

Columbia Union



Visitor



"I WILL VISIT YOU, AND PERFORM MY GOOD WORD TOWARD YOU"

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No. 5

UNION

Mission Fund

Membership 6,728	
Amount Received	\$70,085.25
Amount Over	114.05
Average Per Member 191420
Surplus Twenty-cent-a-week Fund \$	114.05
Total Amount Received for 1914	70,085.25
Total Amount Received for 1913	57,298.18
Gain over 1913	\$12,787.07

1914 Mission Offerings

The report of the mission offerings in each conference reveals the splendid showing which the conferences in the Columbia Union have made during 1914. Six conferences out of the eight in the Union have succeeded in raising a surplus during the year. We give the average per week per member so that all may see what each conference has done. \$12,787.07 represents the gain over the amount received the preceding year. The results for 1913 revealed a shortage of nearly \$12,000.00 in reaching the goal while 1914 shows a surplus above the amount required of \$114.05.

The officers of the Columbia Union Conference desire to take this occasion to most heartily thank the dear brethren and sisters who have so liberally contributed and who have made this record possible. The amount of good which will be accomplished in the mission fields as well as in the home land eternity alone will reveal. \$70,000.00 contributed to advanced this cause will mean much for the salvation of precious souls.

Unlike other enterprises, which when completed means rest and ease, the problem of carrying the message to the uttermost parts of the earth continues until probation closes. So when 1914 with its burdens left us, 1915 was standing at the door with new burdens, new opportunities, and new privileges. We have just been figuring what must be accomplished during 1915. Precious souls have united with us

in church membership during the year so that instead of the Columbia Union having a membership of 6,728, we have a membership now of 7,417, or a gain of 689 for the year. These of course will join us in our twenty-cent-a-week fund proposition so that 1915 will require an additional \$7,000.00 in order to make the same record that the Columbia Union made during 1914. For us to reach our quota for 1915, we must raise in the Columbia Union Conference a total of \$77,136.80, distributed as follows:

West Virginia	\$ 2,496.00
Virginia	5,345.60
Chesapeake	7,540.00
West Pennsylvania	8,704.80
New Jersey	9,266.40
District Columbia	9,984.00
East Pennsylvania	11,960.00
Ohio	21,840.00

It will mean some definite planning on the part of each church officer as well as each member throughout the territory of the Columbia Union Conference in order to have 1915 close with the same excellent record as was made during 1914.

And let me add this caution. Do not wait until the latter part of the year before earnest effort is put forth to bring in the required amount. An excellent plan will be for each church to see that her full quota is made up before the close of each month. Then we will be nothing behind. We can not tell what is before us. History is making its record and scenes are changing and there is no telling what 1915's events may bring to us. If we wait until the latter part of the year we may have little or nothing to give. So let us be faithful in doing all in our power as the days go by.

We shall earnestly pray that God will greatly bless our dear brethren and sisters throughout the Union to make them efficient for the responsibilities of the new year. We greatly appreciate such a loyal band of workers.

R. T. DOWSETT.

"Success treads on the heel of every right effort."

WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia Conference—Mission Fund

Membership 172	
Amount Received	\$2,168.45
Amount Over	379.65
Average Per Member 191424

News Notes

We are glad to learn that in making up the totals on the twenty-cent-a-week-plan for 1914 our conference gave an average of 24 cents per member.

Elder W. J. Tanner, president of the conference spent Sabbath, January 23, with the Morgantown church. His visit was much appreciated by the church members.

Brother H. F. Kirk of Parkersburg visited his brother in Baltimore, Maryland, the last of the week. While east he will attend the Publishing and Home Missionary Convention which is to be held at Takoma Park, February 1-10.

Brother W. A. McElphatrick who has been having good success canvassing in Tucker County has finished the territory and will now locate in Elkins, Randolph County. We feel confident that he will have good success in his new field.

We have received several orders for the little book entitled, "The World's Crisis in the Light of Prophecy." All of our churches should use a good supply of these valuable books. We have a supply at the office and will be able to fill orders promptly. The price is 25 cents retail, and 12½ cents to agents.

A Correction

The tithe report which was printed in the January 28 issue should have read for the year 1914 instead of for only eleven months.

West Virginia Conference Report

Mission Funds Received During 1914

Name of Church	Membership	S. S. Offerings	Missions	H. Ingathering	Mid Summer Offering	Annual Offering
Berea.....	6	1 00	26 00	4 00		
Clarksburg.....	10	99 71	42 52	2 00	11 35	
Charleston.....	33	137 48	131 00	37 24	75	6 60
Chester.....	8	105 14	18 50	10 08	1 60	1 90
Fairmont.....	22	215 12	261 70	36 10	60	5 00
Kanawha.....	15	47 40	26 60	2 00	25	
Morgantown.....	23	52 89	2 00	1 50		
Moundsville.....	12	39 21	87 58	20 05		
Parkersburg.....	52	195 08	198 73	34 21	5 18	21 71
Walker.....	13	36 24	10 80	8 70		
Martinsburg Co.....	6	8 60	6 00	6 68		73
Individual.....		134 53	57 40	2 00	5 50	1 60
Totals.....	200	\$1072 40	\$868 82	\$164 56	\$25 13	\$37 54

Total Amount of Mission Funds Received during 1914.....\$2168 45

Twenty-cent-a-week plan for 200 Members for 12 Months.....2080 00

Amount Received over Twenty-cent-a-week-Quota.....88 45

J. S. BARROWS, *Treasurer.*

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

District of Columbia Conference Mission Fund

Membership 771.....	
Amount Received.....	\$8,766.47
Amount Over.....	748.07
Average Per Member 1914.....	.21

It Pays to Persevere

Miss Geneva Bryan, a young woman who is devoting a portion of her time to the sale of our books here in the District of Columbia, has given us a practical demonstration of the value of perseverance. Early in December, I had the pleasure of getting her started in this good work. It did not take me long to see that she was a capable young woman, and the statement was made to a friend that she would be able to give a good account of herself.

When her first delivery came, she delivered every book but one. She was told by the woman who could not take the book that she would have to bring it back again. She went back, as she had agreed, only to be met with the excuse, "I can't take it today." For four successive times she took the woman her book without being able to deliver it. She was unable to understand the situation, as she declared to the writer that she had gone praying each time. Finally it dawned upon her that the devil did not want that woman to have the book. This gave her courage, so after an earnest seeking after God, she started out the fifth time to make the delivery. This time she found the woman at home and the following conversation took place: "I never have seen a person so persistent as yourself.

Surely there must be something in the book the Lord would have me know and understand, and I will take it, promising to read it very carefully."

Who knows but that this very woman will be saved in the kingdom as a reward of faithfulness?

E. R. BUTTON.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TITHE RECEIPTS DECEMBER 1914

Conference.....	\$ 34 73
Alexandria No. 1.....	27 70
Alexandria No. 2.....	
Arlington.....	28 24
Chilton.....	17 20
Colonial Beach.....	
First Church.....	113 03
Kilmarnock.....	92 61
Memorial.....	463 25
Mount Rainier.....	49 62
People's.....	148 35
Seminary-Sanitarium.....	298 65
Takoma Park.....	1,027 99
Belmont (Company).....	
Clifton Station (Company).....	19 73
Total.....	\$2,321 11

News Notes

Robert C. Taylor, of Chicago, by invitation of the conference committee, has connected with the work here. At present he is being kept busy in the office of the tract society.

A canvassers' institute is being held this week at the Peoples' church. A class of about two dozen bright, intelligent, God-fearing workers are in attendance. Our cause will thus be advanced, and the coming of Jesus hastened.

If there are those in this conference who have a real desire to see the work of God finished in the earth, write to the field agent, especially if you have a few hours to spare each week, and learn of a plan whereby you can play a very important part.

Elder R. E. Harter, president of the conference, who, with his wife, was called to South Dakota some three weeks ago by telegram announcing the death of his wife's mother, are expected to return this week. They have had the prayers and sympathy of all during the hours of their sad bereavement.

There never has been a time when so many people are becoming interested in the canvassing work as now. And they are not only interested, but taking part in the work. This is a good omen, and if the uprising is similar everywhere, it means a speedy finishing of the work, and a joyous home-going.

The bookmens' convention begins Monday, February 1, at the Assembly room in the General Conference building. This will be attended by the leading workers of the several unions comprising this territory, hence many things of real value to the book and magazine work will be brought out.

Two men in the southern portion of the conference are constructing gasoline launches with house-boat accommodations, and will use them as a means of conveyance for selling books in that needy section. One of them said, "I tell you, I have a real burden for souls." These are the ones who succeed.

The Breaking of the Day.

We have had many inquiries for this stirring song and are glad to be able to announce that we can supply any who desire it, either in single copies or larger quantities. 5 cents a copy; 10 copies, 25 cents; 50 copies, \$1.00.

Address: all orders to F. W. Paap, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

Received More Than He Expected

Recently one of our young men was out selling magazines, when he fell into conversation with a middle-aged gentleman. The conversation, of course, was along such lines as recorded in the magazine, and an interest was at once awakened. The gentlemen said he would be glad to receive literature setting forth the belief of Seventh-day Adventists, as he knew little or nothing about them.

Then looking the young man over quite critically, he asked: "Are these the best

clothes you have?" When told that it was his only suit, the gentleman asked for the privilege of rigging him out from head to foot, which he cheerfully did, giving him a dollar besides.

Surely God knows every need, and if we walk carefully before him in service, the need will be amply supplied.

E. R. BURTON.

TWENTY-CENT-A-WEEK-FUND

DECEMBER 1914

Conference	\$ 38.09
Alexandria No. 1	21 85
Alexandria No. 2	
Arlington.....	133 32
Chilton.....	18 03
Colonial Beach	3 01
First Church	74 21
Kilmarnock	91 74
Memorial	531 27
Mount Rainier	53 32
People's	126 18
Seminary-Sanitarium	437 23
Takoma Park	1,119 05
Belmont (Company)	6 13
Clifton Station(Company)	6 55
Total	\$2,659.98

VIRGINIA

Virginia Conference—Mission Fund

Membership 514	
Amount Received	\$3,131.50
Amount Short	2,214.10
Average Per Member 1914.....	.11

Stanley

Elder Kime and the writer began another series of meetings with the Stanley church January 7 and closed January 24. We held two meetings a day and made many calls, talking the truth and praying with the people in their homes.

The Holy Spirit came into a number of the meetings with convicting power causing many to weep and confess their sins to God and ask for his pardon.

We baptized eleven in Stony Creek on Sunday, January 17, and one week later seven more were baptized in Painter's Lake, making eighteen in all that have come into the church by baptism and twenty for the month, two previously having united by letter.

In spite of bad weather we had nearly a full house the last night and eight or nine asked for prayers that they might be led to give their hearts to God and unite with the church in the future.

Two others have asked for baptism but could not be present, so it will be administered to them later.

We had the hearty cooperation of near-

ly every member of the church and this has contributed much to the success of the meetings.

The church has taken some advanced steps also, for a number who were wearing feathers, jewelry and other things for show have removed them, and we hope never to put them on again.

Costly ornaments are simply an indication of the worldly condition of the wearer's heart and should be discarded by the true follower of Christ.

The Stanley church voted to care for the visitors attending the canvassers' institute to be held March 13-27 which we trust will further develop the interest here.

W. E. BIDWELL.

News Notes

There are two new members reported for the Portsmouth church.

The new building being erected by the Yale church is fast nearing completion, and it is hoped to conduct dedicatory services in the early part of February. This church is conducting a good sized church school and also has an active Young Peoples' Missionary Volunteer Society.

There has been indeed a good interest in the services conducted by Elder Bidwell with the people at Stanley. Already eighteen have accepted the truth and have been baptized into the faith, and eight others are deeply interested and the outlook is indeed promising. These must be happy times in the Stanley church to receive these additions to their number.

Elder Armstrong reports from Danville that already three have begun to keep the Sabbath, and are uniting with the message. Brother A. L. Gary has taken up the canvassing work in this vicinity and the outlook is good for other additions.

It is encouraging to see the colporteur work so brisk during these winter months. Brother George has just spent the week in Middlesex County helping Brother H. G. Land start in the work, with H. A. Wright too, who has had previous experience in the good book work. From there Brother George expects to help four of the brethren from Yale start out to work with "Bible Readings". Prospectuses have been sent to these brethren and they are busy studying the work. We shall be busy when the season opens if it keeps on this way, but let the good work go on.

An Appeal

As the Lord has spoken in regard to the establishing of memorials in our cities and villages; we desire to see one of influence

established in Norfolk and Portsmouth. We are making a strong effort to add to our building fund. We appeal to our dear brethren and sisters who are able to help us in our undertaking, to send donations to the Virginia Conference, 2705 W. Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, or to the writer at 2419 Pine Street, Portsmouth, Virginia, stating that it is for the building for colored people. God will bless you. Also we will thank you for any shoes or clothing you may send us for missionary work. We thank all those who have sent us donations and clothing.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

CHESAPEAKE

Chesapeake Conference—Mission Fund

Membership 605	
Amount Received	\$5,479.13
Amount Short	812.87
Average Per Member 191417

Our Work

Now is the time to let our light shine out to the world. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven". Matt. 5:16.

The European War and the recent earthquake in Italy, calls for explanation to thinking people everywhere. If one is alert and will seize opportunities, great good can be accomplished by passing on to the people the light which God has so graciously given to his children.

There appeared in the "Baltimore American", under date of January 15, 1915, a striking cartoon, intended to illustrate the terrible troubles in Europe. Just across and above the cartoon were these words, "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there shall be famines and pestilences and earthquakes in divers places". Below the cartoon and in the center, were these words, "Can these be 'Signs of the Times'?" This cartoon caused considerable comment and an interest was created at once in spiritual things. Many people gathered on street corners and at road crossings in rural sections to inquire the meaning of these things.

It may seem singular to some how news paper men get hold of the scriptures which apply to the time in which we live. God's people are scattered over the face of the world to help spread the light of truth. One of the staff editor of the "Baltimore American" embraced the truth while connected with that paper, and was retained several years afterwards. He had many interviews with the leading men of that large paper and each time endeavored to enlighten them concerning the signs of the times. It is not so wonderful after all that there should

appear in such a paper something so significant as the cartoon referred to. Some one was letting his light shine, and some body doubtless saw and remembered that light.

As a people we are blessed with great light, but with it comes a great responsibility. In these times of peril and international perplexity, our people should arise and reveal to the world the reason for these things. We have the free use of the mails to send literature and we can give a little more time to the work of studying the truth with our neighbors and friends. Our tract society is a part of the organization and has been put in operation for the purpose of assisting our people in the distribution of literature which will open to the people the great truths for this time. That being true, we desire to see our church members become more active in helping to finish the work that must be accomplished before the Saviour can come.

Let all plan to take advantage of the cheap literature coming from the press of the Review and Herald. The first number of the series has reached us and it is the kind of literature that will meet a long felt need. This number can be secured at \$4.00 per 1,000. Send in your order at once and in this way, help to quickly enlighten the world with the precious truth which has been entrusted to you.

R. T. BAER, *Home Miss. Secretary.*

News Notes

Brother L. E. Froom reports another keeping the Sabbath. This makes six since the baptism some three weeks ago.

Elder R. T. Dowsett is at the conference office auditing the books of the conference and tract society treasurers.

Brother G. W. Lawrence reports a new Sabbath-keeper in the section where he is canvassing, and others very much interested in the study of the Word of God. Let us pray for our brother colporteurs. Their work is hard, but there are days of rejoicing ahead of the faithful ones.

Brother M. S. Pettibone spent some little time at the conference office last week. His courage in the work is good. He reports meeting some very fine people in Carroll County where he is canvassing and is selling quite a number of the good book "Bible Readings," in the homes of the people.

Brother H. L. Peden of Hagerstown, accompanied Elder R. T. Baer to Rock Hall last week. Excellent meetings were reported, the church being crowded to its

fullest capacity on Sunday night, despite the disagreeable weather, caused by the rain and ice. Thirty-one dear souls followed their Lord in baptism, on Sunday in the new baptistry, of the church there, as a result of the meetings Elder Baer has been conducting since November 13. Others are deeply interested and it is expected they will take their stand for the truth in the near future.

OHIO

Ohio Conference—Mission Fund

Membership 2,000	
Amount Received	\$22,283.72
Amount Over	1,483.72
Average Per Member 1914	.21

OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

DECEMBER, 1914

Akron	\$ 90 88
Alliance	24 25
Barnesville	29 60
Bellville	10 00
Bellfountain	10 00
Bowling Green	205 22
Bucyrus	5 70
Camden	381 26
Canaan	20 84
Canton	21 83
Chagrin Falls	41 13
Charloe	6 30
Chillicothe	6 65
Cincinnati	160 15
Cincinnati (Colored)	33 68
Cleveland (English)	461 94
Cleveland (German)	109 60
Clyde	32 70
Columbus	563 03
Conneaut	16 10
Corsica	29 06
Coshocton	29 35
Dayton	98 79
Defiance	33 30
Delaware	2 50
Delta	108 20
Derwent	10 60
Dowling	
Dunkirk	
East Liverpool	29 22
Elgin	44 28
Findlay	27 65
Gilboa	
Hamler	51 41
Hamilton	75 31
Hicksville	55 26
Jackson	4 39
Jefferson	42 59
Killbuck	9 97
LaGrange	115 10
Lakeville	23 42
Lake View	31 51
Liberty Center	24 63
Laura	1 00
Lima	
Locust Point	34 00
Leesburg	63 17

Mansfield	37 55
Marion	26 92
Marshfield	
Medina	
Mendon	
Mount Vernon	504 04
Newark	52 61
Norwalk	71 71
New Philadelphia	52 58
Nova	10 00
Ohio City	13 50
Piqua	14 90
Pleasant Hill	62 25
Powell	
Ravenna	51 78
Reedsville	
Rows	14 47
Sanducky	36 00
Spencer	20 99
Springfield	86 77
Toledo	195 51
Van Wert	23 25
Walnut Grove	21 04
Washington C. H.	95 69
Waterford	77 63
Wengerlawn	
West Mansfield	27 24
Wheelersburg	67 76
Wilmington	46 66
Youngstown	64 16
Zanesville	80 44
Individuals	156 26

TOTAL \$4,743 20

H. D. HOLTOM, *Treasurer.*

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

DECEMBER 1914

Tithe	\$4,746 00
Labor & Expense Refund	785 88
Cleveland German Church	7 00
India	2 00
Ministry of Healing	224 85
Annual Offering	1,054 00
Colored Work	1 00
Harvest Ingathering	775 38
Missions	293 27
Religious Liberty	5 75
Sabbath-school Donations	1,327 42
Weekly Offering	100 80
Mount Vernon College	85
Emergency Fund	1,424 61
China	252 42
Talents Returned	12 00
Tent & Hall Collection	1 80

TOTAL \$11,015 03

H. D. HOLTOM, *Treasurer.*

News Notes

Brother D. A. Reese is this week starting Brother and Sister Jackson in Butler County. He will spend his time the next few weeks in helping some of our new recruits in the western part of the state.

Report of Home Missionary Work of Ohio Conference for Quarter Ending December 31, 1914

Name of Church	Membership	No. Reporting	Letters Written	Letters Received	Missionary Visits	Bible Readings	Subscriptions for Periodicals	Papers Sold	Papers Lent or Given Away	Books Sold	Books Lent	Tracts Sold	Tracts Lent or Given Away	Hours of Christian Help Work	Articles of Clothing Given	Meals Provided	Offerings	Conversions
Findlay	27	7	5	1	64	3			152	13	12	10	249				92	
Canton	16	8	2		13	35		512	693	13	19	12	349	10	50		4 90	
Mt. Vernon	160	50	107	41	46	33	39	264	1356	248	164	1	700	34	54	2	50	9
Canaan			7		15	4	9	6	107		1	24	641					
Mansfield	9	8						75	1000			50						
Leesburg	11	6	9	1	5				70			8	30					
Spencer	15		2	1	1			25	602	1	5		1012	6	4			
Clyde	29	8	6		8		16	265	180		54	31	36	8				
Nova	11	6						2	110				18	1			1 58	
New Philadelphia	10	18			12		5		192	2	7	44	24	28			4 25	
Akron	70	20	20	10	100	50	10	1500	1000	135	10	317	400	150	15		40 00	3
Ann	80	30	106	122	209	83	78	1188	3935	38	91	639	2135	330	110	25	8 72	10
Bowling Green	62	21	39	9	55	48		154	1758	20	8		89	67	10	26		
Van Wert	7	3	2			2		4		1			25					
La Grange	40	15	2		2		30	10	225		1		1019	30		2	20 00	
Alliance	15	5	20	16	9	13	114				3		340	275	15	3	25 00	
Camden	37	15	5	1	4	13	10		1312				18	2	2	18	30 00	
Laura	9	4			15	5	212				6				15	60	2 00	
Coshocton	15	6	8		7	4	2	40	2150	60	6	2	50	12	4		10 92	
Liberty Center	30	9	11	3	16	5	5	2880	125	4		79	49	10	1		50 00	
Marion	11	4			40	15		800	4	10		30		8		1	13 00	1
Conneaut	8	7	9	1	75	8	21	149	562	11			132	12	7	3		
Toledo	79	20	85	10	89	54	8	483	100	9	45	12	672	256			11 61	
Medina	3	3	3		3	2	2	10	777					5	15	19		
Springfield		14	14	4	18	37		244	300	10	18		262	28				
Youngstown	28	10			1	100	6	100	374					1	183	10	1 84	2
Zanesville	55	15	20	17	45	15	1	350	634		10		200	85		5		9
Ravenna	18	9	8	5	19	1	2	12	997	20	10		471	31	121			
Washington C. H.	16	7	14		100	36	6	12	20	62	17	1	196	8	11			
Charloe	16	4	3	1					1349				300					
Lake View	31	20	6	3	26	2	16		876		7	1	1178	1		1		
East Liverpool	21	10	17	5	30	10	10	97	45	4	24		84	57	7			
Columbus			50	9	139	28		2400	932	100	37	10	356	90	30	97	6 00	
Cleveland German	15	8	5	1	40	15		45	2	10	2		3010	4	12	40		2
Cincinnati No. 2	19	7	27	23	46	24	5	33		9	3		745	7		4	15 00	
Newark	20	5						500					103	10	3		9 56	
Pleasant Hill																		
Isolated	11	11	50	10	40	15	4	1000	1500	20	25		800		5	4		
Corsica	15	5	7		3			23	515	4		36						
Totals	1019	398	669	193	1260	574	307	13509	23954	804	590	1307	17000	1560	625	320	255 81	36

Elder Lindsey was called to attend the funeral of his youngest sister Mrs. Eva Alexander, of Delphos, Ohio. The funeral was held Thursday, January 28.

There was an average attendance of thirty-two at the institute. These were there for the one purpose, to prepare to more effectively give the message to the people through the printed page.

After the close of our institute at Columbus our colporteurs returned to the field with renewed courage and with a greater determination than ever to place more books in the homes of the people this coming year.

Brother V. O. PUNCHES left Friday morning for Washington, D. C. to attend the Publishing and Home Missionary Convention to be held there February 1-10. He will spend the Sabbath at Washington, Pa., his former home, and will also visit Brother Harry Christman, of Pittsburgh.

Our force of colporteurs has been greatly increased and we are sure that with the earnest efforts that will be put forth, 1915 will be the banner year in our conference.

There is a splendid interest developing at Bowling Green, where Dr. H. M. Jump, of Toledo, is holding a series of meetings in the S. D. A. church. The attendance is good, and we hope for encouraging results from this effort.

The Report of Missionary Work

The summary of home missionary work for quarter ending December 31, 1914 is truly encouraging. It shows a healthy growth over the previous quarter and is the largest report we have had for some time. Work has been done along all lines, especially in the scattering of literature. During the quarter over 17,000 tracts were used, and more than 23,000 papers given away, besides the loaning of books, giving of Bible readings, and missionary visiting. This work will surely bring forth fruit. We are told in

Isa. 55:11, "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing which I sent it." We know then that some of this seed will fall on good ground and souls will be saved.

Out of the 67 churches in the conference 38 reported while only 19 reported the former quarter. We are glad to see our churches coming up along this line. We trust that every church will report this quarter and that a full and complete record may be made up next time.

The year 1915 is now before us, we must not slacken our pace. Events are rapidly taking place that may soon make it hard to work. We must continue to scatter the printed page and warn the people of what is just before us. Let us make this year the high water mark along home missionary lines.

V. O. PUNCHES.
Home Miss. Sec'y.

"The true object of education is to restore the image of God in the soul."

SPECIAL

Principles of Health Reform. No. 9

VEGETARIANISM

A question has come to the writer. "Does the Bible teach vegetarianism"? Answer: Yes, No, and Yes! To Explain: The Bible teaches that for sixteen hundred years or more the people of God used the food of Gen. 1:29 and 3:18. No other food was allowed through the ten or eleven long generations to the time of Noah. These men were "vegetarians" and as a consequence lived more years than most men now live months. These eleven generations, all but three, lived more than 900 years each, and one of them is living yet, he was translated.

From the time of Noah till the "time of the end" or later the Bible teaches "No" to the question. No attempt, save one, was made to introduce vegetarianism to the people of God till the remnant people were to be prepared for translation. Then the message of health reform came. The one attempt to introduce the natural diet was after the people of Isreal left the land of Egypt. Space does not permit a study of this effort.

From the "time of the end" and extending into the eternal world the Bible teaches that a people will arise who will eschew the lusts of the flesh and fit themselves for translation into the kingdom of God where "they shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them". No meat eating in that glad land. "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord". So I may say, yes, the Bible does teach a system of vegetarianism to extend from the present time on through the millennium into the eternal world. Now is the time to begin to learn the lessons of eternity. If you have not seen the importance of a clean diet in relation to your eternal welfare, now is the time to decide what you will do.

When Noah was given permission to eat flesh of animals the animals were also given permission to eat the flesh of mankind. It is a poor rule that will not work both ways. Here is the text: "Surely your blood of your lives will I require, at the hand of every beast will I require it." Gen. 9:5. Do you get any comfort out of that permission to eat flesh? I do not. "Flesh eating was permitted", says Sister White, "to shorten the existence of the long lived race". (Phamplet on Flesh eating.) Does not Gen. 9:5 say the same thing? Surely your blood of your lives will I require. How? "At the hand of every beast will I require it". Those who live off the beast will perish at the "hand" of the beast. It is plain that the Lord warned Noah what to expect from his

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
District of Columbia, Week Ending January 22, 1915									
E. Mitchell,		SP	3	18	16	20 00	7 75		75
Mrs. Phillips		Crisis		3	5	1 25			1 25
J. H. Faust		Crisis		5	10	2 50			2 50
F. P. Cook		Crisis		2	10	2 50			2 50
H. Mould		DR		3	3	9 60			9 60
Mrs. Cleveland		Crisis		2	10	2 50			2 50
Mrs. Conaway		Crisis		8	35	8 75			1 25
J. Williams		Misc.		2	6	3 25			3 25
Miscellaneous									125 00
Totals	8 Agents		3	43	65	\$50 35	\$7 75		\$148 60

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Miss Peacock	7 50	Miss M. Sperry	2 00
Miss E. Sperry	2 50	S. Dickerson	2 50
A. H. Vorce	1 00	Mrs. H. E. Phillips	2 50
Mrs. M. J. Smith	2 50	Mrs. H. M. Cleveland	20 00
Miss Chandler	3 20	G. Augustine	3 50
	\$16 70		\$29 50

Chesapeake, Week Ending January 22, 1915

O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.	BR	5	38	20	62 00	5 75	67 75		
G. R. Apsley, Frederick Co.	BR	8	44	14	43 00	3 15	46 15	27 00	
M. S. Pettibone, Carroll Co.	BR	1	8	4	12 00	4 15	16 15	2 65	
G. W. Lawrence, Kent Co.	PPF	4	32	9	18 00	3 00	21 00		
John J. Martin, Caroline Co.	PPF	3	23	11	23 00	6 40	29 40		
C. Downey, Somerset Co.	PPF	4	29	16	33 00	6 60	39 60	2 10	
W. J. Vansant, Somerset Co.	PPF	4	29	17	36 00	4 25	40 25		
J. E. Jones, Sussex Co.	PPF	5	33	1	2 00	4 60	6 60	167 25	
N. O. Shaffer, Anne Arundele Co.	CK	4	29	9	13 50	50	14 00		
Totals	9 Agents		33	265	101 \$242 50	\$38 40	\$280 90	\$199 00	

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 22, 1915

W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	PPF	4	18	6	12 00	75	12 75		
Wm. H. Frizzell, Hagerstown	PPF	5	29	9	27 00	3 60	30 60		
W. B. Dunkinson, Tioga Co.	PPF	5	40	18	37 00	6 75	43 75	2 00	
S. H. Swingle, Carbonale Co.	SP	5	22	12	21 50	1 25	26 25	6 25	
W. C. Rahn, Carbondale Co.	DR	40	29	42	25	5 40	47 65	23 95	
F. Washburn, Philada.	PPF	5	13	2	5 00		5 00	2 00	
Totals	6 Agents		24	162	76 \$144 75	\$17 75	\$166 50	\$34 20	

West Virginia, Week Ending January 22, 1915

A. M. Dorman, Monongalia Co.	BR	4	45	20	69 00	6 00	75 00		
T. M. Butler, Dodridge Co.	BF	5	42	19	29 50	7 50	37 00	3 00	
W. A. McElphatrick, Tucker Co.	BR	5	36	5	15 00	24 85	39 85	2 10	
G. Earl Snyder, Cabell		5	35	12	41 00	3 00	44 00	7 00	
Henry Waggoner, Taylor Co.		4	29	14	48 00	4 20	52 20	40 00	
John McHenry, Wood Co.		4	16		12 00		12 00		
W. H. Wilcox, Pendleton Co.	BR		56					267 00	
Totals	7 Agents		27	259	70 \$214 50	\$45 55	\$260 05	\$319 10	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 22, 1915

A. Brownlee, Washington Co.	PPF	5	39	8	14 75	2 20	16 95	55 30	
C. Dunham, Allegheny Co.	GC	10	61	21	79 00		79 00	12 00	
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	BR	2	13	2	1 00		1 00	7 00	
C. E. Will, Washington Co.	CS	4	24	2	3 00	14 05	17 05		
Totals	4 Agents		21	137	33 \$103 75	\$16 25	\$120 00	\$74 30	

Virginia, Week Ending January 22, 1915

Raymond H. Young, Matthews Co.	GC	9	55	4	11 00	2 60	13 60	3 05
M. A. Maloney, King William Co.	CK	8	53	10	16 00	7 35	23 35	2 50
John G. Fasanko, Sussex Co.	BR	3	14	9	27 00	3 00	30 00	
Bennett Ham, Amherst Co.	BFL							178 45
Aubrey L. Gary, Danville	PPF	7	48	20	42 00	2 15	44 15	
Hugh G. Land, Middlesex Co.	PPF	3			67 00	1 75	68 75	
Totals	6 Agents	30	170	43	\$163 00	\$18 85	\$179 85	\$184 05

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Mrs. C. K. Kirby	Signs, Weekly and Monthly	4 70
Mrs. Lizzie Hegward	“ “ “	3 25
Frank F. Parsons	“ “ “	20 30
Carl F. Parsons	Signs, Watchman	4 00
		32 25

Grand Totals: 40 Agents Value of Orders \$916 85 Deliveries, \$959 25

radical change in diet. The history of Noah's descendants conspicuously demonstrate this conclusion by their rapid loss in years immediately after the flood. Shem lost 350 years and the years of men's lives dwindled to 175 in nine generations from Noah.

J. D. MONTGOMERY.

Academy

W. W. Eastman from Takoma Park, D. C. was a visitor at the Academy. He spoke to the church Sunday evening and to the students at the regular chapel period.

Merritt Eusey made a trip to Columbus last week. He spoke on the Religious Liberty question.

Mr. Mearl Klopfenstein, who has been attending the College at Washington this year, stopped at the Academy for a short visit while on his way home. We are sorry that on account of his father's illness it is necessary for Brother Klopfenstein to give up his school work this year.

The students of the Academy enjoyed a pleasant diversion from the regular routine last Tuesday afternoon. Six teams took them for a good long sleigh-ride.

Miss Ethyl Avery of Bowling Green, Ohio, enjoyed a short visit from her father last week.

We are sorry that on account of his father's failing health it was necessary for Mr. Earl Bisel to leave school.

The Ministerial Band, composed of fifty-four members, is doing progressive work this year. They are conducting services in a country school house and in Mount

Vernon. They have a good attendance of interested adults in both places.

Report of Bible Workers Band

The members of the Bible Workers Band are pleased to report to you the progressive work they are doing. We are a band of sixty members. Mrs. Ruhlkoetter who has been in active service as a Bible worker for over five years, is our leader, assisted by Miss Biederman and Miss Morris.

Our band meets as a whole during the regular chapel period, Thursday morning. Each week our meetings vary, being very interesting as well as instructive. In order that the young ladies may obtain the training necessary to fit them for Bible work, they take their turn conducting Bible readings before the band. We also receive a training of how to arrange a series of readings, also classify texts under various subjects. We have felt it necessary to study the qualifications of a Bible worker, thus giving us an all round training. Our work does not end here, but we do progressive work in the city. We have six regular studies every week in the city and recently received two more appointments, making a total of eight regular weekly readings in Mount Vernon.

On account of the band being so large, it was necessary to divide it into eleven smaller bands, which meet every week. In this way all may have an active part in giving Bible readings. They are not only organized for that purpose, but they are also prayer bands, praying for the workers and readings given in Mount Vernon.

A mailing band has also been recently organized and this band will have charge of the sending out of literature. Many good results are expected from the work that this band will do.

The following is a report of the work done since the beginning of school.

Letters written	84
Letters received	27
Missionary visits	104
Bible readings	40
Papers sold	25
Papers mailed lent or given away	207
Books lent or given away	46
Tracts lent or given away	175
Hours of Christian help work	87
Articles of clothing given away	84
Number of meals provided	12
Boquets given	6
Scripture cards given	14
Treatments given	34
Donations	\$6.41

The aim of every member of the band is, "One soul for Christ in 1915." Although this is for the entire year, we expect through the readings given, literature mailed and prayers of the band, to win many souls to Christ before school closes in May.

KATHARYN FICKES, Secretary.

Washington Missionary College News Notes

A new set of maps covering every phase of the development of the United States has been purchased for the History department.

An organization known as "The Sligo Clan" has been formed for the benefit of the younger boys of the Academic department. The Clan's avowed purpose is to help its members to become noble and true Christian men. Its motto is,—"Help the Other Fellow."

On New Year's eve the members of the College Literature class entertained the teachers and students, and a large number of friends. The class prepared a very appropriate and entertaining program for the occasion, in which they not only demonstrated their ability to present in a pleasing manner the works of famous authors, but also to produce, for themselves a considerable part of the program representing the original productions of members of the class. A happy New Year's spirit characterized the whole evening, and many expressions of appreciation were extended to the class.

A company of about twenty-five students paid an unconventional visit to Elder W. A. Spicer at his home last week. They represented those directly concerned in special preparation for foreign missions, at the College. A very enjoyable hour was passed in discussing the many problems which the young missionary meets, and the students left feeling confident that Elder Spicer would take a personal interest in their individual cases.

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During the recent week of prayer the faculty realized the importance of setting a high spiritual standard, and they accordingly planned all the regular work of the week so that the spiritual interests of the students would come first. A full recitation period was given up each day to the prayer bands which met in companies of ten or twelve. It was in these little heart-to-heart prayer and testimony meetings that the preparation was made which bore a rich harvest in the evening meetings. General consecration was manifest in all the meetings. Many of the bands have resolved to meet at least once a week throughout the year.

The first number of the College Lecture Course was given on the evening of January 10. Madame Lydia Montford, a native of Jerusalem, lectured on "The Nativity of Christ." Madame Montford seemed well versed in the traditional history of the Christ child, as handed down from generation to generation of the dwellers in the Holy Land, and cited many interesting and curious facts which threw some light upon the birth of our Saviour. The second lecture will be given in the near future by Dr. J. H. Gore, whose subject will be, "Belgium and Her People." The entire course will consist of six lectures, and the proceeds are to be added to the growing Library Fund.

"Strength for today is all we need,
As there never will be a to-morrow;
To-morrow will prove but another today.
With its measure of joy and sorrow."

"Life holds no privilege more precious
than to give itself in behalf of the lost."

OBITUARIES

JOHNSON.—James E. Johnson, aged 74 years, died January 18, 1915, of acute indigestion. Brother Johnson at the time of his death was senior deacon and treasurer of the Second Seventh-day Adventist church (colored) of Pittsburgh, Pa. He formerly belonged to the Methodist church but about seven years ago he united with the Seventh-day Adventists, being led into the truth through the pages of *the Times*. He was baptized by Elder W. H. Green. Our brother and fellow-soldier not only fought the battles of Prince Emmanuel, but also fought during the Civil War. He was never married. He was highly respected for his temperate life, and had a large circle of respectable friends who mourn their loss, but not as those who have no hope. Words of exhortation and comfort were spoken by the writer from 2 Sam. 14: 14 to a good congregation, after which we laid him to rest to await the coming of the Life-giver.

A. N. DURRANT.

SCHWARTZ.—Mrs. Alesa Schwartz was born in Herleshausen, Germany, April 29, 1839. From a child she was conscientiously brought up in the Lutheran faith. At the age of eighteen she came to America and made her home in Pottsville, Pa.

On January 10, 1864 she was united in marriage to Lewis Schwartz, and to them were born six children, three sons and three daughters, two sons died in infancy. Later the family moved to Williamsport, Pa., and in 1877, death claimed the husband and father.

In the year 1903 she moved with her son and family to Hollidaysburg, Pa., and in November 1914 was brought to Erie, Pa. For more than five years she has been a sufferer with heart disease. The last six months of her life this suffering was greatly increased by dropsy. But through it all her faith and courage did not waver. Her patience in affliction, her pleasant smile and words of cheer and helpfulness, were a great inspiration to all who were brought in contact with her.

In the year 1887 the Third Angel's Message was brought to Williamsport by Elders J. W. Raymond and Joel Robinson in a service of tent meetings. She attended the meetings from their beginning, and eagerly drank in the truths so new and beautiful to her. At the close of the tent effort, she with her son and daughters were baptized, and when the little company of believers were organized into a church, she was among the charter members. For a year and over the doors of her home were thrown open, and the church worshipped there until the conference tract society was located in Williamsport, and a building erected. Until her death she was faithful and God-fearing,— a

mother and friend to all who knew her.

In the early Sabbath hours of January 9 she fell asleep in Jesus—entering into rest, the rest for which she longed so much. Her parting words were to meet her around the throne of God.

She was in her seventy-sixth year, and leaves to mourn their loss one son and three daughters,—Elder W. F. Schwartz and Miss Elizabeth Schwartz of Erie, Pa., Mrs. Margaret C. Fisher of Williamsport, Pa., and Mrs. J. G. Excell of Cleveland, Ohio.

Funeral services at the home were conducted by Pastor J. G. Excell of Cleveland, Ohio. The immediate members of the family accompanied the remains to Williamsport where interment was made. Services at Williamsport were conducted by Pastor Excell and Elder G. L. West.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

There is a legend of one who traveled many years and over many lands, seeking God, but seeking in vain. Then returning home, and taking up her duties, God appeared to her in these, showing her that he was ever close beside her.

—J. R. Miller.

Advertisements

Approved advertisements will be published in the VISITOR at the rate of twenty-five cents for twenty words or less, and one cent for each additional word. Each group of initials or figures counts as one word. Cash and reference must accompany copy for all advertisements.

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