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GENERAL ARTICLES

DEMANDS OF THE HOUR

YOU will observe in the "Christian Liberty" department of the *Review*, of Dec. 26, 1907, an article announcing that three Sunday bills have already been introduced into Congress. The text of these bills is given in the article. Two of these bills were introduced into the house of Representatives, and relate to the District of Columbia; the other was introduced into the Senate, and relates to the postoffice department.

Three Sunday bills introduced into Congress at this early date should be a signal to every Seventh-day Adventist to arouse to the demands of the hour.

We are preparing petition blanks and appropriate literature for use by our people in making their protest against these bills. After examining the three Sunday bills referred to, we would urge that you commence at once to write your respective senators and representatives in Congress, protesting against the passage of these proposed measures. The letters should be short, and courteous, but earnest. Ask the Lord to give you special help in writing.

We wish also to request you to write us a letter of introduction to any member of Congress with whom you are acquainted. This, we believe, would be a material help to us when interviewing them upon these important issues.

K. C. RUSSELL.

A WONDERFUL DAY'S WORK

BROTHER WALTER HARPER decided to devote the proceeds of his canvassing on the eighth of December to the \$150,000 Fund. His experience on that day was most remarkable, and should stir our hearts. I will quote a few words from a letter written December 8 and 9, "I just got in from the eventful day I had set apart on the relief of the \$150,000 Fund. This was a grand, good day. . . . I prayed much for it, and I know you have prayed, too—you and others—for me on this day.

Yesterday was the Sabbath and I kept it as a day of fasting and seeking God in prayer, not only for this special work, but for other needed blessings as well. And God did hear. To-day was a glorious day. Praise the Lord. Ps. 28:6, 7; Isa. 61:10; 63:6, 7; Ps. 63:6, 7; 9:1, 2. Surely the stately stepplings of Christ were seen, and the tread of the Majesty of heaven was heard. The shout of the king was heard in the camp. Before this nothing could stand. Everything was swept before it. All fell prostrate at its approach. I got up early this morning. I went forth leaning on the everlasting arms. I had faith to believe that God would hear prayer for this day's efforts. God never disappoints those who trust in him. No one ever faithfully sought the Lord in vain. I was filled with God-given courage and good cheer. By 10 A. M. the dear Lord had given me twenty dollars in orders for books outside of helps, etc."

Brother Harper states that Caliente, Nev., the town in which this work was done is a railroad town containing about 1,000 or 1,500 people. He states that in the railroad shops where part of his work was done "the night foreman was one of the kindest and most jovial men I ever saw, and did all he could to get orders for me. In it all I can only see the hand of God and I can only repeat, 'What hath God wrought?'" He states that a few of the orders were provisional, but he has already delivered \$6.50 worth of the orders and there is a strong probability that he will have an excellent delivery. He states, "When I got fairly started Sunday morning on my day's work, I saw things were going well and my mind reached out to get some eighteen large orders, or over fifty dollars' worth. When I came in for prayers at 2 P. M., my total orders amounted to \$67.55, and I decided I would try to get some five or six orders more, about fifteen dollars' worth, and that would bring it up to eighty-two dollars or so for the day, but it was fifteen more big orders or \$52.40 more. . . ."

Writing December 9 he says, "God gave me yesterday thirty-three large orders for books, helps, etc. The to-

tal was \$120.25. Oh! there is no limit to what God can do if we only let him work. May we arouse, buckle on the armor closer and come off more than conquerors. May God give us a willing heart to lift on this Fund and close it up now and get ready for his coming. Yours in love,
(Signed) WALTER HARPER."

This letter ought to be a breath of life and true inspiration, not only to our canvassers, but to all our people, and prove what God can do with those who fast and pray, and seek him with all their hearts for help to do his great work. Such a spirit, if it were received by all our people, would close up this Fund at once and would also bring new and before unknown success in the canvassing work.

J. S. WASHBURN.

BIBLE NAME FOR THE LOCOMOTIVE

AMONG Oriental Jews there is a widespread belief that the recent opening of the railway from Joppa to Jerusalem is a sure precursor of the coming of the Messiah.

The foundation for the opinion is said to be Isa. 66:20, "They shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto the Lord out of all nations, upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the Lord."

The Hebrew word which is translated "swift beasts" is *Kirkaroth*. The roots of this word are found in 2 Sam. 6:14, in connection with David's peculiar swaying dance, and also in the common Hebrew word for furnace. Hence the derived meaning, "a swaying furnace."

As the prophet in holy vision was permitted to look down the stream of time and view the ingathering of the Israel of faith, among the many different vehicles used by God to bring people into contact with the truth was a very strange and rapid conveyance, the forepart of which swayed and carried fire. So he called it "a swaying furnace." What a picturesque expression for a locomotive in rapid motion!—H. E. A. Minchin, in *Caribbean Watchman*.

TURNING A NEW LEAF

WE are just passing another year's milepost in our journey home. A new year opens before us, bristling with opportunities and privileges for every one of us to accomplish more than ever before in helping to push the triumphs of this mighty Message into every land.

One of the surest ways for helping is by being faithful in the payment of our tithes and offerings.

From the very day the people of Israel began, in obedience to God's command, to rebuild the temple, broken down at Jerusalem, heaven's blessing was commanded upon them. "From *this day* will I bless you," was the promise.

There is a sure connection between the blessing of heaven and our being faithful in tithes and offerings. God called special attention to this fact when he gave this definite promise. Said he, "And now, I pray you, consider from this day and backward, before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of Jehovah. Through all that time, when one came to a heap of twenty measures, there were but ten; when one came to the winevat to draw out fifty vessels, there were but twenty." God sent his people back from captivity not to have a good time, but to establish his service at Jerusalem. Something definite was before them to do. And until they did it, God troubled them, as he did the Egyptians when he pulled out their chariot pins in the midst of the Red Sea. Nothing went right, and it was because his people were not obeying his command; but every one had turned aside to attend to his *own* interests.

But what about our turning over a new leaf? Suppose from the very first of this new year, every one who has been robbing God begins by paying his tithe. Then suppose we honor the Lord by offerings, "according as he hath prospered" us. These two things let us do, and do faithfully. And, further, let us pay this money into the home church treasury. This means handing it to the treasurer elected by your church.

Then suppose that church treasurer begins the new year by faithfully getting all the tithe and offerings into the State conference treasury before the close of each calendar month. This would mean his counting on sending it a few days before the close of each month. Then suppose each State conference treasurer forwards all general funds, which go to missions, on to the union conference offices immediately after the close of

each calendar month, making it a point to get them into the hands of the union treasurer before the tenth of the following month, and that on this date each union conference balances up all these general funds' accounts, forwarding same to Elder I. H. Evans, treasurer of the General Conference.

From here let us follow this substantial stream representing the love and interest of loyal hearts, out into the great mission fields. The General Conference treasurer receives from the different superintendents of mission fields, like China, India, Africa, etc., what is called their yearly budgets. That is, each superintendent sits down with his committee, and makes out an estimate of what they must have from the Mission Board treasury above that which can be raised in their own field, for the next year, to settle with their workers, carry on the work already begun, and follow up the interest before them. These estimates are made by the men on the field, after much careful thought and prayer. On receiving these yearly budgets, the General Conference treasurer divides up this yearly estimate into twelve parts for each field, and at the close of each month sends on to the general treasurer of the various mission fields this monthly appropriation. This money is needed by the missionaries for food, clothing, and shelter. This is that referred to by Elder Daniells in the last reading of the week of prayer, when he said, "The question of their (the missionaries') support they have left with the Lord and their brethren. In round numbers, that amounts to at least \$250,000 every year. That means \$20,000 every month. And as this is required to purchase fuel, food, and clothes, and to pay house rent and other necessary expenses, it must go promptly and regularly, or they will be placed in embarrassing circumstances."

Now, brethren and sisters, here is the situation. We have written to our union and conference treasurers, and they, so far as heard from, are unanimous in agreeing to forward on the funds as mentioned above. This carried out will place the offerings you make this month into the Mission Board treasury so they can be promptly forwarded at the close of the next to the mission fields in the various quarters of the globe. And this will be the "regular channel" we hear so much about. Are you willing to co-operate in this, and to do your part in beginning the new year with this leaf turned in the direction of improvement and progress in the

world's work? We believe you will. And to do so, we also believe will result in causing the promise of old to be renewed to God's people to-day, "From this day will I bless you"—something that will certainly mean much to every true believer at this time.

T. E. BOWEN,
General Conference Home Secretary.

NEW EDITION OF SPECIAL WATCHMAN

THE first edition of the special *Watchman* entitled, "The Morning Cometh," has been exhausted, and orders are now being filled from a new edition printed on better paper, so that the especially fine illustrations show up to better advantage. A number of other small changes have been made, which make this excellent issue very attractive.

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"It is not the engine with the loudest exhaust that is hauling the longest train."

"As the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be." Matt. 24:27.

BE strong and of good courage. In order to fight successfully, a soldier must have courage and strength. Of ourselves we are weak and feeble. But we have the promise, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

THE OHIO CONFERENCE

DOES IT PAY TO CAN- VASS AFTER THE HOLIDAYS?

WE might answer the above question by asking another. What would we think of the merchant who would close up his store at this season of the year simply because he did not expect to do as much business as he did before the holidays? Or the milk dealer who stopped selling milk because his work exposed him to the cold and stormy weather of the winter months? The result would be that when spring came he would find that he had lost what trade he had, and very likely be forced out of business. So it is with the canvasser who remains idle through the winter because it is a little inconvenient to work then. Prov. 20: 4. He will be apt to find that when the bright sunny days of May and June come when he had expected to do so much, that his courage and faith in God to overcome difficulties, which are a part of his capital, have been greatly decreased, and those who have tried it know that it is harder for one to start in the work again after he has dropped out awhile than it is for him to keep steadily pegging away.

But this is not all. He will, no doubt, have an empty pocketbook with which to begin the new season's work, and usually in such cases the canvasser feels that he must make a delivery as soon as possible, in two weeks or so after starting to work. But this does not give the Tract Society time enough to get his books to him, and as a result he disappoints his customers and finds it hard to make his delivery. Then he is discouraged again. But if he is persuaded to canvass for one or two months as he should do, and thus have orders enough to pay him for the time and expense of delivering, he is without cash and thinks he must have helps to pay his way, so he sells the helps for cash and uses the money to pay his expenses without keeping a strict account of his daily expenditures as the Spirit of Prophecy has instructed our canvassers to do in "Manual for Canvassers," page 55. In this way he spends much more than he realizes until he comes to settle up with the Tract Society when he is surprised to find what he owes, and by the time he settles this bill, pays his tithe, and a few other obligations he is again at the end of the string. He may be able to hold his own during the summer months, have a good

Christmas delivery, and comes out at the end of the year with a little ahead; but then he is ready for his winter vacation again, when he will have a chance to spend all and possibly more than he has saved the previous season. If he does continue in the work, he has all he can do to keep out of debt and wonders why he can get nothing ahead. Ask him if the work pays financially, and you will be apt to get anything but an encouraging reply.

We do not believe we have overdrawn this picture for hundreds of canvassers fail in this very way. A few words from the "Testimonies" may be of help to some at this time. In "Manual for Canvassers," page 67, we read, "If we only knew what is before us, we would not be so dilatory in the Lord's work. We are in the shaking time, the time when everything that can be will be shaken. If we make no effort to win souls to Christ, we shall be held responsible for the work we might have done but did not do because of our spiritual indolence. We are trading on our Lord's money and at his coming he will reckon with us, and we shall have to give an account of what we have done with his goods. As responsible beings, we are working for time and for eternity, making our records in the books of heaven and preparing our reward or punishment. Our reward will be proportioned to our work. "My reward is with me," says Christ, "to give to every man according as his work shall be." Rev. 22:12.

E. R. NUMBERS.

MARY'S OFFERING

"VERILY I say unto you, wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her." Matt. 26:13.

What did Mary do that called forth from the Saviour such words of commendation?

At great personal sacrifice she had purchased an alabaster box of precious ointment, and while Jesus was sitting with his disciples at the home of Simon, in Bethany, Mary came into the room and quietly opened the box and anointed her Lord. When the fragrance of Mary's offering revealed her presence, Judas was among the first to give expression to his feelings, by saying, "Lo what purpose is this waste?" Did Mary make a mistake? Did she waste her means by giving it to her Master? No; a thousand times, no; both Mary and Judas professed to love Jesus. Mary's heart had received the touch of divine grace, while Judas was satisfied with a theoretical

knowledge of salvation from sin. Mary loved Jesus above everything else and considered nothing too good to withhold from him. Judas loved himself more than his Saviour, and could not consent to give him means which he could use upon himself. Mary received the blessing and favor of heaven. Judas reaped the fruits of a covetous, selfish heart. In this account we have the contrast between profession and possession. "By their fruits," said Jesus, "Ye shall know them." This is just as true to-day as when spoken by the great Teacher; and it is a fact, too, that we are as truly known by our fruits as were the two characters brought prominently to view in this narrative.

We often find among professed believers in the Third Angel's Message, persons who excuse themselves from obeying the Lord in the payment of tithe by saying they are too poor; that it is all they can possibly do to live and support themselves on their income, and that it would actually rob themselves of some of the necessities of life by paying over to the Lord a tithe.

This sort of reasoning always reminds me of Judas. He said Mary had wasted her means on Jesus; that the ointment should have been sold and the money given to the poor. But what did Jesus say about this mode of reasoning? He said, "Lether alone; why trouble ye her? She hath wrought a good work on me." Her faith was made perfect by her works.

Dear reader, do you have the evidence that when your name is reached in the final judgment this same Jesus can say to you, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." H. H. BURKHOLDER.

Bowling Green, Hamler, Pemberville, Dowling

IT was a pleasure to visit the churches at Bowling Green, Hamler, Pemberville and Dowling during the week of prayer.

At Bowling Green two meetings were held each day. The readings were carefully studied, and fervent prayers offered that men and means might be multiplied in our Lord's work. One called attention to the fact that the word pray is the word pay with an r in it. The offerings are evidence that we all took the hint. This church is enjoying a healthy growth under the able leadership of Brother D. E. Sweet, and I pray that very soon those of its members who were pioneers in

this Message may see our blessed Lord coming to take us all home.

At Hamler there was a good attendance at all of the meetings. Especially worthy of mention were the studies given by Sister Charles Panches. The great truths brought out will have a lasting influence upon all of us. The Lord greatly blessed those who attended the meetings. They are of good courage, and look for a speedy closing up of the work.

At Pemberville the members met in the home of Brother A. D. Pember who for many years has faithfully led that little company. May heaven's richest blessings be upon the faithful few who struggle to hold up the banner of truth against great odds.

Brother C. B. Williams has been doing a good work in Dowling. This is one of our small churches and needs the prayers of God's people. The few that remain are loyal to the truth, and I pray that they will continue till the end.

H. M. JUMP.

Clyde

THE quarterly meeting service at Clyde, O., was held January 6. Elder Burkholder and Brother John Shultz were present, also several who came from a distance.

Although the weather was not favorable, the attendance was good, and all seemed to appreciate the occasion. Words of cheer and courage were heard from all sides. Even the smallest children joined in praising God for his goodness during the past.

It was certainly a profitable way of spending the first Sabbath of the new year. And as many reconsecrated themselves to the service of God, we hope and pray that the blessings promised by our Master may be poured out upon them in the days to come.

BESSIE E. ACTON.

Springfield

ANOTHER conference year is drawing near its close, and as we look back upon its history, we can but say God has been gracious to us, and wonderfully blessed our feeble efforts. It has been one of the most prosperous years in the history of our work,—both in basket and in store.

The Lord has been pleased to greatly favor his people. The Third Angel's Message is going with power. Soon every nation, kindred, tongue and people will have heard its saving voice, and those who accept its teachings will be saved from every deception and have an abundant entrance into the kingdom of Christ.

As we watch the progress of the Message in other fields, our hearts burn within us, and we take new courage and say, "Lord Jesus, come quickly." We are pilgrims and strangers here if all we have is on the altar, not excepting our helpless selves.

As we look back over the year and think how much our heavenly Father has done for us, and how tenderly he has led us by our trembling hands, we can but praise his name that he has borne so patiently with us. From almost every nation and tongue we can hear the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us." If we could only stand on Pisgah's height and see what Moses saw, realizing that "this generation shall witness the second coming of Christ in all his glory, and see him face to face, meet Abraham, Isaac and Jacob," I am sure we would work as never before. Men and women who have dedicated themselves to the service of God, who love this Message more than anything else, yes, more than all this world can give, are of great value in God's sight. The Lord calls for our service, our lives and our means.

How kind he is to point out a way in which he desires us to show our faith in his word, and our love to him by giving him back one tenth of what he has given us power to get! But how sad it is and how dark the record of the soul, who withholds from the Man who died that he might live, that which he is pleading for, that others may have the same chance to share in his joy. He says, "Oh, that there were such an heart in them, that they would keep my commandments," and speaking of the same people, the fold of his care, he says, "She did not know that I gave her her corn and wine and multiplied her silver and her gold."

May God help us, his favored people, to know that he has given us what we have; and as the prophet says, multiplied our silver and gold. Dear brethren, let us look up, and lift our heads, for our redemption draweth nigh. Your brother in the blessed hope,

FRANCIS FAIRCHILD.

CHRISTIAN life is action: not a speculating, not a debating, but a doing. One thing, and only one, in this world has eternity stamped upon it. Feelings pass; resolves and thoughts pass; opinions change. What you have done lasts—ever lasts in you. Through all ages, through all eternity, what you have done for Christ, that, and only that, you are.—*F. W. Robertson.*

DISTRICTS FIVE AND SIX

DEAR VISITOR: December 16 I spoke to the little church at Defiance, and found them of good courage. The next day I went to Sherwood. Brother Baden took me to his home where I remained most of the time of my stay. I visited all our brethren of this church. During the week of prayer, we had the readings and a sermon each day. Sabbath and Sunday we held quarterly meeting and Brother George Behfeldt was ordained as elder. While there I met Brother Gaede and wife of Kansas, who are on their way to the fatherland; and are visiting their children in Ohio. I enjoyed my visit with this dear people and hope that the meetings which were held were beneficial to all.

December 26 I returned to Charloe where we had several good meetings with a good outside attendance. We held election of officers but owing to the carelessness of the officers of another church, only a part could be elected. I shall have to return soon to complete the work that I had hoped to finish at this time. It would save time, and expense, and sometimes misunderstandings if all of our church officers would make it a practice to perform each duty promptly and in the right way.

The Charloe brethren are working for their neighbors, and if they do their work faithfully, I believe more will be added to their numbers. Several will be ready for baptism in the near future.

January 1 and 2 were spent with the Defiance church. We elected the officers necessary to carry on the business of the church. We found it necessary to drop the names of four members who have gone back to the world. These things bring sadness, but let us be on our guard lest we fall away also.

January 3 to 5 I held meetings with the Liberty Center church, finding them also of good courage. We celebrated the ordinances with them and then the officers were elected for the ensuing year. A good spirit was manifested. Such meetings are an encouragement to a worker, and prepares the church for better service for the coming year.

January 6 I was glad to meet with the brethren at Hamler. Nearly all were present and gave good attention to the study based on Isa. 45:22.

I am now at home after five weeks of hard but pleasant work among our churches.

W. E. BIDWELL.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

I WISH to give a few words of greeting to our bands of Missionary Volunteers. Another year of work is in the past. So many good reports have been sent in from the different societies, that I wish you to enjoy a part of them too.

From one place, a report comes telling of the power of prayer. The band meets every Sabbath one-half hour before the regular service, and engages in earnest prayer for some special object or person. The results are what we might expect from a prayer answering God. Many who were indifferent are now mingling their voices with them in prayer for others.

One band held a workers' meeting and asked God to convert them to his service, and show them what to do. Next they decided to live by faith and practice what they had been teaching. The work then began in earnest.

Tracts and papers were distributed, cottage meetings were held, the faint-hearted were encouraged, and the Sabbath-school was built up. All are of good courage and are enjoying their work very much.

At another place the teachers of two classes in the Sabbath-school gave each of their pupils five cents to invest for the Lord. The whole amount being fifty cents. In return seven dollars and fifty-five cents was given over to the Young People's work.

Many of our young people are reporting active work with the special number of the *Signs*. Is this not encouraging?

We hope soon to present through the *VISITOR* articles written by the members of the different societies, in this way becoming a source of help to one another.

Let us not forget to pray for the different bands of young people that we may move forward steadily during this new year as active soldiers for the truth.
BESSIE E. ACTON.

WE have received two beautiful songs, entitled, "Footsteps that Never Come," and "Homeward." These two songs are published in folder form, twenty-five cents will purchase them both. Address Charles P. Whitford, Orlando, Fla. These songs have been given to Brother Whitford by their authors to assist him during his declining health, and all orders will be promptly filled and duly appreciated by all concerned.

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

BIBLE WORK IN THE COLLEGE

SINCE the former report concerning this branch of the work, several members have been added to the classes. First Year Bible has increased in numbers from thirty to thirty-eight; Third Year from sixteen to eighteen; and Fifth Year from two to five members; the other two classes remaining about the same in size as formerly stated.

It is needless to say that the topics being studied are of the most intensely interesting character, and so must of themselves elicit the serious attention of all who will give them consideration. The class in Third Year Bible is about to take up the Sabbath question, using Elder J. W. Andrews' "History of the Sabbath" as a textbook. The subject of the law of God has been quite thoroughly considered, and it might be appropriate to insert here some of the forcible declarations of other churches concerning the perpetuity of the law, that have been committed to memory by members of this Third Year class. In these days when the popular cry among professors of religion is that the law of God has been made void, it is refreshing to consider that the great leading denominations have in their fundamental principles placed themselves so decidedly in opposition to the fatal error of antinomianism. The Methodist Discipline, Article 6, reads thus, "Although the law given from God by Moses as touching ceremonies and rites doth not bind Christians, nor ought the civil precepts thereof of necessity be received in any commonwealth; yet, notwithstanding, no Christian whatsoever is free from the obedience of the commandments which are called moral."

The "Baptist Church Manual" says, "We believe that the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government, that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfil its precepts arises wholly from their love of sin; to deliver them from which, and to restore them through a mediator to unfeigned obedience to the holy law, is one great end of the gospel, and of the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church."

The Presbyterian "Confession of Faith," Article 5, reads thus, "The moral law doth forever bind all, as well justified persons as others, to the

obediences thereof: and that not only in regard to the matter contained in it, but also in respect of the authority of God, the Creator, who gave it. Neither doth Christ in the gospel in any way dissolve, but much strengthen this obligation." Many belonging to these various organizations seem now to have forgotten, or to ignore these sound fundamental principles. We have reached the time when, by professors and non-professors, both in precept and practice, God's law is made void. To us as a people is committed the neglected important work of maintaining the integrity of these sacred commandments. Who desires to prepare themselves to stand in defense of these eternal principles?

The school year is about half gone, but it is still a favorable time to join any of these classes, and we would gladly see the enrollment of the school and of these classes increased. Thinking it might add to the interest in the study of the Bible, especially of the prophecies, a set of fifteen hand painted charts, advertised in the *Signs of the Times*, has been procured to be used in the consideration of these topics.

The Fifth Year Bible class is now studying the book of Romans. The Fourth Year class is now in the book of Revelation, the present topic being the seven messages to the churches. Trusting that God will give to all ears to hear, minds to understand, and hearts to receive what the Spirit has spoken to the churches, we enter upon the study of the great themes contained in this book.

F. D. STARR.

COLLEGE NOTES

THE Young People's Society has been divided into bands for service. These several bands will take up the various lines of Christian Help work and do what they can to give this last Message to those who know it not.

ONE morning last week our president, Prof. J. B. Clymer, read in chapel a letter from Prof. Griggs stating the action of the General Conference at Gland, Switzerland, last summer that the colleges and academies in the United States should raise two thousand dollars toward establishing a school for workers in the Latin Union Conference. After the matter was placed before the students and teachers, they quickly responded, pledging at once one hundred dollars to go to this worthy cause.

MISS CLARA CRUMMEL is now able to attend her classes, after an attack of tonsillitis.

MR. C. C. HOWELL, who visited his relatives in Athens, O., has resumed his studies in the College.

MR. HARRY TROWBRIDGE has returned to the College from a visit at his home in West Virginia.

MISS IVY GRIFFIN, of Battle Creek, Mich., recently came here to attend school and complete the Nurses' Course.

MR. IRWIN HUNT just returned from Indiana where he has been spending the past few weeks with his parents.

MISS CORA POTTS, who has been downtown with a private family, just came into the home for the remainder of the school year.

OUR Home family now numbers seventy-one, and several new students are expected soon. Most of the rooms are filled, but we can always find room for a new student.

WHEN Miss Bertha Hanger, of West Liberty, O., returned to school after the holidays, her brother, Mr. Clinton Hanger, accompanied her and has entered school.

MRS. D. O. FORT of Globe, Ariz., has been spending a few weeks with her daughters, Misses Dolphine and Florence, who are living with Mrs. A. K. Kellogg and attending school.

THE study of both vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of Prof. Clemen Hamer, is one of the most important branches of our work. The class in advanced chorus work will render the cantata, "Saul," the latter part of January.

THE church school, with an enrollment of thirty-two, is progressing finely, having Miss Gertrude Wuhl as teacher. Several students who are taking the Normal Work assist in teaching in the school for practice under the criticisms of Miss Myrta Kellogg.

MISSSES EVA and Bessie Fleming were pleased to have their mother, Mrs. Nora B. Fleming, of Toledo, spend Christmas with them at the College. Shortly after her return home she was called back to Mount Vernon on account of the illness of her older daughter, Eva. At present writing, Miss Eva is a little better, but it will doubtless be several days ere she will be able to resume her school work.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

A GREETING

DEAR WELCOME VISITOR: True to your name, you were a welcomed visitor when a few days ago you made your first visit to my home; and now as the new year is ushered in, I will take the opportunity of writing my first lines to you. I hope to have your regular visits from now on as long as I remain in this Union Conference.

I am glad that the Ohio Conference is now a part of our union, for that State is very dear to me, as some of my earliest experiences in the cause of present truth was enjoyed in Ohio, more than twenty-five years ago, before I became a public laborer in the cause.

I was at that time a member of the church at Clyde, and enjoyed many precious seasons with the dear people at that place, many of whom are now sleeping in the dust, waiting for the archangel to bring them again "from the land of the enemy."

The first Seventh-day Adventist camp-meetings that I ever attended were at Spring Mills and Clyde, in 1879 and 1880, and these were seasons of rejoicing to my young heart, as the truth was growing dearer and brighter to me all the while. Since that time I have spent twenty-five years in telling the truth to others, and I hope to still have some humble place in this cause till the work closes in glorious triumph.

Mount Vernon College now has a warm place in my heart, as my son and daughter are both there, preparing, I trust, for some place in the closing work of the Master.

The West Pennsylvania Conference is now my field of labor. I spent a part of the week of prayer at Belle Vernon, and the rest of the season at Washington, and the Lord gave us good meetings. One old lady at Belle Vernon took a firm stand for the Sabbath.

My wife and I are now holding Bible readings and other services among the people at Uniontown, and several are deeply interested. A lady and her daughter have just taken hold of the truth here, and we hope for others. Remember us, and the work here at the throne of grace.

B. F. PURDHAM.

ALL who are under the training of God need a quiet hour for communion with their own hearts, with nature and with God.

SECOND SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH, PITTSBURG, PENN.

THIS church is twenty-six months old,—Jan. 1, 1908. It was first organized Nov. 1, 1905, as a church mission, and later, Jan. 21, 1906, into the Second Seventh-day Adventist church, with ten members. Since then the membership has grown to thirty, one of whom has died, and the names of three have been dropped from the roll. The membership could have been much larger had we taken in all who have applied for admission.

The monies collected for the several funds are as follows: Tithe, \$1,141.45; Church Expenses, \$814.54; Sabbath-school, \$30 (for 1907 only); \$150,000 Fund, \$62; Sundry funds, \$91.85. Total, \$2,139.84.

More than \$650 worth of books, papers, and other literature has been sold and given away. Many homes have been reached with Bible readings. The amount represents the purchasing price, and not the selling price, of the literature.

While we are fully aware that we have fallen far short of what we could and should have done, yet we are glad, that in spite of our shortcomings God has blessed the cause and us. So we will try to "redeem the time" as we are to lay a more firm hold on the work for the future.

It is proper that we should remark, that the work here is to especially reach the many thousands of colored people in this city and vicinity, although free to anyone who may be reached and will do service for the cause.

"Pray for us and the peace of the cause." W. H. GREEN.

11 Conkling St.

PROSPECTS for the canvassing work are good, considering the stringency of the times. We are glad to note the work being done with our periodicals. In a letter at hand one of our brethren says, "We have almost sold out our *Watchman*. We are selling wall mottoes in connection with them. We had 300 of the latter and they are nearly all gone. One has some good experiences in meeting the people." A man in — said to Brother —, "Is this one them Seven Day papers? Brother — made answer, "The mission of this people is to preach the everlasting gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue and people." "Well," said the man, "If that's the case I will take one, but I don't want any Seven Day papers." So he took both paper and mottoes. A. V. WILLIAMS.

NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE

NOTICE

THE first annual meeting of the New Jersey Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the conference at Trenton, N. J., Thursday, Jan. 30, 1908, at 3 P. M. This is an incorporated body, and trustees will be elected and other business transacted pertaining to the corporation.

B. F. KNEELAND, *Pres.*

THE next annual conference of the Seventh-day Adventist churches of New Jersey will be held in the G. A. R. Hall, corner of Hamilton Avenue and Hudson Street, Trenton, N. J., Jan. 29 to Feb. 2, 1908. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each ten members. Please send delegates' credentials to Mrs. A. E. Rambo, Fairton, N. J., at once. Will the church clerks also please send me a list of those who expect to attend the conference? Let all plan to attend the first meeting Wednesday, January 29, at 7:30 P. M. This conference will be a very important one and we trust our churches will be well represented.

B. F. KNEELAND, *Pres.*

621 William St., Trenton, N. J.

THE Union Worker's meeting of the New Jersey and Greater New York Conferences held in New York City, Dec. 23-29, 1907, was a session of great benefit to all who attended. Elders E. W. Farnsworth, W. J. Fitzgerald, K. C. Russell, W. H. Heckman, and Brethren R. J. Bryant and I. D. Richardson were in attendance besides the laborers of the two conferences. Beginning with a most profitable day spent in studying "The Sacredness of the Gospel Ministry," and various phases of the minister's

department and work, the meetings continued with increasing interest till the close.

Each of the following general topics received a day's attention: Religious Liberty, Sabbath-school Work, Publishing Work, Christian Education, Young People's Work, and Church Officers' Work.

The papers presented showed evidence of much prayerful consideration of the various topics and those in attendance entered very heartily into the discussions. All seemed to recognize the value of such meetings and as we expect to have more of these gatherings, we trust that those who missed this feast will not fail to get the benefit of the next one.

Sabbath, December 28, members of the Jersey City, Newark, Paterson, and Ridgfield Park churches, with others from surrounding places, met in a union meeting with the Second Jersey City church. Addresses were given by Elders Farnsworth and Edwards, Brother Richardson and others. A collection was taken to aid our Danish brethren in their effort to secure a place of worship at Perth Amboy. The church officers' meeting on Sunday was well attended and an excellent spirit was manifested. We hope to have more of these meetings in the future.

B. F. KNEELAND.

Baltimore, Md.

SABBATH, December 21, the two churches in Baltimore met at the Christian church, where, through the courtesy of the pastor, the writer had the privilege of baptizing nine precious souls. Four of these united with church No. 1, and five with church No. 2.

Others are keeping the Sabbath, making about forty that have accepted the Message as a result of the work carried forward in this city since last summer.

Since the tent was taken down in September, Brother H. S. Prener and the writer have held Sunday night meetings; but when we consider the fact that the greater part of those who have accepted the truth did so as a result of the readings held around their firesides, the importance and blessed results of personal work are seen.

Brother Prener has done excellent work along this line. We trust this number may soon reach fifty.

MORRIS LUKENS.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

Virginia

E. McGlochlin, Richmond.—10 hours; helps, \$1.05; total, \$3.50.

Mattie Jameson, Richmond.—9 hours; helps, \$2.55; total, \$2.55.

A. M. N.

Ohio

(For week ending Dec. 27, 1907.)

Enos M. Horst, Wayne Co.—Great Controversy and Coming King: 60 hours; value of orders, \$19.50; helps, \$17.70; total, \$37.50; deliveries, \$7.50

C. S. Pember, Wood Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 7 hours; value of orders, \$7.50; helps, \$.50; total, \$8; deliveries, \$4.50.

Total value of orders\$ 27.00
Total value of helps..... 18.20

Grand total.....\$ 45.20
Total deliveries\$ 12.00

(For week ending Jan. 3, 1908.)

C. S. Pember, Wood Co.—Daniel and Revelation: 29 hours; value of orders, \$30; helps, \$2; total \$32; deliveries, \$4.50.

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY THE CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1907

| Churches | Tithe | F. D. Off. & For. Miss. | S. S. Off. | \$150,000 Fund | South'n Field | Annual Off. | Tent Fund | Rel'g's Lib'ry | Orph'ns & Aged | Church Schools | Totals |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| First Church, Baltimore..... | \$916.71 | \$28.16 | \$21.34 | \$179.91 | \$..... | \$53.45 | \$24.00 | \$1.00 | \$8.25 | \$2.45 | \$1,230.27 |
| Second Church, Baltimore..... | 892.16 | 50.76 | 46.40 | 42.08 | 7.20 | 25.37 | 25.25 | ..... | 5.05 | 2.45 | 1,994.67 |
| Third Church, Baltimore..... | 102.14 | .90 | 9.87 | 7.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 118.71 |
| Cambridge..... | 72.76 | 8.75 | 13.81 | 5.60 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 100.92 |
| Cheswold..... | 185.08 | 4.59 | 1.28 | 6.00 | ..... | 6.79 | 5.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 208.74 |
| Church Hill..... | 61.75 | 2.25 | 3.94 | 4.75 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 72.69 |
| Cumberland..... | 244.01 | .55 | 13.60 | 1.00 | 1.05 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1.20 | ..... | 241.41 |
| Fairmont..... | 30.90 | 1.20 | 2.28 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 329.16 |
| Ford's Store..... | 290.36 | 2.13 | 10.56 | 5.25 | ..... | 16.43 | 2.50 | 2.13 | ..... | ..... | 34.38 |
| Hagerstown..... | 159.94 | 1.65 | 11.62 | 7.70 | 4.94 | 3.60 | 8.00 | 1.40 | 1.12 | ..... | 199.97 |
| Hollandsville..... | 171.54 | 11.10 | 5.48 | 14.00 | 6.00 | 9.90 | 5.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 223.02 |
| Millington..... | 146.78 | 3.02 | 9.06 | 15.15 | 1.75 | 3.85 | 2.00 | 1.25 | .96 | .45 | 184.27 |
| Rock Hall..... | 643.08 | 8.53 | 27.87 | 60.89 | 3.47 | 6.05 | 2.31 | ..... | 4.68 | ..... | 776.88 |
| Wilmington..... | 1,389.72 | 85.84 | 30.93 | 81.08 | 8.86 | 18.02 | 10.00 | 2.95 | 10.48 | 1.08 | 1,639.86 |
| Individuals..... | 74.08 | ..... | 58.50 | 12.75 | ..... | ..... | 13.72 | .60 | 1.00 | 67.00 | 227.60 |
| Totals..... | \$5,380.76 | \$208.72 | \$266.04 | \$461.20 | \$83.27 | \$141.46 | \$97.78 | \$9.33 | \$27.74 | \$73.43 | \$6,702.55 |

E. R. NUTTER, *Treas.*

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OHIO ITEMS

BORN to Mr. and Mrs. John De Fluiter, Dec. 26, 1907, a girl.

WILL not all the canvassers send in their reports for December, immediately? N. S. M.

BROTHER L. R. WILLIAMS has been called home by the serious illness of his father.

ERRATUM.—in Elder F. D. Starr's article on page five, the "History of the Sabbath" should be credited to Elder J. N. Andrews. This was an oversight in the proof reading.

BROTHER PAUL S. STOKES has accepted a call to act as State secretary of the periodical and small book work in the South Dakota Conference. The VISITOR extends best wishes for future success.

THE tithe and offerings for the month of December, 1907, were so good, when contrasted with the amount received last year, we feel we must tell it to all our people:—

| | 1907 | 1906 |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| Tithe..... | \$8,139.50 | \$2,127.14 |
| First Day Offerings..... | 72.34 | 32.15 |
| S. S. Donations..... | 250.14 | 80.56 |
| Annual Offering..... | 628.85 | 418.60 |

The total receipts for December, 1907, tithes and offerings, were \$4,331.16, while for the same month in 1906, they were but \$4,099.72.

THIS issue of the WELCOME VISITOR is the last sample copy the postal laws will permit us to send to those who have been receiving it for the last three weeks. We hope soon to have the VISITOR just what it is now supposed to be—the official organ of the Columbia Union Conference. It will take a little time to get all things adjusted, and in good running order, so we will have to be patient and charitable with one another, and all work together until the desired object is accomplished. We also hope that the officers and workers, both conference

and local workers, will endeavor to keep their department well represented in every issue of the WELCOME VISITOR, and that it may find a welcome in every Seventh-day Adventist home in the Columbia Union.

MARRIED

MARRIED at the home of the bride's parents in Wilmington, O., Monday, Dec. 30, 1907, at 6:30 P. M., Mr. Frank W. Potts of Des Moines, Ia., and Miss Ivy L. Walker were quietly married in the presence of a number of family relatives, Elder H. H. Burkholder officiating. They left for Des Moines, their future home, on January 1, where Brother Potts is employed by the Iowa Sanitarium Food Company. The VISITOR extends congratulations.

THAT the Lord has been prospering his people during the past four years, witness the following figures which represent the tithe receipts for the last month of each year:—

| | |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Month of December, 1904..... | \$1,298.43 |
| Month of December, 1905..... | \$1,635.76 |
| Month of December, 1906..... | \$2,127.14 |
| Month of December, 1907..... | \$3,139.50 |

SPECIAL NOTICES

THE forty-sixth annual session of the Ohio Conference will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church, Ohio and Fair Streets, Columbus. Jan. 20-24, 1908. The first meeting of the session will be held Monday, the 20th, at 7:00 P. M. H. H. BURKHOLDER.

THE Ohio Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventist church will hold its annual meeting for the election of officers, and to transact such other business as will be necessary at that time in the Seventh-day Adventist church, Ohio and Fair Streets, Columbus, at the time of regular annual session of the Ohio Conference, Jan. 20-24, 1908. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, January 21, at 3 P. M.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, Pres.
C. V. HAMER, Sec.

THERE will be a meeting of the patrons of the Mount Vernon College in the Seventh-day Adventist church, Ohio and Fair Streets, Columbus, Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1908, at 7.00 P. M. The election of officers and other important business will be transacted at this time.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, Pres.
C. V. HAMER, Sec.

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Mary Hubell, Athens Co.—Bible Footlights: 16 hours, value of orders \$13; helps, \$2.05; total, \$15.05; deliveries, \$2.85.

Florence Carter, Athens Co.—Bible Footlights: 10½ hours; value of orders, \$5; helps, \$3.05; total, \$8.05; deliveries, \$2.70.

Enos M. Horst, Wayne Co.—Coming King: 35 hours; value of orders, \$8; helps, \$2.40; total, \$10.40; deliveries, \$5.40.

Raleigh French, Lucas Co.—Coming King: 25 hours; value of orders, \$13; helps, \$3; total, \$16.

Total value of orders.....\$69.00
Total value of helps..... 12.50

Grand total.....\$81.50
Total deliveries..... 15 45

Virginia

(For week ending Jan. 3, 1908.)

J. A. Hayes,* Norfolk.—Daniel and Revelation and Seer of Patmos: 64 hours; value of orders, \$31; helps, \$23.80; total, \$54.80, deliveries, \$22.15.

Mrs. E. McGlochlin, Richmond.—13 hours; helps \$2.10; total, \$2.10; deliveries, \$1.30.

Mattie Jemerson, Richmond.—10 hours; helps, \$8.40; total, \$8.30; deliveries, \$2.60.

Sallie Christian, Newport News.—4 hours; value of helps, \$3.50; deliveries, \$1.15.

*Two weeks.

Eastern Pennsylvania

(For week ending Jan 3, 1908.)

E. J. Kusselmeyer,* Parksburg.—Heralds of the Morning: 57 hours; value of orders, \$61.25.

H. J. Detwiler,† Parksburg.—Coming King: 74 hours; value of orders, \$68.

*Two weeks.

†Three weeks.

OBITUARY

SPERRA.—Died at his home in Randolph, O., Nov. 23, 1907, Ezra Sperra, aged 84 years, 8 months, and 10 days. Mr. Sperra, with his father, moved to Portage County, O., when seven years of age where he continued to reside until his decease. He served with honor as a soldier in the Civil War. During his last illness he gave evidence of having accepted Christ as his Saviour, and although an intense sufferer for a year before death released him, his patient fortitude was an example to those around him. He leaves a wife, one son and a brother to mourn their loss. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from John 14: 18. J. J. MARLETTA.