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WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Items on the Pittsburgh Theater Meetings

No doubt the readers of the VISITOR will be glad to know the progress of the Pittsburgh meetings. On account of Elder A. G. Daniells being unable to continue the Sunday evening lectures, Elder B. G. Wilkinson was invited to carry on the interest. He presented as a subject for April 9, "The Far East Against the Far West," illustrated by stereopticon views. An audience of 2,000 sat almost spellbound and listened to the discourse as it was presented from the pulpit. Dr. Morgan was present to assist in the music.

The subject presented Sunday, April 16, brought out an audience of 2,500. The theater was packed. All available space was occupied. Elder Wilkinson chose for his subject "Astronomy, or, The Kingdom of the Great King." Many handed in their names and addresses, asking for literature. We will here give a few of the experiences of the workers who are following up this interest. Elder Robbins and Dr. Kress say they never saw anything like it,—the way people receive them and talk with them.

The head waiter in the biggest and leading hotel in the city was handling his large dining room when Dr. Kress and Brother Robbins approached him. "Yes," he said, "I was at those meetings and have read the lectures, and I am coming right along." He said, "Gentlemen, this thing is a topic of conversation all over this dining room." Just then two well dressed business men passed by and he said, "Do you see those two men? They have been at your meetings and are talking about it."

A physician just newly starting in the city said to Elder Gaede, "These are great

things you are doing now. I am working to get all from these audiences and I am keeping the Sabbath too. You will excuse me just now from coming out to Sabbath meetings, I am getting settled."

One lady who has been attending the meetings said to the Bible worker, "I am going to belong to this people who preach this most wonderful word. I told my preacher so. I am going to bring all I can to the Pitt Theater." This woman met with the church April 15 and worshipped with them in their Sabbath meeting. Another lady, out to a Seventh-day Adventist lecture for the first time April 9 also worshipped with the church the next Sabbath.

A large trunk manufacturer and a Sunday school teacher in one of the big Christian churches (Brethren Robbins and Kress had to go through a series of large offices to get to his own private office) said, "Yes, I have been out to the meetings. They are wonderful." He said, "Gentlemen, to what denomination do you belong?" They answered, "We are Seventh-day Adventists." "Well", he said, "do you want me to close up my establishment on Saturdays?" Then he began to argue. They talked to him in a Christian spirit. Finally tears rolled down his eyes. They had a season of prayer around his desk before leaving his office. He held out his hand and said, "Brethren, I have been altogether too argumentative."

A lawyer whom they called upon received them graciously. He wanted not only the lectures but all the literature he could get. He said, "Gentlemen, I have enjoyed this visit. Come again. I know you are workers."

The lady where Dr. Kress is rooming said to him as he went out Sabbath, "You see I am scrubbing today. I know it is not right; I am going with the multitude." Dr. Kress answered, "It is not safe. To him that knoweth and doeth not, it is sin." "Well", she said, "I am in for it,

then." From other remarks, they know she is under conviction.

One business man in the Carnegie building wanted to know about the "times time and dividing of time." After a long explanation Brother Robbins and Dr. Kress said to him, "We feel guilty for taking so much of your time." He said "No, I am the one that is guilty. I don't see how you men can spend so much of your valuable time laboring with me." He begged of them to come again and wanted more literature.

A graduate of Cornell University and Glasgow University who had spent twelve years in Germany studying in universities and who is now engaged in the patent line, when visited inquired fully of the work and when he learned why these meetings were held he hung his head, tears came into his eyes, and he said he would like to be in that work.

One of the leading physicians of the city had his office filled with patients when the brethren called. He dropped his work and had a long talk with them and when they left he asked them to send him more literature.

Dr. Morgan reports one leading Presbyterian lady who was there said, "It must really be true, and if true, they are right and we Presbyterians are wrong." Dr. Morgan himself is greatly stirred. His interest for success is as great as ours.

The newspapers are giving us better space. One editor said to Elder Parsons, "I have not been out yet but I will be there tomorrow night."

One lady an owner of a restaurant, said to those who called, "I have been to all the meetings and I am intensely interested."

A prominent member of one of the Methodist churches, when visited for the first time, was so deeply interested that she was ready for a Bible reading immediately, which reading the Bible worker sat down and gave her.

A prominent attorney in a Pittsburgh bank took considerable time to ask questions about our faith and different points of truth and to hear the answers. He promised the worker to bring out his family to the meetings and they were all seen in one of the boxes Sunday night, April 23.

A prominent business man was found in his office with another of his associates. He said that he did not believe what the speaker had said. Dr. Kress at once gave him a history of how the Jews failed to understand the prophecies, and traced the destruction of Babylon and other great powers. His associate sat there and wept while he was completely changed in his attitude of mind.

Sister Vance, one of the Bible workers, called on two young dentists. Both were intensely interested and both bought copies of "Daniel and Revelation." She also visited a couple of sisters whose brother is a prominent Presbyterian minister in Pittsburgh. Both the sisters were deeply stirred over what they had heard. They said they were absolutely getting no food from their church.

Another lady, when she received a visit from Mrs. Parsons, was happy to think that the pastor's wife would call on her. Arrangements have been made with her for Bible readings.

One very fine business man in the city is about ready to step out and become a Seventh-day Adventist.

The editor of one of the city papers saw Elder Parsons going through on his way to the advertising department. He called him in. He said they were just deciphering the number "666" and showing how he and four other associates made it apply to the Kaiser. The whole five made Brother Parsons sit down and kept him for one hour studying on the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation.

The assistant editor of one paper also kept Brother Parsons for a long time and wanted to arrange to have Bible studies. Likewise the city editor of the same paper wanted to know all about the Eastern Question and Turkey. He said he believed the Word of God and wanted to know more about the end of the world.

These are but a few of the experiences the workers are having here. So you see there are many good omens. Of course the devil is not going to give us an easy road but we are certainly hoping that good results may come from this effort. May we have your prayers?

News Notes

Although the whole city was in a turmoil on Sunday evening, April 31, due to about 35,000 men being on a strike, and labor mass meetings were being held, yet the Pitt Teater audience was nearly 1400.

Those long in the work who were present said that they had never seen such deep interest and searching in the truth.

Brother and Sister J. Vance from the Illinois Conference have connected with the work in Pittsburgh. Brother Vance is an experienced Bible worker.

Not only the young people, but also the churches in Pittsburgh, were much encouraged by Professor Stone's talk last Sabbath afternoon. Professor Stone spent some time visiting business men in the city.

Professor B. G. Wilkinson is spending this week here visiting the deeply interested.

Since the Pitt Theater meetings began eleven adults have started to keep the Sabbath, and we are pleading with the Lord to give us 100 converts.

Church members, young and old came together last week and addressed and mailed out 1,615 envelopes containing tracts on the Third Angel's Message to interested people in the city.

The young people in both churches are showing a lively interest, and taking active part in the public effort.

The conference committee will meet in the office this week to study how to cope with the situation here.

Dr. D. H. Kress who has been spending much time visiting and studying with the people, but who was called away to Detroit, Michigan, is expected back May 3, to take up the work here again.

CHESAPEAKE

An Experience

I have greatly enjoyed the privilege of attending another institute in Baltimore, March 3-9. It was a blessed and heavenly sitting, and my heart was made to rejoice as we drank from the wells of experience of others. But that which caused me greatest joy was to look into the faces of a man and his wife as they shone with that blessed peace that passeth understanding, and which comes with the knowledge of that blessed hope of the soon coming Lord. As I looked into their happy faces my mind ran back to a hot summer day a little more than a year ago, when tired and footsore, the angel of the Lord guided me through a gate and back to a little brown cottage standing on

the bank of the old West River where the white foam of the breakers rolled upon the shore within thirty feet of the door. A young lady with a bright face met me at the door, and invited me into the parlor. As I gave her a canvass I was impressed to dwell upon certain points in the book. She gave me her order and then said, "I believe the Lord sent you around here. I belong to the Episcopalian Church, but am not satisfied with my religion. The churches are so cold. The shepherds do not seem to have any care for their flocks, stating she had attended the different churches in the neighborhood and found them all about the same.

I at once saw an opportunity to give the bread of life to a hungry soul. In answer to my question she said she believed God had a true church in the world, and if I could show it to her from the Bible she would accept it. We then had a short study on God's "True Church," and I left her, promising to come back again. I went back a few weeks later and stayed over night. This time I met her husband, a pleasant-spirited young man. We studied the message well into the morning hours, and as a result of the work of that night and some follow-up work in letter writing, and the *Review Extra*, this man and his wife are preparing to enter the work of the Third Angel's Message. I accepted an invitation to go with them from the institute to spend the Sabbath. On Sabbath we visited another interested family and after three hours study on the main points of the message four precious souls gave their names for baptism. This makes seven souls won to Christ as a result of that first visit to the little brown cottage on the banks of the river. Two of these will be church-school teachers.

As you read these lines I am sure you will all be ready to join with me in praising the Lord, for to him be all the glory and praise. GEORGE W. LAWRENCE.

News Notes

The Chesapeake Conference Committee met in the office on April 26. At this time Elder J. O. Miller of Newark, N. J., was formally appointed president of the Chesapeake Conference. Owing to certain conditions he will not be able to move to the conference with his family for several weeks. There were present at the meeting Elders B. G. Wilkinson, J. O. Miller, J. H. Wier, S. T. Shadel, Brethren F. E. Hankins, James M. Richardson and Sister Emma Newcomer. A number of very important matters were considered. The matter of camp-meeting was considered. All who desire rooms should apply to Elder S. T. Shadel who will have charge of pitching the camp. There will be very few tents, as the people of Rock

Hall are kindly throwing open their doors and inviting us to come into their homes to sleep. There will be a dining tent on the ground, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Pettibone. Further information will be sent out later.

Let all the churches remember to send in to the conference office their lists of delegates for the conference. Camp-meeting will be held June 8-18.

Elder M. C. Kirkendall was compelled to undergo a very severe operation at the Washington Sanitarium April 26. His little daughter Amber, also had an operation, having had her tonsils removed. This family has been undergoing some very severe trials, and we ask the dear brethren and sisters throughout the conference to remember them in prayer. Mrs. Kirkendall shipped their household goods to Mount Vernon, Ohio, where they expect to make their home until Elder Kirkendall is stronger and able to again take up responsibilities. We trust this may not be long for consecrated men and women are needed in this work. But in this instance the Lord has seemed to say, "Come apart and rest awhile."

Miss Mary C. Hurlock who has also been spending some time at the Sanitarium is doing nicely and expects to be able to return to her work soon.

Elder G. P. Rodgers is planning to spend next week with the Cheswold and Dover churches in Delaware. They have had but very little ministerial help for some time, and we are sure they will appreciate this.

Again I would say, please do not forget the camp-meeting. According to the North American Division there will not be another conference for two years. Should conditions in this country grow much worse you may never have the privilege again of attending a conference meeting. So be sure to come and get the blessing. We are sure it will be a great inspiration to all who will be there.

Brother F. E. Hankins has gone to Somerset County for the week to visit Brother Raymond Hare, one of our colporteurs.

Elder J. H. Wierts spent a few days in Maryland, having been called there by the death of Brother Griesbach.

If any of the Missionary Volunteers are failing to avail themselves of the privileges of the Bible Year course, they should remember that it is still not too late to join. A little time spent regularly each day will enable them to make up the time lost, so they can finish with those already enrolled.

OHIO

Church Organized At Bucyrus

About three years ago, Elder and Mrs. H. A. Weaver and Brother Earl Bisel conducted a tent effort in the city of Bucyrus. From this effort, a few were established in the truth, but the number and conditions were not favorable for an organization at that time. The few believers who accepted the truth then have been active missionaries. Through their efforts and labors of Miss Mary I. Meck, who has been engaged in the Bible work in Bucyrus, other additions have been made to the little company there.

They have recently secured a very nice place of meeting, which now gives them a public place for holding their services.

Sabbath, April 29, in company with Elder Weaver, we organized a church at Bucyrus with a full corps of officers and eighteen active members. Three were baptized at the time of the organization who had only recently embraced the truth. This was a very enjoyable time for the brethren and sisters at Bucyrus, and the Lord's blessing was with us in rich measure. Among those coming in from nearby places were; Elder W. W. Miller, who took a run up from Marion where he was holding meetings, and Dr. Maud L. Bull, Dr. D. S. Teters, from Van Wert; and Mrs. H. A. Weaver, who is spending a few days with her husband in connection with his meetings in Bucyrus.

Brother Fred Herman was chosen as elder, Brother Charles Draves as deacon, and Mrs. L. V. Merkel as treasurer. As many of these members are active workers, we will look forward to a favorable increase in the membership of this little church.

E. K. SLADE.

News Notes

In a letter to Elder Slade, Elder D. E. Lindsey says that he is of good courage though his physical condition will permit him to enter into active work only a little. Since his severe affliction following camp-meeting last fall, there has been but little time when he has not suffered pain. Brother and Sister Lindsey are doing all that their circumstances will permit to help on the blessed work for which they have sacrificed and toiled many years in the past.

In a letter to the conference office from Elder C. W. Weber, he writes that five new members were added to the German church in Cleveland during April. He speaks of good prospects for growth in his work in that great city the coming season. Elder Weber has recently held meetings with the Camden and Chagrin Falls churches.

Mr. Chas. E. Sample and Miss Mabel H. Edeburn, were married at San Jose, California by Elder A. E. Place, April 14, 1916.

They will be at home to their many friends at 458 Bailey Ave., Mountain View, Cal.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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

Elder R. E. Harter presented the following report of the past year's work, showing earnest effort and encouraging results in all branches; emphasizing the evidences of the Lord's blessing and guidance, and calling for continued and deeper consecration, on the part of all loyal believers, in daily life and labors in behalf of the message:

"To the delegates of the eighth annual session of the District of Columbia Conference, Greeting.

In behalf of the members of the committee, and the officers of the Memorial church who have so kindly provided for our entertainment, we unite in extending a hearty welcome to all the friends and delegates present.

One year more of probationary time is in the past and we are again assembled in annual conference. The previous period, which closed with the opening of this conference session, has in many ways given evidence of God's love and watchful care for his people. None of our laborers have fallen in death. Our tents, in which money is invested, were not injured in any way by the storms of the summer, and in the selection of the lots, and the more difficult task of securing permission from the residents in the four adjoining blocks, we have seen the providential leadings of God. By the united efforts of our faithful Bible workers, and canvassers, and church members, and our public meetings, we have been able to put the truth before thousands of people, and while only a small per cent of this number accepted the truth, many have been convinced. There are today, in the city of Washington, men of influence, who love the truth, but have not the faith to give up their government positions, and step out on the promises of God. When the loud cry is given we will see more results of our work than we do now.

Those in charge of the different departments, as well as all the conference laborers, will present clear, full reports, therefore this address will contain but a brief summary of the work in general.

EVANGELISTIC

In harmony with the recommendations, careful consideration was given to all

parts of the field in planning for the summer's work. Sister Owen reported the need of work in the vicinity of Foneswood, and earnestly requested that a tent be placed there. Our brethren and sisters at Kilmarnock were anxious for their field and the Colonial Beach church also solicited help. In response to these calls, Brother W. A. Nelson and Elder W. L. Bird were sent to Reedville, a beautiful little town on the Chesapeake Bay, where a new tent 40x60 was erected and a campaign conducted for six weeks, after which time the tent was taken to Newland and the work continued there until October. Elder F. E. Gibson and wife located in Colonial Beach and, besides encouraging the church, a tent effort was held at Rollins Fork, twelve miles distant. The results of these efforts will appear in their reports.

WASHINGTON

This city, the capital of the nation, with a population of 359,000; 94,000 of whom are colored, is among the cities mentioned in the spirit of prophecy where the truth is to go with power. Trembling with fear when we measured ourselves and our resources with the culture, education and wealth of a city of such world renown, but hopeful in God, that by his spirit he would help us to reach the honest in heart, we selected a location for our large tent, 52x72, in southeastern Washington, eleven blocks from the capitol and three blocks from Lincoln Park. Several thousand people attended the meetings during the summer. The Washington papers kept the people informed of the important subjects, and appropriate hand-bills, with the week's program, were freely distributed, reaching all the people within ten blocks each way from the tent. Devoting one night each week to illustrated lectures on health principles, emphasizing this phase of the message, we were able to interest some who otherwise would not have attended.

The music was in charge of Irving A. Steinel. The Review and Herald Orchestra rendered valuable assistance, and the faithful and excellent help given us by our young people, all combined to make the musical program a real success. The total amount in collections for the summer was \$400.00. As a result of the work of those in charge, the Bible workers, and the church members, forty were baptized and added to the church.

A city effort in behalf of the colored people was conducted in one of our large tents, on the corner of 22nd and M streets, Northwest, in charge of Elder J. M. Campbell. He will render a full report of these meetings."

The president then called for reports from the various department heads and conference laborers.

Brother Walter A. Nelson reported encouraging progress in our Young People's Missionary Volunteer department, both financially and spiritually, more than \$4,000 in tithe having been paid in by its members during the past year. He reported a general renewal of activity throughout, and the organization of one new society of 14 members.

Brother D. A. Rees, who undertook the duties of Field Missionary Secretary in August, 1915, gave a very encouraging report of advancement and prospects in the colporteur work. He called particular attention to the importance of this work in giving the loud cry of the Third Angel's Message, showing on the map, the conditions in the various parts of our territory, the need of consecrated workers and the opportunities presented by this line of effort.

Our Sabbath school secretary, Mrs. Maud Harter, presented an interesting account of the achievements of our Sabbath schools during the past year, placing before us several plans and methods for interesting and training our young people in the truth and the Master's service, and in building up our Sabbath schools.

Dr. Elliott, our medical secretary, as well as manager of the Washington Sanitarium Mission Hospital, outlined the success of that branch of the work, giving special mention to the work conducted at the hospital, showing material advancement and excellent prospects for the future.

Elder H. H. Votaw, in charge of the Ministerial Training Class at the Washington Missionary College, briefly reviewed the efforts of his recruits, mentioning a number of interesting experiences, and encouraging results, notwithstanding certain hindrances occasioned by the rigid laws of Maryland and lack of opportunities for the students to gain necessary practical experience.

R. E. HARTER, *Pres.*

R. C. TAYLOR, *Sec'y.*

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VIRGINIA

Republican Grove

A company was raised up and organized into a church last summer at this place. Immediately after the organization they set about to have a building where they could worship together. The Lord greatly blessed them, as he always does "when the people have a mind to work," and now they have a well-built, nicely painted, and the best lighted church in the county.

April 15 and 16 were joyful days for the Oak Ridge church. Elders W. C. Moffett and W. H. Armstrong, Brother

W. H. George and the writer were present. After a stirring sermon by the president of the conference the entire church rededicated their lives anew to the Lord after which they took part in the church ordinances.

The following day the church building was dedicated to the Lord. One unique feature of this dedication was that there was no calls for money. The building had been paid for. The meetings were continued in the church for a week and a good attendance was enjoyed. One more soul stepped out on the side of present truth and several are just on the border. The work for this church has just begun. The public is impressed that it does make a difference which day is observed as the Sabbath by the difference they see in the lives of our brethren. They see the hand of God working in the Oak Ridge church. May the Lord continue to add his blessing to the work begun here.

L. O. GORDON.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Missionary Volunteers of East Pennsylvania will be pleased to hear of the successful outcome of the recent Standard of Attainment examination, twenty-two passing with good grades. Fifteen of this number took only Bible Doctrines, while seven took both subjects.

The presence of Professor M. E. Kern and Sister I. H. Evans was very much appreciated at the recent Scranton and Wilkes Barre Missionary Volunteer Convention. A copy of Sister Evans' paper on the subject "Society Programs" will be sent to all societies of our conference and isolated young people.

We have a good word from our Sabbath schools. The largest first quarter donation to missions, was made during the quarter just closed, the amount being \$1368.04. The thirteenth Sabbath offering was \$973.49—almost \$1,000! We are thankful the Lord has enabled our schools to do this. We will need to begin and lay plans for the next thirteenth Sabbath offering when we will be privileged to help the work in Brazil, where Dr. Wurts and Miss Hoy, our own dear workers, are laboring. "Every sacrifice made for Christ enriches the giver and every suffering and privation endured for his dear sake increases the overcomer's final joy in heaven." Test. Vol. 4, p. 219.

Dr. C. Avery Hansen and family, who was called to fill the vacancy left by the leaving of Brother Bell for Ohio, is now with us, having located for the present at least, in Lebanon.

Brother Forest Washburn is with us again, having returned from Cuba.

East Pennsylvania was asked to surrender another faithful worker, Brother C. V. Leach, who has taken up the work formerly carried on by Brother I. D. Richardson who will now engage in the work of the ministry. As yet, no one has been secured to take Brother Leach's place, so he is endeavoring to look after the interests here as well as those elsewhere until his successor is secured.

Camp-meeting June 15-25. Order your tents and supplies promptly.

Miss Mary Miles of the Wilkes Barre church is in Philadelphia preparing under the direction of Sister Porch, to assist in one of the tent efforts this summer.

Sister Jessie Weiss is planning to fully enter the Bible work again beginning May.

For the benefit of those who may not know that Elder A. R. Bell is no longer laboring in this conference, having answered a call to engage in the work in Ohio, will say, we are glad to tell you that we expect Brother Bell to visit us during our camp-meeting in June.

NEW JERSEY

News Notes

We have just been able to secure a beautiful ground in Trenton for our camp-meeting. This is the first time in years that we have been privileged to hold this meeting in a grove. Now is the time to definitely plan to attend this meeting, which is to be held July 27 to August 6. The Lord tells us in Volume 6, page 40, "This is a time for everyone to come up to the help of the Lord: to the help of the Lord against the mighty. The forces of the enemy are strengthening, and as a people we are misrepresented. We desire the people to become acquainted with our doctrine and work. . . . Let the army of the Lord be on the ground to represent the work and cause of God. Do not plead an excuse. The Lord has need of you."

Elder Sandborn reports an increasing interest in the effort being held in Oakland by Brethren Gaff and Medairy. Several have already commenced to keep the Sabbath. The Lord is blessing the work being done at this place, and the outlook is very promising.

Elder Baierle of Camden is following the dedicatory services at Burlington with nightly meetings. We are glad to hear

that the attendance by those from the outside is increasing each night, and that the interest in Bible truths is growing. This is especially pleasing since the enemy of truth has been working hard to arouse a prejudice against our work.

Last week Brother Lawry visited the church treasurers at Hackensack, Paterson English, Paterson German, and at Rockaway. It was a pleasure to meet with them again and to learn of the prosperity the Lord is bestowing upon these churches.

Elder Enoch spent last Thursday, Friday, and Sabbath with the Trenton church. There was a good attendance not only of our own people but from the outside. All enjoyed listening to him tell of how the work is growing in the Orient. It certainly is an inspiration to hear these reports from one who has spent a part of his life in mission work.

On May 5-7 there will be a general meeting at Jersey City at which time Elder Daniells will dedicate to the worship of God a beautiful new church. He will speak on Friday evening on the subject "The World-wide War, its Cause and its Meaning." Sunday evening the subject will be "The Changing of the World's Map or Armageddon." We are looking forward to a large number of our people in North Jersey being present at these meetings.

Miss Iden together with Elder P. F. Richard met with the German church last Sabbath at which time the subject of a church school was discussed. They have a splendid Sabbath school.

Brother Adams of Burlington called at the office yesterday. He assisted in finding the location for the coming camp-meeting, and Brother Blinn's automobile has come in very handy in looking up this location.

Today we are enjoying our offices more than ever, for they have just been papered.

Special

Report of the Publishing Work

We are pleased to be able to report to you that with the exception of one year this department has made a gain. The past three years our gain has been quite large amounting to from eight to twelve thousand dollars each year.

For the eight years our sales are as follows:—Subscription books \$506,864.14, other books and tracts \$71,153.93, a total of \$578,018.07. Our sales for 1910-1911

were \$119,885.13; for 1912-13, \$196,634.80 while for 1914-1915 they amounted to \$216,339.55.

Our efficiency the past eight years has been practically doubled and our colporteurs are working very strongly along personal soul-saving lines. We have only a partial report from the colporteurs but what we have shows that eighty-one souls were won to the truth by the personal efforts of the colporteurs and turned over to other workers for development. Many others no doubt will be saved through reading the books placed in their homes.

We now have about one hundred colporteurs in the field. Our sales for January this year showed a gain of \$1,173.15 and for February \$2,314.38, a total of \$3,487.53. The February report amounted to nearly \$10,000. Our colporteurs are now working to a standard of 1600 hours each for 1916. I might say that nearly a quarter of a billion pages of present truth have been placed in the homes of the people in this union since it was organized in November 1907. Surely there will be a great harvest of souls when the latter rain comes and this seed springs forth.

We ask an interest in all of your prayers for this important line of work and especially for our colporteurs who are laboring so faithfully in the field.

I. D. RICHARDSON.

Report of the Medical Secretary

(Concluded)

My work during the few months that I have been in this Union Conference has been chiefly among the churches. While laboring among them I have also availed myself of the opportunity of speaking in the public schools in various cities that I have visited. I have also spoken in many of the churches of other denominations. In one church, after presenting the principles of health before a large congregation, the pastor arose and expressed his gratitude for what he had heard, and then said, "Years ago I gave up the use of alcohol in all its forms. I used to smoke a cigar occasionally, but finally the Spirit of God showed me that that was defiling to the temple of God, my body, and I gave that up. Today I wish to take my stand before you all in regard to tea and coffee. From this time forward there will be no more of it for me." I can not help but feel that God made use of that meeting to alay prejudice and to pave the way in some hearts for the reception of other truths.

I am not able to report much in regard to the institutions located in the union. I have visited some of these. At Bowling Green Brother Williams is carrying on a splendid work. Brother Williams is a great help to the church. At Newark,

Ohio, Brethren Kennedy and Montgomery are engaged in Sanitarium work. From all I could see I felt very favorably impressed with the work they were doing and the influence they exerted in the church and the community. Dr. Fisher and Professor Welsh are doing a good work in Mount Vernon, Ohio. These are the only institutions I have had the opportunity to visit so far. Our doctors in this union are faithful. Two of our doctors who have been prospered in private practice I found were paying not only a tithe and a second tithe, but they were giving a third tithe to the work. While there, in five days their receipts amounted to \$125. Out of this amount \$37.50 was laid aside for gospel work.

The Sanitarium at Washington has been greatly blessed of God both spiritually and financially, especially during the past year. Doctor Miller, medical superintendent of the Sanitarium, and Doctor Elliott, are here and will report the progress of the institution and the associate institutions and offices.

As we near the close of this world's history, sickness and suffering will increase. There will be a corresponding demand for an increase of young men and young women who are prepared to minister to these. The time will come when those who are prepared may have an opportunity of doing medical missionary work on the battle field. More of our young people should be encouraged to take the training as nurses and physicians. It seems as though we ought to be everywhere recognized as a medical missionary people who are capable of ministering to the sick. This might save us embarrassment in the future, and open up many avenues of usefulness. D. H. KRESS, M. D.

Circulate Literature Among The Jews

It has been very encouraging the way our brethren and sisters have taken hold of the work of circulating the Yiddish magazine which was published last year. In a short time ten thousand copies of the magazines were disposed of, and the calls kept coming for more. Before we could get another edition out, orders for nearly two thousand copies were waiting to be filled.

We have printed another edition of five thousand copies of the same magazine; and we wish to tell our people that we have a good supply on hand, to fill all orders.

Many encouraging words have come to us from those who have been among the Jews with this paper. Many Jews seem surprised when they learn that a Christian-Sabbath-keeping people are getting out literature of this character. Some of our people have been obliged to wait while the Jews would read the magazine;

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending April 28, 1916									
W. H. Smith, Holmes Co.		BR	5	46	14	45 00	10 85	55 85	75
P. A. Franks, Wayne Co.		BR	5	46	12	37 00	5 60	42 60	2 25
Richard DeGarmo, Summit Co.		HM	5	45	28	61 50	1 00	62 50	17 00
Fred Hannah, Lorain Co.		BR	5	44	2	6 00	9 75	15 75	5 00
George Cottman, Warren Co.		BR	5	43	9	31 00		31 00	7 00
R. H. Patterson, Green Co.		BR	5	43	16	55 00	8 75	63 75	
Frank Fults, Adams Co.		BR	5	43	13	40 00	3 75	43 75	2 50
W. S. Syphers, Madison Co.		BR	5	40	15	46 00	1 50	47 50	3 00
J. H. Stafford, Cincinnati		BR	5	36	11	40 00	6 00	46 00	10 00
Mrs. C. Kelley, Springfield		CK	5	34	19	29 50	8 65	38 15	3 20
H. W. Barto, Fairfield Co.		BR	4	30	15	48 00	1 50	49 50	1 50
Mrs. Stafford, Cincinnati		BR	5	28	10	34 00	3 00	37 00	6 00
E. S. Gifford, Clark Co.		BF	4	27	11	16 50		16 50	
David Graham, Lawrence Co.		BR	3	26	3	12 00	7 50	19 50	
C. F. Wilcox, Carroll Co.		DR	3	25	1	4 00		4 00	
H. O. Kohr, Dayton		BFL	5	25	30	45 00	11 00	56 00	
Mrs. Smith, Portsmouth		CK	5	24	5	8 50	2 25	10 75	9 75
G. W. Yingling, Dover		BR	4	24	3	11 00	3 35	14 35	56 70
J. I. Midkiff, Dover		BR	5	24	5	15 00	7 50	22 50	48 00
George Carter, Fairfield Co.		GC	2	20			75	75	75
Will Price, Perry Co.		BR	2	18	2	6 00	2 55	8 25	69 50
R. E. Simpson, Logan Co.		BR	2	16					64 00
A. Gackenheimer, Perry Co.		BR	2	16	2	6 00		6 00	16 25
C. G. Douglass, Akron Co.		BR	1	8	1	3 00	75	3 75	29 49
Totals	24 Agents		97	731	227	\$600 00	\$95 70	\$695 70	\$352 64

West Virginia, Week Ending April 28, 1916

T. M. Butler, Barbour Co.	BR	5	48	20	67 00	1 50	68 50	1 50
G. E. Snyder, Clarksburg Co.	BR	5	46	6	21 00	19 25	40 25	1 50
S. J. Monroe, Wetzel Co.	BR	4	33	10	31 00	5 50	36 50	2 50
C. G. Mays, Moorefield Co.	BR	4	28	23	73 00	3 75	76 75	2 10
J. W. Brando, Riversville	BR	4	40	23	88 00	3 85	91 85	2 35
Henry Waggoner, Preston Co.	BR	5	37		48 00	7 85	55 85	
Miscellaneous					71 20	9 95	81 15	36 00
Magazines		5			45 55		45 55	45 55
W. H. Wilcox,					80 00	35	80 35	
Totals	7 Agents				\$524 75	\$52 00	\$576 75	\$91 50

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 28, 1916

S. J. Burns, Allegheny Co.	BR	6	34	22	72 00	2 75	74 75	1 75	
Geo. Buttermore, Greene Co.	BR	3	20	2	8 00	1 50	9 50	70 10	
C. Dunham, Allegheny Co.	GC	5	35	15	52 00		52 00		
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	BR	9	43	12	35 00		35 00	56 00	
L. J. Hilton, Erie Co.	BF	2	8	2	3 00	20	3 20		
John Kmetz, Allegheny Co.	Miscel	6	51	51	8 90		8 90	8 90	
John Morley, McKean Co.	BF	4	23	6	18 00	1 25	19 25	4 25	
G. Rager, Cambria Co.	RF	5	36	29	36 00	2 25	38 25		
H. L. Rieman, Allegheny Co.	GC	3	20	2	6 00	4 00	10 00	4 00	
J. J. Vance, Allegheny Co.	BR		20		52 00		52 00		
Totals	11 Agents		48	319	157	\$346 90	\$16 60	\$363 50	\$145 00

Virginia, Week Ending April 28, 1916

Harry Wright, Hanover Co.	BR	2	18	13	41 00		41 00		
T. D. Gibson, Augusta Co.	BR	3	28	8	25 00	3 75	28 75		
W. H. Hunt, Mecklenburg Co.	CK	4	30	1	4 80	1 80	6 60		
C. E. Overstreet, Bedford Co.	BFL	4	29	17	25 50	70	26 20	9 20	
B. A. Ellis, Warwick Co.	BFL	4	26	14	22 20		22 20	5 50	
S. N. Wilmer, Roanoke Co.	BFL	4	34	19	72 50	7 35	79 85		
Mattie Jemerson, Pittsylvania Co.	BFL	3	20	21	18 90	75	19 65	2 10	
A. L. Gary, Nottoway Co.	CK	3	17	7	10 50		10 50		
W. D. Butler, Prince George Co.	CK	2	10	3	15 50	35	15 85		
Totals	9 Agents		29	212	103	\$235 90	\$14 70	\$850 40	\$16 80

Chesapeake, Week Ending April 28, 1916

W. H. Wilcox, Berkley Co.	BR	8	61	34	119 00	4 50	123 00	2 00
F. E. Moore, Funkstown	BR	3	21	9	27 00		27 00	
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.	BR	5	43	17	56 00	9 50	65 50	8 75
N. O. Shaffer, Randellstown	BR	2	8	2	6 00	75	6 75	75
Geo. R. Apsley, Carroll Co.	BR	4	38	8	25 00	6 75	31 75	
M. S. Pettibone, Carroll Co.	DA	3	25	7	21 00	8 75	29 75	5 50
J. E. Jones, Talbat Co.	PPF	5	39	9	18 00	8 25	26 25	1 25
Geo. W. Lawrence, Harford Co.	DR	2	12	3	9 00	1 25	10 25	
Totals	8 Agents		32	247	89 \$281 00	\$39 75	\$340 75	\$18 25

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 28, 1916

Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	BF	5	40	15	23 50	7 75	31 25	
M. M. Sterner, Union Co.	PPF	3	22	8	17 00	1 00	18 00	
S. J. Mack, Mantaur Co.	DR	4	22	5	16 00	1 25	17 25	1 25
F. A. Brownell, Mantaur Co.	BR	2	15	7	23 00	2 50	25 50	2 00
W. B. Dunkinson, Wyoming Co.	PPF	5	49	23	52 75		52 75	9 00
T. Beamesderfer, Lancaster Co.	BF	5	40	10	16 00	4 10	20 10	4 05
Eva Chandler, Philadelphia	Mag.				9 65		9 65	9 65
Totals	8 Agents				\$157 90	\$16 60	\$174 50	\$25 95

New Jersey, Week Ending April 21, 1916

Geo. Blinn, Mercer Co.	BR	9	80	10	30 00	27 00	57 00	101 00
Andrew Hansen, Sussex Co.	DR	8	49	12	42 00	20 65	62 65	7 65
Edward J. Wood, Camden Co.	PS	5	39	27	30 50	3 00	33 50	
Totals	3 Agents		22	168	49 \$102 50	\$50 65	\$153 15	\$108 65

New Jersey, Week Ending April 28, 1916

Mrs. J. W. Jensen, Bergen Co.	BR	5	48	19	57 00	12 30	69 30	20 35
Andrew Hansen, Sussex Co.	DR	4	26	10	33 00	6 00	39 00	
E. J. Wood, Camden Co.	SP	4	23	3	8 00	60	8 60	
Totals	3 Agents		13	97	37 \$98 00	\$18 90	\$116 90	\$20 35

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it seemed such a surprise to these poor lost sheep of Israel that such a work was going on. Our people have many questions asked them, and the Jews wonder what these things mean. Some of the Jewish people tell our brethren and sisters that they think we are the real Jews, and they feel as though they were castaway. It is sad to think of the Jewish people who once were the chosen people of God, now without any hope, and practically without God in the world. The masses of the Jews are fast giving up religion of every form. Many of their leading men are taking from the laity what little faith the poor Jew had in Moses and the prophets.

We have hundreds of cities where there are thousands and tens of thousands of Jews. The Jews largely center in the cities. Dear brother and sister, have you yet done anything towards giving the Jews the bread of life? Why not get a few of these magazines and go to your Jewish friends and neighbors and interest them in this truth? Be sure to tell them that you are a Christian Sabbath keeper, that you do not believe in eating swine-flesh, but you do believe in the binding obligation of the law of God and the teachings of the whole Bible.

We also have a number of different kind of tracts which will appeal to the Jews. We hope that you will order a quantity through your church librarian or the local tract society, and do something for these poor lost sheep. Jesus when here had compassion on them. Why do not you? It is extremely difficult for them to be convinced that they ought to attend our services; but they will read. They are great readers; and when the orthodox Jew sees any literature in his vernacular, he at once becomes interested. The Yiddish magazine costs you three cents per copy; three dollars per hundred. You get for them what you can. We are hearing encouraging words from many of the people to the effect that most of the Jews when they see the paper gladly give five or ten cents. May God bless you, dear brother and sister, for your interest in the work among the Jews. F. C. GILBERT, South Lancaster, Mass.

How to Bring Recruits to The Ministry

On this occasion I am not going to discuss the sacredness of the calling or the work of the ministry, but shall confine my-

self to discussing how we can persuade young men to enter the ministry. As my time is limited, I shall only hint at matters that I would like to discuss at length and shall often make only a suggestion which should be fortified, perhaps, with facts and arguments.

In order to build up a strong ministry, we must give to the work of the ministry much study, and to those whom we would induce to enter this line of work our fullest sympathy.

In the early history of our work there were so many things demanding attention that those in responsible positions could only be a fraction of what pressed them so heavily. There were few schools, with no educational policy. There were few sanitariums, with no denominational, medical literature. There were few printing plants, and no organization by which the products from the press could be distributed to any great extent. There were few trained men and women to prepare manuscript for the press, and not a single experienced book man to sell what was printed. Then there was the constant demand for men at the front, with great stretches of unentered, but promising territory for evangelistic work, so that little time could be given to the work of the ministry by those who were responsible for the administration of our work.

But conditions have greatly changed. We now have a strong educational policy with schools so located that most of our young people have not far to go to find the advantages desired. We have many sanitariums in full operation, splendid medical literature, large forces of trained nurses, and graduated physicians doing a noble work in extended territory. Our printing plants have been greatly multiplied in number, and the distribution of our literature is on a splendid basis, and directed by a corps of trained salesmen and promoters unequalled by any book concern in the world.

Our union and local conference men are more free to give attention and time to the training of men for the ministry than ever before. The needs of our work in the home land, and the constant calls for workers abroad make it imperative that we give serious attention to persuading young men to enter the ministry.

I will suggest but a few things which I think may be helpful in building up a strong ministry, but there are many things which I shall say that perhaps ought to be discussed at length.

I. H. EVANS.

(To be continued)

Rags

The "anti-waste campaign" has struck this country, and it begins in a very vital place—with paper and the materials for making paper. There is at the

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present time a serious shortage of raw materials for the manufacture of paper, including rags and old papers. Recently the Department of Commerce of Washington, D. C., sent out an appeal to superintendents and principals of the public and other schools, urging them to encourage the students to save all materials that might be used again in the manufacturing of paper. The appeal says:—

"Something like 15,000 tons of different kinds of paper and paper board are manufactured every day in the United States and a large proportion of this, after it has served its purpose, could be used over again in some class of paper. A large part of it, however, has to be replaced by new materials. In the early history of the paper industry, publicity was given to the importance of saving rags. It is of scarcely less importance now. A little attention to the saving of rags and old papers will mean genuine relief to our paper industry and a diminishing drain upon our sources of supply for new materials."

This is an opportunity for the Missionary Volunteers to raise money for goals. Leaders of the junior societies should encourage their members to gather and save these materials, such as cotton and woolen rags, old magazines, newspapers, cardboard, wrapping paper, etc. The following suggestions are made concerning the proper way to save materials:—

1. Keep waste material clean and dry.
2. Separate rags from old papers.
3. Separate cotton and woolen rags.
4. Separate magazines from other papers.
5. Tie in bundles for convenience in handling or put in bags.
6. Call in the nearest dealer in junk and rags.

Commercial organizations in the principal cities of the United States supply

lists of local firms which assemble rags and paper and sell them to manufacturers. Missionary Volunteers who can not find a market for the collected papers and rags, should write to their conference Missionary Volunteer secretary.

While, of course, the price paid is small, all should remember that many "littles" saved in this easy way, will in the aggregate amount to a considerable sum.

The *May Life Boat* is the Seventeenth Annual Special Prisoners' Number. The article on the "Great American Curse," by the editor, will be valuable campaign literature against the cigarette. "Success Through Blasted Ambitions" by Dr. Magan, "The Most Unfortunate Imprisonment in the World," "A Light in the Shadow," "Fire-swept Nashville," "Comforting Sad Hearts," "Experiences in Africa," and "The Flat Rock School," are a few titles of articles in this number. Profusely illustrated. Send ten cents for a sample copy.

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