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"THEY REHEARSED ALL THINGS THAT GOD HAD DONE WITH THEM"

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## U N I O N

### The Missionary Volunteer Council

The missionary volunteer council held in College View July 26-31 was a way-mark in the history of this department. With ten years of achievement in the past, with the momentous events of the present, and with the mutterings of the coming storm within hearing, this council at once set itself earnestly to seek God and to consecrate anew every power to the saving of the young people.

There were present, M. E. Kern, Secretary of the M. V. Department of the North American Division and the General Conference; Mead McGuire, C. L. Benson, J. F. Simon, Matilda Errickson, and Mrs. Adalaide B. Evans, veterans in the battle to save our youth and officials in this department of the North American Division Conference; Miss Ella Iden recently called to the division work; L. A. Hoopes, principal of Oak Park Academy with some of his associate teachers, almost all of the union secretaries belonging to this Division; a few local conference secretaries and other interested workers for the young people.

It was plain from the very start that a deep spirit of intercession and a dominating desire to prepare for the greatest efficiency, gripped the workers assembled. The real keynote of the meeting was "soul winning." This prince of desires appeared in the testimonies, in the prayers, in the discussions, and in the plans.

An agenda paper had been prepared broadly covering the scope of work already attempted by the department and offering suggestive topics for discussion and solution. During the meeting, many of the former plans were approved. Many, however, underwent slight changes and a few were greatly modified or supplanted altogether.

Several hours each day were spent in round table discussion, but almost all questions were referred to committees appointed to deal with various phases of the work. After mature thought had been given them, these questions were returned in the form of resolutions and were adopted in the usual manner.

The following are some of the matters acted upon:—From what portion of the Bible shall the 1919 Morning Watch texts be taken? How can we make the use of the morning watch more general? What lines of reading and what books shall constitute the next reading courses? How shall we promote the reading courses? What devices and plans may we use to reach our goals? Which of the offerings made by our young people may be used in reaching the financial goal? What is the relation of this department to the educational and home missionary departments? How shall we secure efficient missionary volunteer secretaries for the local conferences? What plans are workable in securing and training local leaders? What literature is now needed for our young people and how shall it be prepared? How can we enlist all our young people in service? How shall we get prompt and complete reports all along the line from the individual up to the General Conference?

It is impossible in a brief report to give even an epitome of these leading topics and the branches growing out of them. Let it be noted that every member present returned to his field of labor with more definite notions of the task before us and of the problems that are being met as the work develops. To illustrate this latter let us take the selecting of the reading course books. (Among the first considerations is the character of the book.) Then comes its cost, its size, and is it readable.

It was voted to arrange a reading course consisting of the nine volumes of the Testimonies. It is believed that this course is much needed just now, and that many of our youth will take this course in addition to the regular courses.

Among the interesting and important discussions was that of the junior work and the junior society. Inasmuch as many of the junior societies are composed of the children in the church school, it becomes necessary to have a definite understanding of the sharing of responsibility in the conduct of these societies.

It was agreed that the spiritualizing of the lives of our boys and girls is the main objective of our church schools and that the greatest factor in this spiritualization is the junior society. Another question was that of creating in the minds of the

juniors the feeling that they are committed to regular advancement to the senior society work with all the pledges and obligations of each, and yet not create a breach between the juniors who sign a pledge and those in the church school who can not. It was finally settled by making some changes in the membership card and in an associate membership.

A devotional hour was observed each day in which all enjoyed the privilege of study, prayer and consecration. On the closing day Elder A. G. Daniells addressed the council twice, laying before the workers his ripened conclusions after his repeated visits to the fields beyond. Replete with incidents, experiences and citations, these addresses strongly stirred the hearers. The great need of urging all our youth to greater activity was repeatedly expressed and the importance of seizing opportunities as they present themselves was made prominent by exhortation and illustration.

C. L. STONE.

### Enlist Now!

The time is here when every soul should prove their loyalty by enlisting in the army of heaven, and "Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." 1 Tim. 6:12, 2 Tim. 2:3.

We are pressing on to the final conflict, and this is no time to compromise; It is no time to hide your colors. When the battle rages sore, let no one turn traitor. It is no time to lay down or conceal our weapons, and give Satan the advantage in the warfare, but unless you watch, and keep your garments unspotted from the world, you will not stand true to your Captain. It is no time for watchmen to slumber on the walls of Zion.

It is no time now to relax our efforts, to become tame and Spiritless: No time to hide our light under a bushel, to speak smooth things, to prophesy deceit. EVERY POWER IS TO BE EMPLOYED FOR GOD. You are to maintain your allegiance, bearing testimony for God and His truth. Be not turned aside by any suggestion the world makes. We cannot afford to compromise. There is a living issue before us, of vital importance to the remnant people of God to the very close of earth's history; for eternal interests are involved. On the very eve of this crisis, it is no time to be found with an evil heart of unbelief.

Christ's Church on earth is to be an agent for Him. Its members are to be devoted to the work which God has appointed them, taking their places according to God's order, and doing the work He has assigned them. The tidings of every successful effort is borne upward. The act is presented before all the heavenly intelligencies, and thrills through all the principalities and powers, enlisting the sympathy of all heavenly beings.

The Lord Jesus expects more of you than you give, yes, a great deal more.

Angels of God are soliciting you to work in fellowship with them.

These Angels are surveying the ground occupied by the individual members of the church. They see the advantage gained by Satan when men and women neglect their God appointed work. They see this work neglected or done in a bungling manner by those who claim to be Christians, and they sorrow over souls that are lost in consequence of this neglect. They cannot take your place or discharge your duty. Could they do this, they would do it gladly, for they know that your eternal welfare depends upon the use you make of your entrusted talents, your intellect, your reason. They cannot do your work, but they stand ready to co-operate with human agencies.

It is the duty of every one who claims to believe on the name of Jesus Christ to become a worker for God. . . . The church of Christ has been organized on earth for missionary purposes, and it is of the highest importance that every individual member of the church should be a sincere laborer together with God.

Christ requires that every one who would be called by His name, should make His work first and highest consideration.

The members of the church of Christ are to be faithful workers in the great harvest field. . . . **THEY ARE NEVER TO THINK OF, AND MUCH LESS SPEAK OF, FAILURE IN THEIR WORK.** They are to be filled with hope, knowing that they do not rely upon human ability, or upon finite resources, but upon Divine aid, the ministry of heavenly agencies, who are pledged to open the way before them." Mrs. E. G. White. Appeal to the Churches. 24-30.

There has been a slothful neglect and a criminal unbelief among us as a people which has kept us back from doing the work God has left us to do. . . . There is a fearfulness to venture out and to run risks in this great work.

God will have men who will venture anything and everything to save souls. Those who will not move until they see every step of the way clearly before them, will not be of advantage at this time to forward the truth of God. There must be workers now who will push ahead in

the dark as well as in the light, and who will hold up bravely under discouragements and disappointed hopes, and yet work on in faith, with tears and patient hope, sowing beside all waters, trusting the Lord to bring the increase. God calls for men of nerve, of hope, faith and endurance to work to the point." Mrs. E. G. White. Sowing beside all Waters. 14, 15. J. W. HIRLINGER.

## OHIO

### Hamilton and Dayton

It was my privilege to visit these two places during the last week. It was a great pleasure to me to be with the Dayton Church and find conditions so much improved there. Elder Marietta and Miss Meek are faithfully following up the interest developed by the recent effort made by Elder Westbrook. Four more were baptized at the time of my visit there, making thirty-five that have been recently added to that church. All of those who have recently accepted the truth are rejoicing in it, and it is surely gratifying to see this increase of the Dayton Church, and to note the deep interest there is in endeavoring to enlarge and strengthen the work there.

I spent a little time with the tent company in Hamilton and found all of good courage, and a splendid interest has been developed in that city. Hamilton has been considered a hard field. Miss Gibson has been laboring there from home to home for some time, and for years Brother George Keppler, the elder of the church, has been doing what he could to awaken an interest in present truth in that city. Those who have for a long time labored and prayed there are rejoicing to see the city so thoroughly awakened now. Our large tent is pitched in a very accessible and attractive place. The attendance has been large. At some of the Sunday night meetings it is claimed that the attendance has reached at least 1200. The Lord has especially blessed Brother Westbrook in his presentation of the truth in this city. The prospects are that quite a good number will be led to obey the truth. Brother L. Metcalf has charge of the music, and Brother O. Metcalf and wife assist in the music and in caring for the tents.

Our people in these two important centers should be remembered in our prayers that the good work now in progress may be carried on to completion.

E. K. SLADE.

Dr. W. Venen baptized seven at New Philadelphia, Sabbath, July 28.

### Prayer and Home Missions

As we read the history of modern missions in the lives of its pioneers we learn that at all times PRAYER subdued the powers of darkness, "wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of the fire," and brought consequent success to those who consecrated their lives to the service of God in the lands of heathen darkness. During these strenuous times, while the work of fulfilling our responsibility in behalf of Home Missions is being emphasized we feel that this vitalizing agency should be given a place of equal importance.

Embodied in the Saviour's closing words to His disciples, we find these comforting words: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1: 8. The followers of Christ were admonished to do their first work in the place where the gospel had sent its first rays. What wonderful lesson for the people of God today! We have a world to warn, and a message that will mean salvation to lost souls, and yet the message comes to us that if we would do the work successfully we must start within the precincts of our own home, in the church, and amongst our friends and neighbors. This is the work that we feel has been neglected, and now as we approach the crisis, the message comes to us that "This home missionary work, this home field has been shamefully neglected, and it is time that Divine resources and remedies were presented that this state of evil may be healed." Following the outpouring of the latter rain the people of God will witness for the message in the home fields, just as the disciples of old witnessed for the Master first in Jerusalem.

We are all familiar with the statement of one eminent divine who said that "Prayer preceded pentecost." We believe that this will be the most potent factor in the outpouring of the latter rain, and the sounding of the Loud Cry, which will usher in the second coming of Christ. As we look back over the records of missionary history, we find that the men and women who have lifted the world spiritually and made grand success of the work of soul-winning, were those who virtually saturated their lives with PRAYER. This will be just as true in the experience of the people of God before the finishing of the work of God in the earth. If we will make a success of our life work in winning souls to the kingdom of God, it will be because we have spent much time in the secret chamber "Alone with God." Since the message which we are giving to the world was in its infancy it has been recognized that it is not by might, nor by power, but

by the spirit of God that the work will be done successfully. We are engaged in a warfare which involves the eternal destiny of souls, and the weapons to be used are not carnal, but spiritual. When we recognize fully the need of spiritual power in our work, it is not surprising that we should make Prayer the dominating factor, since it is the only avenue through which this power can enter our lives. Listen to this statement from Gospel Workers, page 259: "The greatest victories gained for the cause of God are not the result of labored arguments, ample facilities, wide influence, or abundance of means; they are gained IN THE AUDIENCE CHAMBER WITH GOD, when with earnest, agonizing faith men lay hold upon the mighty arm of power."

We know, brother, sister, that we are living in the closing hours of probation. The spirit of militarism has taken its grip upon the nations of earth. Just now we entertain feelings of terrible anxiety as we contemplate upon the possibility of many of our own young men being called to the battle-front. The crisis is right upon us, and as never before we need to have the assurance that God is at the helm in our own experience. We need but study the situation for a moment to see that our greatest need is to get "IN TOUCH WITH GOD." In the assurance of power from on high we can go out to meet the needs of the world about us, live the life that counts, and win many souls to the kingdom of God.

We feel exceedingly anxious that the organizations for Home Missionary work that are being perfected in our churches be vitalized by the power of the Spirit of God. Past experiences have demonstrated to us the value of organization; and yet, unless the Spirit of God is manifested in organized plans we are only doing the work of the world. It was S. D. Gordon, a renowned soul-winner, who said, "The greatest thing anyone can do for God or man is to pray. It is not the only thing. But it is the chief thing." Brother, sister, make PRAYER the chief thing in your life, and in the work of your church, while you consecrate your life to the work of telling others the saving message the Lord has in mercy committed to you.

H. K. Christman,

*Home Miss. Sec.*

## Dayton

We were very much pleased to have Elder Slade with us Sabbath, August 4. At that time four adults followed their Lord in baptism in the waters of the Miami River.

Thirty-five persons have been added to the church as the result of Elder Westbrook's evangelistic campaign. All are

happy in the Lord and are taking their places in the church as active workers in giving the message to the world.

Still others are looking forward to baptism soon after camp-meeting. Also a large number of interested ones are asking for Bible studies. There are not workers enough to meet all the calls. Let us pray the Lord of harvest to send reapers into this ripened field.

J. J. MARIETTA.

## EAST PENNSYLVANIA

### East Pennsylvania Camp-meeting

The first meeting of the twelfth session of the East Pennsylvania Conference convened Friday morning, June 22, 1917, at 10 A. M. This marked the beginning of a remarkable ten-day session, the presence of the Lord being markedly present at many times. Elders S. N. Haskell and George I. Butler were with us during the entire session, having charge of the early morning meetings especially, which as a result, were of great interest. Many of the experiences in the early days of this message were brought to the attention of the people, their application to these and future times being very manifest.

The Sabbath and Sunday morning meetings were remarkable, when the youth and many others took their stand for a life of Christian service. Surely this was a blessed occasion.

The recently organized church at Danville, with a membership of 26, was admitted to the conference body.

The President's address being read, manifested the leading and blessing hand of the Lord in the work and progress of the various departments throughout the conference. During 1916, 146 persons were baptized. The tithe for that year was \$28,594.97, which was an increase of \$6,503 over that for 1915. Our offerings to missions during the same period amounted to \$13,621.51, being more than \$1,000 over the amount sent in 1916. The Sabbath Schools and the Harvest Ingathering campaign have been aggressive factors to this splendid accomplishment. The Young People's work and the church schools, now numbering four, along with the band of faithful colporteurs, have all had their part in the accomplishments attained, for which we are all so thankful, but cannot in the divine plan, be content with.

The treasurer's report is as follows:

LUCY PAGE EMERSON, Treas.

(To be continued.)

"Life is a check signed in blank; what it is worth depends on how you fill it out."

## Financial Statement for Penna. Tract Society

January 1, 1917

Resources	
Bills receivable	50 00
Accounts receivable	1619 78
Cash	2301 42
Inventories	
Expense	13 38
Mdse.	471 48
Office furniture	366 04
Post & sta.	197 30
	<hr/> 5019 40

Liabilities	
Accounts payable	7 98
Present worth	5011 42
	<hr/> 5019 40

### LOSS AND GAIN

Gain	
Church and per. accounts	53 65
Interest	91 54
Mdse.	819 26
Periodicals	681 32
	<hr/> 1645 77

Loss	
Church and per. accounts	342 84
Rent	186 00
Sustentation	61 28
Expense	100 93
Post & sta.	454 70
Office furniture	40 67
Gain	459 35
	<hr/> 1645 77

## Financial Statement for East Penna. Conference

January 1, 1917

Resources	
Cash	3348 44
Accounts receivable	12 50
Mileage	188 07
Property	1541 04
	<hr/> 5090 05

Liabilities	
Conference poor	160 03
African Church	16 00
" "	6 15
Religious Liberty	66 32
Tent and emergency	350 39
Present worth	4491 16
	<hr/> 5090 05

Loss and Gain	
Loss: Property	330 23
Bible Workers' Inst.	28 75
Camp-meeting expense	315 56
C. U. S. Tithe	2859 46
Expense	1184 92
Hall Rent	31 00
Italian work	1 50
Labor	14171 58
S. J. Mack	25 00
Per. cent. to missions	5147 09
Sustentation fund	1716 66
Traveling expenses	2937 20

Tent	1150 24
	29898 19
Gain	
Loss and gain	20 00
Donations	783 49
Tithe received	28594 97
Loss	499 73
	29898 19

FEBRUARY 19, 1917

East Pennsylvania Conference S. D. A.,  
Elder H. M. J. Richards, President,  
4910 Arch Street,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:  
My dear Brethren:

This is to certify that upon February 9, 1917, I completed a very careful and thorough audit of the treasurer's books and accounts of both the East Pennsylvania Conference and East Pennsylvania Tract Society. I find the books in balance. The incoming cash receipted for by your treasurer has been properly entered upon our books and the expenditures are covered with proper vouchers from those receiving the money. Upon date of audit the Tract Society journal demands \$1,141.84. The Conference journal demands \$4,564.39, a total of \$5,706.23. I find cash made up of the following items:

Checking account Girard T'st Co.	267 56
Checking account Market St. Bk.	2567 91
Safety vault	2806 20
Credit checks	1 65
Check	11 61
Cash slips	5 00
Currency	43 00
Package	25
Miscellaneous change	3 05
Total	5706 23

Cash in deposit vault is made up as follows:

35 \$20 gold pieces	720 00
129 \$10 " "	1290 00
59 \$5 " "	295 00
Currency	501 00
Silver	20
Total	2806 20

I have verified the amount still on deposit with the banks on the date of audit, and I find that it tallies to the penny with that demanded by the books. Your treasurer has done very careful and systematic, as well as faithful work.

The attached statement is a correct statement of your accounts as revealed by the books December 31, 1916. I am pleased to see the prosperity which has come to you during the year and I trust the Lord will so bless your conferences, that the current year will even be better in every way than the preceding year.

Very sincerely,

R. T. Dowsett, Auditor.

Neither days nor lives can be made holy by doing nothing in them.—Ruskin.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

### News Notes

Elders Kneeland and Ulrich are holding a tent effort in DuBois. They report a good attendance, and feel encouraged with the prospects there.

Elder A. N. Durrant is holding a tent effort in Pittsburgh. On Sunday evenings his tent is filled, and many stand outside who are unable to enter.

July 29 Elder Harter held a meeting in Pitcairn in the home of one who had become interested in the truth through reading the "Signs of the Times." He had never heard a Seventh-day Adventist minister before, and seemed deeply impressed with the message presented to him, and his family. This is one of many openings before Elder Harter to hold Bible studies.

Brother John Manuel, who has had charge of the work at Galeton, is now assisting in the tent effort at DuBois.

Miss Zoella Kelly is assisting with the work in the office since camp-meeting.

Elder F. H. Robbins, Dr. Brown and Professor Teesdale drove to Monesson recently to visit one of our isolated Sabbathkeepers and her family. They found nineteen persons waiting their arrival, and a very interesting meeting was held.

Brother Manry just returned to the office from a trip in the northern part of the state. Four new workers have started work in that section. These young men attended the Fernwood Academy last year.

Brother Snyder of DuBois has given up his position to enter the colporteur work.

One of our up state farmers was on the street car and met a traveling man. Our brother began to talk of that which was near his heart. Imagine his surprise when the business man began to talk on the war situation from the Bible standpoint. He had recently purchased "Daniel and Revelation" from one of our agents.

A sister took 40 books home with her from camp-meeting. She feared she had ordered too many books, her friends thought the same, but when this sister started out it took but one day to sell the 40.

The work is going. God's people will be willing in the day of His power.

## VIRGINIA

### Comparisons Show Large Increase

In transferring the headquarters from Richmond to Gordonsville during the past few days we stumbled across some figures concerning the work in the past that we felt would be interesting to our people. We notice that the total sales of subscription, small books and periodicals during 1913 in Virginia amounted to \$3,176.60. During 1914 the retail value of subscription books delivered was \$5,879.77, besides small books and periodicals. It will be of interest to our people to know that during the month of June alone this year the orders for subscription books amounted to over \$7,400 or more than were sold the entire year of 1914 and more than double the sales of all kinds of literature in 1913.

We notice that the tithes during 1914 is listed at \$5,800, whereas the tithe for the first six months of the present year stands at \$5,095.11. This money is not being hoarded as we have five well manned tent companies in the field against one tent company in 1914 and later a fall effort conducted by a lone Russian minister. During 1915 our Mission offerings the first six months were \$1,070, for the same period of this year they run \$1,569.60. However, we have yet to raise \$4,500 during the remaining six months to make our mission quota.

We feel that these figures are only an evidence that the Lord is setting His hand to finish the work quickly, and in view of the rapidity with which the world wide events are sweeping us on towards the close of probation, that the time has come for us as a people to place our all upon the altar. In the crisis produced by the distress of nations, our government is calling upon its subjects to sacrifice everything for victory. Surely no sacrifice can be counted too great to hasten the glorious triumph that is assured to the people of God. We feel very certain that many who have been unwilling to sacrifice home comforts and devote their youthful vigor to carrying forward the Lord's work, will be obliged to make a greater sacrifice and possibly give up their lives at the call of the government. I believe that the time has come for responsible men to lay down their secular tools and devote their lives to the giving of this message.

Where we have one resident canvasser in the field warning whole sections and laying a foundation for further work, there ought to be a score of such families in Virginia.

We especially request the prayers of our people in behalf of the tent efforts now being conducted and also for our canvassers who are placing tens of thousands of pages of the printed truth in the homes of the people this summer.

W. C. MOFFETT.

### Virginia

The Committee appointed to plan the Harvest Ingathering Campaign this season recommended that the campaign open in Virginia September 1 instead of October 1, and that we set the Ingathering goal at \$2,000. Last year we came a little short of \$1,000, but with hundreds of millions yet unwarned we feel that we should double last year's results. If everyone will take hold, with the Lord's blessing, this will be easily accomplished.

W. H. Jones, Home Missionary Secretary, will take charge of the work in the State and workers have been assigned to the churches as follows:

George W. Lawrence	Portsmouth No. 1
I. D. Richardson	Norfolk No. 1
	Newport News No. 1
L. O. Gordon	Richmond No. 1
	Guinea Mills
J. W. Hirlinger	Yale
R. F. Farley	Ford
	Roanoke
W. E. Bidwell	Winchester
W. H. Armstrong	Rileyville
W. H. Jones	Charlottesville
	Lynchburg
	Gordonsville
	Thelma
F. E. Hankins	Stanley
	New Market
	Republican Grove
W. H. Sebastian	Newport News No. 2
R. H. Watkins	Portsmouth No. 2
Mrs. E. V. Manners	Newport News No. 2
J. B. Mallory	Richmond No. 2
A. J. Evelyn	Danville
	News Ferry
	Spencer

Already there is a shortage in our mission fund of \$1342 for the first half of the year. We must look to the Ingathering work together with liberal personal offerings by our people to make up our quota this year. Consequently we expect every man assigned to churches to lead out vigorously, showing the people how the thing is done by a personal demonstration, and stay in the church until the mission quota for his church or churches is made up for the year. We made our mission quota last year, we cannot afford to lose this year.

W. C. MOFFETT.

"Moral dyspepsia often goes about disguised as piety, yet that is not because the food is poor, but because it is carelessly eaten. Moral health comes from good morals, carefully adopted and prayerfully lived."

### Tent Efforts

The Conference Committee with Elders Geo. F. Enoch and J. W. Hirlinger from the Union, and a number of representative laymen met at Richmond on July 23.

It was voted that at the conclusion of the Richmond and Winchester efforts Brethren R. F. Farley and C. E. Overstreet conduct an effort at Ford. It was also recommended that Elder W. E. Bidwell locate his family at Winchester to follow up the interest being developed by the tent there. The brethren feel that whenever an effort is started it should not be left in such condition as to ravel out, losing the labor and expense, but that wherever an effort is started a permanent work should be established if possible.

Elder L. O. Gordon and Sr. Anna Rice were requested to remain in Richmond to follow up the work there.

Elder I. D. Richardson will bind off the Newport News effort.

In connection with the committee meeting the Board of Trustees of the Virginia Conference Agency held a short session in accepting the resignation of F. N. Johnson as a member of the Board and elected in his place Brother W. H. Jones who was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

All of our five tent efforts report an unusual interest and we request the prayers of our people that these interests may not go to pieces, but that there shall be an abundant harvest of souls in each place. That is the real object of all our work. We are pleased to report that during the first half of 1917 there have been added to all our churches as many members as in all of 1916. Our book sales for the month of June nearly equal the entire amount of books sold during the year 1916. Our tithe for the first half of 1917 is nearly \$1200 in excess of that for the same period of last year. These indications of the Lord's blessing ought to encourage us to more faithful effort, sacrifice and devotion. W. C. MOFFETT.

### Richmond Tent Effort

Elder L. O. Gordon writes that the effort being conducted by Brother Farley and himself and Sister Rice has been increased in interest, having the largest attendance on Sunday night following the presentation of the Sabbath question and the Mark of the Beast.

Elder Gordon is just now suffering severely from a similar affliction to that which befell Job anciently, so much that it is difficult for him to continue with the effort. We feel that this affliction is from the same source as that of Job and solicit the prayers of the people that Brother Gordon may be relieved and sustained for the prosecution of the work.

### Draft Notice

Our young men concerned in the draft for military duty, who desire information and who are not within ready access of any church pastor, can obtain full information promptly by writing to the Virginia Conference, Gordonsville, Va.

### Colored Camp-meeting

We desire to call the attention of our colored people again to the colored camp-meeting to be held in the Richmond tent in the 900 block, North Fifth Street, September 20 to 30. Elder G. B. Stephenson, the head of the colored work in North America, has promised to be with us and it is expected that all colored laborers in the conference will be in attendance together with other conference workers. We are very anxious to make this the best camp-meeting that our colored people have ever attended.

### News Notes

Elder S. N. Butler is making a tour of the state to secure students for Washington Missionary College.

Elder Mallory reports the best interest that we have yet had in the colored work in connection with the tent effort.

All who plan to come should write to Elder J. B. Mallory, 113 E. Baker St., Richmond, Va.

A. J. Evelyn was called to Danville on account of his wife's illness.

Brother Hankins started in a new canvasser last week in Lonisa County, Brother J. Revans, who just arrived with his family from New York City. It took some pluck to start out in the sweltering heat of last week.

### District of Columbia

#### News Notes

Elder B. G. Wilkinson spoke at the new Ephesus Church, Sixth and N Streets, Northwest, Sabbath, July 28, on "Signs of the End," particularly with reference to our relation to present conditions. Hearts were deeply stirred and at the close of the service a call for reconsecration was responded to by almost every member present. Surely such earnestness on the part of these colored believers, together with the tent effort now in progress, under the blessings of God, will not fail of abundant results.

Don't forget to report all your home missionary efforts, either to your church secretary or to the conference office. Their value may be multiplied many times if, by reporting, others are inspired to further efforts.

A meeting was held at the Ballston, Va., tent on the afternoon of Sabbath, July 28. The day was warm and the attendance rather small, but we rejoice in the fact that seven new believers signed the covenant to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Others are being visited and there is every reason to believe that several more will take a stand during the closing weeks of the effort. A Sabbath School is to be started at the tent next Sabbath afternoon. Brother W. A. Nelson of Washington spoke Friday evening, July 27, and Dr. Kress gave a health talk the following Sunday evening, at which meeting the attendance is reported the largest for the season.

It is safe to say that the town of Ballston is aroused as never before in matters religious. We also rejoice in the apparent lack of prejudice, and the kindly feeling frequently in evidence even among the other churches of the community.

Sister Harter returned Tuesday from Kilmarnock and vicinity, where she had spent two weeks in the interest of the Sabbath School work. She reports excellent meetings at Kilmarnock, with several outside people in regular attendance and considerably interested. This encouraging condition is the result of frequent invitations and personal work of the Kilmarnock believers, which, by the help of the Lord, has been the means of adding ten souls to their number during the past eighteen months. One new member was added during Sister Harter's visit and two more are awaiting baptism.

The meeting of the White Stone Colored Company on Sabbath afternoon was no less encouraging. This company of nine believers has been raised up through the persistent efforts of Brother J. W. Thompson, and is earnestly endeavoring to lighten the community with the gospel of the kingdom by consistent lives and Christian ministry. Much prejudice is thus being broken and souls are being interested in the truth.

Elder C. S. Longacre spoke at the Washington tent at 7th and D Streets, Southeast, Sunday evening on the "Danger Greater Than the German Empire Which Threatens Democracy," meaning, of course, the imminent curtailment of Religious Liberties. Testing subjects

## Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
<b>Virginia, Week Ending August 3, 1917</b>									
E. M. Trummer and wife, Wise Co.		BR	5	69	80	325 00	40 75	365 75	
M. A. Maloney, Grayson Co.		BR	7	48	12	44 00	1 75	45 75	25 75
J. Revens, Louisa Co.		BR	5	80	15	55 50	6 00	61 50	
David Percy, Tazwell Co.		HM	5	40		30 00		30 00	50 00
E. H. Dye, Montgomery Co.		BR	4	22	4	14 00	3 75	17 75	75
Glenna Mears, Warren Co.		BR	5	31	1	3 50	1 25	4 75	2 50
J. L. Walker, Nottoway Co.		BR	3	20	3	10 50		10 50	
M. J. Shanko, Grayson Co.		BR	3	11	3	10 50	50	11 00	7 00
H. M. Baker, Tazwell Co.		BR	3	24	21	78 50	4 65	83 15	
H. G. Leeland, Tazwell Co.		BR	5	38	13	45 00	7 50	52 50	
D. W. Percy, Tazwell Co.		HM	5	52	32	80 00	3 75	83 75	
Elden Lockwood, Tazwell Co.		HM	3	30	20	60 00		60 00	
M. Chambers, Rockbridge Co.		HM	1	8	1	3 25	2 25	2 50	
Harry Wright, Nelson Co.		BR	4	36	36	128 00	2 00	130 00	340 00
Carrie Sims,									
Irma Geheart, Frederick Co.		BR	10	67	21	118 50	2 25	120 75	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16 Agents</b>			<b>68 576</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>\$1006 25</b>	<b>\$76 40</b>	<b>\$1082 65</b>	<b>\$426 00</b>

<b>Ohio, Week Ending August 3, 1917</b>									
Geo. Carter, Shelby Co.		BR	5	52	15	61 50	3 75	65 25	
M. B. Ingersoll, Erie Co.		BR	5	51	7	24 50	2 50	27 00	2 50
Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.		BR	5	50	3	10 50	8 75	19 25	
Chas. Carter, Paulding Co.		BR	5	49	14	53 00	3 75	56 75	
E. C. Alexander, Brown Co.		BR	5	48	22	91 00	10 75	101 75	6 50
Martha Hottes, Dayton,		BF	5	34	11	26 50	2 75	29 25	8 25
R. D. Kline, Allen Co.		BR	3	33	7	26 50	2 25	28 75	75
Daisy Wheeler, Lake Co.		BF	5	28	2	4 00	50	4 50	42 25
G. W. Yingling, Warren		BR	5	22	3	12 50	2 25	14 75	17 25
Mrs. C. Kelly, Dayton Ohio.		BR	4	20	6	21 00	4 25	25 25	7 50
Clara Weber, Dayton, Ohio.		BR	4	17	4	15 00	3 00	18 00	4 25
Mrs. G. Yingling, Warren		BR	5	19	7	25 50	4 50	30 00	22 75
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Dayton		BR	5	15	2	7 00	12 35	19 35	15 10
Miscellaneous Vinton Co.		BR	1	12	2	7 00		7 00	68 00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>13 Agents</b>			<b>67 450</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>\$385 50</b>	<b>\$61 35</b>	<b>\$446 85</b>	<b>\$195 10</b>

<b>West Pennsylvania Week Enging August 3, 1917</b>									
Paul Baroudi, Westmoreland		BR	4		13	51 50	8 00	59 50	10 00
A. Brownlee, Allegheny Co.		SD	5	45	15	23 00	22 65	45 65	15 00
C. E. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.		BR	5	54	16	59 00	5 40	64 40	
S. Diehl, Mifflin Co.		SP	5	39	17	24 25	3 00	27 25	
S. C. Graff, Lawrence Co.		BR	3	18	11	38 50	3 25	41 75	
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.		BR	4	30	10	38 00	1 50	39 50	19 00
G. W. James, Westmoreland Co.		WW	2	13	49	12 25		12 25	12 55
Jas. E. Lippart, Lawrence Co.		BR			15				118 00
Geo. Rapp, Lawrence Co.		BR			20				147 00
Anna Schmidt, Butler Co.		BR	4	32	8	28 00	11 25	39 25	50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10 Agents</b>			<b>32 266</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>\$274 50</b>	<b>\$50 05</b>	<b>\$329 55</b>	<b>\$321 75</b>

<b>District of Columbia Week Ending August 3, 1917</b>									
Mrs. Earl Wilcox, Montgomery Co.		BR	2	20					143 90
Ralph Gauker, Westmoreland, Co.		BR	10	88	38	139 00	2 50	141 50	
Chas. Dunham, Washington		WW	10	75	7	24 50	73 25	97 75	97 75
Mrs. Suder, Washington		WC					6 25	6 25	6 25
Miscellaneous		Misc				10 00	5 40	15 40	15 40
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4 Agents</b>			<b>27 183</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>\$173 50</b>	<b>\$87 40</b>	<b>\$260 90</b>	<b>\$263 30</b>

<b>Chesapeake, Week Ending July 27 and August 3, 1917</b>									
O. C. Weller, Jefferson Co. W. Va.		BR	8	70	45	172 50	3 00	175 50	21 25
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1 Agents</b>			<b>8 70</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>175 50</b>	<b>3 00</b>	<b>175 50</b>	<b>21 25</b>

West Virginia, Week Ending August 3, 1917

T. M. Butler, Alderson	BR	5	51	2	7 00	2 00	9 00	178 25
C. G. Mays, Alderson Co.	BR	5	37	10	41 00	2 25	43 25	22 50
John Fahrner, Upsher Co.	BR	3	17	5	19 50	3 00	22 50	3 00
W. E. West, Burnsville	BR	3	21					97 00
E. R. Corder, Raleigh Co.	CK	5	44	2	4 00	4 75	8 75	200 00
John McHenry McDowell Co.	BF	5						281 00
C. E. Wills, Elm Grove	PPF	4	40	10	25 00	10 85	35 85	11 00
W. A. McElphatrick	COL	4	28	23	34 50	5 25	39 75	
<b>Total</b>	<b>8 Agents</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>\$131 00</b>	<b>\$28 10</b>	<b>\$159 10</b>	<b>\$792 75</b>

West Virginia, Week Ending July 27, 1917

T. M. Butler, Alderson Co.	BR	4	41	7	25 50	33 50	59 00	2 00
C. G. Mays, Alderson Co.	BR	4	36	16	62 00	3 25	65 25	2 50
Norman Hays, Charleston	BR	2	12	4	14 00	2 85	16 85	2 00
C. E. Wills, Elm Grove	PPF	4	40	6	16 00	21 10	37 10	16 25
Marie Snider, Alderson	HM	3	17	5	12 50	5 00	17 50	10 25
J. M. Morris, Charleston	HM	5	32	1	2 50	13 30	15 80	11 30
John McHenry, McDowell	BF	4	41	108	217 00	22 10	239 10	2 50
Guy Corder, Beckly Co.	CK	4	48	30	61 50	75	62 25	137 50
E. R. Corder, Beckley Co.	CK	4	25		12 00	2 50	14 50	190 00
Miscellaneous	Misc				144 50		144 50	144 50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9 Agents</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>567 50</b>	<b>104 33</b>	<b>671 83</b>	<b>518 80</b>

Grand Totals: 61 Agents Value of Orders \$2713 75 Deliveries, \$2538 95

are now being given nightly and honest hearts are being sifted from the masses. It is too early yet to estimate results, but the excellent attendance and interest throughout the summer, in spite of excessive rains and heat, together with present prospects, indicate that it will probably be the most successful effort yet held in Washington.

Elder F. E. Gibson reports steady progress of the message in Alexandria. In the early part of the summer he held a short series of open air meetings at Fort Hill. From this effort one is now keeping the Sabbath and several others have followed the meetings to their new location on Windmill Hill, near Tunnel Street, by the river, which is considered a more favorable place, where he is now holding a second short effort. He is then planning to move to another part of town where he has been invited to come and hold meetings as soon as convenient. The attendance at these meetings is averaging about 100 every evening and 25 families are reported as regular in attendance and deeply interested.

Besides these and the regular meetings of the Alexandria Church, Brother Gibson has, for nearly a year now, been conducting Sunday afternoon meetings at the County Almshouse. He now reports the attendant's daughter and her two children keeping the Sabbath, with her husband at the point of taking his stand. He has held some meetings at the jail, also, and finds the inmates always anxious to hear more of the message of truth.

The business men and churches of Alexandria are very favorable to the meetings

and there is a spirit of friendliness gradually manifesting itself that will be a great advantage to the future of our work in that important field.

It is planned to continue the tent effort in Southeast Washington throughout the month of August, after which the tent will be removed to the Washington Missionary College Campus at Takoma Park for a two weeks' revival, closing with a big general meeting. All constituents of the District Conference should arrange to attend these meetings as much as possible and visitors are extended a cordial invitation.

Most of our colporteurs are working on August 1 deliveries this week. The hand of God has been very evident in support of this branch of our work this year. However, there is no one more needy and more deserving of the prayer support of all believers than these faithful workers, who brave all sorts of weather and circumstances, that the printed page bearing the Gospel message may be placed before rural residents who are difficult to reach with it by our other agencies.

Encouraging reports come from the Colored tent effort being conducted by Elders Willis and Seeny at 22nd and E Streets, Northwest, Washington. Elder N. W. Philips spoke Friday evening, July 27, on the "World War and Its Relation to Prophecy."

A Bible school has been organized with a membership of 31 at the start, to meet each Sunday evening between the hours

of 6:00 and 7:00, in which a lively interest is being taken.

### The School Child's Health

One of the most critical periods of life is that period which is spent in school. To be of best service in later years the child not only needs proper training, but his health in all phases must have proper care.

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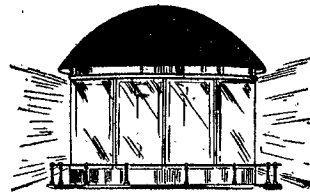
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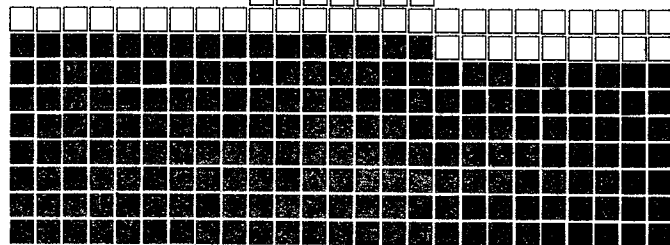
There will be an annual meeting of the stock-holders of the Seventh-day Adventist Book Society, held at nine o'clock on the third day of September, 1917, in the Masonic Temple at Clarksburg, W. Va. At such a meeting all business will be transacted that can properly come before an annual meeting, and in addition thereto amendments to said By-laws will be offered including a resolution changing the office of said corporation from Fairmont, Marion County, West Virginia, to Parkersburg, Wood County, West Virginia.  
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