

"Pray for Our Colporteurs Mondays and Fridays."

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

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## UNION

"My Times Are in Thy Hand"

Psalms 31:15.

Whatever comes of good or ill,  
"My times are in thy hand;"  
And so I rest secure in thee,  
For thou dost understand.

Thou knowest the way I take, dear Lord,  
And every step of mine  
Is 'neath the watchful, guardian care  
Of that great heart of thine.

I do not know, or need to know,  
What I must meet to-day;  
I only know thou leadest me,  
And that thou art the way.

I know "my times are in thy hand,"  
I know thou lovest me;  
I know thy promises are sure,  
And I will trust in thee.

MARY E MOUNT.

*Sinking Spring, Ohio.*

## Report of the Religious Liberty Department for the Biennial Term

It was my privilege to connect with this department during last fall and since that time we have been endeavoring to put the department in evidence concerning this branch of our missionary movement. Besides the purely Religious Liberty features of the department, we have taken part in the Temperance cause, a movement in which I believe our people generally should take more active interest.

### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WORK

Following the camp-meetings of West Virginia and Maryland, the department took up the work of getting in touch with the different states comprising this Union. In the general correspondence there was included a letter to a large number of the Catholic clergy and Catholic periodicals calling attention to our Religious Liberty work in connection with a pertinent article appearing in the *Liberty* magazine, written by Elder F. M. Wilcox on the subject of equality in political considerations. This corre-

spondence evoked the attention of some of the Catholic periodicals, resulting in giving advertisement to our work in one way or another.

Attention was given to Sunday legislation proposed in Virginia and Maryland. In the Virginia legislature a bill was introduced by request intended to supplement the present Sunday law of the state of Virginia, the provisions of which were very drastic. This bill died in committee.

A measure of opposite character was introduced in the Maryland legislature which called for the liberalizing of the present very drastic law of that state. We appeared before the committee in connection with others from the city of Baltimore, mostly merchants, but the measure was not reported from the committee to which it had been referred. In addition to these, we took part in a hearing before a subcommittee of the House Committee on the District of Columbia in regard to a bill closing barber shops on Sunday. At this writing the bill still remains unreported.

Last December we conducted an encouraging Religious Liberty Convention for ten days in the city of Baltimore. At that time two other conventions were being held, one by the Church Federation Council, the other by the Lord's Day Alliance. Those two meetings gave opportunity for our people to note the advance steps being taken by religio-political movements now at work in this country, the outcome of which will certainly lead to the nullifying of the American idea of civil government.

### TEMPERANCE CAMPAIGNING

This department took an active part in the Temperance Campaign work, feeling justified from the Testimonies upon the subject and from the fact that our department more than any other is called upon to relate itself to matters of political character. In other words, religious liberty and prohibition work affect largely matters connected with political legislation. As a result of the large mass meeting held on the steps of the United States Capitol, two joint resolutions provid-

ing for nation-wide prohibition were introduced simultaneously in the Senate and House of Representatives. Representative Richmond Pearson Hobson fathered a Resolution in the House of Representatives (H. J. Res. 168) in connection with a masterly address on the subject of alcohol and its relation to moral, physical, and civil relations. Senator Morris Sheppard presented his measure in the Senate also with a very telling address showing the widespread agitation in behalf of eliminating the liquor traffic.

Petitions had been prepared by the department and sent out to our local conferences, including church elders, which were utilized as appeals in favor of adopting the joint resolutions referred to.

On April 15 and 16 hearings were conducted before House and Senate Committees on the Judiciary on these resolutions. We were given opportunity to present an address before each of these committees indicating the position our people occupy in regard to the liquor traffic. As these hearings are printed by the United States government in permanent form, an advantage is accorded our people in the record thus far achieved. At this writing it seems possible that a favorable report on the joint resolutions proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States providing for national prohibition will come from each of these committees.

These experiences in Religious Liberty and Temperance campaign work have afforded us favorable opportunity to get in touch with and court the acquaintance of public officials and leaders in reform movements. At one time the pro-Sunday law people associated Seventh-day Adventists with the liquor traffic and the lawless element, but that day has long since passed, and we have a standing now with these people which gives us as it were a bank account against which to check for future purposes.

A word of exhortation in regard to our attitude concerning the liquor traffic from Sister White will not be out of place at this juncture.

"In our work more attention should

be given to the temperance reform. Every duty that calls for reform, involves repentance, faith and obedience. It means the uplifting of the soul to a new and nobler life. Thus every true reform has its place in the third angel's message. Especially does the temperance reform demand our attention and support. At our camp-meetings we should call attention to this work, and make it a living issue. We should present to the people the principles of true temperance, and call for signers to the temperance pledge. Careful attention should be given to those who are enslaved by evil habits. We must lead them to the cross of Christ. . . This evil must be more boldly met in the future than it has been in the past. Ministers and doctors should set forth the evils of intemperance.

"In our churches there are Christians who are standing in defense of the principles of temperance. We should seek to come near to these workers, and make a way for them to stand shoulder to shoulder with us. . . . If the work of temperance were carried forward by us as it was begun thirty years ago; if at our camp-meetings we presented before the people the evils of intemperance in eating and drinking, and especially the evil of liquor drinking; if these things were presented in connection with the evidences of Christ's soon coming, there would be a shaking among the people."

"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. We need not expect that God will work a miracle to bring about this reform, and thus remove the necessity for our exertion. We ourselves must grapple this giant foe, our motto, 'No compromise,' and no cessation of our efforts till victory is gained."—*Review & Herald, November 8, 1881.*

Before closing this report I should like to lay before the local conferences represented one or two important matters which in my judgment needs careful attention.

First: It is essential to the success of any department of our work that uniform and hearty co-operation between all concerned shall be the rule. The work of the department will be made successful in proportion to the co-operation afforded from the local conferences. In this particular I am glad to say that as a rule the presidents of the local conferences comprising

this Union have sustained a co-operative attitude.

Second: From my point of view, based upon an experience in public life of many years, I think that very great care should be taken in regard to our methods and manner of conducting campaigns of Religious Liberty character in behalf of those outside the message. We are to remember that ours is an evangelical, a soul-winning commission, under which we are to secure commandment keepers, that our work is of constructive rather than of destructive character; that we are to deal with the positive rather than the negative side of last day issues; that we are anti-sin wherever and whenever revealed; that we are indebted to the men and women of all denominations and to those of no denomination in regard to providing them with the truth for these last days; and finally, that we are engaged in a campaign and not simply in desultory battles and skirmishes.

The success of our work largely depends upon gaining the attention of the people. There are lines of least resistance toward which we should tend, and our manner of approaching the same will largely determine not only the measure of success we are to enjoy, but also our attitude toward God's way of doing things. We are not to wage war against any sect of people but in Christ-like way to save the people from the errors which any sect may be propagating. The Bible admonishes us to follow after those things which make for peace, and that "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men." Not only do we find food for reflection in the life work of the Saviour as to methods, but there comes to us from the spirit of prophecy in regard to Religious Liberty work ample testimony bearing upon this matter of exercising care in our public Religious Liberty work. Very much could be said upon this subject by way of elaboration, but at the present time this will suffice as an exhortation.

Further items will be found in resolutions submitted to the Committee on Plans.

S. B. HORTON, *Religious Liberty Sec'y.*

(There has been a delay in publishing the above report because of lack of space.)

### EAST PENNSYLVANIA

#### Report from East Pennsylvania, Conference, 1912—1914

The East Pennsylvania Conference was organized in 1903 out of territory formerly comprised in the Pennsyl-

vania Conference which had been organized in 1879. It is one of the largest, both in area and population, in the Columbia Union, containing thirty-five counties and comprising the entire eastern half of the state of Pennsylvania, and having a population of nearly five million souls, or, practically one-fourth of the population of the entire Columbia Union. Within its borders is found the great city of Philadelphia which with its suburban towns makes a centralized population of 2,000,000 people.

This great territory, filled with cities, towns and villages and the great city of Philadelphia, especially named by the voice of the spirit of prophecy as a field to be worked at this time, form a tremendous problem for us as we endeavor to work it with our small force of laborers, but we have a loyal constituency of 1200 Sabbath-keepers, the recorded membership being 1150. There are thirty-three organized churches and six companies of believers. There are fourteen church buildings having a combined value of \$47,300.

Among our entire company of workers we believe is perfect love and confidence prevailing and that we are united in the one aim, namely, to speedily both bring the truth to those in darkness in our own great field and send it to the waiting multitudes in the far off lands,—“To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith which is in Christ”. The same all-absorbing purpose permeates our churches also.

The tithe for the biennial period of 1910-11 was \$36,295.24. For the biennial period of 1912-13, it was \$40,788.51. There has been a steady increase of tithe every year. For the actual 12 months for the year 1912, the tithe was \$19,935.91, and for the 12 months constituting 1913, our tithe was \$20,852.60. The total tithe for the biennial term was \$40,788.51, of which we sent on for work outside of our conference \$11,138.94. We have received from the General Conference and North American Mission Fund some appropriations during the biennial term, which were greatly appreciated, but before the close of 1913 we entered into an agreement with the Columbia Union Conference and the North American Division Conference, that commencing Jan. 1, 1914, we would conduct the East Pennsylvania Conference entirely on a self-support-

ing basis, and, that we would sent on to them for work outside of our conference 31% of all of our tithe receipts. This we are now doing and have been doing since January 1.

Our total foreign missions offerings for 1912 were \$9,927.51; for 1913, these foreign missions offerings amounted to \$10,532.50. Thus each year we exceeded the requirements of the Fifteen and Twenty-cent-per-week Funds by some hundreds of dollars; the total amount for foreign missions equalling \$20,460.01 for the biennial term. Of this amount, in the year 1912, our Sabbath-schools gave \$2869.88, while in the year 1913, the Sabbath-school donations amounted to \$3733.51. For this large increase in our Sabbath-school offerings the last year we feel exceedingly grateful as it indicates a growing interest and life in our Sabbath-schools throughout the conference. We have 45 Sabbath-schools with an enrollment of 1194.

Concerning our Young People's Department work we report 12 local societies with a membership of 171. This is an increase of two societies over the previous year. Quite an interest is being awakened among the young people in the Standard of Attainment and the Reading Course. 18 are taking the Reading Course and about 50 are studying for the Standard of Attainment. Their interest in all departments of home and foreign work is evidenced by their faithful efforts to advance the message in every way. We believe there is developing a strong work among the young people of East Pennsylvania. Twenty-three of our earnest and consecrated young people are in attendance at Mount Vernon Academy preparing for more efficient service for the Master. We have but one church school at present. It is at Fairhill and is just closing a successful year. We are planning for the starting of others as we believe that the church school is one of the most important factors in saving our children to the cause of God.

In 1912 the retail value of book and periodical sales was \$12,699.03 and for 1913, \$11,685.75. Thus the total for the term was \$24,384.78. It will be noticed that there was a slight falling off in the sales for 1913. This is accounted for by the fact that in the early spring we released Brother McEachern to answer a call from the Ohio Conference, thus necessitating a change in the field agency, which, however, would not have affected us so seriously were it not for the fact that Brother Geo. A. Sandborn, who accepted the call to East Pennsylvania

as our field agent, desiring to take up ministerial work for the foreign populations in our great cities, was released at the earnest solicitation of the New Jersey Conference in the early fall and we were compelled to conduct our book work without any field agent for the remainder of the year. We are thankful for the measure of prosperity which has attended this important branch of the work under these circumstances. The faithfulness and capability of our office help has contributed materially to this success. We have now secured the services of Brother C. D. Wolff as field agent and he is entering upon his work with faithfulness.

We have 7 ordained ministers, 2 licensed ministers, 6 licensed missionaries and 7 book and periodical canvassers, making our total number of regular workers to be 22. This number of course, is materially increased during each summer season. Elder O. F. Schwedrat is in charge of our German work in Philadelphia, which is in a prospering condition, and Elder Thomas H. Branch has the oversight of the colored work in that city. There are over 200,000 Germans in Philadelphia who were born in Germany. There are 112,000 colored people in that city, to say nothing of the many other nationalities which make the great city of independence and brotherly love a world in itself.

In the year 1912 there were baptized in our conference, 85 converts. Of these about 60 accepted the truth as a result of tent and hall efforts. In the year 1913, our workers baptized 108 of whom 90 were added to the church while the number of new Sabbath-keepers gathered out were 125, a number of whom have been baptized since the close of the year. Thus the total baptisms for the term were 193, while the new Sabbath-keepers total over 200. We have, however, been doing some revising of church rolls and have lost some of our membership by death and removals so that the net increase of our recorded membership is not so great as the actual accessions demonstrate. One new church building has been erected in the best residence section of Williamsport. Two other churches are to be built at once.

The writer succeeded Elder W. H. Heckman on November 8, 1912 and therefore cannot report from personal observation concerning the camp-meeting of 1912, but the camp-meeting at Allentown June 19-29, 1913, was one of the best which I ever attended. Although great problems had to be solved, taking much time in committee work, nevertheless, the Spirit of

God was present in the camp in a very marked manner. Many were converted and large offerings were made to foreign mission work. The influence of that splendid meeting has continued throughout the conference to the present time.

We realize that we have a tremendous field to work and we often wonder how we can warn so many millions in so short a time and with so few resources from a human standpoint, but when we remember that the work is God's and he has promised to finish the work and cut it short in righteousness in this generation, we take courage, knowing that all the resources of heaven are pledged for the successful accomplishment of the mighty task, and we consecrate ourselves anew for the carrying out of the divine purpose.

H. M. J. RICHARDS.

## CHESAPEAKE

### Experiences of a Colporteur

I desire to send a few lines of encouragement to my fellow-laborers in the Master's service. Our institute was held March 1-10 of this year. Hanging on the walls of our meeting room were maps of every county in the conference, and as we studied these I took the matter to the Lord and told him I would go wherever he would have me go. Our state agent came to me at the close of the institute and asked me if I would go to Calvert County, as nobody seemed to want it. I submitted to his request, and in telling others of my decision some would shake their heads and others would tell me I should starve to death, but with all these discouraging things to face I felt the Lord wanted me to go and I went. I have had many rich experiences. In many places where the family altars had been broken down they were restored, many tears were shed, and many requests were made for our return for another night. Many requested prayers, hardened hearts were softened and made ready for the truth.

As I was going along the road one day I noticed a house about one-half mile to my right and out of my way. I felt much impressed to call there. As I went to the door I was met by a very pleasant lady, but although very much interested in the book she said she could not give me an order as she had ordered another book a few days before. This was on Thursday. The next Tuesday, while walking along the road, about fifteen miles from the home of this lady I met her in the road. She felt she must have that book, and drove fifteen miles, making inquiry

as she went, until she finally found me on the road, and gave me her order for a "Daniel and Revelation." This is what the servant of the Lord has said would happen when we are faithful. Read "Manual for Canvassers," pages 10-14.

I want to say, brethren, never be afraid to tell any one your faith when you are asked. Take time to tell them why you are an Adventist. I have secured many orders by giving a short Bible reading on the Sabbath question when I had failed to secure the order by a simple exhibition.

Another lady walked three miles the day after I had given her an exhibition to give me her order.

In forty-six days I took orders for \$705.25 and have thus far delivered to the amount of \$250.00. I have another delivery of nearly \$400.00 waiting for July.

Now, brethren, think of the precious truth behind the doors in that county. Do you think the Lord wanted me to go to Calvert County?

GEORGE W. LAWRENCE.

Dear Fellow Workers:

The first half of this year is nearly completed. We have seen God working mightily in our behalf in many ways, and have enjoyed untold blessings from his hand, so that we can rejoice to know that the Lord is faithful who has promised to never leave us nor forsake us. We have heard many experiences wherein the Lord blessed his servants, and brought them through trials and rescued from dangers; healed sicknesses, gave success in business, worked with hard hearts to their salvation, and in all, strengthened the faith of his people. He has also made prospects for an abundance of fruit this year that the poor may have opportunity to lay up store for the winter. Surely in all this we can praise the Lord. Now what have we done for him? Have we surrendered our hearts and lives to him for service? Have we returned to him a faithful tithe of all that he has given us? Have we been faithful in our offerings? Have we spoken a word of cheer to some soul that was discouraged? Have we taken pleasure in proclaiming the truth where opportunity has afforded, and planted the seeds of truth? These are all our privileges as individuals. God has called us to this truth. He has bidden us come to him and get a knowledge of the truth and then bids us GO and tell others. We must yield ourselves fully to his service, praying with all prayer and supplication that we may

be worthy of the calling to which he has called us, and then go forward in faith, and all things will be possible unto us. We must let the Lord work through us. It is not we who will finish the work, but the Lord. "The Lord will finish the work and cut it short in righteousness." Rom. 9:28.

It does our hearts good to hear of the faith manifested by the poor heathen who are accepting Jesus. Their faith is marvelous, and the Lord is pleased to answer their earnest petitions. We see that when his people depend solely upon him for help that he never fails them, but rescueth them from all evils that surround them, while those who trust in their own strength are overwhelmed.

We appreciate all that our dear people are doing in the way of finances, and know that they are doing what they can, many times under trying circumstances. We know that the Lord is well pleased with our offerings, and wants us to continue to support his work until he will come in all his glory. Now we are very near to the 13th Sabbath which will bring us another opportunity to make a sacrifice for the Lord. Surely if we believe that the Lord is coming soon, we can afford to give liberally toward hastening the day. The Lord has a mighty storehouse and wants us to ask for what we need, that he may bestow it upon us. Then let us seek him earnestly for means to help forward this great work, and then make this 13th Sabbath offering the largest one ever given.

Sincerely your brother,

W. T. DURST.

Pondsville, Md.

Since the Union Conference at Baltimore Elder R. T. Baer and the writer conducted a two weeks' meeting at Pondsville, Maryland, where stands a nice new church building as a monument for God.

This church has been in process of construction for some time, but was only recently completed. It is beautifully situated on the mountain side only a few rods from a nice, clear, mountain stream, and in the midst of quite a thickly populated district.

The "no debt" policy has characterized the erection of this church, thus it could be, and was given over to the Lord free from incumbrance.

The dedication took place on Sunday, June 7, 1914, at 3 o'clock when Elder R. T. Baer preached the dedicatory sermon to a large and appreciative audience.

This church has passed through

some very hard struggles, which we hope and pray may never be repeated. Only recently it was called upon to lay away to rest one of its charter members, Brother John Swope, who was highly respected by the entire community, and is already greatly missed.

There are many indications that this experience will mark a new epoch in the history of the church at Pondsville, that old things have passed away, and the victories gained during the meetings will only be the beginning of a series of victories until it is purified and made white, ready to meet her Lord when he returns.

S. T. SHADEL.

## New Notes

We are glad to report the work is going forward in our field. The workers are encouraged over the prospects for the work this summer. Brother G. P. Rodgers reports 12 new Sabbath keepers awaiting baptism. Brother J. H. Wierts reports 9 who are awaiting baptism. He is planning to have baptism July 11. Brother L. E. Froom, who is laboring in Cambridge, Md., reports 6 new Sabbath keepers. There is a growing interest in that town.

Elder S. T. Shadel is pitching his tent in the city of Frederick and expects to have his first service, Friday evening, June 19.

Elder G. P. Rodgers is also getting things in readiness to pitch his tent. He has secured a lot in a favorable location on Pennsylvania Avenue in the city of Baltimore.

Elder R. T. Baer will go to Whitelysburg, Md., and hold a six-days' meeting with the church at that place. From there he will go to Cambridge, and assist Brother Froom.

Brother F. E. Hankins, Mrs. F. W. Paap and the writer attended the church missionary convention in Rock Hall, Md. A deep interest was taken in this line of work, and we hope to see good results in the near future as a result. On Sunday evening a young people's convention was held. An excellent program was rendered, and we feel the meeting will prove to be of great profit to the young people of that place.

Plans are being laid for a church missionary convention in Hagerstown, Md., Sabbath, June 20, and one in Smithsburg, Md., with the church of that place. The Pondsville church

will unite with the Smithsburg church for this meeting.

Brother F. E. Hankins has gone to Cumberland to visit the canvassers in Allegany County.

Miss Ivy Bucklew, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. T. Durst, at the conference home, has returned to her home in Barton, Md.

Dr. H. N. Sisco and Dr. Bourdeau-Sisco spent Sabbath and Sunday with the church at Fords Store, and report a pleasant and profitable time.

EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

## WEST VIRGINIA

### An Encouraging Letter

Here is a copy of a letter from Miss Wood who is working for a scholarship.

Dear Loved Ones:

Tonight with great joy, I sit down to write you a few lines, although since I have settled down, I feel tired and weary. But we have had a successful day. Surely the Lord has greatly blessed us every way. O say! I just started this letter, and a lady and gentleman came in and I gave them a canvass. I secured an order from each of them. The lady took a \$4.00 binding, while the gentleman took a \$3.00 binding. I was much pleased. I took \$15.75 the first day, and Miss Schar took \$18.00. To-day I took \$10.50, and Miss Schar \$17.00.

I gave the first canvass. After I got in the house, the whole canvass left me. I said something, but I do not know what. When I saw a subject that I could dwell upon, I would begin to pray; then Miss Schar would pray too, I know. And what do you think? I took a \$4.00 order. Miss Schar canvassed the next house and took a \$4.00 order. And O, I cannot tell you what success we have had, and the experience too. We thought it would be better to go together for a day or so. I am really glad we did for the first few days. I do not know what the Lord has for me yet tonight. Here is a lady looking at a book for her children. I am almost sure of her order. Perhaps some one else will come in. Miss Snyder this is a fine work. It is true it is hot, but how the Lord blesses. O such wonderful rich experiences as we have had! Everyone is so good to us. We have not paid out a cent, nor let a book go on lodging, nor meals. It is all given to

us. I do not really see how the Lord has been so good. We are still together tonight. We had the finest place to stay that ever was. They are such fine people. We are here again tonight. We did not do so bad by going together at first did we?

Some times it seemed that we were not going to get an order and I would begin to pray, and they would take it. That is the way we would pray for each other.

To the people of Parkersburg to us.

Sincerely, Clara Wood.

H. F. KIRK.

### A Call for Resident Colporteurs

The fields are surely whitening for harvest, but the laborers are few. As that good old book says, "Much will be lost should the harvest wait." I think the resident colporteur work is the proper way for the colporteur to see visible results.

Only recently Brother Butler made a hundred per cent delivery in country territory, where he had sold some of the customers books the third time. In the first general canvass of the county, there were \$1800.00 worth of books *delivered*. Brother Butler and Wilcox canvassed it the second time, and *delivered* \$3,000.00 worth. They are going to recanvass the same county soon, and they expect greater results. Several are interested in the town where they live, (Clarksburg) and are taking readings. Some have practically accepted the truth. We expect to see the little company in Clarksburg grow rapidly in the near future, through the efforts of these faithful colporteurs.

Brother McHenry has recently moved into one of our counties, and is starting in for resident colporteur work.

Dear reader, perhaps you are robbing yourself of a great blessing that God desires you to have. If you have a burden for souls, and you are not accomplishing as much as you would like I should be glad to present to you some splendid opportunities for soul winning. Write me. H. F. KIRK.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Putman St.

### Our Student Colporteurs

We are very thankful to see the students getting started in the canvassing work in West Virginia. Nearly every report was good for the start. We expect July to be the largest month's work that West Virginia has ever had. Each of the students talks courage. That is what we all

like to hear, and that will bring success. I think the first and greatest desire of our hearts, should be to carry this precious truth to the hungry souls. We are glad to see nearly all of them taking the large books, mostly the "Bible Readings" revised.

E. R. Corder and F. R. Kellam are located at Williamsin; Miss Clara Pettit and Miss Marie Snyder, at Huntington; Miss Lillie Schar and Miss Clara Wood, at Charleston; Brother D. E. H. Lindsay, W. Woolgar, and C. Morris, at Buckhannon; Miss Mary F. Rice and Miss Zella Schmaltz, at Cameron; Miss Madge Miller and Miss Elsie Carter, at New Cumberland; Brother and Sister Gauker, at Morgantown; Cecil Ross, at Parkersburg.

These dear young people need your prayers. Don't forget them each morning at the throne of grace. You have their names, and where they are located, so please help them by prayer. This is a way that each one can help. Even if you are sick and afflicted you can help. H. F. KIRK.

Dear VISITOR:

We are planning to begin our tent meetings here in Parkersburg next Sunday night, June 21. We realize the importance of standing in Christ's stead beseeching men to be reconciled to God. We freely confess our own inability; but we have confidence in God and what he has promised to do. We go forth in his name. We give all to him and trust in his leading for success. We expect the Lord to give us results. We want your prayers to this end.

CHAS. BAIERLE.

## OHIO

### Ohio Camp Meeting

ROOMS      TENTS

Do you know that our annual camp-meeting will be held on the Academy grounds at Mount Vernon, August 13-23? Your interest in plans to attend will at once include accommodations that you may best enjoy the meetings.

ROOMS

We have secured the use of the Academy building and will rent all available rooms. Some will need be reserved for other purposes so none are to let on the first floor. Prices have been made ranging from \$3.50 to \$5.00 for the entire period. Rooms will include one double bed with mattress, chairs, wardrobe and other furnishings varying somewhat. Usual bedding to be supplied by those at-

tending. Accommodations in three class-rooms to be assigned by orders conveniently grouped. No cooking allowed in rooms.

#### TENTS

The usual number of tents will be pitched, many in the grove. Some saving in expense and the need of averaging rates permit a reduction in price, first class being \$4.50, and second \$4.00, all floored.

#### FURNITURE

Spring cots with mattress will be rented at 75c, and folding at 50c. Chairs at 15c each or two for 25c.

Order at once, for that room or tent you want may soon be taken. Assignments made in the order received. If you are not to be present at the opening of the meeting cash should accompany your order to make your reservation certain.

Do not write to the Academy but address Ohio Conference, Box 187, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

H. D. HOLTOM, *Secretary.*

#### AT THE COLLEGE

Mr. Johnston, who has been ill at the sanitarium for some time, left last Tuesday night for his home in Boggs-town, Indiana, accompanied by his mother.

Professor John is attending the East Pennsylvania camp-meeting in the interests of the Washington Missionary College. After the meeting closes he will visit the homes of the people.

Miss White, a missionary from Mexico, is visiting her niece, Miss Madge Bateman, at Mr. Kohr's home in Mount Vernon. Miss Bateman and Miss Kohr are canvassing together this summer in nearby counties.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Miss Pangburn were home over Sabbath and Sunday last week. They are canvassing in Delaware County, Ohio, and are doing well.

Summer school will close in less than two weeks. The weeks since the close of school have been busy ones for the church school teachers and those taking private work.

The duty of all Christians toward missions has been summed up in the words, "Go. Let go. Help go."

"Behold, the kingdom of God is within you."

### Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending June 12, 1914

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
A. L. Bassler, Fairfield Co.		GC	5	57	10	31 00	7 80	38 80	3 30
H. O. Kohr, Richland Co.		DR	5	49	25	76 00	3 50	79 50	50
Mrs. G. M. Scott, Delaware Co.		GC	5	48	12	36 00	9 45	45 45	3 25
Waters, Ottawa Co.		PPF	5	44	31	52 00	1 50	53 50	
M. Pangburn, Delaware Co.		GC	5	42	22	69 00	21 65	90 65	1 40
F. ... , Delaware Co.		GC	5	42	17	51 00	29 30	80 30	2 45
J. I. ... , Ravenna		ES	5	41	8	27 00	8 25	35 25	2 85
C. E. Reichenbach, Mt Vernon		ES	5	40	15	57 00	5 25	62 25	3 85
Glee Mills, Wood Co.		PPF	5	40	25	42 50	6 00	48 50	
B. P. Foote, Jackson Co.		GC	5	39	18	60 00	4 25	64 25	
Lloyd Swallen, Canton		ES	5	38	12	41 00	21 75	62 75	8 50
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.		BR	3	38	8	25 00	10 85	35 85	2 75
D. J. Royer, Cleveland		GC	5	37	11	33 00	3 00	36 00	
*Rose Biederman, Defiance		BR	5	54	10	48 00	1 20	49 20	
G. M. Scott, Delaware Co.		GC	5	37	9	31 00	6 50	37 50	35
J. H. Stafford, Toledo		DR	5	34	5	18 00		18 00	
*C. G. Douglass, Akron		ES	9	57	10	32 00	18 35	50 35	63 70
W. H. Geisweller, Springfield		BR	5	32	4	12 00		12 00	
W. Wallace Kay, Canton		ES	4	29	3	9 00	5 50	14 50	
Daisy Crist, Columbus		ES	5	29	11	37 00	3 00	40 00	9 00
R. DeGarmo, Medina Co.		GC	4	24	9	27 00	3 75	30 75	
Helen Leslie, Defiance		PPF	5	23	15	24 00	4 50	28 50	
Tillie Gabel, Cleveland		ES	4	21					9 50
Pearl A. Bowden, Columbus		BR	5	18	4	14 00	60	14 60	
Mrs. Sadie Conn, Cleveland		PPF	4	18	6	9 50	3 75	13 25	
Elsie E. Leef, Columbus		BR	4	14	1	3 00	50	3 50	50
A. H. Conn, Cleveland		DR	2	9	2	6 00	8 00	14 00	
Della M. Jones, Prospect		BR	3	8	2	7 00		7 00	
Helen Kohr, Knox Co.		PPF	1	7	2	5 50	20	5 70	
Madge Bateman, Knox Co.		PPF	1	7	1	2 00	60	2 60	
Carrie Woodworth, Findlay		PPF				7 00		7 00	
Ross Gill, Columbus		ES	1	4					12 00
Totals	32 Agents		141	883	315	892 50	\$189 00	1081 50	\$126 90

#### Chesapeake, Week Ending June 12, 1914

David W. Percy, Talbot Co.	DA	5	57		23 50		23 50	111 00
G. W. Lawrence, Calvert Co.	DR	3	33	1	3 00		3 00	135 50
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.	OK	2	25					72 75
Naomi Geisenderfer, Arlington		2	13	4	8 75	2 75	13 50	
David W. Percy, Queen Anne	DA	5	45	11	33 00	32 00	65 00	
F. H. Barritt, Allegany Co.	DR	5	39	15	47 00	10 75	57 75	9 00
G. R. Apsley, Allegany Co.	DR	5	40	12	37 00	10 10	47 10	2 50
M. S. Pettibone, Hartford Co.	PPF	5	36	12	41 00	1 90	42 90	3 90
J. E. Jones, Sussex Co.	PPF	5	42	2	3 00		3 00	250 75
R. W. Constable, Worcester Co	PPF	5	45	24	50 00		50 00	
R. N. Coker, Worcester Co	PPF	3	12	8	18 00		18 00	
J. L. Laurent, Baltimore	GC	1	6					3 00
Totals	8 Agents		34	265	84	\$229 00	\$54 75	\$283 75 \$269 15

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	Signs	Temp I	
Mrs. J. I. Laurent		155	15 50
J. I. Laurent, Baltimore		15	1 50
G. R. Apsley	15		2 50
T. H. Barritt	20		2 00
Total	45	170	21 50

#### New Jersey, Week Ending June 12, 1914

J. Kennedy, Sussex	GC	3	25	16	53 00	20	53 20
L. B. Taylor, Sussex	BR	3	19	11	33 00		33 00
C. G. Taylor, Millville	PPF	3	24	9	14 50	1 00	15 50
Edward Sterner, Millville	PPF	8	58	15	23 50	2 55	26 05
Wm. Schmidt, Elizabeth	GC	9		5	16 00	12 00	28 00
G. W. Blinn, Burlington	GC	7	47	35	103 00		103 00
Magazines					149 65		149 65
Totals	6 Agents		34	183	91	\$392 65	\$15 75 \$408 40 \$24 10

## West Virginia, Week Ending June 12, 1914

Cecil Ross, Richie	PPF	5	48	25	46 50	10 70	57 20	70
Lily Schar, Kanawha	RR	5	43	25	69 00	4 50	73 50	
T. M. Butler, Marion	PPF	5	42	26	53 00	3 60	56 60	4 10
*W. A. Woolgar, Upshur	BR	8	80	79	99 00	5 70	104 70	
W. H. Wilcox, Harrison Co.	PPF	5	42	14	28 50	3 05	31 45	2 05
Clara Wood, Kanawha	BR	5	41	18	40 00	3 75	43 75	
Madge Miller, Hancock	BR	5	40	23	76 00	9 90	85 90	3 40
W. A. McElphatrick, Lewis	GC	5	39		14 00	30 40	44 40	6 85
John McHenry, Pleasant	DR	4	35	23	34 50	4 75	39 25	
Clara Pettit, Cabel	PPF	4	34	45	73 00		73 00	
Elsie Carter, Hancock	BR	4	33	11	36 00	2 25	38 25	1 50
*D. E. H. Lindsey, Upshur	BR	8	63	16	55 00	13 45	68 45	6 70
Mary Rice, Marshall	BR	4	32	9	13 50	17 50	31 00	3 00
Zella Schmaltz, Monongalia	BR	4	29	13	44 00	3 50	47 50	2 00
C. Morris, Upshur	BR	3	22	7	25 00	4 25	23 25	1 25
Totals	15 Agents	74	623	286	\$707 00	\$117 70	\$824 70	\$31 55

## Virginia, Week Ending June 5, 1914

L. A. King, Pittsylvania Co.	GC	7	78	51	154 00	4 75	158 75	
Jacob Meyer, Smithfield	PPF	7	61	29	59 00	9 55	68 55	5 05
G. W. Hendricks, Suffolk	PPF	4	33	26	44 50	3 00	47 50	
F. S. Parsons, Richmond								2 80
Totals	4 Agents	18	182	106	\$257 50	\$17 30	\$274 80	\$7 85

## MAGAZINES

F. S. Parsons, Signs Monthly, Subscriptions					16 90			
" " " Sold					20 20			
Carl Parsons					4 40			
					41 50			

Grand Totals: 65 Agents Value of Orders, \$2478 65 Deliveries, \$459 55

\*Two weeks.

## A Special Temperance Signs

At the Loma Linda meeting of the General and North American Division Conference Committee in March it was voted that a special temperance number of the *Signs of the Times* be issued in September and given as wide a circulation as possible.

To be issued in September means that the paper must go to the press several weeks in advance of that date. Even now matter is accumulating, illustrations working out, and plans well along for what bids fair to be the best temperance document ever produced.

Not only does it touch the consumer and his home and family, but it reaches out after the producer with a persuasive logic, backed by facts and figures, and shows him a better way and bigger earning capacity. Best of all it takes hold of the retailer with a real arousement. He sees his position, work, and influence in their true light.

The voter, too, can act intelligently, and is fortified against the deceitful arguments put forth by the opponents. The illustrations will be most striking and appropriate with some pleasing originality.

The paper goes on the press the last of June and will make its appearance the first of July. There will be sixteen full regular pages and it will

retail for five cents. Prices to tract societies and agents in quantities, two and a-half cents.

Advance orders can now be sent to your tract society office. You will find this splendid, five-cent temperance journal an exceptionally good piece of literature, and a good agents' proposition.

Place your orders now, to be mailed you July 1.

## Big Things Ahead

The winning of one soul to Christ this year by each member, is a big thing. It is well to get started early, and also to bring into use every agency designed for accomplishing this. Were we to work alone, how fruitless would be our efforts. How good it is that we have such able agencies to co-operate with us, particularly in our literature. The *Signs of the Times Weekly* is a real, genuine, dependable comrade in missionary endeavor. Our leading brethren are doing all they can to make it a pioneer missionary for us. Let us use it freely. The publishers will mail copies to separate names for us at sixty-five cents each for six months when five or more are ordered at one time. Let us try five; \$3.25 for a six-months' investment in five missionaries is not large. Look at the possibilities.

Missionary Volunteer Society  
Secretary's Alphabet

Always prompt with the quarterly report.  
Be of good courage.  
Collect missionary reports weekly.  
Delight to work for our society.  
Enlist new volunteers.  
Find a discouraged one.  
Give away papers and tracts.  
Have an interesting report every week.

If God calls to a duty, it can be done.  
Just be a faithful secretary.  
Keep neat and correct records.  
Look after sick members.  
Make use of the Volunteer leaflets.  
Never be late to young people's meeting.  
Obtain a Standard of Attainment certificate.

Pray daily for our society.  
Quick to see the society's needs.  
Read the Bible every day.  
Sign the membership pledge.  
Take the reading course.  
Use the Morning Watch.  
Visit or write to absent members.  
Work for our mission fund.  
Expect success in my work.  
Yield myself to Jesus every day.  
Zealous for the work in our conference.

EDITH SHEPARD,

Missionary Volunteer Secretary of Southern Illinois.

A Motorcycle Temperance Lecturer left Philadelphia a short time ago on a trip covering the principal cities of the United States. He will also solicit for the *Instructor Temperance Annual*.

A business man in San Francisco recently resigned his position as bookkeeper in order to take up soliciting for the Temperance *Instructor*. This party writes that he is not leaving his business in order to take up the *Instructor* work in a tame manner but that he expects to throw his greatest efforts into his Temperance *Instructor* work. He says "It is time for the temperance people of California to do something big—to give marked prominence to the circulation of temperance literature". He apologizes for his estimate of the number of *Instructors* he desires to circulate. He says he has "a million idea."

Other temperance lecturers and workers all over the United States and Canada are soliciting for the *Instructor Temperance Annual*. All of them pronounce it the best temperance paper in existence.

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### Camp-Meeting Dates

East Pennsylvania, June 18-28 - Allentown.  
New Jersey, June 25-July 5 - Camden.  
Ohio, August 13-23. Mount Vernon.  
Chesapeake, September 24-October 1. Place not settled.  
West Virginia, August 20-30 - Parkersburg.  
Virginia, August 27-September 6—Lynchburg.  
District of Columbia. Not settled.

### A Letter from Brazil

Santo Amaro, Sao Paulo,  
Brazil, S. A.

My dear Friends:

You can imagine that I am busy, when I tell you that, besides the medical work (and this includes a brother very ill with typhoid fever in our house), I have one-hundred houses to visit every week with tracts, three Bible readings to give in Portuguese, two hours every day in study of the language, my little bit of house work, and the many extras and interruptions with seven services every week to attend. So my time for writing is well crowded out.

I send you a photo of part of a native family of German descent, who today were baptized, ten of them in all including two servants. I tell you we are happy tonight when we think of this wonderful event. Twenty in all were baptized,—half of them men and half women, and such good substantial people, one could not find better anywhere. It would have done you good to hear them all respond "Sim" (yes) to the questions put to them. The Lord has been pleased to use the medical work in a marked degree here. Fourteen of these twenty were our patients or came to the meetings with patients, members of the same families. We have still fifteen or so who desire baptism a little later. We would have had twenty-six today only some were sick and others lived too far away, and did not have the money today in order to come.

Brother Lipke said some time ago that if it had not been for the medical work, in connection with our effort here, that long ago we would have had to pull down our tent for the lack of interest. So Sister Hoy and I are both glad to have had this part (which seems to us small, but which the Lord counts great) in bringing these souls firmly into the truth. I gave the women the study on the Christian's dress this morning before the service, and one by one the hands

went up to the ears and off came the rings. How we do praise the Lord for the privilege of being co-laborers with him in his redeeming work. And the joy of seeing these souls accept the truth point by point, fully repays us for any sacrifice we make or any labor we are called upon to perform.

I am so glad to hear of the good results of the work in North Philadelphia. Every report tends to encourage us, for we know that the coming of our Lord draws nearer and nearer.

I am sending you a few acacia flowers; they are very sweet. You will remember that the ark and furniture of the Sanctuary were made of acacia wood.

I never forget to pray for you all. May God ever bless and keep you, and may we soon meet around his throne.  
LOUISE V. WURTS.

### Important Prohibition Item

The status of the prohibition question before Congress has received a sudden change. About six weeks ago the administration caucus of the House decided to postpone consideration of the Hobson amendment (H. J. Res 168) until the next session of Congress, which convenes the first Monday in December. The prohibition leaders, while desirous of immediate action, accepted the caucus decree, and for this reason sent out request that the petition work be held in abeyance for the present.

But within the last few days pressure, presumably from the liquor forces, has been brought to bear to force a vote in the House of Representatives on the question. At this writing it is expected that a rule of action will come from the Committee on Rules, naming an early date in July for the consideration and disposal of the Hobson amendment. It will be incumbent upon all those who favor eliminating the liquor traffic to at once send in petitions and strong letters to members of Congress, asking for a favorable vote on the proposed amendment. A good, respectful letter to individual members of Congress will do as much, if not more, than petition blanks containing a few names. However, the petition work should not be discarded. It is to be hoped that our churches and leaders throughout the country will give this matter prompt attention. Church officers and leaders should address letters to the respective member representing the districts in which the writers are located.

S. B. HORTON, *For Religious Liberty Association.*

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## Our Responsibility

The mission offerings from the dear believers in the Columbia Union Conference for the first five months of 1914 have been received and passed on to the Mission Board. The sum total has amounted to \$13,552.97. Precious in God's sight are these gifts. And when invested in the needy mission fields they will be multiplied many fold and great will be the harvest.

In studying our responsibility and our opportunities to do all in our power while time lasts, we are confronted with the fact that we have fallen far short. While we of the Columbia Union have given the \$13,552.97, it should have amounted to \$29,154.64 had we realized the amount allotted to us. We are thus \$15,601.67 short in our mission offerings, an average of \$2.32 per member to the first of June. The shortage in mission offerings for the North American Division hovers close to \$140,000.

The multi-millionaire would think nothing of paying a sum like this. Some have spent as much or more on a single feast to please their friends and satisfy a depraved nature and bring glory to themselves. But for a people, the majority of whom are poor in this world's goods and dependent upon returns from daily toil for support of loved ones, it means much to make up a deficit of \$140,000 and at the same time carry the financial responsibilities of the present hour. It can be done, however, and God will greatly bless those who yield themselves to him as the earthly instrument through whom the riches can flow from the bank of Heaven.

The dear servant of God who last winter deprived herself of a warm cloak in order that its price might be placed in the mission treasury, and the devoted family who selected four of the mild days of the winter and went without coal, the price of which also found its way to the Mission Board, suffered bodily cold at times. But their hearts were very warm and some dear souls in the earth made new will some day clasp the hand of these dear children of God and tell them how they were buried in the sorrows of cold, dark, and degraded heathenism and how their self-sacrific

ice was the means of bringing a dear missionary to them and their people and they were saved. How thankful and rejoiced hearts will feel over the sacrifice and sufferings endured while opportunity was afforded!

My dear brethren, think over the past five months and if your mission offerings have not been what they should have been, or if your circumstances will warrant a further donation from you, the condition of the Mission Board treasury most urgently calls for a liberal offering. Make the Thirteenth Sabbath-school Offering, June 27, the largest Thirteenth Sabbath Offering ever recorded and then follow this effort with a liberal Midsummer Offering and bring our mission offerings to what they should be.

Seriously think of what we are depriving the field by withholding the \$140,000. Think of what \$140,000 will do, and then with the help of the great Missionary contribute to the fund the amount he would have you. I am sure the dear brethren and sisters associated with me will do their part. Ever remember, my dear brethren, that the harvest is always an increase. We plant a single grain, we pluck a full ear; we sow in handfuls, we reap in bosomfuls; we scatter bushels, but we gather in rich granary stores. "He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; but he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

R. T. DOWSETT.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

### President's Report

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

The District of Columbia Conference was organized in February 1909, and was admitted to the Columbia Union Conference at its biennial session in 1912. Its territory comprises the District of Columbia, the corporation of Takoma Park, Md., eleven counties in Virginia, and four in Maryland. Its population numbers 608,550.

This conference, because of its location, having within its boundaries the nation's capital, and being the headquarters of our denominational work, occupies a place of interest, influence,

and importance.

The present membership is 812, the number of churches 12, showing a net gain of two churches and twenty members. Thirteen isolated Sabbath-keepers are reported, giving a total of 825.

We have a devoted and consecrated corps of laborers, 3 ordained ministers, 1 licensed minister, 3 licensed missionaries, and 5 canvassers, a total of 18.

### FINANCES

There was paid in tithe during this period \$32,633.38. This shows an increase over the former biennial period of \$2,450.23, the average yearly per capita being \$19.325.

We passed on to other fields from this tithe,

1912.....	\$5,569.38
1913.....	\$7,687.03
Total.....	\$13,256.41

The offerings to foreign missions in 1912.....	\$5,763.60
1913.....	\$5,963.40
Total.....	\$11,727.00

or about 14 cents per member. This shows an increase over the previous period of \$1,718.14, or 17 per cent.

Including the entire amount raised for the work at home and abroad, we have the sum of \$54,609.65, or an average of \$71.46.

### THE SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK

The Sabbath-school work has made commendable progress. There are at present 15 schools, with a membership of 795, showing a gain of three schools and 71 in membership. The total offerings were \$5,407.45, a gain of \$2,335.67, or 76 per cent over the previous biennial period.

### THE VOLUNTEER WORK

The Missionary Volunteer movement is actively at work. There are at present 6 organized societies with a membership of 312. Walter A. Nelson was recently chosen to act as Missionary Volunteer secretary, and in the last three months under his leadership 104 new members have been enrolled and three new societies organized. Ninety-two, or nearly one-third of this number, are taking the Reading Course and 38 are studying for attainment certificates. A united effort is being made to raise \$700 for missions this year. R. E. HARTER

(To be concluded)