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GENERAL MATTER

The Work in The Cities

WHILE our cities are as Sodom, we are ever to remember that hidden away in these great commercial centers God has those who have not bowed the knee to Baal. He has precious souls who through ignorance have walked in the ways of error. We are ever to remember that the cities constitute a part of the Lord's vineyard, and as the Lord's servants in humble, trusting faith enter these strongholds of darkness, we shall see companies of believers raised up, churches erected, and from these cities able workers will go forth and sound this message in the dark corners of the earth. Satan has erected his mighty bulwarks, but if "God be for us, who can be against us?"

Through his servant the Lord has spoken to us concerning this work. "The whole world is God's great vineyard. The cities and villages constitute a part of that vineyard. These must be worked. Satan will try to interpose himself, and discour-

age the workers, so as to prevent them from giving the message of light and warning in the more prominent as well as in the more secluded places. Desperate efforts will be made to turn the people from truth to falsehood. Angels of heaven are commissioned to co-operate with the efforts of God's appointed messengers. Ministers are to encourage and maintain an unwavering faith and hope, as did Christ, their living head. They must keep humble and contrite in heart before God.

"We must not hide the truth in the corners of the earth. It must be made known; it must shine in our large cities. Christ in his labors took his position beside the lake, and in great thoroughfares of travel, where he could meet people from all parts of the world. He was giving the true light; he was sowing the gospel seed; he was rescuing truth from its companionship with error, and presenting it in its original simplicity and clearness, so that men could comprehend it."—*Test. for the Church*, Vol. 7, p. 35.

Again and again the Lord has called, has pleaded for decided and immediate action. Something has been done, and the results have certainly justified the efforts put forth. While something has been accomplished, there are many reasons why this work should make even more advancement during the year 1909 than it has in any previous year. As the spirit of church federation sweeps over our land, we may expect to find in these respective fields, obstacles unknown heretofore, which apparently will make the work more difficult. The work in our cities will demand a greater consecration on the part of laborers than ever before. The men who stand before this people from night to night must be men who walk with God,—men whose lips have been touched with the live coal from off the altar, and who have learned to wrestle with God.

I quote again from the spirit of prophecy: "The time has come to proclaim the truth in our large cities. The message is to be given with such power that the hearers shall be con-

vinced. God will raise up laborers to do this work. Let no one hinder these men of God's appointment. Forbid them not. God has given them their work. They will occupy peculiar spheres of influence, and will carry the truth to the most unpromising places. Some who were once enemies, will become valuable helpers, advancing the work with their means and their influence."

Our brethren who labor in these cities carry heavy burdens. God has given them their work, and although under the strain and beneath the burden they sometimes fall, they are precious in God's sight. God holds them in his own hand. In their zeal they make many mistakes. Remember that the greatest men in Bible times were those who made mistakes, and then took hold of the arm of God and labored on. These workers need the prayers of God's people. Stand close to them, and God will water your soul. Let this great work move on.

L. E. SUFFICOL.

The Work of the Church

"TO HUMAN agencies is committed the work of extending the triumphs of the cross from point to point. As the Head of the church, Christ is authoritatively calling upon every one who claims to believe on him to follow his example of self-denial and self-sacrifice in working for the conversion of those whom Satan and his vast army are exerting every power to destroy. God's people are called upon to rally without delay under the blood-stained banner of Christ Jesus. Unceasingly they are to continue their warfare against the enemy, pressing the battle even to the gates. And every one who is added to the ranks by conversion is to be assigned his post of duty. Every one should be willing to be or to do anything in this warfare. When church members put forth earnest efforts to advance the message, they will live in the joy of the Lord, and will meet with success. Triumph always follows decided effort."

WITH THE HARVESTERS

MARYLAND

Baltimore

I WILL now report our experience with the missions number of the *Review* and the *Christlicher Hausfreund*. Mrs. Gaede and I have both worked, and with the few Germans who have reported work done with the *Hausfreund*, we have received \$19.39, or about twenty-eight cents a copy. As Mrs. Gaede and I are strangers here and the people in the territory where we worked are poor, we think we have done quite well.

We are still working as opportunity offers. Only yesterday I received one dollar for two papers from men with whom we deal. I have also sent papers to friends from whom I have not yet heard. I sold forty copies of the *Hausfreund*, for which I received \$8.34, or about twenty cents a copy. The largest amount received for a single copy was two dollars. For eighty-four copies of the *Review*, I received \$10.83, an average of over twelve and one-half cents a copy. The sales of the *Review* and *Hausfreund* averaged a little over fifteen cents each. Mrs. Gaede's sales were five dollars, making our total over \$24.07. All of the German reports have not yet come in.

We have enjoyed the blessing of God in the work, and find that it breaks down prejudice. As the people see the magnitude of our work, eyes are opened, and they are led to believe that there is something to it. Much more money could have been obtained if it had not been for the hard times.

The German work in Baltimore is onward. January 7 we began a series of meetings in a hall on the corner of Pulaski Street and Wilkins Avenue. We are advertising extensively, and expect with God's help to win souls. It was the privilege of Elders Cotton, Haynes, and myself, in eight weeks, to baptize sixteen souls, largely the result of our work since we came here. Others are keeping the Sabbath. Pray for the work and workers in Baltimore. G. P. GAEDE.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburg

THE second Seventh-day Adventist church of this place is a little more than three years old. It was organized with ten members, and grew until the membership was forty-

one. This has been reduced somewhat by death and apostasy. We have a live Sabbath-school, a growing young people's society, and a Dorcas society. Ten members were added to the church during 1908.

A statement of our financial condition might be interesting. During the past year we have received funds as follows: Tithe, \$559.02; church expense, \$311.61; mission Sunday-school, \$42.88; special home mission, \$37.00; \$150,000 fund, \$11.10; Agricultural and Normal Institute, \$35.00; tent fund, \$45.00; Thanksgiving offering, \$19.96; annual offering, \$3.60; miscellaneous offerings, \$16.15. Total, \$1,081.32. The value of literature sold and given away during the year was \$950.00.

A commendable zeal has been manifested by the church in missionary work. Many Bible readings have been held. I have had the special help of Sisters L. E. Patton and Claudine Smith as canvassers and missionary workers.

We are planning to buy, through the West Pennsylvania Conference, some property here, at a cost of several thousand dollars, to be used for chapel and treatment rooms. These are very much needed. Anyone wishing to help us in this enterprise may send money to A. V. Williams, Corydon, Pa., the secretary and treasurer of the conference, or to the writer, 11 Conkling Street, Pittsburg, Pa. Please state that it is for the second church, colored. W. H. GREEN.

NEW JERSEY

Elizabeth, Perth Amboy, and Newark.

It was my privilege recently to meet with the brethren and sisters at the above named places. On Sabbath, January 2, we enjoyed a most blessed season with the church at Elizabeth. One new member was taken into the church on profession of faith. Before the celebration of the ordinances, Bro. J. M. Gaff was ordained as elder of the church. All felt that the Spirit of the Lord came very near.

At Perth Amboy I found an earnest company of Scandinavians, a number of whom have accepted the message under the labors of Bro. P. E. Brodersen. After a short talk on the principles of our faith, a call was made for those who were in harmony with all points of Seventh-day Adventist belief to come forward. Twelve responded to the call, and as they all expressed their feelings of Christian harmony with each other, they were organized into the Perth Amboy

Scandinavian Seventh-day Adventist church. A full corps of officers was elected by unanimous vote, and Brother Brodersen was ordained as their elder. The church has its own house of worship, a portable building, which makes them a very comfortable place. We expect that soon other interested ones will take their stand with this loyal band.

In company with Eld. W. H. Smith of this conference, and Brethren Halusic and Boettger of the Greater New York Conference, I visited the company of Bohemians and Slavs, at Newark. We had a most excellent meeting with them, and it was very refreshing to see these devoted souls, and hear their voices in praise and song. Although much of the work had to be done by the aid of an interpreter, the Spirit of God witnessed to the earnestness of the believers. After a short discourse, in which we tried to set before them the principles of our message, fifteen devoted men and women joined themselves in a covenant to keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. Bro. Paul Matula was ordained as the elder of the church, and all the other necessary officers were chosen.

It is with pleasure that we note the advances that are being made among the foreign nationalities, which are so numerous in this state. We pray that much more may be done. Just recently one of these brethren returned to his native land, where he is doing all he can as a self-supporting missionary. Thus we see that work done here may prove a great benefit, not only to these strangers within our gates, but may also be the means of putting excellent workers in the foreign field. Let us pray for these new churches, and do all in our power to push this branch of the work. The co-operation of the Greater New York Conference in getting the work started among these people has been greatly appreciated. B. F. KNEELAND.

OHIO

New Philadelphia, Coshocton, Alliance and Massillon

I WRITE this report to tell how the work is going in this part of the vineyard with the missions number of the *Review*. Our company here in New Philadelphia ordered eight hundred copies. We have succeeded in disposing of six hundred of them, receiving therefor ninety-five dollars. Mrs. Campbell and I used about three hundred copies, for which we received seventy dollars. The brethren

ren and sisters here worked faithfully, and I must say that we were surprised at the readiness of the people to donate to our mission work. The Lord surely blessed us, and at the same time gave us many openings for Bible readings.

It was my privilege to spend a few days during the week of prayer with the company of believers at Coshoc-ton. The meetings were held at the homes of the brethren. The services were spiritual and very helpful to us all. I found the people here all faithful to the message, and doing what they can to hold up the banner of truth in this city. Several of us spent one day with the *Review*, soliciting donations for missions. We received twelve dollars.

The latter part of the week of prayer I spent with the church at Alliance. I am glad to report that the work of the message is onward in this city. We had good meetings; all testified to the goodness of God to them, and expressed their determination to press forward and help finish the work.

January 2 Mrs. Campbell and I conducted the quarterly meeting service with the company of believers at Massillon. This was a blessed day for the church there; we experienced a great refreshing from the Spirit of God. The enemy had been trying for several days to overthrow the Lord's work, but he was defeated.

We are of good courage, and feel as never before like trying to win souls for the Master.

W. M. CAMPBELL,
MRS. W. M. CAMPBELL.

Districts Five And Six

DECEMBER 8-12 I spent with the church at Camden. We had some good meetings, which I trust will help all to come close to the true Christian Model.

From Camden I went to Norwalk, where I found a few faithful brethren who came out twice a day to seek God together, and to study his work. These brethren feel that there ought to be something done in and around Norwalk, and they are ready to co-operate with any laborer who may be sent there to work for those who know not the truth.

December 16-20 I spent with Bro. John Shultz at Delta. I found that he had our people there ready for organization. I enjoyed my labors with him the few days that we were together. Sabbath, December 19, Elder Burkholder formed this com-

pany into a church, and Brother Shultz was ordained as its elder. I trust that this company will become one of the strong churches of the state. Others are about ready to join them in church fellowship.

The remainder of the month I spent at Bowling Green, West Mansfield, and Conant. At West Mansfield the brethren are asking for meetings, and I think a good work could be done in this place and in near-by towns. Conant and Bowling Green reported a good week of prayer. The brethren of the former place have had an excellent experience with the missions number of the *Review*, which shows what can be done by those new in the truth if they will work in faith.

W. E. BIDWELL.

Field Notes

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

QUARTERLY meeting was conducted by Eld. W. H. Heckman at Wilkesbarre, Sabbath afternoon, January 2.

A GOODLY number are planning to attend our canvassers' institute which will follow the conference meeting at Lebanon, Pa. The date is January 20 to February 1.

WE are glad to receive news from Brother and Sister Langenberg that they will soon be with us again. They have been on an extended trip through the West, mostly in Nebraska.

RALPH T. BELL, son of Eld. A. R. Bell, of York, Pa., died January 4. Funeral services were conducted by Eld. W. H. Heckman. A large number of friends and neighbors were in attendance.

THE sum of \$3,500 was raised by the First Philadelphia church during the year 1908. This includes tithe, church expenses, annual offerings, contributions to foreign missions, and other offerings.

BRO. HARVEY GAUKER, who is now canvassing near Sinking Springs, is meeting with splendid success. His report for work done between Christmas and New Years was over \$80.00. Surely the holiday season can not hinder the Lord's work.

THE canvassers' institute promises to be one of the best ever held in this state. A number of old workers who have been in the field during the past

year will be present with the expectation of becoming still more efficient to help finish the work the Lord has given us to do.

EVERYONE who is interested in the promulgation of the third angel's message, and is not already engaged in some branch of the work, should attend the canvassers' institute at Lebanon, January 20 to February 1 inclusive, and prepare to give the message in printed form to the world.

It is interesting to learn that one of the most prominent and earnest members of the Wilkesbarre church received the message through one of our faithful resident canvassers who sold her one of our good books. Moral: Everyone who loves this message should attend the canvassers' institute and prepare to enter the work as general or resident canvassers.

AT Scranton, in the Jackson Street Baptist church, on Sabbath, January 2, Eld. W. H. Heckman, baptized five new members. A large and attentive audience was present. This makes a company of fourteen persons who have recently been added to that flourishing church, largely the result of the work done at camp-meeting, and the faithful service of our Bible worker, Sister Jessie M. Weiss.

CHESAPEAKE

OUR canvassers are all of good courage, and seem to be back in the battle.

THOUGH it is generally supposed that nothing can be done in the canvassing work immediately after the holidays, we feel that our report proves that supposition to be false.

A GERMAN sister, Mrs. Miller by name, who is eighty-one years old, has collected on Thanksgiving *Review* \$7.32. She is a devoted Christian, and we feel that there are many others who might learn a valuable lesson from the faithful labors of this aged sister. Her eyesight is not good, and yet she ventures out alone to go from one end of the city to the other to attend meetings.

EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

VIRGINIA

BROTHER FRENCH writes that he is finding quite a number of interested persons at Roanoke, and asks the

prayers of God's children that he may be enabled to lead them into light. We trust that the good work will go on there.

THE children and youth of the Richmond church rendered quite an interesting program December 26, which we feel sure was enjoyed by all present. The youth have a great work to do, great responsibilities to bear; why not give them a part now?

WHAT is the meaning of the great earthquake which on December 28 visited the southern portion of Italy and the whole island of Sicily, and which sent to death two hundred thousand persons, and caused the destruction of over a million dollars' worth of property? Read Matthew 24: 7, 8 and see.

BROTHER CHRISTIAN SELAHADDIN, a Turkish brother, whose father is commander of the Sultan's yacht, has been attending medical college in Richmond. December 29 he left for the Foreign Mission Seminary, where he expects to prepare himself to carry this message to his people. Let us all remember this brother in our prayers.

WHAT are the youth of Virginia doing with the Volunteer Reading Course? Are you studying it? Are you a Volunteer member, and are you studying for the Standard of Attainment examination, to be given next March? If you are not, you should be. We need youth, wide awake youth, who know this message, and know how to present it to others. Are you one of them?

WE hope our people will not forget the offering for religious liberty work, which is to be taken up Sabbath, February 6, in all the churches. Let us begin now to plan to give an extra large donation, for there will no doubt be many issues which we shall have to meet with our religious liberty literature. This year has just begun; we cannot see what is in store for this branch of the work, but we may get just a faint idea by reading the articles in the *Review* on the "Federal Council of Churches."

WEST VIRGINIA

MISS BESSIE BROWN has gone to Takoma Park to attend the college the rest of the school year.

ELDER STEELE has just returned from Indiaua, where he spent a few days with his mother, who is in very poor health.

BRO. H. E. PROVINCE sends in his first report this week. He says, "The Lord has blessed me greatly since coming here. I can only praise his holy name."

ELDER REES left for the sanitarium at Washington the 12th instant. His health is very much broken down, and we all ask interest in your prayers that he may entirely regain his health while there.

WE are sorry that we have not more reports from the canvassers for this week's issue. We trust all will be more prompt in sending in their reports. Brother Weber's report this week should certainly be encouraging to all.

WE have received several orders for our periodicals during the past week. We trust all of our people who have not the *Review* will order it at once, for a Seventh-day Adventist cannot afford to do without the church paper.

PEARL L. REES.

Mission Notes

AT the close of the New South Wales camp-meeting, Australia, thirty went forward in the ordinance of baptism.

IMMANUEL has returned to the school at Singapore, bringing with him another young man from Battakland. Immanuel's wife also accompanied him this time, to join in the work of preparation to take the message to their own countrymen.

THE first of October, J. F. Olmstead, in charge of Union College, South Africa, baptized seven of the students, ranging in age from sixteen to thirty-five. Ten or twelve more expected to go forward in this ordinance soon. This good experience came to them as a result of their week of prayer services, held there at a different season of the year than in this country.

FROM West Africa the good word comes that the work is moving rapidly in that field. The new school building is nearing completion. At every point where the truth touches, Brother Babcock writes, success at-

tends the effort. The Freetown church has put out a Bible worker, paying her way from their contributions. The first week resulted in her bringing a new Sabbath-keeper with her to the Sabbath services.

THE work on the new printing office at Colon, Canal Zone, is progressing nicely. The building will soon be ready for the occupancy of the *Caribbean Watchman*, published in English for the West Indian Union Conference field; also *El Centinela a de la Verdad*, the Spanish paper for this same field. This latter periodical has been published in Porto Rico, but will be removed to Colon, and Eld. B. E. Connerly and wife will connect with the work in Colon, to continue to carry on the paper.

SISTER CALDWELL, writing from Manilla, says they have just been sending out 290 papers to Filipinos who have purchased the Spanish "Patriarchs and Prophets." She says that the Philippines are an interesting field, that they enjoy their work there, and that by exercising care they have been enabled to keep well. She feels that the Lord has been very good to them. The recent Australasian Union Conference appointed Eld. L. V. Finster and wife to enter the Philippines, and they will soon reach the islands to begin work.

ELD. JOEL C. ROGERS writes that they have so far completed their new school and church building as to be able to use it, holding their first service in it August 1. They were waiting for the glass for the windows to arrive from London, hoping thus to get the windows and doors in before the rains should set in. About twenty more were expected to be ready to go forward in baptism in December. God is greatly blessing the work of the last message in the region where the pioneer missionary, Livingstone, yielded up his life in behalf of the gospel.

EDUCATIONAL

Cincinnati Church School

BELIEVING that God's biddings are enablings, the parents of the children in this school determined to do what they could. One family volunteered to board the teacher; another to provide a room to use as a school room; the third could furnish fuel. When the church saw the efforts of the par-

ents, they made up the salary, so that the school was a possibility.

Co-operation with the teacher would naturally follow such efforts. The children seem anxious to make the best of their opportunities. There have been difficulties, but we are striving to overcome them.

We have now had nearly four months of school, and will soon finish our reviews and mid-winter tests. There are seven pupils enrolled, in grades 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8. The work for some of the pupils will be too hard for them to complete the full year's work, but we shall do what we can.

We organized a little missionary society, which Satan tried hard to destroy; but it has not gone down yet. We have studied one mission field. Some of our meetings have been devoted to temperance studies.

The secret of what success we have had has been the prayers of the parents. Day by day their prayers ascend for the school, and at our weekly prayer-meetings all unite their petitions in behalf of both teacher and pupils. I hope that as a result of this year's work some souls may be won for Christ's kingdom.

CLARA GATES.

Indiana [West Pennsylvania] Church School

A FEW words in reference to the church-school at this place may be of interest to the people in the West Pennsylvania Conference. We are glad to report that the school is doing well. There are about twenty students in the school now.

We had hoped that a few more families of our people would locate here and help to build up the school. There is an opportunity now to get some very good farms near the school. But property is advancing in price in Indiana County, and homes can be secured more cheaply now than in the future. New railroads and street car lines are being built through the county, the wagon roads are being macadamized, and the oil fields opened up. All of these are advancing the price of property.

Time is rapidly closing, and soon it will be too late to do what we ought to do for our children. The Lord has sent testimony after testimony to this people telling us that we ought to educate the children in our own schools, where they may be taught the message for this time. But many do not seem to feel the importance of heeding the voice of God. How sad it will be if the time comes when we must say,

"It is too late; I have failed to do all that I might have done for my children, and now they are lost." I wish something might be said to arouse every one of our people on this important question. May the Lord bless his people, and help them to do their whole duty.

J. W. WATT.

WITH THE CANVASSERS

The Canvasser and His Work— No. 8.

City Work

IN our consideration of the canvasser and his work thus far, it may seem to some that we have discussed only country work; but the general principles of canvassing will apply to work both in the city and in the country.

One of the differences between the city and the country canvassing is that of securing a night's lodging. The matter of getting a room at headquarters for canvassers who are working in the country is neither more nor less than that which would need to be done by those working in the city. The matter of a boarding place, and in fact all phases of city canvassing, have been covered so far as we have gone. My reason for mentioning city canvassing right here is that in our institute work at about this juncture those who are planning on city work will ask, "Are we going to have something on city canvassing?" In city canvassing there are sick to be prayed for, careworn and discouraged mothers who should be prayed with, sorrowing ones to be comforted, and those who are only waiting for someone to talk to them about their eternal welfare. In fact there are many more who need our sympathy and prayers in a large city than in the country.

Entering Homes in the City

"But," I hear someone say, "getting into a home in the city is a much different undertaking than getting into one in the country, for people are on the look-out for agents in the cities." That may be so; but let it also be remembered that country people are not so far behind as some may imagine.

During the morning hour of prayer, let us always remember to ask God to go before us preparing the hearts and minds of the people and opening doors for us. We are not alone in this work. It is not agency work; it is gospel work of the highest order.

Our canvassers are not agents, but evangelists,—missionaries. The Lord has told us that we should tell the people that we are gospel workers.

I have found by following the Lord's instruction,—that is, to represent ourselves as gospel workers, and our work as gospel work,—difficulties in gaining an audience with all classes are few. In canvassing brown stone fronts on the lake front in Chicago, I used the introduction as given in lesson one, and gained an entrance to nearly every home, and an audience with the lady of the house. I also used it in one of the most conservative cities of the middle West, and gained an entrance in nearly every case. This introduction works equally well in the country with the rich farmer and his tenant. The reason for this is because it is in harmony with the instruction which the Lord has given us on this question.

In starting a canvasser in the city of Washington a few days ago, I used this introduction with good results, and the canvasser is having good success. Some time ago I worked with a canvasser in the hills of West Virginia, where people live in log houses with hard wood floors, boards one inch thick by twelve inches wide in the rough, with no carpets and little furniture; yet we gained an entrance to every home with good results. God is in this work, and when we work in his lines he will make us all things to all men, and all men will see that we are his servants.

I once heard of a canvasser who had left the book work and commenced selling soap; but his conscience troubled him so that he returned to the book work with a spirit of earnestness. He presented "Great Controversy" to a lady of considerable Christian refinement, and she gave her order. The lady was favorably impressed by his earnestness and delighted with the book. When he yielded to his conviction to canvass, he had some soap on hand which he desired to dispose of with his books; and as he had succeeded so well in securing the lady's order for "Great Controversy," he approached her on the subject of soap. The lady sat back in her chair with a disappointed look upon her face and remarked: "I thought you were a missionary." This settled the soap business. That canvasser could see that those who know not the truth for this time could recognize a canvasser who is selling books containing God's special message, as a missionary or gospel worker.

May all Israel look up to-day in this

darkest hour of earth's long night and realize that the canvassing work is demanding better service than they are at present able to render.

Next week I shall tell you how to meet the various objections; such as, "Times are so hard;" "We have more books than we have time to read;" "We do not have time to read the papers;" "That book is very good, but it is only man's opinion;" "I can borrow Mrs. B—'s book;" "I was swindled by an agent once," and such like.

I. D. RICHARDSON,
Gen. Ag't. C. U. C.

West Virginia Canvassers' Institute

THIS will be the most important canvassers' institute that has ever been held in West Virginia, and we hope to have in attendance those who expect to go into the work largely for the purpose of getting the truth contained in our books before the people. However, those who go out with books must have some income from their sales, and must have some good territory where books can be sold. This we have in abundance. We hope to find a number in the conference who will attend the institute, not merely to go home after it is over, but to start from the institute to the field.

Brother Richardson, our Union Conference agent, and Bro. D. W. Percy, our state agent, will be with us all the way through the meetings, as well as some good talent from our home ministry. Board and lodging will be furnished free to all who will go to work in the field at the close of the institute. I shall be glad to have a letter from any or all who expect to be in attendance. I trust to hear from many in the near future. The time set for this meeting is February 19 to March 5.

J. M. REES.

Canvassers' Institute

THE canvassers' institute in the Virginia Conference will be held at Lynchburg from February 5-19. We trust that all who are working in the field, and many others who are planning to enter this branch of the Lord's work, will avail themselves of this opportunity to come and study the principles that make canvassing work a success.

Competent instructors will be present, among whom will be our Union Conference general agent; and we have the promise that if it is possible Eld. Morris Lukens will also be present. We also hope to have our

conference president with us. Other help will be arranged for.

Our conference committee has agreed, as usual, to allow to canvassers an extra five per cent on all books delivered until the expense of coming to the institute and their return to their field of labor has been refunded.

There may be some in Virginia who are planning to go to one of our schools the coming fall, and wish to earn a scholarship. This institute will offer them a good opportunity to learn the art of canvassing, and they could begin to work for their scholarship right after the institute. To such the same offer is made as to those who are going into the field permanently.

We shall appreciate it if you will drop us a few lines, so that we may know for how many to prepare. Rooms will be furnished free, if we are notified in time.

H. W. ZEIDLER,
407 Wadsworth St., Lynchburg, Va.

West Pennsylvania Canvassers' Institute

OF course West Pennsylvania is going to have a canvassers' institute this winter, and we intend to make it one of the best if not the best canvassers' school ever held in this conference. Why should it not be when we are just on the "borders of the eternal world," and when the late great catastrophe, which was one of the most destructive of its kind, is calling in loud accents for the world to repent, and for the people of God to get ready for the event which we have been so long looking for. We refer of course to the recent earthquake in Italy. As the few who escaped stood looking into each others' blanched faces, they asked, "When will this awful devastation and death cease in our country?" It remains for us who know the truth to answer the question for them. We know that it will grow worse and worse even to the end, and we shall be held responsible for the attitude that we take in the matter. "So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me." In this chapter (Ezekiel 33) we are told that if we do not warn the wicked, their blood will be upon our heads, but if we are loyal to duty we shall deliver our souls. Therefore it becomes our duty to make the preparation necessary to most successfully accomplish the work set before us.

The bookmen's convention recently held at Washington was one of the

best ever held, and we intend to introduce into the West Pennsylvania institute the helpful things given us there. Bro. I. D. Richardson will be with us all the way through, and we hope to have others of our leading men in this line with us also. We are planning what we believe to be one of the best programs ever presented in a school of this kind, and shall be prepared to give the help that will enable you to go forth from the institute qualified for the work of saving souls. We trust that our experienced men in the field will take notice of this also. You cannot afford to miss this institute, for there will be many helpful things there for you.

We are not prepared to make a full announcement at this time, but you may plan on receiving room and board free, and your car fare will be refunded in the usual manner. This last is only for those who will agree to immediately take up this good work. Watch the VISITOR for further announcements of this institute. The writer would like to hear from those who are thinking of attending, that arrangements may be made for them. We shall be glad to answer any questions that you may care to ask about the institute.

I. G. BIGELOW, *Field Agent.*

Successful Delivering

WE have been very much encouraged by the success of our canvassers in their holiday deliveries. Brother Leach had orders for forty-four copies of "Daniel and the Revelation." Two were postponed, and one was canceled; but he sold three extra copies, which made his delivery 100 per cent.

He writes: "Thursday and Friday of the week ending December 18, the roads were nearly impassable. Had they remained in that condition it would have been impossible for me to make my deliveries in the specified time. I began to feel a little disheartened; but then I thought the Lord had helped me to take the orders and he would surely help me to deliver them. So I asked him, if it was his will, to make the roads get better; and I never witnessed such a change in so short a time. I thank the Lord for his help, for I know that I could do nothing without it." He intends to push the work through the winter.

Ray Corder writes that the Lord has truly blessed him in his deliveries, enabling him to place books in homes where he least expected that they would take them. He and his brother, Guy Corder, expect to finish Guernsey County by the time of the institute in March. It is this steady work, summer and winter, that counts with the resident canvasser, and that he can reasonably expect the Lord to bless.

E. R. NUMBERS.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

Chesapeake, Week Ending Jan. 8, 1909

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
J. Siler,* Frederick Co., Md.,	CK	8	51	29	\$36 00	\$ 5 65	\$41 65	\$	
J. Paden, Washington Co., Md.,	CK	3	16	7	8 50		8 50		
J. Jeffreys, Harford Co., Md.,	CK	5	29	7	9 50	1 00	10 50		5 50
J. Jones, Cambridge, Md.,	CK	4	30	18	23 50		23 50		9 00
J. Parks, Cambridge, Md.,	CK	5	24½	29	37 50		37 50		1 00
C. Jones, Howard Co., Md.,	CK	5	34	30	37 00	6 20	43 20		14 00
W. Adkins, Frederick Co.,	CK		13						50 00
E. Mitchell,* Carroll Co., Md.,	DA	3	20			16 50	16 50		
E. Franklin, Frederick Co., Md.,	CK	3	14	9	13 00		13 00		27 50
O. Yingling, Carroll Co., Md.,	CK	3	20	8	12 50	1 80	14 30		
Totals,			39	251½	137	\$177 50	\$31 15	\$208 65	\$107 00

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending Jan. 8, 1909

H. Gauker, Berks,	DR	5	38	33	79 50	3 75	83 25	1 75
R. Spaugenberg, Scranton,	DR	1	5	1	2 75		2 75	21 45
J. Gearhart, Berks	DR	1	8					9 30
M. Hackett, Schuylkill,	HM	4	24					28 25
G. Hackett, "	HM	4	24					33 25
K. Peiffer, Lebanon,	BF	2	14					22 15
B. Saubel, York,	OK	5	30	5	5 00	2 45	7 45	28 85
L. Gilbert, Northumberland,	GA	5	27	38	10 25		10 25	
Totals,		27	170	77	\$97 50	\$6 20	\$103 70	\$145 05

Ohio, Week Ending Jan. 8, 1909

E. Horst, Ross Co.,	GC	5	46	17	46 75	2 60	49 35	
C. Leach, Washington Co.,	DR	5	33	11	31 25	9 00	40 25	
J. Randolph, Marion Co.,	DR	5	40	14	36 00	1 45	37 45	2 35
E. Sharp, Lawrence Co.,	BF	4	22½	48	48 50		48 50	
L. Holobaugh,* Ross Co.,	SP		56	17	25 50		25 50	
Totals,		19	197½	107	\$188 00	\$13 05	\$201 05	\$2 35

New Jersey, Week Ending Jan. 1, 1909

S. Oberg, New Brunswick,	DR	2	16	10	33 50	6 00	39 50	51 50
G. Blinn, Hopewell,	GC	4	27	8	24 00		24 00	
C. Grey, Dover,	OK	5	33	36	42 00	5 05	47 05	1 00
Totals,		11	76	54	\$99 50	\$11 05	\$110 55	\$52 50

West Virginia, Week Ending Jan. 8, 1909

J. Jennings, Jefferson Co.,	DR	5	36	1	2 75	13 50	16 25	7 75
H. Province, McDowell Co.,	DR	2	15	16	44 00		44 00	
G. Weber, McDowell Co.,	GC	4	32	33	94 75	6 50	101 25	
Totals,		11	83	50	\$141 50	\$20 00	\$161 50	\$7 75

*Two Weeks.

FINANCIAL

OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

DECEMBER, 1908

Akron.....	\$ 41 30
Alliance.....	102 73
Barnesville.....	22 60
Beaver.....	15 17
Bellefontaine.....	20 23
Bellville.....	23 28
Bowling Green.....	100 00
Broughton.....	3 50
Camden.....	38 65
Canton.....	14 15
Chagrin Falls.....	27 10
Charlottesville.....	22 69
Cincinnati.....	137 08
Cleveland.....	294 38

Cleveland German.....	34 23
Clyde.....	109 39
Columbus.....	161 79
Conneaut.....	6 70
Corsica.....	2 15
Coshocton.....	59 85
Dayton.....	115 69
Defiance.....	18 15
Delaware.....	38 61
Delta.....	27 47
Derwent.....	17 93
Dowling.....	5 00
Dunkirk.....	2 00
East Liverpool.....	1 28
Elgin.....	35 15
Greenspring.....	13 58
Hamilton.....	116 60
Killbuck.....	20 66
Lagrange.....	20 48
Laura.....	54 00

Liberty Center.....	50 31
Lima.....	37 80
Mansfield.....	27 15
Marion.....	71 63
Massillon.....	18 50
Mendon.....	8 25
Middlefield.....	14 38
Mount Vernon.....	177 03
Newark.....	28 06
New Philadelphia.....	16 09
Piqua.....	53 62
Pleasant Hill.....	55 46
Plimpton.....	5 30
Powell.....	35 06
Ravenna.....	3 40
Reedsville.....	1 25
Rows.....	60 50
Sherwood.....	78 10
Springfield.....	288 66
Toledo.....	191 27
Troy (Ashland County).....	43 99
Van Wert.....	47 02
Walnut Grove.....	57 35
Waterford.....	61 45
Wheelerburg.....	82 77
Wilmington.....	62 23
Youngstown.....	38 11
Zanesville.....	41 39
Individuals.....	94 65

Total.....\$3,405.35

C. V. HAMER, Treas.

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

DECEMBER, 1908

Tithe.....	\$3,405.35
Tract Society.....	1,041 07
First Day Offering.....	237 87
Sabbath-school Donations.....	323 00
Missionary Volunteers.....	1 00
\$150,000 Fund.....	5 06
Southern Field.....	28 21
Thanksgiving Review.....	657 11
Annual Offering.....	689 02
Jamaica.....	4 63
Africa.....	1 80
India.....	1 00

Total.....\$6,395.13

C. V. HAMER, Treas.

NEW JERSEY TITHE REPORT

Quarter Ending September 30, 1908

Atlantic City.....	61 45
Bridgeton.....	138 05
Burlington.....	74 90
Camden.....	187 09
Cape May Court House.....	23 92
Elizabeth.....	70 86
Jersey City First.....	72 09
Jersey City Second.....	181 77
Jersey City German.....	129 86
Morristown.....	1 50
Hackensack.....	28 08
Newark.....	236 90
Paterson.....	65 80
Paulsboro.....	4 65
Perth Amboy.....	27 04
Plainfield.....	
Salem.....	62 98
Trenton.....	402 85
Vineland.....	156 95
West Hoboken.....	86 04
Woodbury.....	3 31
Little Falls.....	14 85
Individuals.....	287 02

Total.....\$2,317.96

D. K. ROYER, Treas.

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To Our Contributors

WE take this opportunity to thank various workers for promptness in reporting matters of interest concerning the work in their part of the field. Let this continue; let us have all departments of the conference represented from week to week. Each issue of the VISITOR ought to faithfully reflect the conditions in the Union. We hope the school people, the medical and the religious liberty workers will not forget that theirs is an important part of the work. The lay members of our churches are also important factors in this weekly resume. Why not make the clerk in each church a regular correspondent to furnish items of interest?

Our forms close Sunday afternoon. All matter intended for the current number of the VISITOR must reach us not later than Wednesday before the date of issue. It should reach us earlier than that. Correspondents will please bear in mind that the composition is done mostly by students who are carrying full school work. Hence somewhat more time is required for getting out the paper than would be the case were the workmen putting in full time. We are trying hard to get the paper to the subscriber not later than Thursday. If all concerned will co-operate with us it will be possible to do this, and at the same time have it contain the latest doings of the conference.

NOTICES AND APPOINTMENTS

Committee and Board Meeting

THE Columbia Union Conference Committee and a few others will meet in Mount Vernon February 1 to audit the accounts of the Union Conference laborers, and to transact any other business which may be necessary. It is hoped that all members of the executive committee will be present at this time. It is expected that the newly elected Board of Trustees of the College will meet at this same time.

G. B. THOMPSON,
Pres. Columbia Union Conference.

Notice To Ohio Delegates

PLEASE bring with you one pair of blankets, one comfortable, and one pillow. This will greatly assist us.

MRS. IDA JAYNES,
Clerk of Columbus Church.

OBITUARIES

PURDHAM.—Died Dec. 23, 1908, Jeremiah Purdham, aged 81 years, 7 months, and 20 days. A wife, four sons, and three daughters are left to mourn, besides many other relatives and friends. He was conscious to the time of his death. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Eld. T. H. Painter. Text: John 11: 25, 26.

H. W. HERRELL.

DEVAULT.—Died at Defiance, Ohio, Dec. 18, 1908, Arthur Edward DeVault, son of Mr. and Mrs. James DeVault, aged 16 years, 8 months, and 27 days. While going to his home on the evening of December 15, he undertook to light an arc lamp, and coming in contact with a live wire was instantly killed. Of a kind and gentle disposition, he was loved and respected by all who knew him. A father, mother, and two brothers remain to mourn his loss. As none of our ministers could be secured in time, words of comfort were spoken by the United Brethren minister from Isa. 38:10.

MAMIE TELSCHON.

WALDEN.—Died of acute tuberculosis at the home of his parents, William and Elizabeth Walden, in Green Springs, Ohio, January 1, 1909, James Gerald, aged 4 years, 2 months, and 22 days. Gerald's illness first manifested itself on Thanksgiving morning, after which time it gradually assumed more serious form until death released the patient little sufferer. We are assured that Jesus will awaken his precious heritage in the morning of the first resurrection. The funeral was held in the Seventh-day Adventist church in Green Springs, where words of comfort were spoken by the writer to a large number of sympathizing friends.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.

RADABAUGH.—Died at his home near Ottawa, Putman Co., Ohio, James Radabaugh, Sunday, Nov. 29, 1908, at the age of 78 years and 7 months. His days were in much mercy extended beyond man's allotted time, and he was privileged to see his descendants to the fourth generation. Almost fifty years ago he accepted the belief of the Seventh-day Adventists, and has ever since affiliated with this people, being the last surviving charter member of the Gilboa church. A crowded house testified in silent eloquence to his standing with his friends and neighbors, among whom, for almost half a century, his one purpose was to live the truth. He leaves a wife, seven sons, and four daughters who sorrow, yet not without hope. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by the resident pastors.

A. C. SHANNON.

MATRIMONIAL

Scott-Foote

IN the presence of a large number of friends and acquaintances from Washington and Baltimore, Brother Bernard P. Foote, of Takoma Park, D. C., and Miss Jeannette R. Scott, of Baltimore, Md., were united in marriage by the writer, at the home of the bride's grandmother, on Christmas Eve., 1908. Mr. and Mrs. Foote will make their home at Takoma Park, D. C., where Mr. Foote is employed in the treasurer's office of the General Conference. They were the recipients of the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

CARLYLE B. HAYNES.

Burkholder-Holtom

IN the presence of forty invited guests, Miss Bertha M. Burkholder and Mr. Harley D. Holtom were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, in Bellville, Ohio, at 8 P. M., Dec. 31, 1908. While the wedding march was being played by Miss Augst, of Mount Vernon College, the bridal party took their places beneath a beautiful holly arch, where the writer made the happy couple one for life. A very healthful repast was served after the ceremony.

Owing to the popularity of the bride and groom, they were the recipients of many useful as well as beautiful presents. Among the guests were several students from Mount Vernon College, where both bride and groom have been students. All present united in wishing them happy lives of united service in the cause of present truth.

JAMES E. SHULTZ.