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

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UNION

Evangelistic Work in the Union For 1914

We have just held an earnest meeting of the Columbia Union Conference Committee at Mount Vernon, Ohio. Special consideration was given to many features at this time and we are looking forward to making the year 1914 the very best in the history of the Columbia Union Conference.

The first matter of great importance which we feel ought to receive first consideration at the hands of our brethren and workers is the winning of many souls to the message this coming year. The readers of the VISITOR will see by another report I have made how great have been the blessings of God upon the Union financially this past year. We feel now, however, that the attention of all our churches and conferences should be earnestly turned toward the question of bringing new people into the truth. We have seen many hopeful signs in the year 1913. The president of one conference in the Union says that every tent effort in his conference for the summer resulted in raising up a new company of believers. This is splendid. We believe that all the workers throughout the field have set their stakes to see that each one will do his part in this great effort. I will quote the following from a letter from Elder I. H. Evans, president of the North American Division Conference.

"A new year has come. Let us resolve to change the records, and set a new pace during 1914. Ought we not to bring to Christ this present year as many as 12,000 souls in this North American Division Conference? Should we count our ordained ministers only in this ingathering, it would mean less than 23 souls to each minister. . . . Everywhere the Spirit of God is laying this burden for souls upon the hearts of his people. East, West, North, and South, the message is onward. God has sent his Holy Spirit before us. It surely is the hour of our opportunity. If we unite all our

forces, our prayers, our means, and our own hearts in this great work of soul-saving, we shall see a harvest of souls gathered to this truth, which will bring the loud cry of the third angel's message."

To this end we are planning to have a splendid ministerial institute in connection with the Columbia Union Conference Biennial Meeting to be held at Baltimore, Maryland, April 28 to May 10. We expect at that time to have a mighty revival from the Lord. Plans are being made to have good instruction and good instructors. Elder Evans, president of the North American Division Conference on whose heart this burden lies heavily, will be there. We are expecting other splendid instructors like Elder Thompson; and possibly Elder Danielis will be there. Now we wish that our brethren throughout the field would pray earnestly for the success of this institute. Pray that God will roll a mighty burden for the saving of souls upon the hearts of both people and workers. We trust that as many of the workers as can possibly attend will take up the question in consultation with their Union Conference Committee to see what arrangements can be made. We should like also if some of our good home workers who feel the burden upon them to enter more actively the field could also be there.

We will have more to say upon this subject. Let all our brethren throughout the Union watch the columns of the VISITOR for more reports from our Mount Vernon College Board and Columbia Union Conference Committee meetings. B. G. WILKINSON.

The Missionary Acre Plan

The Columbia Union Conference Committee recently held an Executive session at the time of the Mount Vernon College Board Meeting, Mount Vernon, Ohio, January 27 to 30. At this meeting some splendid plans were taken up for the advancement of the evangelical work throughout the Union as well as for the continuance of the good work done the past year in raising foreign mission offerings.

Much good has been done the past year or so by some brethren here and there throughout the Union setting aside a little portion of land, either for themselves or for their children, to cultivate and to devote the proceeds thereof for foreign missions. Other churches have entered heartily into the work of making little articles for sale which they themselves could easily sell among their neighbors and devote the proceeds from that sale also to the foreign mission funds. As an illustration; bonnets made and sold by the Baltimore church sisters brought in at one meeting over \$40.00.

I am well acquainted with one Union Conference whose offerings to foreign missions a year or so ago were considerable in arrears. One conference in this Union took up earnestly the Missionary Acre Plan and the amount of money it raised this past year for foreign missions was something astonishing. That one conference alone helped to lift the record of that Union in which it was to a very high standard. It not only raised the amount set for last year by the General Conference, but also some \$4,500 over. This shows what can be done by earnestly working so simple a plan as this.

How beneficial are the effects upon the family and church life of some simple plan as the Missionary Acre Plan. One instance was reported where a church set aside a certain day in which the proceeds of the Missionary Acre should be brought in. One family in that church had two little girls and they gave them 15 cents with which to buy flower seeds to raise certain kinds of flowers which they could easily sell to retailers in the market. On the day set for the returns to be brought in from the Missionary Acre Plan these two little girls alone brought in \$9.00. Not only did the heathen get the benefit of this little effort, but the little girls were taught useful industry. And besides that they were also taught benevolence and mission work as a splendid purpose for the product of their industry. The church also was benefited by the rousing program of

this Missionary Acre Day.

Why can not all the churches in the Columbia Union Conference resolve to set apart a portion of the field whether an acre or a little garden patch or a few fruit trees or some poultry or live stock and let the product from these different lines be definitely assigned to foreign missions? It would be a good thing for each church to have a program of this kind for at least one Sabbath in each quarter. Of course some of the returns would not come in until the fall from some lines, but there are other lines such as live stock, poultry, or where the families or churches adopt some marketable article which they can make themselves such as aprons, pin cushions, etc., the returns from these could be brought in at least once a quarter on some special Sabbath day set for an appropriate program of this kind. In fact it would be far better if the returns for foreign missions could be tallied up nicely each month and sent in to the conference treasurer. We trust that our brethren throughout the Columbia Union Conference will consider this very practical plan and before the season starts will adopt the suggestion and put it into operation at once.

B. G. WILKINSON.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Missionary Work

The following as an example in missionary work and reporting should "Provoke unto love and good works."

"Report of the Allentown Missionary Society for the year 1913.

Average Number Rep.....	13.2-9ths.
Meetings held	9
Periodicals Distributed	1960
Books loaned, sold, and given away	387
Tracts distributed.....	4181
Letters written.....	20
Letters Received	4
Visits	436
Bible Readings held.....	18

Mrs. R. M. Fried, *Missionary Sec'y.*"

Once a month on the Sabbath the missionary work at home is the order of the day in this church and they consider that they have no better service in the church than this one. Each reports verbally what the Lord has enabled him to do and this is recorded. It makes the meeting one of great interest as experiences are told and the blessing of God is present to bring rejoicing and courage for more sowing of the seeds of precious truth. Let other churches who may not be having such monthly meetings enjoy

them from this time forward. It is good to mingle some earnest prayers with our seed sowing and it will then be sure to bring results, for we have the promise of God concerning the sowing of this precious living seed, which is the Word of God, that "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126:6. So may it be with every one of us. But there will be no reaping unless we sow. Let us therefore scatter the printed pages like leaves of autumn.

H. M. J. RICHARDS.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Johnstown

By the advice of the conference committee we came to this city last October and took hold of the work as best we could. The outlook is rather encouraging, although we do not see as much interest as we should be pleased to see.

The church members are taking hold of the missionary lines of work well. A few days ago we received 1,000 *Temperance Instructors* and they are disposed of and another 1,000 ordered. We have a club of 75 copies of the *Signs of the Times* coming each week to use in our missionary work. We also plan to take up tract work from house to house, also to hold cottage meetings as the way may open to do so.

This week we shall have three cottage meetings in different parts of the city beside four services at the church.

One lady recently began to keep the Sabbath and will unite with the church in the near future. Two sisters of this church are canvassing for "Past, Present, and Future" and are doing well. A young man, who has been selling the *Instructor*, is also thinking of the canvassing work.

The mayor of this city is shutting the lid down tight on all open shops on Sunday, everything almost must now be closed up. Brethren pray for the work in this city. J. W. WATT.

213 Hickory St., Johnstown, Pa.

WANTED.—Clean tracts on the Sabbath and the Coming of the Lord and other subjects for missionary purposes. Please address George L. West, 418 E. Main Street, Connellsville, Pa.

Let prayer be the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening.

—Matthew Henry.

OHIO

Two Souls Won to the Truth by Our Colporteurs

The following letters reveal the effectiveness of the colporteur work as an evangelizing agency.

Brother Chris. E. Reichenbach, who is canvassing in Licking County, writes: "This week I took a Bible to a lady who had bought 'Coming King' from me six weeks ago. She had read her book through and is now keeping the Sabbath. She gave me \$3.35 tithe to give to the church. This she had saved from canned fruit she has sold. She is also trying to sell her wedding ring and will invest that in the cause. She is a young intelligent woman and desires to be baptized into the church as soon as possible. Her husband is favorable to the change she has made and she asks the prayers of God's people that he, too, may come into the truth.

"Brother, the Spirit of the Lord is working mightily. Pray for me that I may keep out of his way."

Miss Bessie Cotton who is canvassing in Canton writes concerning a family who have been studying the truth; "The mother is now keeping the Sabbath. She brought her son with her to Sabbath-school this morning, and also attended the meeting of the young people's society this afternoon. It gives me great joy to see her so interested, and I am more than ever encouraged to keep on working for the Master."

Brother Salyer who, in company with A. L. Bassler, is canvassing Noble County with "Daniel and Revelation" writes that on a certain night he had great difficulty in finding lodging. Having been refused at several places, he cried unto the Lord for help. The Lord then led him to a home where hearts were hungering for the truth. They learned he was a Seventh-day Adventist, and kept him up till after midnight studying the Bible. They ordered a book and the lady expressed her intentions to keep the Sabbath.

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." Ps. 126:5.

J. H. McEACHERN.

Cincinnati

I was glad when I read the *Visitor* of February 4. Especially when I read Elder F. H. Seéney's article. After mentioning some of the laborers sent out from the Cheswold church as work-

ers among the colored people, he says this does not do justice to the church. I thank the Lord it does not. There are Brother Thornton, Sister E. Warnick, Sister V. Jordan, Brethren R. and J. Watkins, both preachers from Huntsville school, Sister E. Mannere, and Sister Z. Nixon of Norfolk, all of whom the writer baptized in the are state of Virginia. All these are engaged in the work.

While writing this article I stopped to read a letter from two of these students who will be graduated from the Huntsville School in June. They desire to take up work in this conference.

I am glad to report that our work here in Cincinnati is onward.

The Lord blessed us Sunday night, February 1. The leader of our Missionary Volunteer Society rendered an excellent program. About twenty-five took part. There were fifty-one present. A few of the brethren and sisters from the white church were present. All expressed their heart felt thanks for what the Lord is doing here for the colored people. We have now eighteen members and there are others keeping the Sabbath.

We are planning for a temperance rally March 1.

Pray that the blessings of God may attend us in our efforts. Our motto is one soul each this year 1914.

LESLIE MUNTZ.

OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

DECEMBER, 1913

Akron.....	\$165 00
Alliance.....	18 12
*Barnesville.....	27 90
Bellville.....	13 00
Bellefontaine.....	32 10
*Broughton.....	8 00
Bowling Green.....	238 54
Bucyrus.....	22 54
Camden.....	38 29
Canaan.....	23 91
Canton.....	78 57
Chagrin Falls.....	54 32
Charloe.....	6 10
Chillicothe.....	7 60
Cincinnati.....	122 47
" Msn.....	21 31
Cleveland Eng.....	414 82
Cleveland German.....	89 71
Clyde.....	72 65
Columbus.....	374 70
Columbus S. D. A. Mission.....	...
Conneaut.....	67 16
Corsica.....	...
Coshocton.....	57 34
Dayton.....	70 74
Defiance.....	36 00
Delaware.....	2 50
Delta.....	165 87

Derwent.....	36 10
Dowling.....	3 75
Dunkirk.....	...
East Liverpool.....	31 28
Elgin.....	11 65
Findlay.....	40 28
Greenspring.....	6 50
Gilboa.....	20 00
Hamler.....	139 24
Hamilton.....	85 45
Hicksville.....	40 57
*Jackson.....	10 70
Jefferson.....	13 85
Killbuck.....	39 43
LaGrange.....	156 32
*Lakeville.....	48 38
Lakeview.....	...
Liberty Center.....	78 87
Laura.....	13 14
Lima.....	...
Locust Point.....	30 00
Leeburg.....	50 01
Mansfield.....	44 70
Marion.....	30 83
Marshfield.....	2 90
Medina.....	8 00
Mendon.....	7 20
Mount Vernon.....	415 43
Newark.....	119 24
Norwalk.....	26 24
New Philadelphia.....	73 90
Ohio City.....	28 93
Piqua.....	22 45
Pleasant Hill.....	99 51
Powell.....	...
Ravenna.....	47 50
*Reedsville.....	...
Rows.....	18 67
Sherwood.....	...
Spencer.....	5 35
Springfield.....	162 28
Toledo.....	217 65
Troy.....	25 86
Van Wert.....	6 53
Walnut Grove.....	36 46
Washington C. H.....	111 61
Waterford.....	58 04
Wilmington.....	...
*West Mansfield.....	15 00
Wheelerburg.....	135 43
Youngstown.....	123 22
Zanesville.....	95 99
Individuals.....	235 04

TOTAL.....\$5,312 30

*Companies

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL RESOURCES

Tithe.....	\$5,312 30
Tract Society.....	3,226 42
Sabbath-school Donations.....	1665 52
Missions.....	1232 43
Harvest Ingathering.....	1020 99
Religious Liberty.....	1 00
Annual Offerings.....	1707 97
Weekly Donations.....	155 92
Mount Vernon College Fund.....	92 50
Colored Work.....	28 44
Refund Labor Expense.....	665 37

Ministry of Healing.....	...
Loma Linda.....	17 00
Stereopticon Fund.....	...
Orphans and Aged.....	...
Clinton Seminary.....	...
Tent and Hall Collections.....	22 62
Flood Relief.....	...
Cooperation Fund (Signs Times).....	...
Expense Refund.....	60
Mid Summer Offering.....	...
Ingathering Missions.....	...
Gospel Herald.....	...
Philippines.....	...
Mission Literature.....	20
South America.....	250 61
Talent Fund.....	1 90
City Work.....	20 00
Office Expense Refund.....	62 20
Tent and Hall Expense Refund.....	13 30

TOTAL.....\$15496 39

H.D.HOLTOM, Treas.

"And sitting down they watched him there."

VIRGINIA

The Cloud Is Rising

There are many indications that the cloud that has hung over the work in the Virginia Conference for a number of years is arising and God desires us to go forward, and is saying to us, "Ye have compassed this mountain long enough."

It was shown by the tabulated report in the last *Messenger* that the offerings made in 1913 were about three times what they were in 1911. And our tithes increased from something over \$4,000 to over \$6,000. All have reason to rejoice in this indication of God's blessing, I am sure.

However, this is not all. While our laborers reported about 100 converts in 1912, on account of deaths, and pruning of our church membership, our net gain was only sixty. This was good when compared with former years. I have not looked over the laborers' reports, to see how many new converts have been reported for 1913, but our net increase in membership as shown by the reports of our church clerks, which have been received, show a net gain of something over sixty members during the year 1913, making a total of about 125 net increase in membership for the two years. This, I am sure should cause great rejoicing and should inspire us to greater diligence to be more faithful in the payment of tithes and offerings and manifest a greater zeal in the missionary work.

God is saying to us, in this added prosperity, "The cloud is rising."

"Go forward." Can we not see the leading hand of God, and is he not going before us? Then, as truly as God is leading the way, shall we not all fall in line, and unitedly as one man press forward in the work?

If we will take no backward steps, but every man, woman, and child enlist in the Master's service, and do faithfully what we can during the coming year, then greater blessings will be ours and more prosperity will be seen in the cause of God in Virginia in 1914 than we have seen in the years just past.

"And that knowing the time, it is now high time to awake out of sleep."

W. J. S.

Meeting at New Market

According to appointment a meeting was held at New Market February 5 to consider the work in the valley, and to hold a meeting of the school board. Several persons were present from Stanley, and a number of families belonging to the New Market church were present. They brought their dinners and we had an all-day meeting. There were also present Elder J. L. Shaw, educational secretary of the General and North American Division Conferences, and Elder R. T. Dowsett.

The business and counsel meeting passed off harmoniously, and all felt that there were better days ahead for the work in the valley.

The services of Professor R. G. Ryan and wife have been secured to stand at the head of the school, which is quite satisfactory, I think, to all. Professor Ryan had charge of the school the first year of its existence, which was the most successful year in its history, and the securing of his services, some feel, almost insures the success of the school the coming year. The remainder of the faculty will be arranged by the board and head of the school.

After some discussion of the name of the school, it was thought best to change the name so that it would be more in keeping with the work it is doing, and make it what it really is, the "Conference School." The former name was "The Shenandoah Valley Manual Training Academy." As it was not a manual training academy, neither are we doing real academic work, but rather intermediate work, between the church-school and the academy, and as the name Shenandoah Valley had a tendency to localize the school, it was finally voted to take the name; "The Virginia Conference Intermediate School." Making it a conference school for the whole conference.

There are to be no lines drawn anywhere, but we desire the most hearty cooperation of every brother and sister in the conference in making this school a success.

The future evangelical work in the conference was also talked over, and all felt that they would like to see a strong effort put forth in some favorable locality and endeavor to raise up a new church in the valley, and the conference expects to plan definitely for an effort of this kind in the near future.

Taking it all together, we felt that we had a profitable meeting, and that greater prosperity will result from this gathering. I believe all went to their homes of better courage to take hold and push forward the work for the coming year.

W. J. STONE.

Read and Heed the Following

We earnestly request that all who are sending in remittances to our office make all checks, drafts, post office money orders, etc. payable to the Virginia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, or to the Virginia Tract Society. We do not think best for money to be made payable to individuals. It blocks matters very much in case of sickness, as at the present time. And it is the proper thing any way, and is recommended by the General Conference that remittances be made payable to the General Conference, or local conferences, instead of to any particular individual. We hope that all can see the reasonableness of this matter, and in remitting follow the above instruction.

W. J. STONE.

Important Notice

On account of the severe illness of Brother A. M. Neff, it will be impossible for him to longer look after the work in our conference office.

As the North American Division Conference, in harmony with actions of the Columbia Union Conference, and the Atlantic Union Conference, had recommended an exchange of laborers between the New York Conference and the Virginia Conference in tract society secretaries and treasurers, and as this exchange had been ratified by the Virginia and New York Conferences, to take effect April first, 1914, it has been thought best to carry out this recommendation as far as can be, under the circumstances, and as Brother Johnson has made all preparation to come to Virginia severing all connection in his offices and the

church at Rome, and as it has been thought best for him to seek a warmer climate, this recommendation, as stated above, will be carried out and Brother Johnson will come to Virginia at once, and enter upon his work.

It is very fortunate for Virginia, that as this great misfortune has come to us in Brother Neff's sickness, that we can secure, at once, a man of experience who can drop into this place, and carry it forward.

Brother Johnson has been in the New York Conference for twelve years. He comes to us highly recommended as a consecrated Christian, and very capable worker in his line of work. It is expected that he will arrive here in time to attend the canvassers' institute, so that he can become personally acquainted with our colporteurs.

News Notes

Elder Stone reports a very profitable meeting at New Market last week, and feels sure that the future will demonstrate this decision.

Elder S. W. Walker is still at Portsmouth assisting in the revival effort that is now in progress in the new church building.

Brother A. M. Neff is able to sit up and walk around the room a little, and greater hopes are now entertained of his complete recovery.

Sister Myrtle Robertson, our Bible worker at Richmond, is about sick with a severe cold, so that she has not been able to visit all of her readers during the past week.

The canvassers' institute is now in session. Brother Richardson, the Union Conference missionary secretary, is here, and several canvassers, and they expect to have a profitable time in the study of methods and practical plans for this line of work.

The office is now ready to fill orders for the Temperance number of the *Instructor*. This is an excellent issue, and thousands should be circulated in this state.

A letter from L. C. Gordon this morning says, "We are having excellent meetings. Eight have been baptized and others are taking their stand."

We have now entered upon the second month of the year, over one twelfth of the year 1914 has already passed. What is the record thus far? Are we keeping up to the standard on all lines? Is our spiritual life lagging, or are we spending a sufficient amount of time in the "mount" to keep us filled with power and a rich experience? Have we raised the first month the quota for missions? Have we been faithful in tithes? The angel is keeping a record. Give him the privilege of writing it, "well done."

Have you seen, and read a copy of *Liberty* for the first quarter of this year? It is a wonderful issue. One lady in Richmond ordered 200 and she liked them so well, and they sold so easily, that she placed another order at once for 200 more. There ought to be thousands of this number sold in this state. Are there not those who wish to send in an order for 50 or 100 of these magazines and give it a trial? We should be glad to fill your order for any of our good magazines, which sell so readily.

Brother Chas. Jones has just sent in his order for a nice shipment of "Great Controversy" to be delivered the second week in February. He is of good courage, and the Lord is greatly blessing him in his work.

G. W. Hendricks ordered over one hundred "Past, Present, and Future" to be delivered the first week in February. He is also having success, and is full of courage to press on in the good work. We are thankful for these faithful colporteurs.

There are a number of churches whose clerks have not sent in the yearly report. Is your church one of these? If so, it will be greatly appreciated if you will see to it that the report is delayed no longer. We do not wish to leave any church out of the report that must be forwarded to the Union Conference soon.

We wish to call your attention to the *Protestant Magazine* for February. It is a wonderful issue, and deals with vital subjects. We will be glad to fill your order for as many of these as you wish. The March number of the *Signs* monthly is also a number of great importance, and should be read by every Adventist in this state. It is an excellent number to sell.

Brethren Chas. Jones and G. N. Hendricks were in attendance at the institute for the first few days, but have now returned to make a delivery. Brother Hendricks will return soon for the remainder of the institute.

WEST VIRGINIA

Conference News Notes

Elder F. H. Robbins spent Sabbath, February 7, with the Moundsville church. He reports that the sisters there are of good courage. Dr. V. T. Fisher of Mount Vernon, Ohio, has opened up treatment rooms in Wheeling, West Va., and the Moundsville church is much pleased to have those in charge of these treatment rooms attend their Sabbath school, and meetings.

We are sorry to learn of the death of Brother John Bloom of Grafton. He had been in poor health for many years. He died of heart failure. Elder F. H. Robbins conducted the funeral services Friday, February 13.

Miss Clara Wood has been much missed the past six weeks in the canvassing work, on account of her illness. She has recently had a relapse, and has gone home to rest for two or three weeks. Our prayers are that she may soon be strengthened to enter the Lord's work again.

Brother H. F. Kirk had good success while canvassing with Brother Belt this past week, in Tyler County. Next week he will spend a little time with Brethren Butler and Wilcox, helping them deliver. From there he will go down to Richwood to assist Brother McElphatrick, and visit the Little Birch company.

Brother T. W. Thirlwell is holding a Bible study every Friday evening at Clarksburg, and meets with the church there on Sabbaths. He is having a good interest in his meetings there at present.

The Fairmont church was pleased to have Elder F. H. Robbins with them Sabbath, February 14. The snow storm hindered some from attending the meeting.

One life, — a little gleam of time between two eternities. — Carlyle.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington Sanitarium Notes

The Washington Sanitarium Dispensary, located in the southwestern part of the city of Washington, is listed second in the number of patients cared for by dispensaries. It is also noted as the pioneer of the city in prenatal instruction.

At a recent meeting of the Associated Charities of Washington, our dispensary work was represented by Doctors Miller and Elliott. At this meeting Dr. Elliott, who has charge of the Dispensary, was elected a permanent member of the Associated Charities Committee.

While visiting the Mayo Brother's Clinic, at Rochester, Minn., Doctor Miller was elected secretary of the Mayo Club of Surgeons.

The physicians and nurses of the Washington Sanitarium, the Washington Branch Sanitarium, and the Dispensary with the Seventh-day Adventist medical students of Washington organized as a society February 7, 1914. After organizing, the society was addressed by Dr. Miller on a subject of surgery. The society will meet the first Saturday evening of each month in the interests of medical work and sanitarium principles.

MAY COLE KUHN.

CHESAPEAKE

Be in Earnest

The world is looking for men and women to-day who are in earnest. Earnestness has a wielding influence far and near. Half hearted service does not count with men, or avail with God. The writer had an experience a few days since which left a deep impression that I hope will never be forgotten. Upon entering a home in my field, I was informed that there was sickness in the home, that both the husband and wife were ill. I told what my mission was in a few words. Another man, who was a German, a relative of the family was there, and spoke very sharply to me, and said in part, "I want nothing to do with your book or such as you have", and as he afterward said I was there for the dollar. As I began to show to him that I was laboring

for the salvation of souls, the lady of the house who was well advanced in years, said, "Will you pray for us herefore you leave?" We all knelt in prayer and sought the Lord earnestly. The Spirit of the Lord seemed to soften hearts that appeared to be somewhat indifferent before. As we arose to our feet, the man who had spoken sharply to me, apologized and said he did not mean to say anything out of the way to me, as he saw that I was in earnest.

Dear brethren and sisters, let us be in earnest, for we know not "Which will prosper, this or that." Pray for the God-fearing canvasser that goes from door to door and meets the good and the bad and all classes and conditions of mankind.

Sincerely yours for the salvation of those who know not the Saviour,
JOSEPH E. JONES.

Report of College Missionary Volunteers

Our Missionary Volunteer Society is divided into four hands which are the ministerial, Bible workers', mission, and mailing bands, in addition to the general meeting.

The society as a whole meets every Sabbath afternoon at three o'clock and has had a good attendance. Some of the subjects that have been taken up are "Martin Luther," "The Waldenses," "Religious Liberty," "Importance of the Colporteur Work," and "Experiences of Some of our Colporteurs." These subjects and others were discussed by members of the ministerial hand, thus they are given an opportunity of speaking before an audience. Another pleasing feature of the meetings has been the special music which does its part in impressing the lesson of the hour upon the minds of those present.

The Ministerial Volunteers have a membership of forty with Mr. H. G. Gauker as leader and Mr. John Lemmer, secretary. They are true to their name. Meetings are being conducted by their members in a school house in South Vernon every Sunday evening. There is a large attendance and a good interest manifested. Every Thursday evening a Bible reading is given in a Mount Vernon home by three of the members. The people are interested and invite their neighbors in, so there have been as many as twenty-seven present at one meeting. There is a great amount of personal work also being done by this hand.

There are fifty-four workers in the Bible workers' band who gather in the

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending Feb. 13, 1914

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
J. L. Sauder, Portage Co.		ES	5	42	18	59 00	15 70	74 70	4 60
C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.		ES	5	30	12	40 00	15 50	55 50	15 25
C. E. Reichenbach, Licking Co.		ES	5	37	9	35 00	8 50	43 50	9 75
W. Wallace Kay, Stark Co.		ES	5	72	11	38 00	2 25	40 25	
J. B. Reichenbach, Montg'y Co.		BR	4	31	12	37 00		38 00	
Lulse Taylor, Fulton Co.		ES	4	26	10	32 00	4 00	36 00	
Ray H. Chapin, Perry Co.		ES	3	25	11	33 00	2 50	35 50	
Edna Crabbe, Columbus		GC	3	20	7	28 00	5 00	33 00	
A. L. Bassler, Noble Co.		DR	5	43	9	27 00	5 60	32 60	3 15
W. Salyer, Noble Co.		DR	5	38	10	30 00	75	30 75	1 05
C. F. Wilcox, Licking Co.		ES	4	30	9	28 00		28 00	
W. E. Wagner, Clinton Co.		GC	5	41	9	25 00	1 60	26 60	5 60
John Schick, Akron		GC	4	24	7	23 00	3 25	26 25	10 50
J. H. Stoffer, Toledo		DR	5	20	6	16 00	7 90	23 60	
Tillie Gable, Cleveland		ES	5	29	6	19 00		19 00	1 00
S. D. Phillips, Lucas		BF	5	26	12	18 00	75	18 75	
L. H. Waters, Ottawa Co.		PPF	3	16	8	15 00	2 00	17 00	
Daisy Crist, Columbus		ES	4	18	4	14 00	2 55	16 55	
Marie Flenner, Mont'y Co.		BF	3	15	5	8 50	7 75	16 25	7 75
E. J. Stipeck, Cleveland		DR	1	9		12 00	3 25	15 35	
Bessie Cotton, Canton		ES	3	12	4	14 00	75	14 75	1 20
W. E. Morgan, Columbia		BE	4	29	7	11 50	2 75	14 25	4 50
Mrs. S. D. Phillips, Noble Co.		BR	4	15	6	9 00	4 75	13 75	
Lloyd Swallen, Canton		CK	4	19	6	9 00	90	9 90	1 75
A. Knierim, Newark		GC	2	4	9	9 00		9 00	
Mrs. H. B. Wylie, Cleveland		PPF	4	10	5	7 50	35	7 85	
Helen McDowell, Ashville		PPF			2	6 00		6 00	
Beulah Morgan, E. Liverpool		PPF	1	4	2	4 50		4 00	2 25
W. Syphers, Clinton Co.		GC	3	23	1	3 00		3 00	
C. Woodworth, Findlay Co.		PPF	3	8	1		75	75	
Mrs. J. B. Reichenbach, Dayton			1		Mag		2 60	2 60	2 60
Totals	31 Agents		112	676	194	\$611 50	\$101 50	\$713 00	\$70 85

West Virginia, Week Ending Feb. 13, 1914

O. J. Belt, Tyler	ES	5	42	10	33 00	1 50	34 50	
T. M. Butler, Harrison	PPF	5	41	27	53 00	3 00	56 00	50
W. A. McElphatrick, Nicholas	GC	5	40	17	51 00	21 85	72 85	3 00
Waldo H. Wilcox, Harrison Co.	PPF	5	36	29	57 75	3 75	61 50	75
E. A. Maddox, Wood Co.	DR	4	18	6	9 00	8 25	17 25	
A. T. Halstead, Kanawha	DA&BF	4	28		51 50	11 50	63 00	2 25
Totals	6 Agents	28	204	89	\$255 25	\$49 85	\$305 10	\$6 50

District of Columbia, Week Ending Feb. 13, 1913

Eva. Oandler, Clarendon Va.	GC	6	32	6	9 00	6 26	15 26	2 26
L. A. Godwin, Montgomery	PPF	3	25	6	18 00	10 50	28 50	2 75
R. E. Orange, Prince Wm.Co.	GC	5	39	5	15 00	15 50	30 50	
F. Smith, Charles Co.	GC	3	23	14	44 00		44 00	
W.A. Williams, Stafford	PPF	4	39	17	26 00	4 50	30 50	
Totals	5 Agents	21	158	48	\$112 00	\$36 76	\$148 76	\$5 01

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Feb. 14, 1913

W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	PPF	4	31	13	22 00	3 75	25 75
F. Willruth, Lack'a Co.	CK		21	6	6 50	17 80	27 30
W. B. Dunkinson, York Co.	PPF	5	41	18	33 00	8 70	41 70
J. L. Gearhart, Snyder Co.	PPF	1	6	2	3 00		3 00
Totals	4 Agents	10	99	39	\$67 50	\$30 25	\$97 75

Chesapeake, Week Ending Feb. 13, 1913

F. H. Barritt, Howard Co.	PPF	3	16	19	37 00	3 00	40 00	
M. S. Pettibone, A. Arundel Co.	PPF	4	19	19	37 50	4 50	42 00	

J. E. Jones, Dorchester Co.	GC	5	32	17	31	25	6	75	38	00
D. W. Percy, Talbot Co.	DR	5	36	5	15	00	16	25	31	25
I. Hugues, Kent Co.	DA	5	24	34	34	00	3	00	37	00

Totals 5 Agents 22 127 94 \$154 75 \$33 50 \$188 25 \$38 50

Grand Totals: 51 Agents Value of Orders, \$1201 00 Deliveries, \$120 86

Monthly Summary of Canvassers' Reports

Month ending January 30, 1914.

Conferences	Colporteurs	Hours	Orders	Value of Books
Ohio	24	1060	361	\$1,054 85
West Virginia	6	594	343	973 70
Virginia	8	343	212	406 15
East Pennsylvania	5	372	157	362 05
Chesapeake	6	470	243	657 90
West Pennsylvania	10	767	319	907 00
New Jersey	8	483	180	590 90
District of Columbia	6	483	129	672 15
Totals	73	4572	1894	5,622 70

girls' parlor every Sabbath morning at nine-thirty. Mrs. E. G. Salisbury is leader and Venus Lewis, secretary. Bible readings are given by the members, using the outline as given in the Family Bible Teacher. Some of the readings are given as cottage meetings and others as a family Bible reading. This affords much needed instruction especially to those who are inexperienced in the Bible work. This band is subdivided into small bands of four members each, who do active work either in the small band or by giving Bible readings in Mount Vernon and this vicinity. There are at present several openings for Bible readings which are being filled from week to week. These little bands are engaged in every line of missionary work that presents itself to them, and it is hoped that a great amount of good will be the result of the work done.

The great aim before our young people of to-day is, "The gospel to all the world in this generation" and in order that this may be accomplished, there is a great need of foreign as well as home missionaries. With this duty before them fifty of the young people of Mount Vernon College organized a mission band under the direction of Professor A. E. Hall. It is divided into two parts: namely, the first year and the second year bands. The first year band has thirty members and are taking up as a basis of their study the book, "Winners of the World" by Gardner. Mr. Wells is leader and Anna Saxton, secretary. The second year band has twenty members with Mr. H. G. Gauker as leader. For their basis of study, "The Foreign Missionary" by Arthur J. Brown is used.

In each of these divisions, there is an excellent opportunity afforded to the timid members especially, to overcome their timidity by giving the lesson for the hour. This opportunity is of untold value to those who will grasp it.

The smallest but not least of the divisions of the Volunteers is the mailing band, which has seven members. Miss Ethel Howard is leader and Marie Smith, secretary. It is one of the divisions of the Bible workers' band also, and does not sit in idleness as will be seen in the following report included in the Bible workers' band.

Missionary Workers'

Report

Letters written	66
Letters received	11
Missionary visits (personal work)	148
Bible readings or cottage meetings held	6
Subscriptions taken for periodicals	9
Papers sold	193
Papers mailed, lend, or given away	772
Books lent or given away	4
Tracts lent or given away	65
Hours of Christian Help work	72
Articles of clothing given away	15
Treatments given	25
Postals sent	16
Postal received	2

E. R. CORDER, *Leader*.
ZELLA M. SCHMALTZ, *Secretary*.

The Summary

We are just starting out on a new year and the Summary for January is before us with a total of \$5,622.70. This does not look bad for a starter

yet we should not be satisfied with it. I can not help but look at West Virginia with \$973.70, and second in the list, with some degree of satisfaction and then I think "Why did they not make it \$1,000.00 as it would have taken but a few more hours. I wonder which of the colporteurs are responsible for losing those twenty hours which would easily have made up the \$26.30."

Of course West Pennsylvania came close to the \$1,000.00 mark, and when we consider that they were in an institute for the first two weeks of January and that they have been putting in good time ever since the institute closed we feel like speaking commendably of them. Before me is a report from West Pennsylvania for week ending February 6 for \$479.50. Would it not have been fine if they could have had \$20.50 more to have made it even \$500.00? You see that would have averaged up \$2,000.00 for the month. Possibly they will make the \$2,000.00 yet. We dare say they will do it in March anyway. The average sales per hour for this one week were nearly \$1.40. Some people get the idea that we must hole up like ground-hogs during the winter months, but, as a matter of fact, some of our best records have been made in February. "He that considereth the clouds shall not reap."

Ohio's report looks a little weak this month, but we had nearly all of the Ohio colporteurs in the Columbus institute for two weeks. You notice that the District of Columbia Conference came close to \$700.00. They will reach the \$1,000.00 mark soon. Chesapeake and Virginia are working hard on their institutes now so that is why their reports are not so large. New Jersey gives us nearly \$600.00. This is a good report for New Jersey for January. I have known them to run as low as \$250.00 during the winter months. It might be only just and right to say that they have been trying to help us solve the city problem which crippled them for some time, but now the workers are back in the rural territory doing well. We must solve this city problem some way very soon. Let us all make a careful study of it.

We see East Pennsylvania at the bottom of the list this time. This is because the brethren up there wished to take a little time to get a good man in charge of their work. Brother C. D. Wolff is now in the field working hard for a good institute to be held in Reading, March 15 to 30. Brother Wolff took up the work there about the middle of January. We

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Colporteurs' Institutes

Chesapeake, Baltimore . March 1-15
East Pennsylvania, Reading " 15-30

feel confident that Brother McEachern will find himself in close company with a Wolff in this report by the end of the year unless some of these other conferences get good and busy. This Wolff is very fond of getting among the sheep. He does not devour them, but gets them on the move before he is among them very long. I am sure that we all will pray that Brother Wolff may be greatly blessed of the Lord in his work in this very important field.

I. D. RICHARDSON, Gen. Ag't. C. U. C.

Religious Liberty Day

Sabbath, Feb. 28, is Religious Liberty Day. A special program has been prepared and sent to the church elders for this occasion. We are praying that this day may prove to be a great revival and spiritual victory to all of us.

The issues which are facing this people and God's cause call for fasting and a great awakening. The forces of evil are mustering strength, and stealthily laying their snares to entrap the loyal commandment keepers. The gathering storm is soon to break upon our heads.

I received word from two of the committeemen in Congress who have the three Sunday bills in charge, stating that they expect to vote favorably on these bills when they have the opportunity. The other members have been non-committal as to what they expect to do.

The chairman of the House Committee who has two of the Sunday bills in charge, notified me that the Committee intends to consider these bills soon, and that they will grant us a hearing shortly.

I have received word also that many of our state legislatures have introduced Sunday bills during the past month. Some of these bills are very rigid. One thing is very noticeable in all the recent Sunday bills. They no longer contain exemption clauses for those who keep another day. Our hope must be in God for the future.

But we owe these men a debt. Many are honest. Some prominent men of influence are urging us to keep up our noble fight for the cause of freedom. But we still have a great work before us. God says that we must testify before kings, nations, and many peoples, and warn them concerning the dangers which face them as well as us.

We must do more aggressive work than we have done. We must meet the issues which face us all over this country. The way you can help us to make our work effective this coming year is to give a liberal offering on February 28 for the religious liberty work. Each of the local, union, and North American Division Conferences receives one-third of the offering. The offering on Religious Liberty Day supplies us with the only means with which to carry on this line of work for a whole year. Can we not spare one dollar and consecrate it to this important work? Come prepared to do all you can on February 28, and let an earnest prayer accompany the gift.

C. S. LONGACRE.

What Are You Planning for Next Year?

"The true object of education is to fit men and women for service by developing and bringing into active exercise all their faculties. The work at our colleges and training schools should be strengthened year by year; for in them our youth are to be prepared to go forth to serve the Lord as efficient laborers. The Lord calls upon the youth to enter our schools and quickly fit themselves for active work. Time is short. Workers for Christ are needed everywhere. Some will be trained to enter the field as missionary nurses, some as canvassers, some as evangelists, and some as gospel ministers. Some are to be prepared to take charge of church schools in which the children shall be

taught the first principles of education. This is a very important work, demanding high ability and careful study."

The above is truly a message from the Lord to every young man and young woman that has accepted Christ. There are doubtless many young people remaining in their homes who say that they are unable to attend on account of finances.

We must not forget the scholarship plan that is in all of our conferences for the very purpose of giving a helping hand toward a Christian education in one of our schools. This has only been in operation the last few years and our most enthusiastic students are those who have taken the advantage of such an opportunity to have the privilege of attending one of our schools.

Think what such would mean to you for your future life—a Christian education, a training for life's duties, a preparation to teach others this great message which is to go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; the joy and peace in seeing souls saved from this wicked world, and at last a crown of glory in that great day when Christ comes to claim his own. What a glorious day to look forward to!

We have many, many young people in this Union Conference who are not attending any educational institution. What a great work they might do if they had the preparation to go out into the world with the message to lost mankind. Soon the whole world would hear of the soon-coming Saviour if all the young people of our denomination would step forward and get a preparation for this great work which is before us. "The talents of God's people are to be employed in giving the last message of mercy to the world." Why should the talents of our young people be used in other enterprises than in God's work? His vineyard is the whole world; it is before us. He is pleading for workers to go forth and scatter the seeds of truth, and he will give the increase.

There are several months before another school year begins and now is the time to make preparation, to lay plans to be in school in Mount Vernon next year.

Plan your work now to enter school next fall, do not put it off too late. The Lord wants you in the field during the summer and then here next September. He has a work for every one in the future.

"God gives opportunities; success depends upon the use made of them."

MINNIE O. HART.