

# Columbia Union Visitor

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

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## The Fourth Biennial Session of the Columbia Union Conference April 28 to May 10, Baltimore, Md.

A beautiful article of spring weather greeted the opening meeting of the fourth biennial session of the Columbia Union Conference, which was held in the neat and commodious building of the Baltimore church. Nearly all the delegates and workers were in attendance on the evening of April 28 to hear the first sermon of the session. Elder I. H. Evans, president of the North American Division Conference, occupied the pulpit, surrounded by as many local conference presidents as could be seated on the platform, and took for his text Job 33:4—"The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life," his theme being, "The Value of a Life." Space will only afford a brief reference to this excellent study. The Elder said:

"There are two ideas concerning the origin of man. One is the development of man from primeval state by long processes of evolution, the other is the Bible theory that God made man and gave him an existence.

"Many today hold that man, with all his advance in knowledge, will yet be able to produce man without the ordinary processes of life with which we are acquainted. Those who believe this do not believe the Bible. They hold that those who believe the Bible view are deserving of pity." He referred to a professor in one of the universities of the East as saying, "It is pitiful to see in this age of the world men who believe the story of Genesis in regard to the origin of man."

The speaker referred to the Bible record of God's creation of man as recorded in the first and second chapters of Genesis, showing man as a being made—created of God and in his own image, and from various other scriptures declared him to be a son of God.

The Elder referred to the wonderful address of Paul to the learned Greek philosophers on Mars' hill as showing that the whole human family

are but one people, one race of men upon the whole face of the earth. Said he, "The whole human family are a people who by the fact of creation are subject to the Creator in all things."

He read from the statement of the wise man—Eccl. 12:14—that the whole duty of man in all his varied phases of life is to "fear God and keep his commandments." Reference was made to the Saviour putting the same truth in a little different phraseology in the statement to the lawyer, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment," Elder Evans declaring, "The only way to keep the command of God is to love him as the Saviour declared, an obligation world-wide and to every man."

"Judged from God's standpoint there is something of great value in man. The thing of greatest value in all the world to God is man." Reading from the scriptures the words, "What is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul," Elder Evans declared, "One human life is more in God's sight than all material things in this world." "God has a price on man," said he, and quoting from the words of Christ, "Whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a mill stone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea," he declared that no one has any right other than to lead men to Christ.

The Elder referred feelingly to the scripture found in Isa. 62:3, where man is declared to be "a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God," and said, "We have no more right to scatter words to drive men away from God, than we have to scatter firebrands to burn the buildings about us."

He spoke of man as the only thing

that will not be utterly consumed when all the wonderful works of man will be destroyed.

He further said: "The man who believes in Jesus Christ, his life will measure with the life of God, to abide forever; and God whose dwelling is not in temples made with hands comes down by his Holy Spirit to dwell in the habitation of human bodies—not simply in the eternal ages of glory, but today, in this world, in the midst of the reign of sin."

Quoting from the words of Daniel that "they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever," the Elder declared, "There is no work in all the world that compares with winning souls for Christ. The highest and most wonderful work is for man to go out and win souls for God. There is nothing in all the world that will pay such infinite values."

"To study this matter of winning souls for Christ is the purpose for which we have met here in this institute, that God may make us more efficient in this great and glorious work."

### Bible Study

#### "The Divine Call to the Ministry."

I. H. EVANS

At the 10:45 A.M. Bible study hour Elder Evans gave a most helpful study on the subject "The Divine Call to the Ministry." After referring to the several systems of worship since the fall of man which included the ante-Noahic period, showing how the Lord called man, Elder Evans took up the Aaronic priesthood as being the thought of God rather than the call of man. The point was emphasized from scriptures in Exodus that God selected his own men to look after his work. The many ways in

which God selects men to accomplish his purpose was also referred to making special reference to the case of Samuel, who, when a boy, had been chosen by the Lord to deliver a most fateful message to Eli and others connected with the Lord's work of that day and time.

Reference was also made to the choosing of a king. When David was chosen to be king of Israel all of his people were surprised to know that Samuel at the instigation of the Lord set aside all the other sons of Jesse, asking if he did not have another boy. The answer was that he had another boy tending a flock of sheep. This was David, and he was sent for and anointed as king of Israel. God selected Cyrus before he was born to do a great work connected with the overturning of the Babylonian kingdom.

Coming to the New Testament times the case of John the Baptist was pointed to as an illustration of how God calls men to his work. He was in the mind of God before his birth, and received a commission which he could not have received from any earthly power or organization and which could not be taken from him by any power on earth. Nothing is more certain than that Christ selected and called men to preach. He called the twelve out of a host of men about him. He went to the fish market and the custom seat and selected men who left their political offices to follow him in the work of soul-winning. The call of Paul was a very definite one. Here was a mighty man schooled in the affairs of Israel, over-zealous in persecuting the church, suddenly turned from his enmity to Christianity to one of its most devoted champions. Such charge and such call could only come from the divine source.

This call of God is a matter that every man ought to receive before he enters the ministry. He is selected by the Lord to be his man among men, and it is a terrible thing when a man who is called of God to give his life to the preaching of the gospel for him to turn away from that work to some other. By that act he disconnects himself from God. The gospel preacher should not engage in any other kind of work, and if his services are needed in administrative work, he must realize that he is at all times a minister of the gospel with the commission to win souls for Christ, for in the last analysis this is the stupendous reason for the work committed to him.

No man can call himself to, nor can a committee call him to the ministry.

It must not only be satisfactory to the individual that God has called him, but the concurrence of those who are acquainted with his life should obtain. Even the priesthood of Jesus Christ was called of God, as Paul states it in Heb. 5:1-10. Some will say, "How am I to know that God has called me to the ministry?" In connection with what has been already said, the true minister will endure hardness as a good soldier, will not be turned from his service for God, and will manifest a passion for souls. A man's wife and his brethren are in good position to know as to his call to the ministry.

The afternoon Bible study hour Wednesday afternoon was in charge of Elder A. G. Daniells, president of the General Conference. This will be the only time he will be with the Institute, as he leaves Thursday for South Lancaster, Mass., for a visit with his son before leaving America for a trip around the world.

"It is not my intention to give a study or to preach a sermon. I just want to say a few words about my trip abroad. Some of our people criticize these long world-round trips, and I feel that we all ought to understand the matter.

"This trip around the world was arranged by the General Conference Committee. It was planned at the General Conference by workers from Australia, South America, and Europe. There was a demand at that time that the president of the General Conference should spend more of his time outside of the United States. It was arranged that I should visit India, Australia, and various parts of Europe. It was felt that the needs of the field through the world called for this help.

"When I came over from Australia in 1900 I stopped in Europe, visiting all the important parts of the field. I remember how Brother Conradi was cheered with my visit, and how with joy he informed me that they had 7,500 Sabbath-keepers in Europe, and that he was aiming at what he thought a grand total of 10,000. The tithe of that field at that time was \$46,000.00, and Brother Conradi had set his mark for \$50,000.00. The book sales were \$75,000.00, and his hope was that some day the sales of our literature should reach \$100,000.00.

"I remember well, in 1874, Elder J. N. Andrews left these shores for Europe. In that day we had no plan for the support of foreign laborers. I can remember my good old mother get

out an extra dollar or two when a call would come for help for Brother Andrews and it did my heart good when I saw Brother Conradi so happy over the results of the work in that great field.

"The report for 1913 shows 30,000 Sabbath-keepers, 300% increase in 12 years; \$275,000.00 tithe, or an increase of over 500% in the same time; and book sales to the amount of \$325,000.00; all for the one year—1913. Now that is the way the work is going in Europe. The workers have grown in number from fifty to five hundred.

"In Australia the increase runs very nearly the same. In China twenty years ago we had but one worker, old father La Rue. Now we have over 300 workers, including the natives, and hundreds of baptized believers and others being baptized all the time, and for 1913 a total of \$8,000.00 tithe. A few years ago Elder Spicer with two or three other workers was all India had. Today we have in India about 200 workers. In South America there were Elders West phal, Spies, and Town. Today we have two Union Conferences there and thousands of baptized believers, three churches, a sanitarium, and two or three printing plants, and the work is established there permanently as it is here in the United States.

"Some time ago Mr. R. E. Speer, secretary of the Presbyterian Mission Board, wrote a letter to Elder Thompson, in which he said: 'I see by your reports that you credit your believers in South America with tithe paying. I don't understand this. Do you mean to say that your converts in these mission lands of South America pay this tithe?' Mr. Speer thought, as expressed in his letter, that what we credited to South America as tithe from them was really our appropriation from our tithe here in America for the support of the mission in that field. This condition of affairs, so strange to this man, is because those who are raised up by the message to recognize God and the Sabbath truth are conscientious enough to pay tithe. All the people in India, in America, and South America and in China, who have embraced this truth, have embraced it in their hearts and they love it as we do and are as conscientious in it as we are."

Elder Daniells spoke of his visit to the church in St. Petersburg in Russia, and how that they went after things just as they do in the Sabbath-schools and churches of America. He told how that every cent in the

Sabbath-school offerings in that land goes to missions, just as it does in the United States. He said "In fact they are just Seventh-day Adventists as we are, and as earnest in tithes and offerings and church services and the Sabbath-school as we are."

"The growth of our work throughout the world of from 300 to 600% has left the movement to the status of a great world movement, and the men at the head of the various fields of this world movement ask that we meet with them and counsel with them about their work. The brethren in America want our counsel and aid, and we go to them. Should not our brethren on the outposts of the world receive the same? It happens that I am the one to go this time, and I want you, my brethren, to tell our people these things and tell it to them plainly, so that they will understand the matter fully. They need to see that these brethren who are on the firing line at the ends of the earth need counsel and help."

Elder Daniells is to visit the Australasian Union Conference in camp-meeting at Sydney, where the ministerial institute and conference will be held. On the way he expects to spend one week with the workers in Honolulu. This will be the first time the workers in that field have ever had such a visit. He will be in Fiji in June at the annual council of all the workers in Fiji. He will be in New Zealand, reaching Auckland the 30th of June, just twenty-eight years from the time he first landed there, and will meet with the church that he raised up at that time. He will be in China at the annual council and ministerial institute November 1, at which there will be a full attendance of all the workers of that field. Following this he will visit Burma and India, attending the annual council and institute in Calcutta. He will remain in India about three months. He expects to visit Egypt, Elder Conradi having arranged for a visit with the workers through Egypt and Palestine. From there he will go via Constantinople, Roumania, and Bulgaria, to the Friedensau council, July, 1915. He told his hearers that over in Europe they are planning for this meeting now and are making a tent for that occasion that will seat 5,000. Said he, "That will be something bigger than anything we have yet had in America."

"Every foot of the way I shall meet with our brethren and our churches. It is not a wild world tramp. It is a trip of visiting, of help, and counsel. I can only pray as Paul said to the

Romans, that he might 'come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ,' and I certainly desire the prayers of my brethren that God will make this trip a blessing to all our workers who are struggling in their respective fields.

"I rejoice that this message is going into just what John saw, a message to 'every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people,' and that it is gathering out a people who are 'keeping the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.' I rejoice that after 6,000 years of the ruin of sin Jesus Christ will take a people as the trophies of his grace, and that these will visit with him the many glorious worlds that have never fallen. Then we shall have a story to tell. Then we shall understand it all better than we do now. Oh, it is a great prospect that we have before us, the blessedness of the kingdom of God.

"The hour has come for us to make a complete surrender to God, to become spiritual men as we have never been before, and to lift our people up to a higher plane than ever before. What we want now is a spiritual life and spiritual people, we want to be spiritual men. We want to help out people. We want to lift them up. We want to get them nearer Christ. If we can get them walking with him, the living Christ, this will be their greatest protection."

The hour closed by the assembly being led by Elder G. B. Thompson in earnest prayer for God's blessing to rest upon Elder Daniells throughout his trip.

### Bookmen's Convention

The first meeting of the Bookmen's Convention convened at 4 P.M. April 29. Elder W. W. Eastman was the speaker of the hour. He read a part of the twelfth chapter of Revelation, showing that Satan who has persecuted the church in all ages, is doing the same work here in the end of the world.

He referred to the early church as recorded in Acts, showing the persecution the church there received and how it scattered the believers everywhere, and everywhere they went, they spread a knowledge of the gospel, so that it was said that they filled all Jerusalem with their doctrine.

He also referred to the Waldenses, showing how they traveled through the country and over the hills, and mountains scattering the Word of God, which was a direct fulfillment of Rev. 12, where the church

fled into the wilderness, in a place prepared by God. And when Rome would destroy the people of God, they were protected in the hills and mountains.

The faith of the Waldenses was almost identical with that of Seventh-day Adventists. They had a system of schools, and the Bible was made the basis of their education. They believed in the soon coming of Christ, and the binding obligations of the decalogue. They felt that they had a special message for the world. They sent out missionaries and did house to house work, the same as we are doing today. It was Rome whom Satan used to persecute the Waldenses, and it is Rome Satan is using today to hinder the progress of the work of God.

Years ago God called our attention to the Waldenses and their manner of working, as a work that should be carried on by Seventh-day Adventists. Our work is a counterpart of the work done by the Waldenses, and just as Rome endeavored to stop the work that they were carrying forward, just so Rome will endeavor to hinder the circulation of our literature. She has already pronounced our literature scurrilous, and efforts will be made to hinder its circulation, and it is our duty to place this literature in the homes of the people while we have an opportunity.

### Session Notes

In the first devotional meeting which was led by Elder Evans a deep sense of appreciation for the blessings of God seemed to rest upon all in attendance. The spirit of the meeting was an assurance to us that the presence of God will be manifested in a marked manner during all the session of the Conference.

The first business meeting of the Conference was called on the 29th at 9:15 A. M., opening with the hymn "Give of Your Best to the Master." Elder Evans led the Conference in fervently praying for God's manifestation and blessing to guide and direct in the work of the Conference session. The roll of delegates revealed the most if not all present.

Professor B. G. Wilkinson, president, presented his report showing the progress made in all departments of conference endeavor. As this report was printed in full in the previous number it will not be necessary to refer to it except in passing. The secretary and treasurer's report and the Union general missionary secre-

tary's report also showed progress in Conference work. Expressions commendatory of the work accomplished under the blessing of God were made by Elder I. H. Evans and others.

The spirit of the brethren in general seems to be a determination to make the necessary preparation to accomplish the work committed to us for this generation.

The important matter of entertaining the delegates and workers is being satisfactorily conducted by a local committee, the chairman of which is Elder R. T. Baer, who have secured the hospitable consideration of neighbors living near the church.

A well-arranged cafeteria is being conducted under the auspices of Brother and Sister Paap and a corps of efficient helpers.

The song services are in charge of Brother L. E. Froom of Cambridge, Maryland, and a good choir.

Local typewriter companies have kindly furnished a number of typewriters for use of the meeting, among which are the Remington, Underwood Monarch, L. C. Smith, and Oliver.

The local newspapers are treating us with courtesy and consideration in publishing reports of the meeting.

## Committees

The following committees were appointed by the executive committee of the Conference:

Nominations: G. B. Thompson, J. S. Washburn, J. B. Gaede, W. J. Stone, E. G. Salisbury, A. R. Sandborn, R. H. Martin, G. C. Quillin, J. L. Shaw.

Plans: H. M. J. Richards, R. T. Dowsett, I. D. Richardson, R. E. Harter, S. B. Horton, C. L. Benson, C. L. Stone, H. W. Miller, J. G. Hanhardt. Credentials: E. K. Slade, F. W. Paap, F. H. Robbins.

Distribution of Laborers: Presidents of local conferences, Union Conference President, and I. H. Evans.

Constitution: R. T. Baer, S. B. Horton, B. F. Kneeland.

Seating of Delegates: R. T. Dowsett, S. T. Shadel, H. M. Jump.

Pastoral: B. G. Wilkinson, R. T. Baer, R. E. Harter.

## Annual Report of the President of Mount Vernon College for the School Year Nineteen Thirteen-Fourteen

In harmony with the recommendation of the Union Conference Committee in session during the General Conference, the college made arrangements for a thorough canvass of the territory of this Union for students. Professor John made his field of labor, Eastern Pennsylvania, and remained there from the camp-meeting time until into August. The president of the school and the Bible teacher also visited this camp-meeting, together with Professor Wilkinson, who took an active interest in behalf of the young people and the college.

Professor Anderson worked as thoroughly as possible, in the brief time that was allowed him, the Western Pennsylvania Conference. The interest at the camp-meeting in this conference was great. Professor Anderson had a good hand on the young people, being in charge of the young people in the camp-meeting, and the result of his short work in Western Pennsylvania has told in a material way in students and in prospective students for the ensuing year.

Professor Hall worked in the northern part of Ohio, made a thorough canvass of all the churches of the north, during the month of July, and the early part of August.

The president of the college worked the southern part of the state of Ohio for about two weeks and visited the following camp-meetings: Eastern and Western Pennsylvania, Virginia and Ohio. He also worked a short time in the New Jersey Conference among the churches.

The effect of the thorough canvass of the territory in the interest of the enrollment has been manifested. Mount Vernon College is enjoying probably the largest enrollment of its history as an educational institution, the present enrollment being one hundred eighty-five.

When school opened on September seventeen, it was found that forty students had matriculated for college subjects, the remaining number of the school doing academic, normal, business, and music work. We have paid special attention to the collegiate department of our work this year and are hoping to graduate a class of four men from this department. We have not yet organized a junior class of college students, and shall probably not do so, inasmuch as it would be impossible for us to grant them degrees after this year.

The commercial department has made material growth over last year and is prospering under the administration of Professors Pulver and Foote. We are hoping to make this department stronger by the addition of one year to the requirements for graduation, making the combined business and stenographic courses cover a period of three years. The demand for thoroughly trained stenographers and bookkeepers is so great that we feel we should make this department one of our strong features.

The music department has been progressing this year, perhaps more than during the past, so much so that it has been necessary for us to provide a new practice room and to buy a new piano. We are still having to send some of our students out to practice on pianos that are given us to use by neighbors. We find this department a great financial help to the school, and we hope that it, too, may do more and better work during the ensuing year than it has during this present year. There is no reason why the institution operating under the new arrangement should not keep its music department strong. It has been necessary to employ an assistant in this department during the present year, inasmuch as classes have been conducted in all departments of piano and vocal music.

The normal work has not been as healthy in growth as we had hoped it might be. The enrollment in this department has been small. We know, however, that the needs of the Union which are to be met by this institution in the way of church school teachers are great and pressing, and it is hoped that we may lay plans so that this department shall be the leading feature of our institution. To this end it will be necessary for us to conduct a good, lively summer school, give our normal department a good write-up in our catalogue, and enlist the cooperation of all of our conference officers. We shall be glad to supply, as far as it is possible for us to do, all of the church schools of this Union with teachers from this department. The facilities for this work in regard to the model school, are not what they should be. We do not know what attitude the church may assume toward a great advancement in this branch of the department, but it is to be hoped that if we are to retain permanently the normal work of this Union, we shall do all in our power to conduct a good model school as well as the other divisions of this department.

The spiritual condition of the school

during the past months has been beyond reproach. Nearly twenty per cent of our students were not church members when school opened, but we began immediately to conduct the regular Friday night prayer and social meeting, which has been well attended the entire year. The manifestation of a strong spiritual condition has been in this meeting from the first. Perhaps one hundred fifty of our students attend this service regularly.

The Sabbath-school has also been a means of great help to the institution and we hope that it has been of great assistance to the individual students. There has been a regular attendance of about one hundred sixty students in this division. The donations per week have run about fifteen dollars.

The students conduct the young people's services weekly. Early in the year the Bible workers' band and the ministerial band were formed, and these bands have grown until now, perhaps one half of our school are in regular attendance at these bands. The object of the ministerial band is to prepare young men for entering the ministry. The object of the Bible workers' band is to prepare young women to enter the Bible work. These bands meet for one hour between Sabbath-school and church services each Sabbath before noon. Under the supervision of Professor Hall the foreign mission bands have had a healthy growth, so it has been necessary to divide the bands. These bands take up regular systematic study of foreign mission work, needs, and fields. These bands meet Friday evening before the students' social service.

At the close of the week of prayer all of the students who were in the school at the time and had not already given their hearts to Christ, did so. Thirty-five were baptized and of these thirty-five, Mount Vernon church received twenty-nine. Some connected with their home churches and others were already members of some church, so that at the present time there are only two or three members of the school who are not leading active Christian lives. We are glad for this manifestation of the presence of the Lord in our work and we are glad, too, to report a healthy spiritual condition that we hope, by the help of the Lord, to promote and maintain.

The support rendered us in the field by the general laborers and especially by our esteemed Union Conference President, has rendered possible a

larger sphere of usefulness, than it is possible for a local community to give. We have felt throughout the Union a strong sympathy with our work, and a strong cooperation. We have appreciated this beyond measure and wish by this means to express our gratitude to our co-laborers in the Union for the hearty support they have rendered us.

The faculty which has been selected and retained by our Board for so many years, shows every evidence of strength and unity. The breadth of experience that they have secured and the training under my predecessor bears fruitage in the present year's work, and it will be impossible for me to ascribe too high appreciation to them for the spirit of unity, and strength that comes from unity, which has been manifested by them during the year. It has been possible for us to agree upon every subject under consideration, and thus to dispatch faculty business affairs readily, and to come to an understanding, so that we might work consistently.

This year, according to the statistics given by our registrar from the students, we find that the total book and periodical sales of those who have helped themselves by canvassing during the past summer, have aggregated nine thousand thirty-six dollars and seventy-nine cents. Truly the canvassing work is co-related with the educational work is one of the greatest movements of the day in connection with our message, and we hope to see this work strengthened and advanced as the time goes by. We find that sixteen earned full scholarships and nine earned half-scholarships and more, in the Columbia Union, and are now in college. We find them to be among our very best students. We hope the spring canvassing institute may add impetus to the work that will put double the number of students into the canvassing field than were there last year. This truly is one of our greatest resources.

We believe there is a great future ahead of the institution as an academy. We see no reason why Mount Vernon should not be one of the leading academicschools in the denomination, situated as it is in the midst of so strong a constituency, accessible from all points by good railroad connections and surrounded by so much wealth in agricultural and industrial lines. The future of the school seems very bright. With humility and a strong Christian experience, coupled with a good preparation for the work on the part of those who are carrying

forward the work, surely the institution should command and retain the good will of all of its constituents, and the educational work of this institution should develop from year to year.

The Lord has blessed us in every way during the past months of this present year, and we hope for the prayers of our associates for future success. We are glad for prosperity, but we do not wish prosperity to cause us to relax our grip on the hand of God, and to lessen our dependence upon him for support and success.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

### Camp-Meeting

"Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly." Joel 2:15. This prophecy is applicable now. The time in which we live is one of intense excitement. The tension of feeling runs high among the great masses of the people.

Satan knows that his time is short, and he is making his last mighty struggle to ensnare souls. It is his studied plan to hold people in sin until probation closes when it is too late for them to be saved.

In a very short time the great conflict between good and evil can be finished. The world is ripe for the harvest. Prophecies have been and are being fulfilled which point to the nearness of Christ's second coming. The nations are angry; the signs in the sun, moon, and stars have been fulfilled. We see the heaping together of riches; earthquakes, tornadoes, volcanoes, and tidal waves are destroying many lives every year; and a very prominent sign of the end is the proclamation of the gospel of the kingdom which is going very rapidly to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

We are exhorted in Heb. 10:25 that so much the more as we see the day approaching we are to assemble ourselves together. This means to meet together to seek for spiritual blessings. Is there any better way to have one grand rally of our churches each year than to come together in our annual camp-meeting? In Christ's Sermon on the Mount, he said to his disciples, "Ye are the light of the world." If our camp-meetings are properly conducted they will be a light, promoting spiritual life and courage to those of our faith, and unbelievers will be touched and converted.

Who should attend the camp-meet-

ing? I quote from Volume VI. Testimony Number 34, the following: "It is important that the members of our churches attend our camp-meetings. The enemies of truth are many, and because our numbers are few we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth. Some will say, 'It is expensive to travel, and it would be better for us to save the money and give it for the advancement of the work when it is so much needed.' Do not reason in this way. God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of his people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being present with your families. It would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. You cannot afford to lose one such privilege."

I hope our people in Western Pennsylvania will put forth every effort to attend our next camp-meeting which will be held in the Homestead Park, near Homestead, June 11-21. Homestead is a suburb of Pittsburgh, and can be easily reached by the electric cars from Pittsburgh. Those coming on either the Pennsylvania or the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie trains can get off at Homestead. Within two squares of either station is the Homestead and Mifflin electric cars which run direct to the camp ground.

#### BOARDING

Meals will be served at the dining pavilion on the cafeteria plan, also cooked food such as beans, potatoes, soup, etc., will be sold at cost to those who wish to eat in their tents. It will be necessary for those boarding in their tents to bring dishes as such will not be furnished to those buying food in bulk. There will be a grocery stand for the convenience of the campers.

#### WHAT TO BRING

Those tenting should bring plenty of bedding, and all have warm wraps, umbrellas, overshoes, "Christ in Song" singing books, and Bibles. As the meeting will be early in the season, the evenings may be cold, so come prepared for whatever weather we may have.

#### TENTS AND ROOMS

Tents will rent without floor at \$2.50 and \$3.00; and rooms will be furnished as reasonable as possible. Please order tents or rooms as early as convenient so that you will not be disap-

## Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending April 24, 1914

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
A. L. Bassler, Noble Co.		DR	5	56	16	48 00	14 35	62 36	
L. H. Waters, Ottawa Co.		PPF	5	45	24	41 00		41 00	
J. H. Stafford, Lucas Co.		DR	5	44	11	38 00	3 75	41 75	75
J. L. Sauder, Portage Co.		ES	5	40	4	15 00	3 75	18 75	96 97
Ray H. Chapin, Perry Co.		ES	4	35	8	28 00	3 75	31 75	
W. Syphers, Wilmington		GC	5	33	3	9 00	3 50	12 50	24 00
J. B. Reichenbach, Montg'y Co.		BR	3	31					104 00
M.C. Woodworth, Findlay Co.		PPF	4	30	8	13 00	3 75	16 75	75
D. J. Royer, Cuyahoga Co.		DR	1	11	14	47 00	6 05	53 05	
W. E. Wagner, Wilmington		GC	5	29	3	7 00	3 25	10 25	75
W. H. Geisweiler, Springfield		PP	5	28	8	26 00		26 00	
W. Wallace Kay, Stark Co.		ES	4	25	1	3 00	16 50	19 50	75
Daisy Crist, Columbus		ES	4	24	7	22 00	1 25	23 25	6 00
John Lemmer, Fairfield Co.		GC	3	23	5	15 00	6 25	21 25	5 05
C. E. Reichenbach, Mt. Vernon		ES	4	20	5	21 00	2 00	23 00	
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.		GC	2	20	3	7 00	8 05	15 05	
Lloyd Swallen, Stark Co.		ES	4	19	1	3 00	18 60	21 60	1 85
John Schick, Summit Co.		GC	3	18	4	13 00	9 10	22 10	18 75
W. E. Morgan, Columbia Co.		PPE	4	17	5	8 00	1 50	9 50	2 00
Lula Taylor, Fulton		ES	2	15	4	12 00	11 80	23 80	
R. De Garmo, Medina Co.		GC	2	15	4	12 00	7 00	19 00	
C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.		ES	1	12	1	3 00	2 85	15 85	4 90
Beulah Morgan, Wellsville		PPF	2	10	5	7 50	5 00	12 50	
Mrs. H. B. Wylie, Cleveland		PPF	3	11	1	2 00	1 30	3 30	3 95
Miscellaneous		GC	4	13	3	9 00	75	9 75	4 00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>24 Agents</b>		<b>99</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>\$409 50</b>	<b>\$134 10</b>	<b>\$543 60</b>	<b>\$274 47</b>

#### Chesapeake, Week Ending April 24, 1914

Jno. J. Martin, Calvary Co.	DR	5	45	33	103 00	1 65	104 65	
G. W. Lawrence, Calvert Co.	DR	5	44	36	90 00	5 80	95 80	
I. H. Barritt, Allegany Co.	DR	5	40	15	48 00	2 50	50 50	25 50
G. R. Apsley, Allegheny Co.	DR	5	40	19	65 00	2 90	67 90	
Mrs. J. I. Laurent, Baltimore	GC	5	21	10	40 00		40 00	
David W. Percy, Talbot Co.	DA	5	41	8	24 00	25 40	49 40	
J. E. Jones, Sussex Co.	PPF	5	40	41	73 00	12 75	85 75	
M.S. Pettibone, A. Arundel Co.	PPF	5	35	10	25 00	6 70	31 70	15 40
Naomi Geisenderfer, Arlington		4	25	8	14 75	6 00	20 75	
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.	CK	5	41	21	33 00	8 75	41 75	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10 Agents</b>		<b>49</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>201 \$515 75</b>	<b>\$72 45</b>	<b>\$588 20</b>	<b>\$40 90</b>

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##### Y.I. Watchman Signs Prot.

Mrs. O. C. Weller		88		8 80
J. I. Laurent, Baltimore			40	4 00
T. H. Barritt		25		2 50
G. R. Apsley		29		2 90
Mrs. Laurent			125	12 50
Naomi Geisenderfer	13			1 30
<b>Total</b>		<b>67</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>125 4 32 00</b>

#### West Virginia, Week Ending April 24, 1914

W. A. McElphatrick, Webster	GC	14	114	23	74 00	46 35	120 35	125 00
O. J. Belt, Tyler	ES	2	16	4	8 00			25 45
T. M. Butler, Clarksburg	PPF	10	73	38	56 00	5 45	61 45	126 35
Waldo H. Wilcox, Harrison Co.	PPF	10	64	15	29 00	1 25	30 25	135 25
Clara Wood, Wood Co	CK	4	30	13	20 00		20 00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5 Agents</b>		<b>40</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>84 \$187 00</b>	<b>\$53 05</b>	<b>\$242 05</b>	<b>\$413 05</b>

#### District of Columbia, Week Ending April 24, 1914

R. E. Orange, Prince Wm. Co.	DR	4	34	8	24 00	10 20	34 20	
A. H. Taltamus, Panquier Co.	DR	4	34		133 00		133 00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2 Agents</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>\$157 00</b>	<b>\$10 20</b>	<b>\$167 20</b>	



## East Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 24, 1914

W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	PPF	4	39	15	33 00	3 75	36 75	
F. A. Brownell, Scranton	GC	3	16	13	46 00		46 00	2 25
W. B. Dunkinson, York Co.	PPF	5	40	10	21 00	13 70	34 70	35
F. Willruth, Scranton	CK		32	13	46 00	17 00	63 00	7 30
J. L. Gerhart, Snyder Co.	PPF	4	30	5	7 57		7 57	75 20
W. S. Harmon	GC	2	15	5	16 00		16 00	
E. Tolliver, Plymouth	BF	5		4	6 00		6 00	
Mrs. Park Drake, Johnsonville		3	11	7	6 00		6 00	

Totals 8 Agents 26 183 72 \$181 57 \$33 45 \$216 02 85 10

## West Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 24, 1914

A. Brownlee, McKeesport	PPF	5	48	3	17 00	12 70	29 70	87 90
J. Brownlee, Greene Co.	DR	5	43	15	29 00	5 25	34 25	
J. S. Neely, Armstrong Co.	GC	3	21	13	36 00	7 85	43 85	
L. M. Yohe, Armstrong Co.	ES	5	43	10	30 00	30 25	60 25	

Totals 4 Agents 18 147 41 \$112 00 \$56 05 \$168 05 \$87 90

## New Jersey, Week Ending April 24, 1914

Edward Sterner, Millville	PPF	5	40	8	12 00	3 90	15 90	5 90
Wm. Schmidt, Elizabeth	GC	3	25		3 00	9 20	12 20	12 20
G. W. Blinn, Burlington	GC	5	43	19	57 00		57 00	
Magazines					46 85			46 85

Totals 3 Agents 13 108 28 \$118 85 \$13 10 \$85 10 \$164 95

Grand Totals: 56 Agents Value of Orders, \$1713 67 Deliveries, \$998 37

pointed when you come. We advise all who can live in tents to do so as only a few rooms can be had near the camp ground. Bring all baggage checks to the camp ground, leave them at the book stand, and your baggage will be looked after. I trust that we shall hear from you soon as to rooms or tents, and that we shall have a spiritual feast together.

F. H. ROBBINS.

## News Notes

The ministers of this conference are now attending the Union Conference meeting at Baltimore.

H. K. Hackman, secretary and treasurer of the conference is attending the meeting in Baltimore.

On Sabbath, April 25, Elder Robbins spoke in the First Pittsburgh church on, "The Greatest Missionary Movement of the Age," taking for his text Matt. 24:14. He showed very plainly that we are living in the last days. The signs in the heavens have been fulfilled, and the signs in the earth are being fulfilled. The third angel's message is to go to the world at this time, and if we do not carry it out, God will raise up others who will. It is a message of God, and no power on

earth can stop its advancement. The members want to do their part to forward this message and hasten the coming of the Lord.

Elder J. P. Gaede, pastor of the German, also of First Allegheny church, baptized five on Sunday, April 19. This makes fifteen that have been baptized into the Pittsburgh churches recently.

Do not forget the camp-meeting to be held at Homestead Park, June 11-21. This meeting will be held not so much for people who do not know the truth, but especially for our own people. We would urge our brethren and sisters in West Pennsylvania Conference to make a special effort to be there that they may receive the blessings which the Lord has in store for those who attend.

Elder Gaede closed his course of lectures Sunday evening with a good attendance. Many manifested a deep interest in the studies, and want to know more. He will keep in touch with the interested ones, and hopes that it will result in some of them accepting the truth.

Miss Burnett, the Bible worker, is meeting with success in this great

city. Her readers numbering about fifty show a deep interest in the truth, and some have already begun to keep the Sabbath. Many of them are planning to attend the camp-meeting at Homestead Park.

"Like as the waves make toward the pebbled shore,

So do our minutes hasten to their end."

## VIRGINIA

Elder Walker is spending some time again with Brother Gordon at Portsmouth and they report a good interest and write that they expect to have another baptism soon. The work is truly encouraging at Portsmouth.

Miss Swan writes that her school at Rileyville will close about the first of May. She is much encouraged over the results of her work there, and feels that the children have made good advancement in many ways.

Elders W. H. Sebastian reports an excellent interest at both Norfolk and Portsmouth among the colored people. He says there are four new Sabbath keepers at each place to be baptized soon. The tithes and offerings are coming in well and the work is making good progress.

The First Richmond church, like the Lynchburg church, has raised more thus far this year, to pay on its church debt than it raised during the whole year of 1913. This is because we have organized and are carrying on a systematic plan and are asking all to take part. We confidently expect to see the Richmond church debt greatly reduced before the close of the year.

The church school at Richmond has been a real success the past year. The students, as a general thing, have made good progress, and some have done excellent work. Our other schools have done good work, considering all the circumstances, and we are sure that a good beginning has been made that should encourage us to press the work harder in the future.

Sister Rice gives a very encouraging report of the work at Lynchburg, and from her letter, we decide that

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the new brethren who have moved there are quite a help and strength to the work. She says, "Our Sabbath-school is growing, and they tell me it was the largest yesterday that it has ever been. One brother has recently taken his stand for the truth. Our missionary society is well attended. We have as much money ready to send in to-morrow to pay on the church debt as we paid in all the last year.

"As for my own work, it has increased and opened up in the past six weeks as it has not done since I have been here. Last week, and week before, I had appointments for cottage and prayer meetings for every night, but Saturday night, and I have more openings than I can fill. The work here has been hard on me this winter. I could do more work in a level place, and where I did not have to do so much walking." Sister Rice states further, that she may have to take a rest from her arduous labors. She is very deeply concerned about a church school being conducted at Lynchburg next year, as are others also, and we trust that this matter will receive careful attention.

## EAST PENNSYLVANIA TITHE RECEIPTS MARCH, 1914

Allentown .....	\$ 41 39
Ariel .....	20 12
Bloomsburg .....	7 28
Carbondale .....	18 84
Carlisle .....	30 97
Cherry Flats .....	
Covington .....	23 29
Fairhill .....	27 01
Fleetwood .....	
First African .....	18 22
First German .....	82 82
Harrisburg .....	61 39
Hawley .....	13 50
Kulp .....	3 70
Lancaster .....	37 65
Lebanon .....	75 25
Lorenton .....	
N. Phila. ....	166 54
Northumberland .....	20 30
Orwell .....	77 73
Reading .....	329 85
Roaring Branch .....	15 90
Sayre .....	27 35
Scranton .....	43 04
Shnnk .....	
Shimersville .....	7 49
So. Canaan .....	
Stroudsburg .....	11 44
West. Phila. ....	328 37
Wade .....	28 16
Wellsboro .....	3 75
Wilkes Barre .....	40 21
Williamsport .....	26 32
York .....	5 20

Towanda .....	8 00
Berwick .....	
Hanover .....	
Mifflintown .....	8 25
Phoenixville .....	
Chambersburg .....	5 74
Conference .....	14 00

\$1628 98

L. P. EMERSON, Treas.

## OBITUARY

GAULT.—Mary Ellen, wife of Alfred Gault, died at the family home near Ashland, Ohio, on April 14, 1914, being at the time of her death in her fifty-eighth year. Sister Gault was born in Somerset County, Pennsylvania, and at the age of twelve years, with her family removed to Ashland County, Ohio, where she made her home until she fell asleep in Jesus. She leaves to mourn their loss a husband and four children and a wide circle of friends. Sister Gault was a great sufferer for over a year and a half, but through it all she was patient and loving to all about her. All that human hands could minister was done for her recovery but an All Wise Providence willed that she should rest from her labors. From childhood she was an earnest Christian, and for the last ten years of her life was a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Her death makes the first break in the family circle, but the day that shall put an end to all pain and parting, and unite the tender ties that here have been broken, will soon dawn—it hastens on apace. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Rev. Keller and Rev. Wylie of the Dunkard Church.

NED S. ASHTON.

DYE.—Mrs. Minerva Dye, daughter of James H. Beall was born January 20, 1881, and died April 13, 1914. On July 1, 1912 she accepted the peculiar doctrines held by the Seventh-day Adventists, and following her baptism was taken into church fellowship. Her faithful and devoted life ever bore testimony to her sincerity. A spirit of kindness, of self-sacrifice, of sowing seed of sunshine, of blessing the lives of others, made up her earthly life. On her death the Cumberland church has lost a faithful member, and a loving husband, father, brothers, sisters, a child of ten months, with many friends, are left to mourn their loss. Funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Brother G. R. Apsley. FRED M. FAIRCHILD.

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