

# Columbia Union Visitor

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

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## Strive to Enter In

All through the varied scenes of life,  
I've found in everything there's strife;  
But let us strive to enter in  
At heaven's gate all free from sin.

There we may see and learn and know  
'Twas best to suffer here below  
That we might gain that final rest,  
And be with Christ forever blest.

Forever blest! Oh blessed thought,  
For unseen hands and powers have  
wrought  
To save from out this wicked land  
A true and faithful little band.

There may we all join hand in hand  
And view the glories of that land  
There we may bow around his feet,  
And worship round his mercy seat.

M. P. H.

## From Mid-Winter to Mid-Summer

After a pleasant ocean trip of about ten days, I find myself far away from the ice bound streets of blizzard stricken New York City and once more surrounded by the beauties of the tropics.

The few hours spent in Jersey City will long be remembered for the hearty welcome I received from friends both old and new. Although my visit was quite unexpected, both of the English churches had hastily arranged farewell services which gave me an appropriate reminder of my former labors among them and of their loyalty to the cause of truth in all lands. It was especially gratifying to me to find a number of brethren for whom we had labored in the past now actively assisting Elder Moffett in that important field.

At 2 P. M., March 14, I sailed the third time away from my native land for the sunny Carribean. We spent a few hours in the historic harbor of Santiago, Cuba, and arrived in Kingston, Jamaica, Friday morning. While much of the city has been rebuilt better than before, yet there were many sad reminders of the earthquake of January 14, 1907.

After a pleasant visit with Elder N. Aaborg, pastor of the Kingston church and manager of the sanitarium treatment rooms that are being successfully

conducted in the city, we were again on our way to Panama.

We were favored with fine weather the entire trip. On the third day out from New York, overcoats disappeared and summer clothing was used more and more as we proceeded on our way.

Monday morning, March 23, found us in the midst of an unusual scene of activity in the south land. The electric light indicated the course of the great canal that "divides the land and unites the world." No expense has been spared to make this one of the wonders of this age of wonders. After several years of faithful toil the enterprise is nearly finished.

What should this mean to Seventh-day Adventists? A shortening of the distance between us and our fields so that the heralds of the coming King of Kings can soon "finish" the proclamation of the everlasting gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. If all Christian people were as hopeful and faithful to their God-given task of enlightening the world as the promoters of the canal have been, we too could soon see its accomplishment.

The few days spent here give evidence that the message of truth does take hold of honest hearts. Many that I meet here are believers that I met years ago in the islands. In spite of many difficulties the work is onward.

There are splendid openings now for advancing into new portions of our territory. The government is offering inducements to secure immigration. A few missionary families that are willing to endure hardships for the sake of the cause of truth are needed to go ahead and secure good locations for schools and churches in these new districts. In this way much of the forward movements could become financially self-supporting.

W. G. KNEELAND.

*Cristobal, Canal Zone.*

## An Interesting Incident

During the latter part of the Conference an inquiry was sent in by the editor of the Woman's Inquiry Col-

umn of the *Baltimore News* asking for information concerning the work of Seventh-day Adventists. Quoting verbatim, the inquiry is as follows:

"Kindly let me know if Adventists eat meat or are they exempt only from pork? Are they hostile to Roman Catholics? Are Adventists and Seventh-day Adventists the same in doctrine?"

Replying to this, our Reporting Committee made the following statements:

1. The majority of Seventh-day Adventists, in harmony with thousands of their fellow citizens throughout the world, are vegetarians. They adopt a vegetarian diet, however, for physiological rather than moral reasons. The practice of vegetarianism is not an article of their faith, nor do they hold that the eating of meat is contrary to the instruction of the Scriptures. The original diet provided for man excluded flesh foods. See Genesis 1. Later, when flesh foods were permitted, a distinction was made between clean and unclean animals. Leviticus II. The physiological principle which condemned the use of some animals for food in the Mosaic period, might apply now to all animals in consequence of the quite generally diseased conditions of all animals today.

2. Seventh-day Adventists are not engaged in an anti-Catholic movement; nor are they anti-Methodist or anti-Baptist, or anti-any other denomination. They coincide with approved and standard commentators that the papal system of theology and church work is the subject of prophecy, notably in Daniel and the Revelation, and that the faithful preaching of the gospel includes reference to that system. But false Protestantism is also a subject of prophecy which is to be given equal attention. For instance, the papal system and false Protestantism stand for and teach the obligation of Sunday observance, and claim that the state and the church should be united, to an extent at least. These are foreign to the Bible doctrine on those subjects. In other words, Seventh-day Adven-

# COLUMBIA UNION CONFERENCE

## TABLE SHOWING DEVELOPMENT OF CONFERENCE

Organized, November 1907

Number of Churches, 206

Membership, 6063

Within the Union there are 14 cities with a population of 100,000 and more.  
 8 cities with a population of 75,000 and more.  
 12 cities with a population of 50,000 and more.  
 28 cities with a population of 25,000 and more.  
 53 cities with a population of 15,000 and more.  
 115 cities with a population of 15,000 and more.

Total Population, 20,080,867

Number of Laborers, 144.

### MEMBERSHIP OF CONFERENCES

	Ches.	D. C.	E. Pa.	N. J.	Ohio	Va.	W. Pa.	W. Va.	Total	No. Churches
1907	578		1064	554	2338	509	800	220	6679	206
1908	589	662	1215	623	2236	539	821	315	7000	215
1909	569	748	1148	625	2236	455	822	184	6787	211
1910	557	876	1157	664	2130	418	765	193	6760	207
1911	576	895	1177	682	2130	470	768	221	6919	203
1912	625	871	1185	726	2050	521	849	211	7038	205
1913	713	825	1200	825	2057	583	806	227	7236	211

### CONFERENCE TITHE RECEIPTS

										Total Un. Bks.
1907	\$5380 76	10433 65	12629 22	7103 84	29116 84	3523 61	11527 21	2339 54	82054 66	70585 50
1908	6800 83	11168 30	14705 42	9372 56	27184 62	4631 91	11153 69	2507 42	87638 75	85461 80
1909	6488 49	11251 04	14709 13	11199 70	29572 13	4791 29	9619 19	2427 55	90221 82	99136 90
1910	7578 17	13554 66	16073 77	10621 43	32337 68	5234 12	9669 04	2437 91	97842 78	103343 60
1911	8963 22	16678 00	18866 75	12992 73	30309 80	4656 65	10951 17	3136 00	106554 81	133283 40
1912	10584 47	15021 40	21290 63	14698 86	36681 09	5629 00	12807 00	3670 00	120375 08	131352 40
1913	10078 21	17670 98	20352 60	18511 08	39605 31	6405 10	14606 06	3816 09	131542 90	

### MISSION OFFERINGS

	10, 15 and 20 cents-a-week	Per Cap.
1908	10 cents-a-week, \$18679 56	.049
1909	10 cents-a-week, 21984 49	.064
1910	10 cents-a-week, 29681 25	.09
1911	10 cents-a-week, 28002 28	.082
1912	15 cents-a-week, 51648 22	.154
1913	15 & 20 cents-a-week, 57298 18	.165

### INSTITUTIONAL INDEBTEDNESS

	Mt. Vernon	C. Pa. San.	Total
1909	32951 21		
1910	30675 47	82075 30	112750 86
1911	30884 64	45889 46	76874 10
1912	28332 88	17107 76	45440 64
1913	26484 35	9926 23	36410 58
1914	18000 00	9926 23	27926 23

### TITHE PER CAPITA

1907	\$11 81	1910	14 47
1908	12 52	1911	15 40
1909	13 29	1912	17 10

1913 - \$18 18

### LITERATURE SALES

1910-11	\$119,885.13
1912-13	196,634.8

tists stand for the Bible Sabbath and the Christian principle of absolute separation of church and state.

3. Seventh-day Adventists differ from Adventists who observe the first of the week in many particulars, an important item of which is in the fixing of definite times for the end of the world. The Seventh-day people teach from the Scriptures that the approximate time of the end may be known, but not the day nor the hour. See Matthew 24. Seventh-day Adventists do not believe nor teach the doctrine of a temporal millennium upon the earth, as do First-day Adventists, but that during the thousand years of Revelation 20 the saints of God are in heaven with Christ, while the earth during that time is a vast wilderness and charnal house.

The human race is divided into two classes: those who go ahead and do something, and those who sit and ask, "Why wasn't it done the other way?"

### Proceedings of the Fourth Biennial Session of the Columbia Union Conference

We have already printed considerable of the Conference proceedings so we will not attempt to duplicate that which has already appeared, but will give the proceedings which have not as yet been printed and from time to time, as space will allow, we will present through the columns of the VISITOR the reports as submitted by the respective conference presidents.

The secretary submitted the above which shows the development of the Conference from the date of organization to December 31, 1913.

The Committee on Constitution submitted their report which was adopted as follows:—

1. That Article III, Territory, be amended by substituting the words "North American Division Conference" for "General Conference."

2. In Article IV, Section 2, Subsection (d), after the words "General

Conference Committee" insert the words "North American Division Conference Committee."

3. That Article V, Section 1, be amended to read as follows:

Section 1.—The officers of this Conference shall be a President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee consisting of the President and Treasurer of the Union Conference, the President of each local conference in the Union, and seven other persons, who shall be elected at the regular sessions.

4. That the By-laws be amended by omitting the word "Vice-President" where it occurs in Section 1.

1.—The Committee on Credentials and Licenses submitted their report and the persons named were voted credentials as indicated. Ministerial Credentials; B. G. Wilkinson, R. T. Dowsett, S. B. Horton, N. S. Ashton, H. W. Willer, C. L. Stone, C. Sorenson, Missionary License; I. D. Richardson, I. A. Ford, E. G. Salisbury, A. J. S Bourdeau.

The resolutions which were submitted by the committee and considered and passed are as follows:—

We express gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his many and gracious benefits that have been ours to enjoy during the past two years, but above all for his mercy to us as laborers and his prospering hand which has been manifested in his sacred work with which we have been connected, as shown in the salvation of many souls and in the financial prosperity granted, which has resulted in the building up of the work both at home and in the far away nations of earth:

And, we do hereby consecrated ourselves anew and fully to God for the speedy finishing of the work of proclaiming the gospel of our crucified, risen and soon coming Lord to every nation and kindred and tongue and people in this last generation which is so rapidly passing into eternity.

2—*Whereas*, God, who is all powerful, has not prevented, but has permitted the death of Sister B. G. Wilkinson, wife of our president; therefore

*Resolved* by the Columbia Union Conference in session at Baltimore, Md., that, while we do not understand the purpose of God in allowing this bereavement, yet we bow to the divine wisdom and providence that has permitted it, and hereby most sincerely extend to Brother Wilkinson and the other relatives our deep sympathy for them in their great sorrow, and we direct their minds to the "blessed hope" of the soon coming of the Life-giver when all who sleep in Jesus will be granted immortal youth and taken into that divine presence where no touch of pain or or shadow of death can ever come, but "they shall see his face and his name shall be in their foreheads", in whose presence is fulness of joy and at whose right hand there are pleasures forevermore.

*Resolved further*, That this resolution be placed on record and that a copy be furnished to Elder Wilkinson.

3—*Whereas* In the providence of God, our dear brother and fellow laborer, Elder I. G. Bigelow and his devoted wife, have been taken from us by death;

*Resolved*, That in loving remembrance of these faithful laborers we do hereby recognize their loyalty to the cause of the advent movement and their devotion and faithfulness while laboring with us, and that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to all members of their bereaved families and commend them to Him who pro-

vides a balm for every sorrow, and

*Resolved further*, That a copy of this resolution be furnished the relations and also spread upon our records.

4—*Whereas*, In the providence of God, who is all powerful and all wise, the hand of death has been allowed to rest upon Sister G. B. Thompson, of Washington, D. C., and she has fallen asleep in Jesus; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we, the delegates of the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, in session at Baltimore, Md., on May 3, 1914, do hereby express to our dear Brother Thompson and all the relatives our heartfelt sympathy in this time of their great bereavement. But in the midst of their mutual sorrow, we are rejoiced to behold that bright ray of light from the very throne of God shining through the darkness of the shadow of death, which assures us of "that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ", which is soon to be fulfilled. Then our sister who now sleeps beneath the blessing of Rev. 14:13 will come forth glorified and changed to immortal life and everlasting joy. To this happy future we point our brother and every saddened heart.

*Resolved further*, That this resolution be placed on the minutes of the conference and that a copy of it be communicated to Elder Thompson by the officers of the conference.

5—*Resolved*, That we do hereby extend to our brother, Elder T. H. Branch, and family, our deep sympathy in the loss of his devoted wife, and that we recognize her faithfulness in labor during the five years spent in Africa as well as her helpful services performed in the work while associated with her husband in Philadelphia, and further, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to Elder Branch.

#### FINANCIAL

6—For the refund of the \$5,443.00 surplus of mission offerings above the 15 cents per week per member during 1913, which was dedicated toward the Mount Vernon Academy indebtedness, we do hereby express our hearty appreciation to the General Conference Committee and assure them of our untiring efforts towards the aim of its institutional indebtedness.

7—*Resolved*, That each local conference committee organize its respective field thoroughly for the annual harvest ingathering campaign, and in harmony with the action of our mission board, this organization to be perfected at an early date, also to secure at least \$5.00 a member.

8—*Whereas*, In the effort to erect memorials in our cities there is need of much wisdom and carefulness to be exercised,

(a) That there be on the part of all workers much wisdom manifest not to launch these enterprises too soon.

(b) When the local church is fully persuaded that building operations should begin, the plans, method of procedure and full detail he laid before the conference executive committee for their counsel and advice.

(c) Care be taken to secure a good location, good neighborhood and a growing population, and the building a representative one.

9—*Whereas*, The Twenty-cent-a-week Fund comprehends so much in financing the cause of missions and bringing relief to our missionary institutions; and, realizing the blessings as well as the necessity of a stream of donations coming continually to make possible an ever aggressive work; and appreciating the faithfulness and self-denial of our dear people throughout the Columbia Union, which made possible the splendid record during the last biennial period; therefore,

First: That most earnest endeavor be made by each conference, each church, and every believer to not only maintain the excellent record made the past two years, but wherever possible to increase the offerings so that a full twenty-cents-per-week per member be realized yearly.

Second: To assist in securing mission funds in addition to the regular offerings, we suggest the following:

(a) The missionary garden; the setting aside of portions of land, the products of which are sold and proceeds dedicated to missions.

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

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

(d) The setting aside of definite days for missionary work and solicitation.

Third: That the workers, church elders, leaders and Sabbath-school superintendents keep this matter continually before our people, availing themselves of such information, the mission clock device, and other factors for stimulating and intensifying an interest in foreign missions.

#### THE MINISTRY

10—For the purpose of encouraging young men to study for the gospel ministry, and of strengthening our evangelical work, voted,

1st That our conferences and

schools urge young men who are looking toward the ministry to finish either a ministerial or a literary course in one of our denominational schools.

2nd That conferences in licensing young men to the ministry require at least the completion of an academic course of twelve grades in one of our schools, or its equivalent.

3rd That young men who are now licensed ministers who have not completed the academic course be urged to pursue studies in our training schools or in the Fireside Correspondence School with a view to reaching this educational standard before ordination.

#### COLPORTEUR WORK

11.—That a statement be sent to each colporteur the first of each month accompanied by a blank to be filled out in triplicate by the colporteur, giving the name and number of books in each binding on hand, and return the same to the tract society with a remittance to balance account, and that a copy of the statement and of the report of books on hand and of amount of remittance be furnished the field agent and conference president.

12.—Whereas, There is need of a uniform plan of dealing with our colporteurs throughout the whole field, we

Therefore recommend, to our local conferences the following:

That colporteurs' credentials be given to such colporteurs devoting their lives to this work as have worked at least one year as regular colporteurs and have attained to a satisfactory standard in all the important features of their work, and that the following conditions be the basis upon which these credentials be given:

- (a) That they be sound in the faith.
- (b) That they have proper Christian deportment and dress.
- (c) That they are faithful and industrious in the use of their time, having averaged not less than twenty-five hours a week in the field.
- (d) That they keep free from debt to the tract society.

(e) Such shall be entitled to hold credentials as long as they continue in the work and meet these self-evident conditions for recognition.

13.—That our regular colporteurs who are required to attend the regular yearly institutes have their railroad fare paid to and from the institute by the local conference, and also, that they be provided with free entertainment while in attendance.

14.—That we request the conferences and tract societies to consider

favorably encouraging new recruits to enter the canvassing field by paying the fare to the institute and from the institute into the field, of those who sincerely and energetically take up this important line of gospel work.

Further, That this be paid by granting them an extra five percent on all books paid for until said railroad fare is wholly refunded to them.

And that, if any advance of money is made to any colporteur before he pays for his books, said advance shall be counted as a loan returnable within a reasonable time to the tract society. However, the extra five percent shall be applied to reduce this obligation until it be entirely liquidated.

15.—That arrangements be made to secure free entertainment for new recruits when in attendance at canvassers' institutes.

16.—That student canvassers who are working for a scholarship be paid their railroad fare to their field of labor from either their home or the school, which is the nearest to their field, and that this be done on the same basis as other colporteurs are assured, namely, an extra five percent on books paid for.

17.—We recommend, That colporteurs holding credentials from the conferences be supplied with the *Review & Herald*, and that all colporteurs working twenty hours or more per week be furnished with the *Columbia Union Visitor*.

#### FOREIGN POPULATION

18.—Whereas, Millions of foreigners are located in the territory of the Columbia Union Conference, and thousands more are coming annually, and

Whereas, The spirit of prophecy has told us definitely to bring the last warning message to these people; therefore,

Resolved, That the Columbia Union Conference and each of the local conferences in its territory put forth a strong effort in a soul-winning campaign among these different nationalities in instructing our people to make use of the message filled tracts, pamphlets and papers in these different languages and bring the last warning message to these foreigners in their respective neighborhood.

#### TEMPERANCE

19 Whereas, We are instructed that "In our work more attention should be given to the temperance reform," and "every true reform has its place in the third angel's message", and the curse of intemperance "must be more boldly met in the future than it has

been in the past"; and further, that "the advocates of temperance fail to do their whole duty unless they exert their influence, by precept and example, by voice and pen and vote, in behalf of prohibition and total abstinence"; therefore,

Resolved, That in endeavoring to carry out this instruction from the spirit of prophecy, we urge our local conference officers to organize the work for more aggressive effort in behalf of the prohibition of the liquor traffic which multitudes of the better elements of society are now attempting to accomplish as evidenced in the great temperance movement already under way throughout this country, and of present concern to some of the states of this Union.

We further recommend, That our people everywhere be urged to prepare for united and effective action when the question of the prohibition of the liquor traffic shall be submitted to a vote of the people in the respective communities where they reside; and further, that this question receive due attention at out camp-meetings, and that we encourage a large circulation of the temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor* and other up-to-date literature upon this subject.

#### NATIONAL PROHIBITION AMENDMENT

20—Whereas, The subject of national prohibition of the liquor traffic is now engaging the attention of the Congress of the United States, which is focused in House Joint Resolution 158 and Senate Joint Resolutions 88 and 50; and,

Whereas, The Judiciary Committees of both Houses have conducted hearings on the subject, resulting in placing the matter at this before the House of Representatives, and which will likely be the case with regard to the Senate; therefore,

Resolved, That we place ourselves on record as commending the actions thus far taken and hereby petition the Congress to adopt the Joint Resolutions herein referred to; and that a copy of this Resolution be communicated to the chairman of the two Judiciary Committees and to Honorable Richmond P. Hobson and Honorable Morris Sheppard, of Washington, D. C.

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

21—Believing in the Christian principle of the absolute separation of church and state, and pledging ourselves hereby to the faithful observance of the Bible Sabbath without the aid of civil laws; and,

*Whereas*, Sunday laws are a manifest interference with civil and religious freedom affecting the inalienable rights of all the people; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we continue to protest against the enactment of laws by civil government for the enforcement of Sunday observance or any other religious enactment favoring one religious observance above another as being a departure from Christian principles as well as from the American idea of civil government.

22—*Resolved*, That in the event of the Religious Liberty Association of the North American Division Conference holding an institute for the benefit of Union Conference Religious Liberty Secretaries and such others as may be especially invited we cooperate therewith.

23—*Whereas*, The counsel from the Lord in Scripture and Testimony exhorts us to "be wise as serpents and harmless as doves," and that in our general work we are not to be entangled with worldly methods or plans; therefore,

*Resolved*, That in all our religious liberty work we use the utmost care in methods of conducting campaigns.

24.—*Resolved*, That we encourage our people to continue their offerings to the religious liberty work and that this fund be applied strictly to the work conducted by the Religious Liberty Department of each conference.

25.—*Whereas*, The Magazine *Liberty* has done efficient work among state legislators, molding sentiment against religious legislation,

*We recommend*, That local conferences continue to supply this magazine to their state legislators, supreme and district court judges, and the governor and his staff; and that the necessary expenses in this item be taken out of the annual collection for local religious liberty work.

26—*Resolved*, That we protest against the Sunday bills now pending in the United States Senate and House of Representatives as being contrary to the principles of religious liberty upon which this government was founded.

#### COLORED WORK

27.—*Resolved*, That we carry on our hearts a greater burden for the salvation of the thousands of the colored race whom we see so needy in the cities through the Union and that decided effort be put forth to strengthen the excellent work already accomplished by our colored brethren.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

28—*Whereas*, Few of the organized societies have subdivided into bands to work and pray for the unconverted in their midst, as well as to engage in other lines of aggressive missionary work,

*We recommend*,—

(a) That all our workers visiting churches cooperate with the young people's secretaries in organizing Junior and Senior Missionary Volunteer Societies in every church where conditions warrant it.

(b) That Junior societies be organized in every church school.

(c) That every Missionary Volunteer Society be encouraged and assisted to organize bands and engage in missionary work in harmony with the General Conference recommendations.

(d) That all children and young people who cannot connect with local organizations be encouraged to join the conference society.

29—*We recommend*, That as far as possible every conference having 1,500 members, the Missionary Volunteer Secretary be allowed to devote his full time and that in other conferences they devote at least half their time to the Missionary Volunteer work.

30—*We recommend*, That local or state missionary volunteer institutes be held in every conference wherever practical.

31—*We recommend*, That all conference workers and lay members observe the Morning Watch.

32—*We recommend*, That our workers encourage all other young people to become Standard of Attainment and Reading Course members.

#### SCHOOLS

33.—In harmony with the recommendation of the North American Division Conference at its council in October of 1913,

*We recommend*, First: That we approve of the Foreign Mission Seminary assuming the status of a college, having for its territory for regular college students, the Atlantic, Columbia, Southeastern, Southern Union Conferences, and all territory of the Canadian Union Conference except Ontario being transferred to the territory of Emanuel Missionary College, with the understanding that the departments of Foreign Missions receive as students any appointees the Mission Board may draw from any territory.

That the College do regular academic work, having for its territory

for academic students the District of Columbia, Virginia, Eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Chesapeake Conferences.

That Mount Vernon Academy carry twelve grades, turning over their patronage and good will in grades thirteen to sixteen to the Washington College, and that it have for its territory for academic students the Ohio, West Virginia, and West Pennsylvania Conferences.

#### ADVANCED EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP PLAN

34.—*Whereas*, We recognize that there is a growing need of more efficient workers in our conferences and institutions in the large cities of this conference, and in the mission fields, especially for well-trained ministers, teachers, Bible workers; and,

*Whereas*, There are a large number of young men and women not now in school who should attend our college and academy to obtain a better education for the work, to the end that the message may be hastened among all classes' in all lands at home and abroad,

*We recommend*, That an organized effort be made to arouse our people generally to the value of advanced education in qualifying our young people to fill their place and part in the finishing of the work. And to this end,

*We recommend*, First: That in our churches and large public gatherings an effort be made to turn the hearts of parents more fully to the importance of giving their children the education necessary to efficient missionary service.

R. T. DOWSETT, *Secretary*.  
(To be concluded)

### CHESAPEAKE

#### Baltimore

The colored brethren of the Chesapeake Conference are looking forward to this summer's work both in tent, hall and church efforts to the doubling of their membership in this part of the field. At this time most urgent need to help accomplish this is getting good strong consecrated workers to connect with the tent and other efforts as self supporting missionaries. The city of Baltimore where a strong tent effort is being planned has a colored population of 90,000 and many well to do people around the city as well. In this conference there is not one regular canvasser and there are 275,000 colored people in it. We invite those who among our colored brethren have

a deep burden for their people to come to this city, or conference and help to win souls to this message of truth. That those who will come may get acquainted with the city, the conference brethren will furnish rooms free providing these will assist in the tent work at nights and sell magazines or books for the rest of their support.

Some years ago when this conference had colored colporteurs they earned excellent livings and had rich experience and the out-look to-day is just as bright. In Vol. 9 we read on page 207, "Among the colored believers there are many who can labor to advantage for their own people,—workers to whom the Lord has given light and knowledge and who possess capabilities of no mean order." Will those who in all humilily feel that God has given them a knowlege of the truth and a burden for souls quench the Spirit's pleadings "to go work in the vinyard of the Master?" Can any refuse to take up the grandest work in the message, that of missionary colportage add remain indifferent to this call of "come over and help us"?

The Chesapeake Conference needs more colored believers, more colored churches, and this will mean more of our people saved into the kingdom. The time is fast coming when we must pitch the tent and we are anxious that those to connect with this work will write at once to Elder R. T. Baer, 1611 Ellamont Street or to the writer at 1901 Druid Hill Ave. Baltimore Md.

GUSTAVUS P. RODGERS.

## OHIO

Wilmington, Wheelersburg, and Manchester

April 10-12 I spent with the church at Wilmington, I spoke Friday evening, held two meetings on the Sabbath, and three on Sunday. We had a fair outside attendance at the preaching service Sunday night. During the meeting Sabbath morning Brother Bert Walker was ordained a deacon. The Wilmington church have been considering the advisability of building a church, but it was decided to let the matter drop for the present. The brethren are of good courage and are planning for more aggressive work among their neighbors.

While at Wilmington Brother and Sister Syphers lost a little baby which we buried at Antioch, Sunday afternoon. Our hearts went out in sympathy for the bereaved parents

Brother Blaine Kennedy met me in Wheelersburg, Friday noon, April 17, and took me to his home. Sab-

## Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending May 15, 1914

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
R. De Garmo, Medina Co.		GC	5	34	12	36 00	28 25	64 25	
C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.		ES	5	31	15	48 00	5 60	53 60	23 40
A. L. Bassler, Noble Co.		DR	5	53	12	36 00	15 40	51 40	3 40
W. H. Geisweller, Springfield		PP	5	37	11	34 00	1 50	35 50	3 75
John J. Mettler, Cuyahoga Co.		GC	3	18	9	30 00	2 25	32 25	
Fred Hannah, Lakeville, O.		GC	5	47	3	9 00	18 50	27 50	
C. E. Reichenbach, Licking Co.		ES	4	31	8	26 00	4 50	30 50	6 50
J. H. Stafford, Lucas Co.		DR	5	27	5	17 00	4 00	21 00	
D. J. Royer, Cuyahoga Co.		DR	3	14	4	15 00	3 00	18 00	7 50
L. H. Waters, Ottawa Co.		PPF	2	14	9	14 50	2 80	17 30	
W. Wallace Kay, Stark Co.		ES	4	25	3	10 00	7 25	17 25	3 50
Glee W. Mills, Wood Co.		PPF	2	14	9	14 50	10	14 60	
E. J. Stipeck, Cleveland		DR	3	16	3	11 00	3 50	14 50	1 25
Lloyd Swallen, Stark Co.		ES	4	24	1	3 00	10 80	13 80	30
J. L. Sauder, Portage Co.		ES	2	16	3	9 00	3 00	12 00	4 50
W. Syphers, Wilmington		GC	5	35	4	11 00	75	11 75	16 75
Miscellaneous		GC	19	87	12	21 50	9 20	30 70	68 00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16 Agents</b>		<b>81</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>\$345 50</b>	<b>\$120 40</b>	<b>\$465 90</b>	<b>\$138 85</b>

### East Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 15, 1914

W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.		PPF	5	43	12	23 50	7 50	31 00	
W. B. Dunkinson, York Co.		PPF	5	42	18	33 75	6 05	49 80	1 45
J. L. Gerhart, Snyder Co.		PPF	5	40	14	21 00		21 00	
W. S. Harmon		GC	4	28	6	23 00		23 00	
F. Willruth, Scranton		CK		17	6	19 00	8 25	27 25	6 45
F. A. Brownell, Scranton		GC	5	19	11	40 00	10 00	50 00	11 50
E. Tolliver, Plymouth		BF	3	16	1	1 50	1 50	3 00	16 50
Mrs. C. D. Wolff, Reading		BF	5	20	5	7 50	6 00	13 50	2 25
Beryl Amole, Reading		BF	3	15	2	3 00		3 00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9 Agents</b>		<b>35</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>\$172 25</b>	<b>\$39 30</b>	<b>\$211 55</b>	<b>38 15</b>

### West Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 15, 1914

J. Brownlee, Greene Co.		DR	3	17	9	14 50	75	15 25	
C. Dunham, Allegheny Co.		DR		15	4	14 50		14 50	9 00
Ralph Morgan, Wellsville		BF	2	13	2	3 50	6 50	10 00	
J. S. Neely, Armstrong Co.		GC	4	23	5	16 00	3 00	19 00	
L. M. Yohe, Armstrong Co.		ES	5	41	8	25 00	15 80	40 80	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5 Agents</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>\$73 50</b>	<b>\$25 95</b>	<b>\$99 55</b>	<b>\$9 00</b>

### New Jersey, Week Ending May 18, 1914

W. M. Fink, Newark		PG	3	17	8	24 00		24 00	
Edward Sterner, Millville		PPF	7	39	4	6 00	5 90	11 90	18 50
C. G. Taylor, Millville				34	16	26 00	1 00	27 00	
G. W. Blinn, Burlington		GC		43	10	30 00		30 00	
Wm. Schmidt, Elizabeth		GC	2	13	2	6 00	9 25	15 25	12 75
Magazines						106 05		106 05	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4 Agents</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>\$270 05</b>	<b>\$11 45</b>	<b>\$112 45</b>	<b>\$12 75</b>

### Chesapeake, Week Ending May 18, 1914

G. W. Lawrence, Calvert Co.		DR	5	49	35	106 00	75	106 75	
Jno. J. Martin, Calvary Co.		DR	5	41	27	82 00	1 40	83 40	
F. H. Barritt, Allegany Co.		DR	4	22	4	13 00	1 00	14 00	
G. R. Apsley, Allegheny Co.		DR	4	25	1	3 00	1 60	4 60	
M.S. Pettibone, A. Arundel Co.		PPF	4	30	20	60 00	8 85	68 85	4 35
J. E. Jones, Sussex Co.		PPF	2	15					70 70
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10 Agents</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>\$264 00</b>	<b>\$13 60</b>	<b>\$277 60</b>	<b>\$75 05</b>

MAGAZINES

	Y.I. Watchman Signs Prot.			
	L&H	Temp I	Signs	
G. R. Apsley		16		1 60
T. H. Barritt	3	7		1 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>23</b>		<b>2 60</b>

West Virginia, Week Ending May 15, 1914

T. M. Butler, Clarksburg	PPF 10	77	41	30	50	6	20	86	70	102	70	
W. H. Wilcox, Harrison Co.	PPF 9	75	23	57	00	5	00	62	00	98	00	
Miscellaneous		2	20		23	00					20	00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4 Agents</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>\$170 50</b>	<b>\$11 20</b>	<b>\$148 70</b>	<b>\$220 70</b>				
<b>Grand Totals: 48 Agents Value of Orders, \$1295 80 Deliveries, \$494 50</b>												

bath morning we held the first quarterly meeting which that church had celebrated in fifteen months. Nearly every member in that vicinity and from Portsmouth as well were present. Brother Henry Pieper was ordained an elder and Brother Blaine Kennedy, a deacon. I certainly enjoyed my visit to this church. They are all of good courage and deeply interested in the message.

Sunday night, the Baptists, Methodists, and Seventh-day Adventists all met together in the Methodist church where I spoke to a large audience on India. Prejudice is being broken down in Wheelersburg, and we hope that some who have heard the message so many times will some day take their stand. Our brethren are highly esteemed by the people in that community.

From Wheelersburg I went to Manchester and was met by Brother L. H. Coleman who with his family are the only Seventh-day Adventists in that part of the state. They accepted the truth at Youngstown under the labors of Brother Floyd Gibson. I was surprised to find an attendance of thirty-four at the talk I gave, that evening in Brother Coleman's home, on the "Saints' Inheritance."

The superintendent of the public schools walked over a mile to the meeting. Brother Coleman and his wife are interested in the truth and are upholding the light before their neighbors. They are anxious for a series of meetings to be held there. They would also appreciate a visit from any of our brethren who are passing that way.

In Cincinnati the work is onward and we are planning for baptism after our return from Baltimore.

Cincinnati, O. W. W. MILLER.

Elder E. K. Slade will meet with the Cincinnati churches Sabbath and Sunday, May 30 and 31.

Notice to Church Elders

We wish to request our church officers in all our churches to be sure to keep in mind the special collection to be taken for our home work the first Sabbath in June. This fund is very much needed. Just now as we are about to enter upon our tent efforts and to enter more vigorously into our city work, it requires that our people shall remember this call liberally and properly.

Knowing that many times letters are laid aside and such calls are passed by, we wish to urge that any who may read this notice may help to have this matter given attention Sabbath, June 6. E. K. SLADE.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Johnstown

We are thankful to God that we can again report a few additions to our membership here in Johnstown. Sabbath, April 11, three dear souls united with the church and Sabbath, April 18, another one united with the church. Three of these were baptized April 18, the other one had been baptized by the Baptists some years ago and was satisfied with her former baptism. These four with the three we reported some time ago make seven in all that have recently united with the Johnstown church. There are others who are interested who we hope will soon step out and obey. Our cottage Bible studies are still interesting occasions. Recently a lady came to a Bible study which is held in Morrellville about four miles from the church and in the testimony meeting after the Bible study she testified that she had been greatly benefited by the service and would come again.

Our courage is good, but we greatly feel the need of God's special help

that we may know how to break the bread of life to these dear souls for whom Christ died and successfully lead them in the way of salvation and life. What we need as workers is more of the power of God in the work. Brethren pray for the work in Johnstown. J. W. WATT.

Pittsburgh

The work for the colored people in this city is still onward. Sabbath, April 11, three were baptized and received into the church. Several others are interested—some of whom we hope to see unite with us soon.

Thursday night, April 23, we rendered a temperance program, consisting of solos, duets, quartets, impressive recitations by the children, a stereopticon lecture on the evils of the liquor traffic, also a lecture by Dr. A. L. Baker. The program was well received and a good impression made.

We have had to discontinue our Sunday night meetings since January on account of not having our own place of worship and the enormous high rent. We solicit your prayers in behalf of the work here for our colored people. A. N. DURRANT.

To Church School Teachers

Your vacation is just at hand. Perhaps it has already begun. No doubt you are thinking about those studies you will need to pursue in order to obtain a higher grade certificate. The Fireside Correspondence School is able to help you, and would like to do so. We will start at once, and let you pay the tuition by installments, or in any other way that will better suit your convenience. Write at once for calendar, stating what subjects you would like to take up. C. C. LEWIS, Prin., Takoma Park D.C.

Help for the Poor

We find many poor persons among the colored people of Norfolk and Portsmouth, who would appreciate the assistance that we might render them in the way of cast off clothing and shoes, for both children and adults. If the brethren and sisters will send us old clothing, we can make good use of them, and we are sure God will bless you in so doing. Send to Elder W. H. Sebastian, 1324 Green Street, Portsmouth, Va., freight prepaid.



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### Camp-Meeting Dates

The following dates and places for this summer's camp-meetings have been decided upon thus far.

West Pennsylvania, June 11-21 - Homestead.

East Pennsylvania, June 18-28 - Alleutown.

New Jersey, June 25-July 5 - Camden.

Ohio, August 13-23. Place not selected.

Chesapeake, September 24-October 1. Place not settled.

West Virginia, August 20-30 - Parkersburg.

Virginia. Not settled as yet.

District of Columbia. Not settled.

### West Pennsylvania Conference

The thirteenth annual session of the West Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene in connection with its camp-meeting in Homestead Park, Homestead, Pa., June 11-21, 1914. The first meeting of the conference will be held Thursday, June 11, at 9:00 A. M. Each church is entitled to one delegate in the session of this conference without regard to numbers, and one additional delegate to every ten members in the church. Every delegate should be present at the first meeting.

F. H. ROBBINS, *President*;  
H. K. HACKMAN, *Secretary*.

### West Pennsylvania Conference Association

The next session of the constituency of the West Pennsylvania Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Homestead Park, Homestead, Pa., June 15, 1914, at 10:00 A. M., for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The constituency will meet in connection with the camp-meeting to be held in Homestead Park, June 11-21.

J. P. GAEBE, *President*;  
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### New Jersey Conference Association

The seventh annual session of the New Jersey Conference association will be held in connection with the conference and camp-meeting at Camden, June 25 to July 5, 1914. The first meeting will be at 10:00 A. M. June 26. All delegates to the conference are delegates to the Association.

A. R. SANDBORN, *President*;  
H. A. MAY, *Secretary*.

### New Jersey Conference

The eleventh annual session of the New Jersey Conference will be held at Camden, N. J. June 5, 1914. The first meeting, for organization, appointment of committees, etc., will be held at 9:00 A. M. June 26. Church clerks are requested to place on file with the secretary of the conference, previous to this date, a complete list of delegates. Each church is entitled to one delegate for every ten members of the church.

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—Chesterfield.

### OBITUARY

SHARP.—Christian R. was born Feb. 13, 1835, died May 17, 1914, being at the time of his death aged 79 years, 3 months and 2 days. The cause of his death was Bright's disease together with old age. Brother Sharp was married to Miriam E. Hall October 1, 1871 and to this happy union were born seven children. He is survived by his wife, four children and nine grand children. The surviving children are George W. Sharp, Mrs. Eldora J. Ramsey, and Miss Delia Sharp, all of Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and James A. Sharp of Fredericktown, Ohio.

Services were conducted by the writer at the family home in Academia. Interment in the Mt. Vernon Cemetery.

N. S. ASHTON.

THANKS: Sister Sharp and the other members of the family desire to express by this means, their sincere thanks to the many kind friends and neighbors who rendered such kind help during Brother Sharp's sickness.