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

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"We mar our work for God by noise and bustle;

Can we not do our part and not be heard?

Why should we care that men should see us

With our tools, and praise the skill with which we use them?

And oftentimes we chafe and think it hard  
That we should lay our 'great' and 'costly' stones

For other men to build on and get praised,  
While our names are forgotten or passed o'er."

## THANKSGIVING FOR MISSIONS

Two weeks more have been added to the time for soliciting for missions, November 29 to December 12, and those who desire to continue the work even after that date can do so. Papers will be supplied as long as they are wanted.

The extension of the time for soliciting donations for missions for two weeks beyond Thanksgiving week seems to have been generally appreciated, for many of those who received their papers early and had finished their work during the appointed time have ordered again and will continue to solicit during the added two weeks as they have an opportunity. Those who did not get their papers in time, also those who did not arrange for a part in the work are now planning to use a portion of the added time. This extension of time will therefore give all the people an opportunity to have a part in this important work.

The Review & Herald have completed printing 700,000 copies of the special Thanksgiving number of the Review. On November 27, orders had been received for 666,000 copies and still the orders were coming in at the rate of about 5,000 copies per day.

The churches at Washington, D. C., held a union Thanksgiving meeting on Sabbath the 28th. A Sabbath-school donation of \$52.77 was made for missions, and many of those who had been soliciting for missions during Thanksgiving week gave their experiences with amounts collected.

It was a very inspiring service. Those who had not had an opportunity to go out on account of being obliged to work night and day preparing the papers for others expressed appreciation for the extension of the time in which to solicit, for this would make it possible for them to share in the blessings and privileges of soliciting for missions.

Central New England sends a report of the work of two sisters soliciting for missions. One placed forty-three papers and collected forty-three dollars. The other placed forty-seven papers and collected forty-seven dollars. Report just received from one brother who had written letters and sent copies of the papers to business associates, and solicited donations. From eight of the parties written to he received eighty-eight dollars. Reports coming in at the present time from all parts of the country indicate excellent results, and we trust that our missions will receive through this effort sufficient means to greatly advance our work in all parts of the world during the coming year.

The very first report of results of soliciting for Thanksgiving donations, reaching us from Canada, revealed an average of about fourteen cents per copy on papers used,—200 (\$27.70). The first report from the United States territory (Nebraska) gives an average of \$1.04 per copy. This average was made by a sister who was not able to leave home, so she solicited those who called on her. She could not wait until Thanksgiving, after she received the papers, so began as soon as they came to her.

We hope all of our people will be blessed with this spirit of service for missions, and that they will be as successful. If they are, over half a million dollars will be collected for the development of our needy missions, and a still better result will be witnessed in the encouragement of our people everywhere. The Lord's blessing is sure to accompany this Thanksgiving Ingathering. None can afford to be without a part in it.

## OHIO'S PLANS FOR WEEK OF PRAYER

We would like very much to provide conference help for every organized church and company of believers in this Conference during the week of prayer, but with our present list of laborers find it quite impossible to do so. We have tried to have as many churches visited during this season as possible and sincerely hope that none will feel slighted in case the desired favors cannot be granted. Churches omitted from this list will be provided for later. The following is a list of assignments:—

R. G. Patterson: Cleveland, Lagrange, Chagrin Falls, and Medina.

F. E. Gibson: Youngstown, Middlefield, Columbiana.

Cora B. Gibson: Conneaut and Jefferson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Campbell: New Philadelphia, Alliance, Massillon, Coshocton.

W. C. Moffett: Cambridge, Derwent, Barnesville and Dresden-Trinway.

F. H. Henderson: Zanesville, Newark and Pleasant Hill.

R. R. Kennedy: Wheelersburg, Beaver and Marshfield.

J. J. Marietta: Chillicothe, Jackson, and McArthur.

Misses Anna E. Smith and M. Hortense Howell: Cincinnati.

John P. Gaede: Wilmington, Washington C. H. and Leesburg.

C. T. Redfield: Columbus, Powell, Delaware.

F. M. Fairchild: Springfield, Bellefontaine, and Lima.

L. R. Williams: Walnut Grove, Elgin, Ohio City, Van Wert.

J. W. Shultz: Delta, Wauseon, Liberty Center.

A. C. Shannon: Toledo, Clyde, and Greenspring.

W. J. Venen: Mansfield, Corsica, and Marion.

H. F. Graf: Cleveland, Sherwood. (German)

Bessie E. Acton: Defiance, Hicksville, and Farmer.

H. M. Jump: Bowling Green, Dowling, Cygnet, Findlay, and Hamler.

W. E. Bidwell: Mount Vernon, Camden, Norwalk.

J. I. Cassell: Laura, Piqua and Sidney.

W. E. Frederick: Dayton and Hamilton.

Ella M. Talmage: Waterford.

G. C. Quillin: Killbuck.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

## HOW DO YOU ANSWER?

Eld. L. F. Starr, president of the Chesapeake Conference, sent us the following list of appropriate questions, given by Eld. J. N. Loughborough, as being a thorough and appropriate examination to be given candidates who present themselves for admission into the Seventh-day Adventist church.

These questions should be studied, and the importance of the applicant being in full harmony with all points of our faith be so impressed upon the mind that the matter will be carefully weighed. It takes all to buy the field.

1. Do you accept the Bible as your rule of faith and practice?

2. Will you study to learn the truths of the Word, and practice these truths in your life?

3. Do you understand the doctrines taught by Seventh-day Adventists, and do you believe them?

4. Have you confessed your sins to God as far as they have been made known to you, and have you on your part, as far as in you lies, tried to make matters right with your fellow-men?

5. Do you claim, by faith in Christ, that God for Christ's sake has forgiven your past sins, and that he is yours and you are his?

6. Do you recognize the fact that as truly as God claims the seventh part of time as his, so he claims one-tenth of all our income as his for the support of his work in advancing the glorious gospel of Christ, and will you faithfully render to him his own—the tithe?

7. Will you besides this, contribute of your substance as God may prosper you for building up the various branches of the cause?

8. Will you submit to the decisions of the body of the church in matters of church discipline? In other words, will you seek the peace and harmony and unity of the church rather than to press an individual opinion and cause confusion in the church? Vol. V. p. 107.—Note.

9. Will you seek to build up the interest of the church by attendance upon its meeting and ordinances, and by adding your influence to extend its

works, while the church on its part exercises its watchcare over you?

10. Do you understand the principles of Christian temperance as taught by Seventh-day Adventists, and will you carry out these principles, abstaining from the use of liquor, tobacco in all its forms, tea, coffee and swine's flesh? In short, will you study the subject of Bible temperance, and practice it in your life?

11. In the matter of dress, will you follow the Bible rule of plainness of dress (1 Tim. 2:9, 10; 1 Peter 3:3, 4), abstaining from plumes, feathers, banging of the hair, and the wearing of gold or costly array? Vol. VI. p. 96.

12. Do you believe the Bible doctrine of spiritual gifts, and do you understand the nature of the gift of prophecy, which has been manifested through Sister E. G. White, and which has been connected with the Message from its very commencement? and as far as you understand the instructions from that source, are you in harmony with them?

13. You, of course, recognize all ten of the commandments as spoken by the Lord from Mount Sinai as still binding; and by God's grace will you keep the commandments, the fourth with the rest, rendering to the Lord as his sacred time the seventh day, by the world called Saturday?

14. By submission to Christ and his grace, will you seek to grow in grace as well as in the knowledge of his truth?

15. Have you been immersed (baptized) in the likeness of Christ's death, and are you now walking in the new life, having been raised to the likeness of his resurrection?

16. Are you in Christian fellowship with all the members of this church? and will you endeavor to cultivate love and good fellowship for all the members?

Note.—From the spirit of prophecy we learn that failure in this respect is one step in apostasy, the end of which is destruction. "Satan knows how to make his attacks. He works upon minds to excite jealousy and dissatisfaction toward those at the head of the work. The gifts are next questioned, then, of course, they have but little weight, and instruction given through vision is disregarded." "Next follows skepticism in regard to the vital points of our faith, the pillars of our position, then doubt as to the Holy Scriptures, and then the downward march to perdition." For this reason, it is most essential that these

questions be understood thoroughly, and the candidate able to answer them unqualifiedly.—Ed.

L. F. STARR.

## NEW YORK PROHIBITIONISTS UNWILLING SUBJECTS OF THE NATIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION

The following letter appears in the *National Prohibitionist*, the official organ of the Prohibition Party in America. Mr. Crafts, chairman of the National Reform Bureau, with headquarters at Washington, D. C., is well known throughout this country as a writer and public speaker. We feel that all who may read this letter are well acquainted with the work of the Bureau, and for this reason, Mr. Crafts and his cause need no introduction.

### PITTS ANSWERS CRAFTS

OSWEGO, NEW YORK, November 21.—(Special correspondence)—State Chairman Pitts has sent the following letter to Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, the superintendent of the Reform Bureau, who attempted to stampee the Prohibitionists of New York State into the Republican camp and wipe our ticket off the official ballot:

"Oswego, N. Y., Nov, 21, 1908.

"Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts,

"Superintendent Reform Bureau,  
"Washington, D. C.

"Dear Sir: After carrying on your work and receiving your living from funds partly supplied by Prohibitionists, during the past campaign, while our party was struggling for its very existence, your Bureau, through your work, flooded this State with appeals to Prohibitionists to desert our party and annihilate it, wiping it off the ballot, in support of an ex-liquor dealer who was pronouncing repeatedly in his speeches in favor of 'personal liberty,' and running on a platform meaning the continuation of the infamous Raines law, under which 24,000 men will be murdered and their souls lost in this State during the next two years, as well as 15,000 heart-broken widows and 25,000 fatherless, hungry orphans left—all of which will happen through the success of this liquor candidate and party through your efforts:

"In the past the Prohibitionists have supported the Bureau and yourself generously, and at the moment when they are struggling frantically to save themselves from legally drowning you turned on your friends and

did all in your power to annihilate and destroy them.

"Such in the past seems to have been the regular treatment our party has received every time it has tried to aid 'non-partisan' organizations, which have usually become intense partisan adherents of the Republican party every time there came a close fight which might injure that whisky party.

"So in this case.

"Now that election is over, and, in spite of your efforts to kill us, we have survived and made gains, you are again flooding the State with appeals to Prohibitionists to co-operate with you; the copy of your circular seeking such co-operation reaching me to-day.

"Permit me to say that I have always been considered too broad in my belief that we should assist every phase of reform work, but that, after our experience with you and your Bureau, and with the Anti-Saloon League and Dr. Russell, who has continuously preached co-operation, but denounced us throughout the State as 'liars,' in support of liquor parties, I have come to the determination that it is a waste of energy, time and money—worse than a waste—to assist your Bureau or any other non-partisan political organization, as by your efforts you detract attention and support from the only party organized to kill the liquor business, and your work and half-way compromise measures postpone and delay the final day of victory, thus becoming a hindrance to the final overthrow of the liquor business.

"Therefore I cannot co-operate with you, and shall urge all loyal Prohibitionists of the Empire State to remember your attempt to murder our party here, and to spend their time, work and funds in building up our organization which will fight the liquor business election day as well as the rest of the year, and which is bound to wipe that traffic out of existence, instead of assisting parties which sustain it, as your Bureau did during the last campaign.

"I am more sorry than you know to have to take this step, but the conditions requiring it are not the making of the Prohibitionists. Anyone who tries to destroy or defeat our party is the political enemy of our party, and no loyal Prohibitionist can consistently co-operate with an organization which is seeking to destroy our party. Very respectfully,

CLARENCE E. PITTS,  
State Chairman.

We judge that our brethren in New York have been doing faithful work with the magazine *Liberty*. It may be Mr. Pitts has been reading Seventh-day Adventist literature. Be that as it may, the stand taken by the writer is indeed commendable.

L. E. SUFFICOL.

## VIRGINIA ITEMS

Four of the students at our Academy were recently baptized.

We are pleased to learn that the colored church at Newport News, is nearing completion.

Brother L. L. French and wife who are now laboring at Roanoke, expect soon to locate at Wintergreen.

Elder B. L. House will continue his work in the city of Richmond, as will also sister Anna C. Rice.

The "Morning Watch Calendar" can be obtained by addressing R. G. Ryan, at New Market, Va.

Bro. W. H. Zeidler, our State Canvassing Agent, has moved to Lynchburg, and we hear he is pleasantly located.

Eld. F. G. Warnick will leave the first of December for Danville, where he and his family will be located for the winter.

A letter recently received informs us that Bro. J. L. DeGraw of Emporia, is very ill. He requests the prayers of God's people.

The church that is being erected by Brethren Stevens and Hennage, we understand, will soon be finished. The brethren have worked hard and faithfully to erect this memorial to the cause of God.

Bro. G. A. Stevens and wife, who are now at Washington, D. C. where his wife is receiving treatment from the Washington Branch Sanitarium, will be located at Chiltons for the winter. When we last heard from Sister Stevens, she was improving.

We had a very interesting Conference, with quite a large number of delegates in attendance. We were very much pleased to have Eld. A. G. Daniells with us during the Conference. His talks on mission fields were

especially interesting. We were also pleased to have with us Elders L. F. Starr, D. E. Lindsey, B. F. Purdham, Prof. M. E. Kern and Bro. I. D. Richardson.

## WEST VIRGINIA NOTES

We have just the books for you to canvass with for Christmas delivery. Why not write us about it?

Doctors Kress of Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C. spent the 15th and 16th in Charleston giving three lectures.

The Canvassers' Institute for our State will be held February 19 to March 5. The location will be decided upon later.

Let us all remember that the week of prayer begins December 12. We will be glad to supply *Reviews* to any who do not have them for that time, and envelopes also.

Elder Rees has been working all Thanksgiving week with the *Review* and meeting with good success. He feels it a great privilege to visit with the people in this way, and get their good will, together with their offering.

Elder Steele has been holding meetings in a union tent at Loudenville for the last two weeks. The tent is used by any denomination that wishes to hold meetings, and Sister Lucy Conely was very anxious that Elder Steele spend some time working there. The interest is good, and the people are very friendly.

The reports that we have received so far regarding work with the Thanksgiving *Review* have been very good. We hope no one will think that it will be necessary to stop this work just because the week appointed is up. Many can do better work a little later on and the time has been extended to work from now until the close of the holidays, so let us all keep at it. If there is anyone who still wishes papers, we will be glad to send them to you yet.

A German sister, who accepted the truth during the tent meetings at Parkersburg, was anxious to have part in the ingathering for missions, and although she could not speak good English, she spent two evenings out soliciting donations and brought her offering with a glad heart to the office. She told of an old friend who asked

her if friends would not all go back on her now that she had given up the Lutheran faith after our sister had told her she had become a Seventh-day Adventist. She said, "My friends may go back on me, but the Saviour will be my friend." After this the lady gave her an offering.

PEARL L. REES.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

The work in west Pennsylvania is onward. Every tent effort made last summer reported some good work done. For a long time it seemed hard to accomplish anything in Oil City; but last summer Brethren Veach, Durkee and Stone, after seeming defeat for a time, finally succeeded in developing a splendid hearing, and as a result there are quite a number of Sabbath-keepers in Oil City, Sister Teats, our lady Bible worker, rendered valuable assistance in this effort.

Brethren N. S. Ashton and B. F. Purdham held quite a successful tent effort in Homestead. They feel that they can count on twelve new Sabbath-keepers in that place and still some interested ones there.

Elders F. H. Robbins and J. W. Watt were also successful in Erie. They baptized five precious souls, while others were in the valley of decision, and a good interest with several others. It was decided that Elder Robbins follow up the work there the coming winter, while Elder Watt begins to build up the work in some of the central counties of our Conference where there has been but little done in the past.

Eld. C. H. Scholl worked very faithfully in Allegheny among the Germans. While there were not many that took their stand at his tent effort, yet our hearts were made glad to witness three German brethren follow their Lord in baptism at the hand of Brother Scholl in the First Seventh-day Adventist church in Pittsburg, not long since.

Bro. W. F. Schwartz has also been sending in some good reports from time to time, showing that his field is being built up in a healthy manner.

With the corps of the good energetic workers we have in West Pennsylvania, and the almost unlimited field in which to operate, we expect to see West Pennsylvania develop

into a strong, healthy conference, which can hardly be said of it to-day. But knowing that victory lies just a little way in the future, we have courage and boldness to press on.

F. D. WAGNER.

## EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS

Church officers' meeting in connection with our Annual Conference, Jan. 12-19 inclusive, at Lebanon.

Eld. H. Myer will hold a series of meetings with the Zionsville company. Meetings begin December 3.

Our Annual Conference will be held at Lebanon, January 12-19 inclusive. Let every church begin to plan at once to send a full delegation.

Bro. A. L. Bayley spent Sabbath and Sunday with the Williamsport and Jersey Shore churches. He reports splendid meetings.

Last Sabbath, November 28, five were baptized at Reading by Eld. J. H. Krum. Four united with the Reading church and one with the Fleetwood company.

Bro. W. T. Hilgert, one of the licensed ministers of our Conference, is doing a splendid work in the interest of the West Philadelphia church.

Remember the week of prayer, December 12-19 inclusive, and do not forget the annual donation to missions. This donation will be applied to the ten-cent-a-week plan.

The fifth annual session of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Sons of America Hall at Lebanon, Pa., January 12-19 inclusive.

Eld. G. B. Thompson, President of the Columbia Union Conference, will be present at our Conference, January 12-19 inclusive. Also other General Conference help. This will be the most important meeting ever held in the city of Lebanon.

I. D. Richardson, the General Agent of the Columbia Union, is spending a few days in Philadelphia in the interest of the distribution of Religious Liberty literature, to counteract the effect of the meetings of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

The people of the world are appreciating our Sanitarium. One of the most prominent contracting firms in the city, after performing certain work for the institution amounting to about fifty dollars, presented the business manager of the Sanitarium with a receipted bill for the amount of the contract.

One of the many incidents during Thanksgiving week: A German sister, whose husband is a brewer, promised to take twenty-five of the special *Review*. The time for soliciting funds arriving, she felt rather timid about it. Her husband said, "give them to me." He took them to the brewery and sold them for twenty-five cents apiece.

We wish to announce that we have on hand a good supply of "Morning Watch Calendars" for 1909. It is an attractive booklet, very suitable for a New Year's gift to our young friends. Single copies, postpaid, six cents. Five or more copies, postpaid, five cents each. Send in your orders to the Tract Society at once.

Our brethren and sisters living in the vicinity of Souderton are preparing to have a church school. We believe the time is near when a number of our city brethren will move out to the country districts where they can have the privilege of educating their children in church schools.

One of the best halls in the city of Lebanon has been secured for our Annual Conference. It has a seating capacity of over 1,500. It is proposed that the evening meetings be especially conducted in the interest of the outside public. If a good interest is created during this week, a minister will be left to follow up the work.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS

For the week ending November 27, one of our canvassers took orders for twenty-four "Great Controversies" in thirty-six and one-half hours, amounting to \$66.

K. C. Russell and other workers are on the ground and have commenced their crusade against the Sunday or Lord's Day Alliance movement held in Pittsburg December 1-3.

Eld. I. N. Williams cancelled his appointment with the Eldred church for Sabbath, December 5, as he was

called to Titusville on account of the serious condition of Bro. A. G. Warner.

For the encouragement of those receiving the Thanksgiving number of the *Review* late and thinking that it would be useless now to try to do any work with them we mention the following. After our supply had been exhausted one of the sisters having one copy left handed it to one of our members who took it and gave it to a party, telling him of our work and its object, and the Lord impressed this person of our need and a five dollar bill was the result. This was as late as December 2 and proved the largest amount given here by any on individual.

On November 14, Eld. J. G. Saunders, while returning from Sabbath-school to his home in Roulette, fell on the sidewalk and severely injured his right hip. Elder Saunders is the oldest minister in our Conference and one of the pioneer workers in our State. Being disabled at this time is a great trial to him as his great desire was to take an active part in the Thanksgiving Ingathering for missions. While remembering this dear aged brother at the throne of grace, may God put it in our hearts to remember him in a material way. Any donations for this purpose will be gratefully received by the West Pennsylvania Conference, and used for his benefit.

A. V. WILLIAMS, Sec.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN WORK

Dear COLUMBIA VISITOR: Since our tent effort closed, we have been silent, but to-day I will send you a short report.

After the close of the meetings, we found it necessary to hold more meetings with those who were interested in Spring Hill. We found a family willing to let us hold meetings in their house twice a week. These meetings are well attended, and the interest manifested is good. We also have preaching and Bible study three times a week on Troy Hill. The German church is busy at work with the Thanksgiving paper.

Sabbath, November 7, was a bright and happy day. We met with the First Pittsburg church. Eld. F. D. Wagner, president of the Conference, preached a timely sermon on baptism, after which the writer had the privilege of burying three precious souls

with their Lord in baptism. All three have united with the Allegheny German church. One of those who were baptized, a young man, came out of the Roman Catholic Church. We have great reason to praise the Lord for his soul-winning power in the gospel.

Kindly remember the German work in Greater Pittsburg when you approach the throne of grace.

CHAS. A. SCHOLL.

10 Clark St. Allegheny, Pa.

## REPORTS

### Columbus, O.

COLUMBIA VISITOR: Sabbath, Oct. 31, 1908, Eld. C. T. Redfield, pastor of the Columbus church, buried three dear souls in the beautiful Olentangy River. One was a recent convert to the Message, and the other two were re-baptized. Four more are ready to go forward in baptism, and some are keeping all of God's commandments whom we hope to see soon take their stand with us and go through to the kingdom. The work is onward in the Columbus church.

MRS. IDA C. JAYNES, Clerk.

### Charleston, W. Va.

Dear brethren and sisters in West Virginia: From letters which have come to our desk from various parts of the Conference we learn that you are praying for the work and workers in Charleston. For the many kind tokens of Christian love, and interest, we fail to find words which will properly convey to you our humble appreciation.

We will give no discouraging report of the Master's work in this small part of the vineyard; in fact, we could not if we would. We are gaining ground all the time. We recently accepted into church fellowship two precious souls, and three more are now waiting to unite. We believe by the first of January we shall have more. Many homes are now open for the Bible workers, and calls in various parts of the city are coming to us. At the present writing we are in the midst of a very interesting series of meetings in South Charleston.

The interest is excellent at the present time, and we are expecting material results. It may be of interest to you to know that we expect to deliver a few lectures in the auditorium of the Kanawha Hotel in the near future. This is the largest and best hotel in the city. The Auditorium is an assembly room for only the very

wealthy of the city, and we feel that the time has come to bring the last Message before this class.

We were never in better spirits, nor more courageous than at the present time. Our workers are united, and we are pressing on, expecting great things of our blessed Lord. The Lord is with us, the pathway seems brighter and the Message seems more beautiful as we near the end.

Jesus is coming soon. Let this be our watchword. Let us live each day as though it were our last, and soon we shall see the King in all his beauty. I am satisfied that our Father desires to accomplish great things through his people. He will work through all who will be worked by the Holy Spirit.

To all the churches, and to all the isolated ones we now say, be faithful, brethren, for your redemption draweth nigh.

Yours for the Master's use,

L. E. SUFFICOOL.

Dr. D. H. Kress and DeLoretta Kress made a short visit at the home of Elder and Mrs. Sufficool in Charleston, November 15 and 16. During their visit they made many acquaintances and delivered three lectures which were appreciated by the many friends of the Washington Sanitarium in that city.

### Delta, Ohio

Dear VISITOR Readers: There is a little place in the northwest corner of the State called Delta.

From this place many of our readers have seldom heard, but the leaven in the lump—the Truth, has long been quietly working. By older residents, I am told that the Third Angel's Message was proclaimed and many of the prophecies explained for the first time in Delta some fifty years ago. Many of the older ones have passed away and a new generation is filling their ranks; but some of this generation still remain. After the tent effort of the early summer we were called to join with Brother Gibson and wife, in the same line of work in Youngstown. With earnest prayers we sought the Lord for wisdom and understanding, to know how he would have us speak as we mingled with the people. Our own souls were many times refreshed during these meetings, as we saw the spirit of the Lord convicting and converting hearts.

When the tent was taken down the Lord drew very near in the meetings which were continued from house to house.

On the 9th of November, with our minds filled with the pleasant memories in connection with the work in Youngstown, we started again for Delta to continue the work of the early summer. We are now comfortably located not far from where the tents were pitched. In shipping, some of our furniture was materially damaged. Some is beyond repair.

With anxiety, our people here are looking forward to the time of the organization of the first Seventh-day Adventist church in Delta. It is of great importance that all should be thoroughly instructed in the fundamentals of the Third Angel's Message before such a step is taken. To this end we are holding meetings in both Wauseon and Delta. As yet no instruction has been given on the Spirit of Prophecy, the Tithing System nor concerning healthful living and dress. Many misunderstandings and unpleasant experiences result from the neglect of proper instruction in these subjects.

Pray for the work in Delta.

J. W. SHULTZ.

Dixon, O.

COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR: we organized a Sabbath-school of ten members on October 17 and now have a membership of sixteen. At first we met for Sabbath-school at the home of Brother Randall's, but now we meet at the Union Church at Dixon. We have the church for meeting on Saturday evening, where quite a number gather to hear the truths for this time.

We regret very much that Brother and Sister Randell have to leave us. They have worked very faithful for the advancement of the cause in this place and it was through their efforts that the tent was sent here. We pray that God's richest blessings may go with them, and in that great gathering day, they with us, may see many souls in the kingdom as the fruit of the labor put forth at this place.

There is quite an interest taken in the Bible readings which we are holding in the houses of the people. There are some who will soon be ready to sign the covenant and we hope to see many more.

We are now located in Dixon for a while, and are striving by the help of the dear Lord to bring truth home to the hearts of the people. Pray for the work here that there may be a monument of truth raised up in this place.

Your Brother in the blessed hope,

L. R. WILLIAMS.

## THE CANVASSER AND HIS WORK NO. 4

We now turn to another phase of our work, that of choosing a field of labor, a co-worker, securing a room at headquarters and boarding place for the time that we are at headquarters. Before taking up these phases of our work allow me to say that the thing we teach in our institutes is consecration and a seeking of God for guidance at every turn in our work.

### The First Hour of The Day

The first hour of the day, either before or after breakfast, should be spent alone with God, reading the Bible and seeking the Lord for his special guidance throughout the day, and that he will send angels before you to the people preparing the way and the hearts and minds of all with whom you may come in contact. Also that he will guide you to the home where he would have you take dinner and where he would have you stop for the night, then you will be at all times just at your post of duty.

### Choosing Territory

In choosing a field of labor you should first consider the need of the whole field and then take the matter to the Lord and seek him earnestly from day to day until the field is pointed out. I never choose a field in which to canvass even when going to India, but always trusted the Lord to direct the state agent or whoever might be in a position to know the needs of field the and my fitness for it.

### Two and Two

Canvassers should be sent out two and two as Jesus sent out his disciples and as the Waldenses sent out their missionaries. We cannot always send out an elderly person of experience and a young inexperienced person together as did the Waldenses, as many times the younger one has had the advantages of several years experience while the older one has had no experience; wherever it is possible however, we should try to send out an elderly person of experience with one of no experience who is younger.

### Choosing Territory and Room

After an associate worker has been chosen, together with the state agent they should decide upon the territory. When this has been decided upon, they should seek God very earnestly that he will guide them to the very home where they should secure a room.

I was once associated with an earn-

est, consecrated canvasser and I remember one instance where we spent some time together seeking the Lord, to direct us to the home where he would have us get a room for the winter. This he did, and as a result five souls in that home accepted the truth.

It is generally well to get a furnished room with all modern accommodations; then as you come in Friday P. M., stop at the post-office and laundry on your way home, thus it will be only a short time after reaching home until you are ready for the Sabbath, having had a good bath which soothes the nerves and makes one feel rested. Then you can sit down and read your letters and as the Sabbath draws on, open your Bible and begin the Sabbath aright.

### Choosing a Boarding Place

After choosing a room divide the city or town about equal and then each canvasser should start out to visit boarding houses in his territory. This visit should be made with prospectus in hand and where a book cannot be sold without offering an inducement, offer to take a meal ticket on the book and so on until several boarding places have been secured. Lady canvassers may "batch" as they know well how to cook; but men should board.

The canvasser should be sure to engage board in a first-class private boarding house as the boarders in such places are generally school-teachers or young professional men who are always ready to converse on some profitable subject at meal hour. In such homes he should be a live missionary, working in a quiet, unobtrusive way such as, leaving unnoticed, a late, clean copy of *Life and Health* on the reading table one week and *Liberty* the next, and possibly a copy of *Signs of the Times* or *Watchman* the week following, and so on. At times, in a judicious way, approach the boarders at meal hour on some subject of health as found in *Life and Health* and call their attention to the journal. Or on the subject of religious liberty and call their attention to the fact that this is one of the foundation principles of our government since this will in a special way interest those who are school-teachers. Then call their attention to *Liberty* and its teaching. Honest souls may be found in this way. It might be well to take dinners at one place and some other meal at another place as you will in this way have a larger circle in which to work.

Next week we will go right on from



here and consider the question of a permanent headquarters and where it should be and where to start canvassing when working country territory.

I. D. RICHARDSON,  
Gen. Agt. C. U. C.

Trenton, N. J.

Dear VISITOR: I thought it about time that I write a few lines to let my brothers and sisters know how I am getting along. I have had some hard experiences lately, yet I know everything works together for good to those that love God. So I am trusting in his word. I know if I go forth into the field with an humble heart full of earnest activity I will find many opportunities to speak a word in season to souls ready to perish. Those of us who work for God will meet with discouragement but the promise is always ours "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." God will give a most wonderful experience to those who say "I believe thy promise, I will not fail nor become discouraged."

For the encouragement of those who are not in the canvassing work I will give a brief account of a few days work in the field. At the first house I got an order for a "Great Controversy." Next I canvassed a lady but could not get her order so I went on. Then I saw a man husking corn and I got his order. He was the husband of the woman that I had just left. Next stop, the lady showed me "Great Controversy" and "Bible Readings." I sold her a "Steps to Christ." At the next house I sold "Steps to Christ" and gave a short Bible study. This lady is very much discouraged with the churches and said she would like to go to a church that worshiped God. I told her that there was a remnant that did worship God. Then came another order. Next stop no order, but a good dinner. A few more stops and another order. I then called on a very poor family who had no Bible in the house. After this I crossed the field to a farm house. It was now dark. I told the gentleman my errand and asked if I might stay over night. He said "I am a Presbyterian in pretty good standing, and don't need anything, and you cannot stay over night." I went on to the next house. I asked for the boss of the place. No one was at home but his mother and a little girl. They were afraid to let me in, so I was going to sit outside till the man got home. Just then the son came and he asked me in to supper and I gladly accepted. After sup-

## CANVASSERS' REPORTS

Chesapeake, Week Ending Nov. 27, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
J. Siler, Mt. Pleasant, Md.,	CK	5	31	17	\$24 00	\$ 1 00	\$25 00	\$	
J. Jones, Cambridge, Md.,	CK	5	29	31	40 50		40 50		
J. Paden, Washington Co., Md.,	CK	4	28	8	9 00	2 10	11 10		
E. Mitchell, Carrollton, Md.,	DA	5	39½	2	6 00	19 00	25 00		
D. Johns, Calvert Co., Md.,	DR	3	34						51 25
H. Scott, Prince Frederick's, Md.	CK	4	26						70 00
" " Churchton, Md.,	CK	2	14						44 25
J. Jeffries, Harford Co., Md.,	CK	10	53	28	41 50	15 90	57 40		2 95
J. Parks, Cambridge, Md.,	CK	5	32	18	22 50		22 50		
E. Franklin, Millersville, Md.,	CK	3	19½	14	19 75		19 75		
N. Adkins, Burkittsville, Md.	CK	5	35	27	35 00	2 80	37 80		1 75
Totals,			51	341	145	\$198 25	\$40 80	\$239 05	\$170 20

### Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending Nov. 27, 1908

J. Gearhart, Columbia,	DR	4	24	9	22 25	1 40	23 65		
H. Gauker, Berks,	DR	4	27	11	21 50	5 85	27 15		7 00
C. Beidler, Union,	DR	4	31	3	7 00		7 00		27 25
H. Albright, Dauphin,	DR	3	19			1 40	1 40		18 15
H. Minier, Bradford,	GC	5	42	8	24 00	6 60	30 60		
B. Donachy, Wayne,	CK	1	6			5 25	5 25		35
S. Albright, Dauphin,		4	11		6 80		6 80		6 80
A. Miller, " "		4	11		6 10		6 10		6 10
S. Diehl, Union,		4	33		9 15		9 15		1 40
Totals,			33	204	31	\$96 80	\$20 50	\$117 30	\$67 00

### West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Nov. 27, 1908

A. Brownlee, Butler,	DR	5	40½	6	15 25	9 70	24 95		11 15
C. Dunham, Indiana,	GC	5	36½	24	66 00		66 00		
J. Nollinger, Siverly,	DR	4	31	2	3 00	9 75	12 75		2 75
J. Glunt, Coalport,	BR	5	21	3	10 25		10 25		1 75
I. Lawrence, Cambria,	GC	5	28	9	24 75	6 00	30 75		6 00
W. Logan, Kane,	DR	5	36	11	23 75	15 50	39 25		
N. Coffman, Union City,	GC	4	20½	18	10 00		10 00		1 95
G. Gates, " "	GC	4	20½	1	2 75	5 30	8 05		70
Totals,			37	244	74	\$155 75	\$46 25	\$202 00	\$24 30

### New Jersey, Week Ending Nov. 27, 1908

H. Murphy, Trenton,	DR	4	15	7	17 50	1 90	19 40		2 25
G. Blinn, Hamilton,	GC	3	24	5	14 75	1 60	16 35		
A. Hugg, Paterson,	GC	3	12	1	2 75	18 25	21 00		
B. H. Welsh, Elizabeth,	BR	3	18	7	15 75	1 90	17 65		
Totals,			13	69	20	\$50 75	\$23 65	\$74 40	\$2 25

### Virginia, Week Ending Nov. 27, 1908

J. Hayes, Hague,	DR		40	1	3 75		3 75		16 80
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\*Two Weeks.

per a friend came to see the young man and I gave a short Bible study and showed them the book and took an order. It was then 9:30. Next, the man came home and he told me I could stay all night. We talked Bible till 1:30 which resulted in his order. In the morning I took an order at the first house. Next I met a man on his way to work. I canvassed him, told him to buy it for his wife's Christmas present. Then I took another order and had dinner. Then I found a man on a load of corn stalks. He would not come down and I could not get up

to him so I had to canvass him where he was. When I got through he would not order, but the man on the ground pitching stalks told me to bring him one, so the Lord blessed me when I was not looking for it. It was now near night. The next farmer consented to let me stop over night, I canvassed him and got his order. I offered to pay for my supper but he would not take anything. He sent off at once for two pounds of sausage and two pounds of pork

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at the Postoffice at Mt. Vernon, O., under the  
Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Mount Vernon Church recently sent two barrels of bedding and clothing to the South. Cold weather is approaching, and there will probably be much suffering in the vicinity of all our churches. "He that hath pity on the poor lendeth to the Lord." We should do good to all, but especially to those of the household of faith. Our needy brethren in the South can be made very comfortable with much of the summer clothing that has been laid away for the future. Let us look it over and see what would be of use to them.

### NOTICE

Let all subscribers to the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR in the Virginia Conference take notice that the yearly subscription to the VISITOR will be fifty cents instead of twenty-five cents after Dec. 31, 1908. However all who will subscribe or renew their subscriptions before the above date, will only have to pay the old rate of twenty-five cents. The publishers are planning to improve the paper very much the coming year. We as a Conference will do all we can to make it interesting. Let all of us send in our subscriptions at once to A. M. Neff, New Market, Va.

H. W. HERRELL,

Pres. Va. Conf.

### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE NOTICE

The fifth annual session of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Sons of America Hall at Lebanon, Pa., January 12-19, 1909, inclusive.

The meeting is called for the purpose of electing Conference officers for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the Conference.

The first meeting will be held at

7:30 P. M., Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1909

This will be an important meeting and all our churches should send a full delegation. The ratio of representation is one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for every ten members.

W. H. HECKMAN, Pres.

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the constituency of the Pennsylvania Sanitarium and Benevolent Association that the fourth annual meeting of said Corporation will be held in the Sons of America Hall at Lebanon, Pa., Thursday, Jan. 14, 1909 at 10:00 A. M. The membership of the Constituency is composed of the Executive Committee of the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and the Executive Committee and ordained ministers of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and the physicians in the employ of the corporation and twelve persons elected for the purpose at the last session of the Eastern Pennsylvania Seventh-day Adventist Conference.

Officers will be elected, and such other business as may properly come before the meeting will be transacted.

W. H. HECKMAN, Pres.

### NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE AND CONFERENCE

It has been decided to hold an institute for canvassers and missionary workers Jan. 8-20, 1909. This will probably be held in Jersey City. Definite announcement of location and other particulars will be given later. We expect all our Conference workers to attend this Institute, and hope that as many as possible of our brethren and sisters will arrange to get the benefit of these studies. We expect Bro. I. D. Richardson, the Union General Agent, to be with us during the entire session. Bro. D. W. Reavis will also be with us, and other workers. Eld. G. B. Thompson, the newly-elected president of the Columbia Union Conference, will be in attendance a portion of the time. A special series of studies in Bible work will also be given by Sister A. W. Welch.

The Annual Conference session of the New Jersey Conference will be held following the Institute January 20-24. This will be a very important meeting and we trust that our churches will arrange to send full dele-

gations. Watch the VISITOR for further announcements.

B. F. KNEELAND.

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chops, and I was sorry I had to disappoint him after he had been so kind. We had a Bible study in the evening. Next morning I got an order from the grocer before breakfast. Before I left, his wife gave me an order for "Steps to Christ"; after a few stops another order. Next a lady came to the upstairs window and said "Who's there?" I was foolish enough to answer her and so lost an order I might have obtained had I kept on knocking until she came down. However, to make up for the blunder, I went to her husband and got his order for a morocco binding. Then I caught a ride with a farmer and sold him a library binding. The next house no order, but got dinner. My last stop was with two widow ladies who are seeking for truth. I had a short study and left promising to stop again. On this trip of three days, thirty hours, I sold fifteen "Great Controversy," three "Steps to Christ," two "Best Stories," value \$49.05, and had no expense except a little work.

I am so thankful that God can use an unworthy sinner like me; but if we are only faithful God can use us. Canvassers, remember the words—"Take no thought for your life what ye shall eat, neither for the body what ye shall put on." "And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen."

Your Brother in Christ,

GEO. W. BLINN,

### OBITUARY

SALLIE K. FRIED.—Died Oct. 26, 1908 at the home of her foster father, Daniel Fried, 1135 Turner St., Allentown, Pa., age 21 years 6 months and 20 days. A little over a year ago Sister Fried united with the Allentown Seventh-day Adventist church and lived a very consistent Christian life. She manifested a deep interest in the young people who showed her great love and kindness; and especially so during the time she was confined to her bed. Sister Fried felt fully resigned to pass from this life if that were the Lord's will, fully assured that she would be among that number of whom it is said: "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." The funeral services, conducted by the writer, were largely attended by those who knew and loved her in life. W. H. HECKMAN.