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

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## UNION

### A Constant Sacrifice

An ever increasing work such as is the work of the third angel demands on the part of everyone associated with it a *constant sacrifice*. But it is a precious thought to know that the work with which we are associated is ever on the increase. New inspiration and renewed vitality comes with every new development. Thus persons keeping abreast with the work in its rapid growth and expansion are saved from an unhealthy and soul-destroying experience.

The Mid-summer Offering affords another opportunity for the children of God to not alone prove a blessing to the work already begun, but if a hearty response is given it will mean the opening of new work in the mission fields. Last week we referred to the shortage in mission offerings and how urgent was the demand for a liberal offering. The North American Division Committee in council a year ago recommended that the last week in May, 1914, be set apart as a week of self-sacrifice, and that all the laborers connected with the North American conferences donate at least that week's salary to the Lord's work. The Columbia Union Conference Committee, knowing somewhat of the financial condition of a number of the laborers in the Columbia Union, did not feel free to urge that the laborers unite in that effort. But would it not be an excellent thing for all the laborers in the Columbia Union to now unite in making the Mid-summer Offering all that was intended for the self-sacrificing week of May? And would it not also be a privilege for every dear believer throughout the Columbia Union to join with the laborers in making a real sacrifice by contributing to the Mid-summer Offering a sum equal to a week's wage? We realize that a number throughout the Union cannot do this. They are so situated that it is impossible for them to do all they would like to do. On the other hand, there are a number of dear

brethren and sisters who have been so greatly blessed financially that they could do much more, and thus, on the average, the sum total would be made up.

As you read of the experiences of the self-sacrificing missionaries in regions abroad and the great work that is being accomplished, I know your hearts are stirred. At this writing word comes from Brother Allum, who with a few companions has pushed his way fifteen hundred miles into the interior of China, thus realizing the long cherished desire of his heart to pioneer the way into the great western province of Szechuan. Writing from Chungking, Szechuan, May 15, he says:

"Since writing my article we have rented a chapel in this city, and tomorrow will hold our first Sabbath meeting here. In all, including our stay in Chungking, we were twenty-nine days on the Chinese houseboat. We preferred to stay on the houseboat to going to an inn, as the Chinese inns are very dirty. The British consul gives his experience in an inn as follows:

"Regarding the subject of Chinese inns, I cannot do better than give a Chinaman's own ideas on the point. It is the custom of those who can write to scribble verses on the walls of their rooms. I found one today in the room in which I breakfasted, so much in accordance with my own experience that I cannot refrain from producing it in English garb. It should be mentioned, too, that this particular inn was decidedly superior to the others. The verse runs thus:

"Within this room you'll find the rats,  
At least a goodly score;  
Three catties each they're bound to weigh,  
Or e'en a little more.  
At night you'll feel a myriad bugs,  
That stink and crawl and bite;  
If doubtful of the truth of this,  
Get up and strike a light."

Brother Allum continues:

"You can see from the above why we preferred to stay on the boat, even after our arrival in Chungking, for there are no foreign inns in the place. 'We are indeed glad to be here;

and since Szechuan is now opened to the message, it would not be a difficult thing to open Thibet, as the main road into Thibet lies through this province.

"Another fact that will render it an easy matter to reach the people of Thibet is the fact that many of them speak the Mandarin language. Thus we can almost say that the message is at the door of Thibet for this province is literally the door to that country."

The letter closes with this touching appeal for help.

"Since we are located 1,500 miles from Shanghai, we deem it essential to the success of our work that a missionary doctor be located here in this province. We shall hope that early next year a doctor can be sent to this field; then by that time, Brother Warren could push on to the capital of Szechuan, which place is still ten days' journey from here."

None of us dare take the responsibility of hindering in the least a work like this. If any have grown cold in their interest for missions let us seek the Lord earnestly to know what he would have us do and unitedly make 1914's Mid-summer Offering a greater blessing than ever in the history of the Columbia Union. A united endeavor along this line and a full consecration of life and service to the Master will be a great blessing for the cause abroad as well as to the work in our Union.

We have made some progress in our mission offerings during 1914. Something like \$1,500 gain has been made over the corresponding time of 1913. The gain, however, should have been much more since we are connected with an aggressive work and we are one year nearer the year of jubilee. If each dear reader of this article will influence a brother or sister to join him in making a liberal gift to the Mid-summer Offering much will be accomplished.

May the dear Lord greatly bless you, and make you an additional blessing to his cause at this time.

R. T. DOWSETT.

"Thou that hast given so much to me. Give one thing more—a grateful heart."

## The West Pennsylvania Camp-Meeting

The annual session of the West Pennsylvania Conference convened in connection with its camp-meeting at Homestead, Pennsylvania, June 11 to 21. A no more beautiful place for the pitching of a camp-meeting than the park at Homestead could be found. If there was any one thing which might have marred the ideal of the season it was the fact that just across on the other hill was a large dancing pavilion, confectionary booths, merry-go-rounds, etc. But it is to the praise of the Lord that it can be said that not one of our young people especially and none of the older people in general in any way noticed the rival attractions on the other hill. The young people's workers from the distance said that they never saw so thorough and consecrated a work done among young people.

The attendance at the camp-meeting was larger than the attendance of the year previous. A splendid spirit of devotion and love pervaded the whole assembly throughout its entire duration. We had probably the largest attendance of young people that has ever been at any camp-meeting in this conference. And we are pleased to report that a large number of them, perhaps the majority of them, are planning to attend Mount Vernon Academy the coming year. There was a good attendance from the outside and everything showed that this section of the country is ripe for the message.

The call which took Elder Westworth from Pittsburgh has left this city without that which it ought to have, an able worker. The truth is working deeply among all classes in that city, especially among the better classes. After the great revival by Billy Sunday, thirty-six circles were formed all over the city for the study of the Bible. Something like nine of these circles applied to our workers in the city to come and be their teacher. It is too bad that this city at this juncture is without an able worker.

We are indeed blessed with the splendid spirit of revival which was manifested by our brethren in attendance at the camp-meeting. Practically everyone on the camp-ground surrendered his heart to God fully. On Sunday morning a large baptism took place in the heart of the city.

The last Sabbath of the camp-meeting with less than 300 in attendance the Sabbath-school gave a donation of \$205.00. This is against a donation of \$151.00 the last Sabbath of the year

preceding. In order to cover well their deficit up to date on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund the brethren responded nobly to the amount of \$1,500.00 This gift also was larger than the one given the year previous. So there is every confidence that the West Pennsylvania Conference will fully raise her twenty cents a week this coming year. We are indeed glad of this for I am sure all who read this article desire that the Columbia Union shall come behind in no good thing.

Elder Robbins was unanimously chosen as president. As the readers of this paper perhaps know, it was not long ago that he was called from the presidency of the West Virginia Conference to take the presidency of the West Pennsylvania Conference. Otherwise practically the same corps of officers were re-elected.

We were favored the first few days of the meeting with the presence of Elder Spicer. We greatly appreciated the labors and help of Professor C. L. Benson who was with us throughout the entire meeting and rendered most valuable help. Brother I. D. Richardson and Professor C. L. Stone as well as the writer were present from the Union; Mount Vernon Academy being well represented by Professors Salisbury and Kelly.

B. G. WILKINSON.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

### President's Report

(Concluded)

The offerings to foreign fields for the years 1912-1913 amounted to \$650.32.  
For home mission work..... \$222.56  
For local work..... 16.51  
Total..... \$ 899.39

A gain over the last biennial period of \$397.02.

The gain in membership, 104.

Best of all 25 of our young people were added to the church.

### THE DISPENSARY WORK

The dispensary work was started April 1, 1912. From that time to the present 10,800 patients have been treated. A club of twenty-five *Signs* is sold each week, and four new Bible readers were recently added to the list of those who are receiving regular instruction. The expense of operating the dispensary the first nine months, from April 1 to January 1, 1912, was \$1,050.38. The next nine months, from January 1 to October 1, was \$1,034.34. The first of last October Doctor Elliot was placed in charge,

and under his management, with the exception of his salary, the work has been self supporting. In considering the matter of late, it was thought best by the board to move in larger quarters and run a hospital in connection with the dispensary, and for this purpose a large fourteen-room building has been secured in a favorable location, and the management will soon be ready to offer a dollar-a-day rate for board, room and treatment, providing a way for those not able to pay sanitarium rates.

### THE COLPORTEUR WORK

During 1912 the first year of this biennial period this conference had a few colporteurs working periodically who sold about \$700.00 worth of literature. Last year, 1913, the Lord blessed the colporteurs in delivering \$6,697.00 worth of literature; six thousand over the deliveries of 1912, making a total of \$7,397.00 deliveries during the biennial period.

This is not a large showing as compared to the work that has been done in the larger conferences, but when the difficulties are considered that must be met in this field, we feel encouraged at this beginning. The report for the year 1913 represents, on an average, the faithful efforts of five men, who have placed truth filled literature in five thousand homes. We rejoice that fully 25,000 people in this conference have in their libraries, books that contain the message of the third angel. We expect to see souls saved as a result of the work done during this biennial period, for "The same ministry of angels attends the books that contain the truth as attends the work of the minister.—"*Manual for Canvassers*," page 9.

### EVANGELISTIC WORK

During the last biennial period three tent efforts have been conducted in this conference, one in Washington and one in Mt. Rainier for the white people, and one in Washington for the colored people. The city of Washington furnishes a great field for evangelistic work. The difficulties, however, are many. National pride is strong. The pomp, splendor, and influence of the civic, coupled with the social life, blind the eyes of many to any movement destitute of this display. And therefore the tendency is to ignore if not despise it. We are planning to place three tents in the field this summer: one in the city of Washington, two in Virginia—one at Leesburg, and one at White Stone. We sense deeply our need of divine guidance and approach reverently the

throne of grace for strength and power to help us in time of need.

R. E. HARTER.

### Encouraging Omens

The outlook for the summer's work in the District of Columbia Conference is very encouraging. The Lord has worked wonderfully for his people in helping to secure locations for the tent efforts this summer. After a long struggle of about seven weeks, the brethren finally secured a lot on which to pitch their tent here in Washington. They have an excellent location in a good residential section of the city. The permit to this lot was granted under great pressure and opposition brought about by the Catholics. The brethren had to go back for names the third time, having to secure the consent of three fourths of the residents in the five adjoining blocks.

But on Sunday night, June 21, the new tent, which presents a very beautiful appearance, was filled to overflowing. It is estimated that between five and six hundred were present.

One of the leading features of the meeting was the music. A big chorus of from forty to fifty voices has been organized by Brother Henry DeFluiter, of Colorado. This chorus will render valuable assistance throughout the entire effort. The Review & Herald Orchestra also added greatly to the success of the first meeting. Those in charge of the effort greatly appreciate this good help. Special attention will be given to the musical side of the worship throughout the entire series of meetings.

Elder R. E. Harter, president of the District of Columbia Conference, delivered a rousing discourse on the "Second Advent of Christ." The very best order and attention was given, and the entire audience seemed to be captivated from the time the singing began until the service closed. A collection of \$9.64 was taken, and the entire meeting was a grand success, for which we are thankful, and ascribe all the praise to the Lord.

Brother Walter Nelson and Brother Farley also opened their tent meeting the same night; however, we have not heard of the success of their meeting.

Brethren A. J. Bristol and M. G. Conger and wife opened their meeting Sunday night with a good attendance and interest. The Lord has gone before these brethren in securing a location, and we are sure he will bless their work at that place. A more complete report of their meeting will appear later.

We wish to ask our people throughout the conference and Union, to kindly remember these workers in prayer, that they may accomplish just what the Lord would have done. They need much help and should be remembered daily. R. J. BROWN.

### News Notes

Sunday night, June 21, three tent efforts began in the District of Columbia Conference. Watch for reports from these efforts.

Elder R. T. Dowsett has been assisting in getting the work arranged in the office the past week so Brother Bristol could be released for his tent effort in Belmont, Va.

Word has just been received that there will be a Temperance Number of the *Life and Health Magazine* about July three. This, will, no doubt, be a grand issue of this magazine, and you will wish one for yourself and neighbor. We should also like to call your attention to the *July Watchman*. This is a strong issue, and is one that will take well with the people. It deals with live questions of the day, and is a good magazine with which to do real missionary work. May we not receive your order for a number of these magazines?

The *July Signs of the Times* seems to be the best ever published. We sincerely hope our people will take advantage of these good magazines and distribute many of them. Your order will receive prompt attention.

Professor C. Sorenson visited two churches in Virginia last week. He preached to the people and visited them in their homes, bringing new courage, joy, and strength to their hearts. He reports a profitable visit. He goes out soon to the camp-meetings in behalf of Washington College.

E. Albertsworth who was to assist Elder Harter in the tent effort here in Washington this summer, and who was connected with the company of workers for a short time, has now gone to Chicago to attend a summer school.

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men."

### VIRGINIA

### Virginia Conference Biennial Report for 1912-13

In giving the biennial report of the work in the Virginia Conference, I shall make but few comparisons with former years. Taking the work as a whole, a fair degree of progress has attended the efforts put forth in our conference during the past two years; quite a number have embraced the truth and good gains are shown in tithes and offerings.

The year 1912 showed a net gain in our membership of sixty. We had between ninety and one hundred converts to the truth, but deaths and the pruning of our membership reduced the net gain to sixty. The reports from our churches show a net gain for the year 1913 of sixty-nine, thus making our total membership at the beginning of the year 1914 a little less than six hundred.

There has been a steady gain in tithes and offerings for the past few years as follows:—

Our Offerings in 1910	\$ 957.62
" " " 1911	1,135.35
" " " 1912	1,759.68
" " " 1913	3,063.23

The gain in the offerings of 1911 over 1910 was \$170.73. In 1912 there was a gain over 1911 of \$624.33; and 1913 showed a gain over 1912 of \$1,303.55. Notwithstanding this gain in offerings we were still short on the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund, and did not reach even fifteen cents a week. Still we are greatly encouraged to see that in three years we have more than trebled our offerings to missions.

There has also been a good gain each year in our tithes.

The Tithe in 1911	\$4,656.65
" " " 1912	5,629.73
" " " 1913	6,409.53

A gain of about twenty per cent each year, for the years 1912, and 1913.

During the two years, two new church buildings have been erected, and one acquired by the majority of the members of a church accepting the message, and they hold the title of their church property.

Our Sabbath-schools show a good gain in membership, and the Sabbath-school offerings in 1913 increased fifty per cent over that of 1912.

Our book work is coming up, although the showing for 1913 was not what we had hoped it would be. The outlook for 1914 is encouraging.

### EDUCATIONAL WORK

During the year 1913 we put forth a

special effort to enlist the interest of our churches in the importance of establishing church schools. Last year, or the year 1912, we conducted only two church schools. In 1913 we had five church-schools, and there are fair prospects, of at least, three more schools being conducted the coming year.

#### THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY TRAINING ACADEMY

This school has not been operating the past year, but with some chance we expect to open the school again this fall, and we trust with better results than heretofore. We have changed the name of the school from that of the "Shenandoah Valley Training Academy," to the "Virginia Conference Intermediate School," and this name is more in keeping with the school, or work that we are doing, and states just what the school is to be,—an intermediate school,—between the church-schools and our academies. By building up the church-school work in all our churches, I believe we may soon have a class of students that should pass on to the intermediate school, and thus make our intermediate school a real success. We have fully one hundred white children that should be in church schools, and at least, seventy-five colored children. These should all have the opportunity of gaining a Christian education.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Virginia is blessed with a number of young people who ought to be in our academies preparing themselves to enter some branch of the work. With the plans under way, we hope to see a great awakening among our young people, and more of them preparing for definite work in connection with this message.

#### OUR GREATEST NEEDS

Our greatest lack at the present time is sufficient consecrated help to fill the many calls coming to us for labor. We have an excellent field. I think, there is no better anywhere, and no state can boast of a more loyal people to the principles of civil and religious liberty than can the "Old Dominion." Some of the most loyal men of this nation were born and reared right in our fair state. And I believe there is some truth in the statement made by Secretary Daniells recently at the one hundredth anniversary meeting of the organization of the Bible Society of Virginia. He said, "That Virginia is great, and that she has given great men to the world is not the result of accident, but is because its civilization was built on the faith in the Bible. The leadership and

inspiration of these men was the result of the spring from which they drank, and from the study of the Bible,—the world's greatest book, by those who had come to Virginia that they might worship as they saw."

We know that these eternal principles enunciated by such men as Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and others, show that they possessed a knowledge of the principles of heaven born truth in a very marked degree, and Virginia has contributed her portion of the leading and loyal men of the nation. And there yet flows that same loyal blood in the veins of many of the Virginians to the great principles of righteousness; and they should be given an opportunity of hearing God's last message to the world. The Virginia Conference should grow and become a strong conference, and we believe it will, if given the proper showing. Why should not the stronger conferences of this Union take a special interest in assisting and building up the weaker conferences by manning them with strong competent laborers, and thus have the whole field somewhat equally worked?

With the cut that has been made in our appropriation of \$200 a month we fear that it will be impossible for us to carry forward the aggressive work that should be done in the future, or continue to make the fair showing that we have made during the past two years. We shall do the best we can with the men and means at our command, but, with our appropriation so largely cut, it is an impossibility for us to do the aggressive work that should be done, and we must look the situation square in the face. We hope that something definite may be planned at this conference to render Virginia the assistance that the importance of the field and the situation demands.

Those who have worked in the South know something of the difficulty attending the effort of carrying forward aggressive work in a conference for both the white and colored people. This work must be kept entirely separate. It is not like carrying forward work in a conference where all are white. You can then enter a city with one company and work for all the people, but here we must put two companies in a city to do the work that must be done, and we can place every worker we have in Virginia in any one of the several large cities in our conference, and then not have so strong companies as we should have to carry forward good strong aggressive efforts.

We have in Virginia 800,000 colored people, one tenth of all the colored people living in the Southern States, and yet with the large appropriation made by the General Conference for the colored work in the South, Virginia is not receiving one dollar, and I appeal to you to consider our situation, and see if some measure or plan cannot be adopted at this meeting to give us some relief. Some money should be spent in assisting and starting colored schools, especially, in our own colored churches. Outsiders would patronize these schools and be led, thereby, to an acceptance of the truth.

I can see no good reason, if Virginia is given the assistance that the importance of the field demands, why this conference should not number, within the next five years, if time should last, one thousand Sabbath keepers, with the tithe double that which it is at the present time, and raising its quota of the Twenty-cent-a-week Fund per member for missions. This can be done with the same increase year after year that has been made during the past two years. I do not believe this is too much to expect.

I feel a great interest in the future of the work in the "Old Dominion", and I believe God has his eye upon this field, and that the time has fully come for the work to go forward. Whether it does make the progress that it should, or simply exists without any material growth, as it has for years in the past, rests largely, with us and our attitude toward work.

W. J. STONE.

### Searching Out the Honest in Heart

"Behold I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks." The faithful colporteurs scattered over the earth are the hunters, spoken of in the above verse. The hunters search out the game. In order to do this, they must go where the game is. The game seldom ever comes to the hunter.

The fisher anchors his boat and remains awhile, and so long as the fish bite he continues to fish until he is satisfied with his catch. This to my mind represents those who preach the Word,—the living preacher, the Bible worker, etc., as they find suitable places to work, remaining there until the work is bound off. Both the fishers and the hunters rejoice over

their success. The colporteurs represent the hunters going over the counties searching out those who will buy the good books.

It is good to know that we are among that people, and doing the work spoken of in the above text. "There is joy among the angels over one sinner that repents." And the angels rejoice with God's people in their success in bringing precious souls up to that point where they will obey the truth. How many times the colporteur has to thank God and rejoice when he finds an honest soul who receives him and the good book so gladly!

One day while canvassing the writer came to a large house with a good well kept lawn in front. On entering the home he found the owner was an old colored woman who was a slave before the Civil War, and who had not the privilege of obtaining an education. After he sold her a "Great Controversy", she told him of her experience. She said, "Eight years ago, I could not read one word from the Bible, but I opened the Bible and as I ran my hands over the good book I prayed and asked God to help me read his Word, that I might know to do his will." And with tears in her eyes, she said "Praise the Lord, he gave me knowledge to read his Word. I cannot read anything but the Bible." I opened the "Great Controversy" and asked her to read, and she began to read, and said, "Praise the Lord, this is his work, and I will read it." Very soon she kept the Sabbath.

We should all take courage, whether we see visible results or not, the work will be a success. "For this gospel of the kingdom, shall be preached for a witness." Now is the time to get into the work, while so many golden opportunities await the faithful colporteurs.

Your co-laborer, W. H. GEORGE.

### News Notes

Sister Myrtle Robertson is doing Bible work at Portsmouth and endeavoring to look after the interest at that place. She reports harmony and love among the members and a good outside interest.

The tent effort at Lynchburg began Tuesday night, June 16, with a fair attendance. A good location has been secured and the workers are hopeful for good results. Elder Walker, L. O. Gordon and their wives also Sisters Rice and Swan compose the tent company.

Elder J. B. Mallory is now holding a series of meetings at Newport News. A series of meetings there has been a necessity for some time. We look for good results.

Several weeks ago we sent out letters to our churches regarding the circulation of the June number of the *Protestant Magazine*. We have had excellent responses and hundreds of this issue of the *Protestant* have been ordered. The July number is also a good one to circulate and this magazine is filled with the living issues of the message.

Quite a number of new canvassers have gone into the field since the school closed, so that our list presents a good growth. Several others are expected to enter the work soon, so that our field agent's courage is high. We hope to see our sales run up to eight hundred and one thousand dollars' worth a week.

Brother F. N. Johnson, our new secretary and treasurer, is getting along well in the office. He is now doing all the work of the office and keeping the work up in fine shape. We hope that the statements going out each month will be carefully looked over and remittances made in part or in full if possible.

It is only about two months to the camp-meeting which is to be held at Lynchburg. This time will pass quickly, and all should begin to plan at once for this annual gathering. Delegates to the conference should be elected at the quarterly meeting.

## WEST VIRGINIA

### News Notes

Our faithful canvassers are having some fine experiences this summer and as all are interested in their work we will give some items of interest from some of the letters we receive. Miss Lily Schar of Charleston, West Va., writes:—"This week was one of many experiences. I canvassed a number who had 'Coming King.' Two ladies made this remark, 'I have here a book which I bought from a young man two years ago entitled, 'Coming King,' and it is the finest book I ever read on the Bible. Some of my neighbors said it was an Advent book, but I told them I did not care,

for it surely had Bible truth in it.' Many who had 'Coming King,' took 'Past, Present, and Future' also. I met a fine Methodist family this week who are deeply interested in my work, and while I was at their home the Methodist minister came in. The minister did not say much, but as I went to leave he made me promise to come and talk to the people, and when he bade me good-day he with tears in his eyes asked me to pray for him."

Miss Clara Pettit of Huntington, West Va., writes: "Huntington is now ready for this message I think, for the people are stirred over the near coming of Christ." Miss Marie Snider of Kanawha Station, W. Va., is working with Miss Pettit and they are having excellent success with "Past, Present, and Future" and "Coming King."

Brother E. R. Corder of Williamson writes: "We found two families who seem to be nice Christian people, that have been closely associated with our people in the past. They knew the late Elder Reese, having met him in North Carolina. Mrs. Green, the older lady, believes the truth, and so does her daughter, Mrs. Williams, who is a Baptist. Both mother and daughter expressed themselves as hoping to be in the truth some time. They are fine respectable people." Brother F. R. Kellam is working with Brother Corder and they are having fine success with "Christ's Object Lessons" and "Coming King." The canvassers' report will show the good work done by these brethren through the help of the Lord.

Brother H. F. Kirk spent the first of last week helping Miss Miller and Miss Carter in Hancock County, and from there went to Huntington to help several students in that part of the field. We are all pleased to see the canvassing work coming to the front and will send in more notes next week from some of the other colporteurs.

## OHIO

### The Cleveland Church Dedication

Many brethren and sisters scattered throughout this conference will remember the long struggle with debt that the Cleveland church has had during the past ten years. There are also many in the conference who have had

an opportunity to aid the believers in paying for a church which would properly represent the message in the metropolis of this conference.

To all these it will be pleasing news to hear that on June 12 to 14 the Hough Avenue church was dedicated to the Lord free from all debt. The services were marked by the presence of the Lord in power.

Beside Elder Patterson, who has been pastor of the church for eight years, and the resident Bible workers, Brother and Sister G. E. Wales and Sister Carrie Askey, there were present of the conference laborers Elder E. K. Slade, who preached the dedicatory sermon, Elder W. W. Miller, late of Cincinnati, who offered the dedicatory prayer, Brother V. O. Punches, and the writer. A more detailed report will shortly appear in the *Review and Herald*.

H. A. WEAVER.

#### Cincinnati

Sabbath, June 13, it was my privilege to meet with the colored church for the first time since it was organized. I was much pleased with what I saw. It was a day of joy and blessing.

After the close of an interesting discourse by the pastor, the congregation went to the Baptist church nearby, where four were baptized by Elder Muntz.

I had the pleasure of giving the light of truth to two of these dear souls. One was a Roman Catholic and is now rejoicing in the third angel's message. It rejoiced my heart to see them buried with their Lord in baptism.

The Lord has greatly blessed Elder Muntz in his work in this city and God is watering the seed that has been sown.

We are of good courage in the Lord and thank him for the manifestation of his Spirit here.

MRS. W. M. CAMPBELL.

#### Hamilton

Sunday, June 7, a company of believers and friends met on the banks of the Miami River north of Hamilton. After a brief service one candidate was buried in baptism. Some time before three persons received this rite and united with the Hamilton church.

The little church at this place is facing the enemy, bravely "contending for the faith which was once delivered," and winning some victories.

May the Lord's blessings continue to add souls to the church such as shall be saved. J. J. MARIETTA.

### Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending June 19, 1914

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
A. L. Bassler, Newark		GC	5	54	17	51 00	5 80	56 80	• 2 80
H. O. Kohr, Richland Co.		DR	5	50	29	90 00	2 25	92 25	
Maude Pangburn, Marion Co.		GC	5	50	19	61 00	17 50	78 80	
F. D. Wells, Union Co.		GC	5	46	29	95 00	21 75	116 75	
J. H. Stafford, Lucas Co.		DR	5	46	5	17 00	4 25	21 25	13 50
G. M. Scott, Delaware, Co.		GC	5	44	7	22 00	2 75	24 75	
Mrs. G. M. Scott, Delaware Co.		GC	5	43	5	16 00	10 25	26 25	
L. H. Waters, Ottawa Co.		PPF	5	42	16	27 00	1 25	28 25	
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.		BR	5	42	8	24 00	7 15	31 15	
C. E. Reichenbach, Mt Vernon		ES	5	40	16	58 00	4 00	62 00	6 25
B. P. Foote, Jackson Co.		GC	5	40	18	57 00	1 50	58 50	4 00
Rose Biederman, Defiance		BR	5	86	10	30 00	8 25	38 25	
W. A. Hammond, Tuscarawas Co.		ES	4	39	10	36 00	13 00	49 00	
J. J. Mettler, Cleveland		GC	5	39	10	37 00	1 50	38 50	
R. DeGarmo, Medina Co.		GC	5	34	10	32 00	18 50	50 50	
Daisy Crist, Columbus		ES	5	33	12	35 00	5 00	41 00	3 00
Lloyd Swailen, Canton		ES	4	33	11	15 00	16 10	37 10	35
W. H. Geisweller, Springfield		BR	5	31	5	15 00	1 15	16 15	
Tillie Gabel, Cleveland		ES	5	31	4	14 00		14 00	
W. Wallace Kay, Canton		ES	5	27	7	21 00	7 25	28 25	5 25
J. L. Sauder, Ravenna		ES	3	25	5	15 00	1 25	16 25	
Helen Leslie, Defiance		PPF	3	21	16	28 85	2 35	28 35	
Glee Mills, Wood Co.		PPF	4	20	6	9 50	4 45	13 95	37 75
W. Syphers, Ross Co.		ES	5	17	0		75	75	19 50
C. B. Keppler, Butler Co.		DR	2	17	5	15 00		15 00	
John J. Mettler, Cuyahoga Co.		GC	2	16	2	8 00	4 50	12 50	
A. H. Conn, Cleveland		DR	3	16	8	30 00	5 50	35 50	
Mrs. H. B. Wylie, Cleveland		PPF	4	16	11	20 00	2 50	22 50	85
Della M. Jones, Prospect		BR	2	94	2	6 00		6 00	
Madge Bateman, Knox Co.		PPF	2	13	5	10 00	1 05	11 05	
Helen Kohr, Knox Co.,		PPF	2	11	4	7 50	75	8 25	
Carrie Woodworth, Findlay		PPF	3	10					1 50
Totals	32 Agents			130	1001	312 896 50	\$182 10	1075 60	\$165 20

#### West Virginia, Week Ending June 19, 1914

Clara Wood, Kanawha Co.	BR	5	52	18	57 00	14 70	71 70	1 95
Cecil Ross, Ritchie Co.	PPF	5	51	29	54 00	10 50	64 50	
W. A. McElphatrick, Lewis Co.	GC	5	48	12	39 00	25 25	64 25	1 60
Mary Rice, Wetzel Co.	BR	5	46	21	72 00	2 00	74 00	1 50
T. M. Butler, Marion Co.	PPF	5	45	41	78 00	2 00	30 00	2 00
W. A. Woolgar, Upshur Co.	BR	5	45	9	28 00	3 00	31 00	
W. H. Wilcox, Harrison Co.	PPF	5	44	21	41 75	2 80	44 55	2 80
Lily Schar, Kanawha Co.	RR	5	42		58 35	2 45	60 80	
D. E. H. Lindsey, Upshur Co.	BR	5	42	10	33 00	10 50	43 50	2 25
Elsie Carter, Hancock Co.	BR	5	44	13	51 75		51 85	
C. Morris, Upshur Co.	BR	5	43	9	31 00	3 75	34 75	
John McHenry, Pleasants Co.	DR	5	41	28	42 00	12 60	54 60	
Madge Miller, Hancock Co.	BR	5	36	18	56 00	4 25	60 25	2 95
*F. R. Kellam, Mingo Co.	CK	10	71	127	198 00	6 50	204 50	2 00
*E. R. Corder, Mingo Co.	COL	10	71	124	201 00	5 35	206 35	1 00
Clara Pettit, Cabell Co.	PPF	5	32	40	61 00	2 15	63 15	80
Zella Schmaltz, Monongalia Co.	BR	5	32	14	46 00	9 00	55 00	
Marie Snider, Cabell Co.	CK	5	28	26	40 00	1 95	41 95	1 25
Totals	18 Agents	100	853		\$1187 85	\$118 75	\$1306 60	\$22 10

#### Virginia, Week Ending June 12, 1914

John Z. Hottel, Northampt'n Co.	GC	5	46	32	61 50	16 30	77 80	
H. E. Harter, Northampt'n Co.	PPF	5	43	43	71 60	1 80	73 40	
Jacob Meyer, Smithfield	PPF			2	4 00		4 00	
L. A. King, Pittsylvania Co.	GC	3	22	8	25 00	75	25 75	
George S. Mason, Norfolk	COS	3	30	17	10 20		10 20	
Totals	5 Agents			16	141	102 \$172 30	\$18 85	\$191 15

#### MAGAZINES

Amie George	90 Magazines	9 09
F. S. Parsons	21½ Yearly Subscriptions	21 50
		30 50

## East Pennsylvania, Week Ending June 12, 1914

W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	PPF	5	46	20	40 00	6 00	46 00	
F. Willruth, Scranton	GC							8 70
E. Tolliver, Plymouth	BF	5	37	10	15 00	50	15 50	
W. B. Dunkinson, York Co.	PPF	4	29	5	9 50	4 95	14 45	
Howard Miller, Chester Co.	PG	5	43	19	62 00		62 00	
J. R. Miles, Chester Co.	BR	5	39	6	21 00		21 00	
M. Shank, Luzerne Co.	BF	5	38	6	12 00	3 75	15 75	
Totals	7 Agents	29	232	68	\$159 50	\$15 20	\$174 70	8 70
Grand Totals: 62 Agents Value of Orders, \$2416 15 Deliveries, \$196 00								

\*Two weeks.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

## News Notes

Elder Spicer spent a few days visiting our camp-meeting. His sermons filled with enthusiasm and earnestness gave convincing evidence of the rapid progress of the message.

The young people received much inspiration from the talks by Professor C. L. Benson and others during the camp-meeting.

An impressive baptismal service was held along the Monongahela River Sunday morning at which Elder Robbins baptized eighteen persons.

Professor M. L. Kelly who is to take charge of the commercial department of Mount Vernon Academy the ensuing year, will spend several weeks in the conference in the interests of the school.

Sixteen canvassers have made definite arrangements to work in our conference during the summer months. There are prospects of several more.

## The Signs Is for Sale

*The Signs of the Times Weekly!* Of course it is. And several years ago it was being sold, thousands of copies of it. But somehow we have gotten the idea that only our ten-cent magazines could be sold. We have a good field for both, and now our people are calling for a five-cent journal. And our pioneer missionary paper answers the call. Let us not lose sight of the fact that the *Signs* with its wealth of truth-filled articles, will be accepted at five cents a copy and read with interest. Encourage others to try it. Try, it yourself. The price is two and a-half cents a copy in quantities of five or more. Order through the tract society.

## AT THE COLLEGE

Mr. Harvey Cassell and wife and daughter Ruth are visiting Mr. Cassell's parents at Laura, Ohio. His father is very ill and they will be with him for some time.

Mrs. Burkholder and daughter Evelyn have been visiting Mrs. Holtom this week.

Miss Amelia Koch is selling magazines during her spare time at her home in Cincinnati. She has been very successful.

Professor and Mrs. Lawrence Anderson welcomed a little son, Gordon Horace, to their home last Thursday, June 25. Congratulations!

President Salisbury spent a few days at home last week on his return from West Virginia. He is now making a tour among the churches of Ohio.

## Confidence at Home

A corps of workers are conducting a strong effort in San Francisco. They realize the value of literature in connection with their work, and last Sunday morning one of their number presented the matter at the chapel service of the Pacific Press. The employees responded by furnishing the effort a club of 100 copies of the *Signs Weekly* for three months. Other neighboring churches will also contribute to this effort until it is well supplied with silent workers. This demonstrates that another missionary is honored in his own country. The Pacific Press workers have confidence in the *Signs*. They are now using about four hundred.

"A good name among men is as letterstraced upon sand, but a spotless character will endure to all eternity."

## Splendid Work

How our Temperance *Little Friend* is being used in one California town,—a good example. Try it.

"Anaheim, California.

"Our way of taking up the work was a little different from that suggested by the paper. I think we have reached a larger number of the pupils in this way than could have been done otherwise. I asked a few of the business men of the city for a donation to place a copy of the paper in the hands of each of the school children. Nearly all responded (wet and dry alike) as well as expressed their approval of the work. This was especially true of a number who are known to have voted for a wet town in our recent wet and dry election, which goes to show that while they may not favor a dry town, they are willing that their children should have instruction along the lines of temperance.

"The teachers also responded by giving their hearty approval of the work and when told that a number of the business men had furnished the papers they went even so far as to use the paper for a reading lesson. I believe that much would be done to educate the children along this line if other churches would look up a similar work. If properly placed before the business men one can easily raise from ten to fifteen dollars in three or four hours. There are few men who will object to giving from twenty-five cents to a dollar,—even ten cents will pay for four copies. The *Instructor* can be used for the higher grades. In this way a paper can be put into nearly every home in the land in a short time, and instead of printing 20,000 editions you would print 75,000 or 100,000 editions. In the smaller paper I enclose a copy of the tract, 'It Doesn't Pay, or the Demons' Council,' for the older members of the family. Let's have a call from the Missionary Volunteers for this work. A little effort on the part of the leaders in each of the churches will make it a success.

"Yours for the Little Folk,

"LOTHERN OSBORNÉ."

There are opportunities in every town and city for this same kind of work with our Temperance *Little Friend*. Certainly a good time to show our colors on the question. The little folks really enjoy selling this little paper. It is attractive and valuable. It is two and a-half cents a copy in quantities, and sells for five cents. Order through the tract society.



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"Sometimes a person needs to have the conceit taken out of him; but if you do take it out, do not add it to your own account."

## Camp-Meeting Dates

New Jersey, June 25-July 5 - Camden.

Ohio, August 13-23. Mount Vernon.  
Chesapeake, October 5-11, Baltimore  
West Virginia, August 20-30 - Parkersburg.

Virginia, August 27-September 6—Lynchburg.

District of Columbia. Not settled.

Since the editor will have full teaching work in the Academy here next year, Mrs. Vernon Hagmann will take up the editorial work beginning with the next issue. We wish to thank the workers who have sent in reports and other matter for the VISITOR. We have been favored with a good supply of copy and hope that during the summer every conference will endeavor to send in reports of their camp-meeting and tent meetings and news items from week to week.

## Life and Health Temperance Special

The August issue of *Life and Health* (ready July 8) will be a special temperance number, particularly adapted for circulation while the prohibition amendment is pending in Congress. By circulating this number and encouraging others to send petitions and letters to Congressmen we hasten the passage of this amendment.

Address Life and Health, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

## Boy Scouts and the Instructor Temperance Annual

In several places Boy Scouts are being interested in the *Instructor Temperance Annual*. In McKeesport, Pennsylvania, a company of twenty-five scouts are selling the *Instructor* in order to help the temperance cause, and to earn money to buy new uniforms and to pay camp expenses. This company plans on using three thousand copies in the present effort.

The Missionary Volunteer Society in Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, has placed yearly subscriptions to four of our good magazines in the public library, and provided the men in jail with more than a dozen Bibles. Aside from this, the members are keeping up some reading racks, and doing many other kinds of missionary work.

## A Call for Meetings

That is the thing that causes perplexity in our conference offices; with all the calls coming in, and no workers with which to answer. But one of our young ministers has solved the problem, at least to his own satisfaction, of reducing the length of time he needs to put in the effort. Here is his letter. Notice its strong points: "Dear Brother:

"I tried your system of writing to our people about the work with the *Signs* and it worked like a charm. I wrote to one of our brethren that I planned on pitching a tent in his town this season and advised him to go out and get subscriptions to stir up an interest before I arrived on the ground. A few days passed; he sent in thirteen subscriptions that had been secured in just a short time; ordered a few more sample copies and said that they were going to get some more *Signs*, of course.

"I circulated a petition against Sunday bills when I was in——, and every man but one signed it. I had a good many talks on religious liberty and secured six yearly subscriptions for *Liberty*, one for *Signs Monthly*, one for *Signs Weekly*, and two sometime before.

"The Lord blessed our work in——. Dedicated the church free from debt, and baptized nine in the little Missouri River, the Sabbath before I left.

"One woman told me she thinks the *Signs* so good that she reads all of it. Another old lady gets pretty blue if her *Signs* isn't forthcoming.

"Wishing you every blessing, I am  
"As ever—"

You see it is not necessary to stay a long time. This work was all completed in two or three months. The field had been prepared with our pioneer missionary and an interested congregation, through the influence of that good paper, was ready for the final touches.

That is economy in both time and funds. It is system. It is good sound business. Let us use the *Signs* more than ever before. Let our isolated members use it. Let our missionary societies use it. Let us all use it. An average of two copies for each member is not a big thing at all. Let us send our orders right in to the tract society and have a good start for the summer.

Five or more to separate addresses, 65 cents each for six months.

"The Bible is like a fountain. The more you look into it, the deeper it appears."