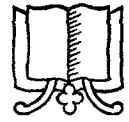
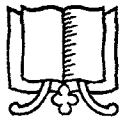


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The New Jersey Camp Meeting

The New Jersey camp-meeting opened up at Burlington, New Jersey, with a large attendance; something like 450 were present, which is about one-third more than the attendance at the camp-meeting in 1914. The camp was pitched on some large public grounds very near the center of the city, and as Burlington lies between Camden and Trenton, it made an excellent location accessible to the brethren from the different parts of the state.

The report of the president showed that the work during 1914 in New Jersey had been onward. He reported 143 baptisms for the year, which made an increase in membership for the conference of 96 members. There was also a goodly increase in tithe and offerings. The tithe for 1913 was \$18,511 and for 1914, \$19,557, which made an increase of \$1,046. Likewise the foreign mission offerings on the twenty-cent-a-week fund in 1913 was \$5,414; for 1914 \$7,973, or an increase of about \$2500. There was also built in the conference a beautiful, new, substantial church building for one of the companies. This building is worth about \$5,000.

One special feature of the camp-meeting was the voting of the eleven o'clock hour to personal work by the conference laborers among the people of the camp, visiting them in the tents, praying with them and helping in every way possible. The campers remained in their tents during this hour, and it was a most profitable season for all. They felt this to such an extent that in the closing meeting the conference voted that this same plan be followed the coming year.

Arrangements were made to put six tent companies into the field. The number baptized at the camp-meeting was eighteen. No effort was made this year

as in 1914 to sell magazines, books, and other literature from the pulpit. The brethren felt that as far as possible the pulpit should be kept for the preaching of the Word and the labor for souls. In consequence something like \$1,000 worth of literature was passed over the counter of the book tent, which was the best sales reported for any camp-meeting previously held in New Jersey.

The brethren responded liberally to the call for foreign missions, and something like \$1,735 was raised. This covered the deficit of New Jersey up-to-date. In behalf of the tent and camp-meeting fund, an appeal elicited a good substantial response to the amount of \$532.

Owing to the New Jersey camp-meeting coming at the same time as the Chesapeake Conference, and these two in turn overlapping the East Pennsylvania meeting, it was impossible for the laborers of the union to spend very much time in New Jersey. However, we were favored at this camp-meeting with help from such missionaries as Brother Prieger from Haiti, Sister Burroway from India, and Professor Shaw from the Washington Training College.

All those in attendance felt they had received a great blessing, so much so that the prospects will be bright for a good attendance at the camp-meeting of 1916.

B. G. WILKINSON.

NEW JERSEY

President's Report

The year 1914 has been one fraught with many important and thrilling events. In it the last message to the world has gone farther than ever before, the tithe has been greater and the mission offerings have been more. It has been a year of rapid fulfillment of prophecy. The four angel's are letting loose their hold on the

winds of strife and the War Dogs of Europe and nearly all the world are flying at each others' throats. The world has been plunged in the most tremendous struggle that it has ever experienced. It is evident that the time of trouble is upon this old world and only those who have their names written in the Lamb's Book of Life will be able to escape.

The year 1914 has seen advancement in nearly every line of work in this conference. We can see marked evidence of the leading of God in the work of the message here yet we are able as we look back over the year's work to see mistakes that have been made, wrong steps have been taken. I am afraid we have not followed as closely to the Saviour as we ought to have done.

Mistakes are bad and we should endeavor to profit by them and not repeat them. To persist in a wrong course is inexcusable and a laborer who will not put forth every effort to overcome mistakes should be dealt with.

The laborers of this conference have been blessed with health and but few of the lay members have been called to their rest. There have been changes made in the laboring force during the year. Some have gone to other fields, others have taken up other lines of work. Elder Hanhardt was called to take up work in the Massachusetts Conference. Elder Panntoke took his place here but on account of a wrong course he was asked to look elsewhere for work. Elder Moffett was called to take the presidency of the Virginia Conference and Elder Baierle was asked to take his place. At the time of our last Conference Brother Lawry was asked to take the tract society work of this conference. The first of this year Brother May was asked to take the secretary work of the Eastern New York Conference, Brother Lawry then took the work of secretary and treasurer of the conference in addition to the tract society. Brother William Mohr

has been assisting in the office. Sister Cately left the first of this year for College View, Nebraska, leaving Trenton without a worker since that time except what Brother Medairy has done in the last six weeks.

THE FIELD

It is not necessary for me to mention the great cities that are in this state that need help. We have done this before and it seems today that the calls are greater than ever before. In these cities is the bulk of the population of the state and they are all growing rapidly. As the calls come for help to push the work in these different places and we are unable to answer them we are made sorry. At times we have to decide between two places. Which one shall we help first? This is the question and when we do decide all cannot see why we so decide. The committee has done the best it could with the force it has had to work with. The Lord has blessed our efforts and we thank him for what he has done.

The churches have stood nobly by the laborers and helped by their means and personal efforts in pushing the work. Many of our churches have gone way ahead of any year before in their efforts to spread this message.

Churches have been organized in Bayonne and Annandale during the year. The one in Bayonne is made up of our colored people in Jersey City and Bayonne. Brother Warnick has been laboring there. This church was admitted into the conference at its last session. The one at Annandale was organized in the fall of last year and will ask for admission into the conference at this session. Brethren Medairy and Gaff have been instrumental in raising up this church. A report will be given from this church when it is admitted. One other church has been organized and will ask to be admitted. It is the one at Swedesboro. Brother Holman has been working there since last October. Members have been added to nearly every church in the conference. Some have made remarkable gains. One hundred forty-three were baptized and a net gain has been made of ninety-six bringing our present membership up to nine hundred six. One new church was dedicated during the year, at Camden, valued at \$5,000.

BIBLE WORK

During the year we have had eight Bible workers, two of these have left us and others are now taking their places. Work has been done by them in Jersey City and suburbs, Paterson, Passaic, Trenton and some smaller places. This branch of the work needs to be strengthened. We need laborers who have been educated to do this work. In this line

as well as in the ministry we need a greater efficiency. We have been crippled because some have not come up to the standard. Consecration is necessary but this without the proper preparation will fail to accomplish what needs to be done.

The following will show a little of what has been done by the laborers of this conference for the year 1914. There are many things that could not be reported but this will give you a little idea of their work. Sermons 1596, Bible readings 3820, Other meetings 1875, Baptized 143, Missionary visits 8963, Missionary calls 10098, Hours of Christian Help Work 550, Pages of tracts given away 254,318, Periodicals sold or given away 9338, Value of sales \$296.91.

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News Notes

I had the pleasure of spending a few days in the field with Brother Applegate last week, and the Lord blessed our efforts, and gave us success.

We enjoyed a visit with a Methodist minister, and secured his order for a four dollar "Bible Readings", and many of his members gave us orders also.

Brother Applegate is now making Salem County his field of labor. This county has been somewhat neglected in the past, but we are looking forward to our brother working this splendid field faithfully with our large books.

I am in receipt of a letter from Brother Andrew Hansen who is canvassing in Sussex County, and his letter is full of courage, and experiences, it is remarkable how the Lord has been blessing this brother of late, in three weeks, he has secured \$230 worth of orders. This brother is laying a splendid foundation for future work in this conference. He reports a splendid interest on every hand. Satan has tried hard at times for our brother to give up this important work, no doubt he could force that a good work could be done in this field by Brother Hansen. I am glad to be able to tell you that our brother is putting all his trust in Jesus and going forth in faith. We know that if he will continue to do this, we will hear of many good experiences from this field.

Nine of our young people at Vineland in the Missionary Volunteer society have decided to take the Reading Course for 1915-1916, and have purchased the necessary books. This means that Professor Kern will have nine certificates to sign for this society alone.

There are many more that could be out laboring for the master, and spending their entire time in this cause, and if there are any that are thinking seriously of entering this work, write to T. H. Barritt, Trenton, N. J.

We need men that feel that they are called to the work, men that will stick by it and remain true to the end and never mind how hard the work goes, or what discouragements may come along. We have had some men of late that said they were called to the work, and they entered the field, but just as soon as hardships came they were ready to drop out. They have allowed Satan to defeat them.

We are told by the servant of the Lord that the canvassing work is missionary work of the highest order. Therefore the work calls for men and women that are truly converted, and will exercise faith, grit and backbone.

The harvest is great, the laborers are few therefore pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers into his vineyard.

The work is indeed onward in South Jersey. There are at present twenty-one persons in different places who are waiting for baptism, and many more are deeply interested in the Truth.

The little church at Cape May Court House has been receiving some improvements recently which make it as artistic a little building inside as you will find in all New Jersey. The church is to answer two purposes this winter; not only will it be used for Sabbath services as heretofore, but during the week a church school will be in progress where from fifteen to twenty of our boys and girls can have the Christian education which God has said our youth must have.

At Bridgeton, too, we are glad to report the good news that there is to be a church school this year. Truly the Lord is arousing our people to the importance of saving the children. The Sunday night meetings at this place are being well attended, and Elder Spies had an attentive audience on the evening of August 15 as he presented the subject "The Investigative Judgment".

At Jericho last Sabbath about forty persons met in the little church there to hear Elder Spies. The Sabbath school was also well attended and after listening to a few statements in regard to the value of the "Sabbath School Worker"

all the teachers in the School subscribed for this excellent little paper. This Sabbath school has just become one of the best we have in New Jersey.

The Pleasantville company have secured a lot, and expect to begin building a church this fall. It will mean united effort, for their numbers are small; but "he can who thinks he can".

In a recent visit to Ramah it was my privilege to meet with the church people, the larger number of whom are children and young people. The church school there has just closed for the summer and it is said that under the direction of Miss Marion Whitcomb, the teacher, the school has been a real success.

East Pennsylvania

German Tent Effort

There are four of us in the work here; namely, Elder O. F. Schwedrat, Sister Emilie Hasselhan, Teresa Markowitz, and myself. We pitched our new tent at Somerset and Bailey streets, in a fine part of Philadelphia, and have done all we could to make it attractive in every particular. We used invitation cards, and distributed about two thousand programs per week in the beginning in the German language. But recently there has been quite a number of calls from the English speaking people of that neighborhood to hear the word; so we are having two evenings of each week devoted to English services.

The attendance at our meetings are not as large as we would like to see, although there are some dear souls coming from night to night drinking in the blessed word. As we see how the Spirit of God is working upon their hearts, we earnestly plead with God in their behalf. Although feeling helpless, we look to Jesus who has all power, and he will give us souls for our hire.

What a blessed work it is to labor for the lost. We know that many of our brethren and sisters are praying for the work, and we would ask that all our dear people remember before the throne of grace, the German Tent Effort in this great city of Philadelphia where there are thousands of German speaking people in spiritual darkness. I have in the past spent much of my time working for the English speaking people, but I must not now withdraw from my own nationality.

Brethren and sisters, what an encouragement it would be to us to receive a letter telling us that you are praying for our work here in Philadelphia. Mail addressed "Care of Gospel Tent, Corner

Somerset and Baily streets, Philadelphia Pa.," will reach its proper destination. Later on I shall be glad to give further word concerning our experience in the work here. W. C. RAHN.

The Fairhill School

The Fairhill church school is located midway between Allentown and Philadelphia. It is very appropriately named being on an elevation overlooking many miles of most beautiful country.

The school was established six years ago. The school-room is in the church building, well lighted and heated, suitably equipped with seating capacity for twenty-six pupils. It is prepared to do work up to the ninth grade. Excellent work has been done. Eight students have been graduated, six of whom are in higher institutions of learning, preparing for various lines of work.

The tuition charged, for grades one to six is only one dollar and a half a month; grades seven to nine two dollars a month. A small number of boarding students could be accommodated with board as low as two dollars a week.

To families desiring to locate where they can have church school privileges we would say our school is located in an excellent farming community and living expenses are very reasonable. School begins about September 13. Address, W. B. Lindsay, Sellersville, Pa., R. F. D. 1.

WEST VIRGINIA

Martinsburg

The tent effort at Martinsburg, West Virginia, closed Sunday night, August 8, with a good attendance, in spite of the falling rain. The subject delivered by Elder G. A. Stevens was "Armageddon, Is it here?" At the close of the service many stood to signify that they were desirous to have their names found in the Book of Life when Michael stands up to deliver His people whose names are written in the book.

This eight week series of meetings have been well attended, and a splendid interest manifested. Seven persons have already definitely taken their stand for the Sabbath and many others are in the balance.

One of the seven new Sabbath keepers above mentioned is the anti-saloon secretary of the state of West Virginia. He is also a fully ordained minister of the Disciple Church. As his lectures call him all over the state of West Virginia he was only able to attend two of our tent meetings, but he also spent most of two days in personal study with Elder Stevens

on the precious truths contained in the Third Angels Message and went away loaded with literature, "Bible Readings," "Great Controversy," etc. The last mail brought a letter from him in which he writes he is enthused and absorbed in the study of these books, and is praising God for the light that has come to him. He also says that he expects to attend the West Virginia camp-meeting.

Another one of these Sabbath keepers mentioned is the vice-president of the Sunday School League of West Virginia, and a personal friend of the governor of West Virginia.

A brother who has been attending the meetings has let us have the free use of a building in which to hold our services. The brethren and sisters have helped nobly in getting this place ready, and the people of Martinsburg have responded generously to the calls of Elder Stevens for needed help in money, carpet, window shades, wall paper, lumber, etc. So we can now report a neat and well equipped building in which to hold our meetings.

Brother Waldo Wilcox arrived in Martinsburg, this week, to connect with the canvassing work in this vicinity. He reports good success in taking orders this week in the farming districts.

We were sorry to say "Good-bye" yesterday to Brother T. W. Thirlwell, whose associations in the tent effort we have much enjoyed, and who has also rendered us valuable help in fixing up our new building. Continue to pray for the work in Martinsburg.

ELDER AND MRS. G. A. STEVENS.

In the Mining Camps

Since coming to Raleigh County we have received many blessings from the Lord. We have been located in Beckley, the county seat. Beckley is a pretty little town situated on top of a mountain and on the edge of a rolling, farming country. The view on every side is beautiful.

Mining is the principal industry in Raleigh County, and also in Fayette County, where we are now working. There are a number of mines which have been in operation for years, and others are just now being opened. Thousands of men are employed, most of whom earn good wages.

We began canvassing June 10, and have been in over a score of camps in which practically none of our literature has been sold. We find Millennial Dawn books, however, in nearly every camp. It is unfortunate we are so far behind.

The mines present many opportunities for missionary work. Among the miners there are many true hearted people. They are generous, given to hospitality and are generally interested in Bible sub-

jects. But few of the people, it seems, have heard of Seventh-day Adventists. One man, who had been a Methodist minister for twenty years said that in his work, he had been referred to Sister White's writings. He spoke well of them and ordered "Christ's Object Lessons". He says he believes we are living near the close of time.

One day we ate dinner with a woman who has obtained a good understanding of some of our doctrinal subjects without any help other than the Bible. She and a woman living with her ordered "Christ's Object Lessons" and "Heralds of the Morning." We have also sent her a set of the "Family Bible Teacher," which we hope will, with the two books, be the means of her accepting the truth. Two other people bought "Daniel and Revelation". A woman ordered "Coming King". She seemed anxious to know about the home of the saved and began asking questions. A short Bible reading was given her. When told of a country where there will be no sin, sickness or sorrow, but where every one will be righteous, and where joy and peace would remain forever, her eyes filled with tears. She said she wanted a home there. Such experiences soften one's heart and help him to appreciate more the needs of humanity and the blessings of the gospel. All have opportunities, which if improved, will bring blessings and joy to both the receiver and giver. We hope that as a result of our summer's work, some souls will live in the earth made new and thank God that he led us to their homes. Let us work now while the time and opportunity are still ours, for the night cometh wherein no man can work.

J. R. MEDLIN.

E. R. CORDER.

News Notes

Brother T. W. Thirlwell who has been connected with the tent effort at Martinsburg, called at the office on his way to Weston where the camp-meeting will be held. Brother Thirlwell and his mother have spent a few days visiting Brother Will Robbins and family of Connelville, Penn.

We are pleased to welcome Brother Ivor Lawrence, of Pennsylvania to our field as a colporteur. He will work Lewis County, and we wish him abundant success.

"You can lose everything that you ever had and still win if you keep faith in yourself and your work. When you understand this fundamental truth, anything that is logical is feasible."

CHESAPEAKE

News Notes

Elder J. H. Wierts is planning to conduct English services at his church on Sabbath afternoon, hereafter, for the benefit of the young people who do not understand the German Language so well and for any others who may be interested and are not able to comprehend the German. The church is located at 3700 Fair Ave., Baltimore, Md.

Elder L. E. Froom reports an aggressive missionary campaign in the Wilmington No. 1 church. They are ordering quantities of literature and we trust the work may grow rapidly.

Our colporteurs are having very interesting experiences, and are all of good courage.

The interest in the tent effort conducted by Elders G. P. Rodgers and F. H. Seeneey continues. Large crowds are there every night. With all the opposition they are having from all the colored ministers in the city, about forty have thus far signed the covenant to keep the Sabbath. A most interesting meeting was held there on Sunday night, August 15. An audience of at least six hundred and fifty was present, as the tent seats five hundred people, and there were fully one hundred fifty standing and sitting on the outside. The order was perfect throughout the service.

After a most interesting and forceful discourse on "Who Changed the Sabbath" by Elder Rodgers during which he challenged any one in the audience to prove he was wrong, and also during the course of which he spoke of the \$1,000 offered by Mr. Enright, the priest, for Bible proof that the first day of the week is the Sabbath, a man in the audience sent a note, signed, Rev. Joshua Dobbins, saying he would be glad for a few minutes in which to explain the Christian Sabbath. The reason Elder Rodgers offered the challenge is that the ministers of the city have been preaching sermon after sermon against him, and using all the influence they can bring to bear upon the people to keep them away. They claim he is teaching what is false and should not be heeded.

Mr. Dobbins had his speech written on a sheet of paper, but had no Bible. Among the texts he used were John 20: 19-23, Col. 2: 16, Acts 20: 7, 1 Cor. 16: 1, 2, Mark 2: 28, Mat. 28: 18, Rev.

1: 10. When he announced his first text, from all over the large audience was heard the request, "Please read the text, brother." The poor man had no Bible with him, so he turned in an appealing manner to Elder Rodgers who handed him his. He had considerable trouble to find his text, but finally located it. He became quite confused, and the people laughed at his confusion. He finally said he did not care to be burdensome and closed his argument. After he left the platform Brother Rodgers in a few plain statements entirely overthrew the statements made by Mr. Dobbins. He then asked all in the audience who thought the gentleman should have the \$1,000 to stand. But not one in the large congregation, either sitting or standing, indicated in any way that they thought he had earned it. In fact, when the question was asked if they thought he should have it there was a murmur of "No" all though the congregation. There were quite a number of ministers from the city present, and of course, the whole thing had been planned among them, as Brother Rodgers has been giving this challenge for some time. It was a signal victory for the truth. We believe it will help many who were wavering to decide to keep God's law. We ask that you pray for the success of this effort, as well as for every other similar effort that is being held. Souls are in the balances, and will soon decide for life or death.

Master Edwin Fenton Froom arrived in Wilmington, Del. Aug. 22 to stay at the home of Elder and Mrs. L. E. Froom. They were made very happy by his arrival.

Elder M. C. Kirkendall is spending some time with the Rock Hall Church and at the tent effort of Elder S. T. Shadel to assist in the services at Worton, Md.

Our colporteurs have done very well the past week. One of them Brother C. W. Jenkins, who has only canvassed for a few weeks reports \$121.00 for one week's work.

Brother G. R. Apsley who worked for some time in Frederick County, Md. received a very encouraging letter a few days ago from a man to whom he sold "Daniel and the Revelation." This man begun the observance of the Sabbath some time ago, and he now expresses a desire to be baptized. He says, "I have never regretted the first call you made at my mountain home, nor have I yet tired of studying the Word with the help of the brethren." He says he desires to

unite with the church that is most convenient to him. He is troubled greatly with asthma, and is in very poor health at times. But he feels he is still man enough to be of some good in the church. This brother was formerly a member of the "Church of God." Let us pray for him.

Brother F. E. Hankins has moved from Baltimore, Md. to Annapolis, Md. His address is Annapolis, Md. Route 2.

Mrs. F. E. Hankins, and four children arrived at their new home from Ohio, where she has been visiting with her father for part of the summer. We are glad to welcome them back to our conference again.

Important Notice

A few weeks ago a man of about thirty-four years of age, about medium height and of light complexion and blue eyes went to Wilmington, Delaware claiming his name as James Jordan, and that he was from Baltimore, Md. He presented to the pastor of the church there a letter with the name of Emma S. Newcomer signed to it, claiming I had recommended him. He also exhibited a letter from a church in New York, with the name of the members signed to it. He claimed to be in hard circumstances, financially, and one of the good brethren there took him into his home, and when he asked for money with which to buy tools, his wife let him have several dollars, and he had also gotten some money from the pastor of the church.

After he had the money he left and took with him a watchchain belonging to the sister who had let him have the money.

Now this man is a fraud. I do not know such a person, and have given no recommendation to any such man, therefore, I would say to our brethren and sisters, Beware! when any such person presents himself at your door.

EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburgh

By the advice of the Conference Committee the writer came to Pittsburgh June 28, to act as Pastor of Pittsburgh Church No. 1. for a short time. Since coming here we have had the privilege of receiving six dear souls into the church three of these were baptized August 21, and united with the church.

A number of others are keeping the

Sabbath and we hope to see them step out and unite with the church in the near future.

Sister Anderson our Bible worker is doing good work and has some good people interested in the truth. The writer is also giving some Bible studies and holding cottage meetings as the way opens for such work. Brethren pray for the work in this great city. J. W. WATT.

News Notes

The work among the colporteurs is progressing with marked success. A comparative estimate of the work for the past two years shows a gain of over \$600 in books delivered during the first seven months of the year. We can truthfully say there are no "Hard Times" in the Lord's work.

Brethren Moser, Morgan and Dunham each made 100 per cent deliveries in Armstrong County last week. The Lord has been blessing their work in that county, and we trust that the seed sown will mature into an abundant harvest for the reaping time.

Brother Butcher left Warren County for Erie recently. He will use "Worlds Crisis" in that section of the field. There is great need that our larger cities be worked with the smaller books which meet the needs of the hour. Let us remember Brother Butcher with others who are devoting their time to this work.

We have just received a copy of P. T. Magan's new book, "The Vatican and the War." This is a work which ought to occupy an important place in our distribution of literature. It is a companion to "Worlds Crisis" and "Shadow of the Bottle" in size and price, and can be used to good advantage right now because of the growing interest in this question.

Elder F. H. Robbins visited the Ohio camp-meeting Aug. 18-20.

The tent meeting at Greensburg will close August 29. As a result of this meeting a number of persons manifest a deep interest in the truth, and we hope to see them take their stand with God's people.

Elder A. N. Durrant of Pittsburgh is visiting the different churches throughout the conference in the interest of the colored work. He reports good meetings at the places visited thus far.

Elder J. W. Watt baptized three persons in the Pittsburgh No. 1. Church August 21.

Harry C. Dean of Ohio will return to Pittsburgh in a few days to take up his work as teacher of the church school which opens September 7.

Married

On Thursday evening August 19, at the home of Charles Dunham near Wilkinsbury the writer had the privilege of uniting in holy wedlock Brother John Keeler of Tunessasa New York, and Lucile Ruth Dunham of the Pittsburgh church. Brother Keeler is a devoted Christian and is preparing to enter the ministry. His wife is a good musician and can be a help to him in his work for souls.

They will spend this winter in the Tunessasa school in Western New York. May the Lord bless these young people as they thus unite together to devote their lives to the work of the message for our time. This is where the Lord would have our young people,—in his work. J. W. WATT.

VIRGINIA

News Notes

Professor O. M. John from Washington Missionary College called at the office last week on his trip through Virginia gathering up students for the college. Many students from Virginia plan to attend the college at Washington this fall.

The attendance at Charlottesville still remains good, from one to three hundred being in attendance from night to night.

Elder Moffett left the office last week to assist in the meetings at Doswell where the interest is good.

The student colporteurs are busy making their deliveries and planning to begin their work in school.

Special

The Oncoming Harvest Ingathering Effort For Missions

The weeks pass so rapidly that it will be only a short time until the opening of another Harvest Ingathering Campaign for Missions, October 3. This year a special issue of the *Signs* will be used.

Already samples of the very expressive

three-color cover pages have reached our desks. We shall have another splendid number with which to work. It will be the same size as last year, a very convenient form, and we believe you will be pleased with the paper when it reaches you.

The main point is that our people from Maine to California, and from Canada to Texas, shall appreciate as never before the opportunity which is thus afforded us of working for God, and arise as one man to work in behalf of the souls about us, and for the cause in distant lands. Great troubles are already upon the world. Greater, without doubt, are before us; but while we have opportunity to go out in loving labor for the lost, nothing is so important as that we shall grasp it and work as never before.

Great demands will be pressed in upon the Mission Board this autumn for additional workers and further equipment for quickly carrying the truth to the unwarned millions in heathen lands. God is greatly prospering the cause in these lands. Many souls are turning to him and are loyally standing for the truth.

This work of the Harvest Ingathering is one in which all may have part, and thus materially help. Will not every church member take part this year?

It is expected that the Pacific Press will be able to fill orders from the conference by September 1. The regular time appointed to begin work is the first week in October. Perhaps some may be able to get papers so as to begin before that time.

Will not each one of us resolve to do more this year than ever before, and by the grace of God do it?

"From all countries the Macedonian cry is sounding, 'Come over and help us.' God has opened fields before us, and if human agencies would co-operate with divine agencies, many, many souls would be won to the truth. But the Lord's professing people have been sleeping over their allotted work, and in many places it remains comparatively untouched.

"Heavenly angels have long been waiting for human agents—members of his church—to co-operate with them in the great work to be done. They are waiting for you. So vast is the field, so comprehensive the design, that every sanctified heart will be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power." *Test. Vol. 9, pp. 46, 47.* T. E. BOWEN.

The Wonderful Secret

'Twas a night in June in the year 1896. I stood in the topmost gallery of Royal Albert Hall, the finest concert-hall in England, and looked down upon the many thousands in the vast auditorium.

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Virginia, Three Weeks Ending August 20, 1915									
Max Trummer, Smyth Co.		DR	18	176	111	351 00	99 90	450 90	152 70
A. L. Kichnoff, Smyth Co.		DR	12	87	32	98 00	59 40	157 40	1 20
S. P. Jones, Pulaski Co.		BR	22	155	86	252 40	69 00	205 90	54 30
T. D. Gibson, Augusta Co.		BR	11	86	25	77 00	19 50	96 50	
T. C. Cunningham, Washington Co.		BR	15	134	47	148 00		148 00	80
W. H. Jones, Rockingham Co.		BR	9	77	7	22 00	9 40	31 40	75
Hugh Land, Rockingham Co.		BR	9	73	13	41 00	6 30	47 30	
W. H. Hunt, Washington Co.		GC	17	125	53	166 00	25	166 25	13 41
L. A. King, Floyd Co.		GC	20	200	76	184 00	1 00	185 00	
Chas. S. Hottel, Clarke Co.		CK	5	60	38	68 50	6 85	75 35	40 35
Carl L. Painter, Clark Co.		CK	9	85	53	94 50	8 55	103 05	115 70
J. Henderson, Russell Co.		BF	15	143	16	25 00		25 70	35
M. A. Maloney, King William Co.		DR	9	64	23	42 00	2 60	44 60	31 60
A. L. Gary, Hanover Co.		PPF	3	28	10	9 85	4 00	13 85	
Geo. S. Mason, Norfolk Co.		SC	4	12	22	5 25		5 25	
John Fasanko, Shenandoah Co.		CK	3	23					89 65
Bennette Hamm, Albermarle Co.		BFL	4	28	8	12 00		12 00	
Davis Orr, Highland Co.		CK	1	4	2	8 00	1 45	4 45	
Alice Gray,		WC		110	345	86 25		86 25	86 25
Elsie Ackenbach,		WC		55	193	48 25		48 25	48 25
Totals	20 Agents					\$1728 00	\$231 90	\$1959 90	\$670 11

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Carl Parsons	10 40	Frank Parsons							29 50
Genevieve Peacock	24 50	Louise Henley							3 30
Total									\$67 80

Chesapeake, Two Weeks Ending August 20, 1915									
M. S. Pettibone, Frederick Co.	BR	5	45	14	48 00	5 10	53 10	104 00	
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.	BR	3	28	12	40 00	1 50	41 50	3 40	
Geo. R. Apsley, Baltimore Co.	BR	9	80	26	81 50	11 55	93 05		
Geo. W. Lawrence, Harford Co.	BR	10	117	24	71 00	23 35	94 25		
Miller Brothers, Kent Co. Del.	PG	5	44	12	38 00		38 00	138 00	
N. O. Shafer, Baltimore Co.	BR	8	67	26	91 00	3 00	94 00	3 00	
Frank E. Moore, Washington Co.	BR	12	100	42	145 00		144 00		
Edward H. Dye, Garrett Co.	BR	4	25	12	36 00	1 00	37 00		
C. W. Jenkins, Hagerstown	BR	6	53	51	153 00	8 75	161 75	5 00	
David W. Percy, Kent Co. Del.	PPF	5	40	23	49 00	1 00	50 00		
Totals	10 Agents		67	543	230	\$704 50	\$55 90	\$760 40	\$153 40

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending August 13, 1915									
W. H. Frizzell, York Co.	PPF	5	42	27	59 25		59 25	3 25	
H. C. Baumgartner, Lancaster Co.	PG	3	25	6	19 00	6 50	25 50	1 25	
W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	GC	5	42	9	33 00	5 25	38 25		
G. Donachy, Cumberland Co.	PPF	5	45	4	8 00	4 75	12 75		
M. M. Sterner, Cumberland Co.	PPF	3	26	3	7 00	7 75			
A. Munson, Bucks Co.	GC		50	14	48 00	2 00	50 00	2 00	
E. S. Tolliver, Wilkes-Barre Co.	DR	5	47	12	36 00	1 50	37 50		
*Mrs. E. M. Evans, North'ton Co.	DR	5	37	6	21 00	12 25	33 25	1 50	
*Mrs. E. M. Evans, North'ton Co.	DR	3	19	2	6 00	3 25	6 00		
*Grace Swingle, Northampton Co.	DR	9	50	12	36 00	6 00	45 25	5 40	
*Daisy Hinkson, Northampton Co.	DR	9	43	9	29 00	9 20	38 20		
E. E. Gloor, Luzerne Co.	DR	5	44	12	37 00	1 50	38 50		
C. W. Smith, Lancaster Co.	PG	4	40	3	9 00	7 00	16 00	83 00	
Hazel V. Leach, Lancaster Co.	HH		45	12	36 00	5 00	41 00		
H. C. Baumgartner, Wayne Co.	PG		22					104 60	
W. L. Latham, Adams Co.	PPF		28					141 50	
D. E. Rebok, Luzerne Co.	DR		20					234 95	
R. A. Howard, So. Philadelphia	WC	6	31	70	17 50		17 50	7 50	
F. Washburn, Bucks Co.		4	14	3	7 00		7 00	3 00	
Totals	19 Agents				\$408 75	\$64 95	\$473 70	\$587 85	

New Jersey, Two Weeks Ending August 20, 1915

Andrew Hansen, Sussex Co.	BR	10	74	32	105 00	49 20	154 20	
Chris Hansen, Ocean Co.	DR	7	40	12	36 00	17 40	53 40	
J. I. Applegate, Cumberland Co.	BR	9	69	24	75 00	5 00	80 00	
G. W. Blinn, Hunterdon Co.	DR	5	41	1	2 00	1 00	3 00	92 00
John Kenndy, Gloucester Co.	GC	7	70	13	50 00	2 25	52 25	
W. B. Plant, Morris Co.	BR	3	25	4	12 00	12 75	24 75	
W. W. Jennings, Bergen Co.	CK	8	33	11	17 00	13 35	26 35	8 50
Wm. Schmidt, Union Co.	BR	10	60	5	18 00	7 00	25 00	48 25
Totals	8 Agents				65 465 126 \$363 00	\$62 95	\$465 95	\$148 75

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Olive Boynton	35 80	Miscellaneous	89 50
Total			\$125 30

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending August 20, 1915

Wm. Frizzell, Adams Co.	PPF	5	45	41	85 00	4 50	89 50	75
Hazel Leach, Lancaster Co.	HH		40	15	47 00	3 00	50 00	3 00
C. W. Smith, Lancaster Co.	PG		34	8	24 00	7 00	31 00	3 00
A. Munson, Bucks Co.	GC	5	36	14	44 00	50	44 50	50
G. Donachy, Cumberland Co.	PPF	5	46	13	26 00	8 10	34 10	
E. M. Evans, Northampton Co.	DR	5	33	7	22 00	10 00	32 00	2 50
M. M. Sterner, Cumberland Co.	PPF	5	30	8	16 00	50	16 50	50
R. A. Howard, S. Philadelphia	WC	7	38	61	15 25		15 25	7 50
Grace Swingle, Northampton Co.	DR	5		2	6 00	7 55	13 55	2 00
Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	GC	4	40	4	12 00	13 50	23 50	
Daisy Hinkson, Northampton Co.	DR	5	32	2	6 00	7 00	13 00	3 50
H. C. Baumgartner, Lancaster Co.	PG	4	32	6	18 00	4 00	22 00	1 00
F. Washburn, Bucks Co.	PPF	4	21	5	10 00	1 50	11 50	29 35
Totals	13 Agents				\$331 25	\$67 15	\$398 40	\$50 50

Ohio, Week Ending August 20, 1915

George Johnson, Tuscarawas Co.	BR	5	44	9	33 00		33 00	
L. M. Kolb, Pike Co.	BR	4	40	7	22 00		22 00	
George Johnson, Tuscarawas Co.	BB	4	32	4	13 00		13 00	101 00
L. H. Waters, Paulding Co.	PPF	4	29	11	20 50	1 50	22 00	
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.	BR	3	21	18	45 00		45 00	14 75
Ethel Howard, Medina Co.	BR	2	16					185 86
*Glenn Draper, Van Wert Co.	BR	10	83	14	44 00	4 00	48 00	63 30
*Wayne P. Barto, Pickaway Co.	BR	10	72	31	110 00	4 50	114 50	5 50
*Chas. Shilling, Columbus	GC	11	60	18	60 00	75	60 75	
Totals	18 Agents				53 397 112 \$347 50	\$10 75	\$358 25	\$370 41

West Pennsylvania, Two Weeks Ending August 20, 1915

J. I. Butcher, Warren Co.	US	10	50					162 50
Wm. Bryson Allegheny Co.	BR	8	41	7	21 00	2 75	23 75	2 75
Basil Burdell, McKean Co.	CK	9	64	14	21 00	75	21 75	
Chas. Dunham, Allegheny Co.	GC							24 00
Theo. Dunham, Indiana Co.	BR	2	9					39 50
C. G. Guenter, McKean Co.	BR	4	27	8	25 00	3 00	28 00	5 25
W. H. House, Potter Co.	BR	5	38		18 00	2 00	20 00	20 00
D. J. Hoover, Westmoreland Co.	BR	6	35	14	44 00		44 00	12 00
*J. A. Kimmel, Cambria Co.	BR	5	18			3 25	3 25	20 75
Ralph Morgan, Armstrong Co.	BF	6	46	8	12 00	1 75	13 75	59 50
C. B. Moser, Armstrong Co.	BF	8	65	11	18 50	15 60	34 10	50 50
W. Morgan, Armstrong Co.	BR	10	80	5	13 50	19 35	32 85	8 00
Anna Saxton, Westmoreland Co.	BF	5	34	11	16 20	7 50	24 00	75
John Brownlee, Clarion Co.	BR	5	42	1	3 00		3 00	23 50
Lloyd Christman, Clarion Co.	BR	4	36	14	43 00	26 85	69 85	
Totals	13 Agents				84 585 93 \$235 50	\$82 80	\$318 30	\$430 20

West Virginia, Week Ending August 6, 1915

T. M. Butler, Taylor Co.	BR	5	50	22	67 00	2 00	69 09	1 50
Cecil Ross, Harrison Co.	BR	4	50					378 10
G. Earl Snyder, Cabell Co.	BR	5	50	6	18 00	16 10	34 10	6 70
†A. A. Hendrickson, Jackson Co.	BR	11	104	29	38 00	25 35	113 35	4 00
E. R. Corder, Raleigh Co.	COL	4	26					82 20
Waldo Wilcox, Berkeley Co.	BR	3	19	9	28 00	1 85	29 85	1 40
Totals	6 Agents				32 299 66 \$201 00	\$45 30	\$246 30	\$473 90

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* Two weeks, † Three weeks.

What rare attraction had so filled the great hall that late comers found only standing room?

Madame Adelina Patti, the most noted living singer and in some respects the most wonderful singer of modern times, was to sing that night. She has sung before all the royal families of Europe, and after nearly a half-century of public singing still draws the crowds as no other singer. What can be the secret of her marvelous success in her chosen life-work?

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"Mid pleasures and palaces, though we may roam,

Be it ever so humble,-"

The hall fades from sight, the brilliant lights vanish. I see no more the great fashionable crowd. I forget that I am listening to the greatest singer in the world. Only a dream whisper; silver clear, yet faint and sweet and far away: "Home, home, sweet, sweet home." I am borne swiftly across the wide sea that has for years separated me from the land of my birth. The years of manhood vanish. I am a child again. I see once more the dear old home, the old brown farmhouse in Iowa. The old orchard is here. I am swinging careless and free with my dear little brother under the old oak tree. I hear the sweet voices of my sisters; I see my father, so good and true; and O, I see my mother's dear face, full of tenderest sweetest love! She is singing, and her voice comes to me as an angel's. Scarcely had I dared hope to see my home again. Yet now truly I see it all clear and bright, the blessed innocence of childhood, the sweet, free country air; yes, I hear the sweet music of gentle breezes whispering through the trees and over the waving grain, the dreamy hum of nature. Ah! it is too sweet to last. Almost with a shock I awake. I hear the last echoes of the piano notes. The singer is retiring, and the crowd, awakening from the wondrous spell, is beginning to applaud.

J. S. WASHBURN.

(Concluded)

"Happiness depends upon the science of sacrifice—on the art of denial—on giving up and giving out."

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Academy

Brother Charles Paden and wife send in the following interesting account of their trip thus far:-

"After leaving Mount Vernon on June 9, we spent two weeks with my mother and relatives at Hagerstown, Maryland. While there we received word that the office at Colon could be supplied with a worker from their own field, and that the committee had voted for us to make the Central American Conference our field of labor. Believing that the Lord was leading us we accepted the call to this field. While there would have been many advantages at Colon, over what we will have on Roatan, still we are willing to be led by the Lord and desire to see the work go forward in every field.

"We left Hagerstown for Washington on June 25, where we spent two weeks. While there we met many of our former associates from Mount Vernon, some of whom were in attendance at the summer school.

"We left Washington July 8, for Hildebran, North Carolina, where we spent over four weeks with my brother, A. R. Paden. Our plan was to spend about two weeks there after which we would go on to New Orleans, expecting our furniture to be there, and then sail for La Ceiba.

"For some reason our furniture has been delayed, so we are obliged to wait until it comes. We have been in New Orleans since August 10, and expect to be here another week before sailing. Had we sailed last week we would without doubt have been in the storm which swept the gulf last Sabbath and Sunday. We feel that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose".

"We are all well, but very anxious to get located. Marion is exceptionally good when traveling".

"The greatest want of the world is the want of men—men who will not be bought or sold; men who in their inmost souls are true and honest; men who do not fear to call sin by its right name;

men whose conscience is as true to duty as the needle to the pole; men who will stand for the right though the heavens fall. But such a character is not the result of accident; it is not due to special favors or endowments of Providence; a noble character is the result of self-discipline, of the subjection of the lower to the higher nature,—the surrender of self for the service of love to God and man."

—Education.

John Barleycorn

By the request of many, Elder Lindsey is having the paper read at our Temperance Rally, printed in a four page tract, by the College Press; any profit will go to the school. Thousands of copies could be used in this fall campaign against the Liquor Traffic. Address the College Press.

OBITUARIES

BLOSSER.—Elizabeth Blosser, wife of Joseph Blosser, was born August 14, 1844, died at her home near Stanley, Virginia, August 11, 1915, aged 70 years, 11 months, and 27 days.

The cause which lead to her death was a paralytic stroke. The few months of her suffering was borne with patience and a deep trust in her Saviour for his saving help. She was a member of the Stanley church for about thirty years. A husband, five children, and fourteen grandchildren, survive. Funeral services, by the writer, were based upon 2 Cor. 4:17, 18.

R. D. HOTTEL.

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