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

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## COLUMBIA UNION CONFERENCE

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F. H. Robbins, Pres. C. C. Pulver, Sec.

### West Pennsylvania Camp Meeting

The annual camp meeting and biennial conference of the West Pennsylvania Conference was held in Indiana, June 17-27. The meetings were well attended, and the weather was ideal most of the time. There were a number of interested persons from the city who attended the services, and there was also a good attendance at the evening meetings. The revival services on both Sabbaths proved to be a real blessing as there was a deep searching of heart. Nearly everyone on the camp ground renewed his consecration to God.

Besides the Union and local conference workers, there were present Elder W. H. Branson, and Doctor H. W. Miller, of the Washington (D. C.) Sanitarium. These brethren gave very valuable instruction, which was a real help to those in attendance.

On the last Sabbath of the meeting Brethren T. W. Thirlwell and E. A. Manry were ordained to the sacred work of the gospel ministry. There was given for foreign missions in pledges and money \$5,500, and a good offering was taken for the home work.

The old officers were practically all re-elected. Elder R. S. Lindsay was unanimously elected to serve as president of the conference for the next term. Since the camp meeting, however, Elder Lindsay has resigned the presidency of the conference to return to Ohio, where he will act as state evangelist for the Ohio Conference. Brother Lindsey did earnest work while in the West Pennsylvania Conference, and the executive committee, and also the people, are sorry to see him leave. He accepted the call to Ohio because he has a burden for the city work, and also because of his four

small children who need a father's presence in the home. The exorbitant rents in the city of Pittsburgh make it hard for persons on moderate salary to live in homes with yards. This being true, children have no place to play except on the streets. Elder Lindsay was confronted with this problem, and while he enjoyed the executive work in West Pennsylvania, yet he thought best to make the change.

Elder D. A. Parsons, who has served as president of the East Pennsylvania Conference for four years, was called to take the presidency of the West Pennsylvania Conference. Elder Parsons was pastor of the Pittsburgh No. 1 Church about six years ago, and the brethren and sisters welcome him back to West Pennsylvania. The East Pennsylvania Conference has made rapid progress during the past four years under Elder Parson's leadership, and we look forward to seeing the West Pennsylvania Conference become strong.

F. H. ROBBINS.

### Important Offering Oct. 9

When Jesus died upon the cross, he purchased salvation for every son and daughter of Adam, Jew and Gentile, black and white, free and bond. He takes into consideration the environment of each person, where he was born, and all about him.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

On October 9 a special offering is to be taken for the colored work. This will apply on the fifty-cent-a-week fund. Realizing that as laborers under God we must discharge our responsibility in this matter, would it not be well to appeal to each church and company on Sabbath, October 2, to come prepared to give liberally on Sabbath, October 9, at which time this special offering is to be taken?

"The Lord is grieved by the woe in the Southern field. Christ has wept at the sight of this woe. Angels have hushed the music of their harps as

they have looked upon a people unable, because of their past slavery, to help themselves. And yet those in whose hands God has placed the torch of truth, kindled from the divine altar, have not realized that to them is given the work of carrying the light to this sin-darkened field. There are those who have turned away from the work of rescuing the downtrodden and degraded, refusing to help the helpless. Let the servants of Christ begin at once to redeem their neglect, that the dark stain on their record may be wiped out." Testimonies, Vol. 7, pp. 222, 223.

F. H. ROBBINS.

## CHESAPEAKE

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C. M. Paden Sec't

### President's Report

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 2, 1920.

To the Delegates and Friends  
of the Chesapeake Conference:  
Greetings:

The Chesapeake Conference was organized April 28, 1899. The territory now embraces the States of Delaware and Maryland, except the counties of Montgomery, Prince George's, Charles, St. Mary's, Garrett and Allegany in Maryland; and includes the counties of Morgan, Berkley and Jefferson in West Virginia.

The Lord has blessed his work and workers in this field from the first, but we believe more especially the past few years. Unity and harmony have prevailed. In the strength of Israel's God our loyal workers have led the people on, and advancements have been made along all lines. Valleys and hills have become plains, mountains of difficulties have been cast into the midst of the sea, the crooked places have been made straight, and the waters have parted that his people might pass over dry-shod. The eternal God has helped his people and underneath have been the everlasting arms.

### AREA AND POPULATION

Within our large area of territory, with a population of one and a quarter million, we find still unworked territory. There are towns and villages that have never had an opportunity to hear the truth for this time. How long will these who have not had the privilege of hearing the last gospel invitation have to wait? Will it not be in harmony with God's plan to send ministers and workers into these places to bear the message, instead of repeating the call over and over to those who have had the opportunity, and perhaps rejected the invitation? Though our force of laborers has not been sufficient to do what we would like to see accomplished, yet we have felt it a privilege to share our resources with the world-wide work.

### MEMBERSHIP

At the present time we have twenty-one organized churches, with a total membership of eleven hundred and forty-eight. We trust that as a result of the tent and hall meetings held this summer, this number may be increased to twelve hundred. This will give us fifth place, so far as numbers are concerned, among the conferences of the Columbia Union.

### WORKERS

Our workers, though few in number, have been laboring valiantly to make known the truth in the several places appointed them. Some have been called to other fields of labor. Elder J. H. Wierts accepted a call to East Pennsylvania. His place has been filled by Elder L. O. Drews, who comes to us from the Lake Union Conference. Elder C. E. Andross concluded his work last spring and is now Young People's Secretary in the Columbia Union. Brother Ellsworth Andross has gone to the New York Conference, and will fill a position on the faculty of the Fernwood Academy, Tunesassa, New York. Miss Bessie Mount has accepted a call from the Mission Board to go to China to act as preceptress and teacher in our college at Shanghai. The prayers and good wishes of our people will follow these faithful workers.

### EVANGELISTIC WORK

During the biennial period we have had eleven tent efforts and one or two hall meetings. As a result of these, two hundred and twenty-six persons have been baptized and added to the churches. Last summer Elder C. E. Andross held a series of meetings at Martinsburg, W. Va.; Elder E. F. Collier in Wilmington, Del.; Elder G. A. Stevens at Dover, Del.; Brother G. Medairy at Perryville, Md.; the writer

in the city of Baltimore. Elder M. C. Strachan held a series of meetings in Baltimore for the colored people, and Elder Leslie Muntz held one at Dover, Del. This year four tent efforts and one hall effort have been held. Elder Collier in Wilmington, the writer in the city of Baltimore, Elder Drews for the German speaking people, and Elder Strachan for the colored people in Baltimore. Elder Muntz has conducted a series of meetings in a hall at Indian River in Delaware. All of these services have been fruitful, and we only wish that we were able to place many more laborers in the field. We cannot yet determine just how many will accept the truth as a result of the meetings held this summer, but the interest has been better than last year, and we trust that many who have heard the message will decide to take their stand for the truth.

### COMPARATIVE REPORT FOR FOUR YEARS

A comparative report for the past four years shows the following: Membership for 1916, 582; for 1917, 700; for 1918, 782; for 1919, 926. The present membership of the conference is 1148. Baptisms in the year 1916, 141; in 1917, 70; in 1918, 70; and in 1919, 203. With the additions in the closing months of this year we trust that a goodly number will be united with the churches. The tithe for the conference in 1916 was \$15,223.38; for 1917, \$22,258.69; in 1918, \$34,342.29; and in 1919, \$40,481.53. The tithe for the first seven months of the present year amounted to \$26,258.69. This is a gain over last year for the corresponding time of \$6,364.47. Should this proportional increase continue for the remaining months of the year, our tithe for the year would amount to \$50,000. Our Harvest Ingathering receipts amounted to \$1,807.95 in 1916; \$2,597.29 in 1917; \$6,080.98 in 1918; and \$9,950.42 in 1919; \$627.06 has been turned in on the Harvest Ingathering for the present year. We trust that after this meeting, as we return to our homes, all will do even better in this present Ingathering campaign than we have ever done before. We received for missions in 1916, \$2,629.47; in 1917, \$3,447.69; in 1918, \$9,562.87, and \$12,631.92 in 1919. For the first seven months of the present year we have received \$7,548.72. The total offerings on the twenty-cent-a-week fund in 1916 were \$6,656.28, or twenty cents a week for each member; in 1917, \$7,408.52 or twenty-three cents a week per member. In 1918 our receipts on the twenty-five-cent-a-week fund were \$15,678.89 or thirty-eight cents

a week per member, and the past year our offerings have amounted to \$20,147.40, or forty-two cents a week per member. Let us exert every energy that the goal of fifty cents a week for each member may be reached for this year.

Under the successful leadership of

Under the successful leadership of Miss Bessie Mount, the Sabbath School, Young People's and Educational Departments have prospered.

### SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

The importance of the work of this department—a work which pioneers the way for our message, both in the home land and in the mission fields, and whose influence extends even to the islands of the sea—cannot be overestimated. It is with gratitude therefore, that we record the growth of the Sabbath school work in our conference during the biennial period just passed. During this time, three new Sabbath schools have been added to our roll, making a total of twenty-six schools, and the membership has increased from nine hundred one to twelve hundred thirty-seven. Reports show one hundred twenty-one Sabbath school members baptized and added to the churches between June, 1918, and June, 1920.

Our offerings to missions through the Sabbath schools for the two-year period ending June 26, 1920, were \$17,835.01 as compared with \$8,641.55 for the previous two-year period—a gain of one hundred and one per cent. For the same period the Thirteenth Sabbath Offerings amounted to \$5,608.80, as compared with \$1,885.59 for the preceding biennial term, an increase of one hundred and ninety-seven per cent. The last quarter's offerings were the highest for any single quarter, reaching a total of \$2,978.18. This is an average of twenty-three and four-tenths cents per week per member, and shows that the 1920 Sabbath school goal of twenty-five cents a week per member is within our reach with just a little more effort.

*To be continued*

"Let the laborers so live and so work that they can have the approval of God, and they will not be relying on human sympathy, living upon human praise, that so frequently comes from unsanctified lips. They will be looking unto the Author and Finisher of our faith."

"Trials are God's chosen plan of discipline."

"A man's character is just as strong as his weakest point."

## OHIO

Box 8, Mount Vernon, Ohio

N. S. Ashton, Pres. H. D. Holtom, Sec.

Sabbath, September 11, there was held at Youngstown an interesting and profitable meeting, in which eleven souls were buried in baptism with their Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. They thus publicly testified as to their belief in the efficiency of the blood of Jesus, and their profound conviction and acceptance of the Bible truths that Seventh-Day Adventists teach. These individuals, with one other who had been previously baptized, were voted into church fellowship.

One interesting feature of the occasion was the fact that, among these persons, there were three families consisting of husband and wife, who unitedly took this step. Three others of the company were bright, intelligent young people, one of whom is already planning to enter one of our institutions.

W. J. VENEN.

On the morning of September 1, at the home of the writer, Dr. Wilford J. Venen, of Youngstown, there was solemnized the marriage of Alonzo Brant Gyde and Charlotte H. Kistler. After several days' automobile tour they will make Oak Harbor, Ohio, their future home. May our heavenly Father be their daily counselor, friend and guide as they unitedly press forward into the uncharted sea of the future.

W. J. VENEN.

## Obituary

Henry Neptune was born in Marion County, West Virginia, March 29, 1850, and died at Mount Vernon, Ohio, September 5, 1920.

Brother Neptune spent most of his life in his native state. When a young man he was converted and united with the Methodist Church. In 1899 he accepted present truth. His life has always been consistent with his profession, and his kindness and gentleness to all about him gave evidence of a Christian character of the noblest and highest attainment, which made him a blessing to himself and an honor to his Master, whom he humbly and fearlessly obeyed.

In 1886 he was united in marriage to Miss Emma C. Prickett, and to them were born two daughters, Misses Leola and Lulu, who, with their mother, mourn deeply the loss of a faithful and loving father and husband. One sister, Mrs. Harriet Mar-

tin of Fairview, West Virginia, also survives.

In 1914 he moved his family to Mount Vernon for the purpose of educating his children in the Mount Vernon College, and has since been a faithful member of our church in this place. During this time he has made only friends, who number all who knew him.

The cause of his death dates back to 1910, when he fell from an apple tree while picking apples on his farm in West Virginia. Since that time he has never been well. He was confined to his bed during the last seven months of his life and suffered much, but never once did he complain of his lot. Of him it could truly be said, in the language of the scripture, "Here is the patience of the saints." His faithful wife and daughters, who are both nurses, gave him every care and attention that human hands could give, and kept constant vigil at his side. The end came peacefully and quietly, and he died as calmly as he had lived. He sleeps a blessed sleep, from which none ever wakes to weep. "Sleep on, beloved, sleep."

N. S. ASHTON.

## News Notes

Sister Wolcott, who has been doing colporteur work in Toledo, writes that she has started her work again after enjoying the good camp meeting and intends to stick by it as long as God gives her strength. Surely God will bless this faithful servant.

It is hard to tell which is more busy these days, the home missionary folks or the educational secretary. Harvest Ingathering work for the former and church schools for the latter have meant some long, hard hours the past week or two, and there is much to do yet, but the prospects are very encouraging.

Brother Charles Robinson has started for Meigs County where he will join Brother W. E. Wagner in carrying the printed page to the people of that county. We are thankful that God is laying the burden upon many of our people in this state—that of helping finish the work. May he impress more to say, "Here am I, send me."

Brother Ingersoll will spend the next two weeks in the northern part of the state, assisting several of the colporteurs in their mission for the Master.

A letter has just come from Elizabeth Doster of Swanton, Ohio, stating that an interest has been created in their county and has given them a great burden for these honest souls. They feel that God has called them to sell "Great Controversy" in their county. Sister Doster and her mother will take up the work soon and it is our earnest desire that they meet with good success.

We are glad to receive word from Brother Holder that he has decided to take up the colporteur work. He will begin about the first of October. Your prayers will be a strength to him as he enters God's vineyard.

Lucknow, India, July 25, 1920.

Columbia Union Visitor,  
Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Dear Visitor Family:

Just a little more than a year has gone by since we left our former home, Columbus, Ohio, and the time has flown swiftly as it has carried us through a great variety of scenes and experiences.

But through it all we are constantly reminded of the many friends, and those of like precious faith, in dear old Ohio.

We have more than enjoyed the frequent visits of the Columbia Union Visitor, and have scanned every copy to learn of the progress of the work. Of course you read often in the Review and Herald of this field and its needs, but only a little, after all, can be learned of a mission field till one is actually there in person.

The Lord has seen fit to bless us with good health and plenty of work to do, so that we do not have time to get very homesick.

During a part of last winter, we were permitted to meet about all of our workers in India at our Union Conference held at Ranchi, where the writer had general charge of arrangements for housing, feeding and general entertainment of delegates, so that altogether I was on the ground for about five weeks.

We were indeed glad, for we were able to meet many of our former friends, whom we had known in the homeland in years gone by.

We have spent some months in the treatment room work in Simla, North India.

Recently the writer was asked to take up the work of treasurer of the Burma Union Mission, so we are now in Lucknow for a few months before transferring the Union books to Ran-

goon, our future place of labor.

The work is onward here and while many difficulties are constantly encountered, yet the Lord is leading, and you may expect to hear that he is doing great things for India, for "man's extremity is God's opportunity."

Our work will shortly go into Afghanistan, by direct invitation from those high in authority, when heretofore no missionaries have been permitted in that country.

This means that more workers are needed, and I ask that you may keep this and other needy fields constantly before the throne of grace, that the Lord may impress on men's hearts to furnish more men and means to press the battle to the gates.

We are of good courage in the Lord and means to press forward as long as he sees fit to make use of us.

We shall be glad to hear from any of the Visitor family.

With kindest regards to all, I am  
Sincerely your brother in Christ,  
L. W. MELENDY.

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## Mount Vernon Academy News Notes

The school opened Wednesday morning, September 15 with a well-filled chapel. More students are coming. We hope to be able to give the exact number enrolled in our notes next week.

Parents of the students and friends of the Academy who have been visiting here for the opening of the school are as follows: Mrs. Giebel and Mrs. Davis of Chester, W. Va., Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Crawford of Columbus, Mrs. Burkhart of Newark, Ohio, Mrs. Lafever of Springfield, Ohio, and Mr. Brunton and his mother.

Professor and Mrs. Miller and Miss Rudolph have returned from their vacations. Professor Anderson and Miss Bond two other members of the faculty, are also here after having been at their respective homes for the summer.

Mr. George Rapp of Hamilton, Ohio, one of last year's graduates, stopped at the Academy for a few days on his way to Washington Missionary College.

Mr. A. L. Baker has recently returned from his trip to Washington.

Mr. Chow received word a short time ago that his wife in Shanghai is seriously ill.

Mr. L. B. Taylor has located his family here.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cole of Elkhart, Ind., were visiting at the Academy a few days.

## NEW JERSEY

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O. O. Bernstein, Pres. E. J. Stipeck, Sec.

## A Medical Convention in Newark, N. J.

The Medical Department is arranging for a Medical Convention to be held in the Newark English Church on Sabbath and Sunday, October 2 and 3. All our church membership in Newark, Paterson, Jersey City, and neighboring towns are invited to be in attendance. A very interesting program is being arranged. Besides our local conference laborers, workers from the Union and General Conference Departments will take part. Many matters relative to the unifying of our churches in Medical Missionary endeavor will be discussed and plans laid to be put in the book of "Acts" which will help in meeting the problem of getting the truth more practically before the masses of these great cities.

Let every member of our churches, where possible, arrange to be present during the two days and get in line with this important phase of the great message.

"If Seventh-Day Adventists will now arouse, and do the work assigned them, the truth will be presented to our neglected cities in clear, distinct lines, and in the power of the Spirit."

"Henceforth medical missionary work is to be carried forward with an earnestness with which it has never yet been carried. This work is the door through which the truth is to find entrance to the large cities."—Test. Vol. 9, pp. 32, 167.

J. G. HANNA, Med. Sec.

"All the angels of God are at the service of the humble believing people of God, and as the Lord's army of workers here below sing their songs of praise, the choir above joins with them in thanks-giving and ascribing praise to God and to his Son."

## WEST VIRGINIA

1455 Seventh St., Parkersburg, W. Va.

J. W. McCord, Pres.

C. L. Bauer, Sec.

## Fairmont and Cumberland

Tuesday, September 7, Brother E. R. Corder and the writer began work with the Harvest Ingathering papers among the business men of Fairmont. We started about ten o'clock in the morning and worked the rest of that day and until noon the next day, receiving \$79.95. Brother Corder worked a short time in the afternoon and brought the amount up to \$89.50. We worked this same territory last year and were glad to find that it was easier to get money this year than last. Nearly every man that gave last year did so this year, and in many instances they gave more.

Two of the sisters in this church worked some this week and brought the total amount for the week up to \$126.00. Their goal was \$100.00, so they are the first to go over the top. They have set their goal now for \$200.00.

Thursday, Brother McElphatrick and I began work among the business men of Cumberland. In six hours we received \$48.00. There were three sisters in this church that worked some during this week and brought the amount up to over \$61 for the first week. Although the members of this church had not yet made a very good start in this work, every member promised to put in some time every week.

We feel to thank our heavenly Father for his blessing so far and we are looking forward to the raising of our goal of \$5,000.00 by October 31.

H. B. WESTCOTT.

## Interesting Experiences In Colporteur Work

During the war colporteurs were suspected of being spies, their work of selling books regarded as merely a cloak to cover up their true purpose. Now that the war is over, the advent of the colporteur must be connected with some local event. Such was the case when four young men arrived in Mercer County, West Virginia, the latter part of May.

Coincident with our arrival had been a raid on the "moonshine stills" in the mountains here. As we went quietly about our business, those who had not become acquainted with our purpose soon settled it among themselves that we were officers of the law: and some,



Mr. Kraft ready for delivery

even after we had visited them, watched us very carefully until we were well away from their locality.

It may be said that we found no "stills" but we did find honest hearts desiring to know more of God and of his word. We hope the seed we scatter may do more to abolish "stills" than the sheriffs.

True hospitality dwells here and gladdens the heart of the colporteur. At nightfall, when weary of the long road that stretches ever onward, winding upward over the rough mountains or leading downward through the valleys, he seeks a place of rest, almost invariably in answer to his query "I wonder if I may stay overnight with you all?", he hears, "Yes, I reckon, if you can put up with our fare." The "fare" generally proves to be ample, and the colporteur is glad to make an allowance on the book that he sells before leaving that home.

Success is attending our efforts if placing our books in the homes may be counted as an indication of success. Already (July 28) we have taken orders for more than one thousand copies of Bible Readings. The deliveries are good. Brother Carter delivered ninety-four per cent. Brethren Miller and Kraft made about the same average.

But a colporteur's life is not all work. We were fortunate to secure a large room that the four of us might be together. We make good use of the piano in the room, for Brother Kraft likes to play. A Sabbath evening song service has become a regular part of our program. It is a precious season when we come together after a week of work, and enjoy the "fellowship of kindred minds" and the blessing of Sabbath rest.

We enjoy recalling the days at school.

The difficulties that once seemed so great, are trifling now; and the happy days, ah, yes, they were happy days; how glad we shall be to greet old friends once more. And then we plan and consider ways and means of building up our College for we love W.M.C. and want to see it prosper.

We believe firmly that "a merry heart doeth good like a medicine" and one might judge from the sound at times that we were taking rather large doses, as it is sometime necessary for one of the more sober ones to caution the others not to become hilarious. The awkward manner in which masculine hands endeavor to sew up a rent in a garment, or darn the ever recurring holes in socks, rarely fails to provoke laughter.

Great joy abounds when one announces a package from home, containing a cake or box of candy -- a feast is in order. We spent one Sabbath day in the woods at the edge of town. On Friday the supplies for the dinner were purchased, -- a watermelon, jar of peanut butter, jar of jelly, fruit, bread and pie -- and -- a cake from home. A good supply of books and papers, a blanket and pillows, and a shady spot under God's green trees, and we had all our hearts could desire.

We were greatly pleased to see Brother McHenry and Brother Percy. They worked in this vicinity Big Week and stopped two or three hours on their way back. We rejoiced at their splendid average of almost seven hundred dollars each. As may be expected when Brother McHenry is around, enthusiasm over canvassing ran high, and we found ourselves talking about next year's work.

Verily there is a great work to be done by the evangelistic colporteur.

As he goes about from home, to home he finds earnest men and women stirred by the trend of events in the world to-day, knowing something is wrong, yet not knowing how it can be corrected; also many humble students of God's word who find that the time is fulfilled and the second advent of our Saviour cannot be far distant. And there are some by whom the knowledge of the Sabbath would be gladly welcomed. So let us hasten on, gathering these lost souls while there is yet opportunity.

Edmund E. Miller

Raymond E. Kraft

Signed,

Cameron A. Carter

Linton G. Severns

## VIRGINIA

12 W. Main St., Richmond, Va.

T. B. Westbrook, Pres. W. H. Jones, Sec.

All of the churches and isolated members have not sent in their missionary reports for the month of August. If you are behind time, send it in at once.

One week of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign is passed, and from indications Virginia must do some honest work to finish on schedule time.

Sister Hutchens, of Staunton, sends in a check for fifteen dollars. "This is all I have been able to gather so far for the Harvest Ingathering Campaign," she writes. Now if every member in Virginia had written that way and sent in that amount, Virginia would surely have set the pace in this Union. Surely we can yet do it.

Two workers in Norfolk the morning of the twelfth obtained nearly eight dollars around their home in about an hour. Think of it! If every member would do as well every Sunday morning, the work would soon be finished.

Sunday morning is the best time to work, and we should make it our special business to see that we give every Sunday morning to the Lord's work. If we do this it will not be long until we see a genuine revival in our conference, and the membership very definitely increased.

"What are you selling on Sabbath morning?" asked the lady at the door.

"Nothing. I am engaged in missionary work. Don't you think this is a good morning for that kind of work?" replied the conference missionary secretary as he explained his work for the Master, last Sunday morning.

"Yes, I think this is a good morning for that work, but I cannot give over fifty cents. I wish that I had more to give."

Keep at it until the work is finished, although the amounts may not always be so large.

#### LET HIM SHARE ALL

Filled with anxiety  
And pressed with heavy care,  
I brought my load to God  
For him to bear.

Tenderly he lifted  
The care that did annoy;  
Instead of mourning, gave  
The oil of joy.

But, lo! the joy just given  
Began to fade away,  
Like Jonah's gourd, a thing  
Of but a day.

So to the Lord I went  
And asked the reason why  
This joy that he had given,  
So soon should die.

Then answering, he said,  
"Thou broughtest me thy care,  
But thou didst not bring the joy  
For me to share."

With tears of penitence,  
"Forgive," I cried,  
"Henceforth both cares and joys  
We will divide."

—Louie H. K. Bilbrough.

### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

J. A. Leland, Pres.

W. E. Fortune Sec.

#### An Urgent Appeal

A statement of the "Fifty-cent-a-week Fund" has just come to our desk from the General Conference office, and we notice that in one column our conference leads, but we are not very proud of it. It is the "Short" column. Nearly \$17,000 short of our goal for seven months. This means that if every person in the conference who

### COLPORTEURS' REPORTS

Name	Place	Book	Hours	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del.
Ohio, One Week Ending Sept. 10, 1920								
R. W. Bickett, Highland Co.	BR	52						871 50
Chas. Carter, Williams Co.	BR	7						102 00
Geo. Carter, Union Co.	BR							1170 00
Esther Flodin, Cuyahoga Co.	BR	24	16		69 00		69 00	
Chas. Fritz, Adams Co.	GC	27	4		25 00		25 00	
Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.	OD	30	16		54 00	5 00	59 00	41 50
Mrs. A. J. Herman, Lucas Co.	GC	9	6		34 50	4 00	39 00	15 00
G. W. James, Heights Co.	DR	50	24		129 50		129 50	
E. A. Kern, Adams Co.	GC	48	7		41 50		41 50	
John Krupp, Columbus	BR	25	14		87 00		87 00	
A. P. Larson, Cuyahoga Co.	BR	23	17		83 00		83 00	
M. W. Shidler, Hocking Co.	BR	37	42		292 50	33 50	326 00	
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Toledo	OD	30	13		32 50	17 55	50 05	80 55
F. E. Wagner, Barberton	OD	56	27		81 50	17 50	101 50	32 50
W. E. Wagner, Meigs Co.	BR	38	13		83 50	3 00	86 50	52 00
Roy M. Weter, Williams Co.	BR	39	7		46 00		46 00	59 00
Mrs. C. H. Wolcott, Toledo	OD	11	2		6 50	50	7 50	6 75
<b>Total</b>	<b>17 Colporteurs</b>		<b>506</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>1069 00</b>	<b>81 05</b>	<b>1150 05</b>	<b>2430 80</b>

Virginia, One Week Ending Sept. 10, 1920								
J. P. Spaulding, Smyth Co.	BR	43	22		123 00	5 75	128 75	
F. G. Conwell, Accomac Co.	BR	21	21		124 50		124 50	
B. Hamm, Fluvana Co.	BR	18						102 00
Edna Conwell, Accomac Co.	BR	25	18		99 00		99 00	
G. E. Stevens, Pittsylvania Co.	OD	18	22		91 00		91 00	
H. H. Tyler, Henry Co.	BR	67	18		100 50		100 50	25 50
L. E. Tucker, Chesterfield Co.	OD	14						78 35
Misc.	BR	20			77 00		77 00	
W. D. Blount, Prince Ed.	BR	28	9		54 00	18 50	72 50	60
M. J. Shanko, Page Co.	BR	16	12		72 00	25	72 25	25
Clarence Blount, Amelia	BR	22	8		47 00	11 00	58 00	
S. G. Bertolet, Rocking. Co.	OD	23	16		41 50	50	42 00	37 50
W. A. Toler Surry Co.	BR	24						407 50
G. W. Fox, Dinwiddie	BR	25						229 00
Orpha Smith, Botetourt Co.	HH	14						156 50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14 Colporteurs</b>		<b>382</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>829 50</b>	<b>36 00</b>	<b>865 50</b>	<b>1037 10</b>

East Pennsylvania, One Week Ending Sept. 01, 1920								
W. Achenbach, Berks Co.	BR	32	8		45 50		45 50	
T. Beamesderfer, Dauphin	PG	35	50		270 00		270 00	725 00
George Cain, Schuylkill	BR							75 00
Mrs. E. Drake, Phila. Co.	Misc.	5				6 50	6 50	
W. Frizzell, Chester	BR	20	23		135 50		135 50	
G. Germeyer, York	BR	32	11		68 00		68 00	
A. J. Kistler, Phila.	GC	17	21		121 50		121 50	5 50
C. Neal, Monroe Co.	GC	30	6		34 50		34 50	13 50
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.	PPF	11	7		17 50	6 75	24 25	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9 Colporteurs</b>		<b>182</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>692 50</b>	<b>13 25</b>	<b>705 75</b>	<b>819 00</b>

New Jersey, One Week Ending Sept. 10, 1920								
G. W. Blinn, Burlington	BR	69	53		319 15		319 15	160 00
Wm. Ellis, Dover	BR	27	13		73 00	4 50	77 50	
N. R. Pond, Paterson		21				35 50	35 50	4 30
Helen Dickson, Salem	GC	7	4		20 00	8 25	28 25	
J. Jenssen, Oakland	BR	7	1		7 50	3 25	10 75	75 75
Esther Lull, Cedar Brook		37				12 82	12 82	9 02
H. Fullings, Irvington	OD		1		2 50	3 50	6 00	9 50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7 Colporteurs</b>		<b>168</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>422 15</b>	<b>67 82</b>	<b>489 97</b>	<b>258 57</b>

District of Columbia, Week Aug. 27, 1920								
P. Shakespeare,	BR	25	14		63 00	36 75	99 75	234 50
S. P. Cunnill,	CK	30			80 00		80 00	39 00
R. E. Crabtree	GC	30	8		33 00	3 50	36 50	106 02
O. S. Harrell,	GC	30						260 00
E. Mitchell,	SP	12			8 00	6 05	14 05	1 00
A. F. Arkebauer,	PG	26	12		28 50		28 50	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6 Colporteurs</b>		<b>153</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>212 50</b>	<b>46 03</b>	<b>248 80</b>	<b>640 52</b>



## West Pennsylvania, One Week Ending Sept. 3, 1920

Miss L. Stuart, Allegheny	BR	19					209 50
Mrs. E. Park, Allegh.	BR	2	2	12 00	16 00	28 00	
Mrs. E. B. Markham, Armst.	BR	11					177 20
Mrs. S. A. Rager, Fayette Co.	BR	36	15	86 50	15 00	101 50	
Miss Rager, Fayette Co.	BR	34	15	90 00	12 00	102 00	
Miss Stambaugh, Allegheny		7					73 50
E. Grapp, Center Co.	BR	57	1	4 50	1 00	5 50	502 50
Mrs. J. Wiester,	OD	9		212 50		212 50	
Mrs. H. Johnson, Alleg. Co.	OD	20					161 00
John Morley, Clinton Co.	OD	35	46	67 25	11 00	78 25	
Misc. Indiana							56 50
Miss E. Zeiner, Allegheny Co.	OD	24	27	43 00		43 00	27 00
M. L. Howard, Blair Co.	BR	33	5	30 50	4 00	34 50	137 75
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12 Colporteurs</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>546 25</b>	<b>59 00</b>	<b>605 25</b>	<b>1335 45</b>

## West Virginia, One Week Ending Sept. 10, 1920

C. E. Will, Marshall	BR	63	26	153 50		153 50	108 00
Ivor Lawrence, Allegany	BR	47	15	95 00		95 00	30 50
R. Livermore, Braxton	GC	46					255 00
N. S. Marriott, Preston	BR	43	23	138 50	49 05	187 55	14 05
W. T. Dishman, Wayne	BR	40	12	69 00	62 50	131 50	
J. W. Brando, Preston	GC	38	9	49 50	4 50	54 00	3 00
E. E. Bee, Monongalia	BR	32	8	45 00	13 00	58 00	309 15
E. J. Walden, Monongalia	OD	24	9	25 00		25 00	
Mrs. C. G. Mays, Raleigh	PG	19	13	86 50	4 50	91 00	
C. G. Mays, Raleigh	PG	19	19	134 00	5 50	139 50	
L. G. Sevrans, Mercer	BR	19					460 35
F. Bentz, Pleasants	DR	18					129 50
S. J. Monroe, Harrison		8					113 50
J. Fahrner, Randolph Co.	GC	8			23 00	23 00	37 75
E. E. Miller, Mercer	BR	6					185 50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15 Colporteurs</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>796 00</b>	<b>162 05</b>	<b>958 05</b>	<b>1646 3</b>

**Grand total**      **80 Colporteurs**      **Value** 5042 37      **Deliveries** 8167 74

has donated to foreign missions during the seven months had given twice as much each time, we would yet be short \$5,000. In other words, we have given \$7.00 per member and are short \$10 per member. Not very encouraging as we look at what we have done, but the future outlook is bright with opportunities. At our recent camp meeting the matter was considered and a resolution unanimously passed by the delegates. That, Whereas, the Harvest Ingathering campaign is one of the greatest means to swell this offering, we recommend that special efforts be put forth to cover the amount of shortage by setting individual goals at not less than \$10 per member. If this is carried out by every member in the conference, we will raise our quota. This is not impossible; it can be done. Several have already set their goals at \$100 and over, and many others at \$50, and they will get them. The Lord has promised to assist us as we go out in his work, and he will make good his promises. East Pennsylvania has always reached the goal and we can "go over the top" this year and lead in the "Amount Received" column.

Another resolution was unanimously passed by the delegates at camp meeting, as they realized in part the great responsibility the Lord has placed upon us to get our truth-filled

books into the hands of the people. The resolution is that this conference with the earnest co-operation of every conference worker and every local church elder and with God's special help, place twenty-five regularly reporting colporteurs in the field this year. This is not an unreasonable duty that we have given ourselves. The Testimonies tell us that there should be one hundred in the field where there is one. God is calling these workers back to the field, and he is calling for volunteers who will put all their energies into this work of helping others to get the message. The Master is calling, and who will respond? Although you may feel that you have no talent, that, with courage, perseverance, faith and tact, will come as the armor is put on. Read Test. Vol. 6, pp. 329-333. At the present time we have sixteen counties in our conference without a colporteur. Success is attending the work in other counties. Pennsylvania is a rich state. It is a great field ready for the harvest. Who will go and labor in one of these counties? Arrangements can be made now. Write H. G. Lewis, 61 South Bennett St., Dorranceton, Pa.

W. E. FORTUNE,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

## News Notes

Our supply of Sabbath School Quarters for the fourth quarter has been received, and we are ready to fill orders. Better place your order early so there will be no delay in beginning the lesson study. The subject is "Studies on Creation."

On account of having to pay much higher prices for paper, the publishers have been obliged to advance the price of **Present Truth** to \$1.25 per hundred, \$10.00 a thousand. We have several hundred of the old series in stock which we will sell at the old price of 75 cents per hundred or \$6.00 a thousand while they last. Cash with order.

## A Successful Experiment

The young people of our denomination are called upon to bring the Advent message to all the world in this generation. This demands that Missionary Volunteers must specialize in soul-winning. The time demands that we study such literature as will enable us to become experts in saving men for God. Our need is supplied in the reading courses, for the books chosen are designed to correspond with our particular calling.

A live Missionary Volunteer leader will study to make every feature of our young people's work a success. The mere urging that our volunteers read the suggested books is not the whole duty of the leader—our work is only then a success when every young person in the church is developed into a reader of literature that will elevate and educate for eternity. This is indeed a great problem, but a field of opportunity lies before us.

Where the Reading Course has become a feature of poor interest, a suggestion of an experiment which proved a success and has awarded sixteen certificates to a society of twenty-five members, might be helpful. The leader of this society stimulated an interest in the books by making them a part of the weekly programs. "Fruits from the Jungle" was the first book studied. A chapter or two was assigned to a young person for study, an outline was to be made of the important and interesting points in these chapters, and at the next meeting a talk was to be given from the outline. At first, the most fluent members were called upon, but before many weeks had passed, almost everyone in the society had a turn at giving a talk on the book. The society was called on to study the geographical

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conditions of the mission field, and to inspire interest the song "India" was sung with vim before or after the talk. Soon a real interest was manifested in India and its needs became a subject of prayer.

The next book studied in this way was "Comrades from Other Lands." The society composed a song touching the conditions of the foreigner in our country, and occasionally collections were taken up to supply foreign literature for distribution.

The book, "On the Trail of Livingstone," was of no less interest. As the members of the society volunteered to give more detailed information on the Victoria Falls and the Zambezi River, we were for a time transported to the heart of Africa.

"The Hand that Intervenes" afforded the society deep spiritual help. Its talks prepared excellent occasions to relate personal experiences of the intervening hand; the Lord came near in these meetings and his care for his children today became a subject of deeper gratitude and consecration.

The advantages of studying books in this way are manifold: In their careful preparation for the talk, the young people would become so interested in the book that occasionally it was read through at the first assignment. This excellent practice for public speaking and thinking soon developed freedom in taking part in the programs. In every society there are some that would rather criticize than co-operate, and by some definite part to act for every member, criticism will soon wear away, for the possible critic must look ahead to his assignment.

While this plan for studying the Reading Course books may not be practical in every society, the suggestion is passed on because of it having been a successful experiment in our society.

LOUISE KLEUSER.

## The October Signs Magazine

The SIGNS OF THE TIMES MAGAZINE is carrying a vital and magnetic message to the world because it has on its staff of contributors men who are bearing large responsibilities in the furtherance of the Third Angel's Message, who are informed on the great issues of the day, who are continually studying their Bibles for light on the times, and who have a live, glowing Christian experience and a burden for the souls of men. Here is a list of those who have contributed to the OCTOBER issue of the magazine:

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