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

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### An Important Word to Our Brethren

The terrible situation which has arisen in the war-stricken districts in Europe has brought distress to many of our brethren involving practically some twenty-five thousand of them. About two thousand of our brethren have been called to shoulder the gun and march to the front. Perhaps by this time some of them are dead or mangled on the battlefield leaving behind widows and orphans.

In view of this situation we are writing to ask if the pledges that have been made at our camp-meetings could not be paid as soon as possible so our brethren in the General Conference treasury will be able to have the cash and forward it to these fields as soon as possible. When the pledges were made on the camp ground they were made to be paid any time up until December 15. This same privilege is still yours. If, however, you can hasten the payment of your pledge it will give us the cash that much sooner to bring relief to the war-stricken districts.

B. G. WILKINSON.

### Distress

A most solemn feeling rested upon the brethren and sisters assembled on the Ohio camp ground when the first news of the brethren in Europe were read. Immediately the whole camp responded to a call for reconsecration of our all to God in the impending crisis, and most earnest prayer was offered in behalf of the believers in

Europe, but especially for the two thousand and more dear brethren who would be forced to carry arms against their fellow men. Brethren and sisters arose after prayer and said that they desired to contribute to a fund to be placed in the hands of the Mission Board with which to meet the demands made upon them on account of this warfare.

The following important resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

#### EMERGENCY FUND RESOLUTIONS

*Resolved*, (a) That we, the workers and believers of the Ohio Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, in conference assembled do hereby express most sincere sympathy to the believers in the Advent Message, our brethren and sisters, living in the countries involved in war; and giving assurance that when one member suffers we all suffer, we do hereby pledge ourselves to stand ready to assist in any way possible. We earnestly pray God to protect the lives of the dear brethren that there be no broken family ties, widowed wives, orphaned children, and that he give divine wisdom to each and all to know what to do amid the horrors of merciless warfare.

(b) Appreciating that many of the workers laboring in the mission fields, on account of the war, will be cut off from their source of supply and hardship may result; we do hereby create a fund to be known as the Emergency Missionary Fund by donating liberally to the same. This fund is to be at the disposal of the Mission Board to be used as emergencies demand.

(c) That since the brethren residing in countries effected by war will not be able to sustain the cause of missions as heretofore, we who are more favorably situated do solemnly pledge ourselves to greatly increase our missionary offerings, and put forth most earnest effort to have others do the same that the missionaries already in the field be properly supported and there be no retrenchment of the work.

Our dear believers in Europe are suffering perils and hardships that no pen can picture. Beloved companions, devoted fathers and all earthly

possessions may be sacrificed. Besides this our churches in Europe have supplied all the money to operate certain mission fields. Not only will this cease, but the believers themselves, if we can only reach them, must be given relief. We cannot and we will not forsake our brethren who are in peril and need. We cannot share their dangers but we can share our blessings with them. We should now limit our expenditures in behalf of self to the minimum and see that none of our mission fields suffer for lack of men and means.

Many who have carried but little burden for missions should now respond most liberally and those who have already pledged or given to missions for 1914 will cheerfully multiply their offering. Let all who have pledged a definite sum to be paid during 1914 pay as much of the pledge as possible immediately. This will give immediate relief. August 1 the mission offerings revealed a shortage of nearly \$165,000 for the North American Division. All can see the Mission Treasury is in no condition to supply much money to meet the demands now thrust upon them. The Ohio Conference responded with \$11,000.00 in cash and pledges. I know the dear brethren throughout the Columbia Union will most heartily respond to this Emergency Call. Let us swell this fund that there be ample provision for every demand. Surely we are in the midst of that scene referred to in *Vol. 1. p 263*:—

"I was shown the earth in the utmost confusion. War, bloodshed, privation, want, famine, and pestilence were abroad in the land. As these things surrounded God's people they began to press together, and to cast aside their little difficulties. Self-dignity no longer controlled them; deep humility took its place. Suffering, perplexity, and privation caused reason to resume its throne, and the passionate and unreasonable men became sane, and acted with discretion and wisdom. My attention was then called from the scene. There seemed to be a little time of peace. Once more the inhabitants of the earth were pre-

sented before me; and again everything was in the utmost confusion. Strife, war, and bloodshed, with famine and pestilence raged everywhere. Other nations were engaged in this war and confusion. War caused famine. Want and bloodshed caused pestilence. And then men's hearts failed them for fear, 'and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth.' "

Will not each dear believer through the Columbia Union say, "What we should do we can do and by God's grace we will." Send your pledge or cash to your conference treasurer and may the dear Lord greatly bless you as we share in the afflictions in the East.

R. T. DOWSETT.

## CHESAPEAKE

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### Chesapeake Conference—Mission Fund

Membership 605	
Amount at 20 cents to July 1. . . . .	\$3,146.00
Amount Received to July 1. . . . .	1,823.74
Shortage to July 1. . . . .	1,322.26
Average shortage per member . . . . .	2.18

## An Appeal

In view of the critical financial condition in Europe on account of the war and the possibility of the General Conference having to finance a large part of the work in that stricken country, the Chesapeake Conference committee voted to arrange a date when all of our churches could unite in gathering funds to help our brethren in the war zone. Careful consideration was given this matter and it has been decided to set apart Sabbath, September 12, as the day for this special offering.

This seems a very appropriate time for us to take up this matter as it is the regular time for the Second Sabbath Readings, a service I trust is being held regularly in all the churches. While the readings will not deal with the war question so much yet they will be full of good material and should tend to revive a live missionary spirit. Some information concerning our work and workers will be in the hands of church elders and conference workers which will be pre-

sented to the churches by them.

There are some churches behind on their quota of the twenty-cent-a-week and we earnestly ask all such to pledge their amount on September 12 and that individuals who know themselves to be in arrears, kindly arrange to bring in as much cash on the above date as possible. We are anxious to sustain our dear brethren and sisters who are passing through such serious times as exist in the East. Now is the time to help for the funds must come from prosperous America. The Lord has abundantly blessed us in this conference this year and surely we should be willing to make up in mission offerings the amount we are short. Let those who have means give for these who are less fortunate.

Kindly remember that all we raise September 12, will be counted on the twenty-cent-a-week fund. We will credit each church with the amount received from the various churches. It is hoped that this appeal will not be treated in a careless manner but that every church member in the conference will respond liberally as the Lord has prospered him.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

## News Notes

We are sorry to report that Sister Naomi Geisendorfer has been quite sick for several weeks.

The president of the conference and the tract society secretary made a business trip to Rock Hall last week.

Do not forget the Home Missionary series of the *Signs of the Times*, nor your orders for the Harvest Ingathering Review.

We have a good supply of the new tract, "Is it Armageddon" on hand. You will want some of these excellent tracts to hand your friends and neighbors.

Elder Seeney will baptize three persons in Wilmington Sunday, September 13. Two of these united with the No. 2, church at this place last Sabbath.

We are glad to report that Brother O. C. Weller has been able to return to his home from the dispensary at Washington. He will soon be able to resume his work.

A church missionary convention was held in Millington, Maryland last Sabbath. Besides the regular church

membership there were present Mrs. R. R. Whaley from Church Hill, F. E. Hankins and Miss Emma Newcomer of Baltimore.

Brother Coffin, who has been acting as tent master in Frederick stopped a short time in the office today on his way home. They expect to sail September 18, to the Bahama Islands.

Dr. H. N. Sisco and Dr. P. Bourdeau-Sisco were in Frederick last Sunday night and lectured on health principles in the tent at that place. They report a good meeting and a good attendance. The regular attendance, however, has been small and the meeting will be closed next Sunday night. Other methods will be taken up in the city which, it is hoped, will reach more of the people.

Elder R. T. Baer with Brother J. H. Wierts, pastor of the German church of Baltimore, went to Marydell last Friday and on Sabbath organized a German church of eleven members. One young sister was baptized. They brought back with them about seventy-five dollars tithe and offerings to missions from this new church. Brother Henry Tonjes, who served for some time as missionary agent in Brazil, but who has returned to the states because of failing health, is located at this place and has been made elder of the church.

Thirty-two new members united with the colored church in Baltimore last Sabbath. Twenty more are ready to be received into membership next Sabbath. A baptism will be held on September 9, at which time between thirty-five and forty-five will be baptized. These are good, staunch Seventh-day Adventists, and are such as a result of the tent meeting held here this summer by Brother G. P. Rodgers and Elder F. H. Seeny. The meetings are to be continued for some time as the interest is still most excellent. The baptism will take place in the new church, which has just been fitted up with a baptistry. Although their church is quite commodious they do not expect to be able to accommodate the large number of people who desire to attend.

"There is such a thing as being rich without money. That man is rich who is rich in integrity, and who has that best of all blessings a contented mind, Christian contentment."

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## Ohio Conference—Mission Fund

Membership 2,000  
 Amount at 20 cents to July 1. . . . . 10,400.00  
 Amount Received to July 1. . . . . 5,566.24  
 Shortage to July 1. . . . . 4,833.76  
 Average shortage per member. . . . . 2.41

## President's Annual Address

Mount Vernon, Ohio, August 12-33, 1914.

Another year has passed by and we are again assembled in conference session. Another year, it has been, of great opportunities, rich blessings and special prosperity. It would be a manifestation of marked ingratitude on our part at such a time as this not to feel, and give expression to, our thankfulness to our heavenly Father for the prosperity and protection of the past year. The last-day perils are coming on apace. The spiritual darkness of the world is rapidly deepening. Mankind is becoming more intense in a mad rush for wealth, pleasure, and fame. Probation's precious hours are lengthened out through God's long suffering for the sounding of the last warning message while the few remaining unfulfilled prophecies are speedily being met. Unbounded gratitude is due to God for his protection in such a time and for the light that shines upon our way and for the love for his cause that he has put in our hearts.

I am glad that we are permitted to be here under circumstances so favorable, that all has been done that can contribute to our comfort and happiness here; and that peace and liberty are granted and this quiet and inviting retreat is provided in which to seek and worship God together. To many, I trust, the year has been one of advancement and victory. We have all been brought so much nearer the journey's end. We have been permitted to see marked developments in earthly conditions indicating the rapid fulfillment of prophecy. The three cardinal prophecies yet unfulfilled, the preparation for Armageddon, the formation of the image to the Beast in America, and the preaching of the "Gospel of the King-

dom" to all the world, are all but met in earthly conditions and make it evident that "the great day of the Lord is near, and hasteth greatly".

At this moment there exists in the East what one of our leading dailies declares to be "the greatest of all wars". It is further stated that "eight nations—Germany, France, England, Russia, Austria, Servia, Belgium and Montenegro—are engaged in this European Armageddon. Their forces number 17,000,000." One prominent paper has said that "the mobilization of Turkish forces has taken place in the fear that the Russian Black Sea fleet will attempt to force the Bosphorus and that Russia may even land troops on the Turkish shores of the Black Sea and sieze Constantinople." The suddenness with which this great conflict has been precipitated and the relation it all has to prophetic truth is ominous indeed and should serve to arouse the most indifferent among us.

Our evangelical work has been confined quite largely to the cities during the past year. Good results have come from this work in some of the cities. Our city workers have been faithful and have met with fortitude the great and perplexing city problems. The work grows more difficult in these great centers of population, but these difficulties are not to retard our work. To my co-workers in the ministry and Bible work, I would say be sure that you have God with you in your work. Our success in these dark places will not be proportionate to the favorableness of our field but rather to the presence and power of God that we have with us by which all difficulties may be set aside.

Quite large additions have been made to some of our city churches and the best results have come where the conference workers have had the cooperation of the church members. Such cooperation should be encouraged in every place. We feel that Cleveland, our metropolis which has been mentioned in the Spirit of Prophecy, should be given earnest and prayerful thought in our plans for future work. This great and influential center must appeal to us at this time.

Through much sacrifice and earnest labor the church building has been dedicated recently wholly free from debt. For this we are thankful. Zanesville has made a most commendable effort resulting in the providing of a splendid new church building which I understand is practically free from debt.

Owing to our city work, less labor has been bestowed upon our country communities and smaller places; and as many of you will be free to agree, much less ministerial labor has been bestowed upon the churches. While this is true, I believe that our churches are prospering just as well and I hope that the true ideal may be met by all becoming soul-winners instead of calling for ministerial help.

In this connection, I want to speak about our local church work. We are in great need of church officers who will give most careful attention in an unselfish way to all details and duties pertaining to the upbuilding of the work. We have many such officers. We have, though, I am sorry to say, some not of that character. In some places many things are neglected and the work suffers locally as well as in a general way. The strength of our conference depends upon the thoroughness with which our local church officers do their part in a very large measure. I want to speak about another most defeating condition existing in some places. I have reference to divisions and difficulties between brethren. It is needless for me to attempt to tell how defeating such conditions are. Is this not a good time for us to set on foot a movement by which every church may be wholly freed from all old-standing troubles of this sort?

It is with pleasure, dear delegates, that I refer to our book work. I have had a great desire to see a strong army of well-trained colporteurs in the field, and that desire to some extent has been met. You have observed with interest the published reports. Some of the time, Ohio has stood in the lead of all American conferences. This good work must go on. Our band of colporteurs is becoming larger and more efficient.

Men and women of good ability are taking up this work. These self-supporting missionaries should have our appreciation, support, and encouragement. We gladly welcome such workers here and bespeak for you many recruits to your loyal army.

In all of our departmental work there seems to be advancement. Our church schools have been doing well. The Sabbath-schools grow in interest and efficiency and have made an enviable record in mission offerings. Our Religious Liberty and Medical departmental heads have given nearly full time to other lines of work, yet we have maintained the identity of the departments in the conference.

The delegates will be permitted to hear reports from all of these departments while we are in session.

That you may have a correct knowledge of the progress of the work in Ohio, I shall give a brief comparative statement of the results covering the calendar years of 1911 to 1913.

	1911	1912
Tithe	\$30,309 80	\$36,681 09
Sabbath-schools	3,929 58	7,975 39
Missions	8,079 39	16,851 34
T. & M. B. B.	25,059 46	20,397 16
Baptisms	80	110
	1913	Gain over 1912
Tithe	\$39,605 31	\$2,924 22
Sabbath-schools	9,359 49	1,384 10
Missions	22,110 77	5,259 43
T. & M. B. B.	33,097 46	12,700 30
Baptisms	180	70

This good showing has been made possible by the blessing of God and the faithful cooperation of the churches. Our faithful corps of office workers have done much in helping to produce this good showing as also have our workers in the field and our church officers. We should not be satisfied not to reach a higher mark this year. At this time we are seriously behind on our mission funds. We come about \$1,500 short on tithe receipts for the same months last year. At this time we have over-drawn the tithe over \$2,000 for the payment of our laborers. Unless our tithe receipts can be quickly increased, immediate steps must be taken to reduce our list of laborers. The number should be increased instead of lessened, but we must operate within our income. This situation should appeal to us at this time, and no laborer should be contented to continue at conference support if in doubt as to his calling or the fruits of his labors.

At this meeting we should endeavor to secure greater activity in all our churches in soul winning work. To the laity the appeal is made to give as much time as possible to soul winning efforts. To this end decided steps should be taken to enter into a strong and active campaign in the use of our literature. A splendid set of tracts and small books has been provided at small expense which should be used freely by our people everywhere.

We should at this time take steps to make our Ingathering Campaign more general and more effective for good. Shall we not endeavor to come to the rescue of our twenty-cent-a-week fund by a well organized and well directed Ingathering campaign?

While here and on returning to our homes, a decided effort should be made to have every Seventh-day Ad-

ventist in the conference take the *Review* and the *Visitor*. I need not dwell upon the importance of these church papers. To keep pace with advancement, each believer should read them. A deeper interest in reading and using the *Signs, Watchman, Youths' Instructor, Protestant, Liberty, and Life and Health* is called for. There is no better literature for our homes and our neighbors. These splendid magazines should through our efforts become stronger factors in the work to which they are dedicated.

We have delegated to us great and grave responsibilities. In all matters pertaining to the Lord's work in this state, let us seek for wisdom and to be governed by true motives that the Lord's way may prevail. Let us remember also that such a convocation is God's opportunity for showering great spiritual blessings upon his people.

E. K. SLADE.

## VIRGINIA

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### Virginia Conference—Mission Fund

Membership 514	
Amount at 20 cents to July 1.....	\$2,672.80
Amount Received to July 1.....	925.54
Shortage to July 1.....	1,747.26
Average shortage per member....	3.40

## News Notes

L. A. King who has been in the colporteur work during the summer, returned to Richmond to prepare for school. He has planned his delivery for November which was necessary on account of the continued drought in that part of the state. He has had excellent success.

The tent at Lynchburg suffered from a recent storm, and was somewhat wrecked, and it was thought that it would be impossible to use it again, but willing hands have repaired it so it is still in use for the effort. There is a good interest and attendance. Elder Stewart Kime has connected with the tent company and will soon move his family to this conference. Let the prayers of those at home go up for these faithful brethren as they present the truths in the tent.

Elder J. W. Hirlinger spent last Sabbath and Sunday with the church at Newport News, and on his return will spend some time with the tent effort at Yale.

Elder S. G. Burley of North Dakota the Russian brother whose help we have been trying to get for the church at Yale, has arrived and is hard at work among those of his nationality. A tent has been shipped for their use, and we are hopeful for a good strong interest being developed. Reports of these meetings will be given later.

The orders are beginning to come in nicely for the Harvest Ingathering *Review*. Samples have been sent out, and it certainly is an excellent summary of mission work. Instruction leaflets and cards will be sent out to each church and isolated one, and if any are missed, just drop a card to the office and some will be sent you. We bespeak a good strong effort among all our members. When we would feel that we have not time to solicit, let our minds go out to those who have gone to those foreign shores, and again to our brethren in Europe who are forced to arms.

We who are left must fill in the gap that the work may not fall back. When we think of these faithful ones I know we will come to their help and try to do what we would be looking to those at home to do, were we there. The work is all one and will triumph together, so let us do what we can while the day lasts.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

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### West Pennsylvania Conference—Mission Fund

Membership 790	
Amount at 20 cents to July 1....	\$4,108.00
Amount Received to July 1.....	2,581.51
Shortage to July 1.....	1,526.49
Average shortage per member.....	1.93

## Erie

In the last few months the Erie church has been making some necessary repairs on their church building, and on the eight room house in the rear. A new roof was put on, costing

\$151.14, plumbing \$15.00, two coats of paint \$75.00, material for the house \$55.27, gas, taxes and water rent \$24.29, interest on notes \$118.30, labor \$138.50, making a total of \$577.50.

We are glad to report that these repairs have not robbed the church of any donations. In the last six months the church raised \$228.23 for missions. In the year 1912 the church gave \$234.82. In 1912 the tithe for the year amounted to \$418.45. In the last six months the amount paid was \$458.49. We are glad to see the spirit of advance, and we hope to see added to the church such as shall be saved. The tent effort which is now being held here is having a fair attendance, and interested ones are coming each evening. May we have your prayers that God may give his Holy Spirit to assist in all that is done for the building up of his work.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

**Sabbath-School Notes**

The average given to missions by our Sabbath-schools for the twelve Sabbaths of the quarter was \$95.48, and on the thirteenth Sabbath \$263.74 was given.

The offerings for the quarter show an increase of \$448.88 over what they were for the second quarter of the previous year. The thirteenth Sabbath offerings show an increase of \$37.57.

Many of our isolated members are reporting faithfully, but there are still many others who we should like to hear from.

Twenty-one of our schools show an increase over last quarter's record in gifts to missions, and nineteen have increased their thirteenth Sabbath offerings.

While we are energetically working toward our financial goal, let us not forget the daily study of the Sabbath-school lessons, and personal work for every pupil. These are equally important.

The leaflet to be used for the thirteenth Sabbath offering of the present quarter, September 26, will soon be in the hands of our Sabbath-school superintendents. We hope that our schools will study carefully the needs of the work in South America, and be prepared to give liberally towards the advancement of the work in that needy field. Can we not make it *dollar day*?

Two new Sabbath-schools were added to the list last quarter. One at Connellsville, the other at New Kensington.

Five conversions were reported during the quarter. M. B. DAUPHINEE.

**West Pennsylvania Conference Report**

Name of Church	Membership	Tithe 1914, 7 Mo. Amount	Tithe Per Capita	Twenty Cent Per Week Fund	Av. Week Per Member
Adah	12	151 46	12 62	94 73	.263
Allbion	10	260 98	26 10	75 00	.150
Allegheny No. 1	43	410 32	9 54	118 05	.091
Allegheny No. 2	15	311 10	20 74	89 31	.199
Altoona	66	370 59	4 66	78 62	.039
Bradford	17	278 32	16 37	187 89	.368
Clearfield	22	64 79	2 94	33 27	.050
Conference	34	735 64	22 64	527 82	.517
Connellsville	..	61 55	..	45 12	..
Corry	24	136 28	5 68	37 66	.052
Corydon	23	98 17	4 27	160 90	.233
Coudersport	34	375 98	11 06	140 88	.138
Edinboro	12	61 88	5 16	10 81	.030
Eldred	10	45 38	4 54	47 10	.016
Erie	48	466 02	9 71	233 23	.162
Huntingdon	27	133 41	4 94	10 32	.012
Indiana	40	257 88	6 45	47 78	.039
Jimtown	10	75 68	7 57	12 67	.042
Johnstown	55	568 67	10 34	161 56	.098
Meadville	10	126 99	12 69	72 93	.243
McDonald	10	87 90	8 79	11 10	.037
North Warren	38	208 94	5 50	98 12	.086
Pittsburgh No. 1	107	1559 98	14 58	266 22	.083
Pittsburgh No. 2	26	314 34	12 09	113 69	.145
Port Allegheny	25	146 18	5 85	23 91	.032
Ridgway	2	292 45	96 23	63 45	1.057
Shingle House	12	6 00	50	7 10	.020
Six Mile Run	30	137 97	4 60	45 59	.053
Washington	26	199 72	7 68	57 50	.740
Totals	790	7781 47	9 85	2874 47	.121

**Report of Sabbath-Schools of West Pennsylvania Conference**

For Quarter Ending June 30, 1914

School	Membership	Total Offering	13th Sabbath Offering	Av. per week per member
Adah	16	36 80	5 56	.18
Albion	17	31 19	9 70	.14
Allegheny 1	35	30 30	3 54	.07
Allegheny 2	27	21 87	2 22	.06
Altoona	32	36 27	12 01	.09
Bradford	20	28 82	13 85	.11
Carter Camp	6	5 66	3 05	.07
Clearfield	28	14 40	1 90	.04
Connellsville	8	12 10	3 55	.12
Corry	18	22 30	8 83	.10
Corydon	19	25 60	12 45	.10
Conference	70	338 64	22 48	.37
Coudersport	44	44 15	19 25	.08
Elder	4	2 50	49	.05
Erie	59	66 90	16 21	.09
Edinboro	..	8 20	1 00	..
Huntingdon	13	3 50	27	.02
Indiana	34	16 05	6 43	.04
Jimtown	18	8 07	91	.03
Johnstown	30	60 00	20 52	.16
McDonald	22	1 84	1 25	.006
Meadville	11	17 85	6 50	.12
Mt. Braddock	30	19 08	5 80	.05
N. Warren	28	47 86	13 65	.13
New Kensington	11	6 42	41	.05
Millport	9	4 17	2 65	.04
Pittsburgh 1	106	90 15	27 60	.07
Pittsburgh 2	37	52 90	11 65	.11
Port Allegheny	5	7 60	2 08	.12
Raymond	10	8 53	3 12	.07
Ridgway	17	22 62	8 82	.10
Shingle House	7	6 00	46	.07
Six Mile Run	37	14 42	6 58	.03
Union City	6	4 74	2 00	.06
Verona	8	5 53	45	.05
Washington	17	18 60	3 00	.08
Waterford	4	4 20	2 50	.08
Totals	863	1145 83	263 74	.10

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

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**District of Columbia Conference  
 Mission Fund**

Membership 771  
 Amount at 20 cents to July 1. . . \$4,009.20  
 Amount Received to July 1.....2,180.85  
 Shortage to July 1.....1,828.35  
 Average shortage per member . . . 2.37

**Belmont Park Tent Effort**

The "Seal of God and the Mark of the Beast" was the subject presented by Brother Bristol Sunday night, August 9. Elder Longacre gave a stirring address on "Temperance", Saturday night. The following night one of the largest audiences we have had listened to the subject of "God's Messages."

We were very glad to welcome Elder Stevens at the tent August 22. He spoke Sunday morning on "The Platform of the True Church." He showed the Bible to be the only true platform and proved its inspiration to all. Three infidels were present. One said he struck him right on the head and showed him to be a fool.

Sunday evening a large crowd listened to "The Second Coming of Christ."

Sunday night, August 30, an attentive crowd listened to Elder Stevens present "God's Eternal Sabbath." He made it plain from both Old and New Testaments.

Opposition increases some which shows us the enemy is working but God is working too and we are cooperating with him expecting nothing else but victory. Continue to pray for us.  
 M. G. CONGER.

**White Stone**

The armies of the Lord at White Stone are still invading the enemies country. The interest is still good in spite of all the conflicting meetings. This last week they had protracted meeting at the Methodist church during the day. Then many of the people came to the tent at night. Sunday night August, 23, the tent was well filled. The writer spoke on "Watchman What of the Night?" Many expressed their belief in what was said.

**Canvassers' Reports**

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
<b>Ohio, Week Ending August 28, 1914</b>									
W. Syphers, Ross Co.		ES	4	42	8	24 00	3 00	27 00	8 80
Mrs. W. Syphers, Ross Co.		ES	4	40	1	3 00	3 85	6 85	10
C. E. Reichenbach, Licking Co.		ES	5	40	16	60 00	4 90	64 90	6 00
A. L. Bassler, Fairfield Co.		GC	4	39	10	30 00	12 75	42 75	2 80
Marie Greunke, Fulton Co.		PPF	7	44	18	52 50		52 50	
Hazel Leach, Perry Co.		PPF	4	30	18	41 00	2 50	43 50	
D. J. Royer, Cuyahoga Co.		GC	4	30	4	12 00	2 25	14 25	2 25
J. H. Stafford, Lucas Co.		DR	4	29	8	26 00	75	26 75	
H. O. Kohr, Richland Co.		DR	3	29	8	24 00	8 75	32 75	
Helen Greunke, Fulton Co.		PPF	3	27	5	9 50	5 25	14 75	
Mrs. D. Crist, Columbus		ES	2	13					21 00
Ed Searles, Cleveland		Temp. Instr.				4 40		4 40	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13 Agents</b>		<b>44</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>\$286 40</b>	<b>\$44 00</b>	<b>\$330 40</b>	<b>\$40 95</b>

<b>Virginia, Week Ending August 28, 1914</b>									
John Z. Hottel, Accomac Co.		PPF		60					225 00
S. N. Brown, Tazewell Co.		PPF		36	4	9 00	1 75	10 75	103 75
Walter Stanback, Newp't News		BR	5	20	17	60 00		60 00	
Bennett Hamm, Amhurst Co.		BFL	5	40	23	30 50	50	31 00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4 Agents</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>\$ 99 50</b>	<b>\$2 25</b>	<b>101 75</b>	<b>\$328 75</b>

MAGAZINES									
Amie George,		Signs Magazine							27 50
Mrs. E. F. White		Watchman Magazine							10 00
Frank S. Parsons,		Watchman							11 90
Carl F. Parsons		" "							4 90
<b>Total</b>									<b>\$54 30</b>

Chesapeake, Week Ending August 28, 1914									
T. H. Barritt, Balto. Co., Md.		BR	4	24	29	96 00	5 50	101 50	
M. S. Pettibone, Harford Co.		BR	5	28	4	14 00	3 00	17 00	6 60
J. J. Martin, Kent Co.		DR	5	39	19	57 00	1 75	58 75	
Geo. W. Lawrence Kent Co., Md.		DR	4	28	14	45 00		45 00	
David W. Percy, " " "		BF	6	50	31	46 50	8 00	54 50	
Marguerite Tippett, Cambridge		PPF	3	24	7	15 00	3 75	18 75	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6 Agents</b>		<b>27</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>\$273 50</b>	<b>\$22 00</b>	<b>\$295 50</b>	<b>6 60</b>

MAGAZINES									
*Alma Hohensee, Liberty,		Signs, Protestant, Watchman							50 00
*4 weeks									

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending August 28, 1914									
W. Dunkinson, Tioga Co.		PPF	5	22	20	15 00		15 00	2 75
W. H. Frizzell, Juniata Co.		DR	5	42	3	9 00	12 60	21 60	7 35
H. C. Baumgartner, Juniata Co.		BR	5	42	8	25 00	7 25	32 25	2 25
G. E. Johnson, W. Phila.		BF	5	37	7	11 50		11 50	
Mrs. M. M. Johnson, N. Phila.		BF	4	18	11	16 50		16 50	
E. E. Gloor, Columbia Co.		BF	4	28	8	12 00	35	12 35	
C. M. Bell, Juniata Co.		DR	5	42	7	25 00	8 95	33 95	
Stella Grube, Columbia Co.		BF	4	32	13	19 50	2 90	22 40	2 10
G. R. Hawthorne, Perry Co		BS	4	35		1 75		1 75	
John Schott, Franklin Co.		BF	4	28	16	24 00	75	24 75	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10 Agents</b>		<b>45</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>\$159 25</b>	<b>\$32 80</b>	<b>\$192 05</b>	<b>\$14 45</b>

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending August 28, 1914									
Archie Brownlee, Fayette Co.		PPF	3	29		4 75	6 25	11 00	23 95
T. S. Dunham, Venango Co.		BR	5	30	14	44 00	1 80	45 80	60
John Holder, Venango Co.		BR	1	11	9	28 00	1 50	29 50	3 00
J. A. Kimmel, Somerset Co.		BR	3	26	13	41 00		41 00	6 00
Elton Wetmore, Jefferson Co.		DR	4	35	12	38 00	8 10	46 10	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5 Agents</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>\$155 75</b>	<b>\$17 65</b>	<b>\$173 40</b>	<b>\$33 55</b>

**Grand Totals: Agents 38 Value of Orders, \$974 40 Deliveries, \$424 30**

The sick man who was mentioned last week in our report is progressing wonderfully. Two or three treatments are given every day. At the close of the night treatment the family gathers about the bedside while prayer is offered. Their minds are being directed to the Great Healer. The man is reading "Steps to Christ" and some of our papers. He has given his order for a "Practical Guide." It has really been a testimony to all the people of the village to the efficiency of our simple treatments. It has opened up the way for work to be done that could not have been done otherwise.

Many new faces are seen at the tent services, and we believe it is, at least, to some extent due to the medical missionary work that has been and is being done. Brethren, pray for us.

RICHARD F. FARLEY.

News Items

We are glad to report that the sale of our magazines is increasing. We are now prepared to fill orders promptly.

Elder J. M. Campbell, was called to Asbury Park, New Jersey to hold some meetings at that place. He stayed a week and reports that they had good meetings.

The work throughout the conference is encouraging, and we ask all our people to continue praying most earnestly for the workers in charge of the different tent efforts that many may be won to Christ.

Elder G. A. Stevens has joined Brother M. G. Conger, at Ashburn, Virginia in the tent effort at that place. He will remain with the effort until it is completed. Brother A. J. Bristol who started the effort had to give it up on account of severe illness in the family.

Elder W. W. Prescott, editor of the *Protestant*, spoke Sunday night, August 30, at the tent, to the largest audience of any previous meeting. He spoke on the condition of things in Europe, and their relation to prophecy. A great interest was manifested.

A habit is a cable. We weave a thread each day until at last it cannot be broken. Christ is not valued at all unless he be valued above all.

—St. Augustine.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

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East Pennsylvania Conference—Mission Fund

Membership	1,150
Amount at 20 cents to July 1 . . . . .	5,980.00
Amount Received to July 1 . . . . .	3,047.75
Shortage to July 1 . . . . .	2,932.25
Average shortage per member . . . . .	2.55

East Pennsylvania Conference

President's Address

The tithe for the biennial period of 1910-11 was \$36,295.24. For this 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 in 1913, our tithe was \$20,852.60. The total tithe for the past 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 appropriation during the biennial term which were greatly appreciated, but before the close of 1913, at the request of the North American Division of the General Conference because of the great needs for funds to hasten the finishing of God's Work in the needy fields beyond, we entered into an agreement with the Columbia Union Conference and the North American Division Conference that commencing January 1, 1914, we would conduct the East Pennsylvania Conference entirely upon a self supporting basis, and, that we would send on to them for work outside of our conference 31 per cent of all of our tithe receipts. This we are now doing and have been doing since January 1.

Our total foreign mission offerings for 1912 were \$9,927.53; for 1913 these foreign mission offerings amounted to \$10,532.50. Thus each year we exceeded the requirements of the 15 cent and 20 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 \$2,869.51, while in the year 1913,

the Sabbath-school donations amounted to \$3,733.51. 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 forty-five Sabbath-schools with an enrollment of 1,194.

Concerning our Young People's Department work we report twelve 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. Eighteen are taking the Reading Course and about fifty are studying for the Standard of Attainment, ten have successfully passed the examination. 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 were 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 the church-school is one of the most important factors in the saving of our children to the cause of God.

H. M. J. RICHARDS.  
 (To be continued)

Sayre

Two years ago tent meetings were held in Sayre and as the result a company of believers was raised up, and the following spring was organized into a church. At this time they held services in a school-house that had been vacant for some time. A few months ago the school board decided to re-open this school and as the result we were left without a meeting place. The brethren felt their need of a church home so it was decided to build a church that would seat two hundred. A few weeks ago a lot was bought in the best section of the town and operations were begun to erect a house of worship on the very spot where the tent was pitched two years ago. This is indeed a sacred spot to our church.

Let us pray that this church may be the means of guiding many to the haven of rest.

C. S. BAUM.

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The following conferences failed to send the VISITOR a report the past week.

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### OBITUARIES

**SPONSLER.**—Edward Stanton Sponsler was born November 27, 1844 in Beaver township, Mahoning county, Ohio, and died at his home in Ashland county, Ohio, August 3, 1914. Brother Sponsler has lived in the community sixty-one years, or from the time he was nine years of age. In 1879 he, with his wife, embraced present truth and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church at Nova where he retained his membership until his death.

Brother Sponsler is survived by his wife, three children, eleven grand children, one brother and six sisters. The funeral was held in the Nova U. E. church where words of comfort were spoken to a large congregation of sympathizing friends by the writer.

E. K. SLADE.

**OVERHULSE.**—Cassius Clay Overhulse, M. D. of Holgate, Ohio, was born September 5, 1861 at St. Paris, Ohio.

At the age of six years he came with the family to Malinta, where the old family home is still located.

After finishing his common school education he took a scientific course in the Normal at Ada, graduating in 1880. He also learned telegraphy and plastering and later entered Starling Medical College at Columbus, graduating in 1892.

Dr. Overhulse was considered one of the leading and most successful physicians in this part of the state.

On February 9, 1889 Dr. Overhulse was united in marriage to Fidelia Edwards of Holgate, who has been a faithful wife, ministering to him during the seven years of his affliction.

The deceased passed away, August 25, 1914, at Holgate, and leaves to mourn his departure, his wife, mother, one brother and sister, and five half brothers, besides a large circle of friends.

The funeral was held in the Presbyterian church which was well filled. By request of the mayor of the village all places of business were closed from 12:30 to 3:30 P. M.

Elder Lindsey chose for his text Isaiah 42:3.

**FOR SALE**—House near church school. For full particulars address Max Bauerline, Telford, Pa.

**FOR SALE**—A small farm. For particulars address, John C. Dickson, R. F. D. No. 1, Salem New, Jersey.

“The most manifest sign of wisdom is continued cheerfulness.”

“The young man or woman looking for a soft place will generally find it under his hat.”

### Academy Notes

Elder Floyd Gibson of Charleston, West Virginia visited his parents at Academia recently.

Five new members were taken into the church at Mount Vernon, Sabbath, September 5.

Abraham and Thomas Clymer of Benton Ridge, Ohio, visited F. H. Clymer of Academia last week.

Mr. V. O. Panches went to Defiance, this week and will visit colporteurs in different parts of the state.

Miss Lena Lane is visiting her sister Mrs. T. C. Park, at West Mansfield, Ohio. Miss Lane will return in time for school.

Miss Myrtle Bateman of Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania has arrived and will work in the city and attend school here.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Holst left for Jamaica, Tuesday, September 8. We wish them a safe and pleasant journey and success in their work.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cruze of Graysville, Tennessee have arrived. Mrs. Cruze is taking the nurse's course at the sanitarium. Mr. Cruze will attend the Academy.

Professor O. M. John and family left for their new home at Takoma Park, D. C. last Thursday. Professor John has charge of the Science department of the Missionary College.

The attendance is large at the tent meetings being conducted by Elder Ashton in Mount Vernon. The first night the tent was crowded and many were standing around the tent and in the street. We pray that many may accept the truth as the result of this effort.

Be brief, for it is with words as with sunbeams, the more they are condensed the deeper they burn.

—Longthey.

I think the first virtue is to restrain the tongue.

—Cato.