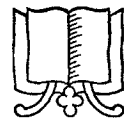


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Organization of the Martinsburg Church

It was my privilege to spend the Sabbath of June 12, with the little company at Martinsburg, West Virginia. The Spirit of God was greatly poured out upon our union together and we had a precious season in the early morning hour. About fourteen new ones were present who were prepared to unite in the newly to be organized church that afternoon; the majority of these were the results of the efforts of Elder G. A. Stevens who has recently gone to Martinsburg to reap the fruits of some who have sowed before him and to bring new sheaves into the garner of the Lord. It was surely a meeting in which a Christian spirit prevailed and we were all bound together with ties of brotherly love.

In the afternoon at three o'clock the meeting for the organization was held. Nineteen new members signed the covenant and were regularly formed into the church organization. Brother Stevens was chosen as pastor. Elder Hirlinger, president of the West Virginia Conference, was present to give his valuable assistance in the helpful enterprise. Brother Barney was chosen as elder of the new company. Other officers, such as deacon, clerk, treasurer, etc. were duly chosen. After the organization and election was over, the elder and the deacon were

solemnly ordained to their precious tasks. The spirit of God was present and we feel gratified to see this new church formed in this city which practically has never had any organization or any company to represent the truth within it.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Important Notice

It is to be regretted that the date for the opening of the coming convention to be held at Washington Missionary College has been changed so often. First the opening was set for July 29. Afterward it was changed to July 26. Now we hope that we can all be set right and lay our plans to be present July 28.

The opening meeting will be held in the evening of July 28, and it is earnestly requested that all representatives will be in place at 7:45 P. M. July 28.

Attention is also called to the importance of the summer school which will begin July 1, and continue six weeks, thus covering the period of the convention. It is the desire of the general Educational and Missionary Volunteer Departments to come in contact with every worker and every one interested in these two fields of activity.

Let all come praying that God may send light and power to those who must cope with the stupendous problem of saving our youth in this time of peril.

C. L. STONE.

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Annual Report of the Conference

Year Ending December 31, 1914

To the delegates, and all present at the annual session of the conference now assembled, Greeting.

This conference was organized in 1903. It has an area of 23,104 square miles, with a population of about three and a half millions. A large proportion of the population is found in the cities and towns.

We are thankful for the progress made in our work in 1914, and we saw the fulfillment of Psalms 110:3, which says, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power."

One hundred and sixteen persons were baptized. Ninety accepted the truth as a result of tent and hall efforts, and there was a net gain in membership of eighty-nine.

Time will be given for reports from those representing the various departments of the work, and for this reason I shall not go into detail. However, I will say that progress was made along the following lines:—Sabbath-school, Missionary Volunteer and Educational, Church Missionary, Religious Liberty, Medical, and Colporteur Work.

We felt it a privilege to raise \$8,219 for missions, and think the reaching of our goal will be a stimulus to more vigorous action. Our past experience encourages us to press on, believing that we shall again reach the goal.

The European war has not affected our tithes and offerings. For the first four months of 1915 our tithe shows an increase of \$925,000 over the first four months of last year. We realize that the angry nations and the spirit of war is a signal of the coming crash and the battle of Armageddon, but we are thankful that God's work moves steadily on.

We plan to place six tents in the field

this summer, one in each of the following places:—Pittsburgh, Greensburg, Altoona, Connellsville, Albion and in the Coudersport district.

We ask divine guidance and a new baptism of the Holy Spirit upon us as workers that we may go forth in the power of Christ, winning souls for him. There can be no genuine progress in religion without an unconditional surrender and consecration to God. The relation which we sustain to Christ stamps his value upon us as workers. May we be as pliable in his hands as the clay is in the hands of the potter. Our courage is good, and our prayer is that we may reach a higher standard this year in God's work than ever before.

F. H. ROBBINS, *President.*

School Interests at the West Pennsylvania Camp Meeting

Men who have been preaching the Third Angel's Message twenty, thirty, forty years, or more, said that the West Pennsylvania camp-meeting this year was the best meeting they had ever attended. The secret of it is told in one word, — prayer. The workers began praying as they began pitching the tents, some earnest ones among the young people took up the spirit as soon as the meeting began, and before its close one could scarcely find a place in the grove after the evening service where he could pray without hearing at the same time some one else's voice being lifted in petition to God. These prayers were answered in a remarkable way. There was no great outward demonstration, but the deep work of the Holy Spirit could be seen in the changed lives and purposes of the backslidden or unconverted, the strengthened resolves and renewed consecration of those who had been active Christian workers, the entire lack of criticism and hard feelings, and the seriousness and sobriety of both the old and the young.

Under such an influence it was only natural that the hearts and minds of parents and children should be turned toward our schools as a means of getting a preparation for the Lord's work. As a result of this feeling, many young people will be in our schools the coming year who have never been there before. Thirty-one, who were on the camp grounds and many who could not be there are planning to go to Mt. Vernon and some are going to Washington and other places. In some cases churches have pledged themselves to support one or more of their young people in school next year, and many of the young people are working very hard to get the means to go. Let us pray that success may attend the efforts put forth

in this direction and that our schools may next year be full of earnest young Christians who will soon go out as workers for God.

H. O. SWARTOUT.

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News Notes

Professor Otto M. John of the Washington Missionary College is making a tour of our conference in the interest of the educational work. He has been at Rock Hall, Willmington, Fords Store, and will also visit Hagerstown and Smithsburg, and return from there to attend our camp-meeting.

Have you seen that new book, "The Shadow of the Bottle?" If you have not you will surely want to order one.

Brother L. E. Fromm moved from Cambridge to Wilmington last week and expects to work there this summer.

The family of Elder R. H. Martin leave this week for Paterson New Jersey. Elder Martin has been laboring for some time in this conference, but accepted a call to New Jersey this spring and has been in that field for several weeks.

When this reaches our readers the camp-meeting will be in session. The spot is a beautiful one, the people are all we could wish, for courtesy, and they are very much interested in the outlook for the meeting in their section. We have, indeed, been very kindly received by the people of this beautiful section of Baltimore. We trust they may receive the truth as kindly.

Brother G. P. Rodgers is making active preparations for a tent effort in the city of Baltimore this summer. It is planned that he and Elder Seeney shall again labor here, and we ask the prayers of the people in this field that they may have even greater success than they had last year.

Please do not forget, in the interest in the camp-meeting, that this is the close of the quarter. Be sure to have all Sab-

bath-school reports, all Home Missionary reports and all Missionary Volunteer reports in to the office in good time. promptness is the key to success in any line of work. Then let us hear from you early.

Do you not think we have done well to have circulated more than 34,000 of the little Extras of the *Review and Herald* since their first issue last summer? It seems to me I hear you say, "Yes." My brother, my sister, how many have you circulated? A few of our lay members have circulated a good many thousand of them. Have you done as well?

Have you heard that Elder A. G. Daniels who has just returned to this country from the mission fields is going to have a series of articles dealing with conditions in the Orient,—the doors that are opening and the doors that are closing—with photographs from different parts of the world to illustrate them, in the *Signs of the Times* weekly, for the next three months? You will want to read these thrilling article's and you will want your friends to read them, will you not? Why not subscribe now?

Do not forget our magazines. They are worthy of your consideration. They always contain matter that is new and fresh.

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News Notes

Brethren W. A. Nelson and W. L. Bird and their wives are now located at Reedville, Va., where they will begin a series of tent meetings as soon as the necessary arrangements can be completed. This is a new field and we hope for much fruit in that vicinity as the result of the summer's campaign.

Elder F. E. Gibson and wife, assisted by Brother Hall and wife, began a tent effort near Colonial Beach, Va. Sunday evening, June 20. Some difficulty was experienced in getting the lumber and getting the tents in position owing to a severe rain and hail storm; but they are

Report of District of Columbia Churches for May

Church	Tithe	Total Tithe	20 cent a week	Total 20 cent
Alexandria No. 1.....		24 80		6 00
Alexandria No. 2.....		80		8 44
Arlington Church.....	19 53	82 38	19 96	57 79
Belmont Company.....		4 20		3 63
Chilton's Church.....	7 10	56 77	2 00	7 10
Colonial Beach.....	8 28	32 29	5 65	23 10
Clifton Station Company....	8 00	17 00		6 05
Conference Church.....	13 72	82 12	3 00	30 03
First Church.....	122 23	669 42	8 17	61 37
Kilmarnock Church.....	17 65	411 80	7 98	73 13
Memorial Church.....	301 62	1504 81	90 20	440 31
Mt. Gilead Company.....		39 97		4 93
Mt. Rainier Church.....	20 49	105 20	5 29	20 96
People's Church.....	157 71	696 28	16 70	90 64
Sligo Church.....	529 33	1628 02	123 14	646 06
Takoma Park Church.....	1003 61	4204 88	159 63	951 62
Signs of the Times.....			29 53	29 53
Totals	\$2209 27	\$9560 44	\$471 25	\$2460 69

Report of Twenty-cent-a-Week Fund to May 31, 1915

Church	Members	Goal at \$4.31	Am't Rec'd	Am't Short	Am't Ahead
Alexandria No. 1	10	43 10	6 00	37 10	
Alexandria No. 2	17	73 27	8 44	64 83	
Arlington	30	129 30	57 79	71 51	
Belmont Company			3 63		3 63
Chilton's	10	43 10	7 10	36 00	
Colonial Beach	8	34 48	23 10	11 38	
Clifton			6 05		6 05
Conference	9	38 79	30 03	8 76	
First Church	90	387 90	61 37	326 53	
Kilmarnock	16	68 96	73 13		4 17
Memorial	105	452 55	440 31	12 24	
Mt. Gilead Co.			4 93		4 93
Mt. Rainier	25	107 75	20 96	86 79	
Peoples'	120	517 20	90 64	426 56	
Sligo	123	530 13	646 06		115 93
Takoma Park	263	1129 22	951 62	177 60	
Signs of the Times			29 53		29 53
Totals	825	\$3555 75	\$2460 69	\$1259 30	\$164 24

Net Shortage \$1,095 06

of good courage and depending on our prayers and God's guidance to see them through. They have already made many friends in the vicinity and the prospects are bright.

All arrangements for the Lord's aggressive work in Washington for the summer, in charge of Elder R. E. Harter, with headquarters in the larger tent located on the corner of Eleventh and "C" Streets, Southeast, have been completed. The tent has been erected this week and the first meeting will be held Sunday evening, June 27.

Brother I. A. Steinel has charge of the music and already has an organized choir of more than fifty voices who will sound forth the Master's praises from the new "Songs of Zion" through the summer, calling the honest-hearted of Washington to spend the evenings in the big, cool tent, hearing the words of truth.

We confidently solicit the earnest co-operation of every believer, in the work

of our tent companies. You can do your part by putting forth every personal effort to be present as often as possible and bring others, by giving the meetings and subjects as wide publicity, by word of mouth and otherwise, as possible, and, by no means least, by your constant and sincere prayers that the meetings may all result in success evidenced by many souls saved in our eternal home.

Quoting from Resolutions passed by our Annual Conference of April 11, 1915:

"Whereas: The tent meetings afford excellent opportunity for our brethren and sisters to get their relatives, and friends, and neighbors in touch with present truth, therefore:

"Resolved: That we urge upon all, the importance of attending these meetings as often as consistent, and heartily co-operating in every way possible, that the very best results may be secured from this season's efforts."

We publish, in this issue, report of churches for the month ending May 31.

Those who have observed these reports will note that the tithe for May is the largest for any month thus far this year. We are pleased to note this increase. Our work usually runs by increases anyway. It is only by these faithful efforts of believers, however, that our message can be carried to all the world. And "Let us not be weary in well doing". We trust that the \$2,209.27 tithe received in May represents an honest tithe of every dollar of income by the believers in this conference for that month. Does it? If not, someone is not doing his God-required duty. Will God overlook such an omission?

Let us consider the report of the Twenty-cent-a-week Mission Funds. Our report last month showed a net shortage of \$874.80, this month it shows a net shortage of \$1,095.09. We are falling short at the rate of \$200 per month. Can we estimate the loss from shortage in this account by dollars and cents? No, it can only be measured by the shortage in souls saved, retardation of our work and decrease in the blessings of God that is our promised reward for faithfulness in doing all that we can. We anticipate that some of this shortage will be regained in the thirteenth Sabbath offerings at the close of this quarter but it is important that we adopt some means for keeping these donations up to the mark each month. Can we do it?

The canvassing work is onward in the D. C. Conference. Brother Paul Hottel entered the field in Fauquier County this week with "Past, Present and Future" and a firm determination to introduce the truth into many homes through the sale of our literature.

Brother and Sister B. Richards have taken up the work in Loudoun County with "Bible Readings".

The Messenger Boat canvassing company has ordered some \$800 worth of books for delivery during the early part of July.

The success of this work is evidencing the earnest prayers of many in its behalf, who will enjoy a share of the blessings of its reward through eternity. Are you one of them?

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News Notes

Did you read Elder R. C. Porter's brief appeal for the work in Central China? *Review*, June 17.

Brother V. O. Panches spent the past week in the northwest part of the state assisting canvassers located in that section.

Decide now to attend the campmeeting. Then plan to that end for August 12 is not far distant. Write to the conference office for any information that will enable you to successfully carry out that decision. The privileges at this annual gathering will be well worth many efforts to enjoy them.

Miss Bessie Acton returned last week from St. Helena, Cal. where she attended the Educational Convention as one of the delegates from Columbia Union Conference.

What special opposition do our people meet in Roumaina? Elder Conradi tells about it in the *Review* of June 17.

We have just received a supply of the new song books, "Songs of Zion" which are designed to be used in tent meetings where a good selection of songs which breathe forth the spirit of the pure doctrine of the Bible and of Christ's power to save men from their sins are needed. These books are not designed for use in Sabbath-school and church services but for evangelistic meetings. They are put out in two styles of binding. Paper binding at 15 cents and a red cloth binding at 30 cents. Order of Ohio tract society.

Miss Liela Westfall, stenographer at the conference office spent the past two weeks at her home in Brighton, Mich.

In placing your order for cots, please bear in mind that the kind having mattresses with them are all rented. You can substitute with the other style of cots and if preferable, bring a tick, for straw may be obtained on the ground at reasonable prices to take the place of that mattress you intended to order.

It was our privilege to administer the rite of baptism to five adults at Dayton, Sabbath, June 19. These persons rejoice in their new found faith and the hope of the return of their Saviour.

J. J. MARIETTA.

Have you read that last issue of the *Review*, filled from cover to cover with articles vital to all in efforts to keep apace with the last message? But first, are you a subscriber? Some say they cannot do without it. Neither can you, if the importance of it is realized.

It will be of interest to the readers of the *Visitor* to know that it has been arranged for Elder A. G. Daniels to submit series of articles for publication in the *Signs* weekly covering a period of about three months regarding the conditions in the Orient—the doors that are opening and the doors that are closing. These articles will be well illustrated with numerous photographs from different parts of the world, and are exclusively for the *Signs* weekly and will not appear in any other paper.

Has your church sent in its quota of two subscriptions-per-member in the special *Sign's* campaign? Why not send the *Signs* to five of your friends for six months at the special price of 65 cents each? Order now.

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News Notes

Recently three of the Washington College students met with the Covington (Tioga County) church over Sabbath and Sunday. These young men, whose names are Shelhass, Coon and Patterson, had just come from the college where they had enjoyed the helpful instructions of the teachers in that excellent institution. Upon request they conducted a few meetings with the church and also the outside people who came out to the studies they gave. Thus they are imparting to others the good things they received during their first year in Washington Missionary College. May the Lord bless these young men with such a vision of the truth of God and the needs of this poor, lost world that they will ever by word of mouth and by godly lives, daily witness to the truth and power of their Redeemer, in whatever capacity they may live and serve God.

On Saturday evening at Hawley, Pa., Mrs. Anna Donachy and Mr. Frank French were united in marriage by Elder H. M. J. Richards. It was a quiet unostentatious wedding and was held in the home of Sister Bigart the mother of Mrs. Donachy. Only members of the family were present besides one lady friend of the family and the minister presiding.

Mrs. Donachy was for a long time treasurer of the Hawley-Honesdale church and Brother French was the elder. Both are faithful workers in the local church which had just been named the Honesdale-Hawley church from the fact that the majority of the members now reside at or near Honesdale. The good wishes of all are with Brother and Sister French in the new Christian home they have established on a farm near Honesdale. They have moved on the old homestead where Brother French had spent his early life.

NEW JERSEY

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Sabbath School Work

Some time ago a most encouraging letter was received from one of our Sabbath-schools, a part of which we quote:

"I think the following figures will be interesting. In 1912 our Sabbath-school offerings for the entire year were \$113.42; 1913, \$264.50; 1914, \$351.99 and now the first quarter of this year \$126. You will notice that the offering for 1913 was more than double that of 1912. I believe that was the result of having a goal.

"Two weeks previous to the close of the quarter I called the attention of the school to the thirteenth Sabbath offering, using the map of the world. I pointed out the field, and spoke of the privilege of giving to the cause. Our secretary's daughter enlarged the cartoon in the thirteenth Sabbath booklet, and we fastened that on the map just to the left of Malaysia, so the ship was heading and the dollars running toward Malaysia.

"The next Sabbath we reminded them of the offering again, telling them not to forget the barrels. Just before the offering was taken up on the last Sabbath, four persons sang the song in the booklet. Back of it all there was earnest prayer that God would give them the spirit of liberality."

The Lord surely answered their prayers; for with an average attendance of only fifty-two the thirteenth Sabbath offering for this Sabbath-school was \$47.75. The plan was simple, yet very effective! Why should not all our schools try it, and succeed? ELLA IDEN.

The German Work in New Jersey

I am glad to report that the dear Lord is with us in the good work of soul-winning. In the last two months, with the faithful help of two Bible workers, we have been able to add fifteen souls to our forces, one reclaimed and fourteen baptized. Of these, nine are in Paterson, three in Jersey City, and three in Newark. The churches are of good courage and hard at work. The Bible workers are finding new readers continually and we expect in a short time to have four or five more ready for baptism. To the Lord of the harvest be all the praise. S. S. SHROCK.

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To the Churches of the Virginia Conference

As you already know through the VISITOR, I am to have charge of the conference school at New Market this coming year.

Under Elder and Mrs. Kime the school has just closed a successful year; the most successful in its history, and it is my most earnest desire that this success may be continued in the future. To that end I trust that I may have the prayerful and hearty co-operation, and support of all our people that the school may be a success and be blessed of the Lord so that many of the young people in this conference may be educated in the truth and brought to accept the Lord as their leader, and fitted for active service in the Master's vineyard.

I am anxious to get in touch with all the parents who have children that should be in school preparing and fitting for future usefulness, also with the young people themselves, or with any one that is interested in the cause of Christian education. To that end I solicit the co-operation of all interested in making the coming year a successful school year, and would be pleased to have you write me in regard to the school and its work.

The school calendar will soon be ready for distribution, and we desire to place one in the home of every member of the conference, therefore, I wish that those desiring calendars would send me their addresses.

We trust that you will remember us and the school in your prayers.

E. F. DRESSER, *Principal.*

News Notes

The good work in the canvassing field is still forward. Brother Trummer in Smyth County takes the lead this week with a record of \$123. He has been hindered by the authorities requiring a license for his work, but it happened that Brother George was in the town where the judge resides and was able to adjust the matter. Good reports are also in from all the canvassers. Some are busy delivering this week and have not reported.

We trust all are remembering and planning to attend the annual Conference to be held in Charlottesville with the camp-meeting August 5-15. Let those who are desiring tents to place their order in the tract society as soon as possible, also arrangements will be made for rooms for those who desire.

The tent meetings in Richmond continue to increase in interest and the attendance is excellent. The fine new tent is erected and gives a commanding appearance for the work. Elder J. B. Mallory has also started at Newport News, with the colored effort, and the outlook is good. Elders Beckner and Bidwell have moved their effort Mathews County to Gwynn, Virginia. As the people did not seem to come back after the heavy storm and the tent suffered from the flood.

Special

Adventist Music

God the All Musical, in every great movement connected with his work of creation and redemption has always had special music exactly appropriate for the time and the occasion. At creation's dawn there was no note of sadness in the great anthem of praise when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy over the finished work, when the Supreme Judge himself had declared that all was very good. But when redemption is finished in the great song of praise there is a minor strain sweeter than chord in creation's song, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain and hast redeemed us by thy blood."

This sweetest song of all, will have in it a pathetic touch of sadness, a memory of sorrow and pain, then forever ended. The song at redemption's consummation is wondrously fitting for the glorious victory over death and sin.

When God had brought Israel out of the Red Sea while their enemies, the Egyptians, were drowned, "Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea." Ex. 15; 1.

Jesus sang with his disciples, and the inspired command by the Apostle Paul is, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord". Music, suitable for the time, has always played a most important part in all the history of the church and the Reformation. Luther was not only a great preacher, but a musician, a composer and a sweet singer. In the darkest hours when it seemed that only ruin and death were before him he called his friends and sang with them songs of faith and trust appropriate for the great struggle through which they were passing.

With John Wesley in his great work was intimately associated his brother Charles Wesley, the singer and song writer, who probably wrote more hymns than any other man. Among these is that immortal song that will never grow old, "Jesus Lover of My Soul". The music of Charles Wesley and the preaching of John Wesley was a combination of great power.

Coming down to modern times, with D. L. Moody, one of the sincerest and truest of all modern evangelists, was closely associated Ira D. Sankey, who performed the wonderful, and before unheard of feat of composing and singing at the same time, in the presence of a great meeting, the music, of the song "Ninety and Nine," and whose earnest heart singing it is probable, equally with Mr. Moody's preaching, helped to accomplish their good work. Their names go down together in history, "Moody and Sankey," the preacher and the singer.

In the early Advent movement the hymns on the subject of the coming of the Lord, sung with intense earnestness and solemnity had a wonderful effect on the hearers. James White, one of the great leaders in the great Second Advent Movement of 1844, was very musical, a powerful and an excellent singer. And there were many others who sang with heart and soul and voice, and with telling effect the coming of the Lord. Many of us have heard one of the oldest living pioneers tell of his first acquaintance with the First Angel's Message, and of

the mighty converting power of the first advent song he heard, that brought him at once to acknowledge the truth of that message. At one time an Adventist company was arrested for disturbing the people with their singing. At the command of the judge before whom they were tried, they sang three of the thrilling Advent hymns, and were set free at once with the statement that, "If people are disturbed with that kind of singing they ought to be disturbed."

My father and mother well remember, and both of my grandfathers and grandmothers took part in the great movement of 1844. As a boy, how many times in the evening twilight have I heard them, with other pioneers, sing the old Advent hymns in a manner that thrilled me through and through, and set every nerve and every drop of blood, and my very heart, to vibrating. Since then I have heard many of the greatest singers and musicians in the world, but never have I heard music that so powerfully impressed me as the soul singing of the old pioneers in the Advent Message of the simple yet mighty Advent hymns.

Think you that the close of this work will come and find us using any music inappropriate for our great message? Every great religious movement has had music of its own, appropriate for the time and the occasion, and for the special message. This message in its closing power will have such music. We do not need to imitate the music of Babylon, anymore than we need to imitate the preaching of Babylon. Thank God that we still have some real Advent music, but we shall have a far greater revival of distinctive Advent singing appropriate for the most solemn and awful crisis the world has ever known. The Advent hymns when sung with the Advent spirit, bring into the meetings the presence and power of God, whose spirit is so effectively banished by much of the modern light music, many have been accustomed to hear and to sing in the popular churches.

There was never before such a flood of cheap music, dance music, "ragtime", as today. The Satanic, Sodomie dances of today are a sign the end is just upon us. The cheap, sensational, sentimental hymns of today, many of them come from the same school of music. In speaking of modern revivals, "Great Controversy, that wonderful book which should be studied today more than ever before, says on page 464, "There is an emotional excitement, a mingling of the true with the false, that is well adapted to mislead."

It is true there are many grand old hymns like, "Jesus Lover of My Soul," "Nearer My God to Thee," "Rock of Ages," etc., that always will be appropriate. It is true that there are some

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending June 18, 1915									
A. E. Schuster, Adams Co.		BR	5	42	14	48 00	2 40	50 40	3 00
L. H. Waters, Paulding Co.		PPF	5	41	20	38 00	1 50	39 50	4 50
H. W. Barto, Pickaway Co.		PG	5	33	10	35 00	4 25	39 25	
Wayne P. Barto, Pickaway Co.		PG	5	41	7	24 50	5 95	30 45	2 55
W. S. Syphers, Fayette Co.		BR	4	38	14	42 00	2 25	44 25	
F. D. Wells, Licking Co.		GC	5	37	21	70 00	17 00	87 00	14 40
Ira M. Rickett, Highland Co.		ES	4	37	6	20 00	75	20 75	6 50
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.		BR	4	37	10	30 00	5 75	35 75	2 25
H. O. Kohr, Knox Co.		DR	4	35	12	37 00	8 50	45 50	9 00
Glenn Draper, Van Wert Co.		BR	4	33	4	12 00	11 50	23 50	9 45
Ethel Howard, Medina Co.		BR	4	31	18	60 00	5 50	65 50	50
J. L. Smith, Harrison Co.		BR	4	31	4	13 00	3 00	16 00	5 25
Mary Holder, Medina Co.		BR	4	30	8	24 00	6 50	30 50	
F. M. Russell, Harrison Co.		GC	4	29	17	52 00	11 75	63 75	
A. W. Perrine, Adams Co.		BR	4	29	5	15 00	75	15 75	75
George Johnson, Tuscarawas Co.		BR	3	25	5	15 00	2 75	17 75	
Elsie Haughey, Williams Co.		BR	5	25	6	18 00	6 75	24 75	85
Mrs. Ira Rickett, Highland Co.		ES	3	23	2	15 00	75	15 75	6 00
C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.		BR	2	33	12	40 00		40 00	
R. E. Simpson, Hardin Co.		BR	3	20	6	19 00	2 00	21 00	4 50
J. L. Holder, Wayne Co.		BR	3	20	5	16 00	4 60	20 60	2 10
Katheryn Fickes, Williams Co.		BR	8	40	10	25 00	7 20	32 20	1 40
Marie Snider, Williams Co.		BR	9	44	5	15 00	9 40	24 40	
C. R. Fairchild, Hardin Co.		BR	2	18	8	26 00	2 95	28 95	16 50
Daisy Crist									3 25
Totals	25 Agents		90	855	232	\$709 50	\$123 75	\$833 25	\$92 75

West Virginia, Week Ending June 18, 1915

C. G. Mays, Roane Co.	COL	5	59	17	25 50	3 40	28 90	1 30
G. Earl Snyder, Cabell Co.	BR	5	55	6	18 00	28 35	46 35	1 20
T. M. Butler, Marion Co.	BR	5	50	23	81 00	17 75	98 75	3 00
J. R. Medlin, Raleigh Co.	HM	5	43	23	46 00	15 25	61 25	3 00
E. R. Corder, Raleigh Co.	COL	5	42	34	51 00	3 00	54 00	
Guy Corder, Kanawha Co.	BF	5	42	32	48 00	3 00	51 00	1 50
J. S. Seal, Roane Co.	COL	4	34	20	29 50	4 20	33 70	11 95
W. H. Wilcox, Wood Co.	BR	3	32	8	28 00		28 00	51 85
Jesse Tanner, Cabell Co.	SB	5	26	83	21 50		21 50	
Albert Tanner, Cabell Co.	SB	5	25	66	17 00		17 00	
Totals	10 Agents	47	407	312	\$365 50	\$74 95	\$440 45	73 80

Chesapeake, Week Ending June 18, 1915

M. S. Pettibone, Carrol Co. Md.	BR	3	26	4	12 00	8 00	20 00	88 00
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.	BR	4	36	10	30 00	3 25	33 25	3 75
G. R. Apsley, Frederick Co.	BR	3	25	6	18 00	3 00	21 00	
J. E. Jones, Sussex Co. Del.	PPF	4	35	15	31 00	16 10	47 10	10 10
D. W. Percy, Sussex Co. Del.	PPF	4	43	27	59 00		59 00	
Clifton Downey, Somerset Co.	BR	2	12					52 72
Totals	6 Agents		20	177	62 \$150 00	\$30 25	\$180 25	\$154 57

Virginia, Week Ending June 18, 1915

Max Trummer, Smyth Co.	DR	5	53	33	103 00	20 30	123 30		
Harold Harter, Scott Co.	GC	5	60	29	79 00	3 25	82 25		
William Hottel, Scott Co.	GC	5	50	30	79 00	3 35	82 35		
L. A. King, Montgomery Co.	GC	10	98	30	128 00	2 50	130 50		
S. P. Jones, Northampton Co.	BR	5	42	18	55 00	19 80	74 80		
T. C. Cunningham, Washington Co.	BR	5	28	2	7 00	1 20	8 20		
Herald Jenkins, Montgomery Co.	BR	5	41	6	17 00	9 40	26 40		
T. D. Gibson, Augusta Co.	BR	3	21	11	36 00	75	36 75	114 00	
Tennant Bliss, Montgomery Co.	BR	5	29	1	3 00	2 05	5 05		
John Fasanko, Shenandoah Co.	CK	5	35	13	19 50	3 50	23 00		
M. A. Maloney, Essex Co.	CK	8	63	53	17 50	8 20	25 70	65 50	
Chas. S. Hottel, Warren Co.	CK	5	33	31	35 00	15 00	50 00		
W. H. Hunt, Washington Co.	WC			70				65 25	
Totals	13 Agents		66	633	257	\$581 00	\$89 30	\$670 50	\$244 75

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Carl Parsons	6 90	Frank Parsons	13 90
Total			\$20 80

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending June 11, 1915

W. B. Dunkinson, Tioga Co.	PPF	4	33							110 75
Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	GC	3	24	3	11 00	3 75	14 75			
F. Washburn, Bucks Co.	PPF	5	36	3	6 00	6 75	12 75			
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.	BF	2	12	4	6 00	1 50	7 50			
W. L. Latham, Hanover Co.		5	52	16	41 00	1 50	42 50			
D. E. Rebok, Luzerne Co.	DR	5	50	34	106 00	6 75	112 75			
E. L. Lutz, Luzerne Co.	DR	5	52	14	44 00	4 20	48 20			
H. C. Baumgartner, Wayne Co.	PG	5	45	10	35 00	11 10	46 10			
Totals		8 Agents			\$249 00	\$35 55	\$284 55	\$110 75		

Grand Totals: 62 Agents Value of Orders \$2055 00 Deliveries, \$676 62

Monthly Summary of Canvassers' Reports

Month Ending April 30, 1915

Conference	Colporteurs	Hours	Orders	Value	1914
Ohio	20	1859	413	2021 15	1643 60
Chesapeake	7	783	317	1029 55	1288 95
New Jersey	9	825	309	1023 55	514 40
West Pennsylvania	13	1075	376	965 45	317 37
West Virginia	7	745	340	959 00	497 60
Virginia	8	647	674	663 40	630 60
District of Columbia	5	322	178	564 20	
East Pennsylvania	8	637	226	489 10	814 70
Totals	77	6893	2853	\$7715 40	\$5706 62

modern hymns that are good, but very much that is simply sentimental trash. A hymn of that kind will spoil the best sermon, paralyze the effect of the most earnest prayer. I well remember hearing after a most earnest sermon, a modern consort sentimental song, sung, with manifest pride and affectation, and the effect of the sermon was wholly ruined. I also well remember hearing a person who often boasted of being "up to date" in the line of music, lead a hymn, with good words, so rapidly to a dance tune, that moved the feet rather than the heart, that the meeting was completely spoiled.

Let us sing of the coming of Christ, of the heavenly home, and of the great truths of our distinctive message. And let us select true, substantial music. God will no doubt have music written directly for the closing work, but many of the old hymns, if sung with the spirit, would be a mighty blessing to God's people. It is sad to see that to many "of the generation which knew not" the old Advent spirit and the old Advent music, some of the sweetest most spiritual of the old Advent hymns are entirely new, "Jesus Soon Is Coming, This Is My Song," "O Brother Be Faithful," "We Have Heard from the Bright the Holy Land," etc., (Numbers 872, 509, 1010 etc., in "Hymns and Tunes"). May God give us a revival of true Advent singing, old and new, that will shake the world, and hasten the time

when we shall join in the great victory song of Moses and the Lamb at the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

J. S. WASHBURN.

The Systematic Lending of Tracts

No plan for the distribution of literature has proved more successful than that of systematically lending our tracts. The plan is a very simple one. Two or three tracts are placed in an envelope on which is printed information to the effect that this is a free circulating library, that the tracts will be left for a week to be read, then called for, and others supplied in their place.

There are many advantages in this plan. It enables the members to call regularly week after week on their neighbors, and so to become acquainted with them. As the people read the tracts, they will begin to ask questions in regard to the points which interest them, and this will open the way for supplying other literature on these points or of making appointments for Bible readings.

This systematic house to house work also insures that every house is visited and all are given opportunity to receive a knowledge of the truth. It is an easy method of work, suited to the backward, the timid, and the inexperienced. It is an economical plan, for the packages of

tracts may be used several times, as long as they keep clean.

These tract packages are now put up in very convenient form. There are 25 cent packages, containing one complete set of ten envelopes, each containing three tracts, carefully arranged in order so as to present first the points of truth the least likely to arouse prejudice, and gradually working up to those in which the test is more severe.

The \$1.00 packages contain four complete sets, and the \$5.00 packages contain twenty-five complete sets. The prices of all these packages are below what it would cost to purchase the tracts and envelopes separately, and the \$5.00 packages give an additional reduction. They are therefore the best for our churches to buy, as this gives them a supply of these tract lending packages at a very inexpensive rate.

We hope that all our churches companies will take up this tract lending work during the summer. It would be suitable work for Sabbath afternoons, if no other time is available. Especially should places where tent meetings are to be held be worked in this way, as it will prepare the way before the ministers, and sow the seed from which they may reap a harvest.

E. M. GRAHAM.

The Summary

It will be seen by the accompanying summary for May that the Union gain is a little over \$2,000. This will look good to those who, in a special way, have been struggling to make a gain over last year's record.

I am sure that we all feel that we are not doing, as yet, nearly as much as we should in speaking the truth through the printed page. Never has there been such a time as this to interest the public in God's last warning message as the present. "Men's hearts are failing them for fear and for looking after these things that are coming upon the earth." Men are everywhere asking, "What do these things mean?" Dear reader are you telling them? Are you telling them in the right way? Do you know of a better way than by the printed page? There are scores of God's commandment keeping people who should enlist for service in the colporteur work. "We have no time now to give our energies and talents to worldly enterprises." *Test. Vol. 9, page 104.*

Pray earnestly that the Lord will show you your place in his service.

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Academy

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon D. Hagmann gave a very warm welcome to a fine baby boy, June 24.

They are very proud of him and we feel that he will be of great assistance to them in the work of editing the VISITOR.

Anticipating a full attendance in our commercial department for the coming year, the commercial room is being enlarged by the addition of three new offices and a typewriting room.

Considerable papering, painting and plastering is being done at the academy.

The Lord has blessed the academy with an abundant crop of hay which is being stored away for the winter's use.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Hamilton, of Mesopotamia Ohio, are pleased to announce the birth of a son, Robert Willard, May 17.

Mrs. Laura Miller, who has been teaching school at Newark, N. J., and her little son Esta visited the academy family last Sabbath and Sunday.

Miss Ethel Howard is having fine success in Medina County. In three and a half days, she sold \$65.50 worth of books.

The Misses Wheeler and Kneeland spent Sabbath and Sunday in Mansfield.

Professor H. O. Swartout returned from the West Pennsylvania camp-meeting last week. While there he secured the names of thirty-one young people who are planning definitely, on coming to Mount Vernon Academy the coming year. Of these, about twenty-four have not attended the academy before.

Mrs. Neff and her daughter Jennie, on their way from La Grange, Ill., to East Pennsylvania, stopped at the academy for a few days' visit.

No doubt former students will be glad to know that the young people's meetings are still being carried on. The summer class in History of Missions gave the program last Sabbath.

A splendid interest has been awakened in Mount Vernon during the past few weeks. Mrs. King has been holding Bible reading in several homes in the city.

The readings given on Wednesday evening have been largely attended, from ten to twelve being present each week. Some people who have been very prejudiced are being won over to the precious truths of the Third Angel's Message.

Every piece of work that we do which is well done is so much help; every piece of pretense and halfheartedness is so much hurt.—William Morris.

OBITUARIES

MARSHAL.—Mrs. Catherine Stanton Marshal was born in Union Township Hancock Co. O. February 25, 1847. Died June 1, 1915 at the age of 68 years 3 months and 4 days. She was a faithful Christian and died in the faith of the Third Angel's Message words of comfort were spoken by the writer, from Revelation 14:13.

F. M. FAIRCHILD.

THOMAS.—Christiana Thomas was born at Black Creek, Pa., April 23, 1830.

In the month of May, 1862, she was united in marriage to Josiah Jackson Thomas. Five children were born of this union, two of whom are still living, Mrs. Wm. Earl of Southdale, and Simpson Thomas of South Hampton, N.Y.

She was converted at the age of 17 and joined the Methodist church. Some years later, in February of 1892, she heard the Seventh Day Adventist message, and felt it to be the call of God to her. She was baptized the following spring and united with the church, of which she remained a faithful and consistent member until the time of her death.

On the seventh day of May, she received a fall sustaining injuries and a shock from which at her advanced age she was unable to rally and which resulted in her death May 19, 1915 aged 85 years and 26 days.

The writer conducted the funeral services Friday evening from the home at Southdale, and preached another sermon Sabbath morning in the M. E. Church seven miles South of Catawisse where the body was taken for burial.

F. A. HARTER.

A Request

I am connected with the Press Bureau of the General Conference, and am sending matter for the "People's Forum" to the daily papers in your territory. On account of the distance, I have no way of ascertaining definitely whether it is being published. Will the VISITOR readers watch for and clip these articles, and send them to me?

I would suggest that the clippings be sent through the local, or nearest elder, to avoid needless duplications, but where it is desirable they may be sent directly to me at 257 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

I desire to make as permanent as possible this feature of my work. May I ask for your continued co-operation in this respect until you are further advised by me?

S. E. ST. AMANT.

Camp Meeting Dates

Columbia Union Conference

Chesapeake, Hamilton Avenue Grove, Baltimore, Md., June 24-July 4.
New Jersey, Burlington, June 24-July 4.
Ohio, Academia, Mt. Vernon, Aug. 12-22.
Virginia, Charlottesville August 5-15.
West Virginia, August 26-September 5.

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