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I'm standing on the threshold of the year—
The bright new year—
And wondering what it has in store for me:
Not much of good, except I rise
And master self—and seek not for my own,
But for another's welfare:
Then shall I be blessed; for I have learned
That sin is born of selfishness.
We may not know what form
It takes to cheat the soul, since hearts
Are so deceitful, and so full of guile;
We cannot know their depth of evil.
Alas, for human nature were it not for love—
The love of God! The love that fills the universe,
And reaches to the vilest one;
Uplifting, if he will be lifted up.
Yea, elevate him to the throne of God,
And make him equal to the angels:
I cannot understand such love,
So wonderful it is; but true.
And so I ask that what the year may bring
Shall not be born of selfishness;
But rather that my heart be opened wide
To feel another's need, and see their virtues;
Not their faults.
And that I learn to smile where I have
frowned;
And that I learn the simple trust
Of some sweet little child,
And put no confidence in self;
But sit a pupil at the master's feet.

MRS. PAULINE ALDFRMAN.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

"I WISH you a happy New Year," will soon be repeated far and near, by parents and children, brothers and sisters, acquaintances and friends. In a world like ours, this New Year's greeting seems more appropriate than the "Merry Christmas" so lately echoed from lip to lip. On every hand are pale faces, brows furrowed with pain and care, or forms bowed with age. Wherever we turn may be seen the garb of mourning. The suffering, the careworn, and the aged can no longer be merry. In many a household there is a vacant chair; a beloved child, a husband and father, whose presence gladdened the last Christmas and New Year's festivity, is gone from the circle. A merry Christmas seems mockery to that bereaved family.

But whatever the cares and sorrows of life, whatever the mistakes and er-

rors of the past, the "Happy New Year," when uttered as an expression of love or respect, falls pleasantly upon the ear. And yet are not these kindly wishes often forgotten with the utterance? How often we fail to carry their import into the daily life, and thus to aid in their fulfillment. The New Year's greeting is frequently uttered by insincere lips, from hearts that would not forgo one selfish gratification in order to make others happy. Recipients of gifts and favors every new year, many accept these as their due. Receiving daily the bounties of heaven, sunshine and shower, food and raiment, friends and home,—all the unnoted yet priceless blessings of life,—they forget the claims of the Giver; forget that God has left them a legacy in his poor; and that Christ, the majesty of heaven, identified himself with suffering humanity in the person of his saints.

Says our Saviour, "It was I whom you neglected. While your wardrobe was supplied with costly apparels, I had no comfortable clothing; while you feasted, I was hungry; while you were absorbed in pleasure, I was sick, a stranger, and uncared for." Let those who would have a happy new year, seek to honor God and make all around them happy. Let them share the gifts of Providence with those more needy, and bring to the Lord their offerings of gratitude, their sin-offerings, and their free-will offerings.

Let us review our own course during the past year, and compare our life and character with the Bible standard. Have we withheld from our gracious benefactor that which he claims from us in return for all the blessings he has granted? Have we neglected to care for the poor, and comfort the sorrowing? Here, then, is work for us.

Upon many God has bestowed his gifts with a lavish hand. Will they make corresponding returns? Some of these persons, when in poverty, were faithful in the smallest trust committed to them. They would sooner deny themselves of the comforts, or even the necessities of life, than to withhold their offerings from the Lord's treasury. God has rewarded their faithfulness by prosperity. But now a change comes over

the recipients of his bounty. Their wants increase faster than their income, and they no longer return to God the portion which is his due. Thus is developed that same spirit of covetousness which proved the ruin of Judas.

Let us each bring our souls to task. Let us see if we have brought all our offerings to God. I would do this for myself as an individual. It may be that I have been remiss during the past year. I know not when or where, but to make sure that I have done my whole duty, I will at the first of the year bring an offering to God to be appropriated as may seem best, to some one of the branches of his work. If any one of you, my brethren and sisters, are convicted that you have failed to render to God the things that are his; if you have not kindly considered the wants of the poor; or if you have withheld from any man his due, I entreat you to repent before the Lord, and to restore fourfold. Strict honesty toward God and men will alone meet the divine requirements. Remember that if you have defrauded a neighbor in trade, or in any manner deprived him of his own, or if you have robbed God in tithes and offerings, it is all registered in the books of heaven.

Many are bemoaning their backsliding, their want of peace and rest in Christ, when the past year's record shows that they have separated themselves from God by departure from strict integrity. When they will faithfully examine their hearts, when they will open their eyes to see the selfishness of their motives,—then their prayer will be, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." God requires us to have a pure heart and clean hands. Let those who have committed wrong give proof of their repentance by seeking to make full restitution, let them in their after-life give evidence of a genuine reformation, and they will assuredly enjoy the peace of heaven.

Let us enter upon the new year with a clean record. Let faults be corrected. Let bitterness and malice be uprooted. Let right triumph over wrong. Let envy and jealousy between brethren be put away. Heart-

felt, honest confession will heal grave difficulties. Then, with the love of God in the soul, there may flow from sincere lips the greeting, "I wish you a happy New Year."

Many who were with us at the beginning of 1908 are not here to welcome 1909. We ourselves may not live to see another year. Shall we not seek to improve the little time allotted us? Will not the church of Christ turn from their backslidings? Will they not cast aside their idols, repent of their love of the world, overcome their selfish greed, and open the door of the heart to bid the Saviour welcome? May the beginning of this year be a time when Christ shall come in among us, and say, "Peace be unto you."

Brethren and sisters, I wish you, one and all, a happy New Year.

"We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breath;

In feelings, not in figures on a dial:

We should count time by heart-throbs when they beat

For man, for duty. He most lives

Who thinks most, feels most, acts the best."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

NATIONAL LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE

During the early days of December a convention of national importance was held in the Second Presbyterian church in Pittsburg, Pa.

The object was to enable the friends of the Lords' Day (Sunday) to unite in organizing a National Lord's Day Alliance of the United States. The casual observer, expecting to see a large attendance, might have been led to underestimate the importance of this gathering, as the attendance was very small. But as each delegate represented large and influential organizations favoring the enforcement by law of Sunday observance, it was evident that there was well organized power back of their deliberations, and that the decisions of this convention would be far reaching in their effects. The convention was not without encouraging features even for Seventh-day observers, as they relied entirely upon the same texts for Sunday observance that we do for Sabbath observance.

The borrowing by Sunday advocates, of strong Sabbath supporting texts, is not only an admission that Sunday texts do not exist, but that the scriptures we use in teaching Sabbath observance do demand such observance of us. A poor argument is

never borrowed. And so an evidence of the power and force of these texts, when properly used, may be seen in their determination to wrongly apply all Sabbath texts. As the false witnesses of old could never agree, so it was soon apparent that modern advocates of false theories and unjust measures could not agree among themselves. As ancient disagreement did not prevent the crucifixion of the Saviour, so the present wrangling, while furnishing a little amusement to the world, does not stand in the way of their unitedly holding down the truth in unrighteousness.

After much contention, clothed with appropriate words of acrimony, reminding one a little of the scenes in the old roman senate, the decisive vote was taken in favor of organizing a National Lord's Day Alliance. It was evident that the delegates were not satisfied with the results obtained through their present organizations, such as the National Reform Party and the American Sabbath Union, and were determined to so organize as to obtain greater results in the way of Sunday laws.

To all respecters of religious liberty the Lord is now saying in Isa. 8:12 "Say ye not, a confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, a confederacy." This verse warns us against the organization, while Revelation thirteen outlines its progress to its culmination; and to us is given the message of Rev. 14:6-12 that is to enlighten the world regarding this work of darkness. Their enthusiastic efforts crowned by and by with apparent success terminates in that bitter wail to the rocks and mountains, "Fall on us and hide us, . . . for the great day of his wrath is come." The message of warning that we bear against all for which the Sunday is the mark secures for the believer in the message a place in that grand gathering upon the sea of glass among "them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark and over the number of his name." Although the victory is certain it will only be for those who are faithful in coming up to the help of the Lord against these mighty efforts of men to hold down the truth. Now is the time for every one to do his duty. We know not how soon it will be too late. Shall we put forth earnest effort to enlighten those around us? Great pressure will soon be brought to bear upon our representatives at Washington to lead them to still farther commit themselves in favor of Sunday legislation. Now is the time for us to

be busy getting names to the petitions against all religious legislation, that we may teach these senators (by letters and petitions) that there are yet many thousands in this land that have not bowed the knee to Baal and that desire the blessings of religious liberty for all mankind.

A. C. SHANNON.

THE CUMBERLAND WORK

The result of the work at the headquarters of our Union has not been very encouraging the past season, which has verified the statements of the workers who have labored in this place before. It was thought that the city had been well prepared for a good tent effort, by distributing our literature and personal work. Good results were expected. We have a very small percentage of the foreign element here, and although we border the South, there are comparatively only a few colored people. It would seem from this statement that this is an easy field to work and a goodly harvest of souls should be garnered in for the Master. As this is a railroad town and many of the people follow railroading for a livelihood, they are as usual very heedless and fear nothing. Still the fact that God loves them and that we believe surely that there are some honest souls here, out of so many thousands, keeps us in good courage. Elijah, looking over Israel when it seemed to him that every person had forsaken the God of heaven and turned to Baal, was much discouraged and requested for himself that he might die; but the Lord told him that, "Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal." A tent effort was begun about July 16, and continued until the first of October, at the close of which, it seemed that about ten or twelve might embrace the Sabbath, and take up their cross: but they are still in the valley, and the ice has not been broken yet.

Brother Pohle went out into a country village called Cresoptown, a little way from Cumberland and secured a Methodist church to hold some meetings in. This was granted to him by the trustees as well as the minister until his return from holding revival meetings in a neighboring town. This was pleasing indeed to get such an opportunity, and a vigorous work was started. The Methodist minister returned a week later and preached two or three times himself, then withdrew because of the interest manifest in favor of our meetings. He heartily endorsed the work

and said that they could preach as much and as long as they wished, and left word that he would return Saturday evening, December 19. From this time the Message was preached night after night and every opportunity improved. Some grew interested while others opposed. It was learned at the close that some of the members tried to make the janitor lock the church, but as he had become interested himself he would not submit to those opposing. The minister returned according to his appointment at which time he was presented with eleven of his little congregation who had taken their stand for the Sabbath. We presume that this changed his mind somewhat regarding our work as in his sermon that evening he mentioned that Saturday had been preached as the Sabbath and that the people were all stirred up, and further said that he kept Sunday because Christ arose on that day and that he believed it was right, for Christ said so. The meeting closed and the following morning it was learned that a second meeting was held at the home of one of the church members, at which time the keys were taken from the janitor and the meetings stopped.

Sabbath morning, December 19, there were twenty-one adults and children, besides Sabbath-keepers who had gone out from Cumberland to assist, gathered at the church for the first Sabbath-school.

We thank God for his goodness to us and for the encouragement of the past four weeks.

Eld. F. M. Fairchild was associated with Brother Pohle the first week of the meetings.

The following letters from the Methodist minister will show the before and after effect of the truth on the heart when it is rejected:—

Rowlings, Md.,
Nov. 25, 1908.

My Dear Brother Pohle,
Cumberland, Md.

Dear Brother:—

Yours of the 24th inst. to hand, and carefully noted, and in reply will say go on with your meetings and may the Lord bless you. I may be there shortly as times are dull here and poor encouragement. Yours for the Master,

(Signed,)

Shockeyville, Md.,
Dec. 20, 1908.

W. R. Pohle,
Cumberland, Md.

Dear Brother:—

As you have advanced doctrine which is not consistent to my views

and the M. E. Church, I hereby say do not attempt to go to any of our churches to preach any more. I have been ordered to lock the door which I did. Your doctrine is a dangerous one and we cannot have it preached in our churches. You have torn our community all to pieces at Cresop-town because of the ignorance of those who do not understand the Scriptures. Therefore I hope you will discontinue at once. I have ordered the church kept locked against you after consulting the trustees and our presiding elder. Yours truly,

(Signed)

E. R. BROWN.

PHILADELPHIA AND TRENTON

Sabbath, December 5, I had the privilege of meeting with the West Philadelphia church in the forenoon. I was glad to see such a large congregation in their splendid church, corner 51 and Locust streets. A number of those present have recently embraced the Sabbath through the labors of the pastor, Eld. O. O. Burnstein, and others have carried on a successful series of meetings during the summer. A number more are convinced of the truth of the Message they have heard, and the hope is entertained that they will decide to walk in the light. Aggressive work is still being carried forward. I am convinced that what is needed everywhere is strong evangelistic efforts. Where this line of work is carried forward, Sabbath-keepers are developed.

In the afternoon I went to Trenton and met with the church in this city. Here also I found a good congregation, and the Lord met with us, and cheered the hearts of all. In the testimony meeting which followed, a number bore witness to the truth, and expressed a desire for a deeper and more thorough work of grace in the heart. The excellent spirit present was very encouraging. Trenton is a fine city, and affords a splendid field for work.

I had the privilege when in Philadelphia of spending some time at the Sanitarium at 1929 Girard Avenue. I found a splendid institution, well equipped for caring for the sick. Dr. Wilbur Smith who stands at the head of the institution is a trained and very competent physician, and he has associated with him a good corps of nurses, and those who may come to the institution to receive treatment are assured of the very best care. Besides this, the Sanitarium stands to represent the Message. It has no other purpose. Those who are now connected with it

believe this truth, and I found the spiritual influence among them the very best.

What this institution needs most of all is patients. If it can secure these, its large indebtedness can be carried. What I plead for is that all our people within the territory from which it is expected to draw patronage, advertise the institution, and do all in their power to have those in need of medical aid come to the institution. Years ago when we had but one institution, we used to do this. Let us do it now for this institution. Doctor Smith will cheerfully answer any questions.

The same is true concerning other institutions in the Union. We can help them much by calling the attention of suffering humanity to the help which they are prepared to give.

G. B. THOMPSON.

NEW JERSEY INSTITUTE

The workers' convention and canvassers' institute of the New Jersey Conference will be held in Phillips Hall, corner Bergen Avenue and Montgomery Street, Jersey City, Jan. 8-20, 1909. This will be a very important meeting, and no one who contemplates engaging in the canvassing work during the year should fail to attend. Especial attention will be given to the matter of field work with the idea of making our study as helpful as possible along practical lines. All our canvassers and workers should plan to get to Jersey City Thursday January 7, so as to get settled in time to begin work promptly Friday morning.

We wish to hold a union meeting of our churches in Phillips Hall, Thursday, Jan. 9 and 10, 1909, at the beginning of our canvassers' institute. Eld. G. B. Thompson, and other competent help will be with us, and we want to make this meeting a grand opening for our effort at that place. Especial attention will be given to the building up of the missionary work in our churches. We would like to see a general attendance at this meeting—especially from our churches in the northern part of the State.

We are planning to hold a special Sabbath-school convention in connection with the institute January 16 and 17. This will be of special interest to all of our churches.

January 23 and 24, the final Sabbath and Sunday of the conference will be devoted especially to church officers, and we trust that there will be an effort on the part of all our churches throughout the State to enable as

many as possible of our church officers to attend.

The hall that we have secured for these meetings is a fine one splendidly located and we are planning to hold a regular series of meetings for the public each evening during the institute and conference.

We trust that our people throughout the State will pray earnestly that God may bless this effort so that we may see souls gathered into the kingdom as the result.

Those who expect to attend the institute should send their names to Bro. D. K. Royer at once. We will give board and room free to those who enter the field as regular canvassers, and will pay their fare to the institute and back to their field by allowing an extra discount of five per cent on all book sales until it reaches the amount of the fare.

God has blessed the canvassing work in the New Jersey Conference during the past year. We can see no reason why the year 1909 may not show a decided increase over the year just passed.

The time has come for action. Our attitude toward the calls which God sends to us will prove the sincerity of our profession. Let us do all we can to answer our prayers that more workers be sent into the harvest.

B. F. KNEELAND.

NEW JERSEY NOTICE

The Seventh Annual Session of the New Jersey Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Phillips Hall Corner Bergen Avenue and Montgomery St., Jersey City, N. J. The first meeting will be held at 3 P. M. January 20. We trust that a full delegation will be sent from all our churches. Each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization, and one additional delegate for each ten members. Those going on the Pennsylvania railroad, take the Montgomery Street car at the Pennsylvania station, and get off at Bergen Avenue. Transfer from all the principal lines in the city, can be obtained from the Belt Line which runs directly to the hall. There is also a direct line from the Lackawanna tunnels at Hoboken via the Court House Line. Board and room will be provided at reasonable rates. All desiring accommodations will kindly notify at once Miss A. W. Welsh, 148 Union Street, Jersey City, N. J. Credentials for delegates should be mailed to our office at Trenton not later than January 6.

B. F. KNEELAND, Pres.

NOTICE NEW JERSEY

The second annual session of the New Jersey Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Phillips Hall, Jersey City, Thursday, Jan. 21, 1909, at 3 o'clock P. M. The officers will be elected at this time and any other business transacted which may pertain to the work of the Association. All conference delegates are members of the Association.

B. F. KNEELAND, Pres.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTE

The Eastern Pennsylvania Conference has decided to hold its canvassers' institute January 20 to February 1, at Lebanon, Pa. All who attend with the purpose of doing regular canvassing will receive their board, room and tuition free. The railroad fare will be paid to place of institute, and thence to place of territory by allowing five per cent additional on all books sold until their fare is made up in this way.

The art and genius of canvassing will be thoroughly taught. Able teachers will be in attendance. Bro. I. D. Richardson, the Union general agent, will be with us during the entire time. Eld. W. H. Heckman, president of this Conference, will also be with us, and others.

All who attended our institute last year can only speak well of it; and every one that went out into the canvassing field and devoted full time at the work met with splendid success.

This meeting opens immediately after the closing of our Conference session at the same place; all who feel a desire of knowing how to better accomplish this important work should plan to remain.

Let all who intend to go to this school of canvassers, correspond promptly with the writer so the proper arrangements may be made before the above date.

G. W. HOLMAN.

808 Prangley Ave., Lancaster, Pa.

Bro. J. W. Siler would like clean copies of *Signs, Watchman, Liberty, Life and Health*, religious liberty leaflets and tracts for free distribution. He says, "The people just drink in the truth here, and the papers will do much good." Address him at 218 E. Fifth Street, Frederick, Md.

"When the church is only a place of rest it never is a place of refreshing."

FIELD REPORTS

Delta.

According to previous appointment we met with the company of believers at Delta, Fulton County, on Sabbath, December 19, at which time we were privileged to assist in the organization of a church of thirteen members. Others were present who expressed a desire to unite with this company in church fellowship after receiving the rite of baptism.

Considerable time was spent, and we believe profitably, too, in a study of the system of truth held by Seventh-day Adventists. We are inclined to the belief that more time should be taken than is sometimes given to the instruction of candidates asking admission into the church. I do not believe we are justified in treating with indifference any feature of the Message we profess to have for the world, or in a way to leave the impression that it makes no difference. To do so we are robbing the cause of present truth of needed power to prepare a people to successfully meet and cope with the adversary in the closing conflict.

Brethren W. E. Bidwell and John W. Shultz were present and took part in the meetings. These brethren conducted a tent effort at this place the fore part of last summer, and the organization of the church was largely due to the labor of these brethren.

Brother Shultz will remain here for awhile to follow up the work and strengthen those who have recently come to the faith.

May God continually bless and prepare both work and workers at this place.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

Cincinnati

Dear VISITOR: We feel it would be well to tell of some of the experiences we have had with the missionary number of the *Review*. We were somewhat disappointed when the *Reviews* did not reach us in time for Thanksgiving. But we concluded that we could make it a Christmas effort as well. So we took hold of the work with the intention of giving the Lord our best service. All that took hold have gained a good experience, and many have gathered in goodly sums for the Lord's work. One brother only took a few *Reviews*, but said he wanted every paper to bring a dollar. He had succeeded in this when last we heard from him.

An other brother, having but little

time and few papers, determined to win something for the needy cause, went to a well known business man and made known to him the need. He wrote out a check for five dollars. Going to the next one, earnestly presenting God's cause, he pulled out a five dollar bill and gave it to him. The next one gave him a dollar, so he had collected eleven dollars from three parties for three papers. The Lord blesses in this work. It certainly is a good plan. The people get acquainted with us and our work, thus breaking down prejudice. It seems the Lord is pushing his people and pressing them into service, where otherwise nothing would have been done. Many openings have been found in this work. Many are glad to talk about our work, others are inquiring for reading matter on our doctrinal points. O, that we might be awake to our privileges and rise up as one man to finish the work in the earth. I know that all that went out with a determination to win, and in the spirit and faith of Christ, have succeeded, prevailing with man and God for blessings to follow,—blessings to the giver, blessings to the worker, and blessings to the ones in regions beyond. Mrs. Gaede and myself gathered \$13.10.

JOHN P. GAEDE.

Wilmington, Leesburg, Washington C. H.

Sabbath, December 12, according to appointment, found me with the church at Wilmington. The work of the week of prayer was taken up in earnest, and the blessings of God were ours. We had two meetings upon the Sabbath and one on Sunday. There was a good attendance and all were impressed with the importance of giving our hearts unreservedly to the Lord.

Monday night I met with the church at Leesburg. We claimed God's promises and blessing. After the reading, opportunity for testifying was given, to which there was a ready response. The last two nights a goodly number of outsiders gathered in. They showed an unusual interest in the reading. The church here requests that a series of meetings be held. I think much good could be accomplished by so doing.

Friday and Sabbath, the two last days of the week of prayer, I spent with the church at Washington, C. H. They were indeed glad to have someone with them, in as much as they receive very little help. The Lord came very near to all. All took part in testimony. An appeal was made

to the young people to give their hearts to Jesus, to which several responded.

I can say that the Lord has blessed in every place, and with Paul I can say: "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ"—in every place. Your brother in Christ.

JOHN P. GAEDE.

Lynchburg, Va.

The Virginia Conference, in its late session, recommended, that as state agent, I should make my headquarters at Lynchburg instead of Richmond. We moved our goods as soon as possible, and are now settled nearly as well as we were in Richmond. Our friends were kind and we appreciated their efforts to make us comfortable. We are also grateful for the hearty welcome accorded us at this place, and feel sure that we shall have the co-operation of those of like precious faith, in our work. We believe that the brethren in Richmond will remember the work in which we are engaged, constantly in their prayers.

On account of the conference meetings and moving, we have not written as frequently as formerly, but from now on hope to be able to tell some of the encouraging experiences our canvassers are having as they visit the people with our good, message-filled books. By this means we hope to keep the importance of this work before our people, and impress them with their duty to engage in it.

In a letter from a canvasser I noticed these words, "As I was delivering books I found an order for two small ones to be delivered to a house quite a distance off, and I wondered if it would be well to go so far with them." He delivered them, and was encouraged to go to the next place. Here he was informed that a man seeing a copy of the "Seer of Patmos" wished one. He obtained his address and delivered the book, and has hopes that the man will accept the Message. In this experience the brother feels repaid for many trials that have come to him. How much more precious it is to lay up treasure in heaven than it is to get earthly gain and lose our own souls!

If God calls you to go into the canvassing work, say, "Lord, I am here for as long as there is anything for me to do." Let us become trained soldiers for the Lord, ever ready to hear his command; for with us there

can be no retreat only at the peril of our souls.

Now that I am settled in my new home, I will be glad to hear from those who are interested in this work, and will gladly correspond with them. Do not forget the address.

W. H. ZEIDLER.

Lynchburg, Va., 407 Wadsworth St.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA ITEMS

Special services every evening at the Annual Conference.

Bro. B. M. Heald and wife are now laboring in Scranton.

Annual Conference at Lebanon, January, 12 to 19 inclusive.

All indications point to a large attendance at our Annual Conference.

Bro. H. Baumgartner spent a few hours at the office, the past week.

Sister Hanna Borchgrevink, our Scandinavian Bible worker, reports a convert to the faith.

The Pennsylvania Sanitarium is being repainted, which adds very materially to its good looks.

Eld. W. H. Heckman, our president, spent Sabbath, December 19, with the Williamsport church.

Canvasser's Institute will follow the Conference meeting. Please note the date—January 20 to February 1.

Eld. Geo. B. Thompson, president of the Columbia Union Conference, will be in attendance at our Annual Conference at Lebanon.

Bro. G. W. Holman, our field secretary, attended the Bookman's Convention at Washington, D. C., December 16 to 23.

Three were baptized at the First Philadelphia church, Sunday evening, December 20, Eld. O. O. Bernstein officiating.

Religious Liberty Rally, Monday, January 18, in the Sons of America Hall, Lebanon, in connection with Annual Conference. Speakers: Eld. K. C. Russell, Eld. B. F. Kneeland and others.

Special temperance rally—Sons of America Hall, Lebanon, at our Annual Conference. Don't miss it! Thursday, 7:45 P. M., January 14. Prominent speakers.

A church was organized at Wellsboro by our president, Eld. W. H. Heckman, the result of the tent effort held there last summer by Brethren Wiest and Heald.

We are glad to hear that Sister Elmer Sholder, the wife of Elder Sholder of the Williamsport church, is recovering nicely from a very critical operation.

We are glad to learn of a new church being organized at Zionsville, by Eld. H. Meyer. The members are largely composed of individuals moving into that community from other churches.

Every church officer in the Conference should arrange to attend our annual meeting at Lebanon, January 12 to 19, inclusive. Special instructions, which each officer should receive, will be given.

The Lebanon church is being renovated, repapered and repainted, preparatory to the Annual Conference. While our Conference meetings will be held in the Sons of America Hall, it is very probable that the church will also be called into use.

THE QUARTERLY MEETING

As the time approaches for another quarterly meeting, we feel very anxious that all our people scattered throughout the Conference should improve every opportunity afforded them, in these, the closing days of probationary time. Some may feel that because they live some distance from any church, that it will be better for them not to make any effort to attend the quarterly meeting. It is here that Satan accomplishes a great work.

He knows if he can hinder some of the Lord's professed children from attending these meetings, they will sooner or later grow cold and indifferent, losing their interest and their love for God's work, and his people. Shall we thus open the avenues of our souls to the enemy?

God would have us enjoy sweet fellowship with all his children. It should be our delight to meet with the saints. When properly conducted these occasions will be attended by the tender spirit of Jesus, and will prove a feast

to our souls. As we leave the Lord's house, our hearts will be filled with his holy love, and our lips will speak his praise. We quote from "Early Writings," (Supplement) p. 30, "When we follow the humble Bible way, we shall have the movings of the Spirit of God. All will be in sweet harmony, if we follow the humble channel of truth, depending wholly upon God, and there will be no danger of being affected by the evil angels. . . . Duties are laid down in God's word, the performance of which will keep the people of God humble and separate from the world, and from backsliding, like the nominal churches. The washing of feet and partaking of the Lord's Supper, should be more frequently practiced. Jesus set us the example, and told us to do as he had done." My brethren, shall we continue indifferent to this plain instruction? Through his humble servant, so mercifully spared these many years to this people, our Heavenly Father has again and again admonished us to faithfulness to every known duty. Ah, how soon this people may be driven to the mountains, thus deprived from the many privileges we now enjoy. So let us now meet together as often as we can, to speak of his goodness to us, and receive the blessing. "Be ye followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us and for an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor."

L. E. SUFFICOOL.

THE CANVASSER AND HIS WORK, NO. 6

How To Make Money On Expenses

The question of economy is one to which every canvasser should give special attention. One reason for failure in the canvassing work, on the part of many, is extravagance in time and in paying out money for lodging.

I have known of canvassers walking six or eight miles to get back to their room at headquarters. This should never be done as it spends time and energy which should be utilized from house to house, selling books and securing entertainment at just the home, possibly, where the Lord would have a book placed.

After having exhausted your supply of selling points and still the order is not forth coming, remark: Mrs.—you see the nature of my work, and as I am a long way from home and must stay somewhere, and as you are so much interested in this valuable work, I should be pleased to stop in

your home for the night, and will let you have the book at a discount of fifty cents (if that is the customary price for a night's lodging. If it is seventy-five cents say it) and will let you have the book for even two dollars. Many times this will secure the order. The profit on a \$2.75 book is \$1.38. Your night's lodging is seventy-five cents and \$1.75 minus seventy-five cents equals sixty-two cents the amount made on expenses. All summed up, you have your night's lodging, sixty-two and one half cents for staying over night and 704 pages of present truth in the home, besides a good talk with the family. All this is what many a canvasser is likely to loose by going back to his room at night.

A canvasser should never offer a discount for a meal or a night's lodging if the order can be secured without. If an order is secured without offering a discount, never stop over night or take a meal on it, for that would be extravagance: sleep in a straw stack rather.

On Friday, if an order can be secured only by offering a discount for a night's lodging, take it and go back Sunday afternoon and stay in the field Sunday night, as this may save a long walk Monday morning. Always be careful to economize in the use of time, as time profitably spent means souls and dollars.

Opportunities Improved

Many golden opportunities for doing the most practical kind of missionary work will present themselves to the canvasser who spends one hour each morning in worshipping God and works as though all heaven were watching him.

The canvasser, in that morning hour, should seek the Lord earnestly that he will send his angel with him, and before him to the homes of the people whom he expects to meet for the day, that the Lord will put words in his mouth to speak; and furthermore, that the angel of the Lord may guide him to that home where he should take dinner, and rest for the night. It should be remembered that an answer to these requests can not be hoped for without the most hearty effort on the part of the canvasser. He should labor untiringly throughout the day that he may reach the home where the Lord would have him stop for the night.

Arrangements can not always be made for a night's lodging by allowing a discount, and sometimes the canvasser will have to engage a place to stay without having even given an

exhibition of his book. Allow me to suggest what he should do under such circumstances if he is canvassing in the country.

An Experience

It is about five or six o'clock P. M. The canvasser approaches the house, knocks at the door and when Mrs.— appears, makes known, not that he is selling books, but that he is engaged in a line of gospel work; for this is the way we should make known the object of our calls. (Mrs.—) I am very busy getting supper. (Canvasser) Mrs.—, as I told you I am engaged in a line of gospel work in this vicinity and having many more calls which I will want to make tomorrow, and as I am too far from home to return this evening, could you not accommodate me with a place to stay? I always like to stay with Christian (if they are Christians, or use the term respectable if they are not Christians) people and will very much appreciate the privilege of stopping with you. (Mrs.—) I guess we can keep you. Just let me take your hat and umbrella. You will excuse me as I must look after my supper. (Canvasser) Certainly Mrs.—.

Mrs.— goes to the kitchen, opens the stove door, closes it and starts out doors. The canvasser knows that she is going after wood, so he hurriedly makes his way to the woodpile and as he meets Mrs.—, remarks: Mrs.— allow me to carry in some wood for you. Mrs.— takes two or three sticks and he soon follows with a large armful of wood and places it in the box; but the box is not full. Should he stop there?—No, he should get enough more to fill it full. Christians should put forth an effort to do their work better than any other people. He should immediately leave the kitchen, for being a strange man, he has no farther business there.

Next the canvasser goes out to the barn and finding the water tank empty begins to pump and continues until it is full. Then going into the stable and finding that it has not been cleaned he gets the fork, shovel, and broom, if there is one and cleans out every stall. He sees a straw stack in the cowyard being trampled down and brings in enough straw to give each horse a good bed; then throws down from the mow sufficient hay for the night and a good feed for morning and fills the mangers with hay. Now he sees corn cobs in the feed boxes which tell him that Mr.— is feeding corn, so goes to the crib

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

Chesapeake, Week Ending Dec. 18, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
J. Siler, Walkerville, Md.,	CK	3	24	4	\$6 00	\$	\$6 00	\$66 75	
J. Jones, Cambridge, Md.,	CK	5	36	21	27 50	35	27 85		
J. Parks, Cambridge, Md.,	CK	4	27	5	6 50	1 80	8 30		
J. Jeffries, Harford Co., Md.,	CK	5	36	9	15 00	5 60	20 60	14 60	
J. Paden,* W'shingt'n Co., Md.,	CK	27	12	13	20 00	2 80	22 80	23 75	
Totals,		44	135	52	\$75 00	\$10 55	\$85 55	\$105 10	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Dec. 18, 1908

J. Nollinger, Eagle Rock,	DR	3	25½		31 30	50	31 80	95 25	
C. Dunham, Indiana,	GC	5	35	11	38 00	6 20	44 20	130 10	
I. Bigelow, Blairsville,	GC	5	33	15	38 00	6 20	44 20	35	
Totals,		13	93½	26	\$69 30	\$6 70	\$76 00	\$225 70	

New Jersey, Week Ending Dec. 18, 1908

S. Oberg, New Brunswick,	DR	3	20	5	13 75		13 75	39 50	
J. Rambo, Fairton,	DR							33 25	
H. Murphy,† Trenton,	DR	4	7	5	2 75	12 30	15 05	1 00	
A. Hugg, Paterson,	GC	4	15	1	2 75	1 50	4 25	10 50	
B. H. Welch, Elizabeth,	BR	44	4	13 00	1 75	14 75	75 45		
P. Valento, Montclair,	BR	4	25	3	10 25		10 25	22 00	
C. Grey, Mt. Hope,	CK	5	31	45	55 50	4 50	60 00		
Totals,		20	142	59	\$98 00	\$20 05	\$118 05	\$181 70	

Ohio, Week Ending Dec. 18, 1908

E. Horst, Ross Co.,	GC	4	26	6	16 50	35	16 85		
C. Leach, Washington Co.,	DR		22	1	1 50	4 75	6 25	74 50	
L. Waters, Tuscarawas Co.,	CK, BF	5	43	20	23 50	1 40	24 90	75 95	
G. Corder, Guernsey Co.,	BF	5	40					120 05	
R. Corder, Guernsey Co.,	BF	5	41½					135 75	
Totals,		19	72½	27	\$41 50	\$6 50	\$48 00	\$406 25	

*Two Weeks.

†Week Ending Dec. 11, 1908

and brings a basket of corn placing it in front of the mangers on the barn floor and goes out to the pump as he sees Mr.— coming up from the field.

Mr.— doesn't have to get off and pump water as usual, but finds the trough full. The canvasser makes the acquaintance of Mr.— by introducing himself and remarks that he has arranged with Mrs.— to stop with them for the night: then continues pumping, as the cows will soon be up for milking and want a drink. Mr.— takes the horses to the barn, finds the stables nicely cleaned and bedded, hay in the mangers and corn ready to feed.

(To be continued.)

I. D. RICHARDSON.

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SOMETHING SPECIAL

Only a few weeks ago the whole country was stirred over the shooting of Mr. Francis J. Heney in a crowded court room in the city of San Francisco. The January number of the

Signs of the Times magazine has a very interesting article in regard to this matter entitled "The Shooting of Francis J. Heney, and the Events that Led up to It." This article is written up from numerous personal interviews had by one of the editors with Mr. Rudolph Spreckles, Mr. William J. Burns, and others, and the statements can be relied upon. They reveal an alarming state of things not only in San Francisco, but in all the large cities of this country; and in the light of these revelations we begin to see a new force in the testimonies that have been coming to us during the last few years in regard to the importance of giving this message to the cities without delay.

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THE NEXT CONFERENCE

After carefully considering the cor-
dial invitations from the churches at
Columbus, Clyde, and Cleveland to
hold the coming conference at their
respective places, it has finally been
decided to locate this important meet-
ing at Columbus, Jan. 25-29, 1909.

This gathering of representative
members from the various churches
embraced in this Conference, and the
work required at their hands, will
make this the most important meet-
ing of the kind ever held in the State.
As the perils of the last days thicken
around us, wise counsellors and care-
ful leaders are needed in the work of
giving the Third Angel's Message to
all the world in the little time that yet

remains. Only such as are known to
be sound on all points of the Mes-
sage can with safety be trusted now.

The election of delegates is a matter
that should now receive prompt at-
tention by all our organized churches.
Each church is entitled to one delegate
for its organization, without respect
to numbers, and to one additional
delegate for each twenty-five mem-
bers.

The names of all delegates should be
forwarded as early as possible to Ohio
Seventh-day Adventist Confer-
ence, Box 187, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

OHIO CONFERENCE NOTICE

The forty-seventh annual session
of the Ohio Conference of Seventh-
day Adventists will be held in the
Seventh-day Adventist church, cor-
ner Ohio and Fair Streets, Columbus
Ohio, Jan. 25-29, 1909. The opening
meeting will be held on Monday, Jan.
25, 1909, at 7:30 P. M. The meeting is
called for the election of conference
officers and the transaction of any
other business that may be necessary
to consider.

Let all our churches plan to be rep-
resented at this conference, and if
possible, by a full delegation. The
basis of representation is one dele-
gate for the organization, and one
additional delegate for every twenty-
five members.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

OHIO CONFERENCE ASSOCIA- TION MEETING

The annual meeting of the Ohio
Conference Association of the Sev-
enth-day Adventist church will be
held in the Seventh-day Adventist
church, Ohio and Fair Streets, Colum-
bus, Ohio, in connection with the an-
nual meeting of the State Conference
Jan. 25-29, 1909. The purpose of this
meeting is to elect a board of trust-
ees, and to transact such other busi-
ness as may properly come before the
Association. The first meeting will
be held Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1909, at 3
P. M.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, Pres.

C. V. HAMER, Sec.

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE MEETING

There will be a meeting of the pat-
rons of the Mount Vernon College in
the Seventh-day Adventist church,
Ohio and Fair Streets, Columbus, Ohio,
in connection with the annual meeting

of the State Conference, Jan. 25-29,
1909. The purpose of this meeting is
to elect trustees, and the transaction
of such other business as may prop-
erly come before the meeting. The
first meeting will be held Tuesday,
January 26, 1909, at 7:30 P. M.

C. V. HAMER, Sec.

THE PROMPT FORWARDING OF FUNDS

I desire to call the attention of all
church and conference officers to the
matter of promptly remitting the
funds which have come into their
hands intended for our mission fields.
At this time of year we stand in great
need of this money, in order that our
brethren in destitute fields may not
be left without proper support. We
would therefore be pleased, and our
workers greatly assisted, if all our
church treasurers would send at once
to the treasurer of their conference
the amounts which they may have re-
ceived on the Thanksgiving Ingather-
ing, the week of prayer offering, or
any other contributions intended for
our mission fields. Then the confer-
ence treasurer will render excellent
service to those in need of these funds
by promptly forwarding to this office
all money which should come here.
Will the brethren concerned please
attend to this matter without delay?

A. G. DANIELS, Pres. Gen. Conf.

OBITUARY

LAUTZER.—Martha M., daughter of
Mrs. Lautzer Fickley, of Altoona, Pa., on
Nov. 15, 1908, died of spinal meningitis,
aged 11 years and 6 months. She was bap-
tized by the writer August 13, and was taken
into the church August 15. Three months
and one day from that time she was called to
lay down the armor of life, soon to come forth
when the trump shall sound. She leaves a
mother, two brothers and one sister to mourn
their loss. Words of comfort were spoken by
the writer from Rev. 14:13.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

McCOY.—Martha M., wife of P. T. McCoy
died Nov. 17, 1908 at the family residence in
Carson Valley, Pa., of typhoid pneumonia,
aged 35 years; 5 months, and 27 days.
There are to mourn their great loss, the be-
reaved husband, and the following children:
Edna M., Charles, Scott, Ross, Mary, Mil-
dred, and Sylvia, all at home. Words of
comfort were spoken by Elder Hoover and
the writer. The beloved mother and wife was
buried November 19 without the presence of
her husband, who was then sick in bed with
typhoid fever. May God bless and assist this
family is my prayer.

ELD. W. F. SCHWARTZ.