

"Pray for Our Colporteurs Mondays and Fridays."

# Columbia Union Visitor

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

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## CHESAPEAKE

### President's Report

To the Delegates and Friends of the Columbia Union Conference, Greeting:

Chesapeake Conference was formed and entered upon its work April 28, 1899. At that time the territory embraced the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Delaware. Since the organization of the Columbia Union Conference the territory has been reduced to the states of Delaware and Maryland except the counties of Montgomery, Prince George, and St. Marys.

We have reached another period in the history of this organization when we are called upon to render a report of the progress of the message in this field. Surely the Lord has blessed our work in all of its various departments. Harmony and confidence prevail, and also with a corps of laborers and with a faithful, loyal membership giving themselves to the service of God, the cause has moved steadily forward.

We have an area of 11720 square miles, and a population of one and three quarter millions, upon which to spend our greatest endeavors in soul winning. Baltimore, the largest city has a population including suburbs, of more than 800,000 with three growing churches, namely, English, German and colored. Wilmington, Del., the second largest city has a population of 100,000, with two prosperous churches, namely white and colored. We have from fifteen to twenty cities and towns ranging in population from five to thirty thousand people.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Efforts have been made to carefully revise our church records in order to ascertain the correct membership. We have twenty churches with a membership of 713. All of our isolated Sabbath keepers have been organized into a conference church, and are being cared for by the officials of the conference. Three churches were added to the conference and two hun-

dred persons were added during the biennial period.

We will now turn to the question of resources to see how the Lord has blessed in the ingathering of means during the biennial period. The total tithe receipts for the first biennial period were \$15,541.39 for the second biennial period \$20,663.24, or an increase of \$5121.85. The general and Union Conferences have received their portions as follows:

Union Conference	-	\$2066.24
General	"	1033.11
Sustentation	-	1033.13
Total		4132.47

The great needs of the mission fields have been placed before our people constantly, and there has been a good response in offerings to the needy fields. We were able to raise our full amount of 15 cents per week per member for the year 1912. We fell a little short of what our quota was for 1913, due perhaps to the heavy financial strain which came that year because many of our churches planned to build suitable houses of worship. The harvest ingathering receipts for 1912 were \$449.70, for 1913 \$915.79, or more than twice the amount for 1912. The total for the biennial period was \$1365.49. Perhaps no department of our work has made better progress than that of our Sabbath-schools. Well organized plans are in operation to encourage our people to raise at least 15 cents per week per member in the Sabbath-schools. A missionary clock or some other helpful device is used with encouraging success in reaching a certain goal for each quarter. Special efforts are being put forth to encourage the members to take hold of the 13th Sabbath offering plan and to make each of these offerings larger. Our Sabbath-schools gave to missions during the first biennial period \$1652.26 and for the second biennial period \$4686.10, or a gain of \$3033.84. The Annual, Mid-Summer, and Harvest Ingathering offerings including Sabbath-school offerings, total \$7734.99, making the total increase for mission offerings for the two

years \$4000.96. Total receipts in tithes and offerings reach the sum of \$28,398.23.

The time has come for earnest work to be done by our church members. As this question is receiving attention by our conference men, pastors, and local churches, efforts have been made to effect strong missionary societies for definite work. We have placed extra help in our tract society office in order to better direct the work from headquarters. In several of our churches, we have earnest men and women going out among their neighbors and friends with our literature, and already we have baptized persons who were led to obey the truth through the earnest efforts of a church member. Our literature sales for the the first biennial period were \$11,257.53, and the sales for the second biennial period were \$21,336.40 or a gain of \$10,078.87. We have increased the number of colporteurs, and the outlook for city and rural canvassing is most promising.

The educational work in this conference is being developed as rapidly as possible. We have three church schools. The number of church buildings has been increased by five, during the last two years.

There are twelve church buildings in the conference with an estimated value of \$34,000.00.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE

Our young people are effectually organized for service, and the definite aim is kept before them that of giving the third angel's message to the world in this generation. There are eight societies in the conference with a membership of 137. Their offerings for foreign and home missions were \$328.41.

#### MEDICAL WORK

In our endeavor to reach the people in the large cities with the message, we find the medical work a strong factor. During the latter part of the biennial period we have had the help of Doctors H. N. and Bourdeau Sisco. They have been able through their successful efforts in treating the sick, visiting institutions,

and working tactfully with city organizations, to wield such an influence as to lead a good class of people to not only embrace the principles of health reform, but other doctrines peculiar to our faith. While this work has only had a beginning in this field, we expect it to develop until it shall become real strength to our evangelical work.

Our conference embracing two states, we therefore have a regular legislative session each year as these sessions convene alternately. This calls for aggressive religious liberty work. Campaigns have been conducted for the purpose of leavening public sentiment in opposition to religious legislation. During the winter in this city there were vigorous efforts put forth by the Lord's Day Alliance and the Federal Council of Churches to enforce Sunday as the day of rest. Meetings were held by these organizations behind closed doors and resolutions were adopted which were used to influence state and national legislators to a more favorable attitude relative to Sunday legislation.

Our local department with the splendid help from the division and Union departments, conducted a campaign during the same week, holding meetings each evening in large halls in the city. Newspaper publicity was given to our meetings and we were able to present the principles of civil and religious liberty to fair sized audiences. Thousands of pages of literature treating on this subject were distributed by our city workers. Several hundred copies of *Liberty* and *Protestant* were sold and distributed throughout the city, creating a good interest in this line of work. Copies of the February number of the *Protestant* were sent to every Protestant clergyman in this city, accompanied by a letter sent out by our tract society. The conference has arranged to send *Liberty* to both state legislators, judges, governors, prosecuting attorneys, and other men in public life. As measures have come up in these branches of the legislature effecting civil and religious liberty, efforts have been put forth to bring the truths we hold, prominently before these public officials.

We are of good courage in the Lord and feel to praise his name for what has been accomplished. While we have made some gains, we are forced to look back over the past with some regret that more has not been done. We feel to express to the North American Division and Columbia Union Conferences our appreciation for the

financial assistance received from them during the biennial period. We desire in this field as laborers, to be more faithful in the work of God, and to do more than ever before in winning souls for the Master. As we enter upon a new period it is with the determination that through the help of the Lord we shall be able to attain to greater heights in the finishing of the work committed to us.

ROSCOE T. BAER, *President.*

## EAST PENNSYLVANIA

### Think on These Things

"The canvassing work properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order."—*Manual for Canvassers.*"

No better method can be used for placing the important truths for this time before the people.

"God has ordained the canvassing work for the purpose of presenting before the people the light contained in our books."—*Id.*

"There are many, who, because of prejudice will never know the truth unless it is brought to their homes."—*Id.*

"We are to make no delay in giving instruction to those who need it."—*Id.*

"The lost sheep of God's fold are scattered in every place, and the work that should be done for them is being neglected."—*Id.*"

The work of searching out these lost sheep of God's fold and giving to them the bread of life is the very work the Lord desires his people to do at this time and as our colporteurs and other workers are to come from our churches to do this work is it not most essential that every church take up a careful and prayerful study of Rom. 13:11-14?

"The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers."—*Vol. 9, page 117.*

"We are standing on the very borders of the eternal world."—*Id page 117.*

"Every moment is golden, and altogether too precious to be devoted merely to self-serving."—*Id.*

In the light of these solemn statements who can longer remain silent and inactive? What a risk we run in seeking our own ease and pleasure and excusing ourselves from the service for God now.

"Our conduct is watched by the world."—*Id. 120.* If we plan and live

and act like the world, will it believe our profession? We believe there are those who will turn to God with all their hearts for service.

"God requires personal service at the hands of every one to whom he entrusts his truth. Not one is excused. Some may feel that if they give of their substance they are excused from personal efforts, but God forbid that they should deceive themselves in this. He will accept nothing short of yourselves. You must work to save your souls."—*Words of Encouragement to Workers,* page 18.

"I urge my brethren and sisters not to engage in work that will hinder them from proclaiming the gospel of Christ."—*Id. page 10.*"

"The Lord calls for many more to engage in the canvassing work. Shall we not move forward . . . letting God use us as his helping hand?"—*Id. page 10.* "We must no longer sleep on Satan's enchanted ground, the last warning is to be proclaimed before many peoples, and nations and tongues, and kings, and the promise is given, 'Lo I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.'"—*Rev. 10:11, Matt. 28:20, Vol. 9, page 123.*

Just think, there is no greater work for our people to do than that of getting our publications before the people of the world. Think.

C. D. WOLFF.

### West Philadelphia

Sabbath, May 23, was a day of blessing to the West Philadelphia church. Fifteen were baptized. Two of these by Elder O. F. Schwedrat; one of these, a German sister, will unite with the German church; twelve will unite with the West Philadelphia church. Two were rebaptized, who were already members of the church. One of the new members is the daughter of a minister of the Christian or Disciple Church. One sister who was baptized began keeping the Sabbath one Friday night after hearing her first sermon. It is sometimes true that those who accept the truth very quickly are not stable; but this sister has steadily grown in her Christian experience in the truth since the closing of the tent meetings last September.

We know that God can sometimes do a quick work, and yet that work will stand the test. Surely the time must soon come when through all the world the Lord will do a quick work, and "cut it short in righteousness."

It was truly touching to see four members of one family go into the water together; an engineer, his wife, son and daughter. This is a family of

true workers. There were other most interesting cases; two that came from the Roman Catholic Church. One of them a sister who had been seeking for light for many years rejoices to come out from the "Mother Church" into the light of the third angel's message. One brother, an Italian, comes directly from the Catholic Church, and is hoping to bring others of his relatives and his nation into the truth. He is working now with one of the most influential Italians in Philadelphia, who was a priest in Italy, but is now a doctor.

The presence of the Lord was manifest in a marked manner at the baptism, which was, in some respects, the most helpful and encouraging one in which I have ever taken part or have witnessed.

Our regular Bible study to help all the members of the church to become workers for souls is held each Friday evening, when some member of the church gives a fifteen minute Bible reading, individuals changing at every meeting. About thirty-five have given most acceptable Bible readings; and we enjoy greatly the earnest study to make ourselves perfectly familiar with the Word of God that we may be able to use the Sword of the Spirit wisely and skilfully in this great conflict.

We are also enjoying most excellent interest and good results from our singing service which is held every Monday night. We have excellent prayer meetings every Wednesday night; church business meeting every month.

A large number from this church will attend the camp-meeting at Allentown, Pa., June 18 to 28. And we are hoping for a most successful tent effort after the camp-meeting closes.

Sister Poch is enjoying an excellent interest in her Bible work, and is rejoiced to see many turning to the truth with all their hearts.

During the last winter we have sought to set before the church the living importance of the spirit of prophecy, simplicity in dress and the blessed old-fashioned, ever new truths of the greatest message that God ever sent to men. We are sure that the final and glorious out-pouring of the Spirit of God will come from the study and obedience to the Testimonies of the Holy Spirit. "Even as the testimony of Christ, (i. d., the spirit of prophecy) was confirmed in you: so that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 1:6,7. Pray for the work in Philadelphia. J. S. WASHBURN.

### Report of Sabbath-Schools of West Pennsylvania Conference for Quarter Ending March 31, 1914.

Name of Schools	Average Membership	Total Donations	13th Sabbath Offerings	Weekly Av. Per Mem.
Adah .....	13	32 93	3 60	.19
Albion .....	20	26 46	5 70	.10
Allegheny No. 1 .....	37	33 46	5 70	.07
Allegheny No. 2 .....	25	28 87	6 83	.09
Altoona .....	32	20 71	11 22	.05
Bradford .....	22	19 19	5 40	.07
Carter Camp .....	06	4 33	1 11	.06
Clearfield .....	28	7 32	2 08	.02
Corry .....	14	14 86	3 41	.08
Corrydon .....	28	14 76	4 51	.04
Conference .....	69	68 16	39 27	.07
Coudersport .....	43	83 59	23 39	.15
Eldred .....	8	15 45	80	.15
Erie .....	52	53 30	26 77	.08
Huntingdon .....	17	3 82	28	.02
Indiana .....	39	16 25	3 02	.03
Jimtown .....				
Johnstown .....	47	74 41	30 60	.12
McDonald .....	22	7 01	5 00	.02
Meadville .....	11	30 58	6 10	.21
North Warren .....	24	39 63	3 07	.13
Pittsburgh No. 1 .....	110	93 40	11 80	.07
Pittsburgh No. 2 .....	36	42 63	7 88	.09
Port Allegheny .....	15	7 77	1 50	.03
Raymond .....	11	7 80	2 66	.05
Ridgway .....	20	36 33	2 79	.14
Shingle House .....		1 00	1 00	
Six Mile Run .....	32	13 87	6 37	.03
Union City .....	3	3 69	2 00	.09
Washington .....	20	24 55	2 65	.09
Waterford .....	5	5 35	2 00	.09
Mt. Braddock .....		22 04	5 53	
Total .....	809	\$853 52	\$234 01	.08

MINNIE E. DAUPHINEE, *Secretary.*

### WEST PENNSYLVANIA

#### Camp-Meeting

Get ready for the camp-meeting which is to be held at Homestead Park, Homestead, Pa., June 11-21. We earnestly hope and pray that there will be a good attendance at this meeting. The Lord will bless those who come seeking his help, and they will go away better prepared to meet the snares and temptations of the enemy. We also hope to see a large number of children present. Daily lessons have been prepared for them by the Sabbath-school Department of the General Conference which will be taught to them. The aim of these lessons is to fit every child into the great plan of salvation, and we believe the Lord will bless the efforts put forth for them at this meeting. Special attention will also be given to the young people's work, and we trust that there will be a goodly number of our young people there.

Besides having the help of all the workers in this conference, we have the promise of the following visitors being with us: Professor W. W. Prescott, Professor Stone, Professor B. G. Wilkinson, Elder R. T. Dowsett, and Elder I. D. Richardson of Takoma Park, D. C., and Professor Salisbury of Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Let us remember this camp-meeting at the throne of grace each day.

Inquiries have been coming in to the office regarding reduced rates on the different railroads. There will not be enough coming from any one place to enable us to get reduced rates, but we should advise where there are more than two coming from one place that you buy a mileage book. This would make the rate two cents a mile. The book can be used within a year after the date of issue.

H. K. HACKMAN.

To the VISITOR

Our good Union Conference meetings are now in the past, but the good lessons given witnessed by the Holy

### Comparative Statement of Tithes and General Trust Funds for Four Months Ending April 30, 1914

Name of Church	Tithe 1914		Increase or Decrease	Gen'l Trust Fund		Increase or Decrease
	4 Mo. Amount	1913		1914	1913	
Adah .....	\$ 68 00	\$ 85 90	\$ 17 90	\$ 35 14	\$ 32 61	\$ 2 53
Albion .....	140 04	55 57	84 47	40 35	11 07	29 28
Allegheny No.1 .....	206 70	273 99	67 29	87 21	145 35	58 14
Allegheny No.2 .....	131 89	242 36	110 50	78 54	41 25	37 29
Altoona .....	154 23	167 08	12 85	36 27	51 09	14 82
Bradford .....	159 92	145 63	5 29	144 98	119 86	25 12
Clearfield .....	31 88	32 21	33	25 35	15 38	9 97
Conference .....	603 65	267 21	336 44	294 79	170 71	124 08
Connellsville .....	24 65		24 65	12 14		12 14
Corry .....	39 79	33 77	6 02	17 66	25 05	7 39
Corydon .....	43 77	319 78	276 01	121 97	57 00	64 97
Coudersport .....	183 50	434 05	250 55	66 95	76 71	9 76
Edinboro .....	2 22	78 70	76 48		17 08	17 08
Eldred .....	18 90	16 90	2 00	34 62	38 38	3 43
Erie .....	311 11	151 16	159 95	171 46	63 00	108 46
Huntingdon .....	47 90	45 33	2 57	4 87	14 90	10 03
Indiana .....	135 68	107 06	28 62	25 29	33 55	8 26
Jimtown .....	34 23	73 62	39 39	4 60	27 30	22 70
Johnstown .....	339 42	242 47	96 95	94 21	54 73	39 48
Meadville .....	73 92	35 61	38 31	46 18	28 25	17 93
McDonald .....	44 15	58 65	14 50	9 26	11 20	1 94
North Warren .....	54 92	74 80	19 88	49 36	42 33	7 03
Pittsburgh No.1 .....	838 59	708 13	130 46	165 11	234 97	69 86
Pittsburgh No.2 .....	188 54	96 28	92 26	55 59	10 53	45 06
Port Allegheny .....	52 86	84 05	31 19	11 47	20 48	9 01
Shingle House .....		20 10	20 10	6 10		6 10
Six Mile Run .....	116 90	84 44	32 46	24 75	13 94	10 81
Washington .....	78 64	213 12	134 48	27 25	137 14	109 89
Total .....	4,117 00	4,148 00	31 00	1,691 80	1,493 86	197 94

H. K. HACKMAN, *Treasurer*.

Spirit's power are still with us and eternity alone will reveal its far reaching results. I for myself am profoundly thankful for the divine touch received there. I am anxious that this vivifying influence shall abide with me and not with me only but with all that have been effected thereby. I am beginning to realize surely as never before what it really means to be a child of the most high God. The truthfulness of the words we read from the pen of Sister White, that we often do not get one hundredth part of the good out of a meeting that we should, are beginning to dawn upon my mind. "O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness to the children of men."

We are of good cheer because the Lord is pleased to bless his work in this part of his vineyard. Just before leaving for the Baltimore meeting it was my privilege to baptize five and on my return four more precious souls. Five of these have united with Allegheny No. 1 church while the other four united with the German church. This has been the result of faithful work done in visiting, giving Bible readings, and the holding of public meetings. Every effort thus put forth is an influence for good and

contributes to the result as a whole. We are looking forward to this summer's effort to result in greater good in saving souls than ever before. "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord."

Wishing the VISITOR family much of the Spirit's blessing, I am sincerely

Your brother in Christ,  
JOHN P. GAEDE.

### News Notes

Elder I. D. Richardson made a short call at the conference office May twenty-fourth on his way to Mt. Vernon.

Elder Gaede, pastor of the Allegheny churches, baptized four on the morning of the twenty-fifth.

Some of the churches have not yet sent in the names of their delegates for the camp-meeting. Please send these in as soon as possible.

"To commence work without prayer is as a man trying to light gas without turning on the tap."

"Reflect the character of Christ and you will become like Christ."

### WEST VIRGINIA

#### The Colporteur Work

We are very glad to welcome John McHenry into the ranks of the colporteurs. I received word from him that he would be ready at a certain date to start to work. I went over to his home the day before in order to be with him to start. Well on my arrival, I found that he had put in five days before I got there, and had taken orders for \$90.00 in that time. The next morning, he told me that he would work in the most difficult territory while I was with him. So we went into a territory where there was considered very deep prejudice. Some of the ministers who held tent efforts in that locality, had received several eggs from some unknown parties, and they were not so fresh as they might have been.

Well we knew it would take much of the Spirit of the Lord, if we accomplished anything, so we earnestly sought him in prayer before we started, and several times along the way, we found time and place to pray. Some families whom we talked and prayed with seemed to be very much interested. About four o'clock in the afternoon we were going down a creek road, and we saw a woman and her children on the side of a large hill, cleaning a spring; we went over to where she was, and I showed her our book; as soon as I was through, she began to try to describe a book that they got hold of, but it had been nearly torn up; and for several years they had tried to find some one who would know where to get that book. After she had told me what she could about it, and said she would give \$10.00 if she could replace it, I found that it was "Bible Readings." Just then her husband came up, and she said, "Here are some men that can get us one of those books," He said "Well order one." So they took a \$4.00 binding, and said they thought their preacher would want one and they would let us know by mail. The man said "Surely the Lord is good, he has sent you here so we could get that book." He told us we could likely sell one at the next house, so we went up and sold them a "Daniel and Revelation" and arranged for a night's lodging. We ate our supper, and then went over to another house, took an order there, and went up on the side of the mountain had a good talk with the Lord and thanked him that we had over \$14.00 worth of orders, and we told nearly

all of them we were Adventists. The next morning we went past the house where the man had ordered the "Bible Readings" and he stopped us and gave us an order for another \$4.00 binding for their preacher. We considered it very profitable for two to be together. While one would show the book, the other would pray. Tuesday evening when we separated we had over \$30.00 worth of orders in that considered hard territory, and and we were taught the lesson that prayer is the most powerful instrument in calming the tempest of prejudice.

There are many counties here that are ripe already to harvest. We should be glad to correspond with some family who would like to move into one of them and do missionary canvassing, and raise up a little church. The Lord is perfectly willing to help you do this. Come and prove him.

H. F. KIRK.

### News Notes

After spending a few days at Mount Vernon College, Elder W. J. Tanner is making a trip among the churches of the conference. We are all pleased to have Brother Tanner with us as our president, and cooperate with him to make this conference all that the Lord would have it.

Professor B. G. Wilkinson met with the conference committee on May 20 at Parkersburg, West Va., at which time definite plans were made for the summer's work. The directors of the Book Society who met on May 19, elected W. J. Tanner, as their president, to take the place made vacant by Elder Robbins' removal to West Pennsylvania as their president.

We are glad to see the student canvassers coming back to this field and will be able to report later the names of all who will work in this conference, and their places of labor.

We were glad to receive a call this week, at the office, from Elder F. H. Robbins, and his daughter Ruth. They were on their way home from Mt. Vernon College. We were also pleased to receive calls this past week from Brethren Butler, and Wilcox, who are now canvassing in Marion County.

"Prayer is the sincere desire,  
Uttered or unexpressed,  
The glowing of a hidden fire  
That trembles in the breast."

## VIRGINIA

Brother L. L. French who has lately moved to Rileyville, Page County, from North Dakota, and is working among his neighbors, writes that his meetings there seem to hold a good interest. Several are getting ready to obey the Word.

A letter from Brother Jacob Meyer states that he is of good courage, and the Lord is wonderfully blessing him in his work. He has a delivery of \$400 to make June 22.

Brother L. A. King left Wednesday for his field. He expects to finish up Pittsylvania County, where he canvassed last summer. We ask the prayers of our people in behalf of the colporteurs.

Brother G. W. Hendricks, of Suffolk, also has a nice delivery of books to make soon.

W. H. George spent some time at Lynchburg recently in behalf of the colporteur work. He says he is looking for four or five from Lynchburg to enter the work.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

### Washington Sanitarium Notes

A lady member of a wealthy Boston family while spending a number of weeks here as a patient became very much interested in present truth. She gladly received Bible readings, and read much from our denominational literature. A gift of \$40.00 cash and the promise of more money to be used in furnishing a room in our new City Hospital shows her interest in our work.

The wife of a brigadier general of the U. S. Army stationed on the Mexican border spent a few days with us recently.

A naval officer from Mare Island Navy Yard, Cal. is spending a number of weeks with us as a patient.

We are glad to note the earnest work of the family in the care of our patients and guests. The spirit of cooperation, and of individual responsibility in illustrating the principles of the gospel is much appreciated.

The work here continues to grow in the estimation and favor of the physicians of Washington City. Every day some doctor visits the institution.

Doctor Harding and wife of Columbus, Ohio, spent a few days recently at the Sanitarium. Dr. Harding gave a very interesting and profitable lecture before the medical society and Sanitarium family. He spoke particularly of the spiritual and mental influences that affect the health. The thorough-going Christian is in harmony with laws that bring health and happiness into the life, and the attitude of heart and mind connects him with the blessings of God.

O. B. KUHN.

## OHIO

### Cincinnati

It was my privilege on the last Friday and Sabbath of May to meet with our churches in the city of Cincinnati. I could not help but be impressed with the importance of that great field as we spent many hours riding from place to place where meetings were held and seeing the largeness of the city and the many homes yet unwarned.

The workers in Cincinnati feel in a special way the great responsibility of carrying the work forward there. The Lord has blessed their labors and quite a number have been added to the church in the past months.

Sabbath morning after speaking to the church in their place of meeting, the congregation went to the Baptist church nearby where six were baptized by Elder Miller.

The church is greatly disappointed that Elder Miller and his family are to be called away, yet all took a very consistent position in regard to his removal and have hopes for such help as they need there later.

Brother and Sister Campbell have been permitted to see encouraging results from their Bible work in that city. From time to time they have been permitted to witness such scenes as we witnessed as fruit from faithful labor in their Bible studies.

At 9:30 Sabbath morning, I enjoyed the pleasure of speaking to the colored church where I found a nice congregation under the leadership of Elder Leslie Muntz. Brother Muntz has hopes of bringing others into his church in the near future.

A most encouraging state of harmony and earnestness in the work

and among the workers as well as in the church exists in Cincinnati. Let us pray for the advancement of the cause in that great and needy city.

E. K. SLADE.

## AT THE COLLEGE

### The Bible Workers' Band

Sabbath, October 11, 1913, immediately after Sabbath-school thirty-two young ladies met in the ladies' parlor for the purpose of organizing a Bible workers band. The meeting was conducted by the former leader, Mrs. King. Before any business was brought before the society the plans and purposes of the band were discussed. The leader elected by the band was Mrs. Salisbury, who remained a faithful leader during the entire year. Our members steadily increased until the band was composed of fifty enthusiastic members who met every Sabbath from 9:30 to 10:30. During this hour Bible readings were given by various members of the band who were chosen by the leader, in connection with this we had a band of critics whose work it was to watch closely the way in which the readings were taken up and also methods pursued by readers. At the close of each reading the critics were called upon to approve or disapprove of methods taken up by the one in charge also at the close of each reading the meeting was open for questions one would meet in giving readings to outsiders.

On account of the large membership it was decided to divide the band into a number of individual bands of four members each, and one acting as leader. Meetings were held by these individual bands once every week thus making it possible for every member to give one reading each month. Great good was derived from these small meetings.

In addition to these bands a strong mailing band of twenty-two members was organized whose only work it was to mail papers and tracts to interested people whose names were handed to them by various members of our band and also by a number of canvassers. Twenty-two permanent readers were secured and papers were mailed to them weekly. The paper used by the band was *Signs of the Times* weekly.

At the beginning of our work we used the individual report blank and in this way we were able to secure the report of work done every week by our band. The following is the report read by the secretary at the

## Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending May 29, 1914

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
W. E. Wagner, Sabina		GC	5	44	3	8 00	75	8 75	
C. E. Reichenbach, Licking Co.		ES	5	40	12	45 00	5 25	50 25	
A. L. Bassler, Fairfield Co.		GC	4	39	1	3 00			134 00
W. Syphers, Wilmington		GC	5	38	5	16 00	3 00	19 00	75
W. Wallace Kay, Stark Co.		ES	5	35½	4	12 00	6 75	18 75	
Lloyd Swallen, Stark Co.		ES	5	33	5	17 00	23 20	40 40	
A. H. Conn, Cleveland		DR	4	33	9	31 00	5 20	36 20	95
J. L. Sauder, Ravenna		ES	4	32	4	12 00	3 75	15 75	2 25
W. H. Geisweller, Springfield		PP	5	31	4	12 00	75	12 75	
J. H. Stafford, Lucas Co.		DR	5	29	6	20 00	75	20 75	3 00
John Schick, Akron		GC	4	28	1	3 00		3 00	27 75
John J. Mettler, Cuyahoga Co.		GC	4	27	5	17 00	4 50	21 50	
W. E. Morgan, Wellsville		PPF	5	26	11	20 00	2 50	22 50	6 75
*D. J. Royer, Cleveland		DR	6	36	4	16 00	3 75	19 75	45 25
Tillie Gable, Cleveland		ES	4	22	4	14 00		14 00	4 50
B. P. Foote, Jackson Co.		GC	2	15	5	17 00	4 50	21 50	
Beulah Morgan, Wellsville		PPF	2	14	4	6 00		6 00	10 00
Mrs. H. B. Wylie, Cleveland		PPF	2	9	6	10 00	35	10 35	2 00
Glee W. Mills, Wood Co.		PPF	1	8	5	7 50		7 50	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>19 Agents</b>		<b>77</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>296 50</b>	<b>\$65 60</b>	<b>351 50</b>	<b>\$237 70</b>

### East Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 29, 1914

W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	PPF	3	34	9	19 50	75	20 25	253 45
F.A. Brownell, Scranton	GC	5	36	16	55 00	30 00	85 00	9 00
W. B. Dunkinson, York Co.	PPF	5	25	4	8 00	1 10	9 10	6 60
J. L. Gerhart, Snyder Co.	PPF	3	27	11	17 00		17 00	
E. Tolliver, Plymouth	BF	5	31	16	25 00		25 00	
Mrs. C. D. Wolff, Reading	BF	3	12	2	3 00	1 50	4 50	
Mrs. Park Drake, Johnsonville		2	6	2	1 25		1 25	
Beryl Amole, Reading	BF	4	15	2	3 00	7 00	10 00	
M. J. Partington, Plymouth Co.	BS	5	9	20	15 00		15 00	12 75
J. G. Witman, Lebanon	BF	6	48		38 00		38 00	
M. Shank, Luzerne Co.	BF	3	17	13	19 50	4 50	24 00	
Leo Robbins, Oley Co.	BF		40	14	23 00	75	23 00	
Mrs. James Wilson, Luzerne Co.						6 80	6 80	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13 Agents</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>109 \$227 25</b>	<b>\$52 40</b>	<b>\$279 65</b>	<b>315 65</b>

### Chesapeake, Week Ending May 29, 1914

J. E. Jones, Sussex Co.	PPF	5	44	27	48 75	15 00	63 75	
Naomi Geisenderfer, Arlington		4	23	8	15 00	7 50	22 50	
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.	CK	3	28	9	13 50	4 75	18 25	
Mrs. J. L. Laurent, Baltimore	BR	3	16	5	20 00		20 00	
G. W. Lawrence, Calvert Co.	DR	4	26	6	19 00		19 00	
F. H. Barritt, Allegany Co.	DR	5	32	18	57 00	4 00	61 00	
G. R. Apsley, Allegheny Co.	DR	5	35	7	21 00	2 40	23 40	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7 Agents</b>		<b>29</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>80 \$194 25</b>	<b>\$33 65</b>	<b>\$227 90</b>	<b>\$38 00</b>

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	Signs	Temp I	
G. R. Apsley		24	2 40
T. H. Barritt		20	2 00
Mrs. J. I. Laurent		55	5 50
O. C. Weller	10		1 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>10 90</b>

### New Jersey, Week Ending May 29, 1914

W. M. Fink, Newark	PG	3	17	8	24 00		24 00	
Wm. Schmidt, Elizabeth	GC	2	13	2	6 00	9 25	15 25	
G. W. Blinn, Burlington	GC	5	43	24	72 00		72 00	
Edward Sterner, Millville	PPF	5	38	11	16 50	2 15	18 65	
C. G. Taylor, Millville	PPF	4	27	12	19 00	90	19 90	
Magazines					55 20		55 20	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3 Agents</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>47 \$162 70</b>	<b>\$3 05</b>	<b>\$164 75</b>	<b>\$3 05</b>

West Virginia, Week Ending May 29, 1914

T. M. Butler, Clarksburg	PPF	10	93	45	88	00	5	90	94	40	4	90
John McHenry, Pleasant	DR	10	89	67	134	25	21	45	155	70		
W. H. Wilcox, Harrison Co.	PPF	10	87	39	80	25	4	55	84	80	2	50
O. J. Belt, Tyler	ES	5	30	4	8	00	6	00	14	00	30	00

Totals 4 Agents 35 299 155 \$311 00 \$37 90 \$348 90 \$37 40

Grand Totals: 46 Agents Value of Orders, \$1191 70 Deliveries, \$531 80

The Summary

We are pleased in this month's summary to see two conferences above the \$2,000 mark. What a pity that Eastern Pennsylvania did not sell that other \$4.80 worth of books giving them \$1,000.00. We are certainly very much pleased to see Eastern Pennsylvania so close to the \$1,000 mark so soon after the arrival of Brother Wolff in the field. We want to see all of our conferences above the one thousand dollar mark by July.

That which will make all this possible is the blessing of the Lord which will come when we put in full time (40 hours per week) and pray for victories at every turn.

On the last page of this number of the VISITOR you will notice an appeal to all of the VISITOR readers to faithfully remember the colporteurs at the family altar on Monday and Friday mornings of each week that our colporteurs may be more than conquerors on this time question. Take courage, fellow workers, and remember that all the readers of the VISITOR will be praying for us from now on.

I. D. RICHARDSON, *General Agent.*

Monthly Summary of Canvassers' Reports

Month Ending May 1, 1914

Conferences	Colporteurs	Hours	Orders	Value of Books
Ohio	28	3381	812	\$2804 35
Chesapeake	11	1205	611	2203 30
East Pennsylvania	9	905	320	895 20
West Pennsylvania	8	759	258	819 18
New Jersey	6	543	177	611 25
Virginia	7	506	200	566 20
District of Columbia	4	336	86	429 80
West Virginia	5	427	148	398 25
Totals	78	8063	2612	8727 53

last meeting of our band.

Missionary Letters Written	155
Missionary Letters Received	36
Missionary Visits	313
Bible Readings Held	68
Subscriptions for Periodicals	8
Papers Sold	578
Papers Mailed	1,303
Books Sold	2
Books Lent	28
Tracts Given Away	370
Hours of Christian Help Work	200
Articles of Clothing Given Away	61
Meals Provided	14
Bibles Given Away	2
Packages of Family Bible	
Teachers sent out	3

A number of our workers gave readings in the city of Mount Vernon. In one of the leading churches of the city the Sabbath question arose in a Sunday-school class and as the teacher did not make the subject clear one of our workers was called to give the same texts on the subject. A large number were present and several were convinced that the seventh is still the day which God intends we should keep as the Sabbath. Some are now attending our regular church service and we hope in the near future that some will unite with us.

We received many calls which we were unable to fill on account of our school work. The city of Mount Vernon has been greatly stirred and many souls are hungering for truth.

May God send more laborers into his vineyard for the harvest truly is plenteous. And as the students are leaving the College we hope that each will feel the importance of spending his summer vacation in active mis-

sionary work for the Master.

LILLY SCHAR, *Secretary.*

No Back Numbers

The time is here when there are no back numbers of the *Signs of the Times* weekly obtainable. Every edition is being used each week to fill subscriptions, and it is seldom that a few back copies can be supplied. You should have your subscription entered regularly for this good journal. And each copy should be treasured carefully. Some are binding them in heavy manilla covers for personal use and lending them to friends. The splendid articles that are now appearing are among the best we have seen, and it will pay you to preserve them for reference and use in local missionary work. Let us make the most of this valuable agency for giving the message.

New Studies in the Fireside Correspondence School

The Fireside Correspondence School is ready to receive pupils in the following new subjects: Educational Psychology, Agriculture, and Hebrew I. Those who are interested in pursuing these subjects during the summer vacation should address the undersigned at once for full particulars, so that they may begin work as soon as possible.

C. C. LEWIS, *Prin., Takoma Park, D.C.*

He who never failed has never half succeeded.—O. S. Marden.

Back to the Signs

There is a returning call for a five-cent paper. Inquiries are being received at the *Signs of the Times* office as to the sale of the *Signs* weekly. And why not? There were times before the introduction of our ten-cent magazines when thousands of copies of the *Signs* were sold by our people everywhere. For several years we have thought a five-cent paper could not be sold, and we have left it alone. But the field is now calling for it. The *Signs* is gotten up neatly and attractively and the contents are the best there are. Why not sell it? There are many people who wish a five-cent paper, and we have it in the *Signs*. The *Saturday Evening Post* is sold every week. Why not the *Signs*? We believe it can be done and not materially effect the sale of our good magazines, either. Suppose you try a few copies next week. Just let the people read the heads of the articles. That will be sufficient.

Here is just the chance our boys and girls and older people are looking for,—a weekly paper route, delivering a copy each week. Collect twenty cents a month, or fifty cents for three months. The papers cost you two and one-half cents each. They sell for five-cents a copy. Sixteen large message-filled pages of the best literature we have. Start a small route

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### A Request for Prayer

The colporteurs of the Columbia Union Conference request an interest in your prayers at your family altar Monday and Friday mornings of each week that they may gain a complete victory over that dread of entering the field on Monday morning and that inclination to quit too early on Friday.

Very few of God's people realize how Satan opposes our colporteurs on Monday morning as they begin to prepare to go to their fields. He continues to oppose them and suggest to them that they should not go until tomorrow. The devil has two children of whom he is very proud: they are, "By and By" and "Tomorrow." These two children accomplish more for him than all the rest of his family. Both of these children are with us constantly. When we decided to accept Christ, they came and talked with us; also, when we thought of entering the Lord's service to save souls, they worked with us day and night. We all want to and must have the victory over them.

There are many of God's dear people who are kept at home by home cares, ill health, and otherwise, but remember that you can help the colporteurs very much on Monday and Friday mornings by helping them get the victory over the devil who seeks to cause them to lose so much time. Last month the colporteurs of this

Union Conference lost almost as much time as they worked. Those who have never engaged in the colporteur work can not imagine how strongly the colporteurs are tempted to come short of the standard of *Forty Hours per Week*. Now that they will be assured that you are praying for them it will do them much good and give them much courage to press on for victory. Pray that the angels of the Lord may be especially near to them on Mondays and Fridays.

In behalf of our faithful colporteurs,  
I. D. RICHARDSON, *General Agent*.

### 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 -  
Allentown.

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, Aug. 27-Sept. 6-Lynchburg.  
District of Columbia. Not settled.

### Were You Ever Locked Out?

If you were, you know that it is a very perplexing experience. The situation of one who is trying to enter a barred door illustrates the situation in which we as a denomination find ourselves.

Most of us have given hearty approval by vote to the plan of raising twenty cents a week per church member, fifteen cents of this to go to the support of our mission work, and five cents to be given to liquidate our institutional indebtedness. However, the problem of accomplishing this is yet to be met. We believe that the plan of giving fifteen cents per week per church member, through the medium of the Sabbath-school, is the key that will unlock this door. Already some have tried the key and have found a ready entrance. Some of the leaders in our conferences recognize the value of this plan and are urging its adoption. The following resolutions were recently passed by one of our large conferences:—

"Knowing our Sabbath-schools are a strong factor in raising the means which make up the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund;

*We recommend*

"a. That our Sabbath-school set a goal; in the matter of offerings to missions, toward which each school shall work from quarter to quarter. We would suggest that this goal be an amount not less than fifteen cents a week for each member of the Sabbath-school.

"b. That some device be adopted by each Sabbath-school whereby the secretary shall inform the school of its standing each week, and thus give an opportunity to make up any shortage in the amount.

"c. That inasmuch as the per capita offering is based on church-membership rather than a membership of the Sabbath-school, we recommend that in the churches where some of the church members do not attend Sabbath-school, but come in for the church service, a second offering be taken just before the close of the Sabbath-school, in order that those coming in late may have a part in raising the desired amount."

If this were done in every school, it would make the twenty cents a week easily possible. It would finance our mission work. In due time it would pay off our indebtedness. The best, the easiest, the most convenient way to give this amount is to place this money in the Sabbath-school envelope which is passed to every one every Sabbath.

The practical way for your church to carry out the plan is to count up your church members, multiply the number by fifteen, then again by thirteen, and you will have the amount your Sabbath-school should give to missions in one quarter. Set the goal plainly before the school. Let every one do his best to reach it, and when the thirteenth Sabbath comes around make it "Dollar Day" for the special thirteenth Sabbath offering, and nine times out of ten the goal will be reached.

Believing this to be the "key" to the situation, we are urging every school to use it. It is easier to use a key than it is to pry open the door or to batter it down. The key that is constantly in use is not easily lost or mislaid, and it does not rust. Try it.

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.

A Missionary Volunteer society was organized in Samoa recently. Thus again we are reminded that this young people's work is going around the world enlisting young men and women in the work of winning souls.