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"THEY REHEARSED ALL THINGS THAT GOD HAD DONE WITH THEM"

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President's Address¹

(Concluded)

Financial

THE report of the treasurer will show a substantial gain in receipts in all departments. This is very encouraging in view of the financial distress and panic that have prevailed during the year. We are specially gratified to know that there has been a very considerable gain in our tithe this year over the previous year. The increase in the per capita tithe shows that the finances have more than kept pace with the membership. However, while thanking God for stimulating honesty of soul in this very important detail of Christian life, let us not forget that the demand from perishing souls increases still more rapidly. Jersey City certainly deserves the labors of an experienced minister; but when our funds will only allow us to employ four English-speaking ministers in the whole State, you may imagine the perplexity with which your executive committee faces this problem. With work started in nearly a half score of different languages, there still remain many other tongues as yet untouched. The foreign mission field within our own borders has only just been entered. This should not lead us to do less for foreign fields, but it should stir us to cease neglecting the task at our own doors. Shall we not use our best endeavors to increase our tithe even more in 1909 than last year? Then instead of allowing the work in many of these lines to lag behind, we can push ahead still further into new fields.

We trust that our church elders and treasurers will realize the great responsibilities that they bear in this work; for if tithe and offerings fail to come in because of their neglect, many souls will fail to receive the message. Let there be a faithful accounting for every cent received, and

a judicious expenditure of the funds provided, and then let every believer prove the sincerity of his profession by faithfulness in this important detail of Christian life. Failure on the part of any in this respect should be the signal for judicious and prayerful labor in behalf of the delinquent member, by the elder or pastor of the church. God cannot pour his Holy Spirit upon those who persist in robbing him.

Missionary Department

The wisdom of distributing official responsibilities advocated in our conference last year at Trenton, has been amply demonstrated by experience. Instead of the burden of all departments being placed upon one secretary, we have during the past year had four department heads. We trust that we shall soon be able to add a fifth, to act as missionary secretary, who can by laboring from church to church develop the missionary and periodical work among our people. I firmly believe that the great revival seen in the canvassing work last year will have its counterpart in the periodical work, when our people arouse to its possibilities and fit themselves for work along this line. We desire the co-operation of all our people, especially the delegates at this conference, and the officers of our churches, in seeking out and encouraging those who may be able to devote all or a part of their time to selling our missionary, health, and other magazines.

Educational Department

This department, which includes the Sabbath-school, Missionary Volunteer, and church-school work, should receive special attention at this conference. The secretary of that department will be able to report to you considerable progress as the result of the year's work. We are no longer obliged to say that we have no church schools, and we feel that there has been an advance in many of our churches in Sabbath-school work; but one of the most serious problems before the workers of this conference to-day, is what can be done to arouse greater interest and enthusiasm

among our people in these lines of work. The lack of real spiritual life in many of our Sabbath-schools is due largely to a failure to sense the great possibilities of the Sabbath-school, and allowing it to degenerate until it is largely a matter of form. Let us have more Sabbath-school conventions, and let our workers and members join heartily in studying the best methods for carrying on this work. It certainly seems too bad when we see our people bringing up their children without church-school advantages, and then failing to give them the crust of spiritual nourishment which they might gain in the Sabbath-school. Can we wonder if our children grow up careless and indifferent to spiritual things, and finally wander away from God, if we are so indifferent to their needs that we allow them to be neglected in their early years? Will not each delegate go home from this conference fully resolved, by the grace of God, to do all in his power to make the home Sabbath-school the best in the world? Let us begin to plan at once for a convention in our home church, and when one has been appointed, let each take hold willingly to do all in his power to make it a success.

Canvassing Work

When our last conference convened,

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

Temperance

During the past year this question has assumed large proportions in the world, and the relation of our people to this issue should be carefully considered. I believe the time has come when, as a people, we should stand much more prominently before the world than we have in the past as advocates of temperance. It is true that we have always believed these principles, but of recent years we seem to have lost sight of the fact that our health and temperance work was intended by God to be the means of opening the hearts of the people to other truths of this message. We should make our attitude upon this question plain, since we are accused of aiding the saloon element when we oppose the iniquity of Sunday laws.

Religious Liberty

There never has been a year in the history of this country when the work of forming the image of the beast has made more rapid progress than during the last year. When we realize the fact that during the past few months the Federated Catholic Societies of America, the great labor union organizations, and the Federal Council of Churches, including nearly all the great Protestant bodies, have taken decided action in demanding from both state and national legislators the enforcement of Sunday observance by law, our hearts should be stirred as never before to realize that the end is near, and that we must lose no time in the finishing of our work. When the image has been fully formed, and its living power is in full activity, we shall bitterly mourn over lost opportunities. May God help us to arouse to our responsibilities, and speedily finish the work which he has entrusted to us.

WITH THE HARVESTERS

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Pittsburg

THE Second Seventh-day Adventist Church of Pittsburg, Pa., is now located at 2816 Wyle Avenue, corner Horton Street. This is a good location, and the building a very convenient one, with ten rooms and basement. The basement will be used for church purposes and for treatment rooms. We have purchased this property, in harmony with the advice of the West Pennsylvania Conference. Anyone wishing to assist us in paying for it may send money to A. V. Williams, treasurer of the West Pennsylvania Conference, or to the undersigned, 2816 Wyle Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

There are more than seventy-five thousand colored people in Pittsburg, and in the county where the city is located. These people are greatly in need of the message for this time. Many of them are in worse condition than the colored people in parts of the South.

W. H. GREEN.

Erie

THE writer spent Sabbath and Sunday, January 23, 24, with the church at Erie. I am very much pleased with the work there. Eld. F. H. Robbins, the pastor of the church, has had charge of the work in that city for two years, and has done a substantial work there. The brethren have a splendid church building and lot in an ideal location, which they value at about seven or eight thousand dollars. Following the Sabbath preaching services, three went forward in baptism. Had it not been for a misunderstanding, caused by a change of date for the service, seven or eight would have been present for baptism. This shows that the work is progressing in Erie.

Following the visit with the Erie church, I held meetings for five evenings at Washington, Pa., where several had expressed themselves as desirous of hearing an Adventist preacher and learning something of the doctrines of our people. The meetings were held in the Adventist church, and were fairly well attended by those not of our faith. The people seemed convinced that we have the truth. Some desired to study further, and earnestly requested that we furnish them with reading matter, promising that they would read at once all they could get on the subject. The interest will be followed up, and

we expect to see fruit of the effort.

At the present time I am holding a series of meetings at Coudersport, with good attendance.

F. D. WAGNER.

WEST VIRGINIA

Charleston.

THE Lord is blessing us here according to the abundance of his loving kindness. As a church we are slowly growing. Our present membership is thirty, and several more expect to unite with us the next quarterly meeting. Many of our members live out of the city, but we keep in touch with them through correspondence.

We have some very loyal people, who are trying in various ways to scatter the seeds of truth. In my work as a trained nurse, I find opportunities to bring the message to the attention of the better classes of the city. Our canvassers are doing a good work with the publications. Every Sunday night we meet for a study of the book of Daniel. This is a source of strength to us, and makes us anxious to take to others the good things which that book contains.

MRS. S. PALMER ARTLIP, Clerk.

Field Notes

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

SISTER B. M. HEALD returned to Scranton February 10.

ELD. W. H. HECKMAN returned from the Columbia Union Conference Committee meeting the 5th instant.

SISTER JESSIE M. WEISS accompanied her sister, Mrs. John Davis, to Kingston, Pa., Sunday, the 14th instant.

THE year book for 1909 is now ready, and may be had upon order of the tract society office; price, twenty-five cents.

ELD. CHARLES BAIERLE conducted the funeral service of Bro. D. L. Andrews, of Easton, on Monday, February 15.

THE resolutions passed at the Lebanon conference have been sent to each church. We trust that they will be carefully discussed, and carried out as far as possible.

ELD. A. R. BELL is holding evangelistic services in York. We trust

that a number will be added to the company of believers in that city, and to this end we solicit your prayers.

THE General Conference office will supply envelopes on which the names of the various church collections are printed, for twenty-five cents a box of 500, with twenty-one cents added to pay postage.

BRO. D. L. ANDREWS, of Easton, Pa., the father of Sister Sue M. Andrews, the secretary of our Sabbath-school and young people's work, died on Friday, February 12. He fell asleep before Sister Andrews reached home in response to a special message. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

THE General Conference *Daily Bulletin* will be issued as usual at the next meeting of the conference, which convenes in Washington, D. C., May 13, and continues until June 6. The price of the *Bulletin* will be fifty cents for a single subscription. There will not be any club rates. All orders must be received at this office by April 1.

EVERY true Seventh-day Adventist is interested in foreign missions, and appreciates the privilege of systematic and continuous giving. The ten-cent-a-week plan is an ideal method of aiding the cause in distant fields. It allows each member, without burden, to do his part in sharing this great responsibility. The librarians should furnish each member of their church with a supply of envelopes, and should encourage their weekly use. The sum contributed to missions by the church should average if possible ten cents for each of its members.

NEW JERSEY

SPLENDID reports are coming in from our canvassers. They are not only selling books, but they are having rich experiences as they present the truth to the people.

ELD. W. H. SMITH is continuing the Sunday night meetings in Phillips Hall, Jersey City. There is a good interest, and some have already begun to keep the Sabbath as the result of the effort.

BRETHREN Grey and Plant are being greatly blessed in their work near

Dover. Several people were found who are intensely interested in the truths of the message. Every child of God should offer up daily prayer for the success of our faithful canvassers.

EVERY Seventh-day Adventist family in New Jersey should subscribe for the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR. It is, and will be, the best paper of its class in the United States. If you cannot possibly pay for a subscription, pay for half of one, and share it with your neighbor. But do not miss reading it. Send your orders for the VISITOR, and all other periodicals and missionary supplies, to the New Jersey Tract Society, 621 William Street, Trenton, N. J.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Columbia Union Conference Committee Meeting

THE Union Conference Committee met February 1 at Mount Vernon, Ohio. All members of the committee were present except Elder Rees of West Virginia, whose place was filled by Elder Steele from that conference.

A number of important matters concerning the conference were considered. The accounts of all the laborers were audited. The report of the treasurer showed that there was sufficient money on hand after paying appropriations to settle all accounts. The following actions of general interest were taken:—

Voted that the following named persons be chosen as delegates to the General Conference: G. B. Thompson, H. H. Burkholder, F. D. Wagner, W. H. Heckman, B. F. Kneeland, L. F. Starr, H. W. Herrell, J. M. Rees, E. R. Brown, A. C. Shannon, I. D. Richardson, W. H. Smith, S. M. Butler, R. G. Patterson.

Voted that S. M. Butler be granted credentials from the Union.

Voted that a legal corporation be formed under the laws of the District of Columbia to be known as the "Columbia Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists." Careful consideration was given to the proposed Articles of Incorporation.

Voted that \$200 be added to the appropriations of the Union for the year 1909, to assist in paying the Bible teacher in Mount Vernon College.

Voted that an additional \$100 be appropriated to the Chesapeake Conference to assist in the work in that field.

Voted that the Ohio Conference Committee be asked to favorably consider the sending of a paid worker to West Virginia for one year.

The scholarship plan was also given careful consideration, and it was arranged that any person selling \$250 worth of our subscription books, and turning in the entire amount to his tract society, a secure may scholarship for one year at Mount Vernon College.

In connection with these meetings, the trustees of the College held their annual meeting. Very careful consideration was given to providing for the financial needs of the College, so that those to whom the College is indebted may secure their money when due, and that further repairs may be made. As these actions more properly belong in a report which will be rendered by the secretary of the College Board, we will not incorporate them here.

A general arrangement was made for the holding of the camp-meetings in the various conferences. As soon as the exact dates can be settled upon, due announcement will be made.

E. R. BROWN, Sec.

The Ohio Conference

THE annual meeting of the Ohio Conference convened in Columbus, Jan. 25, 1909, and continued in session until January 29. The meeting was held in the church near the corner of Ohio and Fair Streets. There was a good representation of delegates present from the various churches. In all the plans and deliberations, unity of action and oneness of spirit characterized the proceedings.

The reports rendered from the various departments of the work showed growth. A good degree of success has attended the sale of our books and other literature during the past year, and the outlook is favorable for this branch of the work the present year.

Four new churches, one of which was German, were admitted to the conference. Additions were also reported from other churches as the result of the labor put forth.

Eld. H. H. Burkholder was re-elected president of the conference. There were but few changes if any in the officers, except that of the treasurer. Brother C. V. Hamer, who has faithfully served the conference for a number of years, being in Washington Sanitarium, and physically unable to carry the burden of this work, was released, and another brother was chosen to take his place. The

conference deeply sympathized with Brother Hamer in his affliction, and in a resolution of sympathy expressed the hope that he would be restored to health, and soon be able to again unite in the work.

Nearly all the conference workers were at the meeting. Eld. G. A. Irwin and the writer were present also to share with these laborers in the burdens and blessings of the conference.

Ohio is a splendid field for labor, being filled with an excellent and industrious class of citizens. The truth has gathered out a good class of Sabbath-keepers here, who love the message and are willing to sacrifice for its advancement. Workers from this field are scattered all over the world, laboring to spread the truth. All were pleased to meet at this meeting Sister Carolyn Votaw, who, with her husband, have been doing splendid work in the distant and needy field of Burma. Her appeal for that country was an inspiration to all present.

At the closing service of the conference, brethren H. M. Jump and Fred H. Henderson were ordained to the sacred work of the gospel ministry.

Our prayer is that the coming year shall witness a great revival of the work in this conference, and that every church and every member in the church shall awaken to the opportunities for work, that many more souls, precious in the sight of the Lord, may be reached by the message.

G. B. THOMPSON.

WITH THE CANVASSERS

West Virginia Canvassers' Institute

"Do it now." Do what now? Decide for sure that you will come to the institute, if you have felt impressed to take up the canvassing branch of the Lord's work. There is danger in delay. Perhaps someone will be lost that you might have been instrumental in saving if you do not come to this institute, where you can get the preparation needed for immediate service.

The time has come when we as the Lord's servants must go out quickly and bring in the maimed, the lame, the halt, and the blind, as guests at the marriage supper of the Lamb. "The lost sheep of the fold are scattered in every place, and the work that should be done for them is being neglected." Who will go out into the highways and hedges and help to

finish the work? A great work is to be done now in a very short time. Everything points to the end of this reign of sin. Sunday legislation is being strongly urged in every quarter. The judgments of God are in the land, and the message of the third angel is going with greater power than ever before. Last year our people sold over one million dollars' worth of our literature in spite of the panic. Hard times cannot stop this message. It will close with great power. Will you help to hasten the close, my brother, my sister? Have you determined to go through with this people? If so, fall into line at once. The danger of delaying becomes greater every day.

Our institute commences Friday, February 19. Come for the first day if possible. Do not be late if you can help it.

DAVID W. PERCY.

Notes from the Canvassers

WE are glad to see Brother Shaw getting nicely started in the work. We recently spent two days together, and during that time he was blessed with orders amounting to \$18, although the weather was about as disagreeable as any we have had this winter. In an hour we took two orders,—one English and one German. In another hour we found three families visiting together, and took an order from each. Experience has shown that the canvasser can expect more than ordinary success when the weather is bad.

Brother Leach writes: "I sold to two Catholic families last week." "One afternoon about four o'clock I started to look for a place to stay over night. It seemed as though it was going to be a difficult task to find a place. Finally I started out across the plain about dusk, when I saw a little house just ahead of me. Something seemed to say, 'That is just the place for you.' So I went to the door and knocked. I was invited in and made welcome, and stayed there two nights. The family became quite interested in the truth, and gave me an order for 'Daniel and the Revelation' in library binding. They also bought a small book. I give the Lord all the praise."

Brother Randolph writes: "I am thankful for the privilege of helping to inform the people that our blessed Lord is soon to come." He began the year by taking several orders on New Year's Day, and several days later while out with the writer, he took orders to the amount of \$24 in about nine hours. He is one of our good winter workers.

We are also glad that Bro. F. E. Wagner has again joined our ranks, and we pray that he may meet with success as he changes from small books to "Daniel and the Revelation," which is certainly a step in the right direction. We should not lose sight of the fact that the Lord by his servant has told us that we should put forth a special effort with "Daniel and the Revelation," "Great Controversy," and "Patriarchs and Prophets."

E. R. NUMBERS.

NEW JERSEY

New Brunswick

BEFORE leaving Salem County, where we spent the summer and fall, we laid our plans at the feet of our Father, and as the result of his disposal, we have been in this vicinity nearly three months. That we are in the place God wants us to be, has been demonstrated by the peculiar trials and afflictions that the adversary has brought upon us. However, with Paul, we glory in tribulations that come because of obedience to the divine call.

The time spent in the field has been abundantly rewarded with both material and spiritual success. Hardly a day has passed but some honest soul has been reached, and seeds of truth have been sown, which we trust will spring forth and bear fruit when a public effort is made for the many who are seeking for light.

The Roman Catholic faith seems to be the predominating one in this community. This is due, perhaps, to the large number of Hungarians, Poles, and Slavs to be found here. These people all seem quite religious. There are also many Dutch Reformed Lutherans, besides Presbyterians, Methodists, and Baptists. Thus far the most literature has been placed in the hands of the members of the Dutch Reformed Church, they being quite diligent students of the Bible. Many Catholics have subscribed for "Daniel and the Revelation," and in each case they have hailed with joy the delivery of the book. This, however, is not the case with "Great Controversy," as is now being demonstrated by Mrs. Oberg's experience in a Catholic community.

Sometime during the past twenty years, our people have been through this part of the country with "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Great Controversy," "Bible Readings," and recently with smaller books, such as "Daniel the Prophet," "Seer of Patmos," and "His Glorious Appearing." Last Thursday while I was showing a lady

my book, she brought out an old copy of "Bible Readings" in leather binding. She said it had been the greatest comfort to her of any book she had ever owned, except the Bible. She ordered "Daniel and the Revelation" as a companion piece. The day before while I was showing the same book to an old lady on the street where we live, she excused herself for a moment, and when she returned she brought with her a copy of "Patriarchs and Prophets." She was so well pleased with this book that she ordered a copy of "Daniel and the Revelation," in leather binding, to be delivered two days later. During my last day's work, as I was leaving the home where a good order had been secured, I saw a "Desire of Ages" lying on the table.

These are just a few of the most recent experiences. They show how the truth has been working for some time, but now it is going with all the power of a wonder-working God, who is cutting his work short in righteousness. S. A. OBERG.

The Canvassers' Institutes for 1909

West Virginia, Parkersburg Feb. 19 to Mar. 5
Chesapeake, Baltimore Feb. 19 to Mar. 5
West Pennsylvania, Clearfield Mar. 5 to 19
Ohio March 19 to April 2

Foreign Mission Seminary April 2 to 16
Mount Vernon College April 16 to 30

All who have not decided upon the place where their institute will be held should do so at once and notify the general agent or the editor of the VISITOR.

"There are many who, because of prejudice, will never know the truth unless it is brought to their homes. The canvasser may find these souls and minister to them. There is a line of work in house-to-house labor which he can accomplish more successfully than others. He can become acquainted with the people and understand their true necessities; he can pray with them, and can point them to the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world. Thus the way will be opened for the special message for this time to find access to their hearts.

"Much responsibility rests upon the canvasser. He should go to his work prepared to explain the Scriptures. If he puts his trust in the Lord as he travels from place to place, angels of God will be round about him, giving him words to speak that will bring light and hope and courage to many souls."

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending Feb. 5, 1909

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
J. Hunt,†	Licking Co.,	GC	9	48½	15	\$41 25	\$1 50	\$42 75	
E. Horst,	Ross Co.,	GC	4	36	8	22 00	2 70	24 70	\$ 70
C. Leach,	Washington Co.,	DR	5	34	21	60 75	5 00	65 75	
J. Randolph,	Marion Co.,	DR	4	35	11	30 25	60	30 85	
W. Van Horn,†	Auglaize Co.,	DR	4	32	3	8 25		8 25	
W. Deuschle,*	Franklin Co.,	BR	10	52	10	31 75		31 75	
E. Sharp,	Lawrence Co.,	BF	5	23½	71	71 00		71 00	27 50
R. Corder,	Guernsey Co.,	BF	5	35	27	31 50	5 35	36 85	
G. Corder,	Guernsey Co.,	BF	5	34	27	28 00	2 50	30 50	
L. Waters,	Tuscarawas Co.,	CK	5	37	56	63 50		63 50	
E. Shaw,	Lucas Co.,	CK		45	20	20 00	6 25	26 25	26 25
Totals,			56	412	269	\$408 25	\$23 90	\$432 15	\$54 45

New Jersey, Week Ending Feb. 5, 1909

S. Oberg,	New Brunswick,	DR	5	32	11	36 25	75	37 00	61 00
J. Rambo,	Millville,	DR	5	26	15	26 25	1 00	27 25	1 50
G. Taylor,	"	DR	5	28	15	32 50	25	32 75	
H. Murphy,	E. Windsor,	DR	5	20	13	32 00	25	32 25	6 75
W. Plant,	Randolph,	DR	5	37	12	30 00	2 00	32 00	2 00
G. Blinn,	Hopewell,	GC	5	35	9	24 75		24 75	29 13
C. Klaiber,	Washington,	GC	5	40	9	24 75	1 25	26 00	
E. Kessling,	"	GC	5	38	10	28 50	75	29 25	
R. Oberg,	New Brunswick,	GC	4	15		5 50		5 50	
C. Grey,	Wharton,	CK	5	34	38	47 00	1 60	48 60	
Totals,			49	315	132	\$287 50	\$7 85	\$295 35	\$100 38

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending Feb. 5, 1909

H. Gauker,	Berks,	DR	5	33	23	62 00	4 20	66 20	2 45
G. Hartman,	Lebanon,	DR	4	36	16	47 00		47 00	
F. Barto,	Franklin,	DR	4	27	4	9 75		9 75	
C. Beidler,	"	DR	4	27	3	8 25		8 25	
S. Sundberg,	Northampton,	CK	4	29	9	11 00		11 00	
R. Bell,	York,	CK	4	24	11	11 00	1 60	12 60	85
B. Saubel,	York,	CK	4	19	10	10 50	95	11 45	4 00
W. Burt,*	Susquehanna,		14	58	64	28 60		28 60	13 95
J. Phillips,	Scranton,					25 00		25 00	7 00
S. Diehl,	Union,		5	30		1 30		1 30	1 20
Totals,			48	283	140	\$214 40	\$6 75	\$221 15	\$29 45

Chesapeake, Week Ending Feb. 5, 1909

J. Siler,	Frederick, Md.,	CK	5	26	6	8 50	3 05	11 55	
E. Mitchell,	Carroll Co., Md.,	DA	4	25			1 00	1 00	32 00
J. Paden,	Williamsport, Md.,	CK	5	38	6	6 50	35	6 85	46 00
O. Yingling,	Carroll Co., Md.,	CK	3	14					26 00
J. Jeffreys,	Harford Co., Md.,	OK	3	18	5	5 50	1 25	6 75	11 00
J. Jones,	Dorchester Co., Md.,	CK	4	26	11	13 00		13 00	1 50
E. Franklin,	Frederick Co., Md.,	CK	4	25	6	9 50	2 70	12 20	24 60
Totals,			28	172	34	\$43 00	\$8 35	\$51 35	\$141 10

Chesapeake, Week Ending Feb. 12, 1909

J. Siler,	Frederick Co., Md.,	CK	4	19	8	11 00	1 40	12 40	
E. Franklin,	"	CK	4	19	6	8 50	1 15	9 65	
J. Paden,	Hagerstown, Md.,	CK	4	22	7	8 50	70	9 20	1 85
J. Jones	E. New Market, Md.,	CK	5	35	25	31 50	2 50	34 00	2 50
J. Parks,*	Cambridge Md.,	CK	5	31	12	12 50		12 50	9 50
O. Yingling,	Carroll Co., Md.,	CK	5	33½	19	27 50	2 75	30 25	3 00
J. Jeffreys,	Harford Co., Md.,	CK	3	13	1	1 00	50	1 50	1 00
Totals,			30	172½	78	\$100 50	\$9 00	\$109 50	\$17 85

*Two Weeks.

†Three Weeks.

†Week Ending January 29.

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Feb. 5, 1909

C. Dunham, Indiana Co.,	GC	4	15	3	10 50		10 50	39 00
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.,	CK	5	41	5	6 00	30	6 30	89 75
J. Glunt, Altoona,	GC	5	30		8 25	15 00	23 25	
I. Lawrence, Croyle,	GC	5	40	10	27 50	5 25	32 75	4 50
W. Logan, Jefferson Co.,	DR	5	36		12 75	5 50	18 25	
G. Gates, "	GC	5	34	4	13 00	12 35	25 35	
I. Bigelow, Edmon,	GC	3	22	13	35 75	6 40	42 15	2 35
Totals,		32	218	35	\$123 75	\$44 80	\$158 55	\$135 60

West Virginia, Week Ending Feb. 6, 1909

A. Halstead, Putnam Co.,	DR			9	26 25	9 10	35 35	
J. Jennings, Jefferson Co.,	DR	5	35	4	9 75	2 00	11 75	12 50
G. Weber, McDowell,	GC	4	24	13	35 75	4 50	40 25	22 90
H. Province, "	GC	2	13	7	21 25		21 25	
D. Percy, Mineral,	GC			10	27 50		27 50	
E. Metcalf, Wood Co.,						11 00	11 00	11 65
Totals,		11	72	43	\$120 50	\$26 60	\$147 10	\$47 05

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Feb. 12, 1909

J. Glunt, Altoona,	GC	3	15	4	11 00	11 25	22 25	
T. Saxton, Vandergrift,	GC	5	30	20	60 30	13 85	74 15	3 35
I. Bigelow, Salina,	GC	5	40½	19	58 75	18 30	77 05	6 05
J. Heaton, Saxton,	BR	7		7	20 25	75	21 00	9 00
W. Jack, Ford City,	DR	3		7	19 25	2 85	22 10	6 60
Totals,		23		57	\$169 55	\$47 00	\$216 55	\$25 00

Virginia, Week Ending Feb. 5, 1909

K. Oertley, Radford,	SP	15	3	3 75	2 75	6 50	1 40	
E. McGlocklin, Norfolk,		13			2 45	2 45	4 30	
M. Jemerson, Richmond,		20			6 60	6 60	2 50	
J. Jones, Richmond,	DR	3	2	3 00	1 55	4 55	1 55	
Totals,		51	5	\$6 75	\$13 35	\$20 10	\$9 75	

Virginia, Week Ending Feb. 12, 1909

E. McGlocklin, Norfolk,		12			4 70	4 70	5 00	
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Grand Totals,—Value of Orders, \$1,474.20.

Deliveries, \$565.63

FINANCIAL

"SOME think it beneath their dignity to look after small things. They think it the evidence of a narrow mind and a niggardly spirit. But small leaks have sunk many a ship. Nothing that would serve the purpose of any should be allowed to waste. A lack of economy will surely bring debt upon our institutions. Although much money may be received, it will be lost in the little wastes of every branch of the work. Economy is not stinginess.

"... All should guard against supposed wants that require an expenditure of means. Some men live better on four hundred dollars a year than others do on eight hundred. Just so it is with our institutions; some persons can manage them with far less capital than others can. God desires all the workers to practice economy, and especially to be faithful accountants."

WEST VIRGINIA TITHE REPORT FOR
DECEMBER, 1908

Berea.....	\$12 20
Charleston.....	84 54
Chester.....	21 60
Clarksburg.....	2 35
Culloden.....	19 65
Elk Garden.....	5 30
Individual.....	12 03
Kanawha.....	8 21
Moundsville.....	32 69
Mason City.....	
Morgantown.....	19 90
Parkersburg.....	44 88
Newark.....	27 00
Walker.....	

Total.....\$288 00

PEARL L. REES, Treas.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA TITHE RECEIPTS
FOURTH QUARTER, 1908

Albion.....	\$ 33 15
Allegheny Number One.....	87 45
Allegheny German.....	44 20
Altoona.....	182 29

Austin.....	16 51
Beaver Falls Company.....	8 94
Bradford.....	226 51
Bella Vernon Company.....	16 00
Clearfield.....	96 63
Coudersport.....	263 72
Corry.....	75 22
Corydon.....	59 00
Conneautville.....	34 77
Duke Center.....	7 46
Edinboro.....	
Eldred.....	45 70
Erie.....	165 81
Greensburg.....	46 55
Huntingdon.....	115 84
Indiana.....	170 87
Industry.....	22 78
Jimtown.....	44 98
Johnstown.....	93 40
Lock Haven.....	58 01
Meadville.....	
Midway.....	
McKeesport Company.....	5 00
North Warren.....	81 69
Oakland Company.....	18 00
Oil City.....	33 45
Pittsburg Number One.....	466 39
Pittsburg Number Two.....	148 00
Philipsburg Company.....	13 28
Punxsutawney Company.....	10 75
Port Allegany.....	106 85
Spartansburg Company.....	23 30
Shingle House.....	66 40
Sx Mile Run.....	53 00
Salemville Company.....	7 00
Titusville.....	14 34
Union City.....	23 65
Uniontown Company.....	14 00
Washington.....	86 47
Youngsville.....	2 50
Individual.....	12 00

Total.....\$3,155 59

OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

JANUARY, 1909

Akron.....	\$ 241 26
Alliance.....	
Barnesville.....	7 07
Beaver.....	9 00
Bellefontaine.....	31 25
Bellville.....	33 00
Bowling Green.....	58 00
Brokaw.....	
Broughton.....	
Camden.....	31 82
Canton.....	
Chagrin Falls.....	14 50
Chillicothe.....	30 40
Charloe.....	
Cincinnati.....	
Cleveland.....	143 97
Cleveland German.....	
Clyde.....	1 25
Columbiana.....	20 51
Columbus.....	204 38
Conant.....	21 90
Conneaut.....	5 89
Corsica.....	9 02
Coshocton.....	
Dayton.....	
Defiance.....	
Delaware.....	1 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—NEW JERSEY S. D. A. CONFERENCE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1908

Resources and Liabilities

		Resources and Liabilities	
		Resources	Liabilities
Operating—			
Inventories—			
Insurance		\$17 00	
Property		1,322 83	
Hall and Tent		40 00	
Bills Receivable		139 18	
Laborers' Account		60 58	
Tent Fund		25 29	
Camp-meeting Fund		192 25	
New Jersey Conference Association			\$364 40
Local Trust—			
Educational Fund			11 00
Benevolent Fund			2 15
New Jersey Missionary Volunteer Fund			4 06
Cash—			
Operating		95	
Local Trust		17 21	
Present Worth Dec. 31, 1908			1,433 68
		\$1,815 29	\$1,815 29
		Losses and Gains	
		Losses	Gains
Tithe			\$9,372 56
Tithe to Columbia Union Conference		\$937 26	
Donations		108 25	323 21
Unpaid Tithe previous to 1908 appropriated by Columbia Union Conference			662 01
Columbia Union Conference Appropriation		59 68	500 01
Kansas Appropriation			548 00
Kansas Appropriation (1907)			730 00
Swedish Work Appropriation			288 72
Labor		7,875 13	
Traveling Expense		1,358 07	
Freight and Drayage		332 37	
General Expense		131 33	
Hall and Tent		763 25	
Office Expense		313 16	
Insurance		9 64	
Property		8 73	
Laborers' Account		557 48	
Interest			25 04
Auxiliary Fund		40.03	59 66
		\$12,494 38	\$12,509 21
			12,494 38

Total.....\$2,326 80

C. V. HAMER, Treas.

Net Gain for the year 1908.....

Present Worth Jan. 1, 1908.....

Present Worth Dec. 31, 1908.....

\$14 83

1,418 85

1,433 68

TOTAL RECEIPTS. ALL SOURCES

JANUARY, 1909

Tithe	\$2,326 80
Tract Society	628 55
First day Offering	92 62
Sabbath-school Donations	291 97
Missionary Volunteers	9 58
Orphans and Aged	26
\$150,000 Fund	5 60
Southern Field	23 94
Kingston Fund	7 50
Blind	1 00
Thanksgiving Review	398 88
Annual Offering	279 43
Jamaica	
Africa	
India	
Total	\$4,066 13

C. V. HAMER, Treas.

Paid to Columbia Union Conference for Mission Board, etc.....

\$3,509 92

Itemized Statement of Funds Sent to Foreign Mission Board

Weekly Offerings	364 37
Foreign Missions	158 34
Annual Offering	479 89
Mid-Summer Offering	158 56
Sabbath-School Offering	827 82
Thanksgiving Donation	1,156 14
Religious Liberty	77 34
Colored Work	75 99
Southern Work	22 75
Southern Missionary Society	9 57
Orphanages	43 27
\$150,000 Fund	91 95
Missionary Volunteers	3 08
Gilbert Jewish Work	13 85
Sunny Caribbean	3 00
College Equipment Fund	24 00
Miscellaneous	27 15
Total	\$3,537 07

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Mount Vernon College Notes

THE "Holy City," by Gaul, will be rendered by the "Columbian Choral Society" at the close of the spring term.

THE class in spirit of prophecy has finished its work, and the members are now studying the "Ancestry of our English Bible."

WASHINGTON's birthday was commemorated by appropriate exercises. In these days when the principles of our government are being repudiated, it is well to recount the deeds of the fathers of the republic.

NEW classes have started in the following subjects: General method, hygiene, physical geography, denominational history, botany, history of missions, Bible ancestry, chemistry and commercial law.

ELD. O. F. BUTCHER, the Bible teacher in the College, and pastor of Mount Vernon church, was assisted in the services Sabbath, February 13, by Messrs. Ernest Ayars and Harry W. Barto, two of the College students. The subject was religious liberty.

THE music department is growing under the efficient direction of Miss de Spelder. Forty-three lessons are given each week, besides two classes each in harmony and history of music. A class in sight-singing is conducted once a week by Professor John, who also has charge of the orchestra and chorus work. These last each meet twice a week.

THE sacred cantata, "Daniel Before the King," was rendered by the "Columbian Choral Society" in the

College chapel the evening of Feb. 1. A large audience greeted the singers, and showed by their close attention, and many words of commendation at the close, that the effort was much appreciated. The next evening a students' recital was given by the music department. Although it required two hours to render the program, all seemed sorry when the last number was reached. Professor John and Miss de Spelder deserve much credit for their painstaking effort in training the students in this department. We are looking forward with much pleasure to the next entertainment to be given at the close of the spring term.

Our Visitors

THE College has been especially favored of late. During the first week of the month the Columbia Union Conference Committee and the College Board had a four days' meeting at Academia, and the sessions were so planned that the members could attend the chapel exercises. One morning was devoted to a consideration of the canvassing work, and another to the future of Mount Vernon College. A few days later the Ohio Conference Committee made us a very pleasant though unexpected visit at chapel time. Elder Burkholder gave a very timely talk on some recent fanaticism that has appeared in certain quarters. He was followed by Elders Shannon, Patterson, and Kennedy. It is cheering to both teachers and students to hear these reports of the battle from men who come right from the front. Come again.

The Chair Bands

ABOUT three weeks ago the faculty and students decided to make a concerted effort to raise means for the purpose of purchasing seventy-five additional chairs for the chapel and the class rooms. The school was divided for the purpose into "chair bands," with a teacher at the head of each band. A "Chair Band Bulletin" was placed upon the board in the chapel, on which were written the names of the members of each band. Each morning the amount that the various bands had collected was placed at the foot of their respective columns, and the grand total was posted in a conspicuous place at the top of the board. Considerable enthusiasm was aroused by the effort, and many letters were written to

friends, soliciting funds for the enterprise. In some cases quite liberal responses were received. The largest single donation came from Michigan in the form of a ten-dollar money order. Several five-dollar contributions came to the solicitors, among them being two from Mount Vernon businessmen, and one from the dean of the Northwestern University, in Chicago. As we go to press, the fund amounts to \$151.25.

Important Articles

A SERIES of articles now are running in *The Columbian*, the College paper, under the general head "How I Got My Education." These articles were written by brethren who are now filling positions of usefulness and trust, but who had to struggle hard for their schooling against great odds. All our young people ought to read these articles. They tell how it is possible for a young person to get an education if he sets out with a determination to go to school. They prove the truthfulness of the old adage, "Where there is a will there is a way." The first article on this subject was by Eld. E. R. Palmer; the second was by Prof. G. W. Caviness; and the third, which appears in the February number of *The Columbian*, is by Eld. F. D. Starr. All who order *The Columbian* this month may have the December and January numbers free, in order that they may not miss any of these good articles. All orders should be sent to the manager, Prof. A. Earl Hall, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

OBITUARIES

PUNCHES.—Died Feb. 10, 1909, Sarah Louise PUNCHES, aged 61 years, 2 months, and 10 days. She was married to Elijah PUNCHES Jan. 8, 1862. To them were born six children, all of whom are dead. Sister PUNCHES accepted the truth under the labors of Elders A. C. Shannon and O. F. Guilford, and for more than twenty years has been a faithful, consistent Seventh-day Adventist. Her life, though often saddened by death and affliction, was an inspiration for good among her associates. She was a loving wife and mother, a devoted follower of the blessed Saviour, and respected by all who knew her. While it was with deep sorrow that we laid her to rest in the little cemetery at Hamler, Ohio, we were comforted by the assurance that if faithful we shall soon meet her again and shout the victory over death and the grave.

H. M. JUMP.