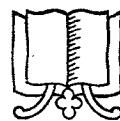
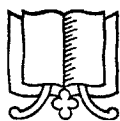


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The West Virginia Camp meeting

The West Virginia camp-meeting this year was encouraging beyond expectation. It was, without question, the finest camp-meeting ever held in West Virginia. Brother Hirlinger, the newly elected president of the conference, had spent considerable time out in the hamlets of the churches trying to get a good attendance.

As we had heavy rains all through the meeting the attendance of the outside fluctuated but was good when we had propitious circumstances. The conference was held in connection with the camp-meeting, whose site this year was Weston, West Virginia, August 26 to September 5.

From the very beginning the spirit of God was manifested in great power. During this meeting four great revivals took place, adjusting many old difficulties, bringing about some splendid reconciliations, and withal, breathing a new life and spirit into the conference. Some perplexing problems which have troubled the conference for years were taken up and under the blessing of God we think were practically solved.

The report of the conference president showed a splendid advance in all lines,—increase of membership, tithes and offerings. Even at this camp-meeting something like seventeen people were baptized the last Sabbath. For a little conference of this size to gain during one year something like fifty-four members indicates progress. The tithes for 1913 were \$3,816 while for 1914 they were \$3,924.00, making a gain of \$108.00. The Mission Offerings for 1913 were \$1,793.64 while the gifts to foreign missions for 1914 amounted to \$2,168.45, a gain of \$374.81.

Another feature of added interest at the camp-meeting is the fact that there was converted to the Truth and baptized at this meeting the Reverend Nor-

man W. Phillips and his wife. For years Brother Phillips has been a prominent minister of good standing in the Disciple Church. Two years ago he was asked by one member of his congregation to preach on the Second Coming of the Lord. He said he found enough in the Scriptures to preach not only one sermon, but he preached for eleven weeks on this subject. After this his mind was greatly stirred toward kindred subjects, such as The Time of the End, The Judgment, The Nature of Man, The Millennium, The Arming of the Nations, etc., etc. But he reasoned, What good would it be for me to preach these subjects in the Disciple Church? If he were to make converts and bring them out of Babylon, into what would he bring them? Therefore he accepted a call to become Secretary of the Anti-Saloon League of West Virginia at a good salary.

Going through Martinsburg, West Virginia, one day, he saw in the papers the announcement of the subjects for the following week to be given at the tent where Elder Stevens was holding his tent effort. He was surprised to find that these subjects were exactly the ones on which he has been preaching. He therefore went immediately to the tent, sought out Brother Stevens, and continued earnest study with him until he was led to the acceptance of all the points of truth. We devoutly hope and earnestly pray that under the leadership and keeping power of God he will become a good worker in proclaiming the Third Angel's Message.

The financial calls at this meeting also received remarkable response. As a Sabbath-school donation the last Sabbath of the camp-meeting there was given \$320.00, while on the following morning a pledge offering was taken and responded to by offerings in cash and pledges to the amount of about \$1500.00.

Elder Hirlinger was re-elected president of the conference. The season being

unfavorable, practically the only help from the outside was Professor Shaw, who came to the meeting for the latter end. We believe that this meeting marks a new era for the progress of the work in West Virginia. B. G. WILKINSON.

WEST VIRGINIA

Presidents Report

To the Delegates and Members of the 28th Annual Session of the West Virginia Conference, assembled. Christian Greetings:-

Having come to this conference so recently, I am not able to give a very extended report, either from personal observation or experience. A comparison: The West Virginia Conference of S. D. A. was organized September 18, 1887 and consisted of three churches. The tithe for the first year amounted to \$346.72, with no mission offerings. The tithe for last year (1914) amounted to \$3816.06; and Mission Offerings \$2168.45, making a total of \$5984.57. Total gain in tithes and offerings in 1914 over 1888, the first year of the conference, \$5300.89. This is much to be thankful for, but does this gain show true Christian faithfulness in tithes and offerings on the part of each and every member? Can the Lord say of us, as a body, "They have done what they could." A substantial gain this year over last has been made in tithes and offerings.

In the last Conference year, two churches have been organized. One in Huntington of fourteen members, (others have been added until the church now numbers twenty-four) under the labors of Elder C. T. Redfield. And one in Martinsburg of nineteen members, under the labors of Elder G. A. Stevens.

During the past summer, two tent efforts have been conducted. Twenty or more souls have been established in Pres-

ent Truth as a result of these efforts. Twelve in Huntington and eight in Martinsburg. Forty-one have already united with these churches, and several others will unite in the near future. This makes a gain in membership in these two places of over forty.

At Ripley, Box, Gladys, Kanawha Station and other places, there are ten or more awaiting baptism. The gain in membership during the last conference year has been over three times as great as for the biennial period, in "the time of the Latter Rain", when the Lord is to cut short His work in righteousness. It also shows faithfulness on the part of His ministers and workers. Souls saved should cause more rejoicing in our hearts, as it does in heaven, than all else put together.

EDUCATIONAL

One church school was successfully conducted in Parkersburg by Sister W. H. Wilcox.

YOUNG PEOPLES

Two Young Peoples societies were organized during the past year, one in Parkersburg and one in Charleston, and they are doing commendable work.

EVANGELISTIC COLPORTEUR WORK

Too much cannot be said for this important branch. While there has not been as many student canvassers in the field this summer as during past years; yet there has been quite a large increase in sales and deliveries by our permanent canvassers. These faithful workers have blazed the way for the evangelist and have created more openings than our ministers can fill. Let us remember all the dear colporteurs at the throne of grace. We can but praise God for blessing in all departments.

J. W. HIRLINGER.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburgh

This summer we have had no tent meetings in the interest of the colored people here, chiefly because my time has been occupied with our church building problem, and also because we have found from experience that it is not wise to have tent meetings, in this section of the city at least, and then not be able to properly care for the interest afterwards. It is like this: Our colored members have been on the move up and down in this part of the city for nine years, worshipping in all sorts of places that do no credit to our cause. And as we have told the readers of the *Visitor* in the past, our work will never make the progress it should so long as we continue in this way.

But thank God, we hope soon to have

a change for the better. We have been striving hard to procure a permanent place of worship, and God has greatly blessed our efforts. On July 14 we settled in cash for a 40x97 ft. lot, in a thickly populated district, [chiefly with colored], half a square from the car line. We bought the property in the name of the Conference Association, for \$1062.50 including lawyer's and surveyor's fees. We have also paid for our plans for a 28x38 ft. brick-venered building. We shall build with a basement, as the condition of the grounds necessitated this. We hope to use the basement for church school later on as it will be above ground.

We are building this fall, so we can have some good revival meetings during the cold months, and thus make up for our loss by not having tent meetings. We now have only a few hundred dollars in hand. Our building will cost about \$3000.00 even though, we shall do some of the work ourselves.

The conference committee last year recommended that an appeal be sent to the churches to help us in this undertaking. Elder Robbins and the writer sent out letters, asking for a liberal donation on Sabbath, Sept. 5, 1914. About \$90.00 came as the result, and though it did not reach our need and expectations, we were very very thankful to those who gave. Now to further advance the work, the committee decided, following our last camp-meeting, that I go to certain churches in the conference and put the matter before them, and take cash and pledges to be paid within two months. At this writing I am not yet through, but I am glad to report that God has been blessing this effort. I find the brethren and sisters ready to help. Some are even sacrificing to help provide this place of worship, so we can have the first church building in this conference for the colored people.

There are 62,000 colored people in this conference, with 28,000 of them right in this city. We hope to say more about the necessity for an earnest work being done quickly among the colored people throughout the country.

Because my time is very limited, and certain other reasons I will not be able to visit all the churches, but we shall be glad for all the help that isolated members, and the churches I could not visit can send us. Send all donations through your local treasurer to the conference treasurer, or to the latter direct-Mr. H. K. Hackman, 7155 Mt. Vernon St. this city, but be sure to designate it, "for the Pittsburgh Colored Church". And we also solicit an interest in your prayers.

A. N. DURRANT.

"Canst thou by searching find out God?"

East Pennsylvania

Stroudsburg

After the camp-meeting at Allentown the conference committee asked Brother Gauker and myself to pitch our tent in West Stroudsburg.

When we arrived here we found two other tent companies holding meetings and they were of such a nature that the people were disgusted with tent meetings.

We opened our meetings Sabbath evening, July 23, with a fair attendance. But the attendance throughout was nothing compared to former years, owing to the rainy season.

This being a summer resort there were many things to draw the minds of the people away from the truth.

When we had our programs all printed and ready for distribution we were informed that no one was allowed to distribute them. In fact the chief of Police saw me slip the first one under the door. He came to me and said I could be arrested for doing that. I then had a talk with the burgess and he said he was sorry but the ordinance did not permit it. He said we could give away all we wanted to in the meeting. So I said, then we can give away the programs on our own lot, he said yes. So we drove a large stake right along the pavement, but on our lot, and hung the programs there so the people passing to and fro would take one. There was a grocer near by who said he would help us to distribute our programs by putting one in with each order he sent out. The law allows that.

We worked faithfully all summer so today we can praise God for ten souls who decided to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

Last month I met with the Orwell church for quarterly meeting. On account of the members being so scattered this church meets only on quarterly occasions. The meetings were enjoyed by all present. The members are of good courage, and doing good missionary work in the communities where they live.

On August 14, I met with the Tunkhannock company. At this time six more were baptized making sixteen in all since the tent effort was held there last summer, and still others are waiting. This company will soon be organized into a church.

Sabbath, September 4, we had baptism here in Stroudsburg in a beautiful stream of water right along side the tent. Eleven souls followed their Lord in baptism. Some of these first heard the message when Elder Chas. Baerle held tent meetings here, about ten years ago. He sowed the seed. When we came we watered it,

and God gave the increase. It was a happy day for the little church here to see these souls born into the kingdom of God.

When the tent meetings close the work will be carried forward in our little but neat church on second street near Main.

Pray that the work of God may be quickly finished, and we all be gathered home.

C. S. BAUM.

Philadelphia

Thanks to the Lord for his mercy; his goodness has been especially with us during the past two weeks, and he has given us victories in our German tent effort here. The enemy tried very hard to keep souls away from the meetings but the Spirit of the Lord worked upon the hearts of some dear people and they came from night to night.

As these large cities become as Sodom, still the Lord has some earnest souls in their midst who are eager to know the truth. We have realized since we asked our dear people to pray for us, that the power of God was more manifest in our work. We feel thankful for those letters of encouragement which we received telling us that they are praying for us. Oh! with what power would this message go if all the members of our churches could see the real need of their co-operation with the workers at the front of the battle.

Philadelphia has many Germans, but we could not reach out very far because the expense of advertising is so heavy. In the beginning of our tent effort where we should have had 6000 programs to circulate weekly, we only had 2000. A little later on we saw something more must be done in that direction, so we secured 4000 of the programs and it brought more people to our meetings, but it cost a great deal. We sincerely trust in our heavenly Father that he will in some way provide for the necessities of our effort.

We have come to a very interesting time in the course of our meetings. Some dear people are on the point of accepting the truth. Our hearts are made glad as they linger after the meetings to ask questions in regard to the truth. One evening especially as the subject "First Day of the Week not being the Sabbath" was presented I noticed the effect it had upon them. What a great work it is to win souls. Our responsibility here is great.

My dear brethren and Sisters; we need your help to hold up our hands that through the power of God we may gain the victory. We have two evenings of each week for the English speaking people: they are well attended. I have never made a difference as to the nationality to work for, they are all the same to me.

Write us an encouraging letter; and if you feel free to help us in some way I can assure you it will be thankfully received and used in the saving of souls for eternity. We are still on the corner of Somerset and Bailey Streets, Philadelphia Pa.

W. C. RAHN,

Colporteurs Institute

In the finishing of any task there comes a time when there is nothing more to do, when the work is completed. The successful contractor sees the time when the last stone is in place when the fine work of polishing is done and the scaffold work torn down and burned, leaving the magnificent building as a monument to his ability and skill. So it is in the greatest of tasks, the task that Jesus undertook when our first parents fell. The time is fast approaching when his "eternal purpose" will have been finished, when he will no longer call men to go out in the highways and busy parts to find precious stones for this "building" that shall stand as a monument to his infinite love throughout eternity.

With the aim to train workers for this delicate task of hunting precious souls, the East Pennsylvania Conference plans to hold a colporteurs institute October 13-27 at Allentown Pennsylvania. This institute will be a short training school in which those of inexperience will be given a training which coupled with hard work and much prayer will make them successful workmen, and in which the experienced will be made more efficient.

If you have received a call to service, brother, sister, do not delay but plan to come to this institute. Do not endeavor to satisfy the conviction that you ought to be in the work by saying, "The Lord is giving me success where I am and as long as I am successful I think that I should stay where I am". "In all parts of the field, colporteurs and canvassers should be chosen, not from the floating element of society, not from among men and women who are good for nothing else and who have made a success of nothing, but from among those who have good address, tact, keen foresight and ability." *Manual for canvassers pp. 15.* Jesus was a good carpenter but suppose that he should have remained a carpenter? Peter was a good fisherman but supposing he had remained a fisherman after that day when the call to service came, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men?" Some other man would have been the instrument in the hands of God to convert three thousand in one day. God wants successful men to enter this line of his service.

Do you hear the call to service? Has the still small voice been speaking to you for some time? The time will come when

it will cease to speak. Have you been in the work but for some reason have you fallen out by the way? To all who have a burden for service we extend an invitation to attend this institute. Information regarding rooms, board etc. will be gladly furnished by the writer. C. V. LEACH.

Lancaster Pa. R. D. 5.

"United we stand, divided we fall."

A Letter From Dr. Wurts

The following is culled from a letter written to the office by Dr. Wurts, formerly of East Pennsylvania, now in Brazil:

"The more accustomed we become to our field and its languages the greater the number of duties that become incumbent upon us. I think of dear ones at home so often and long to talk to them all face to face. Our work is ever onward here, although we are not always allowed to see the result of our labors. Sister Hoy came in Sabbath evening with radiant face to tell me that an entire family who had seemed so ignorant at first, were all alive, trying to do all things she taught them, and the two young girls were learning to read; she had sold them our Adventist Primer. Many are receiving benefits from the medical work and are taking an interest in the truth. One lady, in better circumstances, said she wanted only our treatments because she had heard from the Methodist missionaries that the Adventists knew how to cure better than anyone else in the States. What a testimony that was from our opponents.

"One of our canvassers found an honest heart among the wealthy classes. She is of English birth though and has lived here all her life and speaks Portuguese better than English. He asked me to call on her, and I found that she really wanted to know the Bible. That was about three months ago. Now she has begun to keep the Sabbath, but finds it difficult and strange as she never was religious and never even kept Sunday. However, she is growing and telling all that she comes in contact with, both rich and poor, that the Lord is soon coming and that we must prepare to meet him. That makes two that have accepted the Sabbath who have not had the privilege to attend any of our meetings.

"We are planning for a Bible Institute to be given on the tenth of this month. I cannot tell yet how many will take part, but Catharine the mulatto and her white mistress who accepted the truth last year are going to study for the Bible work. They will make good earnest workers, I believe. The greatest joy one can have in this world is to see the growth of those that they have worked for.

"I must state also how my Sabbath school class is growing. We have been learning memory verses every week. Then I suggested that we study the forty-sixth Psalm, because it is the song we will sing in the hour of Christ's coming; and one little girl of twelve learned the whole chapter in two weeks and recited it almost without a mistake. The tiniest girls, four and five years old say the first verses, too. They are faithful in bringing their "tostoes", three cents in our money, but the smallest coin which is used here in South America. Think what that means, half a trolley fare, or enough to buy a small loaf of bread. One family walk an hour and twenty minutes, each way, on Sabbath and put their money in the collection. What love, what faith, what self-denial that springs from the love which comes from God. Does this not shame the ease and comfort in which some indulge?"

"Some day I will tell something of the privation which our canvassers have to undergo in order to get this precious truth before the people, especially our American boys who are not used to such hardships. When Brother Carter told me of some of their experiences, I wept, I could not help it. I felt ashamed of my life of comparative ease and luxury.

"May God bless you all in the homeland, is my daily prayer."

CHESAPEAKE

News Notes

Elder M. C. Kirkendall is spending a few days in Washington in the interest of conference work.

Elder S. T. Shadel and daughter Hazel stopped at the office on their way to Washington, where Hazel will enter the college. Others who have gone from the conference to the college are Miss Myrtle Kirdendall and Miss Nettie Scott of Baltimore, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Peden, Mr. and Mrs. S. Guy Jacques, Leo Reightler and Miss Haffner of Hagerstown, Md. Others will be reported later.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blosser of Michigan arrived in Baltimore last week, and will spend the winter here. Mrs. Blosser is a daughter of Elder Kirkendall.

Miss Katherine Alback of Jersey City, N. J. Arrived in Baltimore Sunday on her way to Rock Hall, Md. She will teach in the church school there. Brother Emil Messinger of Lansdowne, Md. will teach at Fords Store. Plans are being laid for a church school in Baltimore this winter.

A card received from little Frank Baer, and posted on the "high seas" states that all are well. They crossed the equator on Aug. 18, and the Brazilian coast was sighted on the 19th.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Pettibone went to Rock Hall yesterday because of the serious illness of her sister, Lillian Coleman. Sister Coleman was a student at South Lancaster Academy last year, she is very ill with typhoid fever.

To date we have received 4,725 orders for the Harvest Ingathering Signs. We would like to hear from all the churches with large orders. Our conference is more than \$1800 short on the Twenty-cent-a-week fund. What will you do to help us out?

The Wilmington No. 1 church last Sabbath held a stirring meeting in the interest of foreign missions. They pledged \$200 for this good cause. Some of our other churches should take similar steps to raise their funds for missions.

The new book "Vatican and the War" has also been received. You should read this and pass it on to your neighbors.

OHIO

Our Attitude Toward the Liquor Traffic

What shall we do at this time in meeting the issue before us on the liquor question? This is an important and serious question. Would it not be well first for all, young and old, to take our Bible, and with the help of a concordance look up every text referring to strong drink? Study these until we realize the terrible consequences connected with its use. Then take the "Testimonies" and from the index find every chapter where this subject is mentioned. Read these carefully and learn what God has said in regard to our attitude toward this matter. Then read our tracts and other literature dealing with this question. Let us become intelligent on this subject, so that we may "give an answer to him that asketh us" of the reason for our position. When we are intelligent regarding the evils of this traffic we shall

DESIRE TO HELP OTHERS.

We all recognize the "power of the press" and what better can be done than to place good literature in the hands of the people, giving them reliable facts and information, so that they too may become intelligent concerning this subject.

What better literature could be placed

in their hands than our splendid *Temperance Instructor*, followed up with leaflets, "Shadow of the Bottle" and "Health and Temperance"?

If each church will district its territory, and each member undertake to visit every home in territory assigned them, the work will not be difficult. Donations to the temperance work should be solicited and a paper left. The public are willing to contribute to this cause, as has been proved many times in the past, if others will do the actual work of soliciting. Full explanation of the soliciting plan may be secured at your tract society office.

We have the literature, and the ability, and we believe the willingness to do the work, and we know the Lord will go before us to impress the hearts of the people, so that we may be laborers with him in assisting to influence thousands to cast their vote against this iniquitous traffic.

Shall we not, one and all, plan to definitely and earnestly enter this campaign in harmony with the recommendations recently passed at our camp-meeting. Now is the time to begin this work. Let us get in early with our work, and thus lead out in the great temperance campaign which is to make Ohio dry November 2, 1915.

L. M. GREGG.

Important

During the Ohio camp-meeting here at Mt. Vernon a Volume 1 of the Testimonies in red leather was sold to some party and by mistake the first volume of the Bible India Paper three-volume edition was delivered which contains Volume 1, 2 and 3. Since this breaks the set, and they are not sold except in complete sets, we very much desire to get in touch with the party receiving this. If you purchased any red leather testimonies at camp-meeting kindly look them through and see if you might have the one we are looking for so an exchange can be made, and let us know.

Are you a subscriber to that good magazine the *Watchman*? You can secure this paper for one year together with the new book "Vatican and the War" for the regular price of \$1.00. Send us your order today.

OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

AUGUST, 1915

Akron	\$154 95
Alliance	
†Barnesville	
†Bellville	5 88
†Bellfountain	16 00
Bowling Green	130 36
†Broughton	
†Bucyrus	13 05

Camden	53 37
Canaan	20 92
Canton	19 86
Chagrin Falls	11 23
Charloe	
Chillicothe	
Cincinnati	5 13
Cincinnati (Colored)	31 20
Cleveland (English)	306 76
Cleveland (German)	82 43
Clyde	36 99
Columbus	322 87
Conneaut	14 45
Corsica	
Coshocton	13 88
Dayton	66 35
Defiance	
Delaware	2 10
Delta	30 50
Derwent	
†Dowling	
†Dunkirk	
East Liverpool	43 97
Elgin	
Findlay	40 63
†Gilboa	
Hamler	
Hamilton	55 17
Hicksville	8 86
†Jackson	
Jefferson	
Killbuck	14 97
LaGrange	92 10
†Lakeville	
Lake View	5 39
Liberty Center	20 20
Laura	1 45
Lima	6 50
Locust Point	
Leesburg	
Mansfield	36 35
Marion	17 92
†Marshfield	
Medina	
†Mendon	5 10
Mount Vernon	257 46
Newark	
Norwalk	
New Philadelphia	
Nova	16 01
Ohio City	2 00
Piqua	30 72
Pleasant Hill	53 85
†Powell	
Ravenna	52 18
†Reedsville	
Rows	
†Sandusky	
Spencer	
Springfield	34 77
Toledo	117 82
Van Wert	27 94
Walnut Grove	
Washington C. H.	
Waterford	12 65
†Wengerlawn	
†West Mansfield	21 40
Wheelersburg	15 00
Wilmington	24 45

Youngstown	75 51
Zanesville	84 93
Individuals	40 71

TOTAL \$2554 29
†Companies

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

AUGUST, 1915

Tithe	\$2554 29
Industrial Fund	85 25
Colored Work	5 00
Educational	14 09
Missions	1847 48
Sabbath-school Donations	1016 32
Weekly Offering	36 62
India	46 80
Emergency Fund	30 00
Tent & Hail Collection	146 03
Midsummer Offering	77 22
Labor & Expense Refund	157 97

TOTAL \$ 6017 07
H. D. HOLTOM, Sec. - Treas.

Special

Tracts

Our people will be interested to know that our tracts are undergoing a thorough revision. Every tract is being carefully examined, the clear comprehensive ones are being retained, others are being revised, and new ones are being prepared. soon we expect to have the finest list of tracts ever published, covering all points of truth, and providing something to meet the questions which are commonly asked in regard to this message.

This is one side of the question. But what use will the finest tracts be if they lay on the shelves of the publishing houses?

During the first six months of 1915 the sales of tracts have been less in a great part of the North American Division territory that they were in the first half of 1914. As tracts have proved to be one of the most fruitful kinds of literature in bringing souls to a knowledge of the truth, it is a serious matter for the circulation of them to be lessened.

If every church member would plan to circulate an average of one tract a day for the rest of this year, it would bring about a large increase in the sale of tracts all through the field. One tract a day—who could not do that? The cost would average from ten cents to two dollars and a quarter, according to the size of the tracts used. This would be no heavy burden on anyone, yet it would circulate more than three times as many tracts as have ever been used in the same length of time in this field.

Why not buy one hundred tracts and go fishing for souls with them?

E. M. GRAHAM.

A Nice Exercise for the Children

The Sabbath schools are fortunate again this quarter in having suggested for the review day another of these pleasing memory verse exercises. The September number of the *Worker*, in connection with the lesson notes for the review lesson, gives this exercise which can be conducted in any school, and which will be of great interest and much value. It is suggested that one pupil learn the stanzas, and that the classes may repeat the memory verses in concert as each question is asked. Here is an example which will enable every one to understand the exercise:—

"There are two sides, and only two—

The right and wrong—the false and true.

When a man dwells on Satan's side,

How can he with the Lord abide?"

Memory Verse: "He that is not with me is against me." Matt. 12: 30.

Not only do the stanzas ask an appropriate question on the memory verses, but they teach a lesson in themselves. We hope that every school will use these memory verse cards on review day.

Waiting For You

What will you do with the friends that are begging to spend the winter with you? Shall they wait in vain? They are choice friends of some of the leaders in our work who love young people and understand their needs. That is why those leaders have sent these friends to you and are urging you to make their acquaintance this winter. You cannot afford to be strangers any longer. It will do you good to know them. Associating with them will inspire you with new courage and determination. They will also give you much useful information of which you should deprive yourself no longer.

It will cost you but little to bring these friends to your home; and once there, they are no more expense to you. All the attention they demand is a portion of your spare time, and then they will reward you abundantly for "value received."

If you are ambitious you will not let these friends wait in vain. Yes, you are right in guessing that these friends are books. They are the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course books. If you could sit down and council with the leaders in this work about your reading would you not appreciate the help which their experience could bring you? But they have anticipated your need of help in selecting the supremely important books from the host of good books you

are compelled to leave unread, and have made arrangements with the publishers to place them in your hands at the lowest possible price.

The Junior Course for this year consists of "Livingstone, the Pathfinder," Mathew, price 60 cents; "Friends and Foes," Vesta J. Farnsworth, \$1.00; "Sketches of Bible Child Life," Mary Alicia Steward, 75 cents, or \$1.75 for the set, postpaid.

The Senior Course for this year consists of "Things as They Are," by Amy Wilson Carmichael, price 75 cents; "The History of the Sabbath," Andrews and Conradi, \$1.00; "History of William Miller," \$1.00, or the set for \$2.35, postpaid.

If you are at all desirous of being more securely fortified against false "isms," if you are at all ambitious to become a more thoroughly equipped Christian worker, read these books. Let not these friends wait in vain. Make the most of them.

The Voice of the Spirit

"I will sing with the Spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." The spirit of God spake through all true music. Not only did music originate with the eternal Father and come to us through Christ as the mediator the divine medium, but music is in a wonderful and a special way the voice of the Holy Spirit. The Father the Son and the Holy Spirit are the divine harmonious musical trio of the universe.

When at the beginning, earth was chaos, disorder, without form and void, the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. "By His spirit hath He garnished the heavens." Through the spirit order and beauty came. Where there is disorder, there can be no music, for music is absolutely, exactly mathematical, and as by the spirit order can come, so with order, in the angels song of joy over creation came glorious music.

How often in the Scriptures and today are music and the Holy Spirit closely associated. Music was used by the Lord as a means of converting King Saul and making him a prophet. "Thus shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place, with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp before them; and they shall prophesy. And the spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shall be turned into another man." 1 Sam. 10: 5, 6.

A few years later when Saul had departed from the Lord and an evil spirit troubled him, David the sweet singer "took an harp and played with his hand so Saul was refreshed and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him." 1 Sam. 16: 23. With music the Holy Spirit came upon Saul, and now by music the

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Help	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending September 10, 1915									
R. E. Simpson, Hardin Co.		BR	5	51	1	3 00	1 00	4 00	37 75
B. F. Carter, Monroe Co.		BFL	5	45	4	6 00	75	6 75	
C. R. Fairchild, Hardin Co.		BR	4	44	2	9 00		6 00	24 75
Geo. Cottman, Brown Co.		BR	5	44	8	27 00	75	27 75	
J. L. Holder, Wayne Co.		BR	5	41	16	52 00	6 35	58 35	125 65
H. W. Barto, Pickaway Co.		BR	1	40	2	7 00		7 00	186 25
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.		BR	4	40	3	6 00	7 50	16 50	2 75
L. H. Waters, Paulding Co.		PPF	5	37	20	37 50	2 25	39 75	2 75
J. S. Randolph, Marion Co.		DA	4	30	2	7 50	5 95	14 45	16 70
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Scioto Co.		CK	4	31	28	43 00	4 00	47 00	
Mrs. C. Kelley, Scioto Co.		CK	4	31	14	21 00	4 00	25 00	
George Johnson, Tuscarawas Co.		BB	3	10					81 00
J. H. Stafford, Lucas Co.		BR	3	24	1	3 00		3 00	4 00
Mary Holder, Union Co.		BR	2	22	13	42 00	4 75	46 75	1 00
W. S. Syphers, Fayette Co.		BR	2	13					93 95
H. O. Kohn, Knox Co.		DR	2	15	8	12 00		42 00	40 00
Totals	16 Agents		62	523	122	\$276 09	\$38 30	\$314 30	\$616 55

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending September 10, 1915									
W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.		GC	3	22	3	10 00	3 75	13 75	
A. Munson, Bucks Co.		GC				19 00	2 50	21 50	
Wm. Frizzell, Adams Co.		PPF	4	44	1	3 00		3 00	161 35
F. Washburn, Bucks Co.		PPF	3	20	5	11 00	6 75	17 75	75
Q. Donachy, Adams Co.		PPF	2	26					80 80
M. M. Sterner, Cumberland Co.		PPF	4	41	2	5 00		5 00	114 00
D. E. Rebok, Luzerne Co.		DR	5	21					252 00
Hazel V. Leach, Lancaster Co.		HH	5	24	7	22 00	6 00	28 00	
R. C. Howard, S. Philadelphia		WC	5	20	47	11 75		11 75	7 75
H. C. Baumgartner, Lancaster Co.		PG	3	30					261 50
J. F. Phillips, Scranton									30 00
E. M. Evans, Northampton Co.		DR	3	14					67 00
Grace Swingle, Northampton Co.		DR		16					60 50
Daisy Hinkson, Northampton Co.		DR		16					39 50
Totals	20 Agents		32	294	58	\$81 75	\$19 00	\$100 75	\$1075 15

West Virginia, Three Weeks Ending September 10, 1915									
T. M. Butler, Taylor Co.		BR	8	71	23	75 00	9 00	84 00	5 00
W. A. McElphatrick, Randolph Co.		BR	8	72	20	64 00	31 50	95 50	
E. R. Corder, Fayette Co.		COL	15	95	51	76 50	12 50	89 00	346 75
Waldo Wilcox, Berkley Co.		BR	17	143	68	226 00	11 00	237 00	
Guy Corder, Kanawha Co.		BF	10	77		61 00	11 25	72 25	217 00
Cecil Ross, Harrison Co.		BR	2	24					222 80
I. Lawrence, Lewis Co.		BR	4	34	19	72 00		72 00	
G. Earl Snyder, Cabell Co.		BR	5	42	3	9 00	11 95	20 95	28 65
A. A. Hendrickson, Jackson Co.		BR	5	47	13	40 00	32 50	72 50	
Totals	9 Agents		71	605	197	\$623 50	\$119 70	\$743 20	\$820 20

Chesapeake, Week Ending September 10, 1915									
M. S. Pettibone, New Windsor, Md.		BR	5	45	15	48 00	17 70	59 70	83 30
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.		BR	2	19	5	15 00	3 50	18 50	1 40
Edward H. Dye, Garrett Co.		BR							135 00
N. O. Shafer, Baltimore Co.		BR	4	40	17	61 00	5 00	66 00	123 00
C. W. Jenkins, Washington Co. Md.		BR	3	27	19	59 00	3 30	62 30	1 25
J. E. Jones, Sussex Co. Del.		PPF	5	43	23	48 00	14 30	62 30	
David W. Percy, Kent Co. Del.		PPF	5	35	18	36 00	75	36 75	22 00
Totals	6 Agents		24	209	97	\$267 00	\$38 55	\$305 55	\$355 95

New Jersey, Week Ending September 10, 1915									
J. I. Applegate, Cumberland Co.		BR	2	14					13 00
Allen Boynton, Atlantic Co.		BR	2	14	5	15 00		15 00	14 00
Geo. Lloyd, Burlington Co.		PPF	4	24	2	4 00		9 05	
Andrew Hansen, Sussex Co.		BR	4	31			5 30	5 30	165 00
Wm. Schmidt, Union Co.		BR	5	24	6	25 00	10 75	35 75	
Totals	5 Agents		17	107	13	\$44 00	\$21 10	\$65 10	\$192 00

District of Columbia, Week Ending September 10, 1915

W. C. John	BR	5	13	11	36 00		36 00	
J. F. Bartini	Misc					25 00	25 00	25 00
R. J. Brines	BR	1	2	3	10 00		10 00	10 00
W. P. Cooke	SB					7 50	7 50	7 50
Mrs. Hutchinson	CS			3	4 50		4 50	4 50
J. W. Thompson	Misc					5 00	5 00	5 00
Miscellaneous					4 45		4 45	4 45

Totals	7 Agents		6	15	17	\$54 95	\$37 50	\$92 45	\$56 45
Mrs. Cross		3 00							1 00
Minor H. Lawson		1 00							5 00
People's Church		12 20							90
Total									\$23 10

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending September 10, 1915

Wm. Bryson Allegheny Co.	BR	3	17	2	6 00	1 00	7 00	
§A. Brownlee, Allegheny Co.	PPF	23	109	37	82 50	35 20	117 70	85 25
J. I. Butcher, Erie Co.	US	7	28					87 30
*Chas. Dunham, Allegheny Co.	GC	10	66	31	112 00	3 25	115 25	16 00
W. Morgan, Armstrong Co.	BR	4	30	1	4 00	17 75	22 75	12 00
Ralph Morgan, Armstrong Co.	BF	3	20	1	1 50		1 50	25 50
Totals	6 Agents		50	242	100 \$206 00	\$58 20	\$264 20	\$226 05

Grand Totals: 69 Agents Value of Orders \$1553 29 Deliveries, \$3305 35

* Two weeks, † Three weeks, § Four weeks.

New Jersey, Total Tithe and Offerings for 1914

Church	Total	Tithe	Local	Miscellaneous	Missions
Annandale	\$73 77	\$28 34			\$45 43
Asbury Park	39 43	17 17			22 26
Bayonne	229 13	160 69	1 00	1 40	66 04
Bridgeton	653 70	457 14	2 56	11 13	182 87
Burlington	810 24	312 59	104 00	8 00	385 65
Camden	2054 58	1314 87	4 50	50 40	684 81
C. M. C. House	301 10	163 94	9 50	80	126 94
Elizabeth	286 65	174 71	28 17	10 00	73 77
Hackensack	783 12	454 86	15 40	2 05	310 81
Jersey City No. 1	1324 58	830 88	15 00	40	478 30
Jersey City No. 2	1372 36	958 30	2 79	5 59	405 68
Jersey City (Ger.)	2061 28	1221 69	106 83	137 91	594 85
Jersey City (Swed)	829 57	619 14	2 00	7 00	201 43
Newark	3023 16	1925 36	33 73	16 62	1047 42
Newark (Boh-Sla.)	1038 01	874 62	24	5 86	157 29
Newark (Ger.)	335 28	203 60	10 00		121 68
Paterson	1384 27	841 13	7 89	29 24	506 01
Paterson (Ger.)	542 47	319 07	27	6 88	216 25
Paulsboro	58 67	47 65			11 02
Perth Amboy	273 63	160 82			112 81
Plainfield	711 84	522 63		01	188 30
Pleasantville	882 30	716 77			165 53
Ramah	395 28	254 37	1 40	2 70	136 81
Rockaway	549 17	413 17	75	1 50	133 75
Salem	446 79	364 51	20		82 08
Trenton	3117 78	2329 17	42 68	5 39	740 54
Vineland	598 12	394 81	6 65	1 30	195 36
Woodbury	503 87	288 80	51	2 25	212 31
Individuals	4517 16	3186 98	952 40	7 00	370 78
Total	\$29197 39	\$19557 81	\$1348 47	\$314 33	\$7973 28

1911 Total		\$12992 73	\$453 20	\$1238 89	\$2925 50
1912 Total		14698 86	598 77	912 80	4678 48
1913 Total		18511 08	197 61	895 36	5414 59
1913 Total		19557 81	1348 47	314 33	7973 28

Membership 1911	682	Tithe per capita	\$19 05
" 1912	726	Tithe per capita	20 25
" 1913	825	Tithe per capita	22 44
" 1914	906	Tithe per capita	21 59

evil spirit was driven from him. We may be sure the music played by David on his harp was not the light, trashy music that even in many so called revival hymns often appeals to the feet rather than to the heart. But those harmonies so soothing yet so mighty came by inspiration. "The sweet Psalmist of Israel said, The spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his word was in my tongue." That was inspired music breathed by the Holy Spirit, the music through which the mighty spirit of God spake with such power that unwilling evil spirits were banished, as they were in later years by the singing of the youth of Nazareth, Jesus the Son of David, whose sweet song "seemed to banish the evil angels and like incense fill the place with fragrance." *Desire of Ages*.

The great prophet Elisha proved the close connection between the Holy Spirit and music when he said, "Bring me a minstrel, and it came to pass when the minstrel played that the hand of the Lord came upon him." 2 Kings 3; 15. A mighty combination of nations had sent a vast army against Judah. A strong weapon won a great victory for Israel. Righteous Jehosaphat appointed singers unto the Lord that should praise the beauty of Holiness, as they went out before the army and to say, "Praise the Lord, for His mercy endureth forever." "And when they began to sing and to praise, the enemy was smitten and the Holy Spirit through music won a glorious victory for God's people. What a mighty weapon is music when God's people sing with the spirit.

J. S. WASHBURN.

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(concluded)

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What are the children and young people in your church reading? How many church elders and Sabbath school superintendents can answer that question? The question of reading should not be left entirely for the parents to wrestle with. It is sufficiently important to merit the studious attention of every church officer and every church member who is interested in the salvation of the children and youth.

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M. V. EUSEY.

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