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

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Something Worth Reading

There has come to my desk a little booklet of 160 pages, by Elder J. H. Morrison, entitled "A Straight Talk to Old Brethren."

Elder Morrison has been a Sabbath-keeper for over fifty years. He served for six or eight years as president of the Iowa Conference, and for many years was a member of the General Conference committee. He was on the General Conference committee during the time that some of these "old brethren" were members of that committee, hence Elder Morrison feels quite free to address this plain talk to "old brethren." Many interesting things are found in this "plain talk." One must read the "Talk" to appreciate the value of its contents. I will note a few points made in the booklet.

First, Elder Morrison gives something of a history of seven movements started by able men to prove that Seventh-day Adventists are wrong in some fundamental doctrine or in their organization. He gives the names of the leaders and the names of seven different periodicals that have been started in connection with these movements, *five of which are not*, one is, and the coming one, or last, is the *Gathering Call*. However, he shows that the third angel's message has ever gone forward with increasing strength.

Second, the "Plain Talk" gives the confessions made and published in the *Review and Herald* of at least four of these able leaders of these movements in which they acknowledge they have been "led by the wicked one," etc. These confessions make very interesting reading matter.

Third, the strong position taken by one of these old brethren some fourteen years ago upon organization,—that "the present organization is the Lord's own, and he will preserve it," etc.,—as printed in one of his sermons at the South Lancaster General Conference (see *General Conference Bulletin*, 1899, p. 29), is presented. This, with many other similar statements he has made on organization are placed in contrast with his recent utterances on the subject. The reading of this history becomes of special interest when placed side by side with the claim that his present position against organization is *what he has believed for twenty years*.

Fourth, Elder Morrison presents the Bible evidence, backed up by the Testimonies, on church organization; and the marked growth of the denomination under its system of organized effort. All our people ought to read this booklet, for it will strengthen their faith in the message and show the futile efforts of those in the past to hinder the growth of this heaven-ordained movement. The price of the book is twenty-five cents, postage prepaid. A reduction will be made on ten or more copies sent to one address. Address Elder J. H. Morrison, College View, Nebr.

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

Educational

The interest in establishing church-schools for the children of Seventh-day Adventists is still very marked. Almost every day letters are being received at the union office making inquiry about teachers or asking for further information concerning this important work. While the best time to start a school is on the day the public schools open in your district, yet it is not too late to get a school in operation this year.

With all the instruction that has been given us as a people, and with all the signs of the soon coming end, why should we longer expose our precious lambs of the flock to the ravages of their vicious foe?

C. L. STONE.

Notice

The Course of Study for the church-schools of the Columbia Union will be ready to mail in a few days. A copy should be in the hands of each superintendent, each school board secretary and each teacher in the Union. Those interested in Ohio, may apply at the conference office. All others may send name and address to the union office, 36 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

C. L. STONE.

WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia Conference—Mission Fund
 Membership 172
 Amount at 20 cents to July 1 894.405
 Amount Received to July 1 494.15
 Shortage to July 1 400.25
 Averageshortage per member 2.33

West Virginia Camp-meeting

The West Virginia camp-meeting showed that the brethren in West Virginia are getting in the habit of attempting great things for God. It was one of the best camp-meetings ever held in that little conference of barely two hundred members. The Union Conference session was held in connection with its camp-meeting at Parkersburg, August 20 to 30.

The outside interest was good, there being a splendid attendance from outsiders. The city of Parkersburg is deeply stirred and there were many people who are on the verge of accepting the truth.

The annual report of the president showed a splendid progress in the conference in all lines. Its splendid record of last year in the twenty-cent-a-week fund, which it entirely raised for the year, was unsurpassed to our knowledge by any conference. And this year, though there were less than one hundred adults upon the ground they gave the splendid offering to foreign missions of \$1,000.

The blessing of God was in power in the revival meetings which were held. Both Professor Benson and Elder Lindsey conducted revival meet-

ings during the middle of the week while on the last Sabbath the power of God was present in an unusual measure to seal up and sum up the work of the camp-meeting.

Brother W. J. Tanner, formerly of the Canadian Union, was elected president of the conference. He had already been in the field a few months and is nicely getting hold of the work. The officers of the previous year were re-elected. We were favored at this camp-meeting with the good help of Professor Benson. Otherwise there was no general help except the regular union officers and secretaries. This camp-meeting will certainly be a great blessing to the conference the coming year. B. G. WILKINSON.

A Word of Thanks

We wish to thank the students from the depth of our hearts for their faithfulness during the short time they spent this summer in the colporteur work in West Virginia.

All of my thanks, and your good success, will not compare with the joy that will come to you when some dear soul shall come to you in the new earth and say, "I am here through the results of your canvassing." The true record of your work is on the spotless pages of the books of heaven.

We would not forget to praise our regular men, too, for they have done excellent work. The best of all is the remarkable deliveries, regardless of the drought.

We regret that we have not enough material in our own conference to fill the vacancies made by the students returning to school, and that we have to call for colporteurs from other fields; but I am sure you will be glad to come over and help us after having demonstrated to you the exceeding good territory we have here in West Virginia. H. F. KIRK.

News Notes

Mrs. J. S. Barrows spent Sabbath, September 12 in Gratton, where a new Sabbath-school was organized.

Mrs. W. H. Wilcox of Clarksburg, has been engaged to teach the church school in the city of Parkersburg this year.

Elder W. J. Tanner has gone to Collingswood, N. J. to get his family. They will locate at Parkersburg; so

that their children will be able to attend the church school which will be conducted there this year.

Many of the student canvassers are making their deliveries this week, and they all report excellent success. There will be a number of scholarships to be sent on to the schools in a few days.

At the close of the camp-meeting twenty-one were baptized. Our Sabbath-school donations for the two Sabbaths amounted to \$308.87. The amount raised for missions in cash was \$1014.00.

One of the best camp-meetings which was ever held in West Virginia has just closed at Parkersburg. A full report of the meeting, and business transacted, will appear in the next issue of the VISITOR.

OHIO

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

The Ohio Camp-Meeting

It was with great pleasure that the brethren from the different churches in Ohio assembled for their annual conference and camp-meeting, August 13 to 23, on the Academy grounds of Mount Vernon Academy. The report of the Sabbath-school for the last Sabbath mentioned some 847 who were present. This was one of the largest camp-meetings Ohio has ever had. Mount Vernon is almost in the center of the state of Ohio so that it made it a splendid rallying point for all the brethren.

The interest from the outside was splendid. The first Sunday night the writer spoke on the subject "The Present European War from the Prophetic Standpoint." A very large audience was present. Each succeeding night saw the truth presented with clearness and power. The result was so stirring that the brethren of the Ohio Conference have asked Elder Ashton, Bible teacher in Mount Vernon Academy, to conduct a two or three weeks' effort in the city of Mount Vernon before he takes up his annual duties in the Academy as Bible teacher.

Many stirring things took place on the camp ground to show that God was working mightily amongst his people. The last Sabbath in the Sabbath-school the brethren gave a combined donation of \$1,000.00. The revival of that morning was unusually deep and attended by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Some five or six hundred people swept into the center tier of seats confessing their sins and surrendering to God.

Of special note worthy to mention was the large offering given to the foreign missions in response to the Emergency Call. There were three \$500 gifts; two \$250 gifts; nineteen \$100 gifts besides many \$50, \$25, \$15, and \$10 gifts. \$161 was given by the young people for their China Fund. A Bohemian brother who has recently accepted the truth expressed his gratitude by pledging \$600, conditioned on the sale of property; another brother \$250 on the sale of a lot. One of the ministers gave \$500 on the sale of a tract of land, and two other brethren pledged \$502 on the sale of valuable horses. The total offering in cash and pledges was \$11,053.86.

The baptisms numbered forty-three of which twenty-two were young people. Of the latter fourteen were from churches where our church schools are located.

We were greatly assisted in our camp-meeting work by such general laborers as Elders Paap, Shaw, and Benson. Brother Paap gave special attention with splendid results to the newly organized and working Home Missionary Department of the North American Division. Brother Burgan gave splendid help in the press work; while Brother Ford was present to help build up the publishing work. We were glad to have Doctor Miller with us representing the important interest of the Washington Sanitarium. The Union departments were ably represented in brethren Dowsett, Stone, Richardson, Horton, and Salisbury of Mount Vernon Academy.

With some little changes in the Executive committee, practically the same corps of officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. Elder E. K. Slade was re-elected president. The Ohio Conference, from every standpoint, shows figures of splendid growth for the past year. Working hand in hand with it is the academy. This year was by far the best in its history. It was its last year as a college before it gave way to the newly organized college in Washington, D. C. The gain on the academy was \$10,994 for the past year; \$2,000 of this was net operating gain, the rest being

donations. The spiritual power and financial growth of this institution has had great influence for progress throughout that region.

The Lord surely has signally blessed the work in the western end of the Union.

B. G. WILKINSON.

News Notes

Elder E. K. Slade was called to Columbus Tuesday on a business trip.

The tent effort that is being conducted at Brookville is being well attended.

Miss Bessie Acton visited Akron accompanied by Miss Leolla Neptune whom she helped to get started in her church school work in that city Monday, September 14. We wish Miss Neptune success.

Brother V. O. Panches went to Richwood this week to deliver for Miss Pangburn and had the best delivery in his experience in the work. He found the people very much interested in the questions the war is raising.

Brother B. P. Foote, who is working in Jackson county, has now located his family there; and he and his brother-in-law, Mr. Scott, of Washington, are planning to stay there this winter. We know that they will be a great help in spreading the truth.

Brother W. H. Gesiweller, of Springfield, who has been one of our faithful colporteurs for some time, is now leaving for Berrien Springs, Michigan, where he will attend school to gain a better preparation for work in the cause.

Elder E. K. Slade spent Sabbath, September 5, with the Cleveland church. He also spent the following Sabbath with the Walnut Grove church and Sunday, with the Elgin church, going on Monday to Ohio City to look after some business matters there.

This week finds Brother Randolph in Washington county helping four girls, who are students, finishing their delivery, and from there he will go to Adams county to help his son, Paul, and Brother Krause of Zanesville start in the work. We certainly wish these young men success and trust that they may be able to sell many books in this county.

We were very much pleased to see the interest that was taken in the colporteur work at camp-meeting. The meetings that were held especially for these workers were well attended and many became interested in this work and are planning to take it up soon as arrangements and training can be made for them to do so.

Have you ordered your Temperance *Instructors* to be used around your home? Can you not think of at least 100 homes in your vicinity where these papers will make voters for the cause of temperance? We will be glad to fill your orders at the rate of four cents a copy in lots of fifty or more. Order at once so you will have plenty of time in which to do the work.

Brother Lloyd Swallen, of Canton, has been delivering books since his return from camp-meeting. He writes, "I have had a good delivery thus far and hope that the balance may be just as good. It seems the war is shaking the world. I can deliver Bible Footlights as never before." This shows how important it is for us to get our truth filled literature before the world.

Our colporteurs received great blessings at the camp-meeting and have returned to their various fields with greater determination and renewed courage to work as never before to get our books before the people that the meaning of the great events which are taking place in the world today may be explained to them. The letters which are coming in to us show that the people are anxious to understand these prophecies.

Brother Fred Hannah has again joined us in the colporteur work since camp-meeting. He had dropped out for a little time but says that he is glad now to be back. We have a letter which relates some of his interesting experiences which reads as follows: "A lady told me that she bought a hook three years ago which was not as the agent represented it. She had made up her mind never again to have anything to do with agents. I told her that was only Satan's work, that I had a work that met every emergency as no other hook, that it stands today to give light on the war, capital and labor, Catholicism and apostate Protestantism, and all the confused organizations. So she went upstairs and brought down a hook. It was "Great Controversy."

She said, 'There is a hook I never regretted getting'. Then I showed her my "Great Controversy" prospectus and told her that the hook I was selling was gotten out by the same people. I then gave her my canvass for 'Bible Readings' and she gave me an order.

CHESAPEAKE

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

The Ingathering Campaign

We desire this year to get started on our Harvest Ingathering Campaign early, and get something done before we are brought together by the conference meeting. We will want to have some good experiences to tell of our missionary endeavor with these excellent papers. I feel certain that all who have seen the cover page of the *Ingathering Review* are pleased with it, and feel that they want to get out into their field with it, and tell the people about it, and gather in the dollars for our needy mission fields.

Now as you all know that war is raging in Europe among the nations where many thousands of our faithful people live and that many of them will be compelled to go into the armies and unless the Lord shows his arm mighty to save them, we fear many will perish. Not only will there be a loss of members and workers, but there will be a large decrease in the mission offerings, so that the missions which were supported by the means from Europe, will necessarily have to be supported from this country, and that will be a much heavier burden for us to lift. We should not be dismayed at this, for God is well able to help us and he will do it if we will let him.

Our greatest opportunity for helping to make up this deficit will be in a greater effort with the *Ingathering* paper. The papers will be ready early, and we want the churches to send in their orders early. If possible let the first orders come in by September 1. We must start early and work late. God expects every one of us to do everything we can to help others to see and accept the light of truth that he has for the world at this time. We must give the trumpet a certain sound. Just now is a very portentous time. It may be that the Lord is leading the people on to Armageddon. It may be

that this year will be the last opportunity many will have to hear and read what the Lord is doing for his people and what he would have others to do.

Let us work toward the goal that was set of winning one soul at least to Christ. This Ingathering Campaign may be the means of bringing us into contact with the very one we should be instrumental in leading into the truth. We ought to make this campaign a real personal missionary privilege and opportunity.

Let the isolated take part in this effort as well as those connected with the regular churches, for you will have better opportunities perhaps than some others. Let us all put our trust in God and he will give success.

WINDOM T. DURST.

News Notes

Do not forget the Home Missionary Series of the *Signs of the Times*.

Dr. H. N. Sisco went to Wilmington Sunday evening and spoke to a good sized audience.

Brother T. H. Barritt spent last Sabbath with the church at Rock Hall and reports a pleasant and profitable time.

Elder F. M. Wilcox spoke to a large congregation in the Baltimore church last Sabbath. His discourse was timely and much appreciated.

This is "Star Spangled Bauner Centennial Week" in Baltimore and our brethren are busy circulating the War Extra, with some other literature.

Orders are coming in for the Harvest Ingathering *Review*. Let all the churches consider this matter and order at once to be ready for the opening of the campaign.

Let every one plan for the coming conference meeting to be held in the church in Wallbrook, beginning October 4. You will need the help you will be able to obtain at this meeting.

Brother G. P. Rodgers baptized forty-two souls in the baptistry of their new church, Sunday afternoon, September 6. Fifteen more are about ready for the ordinance and others are studying the truth. The interest at the tent still continues.

Elder R. T. Baer went to Cumberland last Friday and spent Sabbath with the church at that place. On Tuesday morning he met Mrs. Baer and their three children on their return from Nebraska, where Mrs. Baer has spent the summer. They reached Baltimore at noon, where a hearty welcome awaited them at the conference headquarters.

Wedding Bells

A very pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Dr. H. N. Sisco, it being the occasion of the marriage of Brother J. H. Wierts, pastor of the German church in Baltimore, to Miss Bertha E. Pflaum, Thursday evening, September 3. The bridal party entered the parlor to the strains of Mendelsohn's wedding march, played by Miss Emma Walther of Baltimore. Miss Kathleen Sisco, of Baltimore, and Miss Marguerite Bourdeau of Takoma Park, D. C. were flower girls.

Elder R. T. Baer, president of the Chesapeake Conference officiated. The ceremony was short, but very impressive. Among the guests were persons from Washington, D. C., the members of the German church, the church officers of the English church of Baltimore, and a number of the patients of Drs. H. N. and P. B. Sisco.

The house was nicely decorated. A musical and literary program was rendered after the ceremony for the entertainment of the guests. Mr. and Mrs. Wierts will make their home at 3700 Fait Ave., Baltimore, Md.

VIRGINIA

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

Conference Report

Having received an urgent call to make Virginia my field of labor, and after making a tour of the conference I was impressed that the call was of God and I responded. I am glad to say that I meet a very loyal, open-hearted and responsive people here. God is greatly blessing and I am enjoying my work in this field.

Elder Burley of North Dakota, is holding a tent effort in the Russian section at Yale, where there is an organized Russian church. The interest there is very good. Farmers drive as far as eight miles in

farm wagons to hear the message. It was a pleasing sight last Sabbath and Sunday to see these farmers coming from all directions with their families, lunches, and feed for the horses to stay all day to the services. They stayed until the services closed at nine o'clock, and when they were dismissed, they sat in their seats anxious to hear more of God's saving truth. Some have already taken their stand for the truth. The English people there are also much agitated and are calling for services in English. After the close of the service Sunday evening, the Menouite minister offered the use of a hall if I would stay and hold services for the English people. He said I would be doing wrong to leave the place and not give them the same messages that the Russian people are getting.

At Lynchburg the interest is quite intense. The tent will not accommodate more than half the people. The tent was blown down by a storm at this place, but this seemed only to serve to intensify the interest. Elder Stewart Kime and Brother Gordon are conducting this effort.

Strong appeals for meetings are coming from different parts of the conference. The hearts of the people are stirred as never before, and they are anxious to know God's truth for these days. God is blessing all along the line and is leading his people on to victory.

J. W. HIRLINGER, *Chairman*.

God says, "The day in which we live are solemn and important. The agencies of evil are combining their forces for the last great crisis..... Great changes are soon to take place in our world, and the final movements will be rapid ones. *Volume 9, page 11.*

As the nations are moving rapidly, so also will the Lord's people. Send in your orders to the Richmond office for a good supply of the Harvest Ingathering *Review* if you have not already done so. Study them. Pray and plan for a fruitful campaign. Special campaign week is set for the week beginning October 5, so we need to act quickly. Organize for a strong decisive work.

News Notes

Mrs A. M. Neff, of Richmond, is at St. Elizabeth's Hospital where she will undergo an operation. It makes it very hard for them just now as Brother Neff has not recovered from his long illness. The sympathy of all is for them at this time.

Mrs. Rosa L. Stone of Richmond is spending a week with her son and family at Washington, D. C.

W. H. Sebastian writes that five from Norfolk are preparing to enter the Oakwood Manual Training School at Huntsville, Alabama, this coming school year.

Notwithstanding the drouth the book workers are going ahead and the Lord is blessing. They meet with many encouraging experiences as they have opportunity to talk with the people.

W. H. Sebastian, 1215 Green Street, Portsmouth, Virginia, writes that some are having a hard time and would be made glad if a box of clothing could be sent to them.

Let us remember these opportunities for doing home missionary work.

Brother and Sister L. E. Perdue have returned to Roanoke. She writes very encouragingly of the work of Brother H. B. McConnell in presenting the truth and several have become interested and are obeying. They hope to hold baptismal services shortly. They have organized a good sized Sabbath-school, and those who have been alone are greatly encouraged.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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

The first week of September has been a good one with us here. Three persons, who never knew God, gave themselves to him and consecrated their lives as best they knew. All of these are persons along in years, so we see that it is God's mighty power that moved upon their hearts.

We have organized a small Sabbath-school. Last Sabbath we had a good attendance. After the lesson a Bible study was given by Elder Stevens on "True Sabbath Keeping." All were intensely interested. Sunday night, September 6, an attentive audience listened to the subject of "Sin! What is it?" There was a stillness present

which gave evidence of the Holy Spirit's power.

The enemy of all souls has tried in different ways to discourage, dishearten and even to drive us away, but we are pressing on and trust with God's help to reap a harvest of souls.

M. G. CONGER.
GEO. A. STEVENS.

White Stone

The "Mark of the Beast" was presented to a large and attentive audience Sunday night, August 30. The message was straight to the point, appealing to the listeners' hearts as well as to their minds. A good offering was taken at the close of the service.

Considering everything the offerings throughout the effort have been good. Lacking \$10.88, all the running expenses of the effort including tracts and advertising and the expense of putting up the tent, etc. and also freight and drayage on the outfit, has been met by the offerings. In addition, the church has been paying for twenty-five numbers of the *Signs* which come every week, and is now busy distributing 400 copies of the *War Extra* of the *Review*.

The interest here is very good, but the people of the South make changes very slowly; so we ask for your prayers that the Lord will work mightily.

W. A. Nelson.

News Notes

Elder I. H. Evans will speak at the Memorial church next Sabbath at the eleven o'clock hour; after which the new converts from the tent effort will be baptized by Elder R. E. Harter.

The meetings at the tent in Washington still continue with a good interest. Sunday night a great audience gathered to hear Elder R. E. Harter on the subject, "The Darkness of Millennial Dawn." Fully 1,000 people were present.

The tent effort in Washington closes Sunday night, September 13, and will be moved to Takoma Park on Wednesday, and be pitched for a four day's camp-meeting, beginning Thursday night. The object of this meeting is to gather all our people together for a consecration service; and to lay plans for a steady aggressive campaign this winter.

WANTED—A strong young man, 26 years old would like work among our people. Enquire of W. E. Bidwell, Mount Vernon, O.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

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

President's Address

(Concluded)

In 1912 the retail value of books and periodical sales was \$12,699.78, and for 1913 \$11,685.75. Thus the total for the term was \$24,384.78. It will be noticed that there was a slight falling off in the sales for 1913. This is accounted for by the fact that in the early spring we released Brother McEachern to answer a call from the Ohio conference thus necessitating a change in the field agency, which, however, would not have affected us so seriously were it not for the fact that Brother G. A. Sandborn who accepted the call to East Pennsylvania, as our field agent, was released at the earnest solicitation of the New Jersey conference in the early fall, and we were compelled to conduct our book work without any field agent for the year. We are thankful for the measure of prosperity which has attended this important branch of the work under these circumstances. The faithfulness and capability of our office help has contributed materially to this success. We have now secured the services of Brother C. D. Wolff as field agent and he is entering upon his work with faithfulness.

We have the following workers:—

Ordained ministers	7
Licensed ministers	2
Licensed missionaries	6
Book and periodical canvassers	7
Total workers	22

This number, of course is materially increased during each summer season. Elder O. F. Schwedrat is in charge of the German work in Philadelphia, which is in a prosperous condition, and Elder Thomas H. Branch has the oversight of the colored work in that city. There are over 200,000 Germans in Philadelphia who were born in Germany. There are 112,000 colored people in this city, to say nothing of the many other nationalities which make the great city of independence and brotherly love a world in itself.

In the year 1912 there were baptized in our conference 85 converts. Of these about 60 accepted the truth as a result of tent and hall efforts. In the year 1913 there were 7 tent companies in the field, 4 of these companies were located in entirely new fields

where we had no organization of any kind. As a result in each of these new places a company of believers was brought into the faith and a Sabbath-school organized. In Mifflintown a church has been organized, thus we have 4 new Sabbath-schools and one church organization as a result of the summer's work. During this year of 1913 our workers baptized 108, of whom 90 were added to the church, while the number of new Sabbath-keepers gathered out were 125, a number of whom have been baptized since the close of the year. Thus the total baptisms for the term was 193, while the new Sabbath-keepers totaled over 200. We have, however, been doing some revising of church rolls and have lost some of our membership by death and removals, so that the net increase of our recorded membership is not so great as they would otherwise be. Our new church building has been erected in the best resident section of Williamsport. Two other churches are to be built at once.

The writer succeeded Elder W. H. Heckman on November 8, 1912, and therefore cannot report from personal observation concerning the camp-meeting of 1912, but the camp-meeting at Allentown, June 19-29, 1913, was one of the best I ever attended. Although great problems had to be solved, taking much time in committee work, nevertheless, the Spirit of God was present in the camp in a very marked manner. Many were converted, and large offerings were made to foreign mission work. The influence of that splendid meeting has continued throughout the conference to the present time.

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

Report of the Missionary Volunteers

Year Ending March 31, 1914

Some advancement has been made in this department of our conference work. Two new societies have been organized,—one at the North church,

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending September 22, 1914									
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.		BR	5	50	8	24 00	6 60	30 60	2 25
A. L. Bassler, Fairfield Co.		GC	5	47	5	15 00	2 10	17 10	91 69
B. P. Foote, Madison Co.		GC	5	47	3	4 00	1 00	5 00	238 00
Hazel Leach, Perry Co.		PPF	5	45	25	57 00	3 00	60 00	
H. O. Kohr, Richland Co.		DR	5	45					245 00
C. E. Reichenbach, Licking Co.		ES	5	42	11	42 00	4 30	46 30	
B. F. Carter, Coshocton Co.		BR	5	42	7	25 00	9 00	34 00	5 25
W. Syphers, Ross Co.		ES	4	42	8	24 00	3 65	27 65	1 55
Mrs. W. Syphers, Ross Co.		ES	4	42	8	24 00	3 90	27 90	3 30
R. DeGarmo, Medina Co.		GC	4	34	4	12 00	10 75	22 75	28 75
L. H. Waters, Ottawa Co.		PPF	4	33	31	55 50	75	56 25	
Glee Mills, Wood Co.		PPF	4	32	15	24 50	10 15	34 65	
Ed Searles, Cleveland		BR	5	30	1	3 00	14 55	17 55	13 80
Loyd Swallen, Stark Co.		ES	4	29	3	9 00	3 75	12 75	108 50
J. H. Stafford, Lucas Co.		DR	4	28	9	27 00		27 00	
Beulah Morgan Columbiana Co.		PPF	4	28	11	20 50	9 30	29 80	
C. G. Douglass, Akron		ES	2	25					30 00
S. D. Phillips, Toledo		BR	2	16	6	20 00		20 00	
C. B. Graham, Hancock		GC	2	15	2	6 00		6 00	
W. W. Kay, Stark Co.		ES	2	15					50 75
Miscellaneous			4	9					21 25
Totals	20 Agents		84	694	147	\$392 50	\$82 80	\$475 30	\$840 09
West Virginia, Two Weeks Ending September 22, 1914									
E. R. Corder, McDowell Co.		COL	8	61		9 00	1 50	10 50	350 00
John McHenry, Tyler Co.		BF	3	30	23	36 50	5 00	41 50	225 00
Clara Pettit, Cabell Co.		GC	4	30					176 00
Marie Snider, Cabell Co.		BR	3	28					102 03
T. M. Butler, Doddridge Co.		PPF	3	30					129 25
W. H. Wileox, Doddridge Co.		PPF	3	28					131 75
Mrs. S. N. Brown, Bluefield		CK	2	12					21 00
Totals	7 Agents		26	219	23	\$45 50	\$6 50	\$57 00	\$1135 03
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending September 22, 1914									
A. A. Alles, Allegheny Co.		PPF	3	20	18	30 00		30 00	
Jno. Brownlee, Clearfield Co.		PPF							121 00
Chas. Dunham, Allegheny Co.		GC	10	70	25	83 00	11 00	94 00	152 00
Jno. S. Keeler, Allegheny Co.		GC	12	72	21	71 00	75	71 75	
Elton Wetmore, Jefferson Co.		DR	5	40	14	46 00	5 85	51 85	
Totals	5 Agents		35	238	78	230 00	17 60	247 60	273 00
Virginia, Week Ending September 22, 1914									
Bennett Hamm, Amhurst Co.		BFL	5	50	32	47 00	3 50	50 50	
Jacob Shearer, Lynchburg		BFL		24	24	17 10	10 20	27 30	
C. J. Fritz, Augusta Co.		BR		20					72 00
C. Purdham, Albemarle Co.		PPF					5 60	5 60	103 60
Mrs. A. Burns, Norfolk		HP	3	5	10	3 90		3 90	
Totals	5 Agents		8	99	66	\$68 00	\$19 30	\$87 30	\$175 60
MAGAZINES									
F. S. Parsons	Signs and Watchman							139	13 90
Carl F. Parsons	Watchman							44	4 40
Francis Miles	Signs of the Times								6 50
Bennett Hamm	Watchman							7	70
									25 50
Chesapeake, Week Ending September 22, 1914									
T. H. Barritt, Balto. Co., Md.		BR	3	20	31	102 00	11 50	113 50	
J. E. Jones, Sussex Co.		BR	5	38	14	43 00	15 75	58 75	
David W. Percy, " " "		BF		45					172 60
Geo. W. Lawrence Kent Co., Md.		DR		23					120 50
J. J. Martin, Kent Co.		DR	4	28	2	6 00	1 05	7 05	
N. O. Sbaffer, Annapolis, Md.		GC	3	24	7	23 00	2 00	25 00	2 00
Totals	6 Agents		15	178	58	\$174 00	\$30 30	\$204 30	295 10

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*Alma Hohensee,	LH	1 50	Subscriptions	15 00	3 50	18 50
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East Pennsylvania, Week Ending September 4, 1914

W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	PPF	4 15	7 37 00	8 25	45 25	
W. Dunkinson, Tioga Co.	PPF	5 22	20 16 00	3 85	19 85	13 75
H. O. Baumgartner, Juniata Co.	BR	3 20	5 14 00	3 75	17 75	4 75
W. H. Frizzell, Juniata	DR	5 37	5 15 00	10 25	25 25	10 25
Stella Grube, Columbia Co.	BF	2 17	4 6 00	5 10	11 10	
John Schott, Franklin Co.	BF	4 36				84 00
E. E. Gloor, Columbia Co.	BF	5 29	1 1 50		1 50	36 75
M. G. Wallace, Philadelphia	BF	3 15	17 25 00	70	26 20	
S. J. Wallace, Philadelphia	BF	2 13	5 7 50		7 50	
G. R. Hawshorne, Perry Co.	DR	10 80	5 15 00	75	15 75	
Geo. E. Johnson, Philadelphia	BF	6 45	19 28 50		28 50	
Mary Johnson, Philadelphia	BF	7 20	19 32 50	10	32 60	

Totals	12 Agents	\$198 50	\$32 75	\$231 25	\$149 50
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Grand Totals:	Agents 55	Value of Orders, \$1107 50	Deliveries, \$2868 32
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Philadelphia, and the other at Sayre, with a combined membership of twenty.

We have reason to rejoice over our fourteen new members of the Standard of Attainment. I am glad to say the interest in this work is growing. There are also sixteen members who have passed in Bible Doctrine and expect to take the examination in History of the Denomination at the fall examination. The average number taking the Reading Course was twenty-six. I wish I could say the number was three times as large. It certainly ought to be much larger when we consider the membership of 171.

A few items are as follows:

Papers mailed, or given away,	4992
Papers sold	3022
Missionary visits	1206
Books sold	502
Hours of Christian help work	649½
Offerings for foreign missions	\$129 26
Offerings for home missions	37 62
Offerings for local work	113 31
Number of conversions	19

We now have a free circulating library of about fifty volumes. We hope all Missionary Volunteer's will make good use of it and keep the books really circulating. The department desires every Seventh-day Adventist young person to enlist for service. Where it is not possible to organize a local society, the isolated should join our state society.

Our goals for 1914 are,— Twenty-seven young people added to the church, nine new Standard of Attainment members, eighteen Reading Course certificates, and \$450 to foreign missions.

Pray earnestly that the dear Lord will give us the spirit of sacrifice and work that we may do faithful service for him.

BERTIE C. RICHARDS, Sec'y.

Sabbath-school Receipts

Ariel	\$21 46
Allentown	73 74
Birdsboro	9 43
Bloomsburg	3
Berwick	37 43
Carbondale	9 94
Carlisle	17 19
Cherry Flats	10 42
Covington	33 62
Clarks Summit	2 68
East Stroudsburg	13 65
Fairhill	30 56
Fleetwood	10 91
Hamburg	6 01
Harrisburg	40 24
Hanover	17 01
Hawley-Honesdale	37 95
Kulp	9 08
Lancaster	48 06
Lebanon	23 77
Phoenixville	2 94
New Britain	7 50
Northumberland	9 40
Mifflintown	8 07
First German Church, Philadelphia	68 56
North Philadelphia, Church	64 24
First African, Philadelphia	18 31
West Philadelphia	116 51
Pottsville	5 00
Reading	69 01
Roaring Branch	10 33
Rummerfield	4 80
Sayre	30 80
Scranton	35 92
Shimerville	17 70
Shunk	5 69
South Cannan	3 16
Towanda	3 32
Wade	30 00
Williamspport	30 21
Wilkes-Barre	42 62
Wellsboro	15 82
York	4 29
Home Department	13 00
Thirteenth Sabbath Offering	675 65
Total	1073 35

BERTIE C. RICHARDS.

Blossburg Tent Effort

We are very glad to report an increase in our attendance and interest at Blossburg. On Sunday nights we have as many people standing outside as we are able to seat inside the tent. During the week our interest is excellent, and every night the tent is filled. We have presented the Sabbath truth in its various phases, but our interest is constantly increasing. Already seven have expressed their faith in the message by beginning the observance of the Sabbath. Many more are interested and we believe a goodly number will yet take their stand. Prejudice is being disarmed in the minds of the people as they listen to the wonderful truths of God's last warning message.

Elder Harter is invited to take the service on Sunday, September 6 in the Congregational church. Elder Harter said he would be glad to do so if the invitation expressed the desire of the congregation. "Yes indeed, most of our people are attending your tent services," was the reply.

Our greatest opposition comes from the Methodist and Baptist ministers. A prominent member of the Methodist church and also a teacher in the Sunday school told me the other day that she believed that we were presenting the truth and she would take her stand for the truth if she had to stand alone.

People who never took any interest in religion attend every service at the tent. This is the best report that we could possibly have concerning our services. Relatives of these individuals express their appreciation of what we are doing for their loved ones, at the same time being members of the popular churches themselves.

We now are calling regularly on fifty families and giving Bible studies where there is request. Blossburg is stirred and many are asking, "What is truth?" We are glad for the privilege of giving these earnest inquirers the Bible answer "Thy law is the truth." HOWARD J. DETWILER.

WANTED—A young woman in St. Johns, Newfoundland, wants a place in the United States, to work in a family where she can have the privilege of church attendance on the Sabbath. She would need her transportation fare advanced, but would be willing to return it to her employer at a regular rate every month if wages were sufficient. Address Miss

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WANTED— Three good carpenters. Must be Sabbath-keepers. Address W. H. Fry, Mansfield Ohio, R. F. D. 7.

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

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OBITUARIES

SPENCER.—Louise J. Spencer, wife of Brother John A. Spencer, died in La Grange Ohio, August 29, 1914, aged 72 years. In 1884 Brother and Sister Spencer heard Elder Cisley preach the Third Angel's Message. Ever since that time they have been faithfully living the principles of our faith and have done all they could to assist in giving the message to others.

After journeying life's pathway together for many years, this separation from his wife means much to our aged brother and he needs the prayers of God's people. He finds his only comfort in the blessed hope and the arm of the Lord is his strength. Beside her husband Sister Spencer leaves a son and daughter to mourn their loss. These all have the sympathy of their many friends.

H. M. JUMP.

ADAMS.—Sister Lavina E. Adams was born at Pennsville, New Jersey, September 12, 1857. Died at Wildwood, New Jersey, August 25, 1914. She was never affiliated with any church until she heard the message in a series of tent meetings held by Elder D. E. Lindsey at Burlington, New Jersey, twenty-four years ago. Two years later Elder Lindsey baptized her before leaving for Ohio, after which she united with the church in Burlington.

Sister Adams has been a faithful and earnest member, and by her consistent life has been a source of help and encouragement to those with whom she associated. She leaves a husband, three sons, and a daughter to mourn, but not as those who have no hope.

Funeral services were held at Edgewater Park, conducted by the writer.

A. R. SANDBORN.

A Good Resolution

An encouraging letter from a dear brother of Altoona, Pa. says;

"Dear VISITOR: I note an article in your columns of September 2, from Brother C. V. Leach which stirs my soul. I have been planning for years to again re-enlist in the colporteur work and to remain there until Jesus comes. I have fully made up my mind that as soon as I can close up my present business and get strength physically, for my health for years has been poor, I am going to order a supply of books and get right to work. Time is surely very short. Pray for me that the Lord may give me good health and that every moment of my life may be sealed to his service."

How many other souls were stirred by reading Brother Leach's article and have resolved to make a similar consecration?

Academy Notes

Mrs. Fidelia Eusey is in Columbus visiting Miss Laurel Rushmere.

The interest in the meetings being held in Mount Vernon is increasing. The tent is well filled every night and the people seem anxious to hear the truth.

Miss Ruth Robbins returned to the Academy last Thursday. Miss Robbins will assist in the music department and take post-graduate work. Her sister who accompanied her will attend the Academy.

Sister Jackel of the Cincinnati church and Amelia Koch, who was a student at the Training school last year, sold four hundred *Signs* magazine at Marion, Ohio.

They also sold the "Family Bible Teacher," gave away some tracts and made many missionary visits among the people giving Bible readings.

As a result of their faithful work many are interested in the truth.

May many more feel impressed to do this kind of work.

Miss Helen Morris from Morgantown, West Virginia has arrived to attend school.

Mr. J. I. Butcher returned from his vacation in the East last Friday. We are glad to see him in the printing office again.

Miss Hazel Griggs and Mr. John Brownlee are two new students from West Pennsylvania.

Professor Homer Teesdale and wife arrived here last Sunday. Professor Teesdale will act as preceptor and will teach in the Academy.

Misses Alice and Madge Miller and Elsie Carter will attend school at Emmanuel Missionary College at Berrien Springs, Michigan this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wells have just returned from a trip to Canada where they were visiting relatives and friends.