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ORGANIZATION—IS IT DANGEROUS

GENERALLY a man believes in an organization of which he is the head. But it sometimes happens that when an individual is not at the head that he does not see much light in the organization. When it is run down to the last analysis, we find that this was the trouble with Lucifer, when, back a long time ago, he rebelled against the government of heaven. There is no doubt that if the Creator had placed him at the head the rebellion would have been stayed; but of course only to break out later.

It is time that the subject of organization was agitated, for among us there has been much said which tends to disorganization. A number of tracts have been written and sent out attacking our organization, telling us it is a bad thing, and hindering the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They have been widely circulated. One man told me about buying one hundred twenty-five dollars worth of one cent stamps at one time to send out these seeds of rebellion. And this was not the end. More stamps were bought. And they are still being bought. Then, too, these tracts do not all come from one place in the earth. There are others. The tracts are not all alike either; some are more dangerous than others. But though sugar-coated, they all contain poison.

One would think that any person, with an ordinary equipment of mental machinery in working order, could readily see the benefits and blessings of united effort, which can be secured only through organization. Disconnected fragments of a body can do nothing, but the whole body, living and moving, can do much. Disorganization means ruin. Imagine a railroad without any organization. You get on a train and ask the conductor when the train leaves. "Any time we get ready," he replies, "we have no system of time." You ask the engineer how fast he is to run, and when he passes the trains moving in an opposite direction. He replies, "I do not know, we have no system or regulations on this road. I do not believe in any form of despotic gov-

ernment over me. I know how to run an engine without any instruction from anybody. I run as fast as I please and stop when I get ready. The train in the opposite direction does the same; the engineer starts when he gets ready and runs without orders. It is none of my business what that train is doing, and it is none of the business of that train crew what I am doing. I do not know where the train is or when we will meet it. This railroad has no 'head'. We don't believe in heads; every man does as he thinks best."

How would you like to be a passenger on such a train? Would you rest easy on the cushioned seat as the train flew over the track if you knew there was no system, order, or organization of any kind on the line? Hardly. You would take some other route if there was one. If there was no other route, you would probably go on foot or stay at home. You would not jeopardize your life by riding where there was no system. There is scarcely less danger where there is a system if the employees of the road pay no attention to it.

If the church of God ever needed careful organization, it is at the present time. Satan with organized forces, is seeking to divide and scatter the people of God, and wreck the whole movement with which we are connected. All such efforts should be discountenanced no matter by whom they are advocated.

G. B. THOMPSON.

SUNDAY LEGISLATION AND THE FEDERAL COUNCIL

DECEMBER 1 and 2 I had the privilege of attending the Convention called by the promoters of Sabbath-keeping by law, in Pittsburg Pa., to form a National Lord's Day Alliance. As others will report this meeting more fully, I will not enter into details. I was glad of the privilege of attending this meeting, and coming more fully in touch with the Spirit and plans connected with the movement to compel recognition of a papal Sabbath. I was deeply impressed with the far-reaching significance of this

gathering. We have long looked for the time to come when by means of a National Sunday law our country would enter upon the work of religious legislation, and thus kindle beneath the stars and stripes the fires of religious intolerance. The image of the beast is surely taking shape, and what we do in a time of peace should be done at once.

From here I went to Philadelphia and spent some time at the Federal Council of churches, which convened in the city December 2-8. Over four hundred delegates were in attendance, who claimed to represent 18,000,000 communicants in its work. And with much of the work of the Council we could find no fault. Many of the delegates seemed sincere in their work, and realizing the downward moral trend of the world, are trying to stay the tide, and help men. It seemed unfortunate that they were endeavoring to do so largely by the power of federation rather than by the power of the Holy Spirit. Strong advances were made towards a union with the forces of organized labor, and some enthusiastic meetings were held with the representatives of the labor unions. I was impressed with the tremendous scope of the work, and the gigantic machine which was being created. Though the intentions of those who are in this Federation may be ever so good, it can but result finally in becoming a great religious trust which will interfere with the rights of conscience.

Among other questions considered was how to secure a better observance of Sunday which they termed the "Lord's Day." Some resolutions were introduced endorsing the work of the Lord's Day Alliance in its recent meeting at Pittsburg, Pa. The Council, however, did not see fit to pass these, claiming that they were there to express their own views on this question, and not to endorse the views of others. After considerable discussion, and some amendments, the following was passed:—

1. It is the sense of the council that a new and stronger emphasis should be given in the pulpit, the Sunday School, and the home to the Scriptural Observance of the first day of the week as the sacred day, the home

day, the rest day for every man, woman and child.

2. That all encroachments upon the claims and sanctities of the Lord's Day should be stoutly resisted through the press, the Lord's Day Associations and Alliances, and by such legislation as may be secured to protect and preserve this bulwark of our American Christianity.

3. We rejoice in the prospect of unity of action among the various organizations striving in America for the preservation of the Lord's Day as a day of rest and worship.

When the above was under consideration, the following amendment was introduced:—

Resolved, that in these resolutions there is no intention to interfere with the convictions of those who conscientiously observe the seventh day as the Sabbath.

Rev. Wayland Hoyt of the Baptist church made a manly speech in favor of this amendment. A Seventh-day Baptist delegate also spoke in favor of it. Several strong speeches were made against it by prominent delegates. One speaker said the Seventh-day Adventists were hostile to Sunday legislation and other reforms and it would weaken our cause to pass such a resolution. It was voted down by a large majority. This great Council therefore went on record as refusing to say that they did not intend to interfere with the convictions of those who honor the Bible Sabbath.

G. B. THOMPSON.

A SIGNIFICANT MOVE

It was the privilege of the writer to attend the national convention which met at Pittsburg, Pa., December 1-3, for the purpose of organizing a national "Lord's Day Alliance of the United States." It was evident to all present that the organization which was effected will be the most powerful agent for the securing of a National Sunday law and thus causing this nation to make an image to the beast. Every element that can give influence and power to the move was there represented. Catholics, Protestants, and great labor organizations were here. Mr. P. J. McArdle, President of the Amalgamated Association of iron, steel, and tin workers, made an eloquent address in favor of the organization, and among many statements of significance he said that he understood the movement was to bring every influential element into an effectual organization for the purpose of securing a day of rest by law.

more than once it was stated by the various speakers that they regarded the movement as the most important of anything of the kind that had ever taken place. One speaker declared it to be the most important movement since the declaration of independence.

The most celebrated Sunday law advocates, both of the United States and Canada, were present. Dr. T. T. Mutchler, President of the International Federation of Sunday rest Associations in America presided over the meeting. James Yereance Esq., of New York, President of the American Sabbath Union, offered some opposition at first to a motion to organize a "Lord's Day Alliance," but finally succumbed and tendered his influence to its success. Thus it is seen that the newly organized Lord's day Alliance of the United States is to transcend every other such organization in this country.

It was stated more than once that organization here was to be similar to the "Lord's day Alliance of Canada." The reason for this, no doubt is the rapid, aggressive, and successful work of that institution in obtaining a strict Sunday law in Canada. Rev. T. Albert Moore, Secretary of the "Lord's day Alliance of Canada," was the principal speaker, and in his addresses he gave quite fully the rise, development, and workings of the organization in Canada. Many of his statements were very significant, but space will not permit their consideration here. But in his address on "The practical workings of the Lord's day Alliance of Canada," he gave his hearers to understand that it was an active, working organization, with a complete set of officers, one of the practical duties of which was to look after the violators of the Sunday law. If a street car company, merchant, newspaper, laborer, or anything whatsoever was found to be violating the Sunday law, the matter was to be reported to the Lord's day Alliance bureau, which at once took up the matter, secured the evidence, and without exception the conviction of the violator. So systematic and thorough had their examination and proceedings been in every case, that the various provincial governors have already assured Mr. Moore that when he (Moore) found a man guilty, they could not question the evidence.

It is not hard to see in this "Practical working" a striking similarity to the inquisition of the dark ages, when religious tenets were enforced by law. The "Practical workings" of the inquisition was that of an "active

working organization" of inquisitors whose *practical duty* it was to look diligently into the cases of all violators of the religious laws. It was simply a board of inquiry as to a man's or woman's religious practice and belief; and if guilty of not conforming to certain prescribed religious duties, these were judged heretics and turned over to the state to be executed according to the prescribed penalty which was death.

Just as it is in Canada to-day, the state was but little concerned as to who was violating the religious laws, but the church concerned itself and constituted itself the sole tribunal just as, according to Mr. Moore, the religious bigots of Canada are doing through the Lord's day Alliance as its board of inquisitors. And in Rome, as in Canada, the state usually accept the decision of the inquisitors and proceeded to mete out the penalty.

We now have a Lord's day Alliance in the United States, and if it is as aggressive, active, and successful as it has been in Canada, we may look for a national Sunday law soon, with an organization behind it so strong, and influential that it will cause that law to speak to the fulfilling of Rev. 13: 11-17 in its every detail.

Eld. K. C. Russell and W. A. Colcord were in the city of Pittsburg a few days before the convention convened, and organized a Religious Liberty crusade in which nearly a half million pages of literature were distributed among the people, plans were discussed by several brethren present by which to further meet the issue that is sure to arise here in this storm center of national reformism.

Brethren, it is time for us to watch and pray as never before, and come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty forces of darkness that are marshaling to strike a blow to silence the testimony of the righteous. Ps. 83: 1-5.

F. D. WAGNER.

WEEK OF PRAYER

WE can hardly realize that another year of probation has closed since we were engaged in seeking the Lord, listening to readings prepared for that especial time, and praying to the Lord for deliverance from the terrible things that are coming on the earth. Each succeeding year brings us nearer the close of human probation, and for this reason each annual prayer service should be observed with greater solemnity.

It is not necessary for me to recount

the many fulfilments of prophecy even since our last annual convocation, but many sign stations have been passed since then that lead to the celestial city. We see the forcible truth in the words of the Master in the supper call, "Go out *quickly*." "The great day of the Lord is near and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of the Lord". . . . "Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O, nation not desired, before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you. Seek ye the Lord. . . . It may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger."

The storm looms up in the distance, but before it makes its final sweep over the earth this gospel of the kingdom will have been proclaimed through all the earth. Even since our last annual convocation, sentinels have been placed in every part of the earth. With messengers in every part of the earth the theme of every prayer offered and every exhortation given should be, Lord send us more men and women to fill up the ranks so that we may be able to march through all the earth fulfilling the words of the Master, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world and then shall the end come."

The Lord has greatly blessed us here in West Virginia as we have gone out with our missionary number of the *Review* soliciting from those not of our faith. As we have noted their kindness and liberality toward our work, I have said the money they have given will cause them to become interested in us and the truths contained in the papers we have left with them; and will not only bring them to a knowledge of the truth, but with some to an acceptance of the same. Now, shall we feel that our work is finished? No, it is only begun. We must now, during this week of prayer, pray, exhort, and give *our* means. The means that our neighbors have given us during the ingathering will not give us the blessing. The apostle Paul's words in Phil. 4:22 are to the point on this matter. "Not because I desire a gift, but I desire fruit that may abound to *your* account."

I trust that every church elder or leader of a company will arrange that the eight prepared readings will be studied well. I would suggest that one meeting, at least, each day during the week be set apart for prayer and supplication. You will also note that lessons have been prepared with each reading for the children. The Lord is pleased to have us bring the children that they may have part in the blessings that all may rejoice together.

We have many isolated Sabbath-keepers in West Virginia, and you will find it a great source of strength if you will study the lessons prepared and seek the Lord in prayer for Israel's triumph in the work, and the Lord's face will be turned toward you.

And as we close this week of prayer, our hearts all having been warmed by the fire kindled by the burning words from the readings, prayers, and exhortations should we not hasten to bring the precious words of our message to the world far and near? And to hasten to every quarter of the earth our message, our means must flow into the treasury of the foreign mission board.

With confidence believing that West Virginia will do what she can, I am,
Yours in the work,

J. M. REES.

WEST VIRGINIA NOTES

Sister W. R. Foggin is visiting friends in Ohio.

Elder Rees is in Bluefield, and we expect to see a report of his work there in our next issue.

We are still filling orders for the Thanksgiving Ingathering *Reviews* and it is not too late to work now.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Smith and daughter, Lucile, of Kokoma, Indiana, are visiting Mrs. Smith's parents, Elder and Mrs. Rees.

Elder Steele writes that things are at white heat at Loudenville and religion is all that is being talked now. Some have decided to obey the truth. We will look for a report from him soon.

We can fill orders for the new lesson quarterlies now. Do not wait until your lesson quarterlies and papers are run out before ordering. Order now so as not to lose a lesson.

PEARL L. REES.

WEST VIRGINIA TITHE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

Berea	\$ 1 00
Chester .....	.....
Charleston	42 32
Elk Garden	4 60
Culloden .....	.....
Clarksburg	2 35
Individual	31 69
Kanawha	7 47

Moundsville	5 57
Mason City .....	.....
Morgantown	41 60
Parkersburg	32 24
Newark .....	.....
Walker .....	.....

Total \$168 84

PEARL L. REES, *Treas.*

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

The twenty-fifth annual session of the Virginia Conference was held, pursuant to notice regularly given, in Richmond, Va., Nov. 3-8, 1908. The President, Eld. H. W. Herrell, presided at all of the meetings. The first meeting was called at 9 A. M., November 3.

The roll of delegates as elected by the churches was first called, then the delegates-at-large, and all seated, after which the president declared the Conference duly opened for business.

The Conference secretary was called upon for his statistical report for year ending Dec. 31, 1907, which read as follows:—

Number of churches	25
Increase	4
Membership	481
Increase	61
Organized companies	1
Membership	8
Number of church buildings	13
From Laborer's Reports:—	
Time of labor, weeks	594
Sermons preached	1,130
Bible readings held	1,190
Other meetings held	379
Baptized	18
Added to the church	61
Missionary visits	3,357
Literature distributed	102,358
Periodicals distributed	37,744
Subscriptions obtained	197
Churches organized	2
(Signed) A. M. NEFF, <i>Conf. Sec.</i>	

The financial report of the Tract Society department was then called for and read by the treasurer, A. M. Neff, as follows:—

Resources	
M'd'se Acc't (Inventory)	\$338 85
Property	96 80
Foods	1 97
Virginia Conference	15 10
"Story of Joseph"	2 52
"Christ's Object Lessons"	14 38
Virginia Conference Agency	300 00
Personal accounts	362 73

Cash on hand.....	210 05
Total	\$1,342 40
Liabilities	
"Ministry of Healing".....	\$ 3 15
Personal Accounts	95
Total	\$ 4 10
Balance to resources.....	\$1,338 30
Gain	
Merchandise	\$ 424 16
Donation Account	9 93
Total	\$ 434 09
Loss	
Expense.....	89 29
Net gain for year ending Dec.	
31, 1907.....	\$ 344 80
Present worth Jan. 1, 1907....	\$ 993 50
Present worth Jan. 1, 1908....	\$ 1,338 30
A. M. NEFF, <i>Treas.</i>	

The Auditor's report was then read as follows:—

New Market, Va.,
May, 29, 1908.

Eld. H. W. Herrell, President,
Richmond, Va.,

Dear Brother:—

Herewith please find financial statement of the Virginia Tract Society which I have drawn from the books after completing my examination for a period of one year ending Dec. 31, 1907.

I have gone over the books in the usual way, and find that all the receipts and disbursements of cash have been correctly accounted for. Letters of remittances, receipts, receipted invoices and statements etc., are on file in evidence of the transactions recorded.

The work is up-to-date, and the books are neatly kept. All of which I respectfully submit. Yours in the Master's service,

(Signed) E. R. BROWN,
C. U. C. Auditor.

After the reading of the Auditor's report, on motion the report was accepted.

The treasurer, O. F. Dart, was then called upon for his yearly report, which was read as follows:—

Financial Statement of the Virginia Conference for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1907

Resources	
Richmond b'ld'g fund (overdrawn).....	\$ 255 21
Tent fund (overdrawn)	38 70
Personal acc'ts receivable..	30 00
General Conference acc't....	95 85

Cash on hand.....	1,002 49
Total Resources	\$1,422 25
Liabilities	
Tithe fund	\$1,022 76
Virginia Conference agency	261 00
Five per cent colored fund..	138 49
Total	\$1,422 25
Tithe Account	
Tithe A. U. Conference.....	\$ 352 34
Labor.....	2,868 32
Traveling expense.....	546 41
Expense	640 34
Camp-meeting 'acc't.....	192 36
Donation to blind.....	25 00
Alexandria work	10 13

Total	\$4,634 90
Tithe on hand Jan. 1, 1907....	\$1,218 30
Tithe receipts for year	3,523 61
A. U. Conf. appropriation.....	800 00
Collected and donations.....	76 57
Misc. items	39 18

Total	\$5,657 66
Less expenditures.....	\$4,634 90

Tithe on hand Dec. 31, 1907...\$1,022 76
The president then read the following:—

Richmond, Va.
May 27, 1908

Eld. H. W. Herrell, President,
Richmond, Va.,

Dear Brother:—

This is to certify that I have examined the books of the Virginia Conference, kept by Bro. O. F. Dart, for a period of one year ending Dec. 31, 1907, and have found everything in good shape. All entries have been correctly made, and the cash is in balance with the demands of the cash account.

My audit has consisted of checking all entries of receipts and disbursements with the letters of remittance, receipts, receipted invoices and statements, labor reports, etc., all of which are properly accounted for and on file. The statement attached is for the year ending Dec. 31, 1907. I have however, checked the cash book to date. All of which I respectfully submit. Sincerely yours in the work,
(Signed) E. R. BROWN,
C. U. C. Auditor.

On motion of R. D. Hottell, seconded by G. W. Roat, the report was accepted.

The president then spoke of the work that has been done in the Conference during the past year, and up to the present time. Special efforts were made during the last summer at

Fabers, Richmond, Chiltons, and Newport News, with encouraging results at each place.

The general canvassing agent, W. H. Zeidler, was then called upon for his report, which showed that during the past year twenty-five agents had been in the field. Days worked, 807; hours, 4,676, orders, \$3,185.38; delivered, \$2,316.84.

Secretary of the Sabbath-school Department then read her report as follows:—

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

Increase for 1907.....	519
Total contributions for year ending Dec. 31, 1907.....	\$362 05
Decrease.....	5 66
Total contributions to missions for 1907.....	\$254 07
Decrease.....	7 24

ADA T. GALLAHER.

The chair then named the committees as follows:—

Nominations: A. C. Neff, A. G. Daniels, J. H. Wilcox, J. E. Gardner, L. L. French.

Plans and Recommendations: A. M. Neff, B. L. House, Morris Lukens, A. W. Painter, F. L. Whitehead.

Credentials and Licenses: R. D. Hottell, G. W. Roat, O. F. Dart.

Auditing: C. V. Woods, G. W. Hickey, A. J. Painter, John Kirby, LeRoi Wilding.

Reporting for paper: B. L. House.

Pastorial Committee: R. D. Hottell, B. L. House, L. F. Starr.

The Committee on Nominations was called upon for their report which was read as follows: President, H. W. Herrell; Secretary, A. M. Neff; Treasurer, O. F. Dart.

Executive Committee: H. W. Herrell, R. D. Hottell, A. C. Neff, O. F. Dart, F. L. Whitehead.

Canvassing Agent, W. H. Zeidler.

Secretary and Treasurer Tract Society Department, A. M. Neff.

Secretary Sabbath-school Department, Miss Fanny Murry.

Secretary Religious Liberty Department, B. L. House.

Secretary Education and Young People's Society, R. G. Ryan.

Board of Management of the Academy, H. W. Herrell, R. D. Hottell, A. C. Neff, R. T. Fultz, A. M. Neff, C. V. Woods, F. L. Whitehead, Albert Painter, A. J. Painter, J. E. Gardner, R. G. Ryan, O. F. Dart (added later).

Moved by R. D. Hottell, seconded by T. H. Painter that the report be ac-

cepted by considering each name separately. Carried.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses was called upon for its report. The chairman of the committee, Eld. R. D. Hottel, made some remarks in regard to their report, and read the recommendation passed by this Conference at the Stanley camp-meeting in regard to not giving licenses and credentials to anyone except when the Conference is financially able to support them. The report was read as follows:—

For Credentials; H. W. Herrell, R. D. Hottel, A. C. Neff, B. L. House, D. E. Lindsey, F. G. Warnick, Leslie Munce.

For Licenses: L. L. French, G. A. Stevens, A. J. Painter, R. G. Ryan.

For Missionary Credentials: W. H. Zeidler, Miss Anna C. Rice, Mrs. Jane Wooding, Mrs. Ella Rasgdale, John Kirby, Mrs. F. G. Warnick, Isaac A. Thornton.

The granting of these papers in no case carries with it the obligation of the Conference to support worker until it is definitely agreed by the Conference, but does carry with them the fact that the Conference shall have oversight of any labor proposed by those holding them.

Moved by O. F. Dart, seconded by A. M. Neff that the report be accepted by considering each name separately. Carried.

H. W. HERRELL, *Pres.*

A. M. NEFF, *Sec.*

(To be continued.)

NEW JERSEY, NOTICE!

All who expect to attend the canvasser's and missionary institute to be held in Jersey City, Jan. 8-20, 1909, should send their names at once to our office. This information will help us in planning for the meeting.

We trust that there will be a number of our brethren and sisters who will be impressed with the importance of placing our literature in the hands of the people. The purpose of the great Federal Council of the churches in America, now being held in Philadelphia, as stated by one of the prominent speakers, is to bring about the same "practical federation" in our own country that is being practiced in some of the foreign missions. That is each denomination will be assigned a certain portion of the territory to work and is expected to confine its efforts to that particular corner. This Seventh-day Adventists cannot consent to do; but the rapid development of this idea is constantly making our work more difficult by combining the efforts of other churches against us if

we do not meekly submit to their dictation, and keep our hands off all those who may not be apportioned to us by those who are doing their best to destroy our work. But the three-fold message must go to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. Surely the remarkable blessings God has given us during the Thanksgiving Campaign must convince us that God made no mistake when he said "Now, just now, is the time to work."

Special instruction will be given at the institute in the various lines of periodical and missionary work as well as the book work. We trust that God will impress those who should be selling our various magazines, such as *Signs of the Times Magazine*, *Life and Health*, *Liberty*, *Watchman*, etc., to improve this opportunity of getting into the work.

We greatly appreciate the faithful labors of our canvassers during the past year, and wish all who enter this field to feel that the whole conference stands ready to do all in our power to make the work a success. It is to put our ministers and Bible workers in closer touch with the canvassing work that we have invited all our conference workers to participate in this, which we believe will be a real missionary institute.

The conference will continue its liberal policy toward canvassers, giving free room and board throughout the institute and conference to those who intend to enter the field as regular canvassers, providing they are willing to assist as occasion may demand in the kitchen and dining room.

The railroad fare of all our canvassers to the institute and to their field of labor will also be paid; an extra discount of five per cent being allowed on all sales until traveling expense is covered.

With better times in prospect, we look forward to a most successful season next year in New Jersey for our agents who take hold of the work earnestly, get the training that is essential and push the battle to the gates of the enemy. Christian unity and the power of the Spirit of God can do more to advance the kingdom of Christ than great federations of human devisings, even though backed by the power of the government. Let us make special intercession with God during the week of prayer that abundant success may be given our workers in the field during the year 1909.

B. F. KNEBLAND, *Pres.*

"Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established."

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS

Sister Jessie Weiss, Bible worker, Scranton, reports several new converts ready for baptism.

The evening services at the Lebanon Conference will be especially designed to interest the outside public. January 12-19.

It should be of special interest to our people to know that the king of the Fiji Islands is a Seventh-day Adventist.

Bro. B. M. Heald met with the church at Scranton on Sabbath December 5 in the morning service; he spoke to the Wilkes Barre church in the afternoon.

A canvassers' institute will be held from January 20 to February 1, at Lebanon, immediately following the annual Conference meeting. Let all interested parties take notice and arrange to attend.

Lesson pamphlets for the first quarter of 1909 are in stock at the Tract Society office, 4910 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa. The lessons are on the book of Philippians. Order promptly, please.

Eld. G. B. Thompson, president of the Columbia Union Conference, spoke at the First Philadelphia church in West Philadelphia, on Sabbath, December 5. The people were deeply interested and edified by his sermon.

At the annual Conference to be held in Lebanon, from January 12-19, each department of our work will be well represented, and in a number of instances an entire day will be set apart for certain phases of work.

"The Seventh-day Adventist who is not devoting every resource, and bending every energy, and managing all his affairs for the hastening of the Third Angel's Message, is in peril of his soul; for if the Master to-day called him to account for his talents given of God he would be without excuse."

It is recommended by every conference in the Union that each local church treasurer forward the tithe and all other conference funds to the conference treasurer by the twenty-

fifth of the month, as this will greatly facilitate the work in general. We trust that all will take notice and comply with this recommendation.

Among the leading brethren who attended the Federal Council of the churches of Christ in America, held in Philadelphia the past week, were Eld. A. G. Daniels, Prof. W. W. Prescott, Eld. G. B. Thompson, Eld. K. C. Russell, Eld. W. A. Colcord, Eld. S. B. Horton, Bro. L. A. Smith, editor of the *Watchman*, Eld. W. H. Heckman, Eld. B. F. Kneeland and Eld. O. O. Bernstein.

On Sunday evening, December 6, two religious liberty rallies were held in Philadelphia: Eld. K. C. Russell, Chairman of the Religious Liberty Bureau, Washington, D. C., and Eld. S. B. Horton, Religious Liberty Secretary of the Southern Union Conference spoke at the West Philadelphia church, while Eld. G. B. Thompson, President of the Columbia Union Conference and Eld. W. A. Colcord, Secretary of the Religious Liberty Bureau spoke at the North church. The services of these brethren were greatly appreciated.

NOT DISCOURAGED

The above is the watchword with which the writer was met in every call made on the workers in West Pennsylvania, in our trip over the field in the past few weeks, and all the letters coming in contain the same encouraging cry.

We went to Warren about a month ago and after drilling for a few days with Bro. N. O. Coffman, of Russell, and Bro. Geo. Gates, we selected Corry and Union City wherein to open the book work with these brethren. After working there for a short time with only a fair degree of success, we left them going on earnestly in that field full of courage and believing that there were souls there to receive the Message for this time.

Bro. W. L. Logan, whose name is now appearing on our report, has had a good experience in evangelistic canvassing, and we are glad to note that he is having success in West Pennsylvania. A letter just handed us from him says, "My report is not large this week, but I had a good time." So he cannot be discouraged.

Chas. Dunham, of Indiana, is only young in this work, but if you are following the reports you will note

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

Chesapeake, Week Ending Dec. 4, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
J. Siler,†	Walkersville, Md.,	CK	5	28	22	\$27 50	\$3 00	\$30 50	\$
"	Mt. Pleasant,	CK	5	38	25	41 50	1 25	42 75	
J. Jones,	Cambridge, Md.,	CK	4	19½	1	1 50		1 50	47 50
E. Mitchell,	Sykesville, Md.,	CK	5	33	13	19 00		19 50	
W. Adkins,	Burkittsville,	CK	4	29	14	18 50	1 05	19 55	
J. Paden,	Washingt'n Co., Md.,	CK	4	15	4	5 00	70	5 70	
J. Jeffries,	Harford Co., Md.,	CK	5	33	16	21 50	9 05	30 55	3 30
E. Franklin,	Anne Arundal, Md.,	CK	3	19	9	11 00	75	11 75	
J. Parks,	Dorchester, Md.,	CK	5	38	28	39 50		39 50	
Totals,			40	252½	132	\$185 00	\$16 30	\$201 30	\$50 30

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending Dec. 4, 1908

J. Gearhart,	Columbia,	DR	5	30	10	22 85		22 85	
H. Gauker,	Berks,	DR	5	29	7	15 25	7 35	22 60	35
E. Swingle,*	York,	DR	8	52	12	21 75	6 25	28 00	15 25
L. Randall,	Susquehanna,	HM	4	31	5	10 00	2 55	12 55	
G. Hackett,	Schuylkill,	HM	5	35	4	8 00	3 75	11 75	5 00
M. Hackett,*	"	HM	8	56	5	12 00	5 50	17 50	7 25
K. Peiffer,	Lebanon,	BF	5	27	6	9 00	8 58	17 58	60
B. Sauble,*	York,	CK	8	44	18	21 50	7 05	28 55	4 70
W. Seigle,	Lycoming,	CK	3	24	4	4 50	6 75	11 25	14 25
Totals,			51	328	72	\$124 85	\$47 78	\$172 63	\$46 40

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Dec. 4, 1908

N. Coffman,	Union City,	GC	3	15½	3	8 25	12 13	20 38	
G. Gates,	"	GC	5	31½	4	11 00	13 00	24 00	1 75
W. Logan,	Kane,	DR	5	32	9	14 75	6 50	21 25	
C. Dunham,	Creek Side,	GC	4	23	13	38 62		38 62	13 75
I. Bigelow,	Blairsville,	GC	10	70	26	62 25	12 00	74 25	
J. Nollinger,	Rouseville,	DR	4	20	3	7 00	9 40	13 40	2 75
A. Brownlee,	Butler,	DR	5	41	7	14 25	25 46	36 71	7 01
F. Saxton,	Elderton,	DR	4	25	8	28 75	2 70	31 45	
J. Glunt,	Utahville,	BR	5	16	5	8 50		8 50	4 76
Totals,			45	274	78	\$193 37	\$75 19	\$268 56	\$30 01

New Jersey, Week Ending Dec. 4, 1908

S. Oberg,	New Brunswick,	DR	4	33	19	53 25	75	54 00	
J. Rambo,	Millville,	DR	5	29	21	45 00	6 10	51 10	2 75
G. Taylor,	"	DR	5	28	17	36 75		36 75	
H. Murphy,	Trenton,	DR	5	24	8	17 00	11 55	28 55	4 20
G. Blinn,	"	GC	3	35	5	15 75	1 80	17 55	
A. Hugg,	Paterson,	GC	4	15	3	8 25	6 25	14 50	2 50
B. H. Welch,	Elizabeth,	BR	5	29	4	7 75	4 90	12 65	39 30
Totals,			31	193	77	\$183 75	\$31 35	\$215 10	\$48 75

Ohio, Week Ending Nov. 27, 1908

J. Randolph,	Marion Co.,	DR	5	42	8	14 50	17 75	32 25	
C. Leach,	Washington Co.,	DR	5	35	9	24 75	2 00	26 75	
W. VanHorn,	Anglaize Co.,	DR	4	31	6	18 50		18 50	
A. Bassler,	Richland Co.,	DR	1	10					10 00
R. Corder,	Guernsey Co.,	BF	5	35	34	35 00	4 25	39 25	
G. Corder,	Guernsey Co.,	BF	5	33	24	24 50	4 50	29 00	
L. Waters,	Tuscarawas Co.,	CK	5	41	44	51 00	1 90	52 90	1 20
Totals,			30	227	125	\$168 25	\$30 40	\$198 65	\$11 30

Ohio, Week Ending Dec. 4, 1908

C. Leach,	Washington Co.,	DR	5	36	8	24 00	4 00	28 00	
J. Randolph,	Marion Co.,	DR	4	36	4	7 25	16 45	23 70	
W. VanHorn,	Anglaize Co.,	DR	3	16	1	2 75		2 75	
R. Corder,	Guernsey Co.,	BF	5	36	32	33 50	50	34 00	
G. Corder,	Guernsey Co.,	BF	5	31	21	21 00	4 75	25 75	
L. Waters,	Tuscarawas Co.,	CK	5	41	36	39 50	1 65	41 15	1 65
Totals,			27	196	102	\$128 00	\$27 35	\$155 35	\$1 65

*Two Weeks.

†Week Ending November 20, 1908.

that the Lord is blessing him. Last week he sold six "Great Controversy" for cash and the week before five of these good books were disposed of in the same way.

Bro. Archie Brownlee who recently moved into Butler and has taken up that County, is surely pressing forward under very trying circumstances. He writes that there are hundreds of Catholics in that territory and the "Priests" has warned his flock, but in the face of the above, and more too, he is placing quite a number of books into the homes there and some of these homes are Catholics.

J. S. Glunt has recovered from his affliction of a short time back and as you will note, his familiar name now shows that he is after the enemy again with the silent weapon. A letter from him this week tells of the same cheery disposition and expresses good courage.

Bro. Ivor Lawrence is still fighting the battle at Cambria Co., and the late news from him is that he is preparing with the rest for a good winter's work.

We know that all who know Brother Nollinger will be glad to see his name on the list again. We hope to see him running up some of his old records, soon. He is now in a discouraging territory, but we heard him, too, say, "Not discouraged."

Bro. T. O. Saxton is another that we like to see appear among the workers again. We trust to see him continue in this good work. Last week Brother Saxton sold three of our good books to a minister whom he met in his work; this minister wanted to use them as text books. Who knows how much good these books do?

I. M. Bigelow is not I. G. Bigelow. I. M. is a brother of I. G. and we are glad to introduce him to you. His first ten days' work netted orders to the amount of \$70. We are sorry that you will not see him on the list next week because of a bad cold contracted last week. He is now trying to get in shape for next week.

Sister Lina Lias is a sister who made up her mind that she might sell a few books and tried it with the success reported. Her name may appear from time to time, but duties at home will not permit her to work steady in this work.

We are sorry that Brother Coffman had to suffer a nervous shock just

Virginia, Week Ending Dec. 4, 1908

C. Overstreet, Riverton,		16		8 10	8 10	
K. Oertley, Radford,	SP	12				2 70
J. A. Hayes, Hague,	DR	40	6 50	2 00	8 50	4 80
E. McGlocklin, Norfolk,		11		4 30	4 30	1 50
M. Jemerson,* Richmond,		18		2 85	2 85	3 90
Totals,		97	6 50	17 25	23 75	12 90

West Virginia, Week Ending Dec. 4, 1908

J. Jennings, Jefferson Co.,	DR	5	42	2	4	25	17	00	21	25	29	50
A. Halstead, Lincoln Co.,	DR	3	22	14	41	50	10	65	52	15	00	
G. Weber, McDowell Co.,	GC	4	26	16	47	00	2	10	49	10	70	
J. Meredith, Ritchie Co.,		2	12				6	00	6	00	6	00
Totals,		14	102	32	\$92	75	\$35	75	\$128	50	\$51	20

West Virginia, Week Ending Nov 27, 1908

D. Percy, Mercer,	GC	5	26	15	41	25			41	25		
G. Weber, McDowell,	GC	5	37	21	62	75		35	63	10		35
E. Metcalf, Parkersburg,							4	45	4	45	20	50
Totals,		10	63	36	\$104	00	\$4	80	\$108	80	\$20	85

now, for he was trying to run up a good holiday delivery. We hope to see him out again soon. He with Brother Gates, is looking forward to keeping at it through the winter, feeling that souls can be saved in winter as well as summer.

Bro. Geo. Gates and Lerdy Bemis are both young men, starting in at the right time to render the Lord service. We trust that these brethren will see many stars in their crown as the result of the work in which they are now entering.

We went from there down to Blairsville where we had the pleasure of working shoulder to shoulder with my brother, I. M. Bigelow, who has been trying to get into the field with the books for some time. Our success was but fair here, but again we were able to go away leaving another enthusiastic worker fighting the enemy with the printed page.

Just at this time we received a call to go to Oil City to encourage a young brother in the work there. We answered the call and found a young man who had but recently accepted the faith and desired to give his life to the Lord in this work. After placing some books in his hands for study, we visited Brethren Coffman and Gates at Union City and found them having pushed ahead through the two weeks of our absence, under very trying and difficult circumstances, but they were not discouraged. We again joined them in the field for two days in some very trying weather but the Lord blessed our efforts together and we again left them of good cheer, although Brother Coffman having to rest up for a day or two on account of a nervous affection.

Returning again to Oil City we had the pleasure of getting Bro. Leroy Bemis (the young man there) started on the small books for the holidays. We were glad to leave with Brother Bemis Bro. J. O. Nollinger, with whom we also enjoyed a pleasant visit.

God is blessing the canvassers and the work in West Pennsylvania.

Are there not others who want to join the above list? If so a letter addressed to the point below will reach me, and we will be glad to give you all the help that we can.

I. G. BIGELOW, *Field Agent.*
Indiana, West Pa., R. F. D. No. 8

The address of Eld. Franklin G. Warnick is now 500 Holbrook Street, Danville, Va. He was warmly welcomed there December 1. The church has stood without direct ministerial help for a long time.

HOW IT WAS DONE

One Missionary Volunteer secretary who has forwarded a box of clothing to New York for the Jamaica school, in answer to a question how the matter was worked up says, "I mentioned the matter to the leader of our West Philadelphia Society. He presented it at one of our meetings, and we then and there decided that we would do something. It took some time to get the clothing together because everybody seemed so busy, but we kept agitating the thing until we finally succeeded in getting the box packed and shipped. This is about all there is to it to tell."

What others have done you can do. Let those who are gathering clothing for this purpose send it to L. W. Graham, 32 Union Square, East, New York, and he will forward it to our Jamaica School. M. E. KERN.

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OHIO ITEMS

Bro. C. V. Hamer left for the
Sanitarium at Takoma Park, Sunday
evening, December 6. We have
heard, indirectly, that he is no worse
for the journey. We hope soon to
hear that the change has proved bene-
ficial and that he will soon be able to
to take up his work in the office.

The Sabbath-school quarterlies for
the next quarter are in the Tract So-
ciety office, and the secretaries should
send in their orders immediately that
their supply be on hand in time. Also
look over your subscription to the
Little Friend and *Instructor*. It takes
from two to three weeks to get re-
turns for the *Little Friend*.

The yearly report for the church
clerks will be sent out in a few days,
and we earnestly request that the
blanks be made out accurately and
complete as possible. Since Brother
Hamer's health has failed we find
that we have as much to do as we
possibly can, without any extra cor-
respondence. So please help us by
doing your part well.

"Prof. Gerard Gerritsen, who has
during the last three months sent sam-
ple pages of the new sight singing
course to our teachers and educators,
wishes us to announce that the third
installment of this course, comprising
section three, is now ready for distri-
bution. Teachers who have not al-
ready done so, are invited to subscribe
for this very efficient method and in-
troduce its musical benefits into their
schools.

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a collection of suitable school songs for
our youth. He invites teachers inter-
ested in child song study, to send to
his office copies of songs that are most
favored by the children, and in the
teachers estimation contribute the
most to the moral and musical eleva-
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only, but the higher grades including
the colleges must be represented also.
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so that this song book may become the
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in child song literature in our schools.

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born St., Chicago, Ill."

OHIO

Notice to Church Treasurers

It has been decided to hold the next
annual audit of the Conference Janu-
ary 6 and 7, 1906, at which time we
shall hope to settle all financial ac-
counts with the accredited laborers of
the Conference for the year 1908.
For this reason will all our local
church treasurers send in to the Con-
ference treasurer all tithes on hand
at once so that funds necessary to a
final settlement may not be lacking?
Please note this request and act
promptly and greatly oblige, your
servants in the Master's cause,

OHIO CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,
Per H. H. Burkholder.

OBITUARY

De GRAW.—John L. DeGraw was born
May 21, 1838, in the State of New York; and
died near Emporia, Virginia, Dec. 3, 1908.
When quite young he moved, with his parents,
to the State of Michigan, where he joined the
Seventh-day Adventist Church about twenty-
five years ago. He located in Greenville
County, Virginia, about six years ago. His
last illness lasted about three months, during
which time he was a great sufferer from
Bright's Disease. He leaves, to mourn their
loss, a wife, two sons, one daughter, several
grandchildren, and many friends. Words
of comfort were spoken by the writer from
Rev. 14: 13. H. W. HERRELL.

OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

NOVEMBER, 1908

Akron.....	\$ 7 00
Alliance.....	.....
Barnesville.....	.....
Beaver.....	.....
Bellefontaine.....	.....
Bellville.....	12 00
Bowling Green.....	.....
Brokaw.....	.....
Broughton.....	.....
Camden.....	113 60
Canton.....	15 03
Chagrin Falls.....	54 27
Charloe.....	60 00
Chillicothe.....	.....
Cincinnati.....	134 70
Cleveland.....	258 61
Cleveland German.....	.....
Clyde.....	91 26
Columbiana.....	.....
Columbus.....	168 64
Conant.....	.....
Conneaut.....	22 07
Corsica.....	.....
Coshocton.....	35 58

Cygnets.....	.....
Dayton.....	75 99
Defiance.....	6 45
Delaware.....	.....
Delta.....	.....
Derwent.....	12 05
Dowling.....	6 00
Dunkirk.....	.....
East Liverpool.....	100 00
Elgin.....	40 36
Findlay.....	.....
Gilboa.....	.....
Greenspring.....	.....
Hamilton.....	59 69
Hamler.....	.....
Haskins.....	.....
Hicksville.....	11 40
Jefferson.....	.....
Killbuck.....	35 62
Lake View.....	.....
Lagrange.....	.....
Laura.....	.....
Leesburg.....	.....
Lewistown.....	.....
Liberty Center.....	.....
Lima.....	.....
Locust Point.....	.....
Mansfield.....	18 53
Marion.....	29 67
Marshfield.....	.....
Massillon.....	.....
Medina.....	.....
Meigs.....	.....
Mendon.....	.....
Middlefield.....	.....
Mount Vernon.....	103 04
Nashville.....	.....
Newark.....	34 70
Norwalk.....	68 30
New Philadelphia.....	.....
Ohio City.....	.....
North Fairfield.....	.....
Pemberville.....	.....
Piqua.....	.....
Pleasant Hill.....	.....
Palmpton.....	33 00
Powell.....	.....
Reedsville.....	.....
Rows.....	.....
Sandusky.....	.....
Sherwood.....	.....
Shreve.....	.....
Sidney.....	.....
Six Points.....	.....
Spencer.....	.....
Springfield.....	153 69
Toledo.....	69 65
Trinway-Dresden.....	.....
Troy (Ashland County).....	6 86
Van Wert.....	.....
Wadsworth.....	.....
Walnut Grove.....	.....
Washington C. H.....	148 68
Waterford.....	.....
West Mansfield.....	.....
Wheelersburg.....	12 40
Youngstown.....	75 15
Zanesville.....	31 17
Individuals.....	75 60

Total.....\$2,180 76

C. V. HAMER, Treas.

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

NOVEMBER, 1908

Tithe.....	\$2,180 76
Tract Society.....	327 40
First Day Offering.....	141 37
Sabbath-school Donations.....	99 46
Missionary Volunteers.....	1 50
\$150,000 Fund.....	06
Southern Field.....	70 63
Oakwood School.....	5 00
India.....	1 00

Total.....\$2,827 18

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