

Columbia Union Visitor

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

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UNION

Union Mission Funds Raised in 1913

I presume that the brethren throughout the Columbia Union Conference are very anxious to know how the Columbia Union did this year in her efforts to raise the twenty cents a week. We are very glad to report that while the Union did not fill up to the brim the measuring can, chosen to receive the mission funds for 1913, nevertheless the results were splendid; as one of the leading brethren in the General Conference said, it was far beyond what he expected. According to the plans of the General Conference the Columbia Union should have raised for the last six months \$34,569.00 on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund. Instead of that she raised \$41,864.00 or an amount over of \$7,464.00. But owing to the set-back in the first six months of the year the Union had fallen behind on the Fifteen-cent-a-week Fund more than \$7,000.00 so the total amount that the Union was to raise was \$60,496.00 of which she raised \$57,298.00 or a shortage of \$2,780.00. This is a splendid showing considering the floods; considering the fact that the General Conference was attended by so many of our brethren whose time and expense as well as gifts there kept them from coming to the local camp-meeting with their gifts; and considering further the fact that the change of Mount Vernon School from a college to an academy kept back gifts also; yet, whereas a few years back the Union was raising about \$20,000.00 for foreign missions, you will see by this report that this year she raised over \$57,000.00. This certainly shows that somebody in the Columbia Union Conference believes the truth.

Now as to what shall come to Mount Vernon College. Reckoned on the basis of fifteen cents throughout the whole year the Columbia Union Conference raised an excess of over \$5,000.00. However, there were other Unions in North America which had a difficult time and fell behind quite

heavily. So that while the excess over fifteen cents a week throughout the year in the Columbia Union Conference is over \$5,000.00 the total excess over fifteen cents a week during the year throughout all North America is less than that amount. Just upon what plan of pro rata will the distribution take place for the relief of institutions no one can say definitely until the spring council of the General Conference to be held at Loma Linda, March 24. I send on, however, in advance this little word to our brethren throughout the Columbia Union so that they may know about where the situation is. But now as we enter into the year 1914 shall we not endeavor to make this the very best year in the history of our work? I have just returned from Parkersburg, West Virginia, where we had some splendid meetings with that church ending with a revival Sabbath morning. All the brethren in West Virginia say that that little conference is in the best shape that she has ever been in for twenty years. West Virginia Conference not only raised her twenty cents per week per member for the last six months, but raised it for the entire year. In fact I think if the record were inspected closely it will be found that the pro rata gifts to missions in the West Virginia Conference this past year will rank among the best, if not the best, of any conference in the United States.

I do not say this to make special mention of any one conference, but simply as a sign to our brethren throughout the Union to show how the march is onward in this field. In our recent meetings in the Union all the brethren set their stakes to see the membership increase. So we look for 1914 to see many new precious souls accept the truth and the membership of that conference to grow. Shall this not be the goal for which all our brethren in the conferences will work and pray?

B. G. WILKINSON.

"Why do persons have to be urged to take up their work for the Master?"

Mount Vernon College Board Meeting

The roll call at the annual board meeting of Mount Vernon College showed all but two of our members present, and work began immediately at two o'clock, January 27. Some of the principal items of importance might be given as follows:

The board voted to look favorably upon the recommendation of the North American Division Constituency Meeting, held in Washington, D.C., January 9, 1913, with reference to the reduction of school from collegiate to academic standing, and authorized the faculty to arrange an academic course. It was also decided to retain our normal, business, and music departments. We hope to strengthen all of these departments for the coming year. The fact that we are no longer to offer the collegiate branches will not necessarily hinder the success of these special lines of work, but will perhaps have a tendency to strengthen them.

In the selecting of a faculty for the ensuing year, the board undertook to retain as far as possible, all of the old teachers who could be employed. Of course, it was necessary to drop off several who will not be needed under the new arrangement, and where any addition may be necessary, it is our plan and hope that we may secure the very best help possible. The principalship and business management were left in the hands of those who are now carrying this work.

The president's annual report showed progress in all departments of the school, particularly in the enrollment, which is the largest ever in the history of the school; the character of the school; and the general healthy literary work being conducted.

It was voted by the board that a thorough campaign in the interest of the enrollment of students for the ensuing year be conducted by the teachers of the College, during the summer of 1914, also that the heads of departments, so far as possible, are to attend the educational convention to be held during the month of July.

We will also retain our summer school for Columbia Union church school teachers which will begin the latter part of May, or the first of June. The arrangement for defraying the expenses of the teachers at this summer school is that each local conference employing them shall contribute \$16.00 toward the expense of the teacher while in the school, besides paying traveling expenses to and from the school; that the Columbia Union aid to amount of \$250.00; the balance to be borne by the school.

No moves were made toward the change of the charter for the institution, as we understand that the charter would be the same whether the school is operating as a college or under any other status of work.

All members of the board seemed pleased with the general progress of the school, but particularly with the spiritual condition, and the thrifty nature of the literary work being done. We trust we may have an interest in the prayers of all the members of our churches in the Columbia Union, and that the success of the school in the future may be more marked than in the past.

E. G. SALISBURY.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

How They Write Us From the Field

Brother John Brownlee is one of our new workers, and this was his first week. He is working with Brother Kimmel, at Connellsville. The following letter came after his first week's work.

"Dear Brother:—We put in the first three days in the mountains among the farmers. We had a good experience, the people out there live very humble. They treated us well, but know very little about the truth. On one occasion we got into a house, and started to talk on the Bible; both husband and wife were there. We were invited to stay for dinner. Then the woman started to tell us about a man that had been holding meetings out at Mount Braddock, and he had said that the hog was not fit to eat, and kept Saturday for Sunday. She ran him down at a terrible rate. We asked her if she had been down to hear him! She said 'Yes, but just stayed about twenty minutes.' Then we told her we belonged to the same church as the preacher she was talking about. Then the performance began. Of course we just took our Bibles and kept cool all the time, and gave her

scripture to prove everything she did not believe. She was very hard to convince. We had dinner all the same, then talked awhile after it. We got an order for a 'Daniel and Revelation,' and the woman said she would reason better the next time we met, and her husband asked us to pray for him.

"So we will trust in the Lord that they might study and take their stand.

"Your brother in the work,
"John Brownlee."

Brother Archie Brownlee one of our oldest canvassers writes the following in a personal letter, and we are taking the liberty to pass it on; for we feel sure it will be a help to others. Brother Brownlee knows what it is to make a success of the work. In 1913 he sold \$2229.08 worth of books. He writes:

"Dear Brother PUNCHES:—Hope you are having a good institute. Johnstown was where the first institute was held that I attended, and a good many changes have taken place since then. It was impossible for me to attend, but when I was there the other time I learned many things that were a help to me in my work.

"The most important point I find is to put in good time, and give the Lord a chance to prove his words. 'Sow in the morning and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not which will prosper.'

"The other week I could not get a place to stay in a private house, so I had to go to the hotel, or saloon. The first time I ever had to put up at a saloon in my canvassing, and was very much surprised when they gave me their order for a Past, Present and Future, and charged me only twenty cents for my room.

"This shows we can never tell where the Lord wants us.

"Your brother in the work,
"Archie Brownlee."

Many more would do much better if they would follow out the way Brother Brownlee is working, that of putting in good time. He has proved that this is what has been a great factor in his success. V. O. PUNCHES.

Work Among the Colored People in Pittsburgh

The year 1913 brought us many blessings, and steady progress was made along all lines, even though we fell short of the standard we should have reached.

Fourteen members were added to church No. 2, while ten were dropped. The Sabbath-school has grown from

sixteen to thirty-eight members, and the donations have now reached three dollars a Sabbath.

The following financial statement will show that progress has been made in trying to help support the work at home and abroad:

Tithes	\$ 438 29
Twenty-cent-a-week Fund	129 80
Church Expenses.....	114 36
Building Fund.....	80 00
Total \$762 45	

In tithes and offerings for foreign work, there was an increase over the previous year of \$170.80.

The year 1914 opens with a good interest. A few are now keeping the Sabbath, who we trust will unite with us soon. We have also organized a church missionary society with Bro. Wm. Davis and Sister A. Witcher as leaders. Nearly all the members have taken hold willingly, in trying to work for others.

Our great need yet is a place of worship. We meet only on Sabbaths in the old Baptist church that nearly fell on us last November. We now pay \$1.50 a meeting.

The McDonald company, the second colored church in the conference, has also made some progress. Five members were added for the year, thus making fifteen. Their tithes for the year was \$217.92, and all offerings \$49 67. This company meet only once a quarter as the members are all scattered by several miles apart.

The work for this people greatly needs help in this large city, with so many thousands around us, and no permanent place of worship.

A. N. DURRANT.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Report of East Penna. Sabbath-Schools, Fourth Quarter 1913

Schools	Membership	Donations
Allentown.....	32	\$29 93
Ariel.....	15	12 20
Birdsboro.....	7	7 75
Bloomsburg...	11	4 75
Berwick.....	12	17 87
Carbondale....	22	15 26
Carlisle.....	13	16 70
Cherry Flats...	7	10 82
Covington.....	34	40 37
Chambersburg...		2 88
Chinchilla.....	8	2 54
East Stroudsburg	28	13 46
Fair Hill.....	52	53 06
Fleetwood.....	28	10 60
Hamburg.....	5	7 13
Harrisburg....	33	30 69
Hanover.....	25	11 85

Hawley	12	7	54
Honesdale	11	17	99
Kulp	5	2	70
Lancaster	20	47	70
Lebanon	34	24	62
Lorenton	13	8	90
New Britian	3	7	06
Northumberland	16	6	02
Miffintown	10	4	48
Philada. (German)	51	65	20
" (North)	41	88	06
" (West)	164	177	88
" (African)	19	14	00
Pottsville		5	45
Phoenixville	18	9	95
Reading	95	86	46
Roaring Branch	22	7	60
Rummerfield	4	8	32
Sayre	32	16	22
Scranton	49	38	64
Shimersville	36	24	14
Shunk	36	3	96
South Canaan	13	5	41
Towanda	12	15	25
Wade	31	29	00
Williamsport	24	29	70
Wilkes-Barre	50	23	63
Wyoming	14	4	70
Wellsboro	4	11	25
York	7	5	92
Home Department	15	7	11
Total 1,092 72			

Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings \$ 436.63
 BERTIE C. RICHARDS.

Hanover

The prophet Daniel declares that in the time of the end, "Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried." The work at Hanover is now passing through this crucial test period. The faith, courage, and loyalty of our little company, are being tried by bitter opposition, and even persecution in the home.

One sister was forbidden by her husband to attend our meetings any more; but she declared her soul was her own, and her right to worship God according to her conscience, he must not try to take away, and she continued to come. He then threatened to leave her if she went any more, and for two Sabbaths she has been absent from the meetings. There is an invalid son, and two small children in the home, and the test is a severe one. She needs our prayers.

Another sister last week suffered a light stroke of paralysis, brought on the doctor says by worry. Her husband heretofore kind and indulgent has lately begun to oppose her. He leaves her alone nights, and goes to moving picture shows and she is timid and nervous. The fear of being left alone got on her nerves so she

broke down under the strain. Now the report is being circulated that it was caused by worry over her religion, and is being used to discredit our work. They say we break up homes and make people crazy.

We have recently been forbidden to call any more at another home where the mother and daughter had accepted the truth. Some of these we fear will fall away, like the stony ground hearers, because of the persecution but other new ones are becoming interested, and one since the first of the year has begun to keep the Sabbath.

A new home was opened to us last week to hold Bible studies, and the interest and attendance at the Sabbath-school is good. Collections since the first of the year have averaged about a dollar each Sabbath.

Brother Dunkinson and wife are doing good work with our books and magazines. We recently ordered 100 copies of the *Protestant* containing Dr. McKim's address on "Why We Are Protestants." Mrs. Dunkinson disposed of half of these in three days, also a number of the *Watchman*.

Sister Evans was in charge of the services while the writer was visiting his family in Michigan during the holidays. F. A. HARTER.

The Baltimore Convention

(Concluded)

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

HOME MISSIONARY WORK

Whereas, the Testimonies tell us that to a large degree through our publishing work is to be accomplished the work of the angel of Revelation 18:1-4 which we believe to be the angel of the loud cry,

We recommend that special attention be given by all our workers to promoting the home missionary work,

(a) by organizing a missionary society in every church.

(b) by setting the churches to work selling and giving away our books, magazines, pamphlets, and tracts.

(c) by selecting a strong missionary secretary for the church.

(d) by advising our young people to spend as much time as possible visiting among their neighbors doing Christian help work.

Whereas, the Spirit of God has spoken to us relative to the great urgency of giving the light of truth to the teeming millions of our cities, and

Whereas, the work cannot be accomplished by public efforts alone, but earnest house to house work must be combined with our tent and hall efforts, and

Whereas in carrying forward this evangelistic work, funds as well as laborers are needed with which to purchase tents, tent furnishing, hymn books, literature, etc,—therefore

Resolved (a) That we ask each member of our colored churches in this conference to give at least one dollar per member per annum with which to carry forward this work.

(b) That suitable men and women be encouraged to connect with these special efforts to engage in self supporting work, selling literature and assisting as far as possible in these mighty soul winning efforts.

Whereas, the advent message to all the world in this generation as time advances means greater activity on the part of each believer and since the General Conference has recommended that our contributions to missions average at least twenty cents per week per member, and recognizing the desirability of contributing as much as possible that the work may be finished the quicker,—therefore

Resolved, that we most cheerfully cooperate in this general plan and endeavor to have our mission offerings average twenty cents per week per member for the full year of 1914, and

Whereas, the Sabbath-school mission clock has proven the most effective way to accomplish this end, we recommend that the churches of Baltimore, Wilmington, Cheswold, and Dover continue this plan for the year 1914.

Whereas, the Cheswold church has stood loyal and true to the cause the many years of its organization and recognizing the fact that there is a growing population of colored people around this church, we recommend that our workers visit this church in an effort to strengthen and build up its interests, and further

We recommend that other churches without pastors and unorganized companies without regular leaders, be granted occasional help in the line of Sabbath and other services.

Whereas, this first convention has proven a telling success, and is already showing its value in enthusiasm and spiritual help received, we recommend that a camp meeting be held during the year 1915 and that the colored churches of the District of Columbia Conference with the East Pennsylvania Conference be invited to

join in it, and further we recommend that the executive committee of the Chesapeake Conference arrange for this meeting.

Whereas, the General Department of our Missionary Volunteer movement of the North American Division has presented before us a suggestive goal for 1914, and

Whereas, it should be our constant aim to foster the missionary spirit among our youth using all good means to arouse a keener interest in this world wide movement, therefore

We recommend that all conference workers, church officers, and parents cooperate with and encourage our youth in carrying out the well defined policy outlined by the General Conference thus ensuring success to the young peoples' Missionary Volunteer Department in our conference.

Resolved, that we express our devotion to the *Review and Herald*, the silent minister, by subscribing for it, having it come to our homes regularly.

We recommend, (a) That earnest and persistent efforts be made by the conference Sabbath-school secretary, aided by all conference workers and Sabbath-school superintendents, to study the Sabbath-school lessons daily. (b) That earnest efforts be made to raise the standard of teaching by encouraging teachers to study helps, as recommended by the General Conference Sabbath-school Department, and by encouraging teachers' meetings.

(c) That consecration services be held in our Sabbath-schools at least once a year in harmony with the plans of the General Sabbath-school Department and that the Sabbath-school secretary of the conference appoint the dates and plan therefore in connection with each Sabbath-school superintendent.

(d) That Sabbath-school work be given a place on the program of institutes and general meetings.

CHURCH SCHOOLS

Since the public schools are not designed to qualify workers for the third angel's message and in harmony with instructions from God to this people,

We recommend that the churches of our colored people in this conference pledge themselves to greater activity in

(a) The establishment and maintenance of church schools receiving the moral and financial support of all church members.

TEMPERANCE

Whereas, the liquor traffic is responsible for most of the crime, disgrace,

degeneracy, and is a menace to human rights and personal liberties,

Resolved, that we pledge ourselves by pen and voice and vote to cooperate with all legitimate efforts to eradicate the liquor curse.

Resolved further, that we approve of national legislation favoring a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture, sale, and promiscuous use of alcoholic beverages.

Whereas, because of the benefits derived from this convention, both in spiritual uplift and association with our brethren of like precious faith,

Be it resolved, that we the assembled delegates of this convention tender the executive committee of the Chesapeake Conference our sincere thanks for their interest in and willingness to cooperate with all the plans to make this convention a success, and

Further resolved, that our gratitude and appreciation be made known to the Third church of Baltimore for the splendid entertainment afforded us in our stay during the convention.

G. R. RODGERS.

WEST VIRGINIA

Conference Meeting

Brother Butler, and wife, and Brother W. H. Wilcox, who have been putting in faithful time in the canvassing work in Clarksburg, spent six days with the writer in Parkersburg, during which time they enjoyed some spiritual blessings from the conference meetings. We had meetings every night during the week, and two on the Sabbath. Several out-siders attended the meetings. Elder Wilkinson spoke three nights, during which time he presented to us some timely subjects. We hope this is the beginning of a big revival in our church, and that each member will catch the missionary spirit, and win many souls out of Parkersburg to the truth. Those present out of the city were Elder Wilkinson, Elder F. H. Robbins, J. S. Barrows, Floyd Gibson, Professor Smith, (a blind man from Charleston who favored us with some splendid singing), Brother and Sister Bee, Brother Meredith, and Sisters Lane and Bush. H. F. KIRK.

News Notes

At the annual meeting of the Seventh-day Adventist Book Society which was held in Parkersburg, February 3, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:— President, F. H. Robbins; Vice President, S. F. Ross; Secretary and Treasurer,

J. S. Barrows; Statuary Attorney, Henry Waggoner; Board of Directors, Frank H. Robbins, Samuel F. Ross, Jesse S. Barrows, Thomas W. Thirlwell, Floyd E. Gibson.

Many spiritual blessings were received at the general meeting held at Parkersburg. Prof. B. G. Wilkinson of Takoma Park, D. C. was with us and gave very helpful instructions. At the afternoon services Elder F. H. Robbins took up the reading of special Testimonies, which proved a great blessing to all present.

Brother and Sister T. M. Butler of Clarksburg were the guests of Brother and Sister H. F. Kirk of Parkersburg during the general meeting.

During the month of January 1914 there were only four regular colporteurs in the field but their total sales were \$1269.05, making an average of \$1.59 per hour; net gain over January 1913 of \$396.20. Any persons desiring territory in this state should write to H. F. Kirk, 630 Lulu Street, Parkersburg, West Va.

Brother W. H. Wilcox of Clarksburg attended the general meeting at Parkersburg last week.

Statement of Sabbath-school Work in West Virginia for Past Three Years

	1911	1912	1913
No. of Schools	10	12	12
Membership	161	188	209
Donations	\$195.19	\$497.88	\$873.07
Camp-meeting Donations	\$12.90	\$52.48	\$73.86

MRS. J. S. BARROWS,
Sabbath-school Secretary.

VIRGINIA

News Notes

Mrs. W. J. Stone is still quite closely confined on account of sciatica having been in bed nearly all of the time for the past six weeks.

Important meetings of the Washington Missionary College Board and Sanitarium Board were to be held Tuesday, February 3, calling for all of the members of the Board. Elder Stone attended these meetings on his way to the board meeting of the Shenandoah Valley Training Academy.

Brother A. M. Neff has been quite ill for the past month, but is resting as easily as could be expected. We ask that he be remembered by all in their prayers, that if it is God's will, that he may soon be restored to his usual health.

Elder Stone returned last Friday from Mount Vernon, Ohio, where he was in attendance at meetings of the Mount Vernon College Board, and Union Conference Committee. A large amount of important business was transacted, and everything moved off harmoniously.

It was decided at the meeting of the Union Conference Committee to advise each conference to allow its regular employees who desire to do so, to attend the Union Conference meeting, paying them their wages the same as though they were in the field at work, they paying their own expenses.

Sister Anna C. Rice has been quite ill and unable to carry forward all her regular work, but is some better. Miss Swan was also troubled with tonsillitis and unable to conduct school for some time. We sincerely trust that God will preserve the health and lives of his workers at this important time.

Are you making all of the Sabbath-school that you should? Are you fixing these excellent lessons indelibly in your minds? Are you making it a great means through your gifts of helping to advance our work in distant lands? God has said much to us regarding the importance of this work, and let us heed well his words of counsel.

On account of the sickness of Brother A. M. Neff, the week at the office has been a little congested, and some have not received a prompt reply to their letters. No one is to blame, and we are sure all will be lenient with us under the circumstances, until we have had time to make proper adjustments in harmony with the demands of the situation.

The missionary work is now taking on new life. Everywhere a greater activity is being manifested, by some, at least. What is your church doing to revive this important branch of the work? Will not every individual appoint himself as a committee of

one to help in bringing this work up to where it should be in the Virginia Conference?

In the reduction of the Mount Vernon College to an academy not so many teachers will be required to carry on the work; and an opportunity will be granted other schools of securing good teachers who have helped to compose the faculty for the present year. As teachers are in demand, these will undoubtedly be picked up quickly.

OHIO

Two Tons of Literature a Day

Knowing the courage and inspiration it brings to our people, to hear notes of progress, I take the liberty to quote the following from a recent personal letter from Elder E. R. Palmer, manager of the Review and Herald Publishing Association.

After expressing his appreciation of the large and faithful band of colporteurs the Lord has given us in Ohio, and assuring us of his prayers, he continues:

"We are having interesting times here at the office. January, I think, was the busiest month we have had since I connected with the institution. It seems as though the new year brings tremendous opportunities. Every line of the work is developing. Take the *Protestant Magazine* for example. We printed our usual edition in January, making an allowance for two thousand copies extra, and then shortly after went to press with the second edition of three thousand copies. Then the type was thrown in. Those papers were sold, and the demand has been so great for the January number, that the Magazine Department has tried to persuade us to set up the type again and run another edition. But we have decided to turn the people's mind to the February and March numbers, instead of looking back to January. In the magazine business we must, to a certain extent, as in the Christian life, forget that which is behind, and press forward. Of the February number we printed four thousand copies more than January, and within one week had to go to press with another five thousand copies, and before that could be run the order was changed to ten thousand: so we are printing fourteen thousand copies more of the February number than January. There seems to be a growing interest all over the country for the *Protestant Magazine*.

"It is just the same with our other literature. It is wonderful how it keeps going. Be assured, my brother, that while we labor here so hard in the office, we do not forget the workers out in the field who are going from house to house working to circulate this literature. Of course, I know where this literature is going, which we are sending out at the rate of about two tons weight per day; and yet as I see the bags taken away by the truck load, I sometimes stop and wonder where all those papers, and magazines, and books go, and how they are distributed. And then when I think that we are only one out of twenty-seven publishing houses that are doing the same thing, the thought comes to me with new force that there is a movement on in the earth which means something to us all. May the Lord help us all to be faithful."

The commercial world considers January and February the dull season, but not so with God's work. Angels know that the great crisis is at hand, and they are hurrying to and fro impressing men and women everywhere of the solemnity of the times. While the world is in agitation over the aggressiveness of Rome is the time when we, who know the truth, should awaken. Our band of colporteurs should quickly be increased to one hundred. Eighty-eight large and populous counties await us. In view of the written testimony, "We are on the very verge of the time of trouble," *Vol. IX. page 42*, and its confirmation by signs on every hand, selfish ambitions should be cast off and an earnestness take possession of us which will lead men to go forth quickly into the highways and hedges with "Great Controversy", "Daniel and Revelation" and other books which will warn souls to flee to Jesus, their only refuge. This we believe many will do. We also expect that every believing family will do their best to subscribe now for the *Protestant Magazine* that they may be kept informed and be forewarned of the coming struggle.

J. H. MCEACHERN.

Notes on the Colporteur Work

Elder H. A. Weaver writes: "The members of the Columbus church are still talking about the great blessings that have come to them as a result of the colporteurs' institute." The colporteurs feel the same towards the Columbus church. The mothers and fathers in Israel who gave of their means, and who worked early and late to provide for our temporal

needs will never be forgotten. I feel sure each colporteur, as an expression of his appreciation, will work faithfully all the year.

The Lord has raised up fifty colporteurs. Reports from all will appear shortly in the VISITOR. Our aim and prayer is to have one hundred by June. God will not disappoint us. He will call men from the plow and from the more common commercial business vocations and make them instruments of power in this work.—*Testimonies, Vol. IX, page 96.*

The new workers are meeting with encouraging success. Clara Kropp of Toledo took \$27.50 worth of orders in fifteen hours. And her sister Erma, \$32.00 worth in nine hours. Brethren Syphers, Stafford, and Salyer also made a good beginning.

We solicit your prayers for the success of this work.

J. H. McEACHERN.

Zanesville

For months I have been thinking of writing a few lines for the VISITOR. I remember at camp-meeting what was said by Elder Stade that from now on you would hear from the workers.

I think we can get so busy, or at least we desire to make it appear so, that we have not the time, but this is a poor excuse.

The past year has had varied experiences for me, which I do not feel profitable for all to know.

Many of you know we have been building a new church, and I am happy to inform you that we have been occupying it for a month, or more. We had the conference ship us chairs, which we are using till we can get our seats. The seats we are to get will be out of one of the churches here in the city. Just when we shall be able to get these seats we cannot state at this writing, but we should have had them before this according to their promise, consequently this has delayed the finishing of the church, but we do hope to be able to dedicate it about March 1.

In many respects the hand of the Lord has been seen in this enterprise. The citizens have given us of their means, and without this help we could not have gone forward, but by this help we are in a position to carry the financial end to a finish, we think. Having the church building on my hands, has made it almost impossible for me to do much evangelistic work, however, we see a little fruit of our effort in the way of a few souls taking their stand for the truth.

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending Feb. 6, 1914

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ray H. Chapin, Perry Co.		ES	4	30	25	38 00	1 75	87 75	6 00
J. L. Sauder, Portage Co.		ES	5	49	12	37 00	20 20	57 20	6 45
C. F. Wilcox, Licking Co.		ES	4	32	16	51 00	75	51 75	
C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.		ES	5	34	11	36 00	11 20	50 20	
L. H. Waters, Ottawa Co.		PPF	4	29	24	40 00	8 50	43 58	1 50
C. E. Reichenbach, Licking Co.		ES	5	37	10	42 00	50	42 50	137 00
Daisy Crist, Columbus		ES	4	24	11	35 00	75	35 76	
John Schick, Summit Co.		GC	5	30	6	18 00	13 25	31 25	4 25
W. Salyer, Noble Co.		DR	5	40	7	23 00	1 25	24 25	
E. J. Stipeck, Cleveland		DR	5	33	8	24 00		24 00	
Eona Kropp, Toledo		PPF	4	12	14	24 00		24 00	
Mrs. H. Wylie, Cleveland		PPF	5	18	12	21 50	2 05	23 55	
A. L. Bassler, Noble Co.		DR	4	55	6	18 00	4 85	22 85	2 80
W. E. Wagner, Clinton Co.		GC	5	32	7	22 00	35	22 35	
Marie Flenner, Butler Co.		BF	3	15	15	15 00	3 50	18 50	5 00
Marie Greunke, Toledo		PPF	3	16	12	18 50	75	19 25	
J. B. Reichenbach, Montg'y Co.		BR	4	32	6	17 00		17 00	6 00
Tillie Gable, Cleveland		ES	4	26	5	15 00		15 00	14 25
D. J. Royer, Cleveland		DR	5	33	3	12 00	2 25	14 25	70
Lloyd Swallen, Stark Co.		ES	4	22	2	7 00	7 05	14 05	12 35
W. S. Syphers, Clinton Co.		GC	5	41	6	14 00		14 00	
C. A. Gibson, Huron Co.		ES	2	8	3	11 00		11 00	
Edna Crabbe, Columbus		GC	2	7	3	9 00	5 00	14 00	
Helen Greunke, Toledo		PPF	5	18	8	12 00		12 25	4 50
J. H. Stofford, Toledo		DR	5	36	4	11 00		11 00	
Wilbert Morgan, Wellsville		PPF	3	16	4	6 50	1 75	8 25	11 75
Effie Bateman, Columbus		DR	3	17	2	6 00	10	6 10	
Clara Kropp, Toledo		PPF	2	3	2	3 50		3 50	1 50
Helen McDowell, Columbus		PPF	2	8	1	1 50	75	2 25	
C. Woodworth, Findlay Co.		ES	2	4	1	1 50	30	1 80	1 80
J. S. Randolph, Knox Co.		ES	1	6					36 75
N. J. Dean, Miami Co.		PPF							20 00
Totals	32 Agents		119	746	246	\$637 50	\$81 85	\$719 35	\$274 00

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Feb., 6, 1914

A. Brownlee, Washington Co.	PPF	5	48	32	58 00	19 85	78 35	26 10
J. Brownlee, Fayette Co.	DR	4	34	5	15 00	12 50	27 40	3 25
A. C. Davis, Pittsburgh	CK	4	24	27	53 85		53 85	13 45
C. Dunham, Pittsburgh	DR	10	60	19	82 00		82 00	35 50
J. A. Kimmel, Fayette Co.	DR	3	24	4	10 00	2 25	12 25	1 50
Fern Lavelly, Cambria Co.	PPF	4	26	23	36 00	3 85	39 85	
William Lener, Fayette Co.		5	28	58		37 75	37 85	
J. S. Neely, Armstrong Co.	GC	5	32	22	70 00	2 25	72 25	75
Mrs. S. A. Rager, Cambria Co.	PPF	4	28	14	21 50	1 50	23 00	
L. M. Yohe, Armstrong Co.	ES	5	40	13	39 00	13 70	52 70	4 45
Totals	10 Agents		49	344	217 \$385 85	\$93 65	\$479 50	\$85 00

District of Columbia, Week Ending Feb. 6, 1913

Eva. Chandler, Alex. Co.	GC	4	18	3	4 50	4 11	8 61	5 11
L. A. Godwin, Montgomery	PPF	5	38	7	23 00	6 50	29 50	88 50
R. E. Orange, Prince Wm. Co.	GC	4	38	17	52 00	4 50	56 50	
F. Smith, Charles Co.	GC	3	32	25	75 00	5 75	80 75	
W. A. Williams, Stafford	PPF	4	40	12	38 00	7 25	45 25	
Totals	5 Agents		21	166	62 \$192 50	\$28 11	\$220 61	\$93 61

Chesapeake, Week Ending Feb. 6, 1913

G. W. Lawrence, Cecil Co.	DR	4	27	9	20 00	30	20 30	
J. E. Jones, Dorchester Co.	GC	5	30	20	37 25	12 75	50 00	
M. S. Pettibone, A. Arundel Co.	PPF	5	25	27	51 25	12 00	63 25	6 45
D. W. Percy, Talbot Co.	DR	5	38	12	36 00	39 20	75 00	
F. H. Barritt, Howard Co.	PPF	4	28	20	36 75	8 75	45 50	1 25
Totals	5 Agents		23	148	88 \$181 25	\$72 70	\$254 55	\$7 70

West Virginia, Week Ending Feb. 6, 1914

W. A. McElphatrick, Nicholas	GC	5	40	13	97 00	22 50	59 50	5 25
O. J. Belt, Tyler	ES	5	40	9	30 00	4 25	34 25	
T. M. Butler, Harrison	PPF	1	6	6	10 75	1 50	12 25	2 00
Waldo H. Wilcox, Harrison Co.	PPF	1	5	5	10 75	1 00	11 75	
E. A. Maddox, Wood Co.	DR	2	10	5	7 50	2 00	9 50	
Miscellaneous	PPF				14 00	3 50	17 50	
Totals	5 Agents	14	101	38	\$110 00	\$34 75	\$144 75	\$7 25

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Feb. 7, 1913

W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	PPF	5	44	18	30 50	3 50	34 00	
F. A. Brownell, Lack'a Co.	GC	3	25	8	21 50		21 00	24 20
Mrs. F. A. Brownell, Lack'a	BF	4	19	8	9 50		10 00	1 85
W. B. Dunkinson, York Co.	PPF	5	39	11	17 00	16 45	33 55	
J. L. Gearhart, Berks Co.	PPF	1	5	1	1 50	75	2 25	
Totals	5 Agents				\$79 50	\$21 30	\$100 80	\$26 05

Virginia, Week Ending Feb. 6, 1913

C. Jones, S. Boston	GC		21	7	25 00	1 90	26 90	1 90
G. W. Hendricks, Emporia	PPF							81 50
Alice Robinson, Richmond	Mag		18					1 40
Totals	3 Agents		39	7	\$25 00	\$1 90	\$26 90	\$84 80

New Jersey, Week Ending Feb. 7, 1914

Edward Sterner, Trenton	PG	15	113	11	33 00	30 75	63 95	30 95
G. W. Blinn, Burlington	GC	10	80	24	72 00		72 00	
Wm. Schmidt, Newark	GC	7	50	3	10 00	2 60	22 60	26 60
Allen Boynton, Cape May C. H.	PG	3	24	13	43 00		43 00	
Arthur Samuels, Newark				5	1 25	10 00	11 25	11 25
George Wilkins, Burlington		2		8	3 80		3 89	
Magazines					496 20		496 20	
Totals	6 Agents	39	267	64	\$659 25	\$53 55	\$712 80	\$68 80

Grand Totals: 71 Agents Value of Orders, \$2270 85 Deliveries, \$647 01

The tithe is almost double that of 1912, while we fell short on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund about seven cents. This is accounted for when you call to mind the building of the church.

We feel that a great work is to be done here, and we have the evidence that God is preparing the church to do a good work here this coming year. The entire church, so to speak, is seeking God for a deeper work of grace, and are meeting in little companies during each day praying for the conversion of friends and loved ones. We are conscious of our need and are praying daily for divine help.

May God help us all to press forward a little longer, is the earnest prayer of your brother in Christ.

F. H. HENDERSON.

Letters to Elder Slade from Dr. B. J. Ferciot of Canton and Elder H. A. Weaver of Columbus tell of a splendid work being done by these brethren in their respective cities through the circulation of the February number of

the *Protestant Magazine*. They are placing them in the hands of many Protestant people and most of the Protestant ministers. This excellent number should be given a wide circulation in every city in our conference.

Because of lack of space the tithe report for December has been held over. It will appear in the next issue.

COLLEGE NOTES

On the night of February 7, Elder Slade gave a lecture on the subject "A Significant Decline." He showed that there is a general decline in the physical, financial, and moral conditions, which is especially significant to those who are students of prophecy.

Dr. Paulson spent a few hours at the College Sabbath, February 7, on his way to Chicago from Washington, D. C. He intended to be present at the Friday night meeting, but was de-

tained on account of a wreck. He spoke in young people's meeting in the afternoon. Dr. Paulson's yearly visit is always a source of help and inspiration to all.

We regret that on account of ill health Miss Reta Jones had to give up her school work and return to her home at Plymouth in East Pennsylvania. Mrs. King accompanied her. They left last Thursday evening. Mrs. King also visited her relatives at Scranton and Wilkes Barre for a few days.

Mr. Vernon Hagmann has been elected to the position of teacher of the church school made vacant by the resignation of Miss Beatrice Murphy.

Educational Sabbaths

Two educational Sabbaths were appointed at the last council. The first of these falls on March 7, and the second on August 8. The object of these educational Sabbaths is to give our people an opportunity to know more of the principles of Christian education and to become better informed as to the growth and needs of all lines of educational work.

For the first Sabbath, March 7, readings are to be prepared and sent to all the church elders. The readings for March 7 will be published in the March issue of the magazine *Christian Education*. A copy of this magazine will be mailed to all church elders in time to be read on that day. The readings will speak of our children and their care and the church schools and their place, growth, and needs.

As a people we have undertaken a work of great magnitude. A definite message is given us to carry to every nation; and, in carrying forward this program, every available resource is necessary to its accomplishment. We are not only called to give our lives and means to this undertaking, but we are also called to dedicate our children and educate them for the Master's service. These children form a considerable asset to the future development of our work. The entire enrollment of our schools, including those in non-Christian lands, for 1913 numbers 26,322. To undertake the spiritual welfare of so many, and to seek to train them and many others who will enter our schools, is a task which concerns all our church members. It is, therefore, fitting

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that two Sabbaths each year should be devoted to the saving and educating of this great army of recruits. We, therefore, urge that our churches everywhere observe March 7 as an educational Sabbath. In many churches it may be possible to have two sessions on that day devoted to the interests of Christian education.

This occasion will offer an excellent opportunity for our ministers to preach on the subject of education, laying before our people the object of our schools and the great work before us in saving our children and young people and preparing them for places of usefulness in the work. The cause of present truth needs the whole-hearted service of all the children within the denomination. We need constantly to keep the Lord's work before them and the training and the education necessary to become successful workers. We trust that our first educational Sabbath, on March 7, may prove a great spiritual uplift to each church where it is carried on, and be a means of drawing the hearts of the parents toward their children and helping all to realize more fully the responsibility that rests upon us in the cause of Christian education. J. L. SHAW.

WANTED.—

Mr. Geo. W. Ridgely, Catonsville, Md. being incapacitated from taking care of his children, five of them have

been taken charge of by the state, and have been placed out among people in service, and as he desires them to be reared in the Adventist faith, he is very desirous of finding homes for them among Adventist people. Any one desiring to take one of the children should write him at Catonsville, Md., and he will give you full particulars.

The children wanting homes are as follows:

Mary Ann Ridgely, age about 17	
Laura Ellen " " "	14
John Henry " " "	12
Geo. Thomas " " "	10
Frank Hood " " "	8
Hester Virginia " " "	7
James Vernon " " "	6

WANTED.—A home in an Adventist family for a boy thirteen years of age and in good health by the name of John Upton. John's father was a Seventh-day Adventist church elder, but is now dead. His mother has to support herself and little girl eleven years of age. She cannot consent that her boy be brought up and educated in any other way than in the doctrines of our own people. She would be glad if he could get a home near enough to Toledo, Ohio, so she could see him occasionally and wishes him to attend a church school if possible. A home on a farm is preferred.

Who will open their hearts and home to this fatherless boy, who needs a soul loving guiding hand? God will reward. John is well able to do his part and will do so with kind treatment and Christian example.

Please address Mrs. Upton, care of Mrs. S. M. Comstock, the Lexington, 214 Tenth St., Toledo, Ohio.

Remember Religious Liberty Day February 28

A special program has been prepared and sent to the church elders. If any have not received it, be sure to write to your tract society secretary for it. Plan to make as liberal an offering as you can.

OBITUARY

JACKSON:—Margaret Viola Jackson was born in Mehoopany, Pa., April 2, 1853, and died in Sayre Pa., January 23, 1914, aged 60 years, 9 months, and 21 days. In May 1874 she was married to Charles E. Jackson to which union six sons and four daughters were born. Sister Jackson first heard the third angel's message in the sum-

mer of 1912 and accepted it. The blessed hope which the message brought to her was a source of much comfort in her recent illness. She was a loyal Christian. Interment was made in the Tioga Point Cemetery.

C. S. BAUM.

DETWILER—Roberta Detwiler, daughter of Brother and Sister Reuben G. Detwiler of Fairhill, Pennsylvania, aged twelve years, died of diphtheria at about 4.00 A. M., December 5, 1913. It was impossible to have a public funeral at this time on account of the danger of spreading the disease to others. But Elder Virbrook Nutter of Philadelphia went to the cemetery at Souderton and conducted a short service at the grave at the time of interment.

The funeral sermon was preached by the writer in the Fairhill Seventh day Adventist church on December 28. The text was John 11:4, Luke 8:49-55, I Thess. 4:13-18. The church was filled with relatives and friends of the deceased. The Spirit of the Lord was present to reveal to them the blessed hope of the coming of the Master when he will awake his sleeping children.

Roberta was a member of the Sabbath-school and an attendant at the church school. Her desire was ever to become acquainted with the truth so that she might reveal it to others. She was a good girl both in the home and in the church and is greatly missed. But we sorrow not even as others which have no hope. We know that if we are faithful to God we shall soon meet Roberta in the immortal state when Jesus comes. "Even so, come Lord Jesus!" May this thought of promised immortality to the faithful, inspire us all to quicken our pace towards the Heavenly City. H. M. J. RICHARDS.

HOLMAN.—Sister Francis E. Holman was born, Nov. 24, 1837, at Hulmerville, Pa., and died on Sunday, Jan. 18, 1914, at the Soldiers' Home in Vineland, N. J. She was in her 77th year, and died of heart failure and other complications. During her earlier religious experiences, Sister Holman was a devoted member of the M. E. Church. In 1872, she accepted the Adventist doctrine under the teachings of the First-day Adventists, and joined the church of that people in Camden, N. J. In 1885, she accepted the third angel's message, chiefly under the labors of Elder D. E. Lindsey, and united herself with this people; since which time her devotion to the truth has been an inspiration to those who knew her. Sister Holman had been an inmate of the Soldiers' Home for thirteen years, where she was ill for two years prior to her death. She leaves a son and daughter to mourn their loss. The funeral services were conducted by the writer.

GEORGE W. SPIES.

"To-day there are few who are heartily serving God."