

# Columbia Union



## Visitor



"I WILL VISIT YOU, AND PERFORM MY GOOD WORD TOWARD YOU"

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### VIRGINIA

#### City Work

Within the limits of our Union Conference we have Philadelphia with over a million inhabitants; Baltimore, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Newark and Pittsburgh, each far beyond the half-million mark; Washington, the nation's capital with the eyes of the world upon it; Richmond, the gateway to the South; with nearly a score of cities each eclipsing in population that great city of Jonah's day with its six score thousand of souls unable to discern their right hand from the left.

These cities are centers of influence molding the political and religious thought of the nation. That great politico-religious organization to which the whole world is soon to bow down, is centering its efforts on the control of these cities as the key to the situation. In them are assembled its strongest men, and for their conquest millions are expended. The children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light. Our entrance to these cities is blocked by walls of religious prejudice; the world's best minds backed by strong organizations oppose our every effort; and a thousand gilded attractions as never before beckon the masses the other way.

Yet these great cities with their teeming millions filling up the cup of a world's iniquity, and soon, very soon, to be destroyed by the judgments of God must hear without delay the message of mercy.

With men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking after those things that are coming on the earth, our opportunity has come to tell the anxious multitudes the meaning of these things. The way is open for the message to go with power in the cities of the East. It behooves us to make the most of this providential opening.

#### TENT EFFORTS

Undoubtedly one of the most effectual ways of reaching quickly the masses huddled together in the large cities is a strong tent effort, so located and conducted as to command the attention and respect of the city. Money and time are wasted when a lonely worker or two pitch a dilapidated tent in somebody's backyard in a remote section of the city, the general public being unaware of its presence. It is our business to let everybody know that we have come to town and to pitch our tent out in the open. We once accepted the free use of a beautiful lot on the outskirts of a city in preference to paying a small sum for a lot in the heart of the town. All we got out of the effort was our experience. The best lot always pays in results.

#### PRECEDED BY CAMP-MEETINGS

Last summer in opening the work in a leading university town where every previous effort had been utterly fruitless, it was decided to blaze the way with camp-meeting. Good money was spent for a commanding site in the heart of the city, rather than to bury the camp in a beautiful grove a mile or more from town. The large gathering of our people, the strong corps of visiting ministers, the large choir and the pen of our experienced press man, combined under the blessing of God to give prestige to our work, and bequeathed to the tent effort, continued on the same lot an interested audience of hundreds of people, with the result that a church has been raised up. It pays to hunt for souls rather than shade trees. Every camp-meeting should be made a mighty factor in bringing the truth before the masses in our large cities.

#### ADVERTISING

If everybody knew that it was not some passing show, if everyone knew the stirring subjects presented, the tent would be filled to overflowing. But everybody

doesn't know, and it is our business to inform them.

A clean, artistic sign can inform the passerby that evangelistic services are held in the tent, and a bulletin board can indicate the subject for the night. These have their place. But to reach the whole city we must avail ourselves of the printing press. Many people read the daily newspapers, some people do not. To reach the latter class and others too, weekly programs giving the subjects, should be placed in the homes of the people. Many now rejoicing in the truth were first brought to the tent by a single folder. Tastes vary in the make up of folders. We like a good striking cut here and there. From babyhood to gray hairs, people will look at pictures. With newspapers going into almost every home in the city and on into rural districts, every up-to-date city effort will make diligent use of this agency. It pays to run a display "ad" on the week end church notice page. Most papers will give space to well written reports on subjects of live interest. When an editor generously gives space to our articles we question the propriety of submitting for print gratuitous attacks on other religious bodies. Many people who do not attend our meetings are reading our articles and are forming their impressions of the people and the truth which we represent.

#### STRONG COMPANIES

Thus far this paper has dealt with means of getting a hearing. Once the people come to the tent, the next question is to hold them. We may advertise as big as we please, but if we do not make good at the tent our time and money has been wasted. A disorderly tent, poor music, preaching to match, a forlorn company of two or three workers, and the effort is subject for the undertaker. Weak city efforts are usually a complete failure, and are the most costly, bringing no returns for the expenditures. A city effort

backed by a strong well balanced company, usually meets its expenses by evening donations and brings from a score to a hundred people into the truth. The conference that cannot afford to well man a city effort is in the same plight as the man who is too poor to pay tithes. Strong workers and strong companies bring more into the treasury than they take out, thus enabling us to take on more workers and to maintain a steady growth. It is a matter of common knowledge that the larger the corps of Bible workers, the larger are the results.

#### ORGANIZATION

But the strength of an effort may not be measured entirely by the numbers. It depends first of all on the consecration and endowment of divine power, and secondly on thorough organization. A company may be small, each a law to himself, skipping here and there, or it may manifest the efficiency of a German army.

To accomplish the latter the minister in charge must forego the late morning nap and get his company together for prayer, Bible study and counsel in the early morning. The work can then be laid out for the day and the tent effort thus become a training school.

The ambitious tent master can preach an eloquent sermon by seeing that all un-sightly scraps are picked up, that the sawdust is daily raked smooth, seats kept in place, lighting system in good shape, and before night seats dusted. While extravagant display is unnecessary there is something winning about a well kept, tastefully arranged tent.

At the morning council some successful worker always assign to each member of the company lists of names and addresses, to be visited and reported on. The offer to supply free literature to those who will fill out blank address cards provided for the purpose will supplement the usual means of making up these lists without the appearance of forcing ourselves upon the people.

Vital to the success of the effort is this personal work in the homes of the people. The people appreciate the interest thus manifested in them personally. They count us their friends and open their hearts to us. We learn their individual sorrows and perplexities and temptations and are enabled to give them just the help they need.

#### THE MINISTER'S PART

And this brings to us an indispensable party to the success of the city effort, the preacher, who must be a man capable of holding and increasing his audience, and above all a winner of souls.

We started to say that no minister can do justice to his work who neglects this heart to heart work in the homes. It has

been observed that the man who pleads a lack of time for personal work usually fritters away precious hours on trifles while many of his audience as the days fly swiftly by are sealing their eternal doom.

Meat in due season involves a personal acquaintance with the varied circumstances and needs of each member of the audience and a message to meet that need. From the pursuit of wealth, and pleasure and fame, they come to us with souls unsatisfied. They come weary of life's burdens and disappointments, and heart aches. Let us see that they are fed with that which will satisfy the longing of their souls.

#### MUSIC

Of-t-times a song will carry comfort to a sorrowing heart, or, awakening tender memories of days that are gone forever, will melt the hard heart that the sermon failed to touch. The music, so-called, in some efforts is enough to drive people away from the tent and to kill the effect of the sermon. Every city effort should be provided with a musical director and as many consecrated voices as can be mustered. Every noted evangelist in the popular churches has his musical director and a large choir. Not one of these great evangelists with all their fame would think of entering upon a series of meetings without musical backing. When the devil wants to draw a crowd he always furnishes music. Our plea is not for the theatrical display of voice and gay attire, but for the kind of music that stirs and melts the soul.

#### THE STEREOPTICON

The stereopticon can be used advantageously in song services, as well as in the illustration of lectures, possessing great advantages over the wall chart. The use of a semi-twilight lighting system avoids the objectionable darkness and the views can be thrown on the screen at any time without turning off all the lights. The difference between the stereopticon and the canvass chart is somewhat similar to the difference between the automobile and the stage-coach. A progressive company using a dissolving view stereopticon on the Pacific Coast last summer reports nearly a hundred accessions to the faith, and the collections greatly exceeded expenses. As long as such results are obtained a judicious use of the stereopticon requires no apology.

#### FOLLOW-UP WORK

When the tent goes down the work is only half done. Tens of thousands of dollars are annually wasted and hundreds of souls are eternally lost because the workers in untold instances have scarcely remained long enough to properly pack and ship the out-fit in their haste to get home or somewhere. Of-t-times just as a

splendid interest is developing down goes the tent and off hurries the company to a mid-summer camp-meeting, which must come just at that time to avoid any loss on somebody's crops. If the workers return at all it is to bewail the inevitable fact that people who might have been saved are lost forever. In planning the time of our camp-meetings, better let a few tomatoes rot, than to throw away a summer's effort and lose a harvest of souls for whom the Prince of Glory sacrificed everything.

Under no circumstances should the workers all leave the scene of an effort until those who are interested are established in the truth. Stay with it until the new converts have learned to work for others. A working church is always a live growing church, and no longer needs nursing.

#### HOUSES OF WORSHIP

One unfortunate feature of the work in many cities is the lack of a suitable house of worship. Lodge halls reached by means of obscure entrances and the ascent of several flights of dark and dirty stairs are a handicap to the work. Some of our church buildings have been so carefully concealed in some out of the way place as to elude the most diligent search of inquiring strangers.

A ten thousand dollar church was once erected on an unknown back street away out on the edge of a city burial ground, because of the cheapness of the lot. It is usually best to avoid undue haste in taking a church to the cemetery. Money invested in a good central lot in time will come-back.

#### WINTER EFFORTS

A weak point in our city work has been the tendency to imitate the bear by hibernating. The shortness of time calls for aggressive public efforts the year round. Strong efforts in first class halls are stirring the masses in some of our large eastern cities. What is being done in a few cities can doubtless be repeated in others.

#### MEDICAL MISSIONARY WORK

If the medical missionary work is the right arm of the message, we have been going at the work left handed. A proper use of the right arm will open the door to the higher classes in our large cities. With an experienced union medical secretary and several sanitariums to draw upon this branch of the work can be utilized to advantage in the form of lectures and demonstrations in our camp-meetings and city efforts.

We have reached the time when the judgments of God are about to fall upon the cities. We have reached the time when these cities must ring with the loud cry. Pentecost is soon to be repeated. All heaven is astir. The crisis of the ages is here. The eyes of the universe

are upon us. Putting away every sin, bathing the sword of the spirit in the lightnings of heaven, let us meet the call of the hour with the coming of the man.

W. C. MOFFETT.

OHIO

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APRIL, 1916.

Akron	\$420 58
Ashtabula	
Alliance	
†Barnesville	
†Bellville	
†Bellfountaine	
Bowling Green	513 31
†Broughton	
†Bucyrus	18 63
Camden	36 85
Canaan	36 55
Canton	17 87
Chagrin Falls	11 48
Charloe	
Chillicothe	5 00
Cincinnati	156 02
Cincinnati (Colored)	28 54
Cleveland (English)	617 28
Cleveland (German)	131 47
Clyde	56 07
Columbus	498 79
Conneaut	21 04
Corsica	14 65
Coshocton	14 20
Dayton	88 45
Defiance	10 65
Delaware	3 00
Delta	
Derwent	
†Dowling	
†Dunkirk	
East Liverpool	60 19
Elyria	1086 55
Elgin	
Findlay	71 07
†Gilboa	
Hamler	72 59
Hamilton	75 86
Hicksville	4 72
†Jackson	
Jefferson	15 70
Killbuck	140 65
LaGrange	201 17
†Lakeville	
Lake View	
Liberty Center	19 10
Laura	3 78
Lima	8 50
Locust Point	
Leesburg	1 50
Mansfield	16 00
Marion	33 29
†Marshfield	
Medina	
†Mendon	2 50
Mount Vernon	522 09
Newark	33 67
Norwalk	63 23

New Philadelphia	
Nova	
Ohio City	
Olivet	
Piqua	16 51
Pleasant Hill	8 30
†Powell	
Ravenna	45 47
†Reedsville	
Rows	1 50
†Sandusky	
Spencer	
Springfield	66 46
Springfield (Colored)	39 03
Toledo	125 69
Van Wert	26 70
Walnut Grove	22 50
Washington C. H.	153 32
Waterford	26 95
†Wengerlawn	
†West Mansfield	23 50
Wheelerburg	32 00
Wilmington	12 07
Youngstown	8 00
Zanesville	72 28
Individuals	44 86

TOTAL \$5892 04

†Companies

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

APRIL, 1916

Tithe	\$5892 04
Tent Fund	97 40
Roumanian Bible Offering	
Worthy Students Fund	
Industrial Fund M. V. A.	
Appropriation	
Colored Work	
Educational	
Missions	293 84
Sabbath-school Donations	762 69
Weekly Offering	20 75
India	45 59
Emergency Fund	
Tent & Hall Collection	25
Midsummer Offering	
Labor & Expense Refund	
Orphan and Aged Fund	23 76
Birthday Offering	
Harvest Ingathering	3 86
Talent Fund	50
Annual Offering	
Religious Liberty	8 35
Donation Account	
Talents Returned	
Vermont Temperance Campaign	
Ship Device Proceeds	
Sale of Supplies	10 11
Washington Missionary College	468 91
Operating Refund	
Expense Refund	20 00

TOTAL \$7648 05

H. D. HOLTOM, - Treas.

CHESAPEAKE

News Notes

We are very sorry to have to report the death of our dear Brother M. C. Kirkendall. He died Monday morning, May 15, at the Sanitarium at Washington, D. C. Everything was done for him that medical skill could do. Many special prayers ascended in his behalf, but it was evident that the Lord saw best for him to rest. The Chesapeake Conference feels the loss of this good brother keenly and the sympathies of every member in the conference are extended to the bereaved family. We trust his death may not discourage any one, but as some of our workers are compelled to lay aside the armor let others arise to the help of the Lord and fill up the broken ranks.

Elder J. H. Wierts and Brother F. E. Hankins visited the church at Martinsburg, W. Va., Sabbath and Sunday. They found an interested and interesting company there. This church has just come to us through the transfer of territory at the time of the Union Conference.

Elder Shadel has closed his meetings at Fords Store for the present.

Preparations are being made for the camp-meeting at Rock Hall, and will trust the brethren and sisters will be there to get the blessings that we are sure will come.

The conference committee will meet May 17, to plan for the camp-meeting and for the work for the summer.

The Baltimore No. 1 church are planning to place 10,000 copies of the Temperance Annual in Baltimore homes during the summer months. There has already been an enthusiastic beginning. As the temperance question is a live one in our state this year, will not other churches enter upon a similar campaign? Surely this paper will do much to enlighten the people regarding the true principles of temperance, and should be the leading temperance literature in the Chesapeake Conference.

Mrs. F. E. Hankins and Miss Newcomer spent a day in Washington last week, visiting Elder and Mrs. Kirkendall and other friends there.

Remember the camp-meeting date, June 8 to 18. Be sure to be there yourself. Bring your families with you. Bring your friends with you.

Do not forget to look for the Bargain Counter at camp-meeting in the book tent. The tract society secretary called at the Review and Herald office last week and found a lot of splendid bargains to offer you at that time.

Every junior and senior Missionary Volunteer should plan to buy their Reading Course books at camp-meeting. Begin now to save money for them.

## WEST VIRGINIA

### From Martinsburg to Morgantown

On April 3, 1916, Elder G. A. Stevens and family and writer left Martinsburg, for Morgantown, his new field of labor. It was with regret and sadness that we said "Goodbye" to the dear little church to which we became very much attached in our short stay of one year among them.

We received a warm welcome from the Morgantown members, which we much appreciated.

We have rented a hall in which we hope to hold our first public meeting next Sunday night.

God has greatly blessed in the fitting up of this hall. Through solicitation the following donations have been received from our membership and outside people: organ, chairs, song books, carpet for platform and pulpit, lights complete, six gallons paint, and a painter and decorator has donated his services along these lines. He also gave a money donation. He is much interested in the truth. We ask your prayers that he and his family may step out in the light as it is presented. Another man is painting beautiful mottoes on the walls. Our church members are all taking hold and helping nobly.

We want to see a mighty work done in Morgantown for God and ask your prayers to this end.

R. R. STEVENS.

## News Notes

The condition of the book work in this state seems to be very encouraging. The letters being received from the colporteurs show that they are of good courage and success is attending their efforts. In a letter received from Brother Monroe last week he said: "I did the worst this week of any week yet as you will see by my report, but I am not the least bit discouraged. I am in the work to stay until the Lord calls me hence. I have been expecting a testing, but this week's work is not so bad."

Brother Snyder writes, "I will have a Bible reading this afternoon with a man I

met Friday while canvassing. He wants to know the truth, so with the Lord's help I will start him this afternoon. He knows of the Third Angel's Message through an old "Bible Readings" and hearing of the subject at a camp several years ago here in the city."

Sister Snyder writes, "I sold a \$4.00 Bible Readings" in a home where "Christ's Object Lessons" was left by me in December and this couple are ready for studies. I took \$5.00 worth of orders Wednesday while delivering a "Best Stories," and \$2.00 worth Thursday while delivering \$12.00 worth. I also took \$3.85 worth of orders on Monday while delivering."

Brother Mays writes: "The most of last week was spent in poor territory, so I did not make so good a showing financially as for previous weeks, but I had some good experience. I sold four half morocco "Bible Readings" at one home. The home of a well-to-do farmer. The wife ordered one for each of her children.

"One evening I met a man on his way home and felt impressed to ask to stop over night with him. He replied 'come on up.' I tried most every way to get an order at this home. The man finally said he would leave it with the wife. I then had the children very much interested so she gave consent to get the full morocco. The man told them if they took any, to take the best. They want the book at once so will you kindly send it to their address."

Another writes: "I think I did fine for the territory I had to work this week. So many are so poor they can hardly keep the wolf from the door.

This week I found a brother and sister who had not seen a Seventh-day Adventist for years and they did enjoy seeing me, and I them. I gave them my quarterly and they were glad to get it. They accepted the truth 30 years ago. The brother is 78 and the sister is 72 years old. She is quite feeble, but said she hoped to see the Saviour coming in the clouds and did not think it would be long until he would come. They have had a hard time to keep the Sabbath, but thank the Lord for what he has done for them."

Brother McElphatrick ordered a "Great Controversy" for a gentleman a few weeks ago. The man was so well pleased with the book that he asked Brother McElphatrick to order another for him as he wanted to give it to a friend.

Parkersburg and Charleston churches were highly favored in having Elder F. W. Paap with them a few days. Elder Paap

conducted a Home Missionary campaign in both churches.

The instruction which he gave along home missionary lines was very practical, interesting and beneficial. All who attended were deeply touched and were made to realize their many and great opportunities as never before.

"The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers." All present reconsecrated themselves, and pledged to co-operate in the finishing work. May the Lord help all to realize that to a large extent they are their "brother's keeper," and be faithful to the sacred trust committed to them of giving the last warning to their friends, neighbors and strangers about them, by living the Third Angel's Message before them and by doing home missionary work. This means "going about doing good" as the Saviour did, and dispensing the truth to them in printed form. In this connection, it will be well for all to read and apply the instruction given in Vol. 9 on "Home Missionary Work."

A Sabbath-school convention was conducted by Mrs. Hirlinger at Huntington and Charleston. These conventions seemed to be very much appreciated.

The Huntington and Clarksburg churches have some good subscriptions toward church buildings and they expect to build soon. Both churches are in need of meeting houses of their own, and we trust they will be able to realize them in the very near future.

Good reports are coming in from all the workers and churches. We expect to have five or six new workers in the field soon. Please remember all the workers in your daily prayers.

Brother E. C. Barnett, who with his wife, recently accepted the truth in Parkersburg, has been canvassing for Bibles for a few weeks, while preparing to canvass for "Great Controversy". Thursday afternoon he went out in Parkersburg, to do his first canvassing for one of our denominational books. In two and one half hours he took orders for \$23.00 worth of "Great Controversy". He has gone to the eastern part of the state where he will continue his work for that book. Brother Kirk is working with him this week.

"Circumstances have as much to do with character as a mirror has with beauty."

NEW JERSEY

Home Missionary Experience

It was my privilege to spend an evening with Sister Tanner and daughter of Collingswood, New Jersey, on my way to Cape May Court House. I found these sisters of good courage in the Lord, and Sister Tanner related an experience to me which I thought was worth mentioning in the VISITOR.

She has been sending the *Signs of the Times* to a lady who has become very much enthused over the paper, and the other day when Sister Tanner was visiting her, she said, "This paper has done me so much good, here is \$5.00 which please accept and use in sending the same paper to others; so that they may be benefitted as I have been."

This lady has already attended our church in Camden. Sister Tanner is having the *Signs* sent to others, and is very much encouraged over this experience. Surely God will bless all those who will do something. Just the smallest missionary act may direct a soul to the kingdom. There is joy in the service of Jesus. Will you not do all you can for Him who has done so much for you?

T. H. BARRITT, *Home Missionary Secretary.*

News Notes

Brother Barritt met with the Cape May Court House church this past week, and reports good progress in the raising of funds to enlarge their church.

It is expected by the fall to have a building twice the size of the present one, which will be more convenient to care for the interest which is increasing in this part of the state.

He also reports good meetings in Vineland, Pleasantville, and Atlantic City. It is hoped to have the church erected in Pleasantville by the fall; plans are in progress, and these brethren and sisters are looking forward with joy in having a memorial for God in this place.

Elder Sandborn recently had an X-ray examination of his ankle, and it was found that a bone is broken, and an operation will be necessary.

Brother C. V. Leach, the union missionary secretary is in Jersey at the present time, looking after the situation here.

We welcome him, and we trust that he may go away feeling encouraged.

The Lord is blessing Brother Holman in the southern part of the state. Nine souls were baptized and united with the

church this past week. Elder Charles Baierle and Brother Lawry assisted in the services.

May 22 the workers came together for counsel and consecration meetings before entering upon the summers campaign. Let all the members pray earnestly that God will richly bless the efforts this summer.

Plan to come to camp-meeting which will be held in a beautiful grove in Trenton July 27 to August 6.

The meetings in Trenton on Sunday nights are being well attended, last Sunday a large audience heard Elder Sandborn speak on the "United States in Prophecy."

Brother Lawry is auditing some of the church books in the northern part of the state.

Brother G. W. Blinn is still meeting with success in the book work, and we are also glad to report that brethren Wood and Hansen are having some splendid experiences.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Minutes of the Eighth Annual Session of District of Columbia Conference.

(Continued)

Professor Sorenson, in charge of the Educational Department, gave a brief account of his work, stating the good conditions at the Takoma Park Church School and his hopes that the ideal condition of a church school for every church might be realized in the near future.

Elder F. E. Gibson gave a report of his year's efforts at Colonial Beach, Chiltons, Rollins Fork and Alexandria, at which latter place a great awakening has taken place during the past winter. Hereported also, good interest and progress at each of the other places mentioned.

Elder J. M. Campbell reported briefly his year's work, mentioning its encouraging results in having brought the truth to several hundreds of souls, a good number having been added to the church.

Elder N. W. Phillips, for twenty years a minister of the Disciples Church, who accepted the Third Angel's Message last summer in West Virginia, and has since bent his energies toward the propagation of its great truths in the earth; having accepted a call to this conference following the recent session of the Columbia Union Conference at Pittsburgh, briefly

stated his hopes and ambitions to be of service in the Master's cause in this field, reviewing his brief but interesting and fruitful efforts in West Virginia during the past several months.

Elder Stewart Kime, chaplain at the Washington Sanitarium and general missionary worker in Takoma Park spoke of the exceptional opportunities offered in his field and some encouraging results of his labors during his short experience with us.

Elder F. H. Seehey, who was called to this conference from Wilmington, in December, to carry on the work in connection with the Peoples church, outlined the present favorable circumstances of our work among the colored people, affirming his excellent courage in the prospects for the future.

Brother A. J. Bristol reported results of his efforts in the city Bible work, and encouragement in connection with his work at Mt. Rainier church. He also spoke briefly of his work at Belmont Park, Clifton Station and the Capitol Hill church.

Sister Margaret Howard related in general her experiences as Bible worker since connecting with the conference last September, reporting many encouraging experiences.

Sisters Helen Williams, in charge of the Bible workers training class at Washington Mission College, briefly recounted the work of the class in holding Bible readings and cottage meetings since the beginning of the school year, evidencing the earnest spirit of the members and mentioning some interesting experiences.

R. E. HARTER, *President.*

R. C. TAYLOR, *Secretary.*

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News Notes

The Lord is calling, not for book agents but for evangelistic colporteurs, and we are glad that our colporteurs have a real burden for souls. A short time ago one of our faithful workers, Brother F. A. Holland, entered a home where the people seemed to be in trouble and after telling them of the one who spoke peace to the troubled sea, and of his ability to speak peace and comfort to the troubled soul, knelt with them and offered an earnest prayer in their behalf, after which they were glad to get the book that would tell them of the Saviours love, and inspire them with faith and trust.

Last week one of our colporteurs made a delivery of \$350.00 and sold a Bible Readings for cash and delivered two conditional orders making his delivery a little better than 100 percent.

One of our students colporteurs has sold books amounting to a scholarship during the school year besides carrying on his regular school work.

In 342 hours one of our faithful men took orders amounting to \$1335.00 and all of his deliveries have been about 97 percent.

We rejoice to see how the Lord is using Brother Wilcox as an instrument to place our message filled books in so many homes.

A young lady from the college in one month during her spare time sold magazines amounting to \$43.00. Besides placing the truth in the hands of four hundred and thirty people, her profit covered her school expenses for the month. It pays for those who are not using books regular, to spend their spare time in handling magazines.

As a result of sickness of some of our colporteurs, and home duties of others has made our report for the past month rather low, but all are planning to start in earnest again by the first of June. The prospects for the summer's work looks encouraging.

As the result of a "Bible Reading" being placed in the home by one of our colporteurs, we recently received word that the people are keeping the Sabbath. This cause our hearts to rejoice as we see the honest in heart taking their stand for the truth. And it fills the colporteurs with a new courage and inspiration as they see their prayers being answered, in visible results of their labors.

## EAST PENNSYLVANIA

### Report of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference for the Biennial Period 1914-1915

At the commencement of this biennial period, we had a recorded membership of 1150 and 50 more keeping the Sabbath, making 1200 Sabbath-keepers altogether.

Since then, 286 others have commenced to keep the Sabbath, 338 have been baptized and 262 have been added to the church. The losses by death, removals and apostasy have been 127, which must be deducted from the 262 added to the church. Therefore the net gain in the actual membership of our churches is 135 above all losses. This brings our present membership to 1285. There are about 65 others keeping the Sabbath so that we have about 1350 Sabbath-keepers. We

## Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Help	Total	Del
<b>Ohio, Week Ending May 12, 1916</b>									
A. G. Haughey, Darke Co.		BR	5	56	26	91 00		91 00	
P. A. Franks, Wayne Co.		BR	5	55	16	52 00	13 00	65 00	3 65
David Graham, Lawrence Co.		BR	5	51	4	12 00	6 00	18 00	1 50
Fred Hannah, Lorain Co.		BR	5	50	7	21 00	12 25	33 25	6 50
Chas. Carter, Fairfield Co.		GC	5	48	28	28 00	3 75	29 75	
R. H. Patterson, Green Co.		BR	5	47	15	52 00	4 50	56 50	
C. F. Wilcox, Stark Co.		DR	5	46	19	61 00	2 25	63 25	
George Cottman, Warren Co.		BR	5	45	13	45 00		45 00	
Frank Fuitts, Adams Co.		BR	5	42	12	39 00	4 00	43 00	75
H. W. Barto, Fairfield Co.		BR	4	40	9	32 00	2 25	34 25	2 25
George Carter, Fairfield Co.		GC	4	39	9	27 00	5 25	32 25	1 50
A. Gackenheimer, Richland Co.		BR	5	38	10	30 00	2 25	32 25	5 25
J. H. Stafford, Cincinnati		BR	5	38	10	36 00	3 00	39 00	
Mrs. C. Kelley, Clark Co.		CK	5	37	20	30 00	4 85	34 85	4 20
W. H. Smith, Holmes Co.		BR	5	37	8	24 00	7 85	31 85	75
Will Price, Richland Co.		BR	5	36	6	19 00	9 50	28 50	13 50
Mrs. Stafford, Hamilton Co.		BR	5	34	12	45 00	3 00	48 00	
Ed Searles, Crawford Co.		BR	5	33	2	6 00	24 75	30 75	4 00
C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.		BR	3	33	14	36 00	15 75	51 75	8 25
Mrs. Smith, Scioto Co.		CK	4	31	30	47 00	10 00	57 00	4 25
H. O. Kohr, Dayton		BFL	5	28	30	46 00	9 00	55 00	6 00
E. S. Gifford, Clark Co.		BF	4	26	8	12 00		12 00	
C. R. Fairchild, Logan Co.		BR	2	20					165 00
Miscellaneous						2 25	2 25	2 25	31 50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23 Agents</b>		<b>109</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>\$789 00</b>	<b>\$145 45</b>	<b>\$934 45</b>	<b>\$258 85</b>

## West Virginia, Week Ending May 12, 1916

G. E. Snyder, Harrison Co.		BR	4	31	3	12 00	14 50	26 50	3 75
T. M. Butler, Barbour Co.		BR	5	47	18	56 00	3 00	59 00	2 50
S. J. Monroe, Wetzel Co.		BR	4	41	12	36 00	15 65	51 65	2 65
C. G. Mays, Hardy Co.		BR	4	31		48 00	8 10	56 10	
Henry Waggoner, Preston Co.		BR	4	47	55	47 00	19 90	66 90	1 30
E. C. Barnett, Putnam Co.		CC	1	2		27 00		27 00	
Hattie V. Purce, Charleston		PPF	5	25		55 50		55 50	10 00
Magazines						3 70		3 70	3 70
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7 Agents</b>		<b>28</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>\$285 20</b>	<b>\$61 15</b>	<b>\$346 35</b>	<b>\$23 70</b>

## West Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 12, 1916

J. E. Bugher, Westmoreland Co.		BF	5	34	8	12 00		12 00	26 00
J. S. Glunt, Mercer Co.		BR	5	16	1	4 00	3 75	7 75	72 50
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.		BR	5	23	15	49 00	50	49 50	4 75
L. J. Hilton, Erie Co.		BF	4	32	6	4 50	7 75	12 25	12 25
John Kmetz, Allegheny Co.		HW	5	37	15		4 25	4 25	4 25
C. B. Mosier, Westmoreland Co.		BF	4	29	6	9 00	1 25	10 25	2 95
E. A. Manry, McKean Co.		BR	5	56	20	68 00	5 00	73 00	45 00
John Morley, McKean Co.		BR	4	28	11	36 00	1 50	37 50	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8 Agents</b>		<b>37</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>\$182 50</b>	<b>\$24 00</b>	<b>\$206 50</b>	<b>\$167 70</b>

## Chesapeake, Week Ending May 12, 1916

N. O. Shaffer, Baltimore Co.		BR	5	38	17	70 00	75	70 75	16 75
C. W. Jenkins, Washington Co.		BR	4	39	17	53 00	2 00	55 00	1 00
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.		BR	5	47	19	57 00	4 00	61 00	6 60
W. H. Wilcox, Morgan Co.		BR	5	57	16	55 00	2 00	57 00	3 00
Mrs. W. H. Wilcox, Morgan Co.		BR	3	36	12	41 00	13 00	54 00	
Geo. R. Apsley, Carroll Co.		BR	4	38	4	12 00	50	12 50	
B. Hohensee, Somerset Co.		DR	5	52	48	154 00	3 20	157 20	
Geo. W. Lawrence, Harford Co.		DR	4	40	17	51 00	2 00	53 00	
C. C. R. Hare, Worcester Co.		PPF	5	47	16	39 00	8 35	41 35	25
D. W. Percy, Wicomico Co.		PPF	5	43	40	80 00	5 35	85 35	
R. J. Urkums, Baltimore Co.		PPF	2	17	10	23 00		23 00	
M. S. Pettibone, Carroll Co.		DA	3	24	5	16 50	6 90	23 40	1 60
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12 Agents</b>		<b>50</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>\$651 50</b>	<b>\$48 05</b>	<b>\$699 55</b>	<b>\$29 20</b>

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 12, 1916

Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	BF	5	45	15	22	50	4	75	27	25	44	00
Grant Priddy, Luzerne Co.	SB	4	24	29	14	50			14	50	1	50
S. J. Mack, Mantaur Co.	DR	3	19	4	13	00			13	00		
T. Beamesderfer, Lancaster Co.	BF	5	43	3	5	50	6	20	11	70	5	75
M. M. Sterner, Union Co.	PPF	3	19	4	8	00	2	25	10	25	2	25
W. B. Dunkinson, Luzerne Co.	PPF	5	46	12	25	00			25	00	9	00
Eva Chandler, Philadelphia	Mag.				18	20			18	20	18	20
<b>Totals</b>		<b>7</b>							<b>\$106</b>	<b>\$13</b>	<b>\$119</b>	<b>\$80</b>
		<b>Agents</b>							<b>70</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>70</b>

New Jersey, Week Ending May 5, 1916

Andrew Hansen, Sussex Co.	DR	5	38	11	41	00	16	95	57	95	3	45
W. B. Plant, Morris Co.	BR	5	29	2	7	00	17	50	24	50	1	00
Edward J. Wood, Camden Co.	PS	5	30	8	8	00	2	00	10	00	4	00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>3</b>			<b>15</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>\$56</b>	<b>\$36</b>	<b>\$92</b>	<b>\$8</b>	<b>\$45</b>
		<b>Agents</b>							<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>45</b>	

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plan to organize three new churches this spring.

We believe that with faithful work our church membership can be increased to 1400 or more by the close of 1916, and we are all working with this purpose, believing that the Lord will use both ministers and people working together to bring this to pass.

As permanent workers we have 8 ordained ministers; 2 licensed ministers; 6 licensed missionaries (including department heads), and 12 colporteurs: making our total number of regular workers 28. Plans are on foot to secure 3 more permanent Bible workers.

CHURCH BUILDINGS

Two new church buildings have been completed, and two others are almost completed. Besides these, the beautiful little Presbyterian Church of Covington has been purchased by our people there. This church is historically connected with the Third Angel's Message. One of the first Seventh-day Adventist sermons ever preached in the state of Pennsylvania was preached in this Presbyterian Church by Elder Whitney 36 years ago. The beautifully designed colored glass windows of this church alone cost \$1,000. Through the Providence of God our people have been able to purchase this church and all its furnishings, together with the centrally located corner lot on which this historic building stands, for only \$700.00.

Counting the two almost completed at Blossburg and Wade, we now have 19 church buildings with a total valuation of \$55,900.00.

H. M. J. RICHARDS.

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Constitution of the Columbia Union Conference

(Continued)

ARTICLE V.

Officers. Section 1. The officers of

this conference shall be a president, a secretary, a treasurer and an executive committee consisting of the president, and treasurer of the Union Conference, the president of each local conference in the union and seven other persons.

Section 1. The officers not otherwise provided for shall be elected at the regular sessions of the conference, and shall hold their office for a term of four years, or until their successors are elected and appear to enter upon their duties.

Section 3. The executive committee shall have power to create such departments of conference administration as may appear necessary for the best interests of the cause, and to appoint such chairmen and secretaries and committees of these departments as may be required.

Section 4. During the interim of the sessions of the conference, the executive committee shall have power to fill all vacancies occurring in offices or boards.

ARTICLE VI.

Sessions. Section 1. This conference shall hold regular sessions at intervals of four years, at such date and place as the executive committee shall designate by a notice published in the *Review and Herald*, at least three weeks before the date of meeting.

Section 2. The executive committee may call extra sessions, if the occasion requires, by a like notice; and the transaction of such sessions shall be equally valid with those of the regular sessions.

ARTICLE VII.

Section 1. The delegates of this conference, at each regular session, shall elect the boards of management of such institutions and such enterprises as are connected with and operated by this organization, according to the by-laws in such cases made and provided.

Section 3. This conference may issue proper credentials to the duly accredited workers in its employ.

ARTICLE VIII

Funds. Section 1. The funds of the Columbia Union Conference shall consist of such tithe as it shall receive from the several local conferences within its territory, and such gifts, legacies, bequests, devices, and other donations as may be made to it.

Section 2. The tithe shall be used for such purposes only as the Word of God directs; all other means to be used according to the best judgment of the executive committee and the specifications of the donors.

B. G. WILKINSON, *Chairman.*

R. T. DOWSETT, *Secretary.*

Our Foreign-Born Population—a Comparison

All who have studied and given some attention to the immigration problem for the last few years, are aware of the fact that most of our recent immigrants have come from Southern and Eastern Europe. So great has been the influx of people from Italy, Hungary, Servia, Bulgaria, Greece, Roumania, Poland, and Russia that the people from Western and Northern Europe who have settled in our country, have, in many cases, been outnumbered.

With their limited education, their many strange customs, prejudices, and various religious ideas and beliefs, these people from the southern and eastern parts of the old world, present a far more difficult problem than the people of Northwestern Europe who came in so great numbers in earlier days.

Naturally the ease with which people adapt themselves to American ideas and institutions will depend largely upon the readiness with which they master the English language and the likeness of their home institutions to ours.

From a standard work on immigration, "The Immigration Problem", by Jeremiah W. Jenks, Ph. D., we have gathered a few interesting facts in regard to the ability of our foreign-born population to speak the English language. Among the below listed nationalities who gave lived in our country for from 1 to 20 years and more, we find their English speaking ability to range at the following percentage: Italians, 30 per cent; Russians, 30 per cent; Hungarians, 24 per cent; Servians, 20 per cent; Poles, 15 per cent; Greeks, 12 per cent. Among the people from Northwest Europe, we find this: Germans, 79 per cent; Swedes, 84 per cent; Norwegians, 91 per cent, and highest of all, Danes, 98 per cent.

From this little comparison it will readily be seen that there is a very material difference between these two classes of immigrants from Northwest Europe and Southeast Europe. Taking the people who have been here but a few years, the percentage is much lower, of course. Still,

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more than three-fourths of our foreign-born population from Southeast Europe never learn to speak the English language. It therefore seems very evident that if we ever expect to reach these people with the message that it will have to be presented to them in their own language either in oral or written form.

At the close of the year 1900, there were 10,341,000 people of foreign birth in our country. In 1910 this number had increased to 13,516,000. While in 1900, 7,016,000, or 67 per cent, of these people had been the residents of Northern and Western Europe, only 1,832,000, or 17 per cent, had come from Southern and Eastern Europe. At the end of 1910 these figures had materially changed. In that year, 6,740,000 gave Northwest Europe as their former home, 49 per cent, or a decrease of 275,000. On the other hand, the people from Southern and Eastern Europe had increased their numbers to 5,048,000, or 37 per cent of the total foreign-born population, an increase of more than 3,125,000, or 175 per cent. The Italians had increased their numbers by 177 per cent, the Russians, 170 per cent; the Hungarians, 163 per cent; the Roumanians, 338 per cent, and the Greeks even 1098 per cent. During the same decade, the Germans had decreased 11 per cent, and the Scandinavians had only made a gain in their numbers of 16 per cent.

Such a sudden and tremendous change in the make-up of our country's population does, indeed, call for most solemn and earnest thought together with careful study and attention on the part of our local as well as our Union Conference committees and last, but not least for the attention of every church member throughout the land.

Arrangements have recently been made

through the North American Division Conference with the Pacific Press Pub. Assn., to supply our literature market with monthly and quarterly periodicals in several of these southern and eastern European tongues. A good beginning has already been made in the Italian, in which language we have an eight-page bi-monthly paper, and a twenty-four page quarterly magazine; in the Russian we have an eight-page monthly paper, and work has just been begun on a twenty-four page magazine in the Bohemian language. The magazines are well illustrated, with an attractive cover, and sell very readily. As soon as the International Branch of the Pacific Press gets located in their new headquarters, in Brookfield, Ill., other monthly papers will be added in the Roumanian, Servian, and probably Polish languages. Other languages will be placed on the list as soon as demands warrant such steps to be taken.

Now, we feel very anxious about soliciting the hearty co-operation and assistance of our brethren and sisters throughout the field in giving the message to these millions of people in our midst. They are just as much in need of the gospel as the foreigners abroad. We shall be pleased to answer any questions and give any information in regard to these foreigners, their location, their needs, our supply of literature in the various tongues, etc., to all that will write us. Our brethren of the Pacific Press Pub. Assn., International Branch at College View, Neb., or the writer who may be addressed at 115 N. California Ave., Chicago, Ill., will be glad to hear from those interested in this great Home-Foreign mission field.

STEEN RASMUSSEN, *Secretary, North American-Foreign Department.*

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