

# Columbia Union Visitor

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

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## U N I O N

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Amount Received to Nov. 1, 1913 \$34,407.97  
Gain, Nov 1, 1914 ..... \$9,850.37

## A Splendid New Book

Mention was made at some of our camp-meetings of the new book entitled "Straight Talks to Old Brethren," by J. H. Morrison, of College View, Nebraska. So many of the brethren have spoken of how the literature of those who are fighting Seventh-day Adventists is being sent in to some of our churches and among some of our members. Those who have read this new book say it is the best and most recent matter on the subject and will help enlighten those who may be troubled on some points concerning the departure of Elders Jones, Ballenger and Rupert from our denominational work. This book can be obtained for twenty-five (\$.25) cents, either through your tract society or by ordering direct from Elder J. H. Morrison, College View, Nebraska. We take pleasure by this of calling the attention of our brethren to this excellent little volume. B. G. WILKINSON.

## Announcement

The readers of the VISITOR will be happy to know that Elder B. G. Wilkinson, President of the Columbia Union Conference, was united in the bonds of holy matrimony with Miss Dorothy Harris of Washington, D. C., December 5, at 7:00 P. M. The marriage ceremony was performed by Elder F. W. Paap, Home Missionary Secretary of the North American Division Conference, at the home of the bride's mother, 1528 9th Street, N. W. Washington, D. C.

Dr. Harris of Battle Creek, Michigan,

the bride's brother, and Mrs. Dr. Daisy Harris, the bride's sister-in-law, were present, as well as several other relatives and bosom friends. After the ceremony light refreshments were served and a very enjoyable hour spent. At 10:30 P. M., the bride and bridegroom left for a trip to the great Niagara Falls. Elder and Mrs. Wilkinson will make their home in Takoma Park. We are sure that Mrs. Wilkinson will contribute much in the direction of continued efficiency in the service of our Union President. F. W. PAAP.

## A Comparative Table

Harvest Ingathering papers have been ordered by the Conferences of the Columbia Union for 1913 and 1914 as follows:

Conference	Foreign Papers	To Nov. 27, 1914	1913
Ohio	515	19067	18346
Chesapeake	200	14845	13537
Dist. Columbia		12439	10624
East Pennsylvania	260	12225	12378
West Pennsylvania	135	9325	9425
New Jersey	785	9137	7156
Virginia		8582	8561
West Virginia		3835	3075
Total	1895	89455	83102

## EAST PENNSYLVANIA

H. M. J. Richards, President.  
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A. R. Bell, Religious Liberty Secretary.  
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Office Address, 4910 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

## Reading

When the notice of the coming "Eastern Question Extra" was printed in the *Review*, we brought the matter before the church here and suggested that it would be a splendid bit of missionary work to put a copy in every home in Reading. We gave them a week to think and to pray over it.

The next Sabbath we brought the matter up again, and a very hearty response came from the church. Several subscribed for a thousand and others for five hundred and two hundred and fifty, until twelve thousand were subscribed for.

Then after some discussion it was voted that we make the order twenty thousand.

The order was sent in immediately, and the publishing house responded promptly.

The papers were here in a few days. Thanksgiving day about twenty-five of us met at the church and stamped the whole number with a stamp bearing the name and address of the church and the time of service.

The following Sabbath, Brother Stone, our missionary secretary, presented a plan for the districting of the city which was agreed to and Sunday morning at 6 o'clock after earnest prayer eight teams each under a leader, started out to canvass the city. About fifty altogether engaged in the work, and most of it was accomplished before 9 A. M. This effort has proved an inspiration to the church, and we are all ready for future operations.

The "Reading Eagle," this city's principal newspaper, gave over half a column to a discussion of the "Eastern Question" by the writer, and gave an account of our work the previous day with the Extra.

This morning I received a letter from Newark, N. J., from a party who had read the sermon in the "Eagle," asking for copies of the Extra.

It is ours to sow the seed brethren, it is God's to give the increase.

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not which shall prosper, this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."—Eccl. 11:6 R. V.

I send this out as a suggestion to all our churches. Now is the time to put this most excellent Extra out. A hearty co-operation on the part of all our people will be an inspiration to our publishing houses to prepare live, up-to-date literature on the great crisis that are continually springing up. It will bring our publishing houses and our people into closer and still closer touch with each other and bring about the ideal for which we have been looking so long, namely, a publishing house with an army of "advertisements with boots on." A. R. BELL.

## News Notes

It is expected that the Conference Committee will be in session in Philadelphia immediately after the week of prayer:

when important matters concerning the winter's work will be considered.

Elder Bell is holding a series of meetings in a hall at Mohnton (near Reading) and reports an excellent interest.

Brother Leach assisted Brother Dunkinson in his delivery in Tioga County last week and reports good success; the delivery was a large one. He expects to be with Brothers Schott and Frizzell of Chambersburg next week and assist them, as they have recently entered the colporteur work.

Being ill, Brother Harter could not fill his appointment at Williamsport last week, so Brother Howard Detwiler went in his stead, holding several meetings there, and remaining over Sabbath when he presented the needs of our people in Europe, receiving a hearty response in the form of cash and pledges to the amount of \$70.00 for their relief.

Brother Harter was able to fill his appointment at Northumberland Sabbath afternoon and Sunday, where he also met with a hearty response to the call for help for our brethren immediately affected by the war. Brother Harter will spend the first part of the week of prayer with the Hanover company, the latter part with Harrisburg and Carlisle churches. He expects to visit the Mifflintown church also one or two days.

One of our isolated sisters was so troubled over the fact that she owed the tract society for some supplies, that she made the matter a subject of special prayer. The result was so wonderful, that we wish our brethren and sisters to be encouraged by it so we will quote a part of her letter just received. "I went to Jesus with it all. I fasted and prayed and told God that there was no earthly way for me to pay, but I said, Lord, if it is thy will for me to work for thee and help spread this message, give me means to pay. The next day, Judge Atkinson's wife from Washington, D. C., came here and gave me \$900. I did not know the lady, never saw her or heard her name before. All I had to do was to tell a party the large farm of Mrs. Atkinson's was for sale and when they had bought, I was to have my money. Well, the farm is now sold and I received my money last evening." As tangible evidence of this wonderful answer to prayer, she sent us not only her account is full but \$90 tithe.

This sister desires, with all her heart, to enter the colporteur work again. Surely such an experience strengthens our faith in the God of heaven who is ever mindful of his faithful children.

## Sabbath School Donations

Third Quarter 1914

Name of School	Mem.	Don. to Missions
Ariel .....	25	\$26 96
Allentown .....	46	17 16
Birdsboro .....	7	10 31
Bloomsburg .....	10	2 04
Blossburg (new school) .....		
Carbondale No. 1 .....	17	8 87
Carlisle .....	14	10 66
Cherry Flats .....	10	4 60
Covington .....	35	40 47
Clarks Summit .....	9	6 53
East Stroudsburg .....	20	14 33
Fairhill .....	67	45 71
Fleetwood .....	27	16 55
Hamburg .....	6	7 42
Harrisburg .....	34	28 66
Hanover .....	14	12 00
Hawley .....	10	8 39
Honesdale .....	11	19 46
Kulp .....	5	2 21
Lancaster .....	19	31 55
Lebanon .....	29	17 73
Lehighton (new school) .....		
Lorenton .....	11	8 15
Northumberland .....	20	9 53
New Britain .....	5	8 64
Mifflintown .....	19	8 22
Philada.—German .....	39	57 81
Philada.—North .....	48	29 36
Philada.—West .....	147	155 39
Philada.—African .....	22	12 92
Phoenixville .....	10	8 45
Reading .....	80	89 12
Roaring Branch .....	23	12 52
Rummerfield .....	4	4 78
Sayre .....	32	24 72
Scranton .....	51	35 97
Shimerville .....	42	25 97
Shunk .....	34	6 38
South Canaan .....	15	14 00
Towanda .....	9	9 87
Tunkhannock (new school) .....		
Wade .....	28	34 53
Williamsport .....	26	35 69
Wilkes-Barre .....	54	42 43
Wyoming .....	20	7 35
Wellsboro .....	5	9 65
York .....	6	5 81
Carbondale No. 2 .....	10	12 58
Berwick .....	10	11 03
Home Department (reporting) .....	9	15 75
Total .....		1194\$1028 23

BERTIE C. RICHARDS.

## WEST VIRGINIA

W. J. Tanner, President.  
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 H. F. Kirk, Field Missionary Agent.  
 M. J. Tanner, Religious Liberty Secretary.  
 Mrs. J. S. Barrows, Sabbath-school Sec'y.  
 C. T. Redfield Educational and Y. P. M. V. Secretary.  
 Nina Mae Baierle, Medical Secretary.  
 Office Address, 124 Marion Street, Fairmont, West Va.

## West Virginia Conference—Mission Fund

Membership 172  
 Ten Months at \$8.67 ..... \$1,491.24  
 Amount Received to Nov. 1. . . . 1,468.00  
 Amount Short to Nov. 1 ..... 23.24  
 Aver. Short. per mem., Nov. 1, 1914 .14  
 Aver. Short. per mem., Nov. 1, 1913 3.21

## News Notes

We were very glad to receive a call from Elder F. H. Robbins, President of the West Pennsylvania Conference, one day last week.

Brother T. W. Thirlwell and his mother who have lived in Fairmont for the past two years, have moved to Clarksburg where the interest is growing.

There has been a church-school organized in Huntington, at the home of Elder C. T. Redfield. Sister G. E. Snyder is acting as teacher.

On Sabbath, December 5, Elder Redfield organized a new church at Huntington with fourteen members. There are two or three more to be taken in at an early date.

## VIRGINIA

W. C. Moffett, President.  
 F. N. Johnson, Secretary and Treasurer.  
 F. N. Johnson, Tract Society Secretary.  
 W. H. George, Field Missionary Agent.  
 S. W. Walker, Religious Liberty Secretary.  
 R. G. Ryan, Y. P. M. V. and Educational Secretary.  
 Olive P. Ingersoll, Medical Secretary.  
 Office Address, 2705 West Main Street, Richmond, Va.

## Virginia Conference—Mission Fund

Membership 514  
 Ten Months at \$8.67 ..... \$4,456.38  
 Amount Received to November 1. . . 1,836.91  
 Amount Short to November 1. . . . 2,619.47  
 Aver. Short. per mem., Nov. 1, 1914 5.10  
 Aver. Short. per mem., Nov. 1, 1913 4.52

## President's Report

The tents which were used in the Yale and Lynchburg efforts are full of mildew holes and badly tattered so that they are absolutely unfit for use another season. The only large tent that we can use next year is badly mildewed. Our tent fund is over-drawn to the amount of \$110. A fund should be raised to pay for two new tents for use next year.

The operating fund has been drained to the limit to meet the running expenses and the additional heavy moving expenses. In fact there will be need to be an increase in tithe to meet the actual cost of operating with our increased force of laborers.

The tract society is in debt over \$500.

On the other hand canvassers, past and present, are indebted to the tract society for over twice that amount. We think that this can be changed and that the tract society should show the balance on the credit side.

The conference agency is carrying notes to the amount of \$9500. Of this \$3500 is in the form of notes issued for church buildings. As we strengthen the work in these churches this indebtedness should be cleared off. Of this \$6,000 represents the indebtedness of the Conference School at New Market at the time of its opening September 1, 1914. The interest on this sum for the year will be \$300, and while the school has a good attendance, in view of the fact that the farm yielded practically nothing this year, there will probably be a deficit in meeting the operating expenses.

In all we are carrying over \$10,000 in debts, and paying out enough interest to support a worker the year around.

In our personal affairs our motto has always been "Pay as you go, or don't go." We ask your support in applying this motto in this conference and in rolling away the curse of debt.

The work is the Lord's, his hand is in the movement to carry it through to a successful finish. The situation in Europe tells us that the time is near when Michael shall stand up and our opportunities to sound the last message of mercy will be gone forever. People everywhere are calling for someone to teach the truth, and now as never before the people of God should awake to their opportunity. Shall we not as we take up the work of this conference rededicate ourselves and our all to God and his service and unitedly plan to make the coming year the best in the history of the conference?

W. C. MOFFETT.

### Conference Report

*Whereas*, The Virginia Conference has within its borders an intermediate school at New Market, which is filling a great need for the youth of this conference, therefore,

3. *Resolved*, That we pledge ourselves anew to the support of this institution in our midst, by putting forth more earnest effort to give the youth of our conference the benefit of its broader training than is offered in our church-schools.

4. *Resolved*, That in all our churches where there are young people, societies be organized and full instruction be given them in the following: Programs, suitable lines of work, the Reading Course, Morning Watch, and Standard of Attainment.

*Whereas*, This conference gathering finds us in the midst of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign for 1914, and recognizing the plan as one of the Lord's agencies for spreading the message in the home field

as well as gathering funds for the work in foreign fields, therefore,

5. *Resolved*, That we put forth special effort from now until the close of 1914 to make the present campaign the most successful the Virginia Conference has ever enjoyed, endeavoring to secure donations to average at least five dollars per church member.

6. *Resolved*, That since the brethren residing in countries effected by war will not be able to sustain the cause of missions as heretofore, we the believers in the Virginia Conference do hereby express our deep Christian sympathies to our brethren thus effected, and we do solemnly covenant our assistance to them and their families in their hour of affliction, and also pledge ourselves to greatly increase our missionary offerings and put forth most earnest efforts, and to have others do the same that there be no retrenchment of the work in the mission fields.

*Whereas*, There is mutual benefit in working in harmony and in cooperation with the organized body, and whereas, there are self-sacrificing, consecrated laborers doing self-supporting work within this conference, therefore,

7. *Resolved*, That we as a conference encourage these workers to lay before the executive committee all plans, and to counsel frequently with the officers of the conference that there may be the cooperation and mutual benefit to all concerned and further,

8. *Resolved*, That these laborers are working in harmony with the conference in the great work of building up the cause of God in Virginia and in the salvation of souls the conference cooperate in making such work a complete success.

### Diggs Post office

We have been holding meetings for over seven weeks, with only a few rainy evenings with no meetings. While holding meetings every night we could not visit the people as was needed. Big crowds came on Sundays, but only a few during the week. One came out Sabbath, and many others have acknowledged the truth. It will take more personal work with them. So now I have reduced the meetings to four a week, two evening services, and two day services. Some can come only in the day, and some only at the evening service. So far but little opposition has presented itself, all are very friendly to us.

I have been getting up wood and provision for the winter. The Lord willing, we shall continue all winter. They realize the truth and its demands, and I think it only a matter now of a little time when they will surrender. The tobacco question is the trouble with nearly all the men. Outside of the tobacco

habit, they are a nice intelligent class of people.

J. B. BECKNER.

### News Notes

The workers with the Home Prospectus are meeting with excellent success. It seems like a splendid opportunity for all our sisters and young people to get busy.

W. H. George in company with I. D. Richardson is visiting several of the churches in the conference in the interest of the book work. They held excellent meetings with the Young People's Society of the Richmond church.

The *Review and Herald* are offering till February 1 their usual clubbing offer which presents an opportunity for all our people to have the benefit of our good papers. Every family should have the good old *Review* each week, for it is the only way we can keep in touch with the fast progress of the work. A circular is being sent to each family explaining the offer.

### NEW JERSEY

A. R. Sandborn, President.  
H. A. May, Secretary and Treasurer.  
Clarence Lawry, Tract Society Secretary.  
G. Medairy, Field Missionary Agent.  
A. R. Sandborn, Religious Liberty Secretary.  
H. A. May, Sabbath-school and Y. P. M. V. Secretary.  
Office Address, 200 Columbus Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey.

### New Jersey Conference—Mission Fund

Membership	726
Ten Months at \$8.67	.....\$6,294 42
Amount Received to Nov. 1	.....5,427 23
Amount Short to Nov. 1	.....867.19
Aver. Short. per mem. Nov. 1, 1914	1.19
Aver. Short. per mem. Nov. 1, 1913	3.35

### Bridgeton Meeting

There is to be a general meeting of the churches in the southern part of the conference at Bridgeton January 7-9. This meeting will begin Thursday night, and continue over Friday and Sabbath. I trust that all who possibly can come will plan to do so. The Bridgeton church is planning on entertaining those who come.

A. R. SANDBORN.

### Annandale

Last October Brother Medairy commenced work in Annandale and the country around there. During the fall and winter months his effort was confined to work with our books and the Family Bible Teacher. This he continued until it was time to open our tent efforts, when he and Brother Gaff pitched a tent and carried on an effort for about eight weeks. A good interest was manifest from the beginning, and when the tent was taken down the effort was moved to a hall where the same interest has continued.

Brother Medairy was asked to take up the missionary work in the conference, so this work in Annandale is being followed now by Brother Gaff.

Sabbath, December 5, we met with this company, when a church with nine members was organized, and officers elected. At this time six were baptized. Several others are nearly ready for baptism, and we expect to see this little church grow and become a strong beacon light in that part of the conference. This is the first church organization of our people in Hunterdon County. This is a fruitful field, having been made so by the many books that have been placed in the homes of the people. The Lord blessed in this service and the people rejoice that they now have a church organization there.

A. R. SANDBORN.

The present address of Elder Charles Baierle is 138 Hancock Ave., Jersey City, N. J.

## OHIO

E. K. Slade, President.  
H. D. Holtom, Secretary and Treasurer.  
J. I. Cassell, Tract Society Secretary.  
V. O. Punches, Field Missionary Agent.  
V. O. Punches, Home Missionary Secretary.  
Bessie E. Acton, Sabbath-school and Y. P. M. V. Secretary.  
Bessie E. Acton, Educational Secretary.  
W. J. Venen, Medical Secretary.  
Office Address, Box 187, Mount Vernon, O.

### Ohio Conference—Mission Fund

Membership 2,000  
Ten Months at \$8.67 ..... \$17,340.00  
Amount Received to Nov. 1 ..... 15,292.71  
Amount Short to Nov. 1, ..... 2,047.29  
Aver. Short per mem., Oct. 1, 1914 1.02  
Aver. Short per mem., Oct. 1, 1913. 3.04

### Elder Votaw's Work in Ohio

As has already been announced, Elder H. H. Votaw and wife, formerly of Ohio, who have spent several years in our work in India, are at home for a year to receive a needed rest and re-establishment of their health. While Elder Votaw is located at Columbus, acting as pastor of that church, it will be possible for him to go out to our churches and perhaps reach nearly all of them during the time he is with us. He comes to us with a burning message, and what he has to say concerning their experiences in India and the progress of the work there will be most pleasing to hear. It is touching and inspiring to one's faith to hear the accounts that he gives of the Lord's providence and of the wonderful working of God's power as the light shines in that dark place.

We will make arrangements for Elder Votaw to go out to the churches as his time and convenience will permit. We men-

tion this in the Visitor that our church officers may have it in mind; and should you have any special request regarding the time of his visit to your church, be free to write in reference to it.

We feel that Elder Votaw's visits to the churches will prove to be a special inspiration and will serve to arouse a deeper interest in our endeavors to carry the message into these dark and distant lands.

E. K. SLADE.

## News Notes

The date of the Columbus Canvassers' Institute is January 13-24 instead of January 6-20.

Don't forget the date of the Lake View Missionary Convention, December 18-20.

Sister Bessie E. Acton is spending a week among the church-schools.

Are you a subscriber to the Visitor? If not, ask your church leader about the special offer.

There was a mistake made in the last issue of the Visitor in regard to the amount of literature sales at our Missionary Conventions. They amounted to \$520 instead of \$250.

There was a splendid interest at the Liberty Center Missionary Convention in spite of the inclement weather. A full report will follow next week.

## CHESAPEAKE

R. T. Baer, President.  
W. T. Durst, Secretary and Treasurer.  
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F. E. Hankins, Field Missionary Agent.  
R. T. Baer, Religious Liberty Secretary.  
Mrs. R. T. Baer, Sabbath-school Secretary.  
Emma S. Newcomer, Y. P. M. V. Secretary.  
R. H. Martin, Educational Secretary.  
H. N. Sisco, Medical Secretary.  
R. T. Baer, Home Missionary Secretary.  
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### Chesapeake Conference—Mission Fund

Membership 605  
Ten Months at \$8.67 ..... \$5,245.35  
Amount Received to Nov. 1 ..... \$3,691.10  
Amount Short to Nov. 1 ..... 1,554.25  
Aver. Short per mem., Nov. 1, 1914 2.57  
Aver. Short per mem., Nov. 1, 1913 4.12

## Organization for Victory

Before the truth shall finally triumph its forces must be most efficiently organized. This people already have a marvelous system in their work, and, under God, have accomplished prodigies, but they must not stop. It is recognized, of course,

that the Spirit of God is the only effective power for the work, but the agency through which the power operates is also exceedingly important. It is the purpose of this paper to discuss the organization of this agency.

Now it is evident that the more perfect and progressive the organization the more the Spirit of God, the motive power, can accomplish through it. One fact is plain all over the field, namely, that although we as a people are in the greatest need of money, we are in greater need of men,—men not from the standpoint of quantity, but of quality. Our foreign mission policy will be safeguarded not so much by the number as by the calibre of the missionaries sent forth; and our home mission work will not succeed so much by the erection of more mammoth conference organizations, or the construction of more elaborate conference institutions, as by the development of more powerful intellectual capacity among those who are to man the already existing posts.

No one shall say that we are placing too much emphasis on monetary considerations as a people, but it may be asked if we are placing enough emphasis on the adequate preparation of the human agent. The individual is the tool of God, so to speak, and the sharper the blade the more the workman can accomplish. Is our average worker of today, in native ability, intellectual capacity, and in educational qualification, and in all round general ability, the equal of the worker of twenty-five years ago? He surely ought to be, for the world has advanced, and we must move fast in some lines if we would be abreast.

In a word, the material side of our work merely, and the great number of workers sent into the field ought not to be developed at the expense of the intellectual capacity of the workers. To speak figuratively, we have plenty of gunners, our workers; we have plenty of ammunition, our literature; but we need technical instruction in the science of divine gunnery so that we can quickly get the range of the enemy and shell him out of his intrenchments of error.

H. N. SISCO. M. D.

## News Notes

Three persons were baptized by Elder H. F. Taylor in the Baltimore church last Sabbath.

Let none forget the week of prayer. It is almost upon us, and surely in these days of distress and peril we need to seek God most earnestly.

Good reports continue to come in from the Harvest Ingathering work. Some of the brethren who have been soliciting for several years say they never had richer

experiences than they have been having this year. But we have not nearly reached our quota, \$5.00 per member. Perhaps some have not begun to work. Now is the time. Begin now.

Dedicatory services for the Baltimore German church, 3700 Fait Avenue, will be held Sabbath and Sunday, December 12 and 13.

Elder S. T. Shadel stopped in the office for a short time a few days ago on his way to Rock Hall to assist Elder Baer in the effort there.

We were pleased to have Elder F. W. Paap call at the office for a short time today. He brought some interesting reports of the work in his department.

Two new colporteurs, W. J. Vanzant, and Clifton Downey, of Rock Hall, are entering the field today. Accompanied by F. E. Hankins they have gone to Somerset County to work. We wish them success.

Elder H. F. Taylor will go to Cambridge, Friday, December 11, to conduct baptismal service there. The work in that place is progressing nicely, and the Lord is greatly blessing the efforts put forth by Brother L. E. Froom and wife.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

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Minnie Dauphinee, Sabbath-school Secretary.  
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**West Pennsylvania Conference—Mission Fund**  
Membership 790  
Ten Months at \$8.67 . . . . . \$6,849.30  
Amount Received to Nov. 1 . . . . . 4,802.16  
Amount short to Nov. 1 . . . . . 2,047.14  
Aver. Short. per mem., Nov. 1, 1914 . . . . . 2.59  
Aver. Short. per mem., Nov. 1, 1913 . . . . . 3.54

### Pittsburgh and Connellsville

The work is onward in Connellsville. Six precious souls were baptized by Elder West recently, and they with those baptized on a previous occasion bring the membership of the church up to twenty-five. Several others are keeping the Sabbath in Connellsville, and the two outstations included. Two are now shaping their affairs to do so and others are convinced.

I have enjoyed the work very much. It was hard to part with those who desired to learn more of the truths of

the Bible, but Elder West, with his many duties, will continue the studies with our large class and instruct others who attend the Sabbath meetings.

Responding to the call from Pittsburgh with its wider field, I reluctantly turned from the hills and the valleys of that section to help in this needy city.

"Tis sweet to work for Jesus." While home looks desirable, the whitened harvest fields beacon, and we bid adieu to loved ones to gather the sheaves ere the harvest is past.

ELLA MAE TALMAGE, 7155 Mount Vernon Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

## News Notes.

Don't forget that December 27 is the day of the Thirteenth Sabbath Offering. Can we make it Dollar Day?

The church-school at Pittsburgh with an enrollment of sixteen, is prospering under the supervision of Mr. Harry Dean, of Ohio.

Now is the time to order the new memory verse cards with the new Review Roll for next quarter.

Miss Ella M. Talmage arrived from Connellsville, December 3, to take up Bible work in Pittsburgh.

Elder B. F. Kneeland recently baptized ten persons at Coudersport. He is now holding a series of meetings at Sweden Valley.

December 4-6 the first and second Allegheny churches united with the first Pittsburgh church in a general meeting.

Professor Stone of the Union, Elder F. H. Robbins, and Elder J. P. Gaede were in attendance.

Mrs. Laura Jones met a sad death by burning in her home. Elder Gaede conducted services from undertaker Morelan's chapel, December 8.

A Missionary Convention was held in the first Pittsburgh church Sunday night, December 6. The large audience was deeply interested in the demonstration of practical missionary work, many being reminded of ways and means of reaching neighbors and friends with our good literature.

## Home Missionary Department

The call to service now sounding throughout our ranks is being responded to nobly on the part of many. World war conditions serve to arouse God's people and deepen the longing in every heart for the ushering in of that bright and

glorious day, when pain and tears and death and sighing will be no more. What a few realize in this direction is what we want every Seventh-day Adventist to know. "God expects personal service from every one to whom he has intrusted a knowledge of the truth for the time."—*Vol. 9, pp. 30.* "It is an eternal law of Jehovah that he who accepts the truth that the world needs is to make it his first work to proclaim this truth."—*Vol. 7, p. 18.*

We wish that every church, in the North American Division, would do as well as the Northside German church of Chicago. The following is taken from a letter just received from the leader, Mr. David Voth:

"Last Sabbath the Northside German church of Chicago had their Harvest In-gathering program. At the close of the program the money was collected, that had been solicited by the members of our church, which amounted to \$202.16. Our church has 51 members, so we raised almost \$4.00 per member. We made up our twenty-cent-a-week fund for the whole year and about \$50.00 more. Last Sabbath was a happy day to our church. We were all glad and happy for having a part in the Lord's work."

We trust that our dear people everywhere will take hold and make good at this needy and most opportune time. Now is the time to labor. Soon it will be too late. May the spirit of Israel's God, the spirit of service, rest upon this people. We are surely nearing the end. May we all be ready for the midnight call.

F. W. PAAP.

## A New Year's Resolution

"Next to your associates, what you read determines what you are."

A little girl who attended a Union Conference meeting said, "Mama, they talk and talk and don't say anything." That was because she was not old enough to comprehend. But I think sometimes "We read and read and don't learn anything." Many have never learned how to read the daily newspapers. I presume our young people in the aggregate waste years of time reading newspapers. Some of it is worse than wasted.

The Bible says, "A wise man will . . . increase learning." (Prov. 1:5.) Have you made that intellectual and spiritual progress during 1914 that you wish you had? Can you do it in 1915 unless you resolutely lay out a course of reading and study and pursue it with an iron will?—You know you can not.

The General Conference and North American Division Missionary Volunteer Departments are asking all our young people (and any one else who will) to read he Bible through during 1915. May I suggest that you include this purpose

among your New Year's resolutions? And would it not belong near the top of the list? See the *Instructor* of December 29, for further information. Send your name to your Missionary Volunteer Society to be enrolled in the Bible reading circle. Do it to day.

And having made the resolution to do this, may I ask, "Should not this blessed task take precedence over everything else?" The great preacher, Phillips Brooks, even deplored the reading of devotional and religious books to the exclusion of the Bible. He said, "Religious people read thin, superficial books of religious sentiment, but do not meet face to face the strong, exacting, masculine pages of their Bibles."

If you want to be strong eat strength giving food, remembering that the Christian lives "by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

M. E. KERN.

The January *Life and Health* has a symposium by experts on the preparation of an attractive menu at small expense.

With this issue of the journal Dr. W. H. Miller begins a new series of articles entitled, "A Doctor's Chats with his Patients."

Mothers who have read the previous articles on "Uncomfortable Babies" will be sure to want the third article which appears in this issue.

Have you tried selling *Life and Health*, if not why not make a trial of this excellent January issue?

Single copy, 10 cents; 50 to 40 copies, 5 cents a copy; 50 or more copies, 4 cents a copy. Order from your local tract society.

### "Testimonies"

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Every teacher not having access to the *Sabbath School Worker* during 1915, will miss that which is of vast importance. It may be just what you need to win your pupils to Christ. The price is only thirty-five cents each for a club of two or more.

### Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending December 4, 1914									
J. S. Randolph, Athens Co.	ES	5	42	9	34 00	23 00		57 00	10 85
L. H. Waters, Henry Co.	PPF	5	38	20	33 50	2 20		35 70	
Paul Randolph, Athens Co.	ES	5	33	4	14 00	5 90		19 90	1 45
J. H. Stafford, Lucas Co.	DR	5	33	3	10 00			10 00	
A. L. Bassler, Fairfield Co.	GC	14	111	18	54 00	10 50		64 50	9 60
Mrs. W. S. Syphers, Chillicothe	ES	4	31	6	19 00	2 25		21 25	
W. Syphers, Chillicothe	ES	5	30	3	9 00	9 00		18 00	7 50
S. D. Phillips, Toledo	BR	5	30	10	32 00			32 00	
Glenn Draper, Van Wert Co.	BR	5	29	17	54 00	3 05		57 95	
W. S. Scott, Jackson Co.	PPF	3	21			1 50		1 50	
Mrs. F. Holder, Leroy, Ohio	HW	3	18			11 50		11 50	
H. A. Rossin, Coshocton Co.	HM	3	17	1	2 00			2 00	32 25
H. O. Kohr, Mansfield	DR	3	20	7	21 00	6 75		27 75	1 65
Daisy Crist, Columbus									4 75
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14 Agents</b>		<b>65</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>98\$282</b>	<b>50\$76</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>\$359 05</b>	<b>\$68 05</b>

Chesapeake, Week Ending December 4, 1914									
D. W. Percy, Talbot Co.	DA	9	65	41	74 00			74 00	
M. S. Pettibone, Carroll Co.	BR	6	30	1	3 00	10 75		13 75	124 45
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.	BR	2	5	1	3 00	3 00		6 00	
J. W. Wynn, Baltimore Co.	BR	4	17	10	30 00			33 00	
G. R. Apsley, Frederick Co.	BR	3	22	6	18 00		35	18 35	
N. O. Shaffer, Annapolis, Md.	CK	5	34	28	48 00	1 90		49 90	
J. E. Jones, Sussex Co., Del.	PPF	5	37	21	45 00	7 25		52 25	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7 Agents</b>		<b>34</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>108 \$221 00</b>	<b>\$23 25</b>	<b>\$244 25</b>	<b>\$124 45</b>	

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 4, 1914									
W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	PPF	4	40	9	19 00			19 00	
W. H. Frizzell, Franklin Co.	DR	5	28	3	9 00	3 75		12 75	2 25
John Schott, Franklin Co.	BF	2	14	3	4 50			4 95	
E. S. Tolliver, Wilkes Barre	BF	9	22	17	25 50	75		26 25	62 95
F. Washburn, Bucks Co.	PHF	6	20	1	2 00	1 50		3 50	29 75
S. Booth, Wyoming Co.	DR	7	45	22	68 00	4 50		72 50	
S. H. Swingle, Carbondale	SP	2	12	7	9 75	4 00		13 75	
W. C. Rahn, Carbondale	SP	2	12	9	13 50	5 50		19 00	8 25
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8 Agents</b>				<b>\$151 25</b>	<b>\$20 45</b>	<b>\$171 70</b>	<b>\$103 20</b>	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 4, 1914									
Archib Brownlee, Wash. Co.	PPF	10	87	5	22 25	31 20		53 45	48 05
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	BR	4	30	2	6 00			6 00	55 00
W. H. H. Miller, Fayette Co.	BR	2	8	1	4 00			4 00	15 80
Ralph Morgan, Beaver Co.	ES	4	28	21	31 50	9 70		41 20	70
Garnelle Rager, Cambria Co.	PPF	4	21						59 00
C. E. Will, Washington Co.		2	9			4 30		4 30	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6 Agents</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>29 \$63 75</b>	<b>\$45 20</b>	<b>\$108 95</b>	<b>\$179 45</b>	

Virginia, Week Ending December 4, 1914									
L. A. King, Pitts, Co.	GC	5	50						198 90
R. H. Young, Matthews Co.	GC	9		8	16 00	6 40		22 40	6 00
Jacob Meyer, Hanover Co.	GC		45		28 00			28 00	
Aubrey L. Gary, New Kent Co.	PPF	10	63	18	39 00	1 80		40 80	5 20
Jacob Scherrer, Lynenbu5g	BFL		40						44 50
M. A. Maloney, New Kent Co.	CK	5	34	6	9 00				
J. F. Battini, Phoebus Co.	CK		40		55 60			55 60	
Mrs. L. M. Pollard, Henrico Co.	HP		20		30 50			30 50	
Mrs. Kate Carter, Newport News	HP		18		23 00			23 00	
Rosa L. Brooks, Newport News	HP		40		90 65			90 66	20 00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10 Agents</b>		<b>388</b>		<b>\$294 76</b>	<b>\$17 20</b>	<b>\$311 96</b>	<b>\$286 80</b>	

## MAGAZINES

Frank S. Parsons	Signs and Watchman	52	222	12	20
Carl F. Parsons	"		68	6	80
Miscellaneous Work				15	00
Total				\$34	00

## West Virginia, Week Ending December 4, 1914

W. A. McElphatrick, Lewis Co.	GC	3	25	10	34	00	23	15	57	15	3	05
A. W. McNemar, Webster	CK	2	16	22	19	50			19	50		
John McHenry, Ritchie Co.	BF	3	14	9	13	50	8	00	21	50		
G. E. Snyder, Cabell	BR	2	11	2	8	00	1	50	9	50		
Totals	4 Agents		10	97	33	\$75 00	\$32 65	\$107 65	\$3 05			

## New Jersey, Week Ending November 14, 1914

G. W. Blinn, Monmouth	BR	5	41							130	00	
H. Lauterbach, Warren Co.	BFL	5	50	9	13	50			13	50	25	50
G. E. Fredenburgh, Warren Co	BFL	1	8								12	60
Mrs. Jensen, Passaic Co.		5	25	8	24	00	18	95	42	95		
A. Boynton, Cape May	PG	2	14								54	00
Magazines											69	80

Total	5 Agents		18	138	17	\$37	50	\$18	95	\$56	45	\$222	10
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A pilgrim brother whose faith had been waning a bit recently on account of age and the seeming lethargy possessing some of our people, writes of the revival of his faith upon seeing the people taking up the circulation of the *Review and Herald* Extras by the millions. This work, while giving the message to the world, has a decided favorable influence upon ourselves. It imparts a new and stronger faith, and brings to the rank and file of our people a new inspiration.

### Italy and Its Relation to the Eastern Question

Many have wondered why it is that Italy, a member of the Triple Alliance, has not entered the war to assist Germany and Austria. There is a reason for this. If you wish to know the reason and what part Italy is playing in the Eastern Question, read the January *Watchman*. It gives the secret.

### A Good Christmas Gift

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## The Principles of Health Reform No. 3

### POST-NATAL INFLUENCES

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. Prov. 22:6. "Parents, you should commence your first lesson of discipline when your children are babes in your arms. . . . Parents do not begin in season . . . and children grow up worthless at home and worthless abroad. They have no power of endurance. Their appetites have been gratified, and they come up with enfeebled health." Vol. 1. p. 218. "A mother cannot love her children too much, but she may love unwisely, and allow her affection to blind her to their best interests." Vol. 3. p. 43.

Next in importance to being well born is to be well-reared. If a child is expected to develop health and endurance he must be trained in the way he is expected to go. It is easier to train than to untrain. Once the habit of living for health is established he will not depart from it. That is, unless he is taught the habit of living for sickness and disease first. The mother has the child's future state in her hands. She may give him health and happiness with a trend for righteousness, or she may give him bodily inefficiency with ill-health and bad habits with a distinct trend toward evil.

The question may arise, "When should the training for health begin?" The answer is in the text, "When your children are babes in your arms." I may add that the training for health begins with the food. Why should children grow up with no "power of endurance" and be,

"worthless at home and worthless abroad?"

This answer is also in the text, "Their appetites have been gratified and they come up with enfeebled health." A babe should have no such thing as an appetite. in the sense of the above statement. A babe has natural hunger, a hunger that will take its natural food without question or quibble. The appetite of the babe needs no tempting. If it does not seem to relish its natural food, it is an indication that it is getting too much food, or too often, and needs a rest. Wait till next feeding time, two or three hours hence, and there will be all the desire for food that one could wish. An occasional feeding of water instead of food is relished by young children and prevents them suffering the pangs of thirst, and acts as a safeguard against overfeeding.

We have no desire to formulate rules for the care of the children of another family. Each household must meet its own problems. Parents as well as other Christians, should ask wisdom of God who giveth to all liberally, and upbraideth not, and, I dare say, it will be given them.

If the above hints are of any value in your post-natal training of the little flock, who have one by one, been committed to your care for an eternal training, we shall feel repaid for the effort.

J. D. MONTGOMERY.

## OBITUARIES

WATT.—Oliver Watt fell asleep November 24, 1914 at his home in Lima, Ohio. His suffering was borne with patience although he was confined to his bed for two years. May the Lord bless his loved ones who are left to mourn. May they all meet again when the Lord awakes his sleeping saints.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from John 14: 1-3.

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

GOULD.—Jesse H. Gould was born in Cutchogue, Cony Island, November 16, 1850, and died at Ocran, Virginia, November 1, 1914. At the age of ten he joined the Presbyterian church. In 1878 he married Hannah M. Peckham, who accepted the truths of the Third Angel's Message in 1864 and is still a firm believer in the truth. Mr. Gould had been in poor health for fourteen years prior to his death. He leaves a wife, two sons, father, sister, and two brothers. Words of comfort were spoken from the text, "If a man die, shall he live again?" Mr. Gould was laid to rest in the cemetery of the Kilmarnock, Virginia, Seventh-day Adventist church. In the words of his wife, "His future we leave in the hands of the Lord, who knoweth all the intents of the heart, and who doeth all things well."

W. A. NELSON.



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## Academy Notes

We are sorry that on account of ill  
health, Miss Helen Daniels will not be  
able to return to school after vacation.Elder H. H. Votaw gave a very inter-  
esting lecture on Burma and India last  
Saturday evening in the chapel. He was  
requested by those present to speak again  
on Sunday night which he kindly con-  
sented to do.Elder N. S. Ashton baptized twenty-  
three precious souls last Sabbath, Decem-  
ber 5. The services were held in the  
Baptist church in the city. Elder E. K.  
Slade preached the sermon.Elder H. H. Votaw gave some very in-  
teresting experiences of his work in Burma,  
Monday and Tuesday at the chapel hour,  
when he addressed the students.The printers have been very busy this  
week getting the new type in their cases  
and discarding the old. We have been  
looking for the new type for a long time  
and are very glad that it has come.A reception was given to Elder and Mrs.  
Votaw in the Academy parlor last Mon-  
day evening by the faculty and old stu-  
dents and friends of Brother and Sister  
Votaw. A pleasant evening was spent  
together.In a letter from Brother Holst who is  
in Jamaica, he says, "We are glad to tell  
you that we are happy and of good cour-  
age in our new island home. Even though  
Christmas is near the flowers are bloom-  
ing on every hand. Surely this is a land  
of eternal summer."We have had many and varied experi-  
ences during the past few months, but we  
are thankful that God has kept us fromharm and disease and given us strength  
to use in his service.God has given me success in my work.  
My sales even in this time of war and  
hard times have averaged more than one  
dollar per hour. One day last week God  
helped me to take seventeen dollars  
worth of orders in about an hour, from  
government officials.The war has stopped nearly all business  
here and so hundreds of men are out of  
work therefore out of bread. These peo-  
ple never earn more than they need for  
the week, unless they are trying to pay  
for a book. My sales for last week  
amounted to fifty dollars. God is surely  
with us.We have been out with the Harvest  
Ingathering Review, and have been blessed  
in our efforts. In about four hours I re-  
ceived over five dollars, while Mrs. Holst  
has collected about one dollar and a half  
with promises of one dollar and twenty-  
five cents more. We hope to continue  
this work. The natives here are also put-  
ting forth some effort along this line. It  
is the first campaign in Jamaica.We find it hard to work for all classes.  
The caste system is nearly as bad here as  
it is in India. Here they have the black,  
brown and white people. If these should  
intermarry they would be treated with no  
respect whatever. These customs creep  
into the church in spite of all efforts to  
keep them out. The moral standard of  
Jamaica is very low, nearly ninety per  
cent of the births being illegitimate. A  
high standard is maintained in our  
churches. This has given our people  
favor with the government.We are now busy planning for our con-  
ference to be held January 21-31. Beside  
canvassing, Mrs. Holst and I have been  
holding Bible studies. I had a debate  
for two evenings with a minister of  
the church of Christ. The subject was,  
"Is the law binding?" It also involved  
the covenants. I can appreciate now the  
Bible and History classes of Mount Ver-  
non College. I shall never forget the five  
years I spent there.Sabbath, November 7, Elder Boger and  
I visited a church at Faun Hill, about  
forty miles from here. We started about  
seven o'clock on his motorcycle, and  
reached there in time for Sabbath-school  
and church service. After dinner we re-  
turned, and got to Kingston in time for  
Young People's meeting. Modern inven-  
tions are surely a wonderful help to the  
missionary. The trip was delightful, and  
the brethren and sisters of Faun Hill  
seemed to appreciate the visit.Last Sabbath, November 21, it was my  
privilege to spend the day with the church  
in Spanish Town, the old Spanish capital.  
Though the rain poured down all day we  
had a pleasant, and I trust a profitable  
Sabbath.Mrs. Holst and I have been appointed  
to spend the week of prayer with the  
church at Joint Wood. It is about eighty  
miles toward the western end of the  
island, up in the mountains. We need  
your prayers that we may be kept faith-  
ful and may do something for these be-  
nighted people.One of the workers was very seriously  
ill this last week. He seemed to be one of  
the strongest workers here, but one of the  
tropical diseases brought him very low.  
By the prayers of God's people his life  
was spared.We often think of home and friends,  
and were very much pleased to hear from  
so many of our friends. You can not im-  
agine how good the "stars and stripes"  
looks to us. We love to go to the United  
States consulate and see the home flag  
float on the breeze.We were glad to hear from Professor  
E. G. Salisbury that the school at Mount  
Vernon is well attended and is enjoying  
God's blessing. We have every reason to  
believe that the end is very near, and the  
message to us is, "Get ready, get ready!"Let us be faithful, and endure to the  
end.  
A. E. HOLST.

## Favorite Gospel Songs

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