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Amount Received to Nov. 1, 1914 \$44,258.34
Amount Received to Nov. 1, 1913 \$34,407.97
Gain, Nov 1, 1914 \$9,850.37

The Virginia Camp-meeting

The annual session of Virginia Conference was held in connection with its annual assembly at Richmond, November 10-15, 1914. There was a very good representation from the different churches and we were especially pleased to see a good delegation from the new Russian church. A new church has been organized at Yale with about sixty members. In this number is included a Mennonite minister with forty of his flock. The deep earnestness of these brethren impressed us greatly.

There was a large attendance from the outside. The interest manifested was deep. On one occasion the writer spoke on the "Eastern Question" and request was made that the sermon might be repeated in the city opera house, but time did not permit.

Brother DeFluter was present from Washington, D. C. who helped greatly in the singing. On the last Saturday night of the meetings he held a large street effort with his choir at which time Brother I. D. Richardson spoke. Brother Burgan also was present and gave great assistance in getting in the press some leading articles on present truth. The church was well filled and a good interest was manifested in the city.

Elder I. H. Evans was also at the conference and his presence and good help at the meetings was much appreciated.

We were especially glad to see the spirit of hearty co-operation and harmony which existed there among all the brethren. New life is coming into the conference. There has been a splendid growth in membership. Something like eighty-five new members have come into the truth during the past four months. Owing to the conference having been so long without a president during the summer, the foreign mission offerings were considerably in arrears. However, the brethren took hold heartily and raised a donation at this meeting of something like \$600. Of course the matter had previously been presented in the churches through the conference so that when the pledges are paid at the end of the year we hope there will be an encouraging report seen.

Elder W. C. Moffett was elected President of the Conference. As there is now practically a new corps of laborers in the field, we look forward to better days in this portion of the Lord's vineyard.

B. G. WILKINSON.

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Virginia Conference—Mission Fund

Membership 514
Ten Months at \$8.67 \$4,456.38
Amount Received to November 1...1,836.91
Amount Short to November 12,619.47
Aver. Short. per mem. Nov. 1, 1914 5.10
Aver. Short. per mem., Nov. 1, 1913 4.52

President's Report

EDUCATIONAL AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Last year five church-schools were in operation with a total enrollment of eighty. This year nine schools are

being conducted with an enrollment to date of one hundred and forty.

The Conference School at New Market has an attendance of twenty-four. Eleven of these are full pay boarding students, and eight are doing work above the eighth grade. Three teachers are employed.

The conference has seven young people's societies. There are great possibilities wrapped up in our children, and while we are spending thousands of dollars to cross the sea and save the heathen children, our first duty is that which lies nearest the salvation of the children committed to our care.

SABBATH SCHOOL WORK

This department is without a secretary at the present time. We have twenty-one schools with an enrollment of 507, and an average attendance of 376. Although many of those attending the Sabbath-school are small children, the attendance is 200 less than the church membership.

The total Sabbath-school contributions to missions for 1913 were \$979.73. For the first three quarters of 1914 the Sabbath-schools contributed \$808.42. While this is a gain over last year, yet when we consider that this is only four cents a week per member, it is evident that there is plenty of room for improvement.

FINANCE

For 1913 there was reported a tithe of \$6409.53 and for missions \$3063.23 an average for missions of 12 cents-a-week per member. The tithe to November 1, 1914 a period of ten months, was \$4811.67, and the offerings to missions for the ten months were \$1990.21. This is a shortage of \$2426.09 or \$4.85 per member. The Columbia Union is trying to swing clear on this fund, and much depends upon what Virginia does during the remaining six weeks. Steps should be taken at this Conference to greatly increase our mission offering.

I feel that this body should be acquainted fully with the present financial standing of the conference in its various departments.

W. C. MOFFETT.

OHIO

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Ohio Conference—Mission Fund

Membership 2,000
Ten Months at \$8.67.....\$17,340.00
Amount Received to Nov. 115,292.71
Amount Short to Nov. 1,2,047.29
Aver. Short per mem., Oct. 1, 1914 1.02
Aver. Short per mem., Oct. 1, 1913. 3.04

Plans for the Week of Prayer

December 12-19 is the timeset apart this year for the week of prayer. It is of utmost importance that we plan to make this season a time of closest self-examination and the most earnest reaching out to God from whom our help must come. Shall we not, in every church and in every family of believers in the state of Ohio, enter most heartily into seeking God for victory over sin, for enabling power to hasten on the work and for the subduing of evil forces until the work is completed?

We should work and pray to the end of making our Annual Offering much larger than ever before. Why not try to double the offering in every church.

As indicated in the following list, ministers have been assigned to every church in the conference. Of necessity each worker is required to give his time to several churches and can give but little time to each one. Do not depend wholly upon the minister, but plan for daily meetings as far as possible with careful study given to the readings.

Church elders will be notified by the time of his visit. My earnest prayer and constant burden is that this may be a time of great spiritual refreshing to the churches of Ohio.

ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF PRAYER

E. K. Slade:	J. F. Olmsted:
Cleveland	Portsmouth
Ashtabula	Wheelersburg
Jefferson	Jackson
Elyria	Chillicothe
H. M. Jump:	H. A. Weaver:
Toledo	Ohio City
Delta	Van Wert
Liberty Center	Walnut Grove
Locust Point	Elgin

F. M. Fairchild:	J. J. Marietta:
Findlay	Dayton
Charloe	Hamilton
Bowling Green	Wengerlawn
Hamler	Laura
Defiance	Piqua
Hicksville	
W. W. Miller:	Raleigh French
Springfield	Zanesville
Wilmington	Pleasant Hill
Leesburg	Derwent
Washington	Coshocton
M. V. Eusey:	G. C. Quillin:
Waterford	Killbuck
Delaware	Canaan
Corsica	Nova
Marion	Camden
Bucyrus	Medina
H. H. Votaw:	H. H. Burkholder:
Columbus	Bellville
Newark	Mansfield
V. O. Punches:	C. W. Weber:
Lake View	Cleveland Ger.
Lima	Sandusky
Bellefontaine	Chagrin Falls
W. M. Campbell:	Leslie Muntz:
Cincinnati	Cincinnati Col.
D. E. Lindsey:	N. S. Ashton:
Clyde	Mount Vernon
Norwalk	
W. J. Venen:	F. H. Henderson:
Youngstown	Akron
E. Liverpool	Ravenna
Alliance	LaGrange
Canton	Spencer
New Philadelphia	

The Findlay Convention

The people of Findlay are rejoicing over the good meetings we had during the Missionary Convention which was held here last Sabbath and Sunday.

We were very glad to have Sister Bessie Acton and Brother Vernon Punches with us; and as we listened to their talks, our hearts were filled with a renewed determination to work for the Master. There were several here from other churches, and all who were present seemed to get new strength and courage.

There was a Home Missionary Society organized, also a Junior Missionary Band. The Junior Band have nearly all pledged to read their Bibles through during the coming year.

So we all feel encouraged and by the help of God, we are going to give this precious truth to the people of Findlay. NELLIE R. PRESSNELL.

News Notes

Elder E. K. Slade spent Sabbath December 5, with the Mount Vernon Church.

The young people of the Cleveland German church made \$15 for the Emergency Fund by selling our magazines.

Sister S. D. Phillips, of Toledo, has now joined Brother Phillips in the work. They are devoting their time to city canvassing.

The Missionary Convention will be held at the Lake View church December 18-20. All isolated members and neighboring churches are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Brother Wallace Kay, of Youngstown is once more in the colporteur work, and says he feels greatly encouraged to stay right on. He is getting along nicely in his home county.

Brother B. F. Carter is doing faithful work in Coshocton County, through which many souls will be warned of the soon coming of Christ. He writes that the people are very anxious to hear more of the truth.

In your holiday plans, the time of giving, had you thought of your best Friend and what he bestows upon you? How essential it is that you do not fail to express appreciation in a substantial way. Plan for the Annual Offering, December 19.

Are you planning to close the record of 1914 as you will want it to stand? Will your stewardship assist you to best enjoy the week of prayer? "Paid in full" on that December tithe receipt will greatly add to your blessings of the season.

Our periodicals sales for the month of November amount to \$1105. This is an indication that our people are working hard to scatter the printed page and to get the truth concerning the great events which are daily taking place before the people.

Have you forgotten since those good meetings in camp that our work and people in Europe are depending more than ever upon the Emergency Missionary Fund? Will you help push the work in spite of war and winter? The Great Leader calls. Plan for that Annual Offering.

Mission funds are now reaching more encouraging totals, increased by pledges paid, Harvest Ingathering collections, childrens' talents re-

turned with good increase, etc.—substantial response to the Macedonian Cry. Have you a part in the above results? Remember it is essential to you as well as to the work. December opportunities await you.

We are glad to welcome Brother Glen Draper into the colporteur work once more. He is now at work in Van Wert County with "Bible Readings." Brother Leslie Waters, who has just finished canvassing Henry County, has now joined him, and they will work this territory together during the winter.

On making a trip to Chillicothe, after the Findlay Missionary Convention, Brother V. O. Patches found Brother and Sister Syphers, who have been doing some faithful colporteur work there, of very good courage. There are many interested in the truth in this place and some are beginning to keep the Sabbath. One man is very anxious to get into the work, and is now studying and planning to enter the work.

An important meeting of the executive committee of the Ohio Conference was held at the conference office December 2. It was decided that the Canvasser's Convention be held in Columbus from January 6 to 20. The instructors will be E. K. Slade, H. H. Votaw, and Brethren I. D. Richardson, V. O. Patches, and W. W. Eastman, of Washington, D. C. Also, Miss Mary I. Meek is engaged to carry on Bible work in Bucyrus.

During the missionary conventions that have been held in the conference the past month people have taken home workers' prospectuses and have gone out among their neighbors and friends and sold large numbers of our home workers' books. Some have had excellent success and are planning to continue the work through the year, devoting their entire time to it, and using some of our larger books. Twenty-seven of these prospectuses were sold; and besides these, \$250 worth of our literature has been placed among the people as a result of these conventions.

"How Do The Beasts Groan"

The epidemic of foot and mouth disease among live stock, which caused our government to recently place a quarantine on so many states, reminds one so forcibly of the graphic words of the prophet Joel. Through the study of such clear prophecies as

those, many students of the Bible have reached the conclusion that it is not safe to continue the use of meat, and thousands of them are adopting the vegetarian diet in consequence. These thoughts are developed in the January *Signs* Magazine under the above title.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

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East Pennsylvania Conference—Mission Fund

Membership	1150	
Ten Months at \$8.67	\$9,970.50
Amount Received to Nov. 1	6,682.39
Amount Short to Nbv. 1	3,288.11
Aver. Short. per mem., Nov. 1, 1914		2.86
Aver. Short. per mem., Nov. 1, 1913		2.94

News Notes

Brother Bell sends in a splendid report of the work the Reading church has been doing with their 20,000 War Extra *Review*.

The brother we wrote about recently having been an invalid for twenty years, but in faith ordering a supply of the War Extras, it being necessary for him to depend wholly on the help of the Lord to distribute them now writes:—"I have distributed forty copies, an average of eight a day. God is faithful if we do our part. I did it not, as I am tied up by affliction."

Brother W. A. Spicer was with the Philadelphia churches last Sabbath, meeting with the West church in the morning and with the North church in the afternoon. Brother Spicer always has a message of cheer and encouragement, but in addition to this, he had personal letters from our workers in the war zone, telling of God's wonderful providences and protecting care and of the good courage of the brethren and sisters there. The message is going forward in Germany with a renewed impetus and our colporteurs are doing better than ever there.

In writing of the work in Tioga County, Brothes Harter says in part, "Nine adults and one little girl 14 years of age were baptized in the Disciple church at Covington. There were

three elderly men who had never made any profession of religion at all and their wives. One of these brethren is giving up his job to accept this truth and one of the others may lose his. The father and mother of the little girl, have accepted the truth and will be baptized about the last of this month. Up to the present writing twelve have been received by baptism, five on profession of faith, and a number are to be baptized the last of December.

"This as you know, brethren, is the result of the tent effort last summer. We are so thankful to the Lord for his blessing upon the work."

Brother C. V. Leach and I. D. Richardson, conference and union field missionary secretaries, were with the Ariel church Thursday and Friday of last week, holding meetings each evening. Sabbath they were at Scranton and Wilkes Barre and Sunday at Honesdale in the interest of extending the truth and message for today by home missionary work. These brethren found a deep interest and ready response and their visit was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by all. The brethren and sisters reconsecrated their lives to service and determined, by God's help, to let their light shine brightly in their community by working with their neighbors and friends. Several are anxious to enter the colporteur work and the prospects are bright for some doing so without delay.

CHESAPEAKE

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Chesapeake Conference—Mission Fund

Membership	605	
Ten Months at \$8.67	\$5,245.35
Amount Received to Nov. 1	\$3,691.10
Amount Short to Nov. 1	1,554.25
Aver. Short. per mem., Nov. 1, 1914		2.57
Aver. Short. per mem., Nov. 1, 1913		4.12

Presidents Address

MEDICAL MISSIONARY

We cannot emphasize too highly the importance of this branch of our work. Everywhere there is a crying

need for the principles of health reform, we as a people possess. The Lord has done a great work for his people in giving them a knowledge of these principles. Our department has not been idle. The secretary has visited quite a number of our churches and upon every occasion, spoke on some phase of our medical work. Very encouraging reports have reached the office relative to the health lectures. The treatment rooms at 1315 N. Charles Street, are equipped with some of the latest appliances for treating the sick. Many successful operations have been performed during the past year. Our secretary stands ready to do all he can to advance this department of our work.

It seems to me this conference now in session, should take some advance steps for more aggressive work. This great soul winning campaign which is being encouraged by the Division Conference, is like a nail driven in a sure place. The time has come for every church member to engage in winning souls to the Master. It was so in the primitive days of this message and it will be true in the closing days. "This work cannot be done by proxy. Money lent or given will not accomplish it. Sermons will not do it. By visiting the people, talking, praying, sympathizing with them, you will win hearts. This is the highest missionary work that you can do. To do it, you will need resolute persevering faith, unwavering patience, and a deep love for souls."—*Vol. 9, p. 41.*

I have endeavored to state the conditions in this field as I understand them. The meeting is now in your hands. It rests with this delegation to say what shall be done to advance the work the coming year. I hope and pray that during the few days we shall be together, we may receive from God, a mighty refreshing. This can be a great meeting, but it will require a united effort to bring the desired blessing. Soon, very soon, we are to live in the presence of a Holy God, after the toil is over, when these reports, addresses and conference meetings will be passed. In a little while brethren and sisters we are to stand upon Mount Zion, with a 144,000 having their Father's name written in their foreheads and they will sing a new song before the throne and before the four beasts, and the elders and no man could learn that song but the 144,000 which were redeemed from the earth.

We are marching on to Canaan

And Jehovah is our Guide;

We are marching through the desert,

He is ever at our side.
In the darkness, or the danger
We can never go astray,
With Jehovah for our Leader,
And our Guide upon the way.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

Report of Chesapeake Conference

NATIONAL PROHIBITION AMENDMENT

Whereas, The subject of National Prohibition of the liquor traffic is now engaging the attention of the Congress of the United States which is focused in House Joint Resolution 158 and Senate Joint Resolutions 88 and 50, and,

Whereas, The Judiciary Committee of both houses have conducted hearings on the subject, resulting in placing the matter at this time before the House of Representatives, and which will likely be the same case with regard to the Senate, therefore,

18. *Resolved*, That we place ourselves on record as commending the actions thus far taken, and hereby petition the Congress to adopt the joint resolutions herein referred to, and that a copy of this resolution be communicated to the chairman of the two judiciary committees, and to Hon. Richmond P. Hobson and Hon. Morris Sheppard of Washington, D. C.

HARVEST INGATHERING

Whereas, The Harvest Ingathering Review has already proved a great blessing in enlightening the public mind regarding the growth of this movement, and at the same time has brought in funds with which to extend the work, and,

Whereas, This year is a year of special opportunity on account of the present war in Europe, which also has placed our missionaries and brethren in the war stricken zone in such urgent need as to make extra and unusual demands upon us, therefore be it,

19. *Resolved*, That we hereby pledge ourselves to more earnest efforts in connection with the 1914 goal, setting our aim at least at \$5.00 per member.

Whereas, There is a large foreign population in the Chesapeake Conference, especially in the city of Baltimore, and,

Whereas, The Harvest Ingathering Review has been translated into the German and Danish Norwegian languages,

We therefore recommend, That all solicitors for missions use foreign papers for the respective nationalities.

COLORED WORK

Whereas, The reports of our colored

brethren have shown advancement in all lines of their work, and,

Whereas, Financial help is needed by these brethren to help them in their struggle to be freed from their heavy church debt,

We recommend, That the executive committee of the conference be empowered to set aside a day on which a special offering be taken to assist the colored work in the city of Baltimore.

WORK AMONG IMMIGRANTS

Whereas, There are a large number of immigrants coming to Baltimore each week,

We recommend, That we inaugurate an aggressive campaign with our literature in behalf of these people.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY WORK

Whereas, The health work has been declared to be the "right arm of the message," therefore,

20. *Resolved*, That our churches arrange at least one medical missionary program during the coming year, at which time the department will be glad to furnish assistance as far as possible by way of speakers, literature, suggestions, etc.

CITY WORK

Whereas, The Spirit of Prophecy has urged us to put forth special efforts to give the light to the multitudes in the cities of the East, we would therefore,

Recommend, That a more earnest effort be put forth to secure additional Bible workers and funds for an aggressive campaign in our cities.

THANKS TO THE PRESS

We recommend, That an expression of our appreciation be extended by the Chesapeake Conference to the newspapers of Baltimore for their courtesies in opening their columns to reports of meetings, and that the president and secretary of the conference be asked to extend this vote of thanks, accompanied by a suitable letter to each paper.

ROSCOE T. BAER, *President.*

WINDOM T. DURST, *Secretary.*

News Notes

Plans are being laid for the dedication of the German church in Baltimore, December 12, 13. This church is located at 5700 Falt Avenue, Highlandtown.

Elder H. F. Taylor and wife are located at 3203 Grayson Street, Baltimore, Md. Miss M. C. Hurlock, who is doing Bible work here is located at the same place.

Elder H. F. Taylor went to Rock Hall to assist Elder Baer in the series of meetings which he is conducting there and which is continuing in interest, and souls are deciding for the truth.

Brother H. L. Peden made a business trip to Baltimore from Hagerstown. He reports that the Hagerstown church is only about ten dollars short of their full quota on the twenty-cent-a-week fund for the year, and they expect to have this made up by the end of the week. We would like to hear similar reports from all the churches.

Brother C. W. Lawrence reports the Blythesdale church ready to erect a church building. He says one man, not a member of the church has donated the ground on which to erect the building. Others are contributing of their means. So the church is very much encouraged, and have hopes of having a home of their own in the near future.

To date the members of our conference have ordered five hundred four of the Home Missionary Series of the *Signs of the Times*. We are glad to report this good number, but this comes short of what we would desire to see. The suggestion when the plan was devised was that each member should take at least two copies. We would be glad to have others send in orders for this good paper to use in giving the message to their friends.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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District of Columbia Conference Mission Fund

Membership 771
Ten Months at \$8.67 \$6,684.57
Amount Received to Nov. 1 5,057.84
Amount Short to Nov. 1 1,626.73
Aver. Short. per mem., Oct. 1 1914 2.11
Aver. Short. per mem., Oct. 1 1913 4.68

Washington Convention

In order to strengthen the interests of the work on behalf of the colored believers in Washington, to cheer and uplift them, to invigorate the spiritual life, and deepen the Christ spirit

as it relates both to missionary effort and to unfeigned love of the brethren, the idea was conceived, and duly put into effect, November 9-15, of holding a Church Missionary, Sabbath-school, and Young People's Convention. This convention was held at the People's church. Some predicted failure as to the realization of the foregoing objects but we are glad to report that the convention was a tremendous success in every sense of the word.

Among the visitors, whose counsel and instruction was helpful, inspiring, and greatly appreciated, were:—Elders Jas. K. Humphrey, New York City; A. N. Durrant, Pittsburgh, Pa.; F. H. Seeney, Wilmington, Del.; G. P. Rodgers, Baltimore Md.; C. H. Wilkerson, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Professor M. E. Kern, General Secretary Young People's M. V. Society; Mrs. M. Flora Plummer, of the Sabbath-school department; Elder F. W. Papp, and Miss E. M. Graham, of the Home Missionary department; Elder and Mrs. R. E. Harter, our Conference President and Sabbath-school Secretary. Lay members from the various cities above mentioned were also present, many of whom read excellent papers.

A well arranged program was rendered. Interesting papers and discussions were the features of the morning and afternoon sessions, preaching services being conducted each night. The interest at these services was good, and it was decided to continue them a week longer, Elder Humphrey remaining over to assist. Stoney hearts were subdued, confessions made, backsliders reclaimed, and sinners converted. As one of the results of this effort, twenty six souls (some previously instructed and several young people) are now awaiting baptism. We thank the Lord for all this.

Truly the Spirit of God accompanied the work of the convention throughout, and a profitable time was enjoyed by all. Brotherly love prevailed; and each saw eye to eye, and received clearer vision of his responsibilities and duties; vows of consecration were renewed; and on the whole the influence and the results achieved at this convention will be sure to extend a long ways into the future and be productive of much fruit to the glory and praise of God.

J. M. CAMPBELL.

News Notes

Elder G. A. Stevens was called home from his work at Clifton, Va. on account of the severe illness of his baby. He reports a good interest at that place.

Elder Harter baptized four persons at the Memorial church last Sabbath.

Please read the good report of the convention held at the People's church given by Elder J. M. Campbell.

A card from Brother W. A. Nelson says, "The attendance is still good. Last night there was not room for all to get in the room. One young man has taken his stand, and two of the children want to be baptized."

Meetings began in the Memorial church, Sunday night, November 29, with Elder Harter in charge. All efforts seemed to be in vain to secure a hall in which to conduct the meetings, and not wishing to delay any longer, it was thought best to begin meetings in the church.

Elder Campbell reports about twenty-five desiring baptism at the People's church, part of which is a result of the convention just held there a few weeks ago. This is encouraging, indeed, and will make quite an addition to that church. The conference appreciates the labor that was put forth at the convention by those in charge.

Several are taking advantage of the opportunity of selling the home worker's books for Christmas gifts. One sister sold eighteen books in one block. Some of the students of Washington College are also selling books, and one young man sold Mr. Bryan a new edition of the "Bible Readings." Many magazines are being sold in Washington every week by the students and others.

Education in the Home

No school can be what it ought to be without a solid backing in the home. Our good, loyal home people need to know more about the aims and character of our school work. Many of them, too, ought to be teaching their children at home when no Christian school is accessible, or when the children are yet too young to send to school. Our good magazine *Christian Education* is working earnestly to build up the interests of education in both the school and the home. It ought to visit monthly every Seventh-day Adventist home in the land, and it can for the very modest sum of one dollar a year. It is published by the General Conference for this very purpose. The December issue is especially good.

WEST VIRGINIA

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West Virginia Conference—Mission Fund Membership 172
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Notice

All who desire to do real Missionary work are requested to send postpaid to Mr. Sidney Seal, Parkersburg, West Virginia, in care of Turkish Bath, late, clean copies of our denominational periodicals, principally the *Signs of the Times*, monthly and weekly, the *Watchman*, *Life and Health*, *Youth's Instructor* and *Protestant* magazine. Brother Seal is leader of the Parkersburg Young People's Missionary Society, which is doing aggressive work giving out publications, and in many other ways.

Pruett—Metcalf

A quiet wedding was solemnized by the writer Monday evening, November 30, 1914, when Mrs. Eva L. Pruett, of Huntington was united in marriage to Mr. Floyd C. Metcalf, of Kanawah, at our home, 648 Washington Avenue, Huntington, West Virginia. We were favored with appropriate instrumental selections by Brother G. Earl Snyder.

Our prayers and best wishes follow Brother and Sister Metcalf for success in the Christian warfare.

C. T. REDFIELD.

News Notes.

Elder W. J. Tanner spent the week ending November 30 in the southern part of the state, visiting Charleston, Huntington, Sanderson, and Point Pleasant.

We are glad to welcome to our field, Brother G. E. Snyder, of Springfield, Ohio. Brother Snyder has already taken up the canvassing work and is located at Huntington. We are also pleased to report that Brother Arlie McNemar of this state has decided to take up the canvassing work in this field.

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending November 27, 1914									
Paul Randolph, Athens Co.		ES	5	34	13	44 00	27 40	71 40	14 40
C. E. Reichenbach, Licking Co.		GC	5	34	6	20 00	4 25	24 25	2 00
J. H. Stafford, Lucas Co.		DR	5	30	2	8 00		8 00	
C. L. Jackson, Hamilton		HW	5	24			22 60	22 60	
S. D. Phillips, Toledo		BR	5	4	24	21 00		21 00	
L. H. Waters, Henry Co.		PPF	4	24	9	15 50	1 60	17 10	10 85
W. S. Scott, Jackson Co.		PPF	3	23	6	12 00	3 75	15 75	
B. F. Carter, Coshocton Co.		BR	3	22			7 10	7 10	3 35
B. P. Foote, Jackson Co.		GC	4	20	2	6 00	2 25	8 25	
W. S. Syphers, Ross Co.		ES	3	20	3	9 00	11 60	20 60	75
Mrs. W. Syphers, Ross Co.		ES	3	20			2 25	2 25	1 50
D. J. Royer, Cuyahoga Co.		GC	4	17	1	3 00	3 00	6 00	
John J. Mettler, Geauga Co.		GC	3	16	2	7 00		7 00	
Beulah Morgan, E. Liverpool		PPF	3	12	4	8 00		8 00	9 00
W. W. Kay, Mahoning Co.		HM	3	10	3	6 00	8 75	14 75	
Miscellaneous						13 00	13 45	26 45	3 45
Totals	15 Agents		60	345	58	\$172 50	\$108 00	\$280 50	\$45 30

Chesapeake, Week Ending November 27, 1914

O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.	BR	5	39	17	52 00	3 00	55 00	4 20
G. R. Apsley, Frederick Co.	BR	4	38	14	46 00	5 55	51 55	
N. O. Shaffer, Annapolis, Md.	CK	2	24	8	12 00	2 50	14 50	
J. E. Jones, Sussex Co., Del.	PPF	5	36	24	51 00	3 75	54 75	
J. W. Wynn, Baltimore Co.	BR	3	24	8	16 00		16 00	
D. W. Percy, Talbot Co.	DA	4	34		43 00		43 00	
Totals	6 Agents		23	185	71	\$220 00	\$14 80	\$234 80 \$ 4 30

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 27, 1914

W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	PPF	3	29	13	26 00	75	26 75	
W. Dunkinson, Tioga Co.	PPF	5	40	10	20 00	1 50	21 50	
W. H. Frizzell, Franklin Co.	DR	5	36	6	15 00	7 20	22 20	1 20
John Schott, Franklin Co.	BF	5	40	10	16 00	8 75	24 75	
F. Washburn, Bucks Co.	PHF	4	25	6	15 00	2 25	17 25	
Totals	5 Agents				\$92 00	\$20 45	\$112 45	\$1 20

West Virginia, Week Ending November 27, 1914

John McHenry, Ritchie Co.	BF	4	29	23	41 00	8 20	49 20	
A. M. Dorman, Monongalia	BR	7	47	12	40 00	14 45	54 45	5 70
W. H. Wilcox, Wood Co.	PPF	4	32	3	6 00	1 00	7 00	
Totals	3 Agents		15	108	38	\$87 00	23 65	\$110 65 5 70

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 27, 1914

C. Dunham, Allegheny Co.	GC	15	89		98 00		98 00	35 00
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	BR	7	49		53 00		53 00	
J. A. Kimmel, Somerset Co.	BR	4	30	13	41 00	7 00	48 00	
Ralph Morgan, Beaver Co.	ES	2	13	2	6 00	80	6 80	
C. E. Will, Washington Co.		8	46		29 70	20 05	49 75	
D. A. Rees, Mercer Co.	BR	2	15					101 00
John Holder, Mercer Co.	BR	4	21		15 00		15 00	21 50
Alva C. Davies, Pittsburgh	PPF	3	20		22 00	70	22 70	8 45
Archie Brownlee, Wash. Co.	PPF	5	35		16 50	4 99	21 49	16 94
Totals	9 Agents		50	328	281 20	33 54	314 74	183 89

Grand Totals: 38 Agents Value of Orders, \$852 70 Deliveries, \$240 30

Brother A. M. Dorman who is canvassing in Monongalia County, reports that two outside ministers announced his work to their congregations, and asked the people to give him a cordial reception when he should call at their homes.

Another canvasser has been added to our list. He arrived at the home of Brother and Sister John McHenry, about three weeks ago, and weighed ten pounds. We know that he will be brought up in the fear of the Lord, and we hope will make as good a canvasser as his father.

Elder C. T. Redfield of Huntington spent Sabbath and Sunday, November 28 and 29, with the Charleston church. At this time he organized a Young People's Missionary Society, the officers of which are as follows:—Leader, Miss Katie Geissinger, Assistant leader, Mrs. Bailey; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Edna M. Embleton. The secretary informs us that they expect to do some effective missionary work in the near future.

NEW JERSEY

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Office Address, 200 Columbus Avenue, Trenton, New Jersey.

New Jersey Conference—Mission Fund

Membership 726
Ten Months at \$8.67 \$6,294.42
Amount Received to Nov. 1 5,427.23
Amount Short to Nov. 1 867.19
Aver. Short. per mem. Nov. 1, 1914 1.19
Aver. Short. per mem. Nov. 1, 1913 3.35

New Jersey

Our workers' meeting was held in Newark, November 24-26 with every worker present. We also had with us Elders B. G. Wilkinson and I. D. Richardson. We appreciated very much the instruction given us by Elder Wilkinson, and believe that it will help every one in his work who was present. From the very first meeting the spirit of the Lord was present in a marked manner, and continued there until the last. Various lines of work were considered, prominent among these being the standing of the min-

istry and other workers before the people. There seemed to be but one desire present, and that was to comply with the instruction in the Bible and the testimonies in order that the ministry might be elevated to a higher plane than that which it is occupying.

Reports were given from nearly every part of the conference, and many calls for help were presented, especially for Paterson, Rockaway, and in some parts of the south end of the conference. It has been voted to employ a minister and a Bible worker for the city of Paterson and vicinity, also at this meeting Brother Medairy was asked to confine himself to the missionary work among the churches, and an invitation was extended to Brother Barrett of the Chesapeake Conference to take the book work in this field. When we have secured these laborers, it brings our force up to twenty-six, which is really more than our conference ought to support, looking at it from a human standpoint. But the calls are so definite for help that we dare not wait any longer, and we are confident that our people here in this field will not permit us to go in debt as the result of the added work we are doing. Faithfulness on the part of all will surely bring success for the cause here.

Our churches are becoming thoroughly organized for missionary work. The larger cities are being divided up into sections, and each section being placed under a competent leader who has associated with him several members of the church. These are to take charge of distributing War Extras, Harvest Ingathering, and other literature in their respective territories. It does one's heart good to see the way the churches are taking hold of this thing and we are sure that it means much to the cause. Thus far this conference has ordered 65,700 of the *Review* Extra No. 2 and 900 of the *Watchman* Extra. We have also placed an order for 50,000 Slavish-Bohemian War Extra, making a total of 116,600 leaflets telling the people of the times in which we are living. Orders are still coming in.

We have placed missionary barrels in the hands of all our people. These barrels are to be opened and go into the thirteenth Sabbath offering. We felt that this was a wise thing to do, inasmuch as this thirteenth Sabbath comes right after the annual offering, which would make the offering light. By using the self-denial barrels during the month of December, we shall expect the largest thirteenth Sabbath

offering we have had. We are expecting much of the blessing of the Lord during the week of prayer and have planned our laborers so that each church will receive some ministerial help. The outlook now is that the coming year will be the best that we have ever experienced.

A. R. SANDBORN.

Eleven reasons are given in the December *Signs* Magazine for identifying the United States with the prophecy of Revelation 13: 11-18. In this article it is made clear that an unprecedented time of trouble is in store for our country.

Health Foods

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Laxative Wafers—Nutritious 20c lb.
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Address, R. Finnell, Elkridge, Md.

Academy Notes

We are sorry to report the death of Sister Sharp of Academia on December 1.

Mr. Lewis Banker of Cleveland, Ohio, spent a few days in Academia last week.

Mr. D. A. Reese, who is canvassing in Pennsylvania, made a short visit at the Academy the first of the week.

We were made sad to learn of the death of Paul Johnson at his home in Fairland, Indiana, November 30, 1914.

Mr. Johnson was a student here last year and a member of the graduating class. His many friends will sympathize with the bereaved mother and relatives.

WANTED.—A Seventh-day Adventist housekeeper to work in the country.

For further information address, Dr. H. M. Jump, 852 Colburn Street, Toledo, Ohio.

OBITUARIES

THATCHER.—Mrs. Eliza Thatcher of Philadelphia, Pa. died in Franklin Square Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, November 29, 1914, of acute Ilio Colitis, aged 75 years, 8 months and 13 days. Sister Thatcher accepted present truth ten years ago in Camden, New Jersey. She is survived by one son in Chicago, and one daughter with whom she made her home, having moved to Baltimore in July. Her faith in God was strong, and she died in the hope of a soon coming Saviour. She was laid to rest to await the call of the Life-giver, in Druid Ridge Cemetery, Baltimore. Words of comfort were spoken by Pastor H. L. Peden of Hagerstown, Md. He based his remarks upon John 11: 11-14, 35 and 1 Thes. 4: 13-18.

EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

Good Stories

The great principles of life are best applied, and more indelibly impressed upon the mind, and perfectly knit into the character, when taught through the narrations of human associations—parables, stories. The Bible is full of this kind of teaching. Teaching through stories is, therefore, the one method of instruction having divine approval. Some conscientious people believe that all stories are not only poor reading, but positively in-

jurious. These good people merely condemn an approved method, rather than discriminating between good and bad stories.

Knowing the value of good stories, and recognizing the perplexity and often the impossibility of securing suitable stories for children in some places, the *Instructor* has spent much time and money in selecting, and printing in book form, a book of stories naming it "Stories Worth Rereading."

One of our experienced Sabbath-school workers writes as follows of this book:

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The Bugbear of Old Age

Growing old is a theme so repulsive to the human race that ordinarily we avoid thinking about it. In the glowing years of youth thoughts of advancing age are so distasteful that it is unusual for the young to make provision for the winter of life by husbanding their spring and summer resources. Nevertheless it is true that the time to prepare for a happy and efficient old age is all the time. And preparing for old age is preparing for an efficient life.

For this reason the symposium on "Growing Old Gracefully" should be of intense interest to young and old alike. Other features, —Menus for a Week in December, Digestive Disturbances in Babies, etc., make the December number of *Life and Health* of special interest.

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