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GENERAL MATTER

President's Address¹

ANOTHER year of the precious time given us by God for preparation for his kingdom has passed, and we are again permitted to assemble in annual conference. It gives me great pleasure to again greet the representatives of our churches. I trust that our gathering here may prove a decided impetus to the work of God all along the line in this state.

We are truly living in an age of rapid development. During the last twelve months, marvelous progress has been made in both the secular and the religious world. Many of the dreams of inventors and scientists, which have seemed to sober-minded people simply visionary, are to-day realities. The prophetic word has fulfilled with such amazing rapidity, that instead of wondering how these

¹Address of Eld. B. F. Kneeland, President of New Jersey Conference before the delegates of his conference at Jersey City, Jan. 21, 1909

prophecies can ever become realized we are concerned with the question, How can we possibly accomplish the work which must be done before the end overtakes us? We are only just beginning to awaken to the immensity of the task before us. Everywhere open doors are staring us in the face, and voices are calling for the only real remedy for the moral and spiritual depravity of the age. While the popular churches are becoming so infatuated with the desire for political power, that reform by conversion is only a secondary consideration, we to whom God has entrusted the last message of mercy should make the most of the remnant of time that yet remains. Should disaster visit our own great cities, like that which so recently befell Messina, could we feel that we had done our duty in preparing the inhabitants for the awful event? Surely God will hold us accountable for the use we make of our present opportunities.

The various department secretaries will render reports directly to you at this conference; yet I am sure that you will allow me to attempt a brief survey of the work done, and an outline of future plans.

Evangelical Department.

During the year our workers have spent all the time that could be spared from the new fields, in work among the churches. Two special efforts for the churches have been conducted during the past year; one last spring, preceding the canvassers' institute, and the other this fall in connection with the week of prayer. These have proved of great value in encouraging our people. The workers' and church elders' convention held last winter in connection with the Greater New York Conference proved so helpful that we felt we ought to have more of this instruction, and at the workers' institute just closed, considerable attention was paid to this important matter. Great responsibilities rest upon our church officers, and our ministers and workers should do all in their power to assist them. The latent

ability in our churches, which has been allowed to rust out through inaction, must be trained and directed. God's purpose in the church will never be met until every member is an active factor in the spiritual unity of the whole. You may add, multiply, subtract, or divide by a cipher, and the result is unchanged. I believe that there are some whose names are on our church books, whose connection is neither beneficial to the church nor to themselves. I believe the time has come when the line of demarcation between the believers and the world should be unmistakable. This is no time to let the standard of Christian living be lowered. The tendencies of the day to compromise with worldly customs must meet the unflinching opposition of those who call themselves the true people of God. This work should not be left to the minister, or to the church elder alone. The most faithful labor of these workers may be rendered almost valueless if the members of the church by their attitude and example encourage the wrong doer in his evil course. If, however, the church makes it plain that they, while loving the individual, do not in any way countenance his wrong actions, a long step will be taken in the direction of reform.

We feel that we have special reason for praising God for the good increase in membership during the past year. This has come as a boon from our heavenly Father, who has blessed us much more than we have deserved. There have been eight tent efforts held during the year; two in Woodbury, two in Union Hill, among the Germans; one each in East Orange, Vailsbur, and Little Falls, and an effort among the Scandinavians in Hoboken. Nearly all of these efforts have been productive of good results. Since our last annual conference, two churches have been organized; the Scandinavian church at Perth Amboy, and the Bohemian-Slavic church of Newark. Companies have been formed in other places, which we hope soon to see developed into strong churches.

Our camp-meeting at Woodbury in

August was the first ever held by the New Jersey Conference, apart from some other conference, since its formation. The meeting was well attended by the brethren, especially those living in that part of the state. The Lord came very near to those who assembled on that occasion, and the labors of Elder Andross and the other visiting ministers brought great blessings and encouragement to our people. The value of such gatherings as a means of strengthening and unifying the churches was abundantly demonstrated. We trust that future meetings of this kind will prove of even greater benefit to the work. As a people we should heed the command of the Lord, and not neglect to assemble ourselves together. This will be a great safeguard against the efforts of the enemy to bring in confusion.

We are glad that God has graciously brought to us a number of those who had been deceived by false representation of the character of our work. We extend to all who will unite with us on the broad platform of the third angel's message our most hearty sympathy and love. The remarkable ways in which the Lord has brought unity out of confusion should lead us to serve with unwavering confidence the One who has wrought so marvelously for us.

(Concluded next week.)

WITH THE HARVESTERS

VIRGINIA

Newport News

SUNDAY, January 24, the new church building for the colored people, at Newport News, was dedicated. With a goodly number in attendance, the following program was rendered: Opening hymn, Bro. J. E. Gardner; scripture reading, Eld. Leslie Munce; prayer, Bro. D. Chalmers; dedicatory sermon, Elder Herrell; text, Psalm 84:4; dedicatory prayer, Elder Munce; solo, Sister Christian; offering; closing hymn, Elder Munce; benediction, Eld. H. W. Herrell.

We were pleased to have with us on this occasion the members of the church of white people at Newport News; also several from the colored congregation at Norfolk. The members of the Newport News church have worked hard and faithfully to help raise the money to erect this church building; and we are glad to say that they now have a neat, comfortable building. It has a seating capacity of one hundred or more. It

is a building which will be a credit to the cause of truth in that part of the Lord's vineyard. We pray that God will bless this little church, and keep every member faithful until Jesus comes. May its light shine so brightly that many more souls will find the way of truth before it is too late.

We have no discouraging word to send from Virginia. The way grows brighter every day, for "if God be for us, who can be against us?" As we look out over the field, we see dotted here and there memorials to the cause of truth; so "we thank God and take courage." Remember the work in Virginia in your prayers.

H. W. HERRELL.

OHIO

Cleveland.

I WILL send a report of some of my work to the VISITOR, for it is encouraging to me to read the reports from the different laborers. I can join with them in saying that the work in my part of the field is moving forward.

Since I came to this conference, it has been my lot to labor for the Germans in this city, until the week of prayer. The first two days of the week of prayer, I remained with the Cleveland German church, which was organized Nov. 8, 1908. The meetings were held at the homes of the members. The services were spiritual and helpful to us all.

The latter part of the week of prayer I spent with the church at Sherwood. I am glad to report that we had very good meetings in this little church. All testified to the goodness of God to them, and expressed their determination to press forward and help finish the work. The offerings amounted to \$22. But the best of all was that four dear young people gave their hearts to Jesus and expressed their desire to be baptized.

This church, the first German church in this state, was organized by Eld. S. S. Schrock in 1897. The members of this church have paid in tithes during the past year \$226, and \$48.67 offerings to missions. They have expressed a great desire to carry the message to others. One brother said to me, "If you will go and preach this message to the Germans in Logan County, I will pay all of your expenses."

Our Cleveland German church has twenty members, and the Sabbath-school has thirty-four members. Since May, 1908, these have paid \$164.44 tithes, and Sabbath-school donations, \$48.24; week of prayer offerings, \$8.75; thanksgiving ingather-

ing, \$18.87; foreign missions, \$12.53; home missions, \$10.75; church rent and expenses, \$123.76.

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

H. F. GRAF.

WASHINGTON

Clarkston and Asotin

WHILE my labors have been on the Pacific slope since my association with the dear friends in Mt. Vernon one year ago, yet I often have them in mind, and I thought perhaps a report from me might not be out of place. I have engaged the past season with other brethren in tent work in Clarkston and Asotin, Wash. A few in each place began the observance of the Sabbath. We moved our tent to Asotin September 1. Just then two of my Ohio associates, B. F. Kennedy and C. F. Glascock, visited us (a very happy event) and helped us to erect the tent in Asotin. I was also very glad to have them accompany me on a walk of over thirty miles to our humble home in the mountain forest. After remaining over Sabbath, we returned, and they went to California.

After the close of the tent effort at Asotin, a noted champion of the Sunday cause took it upon himself to oppose our work by preaching two sermons announced to be on the Sabbath question, but devoted mostly to a defamation of the decalogue, and tirades against Mrs. White and the Adventist body in general. In endeavoring to show that we are now not under the moral law, he put special stress upon Isa. 33:22: "For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; he will save us." An argument was made to show that the Lord here mentioned as being our lawgiver must be the same as he who is our King, our Judge and our Saviour. This being clearly shown to be Jesus, it was assumed to be plainly proven that we have a new lawgiver and a new law. In reviewing these discourses, I simply added on to this structure by showing that Christ is also our Creator as well. John 1:1-10; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2. And not only was he our Creator, but also the one who spoke the law from Mt. Sinai. See Acts 7:38; Ex. 23:20-23; I Cor. 10:4, 9. So he is not only now our lawgiver in this dispensation, but such has he been ever since the beginning of human history. And this is also shown by the very text itself. For when was it that Isaiah said the

Lord is our lawgiver? Over seven hundred years before Jesus was born. If he was then our lawgiver,—as he certainly was; and all know the ten commandments were then the rule of conduct, the law binding upon all,—what law did he give? The decalogue of course. The fourth commandment was a part of that law, and being himself Creator in connection with the Father, it must be he who rested upon the seventh day from the work of creation, for the same one who created must be the one who rested. The seventh day must therefore be the Sabbath of Christ, or the Christian Sabbath.

I never heard the statement of a recent journal more fully demonstrated than on this occasion; viz., that "law is a laughing stock," for the audience was made to laugh heartily at what was held out to be such a great folly,—the effort to keep the ten commandments. But while man says they cannot be kept, the Lord says, Here are they that keep them. Rev. 14:12. May we be among that number. F. D. STARR.

Field Notes

NEW JERSEY

THE total amount of Thanksgiving donations received up to and including January 31, 1909, is \$1221.20.

FIFTY-NINE delegates responded to roll call at the conference. We were much pleased to see so good an attendance in view of the location and the financial conditions.

WE were very glad to meet at the institute Bro. W. B. Plant, who has returned to us after a short course at the Pennsylvania Sanitarium, and is now enthusiastically entering the canvassing work. He will locate with Bro. C. E. Grey, at Dover.

THE fact that there was only one dissenting vote cast during the entire conference, is its own commentary on the spirit of unity manifested at the meeting. Time spent in harmonious planning for aggressive work is much more profitably employed than if devoted to contention and strife.

A LARGE proportion of last year's canvassers expect to remain in the work this year, which is a very good indication. With scarcely an exception, all who were in the work last year, and are still in the state, are planning to take hold with re-

newed vigor for 1909. As we are one year nearer the last opportunity to save souls, we should pray more fervently, and throw ourselves into the work with more devotion than ever before.

SABBATH, January 9, Eld. B. F. Kneeland conducted a baptismal service at Paterson. The Holland Baptist church kindly granted the use of their baptistry for the occasion. So many came to witness the scene that the building was packed to the doors. After a short sermon on the meaning of the ordinance, eleven precious souls were led down to the symbolic grave, and buried with Christ. Most of these were brought into the faith through the labors of Bro. J. H. Carroll during the tent meeting at Little Falls last summer.

A VERY fine class took the instruction in the canvassing work given by Brethren Richardson and French at the institute. This band of devoted workers will, with the blessing of God, plant the seeds of truth in thousands of homes in this state before the year is ended. Those who remain at home, enjoying freedom from the trials which surround the soldiers on the firing line, should make it a point to remember daily these faithful souls in earnest prayer that God may open many hearts to receive this warning message through the printed page.

THE Sabbath-school convention held at Jersey City, January 16, 17, was successful in bringing out many helpful suggestions to our workers and local officers. It was voted at the conference to have such conventions held with each school during the year. If this is done, and all our Sabbath-school and church officers enter heartily into the work as outlined, it requires no prophet's eye to foresee rapid advancement in the Sabbath-school work in this state. A splendid gain was made last year in the Sabbath-school donations to missions, \$827.82 having been received during the year, or \$358.86 more than was sent in during 1907. Shall we not make it \$1000 for 1909?

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

THE president of one of the large corporations in Philadelphia is a patient at the Pennsylvania Sanitarium.

ELDER W. H. HECKMAN attended the Columbia Union Conference Com-

mittee meeting at Mount Vernon, Ohio, February 1-4.

ON Sabbath and Sunday, January 30 and 31, Eld. W. H. Heckman visited the churches at Williamsport and Jersey Shore.

DR. W. H. SMITH met with the church at Allentown on Sabbath, January 30. His services were very much appreciated.

BROTHER E. R. BROWN, the secretary of the Columbia Union Conference, spent several days at our Lebanon conference meeting. His presence was appreciated.

THE best and largest annual meeting in the history of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference closed January 19. Twenty-three more delegates were in attendance than at any previous meeting.

THE Pennsylvania Sanitarium desires to communicate with a number of young men and women, of character and education, to enter their training class for nurses next fall. Write to Dr. W. H. Smith.

Dr. W. H. SMITH, superintendent of the Pennsylvania Sanitarium, spoke at the New Jersey Conference meeting, Sabbath, January 23. Urgent cases called him away, although several persons at the meeting desired to consult him professionally.

THE Eastern Pennsylvania Conference voted to ask each member of the conferences of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Ohio, to sell three copies of "Ministry of Healing," and donate the proceeds to the Pennsylvania Sanitarium.

ANY members of our conference who desire medical advice are invited to write to Dr. W. H. Smith, superintendent of the Pennsylvania Sanitarium, 1929 Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., who will be pleased to correspond with such persons.

By the time this reaches our readers, a very successful canvassers' institute will have closed at Lebanon. Sixteen young, devoted canvassers, with a burning desire to carry the last message in the form of the printed page, will be planning to enter upon their important work. Pray for them.

VIRGINIA

BROTHER ZEIDLER spent Sabbath and Sunday, January 23, 24, at the home of Sister Overstreet at Montvale; he also spent several days visiting at Roanoke.

WE are glad to learn from Brother French that there are seven families in Roanoke who are very much interested in the truth. He also states that there are several in each family who he expects will soon step out and obey the Lord.

RICHMOND church number one is planning to district the city and work it thoroughly with the "Home Bible Studies." This would not be a bad plan for the warning of some of our large cities. In this way every home may be given the light of the third angel's message.

WE are pleased with the interest the Virginia people are taking in the coming General Conference. Many are planning to attend. We hope to see everyone there, and also hope that you have already sent in your subscription for the *Bulletin*. You cannot afford to do without it.

WHEN last heard from, the Portsmouth church had received \$25 from their work with the special *Review*; the Alexandria church received \$9, and the Roanoke church \$12; but as these churches had not then finished their work with the *Review*, we hope they will have a still larger report to make.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

BROTHER AND SISTER BUTLER, of North East, Pa., spent Sabbath, February 6, with the church at Corydon.

ELD. F. D. WAGNER attended the Columbia Union Conference Committee meeting at Mount Vernon, Ohio.

I. N. WILLIAMS was called to Buffalo, N. Y., to be with the workers there over Sabbath, February 6.

WE trust that many of our brethren and sisters are planning to attend our sixth annual conference to be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church in Clearfield, Pa., March 1 to 6, 1909. A profitable meeting is planned.

It is with pleasure that we note the interesting experiences of our workers who are engaged in distributing

the printed page, and as we read letters from these workers we realize that now is the time to work as never before.

ANY schools that may not have sent in their report for the last quarter will please do so at once. Mail to the office at Corydon, Pa.; also address all communications in regard to the Sabbath-school work to this office until further notice.

SOME have no doubt been anxiously looking for word regarding the condition of our dear Sabbath-school Secretary, Sister Fannie Fondersmith. On Sabbath, January 9, Sister Fondersmith attended church as usual and was seemingly all right when she returned home. About seven o'clock in the evening she suffered a stroke of paralysis, and at this writing is still in a critical condition. The news of this was quite a shock to us, as a short time before this she had written the office and stated that she was feeling very well, and more like work than she had for some time past. As all the Sabbath-schools well know, she has been doing faithful work.

MANY will be glad to hear of our former worker and faithful brother, Andrew Ness. Brother Ness, now located at Caldwell, Idaho, writes: "I must express my thankfulness for the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR,—which I have been getting all along,—that gives us the experiences of different workers in that field. The first thing I look for is the canvassing reports. I have not done any canvassing as yet, as I have been so busy . . . improving the land and getting our home somewhat comfortable. But I shall not be satisfied until I get into the work again. . . . I never can forget the Keystone State, and the many friends I left behind me." Brother Ness believes he can place a number of our books among his neighbors, and also expects soon to enter some near-by towns.

BROTHER F. H. ROBBINS writes of the work in Erie as follows: "Brother Wagner was here on January 23, 24. We had baptism on Sabbath, January 23. Some who thought of coming from Albion for baptism did not get here. We baptized three. One was a young man who came into the truth through my Bible studies. He has gone back to Ireland, and stated before he went that he intended to stand firm for the truth among his people over there. The other two

were a brother and sister from North East, who have recently taken a firm stand for the truth." Brother Robbins also states that Brother Whitford, having just built a new house at North East, has extended him an invitation to come out and hold some meetings in it, stating that he will lay boards on chairs and make seats. Brother Robbins has planned to accept this invitation, and will begin meetings on February 15. Sometime ago we learned through Sister Whitford that quite an interest was being manifested where they live, and that they had organized a Sabbath-school there.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

East Pennsylvania Conference Session

THE fifth annual meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference was held in the Sons of America Hall, Lebanon, Pa., January 12-19, with the largest number of delegates in attendance since the division of the state conference, who manifested their love of the truth by their hearty co-operation and desire to advance the cause in Eastern Pennsylvania.

Brotherly love and unity prevailed in all the business sessions, as well as in the work of the various committees. Eld. G. B. Thompson, our Union Conference President, was in attendance throughout the session; also Eld. K. C. Russell. These brethren rendered invaluable service, and were untiring in their labors to make this the best annual meeting in the history of our conference.

Our president, Eld. W. H. Heckman, in his annual address, spoke encouragingly of the progress of the work in all its phases during the past year. He stated that one hundred and twenty-five new Sabbath-keepers were added to our ranks in this conference during that time, and three new church organizations. He referred to the increase in tithes and offerings, the former being more than \$2,000 in excess of the previous year, while there was an increase of over \$1,500 in the contributions to foreign missions. The canvassers reported sales upwards of \$10,000. He wished it to be understood that this good showing was due to the general co-operation of our faithful brethren and sisters.

Dr. Wilburn H. Smith, the superintendent of the Pennsylvania Sanitarium, represented the work of that institution. Since Doctor Smith became

officially connected with the sanitarium, six months ago, it has enjoyed very good patronage, and under the guiding hand of the Lord, it will no doubt have a prosperous future. An encouraging feature is the fact that Doctor Smith has been able to secure four leading specialists of Philadelphia to associate with him on the medical staff. These physicians stand very high in the medical world, and can aid not only in raising the ethical standing of our sanitarium, but also greatly aid us by their patronage. The delegates appreciated the interesting address of Doctor Smith upon the "Gospel of Health."

The evening services were of special interest, and, being well advertised, secured a good hearing for our visiting brethren. The temperance and religious liberty rallies were very inspiring to our own people, and interesting to the general public. The salient points of the message were also ably presented. The interest is being followed up by Eld. Charles S. Weist, who is conducting nightly meetings in our church on Seventh Street.

Our brethren and sisters were greatly edified by the encouraging reports of the progress of the message in distant fields, and the sacrifice and loyalty of our workers, as related by Prof. H. R. Salisbury, in his inspiring sermons on Sabbath and Sunday mornings.

The publishing work was ably represented by Bro. I. D. Richardson, who remained after the conference session, from January 20 to February 1, to conduct a canvassers' institute. Sixteen young pioneers are planning to enter this important branch of the work, for whom we solicit your daily prayers.

A most appropriate time for ordination service was Sabbath, January 16, when brethren Charles S. Weist and Irwin M. Martin were set apart for the sacred work of the gospel ministry. Eld. G. B. Thompson delivered the charge; Eld. K. C. Russell offered the prayer, and Prof. H. R. Salisbury gave the address of welcome. This was a very impressive service.

The conference voted that each member of the conferences of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Ohio be invited to sell three copies of "Ministry of Healing," at \$1.50 each, and credit the same to the Pennsylvania Sanitarium. This affords an excellent opportunity to do missionary work at our front door with the milk man and merchants, as well as many others. It is hoped that our brethren

and sisters in Eastern Pennsylvania will lead the pace in this good work.

The brethren and sisters of Lebanon could not have shown greater appreciation of the conference meeting than was shown by their unselfish hospitality in entertaining the delegates; in recognition of which a suitable preamble and resolution was passed by the conference and printed with the conference proceedings in the daily press of Lebanon.

The Lord gave us special favor with two of the leading newspapers of the city, which very courteously printed practically all the news, including the evening discourses. For this privilege of using the daily press to propagate our message among thousands of its readers, without cost to us, we are thankful, and pray that fruit may result to the glory of our Lord and his blessed cause.

The laborers in this conference will long remember the influence of the Spirit of the Lord at the last workers' meeting, when Elders Thompson and Russell exhorted the laborers to be fully consecrated and loyal to Christ and the message. We believe that the present year will show increased devotion and service on the part of our brethren and sisters, as the result of the conference meeting at Lebanon.

WM. T. HILGERT.

THE *Daily Bulletin* will report the proceedings of the next General Conference, May 13 to June 6. It will be the same size as former *Bulletins* and will contain from sixteen to thirty-two pages per issue. The price is fixed at fifty cents. In order to enter the paper as second-class matter, it will be necessary for the General Conference to have a bonafide paid subscription list to present with application for entry. All orders for the *Bulletin* should be in by April 15, 1909. In fact those who do not get their order in until about the time of the conference, need not be disappointed if they do not get their first issues promptly. Let all who can attend the meeting, but those who cannot attend can for this small price have a full detailed report of the meeting.

"Those who place themselves under God's control, to be led and guided by him, will catch the steady tread of the events ordained by him to take place. Inspired with the Spirit of him who gave his life for the life of the world, they will no longer stand still in impotency, pointing to what we cannot do." *Testimonies*, Vol. VII., p. 14.

WITH THE CANVASSERS

What a Few Books Will Do

THE canvasser has many trials and difficulties, and he sometimes gets discouraged; but, praise the Lord! we are doing a work that is accomplishing great good. I have recently learned how the Lord has blessed a few hours' work. When I first went to Harford County, I sold a Catholic lady a "Gospel Primer." She wanted a "Coming King," but would not subscribe without her husband's consent. She said that if I had an extra copy of that book when delivering I should stop at her home. This I did, and she told me that she and her husband had both read the "Gospel Primer" and compared it with their Douay Bible. As they found it satisfactory, she took the "Coming King." I often wondered what they thought of the book. A short time ago I met Mrs.——. She was pleased to see me, and said they had read "Coming King" and enjoyed it. Her husband is reading it the second time.

One evening I called at a house, but found the people too busy to look at my book. They could not keep me over night, but sent me to a neighbor family, who they said were nice people. When I reached there it was dark. As I heard the man swearing, I did not know what to do, but asked the Lord if it was his will for me to stay there to prepare the way. This he did, and I left a "Coming King" and a "Best Stories" with them. About two weeks later I met the man. He was well pleased with the books, and told me to come and see them, and also his neighbor, Mr.——, who he said had apologized for not keeping me. So I went back and stayed over night with them. The next morning I gave them a Bible reading, sold them a set of the *Family Bible Teacher*, and got their order for "Daniel and the Revelation," though I did not have a prospectus. When I delivered the book ("Daniel and the Revelation"), I found the man had been converted. Later I felt that I ought to go there. On the way I was impressed that the time had come for the truth to be presented to them. Upon my arrival, Mr.—— began to question me about the change of the Sabbath. When I explained it he said, "How can I lose two days in a week?" I told him the Lord would take care of him if he would obey him; and he, his wife, his mother, and his step-father began keeping the

Sabbath. Now he is working with his neighbors. This morning I heard him talking the truth at one of the stores. Last night he and his wife went over to their neighbor's home for Bible study. If the Lord is willing, next Friday night I shall give them a Bible reading. Pray for them and for me.

JAMES J. JEFFREYS.

West Pennsylvania Canvassers' Institute

OUR institute or school for canvassers will be held this year just following the conference meeting at Clearfield, March 7-19. Why do we hold these schools?—Because our belief in the word of God and the testimonies of his Spirit, leads us to firmly believe that we are living in the time when the Lord is going to "finish the work and cut it short in righteousness, because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth."

We quote from a testimony sent for the benefit of those who will believe:—

"If ever there was a time when we needed to understand our spiritual condition and our present duty it is now. Satan has come down in great power. Now as never before, the wonderful work of this message is to be carried on. The world is to receive the light, and many will gain their knowledge through an evangelizing ministry of the word in our books and papers. Young and old are to act a part. These publications are to show that the end of all things is at hand. 'Prepare to meet thy God.' Our publications should go everywhere. We are to work as we never worked before. The Lord is coming very soon, and we are entering into scenes of calamity. Satanic agencies, though unseen, are working to destroy human life. The Lord calls upon us to seek to save perishing souls. Our books and papers are to be brought before the notice of the people.

"There is a danger of our brethren's becoming so engrossed in worldly business that the word is not carried into the life in its purity and power. The love of trade and gain is becoming more and more prevalent. My brethren, let your souls be truly converted.

"Just now, when people are thinking seriously, literature on the signs of the times, wisely circulated, will have a telling effect in behalf of the truth. Many sinners are afraid, and stand trembling before God. Now is our opportunity to make known the truth to them.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

New Jersey, Week Ending Jan. 29, 1909

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
S. Oberg, New Brunswick,		DR	5	33	22	\$62 50	\$1 50	\$64 00	\$
J. Rambo, Millville,		DR	4	24	16	31 00		31 00	
G. Taylor, "		DR	5	32	16	32 75		32 75	
H. Murphy, Windsor,		DR	5	30	11	31 75		31 75	6 45
W. Plant, Randolph,		DR	5	33	5	15 75		15 75	
G. Blinn, Princeton,		GC	4	19	9	25 75		25 75	
R. Oberg, New Brunswick,		GC	3	12	2	5 50		5 50	
C. Klaiber, Washington,		GC	1	5	2	5 50		5 50	
C. Kessling, "		GC	1	5	2	5 50		5 50	
C. Grey, Rockaway,		CK	5	40	56	64 00	95	64 95	
C. Grey,† Tebo,		CK	4	37	22	24 00	60	24 60	113 35
B. Welch, †Elizabeth,		BR	2	11	8	18 50	35	18 85	
Totals,			44	281	171	\$322 50	\$3 40	\$325 90	\$119 80

Ohio, Week Ending Jan. 22, 1909

E. Horst, Ross Co.,	GC	5	40	8	\$22 00	\$2 60	\$24 60	
C. Leach, Washington Co.,	DR	5	34	22	64 50	2 00	66 50	
J. Randolph, Marion Co.,	DR	4	37	15	43 25	85	44 10	2 35
F. Wagner, Stark Co.,	DR	5	28	10	17 50	7 90	25 40	
L. Waters, Tuscarawas Co.,	CK	3	20	12	14 50	70	15 20	70
G. Corder, Guernsey Co.,	BF	5	38	46	50 00	50	50 50	
E. Sharp, Pike Co.,	BF	5	25½	37	37 00	2 00	39 00	
R. Corder, Guernsey Co.,	BF	5	39	24	26 50	1 25	27 75	
L. Holobaugh,* Ross Co.,	SP		48	22	33 00		33 00	
Totals,		37	309½	196	\$308 25	\$17 80	\$326 05	\$3 05

Ohio, Week Ending Jan. 29, 1909

E. Horst, Ross Co.,	GC	5	43	11	30 25	4 75	35 00	1 40
C. Leach, Washington Co.,	DR	5	35	16	45 00	8 00	53 00	
J. Randolph, Marion Co.,	DR	4	37	12	35 75	5 20	40 95	2 05
E. Sharpe, Lawrence Co.,	BF	4	23½	50	50 00	2 50	52 50	
R. Corder, Guernsey Co.,	BF	5	36	25	28 00	10 50	38 50	
G. Corder, "	BF	5	35	25	25 50	2 25	27 75	
C. Downing,* Ross Co.,	BF	7	23	32	32 00		32 00	
L. Waters, Tuscarawas Co.,	CK	5	39	50	58 50	70	59 20	2 20
L. Holobaugh, Ross Co.,	SP		30	6	9 00	5 00	14 00	
Totals,		40	301½	227	\$314 00	\$38 90	\$352 90	\$5 65

*Two Weeks.

†Week Ending January 22.

"God's judgments are abroad in the land. Shall we allow these things to come upon the world without telling the people the meaning of these terrible calamities, and how everyone may escape from the wrath to come? Time is precious; the destiny of souls is in the balance.

"The Lord is soon to come. In fire and flood and earthquake he is warning the inhabitants of this earth of his soon approach. O, that the people might know the time of their visitation! We have no time to lose. We must make more determined efforts to lead the people of the world to see that the day of judgment is near at hand."

We cannot take more space here to give you the rest of this timely letter from our heavenly Father, who in love is warning us of his near approach. But in the face of the foregoing, shall

we follow the example of the doubting ones in the days of our Saviour, when the people came to him and said, "Show us a sign"? We believe the Lord is coming soon, and have therefore set the time for another institute where we can give those who will answer the call a preparation which will fit them to successfully perform the work that God is asking them to do.

To those who read these lines, we must say that God means you, for both "young and old are to act a part." Some of you should be at this school, and afterward enter the work to stay. We would be glad to hear from those who will come, and we trust the Spirit of God will impress many to enter the work in West Pennsylvania. We have a good field in which to work. Notice the canvassing report in this number of the

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Jan. 29, 1909

C. Dunham, Indiana Co.,	GC	5	42	53	144	25	75	145	00	11	00
J. Glunt, Roaring Spring,	BR	3	15	2	5	50	19	75	25	25	
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.,	CK DR	5	40	17	24	00	4	90	28	90	6 00
W. Logan, Punksutawney,	DR	4	27	5	8	75	4	60	13	35	23 75
G. Gates, "	GC	4	23½	4	11	00	6	95	17	95	60
I. Bigelow, Vandergrift,	GC	3	14	10	31	40	4	45	35	85	2 55
I. Lawrence, Cambria Co.,	GC	1	10								35 50
Mrs. Lias, Indiana,	CK	6	36½	16	16	00			16	00	
Totals,		31	208	107	\$240	90	\$41	40	\$282	30	\$78 30

Chesapeake, Week Ending Jan. 29, 1909

J. Paden,† Williamsport, Md.,	CK	5	21	9	9	50			9	50	
J. Parks, Cambridge Md.,	CK	3	16	6	7	50			7	50	
E. Mitchell, New Windsor, Md.,	DA	4	27	1	3	00	8	50	11	50	
O. Yingling, " " Md.,	CK	4	27	13	19	00			19	00	
J. Siler, Frederick, Md.,	CK	5	34	3	4	50			4	50	68 76
J. Jeffreys, Harford Co., Md.,	CK	2	9	6	9	00	2	35	11	35	7 60
J. Jones, Linckwood, Md.,	CK	5	34	27	36	50	3	50	40	00	
Totals,		28	168	65	\$89	00	\$14	35	\$103	35	\$76 36

West Virginia, Week Ending Jan. 29, 1909

J. Jennings, Jefferson Co.,	DR	4	32	7	11	75	17	00	28	75	3 00
A. Halstead, Kanawha Co.,	DR	3	20	6	17	50	2	60	20	10	5 00
H. Province, Mercer Co.,	DR	3	19	5	13	75			13	75	22 00
G. Weber, McDowell,	GC	1	4	3	8	25			8	25	63 15
Totals,		11	75	21	\$51	25	\$19	60	\$	70	85 \$93 15

Virginia, Week Ending Jan. 29, 1909

K. Oertley, Radford,	SP	30	20	25	50	3	85	29	35		
E. McGlocklin, Norfolk,		15				2	80	2	80	12	75
M. Jemerson, Richmond,		14				7	95	7	95	1	65
Totals		59	20	\$22	50	\$14	60	\$40	10	\$14	40

VISITOR. If this testimony cannot influence you to do your duty, nothing that the writer may add will; so we leave the matter with you, praying for volunteers to answer the call.

You should bring with you pillows, blankets, and towels. If you have them, bring "Great Controversy," "Daniel and the Revelation," and "Coming King." Room and board will be free to those who will immediately enter the work, and car fare will be refunded by allowing the canvasser ten per cent extra on all sales until his fare to and from the institute is made up. Bro. I. D. Richardson, and we trust other able instructors, will be with us all the way through the school, and we hope to make it one of the best schools of its kind that we have ever held. The writer would like to hear immediately from all who plan to attend. Address me at Butler, Pa., general delivery.

I. G. BIGELOW.

Chesapeake Institute

FEBRUARY 19 to March 5 is the time; the hall on Chapel St., just off Carey St., Baltimore, Maryland, is the place, where our canvassers' yearly institute will be held.

Competent instructors are expected,

who will give instruction on the following subjects: How to secure an entrance into the homes of the people; how to introduce and show the book; how to secure the order; how to deliver the books and settle with your tract society; how to make your expenses a source of income, and a means of furthering the message; how to meet objections;—in fact how to be a successful canvasser. Instruction and board are free.

The tract society will allow an additional five per cent discount on books until canvassers who go into the field have received the amount of their travelling expenses from home to the institute and on to their field of labor. In other words, all the cost to the canvasser will be his time.

Let every experienced canvasser be present; also everyone whom the Lord is calling to this important work. Come praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all who attend. Bring your prospectus, a complete copy of "Daniel and the Revelation," and "Great Controversy."

The institute will open Friday at nine o'clock A. M. Come Thursday. May the Lord impress the faithful ones to enter this work.

G. H. CLARK,

26 Wesley St., Baltimore, Md.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Romeward Bound

FEW people are aware of the tremendous strides that papalism is making in this country, or of the rapidity with which Protestant bodies are moving Romeward. The results of this threatened union are far reaching. It was the influence of the United States more than anything else that drew the world away from Rome. Before the rise of this republic, "A state without a king or a church without a pope" was considered an impossible thing. But here has been demonstrated the feasibility of both. Under a constitution which divorces the church and the state, and guarantees civil and religious freedom to the humblest of its citizens, we have grown and prospered beyond all precedent.

This has been an unanswerable argument to the papal contention that no state can prosper without her fostering care. Inspired by our example, the peoples of the old world have steadily advanced toward broader liberties. Beginning with the revolution in France in 1848, which swept Louis Philippe from his throne, the spirit of liberty has spread far and wide over many countries. The church of Rome has lost her grip, and kings and rulers have been forced to grant constitutional privileges to their subjects.

All this time Rome looked on aghast. Clearly her destiny would be decided in the United States. What should that destiny be? The answer depended upon her ability to turn this vigorous young dissenter from the path marked out for it by its founders. Could she do it? She at least would try. "By ways that are dark and tricks that are vile," she wrought diligently to overcome the momentum of this on-moving colossus. Already she has the satisfaction of seeing it put on breaks, reverse, and begin its backward run.

What effect will this have upon the nations of the old world?—As they have followed the lead of the United States away from Rome, they will follow her back to Rome. When the only great nation that ever made a successful protest against the Romish church-and-state doctrine abandons the experiment, it will be a powerful argument in the mouth of the papacy.

S. M. BUTLER.

"RENDER therefore unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's; and unto God the things that are God's."

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

Evidence of Progress

Do not fail to study the canvassers' department in the VISITOR. This is not the only place that the pulse-beats of the conference can be felt, but it is one of the signs of vigor in the body spiritual. Columbia, one of the very youngest, and numerically one of the weakest, of the union conferences is rapidly forging its way into the front ranks of book-sellers. Canvassers' schools are to be held in all of the conferences in the Union in the next three months, except Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey, which have already held their conventions. Scores of young people ought to attend these schools and prepare for selling our publications.

A Good Convention

WE are in receipt of the *Daily Sentinel-Tribune*, of Bowling Green, Ohio, which contains an account of the Sabbath-school convention held at that place, Sunday, February 7. The convention was in charge of Dr. J. M. Jump, Medical Secretary, and Miss Bessie E. Acton, Sabbath-school Secretary, of the Ohio Conference. Judging from the *Sentinel-Tribune's* report, the occasion was a profitable one for the Sabbath-school work in Bowling Green. Such gatherings are of great value to this important branch of the cause, and those in charge of that department will render very efficient service by holding frequent, well-planned, and carefully conducted conventions in their conferences.

An Important Change

At a recent meeting of the Columbia Union Conference Committee, it was decided that the subscription business of the VISITOR should hereafter be conducted by the various tract societies of the Union Conference. After this date, no subscriptions should be sent to the office of publication, or to anyone connected with the paper. Please note this arrangement, and send subscriptions to the tract society of your conference. Manuscript should be addressed to the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR, Mount Vernon, Ohio, care College. Do not send it to any individual, as this may cause delay in its publication.

NOTICES OF PUBLICATIONS

The Gospel Sentinel

THIS is a new weekly paper, published by the Southern Publishing Association. The first number bears date of issue Feb. 17, 1909. This paper was started at the urgent request of the field workers in the South, who said they must have a weekly missionary paper, and that it must be cheaper than any other paper now published. It will not take the place of the *Watchman* or other papers, but will mostly be used for gratuitous distribution in the missionary efforts of the volunteer societies and the regular church missionary societies. It will be entirely devoted to giving the message in plain, simple language. All articles will be short and to the point. Its eight pages will be the same size as the *Watchman* magazine page.

BUSINESS NOTICES

Position Wanted

THE undersigned would like a position with an Adventist family in a store, restaurant, or any other work which is not heavy. For particulars address Floyd Coffman, Monticello, Ohio.

For Sale

EIGHT acres of land at Academia, O., near College. Fine location. One acre of bearing blackberries and raspberries; rest in meadow. May be had at a bargain if taken soon. Will sell one-half, or the entire eight acres. Address Francis M. Fairchild, 1202 Pear St., Springfield, Ohio.

OBITUARIES

STEINBRUNNER.—Died in Allegheny, Pa., Jan. 25, 1909, Sister Barbara Steinbrunner, aged 67 years, 5 months, and 14 days. Sister Stienbrunner was born in Germany. She accepted the truth last summer, and was baptized in Pittsburg, Nov. 7, 1908, uniting with the German church in Allegheny two months later. She was sick only a few days, and died rejoicing in the Lord. We know that she rests in peace, and that she will come forth in the first resurrection. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Luke 2: 18-30, to a large company of sympathizing friends.

NIELD.—Died Dec. 2, 1908, of heart failure and other complications, Rosanna A. Nield, of Cape May Court House, New Jersey, aged 78 years. The funeral services were conducted in the Baptist church at Cape May Court House by the writer, assisted by the Baptist pastor. Interment was made in the Baptist cemetery. Sister Nield was born in England, and left no relatives, save an adopted son, to mourn her loss. She was laid away by the members of the Seventh-day Adventist church of Cape May Court House in the hope that she will participate in the "resurrection of the just." Sister Nield was taken ill while visiting friends in Philadelphia, and died after a few weeks' sickness. Her unswerving faith in her Redeemer is an encouragement to all who knew her. Words of comfort were spoken from Rev. 14:13.

GEORGE W. SPIES.

BELL.—Died of tuberculosis at York, Pa., January 4, 1909, Ralph T. Bell, son of Eld. A. R. Bell, age 20 years, 6 months, and 2 days. Ralph contracted a severe cold some months ago, which at first did not give him much concern; on several occasions examining physicians did not think his condition so serious as it finally proved to be. He cherished the hope of living; and though he was ill and unable to work for a number of weeks, a short time before his decease his health was materially improved, which gave him new hope and courage. He devoted his regained energies to the canvassing work, which he continued until about a week before he was called to lay down his life. After much suffering, which was fully shared by his devoted parents. Being reared amid the influences of the truth, he was susceptible to its impressions. He frequently assisted his father as tent-master and organist. He was also employed for a time at the Pennsylvania Sanitarium. In his dying moments, he whispered to his father, "There's nothing between me and heaven; I have all confidence." These words are of great comfort to those who mourn his loss. The funeral service, conducted by the writer, was attended by a large number of relatives and friends.

W. H. HECKMAN.