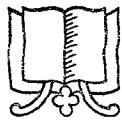
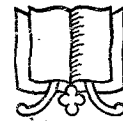


Columbia Union



Visitor



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

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UNION

The Annual Meeting of the New Jersey Workers

We have just closed at Newark, New Jersey, running from December 21 to 23, a blessed season together with workers of the New Jersey Conference. From the first the Lord evidently was manifest as being present in the meeting. All the workers came with their hearts full of prayer and with a great desire to get a new blessing from God. Practically all the workers of the conference were present representing the different churches and different fields of labor.

The time was devoted largely to the different topics relating to the sacred calling of the ministry. An hour was set apart for the study of the church and her great work in the world. The thought that the church holds in her hand the gift of eternal life and in spite of her trials and her ministry, marked with mistakes of human weaknesses, that she is still on earth God's only source of transforming power, demanded from all a new consecration. Another hour was devoted to the Ministerial Reading Course and the improvement of the ministry. Here again the unfolding Word shed its inspiring light upon the soul.

Besides the evening studies from the pulpit devoted to reports from the Fall Council and to other subjects illustrating the progress of the work today, other hours were devoted to the consideration of the different lines of Christian endeavor presented by the church. Elder Sandborn led out especially with reference to the general field work. Sister Iden gave a very interesting and encouraging report on the Young Peoples and Missionary Volunteer Societies work. Brother Lawry had with him figures for the year 1915 of a most encouraging nature to show that the gifts and

liberalities of the New Jersey Conference did not witness to any decrease of faith on the part of the believers in this message. The workers from the different churches also gave their reports which produced new evidences that God had been with the different laborers during the year 1915.

The brethren in the church co-operated with all their heart in entertaining the workers and visitors. Arrangements were made to serve whatever meals would be needed in the basement of the commodious church building. Everything was done that could possibly be done by the Newark flock to care for other necessities of those who came.

On the second evening of the meeting the Lord came preciously near in a season of revival and consecration. The prayer and testimonies of the workers all showed that they were hungering after new experiences in God. We feel satisfied that as a result of our coming together at this time the work for the coming year in the New Jersey Conference will be greatly benefitted.

In closing a word might be added to say that the brethren of Jersey City are building a splendid and commodious church building of about \$12,000 value. The new company which has been brought out at Burlington has also in process of erection a building of a similar capacity and worth. These two new edifices will greatly add to the means and conveniences of a conference in organizing, building up and spreading abroad its work.

B. G. WILKINSON.

NEW JERSEY

General Meetings For The New Jersey Conference During This Winter

Believing that the time has come for us to do definite work in pushing this mes-

sage in all lines, we are planning to have general meetings throughout the state so distributed that all our members may have the privilege of attending some one of these meetings. We are living in very stirring times, and while the world is being stirred to intense activity the church of God should be aroused to this its opportunity to hasten the message to its finishing. In all lines we need to be stirred to greater activity. First, we need the power of the Spirit of God to enable us to do better service, and when we thus get in touch with God we will be able to push the different lines of work that will be presented in these general meetings. Following are some of the things that will be taken up. The Missionary Volunteer work will be given considerable emphasis. Surely this is an important branch of our work, and one that should be fostered by all. Then we have the educational work. The time has come, the Lord tells us, to take our children out of public school, and the sooner we are able to see this as God sees it the sooner the work will finish. Our Sabbath school work will receive special attention, and much good instruction will be given to our officers and pupils in our schools. Our missionary work, both foreign and home, will be presented, and I am sure that the appeals that come from the different fields will find a hearty response with God's people.

The following program will explain itself, and I trust that the members of the churches that are grouped together will do their best to attend the meetings from the first one Friday night to the closing one Sunday night:—

January 14-16 at Bridgeton, including Vineland, Ramah, and Jericho.

January 21-23 at Swedesboro, including Paulsboro, Salem, and Woodbury.

January 28-31 at Newark, including the Bohemian and German churches and Plainfield.

February 4-6 at Paterson, including the German church, and Hackensack and Rockaway.

February 11-13 at Cape May Court House.

February 18-20 at Atlantic City, including Pleasantville.

February 25-27 at Annandale, including Washington and Phillipsburg.

March 3-5 at Jersey City Number 1, including Jersey City Number 2, German, Swedish, and Bayonne.

March 10-12 at Burlington, including Trenton and Camden.

DAILY PROGRAM

Friday Evening	7:30	Preaching
Sabbath Morning	9:30	Sabbath-school
"	"	11:00 Revival Meeting
"	Afternoon 2:30	Sabbath-school Convention
Saturday Evening	7:30	Preaching
Sunday Morning	10:00	Missionary Volunteer Convention
Sunday Afternoon	2:00	Missionary Convention
Sunday Evening	7:30	Preaching.

A. R. SANDBORN.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Alexandria

After the tent effort at Rollins Fork, Virginia closed up, in which we were engaged through the summer, my wife and myself were asked to take up work in this city. Alexandria, dates from the time of Washington and has many historical associations. The people are very conservative and great church goers. The little company here, consisted of several aged sisters held together by faithful Brother Roat. A newly converted brother living in a rail road town near here, who is all afire in the zeal of his first love, has attracted much attention among the men of this city who work in the same yards with him by his faithfulness in refusing to work on Friday evening and Sabbath, by his changed life and his continual talking of the truth and his distributing of literature. This has resulted in the opening of many doors for us.

I am convinced that the loud cry of this message will come as soon as all of our lay-members become active evangelists and personal workers in their own circles, and when as a result our ministers find interests continually awaiting them instead of their having to spend weeks and months awakening an interest before they can begin to really teach the message.

Again, I have been impressed by the evidence that it is our strongest literature which gets the greatest grip on people's attention now-a-days. Our engineer-brother's favorite tract, and the one which he has distributed the most, is "The Seal of God and the Mark of the Beast." This in a very Catholic neighborhood,

too. Three times in the past two weeks I have been kept up at night by souls hungering and thirsting for truth whose previous knowledge of our teaching was entirely limited to this little pamphlet. One man exclaimed, "I have belonged to the baptist church five years, and I never learned as much about the Bible as in this one study!" Another said that he would gladly sit up if I would only stay and teach him our doctrines, one after the other, from the Bible. But it is dangerous for a rail road man to go without his sleep, and I was anxious for him to take a more deliberate and deeper study of the truths, so I told him we would divide our studies up. This man, who lives a considerable distance from town now comes in after us twice a week in his automobile to take us out to his home where we hold a Bible class. His brother and sister, who are as interested as he is, and the neighbors, are coming to the studies.

I was referred to another railroad man who had become interested through the same tract; a young single man from a Godly home, who lives a life of morality and piety in striking contrast to his fellow-workmen. I found the home where he boards to be told that he had just gone to the Baptist revival. I pursued him down the street, and entered the church just behind him. When we were seated, I introduced myself to him. We stayed until the service was over. The revivalist preached on never-ending torment, and the young man asked me to go to his home with him for a few minutes and tell him my views on the subject. We entered the parlor where the land-lady and her husband were sitting, and began to study. She asked permission to listen and ask questions, and it was after midnight when I got away. The lady volunteered to form a Bible class if I would come and teach it, and as a result we hold a little meeting there once a week, with several families in attendance. As an outgrowth of this we hold another weekly class in one of the finest homes in the city.

The daily paper has taken notice of our Bible class work, and already we have eight classes meeting in various sections of the city and suburbs, organized on a plan similar to that of the Bible classes of the large city churches of other denominations.

We trust that by this means this old city may be leavened with God's new truths for today. We sincerely hope that a large evangelistic effort can be held here in the spring and summer to reap the harvest of this work. We feel weak indeed for such a great work, but in humble dependence upon God we can say with Paul, "When I am weak, then I am strong."
J. W. HALL.

WEST VIRGINIA

From The Old To The New

Nineteen fifteen with all its opportunities, privileges, reverses and blessings are in the past.

West Virginia has done well thus far and I desire to thank all for their loyalty and faithfulness in the things of God. I trust the Lord can say to all that which he said of the one who anointed his feet. "She hath done what she could."

It is a splendid practice to make the first day of the year, and each succeeding day, a "happy day" by doing some practical missionary work. "Procrastination is the thief of time," therefore let us begin the year right and endeavor to keep right.

As we look back over the past year we have much to be thankful for. While war has been raging and has cost the lives of millions in most countries of Europe and the East, we, through the restraining power of God have enjoyed peace and prosperity. How soon our fair land may be wasted by war, we cannot tell, but we do know that the awful battle of Armageddon will soon break upon the world. Then there will be "war and bloodshed everywhere". So now is the time to "put on the whole armor of God" and "work while it is called today, for the night (soon) cometh when no man can work". "Yet a little while and he that shall come will come and will not tarry."

A very happy, healthful and prosperous year to all.
J. W. HIRLINGER.

News Notes

Brother Wm. Ross of Walker, and Sister Foggan, of Reedsville, Ohio, were callers at the office last week. We are glad to have our brethren and sisters call at the office whenever it is convenient for them to do so.

Brother Mays, who has been canvassing in this conference, is spending a few days in Parkersburg.

Brother Cecil Ross, who has been attending the Washington Missionary College, is spending his Christmas vacation at his home in Parkersburg.

Brother McElpatrick is making a delivery of books at the present time and after completing it he intends to take up the magazine work in Charleston.

Nearly all of our colporteurs have made a Christmas delivery and we are glad to report that all have made good deliveries. Brethren Butler and Lawrence delivered

100 per cent. Sister Snyder reported delivering all but one book and the one from whom she had taken that order had moved away, however, she sold that book for cash before returning home, so we can count her among those who made a 100 per cent delivery. Brother Snyder only lost a few orders and reports the best of reasons for losing the ones that were lost. Truly the Lord has blessed our colporteurs in their work and we praise him for it.

Every mail now is bringing in money on the pledges that were made at the camp-meeting this year, and each remittance helps to swell the amount that will go to advance the work in foreign fields.

We are receiving many letters from outside people wanting to canvass for our books. Many of them are from people who bought our books and they invariably emphasize the importance of these good books being placed in the homes of the people. Why is it that more of our own members do not have a burden to scatter the printed page and thus help finish the work?

Brother Kirk spent Sabbath with Brother Waggoner, one of our colporteurs. This is an isolated family and they enjoyed the Sabbath together and study of the Sabbath school lesson.

Elder Hirlinger is at Chester, assisting Elder Philips in a series of meetings.

Brother McElphatrick spent three days last week working with the Harvest Gathering Signs among people to whom he had previously sold books. He found many interested in the study of their book and received \$5.10 donations. This week he is back in the field delivering more books.

We have received some reports from the colporteurs on their Christmas deliveries and are glad to say that so far they have had excellent success.

East Pennsylvania

Doing Our Plain Duty

Brother Mack has consented to our passing on through the columns of the VISITOR a letter which we have recently received from him, a letter which is not only full of enthusiasm, but is a setting forth of the way the Lord will work with his servants when they are willing to do that which Brother Mack calls "plain duty."

"Thank God I am in the work! I feel

nearer the Lord right now since entering his vineyard to labor for him, than at any time while at work at my trade or while on the railroad. I have certainly had some wonderful experiences since leaving the institute and getting into the field.

"One thing I have learned and that is to never take advice from any stranger relative to passing a house. An experience will serve to illustrate. Friday morning I determined to take a road which would lead me by two houses on opposite sides of the road one of which Satan had endeavored several times to keep me from entering. It is a beautiful home, a veritable mansion and truly I felt timid about approaching the inmates. Well, Friday morning I determined to do my duty but Satan fought me to the last minute. Nearing this home I simply had to go into the farmhouse across the road. I met the man in his barnyard and after my introduction, started to describe my book. Judge my surprise to find myself confronted by a college graduate, governed by theories taught by such men as Darwin and Huxley. Of course I did not get his order but he certainly treated me like a gentleman. Before leaving him I asked him if he would kindly tell me the name of the people living in the fine home across the way. He laughed and said, 'My mother lives there and I am afraid she would not receive you as kindly as I have or listen as patiently.' Not very encouraging was it? I just shut my eyes and breathed a humble fervent prayer to Him who ever hears and walked up the driveway to the front door, rang the bell and waited. Soon a young lady answered my ring and invited me inside. Asking my name she left the room and soon reappeared leading an elderly lady who came straight up to me and gave me a hearty hand shake and asked me to sit down. I was sure she would cut me short when she learned my errand but judge my surprise to find her listening very attentively and when I entered upon a description of the Revelation she drank in every word and finally said to me; 'I have always wanted to understand the book of Revelation but gave up reading it a short time ago because I could not. You may bring me a copy in the full morocco when you make your Christmas delivery. The Lord answers prayer and did he not reward me for doing my 'plain duty'?"

Last week I was with Brother Mack when he delivered this book. When this woman reads it she is going to send it to her son in China, who I understand is a missionary in some capacity.

Brother Mack told me that he had passed this house ten times but it looked so large that he felt himself unequal to the task of entering it but thank the

Lord we are not working alone. May the Lord give all of us the convictions and courage to do our "plain duty" at this time. My brother, my sister as you read this letter and the conviction comes home to your heart that God is finishing his work resolve to do your "plain duty." Probation's door is closing and He will soon come.

C. V. LEACH.

News Notes

Since the institute the enemy has been knocking our workers hard. There has been much sickness. We are looking forward to good months during January and February.

"The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing." Prov. 20:4.

Even though snow may be on the roads let us keep on plowing. The text implies that if we plow we shall have a harvest.

Brother Sterner joins the Northumberland company soon. This company is headed by Brother Mack. They are planning on hard work this winter.

Brother Donachy is home for a short time. He expects to be back on the firing line soon again.

Brother Hess has recovered nicely from a bad wound received over the eye, caused by falling on some iron pipes in Easton. He is delivering this week.

CHESAPEAKE

News Notes

Elder M. C. Kirkendall returned to his home after having had pleasant and profitable visits with the churches at Wilmington, Del., Whiteleysburg, Md., and Cambridge, Md.

Elder G. B. Thompson spent Friday night and Sabbath with the church in Baltimore, Md. Elder Heber Votaw spent some time with the same church on Wednesday evening during the week of prayer. He related a number of his experiences while working in India. The services of both of these brethren were greatly appreciated by the church.

A number of our colporteurs have been delivering, and while the weather in some sections has been very disagreeable they send in good reports. Let us pray for these faithful brethren, and remember them particularly that they may be well cared for during the cold winter nights when they must be away from home, cir-

culating this literature that is doing so much toward spreading the Third Angel's Message.

Brother G. W. Lawrence spent some time at the office this week.

Elder R. T. Dowsett spent part of the week of prayer with the churches at Fords Store and Rock Hall, and reports very interesting meetings.

Elder F. H. Seeney called at the office the other day while in Baltimore. He reports the brethren and sisters of the Wilmington No. 2. church of good courage.

Elder S. T. Shadel reports a good interest in the Harvest Ingathering work among the brethren and sisters of the Rock Hall church. They are doing what they can to raise their twenty cent a week fund.

Elder M. C. Kirkendall is suffering from a severe cold, contracted somewhere on his travels last week.

OHIO

Findlay

We are glad to report that the work in district five and six is moving along nicely, and our faithful brethren are doing nobly. However, some are not doing their full duty. Some are not giving God his own. To such let me say, dear brothers and sisters, it is time to draw near to God. It is time to straighten up with God and be true to him. Can it be a question as to the time in which we are living? Every day brings us nearer the end of our journey. If we are not doing our duty today, did it ever occur to you that tomorrow may be too late?

The text of scripture which says, "Let not the sun go down on your wrath," means much to all of us for when the sun goes down, the days record is completed and the angels carry the same to the sanctuary above.

The work in Findlay is moving onward. Seven precious souls recently united with our little company. Five by baptism and two by profession of faith, making a total of forty members. We are thankful to our Heavenly Father for what he has done and we will trust him for the future.

Today is the day of salvation if you hear his voice and harden not your hearts. Your brother in the last great message to a dying world. F. M. FARMCHILD.

"The less we have of self the more room we have for His divine grace."

News Notes

Miss Acton and her assistant, Miss Goldie Hixon, are spending a few days at their respective homes in Hicksville and Columbus.

Elder Slade spent some time during the latter half of the week at the Cleveland Bookmen's Convention, going from there to visit some of the workers in that part of the state.

Elder H. H. Votaw, of Washington Missionary College, was a caller at the office this week.

Among our receipts of tithes and offerings this week, is a check for \$679.40 from an isolated family, over \$600 of which is a foreign mission offering. This is a worthy example of the result of missionary farming. The earnest, encouraging letter that accompanied this gift was indicative of the real missionary spirit of the author, and made us wish that there might be more of this class of workers in our part of the field, for surely such a believer is as truly a worker for God as he who is privileged to labor in heathen lands.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

The Bible Year Class

"Thy word is truth." "The entrance of thy word giveth light." "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I may not sin against thee."

From the first text we learn that the word is truth, in fact the standard of all truth. "Truth shall make you free." We need not seek for traditions of men in order to find what is truth, thus we need not flounder on life's ocean as a ship without chart or compass.

Every soul seeketh after light, a certain something that they do not realize themselves but in reality it is light, it matters not how superstitious or in what darkness he may be there is a longing after something better, something that satisfies. The word meets the demand as nothing else does.

By the hiding of the word in the heart, it keeps us from sinning against God. Just think of it as a safeguard against sin! We have read these passages often, perhaps can quote them from memory, yet have we ever stopped to consider the wonderful truths contained in them? The more we ponder over them the more we wonder why we did not realize it before, and why we did not put to practice the good instructions given that this experience may be ours.

We are on the verge of eternity! We

will soon be beset about with all manner of delusions, even to the falling of fire from heaven in the sight of men. Miracles which Jesus calls great, so much so, that they will deceive, if possible, the very elect. Where will you stand at that day? What will be your safeguard? What are you doing preparatory to stand through it all? The Psalmist gives the secret. "Thy word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee." It is through the word that we learn of the coming deceptions, and is the standard by which everything that comes to us in the garb of religion is to be tested. It is what we have, of the word, in our heart that counts.

The statement has been made by the spirit of prophecy that we are nearer the end than anyone has any idea of. Oh if we only realized it as we should it would then mean greater Christian activities by all who profess this truth. It would mean the storing up of the word in our hearts as never before. It would mean rapid strides toward the standard God has set.

It does not need the stretch of imagination to believe the above statements of the spirit of prophecy. 'All about us are unmistakable signs of the end. The wonder of it all is, that we do not realize enough to hasten and make our calling and election sure. If all things earthly should cease just now where would you stand? Would the well done be spoken to you? Probation still lingers let us make haste and trim our lamps and take with us the precious oil of the spirit lest the bridegroom come and we are not found ready.

The Missionary Volunteer Society has for 1916 what is called the Bible Year. All our young people are urged to read the Bible through during the year. We want to extend the privilege to all our brethren in the conference. Come with us, and let us store up the word of God against the day of darkness, and despair, and delusions. I will assure you it will do thee good. As we dig in this mine of truth we will find precious gems that death cannot take away from us. Will you not join us, volunteers and all? Drop me a card signifying your intention, and I will send you an enrollment blank which will give you membership in the 1916 Bible Year Class.

It is true you can read the Bible through without being enrolled yet one may become careless, the year roll by and the Bible not half read through, but if enrolled one feels under obligations to do as vowed. The chances are a hundred times better for the reading of the Bible through if enrolled. Later I may put the names in the VISITOR of all that have enrolled.

Last year, our first year of the Bible Year, sixty or more were enrolled. Every

member of the conference, young and old, should enroll this year.

In the Morning Watch Calendar there is given a certain portion to be read every day in your devotions so you will know definitely just how much to read in order to finish reading the Bible. Just think what that will mean to you. As we thus store up the word in our heart we will be able to stand while signs and miracles are multiplying on every hand, deceiving the multitudes. Our faith has been strengthened so we will accept the word rather than the working of deceptive miracles, for the word is in our heart.

CHAS. F. ULRICH.

VIRGINIA

News Notes

Let each one make it a point to be owing the tract society nothing. Should every one do this, we would be able to show a gain, and the balance would be on the right side.

R. F. Farley who has been laboring with the new Charlottesville company has gone to his home in Philadelphia for the holiday season. The rest and change will be of benefit to Brother Farley.

Brother George is a busy man now days preparing for the Canvasser's Institute. Ere this reaches our readers a company of our young men will be studying ways and methods of how to succeed in working in the field with books. The prospects are indeed excellent for a profitable season together.

The dedication of the Republican Grove church has been postponed till spring owing to the sickness of Elder Moffett. Brother Gordon has moved to Portsmouth to help in the church work there. This is much appreciated by the Portsmouth brethren.

Special

Argentine Conference and Camp Meeting

The fifteenth annual session of the Argentine Conference was held in connection with the camp meeting at Camarero, in the province of Entre Rios, October 28 to November 7, 1915. Two days prior to the beginning of the camp-meeting were given to the college and sanitarium programs, it being the occasion of the commencement exercises of these institutions. October 26, the college

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending December 17, 1915									
J. S. Randolph, Morrow Co.		ES	5	45	4	17 00	9 35	26 35	22 35
R. E. Simpson, Logan Co.		BR	5	45					190 15
Geo. Cottman, Brown Co.		BR	5	43	3	11 00		11 00	173 00
H. O. Kohr, Zanesville		BF	4	40					227 00
G. W. Yingling, Huron Co.		BF	5	39					135 25
W. S. Syphers, Fayette Co.		BR	4	36					140 20
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.		BR	5	32					51 00
P. A. Franks, Wayne Co.		BR	2	28	2	3 00		3 00	249 00
Ira Rickett, Fayette Co.		BR	4	25					77 55
C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.		BR	5	25	4	14 00	3 50	17 50	37 25
W. W. Kay, Mahoning Co.		CK	4	24	14	22 50	3 00	25 50	
Mrs. Ira Rickett, Fayette Co.		ES	1	8					13 00
E. C. Alexander, Clermont Co.		BR							67 00
Totals	13 Agents		49	390	27	\$67 50	\$15 85	\$83 35	\$1382 75

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 17, 1915

W. B. Dunkinson, Lackawanna Co.	PPF	4	36	9	20 00			20 00	2 00
F. Washburn, Bucks Co.	PPF	3	19	1	1 50	4 50		6 00	33 35
M. M. Sterner, Schuylkill Co.	PPF	2	3	14					44 00
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.	DR	5	33	2	6 00		25	6 25	86 50
F. S. Bangert, Snyder Co.	PPF	3	27	12			1 75	1 75	48 75
Mrs. E. M. Evans, Dickson	Misc	5	31	52	22 10			22 10	3 00
Ella Asper, Perry Co.	HH	4	11				2 00	2 00	2 00
Grant Priddy, Luzerne Co.	SB	5	35	13	6 50			6 50	31 51
Totals	8 Agents				\$56 00	\$8 50	\$64 60	\$251 11	

West Virginia, Week Ending December 17, 1915

W. H. Wilcox, Berkley Co.	BR	4	31	12	42 00	1 25		43 25	1 25
Ivor Lawrence, Hampshire Co.	BR	5	33	2	6 00		85	6 85	4 20
J. W. Brondo, Marion Co.	BR	5	35	8	26 00		6 25	32 25	25
*Henry Waggoner, Preston	BR	9	95	4	100 00		9 45	109 45	14 05
Peter Cordero, Marion Co.	BR	10	59	14	44 00	13 10		57 10	2 50
J. S. Seal, Hinton Co.	BR	4	27	8	24 00		3 30	27 30	
R. E. Beckwith, Arnoldsbury	BR	3	35	17	25 50		5 55	31 05	
T. M. Butler, Taylor Co.	BR	4	20		2 50	12 85		15 35	4 60
G. Earl Snyder, Weston	BFL	4	28	8	19 50		6 65	25 65	8 70
Mrs. G. Earl Snyder, Clarksburg	COL	4	14	6	7 50	21 30		28 80	29 69
J. R. Medlin, Morgantown	COL	5	14	5	7 50		7 25	14 75	16 40
Magazines							2 00	2 00	2 00
Totals	11 Agents				\$304 00	\$89 81	\$398 80	\$83 64	

Chesapeake, Week Ending December 10, 1915

*O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.	BR	4	56	4	12 00	1 00		13 00	217 75
Geo. R. Apsley, Carroll Co.	BR	3	24	2	6 00	1 90		7 90	70 00
J. E. Jones, Dorchester Co.	PPF	4	26	3	6 00	1 70		7 70	105 55
D. W. Percy, Sussex Co.	PPF	4	30						181 40
Totals	4 Agents		17	136	9	\$24 00	\$4 60	\$28 60	\$574 70

District of Columbia, Week Ending December 17, 1915

Earl Wilcox	BR	8	36		121 90			121 90	8 00
John Irwin Butcher	COL	3			19 50			19 50	
Cecil Ross	BR	2			15 00			15 00	36 00
E. Ray Corder	Misc	2			6 25			6 25	25 00
F. W. Holland	BB	6	40	20	63 00		75	63 75	
Mrs. Connolly	WC			34	8 50			8 50	8 50
Mrs. Fielding	Misc				8 80			8 80	8 80
Mrs. R. T. Rowe	Misc				5 15			5 15	5 15
Miss Detwiler	WC	2		30	7 50			7 50	7 50
Mrs. Littleton	Misc				3 35			3 35	3 35
Miss Welsh	Misc				3 35			3 35	3 35
Wm. Schmidt	Misc				1 00			1 00	6 05
Miscellaneous	Misc				31 90			32 90	31 90
Totals	12 Agents		23	76	89	\$295 20	75	\$295 95	\$133 60

rendered a very interesting program, during which time a large class of young people graduated and received diplomas. In the evening the sanitarium gave a most interesting program, part of which were demonstrations to show how the medical missionary can aid in our great evangelistic work. A class of ten finished the three year's course for nurses and received diplomas. Professor Harley Stevens is at the head of our school and Dr. Habenicht is superintendent of our sanitarium.

The conference meetings were held in a new tent which was pitched on the school grounds in Camarero.

Thursday evening, October 28, was the first of the public services. A very large gathering of our people were present. Friday, the 29th, was the first day of the conference and our people from all parts of the field kept coming on the grounds until it became difficult to locate them. Many came by team long distances. The preaching was, in a large measure, for our own people, and the Lord witnessed to the word preached.

Most excellent prayer and testimony meetings were held with the entire congregation taking part. I think I never saw people so free to respond. The Sabbath meetings were seasons of great blessings and the Holy Spirit was present to convince and to convict. Special meetings were conducted for the young people. Those in charge were able to say that the Lord wrought wonderfully for the youth. Hearts were turned to God and the Missionary Volunteer department was greatly strengthened.

The treasurer's report showed a splendid increase in tithes and offerings. The tithe for 9 months of 1915 was more than the entire year of 1914. The tract society showed a material gain in the business transacted. The largest sales of its history were facts encouraging to the delegates.

While the Home Missionary department is new here, we planned to bring this feature of our work prominently before our people. A regular program was rendered at 2:30 p. m. each day and the results were gratifying. Our people were instructed in methods of work and they seemed anxious to get hold of this feature of the work which is to bring the end. Resolutions covering this kind of work were adopted, which called for the publication of larger tracts and also of cheap leaflets that can be given away to the public.

Besides the regular force of conference workers, there was good help from the Union Conference, Elder F. L. Perry from Uruguay was with us and Elder Julio Ernst from Paraguay. The labors of these brethren were appreciated. We had in all, ten ordained ministers, who

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Irma Gerhart	12 50	Augusta Oliff	10 00
Miss Henley	5 00	Mrs. C. P. Crager	5 00
E. Towles	1 80	Miss Chandler	1 50
Miscellaneous	50	Totals	\$35 20

Virginia, Week Ending December 17, 1915

T. D. Gibson, Augusta Co.	BR	4 37	1 3 00	3 00	180 25
Bennett Hamm, Greene Co.	CK	4 28	27 52 50	52 50	1 50
W. H. Hunt, Washington Co.	GC	3 28	9 25	9 25	50 25
S. N. Wilmer, Appomattox Co.	BFL	4 31			106 00
John L. Goode, Henrico Co.	DR	3 24			17 50

Totals	5 Agents	18 148	28 \$55 50	\$9 25	\$64 75	\$355 50
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West Virginia, Week Ending December 24, 1915

T. M. Butler, Taylor Co.	BR	5 37	5 9 50	2 00	11 50	137 65
R. E. Beckwith, Arnoldsburg	BFL	5 33	9 13 50	7 25	20 75	
W. A. McElphatriek, Randolph Co.	BR	5 40				117 50
G. Earl Snyder, Weston	BR	5 30		4 75	4 75	109 10
Ivor Lawrence, Hardy Co.	BR	2 12	2 6 00	7 50	13 50	81 60
J. S. Seal, Hinton	BR	5 42	8 25 00	5 00	30 00	86 65
W. H. Wilcox, Berkeley Co.	BR	4 39	21 72 00	1 40	73 40	1 40
J. W. Brando, Marion Co.	BR	7 39	14 46 00	4 75	50 75	1 75
J. R. Medlin, Morgantown	COL	5 18		1 75	1 75	41 00
Mrs. G. E. Snyder, Clarksburg	COL	3 9	9 3 75	2 25	6 00	96 30

Totals	10 Agents		\$175 75	\$36 65	\$212 40	\$672 45
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East Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 24, 1915

W. B. Dunkinson, Lackawanna Co.	PPF	4 31	48 30 00		30 00	
Wm. P. Hess, Northampton Co.	GC					185 47
F. Washburn, Northampton Co.	GC	3 21		1 25	1 25	62 75
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.	DR	5 24	7 21 00	50	21 50	50
Ella Asper, Perry, Co.	HH	2 14				29 25
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.	DR	4 19				51 50
Eva Chandler, Philadelphia	WC				3 75	3 75

Totals	9 Agents		\$51 00	\$1 75	\$66 50	\$333 22
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Virginia, Week Ending December 24, 1915

T. D. Gibson, Augusta Co.	BR	4 32	19 59 00		59 00	
David Orr, Highland Co.	CK			5 20	5 20	105 95
A. L. Gary, Highland Co.	CK	8 61				104 20
Bennette Hamm, Greene Co.	CK		22			49 25
Harry Wright, Henrico Co.	BR		30			77 00

Totals	5 Agents	14 175	19 \$59 00	\$5 20	64 20	\$336 40
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West Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 24, 1915

Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co.	BR	3 24	15 47 00	5 35	52 35	3 35
*A. Brownlee, Washington Co.	PPF	10 91	50 102 25	33 45	135 70	49 75
*C. Dunham, Allegheny Co.	DR	10 62	16 53 75		53 75	50 00
*J. S. Glunt, Erie Co.	BR	4 6	19 00	9 80	28 80	7 95
*D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	BR	10 16	54 00		54 00	72 90
D. P. Patterson, Fayette Co.	BR	4 32	13 43 00	4 00	47 00	19 25

Totals	6 Agents	41 270	116 \$319 00	\$52 60	\$371 60	\$203 20
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New Jersey, Week Ending December 24, 1915

G. E. Fredenburgh, Warren Co.	DR	3 20	3 9 00	1 70	10 70	
W. B. Plant, Morris Co.	BR	5 40	3 9 00	3 00	12 00	163 20
E. J. Wood, Camden Co.	BR	3 14	1 2 00		2 00	42 10

Totals	3 Agents	11 74	7 \$20 00	\$4 70	\$24 70	\$205 30
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Chesapeake, Week Ending December 24, 1915

M. S. Pettibone, Carroll Co. Md.	BR	3	20	2	6 00	3 45	9 45	127 65
Geo. R. Apsley, Carrol Co. Md.	BR	4	23	2	6 00	2 55	8 55	
N. O. Shaffer, Baltimore Co.	BR	1	5					44 00
Totals		3 Agents	8	48	4	\$12 00	\$6 00	\$18 00 \$171 65

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 17, 1915

Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co.	BR	7	30	5	26 00	1 75	27 75	116 45
Mrs. G. Buttermore, Fayette Co.	BF	2	16	16	26 00	3 50	29 50	
J. S. Glunt, Erie Co.	BR	6	30	2	9 00	2 25	11 25	100 00
John Morley, Cameron Co.	BF	4	21	12	18 00	50	18 50	61 60
Totals		4 Agents	19	35	\$79 00	\$8 00	\$87 00	\$278 05

Grand Totals: 71 Agents Value of Orders \$1517 95 Deliveries, \$4966 57

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

Monthly Summary of Canvassers' Reports

Month Ending November 26, 1915

Conference	Colporteurs	Hours	Orders	Value	1914
Ohio	21	2192	579	1982 40	1470 65
West Virginia	7	866	389	1350 00	618 55
West Pennsylvania	9	749	191	832 14	778 99
Chesapeake	7	605	208	746 55	1052 65
East Pennsylvania	10	894	189	729 75	515 10
Virginia	8	748	412	779 00	391 70
District of Columbia	7	144	235	533 75	87 25
New Jersey	5	380	125	495 03	477 60
Totals	74	6578	2328	7448 62	5392 50

shared the burden of the preaching services. Brother N. Hansen was ordained to the gospel ministry.

A good interest was shown in foreign missions and the amount given for this work proved the liberality of our people here. Other calls were made and \$2500 was raised for the work in this large field. Over \$300 was raised for the tent fund.

The meetings were conducted in two languages. The Germans occupied one half of the tent and the Spanish speaking people the other half. Able translators were present to help in the services, so the people got about all that was presented by the different speakers. It was impressive to note, the English, German, French, Italian and Russian all at peace with one another, while in Europe these nationalities, without the peace of God in their hearts, are fighting each other in deadly conflict.

The last Sabbath was a day long to be remembered, because of the blessings it brought to all. In the morning after the service, a very solemn ordination service was held. After the 2:30 meeting, a baptismal service was held on the banks of a beautiful stream nearby. The singing of the choir was grand and the saints of God

wept tears of joy as they witnessed the baptism of fourteen dear souls.

The territorial lines of the Argentine Conference are greatly extended but that is not all. There are millions here for whom Christ died and we need help for the gigantic undertaking. We solicit the prayers of the VISITOR readers to the end that this field now ripe for the harvest, may in due time be garnered for the Lord.

R. T. BAER, *President.*

The Summary

The accompanying summary for November shows a good gain over last year's for which we are very grateful to the Lord. Truly the Lord has richly blessed us this year, for while we have not had as many colporteurs in the field yet our sales are greater. Last year for November we had 87 colporteurs while this year we only had 74. Thus you see our gain of \$2056.12 was made with 13 less in the field, showing that their is a much greater demand for our books than last year.

The world is calling for the truth but where are the laborers to carry it to them? Will you be one?

I. D. RICHARDSON.

Resolution Regarding the Testimonies

Among the many resolutions of far reaching influence considered and adopted at the Fall Council, the following was not the least in importance:

"Whereas, When the study of the Testimonies is taken up by the members of a church, there is manifested by them a fuller consecration to the Lord, and a deeper personal spiritual experience which leads to active labor in winning of souls,

"We Recommend, That in every conference an effort be made to place the "Testimonies," especially Vols. 6 to 9, in the home of every Sabbath keeping family."

Many of our people already have one or more volumes of the "Testimonies" in their homes, and they know the value of them. But there are many who do not have them. We greatly desire to see all our people enjoying the spiritual help and blessing that this gift has brought within our reach. Of this people it is spoken, "Here are they that keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ (or the Spirit of Prophecy)." Rev. 12: 17; 14: 12; 19: 10. This must mean more than simply an acknowledgment of their right in the church. Yes, we have and keep them. We trust this shall be true of every family of Seventh-day Adventists.

In urging that our people provide themselves, especially, with Vols. 6 to 9 we do not wish to underrate the importance of the other volumes. But we do want to emphasize the value, right at this time, of our reading these four volumes.

You will find God's plan for the finishing of the work in the individual heart in the church, and in the world, clearly set forth in these blessed volumes.

The home missionary department will be glad to hear from any and all who will join in this most worthy undertaking of procuring and reading carefully the counsel of our great Leader to his people, who are soon to be gathered home. It is our privilege to know the purposes and plans of God. It is imperative that we do understand these, and that we keep abreast with that which is being speedily accomplished in all the earth.

We know of nothing, apart from God's Holy Word, more worthy of our careful consideration at such a time as this. Who, throughout the entire field, will respond? Who? Will you? F. W. PAAR.

The open confession of our faith has a good influence upon others. How could there be a Christian church at all if every Christian man concealed his faith in his own bosom? If you love your Lord and have faith and hope in him, do not delay to come forward and own his name and cause. *Spurgeon.*

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OBITUARIES

FULTZ. — At the home of her son, Eugene Dellinger, where she had been taken temporarily, Sarah C. Fultz, wife of Reuben T. Fultz, departed this life, December 3, 1915, aged 55 years, 7 months and 4 days.

Sister Fultz, then Mrs. Dellinger, became a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church about 22 years ago, and remained a faithful member until the time of her death.

The funeral was conducted by the writer, in the Methodist Church at Mount Jackson, Virginia, assisted by Elder A. C. Neff and Rev. R. L. Wittig. The interment was in the cemetery near by.

She is survived by her husband and one son, one sister, two brothers, and six grandchildren.

R. D. HOTTEL.

NIXON. — Fannie A. Nixon departed this life, December 10, 1915. She was born July 31, 1891. She was an earnest worker, and was always at her post of duty. Her labors as a Bible worker here at Portsmouth and at other places where she labored will be missed.

Words of encouragement were spoken by Elder J. B. Mallory, assisted by the writer.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

GATTING. — Thomas A. Gating of Gilmerton, Virginia, died October 7, 1915. He was baptized May 30, 1915 and united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Portsmouth and remained faithful until death claimed him. Words of hope and comfort were spoken from Rev. 14:13, 14 by the writer.

W. H. SEBASTIAN.

Our readers will be pleased to know that the 1916 Temperance *Instructor* will be ready to mail January 1. The pub-

lishers assure us that this new Temperance number gives evidence of eight years experience in getting out Temperance issues, it being by far the most practical Temperance issue ever published. We solicit the earnest efforts of our readers in the generous circulation of this new Temperance number. The special elections will soon be on. In many places there will be local option elections. Our people ought to do all they can in getting the Temperance *Instructor* in the homes of the people just before these elections.

Washington Missionary College

The students and faculty of Washington Missionary College found the week of prayer a blessed season. The spirit of God was manifest both in the prayer bands and general meetings. On Tuesday at the chapel hour a revival service was held. The Holy Spirit came very near, and a large number were led to give their hearts to God for the first time, or to renew their consecration.

Miss Olivia Boettcher is favored in having her mother, Mrs. J. T. Boettcher, come to live at the Park. They have rooms in the house of Mrs. F. D. Chase.

Miss Mae Harkins has gone to her home at Alliance, Ohio. The illness of her sister made it necessary for her to leave before the beginning of the holidays.

Miss Alice Miller, daughter of Elder J. O. Miller, sprained her ankle quite badly December 14 as result of a fall.

The students esteemed it a privilege to have Elder L. R. Conradi with them for the Friday evening meeting. We could not help but notice his optimism toward the work in Europe in the face of trying experiences. A union meeting was held at the Takoma Park church Sabbath afternoon which resulted in blessings for all.

Three special gatherings were celebrated in the dining room this week. The Pennsylvania students assembled at one large table the day Mrs. H. M. J. Richards visited the college. Mr. Cecil Fowler is soon leaving to enter the canvassing work so the second gathering was of former classmates from Emmanuel Missionary College. Wednesday the Ohio students enjoyed their dinner together in honor of Mrs. W. E. Bidwell's visit.

Clarence and Lillian Bell had a short visit from their mother Wednesday.

Over one-half of the dormitory students are spending their Christmas vacation at their own homes. Those who are staying here are finding plenty to keep them busy.

Eleven of the students were baptized at the Takoma Park church Sabbath, December 18. This seemed a fitting close for the week of prayer.

Elder G. B. Thompson gave an illustrated lecture on the Panama Canal, Wednesday evening, December 23.

Doctor Olson and his family have moved into their new home on Carroll Avenue.

Notice

Notice is hereby given of the annual meeting of the board of trustees of Mount Vernon College, which will convene January 11 to 13, 1916 for the purpose of electing a new faculty and the transaction of any other business as may properly come before the board for the advancement of the institution's welfare. The first meeting is called for January 11 at 2:30 P. M. in the Ladies' Parlor of the College.

E. K. SLADE, *Chairman*.N. S. ASHTON, *Secretary*.

An Old Story

"A dear friend of mine sent in my name to your paper, *Signs*, about two months ago. I wish to tell you I never read a religious paper in my life that did me so much good. I hope I will never have to be deprived of it and I am going to try to get it into other homes I know of. I really think this is the religion I have been looking for all my life, and hope I can join your little band before long."

Yes, "the *Signs* does bring people into the truth."

Advertisements

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