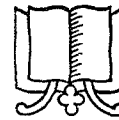
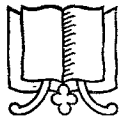


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Visitor



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

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Information Concerning the Columbia Union Confer- ence Session

The first meeting of the Columbia Union Conference will be held at 7:30 P. M. March 13, in the auditorium of the Carnegie Library, corner Lang and Hamilton Avenues, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. All delegates and workers are expected to be in by that time and ready for the opening session. If any outside of the workers are expecting to attend, kindly write a letter to Elder F. H. Robbins, 7155 Mt. Vernon Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The following will be the program of the Union Meeting, according to the daily arrangement of hours:

8:45-9:30 A. M.	Prayer and social meeting
9:45-10:45	Bible study
11:00-12:00	" "
12:30-1:30 P. M.	Dinner
2:30-3:30	Bible study
3:45-5:00	Union councils
6:00-7:00	Supper
7:30-9:00	Preaching service

We expect to have with us as instructors on the occasion, Elders Daniells, Evans and Thompson. One hour a day during this meeting will be given to the reading and discussing of papers especially prepared with reference to the work of the ministry, city work, home missionary work, etc. Also there will be read at propitious times the reports of the union departments and the conference presidents.

Elder F. H. Robbins, president of the West Pennsylvania Conference, has made excellent arrangements and provisions for entertainment, for rooms, for committee work, as well as for the main auditorium. A full list of the delegates and those expected to attend will be sent

You Can't Afford to Miss the Special Visitors

We are arranging for special VISITORS to give to all who will want the best of our coming Union Conference at Pittsburgh, March 13-20.

Seven special VISITORS and all for fifteen cents! Beginning with the regular number of March 16.

What will be printed that will be special?

1. The special studies on the "Message for the Hour" by Elders Daniells, Evans and Thompson.
2. Full reports of the business proceedings, and the plans for future work.
3. Special papers on
 - (a) City Mission Work
 - (b) Personal Development of the Worker
 - (c) Bringing New Men into the Ministry
 - (d) Home Missionary Work.
4. Four great evening sermons by Elder A. G. Daniells as drew outside audiences at Portland, Maine, numbering as high as 3,500. The big Pitt theater in Pittsburgh has been hired for two Sunday nights. The subjects are—
 - (a) The Eastern Question
 - (b) Miracles of Modern Missions
 - (c) Changing the Map of Europe or Armageddon
 - (d) Is Christianity a Failure

These four sermons are worth the price of the special VISITORS. The price—fifteen cents—is the same to old and new subscribers alike—if you want them. Tell your friends and neighbors about them. Let all take hold and lift. This will be a great Union Meeting, we will not have another one for four years. B. G. WILKINSON.

either direct to Brother Robbins or through the union office. Full information concerning this will be printed in the VISITOR by Elder F. H. Robbins.

We are expecting a great meeting. All indications of the Lord's leadings seem to tell us that this will mark an advance step in the work throughout this part of the world. As there will not be another Columbia Union Conference meeting for four years, we urge upon all to whom these lines may come to give this meeting your earnest prayers.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Call to Prayer

We wish to call the attention of our brethren throughout the Union to the striking situation with which we are confronted. We do not wish to say anything of the great things which God has done in the past biennial term for his cause in

the Columbia Union. But we do feel that we are on the eve of greater things.

The special notice on this page will tell you of important things we are aiming to do at our coming Columbia Union session in Pittsburgh, March 13 to 20. We have rented two big auditoriums,—the Pitt Theater in the very heart of the city, seating over two thousand people, the largest and best theater in the heart of the city; and the Carnegie auditorium seating about six hundred, out in the Homewood section where the Seventh-day Adventist Church is. We are advertising four special meetings,—two in the theater, March 12 and 19; and two in the auditorium, March 14 and 16, besides using the auditorium the other nights.

A little word which has just been received in a letter from Brother W. L. Burgan, our press agent from Portland, Maine, will show some of the results at Portland:—

"We did not have any meeting last night, so all the workers except Brother Daniells, and a number of church people gathered in the church and held a prayer and social meeting, which lasted nearly three hours. Our minds went back to the days of Pentecost when the disciples were gathered in the upper room, and the Holy Ghost was poured out upon them. Our meeting was in preparation for the meeting tonight, of which Elder K. C. Russell is to have charge. Our people all over Maine are praying for this meeting here, and surely brethren prayer is the most essential thing if anything out of the ordinary is to be done in Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh is one of the giants of America, but, brethren, let us not look at the high walls as did Joshua and Caleb, but believe that we can capture it for the Lord. Arouse our people, and let them know the time has come for the Lord to finish his work."

As a result of these prayers and efforts on the part of all the brethren throughout Maine, I quote from the following letter received from Elder A. G. Daniells:—

"Your letter written the 23rd has just come to hand. Thank you most heartily for your cordial invitation to join you in the work at Pittsburgh. I shall esteem it a pleasure to do so if possible. I find the interest growing in Portland and throughout the state. We have a steady audience of apparently deeply interested people of about two thousand on Sunday nights and a thousand in the mid-week. My first meeting after returning was attended by three thousand five hundred, and a thousand or more were turned away. Last night it was reported a thousand people left when they found there was to be no stereopticon."

So we desire to ask all our brethren throughout the Columbia Union to whom these lines may come will make this meeting one of earnest consecration and prayer. We would that God's Holy Spirit might hover in mighty measure over the Union Conference and the delegates who are there, so that new light and new impetus will be received for the work in coming days. May we ask you to see that you, personally, and your church will take this matter up with serious earnestness and devote some time every day, before and during this union meeting for God's blessing upon it?

B. G. WILKINSON.

The Need of Preparedness

We are living in stirring times. History is rapidly making with every passing day. By this cruel war, hundreds of thousands of men are being slain and cruelly maimed every month. Cities are being destroyed; hundreds of square miles of fair countries that in the past have

contributed by their products to the sustenance of life, are being ravaged of their life-giving crops, and are left desolate. Nations are being blotted out of existence, and it is beyond human intelligence to determine the magnitude of the heavy burden of debt, with its accompanying toil and suffering that must hereafter fall upon, and be met by the masses of the warring nations.

The scenes now being enacted in Europe are like a horrid nightmare, and about all we can discern is that the whole world is rapidly rushing on toward the dread day of Armageddon.

In our own country we are everywhere hearing, from the chief magistrate of the nation, down through all the ranks of officialdom, the cry of "preparedness," prepare for the war, bloodshed and suffering that threatens our own fair land. Long years ago the prophet of God, viewing through the inspired vision the troublous times upon which we have fallen, foretold a world-wide preparation for war.

"Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. Assemble yourselves and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves round about; thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O Lord. Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehosaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great. Joel 3: 9-13.

It is not because the leaders of our nation desire war that this agitation for increased armament exists, but rather because they are dimly glimpsing the possibilities of these troublous times, and to prepare for the threatened trouble they are willing to turn the wealth and toil of the nations for years to come into warships and munitions of war.

Should not the children of God's kingdom be as wise as the children of the world? That we have entered upon the final struggle between good and evil, light and darkness, righteousness and sin, is manifest to all. This is evidenced in the current events transpiring among the millions of heathenism, as reported by our brethren in these distant lands, and also from the sure word of prophecy. Never in all the history of missions have the people of God had such opportunities to win souls from among these nationalities as at present. Never have such encouraging results attended our efforts in behalf of the heathen as at present. Never have there been such heavy demands made upon us for additional workers as

at present, and evidently these conditions will continue, but with ever increasing volume until God's day of mercy; and man's day of probation is passed.

But we are confronted with the fact that we are unprepared to meet the demands of the day, not alone for lack of sufficient funds, but far more serious, men qualified by Christian experience and proper education and training. In a letter just received from the superintendent one of our large mission fields, this statement is made: "We are still anxiously looking for some definite word regarding recruits. Somehow it seems as though we lose workers by sickness about as fast as new ones come and this keeps us from filling the gaps in fields where we have no European worker." And this is the situation prevailing in all mission fields.

It is evident that the denomination is unprepared to properly meet the present opportunities in foreign mission development. We must look to our schools for relief. They must hereafter largely supply the needed recruits. That they may do this, however, we must see that they are properly prepared in facilities and capacity to meet this responsibility we place upon them. The readers of the Visitor are acquainted with the important part Washington Missionary College does and should take in training gospel workers for foreign fields, but this institution so favorably located is wholly unprepared to meet the demands of today. It has an excellent faculty and good accommodations and facilities, as far as they go, but its dormitories, class rooms and assembly hall are so badly overcrowded that satisfactory results can not be obtained, and no increase of attendance can be provided for.

The Columbia Union Conference has undertaken to remedy this situation to the extent of supplying an adequate assembly hall at a cost of approximately \$25,00. Elder George F. Enoch who for many years has been laboring in foreign mission fields, has been retained in America that he might assist the conference officials in raising this amount. Already a good start has been made in the District of Columbia Conference, where pledges in excess of \$7000 have been secured. He now goes to other conferences of the union. It is imperative that a quick and successful work shall be accomplished. We should begin work on the building at an early date, but we must have the necessary money first, as we are determined that no debt shall be incurred.

Let us all heartily join in this cry and work for preparedness—preparedness not for war and bloodshed, but for the help of the Lord against the mighty hosts of darkness and sin.

W. T. KNOX.

"Prayer is power."

"Lengthen Thy Cords, Strengthen Thy Stakes"

There are special prophecies that apply with special force to the situation of the present hour. This command of Isa. 54: 2, 3 is one of these. It is the illustration of divine wisdom for the present crisis. I suppose that there are few of us who really grasp the situation of the present hour. The entire world is involved in the upheaval of unrest and war that is seizing the hearts of men. Yet the situation is still under the control of the Creator and he is Master of the situation and will work out his divine purpose through it all. He is holding out of the fray our country, and also is restraining for a little time the teeming millions of the Orient. But he is doing this that we may arise and do the work to which he has been urging us for years, and do it right speedily. No one who has been out in the Orient and caught a little glimpse of the forces operating there but senses something of the urgency of the present hour, and the need of rallying every resource to do now the work we may do. In a little while it will be too late.

We must lengthen the cords right out into the most remote regions. But to do this before we have so strengthened the stakes at home that they may bear the extra pressure will be the height of folly. Our force of workers out in the great mission fields is but a thin skirmishing line. We must as soon as possible send forwards strong re-enforcements, or serious reverses will be ours. But the languages of the Orient are so difficult, and the peculiar problems we face there so difficult of solution, that only well trained and well disciplined young people can measure up to the task. And we must have a large number of such young people, and that in the shortest possible time. For this reason the Lord is calling the attention of all those who love the cause of God in this section of the vineyard, to rally around your educational institutions and place them where they can do their work efficiently and well, and must do this with the least possible delay. The Mount Vernon Academy and the Washington College are destined to play a most important part in this part of the work of training and drilling the recruits for the battle front. Already they have done noble service. A large number of the Mount Vernon students are now found in various parts of the mission field, and at the constituency meeting held recently at the college, Elder Spicer held in his hands the names of 204 students who have already gone from the walls of the Washington Missionary College out into the regions beyond. Today there are scattered from the icy regions of the North right across

the tropics to the icy regions of the South and from the heart of Africa to the interior of China and India—a noble army of young people doing yeoman service for the Master.

And yet this is but a beginning. Many times this number must yet go forward before the work will be finished. The campaign that is now starting must set these institutions on vantage ground so that this large number of young people may be quickly prepared for efficient service. We know the enemy will try to bring in counter currents, for we are fighting a vigilant foe, and the campaign is as real as are the campaigns now being fought in Europe. But we feel that when the leading brethren all decide to unanimously rally behind a call, that all the people will loyally respond and the work will soon be accomplished.

Let all the people everywhere respond to the call and each one determine that they will have some share however small in the establishing of these institutions on vantage ground. I meet so many people who express the wish that they were only younger so that they might go out into these needy fields and answer these needy calls. Now we cannot turn time backward in its flight, but we can place these institutions of ours where they can train young people to do the work we are to old to do, and we can support them as they go out into the dark places of earth, and then we will share in their reward. "As his part is that goeth down into the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff; they shall part alike." 1 Sam. 30: 24. But only those will reap the reward who "tarry by the stuff", and that means those who use of their means to lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes. So let all the people everywhere rally to the call that is now sounding and drive more firmly the stakes, so that we may with safety lengthen the cords until they reach "every kindred and tongue and people."

GEO. F. ENOCH.

International Publishing House Burned

This is a message that I hate to give you. Fire broke out in our Pacific Press Branch at College View February 27, and the entire plant lays in ashes. We have two or three borrowed desks in a room over the bank next door with two or three typewriters that were saved, and outside are still rolling up clouds of smoke as the hose plays upon the smoldering remains. Our entire stock of books, pamphlets, and tracts is lost.

We were just rising from worship at our usual Sunday morning chapel service when smoke was detected in the room. When the door to the stock room adjoining was

opened a blinding cloud of smoke rolled in. The entire basement where was the heating plant was filled with flames and it was already coming through the floors. Even then, however, we thought it could be controlled. The local company was on the ground quickly. A little time was lost in getting the water through on account of ice. In spite of the best efforts of the fire company from Lincoln who were on the ground eight minutes after they were called, the entire plant was burned, and with difficulty adjoining buildings were saved.

This means we are helpless in filling orders for tracts, trade books, and pamphlets now. For how long we cannot tell. I will get at once lists from other houses, and it may be that some orders can be filled from other places.

Our periodicals will be issued with as little break as possible. We have the mailing lists complete. Our editors feel crippled with their files and manuscript gone, but even now they are writing, and I feel safe in saying that our periodicals in German, Danish-Norwegian and Swedish will go forward with as little interruption as possible.

We will keep you informed of plans. Brother Hall had not left Kansas City. He was reached by long distance telephone there and with Brother Curtiss is now on the way here.

Let us have your prayers, and any suggestions that will help. J. R. FERREN, *Circ. Mgr.*

OHIO

Our G. C. A. Debt Paid

At the time of the organization of the union conferences about fourteen years ago, there was made a distribution of the indebtedness of the General Conference Association to the various union conferences that were organized. The union conferences in turn distributed the responsibility of this debt pro rata to the local conferences. The portion that fell to Ohio was \$4,642.69. This amount had not been paid, but the Ohio Conference Association gave the General Conference Association a note covering the amount.

During the past few years, we have been endeavoring to make arrangements by which to pay this amount and take up the note. I am glad to announce to our brethren in Ohio that we have recently paid this note, and this matter is now closed up. It has been necessary to apply some funds that have been placed with the Conference Association, and we are glad to be able to announce that this long standing obligation has been taken care of in this way.

The Lord is blessing us in our conference work, and I believe it is pleasing him

for us to have all of our debts paid and all our conference affairs in the most prosperous condition possible. Knowing that you would be interested in this matter, we are giving you these facts as stated above.

E. K. SLADE.

God's Workmen

God calls men from every walk of life to do his work. When Christ was here on earth, he called the fisherman, the lawyer, the financier and the doctor to be his apostles; and for his other workers, he called them from every class. In this we see that God can use any individual who is consecrated to his service. He is doing this to day.

At the Colporteurs' Institute recently held at Cleveland, we saw this very forcibly illustrated. There were represented at this meeting men from the following occupations:

workers will have many struggles and Satan will try hard to discourage, but we cling to the mighty Arm, and know that there is power to support us.

There is one way in which our people can help. That is with their prayers. The colporteur needs them, so we ask our people, as they gather around their warm firesides on these cold days, to think of the worker who like the Waldensian of old, is going from door to door with the message due the world at this time; and as you kneel in prayer, ask God to bless him. These prayers will be a great help in building a strong work in the conference. V. O. PUNCHES, *Field Secretary*.

How?

Do you recall the item on the last page of the *Review* of December 30, in which the Mission Board announced the receipt of a cablegram telling of the death

turn back to the Shinto or pagan religion will also be in force in its dependency, Korea, where we have but fourteen foreign workers among fifteen million people? About one thousand honest souls in the above territory rejoice in this precious truth and it is from these and our faithful workers there, often overburdened, that the appeal comes "Send help". Do you think it reasonable even though one had not fallen in the ranks?

The conditions in other mission fields might prompt others to voice as eloquent an appeal. However, that is but an indication of our responsibility. How we are responding is of greatest concern to those in the distant lands in their anxiety to see others added to the work in the need of greater progress, and to us lest we fail in that close relation to the cause all should have.

Were one of the European generals planning an advance move there are two



Canvassers' Institute, Cleveland, Ohio

1 former bartender, 1 policeman, 1 railroad engineer, 1 former Baptist minister, 1 piano tuner, 1 graduate nurse, 1 circulation agent of a large daily paper, 1 gardener, 1 cereal coffee manufacturer, 1 cabinet maker, 1 rubber tire maker, 1 artist (a Mohawk Indian), 2 (Roumanians) tailors, 1 letter carrier, 1 tool maker, 1 brick layer, 1 former U. S. soldier, 1 ladies' tailor, 3 painters, 1 paper hanger, 1 motorman, 2 chefs, 3 school teachers, 1 cateress, 1 street car conductor, several farmers, 2 insurance agents.

The illustration shows the class that was present at the institute. We have bright hopes for the colporteur work in the future. With such a company consecrated for service, a great work can be done for the master. However, it is going to take earnest effort and much prayer to accomplish the work. These

of Clarence C. Hall who had less than a year before gone to Japan from the Pacific Press to act as manager of the printing plant there and secretary-treasurer of that mission field? Further, did you notice that Elder DeVinney's message closed with the appeal "Send help"?

What does that expression suggest to you? Have you in mind that we have but seventeen workers in Japan with nearly fifty-three million people or one to over three million, and sixty-seven native workers or one to 77,120 people, that the language is among the most difficult and that the government which has maintained the open door to Western civilization and its religion for many years, just recently issued a decree that the Bible instruction in all schools including missions must be stopped within ten years? Further, that this same plan to

features he would place much dependence upon,—the prospect of reinforcements and unbroken connection with the base of supplies. The forces in the field expect the loyal support of those at home. They in turn place much confidence in what will be accomplished by those at the front, with the co-operation and victory proving of inestimable value to both. The generals which the Great Leader has placed in charge of the campaign in various parts of the world-wide field look as definitely to us for support. Though our Leader will not lose the battle, it is important that we prove 'true to the colors'. That will mean the interest of the cause must govern our plans in such a way that our resources are not placed in the hands of the enemy. It will take planning, and that is why the goal card plan seemed so practical if the interests

of the Master's kingdom are really paramount.

Remember that to sign the card means you plan to make your every offering to the foreign mission fund such total by the close of the year that if divided equally, it would average so much per week. Thus it can be paid in small, but regular instalments, or in any way convenient through the year. What would be more assuring to the Mission Board, as they take up the problems of the field and plan to answer those "Send help" calls, than to know that many are planning so definitely to support their plans and decisions as to select a goal for the year, a part of their program from week to week?

Read the dispatches from the missionary reports in the *Review* regularly, and carefully, as many do the war news in the daily. Remember it means even more to us than the various successes reported on the European battle front do to them. Our interest and enthusiasm should and will grow, more than that of the German in a drive through to Paris now, especially if we have an active part in the campaign. Signing that goal card is one way. Vote for the speedy finishing of the work by mailing it now. Stewardship is according to ability.

H. D. HOLCOM.

News Notes

Elder J. F. Olmsted is holding a series of meetings in the Disciple Church at Duke, Ohio, and reports very good attendance. We are hoping that this effort will result in a harvest of souls for the kingdom. Let our people aid by their earnest prayers.

Since the organization of the church at Elyria as the result of Elder H. A. Weaver's efforts in that city, he has begun meetings in Galion. We trust that many will hear and obey the truth there.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Stroudsburg

After the tent meetings were closed the interest was followed up by holding meetings in our church building. Eleven new members were added to the church as the result of the tent meetings.

Among those who were baptized was a young man and woman, who are both members of this year's graduating class of the Stroudsburg high school, the young man being president of the class. Another young man who was baptized is now in our school at Washington, D. C., preparing himself for future usefulness in the cause of God.

During the last six months several im-

provements have been made on the church building which now presents a neat and inviting appearance.

In 1914 the church received \$2.91 in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign and fell short of the twenty-cent-a-week fund. In 1915 they received \$89.12 in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign and came out ahead on the twenty-cent-a-week fund.

The members are active in missionary work and are holding some Bible readings. As the result of these, several are to take their stand for the truth. May the Lord give them many souls for their faithfulness.

C. S. BAUM.

News Notes

The meetings at Blossburg are well attended in spite of heavy snow.

The recent visit of Professor C. L. Stone was much appreciated by the Fairhill church school. He also made the office a pleasant call.

Plans are being laid whereby the libraries of the city of Philadelphia will be supplied with yearly subscriptions of some of our magazines.

Our Wilkes Barre Missionary Volunteer Society have disposed of 300 Temperance *Instructors* and expect to send in a new order soon. The Scranton society placed a like order. This is doing well for an infant society only a few months old. The West Philadelphia Society will dispose of 250 as a first order.

The recent Missionary Volunteer Convention held by the four Philadelphia churches was such a success that plans are laid for a joint convention for Scranton and Wilkes Barre. Fairhill holds a Sabbath School Convention March 25. Harrisburg and Lebanon are planning for a like gathering a little later.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Correction

In last week's *Visitor*, in the article by Elder Robbins telling how to find the place for the Union Conference meeting, it was stated that the dining pavilion is located on Lang and Hamilton avenue. This was a mistake. The dining pavilion is on Lang avenue about four squares north of the library.

—Ed.

News Notes

A general meeting was held in the Allegheny church February 19.

Elder R. E. Harter spent Sabbath, February 26, with the Pittsburgh No. 1 church.

Elders Robbins and Parsons visited the church at Adah, Sabbath, February 26.

The young people of the Pittsburgh No. 1 church were pleased to have Elder Harter of Washington, D. C. speak to them last Sabbath.

Professor B. G. Wilkinson spent two days in the office last week laying plans for the coming union meeting.

Within the past two weeks Messrs. Burns, Glunt and Buttermore finished 100 per cent deliveries. This is certainly encouraging, especially in view of the fact that so many homes have been visited by sickness of some kind. This success is only another evidence that nothing can hinder the progress of the work.

More than half of the workers are having deliveries this week, ranging from \$50.00 to \$150.00. Let us pray God's blessing upon them that they may have success as they place the literature in the homes of the people.

A letter just received from Sister W. W. Moore of Somerset, Pa. states that on February 14 their twelve room house in which they lived was burned to the ground. They are unable to tell what caused the fire. It began between the ceiling and garret floor. Some household furniture was saved. There was an insurance on the house and furniture of \$1500, but the loss amounted to \$3000.

We hope to see a large number of the laity attend the Columbia Union Conference meeting in Pittsburgh March 13-20. Rooms will be furnished at a reasonable price, and meals will be served on the cafeteria plan. Those who are planning to attend should order rooms at once unless they have already done so. Address all letters to the conference office, 7155 Mt. Vernon St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Brother Gates who has been doing some work in Warren has been having some good experiences. He says, "I found a lady who has 'Great Controversy,' 'United States in Prophecy,' and 'Worlds' Crisis.' She bought a 'Vatican and the War,' and 'Shadow of the Bottle,' and ordered a copy of 'Daniel and Revelation.' After canvassing another lady she said that she felt the Lord had sent me to her home, because she had been looking for something to help her understand the Bible. Undoubtedly this woman, like many others, is searching for light, and will never be fully satisfied until the light of the message shines across her pathway.

NEW JERSEY

News Notes

We regret to report that Elder Sandborn on his return from Newark last Thursday, fell and sprained his ankle very badly and it will be several weeks before he will be able to get about as usual, although with the use of crutches he will be able to attend to his duties at the office.

Two thousand notices were distributed in Trenton this past week, announcing a series of meetings in the church, commencing Sunday, February 27, the first sermon being, "The Devil and the Word of God," does he want you to read it?

No doubt the devil tried to hinder this meeting, but Elder Sandborn was determined that he should gain the victory. Arrangements were made with Brother B. J. Blinn to take him to the church in his automobile, and with the use of crutches he was able to reach the rostrum, and by resting his knee on a chair, he was able to deliver the sermon.

Many prayers ascended to the throne of grace for our brother, and we know that the Lord gave him special strength, and the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt, and all had their faith greatly strengthened in the Word of God, by the message the Lord had for them.

Elder J. M. Gaff of Annandale was a caller at the office yesterday, and he also assisted in the meeting at night.

The religious liberty program was taken up in the Trenton church on Sabbath, and 1000 *Liberty* extras were ordered, also many signed the petitions contained in this extra.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of our blind brother, Brother Madden of Bridgeton. We are glad to report however that he is on the road to recovery.

Brother Barritt is visiting Brother and Sister Fischer of Oakland, N. J., and helping them to get started in distributing a large number of Temperance *Instructors*.

Since the little talk to the young folks in Cape May C. H. about saving the candy and chewing gum money, and putting it in the missionary barrells, they have done much better. Let all of us, young and old, benefit by this example.

We are glad to report that Sister Harris of the Trenton church is greatly improved and expects to leave the hospital this week.

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending February 25, 1916									
E. B. Melendy, Morrow Co.		GC	5	47	7	25 00	4 35	29 35	1 35
W. H. Gilmore, Cincinnati		BF	5	43	10	21 00	6 00	27 00	1 50
Fred Hannah, Lorain Co.		BR	5	42	2	6 00	5 50	11 50	1 75
W. H. Smith, Holmes Co.		BR	5	41	10	31 00	1 50	32 60	4 25
P. A. Franks, Wayne Co.		BR	4	41	1	3 00	3 00	6 00	
Frank Fuels, Adams Co.		CK	5	41	16	25 00	2 50	27 50	7 00
George Cottman, Warren Co.		BR	5	41	17	59 00	2 25	61 25	4 00
A. Gackenheimer, Warren Co.		BR	9	80	18	57 00	1 20	58 20	1 50
H. W. Barto, Pickaway Co.		BR	5	40	9	32 00	1 50	33 50	1 50
J. S. Randolph, Morrow Co.		ES	5	40	7	24 00	5 15	29 15	20 50
C. J. Fritz, Hocking Co.		BR	5	40	20	64 00	15 00	79 00	1 25
W. S. Syphers, Madison Co.		BR	5	40	13	41 00	2 25	43 25	
E. C. Alexander, Clermont Co.		BR	5	38	19	62 00	8 25	70 25	8 50
C. G. Douglass, Akron		BR	5	35	15	46 00	9 75	55 75	
E. S. Gifford, Springfield		BF	6	35	22	33 00	2 00	35 00	
R. E. Simpson, Logan Co.		BR	4	35	9	33 00	1 25	34 25	43 00
Amos Mitchem, Cincinnati		BF	5	35	3	4 50	4 50	9 00	2 25
Ira Rickett, Adams Co.		CK	4	31	9	14 50	3 00	17 50	1 50
Mrs. Stafford, Cincinnati		BF	5	30	9	13 00	17 25	30 75	17 50
Ed Searles, Jr., Crawford Co.		BR	5	30	14	44 00		44 00	
Mrs. Smith, Portsmouth		CK	5	29	16	28 00	2 00	30 00	5 75
C. R. Fairchild, Logan Co.		BR	5	27	11	37 00	50	37 50	4 00
B. H. Jeffreys East Liverpool		BR	4	21	6	22 00	75	22 75	
Mrs. C. Kelley, Portsmouth		CK	5	19	16	24 00	80	24 80	13 30
Richard DeGarmo, Summit Co.		HM	3	16	8	16 00		16 00	6 00
Miscellaneous						80 00		80 00	6 10
Totals	25 Agents		122	917	287	\$845 50	\$100 25	\$945 75	\$162 52

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 25, 1919

A. Brownlee, Westmoreland Co.	PPF	10	74	22	61 85	26 05	87 30	37 25
Geo. Buttermore, Greene Co.	BR	4	27	9	28 00	7 00	35 00	25
C. Dunham, Allegheny Co.	GC	5	32	25	81 00		81 00	1 00
W. H. House, Elk Co.	GC	5	33	7	24 00	19 30	43 30	15 00
J. A. Kimmel, Fayette Co.	BF	4	28	24	36 00	2 25	38 25	2 25
J. S. Glunt, Mercer Co.	BR	4		5	16 00	50	16 50	
E. A. Manry, McKean Co.	BR	7	30	12	42 00	9 75	51 75	
John Morley, Potter Co.	BF	2		5				33 00
D. P. Patterson, Fayette Co.	BR	4	30	15	49 00	4 10	53 10	
C. E. Will, Westmoreland Co.	CK	4	36	11	27 00	1 00	28 00	2 25
Totals	10 Agents		47	295	130	\$364 25	\$69 95	\$434 20

District of Columbia, Week Ending February 25.

Earl Wilcox, Prince George Co.	BR	4	20	25	80 00		80 00	
D. P. Corbett, Loudoun Co.	PG	5	33	14	50 00		50 00	4 00
S. N. Brown, Prince George Co.	BR	3	15		31 00		31 00	4 00
E. R. Corder, Washington D. C.	BF	5	25	10	30 09		30 00	
Wm. Schmidt, Washington D. C.	Misc				2 00		2 00	5 50
F. A. Holland, Washington D. C.	BR	2	12	4	6 00		6 00	
Miscellaneous	Misc				2 90		2 90	5 40
Totals	6 Agents		19	105	53	\$201 90	\$201 90	\$18 90

Chesapeake, Week Ending February 25, 1915

D. W. Percy, Dorchester Co.	DA	3	22	6	18 00	1 50	19 50	
J. E. Jones, Dorchester Co.	PPF	4	30	9	18 00	12 50	30 50	1 50
Totals	2 Agents		7	72	15	\$36 00	\$14 00	\$50 00

District of Columbia, Week Ending February 18, 1916

S. N. Brown, Prince George Co.	BR	4	26	26	80 00	6 75	86 75	1 75
Earl Wilcox, Prince George Co.	BR	4	21	25	80 00		80 00	
M. W. Buell, Fairfax Co.	BR	4	28	13	39 00	35	39 35	
D. P. Corbett, Loudoun Co.	PG	4	28	12	39 00		39 00	
F. A. Holland, Alexandria Co.	BR	3	20	8	24 00	75	24 75	75
Vera Carrigan, Washington D. C.	CK	4	17	11	17 00		17 00	
Miscellaneous	Misc				67 75		67 75	71 75
Totals	Agents		6	23	140	95	\$346 75	\$7 85

MAGAZINES

B. Hohensee	10 00	Miss Mary Holder	10 00
Mrs. Cleveland	7 00	Irma Gerhart	2 50
S. G. Barolet	2 50	J. W. Harris	2 50
Edward Towels	1 80	Janet Wadsworth	2 50
Total			\$38 80

West Virginia, Week Ending February 25, 1916

J. W. Brando, Riverville	BR	4	22	10	35 00	4 25	39 25	
C. G. Mays Chester	BR	4	17	5	18 00		18 00	
T. M. Butler, Harrison Co.	BR	5	40	13	47 00	11 00	58 00	3 00
J. S. Monroe, Whetsel Co.	BR	4	32	22	84 00	10 50	94 50	3 00
W. H. Wilcox, Berkley	BR	5	34	13	43 00		43 00	
G. E. Snyder, Harrison Co.	BR	2	18	4	14 00	20 00	34 00	4 75
G. Earl Snyder,	BFL	3	26	13	20 50	10 50	31 00	16 00
R. E. Beckwith, Parkersburg	BFL	5	30	14	21 09	2 45	23 45	
J. R. Medlin, Morgantown,		1	3			25	25	6 25
Totals		9 Agents	33	222	94 \$282 50	\$58 95	\$347 45	\$39 00

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 25, 1916

S. J. Mack, Mantaur Co.	DR	5	4	22	71 00	2 00	73 00	1 25
F. A. Brownell, Mantaur Co.	BR	4	32	17	55 00	1 75	56 75	1 75
Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	GC	5	45	24	36 50	6 50	43 00	
W. B. Dunkinson, Wyoming Co.	PPF	6	42	12	27 00	3 75	30 75	8 75
Grant Priddy, Luzerne Co.	SB	4	36	42	21 00		21 00	
T. Beamesderfer, Lancaster Co.	BF	5	35	13	19 50	75	20 25	
V. Brownell, Mantaur Co.	BF	2	17	26	13 50	1 50	15 00	1 50
E. S. Tolliver, Philadelphia	SB	4	13	25	12 50		12 50	
M. M. Sterner, Union Co.	PPF	3	20	5	10 00	1 50	11 50	3 50
Eva Chandler, Philadelphia	Mag.				3 80		3 80	3 80
E. E. Gloor, Philadelphia	SC	5	20	13	3 25	3 40	6 65	3 50
Totals		11 Agents	69		\$273 25	\$21 15	\$294 20	\$24 05

Virginia, Week Ending February 25, 1916

T. D. Gibson, Augusta Co.	BR	3	24	16	48 00	2 00	50 00	3 00
S. N. Wilmer, Campbell Co.	BFL	4	21	13	32 50	1 75	34 25	
W. H. Hunt, Mecklenburg Co.	GC	4	28	8	24 00	6 70	30 70	6 70
J. L. Goode, Chesterfield Co.	BFL	3	24	16	27 00	3 15	30 15	
W. E. Carter, Middlesex Co.	BFL	4	21	18	27 00	1 10	28 10	
B. A. Ellis, Elizabeth	BFL	6	33	22	36 00		36 00	
W. D. Butler, Dinwiddie Co.	CK	1	3	1		3 85	3 85	27 00
David Orr, Mecklenburg Co.	CK	5	37	3	4 50	4 20	8 70	
A. L. Gary, Nottoway Co.	CK	3	12	6	9 60	2 10	11 70	
Totals		9 Agents	33	203	103 \$208 60	\$24 85	\$233 45	\$36 70

Grand Totals: 58 Agents Value of Orders \$2522 75 Deliveries, \$446 57

WEST VIRGINIA

A Day in the Mountains

Brother Monroe attended our institute and was the first to ask me to work with him so I promised to meet him Monday morning. We took the evening train which put us in our territory about 5 p. m. We started for the country and the first house we came to about one mile from a little village I said to him, "This is where we stay all night." We went up and asked the lady about stopping over night. She said we could and that she was expecting two boarders in soon who were very much interested in Christian work. We looked for them until after dark but they did not come. The lady said, "Well they will likely not come tonight." I felt that the Lord had put us there for some good and prayed that the boarders would come, and they finally came. After they had eaten supper I

took out my prospectus and showed them and the man of the house our book. Then we read a chapter and had prayer with them before retiring, but none ordered the book. We earnestly prayed for them before going to bed and I prayed for them several times during the night and had a dream about laboring with Mr. A. The next morning I said to Mr. A, "How about your order?" He said, "Well I will take the \$5 binding." Mr. B said that he would not take any and they both took their dinner pails and started away, but when they got to the gate Mr. B came back and told us to bring him a \$4.00 book. A and B were the boarders there. Then I went into the house and asked Mr. Hennen about their order and he ordered a \$3.00 binding. Surely the Lord was working. We could have gotten a train into our territory about 7 a. m. the next morning, but did it pay to go the night before even if we did make only one call?

We met another lady who wanted us to go up the side of the mountain to see her husband, so we started and after a long climb met a young man and asked if he were the man we were looking for. He said that he was not, but I showed him the good book "Bible Readings." He readily gave an order for a \$4.00 binding. He said, "Mr. B. told me of you and I was just thinking of going to hunt you. He told us where the man was we were looking for, so we climbed another mountain and found another man. We showed him the book and tears came to his eyes and he said, "I have been praying for light on the Bible and how to rear my family." I said to him "God has answered your prayer." He ordered a \$4.00 book. We went on looking for the other man that we were told of so crossed a swinging footbridge thinking there was a path that led up the mountain, where we expected to find him, but there was no path. We hesitated and Brother Monroe said we will make a way so I took the lead and we went through the bushes up a very steep mountain about 1,300 feet to an oil well. Some places it was about as steep as we could climb but by clinging to the bushes and rocks we climbed to the top and found a man asleep. He said, "How did you get up here?" We told him we climbed up the side of the mountain and he remarked we must have had a hard time of it. I showed him the book and he ordered a \$4.00 binding, but he was not the man we were looking for. We went on and came to a house where the husband was very sick. We had prayer with them and the wife thanked us heartily for it. We took a few more orders and arranged to stay all night with a lady who said she would never buy another book, but she took a \$4.00 binding of "Bible Readings" from us to quit on. After supper we went across the road and had a pleasant visit with a family and had a short Bible study, had prayer with them and took their order for a \$4.00 binding and sold them a "Best Stories" for cash. When we went to count up the blessings of the day we found the Lord had blessed us with \$47.75 worth of orders. This was Brother Monroe's first day in the field which he had been called to two years ago but failed to go until now.

H. F. KIRK.

CHESAPEAKE

News Notes

The Young People's Society of the Baltimore No. 1 church, under the leadership of Mrs. W. J. Tetz is preparing an extensive program for a Temperance Rally to be given Wednesday evening, March 8. All will be pleased, we are sure, with the program, and we expect it

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to increase an interest in temperance principles in the hearts of those who listen to it.

Miss Newcomer spent a few days at her home in Hagerstown the past week.

Elder M. C. Kirkendall is spending a week with the Smithsburg and Hagerstown churches.

The Colporteurs' Institute will begin Friday evening, March 3. We are expecting a good attendance, and a successful meeting.

Our tract society received an order for 1000 of the Temperance number of the *Instructor* from one of the members of the Wilmington church a few days ago. We are glad to see some interest in this good paper, and trust many more will send their orders along. We promise you prompt service.

VIRGINIA

News Notes

Elder Moffett and Brother Georges spent the closing days of February with the Republican Grove church. An elder and a deacon were ordained. Some of these brethren who a year ago, were devoting their energies to raising tobacco with its blighting influence on men's souls are now preparing to enter the field as evangelistic colporteurs to save souls. The spirit of God is mightily moving men to enter the work realizing that our opportunities will soon be gone forever.

There are thirteen colporteurs actively engaged in field work at the present time

In a few days two more workers will be added to the list. We are glad to see our people in different places taking hold of this important work. Some years ago the message came to us through the Spirit of Prophecy that "Where there is one canvasser in the field there should be one hundred." This message is awaiting our serious consideration today. Are there not others who will volunteer to fill the depleted ranks to assist in warning the world of Jesus' soon coming.

OBITUARIES

HASTINGS. — Harry Eugene Hastings was born in Wellington, Ohio, December 3, 1865, and died at LaGrange, Ohio, February 26, 1916. He was united in marriage to Louise Dean, August 26, 1885. To this union, a son and daughter were born, Carl Dean and Orpha Matilda, of whom the son alone survives, the daughter having been laid away May 29, 1913. Soon after her death, he united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church at Cleveland, Ohio, transferring his membership to the LaGrange church April 4, 1914. Since he became a Christian, the influence of his life was felt by all who have been visitors at the home. We truly believe that if we are faithful, we shall meet him in that fast approaching day when the elect will be gathered home. Besides his widow and son, he leaves a mother, brother and sister.

"His sacrifice, his generous giving,
When friends were few, his handclasp
warm and strong,
The fragrance of his life of holy living,
Let us remember long."

The writer conducted the funeral services in the Seventh-day Adventist Church at LaGrange.

E. K. SLADE.

Washington Missionary College

News Notes

The Cantata "Christ and His Soldiers" was given by the Chorus under the direction of Professor Hamer at the Takoma Park church, Monday evening, February 21.

No school was held on Tuesday, February 22, and every one seemed glad for this vacation. A large number of the students indulged in games on the lawn in the afternoon.

Professor C. P. Crager has had to give up his work on account of his health, and Mr. Harvey Gauker is now preceptor in North Hall. Mr. Norman Kimble has charge of the West Cottage.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Stokes, formerly of Butte, Montana, have recently taken up school work here, before going to China. Doctor Stokes is a surgeon of quite wide experience, and expects to continue in that work in the East.

Professor M. E. Kern gave an inspiring talk at Young People's meeting, Sabbath, emphasizing the importance of the Young People's Work.

Columbia Union Conference Association.

The legal meeting of The Columbia Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will convene in the Auditorium of the Carnegie Library, Lang and Hamilton Avenues, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in connection with the Columbia Union Conference, and will hold its first meeting 10:45 A. M., Tuesday, March 14, 1916, for the transaction of such business as may come before the constituent body which is composed of the delegates of the Columbia Union Conference.

B. G. WILKINSON, *Chairman.*

R. T. DOWSETT, *Secretary.*

Columbia Union Conference

The first meeting of the Fifth Biennial Session of the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Carnegie Library, Lang and Hamilton Avenues, Pittsburgh, Pa., at 7:30 P. M., Monday, March 13, 1916.

In addition to its president, each conference is entitled to one delegate for each one hundred and fifty members therein.

Each denominational institution located within the territory of the Columbia Union is entitled to two delegates.

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Advertisements

WANTED.—A single or married man to work on farm. Apply at once. Thos. Schaeffer, Oley, Pa., Route 4.

FOR SALE.—A good six room house, out kitchen, well and cistern. 65 fruit trees bearing, 1 1/2 acres good land, located 4 miles from Madison school, 5 miles from Nashville and 5 minutes walk to inter-urban street car line. For terms write to F. E. Wagner, Madison, Tenn.

WANTED.—Ten capable Christian young ladies to begin a two year's nurses course on March 16. Good opportunities for fine practical experience in all kinds of nursing. Small pay during whole course. Write at once for particulars. Opportunity also for one or two to take a six month's course in vegetarian cooking. Address, Middletown Sanitarium, Middletown, N. Y.