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OUR NEIGHBORS.

Somebody near you is struggling alone
Over life's desert sand;
Faith, hope, and courage together are gone:
Reach him a helping hand;
Turn on his darkness a beam of your light;
Kindle, to guide him, a beacon fire bright:
Cheer his discouragement, soothe his af-
fright,
Lovingly help him to stand.
Somebody near you is hungry and cold:
Send him some aid to-day:
Somebody near you is feeble and old,
Left without human stay.
Under his burdens put hands kind and strong:
Speak to him tenderly, sing him a song:
Haste to do something to help him along
Over his weary way.
Dear one, be busy; for time flieth fast:
Soon it will be gone;
Soon will our season of service be past.
Soon will our day be done,
Somebody near you needs now a kind word:
Someone needs help such as you can afford.
Haste to assist in the name of the Lord:
There may be a soul to be won.

Selected.

BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE OHIO CON- FERENCE.—MAY 8, 1906.

THE Ohio Conference was organized forty-three years ago. We were represented at the organization of the General Conference at Battle Creek, Mich., May 20-23, 1863. While it may be our growth has not been as rapid as some of our sister Conferences, yet our past history will, we believe, compare favorably with that of many others. With an area of 41,000 square miles and a population of over 4,000,000 people, we find many homes unentered, as yet, with the message of present truth, and many souls unwarned of the awful doom awaiting the unprepared just a little way in the future. Yet when we look abroad and see the teeming millions who know nothing of God or the power of his gospel, we are not willing to confine all our efforts and consume all our means within the limits of our own borders. We have the utmost confidence in the soon coming of our Saviour and the final triumph of the Third Angel's Message. We are also in perfect accord with the general organization of the Body, and most heartily support the General Administration. I might also add that we stand uncompromisingly opposed to any fanciful or mystical interpretation

of any feature of the sacred message committed to our trust. We confidently believe that our only safe and final salvation depends upon faithfully guarding the platform of eternal truth which God has so wonderfully revealed to his people; and we stoutly oppose the removal of one block or pin from the place where it has been put by the Lord.

MEMBERSHIP.

We have seventy-eight regularly organized churches, with a membership of 2,260, besides ten companies of believers with a membership of 115 which have not yet been organized into churches, and 200 isolated Sabbath-keepers, making a total of 2,575.

CONFERENCE LABORERS.

The total number of credentials voted at the last session of the Conference was fifteen. Twelve received ministerial license and fifteen missionary license, and two are laboring without license—a total of forty-four. Of these forty-one are in active service under Conference pay.

EVANGELICAL DEPARTMENT.

During the summer months from six to eight tents have been located in as many different parts of the field, and churches, halls, and school-houses have been utilized during the winter months to place the Third Angel's Message before people who are yet unwarned. Two annual camp-meetings and a number of general or district meetings have been held, primarily for the benefit of our own people. While the results of all these efforts cannot be reported on paper, we feel sure that the Word of God, faithfully ministered by his servants, will not return unto him void, but will accomplish that whereunto it is sent. Three hundred forty-two baptisms have been reported, and three hundred sixty-nine accessions to the church by the Conference laborers alone. Ten new churches have been organized and received into the Conference, and several other companies will be ready for organization in the near future.

BOOK AND MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

This department has made a good

showing. The net gain for the Conference term amounts to \$1,626.57. In addition to this the salary and traveling expenses of the Field Secretary have been paid. The value of book sales for 1904 amounted to \$7,578.92, and for 1905, \$12,284.75; aggregating \$19,863.67.

EDUCATIONAL.

We have seventy-nine organized Sabbath-schools, with a membership of 1,660. In this department of our work, perhaps more than in any other, we often catch a glimpse of the true missionary spirit of the youth and children in their example of self-denial and sacrifice in order to send the glorious gospel of the coming Kingdom to all the world in "this generation." Well may this be so; for it is from this department that the young men and women must come who shall carry this message to its final triumph.

While our membership is not as it has been, it is gratifying to know that the average attendance is better than for the previous term.

We have been using about one third of the total donations for local and state work; but it is encouraging to note that the local schools are endeavoring to limit their expenses to the least possible figure. We are now working to the point where we shall be able to send three forths of the total contributions to the Mission Board; nor do we think this effort will be unsuccessful, since we have only about ten per cent to gain.

During the last two years we have maintained ten church schools in the state. The enrolment for the year 1904 and 1905 was 143, while the enrolment for 1905 and 1906 was 145.

The work of the schools embraces eight grades. The average salary of our teachers is \$17 a month. Our payroll for last year was \$147, while for the present year it is \$170, a gain of \$23 a month.

We have held summer normals each year for the benefit of the teachers.

Last summer the regular examinations were given. Four teachers were successful in securing Conference Credentials, while one obtained a license. Careful records have been kept of all work done, and these, with the grades

of various students throughout the state, are on file in the state office. All things considered, the past two years have been the most prosperous for this branch of our work.

Our Young People's Work has been more thoroughly organized since Dec. 8, 1904, than ever before. And why should it not be, since by careful investigation we have discovered that over twenty-seven per cent of our constituency is below the age of thirty years? This being so, we feel it incumbent to organize them for service.

There are now fifteen organized societies, with a membership of 216. Most of these have been organized during the last two years. Thirty conventions have been held, which proved helpful, and aided all to see the need of this part of the Lord's work. Appreciating the fact that the youth should have a special object to serve as an incentive to labor, it has been decided to support two laborers in Africa and one in Korea. Since the organization of our state society, the young people have donated to foreign missions to the amount of \$602.42. At present they have voted \$200 toward the support of Brother Allum in China. Aside from this, much has been contributed toward the support of the home work. Many pages of literature have either been sold or given away. We find that as soon as our young people engage in work of this nature, they feel the need of a more thorough fitting up for the work of God, and as a natural result their eyes are turned toward our College.

THE COLLEGE.

This institution has also enjoyed a degree of prosperity during the past two years. The sole purpose of this school is to prepare young men and women for service in the cause of God. Workers are being placed in both home and foreign fields who have received their call and preparation for the work in this institution.

The enrolment for the year 1904-1905 was 142; for 1905-1906, 124.

Present worth June 30, 1905,
 \$23,293.52.
 Value of real estate. 19,427.18.
 Bills Payable June 30, 1905, 6,978.84.
 Received from Conference on sale
 of C. O. L. in 1904, \$ 1,200.00.
 In 1905, 1,100.00.
 Total from this source, 11,200.00.

FINANCIAL.

We claim for the Ohio Conference a safe financial policy, for it is cash. As one of the benefits of such a policy I will mention the fact that only a few years ago when we were doing a credit business, we found our T. and M. Society involved to the amount of

over \$4,000.00. At present this department of the Conference is clear of debt and has a present worth of \$2,992.97.

At the beginning of the previous term, the Evangelistic department was in a similar condition to the amount of \$2,170.45. At our last annual audit we were able to settle all accounts with the Conference laborers, and pay off the remainder of the debt, so at present this department is also free from debt, and has on hand a sum sufficient to meet all obligations.

At the same time the General Conference Association was carrying an interest bearing debt of \$5,400.00. This has been reduced to \$3,050.00, with \$1,754.08 cash in hand to apply against this sum.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1902-1903.	1904-1905.
Tithe,	\$41,648.71.	\$46,600.50.
Weekly Off's,	1,510.34.	1,819.08.
S. S. Donat's,	1,802.52.	2,384.43.
Annual Off's,	2,966.83.	3,168.02.
Orphans' Home,	708.42.	611.91.
Foreign Work,	1,685.02.	2,576.20.
Home Work,	1,439.05.	2,345.24.
Totals,	51,760.89.	59,505.38.

The average tithe per capita is \$9.50. Thirty-three per cent of all funds raised for evangelistic purposes was given to the general work.

This in brief is a part of what God has wrought for us. We take no praise to ourselves, but give it all to Him whose tender care is over all.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

THE PACIFIC PRESS CALAMITY.

TWO million of the Earthquake Special of the *Signs of the Times* should be sold during the present month by the Seventh-day Adventists to the people of the United States who should know the meaning of the recent Earthquake—a sign of the day of God. "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." Luke 21:26.

Volumes have already been written relative to the loss of life and property that has come to the metropolis of the West, together with many other of the fair cities and villages and country homes of the people of the state of California as the result of this great calamity; but mortal tongue can never describe the actual experience of those who passed through the ordeal. Some of the wickedest of men said afterward that they really thought the day of judgment had come.

Worldly book-makers are already in the field presenting this history to

the people as a matter of money-making. We should, as far as possible, precede them, presenting it from the stand-point of soul-saving. Now is our opportunity to place the truth relative to the soon-coming Christ before the people through the medium of this special number of the *Signs of the Times*, which is strikingly illustrated with vivid views of destroyed buildings which are far superior to any the daily papers have produced, because of the cheaper quality of their paper.

The paper sells readily. Old and young can sell them. One little lad of six summers sold 113 copies on the streets of Mountain View in one day.

Many of the Mountain View church people were out in the villages and towns of this valley selling papers today, and returned with encouraging reports of sales, ranging from twenty to two hundred each. Individuals buy from one to twenty-five papers to send to their friends. Frequently individuals after looking the paper over have followed the agent quite a distance to secure more papers.

We should be minute men and women, and permit the Lord to use us to turn the results of this judgment into a great spiritual blessing both to ourselves and to all people.

Please do not lose a moment in organizing your forces for actual and immediate service. Our hour has come, and this is the call of the hour.

Orders for 43,000 copies were received by wire this morning before eight o'clock.

The Fernando school has ordered 2,350 copies; Graysville, 5,500.

Orders for 86,000 were received during the first two days. We are working night and day here to get out the papers, and know that we can count on every one of our people to act now.

Yours for immediate action,

H. W. COTTRELL,
 Pacific Press Pub. Co.

WANTED!

FIFTY men and women who are willing to consecrate themselves to God for service in the canvassing work to locate in sections of Ohio where the Third Angel's Message is little known. If this number will respond to this call, how quickly the last warning can be sounded through the length and breadth of the state.

We would be especially glad to see young men with families enter the field as resident canvassers. By locating in rural districts living expenses could be made quite small, and the worker could go to his work from week to week dependent on no Conference Fund, but only upon God who

alone can give success. He has promised to pay us what is right, so we need not worry about a living. His promises are sure.

Are there not those who read these few lines whose hearts have been warmed by the love of God as they have read our Message filled literature who are willing to consecrate themselves to God this day for service?

Those interested along this line please write me at your earliest convenience. Your brother in the closing Message.

CARL E. WEAKS.

REPORTS.

Delaware.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR:—

FIVE weeks ago I started in the canvassing work in the city of Delaware. Brother George Sterling has been with me for the past four weeks. We will finish the city in a couple of days, and then we expect to work the surrounding country and small towns.

In my work I find so many interested in the subject of the "Coming King," but of course a great many of the people have queer ideas about it. Truly the harvest is great, but the laborers few. I pray that the Lord of the harvest may send forth more laborers, and that the pages of truth may be scattered like the leaves of autumn, and that the honest in heart may soon be gathered out.

I can say that I am of good courage in the Lord, and I want to be found doing His will, that when He comes in the clouds of heaven to gather His elect, I may be found ready.

F. O. BARROWS.

Delaware.

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR:—

MY school at La Grange, having completed seven months, closed on April 4. I soon left there and came directly to this place, where I have been since. Though my school closed I did not leave the Lord's work, but have been working for him faithfully ever since. Brother Barrows and I are canvassing the city of Delaware for Coming King. We have a fair prospect of putting out 160 books.

The enemy has been trying hard to hinder the work by stirring up opposition, but we trust in the Lord, who says in his Word that they can do nothing against the truth. Truly the Lord is blessing me richly in my work here. Every day I realize more the blessings of working for my Saviour. He is truly the best Master I ever

worked for. I enjoy meeting with the people, and talking with them in regard to Jesus' near coming—a truth that is so dear to my heart.

The people here are mostly Methodists. Just now I am working in the Catholic district. I do not sell many books to them, but have good talks with some. I am treated very kindly.

With this letter I extend a word of encouragement to all who are in the canvassing work.

GEO. L. STERLING.

Columbus.

SABBATH, April 28, was a day of rejoicing for the church at Columbus. Twelve willing souls followed their Lord in the ordinance of baptism. It was my privilege to be present on this occasion; and as I watched Elder Granger bury the candidates in the watery grave, I thought of the time when John baptized Jesus in the river Jordan, nineteen hundred years ago, and John said, "I need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?" While the most of those baptized were young people, we are sure the Saviour is able to keep them against the awful deluge of evil that is flooding the world.

Elder Granger and Brother Weaver are doing good work in the Institute, and in the circulation of the Family Bible Teacher. I believe that a "follow up work" is what is needed in all our cities.

The Third Angel's Message is going to every nation, tongue, and people. May we all step into the troubled waters before it is too late.

Your brother in the Master's service.

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

Columbus.

WE are glad to report progress in our work in this city. We are finding hungry souls on every hand in our house-to-house work. Good experiences are too numerous to mention. At the same time we are learning that the leaders in the popular churches are setting their faces against this truth with hateful determination. Now is the time to work the cities. Soon the way will be closed. We were forcibly reminded of this fact as we listened to the speeches made at the state convention just held in this city for the purpose of organizing and unifying the religionists of this state in a systematic crusade against Sunday desecration. There were present representative men from different organizations all over the state.

The organization which they effected seems complete in every detail:

it will operate like a living monster, and will soon destroy the last vestage of freedom in this state. They openly advocate the coercion of politicians; with them it is "do or die"; "obey or go out of office." One speaker openly attacked the Religious Liberty Bureau at Washington, D. C. Although he is a leading Baptist minister, yet he made sport of opposition to the enactment of religious laws, saying that if these so-called liberty advocates were here in Columbus, they would no doubt object to the city sanitary ordinance forbidding them to spit on the sidewalk, as an infringement of their liberties.

I am more and more convinced that the nominal churches have reached the condition described in Rev. 18:1-4, and that the honest in heart will be speedily called out. We are doing our best to enlighten the people; however, we should have more help. It seems to me that our people throughout the state are literally asleep as to the dangers with which we are confronted and the work we ought to be doing.

We are using about \$25 worth of the Family Bible Teacher per month, and will increase this amount as we are able.

The following is a partial list of the work done here during the past month: Number of calls made, about 5,000; number visits, 215; number Bible readings given, 96; number pages literature distributed, about 40,000; number baptized, 12; three admitted to church fellowship on previous baptism, making fifteen in all.

W. H. GRANGER.

1479 N. High St.

Zanesville.

WELCOME VISITOR:—We have a neat little place of worship on Blundy Avenue. Our Mission will seat seventy-five very nicely. There is an average attendance of twenty in our Sabbath school.

We also have preaching services on Sunday eve with a fair attendance. The people are very hard to reach, therefore I am doing a great deal of personal work. I visit one hundred homes weekly with the F. B. T.

A good work could be done here by a lady Bible worker. Is there one in the Conference that could come and help us out? If so please write me at once. The people have helped us liberally in fixing up our place of worship. We have ordered one hundred of the "Earthquake Special." It is high time that we awake out of sleep. I know of no better way to keep wide awake than to place the printed page before the people.

F. H. HENDERSON.

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Sabbath begins May 25 at 7:19 P.M.

ATTENTION!

At a recent meeting of the Lake Union Conference Executive Committee it was decided to rescind their former action calling for the holding of a Summer Normal at Berrien Springs during the months of July and August of the present year. It was then decided to ask the various local conferences to hold Summer Normals for the benefit of their teachers.

In harmony with this suggestion we have planned for a Summer Normal at Mount Vernon College, beginning June 13, and continuing thereafter six weeks. Work will be offered covering all studies required by the Lake Union Conference Examining Board for License and Credentials.

We have planned to hold two sessions a day, thus offering the equivalent to twelve weeks' work.

Our Summer Normal Catalogue is now being prepared, which we shall be glad to send to all who are interested.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS.

(For week ending May 11, 1906.)

W. T. Weeks,* Clyde.—Great Controversy: value of orders, \$9.

E. R. Numbers, Lancaster.—Great Controversy: 38 hours; value of orders, \$45.50; helps, \$2.50; total, \$48.

Raleigh French, Van Wert Co.—Bible Readings: 42 hours; value of orders, \$33.50; helps, \$.50; total, \$34.

A. T. Halstead, Belmont Co.—Bible Readings: value of orders, \$30.75; helps, \$4.75; total, \$35.50.

Guy Hastings; Mercer Co.—Bible Readings and Coming King; 41 hours; value of orders, \$57.

B. F. Cook, Pickaway Co.—Coming King: 37 hours; value of orders, \$9; helps, \$1; total, \$10; deliveries, \$29.50.

Geo. L. Sterling, Delaware Co.—Coming King: 18 hours; value of orders, \$24; helps, \$.25; total, \$24.25.

Chr. F. Mahr, Cleveland.—Coming King: 49 hours; value of orders, \$51; helps, \$1; total, \$52; deliveries, \$2.

F. E. Wagner, Tuscarawas Co.—Miscellaneous; cash sales, \$24.35.

*Week ending April 20.

NOTES FROM THE CONFERENCE.

The election of officers for the next biennial term of the Lake Union Conference resulted as follows: Allen Moon, President; William Covert, Vice-President; W. H. Edwards, Recording Secretary and Treasurer; W. D. Curtis, Educational Secretary; S. P. S. Edwards, Medical Secretary; J. G. Lamson, Religious Liberty Field Secretary; W. H. Edwards, Auditor.

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Elders A. G. Daniells and W. W. Prescott were present and joined heartily in the deliberations of the Conference. The Conference was characterized by a spirit of quietness and unity.

Sabbath was a day of refreshing to the Conference. Elder Luther Warren preached at 11 o'clock, A. M., Elder Evans at 3 o'clock, and Prof. J. G. Lamson at 7:30 in the evening.

ELDER REES' VISIT.

THE Mount Vernon church was favored with a visit by Eld. J. M. Rees, father of Prof. D. D. Rees, who was on his way home from the Lake Union Conference. He spoke from the texts, "Cast thy burden on the Lord, and he shall sustain thee," and "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." The Lord's watchful care over his people was illustrated by the familiar text found in Matt. 6:33. The beautiful pond by that blooms in the filth and scum of the lake, but whose stem reaches down through the clear water and fastens its roots on the rock beneath, fitly represents the life of one whose life is stayed on Christ. Our lives should reach beyond the sin and corruption of this world and be rooted in Christ. There is danger of us placing our minds so much on the temporal things of life that we cannot take them off long enough to regard the Sabbath as we should. Amos 8:5. We should delight ourselves in the Lord, and in his soon coming and the salvation of souls. These topics should be the theme of our conversation rather than the secular things.

Sunday evening his remarks were based upon 2 Cor. 5:10. The seriousness of the time in which we are living was vividly brought before us and an earnest plea was made for all to live as if they knew but a few more days were left them. His remarks on Psalms 87:6 were an inspiration to all who were present. To know that God takes into account the environment of our birth, as well as our opportunities and privileges, brings comfort to us, and should cause us to be more considerate of others. From Zech. 13:6 he showed the surprise of some on finding themselves in the kingdom of God, and how the Saviour will explain the mystery of the wounds in his hands. All went home feeling that the depth of the love of God is beyond our present comprehension.

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