colporteurs' institute thus many of our young people are giving themselves to the work of the Lord. Others went later until there were eleven of our members at the institute. On the same date Sister Bessie Acton was present with us and organized a Junior Missionary Volunteer Society. Our whole church is now organized for service in the Master's vineyard. We were glad to swing out on our twenty cent per week quota. The work is onward here and the results obtained during the past year are such as come from following our great Leader and those in charge of the work on the earth. Therefore we are better prepared than ever before

for the Master's service, and thus hasten the coming of the Lord. To him be all the praise.

1508 Nevada St. L. S. WHITNEY.

### Adventists Close Convention Here

History of Church Shows Remarkable Growth—Work Covers an Extensive Field

#### Man Who Underwent Faith Treatment for Epilepsy Has Had No Recurrent Attacks

With a fervent testimonial meeting, in which the blessings of the last two weeks were recounted, the colporteurs of the Ohio Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists have brought their convention to a close. The meetings were held at the church, Ohio Avenue, near Oak. For fourteen days it was the scene of a practice school in Christian salesmanship.

In attendance were some 50 delegates from all over the state and a much larger number of interested workers of the church. For two weeks three meetings a day had been held in the church and three meals a day had been served in the room below the main auditorium by the women of the congregation.

#### MAKE THEIR OWN WAY

Colporteurs are a cross between a traveling missionary and a salesman, or rather they are both. They are men and women convinced of the truth of the tenets taught by their church, men and women who are willing to work and sacrifice to advance those teachings and who sell the literature of their church to do it. They make their own way. They are allowed a commission on all sales they make and on this income they support themselves.

The publishing department of the Seventh-day Adventist Church is only one of the several well-organized divisions of its work. There are 38 publishing houses controlled by the church in various parts of the world. The largest in the United States are located in San Francisco, Washington, D. C., and Nashville. Other large ones are in Germany and Australia. The output of these institutions is sold up and down the land by these colporteurs, who thus, by interesting people in the literature of their church, augment its propaganda and pave the way for proselyting.

For its youth and its size, the church is unusually energetic and effective. Its communicants number between 100,000 and 150,000 in the entire world, yet they maintain missionary opera-

tions in 67 fields, which is 56 fields more than any other Protestant Church attempts to occupy. The Presbyterian Church occupies 11 recognized fields and this is the largest number of any but the Adventists. It preaches in 80 languages and has literature in 71.

The members practice tithing, and this source of revenue alone yielded over \$2,000,000 last year, in addition to which their volunteer offerings amounted to another \$1,000,000.

#### PREACHERS ASSURED PAY

As a result of this practice, the finances of the church always are in a healthy condition. The preachers' pay checks are as regular as interest on a government bond. Because of the practice and their belief, this church never has recourse to suppers, fairs, entertainments or other devices to raise the funds of the church.

Another distinctive departments of the church is that devoted to health. The church teaches and the followers practice total abstinence from flesh foods. They teach the curative value of sunlight, air and water. In the furtherance of these doctrines, they have 68 sanitariums scattered over the world, all under the control and direction of the church, while the operation of sanitariums is a favorite occupation among the members.

The church, through this department, has been an ardent advocate of hydrotherapy, but is not committed to it through any religious belief or doctrinal teaching. In general, it believes that it is necessary to know the causes of disease and to remove the causes. They believe that health is the natural state of life, but recognize disease and illness as a fact, in distinction from the Christian Scientists, who maintain that disease and illness are a condition of the mind.

#### MEMBERS ARE CONFIDENT

As a cap sheaf of the philosophy to which they hold, they believe in divine healing. It was in pursuit of this belief that special services, with laying on of hands and anointing with oil, were held for C. A. Alexander of this city, who has suffered from epilepsy for a number of years. Since the service, a week ago, he has had no recurrence and the members of the church are confident he will not have.

The church teaches, however, that man must not put upon God what he is able to do for himself. Divine healing is not to be invoked until every remedy has been tried and even then the adherents to the belief take the

### Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending Jan. 23, 1914

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Tillie Gable, Cleveland		ES	4	24	6	18 00		18 00	3 00
C. A. Gibson, Huron Co.		GC	4	19	3	9 00		9 00	
C. Woodworth, Findlay Co.		ES	4	14	1	2 00		2 00	7 80
Marie Plenner, Butler Co.		BF	2	12	11	11 00		11 00	
Helen Greunke, Lucas Co.		PPF	1	5	1	1 50		1 50	24 00
C. G. Douglass, Akron		ES	1	8					7 95
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6 Agents</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>\$41 50</b>		<b>\$41 50</b>	<b>\$42 75</b>

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Jan., 23, 1914

C. Dunham, Pittsburgh	DR	5	29	7	36 30		36 30	44 80
J. A. Kimmel, Fayette Co.	DR	10	61	8	21 75	20 55	41 55	14 80
Fern Lavey, Cambria Co.	PPF	4	28	22	37 00	10 70	47 70	
Ralph Morgan, Beaver Co.	BF	3	18	12	13 50	6 50	20 00	25
J. S. Neely, Armstrong Co.	GC	5	34	19	59 00	2 25	16 25	
Mrs. S. A. Rager, Cambria Co.	PPF	4	26	10	16 00	3 00	19 00	
L. M. Yohe, Armstrong Co.	ES	5	40	22	73 00	16 35	89 35	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7 Agents</b>		<b>36</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>\$255 80</b>	<b>\$59 35</b>	<b>\$316 15</b>

Virginia, Week Ending Jan. 9, 1913

C. Jones, S. Boston		71	42			2 90	108 90	
F. S. Parsons, Richmond						106 00		
Mrs. M. Aplin, " "		53	Mag					21 50
" " " "		4	8	3 95			3 95	3 95
E. Aplin, " "		8	7	7 00			7 00	7 00
G. W. Hendricks, Skippers		30	28	43 50	5 25		48 25	
Esther Scherman, Richmond		5		5 70			5 70	5 70
Mrs. E. F. White, " "		20		20 00			20 00	20 00
W. H. Zeidler, Meddow		9	21	10 50			10 50	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8 Agents</b>		<b>180</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>\$186 50</b>		<b>\$193 80</b>	<b>\$58 15</b>

West Virginia, Week Ending Jan., 23 1914

Waldo H. Wilcox, Harrison Co.	PPF	5	46	43	81 75	7 30	89 05	1 90
T. M. Butler, Harrison	PPF	5	40	29	57 50	9 65	67 15	2 80
O. J. Belt, Tyler	ES	5	37	13	46 00	75	46 75	
W. A. McElphatrick, Braxton	GU	4	26					66 25
A. T. Halstead, Logan	DA&BF		47	52	61 00	38 75	99 75	26 00
Miscellaneous	Bibles				67 50		67 50	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5 Agents</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>\$313 75</b>	<b>\$56 45</b>	<b>\$370 20</b>

District of Columbia, Week Ending Jan. 23, 1913

Eva. Chandler, Alex. Co.	GC	7	55		2 00	21 05	23 05	6 05
L. A. Godwin, Montgomery	PPF	4	29		36 00	9 25	45 25	20 50
G. B. Jenkins,					4 20	13 05	17 25	10 25
R. E. Orange, Prince George	GC	5	42		42 00	6 75	48 75	
F. Smith, Charles Co.	GC	4	32			50	57 50	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5 Agents</b>		<b>20</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>\$141 20</b>	<b>\$50 60</b>	<b>\$191 80</b>	<b>\$36 80</b>

Chesapeake, Week Ending Jan. 24, 1913

G. W. Lawrence, Cecil Co.	DR	2	16					58 80
J. E. Jones, Sussex, Del.	GC	5	31	20	31 50	24 00	55 50	
M. S. Pettibone, Harford Co.	PPF	2	12	3	6 75		6 75	59 00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3 Agents</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>\$38 25</b>	<b>\$24 00</b>	<b>\$92 25</b>

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Jan. 24, 1913

W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	PPF	5	40	17	32	50	4	50	39	50
W. B. Dunkinson, York Co.	PPF	3	9	7	11	00	1	10	12	10
J. L. Gearhart, Berks Co.	CK	3	13	2	3	00	1	50	4	50
Totals	3 Agents	11	62	26	\$46	00	\$7	10	\$53	10

Grand Totals: 37 Agents Value of Orders, \$1023 00 Deliveries, \$415 30

attitude that it is the province of God to grant or withhold their petitions and that they are neither to know nor to question the decision. On the other hand, they cite a number of instances where cures have been effected through these methods.

Along with its other departments, the church has an educational system. This is exemplified in Columbus in a recently erected structure in Ryan Avenue, near Sullivant Avenue. Prior to that, classes were held in the church. The philosophy of their educational system is the simple truths and the practices of morality, as well as the promotion of spiritual life. The Bible is used as a text book. In some instances, they employ the texts used in public schools. In other instances they have books of their own. For the young, however, all mythology, fairy lore and fiction is barred. The idea is that only truths should be taught to children.

—Ohio State Journal.

## VIRGINIA

### Colporteur's Experience

I will relate an experience of mine last Monday, which was a very wet day. The rain started Sunday night about eight o'clock and kept up until Monday night. I did not realize what I would have to walk through as I started out Monday morning in the pouring rain on my way to News Ferry. Well, before noon you may guess I had a good foot bath, for it was not long before my feet were soaking, and except for one order which I took with the family who asked me to dinner, the remainder of the day was somewhat dull until three o'clock, when I saw in the distance what appeared to me like a great mansion all alone in a large stone wall enclosure. And it was a mansion, for when I got to it, I did not know just where to enter, as there were so many doors. So I just felt my way until I found some men at the basement putting in a large heating plant. While looking at the men working, and before I had the chance to introduce myself, a colored maid who hap-

pened to be there came to me and inquired if I wanted to see Mrs. —, the lady of the house? I replied, yes. She then went to her mistress and later informed me the lady would see me up stairs in the parlor. I went up and after introducing my work gave her a canvass to which she paid close attention. After I finished, she gave me an order for a half morocco binding, and felt so satisfied that she took me in to her sister, who happened to be in the next room, and introduced me with a good report of my book. I then gave her a canvass which resulted in her ordering a marble binding for herself, and then gave me three dollars and postage for me to send a like order to her sister in another county. After leaving her, the first mentioned lady told me to call on another lady who was desirous of securing the book after she had recommended it, so downstairs I went and took another order for a marble binding and I sold her "Best Stories" for her child, so you see in about half an hour I secured \$13.50 in orders and the Lord did it all, and to him I give praise and thanksgiving. I found later that this family is considered one of the richest in the southern part of Virginia. At one time they owned half the land where South Boston now stands.

Now, you can understand my feeling when I had finished my day's work, by staying in a farm house not far along the road where I took another order for a marble binding and though I could wring out my stockings when I found a resting place, I did not feel a bit the worse for my day's tramping in the rain and mud. Truly the Lord was with me, and I felt well repaid for the day's work.

CHAS. JONES.

### Thelma and Portsmouth

It was my privilege to visit Thelma December 27, and organize a church there with a membership of twenty-three. This was my second visit to Thelma. Elder Campbell, of Washington, spent ten days with them, and Elder Kinny was there a few days. Elder Mallory had been with them for six weeks, and fully instructed them in all points of our faith.

I held a meeting of about three hours' length taking up the leading points of our faith, and ascertaining that all were in full accord upon these points, and in harmony and fellowship with each other. A full crops of officers was elected. And this church bids fair to be a growing church. They have their house of worship fully paid for, and they are conducting a successful church school.

December 28, I visited Portsmouth, and there organized a church of seventeen members. I thoroughly examined them upon all points of our faith, and found that they had been fully instructed by Brethren Mallory and Sebastian, and that nearly all had been paying tithes for three months. I was much pleased with the outlook and all were greatly encouraged to press forward in the work.

In these two churches we add to our membership forty new Sabbath keepers, as none of these were members of any of our other churches. This company was brought out through the labors of Elders Mallory and Sebastian in their tent effort the past summer. We see no reason why both of these churches should not grow and during the coming year add quite a number to their membership. May God greatly bless these companies that have newly come into the faith.

W.J.S.

## WEST VIRGINIA

Elder R. T. Dowsett of Washington, D. C., spent a day with us at the office this last week. While here he audited our books for the past year. We were glad to have Elder Dowsett with us.

Elder F. H. Robbins conducted a quarterly service at Moundsville on Sabbath, January 24. From here he went on to Mount Vernon, Ohio to attend the board meeting which is being held there.

We were glad to have Brother H. F. Kirk, of Parkersburg call at the office one day last week. He just came from Clarksburg and reports that Brethren Butler and Wilcox are having excellent success in their canvassing work.

"God has a work for you to do. He has given to every man his work."

"Souls are perishing out of Christ, and those who profess to be the disciples of Christ are letting them die."



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## Colporteurs' Institutes

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## 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.*

## COLLEGE NOTES

Last week was one of unusual interest for our school since it was the time when the College Board met. The various conferences were represented by their presidents with the exception of West Pennsylvania. Elder W. T. Knox, treasurer of the General Conference and president of the Washington Missionary College Board, Elders S. B. Horton, I. D. Richardson, and R. T. Dowsett were also present.

Talks were given in chapel by Professor Wilkinson, Monday; Elder Robins, Tuesday; and Elder Harter, Wednesday. Thursday morning Elder Knox and the various presidents spoke, each being introduced by Professor Wilkinson. At the close a cornet solo was rendered by Mr. Raymond Weick.

Miss Marie Krabil of Napoleon, Ohio, who has been visiting her cousins,

Mrs. Eusey, and other relatives, was present at chapel exercises Monday and gave a recitation, "Belshazzar's Feast." Miss Krabil is a student of Byron King's School of Oratory in Pittsburgh.

In renewing his subscription for the *VISITOR*, Mr. Earl W. Culver wrote in part as follows: "I am delighted with my work and also with California in general. We are kept very busy at the Sanitarium all the time, but I do not forget Ohio and my many friends there."

Mr. Culver spent several years in the College and went from here to work in the Glendale Sanitarium, where he and his wife are now living.

The music department rendered the cantata, "From Manger to Cross" the evening of Thursday, January 29, in the College chapel. Miss Taylor, our music director, has had the choral society in training for four months and the result of last night's work shows great improvement in the singers. It is a hard matter to take up singers from all classes of students and drill them into harmony, but we are glad to say that the program both in regard to the chorus and the accompanying orchestra went off without a jar.

The leading parts were rendered by Mrs. Ralph E. Simpson .. Soprano  
Mrs. Chas. E. Welch.... Contralto  
Mr. J. W. Salisbury ..... Tenor  
Professor Chas. E. Welch. Baritone  
Miss Ruth Cassell.... Accompanist  
All were well pleased and report a very pleasant evening.

The following persons visited friends and relatives at the College last week: Mr. Lloyd Swallen, Miss Bessie Cotton, Mrs. Carter, Miss Bertha Carter, Miss Ethel Andre, Mr. Ami, and Katherine Vanderhook.

WANTED:— Good strong woman for housework (in the country). Salary \$4 to \$5 per week to right party. Must be Sabbath keeper. References exchanged. R. Finnell, Elkridge, Maryland.

"What manner of entreaty can be brought to bear upon the idlers in market places that will arouse them to go to work in the Master's vineyard?"

"Let no one feel that because he is not educated he cannot be expected to take part in the work."