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U N I O N

The West Pennsylvania Camp-meeting

This year the camp-meeting of the West Pennsylvania Conference was again held on the beautiful grounds of Homestead, a suburb about thirty-five miles from the heart of the city of Pittsburgh. The annual session of the conference was held at the same time in connection with the camp-meeting. The attendance was somewhat unusual. Over sixty tents were pitched on the ground; the large pavilion which had been used for the big tent efforts in the city of Pittsburgh had been subdivided into about twenty compartments and all these were filled. It was necessary to go out in the neighborhood and rent about twenty rooms in order to meet the demands of the attendance.

It was very evident from the start that the Pitt Theater meetings followed by the tent effort in the city of Pittsburgh had sent out a wave of enthusiasm through the conference. This wave was now returning with the largest attendance the conference had ever had, imbued with deep power in spirituality and in earnestness and showing itself forth in consecration and liberal donations.

There was prominent help present outside of the Union and local conference laborers in the presence of Elders A. G. Daniells, George F. Enoch, and C. S. Longacre. There was a good attendance from the city of Pittsburgh, some distance away, when the weather was convenient. We were delighted to know that some, who had been deeply convinced of the message and who were yet undecided, at this meeting took their stand for the truth.

The report of the President showed a most splendid advance in all lines of conference work. We were delighted to see that at last the West Pennsylvania Conference has passed the thousand mark in her membership. This gives good promise of rapid growth. Elder F. H. Robbing was re-elected president of the conference, with Dr. H. S. Brown as secretary and treasurer. There is a spirit of enthusiasm, confidence and devotion pervading the field. We believe the West Pennsylvania Conference has just begun its race.

The revival services brought many hearts to God. Souls found rejoicing in a new-born hope. When the call for the new administration building was presented, about \$1300 in cash and pledges was given. Later, when the call for foreign missions was presented, between the last Sabbath-school donation and the Sunday morning call, about \$2,000 was given. This is superior to any record which the West Pennsylvania Conference has shown along the lines of giving at camp-meeting. The record is practically double. The attendance the last Sabbath of the meeting was 425.

B. G. WILKINSON.

The West Virginia Camp-meeting

When the West Virginia camp-meeting finished its annual assembly this year, August 30 to September 10, the expressions heard all over the ground were, "Wasn't it wonderful!" "It was a miracle!" "Surely the Lord is at work!" Some of the attending brethren expressed themselves as believing the West Virginia camp-meeting was the best they ever attended. It seemed like a resurrection for West Virginia.

We were favored during this meeting to have with us part of the time Elders A. G. Daniells and George F. Enoch. The usual laborers from the Union and local conference were also present. But above all, God was present. His spirit was with us in marked measure from the very first meeting until the last.

In the first place it was the largest meeting West Virginia had ever had. In the second place, as remarked by older brethren in the faith, they had never seen so many new faces at any previous meeting as at this one. All the tents were filled and many rooms engaged in the neighborhood. The meeting was held at Weston, West Virginia, in the park where it had been held the year previous. The people of the village turned out in good numbers. Weston is a town of about 7,000 inhabitants. The people were very free to say that we had bigger and better congregations this year than the previous one and that the sermons were penetrating further and producing larger effects.

Both in giving themselves and in giving of their means the people showed a devotion that was deeply encouraging. Two great revivals took place in which many

blessed decisions for the truth were made. Some, who had been on the background, were reclaimed while others who were half way, or betwixt and between, came fully into the atmosphere of reconsecration. The new building for the Washington Missionary College was presented Thursday morning to which a response of between \$1600 and \$1700 was given. This is remarkable when you think that at no time was there more than 125 on the ground of our brethren and at the time the call was made the attendance was much lower than this. The Sabbath-school donations for the two Sabbaths amounted to over \$300, while the call for foreign missions on Sunday morning resulted in the giving of \$1120.00. Thus the total amount given at camp-meeting, in cash and pledges, was over \$3100.00.

A special session was held to present the Harvest Ingathering campaign. This little conference with between two and three hundred members gave as their order a demand for nearly 14,000 copies. Great enthusiasm was manifested and we believe they will take hold with all their heart. On another morning when Brother Enoch presented our pamphlets, tracts and books for sale in certain lines, he cleaned up the book tent entirely. Thus from every standpoint the camp-meeting was a great blessing.

We deeply regretted to see Elder Hirlinger, who had been president the past year, was not very well. His health was so depleted that he was unable to be at the meetings. However, God greatly blessed his work the past year and it is to his untiring efforts that some of these good results are due. Since he was called to take the Home Missionary Secretaryship of the Columbia Union Conference, Brother D. A. Parsons of Pittsburgh was elected as president of the West Virginia Conference. He enters upon his new duties with high courage and good acceptability in the eyes of the people.

B. G. WILKINSON.

"Extract the lesson out of yesterday,
Borrow sunshine from tomorrow,
But do today's work today."

"No one can dream himself into character; he must hammer and forge it, and that means hard work—but it pays."

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Annual Report of the West
Pennsylvania Conference

Year ending December 31, 1915

To all who have assembled at this annual session of the West Pennsylvania Conference, welcome.

With joy and gladness we come together, thanking God for His loving kindness and tender mercies to us, and for the divine touch He gave to our hearts which made us willing to accept His law as the rule of our life. The musical words of Jesus ringing down through time come to us with as much force as when He spoke to the disciples, saying "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." These words of Christ are not colored with the strife and trouble of the world, but they are intended to anchor us to the Rock of Ages, then we shall not be moved. The tempests of the world may rage around us, but they cannot turn us from the Saviour's love that never fails.

The blessing of God has been on the work in this conference. It was organized in 1903, and has an area of 23,104 square miles with a population of about three and one-half millions.

Following is a comparative report:—

	1914	1915	Gain
Membership	810	910	100
No. Baptized	116	148	32
Churches	28	29	1
Companies	2	3	1
Church Buildings	13	15	2
Valuation	35850	43400	7550

Tithe 1914, 14,789.78, 1915, 16,640.20, Gain 1,850.42. Tithe per capita 1914, 18.26, 1915, 18.29

Literature sales 1914, 16,951.20, 1915, 15,326.24, Loss 1,624.96.

Sabbath schools 1914, 40, 1915, 44, Gain 4.

S. S. Offerings 1914, 3,982.28, 1915, 4,443.35, Gain 461.07.

No. of ministers 1914, 10, 1915, 10.

Bible workers 1914, 6, 1915, 6.

Colporteurs 1914, 13, 1915, 14, Gain 1.

Church schools 1914, 2, 1915, 2.

Enrollment 1914, 40, 1915, 45, Gain, 5.

Young Peoples' Societies 1914, 3, 1915, 5, Gain 2.

Members 1914, 150, 1915, 200, Gain 50.

A deep interest has been taken by our conference workers and churches in gathering funds. The conference reached its goal in 1914, and also in 1915, raising \$7518.40 for missions. There is an excellent gain in the tithes for which we are thankful as it is a good thermometer which shows the courage and earnestness of the people.

I shall not go into details concerning

the different branches of the work, as reports will be given by the secretaries of the various departments, and also by other conference workers. These reports will show marked progress in the field.

It will be of interest to note the blessing of the Lord on the faithful efforts which have been put forth in Pittsburgh, resulting in about forty persons taking their stand for the truth since last March.

If there is one thing more than another which should interest us at this time, it is the "finishing of the work." We have been many years in this message, and now the word comes to "lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes." Everything in heaven above and on the earth beneath reveals to us that the end of all things earthly is just at hand. A little more work and the battle will be over and the victory won.

F. H. ROBBINS.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Danville

Since the last report of the Danville tent effort appeared in the VISITOR many other interesting experiences have developed; and as we always enjoy reading of the work and experiences of the other laborers, we thought the VISITOR family might be interested in the work of our company here in Danville.

It has been a whole season of rejoicing in spite of the enemy's determined effort to bring discouragement into the camp.

We have had a wonderful interest from the very beginning which has never abated for heat, cold or storms. The first few evenings there was a little shyness displayed on the part of some; this we have been given to understand since was due to experiences with other evangelistic companies, causing the people to fear that we had come to Danville to gather in dollars rather than souls.

For the first night or two some of the prudent ones stood in the street, later they got close enough to touch the ropes, then ventured inside the tent; and after hearing of the wonderful love and work of God and seeing that only an offering for current expenses was taken at the close of the services, their fear departed, and we have the best regular attendance I have ever seen in a tent effort. The congregation sit spellbound night after night and drink in the messages God is sending to the people of Danville through Elder Baum.

The interest seems to be increasing; instead of the people hurrying home after the services close, they get together in groups and talk over the subject or points in which they are especially interested, frequently holding us for an hour or an

hour and a half after the meeting has been dismissed. A number of regular attendants from the Baptist Church have declared to us that since they have been attending meetings in the tent it seems like going into a cold storage plant when they go to services in their own church.

A Lutheran lady said a few nights ago, "Well I see we will have to go down into the water." A very prominent class leader in the Methodist Church said, after hearing the subject "Babylon is Fallen," "I would rather lose my home than have missed that subject."

We held our first Sabbath school in the tent August 26, with eighty-three in attendance; about thirty have signed the covenant to keep the commandments, but there are forty or more who are keeping the Sabbath. The attendance at our Sabbath services is excellent.

Next Sabbath, September 16, there will be a baptismal service, and another one a little later for those who are not ready now for this ordinance.

The writer, having been asked to connect with this company, has been here since before the tents were pitched and with his family greatly enjoys having a part in the work here.

We solicit the prayers of the VISITOR family for the success of the work at this place. C. D. WOLFF.

NEW JERSEY

Leaders for the Harvest Ingathering Program

September 23, 1916

A. M. Newark	Elder G. E. Langdon
P. M. Plainfield	" "
A. M. Hackensack	" R. H. Martin
P. M. Paterson	" "
A. M. Rockaway	Bro. C. J. Beach
A. M. Trenton	Elder Mac Neil
P. M. Jersey City No. 2	Bro. C. E. Gulick
A. M. " " "	1 Elder H. F. Taylor
P. M. Englewood	Bro. A. Munson
A. M. Washington	" H. Lauterbach
P. M. Annandale	" "
A. M. Pleasantville	" F. H. Barritt
P. M. Atlantic City	" "
Sunday Cape May C. H.	" "
A. M. Vineland	" T. D. Gibson
P. M. Woodbury	" "
A. M. Ramah	Elder G. W. Spies
P. M. Bridgeton	" "
A. M. Camden	" A. R. Sandborn
A. M. Perth Amboy	" O. A. Lund
P. M. Jersey City (Swed.)	" "
A. M. Newark B.S.	" Paul Matula
P. M. Passaic	" "
A. M. Jersey City (Ger.)	P. F. Richard
P. M. Newark	" " "
A. M. Burlington	Bro. G. Medairy
P. M.	" "
A. M. Oakland	Elder J. M. Gaff

P. M. Paterson (Ger.) " "
 A. M. Swedesboro Bro. G. W. Holman
 P. M. Salem " "

News Notes

September 23rd being special program day for the Harvest Ingathering, let every member take their papers home after this meeting, and start in at once to solicit.

Remember the goal, not less than \$5 per member.

The Franklin Furnace tent effort is continuing with great success. Several already have taken their stand for present truth.

T. H. Barritt reports a visit with Sister Crane, and Sister Hansen of Sussex County, while visiting in the Franklin effort. Both are of good courage and ready to do their share in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

Sister Crane, who is over 80 years of age, was very sick after camp-meeting, but is much better now, and hopes to raise her \$10 again as she did last year.

Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Gibson arrived in Trenton last Wednesday, and have located here, where all extend to them a hearty welcome.

Mr. Harold Slaughter passed through Trenton this week, having finished his canvassing work for the summer. He will attend Washington College again this winter. Many expect to attend the college from New Jersey. The Misses Harriet Medairy and Neva Sandborn left for Washington September 12, in company with Miss Dorothy Leach, who joined them at Philadelphia.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Brother Rieben's little boy. We extend to them our sincere sympathy in this hour of trial.

The fourteenth Sabbath will soon overtake us, a very rare occasion. Let us pray that it will be a day long to be remembered for the abundant gifts of the Lord's people. The King's business demands haste. Soldiers of the Cross are ready to go as fast as there is means to send them. Shall not we rally to the task of providing it?

Mrs. C. E. Iden who has been spending the summer with her daughter and sister, has gone to Iowa where she will reside with her daughter Mrs. Harry Edwards.

Missionary Volunteers, are you getting ready for the Harvest Ingathering campaign? Our young people ought to raise \$500 this fall and "they can do it if they will." Shall we take \$500 as our goal on Harvest Ingathering? What do you say? I think I hear a hearty response from you all, and it sounds very much like "Yes!"

Swedesboro plans on a church school, and are at present fitting up a pleasant little school building for use about Oct. 1. This makes the third new church school expecting to start this fall.

Miss Mildred MacPherson of Newark has been visiting her friend Miss Grace Bryan at Trenton during the past week. Miss Mabel Smith, also of Newark, is spending some time in Trenton to gain an experience in the Bible work.

CHESAPEAKE

News Notes

Just a little less than one month and there will begin in this conference and every other conference in the North American Division a very important work, that of the Harvest Ingathering. Some of our churches have not yet responded to the appeal to send in their orders for papers. If you, reader are among that number, will you send us a good order at once? Thus far we have orders for only 6,825. Last year our orders numbered 13,622. Surely we must not fall below that this year. At our camp-meeting, a resolution was passed making our individual goal \$5 for this year. Many will go over that. Shall any fall below it? Surely you do not want it to be you.

We are glad to say one small church of only four members ordered 500 copies of the Harvest Ingathering number.

Elder G. P. Rodgers is busy with his plans for the colored school to be opened in Baltimore this fall. Their building will be nicely equipped and we hope and believe they will have success.

Elder Miller spent Sabbath with the church in Wilmington.

Elder Shadel spent Sabbath with the church in Rock Hall, and helped develop plans for the opening of the church school there to be taught by Mrs. William Witt.

The tent efforts are still onward with an increasing interest.

Mrs. W. H. Loose will teach the church school at Whiteleysburg, Md. She and her husband, Brother W. H. Loose have moved to Whiteleysburg from Baltimore, Md.

OHIO

News Notes

Brother Panches visited Brother Smith, of Millersburg, and Brother Wilcox, of Canton, this week, and found them of good courage. Brother Wilcox had finished his territory and will now work in Columbiana County.

Brother Douglas has been out of the field for a few weeks because of some important work along other lines that he found necessary to look after, but says he is now about ready to be with us once more and hopes soon to be able to place more of our good books in the homes of the people in that city.

The Carter Brothers and Brother Barto have finished canvassing Fairfield County and have located in Clinton County. We wish these workers success in their new territory.

The colporteurs are now back in their field and ready for faithful work after camp-meeting, and are pressing eagerly forward to reach the goal we have set for the year.

Brother Waller, the Tract Society assistant, and family are visiting for a few days among their relatives in Michigan.

Brother C. R. Fairchild visited the colporteurs at London and Springfield on his way to Dayton to start Brother Carder in the colporteur work. We welcome Brother Carder into our circle of workers, and trust that he may have success.

Several men are preparing to enter the colporteur field within the next few weeks. They will be a great help in maintaining our record of the past few months.

The students who were here canvassing this summer have practically all earned their scholarships and have returned to school. We appreciate very much the good work they have done and trust that the experiences they have had during the summer will be a great benefit to them in their work in the future. They leave us with a hearty invitation to return another year.

Miss Mabel Cassell, the daughter of our Tract Society Secretary, left Saturday night, in company with Miss Elsie Haughey, for Washington where they will attend the College this year.

In a letter to the office, one of our colporteurs, canvassing in Winchester and vicinity, where a tent effort is now being held by Elders Fairchild and Haughey, states that the meetings have begun with a good attendance, and splendid results are anticipated.

Elder J. F. Olmsted called at the office the other day while passing through the city.

Elder Slade and Brother Panches spent Sabbath with the churches at Bucyrus and Galion.

Elder H. A. Weaver made a short call at the office while in Academia this week to place his son, Eugene, in school.

Corrections

In the last issue of the VISITOR, page 2 column 3, paragraph 2, the words "time of" should precede the word employment.

In the supplement to the VISITOR an error was made on page 8, paragraph 2, under "Notes." Instead of "\$1 on \$5" it should read \$1025.00 to the tent fund.

Special

Religious Liberty

We are publishing herewith a list of the Senators and Representatives in Congress from each state of the Columbia Union Conference, and would urge our people to send direct to their Congressmen the petitions which they have taken from the back part of the *Liberty Extra*. This will save considerable trouble in the office at Washington, as well as for yourself and the work will be more effective if the petitions are sent direct than if forwarded.

We would also urge that our people take a stronger hold in the circulation of the *Liberty Extra*, as our hope of defeating these bills largely depends upon the petitions of protest that are sent to Congress.

(Keep this list for future reference.)

Senators for the state of Pennsylvania:
Boises Peinrose, George T. Oliver.

Representatives of Pennsylvania:
Thomas Spencer Crago At large
Mahlon M. Garland " "
Daniel Franklin Lefane " "
John R. K. Scott " "
William Scott Vare 1st District

George Scott Graham	2nd	"
J. Hampton Moore	3rd	"
George W. Edmonds	4th	"
Peter E. Costello	5th	"
George P. Darrow	6th	"
Thomas S. Butler	7th	"
Henry Winfield Watson	8th	"
William W. Griest	9th	"
John R. Farr	10th	"
John J. Casey	11th	"
Robert D. Heaton	12th	"
Arthur Granville Dewalt	13th	"
Louis T. McFadden	14th	"
Edgar Raymond Kiess	15th	"
John V. Leshner	16th	"
Benjamin K. Focht	17th	"
Aaron S. Kreider	18th	"
Warren Worth Bailey	19th	"
C. William Beales	20th	"
Charles Hedding Rowland	21st	"
Abraham L. Keister	22nd	"
Robert F. Hopwood	23rd	"
Henry Willson Temple	24th	"
Michael Liebel	25th	"
Henry J. Steele	26th	"
S. Taylor North	27th	"
Samuel H. Miller	28th	"
Stephen Geyer Porter	29th	"
William H. Coleman,	30th	"
John M. Morin	31st	"
Dr. Andrew J. Barchfeld	32nd	"

Senators of Ohio:

Atlee Pomerene, Warren G. Harding.

Representatives of Ohio:

Nicholas Longworth	1st	District
Alfred G. Allen	2nd	"
Warren Gard	3rd	"
J. Edward Russell	4th	"
Nelson E. Matthews	5th	"
Charles C. Kearns	6th	"
Simeon D. Fess	7th	"
John A. Key	8th	"
Isaac R. Sherwood	9th	"
Robert Mauck Switzer	10th	"
Edwin D. Ricketts	11th	"
Clement Braumbaugh	12th	"
Arthur W. Overmyer	13th	"
Seward H. Williams	14th	"
William C. Mooney	15th	"
Roscoe S. McCulloch	16th	"
William A. Ashbrook	17th	"
David A. Hollingsworth	18th	"
John G. Cooper	19th	"
William Gordon	20th	"
Robert Crosser	21st	"
Henry I. Emmerson	22nd	"

Senators of Virginia:

Thomas Staples Martin, Claude Augustus Swanson.

Representatives of Virginia:

William A. Jones	1st	District
Edward E. Holland	2nd	"
Andrew J. Montague	3rd	"
Walter Allen Watson	4th	"
Edward Watts Saunders	5th	"
Carter Glass	6th	"
James Hay	7th	"

Charles C. Carlin	8th	"
Campbell B. Slemp	9th	"
Henry Delaware Flood	10th	"

Senators of West Virginia:

William Edwin Chilton, Nathan Goff.

Representatives of West Virginia:

Howard Sutherland	At large
M. M. Neely	1st District
William G. Brown, Jr.	2nd "
Adam B. Littlepage	3rd "
Hunter H. Moss, Jr.	4th "
Edward Cooper	5th "

Senators of New Jersey:

James Edgar Martine, William Hughes:

Representatives of New Jersey:

William J. Browning	1st	District
Isaac Bacharach	2nd	"
Thomas J. Schully	3rd	"
Elijah C. Hutchinson	4th	"
John H. Capstick	5th	"
Archibald C. Hart	6th	"
Dow H. Drukker	7th	"
Edward W. Gray	8th	"
Richard Wayne Parker	9th	"
Frederick R. Lehlbach	10th	"
John J. Eagan	11th	"
James A. Hamill	12th	"

Senators of Maryland:

Jonh Walter Smith, Blair Lee.

Representatives of Maryland:

Jessie Dashiell Price	1st	District
Joshua F. C. Talbott	2nd	"
Charles Pearce Coady	3rd	"
John Charles Linthicum	4th	"
Sydney E. Mudd	5th	"
David John Lewis	6th	"

Senators of Delaware:

Henry Algernon du Pont, Willard Saulsbury.

Representative of Delaware:

Thomas W. Miller At large

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign

We have rapidly passed by another year and are face to face with another call to do service for God, and that in no ordinary way. That we are constantly evidencing a greater activity is seen on every hand, but it is also true that world conditions are developing at such a rapid rate the sun of earth's probation is so rapidly setting in the western sky that we must still double our diligence, our activities. We are greatly rejoiced at what is being done throughout the field in preparation for a record breaking Harvest Ingathering offering. For several years our goal has been one hundred thousand dollars, but we have come a long way short of this. We can and we must reach it this year, and we firmly believe we shall.

The Pacific Press Publishing Association has prepared a splendid paper. The cover design represents a mighty appeal. The subject matter is all that could be asked for. With the need so great, and millions upon millions in heathen darkness without hope and without God in the world, every soul should be stirred to its deepest depth, and a willingness to share with our brothers in need should be clearly manifest. If ever it were true, it is true now that our money means the salvation of souls. We have a large army at the front, and still more going, and many more must go. We are behind on our twenty-cent-a-week over \$139,000 and the burden is great. Here is an opportunity for every loyal heart to lift and at the same time bring a knowledge of what God is doing in all the earth to our friends and neighbors.

We are confident that if all our people would take this to heart seriously and consecrate their time and talents to God, we could raise the amount of our goal, one hundred thousand dollars, in one day. We have been given plenty of time, thirty days. We like the individual goal of at least \$5.00. Unmistaken evidences point to the nearness of the end. Now is the time to work. Soon the night cometh when no man can work.

We trust and earnestly pray that God will lay this burden upon every believer. That each will repair to the work, and under the guidance and blessing of God do his best.

F. W. PAAP.

Harvest Ingathering Experiences

"When I began work with the Harvest Ingathering Signs, the first man I called on was a dentist, the second a barber,—with both men I was to some extent acquainted. I felt quite sure that each one would donate at least \$1, which of course, would be a good beginning and a great help in approaching others. I found the dentist out of the city, and it took me fully twenty minutes to convince the barber that he ought to give some kind of a donation to this cause. Ten cents was the most he could spare. I started out at nine o'clock that morning, confident that I would secure quite a sum of money in the forenoon. At 11:30 A. M. I was standing on a street corner with all my papers with the exception of one, and with only fifteen cents in donations. I almost made up my mind that I had started a work which I was unable to finish. But the thought that I had asked the Lord for help in this work, and that the work belonged to Him, renewed my courage, and before sundown that day I had secured almost \$3. In doing this work I have met many kinds of people and have been asked numerous questions,

but my experience has shown me that there are people everywhere who are willing to help when a call is made for missions. I am of good courage. The Lord has blessed me in doing this work. So far I have received \$16.65."

A secretary of one of our conferences called on three business men with the Harvest Ingathering papers and received \$2.50 for them. He expects to make other calls and hopes to reach the goal he has set for the amount he wants to gather in this year.

"My experience in the Harvest Ingathering work covers four seasons, including 1915. The time invested in the business of soliciting has not lessened my efficiency in other features of the Lord's work, but on the other hand it has been a real help by bringing me in contact with more than a thousand homes where I have distributed reading matter and have done missionary work relating to the message which we are giving.

I have probably averaged five weeks, three days to the week each year of the four in this soliciting work, but have planned my field of operations so as to accommodate my evangelistic efforts and therefore get double pay out of the money invested in traveling."

"One of the Christian societies of this country has what they call a "Win-My-Chum" week. This means a week for personal soul-winning. We speak of the Harvest Ingathering as an effort to get money for missions. We are glad that by this means we can get the world to help us in supporting the work. But the Harvest Ingathering is far more than an enterprise to secure funds. A woman, whom we know very well, told us her experience. She felt that she and her oldest daughter should go out with the papers, but they both felt diffident and afraid of the work. The daughter, however, started out one morning after they had both prayed earnestly to the Lord. At one of the homes which she visited that forenoon, the lady told her that her husband had been brought up an Adventist though she had never been to any of our meetings or had seen any of our literature. She said that she would be glad to read some, and the girl became so interested that she ran to her mother and got some literature for the woman. This was last October, and the result of giving some reading matter and a few Bible readings was that she accepted the truth and later joined one of our churches."

"The next man I presented the paper to was a business man. He said, "I am

just bothered to death; I never had so many calls in my life. I just can't do any more. I must draw the line somewhere." I agreed with him that the calls are many and told him I too was on a stretch, but that I was thankful I was blessed with means so that I could give a little here and there, especially to a worthy cause. I said "I am not asking you for a large donation. I would be satisfied with a small gift." He gave me a quarter."

Oregon Orders 50,000 Copies

The *Signs of the Times* weekly for October 17 will be devoted exclusively to the subject of religious liberty. The paper will be ready for distribution September 5. Some titles of articles appearing in this issue are as follows:

Oregon's Freedom Imperiled—H. W. Cottrell.

Satan's Offer Accepted—W. M. Healey. Should the Church and the State be United?—C. B. Haynes.

The Meaning of Rhode Island—P. T. Magan. Experiences of Roger Williams. Stepping-stones to the Dark Ages—A. M. Dart.

Persecution Under Church and State Union—Prof. G. W. Rine.

Do Majorities Rule in Matters of Conscience?—L. A. Reed.

Recent Sunday Law Persecution—C. S. Longacre.

Is this a Christian Nation?—S. B. Horton. The Church in Politics—P. C. Hayward. Personal Experiences with Sunday Laws—W. F. Martin.

The Doctrine of Soul Freedom—C. W. Flaiz.

The False Theocracy Idea—T. G. Bunch. License, Toleration, and Liberty—M. J. Willoughby.

On the Road to Tyranny—H. G. Thurston.

This will be a very strong issue on this important subject. A copy of it ought to be placed in the hands of ministers, lawyers, judges, and officials throughout the country.

The Western Oregon, Southern Oregon, and Upper Columbia—three conferences having a constituency in the state of Oregon—have combined to wage a campaign in that state, and have placed an initial order for 50,000 copies of this issue.

The prices are as follows: ten to eight hundred copies, each 2½ cents; one thousand copies or more, each 2 cents. Individuals or conferences desiring to furnish lists, may have the papers mailed, post-paid, and marked "Sample copy," at the office of publication, for 3 cents each.

"Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital Day, Sabbath, October 14."

A Special Delivery Letter

Not often are such letters sent, for Uncle Sam. charges ten cents in addition to the regular postage, for the extra haste his post office officials put forth in speeding the letter on its way and in furnishing a messenger on a bicycle to carry it, to its street number before the regular mail carrier could deliver it.

Such a letter was delivered not long ago at one of our tract society offices. What do you think it contained? Nothing of less importance than a year's subscription to the *Sabbath School Worker*. It seems that the lady's subscription expired with the September issue, and she feared that she would miss one number if she did not renew promptly. The *Worker* prizes its friends. Are you one of them?

The Great Eastern Question

The October issue of the Present Truth Series presents The Great Eastern Question, brought up to date by Elder A. G. Daniells. It is his master effort upon this great and thrilling question of the age. It being appropriately and attractively illustrated, and dealing with an issue in which the coming of the Lord is centered, and in which issue the general public is greatly interested, an unusually favorable opportunity is opened for a successful presentation of the full message through its extended circulation. Regular P. T. S. prices apply on this Eastern Question issue.

Notice

The special September list of the Present Truth Series for relatives and friends will not close until October 1. The time is extended because it will be impossible for the publishers to get the large list of names entered before that time. Everybody seems to be sending in a long list of names. These may continue to come until October 1.

"Word has just come from the International Branch, Pacific Press Publishing Association, now locating at Brookfield, Illinois, that the foreign editions of the Harvest Ingathering paper will be ready for circulation about October 1. They have already booked a large number of orders for this Ingathering number in the German, Danish-Norwegian and Swedish languages and will mail papers at the very earliest possible moment. The installation of the presses and machinery at the new plant in Brookfield is taking a little longer than expected but ere this note reaches our readers a large amount of the press work on the foreign editions will be finished and as suggested, orders can be filled by October 1."

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Sept. 8, 1916									
W. B. Dunkinson, Susq. Co.		PPF	5	49	14	33 00	70	33 70	
F. A. & C. Brownell, Lycoming Co.		BR	5	43	22	71 00	4 95	75 95	
Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.		BF	5	37	13	21 00	50	21 50	
Lee Mase, Tioga Co.		GC	4	36	12	38 00	5 50	43 50	
W. B. Dunkinson, Susq. Co.		PPF	5	46	14	34 00	1 00	35 00	3 00
Grant Priddy, Luzerne Co.		SB	3	24	14	7 00		7 00	3 00
T. Beamesderfer, Lancaster Co.							15 15	15 15	
T. Beamesderfer, Lancaster Co.							16 20	16 20	77 95
Miscellaneous						43 40		43 40	
Totals	8 Agents		29	235	89	\$247 40	\$44 00	\$291 40	\$83 95

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Sept. 8, 1916									
Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co.		BR	4	40	5	16 00	9 20	25 20	49 80
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.		BR	2	11	9	27 00	1 75	28 75	
W. H. House, Jefferson Co.		BF	7	53	15	22 50	75	23 25	25 50
G. Johnson, Allegheny Co.		BR	5	24	13	39 00		39 00	56 00
J. Kmetz, Allegheny Co.		HW	2	14	10	3 30		3 30	3 30
Mrs. M. Smith, Allegheny Co.		A	1	4					8 60
C. E. Will, Washington Co.		GC	6	55	10	20 00	7 75	27 75	32 35
Y. Wimberly, Allegheny Co.		BR	9		20	73 00	2 60	75 60	49 00
Totals	8 Agents		36	201	82	\$200 80	\$22 05	\$222 85	\$224 55

Virginia, Week Ending Sept. 8, 1916									
Lewis Williams, Caroline Co.		BR	5	39	30	104 00		104 00	
C. A. Carter, Caroline Co.		BR	3	29	14	42 00		42 00	
S. N. Wilmer, Roanoke Co.		BR	2	18	7	21 00	3 35	24 35	
Harry Wright, Botetourt Co.		BR	4	39					241 00
Max Trummer, Wythe Co.		DR	5	52					285 00
M. A. Maloney, King William Co.		CK	1	9	5	8 50	1 90	10 40	
Frank R. Wood, Nelson Co.		GC	5	50					108 00
Bennett Hamm, Nelson Co.		GC	5	48					124 00
Margaret Chambers, Dinwiddie Co.		HM	5	8					58 00
Totals	9 Agents		35	72	56	\$175 50	5 25	\$180 75	\$316 00

Ohio, Week Ending Sept. 8, 1916									
W. H. Smith, Holmes Co.		BR	5	56					136 10
Elsie Haughey, Henry Co.		BR	13	103	6	36 90	7 50	44 40	269 90
Katharyn Pickes, Henry Co.		BR	13	103	2	6 00	11 30	17 30	173 30
W. H. Smith, Holmes Co.		BR	5	44					81 45
Frank Fufts, Adams Co.		BR	4	43	3	9 00	1 50	10 50	56 75
Fred Hannah, Lorain Co.		BR	4	42					45 75
W. S. Syphers, Madison Co.		BR	5	38	4	12 00	2 85	14 85	85 35
E. E. Goodrich, Madison Co.		BR	5	35	1	4 00		4 00	58 50
P. A. Franks, Wayne Co.		BR	4	34	5	17 00	6 25	23 25	6 00
Mrs. Smith, Portsmouth		CK	5	26	2	3 00	6 25	9 25	33 75
E. C. Alexander, Clermont		BR	2	24	3	6 00	2 25	11 25	92 00
Chas. Schilling, Columbus		BR	5	21	2	6 00		6 00	23 00
H. O. Kohr, Newark		A	5	20		35 00		35 00	
R. H. Patterson, Green Co.		BR	2	18					123 50
Will Price, Guernsey Co.		BR	1	11					122 75
H. W. Barto, Fairfield Co.		BR	1	10					60 35
Totals	16 Agents		79	628	28	\$137 90	\$37 90	\$175 80	\$1366 45

New Jersey, Week Ending Sept. 8, 1916									
Geo. Blinn, Hunderton Co.		BR	9	84	24	72 00		72 00	
Mrs. J. W. Jensen, Passaic Co.		BR	4	30	10	30 00	13 79	43 79	
Mrs. S. Backofen, Passaic Co.		BR	4	25	11	38 00	2 55	40 55	
Totals	3 Agents		17	139	45	\$140 00	\$16 34	\$156 34	

Chesapeake, Week Ending Sept. 8, 1916

O. C. Weller, Frederick Co. Md.	BR	3	25	2	6	00	1	50	7	50	77	25		
B. G. Hohensee, Somerset Co.	DR	5	52	15	50	00			50	00	78	88		
C. C. R. Hare, Somerset Co.	DR		14								81	00		
D. W. Percy, Queen Anne Co.	PPF		43								171	75		
J. E. Jones, Talbot Co.	PPF	5	35	9	18	00	7	75	25	75	92	25		
Totals		5	Agents	13	169	26	\$74	00	\$9	25	\$83	25	\$501	13

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West Virginia, Week Ending Sept. 8, 1916

Henry Waggoner, Preston Co.	BR	5	43	6	18	00	15	70	33	70	36	70		
G. E. Snyder, Harrison Co.	BR	3	40	5	15	00	3	75	18	75	4	50		
W. A. McElphatrick, Kanawha Co.		3	18								45	75		
H. L. Sheneman, Logan Co.	CK	5	43								47	75		
E. R. Corder, Logan Co.	COL	5	47								248	00		
Guy Corder, Logan Co.	CK		30								130	00		
Totals		6	Agents	91	221	11	\$33	00	\$19	45	\$52	45	\$512	90

Grand Totals: 55 Agents Value of Orders \$1008 60 Deliveries, \$3504 98

OBITUARIES

SANDBORN.—There are some things worse than death, for the Lord pronounces a blessing upon those who die in the Lord. So we in this hour of trial can say, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

Nearly twenty-five years ago George was given to us, and we had looked to him, our only boy, as a comfort in old age. We did the best we could in training him for the cause of God. He went through the church school and Holly Academy, and had one year at Washington Foreign Mission Seminary. He went to Mexico before he was nineteen years old. He was there and in Cuba about two years. During that time he contracted malarial fever and was compelled to return to the States. He labored in East Pennsylvania as field agent, and in New Jersey as minister; but he could not get rid of the fever, and in the fall of 1913 it was found that he had tuberculosis. He went west to fight for his life, but to no avail. The afternoon of August 17, he went peacefully to his rest with perfect confidence in God. In all his suffering he never lost his trust in God. The future was bright to him; and we have every reason to believe that we shall meet him in the morn of the first resurrection.

He was married to Frances Luchenbill in the spring of 1912, when he returned home from Cuba for a few weeks. She returned with him to his work. To them was born one son, little Ion; who is three years old. Mother and boy and many other relatives mourn with us in our mutual loss. It will not be long until we shall meet him in the clouds with our Saviour. "What a gathering that will be!"

A. R. SAND BORN.
MRS. A. R. SANDBORN.

SWOPE.—Mrs. Jennie V. Swope, was born in Foxville, Md., April 17, 1886 and died Sept. 3, 1916, aged 30 years, 4 months and 16 days. She leaves a husband and one little child, who deeply mourn their losse. She was laid to rest in the United Brethren Cemetery up on the mountain, about 6 miles from Smithsburg, Md. This mountain church was filled with relatives and friends of the diseased and gave the best attention to what was said regarding the sleep of the dead.

At the close of the services, we were invited to return at a future date and use the church to preach the Third Angel's Message. Brother and Sister Swope were faithful members of the Smithsburg Church.

J. O. MILLER.

SAMPLE.—Catherine Jones Sample died in Oakland, Penn., September 7, 1916, aged 84 years, 8 months, and 13 days.

She was a consistent Christian, and had endeared herself to her neighbors and friends by a willingness to assist in time of trouble. She leaves to mourn four sons, four daughters, one brother, forty grandchildren, and twenty-eight great grandchildren.

F. H. ROBBINS.

In His furrowed fields around us,
God has work for all who will;
Those who may not scatter broadcast
Yet many plant it hill by hill.

Yearning hearts are often near us,
Conscious of their Spirit-need;
These are hills prepared by Heaven
To receive the precious seed.

And the heart grows rich in giving,
All its wealth is living grain.
Seeds which mildew in the garner,
Scattered fill with gold the plain.

Feed My Lambs

"Feed my lambs," this sweet commission
Was to Simon Peter given,
By our blessed Lord and Master,
Ere He went away to heaven.

Still are sounding through the ages
Those sweet words of love divine,
Unto all who love the Saviour
Feed these little lambs of Mine.

Tell to them the wondrous story
Of a Saviour's matchless love;
Feed them with the bread of heaven
Which He sendeth from above.

Teach them always to be loyal
To our loving Lord's commands;
Heed the blessed admonition,
"Lovest thou Me?"—"Feed My lambs."

Jesus' lambs are oft' neglected
Till they wander far away,
From the Saviour Who redeemed them,
From the straight and narrow way.

Though the tender Shepherd seeks them,
And invites them o'er and o'er;
Many then reject His mercy,
And return to Him no more.
Ere their feet have grown familiar
With the thorny paths of sin,
Teach them now to love the Saviour,
Bring the little lambs to Him.

Mary E. Mount.

Providential Purpose

He (God) permits temptations, trials, and afflictions to come to His loved ones. They are His providences, visitations of mercy to bring them back when they stray from His side, and give them a deeper sense of His presence and providential care. The peace that passeth understanding is not for those who shrink from trials, from struggles, and from self-denial. . . . The clouds which intervene between the soul and the Sun of Righteousness are in the providence of God permitted to arise that our faith may be strengthened to grasp the great hopes, the sure promises, that shine undimmed through the darkness of every storm. Faith must grow through conflict and suffering. . . . The path to freedom from sin is through the crucifixion of self, and conflict with the powers of darkness. Let none be discouraged in view of the severe trials to be met in the the time of Jacob's trouble, which is yet before them. . . . The time of trouble is the crucible that is to bring out Christ-like characters. It is designed to lead the people of God to renounce Satan and his temptations. The last conflict will reveal Satan to them in his true character, that of a cruel tyrant, and it will do for them what nothing else could do, uproot him entirely from their affections. R. H. Aug. 12, 1884.

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The obstacles, provocations, and hardships that we meet, may prove to us not a curse, but the greater blessings of our lives; for the grandest characters are built amid hardships and trials.

God understands the necessities of fallen man; and while He he has given us advantages on the one hand, on the other hand are inconveniences which are designed to stimulate us to use the ability He has given us. R&H April 21, 1885.

Mount Vernon Academy

Students started to come a week before the opening of school and continued filing in by ones and twos until Monday evening, when twelve arrived on the same train from West Pennsylvania. There are still others coming from that section.

On Tuesday students came from all directions and the preceptor and preceptress have had hard problems to solve in accommodating all.

School opened Wednesday morning at 9:00 A. M. and our chapel was almost filled with students. There were quite a number of familiar faces, but many more new ones. We also have several new members on the faculty and all feel sure of having the best school year in the history of M. V. A. School was opened by singing "Praise Him! Praise Him!" and there is much to praise the Lord for, especially when we consider the struggles which some have and the sacrifices that are made to prepare the young people for the Lord's work.

Elder H. A. Weaver, of Van Wert, Ohio, brought his son, Eugene, to school.

Mrs. Lillian Keyler and her daughter Mildred, of Cincinnati, Ohio, have come to Mt. Vernon to live. Mrs. Keyler is taking up the nurse's course at the Hospital and Mildred is attending school.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw brought their son Rathbun and Miss Kellner to school. They came in their machine from Coudersport, Pa., and spent several days at the academy.

Mrs. Hannah, of Loudensville, Ohio, accompanied her daughter to Mt. Vernon and spent several days at the academy.

Mr. and Mrs. Beach of Galion, Ohio, spent some time at the academy with their son.

If you cannot reason nor persuade a man into the truth, never attempt to force a man into it.—John Wesley.

Before God's footstool to confess
 A poor soul knelt and bowed his head.
 "I failed!" he cried. The Master said,
 "Thou didst thy best—that is success.

Seven Rules for Christian-Growth

NEVER

- Neglect daily prayer.
- Neglect daily Bible reading.
- Think you can deceive God about yourself.
- Let a day pass without trying to do a Christian act.
- Do anything you cannot ask God's blessing upon.
- Take your rule of life from other Christians, but from Christ. Ask, "What would He do in my place?"
- Believe that which contradicts the Word of God.

Character is the great harvest of life.—
 MRS. E. G. WHITE.

If we pause to think that heaven
 Hears the secret thoughts we think,
 Would we not be very careful
 Of what spirit's fount we drink?

If we paused to think that angels
 Walk beside us in the way,
 Would we not be far more careful
 What we do and what we say?

"For a light of the
 Gentiles and for sal-
 vation to the ends of
 the earth."

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