

Columbia Union Visitor

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

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WEST PENNSYLVANIA

The Colporteur Work

Our institute at Johnstown closed January 14. All who were present at this meeting, said they were sure they could do better work after having this training. With the exception of two men this was the first institute for those who were there. All took hold with a will to learn how to work for the salvation of souls. I can truly say that this was the best institute I ever attended. Good work is being done by those who were present, as is shown by the reports coming in. The week following the institute showed a general average of \$1.44 per hour, while three brethren averaged \$2.03 per hour.

At the close of the institute I went out with Brother Neely, who is working in Armstrong County. The weather was stormy, but we went right out into the country, and God was with us. The first day we made ten exhibitions, and nine sales. We were in a neighborhood where the people had agreed to never buy a book from a book agent. We prayed that the Lord would break down this barrier, and he did. We called on one lady and she said she would not buy any more books. Then she told us she had bought a book called "Coming King" and they enjoyed it very much. I told her the book we had was published by the same people. This interested her. We stayed for dinner, then took her order for "Great Controversy."

In the afternoon we called on the superintendent of the Sunday-school, a very prominent man in the neighborhood. We learned this man never allowed a canvasser in the house, but we were invited in, showed him the book, and he ordered one. We had made it a rule for the one to pray while the other canvassed. This I am sure was the secret of our success. This gentleman told us that we were so much different from other people that sold things, that he believed we were doing Christian work, so he

could recommend us to the people. This demonstrated to us that our prayers had been answered. Brother Neely's sales for his first two weeks were \$115.25. Nearly every one told us the same thing. That is the way it should be. We ought to live and act in such a way that people can see we are doing God's work.

Brother Yohe again came in with a good record, showing that he had benefited by the institute. His sales were \$89.25 for the week. He writes, "I must say the Lord is blessing me wonderfully in his work." His last report shows sales of \$79.25 making a total of \$168.50 for the two weeks.

Brother Hulings of Ridgeway will not be able to enter the field for a few weeks yet, but sends us word that he can hardly wait until the time comes when he can go to work. He went out one day during a little spare time, and in four hours took \$15.00 worth of orders.

We are glad to welcome back to our ranks as a missionary colporteur Brother Davies of Pittsburgh. He was very successful as a city worker in the past, and we know the work will be greatly benefited by his services again.

Good reports are coming in from Brethren Archie Brownlee, John Brownlee, Kimmel, Dunham, and Sisters Lavelly, and Rager, but we will have to leave their good experiences until later.

V. O. PUNCHES.

Erie

We now greet the readers of the VISITOR from the city of Erie. Leaving Hollidaysburg, we came to this place to follow up the good work of Elder West, and also water the seed sown by Elders Lukens, Longacre, and Robbins. We began the work November 15, and have already met a number who have learned to love these brethren, and in whom the seeds of truth are still alive. We pray that we may be able to lead them on; and that they with others will soon take their stand for the truth of God.

We found the church membership to be forty-six,—two brethren and the

rest sisters," who have done nobly in carrying the spiritual and financial burdens of the church.

For the year 1912 their tithes and donations amounted to \$792.31. The year just closed shows the active spirit these women have had in the things of God. Their tithe has increased over three hundred dollars. Their tithes and donations amounting to \$1,023.65. They have also raised on mortgage and other expenses to the amount of \$219.99 making a total of \$1,243.64 for the year 1913. This month shows the same good spirit, and we look for greater blessings the coming year.

There are seven classes in the Sabbath school with an attendance of fifty.

The Sunday evening services are well attended, with a goodly number present who are not of our faith. Each week we are receiving new names of those interested in the truth. We hope by faithful search and diligent labor to be able to add to this church such as shall be saved. Last week two new members were received into the church. We praise God for what has already been accomplished, and for the spirit of love and willingness to serve that we find among this people.

Before the last quarterly meeting we suggested that a new outfit of articles for use in the ordinance of the Lord's house would be very acceptable, and there followed a shower to the church, of linen, granite ware, and an individual communion set. The quarterly occasion was one of special blessing to all. God came very near. There are forty-two thousand Catholics in this field, and already some are beginning to study this truth. Pray for us that God will give us much of his Spirit that faithful work may be done.

I have visited Albion, North East, and Meadville since coming here, and in each place we have those who are interested, and a field ready to work. The harvest is great. There is a cry for laborers on every side. May God raise up workers to harvest the souls that are waiting for the truth.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

Duncansville

The few members in this place met to plan for the week of prayer and decided to hold the meetings in the homes of those not of our faith, and for eight nights we met in different homes and had an average of eighteen persons each night.

The Lord came very near and blessed us, causing an interest to be awakened in the hearts of the people. May this good work continue in all our hearts.

ALBERT GRUBER.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

East Pennsylvania—Attention!

The fact that there are now three Sunday bills before Congress; the fact that there are now Catholic and Protestant delegates at our National Capitol under orders from their respective organizations to use all their powers to push these Sunday bills through Congress; the fact that none of these bills contain an exemption clause, and that the religious bodies represented by these delegates have put themselves on record as being pledged to oppose exemption clauses for Seventh-day Adventists; and the fact that this Sunday-law legislation is alarmingly on the increase everywhere, should stir every soul of us to increased activity. It should quicken us, and arouse all our energies, not only for a more aggressive work, but that we shall each one be better fitted for that more aggressive work by keeping abreast of the times, fully up-to-date in all matters pertaining to this great branch of our work—the Religious Liberty work.

And how can we better accomplish this than by each one of us being earnest and studious readers of *Liberty* and the other literature of this department, thus becoming thoroughly qualified to act our part in the crisis before us.

We all need to be more intelligent in the matter of moral suasion with those not of our faith. We need to be proficient in the writing of letters to our lawmakers. And we need—every soul of us—to be far more liberal in our giving to enable the Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference, and our own local Conference Department to prosecute their work.

Let us of East Pennsylvania with grateful hearts for what God wrought in the last legislature of our own Commonwealth, come with a willing and substantial offering Sabbath, February 28, Religious Liberty Day.

The magazine *Liberty* is being sent to all our lawmakers. One third of our offering goes to the defraying of this expense, and to the support of the work in our own Conference Department.

Come, brethren and sisters, the needs of the hour are great, this call is urgent, let us all give far beyond what we have ever given before. Can we not all try a dollar this time? What do you say? Let us try it and see how it goes. It is needed I assure you. And you librarians, will you not canvass your churches? Will you not try to have every member a subscriber to *Liberty*? Will you not put forth a strenuous effort to have your church take a club for missionary work?

If in need of any information kindly write to me or to the General Conference Department at Washington.

Do not forget Religious Liberty Day and offering, Sabbath, February 28.

A. R. BELL,

Religious Liberty Secretary.

Among the Churches

In harmony with the conference committee, I made Scranton my headquarters in December and am looking after the churches in Scranton, Wilkes Barre, Carbondale, Erie, So. Canaan, Honesdale, Towanda, and Sayre. In visiting among the churches I find interested persons everywhere, many are inquiring, "What is truth? Is there anything definite we can get hold of?" I am glad to say several have begun to keep the Sabbath; others are greatly interested.

Let us pray that God may visit this great valley and prepare honest hearts for his coming.

C. S. BAUM.

307 Jefferson Ave., Scranton, Pa.

News Items

Elder Richards and wife visited the churches in the northwestern part of the conference during the month of December. A week's meeting was held at Williamsport with the help of Brother Hirlinger, the elder of the church. Quarterly meeting was held at this place. The tender Spirit of the Lord was present; and Brother German, a tried and true pillar of the church; lately deceased, remarked at that time that he had never attended a better quarterly service.

The Williamsport church is of good courage. They have their new church almost free from debt. Death and removals have lessened their

number, but, nevertheless, they are holding aloft the light of truth.

The Roaring Branch church was next visited. Although the snow was falling, and the roads not of the best, the members gathered from far and near. All testified to the goodness of God and their love for his truth.

Wellsboro, Cherry Flats, and Covington are not far apart, and some attended all three meetings. Wellsboro, although the county seat, contains a fewer number of Adventists than Cherry Flats and Covington. These dear believers seem to have determined to make up in earnestness what they lack in number. Sister Butts, who did such excellent work with the Harvest Ingathering Review, lives at this place. Although no longer young, and troubled some with lameness, she collected over \$127 for missions. Most all the donations received by this sister were small amounts—very few dollars were given her.

At Cherry Flats our people own a church building. This was a vigorous company at one time. Death and removals have lessened their number also, but those remaining are determined to triumph with the message. This church is located in a good farming region, and our members are thus able to remember God's cause in a substantial manner.

Our people at Covington, after years of efforts, have secured the use of a neat comfortable church, formerly used by the Presbyterians. They seem to be of one aim, and that is to hasten on the message to earth's remotest bounds. Brother Phelps is the shepherd of this little flock. He is an earnest and devoted man, and the church is anxious and willing to hold up his hands. Through the efforts of these believers, Blossburg a nearby town, has been prepared for the coming of a minister; papers and tracts having been distributed and some interest awakened.

At Shunk the attendance was most excellent, although the meetings were not on the Sabbath. This church is some distance from the railroad. We have a fine company of young people here; a mine of treasure and resource if rightly developed. This church has already given to the work Prof. E. G. Salisbury and Brother Lee Wheeler.

A short stop was made in Towanda. As the weather was very unfavorable only two of the new believers attended the service held in Brother Detliff's home. Brother and Sister Detliff were the only believers in this city, until last summer's tent effort called forth others. A little Sabbath-school

is now held and a growing interest fostered.

Brother C. D. Wolff, of Nashville, Tenn., our new state agent, is now located at Reading; his address is 1116 N. Mulberry St. Brother Wolff comes to us with most excellent recommendations. We bespeak for him the co-operation and prayers from our people.

Allentown was visited by Elder Richards and his wife January 25 and 26. Quarterly service was held. Sabbath afternoon one hour was given to the study of Sabbath-school work. Although there are no young people in this church, Sister Richards secured three prospective Standard of Attainment members. Sunday the annual election of officers took place and reports were read of the past year's work. The faithful work of Sister Fried, as clerk, deserves emulation.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington Sanitarium News Notes

Miss Beatrice Henderson, granddaughter of the late Senator Henderson, is a guest at the sanitarium, with her governess Mrs. Henderson has been a frequent guest here during the past four years, and members of her family are often here for rest and treatment.

Four persons came in this week from Frederick, Md. The register shows a very faithful patronage from Frederick, consisting of the most influential citizens of the city.

Official life of Washington is well represented here at present. An army officer and his wife and a leading attorney in the department of justice are among our guests.

Dr. Miller has recently returned from an extensive tour among our sanitariums. He reports an excellent and growing patronage in many of them, and an exceptionally good class of young people engaged in this important branch of the work.

The steady growth of the surgical patronage has occasioned the separation of the east wing from the rest of the main building. Improvements have been made and the comfort of

the surgical cases has been a subject of special thought.

The patent dishwasher and peeler which the family undertook to buy a few weeks ago, have been installed and are doing good, faithful work. The kitchen has been remodeled, which makes it not only more convenient, but saves much time and labor.

A council will convene here shortly to consider the course of study for the Nurses' Training Course. Doctors Kress, Paulson, Bliss, and Miller will consider this important subject.

The Friday evening prayer meeting has been revived. This is a source of not only pleasure, but of gratitude for the spiritual help which is received. Here the family have an opportunity to express their love to the One who has given himself for them, and here they gain courage to press on in the battle of life, which demands so much real Christian courage day by day.

MAY COLE KUHN.

OHIO

Notes

Elder C. W. Weber has been spending some time at Clinton, Mo. attending the council meeting in the interest of the foreign work in America. In a letter to Elder Slade, he writes concerning his work in Cleveland: "I am thankful to the Lord to say that we are of good courage in the work. We have several interested people in Cleveland at present. A young lady whom I found by circulating the *Harvest Ingathering Reviews* some time ago, kept her first Sabbath yesterday."

Raleigh French in writing to the president of the conference says: "We hope this year to make a special effort to warn this city. Already plans have been made for several of the church members to work systematically a portion of the city with tracts, following the envelope plan as given in the January issue of the *Gazette*. We are working for success, and I am sure the Lord will not disappoint us. Our little missionary society is a live one. The spirit of service actuates every member, and all feel that the present is the opportune time to search for the honest in heart. We are of good courage, and with the

Lord's blessing intend to press into the thick of the battle."

Elder W. E. Bidwell is conducting an effort at Wengerlawn where several are interested and a few have begun to obey the truth. He feels that it will be possible to organize a church there soon.

Miss Cora B. Gibson, who has been taking a short vacation, returns to her work in Hamilton with improved health. She reports many favorable openings, and has hopes that a good number will embrace the truth there.

In the list of churches which reached or passed the twenty cent average in the article "Our Twenty Cent Results" of January 28, the Toledo church was omitted by mistake. This church reached an average of twenty cents.

COLLEGE NOTES

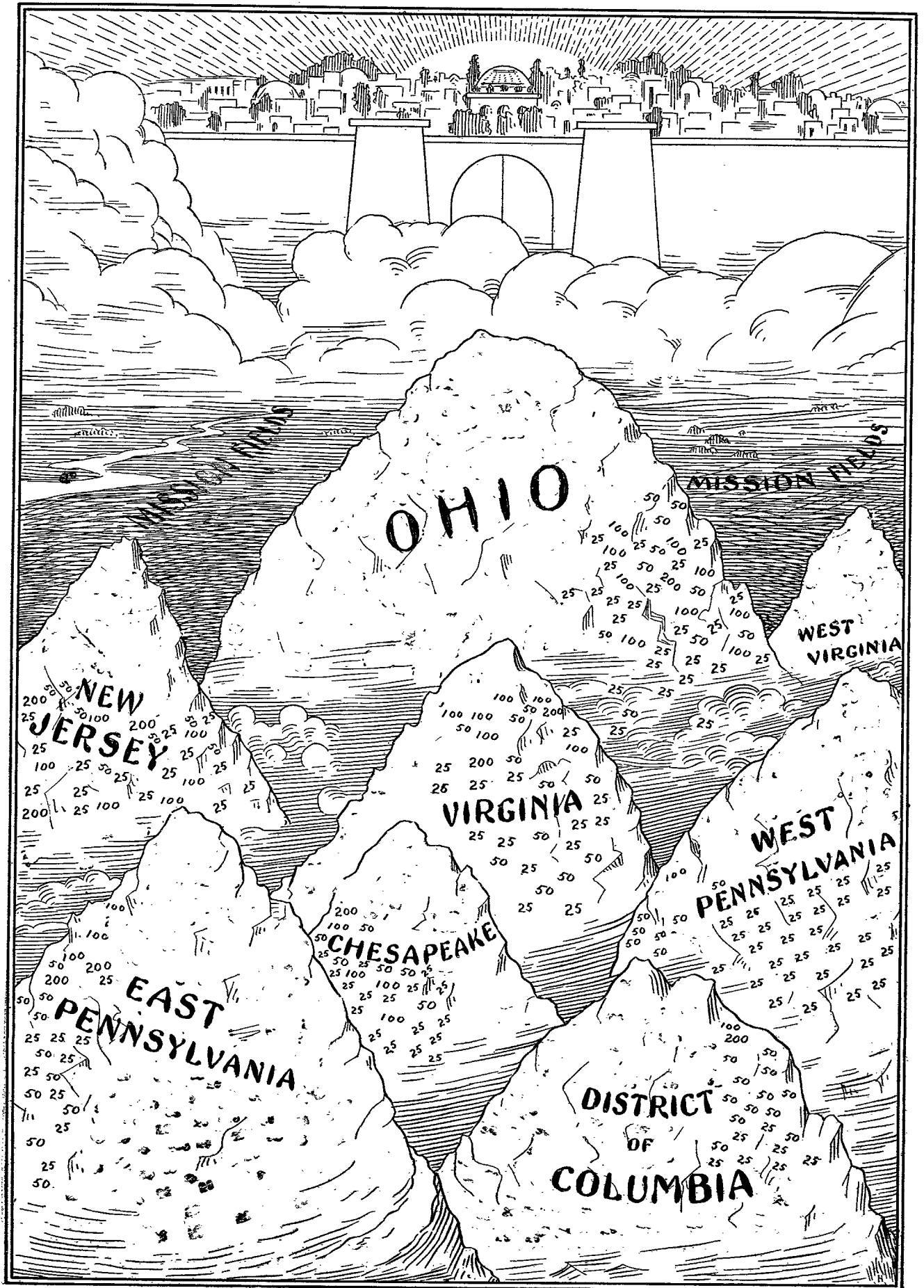
On the night of January 31, Elder H. F. Benson gave a stereopticon lecture on Japan. Since Elder Benson spent seven years in that country, he was able to tell many things of interest. The slides were all of scenes that are typical of the country.

In a recent letter to Mrs. King, Mrs. Frank Spangler says that she attended the funeral of Miss Maude Pengelly at Guelph, Ontario. Miss Pengelly's death was unexpected, though she had been ill for a long time. She spent the day before she died at her grandmother's and seemed no worse than usual that evening. She talked to her sister for several hours before she died.

Mrs. Spangler also wrote that she and her husband enjoy their work in the academy at Oshawa, Ontario, and expect to be there another year.

A number of students are meeting each week in the Standard of Attainment Class being conducted by Elder Redfield. All seem to be deriving much benefit from their endeavors to obtain a better knowledge of the Word of God, and the history of the message. Each member hopes to pass the examination next spring, and receive a certificate.

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



"If Ye Have Faith as a Grain of Mustard Seed, Ye Shall Say unto This Mountain, Remove Hence to Yonder Place; and It Shall Remove; and Nothing Shall Be Impossible unto You." Matt. 17: 20.

Size of Mountains, January 1, 1914

West Virginia	\$— —
West Pennsylvania	1164.65
East Pennsylvania	1240.30
Chesapeake	1435.69
New Jersey	1630.58
Virginia	1882.84
District of Columbia	2030.76
Ohio	2461.04
Columbia Union	11845.86

Story of Columbia Union and the Mountains

The cancellation of the rocks as revealed by the picture better describes "the story of the mountains" than we can in words. Lieutenant General "West Virginia," with his corps of workers was the one who succeeded in completely disposing of his mountain. They had \$4.84 to the good when the records for 1913 closed.

The figures given above show how far short each conference came in their task, and the total amount given shows the shortage in the Columbia Union for 1913. Some most excellent work was done in the field. The rank and file responded nobly, especially was this true during the month of December. During that month \$17,475.30 mission offerings were passed over to the foreign mission treasurer, an average amount of \$2.63 for each believer in the Columbia Union. If each month throughout the year had yielded the same results, it would have figured an average of \$31.56 per member for the year, or sixty cents per week, whereas we sent in only sixteen and one-half cents per member for the yearly average. The year 1913 has produced so much better results than 1912 that we feel greatly encouraged. Surely 1914 will average at least the full twenty cents per week, and we hope it will be in excess. I believe all are planning on doing nothing less; many will plan on contributing much more.

We must leave the 1913 range of mountains in the past. The opportunities and blessing imbedded therein will never come our way again. However, we must not mourn over the past, but "forget the things that are behind." 1914 has now lifted its curtain and another range of mountains, just as large if not larger, is before us. With

Mission Offerings for the Year 1913

Columbia Union Standard—20 cents per Week for the Entire Year

Average for yr. per member	Conference	Amount at 20 cents	Total Received	Amount Short	Amount Over
20 cents	West Virginia	\$1788.80	\$1793.64	\$	\$4.84
15 "	New Jersey	7092.80	5462.22	1630.58	.....
18 "	East Pennsylvania	11772.80	10532.50	1240.30	.....
17½ "	Chesapeake	5844.80	4409.11	1435.69	.....
18 "	Ohio	21840.00	19378.96	2461.04	.....
16 "	West Pennsylvania	7644.00	6479.35	1164.65	.....
15 "	District of Columbia	8268.00	6237.24	2030.76	.....
12 "	Virginia	4888.00	3005.16	1882.84	.....
16½ "	Columbia Union	\$69139.20	\$57298.18	\$11845.86	\$4.84

Net shortage for the Union \$11841.02

Mission Offerings for Year 1913

General Conference Standard—15 cents January 1 to June 30—20 cents July 1 to December 31

Av'ge. for Yr. per Member	Conference	Amount	Total Received	Total Short	Total Over
20 cents	West Virginia	\$1,565.20	\$1,793.64	\$	\$228.44
15 "	New Jersey	6,206.20	5,462.22	743.98	.....
18 "	East Pennsylvania	10,301.20	10,532.50	.....	231.30
17½ "	Chesapeake	5,114.20	4,409.11	705.09	.....
18 "	Ohio	19,110.00	19,378.96	.....	268.96
16 "	West Pennsylvania	6,688.50	6,479.35	209.15	.....
15 "	District of Columbia	7,234.50	6,237.24	697.26	.....
12 "	Virginia	4,277.00	3,005.16	1271.84	.....
16½ "	C.U.C.	\$60,496.80	\$57,298.18	\$3,927.32	\$728.70

Net Shortage for General Conference Standard \$3,198.62

Twenty-Cent-a-Week for Last Six Months of 1913

July 1 to December 31, 1913

Conference	Member-ship	Am't. At 20 Ct. Per Week	Total Received	Amount Over	Amount Short
Chesapeake	562	\$2,922.40	\$3,114.90	\$192.59	
District of Columbia	795	4,134.00	4,569.70	435.70	
East Pennsylvania	1132	5,886.40	7,757.96	1,871.56	
New Jersey	682	3,546.40	3,639.33	92.93	
Ohio	2100	10,920.00	14,290.72	3,370.72	
Virginia	470	2,440.00	2,274.11		169.89
West Pennsylvania	735	3,822.00	4,839.27	1,017.37	
West Virginia	172	894.40	1,378.32	483.92	
Total	6648	\$34,569.60	\$41,864.50	\$7,464.79	\$169.89

Amount Over and Above 20 cents per Week \$7,294.90
Average per Member for Columbia Union Conference 24-one fifth cents.

renewed courage and strength gained during the conflict of 1913, and with the inspiration before us for 1914, we are the better prepared to go forward. The leaders throughout the Columbia Union unite in invoking the bless-

ing of God to rest upon each dear believer as we go forward, and we believe that each lieutenant general and under-officer will be greatly blessed as we take up the burdens of 1914.

R. T. DOWSETT.

We place in this issue three sets of figures covering the mission offering for 1913.

The *first* list gives the standing of the conferences and Union on the Union basis of 20 cents for the full year. The *second* list show the General Conference standard of 15 cents for the first six months and 20 cents for the last six months. The *third* list shows the results for the last six months on the basis of 20 cents per week.

Columbia Union Committee Resolutions

The Columbia Union Committee in session at Mount Vernon, January 28-30, passed the following resolutions, to be passed on to the conferences and churches throughout the Columbia Union. May the Lord bless the dear brethren and sisters as they sacrifice and labor to send the precious advent message to earth's remotest bounds.

Whereas, the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund comprehends so much in financing the cause in foreign fields and bringing relief to our missionary institutions, and appreciating the blessings and necessity of a constant stream of donations coming month by month, *we urge* and most sincerely *recommend*:

First.—That conference officers inform monthly each local church her standing on the mission funds.

Second.—That local church elders and treasurers pass this information to the individual members of the church, so that all may be informed.

Third.—That the church officers ascertain the proportion of the fund to be raised each month by the various methods adjusted, and lay definite plans to accomplish the same. Should there be a deficit at the close of any month, this deficit to be provided for by special effort to collect the amount needed.

Fourth.—That the conference laborers in each conference be encouraged to prosecute a continuous campaign in educating the people in the Harvest Ingathering work.

Fifth.—That to indicate the progress in mission offerings made by the church week by week, the mission clock or other device be placed in a prominent position in each church.

Sixth.—To assist in securing mission funds in addition to the Sabbath-school and regular offerings, we would suggest the following:

(a) The missionary garden—the setting aside of portions of land, the pro-

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending Jan. 30, 1914

Name	Place	B ok	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
C. E. Reichenbach, Licking Co.	ES	5	37	17	59 00	3 25	62 25	9 65	
C. F. Wilcox, Licking Co.	ES	4	27	15	48 00	3 00	51 00	5 00	
J. S. Randolph, Licking Co.	ES	5	42	9	27 00	15 60	42 60	19 30	
C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.	ES	5	28	9	33 60	5 00	38 00	7 94	
Tillie Gable, Cleveland	ES	5	30	10	36 00		36 00	1 50	
L. H. Waters, Toledo	PPF	5	36	61	26 50	6 25	32 57	3 35	
Eona Kropp, Toledo	PPF	2	9	10	32 00		32 00		
Marie Flenner, Carrollton	BF	4	20	21	21 00	7 25	28 25	20 00	
Clara Kropp, Toledo	PPF	3	15	18	27 50		27 50		
J. H. Stofford, Lucas Co.	DR	5	30	7	23 00	60	23 60		
W. S. Syphers, Clinton Co.	GC	5	35	7	19 00	2 75	21 75		
Helen Greunke, Lucas Co.	PPF	5	24	13	20 00	25	20 25	1 50	
Beulah Morgan, Columbiana	PPF	4	20	11	16 50	25	16 75	6 50	
J. L. Sauder, Ravenna	ES	2	9					15 25	
J. B. Reichenbach, Montg'y Co.	BR	5	30	5	15 00		15 00	69 00	
Mrs. J. B. Reichenbach, Montg'y Co.		5	31		48 30		48 30	48 30	
W. Salyer, Noble Co.	DR	2	16	5	17 00	1 05	11 50	1 05	
S. D. Phillips, Toledo	GC	5	25	3	10 00	1 50	11 50	28 00	
Mrs. S. D. Phillips, Noble Co.	BR	5	21	2	6 00	3 75	9 75	8 25	
A. L. Bassler, Noble Co.	DR	5	32					107 05	
*Misc.		27	109	26	50 40	13 55	57 95	91 65	
Totals	20 Agents		113	557	204	\$527 20	\$64 05	\$591 25	\$443 39

Virginia, Week Ending Jan. 30, 1913

C. Jones, S. Boston	GC	101	55	140 00	3 40	143 40	3 40	
F. S. Parsons, Richmond								33 00
W. H. Hendricks, Emporia	PPF	106	83	134 50	19 00	153 00	8 05	
W. H. Zeidler, Meddow		9	16	8 00		8 50	10 10	
C. K. Kirby, Norfolk								
Mrs. E. R. Pollard, Richmond		20		12 00		12 00	12 00	
Totals	6 Agents		236	154	\$294 00	\$22 40	\$316 40	\$66 56

District of Columbia, Week Ending Jan. 30, 1913

Eva. Chandler, Alex. Co.	GC	9	32	12	20 00	10 40	30 40	4 05
L. A. Godwin, Montgomery	PPF	4	30	10	30 00	5 50	25 50	4 25
G. B. Jenkins, Wash. D. C.		2	9		5 50	20	5 70	9 70
R. E. Orange, Prince Wm. Co.	GC	5	40	13	39 00	9 00	48 00	
F. Smith, Charles Co.	GC	5	44	21	67 00	4 00	71 00	
W. A. Williams, Stafford	PPF	2	12	6	16 00	4 50	23 50	
Totals	6 Agents		24	167	62	\$180 50	\$33 60	\$214 10

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Jan. 31, 1913

W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	PPF	4	39	7	12 50	8 25	20 25	169 75
F. A. Brownell, Lack'a Co.	GC		26	15	45 00	3 40	48 40	56 95
W. B. Dunkinson, York Co.	PPF	5	28	9	13 50	5 45	18 95	
J. L. Gearhart, Berks Co.	CK							8 75
F. Willruth, Lack'a Co.	CK							6 20
Totals	5 Agents		9	62	31	\$70 50	\$17 10	\$87 60

Chesapeake, Week Ending Jan. 30, 1913

G. W. Lawrence, Cecil Co.	DR	4	26	11	21 00		21 00	
F. H. Barritt, Howard Co.	PPF	3	15	12	23 00	2 50	25 50	3 50
M. S. Pettibone, A. Arundel Co.	PPF	4	23	13	28 00	6 75	34 75	
J. E. Jones, Dorchester Co.	GC	5	34	22	40 00	17 20	57 20	
D. W. Percy, Kent Co.	DR	8	40		90 00		60 00	
S. Flemming, Baltimore	M24	3			4 75		4 75	
Totals	6 Agents		27	138	58	\$206 75	\$26 45	\$233 20

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Jan., 30, 1914

A. Brownlee, Washington Co.	PPF	10	40	28	50 00	28 40	88 40	91 39
A. C. Davis, Pittsburgh	OK	4	20	26	41 65	1 75	43 40	6 00
J. A. Kimmel, Fayette Co.	DR	5	44	7	21 00	10 75	31 75	5 50
Ralph Morgan, Beaver Co.	BF	4	19	12	12 00	4 75	16 75	18 75
J. S. Neely, Armstrong Co.	GC	5	39	16	51 00	3 00	54 25	
L. M. Yohe, Armstrong Co.	ES	5	40	18	57 00	22 25	79 25	3 50
N. B. Hulings, Elks Co.	GC	3	11	4	15 00	8 60	23 60	

Totals 7 Agents 36 213 111 \$247 65 \$79 50 \$327 15 \$125 14

New Jersey, Week Ending Jan. 24, 1914

Edward Sterner, Trenton	PG	5	38	3	9 00	4 20	13 20	4 20
G. W. Blinn, Trenton	PG	10	45	35	84 00		84 00	
A. S. Paul, Bordentown	GC	4	41	11	35 00		35 00	
Allen Boynton, Cape May C.H.	PG	6	45	19	62 00		62 00	4 50
Wm. Schmidt, Newark	GC	6	30	1	4 00	7 70	11 70	12 20
S. R. Haynes, Trenton	DR							30 00
Magazines					68 88		68 88	

Totals 6 Agents 31 199 69 \$262 88 \$11 90 \$274 78 \$50 90

West Virginia, Week Ending Jan., 3 1914

W. A. McElphatrick, Braxton	GC	6	44	16	47 00	12 25	59 25	3 25
T. M. Butler, Harrison	PPF	5	42	17	33 75	1 70	35 45	132 55
Waldo H. Wilcox, Harrison Co.	PPF	5	40	8	15 50	50	16 00	144 30
A. T. Halstead, Logan	DA&BF	3	16	15	21 00	10 25	31 25	4 75

Totals 4 Agents 19 142 56 \$117 25 \$24 70 \$141 95 \$284 85

* Not working 20 hours

Grand Totals: 60 Agents Value of Orders, \$1876 73 Deliveries, \$1229 69

ducts of which are sold and proceeds dedicated to missions.

(b) The sisters making garments and other useful articles, the money realized from their sale to be given to this fund.

(c) The selling of our truth-filled magazines and small books.

(d) The *birthday offering*—as the day of each believer comes, an offering is to be given in the interests of missions.

(e) The setting aside of definite days for missionary work and solicitations.

R. T. DOWSETT.

VIRGINIA

Why We Should Encourage the Colporteur Work

We have in the United States, about 1000 colporteurs and about 1450 ministers and licensed missionaries; with all the workers including schools, sanitariums and publishing houses, about 3000 workers in all. This represents an expenditure of two and one half million dollars. With all this force and heavy expense, we gained during the year, only a little over 1200 members in this whole country. In other words it took about five workers to gain two souls. And every soul

brought into the truth or gained during the year, cost over \$2,000.

Our minds are called to Joel 1:11-15. But in Joel 2:12-19, God promises that if the ministers, and the people will turn to him with the whole heart and put away sin, he will roll away the reproach and pour out his Holy Spirit in mighty power upon his people.

It has been said, "That more souls are brought into the truth by reading than by any other source." Then, the colporteurs have a very responsible and important part of the work to accomplish. They are the pioneer workers; they prepare the way for the living preacher; they are in the truest sense self-supporting missionaries. Then, there is no branch of the work in this denomination that should receive more cooperation and encouragement than this branch.

When such books as "Great Controversy," "Daniel and Revelation," and others that contain the message for this time, have been placed in the homes by our faithful colporteurs, then the work of Matt. 24: 14 has been done. The consecrated colporteur and the life he lives, the canvass he gives, and the good books that he leaves in the hands of the people, all stand as a witness for the truth. And he is helping to finish the work of the

gospel and bring to a close the long bitter struggle against good and evil. Then, everything that can be done to bring the work up to a higher standard should be done. Every dollar spent in institute work, or in car fare to aid all who desire to attend for a better preparation for the work, who otherwise could not attend, is not spent in vain; providing there has been, or will be service rendered to justify such an action.

Just for one moment let us think of the great work our colporteurs are doing. It is the reading of good literature such as our workers are selling that is causing men and women in the different walks of life to decide for truth. Mr. William J. McKinley always, said that it was the reading of the Lincoln-Douglas Debate, that decided his career. Good reading marks the difference between a broad and narrow perspective,—between a position in the lead and one in the line,—often between success and failure. "Multitudes in the valley of decision, for the Lord is near in the valley of decision." Joel 3: 14. This true, then much thoughtful and prayerful consideration should be given to encourage and bring the courage and bring the colporteur work up to a higher standard.

W.H.GEORGE, *Field Agent.*

CHESAPEAKE

The Colporteur Work

In a recent VISITOR we announced our colporteurs' institute at Ford's Store, Md., March 1-15. Since then scarlet fever has appeared there; the church and school buildings have been closed on account of it. So it was thought best not to have it there. Baltimore has been decided upon. So remember the place and date, Baltimore, March, 1-15. Provision is being made to entertain free all who will come with a definite purpose. Carfare will be refunded when you have sold and paid for \$100 worth of literature.

We extend a welcome to any th may be looking for a place to locate permanently. We have advantage here in Maryland and Delaware that are not found in many other places. One of the pleasant things for the colporteur is the mild short winters; it is truly a land of sunshine and roses.

The following is a letter we received from one of our faithful colporteurs.

"January 9, 1914.

"Dear Brother Hankins: God has

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Virginia, Richmond, Feb. 12-27
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East Pennsylvania, " 15-30

blesed me wonderfully another week. I have not time nor space to tell the many ways in which I felt his presence near. I called on a very prominent family and wanted especially to secure an order from the lady of the house, but she said times were rather hard with farmers this season of the year and she could not order a book now. So after dropping a few seed thoughts I left. I had gotten nearly across the field when I was called back and told that the lady wished to see me. She ordered a marble edge.

"Another day I came to a blacksmith shop where two men were very busy welding a three-inch tire. I started to pass on, as they were so very busy, but felt impressed to stop, so I started to talk and tried to show my book between the blows, and I gave them what I could, pretty strong, for I felt that I would not get an order, so wanted to give them something to think about. Presently one of the men stopped and said, 'Young man are you trying to sell that book, or are you preaching?' I told him I was taking orders for the book. He said, 'Bring me a marble edge, I am not a Christian, but I want to be.'

"Today my experiences were varied. I met a number of Russellites and gave them the Sabbath good and strong and also the Second Coming of Christ. When it came near time for me to start home, I found my time had been mostly spent in Bible studies and I had only \$35.00 worth of orders. I

said; 'Lord this is thy work and I have upheld thy truth, but I am far short of my standard.' I noticed some houses I was about to pass by and again I felt impressed, so I turned aside to visit these houses. I took \$8.25 worth of orders in one hour and a half. Did not God bless me?

"Your brother in Christ,
"M. S. PETTIBONE."

On account of sickness and death in his home Brother Pettibone has been able to report only 831 hours' work, a part of 35 weeks; his sales for this time were \$1100, of this amount he delivered \$1042, his total loss was \$57.60.

Brother Jones, another of our faithful workers, has sold and paid for more than \$1600. We should like to mention all of our colporteurs and pass on some of the interesting items that they write us from week to week. We will have them at the institute. Come and let them tell you about their work. Brother Lawrence has an interesting experience in residential canvassing, Brother Barritt in city canvassing, and Brother Percy has always something good. He has an experience of ten years as a colporteur. Come and get acquainted with these faithful workers.

Sincerely your fellow-worker,
F. E. HANKINS.

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.

The number of Harvest Ingathering *Reviews* used this year is 122,271 more than last year, and 88,753 more than in 1911.

The conference ordering the largest number of papers this year was Southern California; California second, Iowa third. The Union Conference ordering the largest number of papers was the Columbia, Pacific second, Lake third.

Eleven conferences failed to win the star this year, but the unions in which these conferences are located, with one exception, exceeded last year's orders.