

THE Welcome Visitor

"Surely I Come Quickly. Even So. Come, Lord Jesus."

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EDUCATIONAL

UNITY OF EFFORT

"BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Christ's mission to this world was to show that he and the Father were one in purpose; and this purpose was the salvation of mankind.

Under the figure of the vine and its branches is illustrated the relation of Christ to his followers, and the relation of his followers to one another. Their oneness consists in their common union with the vine, and through each, though not in just the same way, is manifested the life of the vine.

The figure has a lesson for the individual Christian. In their relation to one another each is to maintain its individuality. Union with one another comes through union with Christ. We must, through Christ, put forth united effort to do the great work given us to do. Indeed, there is a great work before us, too great for any one individual, thus the unity of effort is necessary to accomplish that already begun.

Harmony and union existing among men of many varied dispositions is the strongest witness that can be borne that God has sent his son into the world to save sinners. It is our privilege to bear this witness. Our characters must be molded in harmony with his character, our wills must be surrendered to his will; then we shall work together without a thought of collision. In our work let us not dwell upon differences that tend to destroy Christian fellowship.

Let us not allow the enemy thus to gain the advantage over us. May we not draw nearer to God, and to one another? Then we shall be as "trees of righteousness," planted by the Lord, and watered by the river of life.

Organizations, large or small, depend for success upon the co-operation of the entire body. We have as already been stated, our own individuality. This must be recognized by the body. Individuality does not mean disconnection from the body.

Each one has his or her way of performing work, and it would be well for us to respect this; and if one way proves a failure, use another's suggestions and learn to work in union and harmony. In this way one will not only find the best way of working, but they will have unearthed a lost talent and brought into sight one that will be useful in their society and local church work.

In our work let us study not only the field of labor but also our members, and place them in this field in just the position best suited for them.

Study the skilful workings of an army. See how carefully the officers are chosen, how carefully the plans are laid, and how accurately they are carried out; if not, how disastrous is the result.

We, Seventh-day Adventists,—under Prince Emmanuel represent the greatest army that was ever organized. He has planned, and suggested means whereby the plans may be carried out. There is only one thing that hinders the progress, and that is the divided condition of our efforts.

We need to unite our forces, and study the prevailing conditions in the locality in which we are organized. May we observe the thing that demands our attention mostly,—are the Sunday rest day organizations planning a campaign? Are others attempting to have the legislature enact laws that will take from us our religious freedom? Meet together and study these important topics. Organize a campaign against such attempts, and select leaders, and by your united effort you will accomplish a work which you could do in no other way. The unity of effort has its place in the solution of the problem of getting this Message before the world, and when God's people realize this, we shall see a mighty work performed for him. May we all fall into line. Work and pray to this end, viz.,—the unity of effort,—and eternity only, will reveal how much good we will have accomplished.

MRS. ETHEL SAMMONS-LEFEVER.

"He who would be most like Christ must pay the cost."

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Report of Sabbath-school Department for Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1907

Sabbath-schools	Membership		Expense
	Donations	Missions	
Coudersport.....	44.. \$23.35..	.. \$23.35	
Pittsburg No. 1.....	49.. 18.49..	.. 18.49	
Erie.....	61.. 16.43..	.. 16.43	
Bradford.....	32.. 14.45..	.. 14.45	
Six Mile Run.....	40.. 10.80..	.. 10.80	
Corydon.....	24.. 8.52..	.. 8.52	
Pittsburg No. 2.....	30.. 7.40..	.. 7.40	
Clearfield.....	21.. 6.86..	.. 6.86	
Johnstown.....	26.. 5.95..	.. 5.95	
Lock Haven.....	20.. 5.07..	.. 5.07	
Indiana.....	32.. 5.05..	.. 5.05	
Sunderlinville.....	12.. 4.70..	.. 4.70	
Meadville.....	13.. 4.55..	.. 4.55	
Belle Vernon.....	8.. 4.00..	.. 4.00	
Corry.....	18.. 3.40..	.. 3.40	
Eldrid.....	8.. 3.30..	.. 3.30	
Allegheny [German].....	25.. 3.20..	.. 3.20	
Union City.....	8.. 3.08..	.. 3.08	
Titusville.....	10.. 2.77..	.. 2.77	
Huntingdon.....	19.. 3.75.. \$1.00..	2.75	
Edinboro.....	6.. 2.67..	.. 2.67	
Beaver Falls.....	10.. 2.29..	.. 2.29	
North Warren.....	23.. 6.82.. 4.56..	2.26	
Wrights.....	14.. 2.15..	.. 2.15	
Albion.....	10.. 1.76..	.. 1.76	
Oil City.....	8.. 1.55..	.. 1.55	
Austin.....	12.. 1.50..	.. 1.50	
Uniontown.....	7.. 1.45..	.. 1.45	
Shingle House.....	.. 1.45..	.. 1.45	
Duke Center.....	8.. 1.41..	.. 1.41	
Duncansville.....	15.. 2.59.. 1.50..	1.09	
Greensburg.....	11.. 1.00..	.. 1.00	
Altoona.....	50.. 6.23.. 5.25..	.98	
Midway.....	19.. .75..	.. .75	
North East.....	.. .64..	.. .64	
Washington.....	27.. Two Quarters	23.35	
Allegheny.....	16..	
Conneautville.....	16..	
Russell.....	12..	
Roulette.....	9..	
Port Allegheny.....	12..	

Home Department Members

Industry.....	\$ 2.32
Carter Camp.....	2.29
West Middlesex.....	2.10
Spartansburg.....	1.20
Brooklin.....	1.20
New Castle.....	1.00
Philipsburg.....	1.00
Evans City.....	.81
Inez.....	.75
McKeesport.....	.65
North Girard.....	.50
Salemville.....	.25
North Clymer.....	.12

Total contributions to missions.....\$213.61
FANNIE FONDERSMITH, Sec.

"MANY would speedily reach the heavenly haven if progress could be secured by blowing their own sails."

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DAY

Do you know the story of the rise and progress of the Young People's work among us?

Do you understand the plan of organization?

Do you know what the Missionary Volunteer work stands for?

These questions and others will be discussed on Sabbath, March 7, which has been appointed by the General Conference Department as Missionary Volunteer Day. Let all our churches make the most of this opportunity for a thorough consideration of this important branch of the Lord's work.

It would be well for the church elder, Sabbath-school superintendent, and leader of the Missionary Volunteer Society (or some other young person where there is no society) to act as a committee in planning for the program. The readings suggested for the forenoon session which will appear in the *Instructor*, should be assigned to those who can read well, and have a deep interest in the work.

The following topics are suggested for the afternoon:—

Reading of letter from Missionary Volunteer Secretaries.

Bible and "Testimony" study on Good Reading.

The value of good books, and a crusade against harmful literature; discussion.

Plans for our library (may be the report of a committee on this work.)

Question box, conducted by the leader, with opportunity for discussion. (Question should be handed in not later than the close of the forenoon session.)

The reading of the letter, and other topics, should be assigned to young people as far as possible, and every effort put forth to make the afternoon generally interesting.

Let the assignments be made at once, and let as many as consistent have a place on the program. Let the music be definitely planned for.

An offering is to be made—one-third for the establishment of a Young People's Library in the local church, and two-thirds for the better equipment of our Missionary Volunteer Departments in the local, union, and general conferences. Two-thirds of the offering should be sent to your conference treasurer.

This Missionary Volunteer Day is a great opportunity to give a new impetus to our Young People's work all over the field.

M. E. KERN,

Chairman Gen. Conf. Miss. Vol. Dept.

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT, 1907

As read at the Conference

THE Educational Department has to deal with one of the most important problems which we as a people have to solve, the training of loyal workers for God, those who have the courage to stand for principle at all times.

It has not been the result of a sudden, enthusiastic movement, but has been built up by the steady effort of years. Precept has been placed upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; until now, with its three divisions well organized, it is ready for more effective work than ever before.

Sabbath-school Report

In this branch of our work, we feel greatly encouraged. The missionary spirit is growing steadily, and we can give a better report in this line than ever before. For the past year:—

Total number of schools.....	82
Total number enrolled.....	1,863
Total number enrolled in Home Dept.....	61
Total amount of contributions.....	\$2,655.04
Total amount of expense.....	736.98

This amount, although being over \$170 less than last year, would be still further decreased if several of the schools which have taken special collections for their expenses had not classed them with their regular Sabbath-school donations.

Total amount donated to missions.....\$1,918.06

It is our ambition to send all of the Sabbath-school contributions to the mission field, and we seem to be drawing nearer to a realization of our hopes each quarter.

The *Sabbath-school Worker* is holding its rightful place in all of our largest schools, and its influence is being felt throughout the Conference.

One matter which we would like to emphasize is the work for our Home Department. If the churches will aid us in searching out the members who live near them, yet cannot attend their Sabbath meetings, and will encourage them to become Home Department members of their Sabbath-schools, we will find that our Sabbath-school work will be greatly strengthened, as well as the isolated ones encouraged.

Young People's Work

One of the most important events in the history of this work took place in Mount Vernon, July 10-21, 1907, the Young People's Convention, at which the work was thoroughly organized, the name of "Missionary Volunteers" was chosen for our bands of young people, and the work placed in charge

of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference.

At this time, our former leader, Mr. Shultz, with his wife offered to go as a missionary volunteer to Korea.

During the past year, we have numbered fifteen societies. Our present membership is 250.

Work That Has Been Done

Missionary letters written.....	88
Missionary letters received.....	29
Missionary visits made.....	787
Bible readings or cottage meetings held.....	341
Subscriptions taken for periodicals.....	382
Papers sold.....	330
Papers mailed or given away.....	15,876
Books sold.....	18
Books loaned.....	42
Pages of tracts sold.....	594
Pages of tracts given away.....	9,557
Hours of Christian help work.....	440
Persons supplied with food.....	12
Articles of clothing given away.....	1,499
Total contributions for the year.....	\$425.62
Paid for supplies.....	.96
Offerings for home mission work.....	36.02
Offerings for foreign mission work.....	178.69
Copper fund.....	84.41
Belgrave fund.....	125.54

It has been proved that the money which has been given for the education of Mr. Belgrave could not have been put to a better use, as he has proved himself to be earnest, capable and faithful.

A complete report of the work of our young people cannot be given, as an accurate account has not been kept by the local societies. But what has been reported to us is such as to show that our missionary volunteers are striving to be worthy of their name.

Church Schools

Our leaders have used the utmost care in organizing the school work, and although it is in its infancy, the results that are being obtained are such as prove the wisdom of the course.

The educational requirements necessary to being accepted as a teacher in one of our schools are such as bar out those who are careless and have wasted their opportunities, while the humble position the work occupies does not tempt those who are seeking positions that will make them popular in the eyes of the world; hence we have workers that are faithful, earnest and preserving, ready to give up all for the salvation of the children.

We have at present thirteen schools with an enrollment of 125. The work in the different schools is as near uniform as possible; similar textbooks being used, and the same tests being given throughout the State.

Good reports are being received from all the schools, and we feel confident that God is blessing his people as they seek to withdraw their children from the influence of the world.

BESSIE E. ACTON, *Ed. Supt.*

CONFERENCE WORK

NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE

THE Sixth Annual session of the New Jersey Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was held at Trenton, N. J., Jan. 29 to Feb. 2, 1908. Fifty-two delegates were present. Elders W. J. Fitzgerald, C. H. Edwards, W. H. Heckman, K. C. Russell and M. N. Campbell were the laborers present from outside the Conference. Notwithstanding the shortness of the time and the amount of business to be done, time was taken for excellent Bible studies each day which were heartily appreciated by all. The Sabbath meetings were seasons of refreshing and consecration. The closing meeting, on Sunday night, was a Religious Liberty Mass Meeting, held in the Opera House.

The following reports were read by the treasurer, and accepted subject to audit:—

Financial Statement of New Jersey Conference for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1907

RESOURCES	
Property.....	\$ 985.00
Labor Accounts.....	725.06
Bills Receivable.....	139.18
Tent Fund [overdrawn].....	278.43
Gen'l Conference Appropriation Fund.....	48.92
Annual Offering.....	47.00
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1907.....	57.67
Total.....	\$2,281.26
LIABILITIES	
General Trust Funds.....	\$ 38.15
Local Trust Funds.....	49.43
Atlantic Union Conference Tithe.....	662.01
Bills Payable.....	100.00
Laborers' Accounts.....	12.72
Total.....	\$ 862.31
Present Worth, Jan. 1, 1908.....	\$1,418.95

Loss and Gain

GAINS	
Tithe Received for Year.....	\$7,103.84
Kansas Appropriation, 1906.....	468.47
Ministerial Donations.....	276.35
Interest and Discount.....	12.59
Auxiliary Fund.....	5.52
Total Gain.....	\$7,866.77
LOSSES	
Salary.....	\$4,990.19
Laborers' Expense.....	2,150.69
Atlantic Union Conference Tithe.....	710.36
Property.....	32.99
News Letter.....	48.05
Office Expense.....	75.02
Freight and Drayage.....	100.93
Insurance.....	2.00
Merchandise.....	2.15
Laborers' Account.....	50.00
Total Loss.....	\$8,162.38
Net Loss for year 1907.....	\$ 295.61
Net Worth Jan. 1, 1907.....	1,714.56
Present Worth Jan. 1, 1908.....	\$1,418.95

Financial Statement of the New Jersey Tract Society for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1907

RESOURCES	
Inventories—	
Property.....	\$ 108.00
Office Expense.....	5.00
50 per cent. books.....	55.76
40 per cent. books.....	5.85
Trade books.....	4.75
Tracts.....	10.00
Periodicals.....	9.00
"Ministry of Healing".....	6.00
Total.....	\$ 204.36
Personal Accounts Receivable.....	521.21
Society Accounts Receivable.....	365.98
Total Resources.....	\$1,094.55
LIABILITIES	
Publishing House Accounts Payable.....	\$ 672.97
Personal Accounts Payable.....	3.30
South Lancaster Academy [C. O. L.].....	19.95
Cash Overdrawn.....	2.97
Total.....	\$ 699.19
Present Worth Jan. 1, 1908.....	\$ 395.36

Loss and Gain

GAINS	
50 per cent. books.....	\$ 77.14
40 per cent. books.....	9.37
Trade books.....	27.62
Tracts.....	51.77
Periodicals.....	8.31
Local Tract Society Fund.....	.15
Total Gain.....	\$ 174.36
LOSSES	
Office Expense.....	\$ 24.01
Property.....	15.50
Freight and Drayage.....	3.50
Account J. E. Jayne.....	32.01
Total Loss.....	\$ 75.02
Net Gain for year 1907.....	99.34
Net Worth Jan. 1, 1907.....	296.02
Present Worth Jan. 1, 1908.....	\$ 395.36

Recommendations

The following recommendations were adopted:—

Whereas, The blessing of the Lord has attended the work in New Jersey since we were last assembled in annual conference session, to give financial prosperity and increased membership,—

We, therefore, express our sincere gratitude to our heavenly Father for his manifold favors, and seeking divine guidance, we reconsecrate ourselves and our all for service in the cause of the Third Angel's Message during the ensuing year.

In view of the important responsibilities resting upon the officers (especially the elders) of the local churches, and in view of the apparent need of aid being given these officers,

We therefore recommend that this Conference arrange to conduct one or more conventions for church officers in the near future.

Whereas, The interest of our people in the cause of present truth depends upon their knowledge of the principles of the Message and the progress of the work, and,—

Whereas, The best mediums of communicating such information to the members of our Conference are the *Review and Herald* and the Columbia Union VISITOR, therefore,—

We recommend that conference officers and workers and church officers endeavor earnestly to place a subscription for each of the aforesaid papers in every Seventh-day Adventist home in New Jersey before April 1.

Whereas, The spread of the Message must be accomplished to a large degree by the circulation of reading matter, and,—

Whereas, This branch of the work in New Jersey has not had the aid of a regular leader in the past, therefore,—

We recommend, (a.) That a conference field agent be employed, and—

(b.) That a canvassers' institute be held at the earliest possible date.

We further recommend that an educational secretary be chosen in our Conference to have especial charge of the Sabbath-school, Educational, and Young People's Work.

Whereas, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty," and—

Whereas, The advocates of Sunday are forcing this issue upon the citizens of this State, and in view of the fact that already three bills have been introduced into the present session of Congress for the enactment of Sunday laws, which means intolerance and persecution to God's people in the near future, and it being our duty as Christians to do all in our power to avert the threatened danger,—

We recommend that a religious liberty secretary be appointed in our Conference to agitate this most important subject among the people in order to stem the current of the on coming flood of religious legislation.

Whereas, There is a crying need of laborers in this Conference with its teeming population, and inasmuch as the number of workers must necessarily be regulated by the receipt of tithe,—

Resolved, That this Conference make a special appeal to its church officers to give this matter personal and prayerful attention, until they are sure every member is honestly paying a tithe, and further,—

Resolved, That the treasurer of each church be earnestly requested to forward the same, and all other funds, on the twenty-fifth day of each month.

Whereas, We are commanded to go

into all the world and make disciples of every nation, and,—

Whereas, The good Spirit of the Lord has preceded us in the work and opened many doors and hearts for the reception of the Third Angel's Message, and,—

Whereas, The spread of the Message requires means as well as men, and,—

Whereas, The funds in the general treasury are inadequate to meet the demands upon it, therefore,—

Resolved, That we urgently request our people in all our churches to give to the cause of missions an average of not less than ten cents a week per member.

Whereas, Most of the members of what is now known as the Ridgefield Park church of Seventh-day Adventists live in Hackensack, and the meetings of said church are being held in Hackensack, therefore,—

Resolved, That this church change its name to that of Hackensack church of Seventh-day Adventists.

Resolved, That Article 5, Section 3; of the Constitution of New Jersey Conference of Seventh-day Adventists be amended so as to read, "Delegates-at-large shall be—

"(a.) Any members of either the General Conference or the Columbia Union Conference Executive Committee present at any meeting;

"(b.) Members of the Conference Executive Committee;

"(c.) All accredited ministers and workers in the regular employ of the Conference."

Resolved, That Article 7, Section 1, of the Constitution of the New Jersey Conference of Seventh-day Adventists be amended to read, "The officers of this Conference shall be a president, a secretary, a treasurer, an executive committee of five or more persons of which the president shall be a member; and such department secretaries as may be deemed necessary in conducting the work of the Conference."

Whereas, The Spirit of Prophecy denominates the medical missionary department of the cause of present truth the right arm of the Message; and—

Whereas, The same spiritual gift urges upon our conferences the importance of carrying this branch of the work forward in an organized manner by means of institutions, and—

Whereas, The sanitarium in Philadelphia is located so as to be within easy reach of all parts of New Jersey, therefore—

We recommend, That this Conference offer to join the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference in an arrangement for the joint ownership, control

and patronage of the said sanitarium located in Philadelphia; and that we request the membership of the Pennsylvania Sanitarium corporation to bring about such changes in the constitution and by-laws of the corporation as will provide for the joint arrangement between the two Conferences as herein proposed.

We further recommend that in the event of the joint arrangement being provided for, that this Conference extend financial aid to the sanitarium during 1908 by finding—

(a.) Ten persons who will contribute \$100 each. 1000

(b.) Fifteen persons who will contribute \$50 each. 750

(c.) Twenty persons who will contribute \$25 each. 500

(d.) Twenty-five persons who will contribute \$12 each. 300

(e.) That a general fund be raised in the Conference equalling \$1 per capita for the entire membership. 250

(f.) That we undertake to sell for the benefit of the sanitarium at least one thousand copies of the "Ministry of Healing."

We recommend that the provision of this recommendation be carried out on condition that for each twelve dollars contributed by any person, he or any member of his immediate family may spend one week at the sanitarium receiving board, room and treatment, within two years of the date of the payment of the contribution. This same provision to apply to contributions made by sale of "Ministry of Healing;" and the Conference to have the privilege of placing some worthy poor person in the sanitarium to receive board, room and treatment for one week, for each twelve dollars of the general fund within two years of the payment of the contributions to the sanitarium.

Whereas, "The education that is generally given in schools of the world is not that which can be accepted as true education;" and—

Whereas, "Children who are properly educated will be witnesses for the truth;" therefore—

Resolved, That our ministers and church officers put forth earnest endeavor to arouse and educate our churches to the needs of the children and the necessity for church schools.

Whereas, The Kansas Conference has supported Elder Hanhardt the past year of work in our Conference; therefore,—

Resolved, That we express our hearty thanks to the Kansas Conference for their generosity.

Whereas, The Greater New York Conference has shown such a substantial interest in our work the past year,

and have generously paid a part of the salary of Elder Andreassen and other laborers who have labored in the Danish work in Perth Amboy the past season; therefore,—

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to our brethren of Greater New York.

We recommend that this conference tender a vote of thanks to those sisters and others who have so faithfully ministered to the temporal needs of the delegates of this conference at the dining hall, and,—

Whereas, Mrs. Hartman and family have for a small consideration vacated their home, corner Genesee and Division Streets, to be used as a dining hall and sleeping apartments, therefore,—

Resolved, That this conference tender to Mrs. Hartman and family a hearty vote of thanks, and see that they get a copy of this resolution.

Resolved, That plans be laid at this conference for a camp-meeting, to be held during the coming season.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, B. F. Kneeland; Secretary and Treasurer, David K. Royer; Executive Committee, B. F. Kneeland, J. G. Hanhardt, George W. Spies, H. J. Adams, George E. Leslie.

Secretary Educational Department, Anna E. Rambo.

Secretary of Sabbath-school Department, Anna E. Rambo.

Secretary Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department, Anna E. Rambo.

Secretary Religious Liberty Department, Elder George W. Spies.

The following credentials and licenses were granted:—

Ministerial Credentials

B. F. Kneeland, G. W. Spies, J. G. Hanhardt.

Ministerial Licenses

C. B. Haynes, P. E. Brodersen, J. H. Carrol.

Missionary Licenses

A. W. Welch, Anna E. Rambo, Louise Ambs, William Ambs, D. K. Royer.

Canvassers' Licenses

J. W. Rambo, David W. Percy.
ANNA E. RAMBO, Sec.

WE call special attention to the question of six months' subscriptions for *Life and Health and Liberty*. These we do not accept unless accompanied with the cash. Also please remember the change in, and the new prices on *Instructor*. New rate for 1908, \$1 per year; club rate, yearly clubs, five or more to one name and address will be supplied at \$.65

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Of Eastern Pennsylvania Tract Society for
Year Ending Dec. 31, 1906

RESOURCES

Real Estate.....	\$ 7,500.00	
Bills Receivable.....	3,693.50	
Personal.....	1,032.00	
Christ's Object Lessons.....	405.18	
Society.....	159.86	
Sabbath-schools.....	23.83	
Office and Church Furniture.....	169.25	
Merchandise, per Inventory.....	193.78	
Postage and Stationery.....	5.00	
Pennsylvania Sanitarium.....	46.29	
West Pennsylvania Conference.....	50.00	
Mileage.....	36.10	
Funds Overdrawn,		
Conference Poor.....	\$274.41	531.83
Tent Fund.....	257.42	754.49
Cash on Hand.....		
Total.....		\$14,601.11

LIABILITIES

Bills Payable.....	\$10,210.00
Christ's Object Lessons.....	678.05
Individuals.....	14.66
Societies.....	4.81
Sabbath-schools.....	4.39
Canvassers' Relief.....	42.65
Conference Expense.....	130.83
First Philadelphia Church.....	31.11
International Publishing Association.....	.25
Mid-Summer Offerings.....	5.65
Southern Publishing Association.....	.05
Students' Fund.....	33.30
Conference.....	1,049.32
Total.....	\$12,205.31
Present Worth.....	\$2,396.10

GAINS

Merchandise.....	\$ 426.99
Annuities from West Pennsylvania	
Conference.....	39.62
Rent from Williamsport property.....	231.10
Christ's Object Lessons' rebate.....	2.80
Wills.....	616.66
Total.....	\$ 1,313.17

LOSSES

Accounts.....	\$ 51.04
Rent.....	158.57
Postage and Stationery.....	98.62
Annuities.....	35.62
Expense.....	51.45
Freight and Expense.....	7.87
Interest.....	94.73
Periodicals.....	57.80
Canvassers' Institute.....	7.50
Camp-meeting.....	348.31
Discount on Office Furniture.....	79.27
Net Gain.....	322.39

Total.....\$ 1,313.17

STOCK

Present Worth Jan. 1, 1906.....	\$ 2,073.71
Net Gain.....	322.39

Present Worth Jan. 1, 1907.....\$ 2,396.10

CASH ACCOUNT, JUNE 27, 1907

Glard Trust Co.....	\$ 425.75
Cash Slips.....	291.99
Bills.....	24.00
Coin.....	2.94
Total.....	\$ 771.68
Cash Book, Debit.....	\$ 2,288.03
Cash Book, Credit.....	1,516.35
Balance.....	\$ 771.68

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1906.....	\$ 232.87
Tithe Received.....	11,848.27
Donations.....	512.42
From North Dakota Conference.....	612.00
On accounts.....	35.72
Total.....	\$13,241.38

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries.....	\$ 8,688.65
Sundry Expense.....	1,132.25
Traveling Expense.....	876.98
Atlantic Union Conference Tithe.....	1,144.18
South Lancaster Academy.....	250.00
Foreign Missions.....	100.00
Total.....	\$12,192.06

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1907.....\$ 1,049.32

V. H. COOK, Treas.

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the Pennsylvania Tract Society and have found them correct and in accordance with the statement submitted by your treasurer, Brother V. H. Cook.

E. R. BROWN, A. U. C. Auditor.

THE WEST VIRGINIA INSTITUTE

THE institute at Parkersburg which has just closed was a most enjoyable occasion to all who were in attendance. There was not a canvasser present who seemed to have any other desire than to go out quickly into the field from the institute and do his part faithfully in disseminating the precious light of present truth. From the very first meeting the spirit of true consecration prevailed in every heart. There was no frivolity, and all seemed to sense the great responsibility resting upon them.

Each day was filled with work, study, lectures on theory and art of canvassing, "Testimony" study on various subjects, as consecration, prayer, manners and dress, health reform, etc., practical drill and Bible study. One thread of instruction which was woven through this two weeks of study and work was, how to prove ourselves gospel workers at every turn in our field of work and how to reach the hearts of the people, by praying and reading the Bible with them. All argued that when we have simply acted the part of a salesman that our work is incomplete and will not accomplish what God has designed it should as revealed by many expressions found in the "Testimonies."

Elder Rees, president of the Conference, was present to give many good words of cheer and co-operation as well as Bible study; one of his studies on "Elijah and the Translated" was of untold value to all present. Health reform shone out from this study in bright rays. Elder Rees worked hard for the institute and is interested in every canvasser.

Brother C. J. Foote, who has a great burden for the success of the canvassing work, has resigned his work in the office to take charge of the canvassing work in the field so that now West Virginia bids fair to a most successful year in the canvassing work. We shall look with great interest for West Virginia's reports from week to week.

I. D. RICHARDSON, Gen. Agent.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTE*

THE Spirit of the Lord tells us that canvassers are to be educated and trained to do the work required in selling the books upon present truth which the people need.

The institute which will be held in Scranton, Pa., March 15-29, will be very educational. Brother I. D. Richardson, general agent for the Columbia Union Conference, will be present throughout the two weeks.

A full program for each day has been arranged, covering an interesting and profitable course in Bible, "Testimonies," theory, art and practice of canvassing. Every one that has been called into this line of God's great work, will find this course very profitable.

God has a place for every true child of his in finishing this great work of bringing this last Message to the people of this generation. The question that every one should ask themselves is, "Lord, what will thou have me to do?"

If Moses would have refused to be used of God to deliver his people, the people would have been delivered by some other appointed servant, but Moses would have been rejected. If the Lord has called us to a certain work, and we refuse to heed his calling, we will likewise be rejected, and will be held accountable for the souls which we might help.

There is no excuse for those who should enter the work, the inducements are too liberal to be rejected. Board, room, and tuition will be free to all who will enter the work at once as regular canvassers. Let all our regular agents attend. Others desiring to attend will be boarded at a nominal sum.

An additional five per cent commission on all sales will be allowed the canvassers who attend the institute, until they have received the amount of their railroad fare from home to place of institute, thence to field of labor.

Each one attending should bring a supply of bedding, and two towels,

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also the following books: Bible, "Hymns and Tunes," "Gospel Workers," "Early Writings," and one of the following books for which you may wish to canvass, "Great Controversy," "Daniel and the Revelation," "Bible Readings," and "Heralds of the Morning." These books will be thoroughly taught.

All desiring to attend the institute must make arrangements previously with the undersigned.

G. W. HOLMAN.

150 E. Lemon St., Lancaster, Pa.

CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE FOR OHIO

THE Canvassers' Institute for Ohio, will be held at the College at Mount Vernon, April 20-30. We expect to have with us Brother E. R. Palmer, of Washington, D. C., and possibly others from out of the State.

We hope that all in Ohio who have a burden for this work, will send immediately to the Ohio Tract Society at Mount Vernon, for a copy of the books they wish to canvass for and study them carefully from now on till April. Then come to the Institute in time for the first meeting.

We expect to make "Daniel and the Revelation" the principle book in Ohio this season. Those wishing to canvass for a health book can send for "Home and Health."

Besides regular classes for the study of the books to be used, and Bible study, there will be a daily class in practical canvassing, including the canvass, how to gain an entrance to the home, how to bring people to a decision, which is a weak point with many; how to make a successful delivery; and many other points. There are many things to be learned at an institute which the canvasser can hardly afford to miss. The advice of those who have had years of experience will be a help to all; and if those who are planning on entering the work will take the pains to get all the help they can before beginning, then take the Lord as their daily teacher, they will be on the road to success.

Meals will be served on the European plan. Arrangements have been made to refund expense of board and railroad fare from the Institute to field of labor after the canvasser has sold books amounting to \$150.

As the College is full this year, those who are planning on coming should notify the writer as soon as possible, that arrangements may be made for their entertainment.

E. R. NUMBERS, *Field Agent*,
Powell, O.

OUR WORKERS

COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR

THE Third Angel's Message is a great disturber of human plans, and distributor of workers in the vineyard. While my stay in the Columbian Union was short I have not lost interest in the work nor in the welfare of the people and workers. In the great and needy Southern field I shall read with interest the reports of the workers and the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR will still be a WELCOME VISITOR to my home.

I do not expect to find any easier lot or more loyal friends than I am leaving in West Pennsylvania, and the knowledge that your prayers go with me will give me courage when the battle goes hard. The Lord has said that the difficulties of the Southern field are numerous and peculiar but the Message is to every kindred, tongue and people. There are many in the South, both white and black, whose hearts are loyal to truth, and who rejoice in the Third Angel's Message when it is brought to them. The South is not an Eden, but we must remember that there is no Eden on this earth now, but the Lord has reserved one in heaven, incorruptible and undefiled for those who are kept by the power of God. We may carry the spirit of Eden to sin darkened hearts and thus hasten on the glad time of restitution of all things spoken by the mouth of all the holy prophets since the world began.

I have been asked to write to many and while I cannot write personally to all my friends, I shall be glad to avail myself of the opportunity of communicating occasionally through the columns of the VISITOR. My address for the present is Nashville, Tenn., 24th Ave. N.

C. F. MCVAGH.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

DEAR VISITOR: From January 20-24 I spent at the conference held at Columbus. We were finely entertained by the Columbus church and there was an excellent spirit manifested by all. I heard no words of complaint, there seemed to be a general spirit of courage, and loyalty to the work and workers. It was the best conference I ever attended. Many told me personally that they were going home to their churches prepared to take up the conflict with renewed courage.

From this meeting I went to Delta, where there is a small Sabbath-

school of about twelve members. All are of good courage and doing all they can to advance the cause of God. I spent the Sabbath with them.

Sunday morning Sister Leslie met me at the depot at Wauseon and told me that the Rev. Richards, pastor of the Evangelical Church, desired to see me. We went to his church, and found him a pleasant appearing man. I was invited into the desk with him, and after services he insisted on my speaking to his charge about four miles from town. All passed off nicely. He then told me that he desired to talk over the Sabbath question with me, and made an appointment for the next day. We discussed the question for over three hours; and before we closed he had taken three distinct positions, all conflicting. He brought the writings of Canright, Torrey, and others with him, and although he opened them several times as though he intended to read from them, only once did he do so, and then they did not seem to give him what he desired. In summing up, I told him he had taken three conflicting positions, but that my position was one all the way through; he admitted it, but would not admit that our position is right.

At Wauseon there is a nice, small Sabbath-school, full of energy. The Delta and Wauseon brethren desire to be organized into a church some time soon.

At Locust Point all are of good courage, but several being sick only about half of their number could attend services. All the meetings were fairly well attended by the outside people in spite of the weather, which was very unpleasant during my visit. This church is doing some missionary work in this part of the State. One young man from Oak Harbor was present at all of the meetings, and I think he will fully take his stand with God's people. I expect to hold a series of meetings at Ohio City beginning February 6.

W. E. BIDWELL.

KNOWLTON, P. Q.

DEAR VISITOR: I missed you last week, and for fear my time has expired, please find enclosed fifty cents for another year's visits! We have been having a severe winter. The weather has been from 10° to 45° below zero, with such drifting of the snow as to make the roads impassible much of the time. I made a trip to Montreal last week and saw scores of men with teams, also trains of both trolley and steam cars, all busy at work hauling snow from the streets.

Our health is not so good this winter as last. I find that the severe exposure in my travel by private conveyance is very trying in this below zero weather.

I am pleased with the enlargement of the VISITOR, and also to have the privilege of hearing from our old friends and co-workers in the East, through its columns. With Christian greetings to all,

D. E. LANDSEY.

Irvington, N. J.

WELCOME VISITOR: The Young People's Society of the church at Newark, N. J., have started a missionary campaign that we earnestly hope will count for much in the coming kingdom.

We handled 1,000 of the Mission Number of the *Signs*, and at present have a good sized club. This is a most needy field. We had a growing church, but you will no doubt remember that about forty apostatized under the leadership of one of our former workers. Very little has been accomplished in northern New Jersey, but with the help of our heavenly Father we mean to do something now.

We shall be glad to receive literature, such as the *Signs*, *Watchman*, *Instructor*, *Little Friend*, etc.; also foreign tracts and periodicals. Please send postpaid to the address given below. FLORENCE E. HOWARD.

155 Orange Ave., Irvington, N. J.

NOTES FROM THE CANVASSERS

BROTHER PEMBER writes: "This week I had a visit with the Methodist Episcopal pastor at Bradner. Although he said, 'I am very skeptical in regard to purchasing books' when I first entered, he soon became interested in the work, and gave his order for one 'Daniel and Revelation.'"

"The people seem to think that time is very short. It stirs one to hear their remarks, and note the expressions upon their faces. Two of the ministers have taken enough interest in the closing Message to give their orders for 'Daniel and the Revelation.'"

"One lady asked me what church I represented. Then she wanted to know where this church differed from the other churches. I told her that we take the Bible for our rule of faith, and believe that all ten of the commandments should be kept, which other denominations do not. After reading some in the prospectus, she said, 'Well, if Sunday is the first day of the week, then Saturday is the seventh

day. So you keep Saturday, do you?' I told her that we did. After mentioning a few other points, she said she would make a pretty good Seventh-day Adventist if that was what they believed."

In a recent communication from Brother Harden, he says, "I have been getting ready for another campaign this year. You see we are all fighting a great battle, and we have a cunning and artful foe with which to cope. You know soldiers never get so thoroughly drilled but that they can learn something new, and also have a source of supply from which to draw. This is what we have been doing before entering upon the year's campaign. During the week of prayer we went to the Master daily, and asked him to direct us and let his Spirit take possession of and rule our lives. As the result we obtain the blessing. By consecrating ourselves anew to the Lord, and putting on the whole armor of God (Eph. 6:11) and holding fast the promises of our Leader, we hope to come off victorious with our Lord."

We are glad for these words of cheer from those at the battle's front. Surely this is the preparation needed for the work, and trust that many more are preparing in the same way for the rest of the year 1908.

E. R. NUMBERS, *Field Miss. Agt.*

PERIODICAL WORK

At first I dreaded to go out among the people, and ask them to buy the Double Missions Number of the *Signs*. I would wonder what I should say to make them listen. Then I felt what was missing,—faith and prayer. So I knelt down and asked God to strengthen me, and give me success in this work, and put the words in my mouth that he would have me speak.

One morning I started out at ten o'clock, and by four in the afternoon had sold twenty-four numbers, all in the town of Paterson. Of course I had a lot of talking to do, and some said they had no money, and could not buy, but this did not discourage me, for I knew the Lord was with me. The next afternoon I visited my nearest neighbors, and sold fifteen to the very ones I had not the courage to go to before. I was surprised at myself; but what is there the Lord cannot do? To him be all the praise.

Dear sisters, we can all do something to spread this beautiful truth. I am fifty-five years old,—have my chickens to feed, and flowers to care for, but still have time to work for the Lord. If we have a willing spirit,

and put our trust in him, we can find time to work for him. I could say much more of the blessing I have received during the three years I have been in this truth, but am afraid that I have already taken too much of your time.

S. BZCKOFEN.

Paterson, N. J.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

At the conference recently held in Trenton, N. J., it was voted that the writer act as religious liberty secretary for the New Jersey Conference. The need for a better organization of our religious liberty work is apparent to all who read our own and the secular papers. The most sacred rights of men are being denied, and a spirit of bigotry and intolerance is reviving laws long forgotten, whose enforcement will mean oppression to loyal, Christian citizens.

For the purpose of securing concerted action among the people, the Religious Liberty Bureau at Washington, D. C., requests that each church in our Conference select an active religious liberty secretary to lead out in this important branch of our work. It is desired that our churches attend to this matter as soon as possible, and that they place our magazine, *Liberty*, and other religious liberty literature, in the hands of as many influential citizens as possible.

Our time for work is short. The opposers of just principles are planning for determined work. We hope that all our people will take an active part in enlightening those who may yet be rescued from the delusion and destruction that is just before us.

GEORGE W. SPIES.

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SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY, NOTICE!

IN accordance with a recent recommendation of the New Jersey Conference Committee, the writer, accompanied by Mrs. Spies will visit the following churches during the time indicated in the subjoined dates: Burlington, February 19-25; Salem, February 26 to March 3; Vineland, March 4-10; Atlantic City, March 11-17; Cape May Court House, March 18-24; Bridgeton, March 25-31; Paulsboro, April 1-7; Camden, April 8-14.

We hope for a large attendance at each of these gatherings, and would ask our brethren and sisters to pray that God might be present and grant us much of his Spirit and blessing.

GEORGE W. SPIES.

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THE advanced chorus class of the College gave a very creditable rendition of the sacred cantata, "Saul," about two weeks ago. The capacity of the Chapel was tested, although the night and roads were not very favorable for a large audience. The platform was tastefully decorated with the College colors. Everybody seemed to be in good voice, and showed the faithful, efficient training of Prof. Clemen Hamer. Only once was there a "hitch" in the program,—the chorus failed to respond to the signal—and it was not until the professor faced the audience and saw two little girls presenting a beautiful bunch of flowers, and two handsome books, which were given by the class as tokens of appreciation of his efforts in their behalf, that he understood the situation. The evening was enjoyed by all.

THE first number of *Liberty* for 1908 is truly the best number ever published and should be in the possession of every lover of religious liberty. We have long since been warned of the intensity that was soon to take hold of everything. We can see in the present agitation of the Sunday question a little of the determination which characterizes the movement, and the intensity which will be manifest a little farther along in the conflict. This number also contains, among other excellent articles, the memorial presented to Congress in behalf of our people. The publication of this memorial has set many to thinking. The following appeared as an editorial in the *New York Times* of Monday, Feb. 3, 1908:—

A Noteworthy Memorial

A memorial to Congress of the Seventh-day Adventists, printed in the "Congressional Record" of January 29, is a document of interesting literary, religious and political significance. It is an adroit argument against

the passage of certain bills for a stricter observance of Sunday in the District of Columbia. It is rich in its citations of historical precedent, clear and strong in its quotations from Neander to Bancroft.

Their present position is interesting and their memorial a noteworthy document.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

West Pennsylvania

I. N. WILLIAMS attended the meeting of the Mount Vernon College Board, February 4-6, and brings a good report from the work there.

BIBLE STUDENTS' LIBRARY NO. 197, "Christian Science," has just come to hand. It contains the series of articles by Elder R. A. Underwood on this subject which has just appeared in the *Signs of the Times*. Price, postpaid, ten cents.

BROTHER C. F. MCVAGH has returned home from his trip to the Southern field, and is now making preparations to move his family to the South. Let all remember these workers at the throne of grace that God may sustain them in this needy field.

IT has been decided to hold our camp-meeting in Oil City again this year. We have been kindly granted the use of Hasson Park, for which favor we are very grateful. To all who attended last year nothing need be said about this location. To mothers we would say, plan to attend and bring the children along. It is an ideal place for the little ones.

Do not forget the canvassers' institute to be held at Johnstown, Pa., March 29 to April 12. To all who will enter the work as regular canvassers immediately after, board and room will be free, and an additional five per cent. commission on sales will be allowed until they have received the amount of their railroad fare from home to place of labor. We hope to see this meeting well attended.

A. V. WILLIAMS, Sec.

MARRIED

MR. IRVIN A. HEWITT, teacher of the Indiana, Pa., church school, was united in marriage to Miss Lena B. Ward of Conneautville, Pa., Feb. 10, 1908, by the writer at his residence in Erie, Pa. We pray that much of God's blessing may attend this young couple, and that they may be instrumental in training young people for the Master's work.

ELDER F. H. ROBBINS.

Baltimore, Md.

THE Canvassers' Institute, now being held in Baltimore, has a very fair attendance. Classes have been formed for the study of "Great Controversy," "Desire of Ages," "Daniel and the Revelation," and "The Coming King." We are glad to see some new workers preparing for this "missionary work of the highest order." Our brethren in the ministry are taking a lively interest in the work.

G. H. CLARK.

OBITUARY

CORNELL.—Died at Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 9, 1908. Mrs. Nora E. Wagner Cornell. Sister Cornell's death was due to a severe attack of pleurisy; she was sick only about a week, and was unconscious most of the time, but suffered extremely. A husband and three children, the youngest of which is nine months old, are left to mourn their great loss; also, two brothers, three sisters and her father and mother, who live at Clearfield, Pa., where also Sister Cornell was born April 15, 1871. The funeral services were conducted by the writer at the home in Pittsburg, Pa.

N. S. ASHTON.

SELLERS.—George Sellers was born in Piqua, O., July 5, 1891, and died Feb. 19, 1908, being sixteen years, seven months, and four days old. He embraced the truths of the Third Angel's Message this winter, and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church in Piqua, O., at its organization Jan. 18, 1908. George was a great sufferer during his sickness, but expressed himself as being willing to give up this life and sleep in Jesus for a little while. May our heavenly Father bless the loved ones who are called upon to suffer this loss. He leaves a father, mother, two brothers, a sister, and many friends and relatives to mourn, but not without hope. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Jer. 31:16.

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

SWORDEN.—Mrs. Eliza Sworden died of cancer at Grelton, O., Oct. 23, 1907. She was born in Columbia Co., Pa., July 16, 1821. In 1844 she was married to Hazl Mussey. Three years later they came to Liberty township, Henry Co., Ohio, which was then almost a wilderness, and here enduring all the hardships of a pioneer's wife, helped to establish a home in the forest. To this union four children were born, the oldest being Mrs. Elizabeth Wort, of Baker City, Ore., who is a firm believer in the Third Angel's Message. She made her home with her son, Mr. Solomon Mussey, of Grelton, where she died. Death deprived her of her husband in 1854, leaving her to care for her children as best she could. She afterward married Zenas Sworden, and to this union three children were born, one only surviving the mother Mr. Sworden died in 1871, leaving her the second time a widow. She was a woman of sterling character, a true friend and loving mother. Eighteen years ago, while living for a short time with her daughter, Mrs. Myers, she attended the meetings held by Elders Guilford and Shannon, and embraced the truth of the Message, and united with the Hamler church, of which she was a member at her death. She often said that this precious truth was the dearest thing on earth to her. Her suffering was great, but she trusted in the Saviour's promise, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

MRS. LOUISA PUNCHES.