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Report of the Field

Secretary

Mr. Chairman, Brothers and Sisters:

It affords me great pleasure to read to you concerning some of the wonderful things which God has wrought through a humble band of evangelistic colporteurs in the Columbia Union Conference the past four years.

Before I read this report I wish to say that all praise and honor belongs to our loving Father for the sale of so large a number of books.

I am glad to report the Columbia Union Conference \$149,000 above any other Union in the world. The following is the amount of sales by Unions:

Columbia Union 1916-1919	\$ 898,621.64
Southern 1916-1919	749,756.96
Southeastern 1916-1919 ...	671,824.75
Southwestern 1916-1919 ..	648,291.62
Lake Union 1916-1919	557,538.97
Atlantic 1916-1919	430,353.97
Central 1916-1919	366,475.26
Northern 1916-1919	351,926.52
Pacific 1916-1919	203,922.58
North Pacific 1916-1919...	165,562.89
W. Canadian 1916-1919...	140,167.24
E. Canadian 1916-1919 ...	128,403.12

\$5,321,665.69

During the early part of the quadrennial period, it seemed that nearly all of our men were going to be drafted for service in the army, and that our work would go to pieces, but the work continued to grow and we found that in time of war was the best time to sell our books. After the war was over we said, "Now hard times and a slump in the book work unless the Lord overrules," which he did. So we have learned that in the time of peace is the best time to sell our books. This is just like most of our troubles—always in the future—expected, but never arrive.

During the time of the epidemic of the "flu," when the churches were closed and the ministers were not allowed to hold meetings, our colporteurs worked through it all, and the sale of books increased.

I not only believe because of the Word, but have learned from experience that the sweet spirit of Jesus is pleading with sinners not only in times of war or times of peace, but at all times, and in all places, and that it is not by might, nor by power, but by My spirit, saith the Lord, that these message-filled books are placed in the homes as a light and a guide to a better land.

We have found much comfort in trusting in Jesus and following his counsel, which is given in the Bible and "Testimonies" as to how we are to carry on the book work.

Never, in all my experience, have I seen such a spirit of unity and consecration in workers as I have seen among most of our colporteurs in the institutes which have been held in the different conferences during the winter. As a result of this, many souls are stepping out of the fog of error into the glorious light of this blessed message.

BOOK SALES BY CONFERENCES 1916-1919

Ohio	\$165,084.66
West Virginia	151,004.45
Virginia	136,029.08
West Pennsylvania ...	135,914.89
East Pennsylvania	111,059.34
Chesapeake	73,540.99
District	67,052.91
New Jersey	58,935.34

\$898,621.64

1912-1915

Gain

I have endeavored to make the winning of souls the first and most important feature of the general instruction in our institutes, and the principles of salesmanship secondary.

It seems that the Field Secretaries have a good supply of the zeal which is to fill the hearts of the ones who are to take part in finishing the work.

"Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of himself in his church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in his people, then he will come to claim them as his own."—

"Christ Object Lessons, page 69.

Population of Columbia Union is 22,138,614.

Amount of literature sold to each person, if evenly distributed would be 4 cents and 1/2 mill during the past 4 years.

PROFITS DURING 1919

The colporteurs' profits for the year have averaged \$1.19.

Allowance for losses and expenses 25%.

Total received per hour 92c.

H. F. KIRK.

Report of the Medical Secretary

To the delegates of the Columbia Union Conference assembled in the first quadrennial session:

I am unable to render a full four years' report of this department, because of changes which have taken place since our last Union meeting.

During the time which Elder F. W. Paap was associated with the Union, a self-denial week was appointed, from March 15-22, 1919. At the beginning of this week a special program was followed, presenting the great need of the department. The money set aside during this week was turned over to the Union treasurer, to be used in the advancement of the medical work, such as establishing treatment rooms, and holding schools of health in the churches.

A medical institute was held at the Washington Sanitarium in the spring of 1919. This meeting was attended by several of the conference presidents and a number of the workers from the institutions throughout the Union. At this time plans were laid for carrying forward the medical missionary work.

My association with the department began last May at the beginning of the camp meeting season. At these meetings, demonstrations and health talks were given, also rendered services to the sick on the camp grounds.

Following the camp meeting season some time was devoted to visiting church schools in Virginia, Dis-

strict of Columbia, Chesapeake, East Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. Four hundred seventy-two children were examined at the different schools visited. A medical inspection blank was made out for each child and sent to the parents with a letter calling attention to the different physical defects which needed correcting, and from my observations of the children examined, I find that this is a work which needs much careful attention, and I believe we should do all we can to preserve the health of our youth.

Desiring to double up my work as much as possible, I decided to follow up the colporteur institutes, where I could give the colporteurs medical instruction, that they might be better fitted in carrying out their work. In attending the institutes this gave me a chance to meet with the church members, and give them some instructions along health lines and the caring for the sick. At the different churches visited, the members have shown an interest in the work presented, and have a desire to know more about the health work, so they can help others. The way is open for this work, but our people are not prepared. The world is truly ripe for harvest, but the laborers are few, and the sad part is that we as a denomination have not done our part. We have neglected to do the work that the spirit of prophecy clearly points out we should be doing. We should be the head and not the tail, but we have failed. The world has already started this work—in Baltimore, Chicago, and other places—the Red Cross and health organizations have been holding classes in practical nurses training work, preparing the people of the world to do nursing in times of special need.

What must the Lord do to awaken this people up to the times in which we are living? Over sixteen months ago the worst epidemic that ever swept this country, in United States alone, carried over a half million people into their graves, and left over a million invalids, and still we continue on in the same old course.

A start has been made in some parts of the Union to carry forward this important phase of our message, but very little is being done considering the work we should be doing. At the Trenton, N. J., camp meeting last summer, the New Jersey Conference saw the need of the field and elected a medical secretary to visit the churches and give instructions in simple treatments and lectures on health topics. In the churches visit-

ed many received a new vision of the medical missionary work and asked for more instruction that they might be better prepared to go out and put into practice the things they had been taught. Over 40 in the Newark, New Jersey, English Church organized into a class to study practical nursing, and at present they are hard at work, studying on a course of fifteen lessons—in consultation with the Medical Secretary of the General Conference. We are planning to grant to this class, after a satisfactory examination, a certificate, indicating the work they have completed.

The churches of Paterson and Jersey City, N. J., have also organized classes and are being instructed by Brother J. G. Hanna. At the present time about 150 are studying on this course of practical instruction. The work has already begun to bear fruit and the members are having some rich experiences.

L. J. Borrowdale was appointed by the Ohio Conference to give instruction to the churches of Ohio. His work began the first of this year, and though he has not been able to visit many churches, the work he has done has created an interest, and the members are asking for more instruction.

Classes have been organized in some of the Washington churches, but on account of the sickness of the nurse in charge, they have not been able to follow out the full program of instruction.

Satan is doing all he can to come in and discourage this line of work. It has pleased him that we have been so negligent in using the right hand of the message, but we should turn our backs to the obstacles which the evil one has been placing in the way, and march ahead, doing the work which God ordained should be done.

We have been told that the medical missionary work is the last work which will be done on the earth—I believe that most of us will admit this statement is true, but I fear many lack the vision they should have at this time. Believing it as we do, it is now high time that everyone should have the needed preparation to carry on this important phase of our message.

It is not something that we can grasp in a few hours. We need a certain amount of training. If this is put off until the crisis is upon us, then it will be forever too late.

Should we not at this time bend every energy to fit ourselves to ren-

der the most efficient service possible in the Lord's work? H. S. BROWN,
Medical Secy.

Columbia Union Home Home Missionary Report

"The work which the church has failed to do in a time of peace and prosperity, she will have to do in a terrible crisis, under most discouraging, forbidding circumstances.

"None should wait in idle expectancy for the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

"When we have entire whole-hearted consecration to the service of Christ, God will recognize the fact by an outpouring of His Spirit without measure; but this will not be while the largest portion of the church are not laborers together with God."—*Review and Herald*, July 21, 1896.

"When the churches become living working churches, then the Holy Spirit will be given in answer to their sincere requests. Then the windows of heaven will be open for the showers of the 'latter rain'."—*Review and Herald*, February 25, 1890.

"In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought . . . Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth."

It is largely the influence of such statements as these I have just quoted coming from the pen of the servant of God that has stimulated the missionary spirit which is manifesting itself today in such a marked manner among our people.

We are glad to report that the Columbia Union Conference is keeping pace with other portions of the field in this most important department of our organized work.

The Home Missionary Department covers so many lines of work that I will not weary you by dwelling at length on details, but will simply call attention to a few comparative reports of its most important features.

Before presenting these figures, I will say that the past four years have been blessed with increased prosperity each succeeding year, 1919 being by far the best of all.

**Comparative Home Missionary Report
For The Columbia Union For The Past Four Years**

	Year 1916	Year 1917	Year 1918	Year 1919
Letters written	14,562	17,754	16,558	29,823
Letters received	4,171	5,954	7,009	44,541
Missionary visits	26,116	41,034	44,864	62,309
Bible Readings held	7,580	12,987	11,020	17,811
Subscriptions taken	3,944	5,319	6,237	15,364
Papers sold	64,572	140,370	167,766	307,140
Papers mailed, lent, etc.	323,481	567,420	409,552	558,017
Books sold	15,588	64,943	51,918	98,100
Books lent or given	7,771	12,678	14,808	35,736
Tracts sold	19,119	13,787	22,053	106,656
Tracts lent or given	460,278	156,476	188,385	324,431
Hrs. of Christian Help Work	33,580	42,446	42,115	66,925
Articles of clothing given	9,609	14,461	14,804	29,334
Number of meals provided	6,476	11,413	14,874	34,709
Treatments given	3,000	3,445	6,449	14,977
Signers to the Temperance Pledge	198	345	454	764
Offerings for Home Missions	\$3,100.37	\$8,701.62	\$12,695.20	\$1,3831.93
Number of conversions	252	355	396	662

**The Harvest Ingathering Results
1919**

Conf.	Mem.	GOAL	Col.	Collected 1918	Gain Over 1918	Amount Per Capita
Ohio	2612	\$16,500.00	\$13,172.28	\$10,717.69	\$ 2,454.59	\$ 5.04
E. Pa.	1583	10,700.00	11,040.88	7,849.88	3,191.00	6.97
N. J.	1192	7,600.00	12,025.78	6,807.42	5,218.36	10.09
D. C.	1169	7,500.00	7,050.15	4,117.31	2,932.84	6.03
W. Pa.	1143	6,700.00	6,996.00	3,355.76	3,640.24	6.12
Ches.	926	6,250.00	9,650.42	6,079.98	3,570.44	10.42
Va.	669	4,250.00	2,530.82	1,588.63	992.19	3.86
W. Va.	311	2,050.00	2,201.27	1,030.09	1,170.82	7.08
Total	9605	\$61,550.00	\$64,717.42	\$41,546.94	\$23,170.48	\$6.74

It will be seen by these figures that every conference made some gain over last year, and all but three went over their Goal. New Jersey and the Chesapeake certainly deserve special mention for their splendid records.

THE PROSPECT

Home Foreign Work

The work among the foreign speaking people offers great possibilities.

We have made but a small beginning in this line of work, but wherever the churches have made an effort to work the foreign districts, they have found the people eager to receive literature in their own language. The Harvest Ingathering work among the foreign people has also proven to be very profitable. We are planning to develop this work as rapidly as possible.

Bible Work By The Laity

Bible work by the laity offers another opportunity to duplicate to some degree, the work of the regularly employed Bible workers. The outlook is good for a large force of self-supporting Bible workers.

The Magazine Work

It is evident to all who are in touch with the magazine work that it is only in its infancy. The possibilities are unlimited, but it will require considerable experience on the part

of the leaders and a more thorough training of the magazine canvassers, to realize the best results. The taking of yearly subscriptions is occupying the attention of our leaders at the present time. Those who have tried it are having splendid success and from present indications this method of canvassing for magazines and periodicals will be as popular in the future as the plan of selling single copies.

Generally speaking, the prospect is bright for all lines of Home Missionary endeavor if we can keep our field fully manned with strong leaders.

At present we face the loss of one of our strongest men to answer the call of the Southeastern Union. Another is about to take up regular ministerial work and still others are expecting to be called soon to a foreign field. We are glad to act as a recruiting station for more needy fields, but we must have men to take the place of those who are leaving. It is our hope that arrangements can be made for a strong man in each conference.

In closing, I wish to thank the delegates present for your cooperation, and to solicit your prayers for the blessing of God upon the future of this important department of our organized work.

E. R. NUMBERS,
Home Missionary Sec'y.

**The Virginia Conference to
The Columbia Union
Conference,
Greeting!**

The past four years of the history of the Virginia Conference have been marked by the blessing of God. They have, no doubt, been the most important years in the history of the third angel's message as well as the history of the world at large. During this time the ship of state of the mightiest nations of the world has been running through the rapids of war; and the voyage has been with very grave danger all along the way; and in some instances it has been accompanied with disaster.

The manifest design of the great enemy of all good has been to destroy the work of God in this way. But in spite of all his efforts, God's power has been directing the work of his faithful and loyal servants upon earth; in the midst of most unusual conditions and trying circumstances the work of the third angel's message has moved forward with a continually increasing pace. Truly men or even demons can "do nothing against the truth, but for the truth."

Doubtless the unusual success of the work of God in this time of trouble and disaster has roused the wrath of the dragon to unwonted fury. We can now hear as never before the rumbling of the approaching storm as he marshals his hosts to the attack in the World Interchurch Movement, the Federation of Churches, National Reform, and the strict enforcement of Sunday laws.

We have been told by the servant of God that "a spirit of intensity is fast taking possession of every earthly element." We can clearly see the fulfillment of this prediction. It is now high time for the servants of God to make earnest intercession that a spirit from above may take possession of their hearts and inspire in them just as earnest intensity as is manifested by others. Else how can we hope to meet this spirit and carry the triumphs of the cross on to ultimate victory?

ference was composed of 22 churches. The amount of money gathered in the Harvest Ingathering work that year was \$923.29. The amount of book sales was \$16,775.01. The number of students enrolled at Shenandoah Valley Academy were 35.

The year 1917 shows a decrease of one, in the number of churches. But the Sabbath schools increased to 27. The tithe paid into the treasury this year was \$13,129.10. The Sabbath schools gathered for missions \$2,841.27. The Harvest Ingathering work shows a good increase, the amount being \$1696.12. The number of conference workers this year was 19. The book sales for the year amounted to \$23,415.26. The number of students enrolled at Shenandoah Valley Academy were 41.

The following year shows a very good increase in the number of churches, there being 26 churches reporting this year. The Sabbath schools show a decrease, there being only 24 reporting. But the amount of Sabbath school offerings show a very substantial increase, there being \$3,457.14 raised by them and passed on to missions. The Harvest Ingathering work also shows a falling off this year, there being only \$1540.33 raised in this way this year. The tithe for the year was \$18,830.18. The number of workers on the conference pay roll during the year was 23. Book sales for the year amounted to \$39,395.95. The students in attendance at Shenandoah Valley Academy were 61.

During the year of 1919 the conference has carried 22 workers. There has been paid into the treasury \$22,646.10 in tithes. The Sabbath schools, 29 in number, gathered the neat little sum of \$5,460.43, which was passed on to missions, this being more than double the amount gathered in 1916. There were 28 churches reporting during this year. The Harvest Ingathering work showed a very good increase over that of the year previous, the total amount raised in this way being \$2659.52. The book sales amounting to \$56,448.86. The number of students now enrolled at Shenandoah Valley Academy are 90.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our heavenly Father for his

kind leadings in the work and to renew our pledge of loyalty to his work and to a greater degree of earnestness and intensity in the cause.

J. A. LELAND.

Report of the District of Columbia Conference

The District of Columbia Conference, with headquarters at Washington, D. C., the very center of our national life, and also the General and Columbia Union Conferences, the home of our chief Publishing House, the Washington Missionary College, where workers are trained and agencies set in operation to carry this great message to the uttermost parts of the earth, has an important mission to fill.

There are 12 churches in the conference, representing a membership of 1336, an increase of 289 members during the past four years. We have 9 ordained ministers, 5 Bible workers, office and field secretary, educational and young people's secretary, making in all 17 laborers.

FINANCIAL

The tithe receipts for this period were \$173,256.02, or an average, yearly, per capita of approximately \$160, or an increase of \$80.00 per member over the previous period. The exhibit shows the receipts year by year, however it is particularly intended to demonstrate in a comprehensive manner the growth and progress this feature of the work has made. In comparing the gain or increase of 1916, which was \$576.92 over the previous year with the gain of 1919, which is \$18,360.62, we gather an idea of the onward strides this great work is making.

Year	Amount	Gain
1916	25,142.26	576.92
1917	33,693.38	8,551.12
1918	48,029.88	14,336.50
1919	66,390.50	18,360.62

OFFERINGS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

Year	Amt.	Gain	Per Cap.
1916	9,906.03	1,220.14	8.61
1917	12,228.66	2,322.63	11.69
1918	16,917.32	4,688.66	14.47
1919	24,149.96	7,232.63	19.40

The total amount received for missions was \$63,201.97, or a yearly average per capita of \$13.71, covering the entire period. You will notice the per capita rate has increased from \$8.61 to \$19.40, or in 1919 each member contributed more than twice as much as they did in 1916.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL WORK Per Member

Year	Amt.	Weekly
1916	5,187.64	.09
1917	6,348.30	.12
1918	8,585.48	.14
1919	12,257.85	.20

The foregoing exhibit indicates the progress of the Sabbath school work during the past four years. The total contributions were \$32,479.00. In 1916 the average donation for each member per week was 9c, while in 1919 the amount was 20c per member, or an increase of 11c. The Sabbath school work has developed until today it is one of the big things, and in this department lies great values which cannot be measured in dollars and cents—the study of God's word, the only way by which we can accomplish the purpose for which we are faithfully laboring.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER WORK

Yr.	Soci.	Mem.	Con-	Offer.	Offer.
	eties	b'rs'p	v'rs'ns	Miss.	H.Miss
1916	3	167	9	1055.53	108.55
1917	5	308	8	892.89	206.57
1918	5	151	0	611.37	389.78
1919	13	402	35	3412.55	316.16

Viewing the exhibit you will notice that in 1916 we had 3 societies representing a membership of 167, and at the close of 1919 our societies number 13, with a membership of 402, an increase of 10 societies and 235 members.

EDUCATIONAL WORK

Year	Schools	Teachers	Enr'm't
1916	2	5	88
1917	5	7	175
1918	4	7	163
1919	5	9	195

Our schools have been recruited by 107 students and 3 teachers. The exhibit indicates that this branch of the work is making steady advancement, and we believe is of vital importance to the advancement of this work. Our schools should be efficient in preparing workers for God's cause, and also in shielding our children and youth from the evils of the world, which are on every hand.

COLPORTEUR WORK

Our report in this branch of the work may not be as glowing as those of other fields; however, the territory allotted to us, we believe, is of a different nature, in that a large portion of the people are employees of the U. S. Government, and are usually not to be found at their homes. Notwithstanding the difficulties encountered, we realize the Lord's blessing has accompanied our work, and we are therefore able to present the exhibit which will reveal the status of the book work.

Year	Amount
1916 Total sales	10,188.52
1917 Total sales	12,802.62
1918 Total sales	9,772.45
1919 Total sales	19,870.04

Total sales52,633.63
1912, 1913, 1914, 191515,389.16

Increase in 4 years.....37,244.47

EVANGELISTIC

During the past four years we have held 9 tent efforts and various other campaigns have been conducted in halls and theaters. The city of Washington, having a population of more than 600,000, offers a large field for evangelistic effort, and while the pomp and splendor of the civic has given a decided mold, creating a tendency on the part of some to look with contempt on a religion destitute of such display, nevertheless the Truth has found favor, and success has accompanied our work.

From the combined efforts 341 souls were baptized and united with our churches. This would make an average of 85 each year. Surely the Spirit of God has gone before his word and prepared hearts to receive the Gospel.

In closing our report in which we have endeavored to give a correct interpretation of the progress and advancement of the various departments of our work, we would not achieve credit unto ourselves, but let us behold and see the wonderful working of God.

We realize the greatness of the task upon us, but our confidence is in Him who is mighty in battle and strong in behalf of those whose hearts are perfect before Him.

R. E. HARTER.

"To make some nook of God's creation a little fruitfuller, better, more worthy of God; to make some human heart a little wiser, manfuller, happier, more blessed, less accursed! It is the work of a God."

"Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

"Let people's tongues and actions be what they will, my business is to be good; and I make the same speech to myself that a piece of gold or an emerald or purple should—'Let people talk and act as they please, I must be an emerald, and keep my colour.'"

OHIO

Box 8, Mount Vernon, Ohio

W. H. Heckman, Pres. H. D. Holtom, Sec.

Farewell

A parting word is due the constituency of Ohio as I leave to take up the duties of President of the Southeastern Union. During the time it was my privilege to labor in this conference, I greatly appreciated the hearty co-operation of both workers and members, so it has been with reluctance that I accepted the call to larger responsibilities. The steadily increasing results of efforts put forth in Ohio materially strengthen the work of the home base of this world wide movement. Those assigned to lead out in this conference will learn to value, as I do with my experience just closing, the assurance and satisfaction of a "Buckeye response".

In announcing my successor, you too, will recognize a decided advantage to the continued progress since Elder N. S. Ashton still located at Mt. Vernon is not only already acquainted with many throughout the conference but also with its problems and needs. I bespeak a renewed determination and upbuilding influence for making evident Ohio's share in the finishing of the work under his direction.

W. H. HECKMAN

News Notes

Brother John Holder and wife left last week for their Central and South American field. The crying needs of that field have been ever before them, and they have been anxious to be back giving the message to the millions of benighted souls in that land from which they were forced to return owing to their illness. Our prayers go with them.

An interesting incident occurred one evening at the Southern Hotel during the Union Conference Session. Elder Heckman was tactfully piloted about while the Ohio members gathered on one of the second floor balconies. When he happened along, a leather brief case was presented to him as a useful reminder of pleasant associations in Ohio.

A. C. Hoblit of the Dayton Church has moved his family to Ludlow Falls in Miami County, where he will engage in the colporteur work, selling "Desire of Ages". Brother Shidler is spending a few days there in getting started in the work.

Elder Ashton was in Dayton last week counseling with the church members there concerning the purchasing of a church.

Miss Bessie Acton spent a couple of days in Mt. Vernon on her way from Columbus to her home in Hicksville where she will enjoy a short vacation.

Earl F. Hackman, who many throughout the conference know as our hustling home missionary secretary, has decided to accept a call to labor in the Southeastern Union in the same capacity. This is another evidence of Ohio's willingness to join in the recruiting plans of the work that it may speed on to the finishing.

Brother Ingersoll is working in Erie County for awhile. Last week he worked, in the same territory covered by the young women who canvassed in that county last summer, and sold \$75.75 worth of books in 33 hours. One German family who had ordered an English copy of "Our Day" of the girls, ordered a copy in German of him, as they were anxious to better understand the truths they saw in the book.

VIRGINIA

12 W. Main St., Richmond

J. A. LELAND, Pres. W. H. JONES, Sec.

News Notes

Brother H. A. Wright attended the Canvassers Institute at the Washington Missionary College.

Brother L. W. Kurz assisted Brother Wright in visiting our colporteurs for several weeks.

Elder W. H. Sebastian spent several days visiting the colored members at Lynchburg.

A baby girl came to the home of Elder and Mrs. R. F. Farley on Friday, March 5.

Our workers who attended the Union Conference at Columbus, Ohio returned to their homes filled with courage and renewed zeal as a result of the splendid meetings. Wonderful reports were given of the progress made in this Union during the past four years. We have sent our goals high for the coming year anticipating the rich blessing of the Lord upon our work.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

4738 York Road, Philadelphia, Pa.
D. A. Parsons, Pres. W. B. Mohr, Sec.

News Notes

It is with deep sorrow we publish the death of the wife of Brother Harold Richards, of Mansfield. Sister Richards passed away very suddenly over a week ago. The funeral which occurred during the absence of our ministers who were attending the Union Conference in Ohio, necessitated sending for Elder Fred Harter.

The conference extends their heartfelt sympathy to those left in sorrow, and look forward to the morning of the resurrection when loved ones will join once more, never to be separated.

Brother F. P. Hankin, who looks after the companies at Lansdale and Sellersville with Brother E. E. Messinger, has been ill with mumps. He is now well and ready for service.

The Sabbath school lessons for the second quarter take up the study of 'Angels'. The quarterlies are now ready for mailing. The book "Ministry of Angels" by Elder I. H. Evans is an excellent help and can be secured from the Tract Society for 75 cents in cloth, and 35 cents in paper.

What is your church doing with the Signs Special No. 12, dealing exclusively on Spiritualism? Wilkes Barre placed their order for 1000.

Thousands are going insane, the result of this evil that has come upon the world. Can you not help distribute these papers by the hundreds or thousands? One hundred or more copies are two cents each. Order from the Tract Society.

Brother E. J. Kesselmeier is compelled to leave the canvassing work for a while due to rheumatism of the leg. We regret this very much and trust his recovery will be speedy. His services are greatly needed in the field that souls may receive the message filled books.

Our faithful colporteurs are busy sowing the seeds of truth. Every week interesting letters arrive at the office telling of their progress.

COLPORTEURS REPORTS

NAME	Place	BOOK	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL.
New Jersey, Two Week Ending Mar. 12, 1920								
Mr. & Mrs. Brownell, Camden	BR	34	19	90 00	14 75	104 75	106 25	
Esther Lull, Atco		25			7 20	7 20	4 60	
N. R. Pond, W. Paterson		13					18 35	
W. F. Schmidt, Newark	OD	22	15	46 00	33 00	79 00	60 00	
Fred Zimmerly, Woodbury	DR	57	14	64 50	11 35	75 85	111 00	
E. G. Wrigley, Paterson	OD	35	7	19 00		19 00	69 50	
Totals	7 Colporteurs	183	55	219 50	66 30	285 80	369 70	
West Pennsylvania, One Week Ending Mar. 12, 1920								
G. Rager, Fayette Co.	BR	24	15	76 50	8 00	84 50		
Geo. McKnight, Beaver Co.	OD	51	31	79 00	1 00	80 00	91 50	
Mrs. H. Johnson, N. Braddock	OD	21	20	53 00	3 25	56 25	1 25	
G. Buttermore, Westmorel'd	OD	41	16	44 50	7 85	52 35	40 25	
A. B. Schmidt, Greenok	BR	20	8	42 00	1 00	43 00	1 00	
R. C. Conable, Huntingdon	OD	30	11	30 50	2 50	33 00	50	
John LeRoy, Cambria Co.	BR						4 00	
Archie Brownlee, Pittsburg	PPF	65		79 00	25 05	104 05	59 15	
E. H. Grapp, Huntingdon	OD	34	24	72 00	1 00	73 00	96 50	
Mrs. Buttermore, Westmorel'd	OD	49	18	46 50	13 30	59 80	33 10	
Totals	10 Colporteurs	335	143	523 00	62 95	585 95	327 25	
East Pennsylvania, One Week Ending Mar. 12, 1920								
Wm. K. Achenbach, Reading	BR	27	5	24 00		24 00	10 00	
L. Adams, Cumberland Co.	BR	22	15	69 00	3 25	72 25	39 00	
R. Cole, Berks Co.	BR	37	11	52 50	4 25	56 75		
S. Diehl, Northumberland	OD	34	10	25 00	5 00	30 00		
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co.	BR	17	8	42 00	1 00	43 00	51 00	
Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co.	BR	45	16	74 50		74 50	130 50	
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.	BR	31	18	94 50	4 55	99 05	15 05	
Harry Minier, York Co.	OD	24	12	34 50	1 50	36 00	18 50	
Victor Price, Easton	BR	34	9	40 50		40 50		
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.	OD	22	12	33 00	10 00	43 00		
J. W. Willett, Cumberland Co.	OD	32	14	56 00		56 00		
Totals	11 Colporteurs	325	130	535 50	29 55	575 05	264 05	
Ohio, One Week Ending Mar. 12, 1920								
C. Carter, Wood Co.	BR	22	13	72 50	4 00	76 50	1 00	
Fred Hannah, Jefferson Co.	OD	40		30 00	3 00	33 00	60 08	
M. B. Ingersoll, Erie Co.	BR	33	12	65 50	9 25	74 75	9 75	
G. W. James, Columbus	DR	44	29	151 50		151 50		
G. A. Keppler, Middletown	OD	19	6	15 00		15 00	25 25	
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Willard	OD	21	3	9 00	2 25	11 25	49 50	
W. E. Wagner, Pomeroy	BR	30	5	24 00	4 50	28 50	60 00	
Mrs. C. H. Wolcott, Toledo	OD	11	11	30 50		30 50	10 00	
Totals	8 Colporteurs	220	79	398 00	23 00	421 00	215 50	
Chesapeake, One Week Ending Mar. 12, 1920								
J. E. Jones, Dorchester Co.	BR	39	19	94 50	15 00	109 50	4 00	
Mrs. J. Vanzant, Ann Arundel	OD	4					12 50	
Miss M. West, Waverly	OD	22	16	46 00		46 00	2 50	
Mrs. C. W. Moore, Waverly	OD	13	7	11 25		11 25		
Lillian Robinson, Baltimore	BF	14	4	8 00	50	8 50	38 00	
Mary Queen, Baltimore, Md.	BF	16	20	42 50	1 00	43 50	20 00	
Clara Stevens, Wilmington	CK	39	34	70 00		70 00	35 50	
Ada Beechum, Wilmington	CK	22	8	16 00	50	16 50	11 90	
Totals	8 Colporteurs	169	108	288 25	17 00	305 25	124 40	
Virginia, One Week Ending Mar. 12, 1920								
C. Williams, Nansemond Co.	BR	32	44	214 50		214 50		
J. P. Spaulding, Smyth Co.	BR	36	34	158 00		158 00		
G. W. Fox, Warwick Co.	BR	40	55	264 00	7 50	271 50		
H. V. Roach, Green Co.	BR	47	32	153 00		153 00	4 50	
E. C. Hubbard, Charlotte Co.	OD	38	45	123 00	2 00	125 00		
G. R. Pilate, Southampton Co.	BR	25	20	90 00	4 75	94 75	96 00	
Mrs. L. W. Kurz, Norfolk	BR	19	22	83 00		83 00		
E. L. Williams, Halifax Co.	OD	24	30	79 50	1 00	80 50		
A. L. Gary, Prince Ann Co.	GC	41	23	108 00		108 00	95 50	
E. E. Conwell, Alleghany Co.	BR	25	21	96 00		96 00		
F. G. Conwell, Alleghany Co.		29	14	67 50		67 50		
Mrs. M. A. Neff, Richmond	WC			35 00		35 00	35 00	
E. C. Tanksley, Greensville Co.	BR	12	4	21 00		21 00		
W. G. Michael, Smyth Co.	BR	21					274 60	
Total	14 Colporteurs	389	344	1492 50	15 25	1507 75	505 50	

Recently Brother Victor Price wrote he was compelled to wade through snow water up to his knees, but received great blessings in return.

Brother H. G. Lewis working among the foreigners near Wilkes Barre has also been having some blessed experiences among these people.

Brother E. S. Weaver writes, "Praise the Lord, I never enjoyed better work."

The spirits of devils are working in a mighty manner. Our people are having wonderful experiences meeting this evil that has come upon the world in the way of Spiritualism. The following is from one of our faithful bookmen, Brother E. S. Tolliver.

"The past week has been one of many experiences. In nearly every house entered the people were found in some way to be affected with this evil. Many homes participated in playing with the Ouija Board, others responded to the wrappings and different methods the evil angels would use. I have been selling the little twenty-five cent book "Spiritualism", and "The Other Side of Death." People seem to be glad to get such a work. We should become more active in spreading our message filled literature to meet these issues."

Not only are these reports coming from our colporteurs, but from our lay members. If you have met this evil write to the Tract Society office for a description of literature to be used in meeting it.

The Medical Evangelist

The March issue of *The Medical Evangelist* in a direct way exposes the fallacy of placing confidence in drugs and patent medicines for the alleviation of human ills.

The relation of drugging to the increase of disease is forcefully presented by Dr. Newton Evans. In a very interesting article, Dr. George Thompson shows that there is no short cut to health. The relation of prohibition to the great increase in the use of certain patented medicines is outlined by Dr. Alfred Roos. The fourth installment of the history of the College of Medical Evangelists is continued in this issue, as well as Dr. G. K. Abbott's studies on focal infection as a cause of disease.

Article of similar merit by other contributors go to make this issue of *The Medical Evangelist* one of extreme importance. It emphasizes the principals of health about which you need to know, enables you to keep abreast of the new developments in medical science, that are of practical value to the average individual. The articles are written in a simple,

interesting style that can be understood by everyone.

The Medical Evangelist ought to be a regular visitor to your home. The subscription price is sixty cents a year. Send in your subscription today to *The Medical Evangelist*, Loma Linda, Calif.

Six Out Of Ten

A Missionary Volunteer Secretary writes: "Ten societies have reported so far, and six out of the ten report that every member has reported."

Our Missionary Volunteer goal is "Every member a reporting member."

How can it be otherwise? Could there be a real Missionary Volunteer who would have no missionary work to report in three months? Would a soldier who had volunteered to serve his country, but performed no service, be counted as a good soldier?

God has called each of us to service. He has "left to every man his work." He has called the youth to honor him" in any branch of his work where they are qualified to labor." And "there are many lines in which the youth can find opportunity for helpful effort." So there is no excuse. Every youth who loves Jesus can find something to do for him - not a big thing necessarily, but some small service for his children. A kind word, an errand for a tired mother, a cheerful visit to one who is sick, a leaflet given, or a few words about the Saviour's love, take little effort but amount to a great deal.

"Have you had a kindness shown?"

Pass it on.

'Twas not given for you alone

Pass it on

Let it travel down the years,

Let it wipe another's tears,

Till in Heaven the deed appears,

Pass it on."

The Missionary Volunteer Secretary quoted above says further: "By the end of next quarter I hope to have every society on the honor roll." We hope she may. Would not that be fine every Missionary Volunteer in a whole conference reporting work done? It might be in every conference if every member were living in vital relation with the Master.

Do you suppose there was any three month period in the life of Jesus, even a boy, in which he did not make some personal effort to help someone? We read in "Desire of Ages" that "from his earliest years he was possessed of one purpose he lived to bless others."

Have you made the New Year's resolve in the *Morning Watch Calendar* yours? "I will endeavor to spend some time in Bible study and prayer each day, and to make a personal effort at least

once a week to encourage or draw someone nearer to Christ."

If every Missionary Volunteer would make and keep this good resolution we would have a 100 per cent reporting membership. Do you think the Lord requires less than this resolution calls for from any of us?

M. E. Kern.

Washington Missionary College

News Notes

March 15 - 22 was the date of the Colporteur's Institute W. M. C. The first day in chapel time was given to Brothers Kirk, Hankins and Mace. The prospects are bright for a lively and well attended institute, which is to meet in the evenings.

The Sligo Church received many helpful thoughts from the sermon given by Professor O. M. John, Sabbath, March 13.

Hawaii, its natives, sports, customs and products was the subject of an illustrated lecture given on Saturday night, March 13 by Mr. Ford, secretary of the Pan Pacific Union.

A stack of "Bible Readings" 55 miles high! Can you think of the good that is being done with 1,750,000 truth-filled ebooks? This is the number of "Bible Readings" that have been published according to the report given by Brother Mace.

Girls, attention! A millinery class has been started in order that you may have a new spring bonnet without feeling the effects of H. C. L.

Mumps is the latest disease from which some of the students at W. M. C. have been suffering.

Professor S. M. Butler, business manager of the College, attended the convention held in Columbus, Ohio.

Many of the young men are taking advantage of the work offered by the Sanitarium in enlarging the patient's dining room.

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The Missionary Volunteer Society of East Canada writes: "Our young people have had good success with the 'Epidemics'. One of our Missionary Volunteers in Ottawa sold over 250 copies in a few weeks, working after school was over."

The West Michigan Missionary Volunteers raised \$4818.31 for missions during 1919, although their goal was only \$3500. \$3436.90 of this was raised in the Harvest Ingathering campaign.

The Southern Oregon Missionary Volunteer goal for 1919 was \$765, but they raised \$2040.49

Echoes of a tennis court are resounding. Let us hope it is more than echoes for these spring days draw us from our studies in the afternoons.

The South Hall girls are progressive. Rugs for the hall, portiers, curtains, and

Mount Vernon Academy

"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." Today this text is being fulfilled in its most literal sense.

Students and teachers of Mount Vernon Academy, and a number of workers, who have returned to the school from the recent Columbia Union Conference meetings are bringing before the student body encouraging reports of the work in the broad harvest field which is white already to harvest.

Elder Spicer rehearsed the great needs

of the fields when speaking to the church body a week ago last Sabbath. Elders Butler and Gibson spoke last Sabbath enlarging upon the great plans which God has prearranged and the wonderful character of Daniel, bringing out the opportunities which are afforded the young people of today.

A number of workers in passing through Mt. Vernon stopped at the Academy and when the students were gathering for evening worship, they were greeted with striking messages which were presented by Elders Spencer, Pickard, Geade, W. Robbins, Lund, Miss Actou, Miss Williams, and Brother Fleisher.

"Today if ye will hear my voice harden not your hearts." If we are in the condition which Adam was when hiding from God, so that in order to be found, the Lord will have to call us from behind the bush, saying, "Where art thou," we may draw the conclusion that our lives are not in the hands of the foreman who is at the head of a cause that is calling, "Who will go and work TODAY?" "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth" requires the answer, "Here am I, Oh Lord send me." The call which came to Elijah, as mentioned in the first book of Kings, and the nineteenth chapter, comes to us at this time, "What doest thou here." The true Christian has only one answer, "To prepare for and engage in the work of winning souls."

Elder Moffett spoke in chapel on Monday, vividly impressing upon our minds that it is the decision which is made during our school life which decides for the future, whether it be whole hearted work in the cause, or a careless thoughtless, backsliding away from the truth. The person determined to enter into the mansions prepared from the foundation of the world, will win out, but the person who does not "put to the stretch his mental and spiritual powers, and sink the shaft deep into the mine of truth, that he may obtain the celestial gold--that which will make him wise unto salvation," is the person whose after life is doubtful. Let us look to Jesus as the author and finisher of the faith, and stand like a rock for principle, that we may be able to aspire to any height of attainment.

J. C. Hannum

Did you begin the "Testimonies" Reading Course in 1919? We hope so, for every earnest Christian should read these excellent books. If you have begun the course and it is not finished, plan for your reading so as to finish it this year, for every Missionary Volunteer who completes his reading this year, although he began in 1918, will receive one of the following gift books.

"Gospel Workers"

"Early Writing"

"Thoughts from the Mount of Blessing"

"Christ's Object Lessons"

"Life Sketches of Sister White"

"Education"

More than twenty Missionary Volunteers have drawn gift books already. Get one during 1920:

Seventeen Reading Course books, fifteen Junior Gift Pictures, and eight Primary Gift Pictures have been issued from this office since January 1, to young people who have finished five Senior, five Junior, and three Primary Reading Courses, respectively. Did you receive one of these gifts? If not, they are worth trying for now. Ask those who have received them.

Advertising Rates

Approved advertisements will be published in the Visitor at the rate of twenty-five cents for twenty words or less, and one cent for each additional word. A charge of twenty-five per cent of the cost, if not less than ten cents, will be made for each insertion after the first. Cash and reference must accompany copy for all advertisements.

Study at Home - "There's a Way." Lincoln found it, so can you. The Fireside Correspondence School will show you how. Write today for our catalogue for 1920. C. C. Lewis, Principal, Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C.

Wanted - A good Seventh-Day Adventist cook in a small private Seventh-Day Adventist Sanitarium also a good maid, one who will do light laundry. Must have same by April 1. Address F. L. Hough, 214 South First Avenue, Mount Vernon, N. Y.

WANTED—Two men to work on farm. Men with families preferred. Also man and wife to take charge of small farm. Address A. E. Snider, Cumberland, Md. R. F. D. No. 2, Box 56a.

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