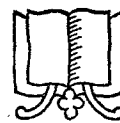
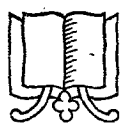


# Columbia Union

## Visitor



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

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### VIRGINIA

#### President's Report

During the last biennial period Virginia has shared with the rest of the field in the progress which betokens that the Lord is setting his hand to finish the work in this swiftly passing generation.

#### EVANGELISTIC

The blessing of the Lord has been specially manifested in the soul winning campaign which takes first place in all our plans. In 1914 there were actually taken into our churches 108 new converts and in 1915 the number of new converts taken in was 129, a total for the period of 237. In 1915 the cost per convert was \$78.30. Upon entering the conference in the summer of 1914, we instituted a thorough, careful revision of the church membership resulting in a net loss for the year. The net gain during 1915 was 97, bringing the membership up to 611.

Worthy of special mention is the raising up of a Russian church with a present membership of between forty and fifty, the only Russian church this side of the Mississippi.

We have 72 counties and over 1,000 towns in which there is not a Seventh-day Adventist church. A population of a million colored people necessitates a doubling of our forces in order to reach all races, a condition that does not obtain in northern conferences.

#### CANVASSING

If the health reform constitutes the right arm of the message the book work must represent both feet in Virginia. Evangelistic colporteurs are penetrating to every out of the way corner and in their trail companies of believers are springing up. Time and again we are called to develop an interest where the canvasser has blazed the way. The accompanying figures tell their own story,

but the results will never be known till the starry crowns are given.

#### LITERATURE SALES

1912	\$6449 35	1914	\$ 9832 53
1913	8471 67	1915	17273 87
Gain over preceding period		\$12,185 38	

#### FINANCIAL

The development of the evangelistic work has been accompanied during the past year by a very marked increase in the tithe. While the mission offerings have not increased proportionately we believe that the foundations are in place for similar improvement. We will let the figures speak.

	TITHE	MISSION OFFER.
1912	\$5,629 73	\$1,752 63
1913	6,409 53	3,005 16
	\$12,039 26	\$4,757 79
1914	\$5,841 23	\$3,108 69
1915	8,477 42	3,265 32
	\$14,318 65	6,374 01

Gain over preceding period in tithe \$2,279 30.

Gain over preceding period in mission offerings \$1,616 22.

#### SABBATH SCHOOLS

In reporting for this department we regard the increasing liberality in offerings as the surest evidence of solid progress. Figures on membership fluctuate with the season of the year and the spiritual results can not be traced in black and white. The accompanying table shows signs of growth. As in the book work, one year of the present biennial period is worth more than two of the preceding.

SABBATH SCHOOL OFFERINGS			
1912	\$542 60	1914	\$1,372 97
1913	702 45	1915	1,501 73
	\$1,245 05		\$2,874 70
Gain over preceding period		1,629 65	

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND EDUCATIONAL WORK

The young people's work is closely interwoven with the educational work.

The membership of the Missionary Volunteer societies is keeping pace with the growth of the church membership and the children and youth are being placed under the influence of teachers who believe the truth for this time and make the Bible the foundation of all education. The growth of our school work is indicated by the following figures.

	SCH.	MEM.		SCH.	MEM.
1912	2	32	1914	8	130
1913	5	80	1915	9	166

Including the attendance in advanced schools 180 of our youth are in training and the day is not far distant when Virginia will be supplied with her own trained workers.

The Shenandoah Valley Academy after running behind for years has operated without loss for the past two years and has a capacity attendance.

#### APPRECIATION

We are grateful to our brethren of the Division and Union Conferences for the generous assistance extended to our typical southern field, which with the blessing of God and the hearty co-operation of laborers and laity have made possible this imperfect report. The people of Virginia are one with you for the finishing of the work. In view of the uncertainties of the world about us we thank God for a part in a cause which is sure to triumph speedily and gloriously. To the hastening of that glorious day we dedicate our all.

W. C. MOFFETT.

#### News Notes

Brother Richardson who has lately taken up work among the churches at Portsmouth and Newport News, reports that the members are now all at work with the new book, Armageddon, at Newport News, and that the Portsmouth members will take out their books this week. This sounds good, and these spring days are the best for all our members to be among the people with books and tracts.

The Richmond No. 2 church are getting busy with the Temperance number of the *Instructor*, and magazines, having just taken out 300 papers for a start. This is helping toward the work for the tent effort which is in planning for the summer.

Paul Hottel who has been with the Orlando Sanitarium through the winter has returned and is now busy with the Washington Sanitarium.

Brother H. B. Hargis of Republican Grove writes of the meetings in progress since their church dedication, that there is much interest and the attendance very good. One conversion is already reported and the church very much revived. Brother Gordon expects to remain with the church several days yet.

Elder and Mrs. Moffett are visiting the churches in the Valley, after holding a very successful Sabbath school Institute at Stanley over the last Sabbath and Sunday.

John Fasanko from the Russian church at Yale starts into the field with books this week, taking up work in Rockingham County. It will be remembered that he did excellent last season.

## CHESAPEAKE

### News Notes

Remember, camp meeting will be held in Rock Hall, Md., June 8-18. Let all plan to be there. Let all who desire rooms or tents write to Elder S. T. Shadel, Rock Hall, Md. He will see that you are provided for.

The conference committee will meet Wednesday, April 26. At this time the work for the summer will be largely planned for. Elder J. O. Miller, our new conference president, will be here. Also Elder B. G. Wilkinson, president of the Union Conference is expected to be here.

In a letter from Elder A. S. Booth he states he will be in Baltimore the latter part of May. Elder Booth comes here from California to do evangelistic work.

We are glad for the good colporteurs' report for the past week. They are having good experiences with the people. One of the brethren who has not been in the work for a very long time says, "While the work has its drawbacks, I believe the blessings more than offset them."

Mrs. M. C. Kirkendall has gone to Washington to visit her husband at the Sanitarium.

Sister Bessie L. Golt of Wilmington No. 1 church spent Monday visiting Miss Newcomer at the office.

The conference home is being treated to a coat of paint, and some other repairs that are badly needed.

Miss Mary C. Hurlock, our Baltimore Bible worker, is reported as getting along nicely at the Sanitarium.

Elder S. T. Shadel is conducting a series of meetings at Fords Store. Elder Wierts spent several days with him last week. Professor C. L. Stone spent Sabbath and Sunday there, and his services were appreciated. We trust this meeting may be the means of stirring many hearts in this section, and that there may be a turning to the Lord such as has not been known there for years. Let us pray to this end.

## NEW JERSEY

### Report of New Jersey Conference

In recounting the blessings of the Lord upon the New Jersey Conference for the biennial period just closed, first we wish to thank Him for His care and protection during this period. Death claims none of the laborers in our conference, and while several of them have been called to other fields, others have taken their places and the work has moved on.

New Jersey is a field of cities, many of them unknown and calling for help, and as these unworked fields loom up before us it causes us to long for more consecrated laborers to finish this work in this congested center before the time of trouble comes and we are driven out.

I wish to first call attention to the work that has been accomplished in saving souls: and by the way, this is the only object that any laborer should have in being in any field. We may deal with facts and figures, dollars and cents, and lay extensive plans; but the one object, is the salvation of souls. I find by comparing figures for the past few years that the cost of saving souls in our field has very much decreased year by year. The cost per member for the net increase for 1911 was \$712, in 1915 it was \$166, per member. For the biennial period ending 1913, 184 were baptized, making a net increase in membership of 129. The baptism for the last biennial period were 337, making a net increase of 226, 130 of this was for the year 1915. Our membership at present is 1036. We have at this time 24 laborers working in this conference, ten

being ordained men, three with ministerial license and all with missionary licenses.

### FINANCES

Financially the Lord's blessing has rested upon our conference. The tithe for the biennial period ending 1913 was \$33,257.63, and for the biennial period ending 1915 it was \$39,511.02, making a gain of \$6,253.39. Missions for first period \$9,936.39, second period \$17,208.00, making a gain of \$7,271.60. Donations for local work for first period were \$1,737.76, and for second period was \$3,390.83, making a gain of \$1,653.04. We received in appropriations for the first period \$13,142.88, and for the second period \$7,850.00, making a decrease of \$5,292.88. Our tract society sales for the first period were \$24,238.56, and for the second period \$27,505.97, making an increase of \$2,867.11. The gain of 1915 over 1914 was \$3,444.29. The book work for the biennial period ending 1913 shows orders taken \$16,830.81, deliveries \$9,130.69. For the second biennial period ending 1915 the orders taken were \$10,872.25, deliveries \$8,044.50. The gain in deliveries for 1915 over 1914 was \$3,254.00. There has been a very marked gain in Home Missionary work in the last period over the preceding one. Our people have been aroused to the necessity of warning these cities and have found that the Home Missionary plan is the most effective one they can use. There have been hundreds of thousands of pages of literature used and many thousands of magazines have been sold besides a large number of the Home Worker's books.

### HARVEST INGATHERING

Our Harvest Ingathering has been a blessing to our people. As I look back over the past four years I find there has been a steady increase in means from that source, and this has been especially so for the year 1915. In this year I find that we went \$564.00 over our share of the \$100,000 goal. We find for the period ending 1913 that we received from the Harvest Ingathering \$1,549.06, for the period ending 1915, \$2,669.66, making a gain for the second period of \$1,120.60.

### SABBATH-SCHOOL, EDUCATIONAL, AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Our educational and Missionary Volunteer departments have shown a most encouraging growth during the biennial period just closed. Today about 110 of our young people are attending our denominational schools, where they are receiving a preparation for service in the Lord's vineyard. Of this number about 25 are at Washington College. Two new church schools have been added to our number since the last Union Conference, making five in all, and we are anticipating that this present year will witness a marked increase in this number.

Our Missionary Volunteer societies are growing in earnestness and missionary endeavor. We have twenty societies in the conference now, as compared with five, two years ago. The 1915 goal set for the young people by the General Conference was not only reached in every point, but there was a good surplus over on every item, two points being doubled. Twenty five young people were baptized this past year and the young people throughout the conference are loyally working to do their part in giving the closing message; and to win souls to the Saviour. We have 310 young people in the conference, 260 of whom are in our Volunteer Societies.

No department has shown a more gratifying advancement than has the Sabbath school work. We have today thirty-nine Sabbath schools in the conference, an increase of twelve schools over the last biennial period; while there is a membership of 1118 as compared with 698 two years ago. The Sabbath-schools are growing in efficiency and interest, and every quarter shows an advancement over the previous one. As the people have seen the great need for means to carry on the work in lands beyond there has been almost a phenomenal growth in offerings. For the biennial period closing 1913 the gifts of our Sabbath schools to missions amounted \$4,965.49. For the years 1914-1915 we find that \$8,185.90 was given, a gain of \$3,220.41. Truly the Lord has blessed his people with the spirit of giving.

#### CHURCH BUILDINGS

During the first biennial period there were erected in this conference five church buildings. These with three in the conference before this, were valued at \$20,150.00, having a debt of only \$4,675. During the second period one new church was added bringing the value up to \$28,850.00, with a debt of only \$6,175. We have two new churches in process of erection, nearly completed, with a valuation of \$15,500.00, and a debt of \$5,500.00, bringing our entire church valuation up to \$43,350.00, with an indebtedness of but \$11,675.00. These buildings have been much needed, and wherever we have erected them it has meant a decided increase in membership and has not kept back the money from the field at large. The debt on the different churches is rapidly being liquidated. We now have church buildings in the following cities: Newark two, Jersey City, Trenton, Camden, Bridgeton, Paulsboro, Cape May Court House, Perth Amboy, Burlington, and one in the village of Ramah.

#### PRESENT CONDITION

As we see how the Lord has blessed us financially both in the local work and for the fields beyond we are led to believe

that when God's people become thoroughly aroused to the time in which we are living that the finances will come. We have put forth less effort to raise money in 1915 than we have in any year since being in the conference, and yet financial returns have been greater. Our laborers have endeavored to raise the people to a higher spiritual plane and we see the results of it in added souls and consecrated means to the cause of God. During this winter we have held general meetings in six different places in the conference, and these have given a great spiritual uplift to the people. Souls have been converted and calls are coming from outsiders in several of these places for meetings presenting these truths of which they have heard a little.

We have been convinced that our work in the past has not always been to the best advantage. We have had too many efforts going at the same time, especially tent efforts. From our experience last summer we found that by making fewer efforts and stronger ones much more is accomplished. So we are planning our work for this coming summer on this wise, giving heed to the recommendation of the Fall Council to have our efforts from four to six weeks long; we will have one German and two English efforts before our camp meeting, and the same after. We expect to place one man with each company to do the preaching with about four assistants, among these being one who is able to lead the music. We expect by this plan to warn a city of 25,000 in one effort. Our larger cities no doubt will need to have a tent pitched in two different places.

In closing I wish to express for the New Jersey Conference, our appreciation for the help that has been given by both the Division and Union Conferences which has made it possible for us to accomplish so much.

A. R. SANDBORN, *President.*

## OHIO

### Notice for Colporteurs

On account of the fire at College View in which our publishing plant burned, we will be unable to furnish "Bible Readings" in the German language for some little time in the future. We will do our best to secure enough books to fill the orders that have already been taken. Colporteurs please discontinue taking orders for this book in the German until further notice.

We are very pleased to say that we now have on our shelves more of the Three-Volume India Paper sets of the Testimonies. The complete set of nine

Volumes in this form is but 3½ inches, thick, bound in red flexible leather put up in a neat box for \$13.00.

Have you seen a copy of the new book, "Armageddon and the Kingdom of Peace?" It is already selling rapidly, and seems to be equally as popular as the "World's Crisis." It comes in the same style of binding and price as the other books in the "World's Crisis" series. Usual discount to agents. Mail us your order today.

We are very sorry for the delay in securing the 1916 catalogue of publications, but the publishers now promise us to have them ready within two weeks. As soon as we receive our supply we shall mail one to all conference workers, church elders and librarians, colporteurs, and others of our more active laymen. If you are not included in the above list, kindly drop us a card requesting a catalogue and we shall be glad to supply the same.

We are glad to see Brother P. A. Franks able to be in the work again. He has been sick for the past two weeks and unable to work.

Brother V.O. Panches has just returned from a trip visiting the colporteurs in the eastern part of the state. He found all of them of good courage and having success in the field.

At Lancaster, we have located two colporteurs, Brother Barto, having moved from Circleville to this place, has been joined by Brother and Sister George Carter, who have left the farm to enter the colporteur work. These workers report that they are of the best of courage.

#### OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

MARCH, 1916.

Akron . . . . .	\$210 53
Ashtabula . . . . .	
Alliance . . . . .	27 32
†Barnesville . . . . .	16 11
†Bellville . . . . .	
†Bellfountain . . . . .	
Bowling Green . . . . .	199 11
†Broughton . . . . .	4 21
†Bucyrus . . . . .	18 65
Camden . . . . .	37 19
Canaan . . . . .	19 31
Canton . . . . .	37 07
Chagrin Falls . . . . .	17 22
Charloe . . . . .	5 90
Chillicothe . . . . .	
Cincinnati . . . . .	196 39
Cincinnati (Colored) . . . . .	24 91
Cleveland (English) . . . . .	281 96
Cleveland (German) . . . . .	134 58

Clyde .....	
Columbus .....	359 18
Conneaut .....	11 56
Corsica .....	46 67
Coshocton .....	24 94
Dayton .....	132 53
Defiance .....	4 20
Delaware .....	
Delta .....	
Derwent .....	9 00
†Dowling .....	
†Dunkirk .....	
East Liverpool .....	47 50
Elyria .....	24 69
Elgin .....	
Findlay .....	
†Gilboa .....	
Hamler .....	
Hamilton .....	51 39
Hicksville .....	25 50
†Jackson .....	
Jefferson .....	
Killbuck .....	16 25
LaGrange .....	151 20
†Lakeville .....	
Lake View .....	136 58
Liberty Center .....	13 40
Laura .....	8 10
Lima .....	3 15
Locust Point .....	
Leesburg .....	83 50
Mansfield .....	18 80
Marion .....	21 13
†Marshfield .....	6 75
Medina .....	
†Mendon .....	
Mount Vernon .....	401 91
Newark .....	66 04
Norwalk .....	
New Philadelphia .....	72 85
Nova .....	
Ohio City .....	6 00
Olivet .....	17 90
Piqua .....	10 65
Pleasant Hill .....	17 49
†Powell .....	
Ravenna .....	56 51
†Reedsville .....	
Rows .....	16 08
†Sandusky .....	
Spencer .....	7 30
Springfield .....	66 42
Springfield (Colored) .....	68 07
Toledo .....	178 34
Van Wert .....	64 85
Walnut Grove .....	15 03
Washington C. H. ....	
Waterford .....	
†Wengerlawn .....	
†West Mansfield .....	5 00
Wheelerburg .....	8 00
Wilmington .....	83 62
Youngstown .....	107 46
Zanesville .....	125 47
Individuals .....	122 12

TOTAL \$3943 60

†Companies

## TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

MARCH, 1916

Tithe .....	\$3943 60
Tent Fund .....	22 00
Roumanian Bible Offering .....	
Worthy Students Fund .....	
Industrial Fund M. V. A. ....	
Appropriation .....	
Colored Work .....	48
Educational .....	
Missions .....	279 74
Sabbath-school Donations .....	1411 44
Weekly Offering .....	
India .....	76 97
Emergency Fund .....	
Tent & Hall Collection .....	2 25
Midsummer Offering .....	
Labor & Expense Refund .....	
Orphan and Aged Fund .....	18 50
Birthday Offering .....	
Harvest Ingathering .....	16 03
Talent Fund .....	
Annual Offering .....	6 00
Religious Liberty .....	8 99
Donation Account .....	
Talents Returned .....	
Vermont Temperance Campaign ..	
Ship Device Proceeds .....	30 79
Sale of Supplies .....	3 18
Washington Missionary College ..	403 00
Operating Refund .....	165 68
Expense Refund .....	24 00

TOTAL \$6412 35

H. D. HOLTOM, - Treas.

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

(Continued)

5. That the arrangements for the ceremony of ordination be in the hands of the representatives of the General or Division Conference who may be present, together with the union and local conference president; and that the service in general be conducted as follows:—

Let there be a sermon on the ministry if possible; then a short history of the one chosen for ordination; then the prayer followed by the charge, and lastly the welcome.

Whereas our rapidly advancing work oftentimes affords opportunity for men to do efficient service for the Lord who are worthy to be engaged in the work because of their deep spiritual experience and ability to organize and lead in missionary work, but who are not sufficiently qualified to enter the regular ministry; therefore,—

We recommend, That we recognize the call of these persons to a service which may or may not be a call to a life work, by giving them missionary credentials.

Whereas the union conference is called upon to adjust matters when the local

conference become burdened with too heavy a force of laborers; therefore,—

6. That whenever additional regular laborers are to be added to the pay roll of the local conference, the union conference officers be consulted.

7. That credentials shall be revocable at such times, and for such causes, as the conference granting them deem it unwise for the person to continue in the work of gospel ministry.

8. That ministerial credentials be renewed only to such as give their undivided time to the sacred work of the ministry to which they were set apart by ordination, except in cases where ordained ministers are employed by the conference in other lines of conference or institutional work. It is understood that this does not apply to aged or infirm workers who may receive their support from the sustentation fund or from private income.

9. That where ministerial credentials are not renewed, the authority to administer the ordinances of the church, to perform marriage ceremonies, etc., be not recognized.

10. That where for any cause ministerial credentials are revoked or are not renewed, and application is made to another conference for their renewal, this request be not granted without consultation with the local and union conferences previously granting the credentials. This does not preclude the right of appeal.

### HARVEST INGATHERING

Whereas, the Harvest Ingathering for missions campaign has proved a great blessing in the past, both in furnishing means with which to extend this great movement, and at the same time acquainting the world with our work,

*Be it resolved*, 1. That a strong, fully-organized campaign be launched in this union and that we set the goal at an average of \$5.00 per member.

2. That the following carefully prepared card be adopted and at the time the campaign is launched and the various churches visited by the appointed leaders, earnest efforts be put forth to secure the co-operation and signature of every church member.

## The Pledge Card

Harvest Ingathering for Missions

1916 CAMPAIGN.

OUR GOAL: "All previous records broken to meet present demands."

Appreciating the great advantage these Harvest Ingathering Campaigns have been in carrying forward this world-wide movement, and realizing that the ever increasing magnitude of this last warning message, I will endeavor by the help of the Lord to raise as my share of the Harvest Ingathering Fund the sum indicated by the [X] placed opposite the amount in the

square, and to pay this amount to the church treasurer as early as possible.

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NOTE: We trust that no one will aim for less than \$5.00, and that many will do considerably more. Let all remember that this money means the salvation of souls. An early start means success.

#### MISSION OFFERINGS AND TITHE

Whereas, the steady advancement of the gospel work in all lands is dependent upon the liberalities of the believers in the home field, and not alone, that there may be a constant flow of gifts to the treasury of the foreign mission board, but reliable assurances upon which operations in the foreign fields can be based, therefore,—

*We recommend,* The adoption of the plan encouraging the entire church membership throughout the Columbia Union Conference, as individuals, to plan definitely to give regular weekly sums for foreign missions, and that wherever possible the sum given weekly to average one dollar or more.

Whereas, the hearty co-operation of one and all of our brethren and sisters is imperative in the work now upon the conference officials to employ additional laborers to meet the most urgent calls coming, we most urgently

*Recommend,* 1. That all our people be requested to keep a strict account of their income and pay a faithful tithe on the same.

2. That wherever possible, in addition to the tithe, liberal gifts of money and property be placed at the disposal of the local conference officials, that a larger work may be done to meet the demands of this eleventh hour.

#### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

That there may be more uniformity in handling our church records and dealing with delinquent members,—

*We recommend,* That where persons do not report to the church in being present at the church services, by letter or the payment of tithes and offerings, after one year their names be placed in a list known as "the delinquent membership." The persons be notified of the action of the church and after three months, if nothing is heard from the member, that he be

dropped from the church membership. Care, however, is to be taken to avoid embarrassment and discouragement in special cases.

#### BIBLE WORKERS

In view of the great awakening of the people throughout the country in regard to the present-day conditions, and,—

Whereas, there is a deplorable lack of suitable Bible and house-to-house workers to respond to the many calls, therefore,—

*We recommend,* 1. That suitable persons be sought out and encouraged to prepare for this work.

2. That wherefeasable, Bible workers' institutes be held from time to time in the various conferences of this union.

3. That a system for the thorough working of the cities and a uniform method of daily reporting be followed.

#### TESTIMONIES

Whereas the study of the Testimonies leads to a deepening of the spiritual life, thus quickening activities in soul-winning,

*Be it resolved,* That earnest effort be put forth by all of our workers, to place these precious volumes in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist within the Columbia Union Conference.

#### WORK FOR THE COLORED AND FOREIGN PEOPLE

Whereas, this last message of mercy must be carried to the many thousands of colored people in our large cities and towns before the work can close, therefore,—

*We recommend,* 1. That the same earnest consideration be given to the needs of this people as all others, and plans be laid and developed in every conference in the union that will result in giving the message to the thousands of colored people within our borders.

2. That institutes be held to train both ministers and Bible workers in simple, medical missionary work.

3. That our union and local field missionary secretaries put forth a special effort to develop colored colporteurs to work in all our conferences.

Whereas, there is a large percentage of foreign speaking population in the Columbia Union, among whom only a small beginning has been made,—we therefore

*Recommend,* That greater efforts be put forth to bring the Third Angel's Message before these strangers in our midst.

1. By encouraging our English constituency to use in a larger measure our foreign literature among their friends and neighbors.

2. That our students of foreign parentage in our schools be encouraged to become efficient in their mother tongue, enabling them to work for their own nationality.

3. By requesting the publishers of the Present Truth Series to take under advise-

ment the publishing of these series in the German and such other foreign languages as may seem advisable.

*Resolved,* That we request the Executive Committee of the North American Division Conference to arrange for the Review and Herald Publishing Association to supply literature in the foreign languages not now obtainable, which is greatly needed in the foreign work in this field.

B. G. WILKINSON, *Chairman.*

R. T. DOWSETT, *Secretary.*

(To be continued)

## Report of the Medical Secretary

When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then said they among the heathen, "The Lord hath done great things for them." And the response is made, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Then we are told "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth bearing precious seed, shall without doubt come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him?" We have about reached the time predicted in this Psalm; the time when results are to be seen in God's work; the time when every line of truth will have its proper setting in the Third Angel's Message and the wheels within the wheel will all move in perfect harmony, each depending upon the other, but all under the guidance of the Spirit of God.

We all recognize that the medical work is an essential part of the message which is to go to all the world in this generation. It is not the message, it is a part of it. It is not the body; it is merely the hand. But it is the right hand. The hand that is to be employed in opening doors in our large cities, for the body to enter. In Volume 9, page 167, these words are found: "This work is the door through which the truth is to find entrance to the large cities." I am not prepared to say just how much this means, but it is a statement that should be kept in mind in our plans to enter the large cities. It is important that the medical and evangelical work should stand side by side, since there exists such an intimate relation between the physical and the spiritual life. We are told, "If we would elevate the moral standard in any place where we may be called to go, we must begin by correcting the physical habits of the people." For, "Virtue of character depends upon the right action of the powers of the mind and body."

I believe in team work. Two can put ten thousand to flight while one can chase but a thousand. Whether working for our own people or for those outside it will yet be demonstrated that there is wisdom in linking up a Peter and a John and for

healing and preaching to be combined. It was at a time when laborers were few, and the Saviour told his disciples to pray that the Lord of the harvest might raise up more laborers, that he sent them out two and two. In the *Review and Herald*, Vol. 69 No. 16, is the following paragraph. "Why is it that the laborers in His cause today are not sent forth two and two? O, you say, we have not laborers enough to occupy the field." The reply is given, "Then occupy less territory." Two praying together and working together along right lines can accomplish much among our own people along spiritual and health lines. We have seen this demonstrated in the Atlantic Union Conference these past two years. Our people are looking for, and expecting, something out of the ordinary to take place. They know that the time in which we are living demands this.

True Temperance is one of the fruits of the spirit. The promise is, "I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my commandments and do them." Eze. 36:27. I believe the statement, that "men will never be truly temperate until the grace of Christ is an abiding principle in the heart. Christianity proposes a reformation on the heart; what Christ works within will be worked out under the dictation of a converted intellect. The plan of beginning on the outside and trying to work inward has always failed, and always will fail. God's plan is to begin at the very seat of all difficulties, the heart, then out of the heart will issue the principles of righteousness. The reformation will be outward as well as inward."

D. H. KRESS, M. D.

(Continued)

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

### Biennial Report of the West Pennsylvania Conference

To the delegates and members of the Columbia Union Conference, Greeting.

You have assembled here for the fifth session of the union, and in behalf of the West Pennsylvania Conference, I extend a hearty greeting to you. We thank you for holding the Union Conference meeting here at this time. The deliberations of these meetings will give us new inspiration, and fit us for more efficient service. As to entertainment, we are at your service, and shall be happy to make your stay with us as pleasant as possible.

Knowing the scriptures, yet how little did we realize when together here in 1912 that four years hence the nations of Europe would clash in the greatest conflict this world has ever seen. We did

## Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending April 21, 1916									
Fred Hannah, Lorain Co.	BR	5	49	5	15	00	8 25	23 25	
W. H. Smith, Holmes Co.	BR	5	49	7	22	00	1 50	23 50	88 75
W. H. Gilmore, Cincinnati	BF	5	48	3	10	00	3 00	13 00	3 00
P. A. Franks, Wayne Co.	BR	5	44	12	42	00	6 75	48 75	75
H. W. Barto, Fairfield Co.	BR	5	43	11	34	00	75	34 75	2 25
C. J. Fritz, Hocking Co.	BR	5	39	20	65	00	7 50	72 50	5 25
George Carter, Fairfield Co.	GC	5	38	4	12	00	12 75	24 75	6 75
C. E. Wilcox, Carroll Co.	DR	5	38	2	6	00		6 00	
E. S. Gifford, Clark Co.	BF	5	37	23	34	50		34 50	
Frank Fults, Adams Co.	CK	5	36	13	40	00		40 00	14 75
Mrs. C. Kelley, Springfield	CK	5	33	17	25	50	3 95	29 45	3 10
J. H. Stafford, Cincinnati	BR	5	33	8	31	00	3 00	34 00	11 60
Will Price, Perry Co.	BR	5	31	11	34	00	7 75	41 75	5 25
A. Gackenheimer, Perry Co.	BR	5	31	5	16	00	1 25	17 25	
Richard DeGarmo, Summit Co.	HM	4	30	11	22	00	2 50	24 50	19 50
Mrs. Stafford, Cincinnati	BF	5	30	5	17	00	6 00	23 00	3 00
G. W. Yingling, Tuscarawas Co.	BR	5	23	5	17	00	3 75	20 75	
R. E. Simpson, Champaign Co.	BR	3	27	4	14	00	3 75	17 75	3 75
H. O. Kohr, Dayton	BFL	4	26	18	29	50	9 75	39 25	46 50
J. I. Midkiff, Tuscarawas Co.	BR	5	25	10	32	00	8 25	40 25	
Miscellaneous					19	00	3 50	22 50	32 25
Totals	20 Agents		96	715	195	\$537 50	\$93 95	\$631 45	\$249 45

### Chesapeake, Week ending April 21, 1916

C. W. Jenkins, Hagerstown	BR	2	23	5	15	00	1 00	16 00	79 00
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.	BR	5	46	19	60	00	3 80	63 80	5 50
F. E. Moore, Washington Co.	BR	6	50	20	68	00		68 00	
Geo. R. Apsley, Carroll Co.	BR	4	35	11	34	00		34 00	
N. O. Shaffer, Baltimore Co.	BR	4	30	9	30	00	75	30 75	75
B. Hohensee, Somerset, Co.	DR	5	50	51	154	00	12 53	166 53	25
Geo. W. Lawrence, Harford Co.	DB	4	36	8	24	00	4 00	28 00	
M. S. Pettibone, Carroll Co.	BR	5	25	10	31	50	4 70	36 20	27 20
D. W. Percy, Queen Anne Co.	PPF	5	43	25	53	00	6 50	59 50	
J. E. Jones, Talbot Co.	PPF	5	45	15	33	00	18 00	51 00	7 00
Raymond Hare, Somerset Co.	PPF	5	40	9	18	00	2 00	20 00	
M. S. Pettibone	Mag			7					2 70
Totals	11 Agents		50	42	182	\$520 50	\$53 28	\$573 78	\$119 70

### West Virginia, Week Ending April 21, 1916

G. E. Snyder, Harrison Co.	BR	4	34	6	20	00	6 60	26 60	23 75
J. S. Seal, Hinton Co.	BR	5	41	13	39	00	3 25	42 25	6 50
T. M. Butler, Taylor Co.	BR	5	42	12	37	00	1 50	38 50	13 00
C. G. Mays, Moorefield Co.	BR	5	46		57	00	75	57 75	3 45
Henry Waggoner, Rowlesburg	BR	5	41	13	40	00	6 30	46 30	15 00
S. J. Monroe, Wetzel Co.	BR	4	38	10	32	00	8 70	40 70	1 85
Hattie V. Purce, Charleston	PPF		13	17	33	00		33 00	
Mrs. G. Earl Snyder, Clarksburg	Misc	3	8	10	10	85		10 85	47 25
Miscellaneous			59	9	13	50	7 90	21 40	32 55
Magazines					6	20		6 20	6 20
Totals	8 Agents					\$288 55	\$35 00	\$323 55	\$149 65

### West Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 21, 1916

A. Brownlee, Westmoreland Co.	PPF	5	48	21	43	00	23 95	66 95	39 75
S. J. Burns, Allegheny Co.	BR	3	21	4	12	00	2 50	14 50	23 00
C. Dunham, Allegheny Co.	GC	5	33	6	17	00		17 00	16 76
J. S. Glunt, Mercer Co.	BR	1	2	2	6	00		6 00	6 00
Mrs. L. Hilton, Erie Co.	BF	5	32	27	36	50	1 75	38 25	2 25
W. H. House, Elk Co.	DR	5	35	3	10	00	11 00	21 00	23 00
John Kmetz, Allegheny Co.	Misc	5	17	8			2 10	2 10	2 10
E. A. Manry, McKean Co.	BR	9	46	16	52	00	3 25	55 25	50 00
John Morley, McKean Co.	BF	7	31	27	40	00	2 50	42 50	68 00
H. L. Rieman, Allegheny Co.	GC	4	24	5	17	00	4 00	21 00	5 50
C. E. Will, Washington Co.	CK	4	40	33	28	70	7 25	35 92	13 40
Totals	11 Agents		53	329	144	\$262 20	\$58 30	\$320 50	\$249 75

## Virginia, Week Ending April 21, 1916

T. D. Gibson, Augusta Co.	BR	5	40	24	74 00	1 50	75 50	
Harry Wright, Hanover Co.	BR	3	26	21	68 05	4 50	72 55	
W. H. George, Halifax Co.	BR		10	4	16 00		16 00	64 00
W. D. Butler, Prince George Co.	CK	4	28	2	4 35	7 70	12 05	10 70
David Orr, Mecklenburg Co.	CK	3	31	9	13 50	5 25	18 75	1 10
A. L. Gary, Nottoway Co.	CK	5	41	27	40 25		40 25	
Mattie Jemerson, Pittsylvania Co.	BFL	5	22	9	8 25	1 20	9 45	4 20
C. E. Overstreet, Bedford Co.	BFL	5	36	16	25 00	2 10	27 10	1 75
W. H. Hunt, Mecklenburg Co.	CK	4	33	2	6 00	1 35	7 35	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>9 Agents</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>114 \$255 40</b>	<b>\$23 60</b>	<b>\$278 90</b>	<b>81 75</b>

## East Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 21, 1916

S. J. Mack, Mantaur Co.	DR	5	35	11	37 00	50	37 50	50
Grant Priddy, Luzerne Co.	SB	4	38	25	12 50		12 50	17 50
M. M. Sterner, Union Co.	PPF	3	20	1	2 00	1 25	3 25	
W. B. Dunkinson, Lack. Co.	PPF	4	38	2	4 00	4 00	8 00	189 70
T. Beamesderfer, Lancaster Co.	BF	5	42	10	17 00	6 30	23 30	4 35
F. A. Brownell, Montaur Co.	BR	4	35	15	49 00	7 50	56 50	9 00
M. M. Sterner, Union Co.	PPF	4	28	24	48 00	2 50	50 50	2 50
Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	BF	4	16	4	6 00	1 25	7 25	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>8 Agents</b>			<b>\$175 50</b>	<b>\$23 00</b>	<b>\$198 80</b>	<b>\$222 55</b>

Grand Totals: 67 Agents Value of Orders \$2039 65 Deliveries, \$1072 85

not then think that before the expiration of four years, the very atmosphere would be surcharged with the spirit of war, and that our beloved brother, Professor H. R. Salisbury, would be sleeping in the waters of the Mediterranean. The spirit of war among the nations is a harbinger of the coming conflict and the last great battle. The student of prophecy can almost hear demon voices saying to the nations, "On, on, to Armageddon!"

These conditions point to the nearness of the end, and reveal to us that we are living on the very verge of the eternal world.

"Soon will the season of rescue be o'er;  
Soon will they drift to eternity's shore;  
Hast then, my brother, no time for delay,  
But throw out the life-line and save them  
today."

The last biennial period has brought many blessings to our brethren and sisters. A deep interest has been taken by our conference workers and churches in the

upbuilding of the Lord's work in this part of the great harvest field.

The conference was organized in 1903. It has an area of 23,104 square miles, and a population of about three and one-half millions. A large porportion of the population is found in the cities and towns. Within the territory of this conference there are twenty-seven cities, each having a population of over 10,000; sixty-nine having more than 5,000, and 110 small towns with a population of 3,000. Pittsburgh with its 533,905 people within the city corporation is a difficult field to work. Including the area within ten miles of its limits, gives a greater Pittsburgh with a population of over one million.

We are thankful for the progress made in our work during the last biennial period. We have seen the fulfilment of Psalms 110:3 which says, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power." The European war has not affected our tithes and offerings.

## Comparative Report

	1912-13	1914-15	Gain	Loss
Membership .....	721	910	189	
Churches .....	28	29	1	
Companies .....	2	3	1	
Church Buildings .....	12	13	1	
Valuation .....	\$35850 00	\$41400 00	\$5550 00	
Tithe .....	27410 09	31429 98	4019 02	
Tithe per capita .....	16 86	18 29	1 43	
Twenty-cent-a-week fund .....	10685 38	15735 60	5050 22	
Literature sales .....	31959 63	31277 44		682 19
Colporteurs' Sales .....	14904 00	15201 00	297 00	
Sabbath schools .....	32	44	12	
Sabbath school offerings .....	5276 58	8425 63	3149 05	
Number of ministers .....	10	10		
Bible workers .....	5	6	1	
Colporteurs .....	13	14	1	
Church schools .....	1	2	1	
Enrolled .....	16	45	29	
Poung Peoples' Societies .....	3	5	2	
Members .....	35	200	165	

The outlook for our future work is good. With divine guidance, and a loyal people who believe the truth, there must be progress and advancement. Insufficient as we are in ourselves to give the Third Angel's Message, we shall go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit, proclaiming in the words of the poet—

"An open Bible for the world!

May this our glorious motto be!  
On every breeze the truth unfurled  
Shall scatter blessings rich and free.

"It shows to men the Father's face,

All radiant with forgiving love;  
And to the lost of Adam's race,  
Proclaims sweet mercy from above."

F. H. ROBBINS, President.

## Pittsburgh

Through the blessing of God it is now being demonstrated that it was his will that a permanent place of worship should be procured for the Colored church here. We have found by experience that as long as the church was on the "moving wagon" but little progress could be made.

The following brief report for the first quarter of our occupancy of our new church building, ending March 31, will illustrate this, thus:

From the end of December to March 31, nine members were added by baptism making a membership of about forty at present, and some others are now preparing for baptism.

The tithes for the quarter were \$167.14 as against \$135.96 for the previous quarter, an increase of \$31.18. The offerings for missions and home work were good also, as the Sabbath-school of 35 members alone raised about \$78.34, including the thirteenth Sabbath offerings, which amounted to \$23.51, thus enabling the school to reach its goal. Other offerings for missions brought the total to \$84.35, while \$34.50 was collected and used as church expense, plus \$88.75 on church indebtedness, not counting the contributions from the McDonald company to this enterprise.

The church missionary society, and the newly organized young people's society are doing good work. For the quarter they have bought and used in various ways \$50.68 worth of literature.

March 26, Brother Christman, the state agent, conducted a very profitable two-session meeting, assisted by others, and special instructions were given on how to canvass for our books and periodicals. This help was greatly appreciated, and some who have taken up the selling of periodicals, are having very encouraging experiences.

Pray for us that our faith and zeal fail not, for in spite of the bright experiences, we are also being severely tried in many ways.

A. N. DURRANT.



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### A Letter From Colorado

I enjoy the weekly visits of the VISITOR very much and usually lose no time in acquainting myself with its contents. Now as I am sending in my subscription for the extra numbers reporting your Union Conference, I feel impressed to write a word of greeting to old-time friends in the Columbia Union.

It is six years ago since I went to the Philadelphia Sanitarium where my lung trouble was discovered. The following August I was transferred to the Wyoming Conference, thinking perhaps that in a western climate I might get well while still continuing Bible-work, but the climate was too vigorous for me, and after spending eight months there I came to Boulder, Colorado. I was then almost too weak to walk.

After a season of anointing and prayer there was a very marked gradual improvement from that time. I tried to co-operate with the Great Physician by obedience to natural law in every way I knew how; and the book, "Ministry of Healing," was kept with my Bible and read daily. I had the book when first published; but had made the common mistake of being too busy in the Lord's work, to read one of his most precious books to us. I have now read it three times. I feel it is right to mention that I did not think it necessary to depart from our vegetarian principles in diet, nor try any consumption cures save God's own natural remedies.

My lungs healed up, what was left of them, and a year and a half ago after I came here I moved into town and took up Bible-work. But every attempt to take up Bible-work ends in sickness of some kind. However I find plenty of missionary work I can do at home, in calling, let-

ter writing, loaning and sending literature, and the ministry of prayer for the work and workers is ever open to me. I feel my time is the Lord's, as when an active Bible worker, and use it in soul saving work just as far as possible. The following report of my work for 1915 may be of interest: Papers distributed 546, Bible readings 56, missionary visits and calls 258, letters written 121, books lent 23, tracts distributed 24, subscriptions taken 5, hours Christian-help work 14, garments given 20, meals given 5, treatments 1. I taught a Sabbath-school class also, and led a small Wednesday afternoon prayer-meeting at my home. I cannot attend the large general meetings any more, but look forward to the great family reunion in our Father's house, at Jesus' soon coming. Now and then I am made very happy by a visit from some dear old-time friend passing through Boulder. The first was Dr. D. H. Kress, who was stopping over night at the Sanitarium. His cheery greeting and prayer, both greatly helped me. Another was from Elder G. A. Irwin. His visit reminded me of the words of our recent Sabbath-school lesson, "I was sick and ye visited me."

There is a great tungsten mining boom on here now in this country: something like the early "gold fever" excitement. Men are taking great risks and undergoing all sorts of privations and inconveniences, whole families living in tents in the mountains all winter,—and working seven days in the week, all hoping for earthly riches. This same earnestness in spiritual things would insure them an eternal inheritance and wealth: yet most of them have no interest at all in the heavenly country and its riches. Let us lift up Christ more and more in word and life. This I am sure we are all learning, we cannot do only as he dwells in our hearts by his Holy Spirit. AMMY W. WELSH.

### OBITUARIES

**WILLS**—Louis Wills was born April 9, 1891 and died March 12, 1916, aged 24 years, 11 months and three days. He accepted the Third Angel's Message in May 1915, and was baptized becoming a member of the Cincinnati colored church.

Brother Wills leaves a wife and two children, beside other relatives and friends to mourn. He fell asleep in the hope that when Jesus calls the sleeping ones he will come forth to meet his Lord. Funeral services were conducted by the writer.

J. H. STAFFORD.

**SMITH**.—Mary R. Smith was born in the state of Virginia and died at Wilmington, Delaware, March 8, 1916 at the age of 31 years, 6 months, and 20 days. Sister Smith, nee Richardson, has been a faithful member

of the Seventh-day Adventist church for 14 years. Although sick but a few days she realized that the end was near. Besides her husband there remains two sisters and one brother to live in hope of a glad reunion. The funeral services were conducted by the writer. She was buried at Wilmington, Delaware.

G. P. RODGERS.

**DAUGHENBAUGH**.—George Jackson was born April 14, 1851 and after a brief illness, caused by a stroke, passed away April 13, 1916, being 65 years old (lacking one day). The deceased was a faithful and consistent member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for 22 years. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him. We believe he rests from his labors to be awakened by the Life-giver at the first resurrection. There remains to mourn their loss his faithful wife, two sons, one daughter and granddaughter. They mourn not as others which have no hope. CHARLES F. ULRICH.

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