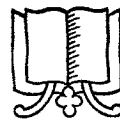


# Columbia Union

## Visitor



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

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### U N I O N

#### A Vote of Thanks

The Columbia Union Conference Committee, at its recent meeting in Washington, D. C., feeling the splendid work which had been done by the efforts of our laborers and brethren unitedly throughout the field in behalf of foreign missions, took the following vote:-

*Voted*, That we, the Union Committee, most earnestly thank our brethren and sisters throughout the union for their most loyal support and liberality in making possible not only our full quota for mission offerings for 1915, but also a surplus of \$1,090.23. And,

Recognizing the responsibility coming as the end draws near,

*Voted*, That we earnestly and faithfully endeavor to make 1916 the most successful year in our twenty-cent-a-week results.

That we endorse and approve of the one-dollar-a-week fund, and recommend each conference to push it as vigorously as conditions in the conference will permit.

In behalf of the Columbia Union Conference Committee.

B. G. WILKINSON, *Chairman*.

#### The Fifth Biennial Session of the Columbia Union Conference

It will be pleasing to all our brethren throughout the Columbia Union Conference to learn that the fifth biennial session of the union will be held at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the auditorium of the Carnegie Library, corner Lang and Hamilton Avenues, Monday, March 13, 1916.

Arrangements were previously made, looking forward to holding our Columbia Union Conference session at Baltimore,

but at the last Columbia Union Conference committee meeting it was decided to take it to Pittsburgh. Elder F. H. Robbins, president of that conference, writes me that he has secured the auditorium of the Carnegie Library, as mentioned above, in which the meetings will be held.

The basis of the election of delegates to this meeting is as follows, as printed in the Columbia Union Conference Constitution:-

#### ARTICAL VI.

Section 2. The voters of this conference shall consist of the following duly accredited delegates.

(a) In addition to its president, one representative from each local conference for every one hundred and fifty church members therein; chosen by the vote of the conference or appointment of the Conference Committee.

(b) Such representatives from the mission fields as may be determined by the Executive Committee of the Union Conference in council with the members of the mission fields.

(c) Two representatives from each organized denominational institution located in the territory, chosen by the managing boards of said institutions, in addition to the regular conference delegation.

(d) The officers of the Columbia Union Conference, and such others as may be granted delegates' credentials by vote of the Union Conference at any duly convened session.

(e) Such members of the General Conference Committee as may be present at any duly convened regular or special session of the conference.

There will be more definite notice sent a little later with reference to program, how to reach the place, what you should bring, and who are expected to attend. The question of those who should attend will be taken up definitely and in detail

by each local conference committee and proper instructions in consequence upon those decisions will be sent out.

B. G. WILKINSON, *President Columbia Union Conference*.

#### The Magnitude of the Work

In mercy God hides from the sight of finite man, the magnitude of the task that lies before him. But as the scroll unrolls, and the daily task presses on his attention, the faithful accomplishment of that task broadens his view, until eventually something of the length and breadth and height of the task dawns upon him. Had he grasped the enormous task at the first his faltering faith would have been overwhelmed with despair. But God gently leads him on, accomplishing one task at a time until his growing strength supports his faith and he is able to endure the vision of the greatness of the task awaiting.

I feel that this is the way our kind loving Father has been leading us. It would have discouraged the hearts of the few in the early days had the vision of the teeming millions of the vast regions beyond pressed upon their soul as they are being brought home to our hearts today. But surely the time has now come when the people of God must calmly and carefully take the measure of the task awaiting them before the work is finished, and then settle it with their own hearts that they will like sensible folks lay those plans that will under God accomplish that task.

At the recent meeting in Loma Linda, the greatness of the work yet to be done was brought home to us in a very striking manner. At that time the brethren felt that the time had come to make a final division of the world so that every part of it would be definitely compassed with the organized forces. For this purpose the new Asiatic Division was organized. This division includes all the countries of the far East, China, Korea, Japan, the

Phillippines, India, and the East Indies and the Pacific Islands and Australia. Within the borders of this great division live nearly 900,000,000 souls, that is about two-thirds the population of the earth. The great majority of these people live in heathen darkness. Their situation is similar to what this country would be if you would take from it its books, and Bible, its school houses and churches, and its enlightened civilization. With all these advantages in our favor we have been compassing this mountain many years, the United States, and there still remains much to be done. Should we not then begin to seriously and solemnly face the serious problem that now awaits us in the task of bearing this message to this two-thirds of the population of the earth?

There may be some among us who still doubt if these millions will ever hear the message. Some seem to think that the finishing of the work somehow leaves some of them out. Let us listen to the spirit of prophecy. "The magnitude of our work calls for willing liberality on the part of the people of God. In Africa, in China, in India, there are thousands yes millions who have not heard the message of truth for this time. They must be warned." *Vol. 9, pp. 51.*

In the past there have been those who seriously doubted if these oriental peoples in their ignorance and superstition were able to comprehend and appreciate this message. But the 5000 loyal Seventh-day Adventists who are today one with us in faith and practice scattered through the very heart of the heathen Orient have demonstrated that this was a mistake. There are at least 1000 new believers in Korea and also in South China and in the very heart of Central China. The Phillippines and India are also rapidly approaching the thousand mark each. In fact there are just about 1000 new believers baptized each year now in the Orient. And these are one with us in every way.

Think of the faith of that little company in Central China who gathered around the altar of prayer with that sister whose husband had been a maniac for 14 years, and how the answer to that prayer was the casting out of the demon and restoration of that brother to his right mind; or of dear old brother Djang and his faithful wife who in the time of drouth when famine threatened them and theirs gathered the little company of believers and pressed their petitions to the throne until rain came. Then look at the material side and see how that the few believers who have been gathered out in the Orient where the wage scale is so very much lower than here and read that splendid record for 1914 of nearly \$30,000 in tithes and offering. Surely their pocketbooks are baptized as well as

their bodies and they are one with us in devotion, faith and sacrifice!

But we have as yet but touched the fringe of the great task there awaiting us. Our little line of laborers is so perilously thin that we must strengthen it at once or the tide of battle is in danger of turning against us. Shall we not then in the fear of God and as sensible beings begin to measure the task before us, and set in operation those forces among us that will make it appear that the finishing of this work is the one serious consideration for which each loyal Seventh-day Adventist lives.

To this end the writer hopes to visit some of the churches in this Union Conference and earnestly entreats each devout believer to unite in prayer to God that the magnitude of this task may at this time be pressed home to the souls of our people generally, both old and young as never before. Next week I will write in detail of the enormous task that awaits us.

GEO. F. ENOCH.

## WEST VIRGINIA

### News Notes

Our colporteurs' report is rather small this week, but that is due to the fact that the colporteurs are attending the institute at Parkersburg. Sixteen colporteurs are in attendance at the institute enjoying a profitable time together. We expect to see much accomplished when this corps of workers enter the field. Elder Hirlinger and Brother Richardson are holding evangelistic services in the church each evening with a good attendance from those not of our faith and the interest is increasing from night to night.

Sabbath, February 12, the Parkersburg, Walker and Kanawha churches united in a Sabbath school Convention which was held in the Parkersburg church. Inasmuch as this was during the Colporteurs' Institute other churches were represented. The day was spent in considering the different phases of the Sabbath school work and we trust the result will be an increased interest and more efficient work in our Sabbath schools. The following day, Sunday, was spent in the interest of the Home Missionary Work.

A Sabbath School Convention will be held in the Charleston church Sabbath, February 26. Let all who can possibly do so attend this convention.

### A Model Sabbath School

It was a beautiful Sabbath morning and the members of the Model Sabbath school were seen passing along the street, Bible in hand, on their way to Sabbath school, for their Sabbath school opened at 10 o'clock. They entered the church quietly,

and passed to the seats they were accustomed to sitting in during the Sabbath school hour. The teachers were all in their places early, with the exception of one who was sick, but she sent her donation and a letter so was marked present by letter, and her place was promptly filled by one of the supply teachers.

As the members of the different classes entered they were greeted by their teacher with a smile and a hearty handshake. By 9:55 all seemed to be in their places, yet no sound of whispering or laughter was heard, all seemed to be in silent meditation. Evidently this school had been well instructed in "Behavior in The House of God."

The organist seemed to keep her eye on the clock and at three minutes before ten, she passed quietly to the organ and got everything in readiness for the service. Just as the minute hand reached ten she struck three long chords, and all knew that it was time to open Sabbath school. The superintendent arose and announced the hymn, the chorister took his place, and at the signal the school arose and united in singing,

"Safely through another week,  
God has brought us on our way;  
Let us now a blessing seek,  
Waiting in his courts today,  
Day of all the week the best,  
Emblem of eternal rest."

All bowed while Brother Jones thanked the Lord for his protecting care through another week, for the privilege of meeting together again to study his word, and besought him for his presence and blessing during the Sabbath school service. Then followed the secretary's report of the Sabbath school of the previous week, and it was indeed an interesting report, for all were on time the previous Sabbath. The review had been enjoyed by all as the lesson for that day was most interesting. Three visitors were present and the offering was excellent, averaging fifteen cents per member. As the report brought to memory the good time they had enjoyed the previous Sabbath, all were pleased to know that they had had a part in making the school so interesting and profitable and were encouraged to do even better that Sabbath.

Just at this time the door opened and some visitors entered. The assistant superintendent met them and took them to the visitor's class. This class was composed of three members of the school and a live teacher who used tact in asking questions and thus the lesson study was made interesting for the visitors.

After the report was read the school united in singing, "I have learned the the wondrous secret of abiding in the Lord."

The primary, intermediate, and kindergarten departments had met in their re-

spective rooms with their superintendents in charge. They enjoy this better than meeting with the Senior division, for in their own room they all unite in singing the songs their superintendent and teachers have taught them to sing. They also have been taught the Ten Commandments, the Twenty-third Psalm, the Lord's prayer and other portions of scripture and usually spend a few minutes in reviewing some of these good things they have learned. They also enjoy their reviews for they are usually told some story which illustrates the lesson and impresses it upon their minds, and they are all eager to see the blackboard illustrations when the blackboard is uncovered. Each department has a Picture Roll and the children enjoy having the superintendent let them see the pictures and they repeat the memory verses in concert. Often the superintendent will call on one of the pupils to explain the picture. By studying the pictures the lessons are impressed upon the mind.

Fifteen minutes have now been spent in the opening exercises, so Miss Smith, who had previously been asked to review the school came forward. I noticed her Bible was closed, for she had the lesson so well in mind that she did not even refer to the quarterly. She asked the questions, asking certain ones to answer, and they responded promptly. The principal points of the lesson were covered, some illustrations were used to impress the points brought out upon the minds of the school. Some additional thoughts were also brought out. The review was brought promptly to a close at the end of fifteen minutes.

The teachers then took charge of their classes. After making a few remarks to connect the present day's lesson with the lesson of the previous week, they entered directly upon the study for the day. It was interesting to observe the different classes in their study for all seemed to be paying strict attention and were deeply interested. All teachers seemed to be uniform in the views presented to the classes which was evidence that they had attended teacher's meeting. Then too all the officers and teachers were readers of the *Sabbath School Worker*. The secretary had distributed the class records that day and as the five minute bell rang each teacher handed his envelope to the one sitting in the end of the seat who put in his offering and passed it on to the next one. In the meantime the teachers were closing the study. When the envelope had made the round of the class it was handed to the teacher who put in his donation and marked the card. As the next bell rang the teachers took their seats with the classes. Thus the study was brought to a close at the end of twenty minutes.

The papers had been neatly folded by the secretary, the *Little Friends* being folded lengthwise with the Memory Verse Cards on the inside, and handed to the teachers who distributed them to the classes at the close of the study.

During the class study the superintendent had been going from class to class noting the work done by each. He spent about two minutes speaking to the school of a few excellent points he had observed being brought out in the different classes. He then asked all who had birthdays during the past week to raise their hand, and the secretary immediately waited upon them and received their birthday offering.

Ten minutes were devoted to the closing exercises, thus just one hour was occupied by the school. While the closing song, "Don't forget the Sabbath," was being sung the secretary passed quietly through the aisles and received the class records from the teachers. After the school was dismissed the superintendent and others shook hands with the visitors and invited them to come again.

JENNIE BURDICK.

## CHESAPEAKE

### News Notes

The Baltimore Young People's Society is making extensive preparations for a Temperance Rally to be held about the first of March.

Some of our colporteurs have been somewhat handicapped by the disagreeable weather we have been having. Only four have reported for the past week.

Brother N. O. Shaffer who has been living at Annapolis, Md. has moved his family to Reisterstown, Md. He has been working in Baltimore County. This will permit him to be home more than he has been able to be, which will be appreciated by him and his family.

Brother F. E. Hankins, our field missionary secretary, is visiting some of the colporteurs in the western part of the state.

A few orders have been received for the *Temperance Instructor*. Will not our missionary societies, as well as our agents do more towards circulating this excellent paper. We believe it would do a great deal towards bringing prohibition into these states and if there are any in the union that need it, Maryland and Delaware surely do with their saloons at almost every corner in some sections of the large cities. Will You not help to save the boys and girls and the men and women from this terrible curse? Suppose your boy or your girl should be overcome by the evil habit!

## NEW JERSEY

### News Notes

The fifth meeting of the series of general meetings being held in Jersey was held at Cape May Court House last Sabbath and Sunday, February 11-13. The little meeting place there was filled almost to overflowing each evening, though the weather was inclement. Friends from Wildwood and Dias Creek were in attendance during the two days, and it was a season of refreshing to the people. Besides Elder Sandborn, Brother Barritt and Sister Iden, all were glad to have Professor C. L. Stone present to assist in the meetings. He gave some good instruction Sunday morning on the educational work, emphasizing the need of a Christian education for every Adventist girl and boy.

On Sunday evening Elder Sandborn gave a most impressive service on the "World-wide Message." Hearts were stirred as the nearness of the end was presented, and the question was asked, "Are you ready for the coming of the Lord?" All felt that the meetings had proved a blessing, and expressed themselves as having enjoyed them very much.

## East Pennsylvania

### Roaring Branch

I was sent to answer the call of the Roaring Branch church for some one to come and hold meetings. We opened meeting February 2 and continued until February 16 with two meetings on Sabbath and two on Sunday.

The attendance was good from the start and the interest increased day by day. As our church building is located in a valley the people had to come from the neighboring hills to attend the meeting. At night they all carry lights and it was an interesting sight to watch the lights move along the hills making their way to the church.

The members of the church organized a choir to assist in the meetings, and each evening a song service was held, which was enjoyed by all.

One woman had begun to keep the Sabbath as the result of tracts and papers the members of the church had scattered through the valley, and during the meetings seven others decided to obey the truth and unite with the church.

A baptismal service was arranged for the latter part of April, and during this time the local elder will instruct the new ones in all points of faith.

We thank God for the interest mani-

fested here during the meetings and hope and pray that many more in this section may accept the message while it is called today.

C. S. BAUM.

## VIRGINIA

### Academy Board and Conference Committee Meetings

On February 2 the Academy Board and Conference Committee met at the academy building at New Market, Elder B. G. Wilkinson assisting with his counsel.

The report of Professor E. F. Dresser indicates that the academy will again make its expenses this year. Twenty-three bright young people are in attendance and all indications point to a larger attendance next year. Professor Dresser and wife will continue with the school next year, the first time that the same principle will have served two years in succession. A third teacher will be added to the faculty.

The academy is carrying an indebtedness of over \$6000.00. The Columbia Union Conference Committee has agreed to apply a portion of the twenty-cent-a-week fund to our academy debt, the amount depending somewhat on how much Virginia raises on their fund. In 1915 we raised only \$3260.00. Our quota this year is a little over \$5,000.00. Since success in raising our quota means a long step towards the wiping out of the academy debt we appeal to our people in each church to put forth special efforts to make the quota of the church.

The conference was divided by the committee into four districts. Elder W. E. Bidwell takes charge of the Valley district, and Brother L. O. Gordon of the Southeastern district. Superintendents for the Central and Southwestern districts will be appointed later.

It was voted to hold the camp-meeting at Richmond May 25 to June 4. For years the early summer tent efforts have closed abruptly, the workers have all rushed off to camp-meeting leaving the newly interested people to become discouraged and practically losing all the expenditure of time and labor. The people thus left are harder to reach than if they had never heard the message. We are sure that our people generally will approve of holding our camp-meeting when it will not spoil the summer's soul saving campaign.

Arrangements are under way to put out at least four tent companies next summer. To do this it will be necessary to purchase two new tents. We have cash on hand for one tent and half enough for another. We are following a strict "pay as you go, or don't go" policy. If the Lord impresses any one to assist in se-

## Virginia Summary, Sabbath School Work

Quarter Ending December 31, 1915

Schools	Membership	13th Sab. Off.	Total Don.	Av. Per Mem.
Bethel .....	22	1 00	13 30	.04
Charlottesville.....	20	1 70	7 06	.03
Danville .....	9	50	3 17	.03
Doswell .....	12	5 50	14 72	.09
Gilmerton .....	24	54	3 96	.01
Guinea Mills .....	30	26	5 00	.01
Lynchburg .....	42	7 70	43 70	.08
New Market .....	45	6 54	36 94	.06
Newport News.....	24	1 00	11 28	.04
Newport News No. 2 .....	25	2 97	26 97	.08
Norfolk .....	22	85	14 48	.05
Portsmouth .....	29	9 65	25 67	.07
Portsmouth No. 2.....	42	1 69	9 09	.02
Republican Grove .....	32	1 62	17 62	.04
Richmond .....	54	12 78	24 33	.03
Richmond No. 2 .....	23	12 00	28 46	.10
Rileyville.....	33	31	6 40	.01
Stanley .....	78	3 54	17 99	.02
Stanton .....	7	56	7 28	.08
Thelma .....	12	56	1 49	.01
Wytheville .....	6	37	1 03	.01
Yale .....	56	5 71	21 55	.03
Home Department.....	21	7 00	23 20	.08
Total	658	\$94 48	\$375 03	.05

MRS. W. C. MOFFETT, *Sabbath School Secretary.*

curing these tents the donations large or small may be sent to F. N. Johnson, 2705 W. Main St. Richmond. Those who support the work with their gifts and prayers will share with those who preach the word when the starry crowns are bestowed by the Lord of the harvest.

We have two goals for Virginia for 1916: 200 souls for Christ and \$5,000.00 for Missions. With the blessing of God, we can make it. Let us each determine that we will, and do our part.

W. C. MOFFETT.

### Sabbath School Report

As will be noted in the accompanying tabular report the Richmond colored Sabbath school is the only one giving ten cents a week for missions. Richmond No. 1 Sabbath School lead in the thirteenth Sabbath offering with \$12.98 for that day. Our thirteenth Sabbath offerings for December 25, amounted to \$94.48, or one fourth of the entire quarter's offerings.

Lynchburg sends in the largest offering for the quarter, \$43.70. This was given while the debt on the church was being paid off.

Not all can give large amounts, but the widow's mite if given in the spirit of sacrifice is recognized and blessed equally with the larger offerings.

The Sabbath school offerings for the year 1915 amounted to \$1501.73 as against \$1372.97 for the preceding year. Our Sabbath schools' financial goal for 1916 is \$2000.00.

It is not possible to put on paper the

blessings that have come into our hearts and lives from the Sabbath school. Many are encouraged when courage is most needed, and many are quietly won to Christ through its influence.

MRS. MABLE MOFFETT.

### News Notes

The last Sabbath and Sunday in January the Richmond church held a successful Sabbath school Convention. Two candidates were baptized by Elder Moffett on Sabbath morning.

Sister Florence Swan has been forced to discontinue her work as teacher of the Richmond church school because of a nervous breakdown. Miss Elsie Pollard has taken up the work. We trust that Sister Swan will fully recover after a good rest.

Elder W. E. Bidwell reports that eleven have already signed the covenant at Grottoes where he is putting in a winters effort in new territory.

Virginia has 166 pupils in attendance in the academy and the eight church schools besides fourteen students in advanced schools outside the state.

Brother George spent a few days at Washington College last week. We always know beforehand that he will get a large corps of student colporteurs. Students earned as high as two and a half scholarships in Virginia last year. Brother George has a busy summer ahead.

Last year \$11,000 worth of truth filled literature was placed in Virginia homes. Let's make it \$15,000 this year.

Sabbath, June 3, has been selected as Rally Day for our schools. A splendid program will appear in the May *Sabbath School Worker*. Every superintendent should have this paper.

The annual number of the Temperance *Instructor* ought to be read by all our boys and girls. We suggest that you introduce it to the temperance workers in your community.

Begin now to plan to attend camp-meeting.

It is now time to send in the yearly subscriptions for the *Visitor*. We are glad to have its weekly calls at each of the homes of our people in Virginia, and so do not forget to help.

Elder Moffett spent last Sabbath with the church at Lynchburg in a rededication and jubilee service in that this society have liquidated their church debt. It was a happy time for the brethren and sisters at Lynchburg.

These are hard stormy days for faithful bookworkers, but in spite of it all most of them are at work, and find many openings for Bible study. Brother Gibson has been unable to work since his delivery on account of the inclement weather.

## Special

### What is Worth While?

(to be continued)

The question of life is not, How much time have we? — for in each day each of us has exactly the same amount: we have "all there is." The question is, What shall we do with it? Shall we let this priceless gift slip away from us in haphazard deeds, or shall we adopt some plan of saving and of systematic doing in our lives? What shall this plan be? How shall we determine what things are worth giving time to? Let us think about this question. In our thoughts, let us not forget one point,—time spent in being interrupted is not time lost. A strong thinker once said, "No one knocks at my door who is not sent by God." We are spending time well when we are paying it out to God, to buy the things he means our lives to own, whether he is putting before us a duty to be done, a friend to be won, a small service to be rendered, a book to be written, a child to be consoled, or a house to be set in order.

There is time enough given us to do all that God means us to do each day and to do it gloriously! How do we know but that the interruption we snarl at is the most blessed thing that has come to us in long days?

But in all our lives, though time is given us to eat, sleep, work, and play, there is no moment given us to throw away. We have to meet this question of the wise use of time not only as individuals: we should consider it together as it affects us as an association, and our united power for good in the world. We are working out a problem in history, and the world is looking on to see what we will do with our college-trained lives, now that we have them. We cannot afford to lose a moment of usefulness, or the sum of our influence will be less than it might have been. Suppose each of us should resolve to day that not a minute henceforward should be wasted. What energy there would be in our lives! What strength! What noble purpose! What grand results! What could we not accomplish as an association, if no one of us ever lost time in grieving, in dreaming, in regret, in harmful pleasures, in idle talk! Eternity is long: there will be time enough for dreams. But life is for work and for patience. Let each of us ask himself to-day, How much am I going to deduct from the grand possible total of time in our lives, by my idleness, my unthrift?

Let us lay hold of work. There can be no happy life without strenuous, unremitting work in it,—work which occupies mind, body, heart, and soul. But what work shall we set ourselves to do? This is one of the questions that meets us when we leave college, and that reappears from time to time as we see more of the possibilities of life. We fear to make mistakes! We do not want to throw our powers away: to build walls of sand when we might have built "monuments more lasting than bronze."

### The Bible Year

"I consider it a great privilege to add my name to the the list of those who love to read and study the blessed Bible. I have read it through several times, and find it more interesting now than ever. I usually read the chapters assigned for the day, at night, and then again next morning, which helps me fasten the lessons in my mind."

This is a sample letter, showing the interest which hundreds, perhaps thousands, of our people are taking in the Bible reading campaign.

Are there not many who will take up this course of reading. It may mean less newspaper and magazine reading, a small number of other books read (evengood

books), and less spare minutes spent to no purpose. But the exchange will be profitable.

The daily assignments are given in the Morning Watch Calendar for this year. They are also given in the weekly issues of the *Review and Herald*, with helpful notes on the reading.

Please send your name for enrollment, not to the Missionary Volunteer Department at Washington, as some are doing, but to your Conference Missionary Volunteer secretary. Fill out the following blank form and send in:

THE BIBLE YEAR, 1916

Dear Missionary Volunteer Secretary: Please enroll my name as a member of the Bible Year course. I will make an earnest endeavor to systematically read the Bible through during the year 1916.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

M. E. KERN.

### It Couldn't Be Done

Somebody said that it couldn't be done,  
But he with a chuckle replied,  
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would  
be one

Who wouldn't say so till he tried.  
So he buckled right in with a trace of a grin  
On his face. If he worried, he hid it,  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

Somebody scoffed: "Oh you'll never do that;  
At least no one ever has done it."  
But he took off his coat and he took off  
his hat,

And the first thing we knew he'd begun it;  
With a lift of his chin, and a bit of a grin,  
Without any doubting or quit it,  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot  
be done.

There are thousands to prophesy failure;  
There are thousands to point out to you,  
one by one,

The dangers that wait to assail you;  
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,  
Then take off your coat and go to it;  
Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing  
That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.

—Selected.

### Missionary Wrapping Paper

It is related that a Bible colporteur in Spain one day entered a village and offered his Bible for sale. Among others, he sold a large family Bible. The village priest heard of his presence in the village, ran to him and tore the book out of the buyer's hand and angrily exclaimed,

"These books shall never enter my parish." He roused the women and especially the pious women, to anger, and they took up stones and cast them at the poor colporteur.

Six weeks later he was again on the road to the self-same village. Gladly would he have avoided it had he been able to find a roundabout way.

Approaching the village at dusk he hoped the inhabitance would fail to recognize him, but to his astonishment, the very first man he met at the city gate detained him with the question: "Are you not the man who sold the Bible?"

"Yes, I am the man," he confessed.

"Then welcome to our village; everyone of us desires to purchase your books," was the amazing reply. In his utmost astonishment, the man inquired: "Are you not the people who a few weeks ago cast stones at me?"

"Most certainly," answered the man, "but a great change has come over us, so that every man in the village desires one of your books." A merchant of the village had picked up the book in the market place, concluding the paper might be used. Leaf after leaf was torn out to serve as wrappers for groceries, thus entering every hut in the village. Through this means the people became acquainted with the gospel and were longing to hear more of the wondrous message which had been conveyed to them by a leaf of the Bible, which the priest thought he had destroyed. This village afterward became the center of Christian activity.

—Selected.

## Washington Missionary College

We are very glad to have Professor Shaw with us again after his illness with la grippe.

The practical talk given to the Canvassers' Band by Elder W. W. Eastman was much appreciated. The Christian Help Band has been favored by having Miss E. M. Graham, and also Elder F. W. Paap, speak to them at recent meetings.

Mr. Henry Brown who spent the last two years canvassing in Cuba, gave a talk illustrated by stereopticon, to the Foreign Mission Band Friday evening.

Brother W. H. George, the state canvassing agent of Virginia, spent a few days at the college in the interest of the work in that conference.

Elder G. F. Enoch gave stereopticon lectures Thursday and Friday evenings, February 10 and 11. He showed many fine views of India and of our mission

## Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending February 11, 1916									
Fred Hannah, Lorain Co.		BR	5	45	3	9 00	5 50	14 50	75
A. Gackenhimer, Warren Co.		BR	6	44	6	19 00	1 30	20 30	
George Cottman, Warren Co.		BR	5	43	17	57 00	4 75	61 75	4 75
W. H. Smith, Holmes Co.		BR	4	41	14	47 00	14 55	61 55	1 00
P. A. Franks, Wayne Co.		BR	5	40	7	23 00	4 85	27 85	38 00
R. E. Simpson, Logan Co.		BR	5	40	4	13 00	3 85	16 85	4 00
H. W. Barto, Pickaway Co.		BR	5	39	13	42 00	3 75	45 75	10 00
W. H. Gilmore, Cincinnati		BF	5	39	7	10 50	7 50	17 50	3 00
Mrs. C. Kelley, Portsmouth		CK	5	36	26	40 00	1 75	41 75	11 35
C. F. Wilcox, Stark Co.		DR	4	32	3	11 00	75	11 75	4 75
Will Price, Perry Co.		BR	4	29	19	60 00	6 25	66 25	7 85
Mrs. Stafford, Cincinnati		BF	5	29	14	23 00	5 55	28 55	4 50
Mrs. M. Miller, Portsmouth		CK	5	29	9	13 50	50	14 00	2 35
H. Langdon, Morrow Co.		BR	4	28	8	30 00	3 00	33 00	4 75
C. G. Douglass, Akron		BR	4	28	4	14 00	8 25	22 25	25 75
C. J. Fritz, Perry Co.		BR	4	25	8	27 00	6 75	33 75	6 25
Thomas Talioferro, Cincinnati		BF	3	25	4	6 00		6 00	4 00
J. H. Stafford, Cincinnati		BR	4	24	3	19 00	9 25	19 25	
David Graham, Cleveland		BR	4	21	10	37 00		37 00	
Amos Mitchem, Cincinnati		BF	3	20	7	11 50	1 50	13 00	
J. S. Randolph, Morrow Co.		ES	3	20	5	18 00	4 45	22 45	10 45
Mrs. Smith, Portsmouth		CK	4	20	7	10 50	1 00	11 50	5 00
F. L. Rogers, Champaign Co.		BR	3	18	1	3 00	1 25	4 20	1 25
W. S. Syphers, Fayette Co.		BR	2	15					18 00
Mrs. R. Fountain, Cincinnati		BF	2	14	10	16 00	1 50	17 50	
Beulah Morgan, Wellsville		PPF	3	13	8	19 00	1 15	20 15	
Miscellaneous						3 00	20 17	23 17	75
Totals	26 Agents		105	757	217	\$573 00	\$118 72	\$691 72	\$168 50

### West Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 11, 1916

J. E. Bugher, Westmoreland Co.	BF	3	22	17	31 50	2 00	33 50	
S. J. Burns, Allegheny Co.	BR	12	71	44	122 50	7 85	130 35	16 85
A. Brownlee, Westmoreland Co.	PPF	5	45	14	33 00	9 65	42 65	71 55
Geo. Buttermore, Greene Co.	BR	5	42	13	42 00	2 25	44 25	3 75
J. S. Glunt, Mercer Co.	BR	5	26	7	21 00	1 50	22 50	3 00
D. J. Hoover, Westmoreland Co.	BR	3	18	14	46 00		46 00	4 75
J. A. Kimmel, Fayette Co.	BF	2	14					34 40
E. A. Manry, McKean Co.	BR	5	30	15	48 00	6 00	54 00	
Miscellaneous								101 50
Totals	8 Agents		40	268	124 \$344 00	\$29 25	\$373 25	\$145 80

### District of Columbia, Week Ending February 11, 1916

Earl Wilcox, Prince George Co.	BR	4	25	30	90 00		90 00		
S. N. Brown, Prince George Co.	BR	3	19	20	62 00		62 00		
M. J. Williams, Lancaster Co.	BR	4	29	15	50 00	6 50	56 50		
J. S. Spraggs, Lancaster Co.	BR	4	23	11	36 00	1 10	37 10		
M. W. Buell, Fairfax Co.	BR	4	26	11	33 00		33 00	12 00	
F. A. Holland, Alexandria Co.	BR	3	17	9	18 00		18 00		
Vera Carrigan, Washington D. C.	CK	4	17	12	18 00		18 00		
J. I. Butcher, Washington D. C.	WC	4	47	47	11 75		11 75	11 75	
Miscellaneous,	Misc				10 40		10 40	10 40	
Totals	12 Agents		30	156	152	\$329 15	\$7 60	\$336 75	\$34 15

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B. Hohensee	10 00	Sadie Detwiler	5 00
Miss Peacock	5 00	Mrs. Cross	2 50
Total			\$22 50

### New Jersey, Week Ending February 11, 1916

Geo. Blinn, Mercer Co	BR	2	16	8	21 00	4 00	25 00	
E. J. Wood, Camden Co.	BR	5	29	10	34 00		34 00	30 00
Totals	2 Agents		7	45	18	\$55 00	\$4 00	\$59 00 30 00

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## Virginia, Week Ending February II, 1916

T. D. Gibson, Augusta Co.	BR	1	2	2	3	50	2	00	5	50	
S. N. Wilmer, Campbell Co.	BFL	5	25	24	47	70	5	50	53	20	
W. H. Hunt, Mecklenburg Co.	GC	6	39	39	30	00	2	30	32	30	
B. A. Ellis, Warwick Co.	BFL	5	22	26	39	00			39	00	
W. E. Carter, Middlesex Co.	BFL	4	21	12	18	00		50	18	50	
A. L. Gary, Nottoway Co.	CK	5	34	10	16	60	2	25	18	85	2 25
David Orr, Mecklenburg Co.	CK	4	26	6	9	00	2	40	11	40	
Harry Wright, Hanover Co.	DR										.69 68
Totals	8 Agents			33	169	90	\$163	80	\$14	95	\$178 75 \$71 93

## West Virginia, Week Ending February II, 1916

Henry Waggoner, Tunnelton	BR	6	40	16	48	00	6	90	54	90	
W. H. Wilcox, Martinsburg	PPF										146 00
Totals	2 Agents					\$48 00	\$6 90	\$54 90	\$146 00		

## Chesapeake, Week Ending February II, 1915

O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.	BR	5	33	10	33	00	5	50	22	50	8 00
C. W. Jenkins, Washington Co. Md.	BR	2	15	7	23	00	8	50	31	50	5 80
J. E. Jones, Dorchester Co.	PPF	4	20	9	19	00	8	75	27	75	7 25
D. W. Percy, Dorchester Co.	DA	4	23	9	27	00	3	75	30	75	
M. S. Pettibone, Carroll Co.	BR	5	28	9	29	00	6	65	35	65	21 15
G. W. Lawrence, Harford Co.	DR	2	16	9	27	00		50	27	50	
Totals	6 Agents		22	157	53	\$158 00	\$33 65	\$191 65	\$42 20		

## East Pennsylvania, Week Ending February II, 1916

W. B. Dunkinson, Lacka. Co.	PPF	5	45	15	34	00	2	25	36	25	
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.	DR	5	22	8	26	00		50	26	50	50
Grant Priddy, Luzerne Co.	SB	5	40	34	17	00			17	00	2 00
M. M. Sterner, Union Co.	PPF	3	17	4	8	00	1	00	9	00	1 00
Eva Chandler, Philadelphia	Mag.				9	25			9	25	9 25
Totals	5 Agents					\$94 25	\$3 75	\$98 00	\$12 75		
Grand Totals: 69 Agents						Value of Orders \$1765 20		Deliveries, \$651 38			

## Monthly Summary of Canvassers' Reports

Month Ending January 31, 1916

Conference	Colporteurs	Hours	Orders	Value	1915
Ohio	29	1825	609	1797 65	745 93
Chesapeake	8	682	356	1061 10	1385 15
District of Columbia	7	400	354	1043 65	306 60
West Virginia	10	723	284	904 65	1310 80
West Pennsylvania	8	465	167	548 58	466 55
East Pennsylvania	5	621	121	531 25	561 65
Virginia	5	372	182	416 20	311 95
New Jersey	3	191	49	134 45	175 75
Totals	75	5279	2122	\$6437 53	\$5264 38

work there. On Sabbath he presented the needs of our college, and several pledges toward the building fund were received from the Sligo church.

Mr. E. A. Merrill was a recent visitor at the college.

Enthusiasm in the Student Association runs high for raising the new fund. Over \$3000 has now been pledged by members of the association.

The Foreign Mission Band gave a program on Mohammedanism at the Young Peoples' meeting Sabbath afternoon.

## The Summary

It will be noticed that the summary for January gave us \$6,437.50 against \$5,264.38 for 1915, thus we have a gain of \$1,173.15. This certainly is gratifying to all those who have had a part in making the record, and if a record like this can be held for each month during the year, and correspondingly as large as is generally the case for the summer months, no doubt, we shall be able to run about \$125,000.00 for 1916. Our record for 1915 was a little over \$99,300.00. Thus we see that the Lord is wonderfully blessing us in this line of work. The Lord is calling for workers loud and long. Why is it that there are

not more who respond and say "Here am I Lord, send me?"

It will be noticed that there were seventy-five colporteurs who made this record. Could we have had one hundred and fifty colporteurs, which would have been a small number for a union conference of this size, our record might have been about \$13,000.00 instead of what it is. May the Lord greatly impress your heart, dear reader, to give yourself to the Lord and to his service, to go out in his great moral vineyard and labor for the salvation of souls. I. D. RICHARDSON, *General Field Missionary Secretary, C. U. C.*

## OBITUARIES

RHOADS.—Lewis A. Rhoads was born at Birdsboro, Pennsylvania, November 6, 1865. He died at Harrisburg, Pa., December 29, 1915, aged 50 years, 1 month, and 23 days. He had not been strong for a considerable time, but his last sickness was very short only lasting a few days. The cause of his sudden collapse was said to be kidney trouble resulting in enemic poisoning. There had seemed also to be quite a tendency to consumption which disease had with complications taken his brother away recently.

Brother Rhoads at the early age of 10 years was converted in the United Brethren Church. Later on when he had come to the years of manhood he became convinced that the teachings of the Seventh-day Adventist Church were the teachings of the Bible and therefore on April 8, 1899 he was baptized and became a member of the Reading Seventh-day Adventist Church, of which he remained always a faithful member until the day of his death. Brother Rhoads was treasurer of that church for over 20 years and elder for the last two years succeeding his brother who died.

In 1897 he was married to Miss Nettie Shaud of Phoenixville, Pa., who died in 1898. His funeral services were held at the old home where he and his two sisters had lived together so long. We buried him by the side of his wife in the cemetery in Phoenixville there to await the call of the Life-giver in the soon coming resurrection morn when he shall be called forth to enjoy eternal life in the presence of the Master whom he loved so well and served so faithfully. The funeral services were conducted by the writer assisted by Elder A. R. Bell. The text used was Revelation 14:12-14. Brother Rhoads was faithful to the end and his only fear was that he might not fully perform his duty before God and his brethren. We sorrow but we expect to meet him again soon. The writer talked with him just before his death and he expressed his faith in God and his hope of receiving eternal life in a little while when Jesus shall come the second time. We know he sleeps in Jesus.

H. M. J. RICHARDS.



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### Correction

In last week's VISITOR, February 17, in the article, "Important Appointments for Ohio, the place Columbia should have read Columbus. Please notice that the time for Elder Enoch to hold his meetings in Columbus is March 9, 10, and 11.

EDITOR.

### Do It When It Needs Doing

The time to do a thing is when it needs doing. After a plant has died of drought, it is useless to water it.

While it needed water, perhaps a little would have sufficed; now even a deluge would be utterly useless. The time to do a thing is, also, when we are able to do it. The time may come when opportunity will appeal to helplessness, and will necessarily appeal in vain. The ability to do may not be ours long. Perhaps the saddest pictures we can gaze upon are the visions of what might have been; but no tears can blot out our blunders, and no vain wishes can put life into bloodless limbs of deeds we did not do. The time to do good is when opportunity appeals to ability; when God and humanity call us to do our best.—*Selected.*

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ington, D. C.; W. H. George, 2507 West Main Street, Richmond Va.; H. F. Kirk, 1618 East Seventh Street, Parkersburg, W. Va.

### The "Watchman" for March

Some of the most interesting articles that have yet appeared in *The Watchman* are in the number which is now out. One of particular interest is an editorial entitled "Palestine and the War." This is an article that every Seventh-day Adventist should read and then pass on to his neighbors. It takes up in a most delightful manner one phase of the war in its true prophetic setting.

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