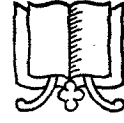


Columbia Union

Visitor



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

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Mount Vernon, Ohio, April 27, 1916

No. 17

U N I O N

Mission Offerings

We have received the mission offerings given by our brethren and sisters in the Columbia Union during the first three months of 1916. The total amount given is \$12,900.18, or an average of thirteen and one-half [$\$13\frac{1}{2}$] cents a week per member. This is \$6,352.82 short of what it should be if a full quota had been given.

The amount turned over to the Foreign Mission Treasury is \$2,330.71 more than the amount given the first three months of 1915. While this is encouraging, still we feel exceedingly sad to not be able to turn in a full quota, or \$19,253.00. Some who may read this may have donated but little of the \$12,900.18. Will it not be pleasing to the Lord for each one to see if they have done their best? \$3.45 will be the average amount per member for the first four months of the year. What a blessing it will be if the Columbia Union membership contributes an amount equal to an average of \$3.45 by May! The times in which we live demand it. The awakening in the foreign field calls loudly for it. The blessing both upon the giver and those who will receive its benefits will be so abundant, we have confidence our dear brethren and sisters in each conference desire it, and shall we not one and all co-operate and say "We will do it" and see that it is done?

R. T. DOWSETT.

Washington Missionary Volunteer Convention

Special meetings were held in the Washington churches Friday night and Sabbath morning, April 15, in the interest of the Missionary Volunteer work. On Sabbath afternoon a union meeting was held in the Takoma Park church.

Reports of excellent meetings were given

from all the churches. The theme presented on Sabbath morning was, "The Missionary Volunteer work in prophecy." Elders Harter, Daniells, Griggs, and Kern spoke at the four churches.

In the afternoon service the following topics were earnestly presented: Literature and Correspondence, Tract Racks, King's Pocket League, Work with Small Books, Jail Work, Hospital Work, Personal Evangelism, Society Lessons, and The Missionary Volunteer Goal.

These discussions were largely from the practical view point and in some instances consisted almost entirely of relating actual experiences. It is remarkable the good that can be done and is being done by the efforts of our Missionary Volunteer Societies. It is hoped that those who have been active in the past will be encouraged to press on, and that any who may be hesitating to enter the wide open doors of opportunity, will enter now.

C. L. STONE.

A Card of Thanks

In response to our sending the resolution of sympathy passed at the Columbia Union Conference in Pittsburgh, to Sister W. J. Tanner and her children, the following letter has been received. We thought our brethren and sisters would appreciate hearing direct from Sister Tanner and so give her letter.

R. T. DOWSETT.

"The letter expressing the sympathy of the brethren and sisters of the Columbia Union Conference in our afflictions was received promptly. I can say that while I did not expect such a letter, we do appreciate it. Truly to know that we have the sympathy and prayers of God's people is encouraging and helps us to bear more patiently and faithfully the responsibilities of life from day to day. Again we thank you all.

I remain, sincerely,
Mrs. W. J. Tanner."

Progress in Ohio

The writer has finished his campaign in Ohio, and wishes to pass on to the brethren and sisters his appreciation of the experiences that we have had together. The weather usually left much to be desired. If there is any brand of weather in the armory of the weatherman that he did not afford us a sample of while I was in Ohio I am sure I cannot tell what it was unless it was the grilling heat of the tropics—for which let us be thankful.

But the hearts of the brethren and sisters everywhere were warm and courageous. It is a pleasure for your missionary to have had the privilege of meeting you right out in the home churches, and telling the mission story which by these means was carried home to many more hearts than could be reached at camp-meetings or at general gatherings. I believe that the great burden of the Orient has been rolled on the hearts of many of the dear brethren and sisters and that there has been a renewal of our consecration and a reviving of courage all along the line.

By the itemized report of what has been contributed as reported in another column, each church will be able to see where it stands in the list. I know that many of us were laboring under great perplexities, and it almost seemed impossible to respond to the appeal. But the Lord knows the heart, and we leave each church and each individual with the Saviour, and feel sure that his divine blessing has been brought anew to many hearts in response to this sacrifice, so willingly made.

The College Board has determined in the matter of building that no sod shall be turned until the first of August. I know that we can count on every dollar promised. Some, in fact I feel sure the larger portion, will be able to pay in a good proportion of their pledge by that time. Cannot each one pray to that end?

Let our slogan be \$10,000 for Ohio for this fund, and, further, as much of the \$10,000, in the conference treasury as is possible by August 1. The other conference brethren will visit the other churches and I am certain that there will be a hearty response as we labor to make the sum \$10,000. Any one who has been missed will please send to the conference treasurer for a card now.

I go to New Jersey tomorrow and entreat the prayers of all the children of God that his spirit may accompany all that is said and done, and that the finishing of the work may be greatly hastened by this campaign. GEO. F. ENOCH.

Campaign in Ohio

Church	No.	Cards	No. Shares	Amount
Mount Vernon	77	34		\$2700
Cleveland, English	55	27½		1380
Toledo	16	12		600
Columbus	20	8½		437 50
Cincinnati	18	8½		418 75
Akron	9	7½		375
Springfield	9	6		300
Dayton	13	5½		277 50
Cleveland, German	18	5½		275
Ravenna	9	4½		225
La Grange	10	4½		225
Wilmington	12	4		200
Bowling Green	10	4		200
Elyria	7	3½		190
Newark	5	3		150
Hamilton	8	3		150
New Philadelphia	8	2		102 50
Findlay	9	2		100
Walnut Grove	9	1½		75
Liberty Center	6	1		55
Lake View	4	¾		38
Zanesville	4	¾		37 50
Total	336	170½		\$8511 75

Time spent in Ohio	50 days	1 card at \$250	\$250
Lectures delivered	55	1 card at 150	150
Numbes of cards signed	336	8 cards at 100 2 shares each	900
Number shares subscribed	170½	69 cards at 50 1 share each	3450
Total amount	\$8511 75	1 card at 37½ ¾ share each	37½
Average per member	25 25	71 cards at 25 ½ share each	1775
		122 cards at 12½ ¼ share each	1525
		24 cards at 6¼ ½ share each	150
		38 Balance broken shares	274½
		336	\$8511 75

OHIO

The Work That Our Colporteurs Are Doing

It should not be overlooked that our colporteur work in the state of Ohio is proving to be a very strong factor in helping to distribute the warning message to the five million people within our state. We have at this time, I suppose, about the strongest force of capable colporteurs that we have ever had in the state of Ohio. The reports that come in from these workers from week to week indicate that we are leading the most of the time every state in America in this important branch of the work.

We are hopeful to have still other men and women join this army of workers and give their full time to this work. The field is large enough for many more, and the ground should be covered by still other books that have not yet been largely sold. We need those who have a taste and calling for city work in this line. We are made all of the time to recognize the fewness of our ministerial laborers, but we can hope for effective work being accomplished in giving the warning through the printed page.

I have before me a letter just received from one of our colporteurs in which he quotes a paragraph from a letter received from one to whom he had sold a book.

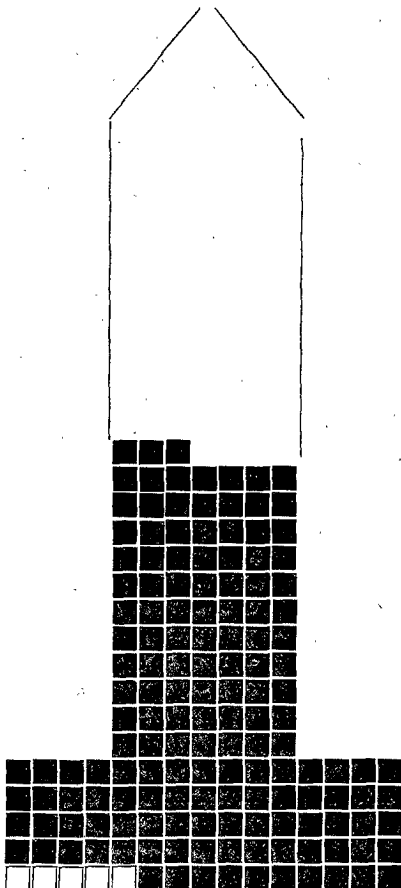
It reads: "I have studied the doctrine, and the light has finally broken in. God has wonderfully shown me his work. We have started a Sabbath school at Sister Blanks. I am determined to stand for the truth. I am going to stand for the truth if I lose everything I have. Pray for us and help us in some way to lead the people into the light."

As these gospel workers come into your community, I trust that they may be given every possible encouragement, and that they may be warmly welcomed into the homes of our people where conditions will permit. We want to continue to strengthen our colporteur work, and add to our present force such men and women as God may approve and those who will be successful soul winners in that line of work.

E. K. SLADE.

Faithfulness in the Payment of Tithes

The times in which we live call for the utmost faithfulness on the part of our people in their stewardship. We learn from time to time of those who become slack, and lapse into carelessness in the payment of tithes. There are in many churches those who are coming short in this important obligation. I believe that our church elders should frankly, with kindness and tactfulness, set before their members this important duty. There are those who have been members of our



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WATCH THE MONUMENT GROW.

A photo of Lerolle's beautiful and impressive painting, "The Arrival of the Shepherds," 10 by 13 inches in size, will be sent free as long as the supply holds out, with a single subscription for the *Sabbath School Worker* — the *Worker*, and the photo for 50 cents.

churches for a long time who are not fully living up to their privileges in this matter. We must recognize, however, that there is an improvement, and a larger per cent of our membership are paying faithful tithe than in the past.

Our tithe receipts for 1915 were the highest ever received for one year during the history of the conference. Considering the large amount of work that we are planning for this season, we strongly hope that the tithe receipts for the year may amount to fifty thousand dollars. It should be remembered that something over thirty-five per cent of this is passed on to the general work where it is needed as much as it is here in the home field.

I want to ask for the co-operation of our church officers in endeavoring to bring about faithfulness on the part of every member in this matter.

I was very much encouraged on receiving a check in the mail last evening for one thousand dollars tithe, paid by an individual who has just accepted the truth. This is certainly a worthy example. It is pleasing to God that one who has just embraced this message should recognize the Lord's ownership in this way. There are those who should make up back tithe and who will enjoy a great blessing in doing so. May the Lord's blessing attend our churches in their endeavor to bring about such faithfulness on the part of every believer.

E. K. SLADE.

News Notes

Elder A. R. Bell has been called from the East Pennsylvania Conference to make Ohio his field of labor. He has been asked to take the pastorate of the Toledo church, which place is made vacant by the failing health of Dr. H. M. Jump. Doctor Jump has labored earnestly for four years in Toledo, and conditions have made it seem advisable for him to again assume his medical practice with the hope that he may be fully restored to his usual health.

Elder Slade spent a few days recently with the little company at Portsmouth. It is in this city in the extreme southern part of the state that Elder J. F. Olmsted has been laboring for a number of months.

Brother G. W. Yingling and J. I. Midkiff are having some rich experiences in New Philadelphia selling "Bible Readings", and are meeting with excellent success.

April showers and the busy days of spring house cleaning have made it a little difficult for our colporteurs to take orders, but this does not keep them from visiting the people.

Next Sabbath Elder Slade will meet with the company at Bucyrus. The earnest, active believers at this place will soon be organized into a church, and we are expecting to see others join them in the coming months through their efforts and those of Miss Meck, our Bible worker located there.

Dr. W. J. Venen, our medical secretary, made a short call at the office last week. His mission to the city was to bring a patient to the Fisher Sanitarium.

Brother D. M. McCarthey, formerly of Seattle, Washington, has come to Ohio and expects to soon join our force of colporteurs. He is here for a few days attending the institute at Mount Vernon Academy.

These are busy days for the field agent and his assistant, for our regular force of colporteurs with those who will enter the field within the next two weeks will number at least fifty.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Minutes of the Eighth Annual Session of District of Columbia Conference.

The eighth annual session of the District of Columbia Conference opened at 9:30 A. M., April 9, 1916, at Memorial church, Washington, D. C., with hymn No. 227 in Christ in Song; after which Elder Harter read the 106th Psalm, and prayer was offered by Brother I. A. Ford.

The president gave a short introductory talk as to the real purposes of the meeting, suggesting that the success of our efforts depends upon our rightly relating ourselves to God as individuals, thus enabling the Spirit to dwell with us collectively as a conference. We must realize our dependence upon Divine guidance, and we cannot afford to move a single step unless we know that God is leading the way.

The reading of the minutes of the afternoon session of our seventh annual conference was waived, they having been referred, at its close, to the conference executive committee for approval, in harmony with our established precedent.

The following named delegates were seated, representing their respective organizations:

Alexandria church No. 1. G. W. Roat, Arlington church: G. S. Hvale, Mrs. Stuart.

First church: S. J. Barbour, J. M. Harris, Margaret Howard, N. E. Holland, E.

S. Barbour, A. J. Scott, D. W. Thompson, A. C. Holmes.

Memorial church: L. E. Elliott, Brother Downs, D. A. Rees, Sisters Moser, Neall, Markle, Sandberg, Gregg, Baker, Walker, Willman, Haupt and Gintner.

Mt. Rainier church: Brother J. A. Rhine.

People's church: R. W. Williamson, G. W. Steele, N. O. Phipps, Sisters Wardel, Williamson, Mary Adams, Hester Seeney, Geneva Bryan, Carrie Tolson, Edith Hurt, Roberta Hawkins, Mabel Wright, Eliza Ross, Annie Cook and Mary Thompson.

Sligo church: D. E. Bell, Elder F. M. Wilcox, Elder Stewart Kime, Etta Spicer and H. F. Brown.

Takoma Park: Sisters Sanders, Brensinger, Seely, Graham, Kern and Graham; Brethren Rogers, Graham, Shipley, Hook and Votaw.

Four churches failed to respond; Alexandria No. 2, Chiltons, Colonial Beach and Kilmarnock having no delegates present.

Delegates-at-Large: W. A. Spicer, R. T. Dowsett, I. A. Ford, T. E. Bowen, L. A. Hansen, M. E. Olsen, N. W. Philips, J. M. Campbell, F. H. Seeney, A. J. Bristol, W. A. Nelson, F. E. Gibson. Mrs. Maud Harter, Janet Morris, Maud E. Belmont Margaret Howard and C. Sorenson.

Brother R. C. Taylor reported the organization, on November 7, 1915, of the Capitol Hill church, at 7 Fourth Street Northeast, Washington, D. C., with a present membership of 46 loyal believers and requested its admission to the conference and the seating of its delegates.

On motion, duly supported, this request was granted with a hearty welcome, and the following delegates were seated representing the Capitol Hill church: Sisters Manning, Rice, Mockabee; Brethren Kellogg, Moriarty and Bovee.

The president extended a cordial welcome to all present and requested that all feel free to participate in the deliberations of the meeting.

R. E. HARTER, Pres.

R. C. TAYLOR, Sec'y.

(To be continued)

NEW JERSEY

Resolutions of Love and Respect

Whereas, our Heavenly Father has permitted the angel of death to enter our company, and remove from the church our beloved sister, Lillian E. Whitcomb, we would pay this last tribute of love to her memory. "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels."

The Ramah church has lost a worthy

and faithful member, and the home a devoted wife and mother. We shall ever remember her life and example.

She was always found in her place in church and Sabbath school, anxious to do her part in the spread of the Third Angel's Message. With sad hearts we submit to the will of our Father believing "That all things work together for good to them that love the Lord."

Resolved, That we extend our most heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family; and may they find consolation in the thought that their loved one will soon come forth from the grave, clothed in immortality, to live forever in the mansions Jesus has gone to prepare for her.

Our loved one rests in Jesus,
She's free from toil, and pain,
Soon she'll come forth at Jesus call.
And with Him ever reign.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, one to the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR and one be spread on our church record book.

HELEN M. WOOD, CLERK.

WEST VIRGINIA

Report of the West Virginia Conference

It is my privilege and pleasure to represent the baby of the Columbia Union Conference, West Virginia. I am pleased to report to this representative body, that the baby is in a healthy condition, and that it is growing nicely. During the last year, two churches were organized, and nearly three times as many were added to the churches as were added during the biennial period 1912-13. There has been a corresponding growth along other lines.

Last April, West Virginia suffered the loss of its president, our esteemed brother, Elder W. J. Tanner. Soon after his death, I was called to this field, and after a lapse of about three months, I began active work in that conference. During the last months of last year, there was a change of conference secretaries, also in the location of the conference office. In spite of this, the work has moved forward, and 1915 proved to be one of the most successful years in the history of the West Virginia Conference.

During the last biennial period, there has been an increase in missions offerings of nearly \$2,000 over that of 1912-13. The Harvest Ingathering offerings last year were almost twice as much as they were in 1913, and the Annual Offering was nearly three times as much. Twenty-five and one-half cents a week per capita was realized last year.

Coming into this year, I am pleased to state, that the tithe for January and Feb-

ruary is within a few dollars of being what it was the corresponding months of last year.

A splendid work is being done in Charleston, the capital city; in Martinsburg in the eastern Pan-Handle; in Elm Grove, and other places in the northern Pan-Handle, in Huntington and Clarksburg. I have just closed a successful effort in Parkersburg where some have already been added to the church, and others will join on my return to that place.

Our Sabbath schools were placed on the Honor Roll last year. This department is steadily growing.

Two Young People's Societies were organized last year.

Two church schools are being successfully conducted.

The colporteur's work is one of our strongest departments. At present this department is the strongest it has been at this season of the year. During 1914-15 over \$30,000 worth of truth-filled literature has been placed in the homes of West Virginia, or \$13,000 more than in 1912-13.

The office, financially and otherwise was never in better condition. All bills are paid and we have no debts.

There is a spirit of good will and courage throughout the conference. All seem to have a mind to give and do, and thus finish the work. The Macadonian cry is coming from all parts of the conference. There are many splendid openings, and we are often moved to tears because we are not able to respond to all these urgent appeals.

The outlook in this conference is good, and we can bring you nothing but a report of courage and good cheer. For all these and many other "good and perfect gifts", we are truly grateful to our kind heavenly Father.

We are truly grateful also, for the help which the Union, and the North American Division Conference have rendered us. We pray your longsuffering and support a little longer, and we feel confident that the baby will soon be able to walk alone.

The state of West Virginia has fifty-five counties with a population of 1,300,000. It is very rich in coal and gas and oil. It is said to be the wealthiest state in the union per capita. There are forty-five counties in which we have no churches or companies. Colporteurs have placed thousands upon thousands of books throughout the state, and their faithful work is bringing in calls from all quarters.

Yes, there are obstacles. True, it is "the mountain state", and there are mountains "great and high", but somehow good records are being made there in the evangelistic and colporteur work. By the way, the first book we have any record of, was published on a mountain.

Our Lord's sermon was preached on the mountain side. He was transfigured up in the mountain. His favorite place of prayer was Mount Olivet. When he ascended his feet last touched the mountain, and when he comes to reign as King of kings and Lord of Lords", "His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives," and then shall "the mountain and the hills" of West Virginia "break forth before you into singing". They are doing so even now.

Our motto is: A church in every county as soon as possible.

Our Needs: Your prayers and support and more laborers.

J. W. HIRLINGER, *President*.

News Notes

The members of the Seventh-day Adventist church tendered a farewell social at the home of the local elder, W. E. Barney, in honor of Elder G. A. Stevens and family and other members that are called to new fields of labor. The afternoon was spent with vocal and instrumental music, singing and playing those blessed songs of praise to our Lord also a short address by Elder Stevens touching on parting from friends in this world. He urged each one to prepare to meet in the new world, where there would be no parting, no farewells to be said. Many friends not members of the church were present. A pleasant afternoon was passed considering the sad occasion which called us together. We all regret very much that our pastor and family have been called away from us to a new field of labor. They all had endeared themselves to us and we will miss them very much. We will also miss the other members that are called to new fields of labor.

Christ commanded his disciples to be witnesses for him not only in Martinsburg but to the uttermost parts of the world. We had Elder Stevens' help, now Morgantown calls for his help, he must obey the Lord's command. Elder Stevens has done good work in this city and may the Lord's blessings still continue with him and his family in the good work. We all unite in wishing him success in his new field of labor. With the Lord's help may he soon build up a large and strong church in Morgantown.

MRS. L. B. BROOKS.

CHESAPEAKE

News Notes

We are glad to report an improvement in the condition of Elder M. C. Kirken-dall. He will continue in the Sanitarium, however, for several weeks more. They are planning to move to Mount Vernon, Ohio.

A letter today from Elder S. A. Booth states that he will soon be on his way to Baltimore. He expects to reach here the latter part of May. He will visit some of his relatives on his way here.

Elder J. H. Wierts is looking after the interests of the conference until Elder J. O. Miller can adjust his affairs, and his work in New Jersey, and take up the work here.

Our colporteurs have done quite well the past week. Our star colporteur is Brother Benjamin G. Hohensee. He is working for a scholarship, and at the rate of last week he will surely succeed. Let us pray for the success of the brethren.

The brethren and sisters at Whiteleysburg, with some of their friends have just built a very neat church school building, and are planning to have a church school next year. The enemy took advantage here and while Mr. Samuel Ellwanger and hired men were painting the school building, a spark from a passing traction engine landed in the straw, and burned his barn, one of the largest in Caroline County Md., together with tons of hay, quantities of grain, practically all his farming implements, his best horse and two calves. The house was only saved by hard work of many friends and neighbors who gathered quickly. Surely the devil has come down in great wrath, knowing he hath but a short time, and we are seeing many evidences of his work in this field. However, "we know that all things work together for good to them who love God", and if we are true God will be glorified in it all.

Elder S. T. Shadel is conducting a series of meetings in Fords Store, Md. Brethren and sisters, pray for the success of the work in that place.

Some of the schools in this conference are planning for Rally Day, June 3. We trust it may be the means of interesting every member of the church in this very important work.

The Baltimore No. 3 church led the conference in offerings to missions through the Sabbath school the first quarter of this year. Their donations amounted to about \$216. This is the colored church in this city. We feel that they have done well. They are also working to excel in some other lines, and the Lord is wonderfully blessing the efforts they are putting forth.

VIRGINIA

The Virginia Camp-Meeting

The Virginia Camp-meeting will be held at William Byrd Park in Richmond, May 25 to June 4, the first meeting to be held at 7:30 P. M. May 25. Those who come into Elba station will take a Broad and Main street car going west to the end of the line. All others will take a Main street car running west to the end of the line. The camp will lie directly south across the park. Bring your baggage checks to the bookstand and our man will haul your baggage at special rates.

TENT AND ROOMS

Tent 12 by 14 feet floored will be rented at \$3.00 for the ten days. Those who occupy tents will need to bring their own bedding. Cots and mattresses can be rented. Furnished rooms can be rented within walking distance. The beautiful park with its groves and lawn and lakes and perfect drainage is a most desirable spot for tent life. Orders should be sent in early to F. N. Johnson, 2705 West Main Street, Richmond, Virginia.

DINING TENT

A dining tent will serve wholesome meals at moderate cost on the cafeteria plan.

WHY YOU SHOULD COME

Attending from abroad will be Elder F. M. Wilcox, senior editor of the *Review and Herald*; Elder George F. Enoch, recently returned from India; Elder W. T. Knox, Elder B. G. Wilkinson, Dr. D. H. Kress, and other workers. Special arrangements are being made for the children and youth.

Our young people need the instruction and encouragement that this gathering will provide. The blessing of the Lord was upon Israel in ancient times when they were faithful in attending the appointed annual feasts. Nothing is lost by leaving work for a few days to attend camp-meeting. The Lord can bless us with health and strength and can prosper our business and take care of our crops. Above everything else the help received at this camp-meeting may prove in these perilous times the salvation of ourselves and our loved ones. W. C. MOFFETT.

News Notes

Brethren Gordon, Armstrong, George, and Moffett attended the dedicatory service at Republican Grove, a complete report of which will appear later.

Elder Daniells will speak in the city auditorium in Richmond on Sunday night, May 14. All our people who live in this section of the state would find it well worth while to be present for this occasion if possible. Let us pray earnestly for the success of this meeting.

Rileyville Church School

A very successful school session was recently brought to a close at Rileyville, Sister Alice Gary has been in charge. On the night of April 5, the closing entertainment was given. The whole program was excellent. Every feature was well planned, and carefully executed. Every recitation, was chosen for the lesson it contained.

During the year nearly \$90.00 has been raised on the school building debt. Very soon this little school back three miles from the railroad will be rejoicing in a freedom from debt career.

An all day program at Thanksgiving netted over \$25. Since then the sisters of the church have been deftly sewing together quilt patches donated by friends. This has resulted in the raising of some \$27. On the closing night an offering amounting to over \$5, was collected. The school had thirty-four pupils. All are of good courage and of the determination to press forward. R. F. FARLEY.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburgh Meetings

On March 12 a series of meetings was started in the Pitt Theater which is located on Seventh and Penn Avenues. Elder A. G. Daniells spoke Sunday evenings, March 12 and 19. Owing to Elder Daniells' many duties, and the work in Portland, he could not remain in Pittsburgh. Professor B. G. Wilkinson was invited to do the speaking in the theater after Elder Daniells left.

From the very first the interest has been good. We get the idea sometimes that people in the cities are sinners above all other men, but in our visiting we find many honest, intelligent seekers after truth in Pittsburgh. Dr. D. H. Kress who is here assisting in the work said that in all of his many years of personal experience in city work, he has never seen people so responsive as they are in Pittsburgh at the present time.

We have the names of about two thousand people who want reading matter on the subjects they have been hearing in the theater meetings. Dr. Kress and the writer have been visiting the business men. It is nothing uncommon to see them push their work aside, and spend from thirty minutes to an hour and a half, talking with us about the second coming of Christ, the signs of the times, the millennium, the Sabbath, and other phases of our truth.

We visited two business men in the Empire Building. The one at first said that he did not believe that we are living near the end of the world, and a thousand

years from now people would not know any more about the end of the world than they do at present. Dr. Kress explained how the Jews were destroyed because they did not know the day of their visitation and this all came on them because they did not study and believe the scriptures. We then pointed out to this man that the testimony of history proves that the Bible prophecies have been, and are being, fulfilled to the very letter. Such prophecies as the destruction of Babylon, the four universal empires, the place of Christ's birth, the crucifixion, and the casting lots for his garments were mentioned to this man. In a remarkable manner the Holy Spirit took possession of both men present. We could see a change in their very expression. New light sprung up in their minds. They caught a glimpse of the true condition in the world at present, and it completely changed their views.

Our working force at present consists of Dr. D. H. Kress, Elders D. A. Parsons, J. P. Gaede, F. H. Robbins, five Bible-workers, two colporteurs, and Professor B. G. Wilkinson who speaks each Sunday night. Elders Daniells' and Wilkinson's lectures have been very much appreciated by the people.

We need the prayers of God's people everywhere that Pittsburgh may be won for Christ.

F. H. ROBBINS.

Resolutions Adopted at the Fifth Biennial Session of the Columbia Union Columbia

(Continued)

Whereas, Our Missionary Volunteer Societies suffer much because of the lack of proper leadership,—

We recommend, The holding of Missionary Volunteer institutes for the training of Missionary Volunteer leaders.

Whereas, The home is the foundry of character, and parents need a preparation for the proper discharge of their sacred responsibilities; therefore,—

Resolved, That parents' meetings be held at all our camp meetings for the study of parents' problems.

MEDICAL AND TEMPERANCE

Whereas, There are a number of young people who have a natural inclination towards and burden for the work of nursing; and—

Whereas, Definite standards are being required of training schools for preparing nurses for the needs of our work at home and abroad, and also by the laws of the states, which standard our denominational institutions are meeting, we therefore;

Recommend, That such as are acceptable applicants be recommended to take their training in our regular denominational training schools.

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending April 14, 1916									
Fred Hannah, Lorain Co.		BR	5	52	8	25 00	15 00	40 00	
W. H. Gilmore, Cincinnati		BF	5	44	1	1 50	4 50	6 60	12 00
George Carter, Fairfield Co.		GC	5	43	7	21 00	8 25	29 25	4 50
P. A. Franks, Wayne Co.		BR	5	42	11	33 00	2 25	35 25	1 50
J. H. Stafford, Cincinnati		BR	5	40	2	8 00	3 00	11 00	34 70
Frank Fuels, Adams Co.		CK	4	38	11	35 00		35 00	
W. S. Syphers, Madison Co.		BR	4	38	16	49 00	1 50	50 50	
Mrs. C. Kelley, Springfield		CK	5	37	16	24 00	5 75	29 75	3 95
Ira Rickett, Adams Co.		CK	4	37	8	24 00	1 25	25 25	
Richard DeGarmo, Summit Co.		HM	5	36	5	10 00	11 50	21 50	10 00
R. E. Simpson, Logan Co.		BR	4	34	8	32 00	4 50	36 50	
Mrs. Stafford, Cincinnati		BF	5	32	12	43 00	7 50	50 50	11 25
C. J. Fritz, Hocking Co.		BR	4	30	11	38 00	2 50	40 50	4 50
C. F. Wilcox, Stark Co.		DR	3	30	2	8 00	75	8 75	
C. R. Fairchild, Logan Co.		BR	4	29	13	45 00	2 50	47 50	1 25
George Cottman, Warren Co.		BR	4	29	4	14 00		14 00	7 75
N. Oancea, Youngstown, Foreign Books			4	26			23 50	23 50	
Anna Oancea, Youngstown Foreign			4	25			18 50	18 50	
E. S. Gifford, Springfield		BF	5	24	12	18 00		18 00	
J. I. Midkiff, Tuscarawas Co.		BR	4	24	7	22 00	3 75	25 75	47 50
G. W. Yingling, Tuscarawas Co.		BR	5	22	12	44 00	6 00	50 00	1 50
H. O. Kohr, Dayton		BFL	4	23	14	22 00	4 75	26 75	8 50
W. H. Smith, Holmes Co.		BR	3	22	1	3 00	1 50	4 50	7 00
H. W. Barto, Pickaway Co.		BR	2	20					91 75
C. G. Douglass, Akron Co.		BR	3	18	2	9 00	4 50	13 50	28 50
Will Price, Perry Co.		BR	2	14					72 75
J. S. Randolph, Morrow Co.		ES	1	13					37 40
Totals	27 Agents		108	822	182	\$528 60	\$133 25	\$661 75	\$386 30

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 14, 1916

S. J. Burns, Allegheny Co.	BR	5	25	15	45 50	1 75	47 25	33 75	
A. Brownlee, Westmoreland Co.	PPF	10	94	55	123 00	59 20	182 20	91 55	
Geo. Buttermore, Greene Co.	BR	5	41	10	31 00	22 25	53 25	3 25	
J. E. Bugher, Westmoreland Co.	BF		65	30	47 50	3 50	51 00	20 75	
C. Dunham, Allegheny Co.	GC		80	14	51 00		51 00	62 50	
J. S. Glunt, Mercer Co.	BR	5	36	13	42 00		42 00	48 10	
D. J. Hoover, Westmoreland Co.	BR	4	23	10	33 00		33 00	6 00	
W. H. House, Elk Co.	DR	5	28	12	34 00	7 50	41 50	16 35	
L. J. Hilton, Erie Co.	BF	2	11	4	6 00		6 50	50	
John Kmetz, Allegheny Co.	Misc	5	33	39		7 65	7 65	7 65	
C. E. Will, Washington Co.	CK	5	52	61	13 00	3 90	16 90	43 80	
Totals	11 Agents		46	488	262	\$426 00	\$106 25	\$532 25	\$334 20

West Virginia, Week Ending April 14, 1916

C. G. Mays, Berkley Co.	BR	6	44		111 00	5 25	116 25	1 35	
J. S. Seal, Hinton Co.	BR	4	30	10	30 00	6 00	36 00		
Henry Waggoner, Preston Co.	BR	4	32	17	53 00	15 00	68 00	12 00	
J. W. Brando, Marion Co.	BR	4	43	7	21 00	2 60	23 60	5 60	
J. S. Monroe, Wetzel Co.	BR	4	32	15	47 00	7 35	54 35	2 15	
T. M. Butler, Harrison Co.	BR	5	33	20	30 00	7 75	37 75	25	
G. E. Snyder, Harrison Co.	BR	5	32	9	13 50	15 00	28 50	10 90	
Mrs. G. Earl Snyder, Clarksburg	Misc	4	17	47	43 55		43 55	60	
Totals	8 Agents		36	263	125	\$349 05	\$58 95	\$408 00	\$32 85

Virginia, Week Ending April 14, 1916

Harry Wright, Henrico Co.	BR	4	35	31	95 00	4 75	99 75		
T. D. Gibson, Augusta Co.	BR	5	36	14	46 00		46 00		
S. N. Wilmer, Roanoke Co.	BFL	5	40	11	31 50		31 50		
C. E. Overstreet, Bedford Co.	BFL	4	36	15	23 50	2 10	25 60		
B. A. Ellis, Warwick Co.	BFL	3	21	10	22 00		22 00	25 10	
Mattie Jemerson, Pittsylvania Co.	BFL	4	23	8	9 00		9 00		
W. D. Butler, Prince George Co.	CK	4	24	4	12 00	1 75	13 75		
W. H. Hunt, Mecklenburg Co.	CK	5	46	5	18 00	2 80	20 80		
A. L. Gary, Nottoway Co.	CK	2	11	9	13 50		13 50	30 00	
David Orr, Mecklenburg Co.	CK	4	34	9	13 50	7 20	20 70	1 80	
Totals	10 Agents		40	306	116	\$274 00	\$18 60	\$292 60	\$56 90

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 14, 1916

S. J. Mack, Mantaur Co.	DR	20	7	22 00	50	22 50	50
Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	BF	5	48	11 18 50	4 25	22 75	
Grant Priddy, Luzerne Co.	SB	3	30	18 9 00		9 00	3 50
F. A. Brownell, Montrose Co.	BR	3	25				72 50
T. Beamesderfer, Lancaster Co.	BF	5	44	9 13 50	1 10	14 60	1 05
W. B. Dunkinson, Susq. Co.	PPF	1	7	2 2 00		2 00	
Totals	6 Agents			\$65 00	\$5 85	\$70 85	\$77 55

Chesapeake, Week Ending April 14, 1916

B. Hohensee, Somerset, Co.	DR	5	45	33 101 00	9 00	110 00	
Geo. R. Apsley, Carrol Co. Md.	BR	5	31	14 45 00	7 25	52 25	
N. O. Shaffer, Baltimore Co.	BR	5	40	12 41 00	2 00	42 00	2 00
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.	BR	4	37	12 40 00	75	40 75	4 45
M. S. Pettibone, Carroll Co.	BR	2	13	4 12 00	2 75	14 75	5 60
J. E. Jones, Talbot Co.	PPF	5	46	27 51 00	9 00	60 00	3 00
D. W. Percy, Caroline Co.	PPF	5	40	9 18 00	2 25	20 25	
Raymond Hare, Worchester Co.	PPF	5	44	10 20 00	12 50	32 50	
M. S. Pettibone	Mag		7				7 55
Totals	8 Agents	36	296	116 \$328 00	\$45 50	\$373 50	\$15 05

District of Columbia, 2 Weeks Ending April 14, 1916

Earl Wilcox, Montgomery Co.	BR	45	48	153 00	93 00	246 00	24 00
J. S. Spraggs, Lancaster Co.	BR	5	33	13 42 00		42 00	
D. P. Corbett, Loudoun Co.	PG	3	20	6 18 00		18 00	
F. A. Holland, Washington D. C.	BR	5	30	8 25 00		25 00	
Samuel Law, Montgomery Co.	BR			18 00	50	18 50	
M. J. Williams, Northumberland Co.	HH	5	31	3 9 00	35	9 35	
Miscellaneous				38 40		38 40	38 40
Magazines, Washington D. C.				159 50		159 50	159 50
Totals	6 Agents	18	153	78 \$463 90	\$93 85	\$556 75	\$251 90

Grand Totals: 74 Agents Value of Orders \$2434 55 Deliveries, \$1124 75

Recognizing the traffic in liquor as an evil which is undermining the health and the morals of the people, threatening the national life and bringing untold misery into many homes,

Resolved (a) That we stand together as a body in favor of total prohibition and pledge our vote and support in every effort to suppress the liquor traffic.

(b) That the Temperance *Instructor* be circulated extensively to help forward the interest of the campaign.

(c) That we secure signers to the total abstinence pledge card.

In view of the fact that the use of tobacco, and especially the use of cigarettes by boys, is so rapidly increasing, and,

Believing that it is doing much to pave the way for the organic diseases of various kinds which have so rapidly increased during the past thirty years, and recognizing that the habit is doing much toward lowering the efficiency and the morals of boys and young men,

Resolved, (a) That we put forth every effort through the means of education and legislation to wipe out this practice.

(b) That the Tobacco number of the *Instructor* be employed to help educate the people on the evils of the use of tobacco.

Recognizing the need of instruction along the lines of "Health Reform", for our churches, therefore,

We recommend, That one Sabbath a

year be set aside, to be known as "Medical Day", and that the medical secretary of the Columbia Union Conference prepare suitable programs for these occasions.

MINISTRY

Resolved, That we adopt the following resolutions passed at the Loma Linda Council, regarding the Ministry:—

Whereas, the work of the gospel ministry is a sacred and holy work, and only those should be encouraged to enter it who renounce the world, sin, the love of display, and worldly pleasure, and who are willing to lead humble, self-sacrificing, Christian lives, that by precept and example they may preach the pure gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and,—

Whereas the Third Angel's Message and our world-wide work demand a growing, progressive, educated ministry, who can preach the message to all classes; and who give evidence of a divine call to the ministry, not only in their own experience, but in the judgment of the brethren,—

We recommend, That all candidates for ordination to the gospel ministry shall be carefully examined in Bible doctrines, their ability correctly to expound the same, and their confidence in and loyalty to the denominational organization.

We recognize that God often calls to the gospel ministry men of limited education, but whose mature judgment and

practical experience, and whose life, with rich spiritual endowment, give them a special fitness for the work of the ministry. The fruit of their labors has demonstrated the genuineness of their call, and we esteem them highly for their works' sake.

We recommend, That these workers, in the exercise of the ability which God has given them, seek by every reasonable means to increase their efficiency. By opportunity offered in the Fireside Correspondence School, in the Ministerial Reading Course, and in general reading and study, this increased efficiency may be obtained.

That young men who are planning to enter the ministry, avail themselves of the opportunities offered in our denominational training schools to secure a good education, and that they be encouraged as far as possible to complete not less than fourteen grades of school work before they are ordained to the gospel ministry.

We further recommend, That all under twenty-five years of age now laboring in the ministry, as either ordained or licensed preachers, who do not possess an education equal to fourteen grades of work, be encouraged either to attend our denominational training schools or to take work in the Fireside Correspondence School, until the educational standard of fourteen grades has been reached.

That all our ministers shall pursue the Ministerial Reading Course and such other regular courses of study as they can take consistently with their gospel work.

That the ordination of men to the gospel ministry shall be governed as follows:—

1. The committee on ordination shall consist of the Union Conference Committee, with such members of the General and Division Conference Committee as may be present, and such other ordained ministers of experience as may be invited in, and if the candidate be for work in a foreign department, the secretary of that department be consulted.

2. The union or local conference executive committee believing that one of their workers should be ordained to the gospel ministry, shall by vote recommend said person to their Union Conference Committee for examination for ordination.

3. The chairman of the Union Conference Committee shall take up the question of the ordination of a candidate at a meeting of the committee, and if the vote is favorable, shall call the candidate to appear before the committee on ordination, or a sub-committee appointed by the same, for examination in harmony with these recommendations.

4. Those passing satisfactory examinations and giving full proof of their call to the ministry, shall be recommended to their respective local conferences for

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(to be continued)

OBITUARIES

COOK.—Theresa Patience Spencer was born in Conestoga County, N. Y., January 1, 1843, and passed away on March 1, 1916. Her death was caused by stricture of the stomach. She was married to W. G. Cook in 1861. From this union she became the mother of four sons. She accepted the Third Angel's Message under the labors of Elder J. W. Raymond, at Morris, Pa. Being isolated from any company of believers, she had never become a member of the church but was a faithful believer to the end. She leaves three sisters, two brothers, and four sons to mourn their loss. The funeral services were held at the home of her sister, at Canton, Pa. Words were spoken by the writer from Rom. 6:23. She was buried at the Canton Hill Cemetery.

RAY SPENCER.

PERDUE.—Glynn H. Perdue, adopted son of Mrs. L. E. Perdue, died at the family residence in Roanoke, Va., March 12, 1916, after a brief illness. Little Glynn was only three years old at the time of his death, yet he manifested even at this early age a remarkable love for God and the Bible. His little life was full of cheer, and those who knew him could not fail to be impressed with his sweet loving disposition. The funeral services took place at the Melrose Baptist Church conducted by the writer, and assisted by Rev. W. T. Wingfield. Words of comfort were spoken from Rev. 14:13. Glynn is survived by his mother, two brothers

and one sister, who feel very deeply their loss of one who was so much comfort to them. Yet they sorrow not as those who have no hope, for we believe that little Glynn will be called forth in the first resurrection.

C. E. OVERSTREET.

PHILLIPS.—Emma L. Phillips was born in Princes Anne County, Maryland, March 19, 1877, and died in Baltimore city, March 18, 1916, at the age of 37 years. Sister Phillips united with the Baltimore No. 3 church after the tent effort of 1914 and remained faithful to the Lord until the end. After 16 months of struggling to hold to this present life she willingly gave up the battle in full confidence of life immortal. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Jer. 15:8, and she was laid away to await the call of the Life-giver.

G. P. RODGERS.

COLE.—Sister Bessie Scott Cole died in the city of Baltimore April 3, 1916, at the age of 29 years and 6 months. Sister Cole was a faithful member of the Baltimore No. 3 church.

She accepted the light of present truth during the summer of 1914. Through her earnestness and exemplary life her husband, three sisters, and a neighbor have united with the church, all strong in the message. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to the sorrowing family and many friends that crowded the church. Besides the husband and sisters a loving father and brother and two little children remain to mourn and to prepare to meet her in the resurrection of the just.

G. P. RODGERS.

DOZIER.—Sister Mary A. Dozier died in the state of Virginia, February 11, 1916, at the age of 27 years. Sister Dozier and husband united with the No. 3 church about three years ago and remained faithful to the end. In the hope of regaining health and strength she went to her home in Virginia but passed away into that rest which is only a sleep until the glorious awakening. As no funeral service was held at the time of her burial, services will be held in the Baltimore No. 3 church, Sabbath morning, May 6.

G. P. RODGERS.

WILSON.—George H. Wilson, infant son of Fannie Wilson, died in the city of Baltimore, March 24, 1916, and was buried March 26, 1916. The funeral service was conducted by the writer who spoke words of comfort from Jer. 31:15.

G. P. RODGERS.

WILLS.—Girtie Ellen Wills, was born January 29, 1916. She was taken sick March 16, and was sick only a short time before she fell asleep, leaving a mother, grandmother, two aunts, and one uncle. She died at the age of 7 weeks, and 6 days. Funeral services were conducted by the writer.

J. H. STAFFORD.

DRAPER.—Peter R. Draper, born May 28, 1839, died near Wellington, Ohio, April 10, 1916, aged 76 years, 10 months, and 12 days. March 29, 1868, he was united in marriage with Miss Estella Sellon. To them were born twelve children, seven sons and five daughters. Two sons and one daughter preceded their parents to the grave. On June 7, 1902, Sister Draper also fell asleep. March 7, 1903, he united in marriage with Sister Martha Noftsgar with whom he lived the remainder of his life. In addition to his second wife and nine children he leaves twenty-four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren to mourn. In 1880 under the labors of Elders A. M. Mann and H. A. St. John he embraced the Third Angel's Message, became a charter member of the Camden (Ohio) Seventh-day Adventist Church at the organization the same year where he retained his membership. Funeral services were conducted at the home by the writer.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

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