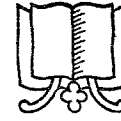


Columbia Union



Visitor



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

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UNION

The Mid-Summer Offering

We are pleased to know that our brethren everywhere throughout the Columbia Union Conference are systematically and substantially building up their funds for foreign missions this year. This is your year of prosperity. Never has United States before, in all its history, seen such great prosperity as at present. Yet also these are days of peril. How long will this prosperity continue? We ask therefore, that all our brethren will take recognition of the fact that an excellent opportunity for a good foreign mission offering will be given on Sabbath, July 29, the Sabbath set apart for our regular annual Mid-Summer Offering.

The Foreign Mission Board is taking advantage of the present prosperous conditions as well as of the fact that so far during this war the highways of the oceans have been kept open. Our young people are continuously leaving our shores for distant fields. Splendid reports are coming back of interests being awakened and on the frontier line the proclamation of the message is being pushed farther and farther out into these great countries. Shall we enlarge our work or diminish it? The most splendid scenes of earth's history are yet ahead of us, and also are some of the darkest. We ought to work while yet it is day; while the doors are open; while this country is at its best and our youth can be trained for missionary work; and while the foreign fields still invite, we should all rally to the situation.

Therefore, we entreat the dear brethren everywhere throughout the Columbia Union to make Sabbath, July 29, a special day for gathering funds for foreign missions. Let all the churches arrange well before hand to have a good Mid-Summer Offering program, and with a good strong

pull altogether we believe that the blessings of God will fall upon the gifts and sacrifices of this day. B.G. WILKINSON.

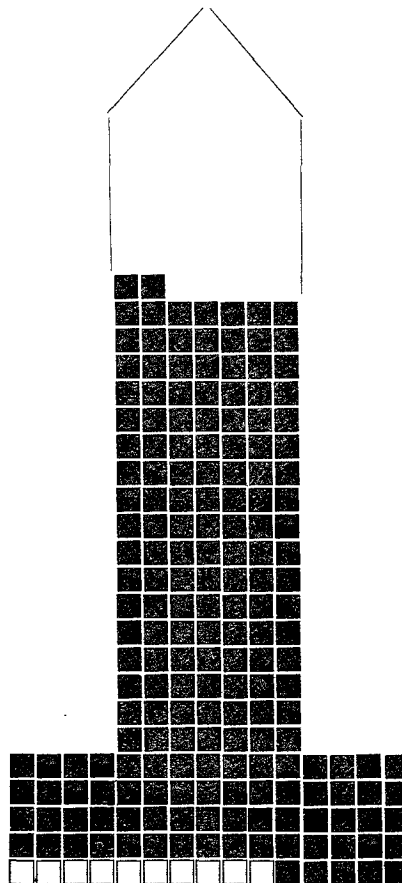
The Campaign in New Jersey

It was my pleasant duty to visit twelve churches in New Jersey. We found the hearts of the brethren and sisters warm with the love of this precious message, and doing all they can for the lengthening of the cords until they reach earth's remotest bounds, and the strengthening of the stakes at home.

It was a token of the strength our work is acquiring here in the East to see so many substantial church buildings in important centers. Five fine buildings have been erected quite recently, two of which were dedicated while I was in the state. Other buildings are in contemplation. As these buildings were erected in large cities with comparatively small membership, it can be readily understood that the churches were bearing considerable financial burdens at the time of my visit. This was in no wise discouraging to me, for it is evident that the strengthening of the stakes at home, will only make the larger work to be done in the regions beyond reach a more speedy accomplishment.

The share of the large fund for the college that falls to New Jersey is about \$3,500. \$2,536.50 of this was pledged during my visit, leaving but a little more than \$900 to be met by the brethren and sisters in the churches not reached in my campaign, and including the cards that were passed out during my meetings, but which were not yet turned in. Elder Sandborn and his corps of workers are pushing this matter energetically, hoping to have the entire amount soon subscribed.

One interesting item in New Jersey was the way in which the conference is taking hold of the "Ministry of Healing" campaign. Brother Barritt, the home secretary, saw in this a means by which the brethren and sisters could help the college fund and at the same time give them experience in meeting the people in missionary work. The added incentive of help to the schools will be a lever to



A MONUMENT FOR THE FINISHING OF THE WORK
THE W. M. C. and M. V. A. EDUCATIONAL FUND

Entire Amount Required \$27,000
Amount Pledged May 21, \$19,765 16
Cash Paid to May 22, 1049 68

Each square represents \$100. Black squares pledges, white squares cash received.

WATCH THE MONUMENT GROW.

start some in the work, who will keep it up with other books after they have learned how blessed and easy it is to meet the people.

I am glad to report more than \$400 in cards received from Ohio since my departure. This shows that the conference workers are carrying this matter out to all the churches. There is still a sum of \$1,000 to be subscribed in Ohio to make up her quota, and any readers of this report who have not yet had their share in the matter will please report to the conference treasurer.

Let none forget our slogan, "As much cash as possible by August 1." That is the date for the turning of the first sod. Can we not hope for at least \$15,000 cash in the Union Conference treasury by that time?
GEO. F. ENOCH.

NEW JERSEY

Pentas

A beautiful baptismal service was enjoyed by a large company at Pentas, New Jersey, Sabbath afternoon, May 13, at which time nine dear souls were buried with their Lord in baptism.

Brother J. H. Holman had conducted a series of meetings there in the little chapel of the community and as a result, about ten had taken a definite stand for the message. Preceding baptism, a special meeting was held at the home of one of the members of our church near Pentas, when the spirit of God was noticeably present; hearts were melted and new hands were raised for prayers. The candidates were then led into Alleway Creek and baptised. The beautiful day, the suggestive command, and the cheerful obedience, combined with other circumstances made the event most impressive indeed.
CHAS. BAERLE.

The Lord Cares for Those Who Trust Him

One day while canvassing in the Hamburg mountains the Lord impressed me that I should go up in the mountains to a certain house.

It was then a little after 3 o'clock and this house was three miles away uphill and mountain road.

I sought the Lord earnestly in prayer to guide me in this matter, as it meant that I would have to stay all night in this home, or else come through the mountain passes very late, but the still small voice said, "Go" and so I started on up the mountain side alone with God, contemplating what he had in store for me.

I reached the home about 5:30 P.M., the lady of the house greeted me at the door

and very kindly invited me in.

Upon entering the dining room, I saw a man standing out in the kitchen watching me with a scrutinizing eye.

After talking a little while along religious lines, I brought out my "Daniel and Revelation Prospectus" and the lady called to her husband in a very kind manner, "Father, would you come and see this book?" He said, "No I don't want any book, and I haven't the time to look at books, help is scarce, and we have no time to read."

I said nothing, but lifted my heart in silent prayer to God asking him to care for his tired and weary servant.

The gentleman went out and left me alone with the lady. I exhibited my work which seemed of great interest to her, but I could not close the deal and very soon found out the reason why. The lady knew what kind of literature it was, and asked me frankly if I was a Seventh-day Adventist. I said that I was.

Well she said, "I thought so, and that means I cannot take your book, for my husband is very bitter against them."

I felt disappointed indeed, and in my heart there was a battle with God.

While the lady was very willing for me to stay there over night, yet she did not know what to say about it as her husband never allowed anyone to stay at his place, but this did not discourage me and I sat still waiting my opportunity.

I had faith in God that as I had obeyed his bidding he would not forsake me.

Presently I heard the lady trying to get the last dipper of water out of the water pail.

I quickly asked her if she would allow me to bring her a pail of water.

After showing me where the spring was down in a nearby field, she said, "On your way by the barn, stop in and see my husband and see what he thinks of you staying here tonight."

With a smile I said, "All right" and went down and got the water. On my return I opened the barn door and kindly but firmly I said, "Mr.—would you object to me staying here over night with you? Raising himself to his full stature and looking squarely in the face, he answered me thus:

"This is something that I do not as a general rule do, I never allow any drummers or business agents to stop here, although they have been well dressed, and I believe honest men like you, but I like the looks of you, and you may stay if my wife is willing."

My heart felt very light and I went to the house with my pail of water with joy.

Soon their son came home from school and brought a letter from their daughter stating that she was coming home that night.

Mr.—went to the station to meet her, and I studied the Sabbath question with the lady.

After supper, while the lady was putting things in order, Mr.—and myself sat down to talk, and as he drew his chair near to mine, he said, "I believe the coming of our Lord is near." I said, "Yes! my brother, that is truly so," and I gave him some biblical evidence on this subject.

Very soon the ladies were through with their work and we all adjourned to the parlor and they asked me to sing a song which I did as best I could, it may not have sounded good to others but it did to them, as the man appeared to be touched.

After this I read them a chapter from the Word of God and we had a season of prayer which I shall never forget, the spirit of God coming very near unto us all.

I was asked to lead in prayer, next the lady, and her husband followed who asked God to especially bless me and thanked the Lord for sending his messenger to them. He also thanked the Lord for having melted his heart to let me stay.

Next morning after showing me around his fruit farm, breakfast past we had our parting worship together.

They both expressed their gratitude to God for having sent me there, and gave me an order for a \$5 teachers' Bible and a standing invitation to visit them at anytime and not to forget them in my prayers.

What joy it will be to see these dear souls drawn to Christ in truth.

ANDREW HANSEN.

CHESAPEAKE

News Notes

Elder A. S. Booth and wife, of California arrived in Baltimore last Wednesday. The members of the Baltimore church are much pleased to have them here, and the prospects for a strong effort in this city this summer are bright. Pray for the work in this great and needy city. They have located at 1339 Poplar Grove Street, Baltimore Md.

Elder Shadel and other workers of the conference have begun getting the camp ground in readiness for the camp-meeting. The prospects for a good meeting are excellent, and we are looking forward to a good attendance. We trust none will fail to be there and get the blessing the Lord has in store for you.

Elder H. E. Robinson closed his Sunday night services in the church, as the camp-meeting is so near and the summer tent effort will begin soon after the camp-meeting.

West Pennsylvania Sabbath School Report

Quarter Ending March 30, 1916

Elder J. O. Miller, our new conference president, received a hearty welcome also, as he came into the city to take up his work and his abode. He and his wife arrived in Baltimore Tuesday, May 30. They are located at 2119 Longwood Street, Baltimore, Md.

Sister Kirkendall is getting located at Mount Vernon, Ohio. She expresses to the friends in the conference their appreciation of the kindness and sympathy they have received from all.

WEST VIRGINIA

Camp Meeting

Let all now prepare to attend the largest camp-meeting ever held in West Virginia. The date is August 30 to September 10. Because of the good will and earnest solicitations of the people of that city, it will likely be held in Weston, and will be followed up by a strong evangelistic effort. From the present outlook, it will be the largest and best camp-meeting ever held in the state. All should attend. The spirit of the Lord says, "Let none say, 'I cannot attend.'" "Forsaking not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching," Heb. 10: 22-25.

Elder T. M. French, a man of broad experience, Sister Jennie Welsh, an experienced Bible worker, Brother Frank Detwiler and Sister Marie Snyder, of Parkersburg, and Sister Helen Morris of Morganstown, are connecting with the work in this conference. Under the direction of Elder C. T. Redfield, Sister M. M. Osburn of Charleston, is doing Bible work among the colored people of that city. Already several are keeping the Sabbath. Thus our working force has been nearly doubled.

If all will pray earnestly for these new workers, as well as the older workers, and co-operate with them in every way possible, a large work will be accomplished, and the harvest of souls will more than justify the added expense. Let all be faithful in tithes and offerings, and watch West Virginia grow.

J. W. HIRLINGER.

News Notes

Professor C. L. Stone has recently made a tour of this conference in the interest of the Young People's and Educational work, visiting Huntington, Charleston, Parkersburg, Kanawha and Walker. The instruction given was much appreciated and these departments of the work will no doubt be greatly strengthened as a result.

Name of School	Membership	Offerings	Weekly Av. per Member
Adah	15	39 59	.20
*Ridgway	4	10 27	.19
*Edinboro	3	7 14	.18
Bulger	6	13 35	.17
†Eldred	5	11 20	.17
Pittsburgh No. 2	36	78 34	.16
Albion	7	13 55	.14
Greensburg	8	15 49	.14
North Warren	23	26 98	.13
Allegheny No. 1	32	51 19	.12
Corydon No. 1	10	16 77	.12
*Port Allegheny	4	6 50	.12
*Waterford	3	5 00	.12
Conference	40	63 89	.12
Connellsville	11	16 90	.11
Pittsburgh No. 1	135	206 04	.11
Meadville	24	35 37	.11
Coudersport	43	58 64	.10
Allegheny No. 2	33	42 35	.10
Raymond	20	23 35	.09
Erie	73	78 03	.08
†Johnstown	31	35 28	.08
*†Union City	3	3 12	.08
*†Oil City	6	5 60	.07
Shingle House	20	20 15	.07
*Somerset	10	10 00	.07
Clearfield	15	14 07	.07
Galeton	26	22 77	.06
Washington	24	20 15	.06
Corry No. 2	5	4 42	.06
†Bradford	21	19 47	.06
*†Hackneys	6	4 00	.05
Mt. Braddock	20	15 00	.05
†Corry No. 1	8	6 00	.05
Carter Camp	6	4 32	.05
Altoona	45	29 11	.05
†Coleville	9	5 24	.04
†Hemingers' Mill	23	12 61	.04
†McDonald	17	8 50	.03
†Corydon No. 2	8	2 98	.03
†Huntingdon	20	8 10	.03
Millport	9	4 35	.03
†Indiana	30	6 15	.01
Totals	897	\$1081 33	.09

* Family Schools. † Schools not receiving Worker. M. E. DAUPHINEE, Secretary.

Misses Cathryn Snyder and Jessie Capes went to Putnam County last week to take up the canvassing work.

Brother John Brownlie passed through Parkersburg, last week enroute to Wayne County where he will canvass during the summer. Brother L. E. Christman plans to join him in the work soon.

Brethren Guy and Ray Corder will canvass in Wayne County this summer.

Brother W. T. Ross of Clarksburg is now canvassing with Brother Monroe, in Wetzel County.

Brother Seal has just finished his delivery in Sumner County and is moving to other territory where he will continue the canvassing work. Brother Brando is also moving to new territory this week.

VIRGINIA

President's Address

Under the blessing of the Lord the year 1915 has been one of progress in all departments of the work in the Virginia Conference. During the year six tent efforts were held and 129 new members were added to our churches. The net gain was 97 bringing our membership up to 611.

The Republican Grove tent effort conducted by Brethren Gordon and Armstrong resulted in the raising up of a new church of twenty-five members which recently dedicated a new church building free from debt. The families of this church are not divided, husbands and wives uniting in obeying the truth.

A copy of "Bible Footlights" falling into the hands of a man led him to keep

the Sabbath and created the interest. Following the Charlottesville camp-meeting Elders Kime and Armstrong and Brother Farley carried on a tent effort and this has resulted in the organization of a church of 10 members.

The colored effort at Newport News conducted by Elders J. B. Mallory and W. H. Sebastian, assisted by Sisters Manners and Nixon was the means of adding 30 new members to the church and the long standing church debt of nearly \$300 has just been paid off. This church is at the same time keeping up with its quota for mission offerings.

For every soul brought into the church the conference averaged an expenditure of \$78.30.

Within our boundaries seventy-two counties and a thousand towns do not have a company of Sabbath keepers.

FINANCIAL

The year 1914 closed with an empty treasury. Although the force of laborers has been heavily increased the treasurer's report will show a safe operating fund with which to begin our heavy 1916 campaign. In 1914 the tithe was \$5841.23. For 1915 it was \$8477.42, a gain of \$2636.19.

The conference raised only a little over half of its quota for missions, the amount given in 1915 being \$3265.32, as against \$3108.69 in 1914.

Our goal for missions this year is over \$5,000.00, or \$1,800 more than we raised last year. With the end of all things at hand, and hundreds of millions of heathen to be warned quickly, we ought to set ourselves to do our full part. It is not a question of whether we can but whether we will.

Two years ago we did not have a single large tent that was fit to hold meetings in, now we have three new field tents.

COLPORTEUR WORK

One of the most successful ways of reaching the masses with the message is through the house to house work of the self-supporting colporteur. A fine corps of steady, capable men are consecrating their talents to this work. Last year \$17,273.87 worth of literature went into the homes of the people, or an output equal to that of any two previous years, and still the work is growing.

The circulation of truth filled literature increased from \$983.65 during the first four months of 1915 to \$2,985.12 during the same period of the present year. In other words we are actually delivering three times as much literature so far this year.

YOUNG PEOPLE

Special attention is being given to getting our young people into the schools and into the work, and to enlisting them actively in the various lines of endeavor

laid out by the general department. Each year witnesses an increasing number in our schools. During the past school year 166 children and youth were in our nine schools and the number in advanced schools outside the state brings it up to 180. The Shenandoah Valley Academy has practically operated without loss during the past two years.

OUTLOOK

We have reached the most stirring time in the world's history. The nations are unsheathing the sword that will dig the grave of a hopelessly corrupt world doomed to destruction. The anxious multitudes with "hearts failing them for fear and for looking after those things that are coming on the earth" are "seeking the meaning of these things."

The world is ready for the message. God's people are not ready for the crisis. It is time for us to seek the Lord. The day for trifling is past. Let us at this time put away every sin and make a full consecration. Then attempting great things for God, God will do great things for us.

W. C. MOFFETT.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

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

(Concluded)

We are encouraging our churches, that find it necessary to build, to rightly represent the truth by the good location and the neat and attractive appearance of the churches built, and also by the fact that they are erected at a moderate cost and dedicated without debt. How can we give to God that, which being unpaid for, is not yet ours to give? And those who believe the Lord is soon coming, cannot consistently create burdens of debt to crush and discourage the people of God. But a church, even though of humble architecture, if built and dedicated free from debt, is a delightful thing to cheer the little flock on to greater spiritual conquests, a beacon light amidst the moral darkness of this world, a place of rest for other weary souls. "Owe no man any thing, but to love one another."

COLPORTEUR AND HOME MISSIONARY WORK

Regarding the circulation of our truth filled literature through the book and periodical work, we can also report progress.

During the biennial period of 1912-13 the retail value of books and periodicals sold was \$24,384.78. But for the term of 1914-15 it has reached \$31,992.94.

We desire especially to call attention to the fact that more than \$10,000.00 of this amount represents home missionary work done by the churches.

While thankful for this very material improvement, we desire to see the output of the precious page containing "Present Truth" greatly increase. This work will strengthen our churches spiritually; bring the light of truth to honest waiting hearts, and hasten the coming of that day when, the work being finished, we shall enter the gates of pearl!

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

The educational work is stronger. We now have two good church schools. One in the city of Reading where is located our second largest church. The other school is in the country three miles from Souderton. The Fairhill church has maintained this school for several years. The Reading school is in its second year. Both schools are doing well. We hope to start one or two more this fall.

Thirty-five of our young people are attending Washington Missionary College. One is taking the nurses' course in Washington Sanitarium, three are attending Mount Vernon Academy, and four are at South Lancaster.

Altogether seventy-one of our children and young people are in our own schools. This is thirty more than at our last report to you, and we believe the number will be materially increased by this coming fall.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT

As already indicated by the increased attendance at our training schools just referred to, our Young People's work shows improvement. The number of Young People's Societies has also grown from 12 at our last report to 17 now. The membership from 171 to 207; and their gifts to foreign missions from \$257.26 to \$518.57.

The number of conversions during the former period was 30. But during the one just closed, 78 are reported.

The interest in the Standard of Attainment, which we reported at our last Union Conference as being started, has commenced to bear fruits, so that, whereas, then there were none who had taken any examination at all for it, now we have 38 who have passed both examinations successfully and receive their certificates. 26 others have passed in either Bible Doctrines or Denominational History; and 25 others are studying for their first examination.

Concerning the Reading Courses; we can report that 25 have received certificates, and 40 others are taking these regular courses. We have made somewhat of an innovation by starting a Free Circulating Library. It has now been in operation for two years and has done much, both in satisfying and creating a taste for good reading and is a strong uplifting and educational factor.

We started it with 35 shelfworn books, gifts from the tract society, the conference

and individuals have enlarged this library to 86 volumes, including many that belong to the regular reading courses. 600 persons have read at least one book through. This has been accomplished at a cost in postage of only about \$10.00 a year. We pay the postage on a book one way.

SABBATH SCHOOLS

There has been a steady increase in Sabbath-school attendance, and the increase in the amount of Sabbath-school offerings to missions is truly gratifying.

On December 31, 1913, we had 47 schools with 1201 members and 16 in the Home Department, making a total membership of 1217.

On December 31, 1915, we had 49 regularly organized schools with a membership of 1234, and 13 family schools with 53 members; making the present total membership 1,337.

Taking a retrospective view we find that in 1911 our Sabbath-school offerings were . . . \$1,791 63
 In 1912 they were . . . 2,959 12
 In 1913 " " . . . 3,733 51
 In 1914 " " . . . 4,297 73
 In 1915 they reached . . . 5,108 92

TITHE

Our total tithe for 1912-13 was \$40,788.51; but for 1914-15 it reached \$45,768.08, an increase of \$4,979.57. In view of the fact that during the first year of the great war many of our factories ran only half and some only one-third time, (and many of our people work in these factories) this is a gratifying increase of tithe.

Of this tithe, we sent on to other fields outside of our conference a total of \$14,972.07. Sending away this \$14,972.07 left us \$30,796.01 of our tithe with which to operate the conference work throughout our great field for two years. Thus for two years East Pennsylvania has been entirely self-supporting, as we promised you two years ago that we would try to be. We are thankful to have been able to do this and hope to continue the same policy.

FOREIGN MISSION OFFERING

Our people, although nearly all poor and in the common walks of life, have again shown their great love for this truth and for those in the lands afar who know it not, by again giving the full quota asked of them for missions, although the amount asked has been raised for this biennial term above the last one from fifteen cents to twenty cents a week per member.

The amount given for missions in 1912-13 was \$20,460.01. The amount given in 1914-15 was \$24,221.37, a gain of \$3,761.36. Adding this \$24,221.37 mission money given, to the \$45,768.08 tithe paid shows a total of \$69,989.45 that East Pennsylvania believers have consecrated

to the proclamation of the gospel at home and abroad, besides the many thousands of dollars put into church buildings and paid for literature to make known the truth to their neighbors and friends. The total receipts from tithes and offerings for 1912-13 were \$61,248.53. Therefore the gain for 1914-15 has been \$8,740.93.

We have also found the card system of securing pledges of average weekly gifts to missions an excellent help. But we still have had to make strong calls at our camp-meetings.

DEBTS

We are happy to be able to announce to you that the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference starts the year 1916 free from debt. There were many old obligations, which were a constant perplexity. These we have labored incessantly to settle, and now with the help of God, by the faithful co-operation of the brethren and sisters and by continued application of what we believe to be good business principles in the conference business office, these long standing and complicated obligations have all been settled. When we say we are free from debt we mean that the debts are actually paid and the contracts ended, and not one dollar of tithe has been used for that purpose.

Let us thank the Lord for his prospering hand. H. M. J. RICHARDS.

(Report given at the Pittsburgh Conference.)

OHIO

Larger Plans for Evangelistic Effort in Ohio

During the past few weeks, much careful thought and effort have been given to preparations for our summer tent efforts. The Executive Committee has given most careful study to the problem of making our evangelistic efforts within the conference stronger and more effective. It is felt that we are living in the most vital time for the sounding of the last warning message to the five millions of people within the state of Ohio.

The mind of the public has been stirred during the past months by witnessing the awful carnage in connection with the war in the East. While there is still a strong desire on the part of the people to understand what the Bible says about the meaning of these things and the prophecies relating to the end of the world, yet there is a tendency to somewhat settle down again without giving no serious thought to what is transpiring. The great conflict in Europe that has been in progress almost two years is in some measure losing its influence in the way of stirring people to think gravely concern-

ing the future, yet we must realize that this is our opportune time for giving the last warning message.

We have planned for more than double the amount of work that has been carried at any other time in the summer's effort. The three large tent efforts to be held in Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati, involve a large outlay of money and a strong, effective force of workers. In addition to these three large efforts, there is to be conducted a strong effort in Columbus by Elder Muntz and some of his co-workers for the colored people. Elders Fairchild and Haughey are to conduct an effort at Pioneer in the north-western part of the state. In addition to these five tent efforts, three of which are to be of the large order, we are endeavoring to carry forward all of the city work that we have had in hand in the past.

Elder R. S. Lindsay, of Cleveland, has secured a most excellent location, and in a few days will have his large tent pitched and they intend to do extensive advertising and spare no means to get the attention of the people. While in Cleveland the other day, I found that the church membership has made plans to heartily co-operate in this Cleveland effort.

The large conference tent which has just been newly paraffined, is to be pitched within a few days on the splendid site on East Broad Street in Columbus. Elder H. H. Votaw, assisted by Merritt V. Eusey and a corps of Bible workers and other helpers in the music and in the use of our literature, is to carry forward this effort. With the hearty co-operation of the Columbus church, we expect to see many additions made to the faith from this summer's work in Columbus.

Elder J. H. Behrens, of Cincinnati, has for some time been laying plans for an unusual effort in the city of Cincinnati. Our new tent is now in transit from Kansas City, Missouri, and this fine new pavilion will be pitched on a good central lot in Cincinnati, where work will begin early in June. Elder H. A. Weaver and wife will connect with Elder Behrens in this effort, also Brother and Sister W. M. Campbell, and Miss Greunke as helpers in the Bible work. I am sure that the eyes of our people will look with special interest to this Cincinnati effort, where for a long time we have been made to realize that a more definite effort should be made to give the message.

We are trying to equip all of these efforts with more help. We are asking a number of young people to associate with some of these efforts and assist in the music and in the circulation of announcements and in the use of our literature. In Cleveland, Sister Askey and Emmel will assist in the Bible work. In Columbus, Sisters Walter, Smith and

Howell will aid as Bible workers. In his effort, Elder Muntz will have the assistance of several who are partly giving their time to help to make this effort a success.

It is proper that I say we are going considerably beyond our present income in planning for this especially heavy work for this season. I believe that in all of our churches our people should be aroused to practice the greatest faithfulness in bringing in the tithe. As a committee, we feel that we must move out somewhat by faith, and lay these larger plans, and trust to the results as a means of meeting the extra expense that will be involved. We do not want to launch out unwisely, nor do we wish to be so conservative as to lay small plans out of keeping with the great demands of the times. We ask for your prayers and for your hearty co-operation, that it may be seen that the financial risk has not been an unwise one. We especially solicit the prayers of all our people in behalf of those who are carrying on these important efforts during the coming season.

E. K. SLADE.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Minutes of the Eighth Annual Session of District of Columbia Conference

(Continued)

The following standing committees had been selected by the Conference Committee, in harmony with our custom:

COMMITTEE ON PLANS: C. S. Longacre, chairman; R. T. Dowsett, L. E. Elliott, W. A. Nelson, J. M. Campbell, R. C. Taylor and D. A. Rees.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS: C. Sorrenson, chairman; T. E. Bowen, B. G. Wilkinson, G. S. Hvale and Dr. Haupt; with Miss Rosamond Ginther as alternate.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES: F. M. Wilcox, chairman; M. E. Kern and H. H. Votaw.

This selection was confirmed by the conference with the substitution, on the Committee on Credentials and Licenses, of W. A. Spicer for M. E. Kern, Brother Kern being unable to be present.

On motion, meeting adjourned to 2:30 P. M.

REMOVAL OF OFFICE

The rapid growth of our constituency in East Washington made it advisable to secure a room somewhere in the vicinity of our summer tent effort, to carry on the work during the winter. In our search for a suitable place, the Lord led us to a building at 7 Fourth Street, N. E., which not only afforded us a suitable meeting place, but also a nicely arranged office

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending May 26, 1916									
Fred Hannah, Lorain Co.		BR	5	52	7	22 00	20 00	42 00	4 75
W. H. Smith, Holmes Co.		BR	5	47	11	36 00	4 35	40 35	3 75
P. A. Franks, Wayne Co.		BR	4	45	15	45 00	1 50	46 50	75
David Graham, Lawrence Co.		BR	5	46	3	10 00	3 75	13 75	
H. W. Barto, Fairfield Co.		BR	5	46	14	46 00	6 00	52 00	1 50
Frank Fufts, Adams Co.		BR	5	46	18	58 00	13 00	71 00	75
George Carter, Fairfield Co.		BR	5	44	14	44 00		44 00	
E. C. Alexander, Clermont Co.		BR	4	42	20	66 00	4 50	70 50	6 25
C. C. Webster, Lake Co.		BR	5	42	15	54 00		54 00	
George Cottman, Warren Co.		BR	5	40	6	22 00	4 50	26 50	75
Will Price, Richland Co.		BR	5	38	12	40 00	21 75	61 75	6 00
R. H. Patterson, Green Co.		BR	4	36	9	34 00		36 50	1 75
Ed Searles, Crawford Co.		BR	4	36	9	29 00	7 80	36 80	8 80
Richard DeGarmo, Summit Co.		HM	4	36	26	54 50		54 50	
W. J. Pugh, Lake Co.		GC	5	33	4	12 00	6 75	18 75	1 50
W. S. Syphers, Madison Co.		BR	5	32	9	27 00	4 50	31 50	
D. McCarthy, Harrison Co.		BR	5	30	3	9 00	50	9 50	
Mrs. C. Kelley, Springfield		CK	4	30	13	19 50	3 15	22 65	6 60
C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.		BR	4	29	11	34 00	11 25	45 25	9 00
H. O. Kohr, Dayton		Armag	5	29			44 00	44 00	44 00
E. E. Goodrich, Madison Co.		BR	5	27	4	15 00	3 75	18 75	
Mrs. Smith, Scioto Co.		CK	5	27	13	19 50	50	20 00	5 75
G. W. Yingling, Tuscarawas Co.		BR	4	26	3	11 00	8 50	19 50	54 50
C. F. Wilcox, Stark Co.		BR	3	25	6	18 00	3 25	21 25	3 00
Chas. Carter, Fairfield Co.		BR	3	25	3	11 00	1 50	12 50	
Mrs. M. Miller, Scioto Co.		CK	4	25	4	6 00	1 25	7 25	3 50
A. G. Haughey, Darke Co.		BR	2	24	18	69 00		69 00	
E. S. Gifford, Clark Co.		BF	4	22	4	6 00		6 00	
N. Oancea, Youngstown, Foreign		Books	5	36			10 35	10 35	
Anna Oancea, Youngstown, Foreign		Books	5	36			11 95	11 95	
Mrs. Stafford, Hamilton Co.		BR	5	19	2	6 00	3 00	9 00	11 50
J. H. Stafford, Hamilton Co.		BR	3	17	4	13 00	6 00	19 00	
Miscellaneous		BR			5	15 00		15 00	
Totals	32 Agents		1411088	285	\$851 50	\$209 85	\$1061 35	\$174 40	
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 26, 1916									
Grant Priddy, Luzerne Co.		SB	4	30	33	16 50		16 50	1 50
Lee Mase, Tioga Co.		PH	4	27	49	21 05		21 05	
T. Beamesderfer, Lancaster Co.		BF	5	44	9	17 50	3 00	20 50	7 80
W. B. Dunkinson, Wyoming Co.		PPF	5	48	30	71 00	75	71 75	9 75
F. S. Bangert, Snyder Co.		PPF	5	42	5	10 00	3 00	13 00	
E. E. Gloor, Mانتا Co.		DR	5	38	4	12 00	50	12 50	
S. J. Mack, Mantaur Co.		DR	5	32	6	18 00	1 50	19 50	1 50
F. A. Brownell, Columbia Co.		BR	4	36	26	91 00	2 00	93 00	6 00
Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.		BF	5	47	27	44 50		44 50	
M. M. Sterner, Columbia Co.		PPF	3	25	7	15 00	2 00	17 00	4 00
Totals	10 Agents					\$316 55	\$12 75	\$329 30	\$30 55
Chesapeake, Week Ending May 26, 1916									
Geo. R. Apsley, Howard Co.		BR	4	33	15	49 00		49 00	71 50
N. O. Shaffer, Baltimore Co.		BR	4	38	15	51 00	8 00	59 00	4 00
C. W. Jenkins, Washington Co.		BR	5	38					106 00
W. H. Wilcox, Jefferson Co.		BR	5	45	16	50 00	6 95	56 95	10 05
Mrs. W.H. Wilcox, Jefferson Co.		BR	5	45	15	48 00		48 00	
D. W. Percy, Wicomico Co.		PPF	4	25	12	24 00	3 50	27 50	
S. Simpkins, Anne Arundel Co.		CK	3	26	16	33 00	50	33 50	
Totals	7 Agents		30 250	89	\$255 00	\$18 95	\$273 95	\$191 55	
Virginia, Week Ending May 26, 1916									
T. D. Gibson, Augusta Co.		BR	2	5	2	6 00	2 00	8 00	
Max Trummer, Wythe Co.		DR	1	3	3	10 00		10 00	
A. H. Schultz, Caroline Co.		DR	5	19	9	28 00	95	28 95	
M. A. Maloney, Rappahannock Co.		CK	5	40	27	44 50	5 55	50 05	5 55
Mattie Jemerson, Pittsylvania Co.		BFL	5	28	8	7 50	1 20	8 70	1 50
John Fasanko, Rappahannock Co.		BFL	5	32	9	13 50	18 25	31 75	
Totals	6 Agents		23 127	58	\$109 50	\$27 95	\$137 45	7 05	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 26, 1916

Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co.	BR	5	41	8	26	00	14	50	40	50	34	25			
J. E. Bugher, Westmoreland Co.	BF	3	29	9	13	50	5	50	19	00					
S. J. Burns, Allegheny Co.	BR	4	10	2	6	00			6	00	104	00			
A. Brownlee, Monongahela Co.	GC	5	45	8	20	00	10	00	30	00	52	40			
C. Dunham, Allegheny Co.	GC	4	29	9	35	00			35	00	8	00			
J. S. Glunt, Mercer Co.	BR	2	3	3	10	00	2	00	12	00					
L. J. Hilton, Erie Co.	BF	1	5								8	50			
W. H. House, Clearfield Co.	DR	5	40	7	21	00	2	28	23	28	45	70			
John Keeler, McKean Co.	BR	3	29	7	46	00	19	05	65	05					
John Kmetz, Allegheny Co.	HW	5	37	33	6	90			6	90	6	90			
C. B. Moser, Washington Co.	BF	4	22	8	16	00	2	25	18	25	2	25			
C. E. Will, Washington Co.	PPF	4	40	13	25	00	8	00	33	00					
E. A. Manry, McKean Co.	BR	1	6	2	6	00			6	00	15	00			
Totals		13	Agents		46	336	119	\$231	40	\$63	58	\$294	98	\$287	25

West Virginia, Week Ending May 26, 1916

J. S. Seal, Hinton Co.	BR	6	64								130	21			
I. Lawrence, Petersburg	BR	5	49	22	73	00	21	75	94	75	10	50			
E. C. Barnett, Garrett Co.	BR	5	30	13	43	00	1	50	44	50					
S. J. Monroe, Wetzel Co.	BR	4	38	10	31	00	4	50	35	50	3	75			
G. E. Snyder, Harrison Co.	BR	4	41	5	16	00	33	75	49	75	6	25			
Henry Waggoner, Preston Co.	BR	4	36	9	28	50			28	50					
Cathryn Snider, Putnam Co.	BR	2	16	9	27	00	75		27	75					
Jessie Capes, Putnam Co.	BR	2	16	4	13	00			13	00					
Mrs. G. E. Snider, Clarksburg	Misc	3	6	13	17	25			17	25	17	45			
W. A. McElphatrick, Charleston	COL	3	18	9	11	25	6	25	17	50					
Magazines					51	20			20	40	20	40			
Totals		10	Agents		38	365	94	\$280	40	\$68	50	\$348	90	\$188	56

Grand Totals: 78 Agents Value of Orders \$2044 21 Deliveries, \$879 36

room for our conference and tract society offices, and plenty of much needed storage space for our tent equipment in the large, dry basement. We leased these accommodations for a term of three years at a rental, slightly more than we were paying for office room, alone, in the McLachlen Building, and after completing some necessary repairs, removed our office on September 1, to its new and present location. The hall seats about two hundred people, and Sunday night meetings have been carried on throughout the winter. A new church was organized November 7, and occupies the hall for its regular services.

FINANCIAL

The treasurer's report will show that our tithe for last year was \$24,565.34, being an increase over the previous year of \$730.14. This does not appear to be a very large increase until we recall the fact that last year \$3,000 came in at one time from an unexpected source. Our last biennial period shows an increase of \$15,609.54. While these figures are very encouraging it is not an evidence that we are doing all we can. The rapidly advancing message calls for increased earnestness and faithfulness in rendering God his own. "He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much," "and if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own?" Tithe paying is an index to character.

The full quota of the conference on the twenty-cent-a-week fund equalled \$8,580. With the blessing of the Lord we raised

this amount, and \$105.89 over, an average of 20 cents a member. We appreciate the earnest efforts of our churches in helping us to make this report.

SABBATH SCHOOL WORK

Very encouraging progress has been made in our Sabbath school work. There are at present seventeen schools, with a membership of 1,150, showing a gain of 149 in membership. The total offerings were \$4,810.90, a gain of \$1,343.30.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER

At present there are eight well organized societies with a membership of 393, an increase of 45 members. These societies have contributed to foreign missions \$1,729.76, an increase of \$627.25.

The members are divided into bands for Christian help work, jail and hospital visiting, visiting, missionary correspondence, and distribution of literature. Much has been accomplished by these bands, especially in the way of correspondence, three people of influence having accepted the truth as a result of their efforts.

COLPORTEUR WORK

"The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people, the important truth for this time."

Therefore we believe that every effort should be made and every means employed to make this feature of our program successful.

Unfortunately we have been obliged to

change leaders several times in the past two years. Brother Leach was called to East Pennsylvania early in 1914, and we were without a field secretary for the nine months following. This seriously affected our work, and when Brother E. R. Button entered our field in November, he found it practically devoid of laborers. His resignation the following July again hindered, and then our present secretary, Brother D. A. Rees, took up the work a month later. Much earnest prayer and effort were necessary to rekindle faith and establish a foundation for aggressive work. During the first nine weeks of 1916, our orders amounted to \$2,688.60, with eight full time workers in the field, beside several collegestudents who are working part time, and a number of magazine canvassers. The prospects in this part of the work are brighter than ever before, and with the continued blessing of the Lord, we are confident of a prosperous future.

Living as we are, so near the end of time, seeing prophecy fulfilling every day before our eyes, and with the mighty task before us of warning the world of the judgment hour, what manner of persons ought we to be in all holy conversation and godliness. Our success is measured, not by dollars and cents, but by the number who accept the message and are really born again.

This year ought to witness our membership greatly increased. The cities long locked against our feeble resistance, are now beginning to feel the power of our message. The hour has struck for us to arise and finish our work. Shall we not here today, consecrate ourselves anew to the task and pray that God will make this year the brightest and best in all our experience? In this spirit I place over into the hands of this delegation, the affairs of this conference, believing that God will lead in the future as he has led in the past, and bring the work to a glorious consummation.

R. E. HARTER, *President.*

R. C. TAYLOR, *Secretary.*

Note

As a very fitting close for the work of the school year at Washington Missionary College, a baptismal service was held Sabbath May 20. At 4:30 P. M. a large company gathered on the banks of the Sligo and witnessed five dear souls receive the rite which so vividly bring to our remembrance the fact that our redemption cost the life of the Son of God.

Three of the candidates were students. The other two, a man and his wife, who live about a mile and one-half from the school, and received the truth through the labors of some of the students.

H. H. VOTAW.

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OBITUARIES

KIRKENDALL.—Elder M. C. Kirkendall was born at Big Prairie, Wayne County, Ohio, February 18, 1853, and departed this life May 15, 1916 at Washington, D. C., being at the time of his death, just a little past 53 years of age. On September 8, 1889 he was united in marriage to Miss Emma R. Morris and to them have been born five children,—Mrs. Viola Blosser, Myrtle, Earnest, Amber and Virgil, all of whom with his beloved mother and wife survive, except Earnest who was laid to rest in childhood. Brother Kirkendall and his family accepted present truth in the fall of 1893 through the efforts of Elder Jerry Isles and William Woodford at Shreve, Ohio. Soon after accepting the truth, he entered the colporteur work and was afterward made state agent of Ohio. He was finally ordained to the gospel ministry and his labors have been blessed to the salvation of many souls. It can be truly said of him, that his works do follow him. Elder Kirkendall acted as Bible teacher at Mount Vernon College for 3 years. While he was laboring in this capacity, he was called to take the pastorate of the South Side Church in Chicago where he labored for 3 years. He was then called to the presidency of the Ontario Conference in which capacity he served a little over 5 years and at the end of this time he was called back to the states to take the presidency of the Chesapeake Conference which important position he filled until the time of his death. He was brought to Mount Vernon, Ohio for burial where he expected to come to live and recuperate his health; had not death prevented. The funeral services were held in the Academy chapel by the writer being assisted by Elders E. K. Slade, D. E. Lindsey, and F. H. Hen-

derson. We feel in the death of Elder Kirkendall, the loss of a faithful laborer, fallen at the post of duty. Another voice of the Third Angel's Message is hushed in the silence of the tomb and death has placed its seal upon his lips, but not forever. The willing hands which lie pulseless now, will soon be raised to seize the everlasting prize; and the lips so mute, are yet to shout the welcome to our King. While the family mourn deeply their great loss, yet it is not as those that have no hope. Sometimes the sweetest voice of hope, reaches us through the portals of the tomb and by the tears of our deepest sorrow, are watered into life, the purest flowers of the soul. We confidently believe that he sleeps in Jesus, soon to arise at the resurrection of the just.

N. S. ASHTON.

CHAMBERS.—Mrs. Mary B. Chambers was born in Philippi, West Virginia, July 6, 1861, and died near Petersburg, Virginia, Sunday, May 21, 1916, at the age of fifty-four. Death resulted from bright's disease with complications, after a long illness. Early in life, our sister connected with the Presbyterian Church. Later she spent two years in the Florence Crittenden Home in New York preparing to devote her life to missionary work. In 1866 under the labors of Elder W. H. Armstrong, Sister Chambers accepted present truth and has ever since been a faithful, consistent member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. May 8, 1892, she united in marriage with Brother T. J. Chambers. She is survived by an aged mother, her husband and three children. During her illness, Sister Chambers expressed herself as fully prepared to be laid to rest.

W. C. MOFFETT.

Beginning with the next issue Miss Emma Silber of Cincinnati, Ohio, will take up the responsibility of editing the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR.

Address all correspondence intended for the editor to the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR as formerly.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank those who have sent in copy, for their faithfulness and co-operation in the work. I wish for the new editor that all will manifest the same interest as I have enjoyed during the past two years.

MRS. OLIVE KRUM-HAGMANN.

Mount Vernon Academy

Carl Fairchild and family have returned to Academia. He has been canvassing near Lake View, Ohio.

The Misses Anna Saxton, Elva Worthington and Margaret Durwin, who have been staying at the academy for a few days, left Thursday.

Mrs. King will visit at her home in Scranton, Pa., for a few weeks.

The academy family consists of Mr. and Mrs. King, Mr. and Mrs. Stipeck, Misses Keisker, Bell and Silber, Messrs. Wolf, Hershberger, Durland, Charles French, Hermetet and Green.

Miss Helen Morris and her mother from Morgantown, W. Va., are visiting in Academia for a few days.

Miss Taylor left the academy Wednesday for Pittsburgh, Pa.

Professor and Mrs. Clemens Hamer of Washington Missionary College are coming to spend the summer with his mother, Mrs. Tillie Hamer, of Academia.

Mr. Alvine Perrine left last week for Bethel Academy, Bethel, Wis., where he has a position as stenographer.

Operations have begun on the new carpenter shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Morris have returned from their honeymoon to Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

Camp-Meeting Dates

East Pa., Lebanon, June 22 to July 2.
W. Virginia, Weston, Aug. 30 to Sept. 10.
New Jersey, Trenton, July 27 to Aug. 6.
Chesapeake, Rock Hall, Md., June 8-18.
West Pennsylvania, Aug. 24 to Sept. 3.
Ohio, Newark, August 17-27.

Advertisements

STUDY AT HOME.—The Fireside Correspondence School will show you how. Agents wanted. Send for our "Nutshell" Calander. Address, C. C. Lewis, Principal, Takoma Park, D. C.

WANTED.—A woman who understands cooking and who can be generally useful about a sanitarium. State particulars. Address Healthcroft, Delaware Water Gap, Pa.

WANTED.—A woman of good appearance and one who has business qualifications. Will have a good home and church privileges with a small recompense. I will open a Health Food Store this fall and to the right party will give an interest in the business. Address W. E. Vansciver, 11th Street Wharf, Washington, D. C.

WANTED.—A young man 17 years or over to work on a farm. Sabbaths off. Good wages. References required. Address Reuben Finnell, Elkridge, Maryland.