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

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## GENERAL MATTER

### If Christ Were Here To-night

If Christ were here to-night, and saw me  
tired

And half afraid another step to take,  
I think he'd know the thing my heart de-  
sired,  
And ease that heart of all its throbbing  
ache.

If Christ were here in this dull room of  
mine  
That gathers up so many shadows dim,  
I am quite sure its narrow space would  
shine,  
And kindle glory around Him.

If Christ were here to-night, I might not pray  
so long—  
My prayer would have such little way to  
go;  
'Twould break into a burst of happy song;  
So would my joy and gladness overflow.

If Christ were here to-night, I'd touch the  
hem  
Of his fair, seamless robe, and stand com-  
plete  
In wholeness and in whiteness,— I who  
stem  
Such waves of pain to kneel at his dear  
feet.

If Christ were here to-night, I'd tell him  
all  
The load I carry for the ones I love,—  
The blinded ones who grope, and faint, and  
fall,  
Following false guides, nor seeking Christ  
above.

If Christ were here! Oh, faithless soul, and  
weak!  
Is not thy Master ever close to thee?  
Deaf is thine ear that canst not hear him  
speak;  
Dim is thine eye, his face that cannot see.

The Christ is here, and never far away;  
He entered with thee when thou camest  
in;  
His strength was thine all through the busy  
day;  
He knew thy need, he helped thee baffle  
sin.

The blessed Christ is in thy little room,—  
Nay, more; now Christ dwells in thine  
heart.

Fear not, for he will scatter darkest gloom,  
And heaven will be of thy rich life a part.  
—Selected by Rachel Rose Hesse.  
Marietta, O.

### The Tendency To Compromise

As we look over the world and ob-  
serve the general moral condition,  
and the tendency to compromise the  
word of God, our hearts are stirred to  
take a firm stand for the truth, by ad-  
hering more firmly to the old land-  
marks which our fathers set. The  
church of God is beset with many  
dangers, and we need not be sur-  
prised if professed believers among  
us "heap to themselves teachers hav-  
ing itching ears," and "turn away  
their ears from the truth." We see  
in our borders a tendency to fail in  
crying out against sin and worldli-  
ness. This is found even among min-  
isters. Why is this? we ask. Is it  
not because they fear public criti-  
cism? But this is disloyalty to God.

Some try to please everybody. We  
believe Paul was very much in earn-  
est when he exhorted Timothy to  
"Preach the word." Then he says,  
"I have not shunned to declare unto  
you all the counsel of God." And  
again: "When Peter was come to  
Antioch, I withstood him to the face,  
because he was to be blamed. For  
before that certain came from James,  
he did eat with the Gentiles; but  
when they were come, he withdrew  
and separated himself, fearing them  
which were of the circumcision. And  
the other Jews dissembled likewise  
with him; insomuch that Barnabas  
also was carried away with their dis-  
simulation. But when I saw that  
they walked not uprightly ac-  
cording to the truth of the gospel,  
I said unto Peter before them all,  
If thou, being a Jew, livest after the  
manner of Gentiles, and not as do  
the Jews, why compellest thou the  
Gentiles to live as do the Jews?"  
Paul believed in straight dealing.  
He would not compromise principle  
for one moment. If he were with us

to-day some would no doubt accuse  
him of being unduly severe.

God calls for men in his closing  
work who are earnest, men who will  
preach messages that will cut to the  
quick. Hear what the Holy Ghost  
says: "Let no soul complain of the  
servants who have come to them  
with a heaven-sent message. Do not  
any longer pick flaws in them, say-  
ing, 'They are too positive; they talk  
too strongly.' They may talk  
strongly, but is it not needed? God  
will make the ears of the hearers tin-  
gle if they will not heed his voice or  
his message. He will denounce those  
who resist the word of God."—*Special  
Testimonies, No. 11.*

"Many who profess to be looking  
for the speedy coming of Christ are  
becoming conformed to this world,  
and seek more earnestly the applause  
of those around them than the ap-  
probation of God."—*Early Writings,*  
p. 107.

"Many of these professed Christians  
dress, talk, and act like the world, and  
the only thing by which they may be  
known is their profession."

"But it is evident that many who  
profess the name of Adventist, study  
more to decorate their bodies and to  
appear well in the eyes of the world,  
than they do to learn from the word  
of God how they may be approved of  
him.

"What if the lovely Jesus, our pat-  
tern, should make his appearance  
among them and the professors of re-  
ligion generally, as at his first ad-  
vent? He was born in a manger.  
Follow him through his life and min-  
istry. He was a man of sorrows and  
acquainted with grief. These pro-  
fessed Christians would be ashamed  
of the meek and lowly Saviour who  
wore a plain, seamless coat, and had  
not where to lay his head. His spot-  
less, self-denying life would condemn  
them; . . . his guileless conver-  
sation would be a check to their  
worldly and covetous conversation;  
his declaring the unvarnished, cutting  
truth, would manifest their real  
character, and they would wish to get  
the meek pattern, the lovely Jesus,  
out of the way as soon as possible.  
They would be among the first to try

to catch him in his words, and raise the cry, 'Crucify him! crucify him!'" *Early Writings*, pp. 108, 109.

It was because of this characteristic that the prophets were put to death and the Son of God was crucified. The apostles and their successors suffered for the same offence. They revealed the word of truth which cut its way into the secret places of the heart, making plain the principles of right, and thus incurred the displeasure of those who were the apostates from the truth. We read how the devil in ages past put the saints of God to death, and how the church of God was put down, but only to rise again in her beautiful garments of righteousness. God will beautify those who are serving him with a whole heart, with the spirit of holiness. All who are true and faithful are conformed to the image of Christ. "In their mouth was found no guile, for they are without fault before the throne of God."

L. F. STARR.

## WITH THE HARVESTERS

### MARYLAND

#### Fords Store

DOUBTLESS the readers of the VISITOR would like to know what is being done at Fords Store. This church has a membership of seventy-two. Several families live at a distance, which prevents their getting to meeting regularly. The greater part of the members are women who have no way of earning money; hence they are able to help but little financially. The brethren are fishermen, and depend upon their catch for a living. The season thus far in their business has been very dull. Were it not for their gardens, I fear many of them would be compelled to seek other means of support.

Our meetings are well attended, and the interest in the word seems to be good. The one striking feature in our services is the large male attendance. There are many young men from eighteen to twenty-five years of age who come to our Sunday night meetings, some driving eight miles with their teams. We labor in hope that some of these may embrace the truth. We have good singing, which goes far toward attracting the people. What we lack in preaching, we hope may be made up in singing, the message.

The ladies' aid society is now fitting up a bed to present to the conference. They are enthusiastic in their work.

Plans are laid to paint and beautify the church and school, all of which will be done we hope before the General Conference meeting at Takoma Park, Washington. It will be possible for many from this place to attend that conference, as they can go in their gasoline boats to Washington at very little expense.

The work with the Thanksgiving number of the *Review* was taken hold of in earnest by some, and a blessing was the result. We look for a good work to be done with the coming temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor*.

We labor on in hope that this people may become more firmly established, and that others now in the valley of decision may take a stand for the truth. We ask the prayers of the VISITOR family to that end.

JOHN F. JONES.

## The New Jersey Conference

THIS meeting was held in Jersey City, and was attended by over sixty delegates, representing nearly every church in the conference. Two new churches, the Perth Amboy Scandinavian and the Newark Bohemian-Slavic, were admitted to the conference. A splendid spirit of harmony prevailed throughout the session, and there seemed a determination on the part of all to push the battles of the cross with greater vigor during 1909 than had been done in the past.

The reports of the various department officers showed good progress for the year. There was a gain of nearly \$2,300 in the tithe. According to the report of the treasurer, Bro. D. K. Royer, \$1,988.98 were contributed to foreign missions, and \$1,156.14 were collected from the Thanksgiving effort and sent to the Mission Board. Mrs. A. E. Rambo, the Educational Secretary of the conference, reported one church-school, and three family schools. Nearly one hundred new Sabbath-keepers were gained during the year. Brother Raleigh French, the Field Missionary Agent, reported a good year in the canvassing work, the deliveries amounting to nearly \$8,000, with bright prospects ahead for the future.

The labors of Eld. G. B. Thompson, our Union Conference President, were greatly appreciated, and his counsel was very helpful. Elders K. C. Russell, W. H. Heckman, Morris Lukens, and M. L. Andreasen, were with us during a portion of the meeting and rendered efficient aid.

A fine hall had been secured in an excellent location, and a public meeting was held each night during the three weeks of the workers' institute and conference. Good results came from this effort. Reports of the meetings and the conference sessions were printed in the daily papers. The interest thus aroused is being followed up by workers under the direction of Eld. W. H. Smith, and Miss A. W. Welsh.

Resolutions were introduced calling for advance steps to be taken in missionary work, urging our Sabbath-schools to hold conventions, setting forth the necessity of faithfulness in tithe paying and giving to missions as God prospers us, and pledging hearty co-operation in all lines of work. These resolutions were supported by all the delegates who discussed them, and were passed unanimously.

Dr. Wilburn H. Smith, superintendent of the Pennsylvania Sanitarium, located at Philadelphia, and controlled jointly by the Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey Conferences, spoke very earnestly of the way God is opening doors before the workers of that institution. Our brethren were greatly rejoiced to know that this sanitarium is now manned by workers who are doing all in their power to spread the third angel's message,—who are working in full harmony with the denomination. It was unanimously voted to ask all our people in the State to sell three copies of "Ministry of Healing" during the year, the proceeds to be used in strengthening the medical missionary work at the sanitarium in accordance with the instructions given us by the Lord.

Officers were elected as follows: President, B. F. Kneeland; secretary and treasurer, D. K. Royer; executive committee, B. F. Kneeland, J. G. Hanhardt, G. W. Spies, W. H. Smith, H. J. Adams, G. E. Leslie. Mrs. A. E. Rambo was re-elected Sabbath-school, Missionary Volunteer, and Educational Secretary; Raleigh French, Missionary Agent; and G. W. Spies, Religious Liberty Secretary.

Considerable time was spent studying the tremendous missionary problems presented by our great cities. When by the most earnest efforts we are only able to place one worker in Jersey City, one in Newark, none in Atlantic City, none in Camden, Elizabeth, or New Brunswick, to say nothing of the host of smaller cities, towns, villages, and country districts where the truth has never gone by the living messenger, we all feel to

raise a united cry to God that he will move upon hearts in some way so that we may have more help for this work.  
B. F. KNEELAND.

## Field Notes

### CHESAPEAKE

ELD. J. F. PIPER has just begun a series of meetings at Smithburg, Md.

ELD. AND MRS. HAYNES are spending a few weeks with the church in Wilmington.

W. L. ADKINS reports an excellent interest in a series of meetings he is conducting at Harmony Grove, near Frederick City.

WHEN this reaches our readers our canvassers' institute will be in progress. We trust all will pray that it will be successful, and that the canvassers may come forth well fitted to carry the last message of warning to a dying world.

LAST Sabbath the churches in Baltimore held a union Ingathering service. An excellent program was rendered, and a good offering was taken, besides the supply of foods that was brought. These and the money were divided among the needy members of the two churches. It is well to remember the poor, and the Lord has said that the liberal soul shall be made fat.

WORD has just been received at the office from Eld. and Mrs. H. S. Prener. They send love and Christian greeting to the brethren and sisters in the Chesapeake Conference. They are in good health, and enjoying many blessings from the bounteous hand of our heavenly Father. They say the prospects for the southern metropolis, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, South America, are very bright, but they feel the need of more workers for that field.

FROM statistics just received from the North American Foreign Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, we see there are twenty-six foreign nationalities represented in our conference, the number of this foreign population being 239,914. As yet practically nothing has been done for these souls for whom Christ died. Eld. G. P. Gaede is working hard for the Germans in Baltimore, but the work

there has only been touched with the finger tips, as it were. Brethren and sisters, what can we do to enlighten these souls?

### EAST PENNSYLVANIA

BRO. WM. T. HILGERT has recovered from a brief illness.

SISTER SUE M. ANDREWS returned to her duties in the office on the 22d instant.

ELD. CHARLES S. WEIST spent Sabbath, February 20, with the believers in Towanda.

ELD. I. M. MARTIN has been ill of the lagrippe, but is much improved at this writing.

THE District of Columbia has been organized into a conference, and Prof. B. G. Wilkinson has been elected as its president.

ELD. A. R. BELL, our Religious Liberty Secretary, was present at the hearing on the Johnston Sunday Bill at Washington, D. C., Monday, February 15.

ELD. W. H. HECKMAN spoke to the company of believers near Devault, Chester County, on Sabbath, February 20. The brethren there are of good courage.

THE *Signs of the Times* is one of our most efficient agencies for pioneer missionary work. Every church should have a club, and should send copies to their friends.

THE General Conference *Bulletin* will be of special interest, and should be read by the families of those who cannot attend the sessions. The price of the *Bulletin* will be fifty cents for the single subscription. All orders should be sent to this office without delay.

OUR church-school at Souderton is progressing nicely. Sister Anna Worrell is its proficient teacher. A number of our brethren from the North Philadelphia church are located with their families in that vicinity. Others are planning to move there shortly.

A PRACTICAL way to answer our prayers for more laborers and means to hasten the message to a glorious completion in this generation, is to

adopt, and to encourage all our brethren and sisters to adopt, the ten-cent-a-week plan of offerings to foreign missions.

THE Pennsylvania Sanitarium Board met at that institution on February 18, at which time the following officers were elected: President, Eld. W. H. Heckman; Vice-president, Eld. G. B. Thompson; Medical Superintendent, W. H. Smith M. D.; Secretary, Treasurer, and Manager, Bro. John W. Davis.

DURING the terrible drought last season, one of our brethren in this conference experienced the special blessing of the Lord, in that his farm produced more than usual, all of which he attributes to his being faithful in his payment of tithe and offerings. Let us remember the promises of the Lord in this respect, and, by testing, prove the same.

THE profits on the sale of "Ministry of Healing" are dedicated to the relief of sick and suffering humanity. Our conference voted to ask each member of the conferences in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and Ohio to sell three copies of this book and donate the proceeds to the Philadelphia Sanitarium. We trust that our brethren and sisters will enter upon an energetic campaign to this end.

ENCOURAGING reports are being received from our canvassers. One brother writes: "I have many precious experiences, which time and space will not permit me to relate. It is very interesting work,—this searching for souls. Every canvasser must be a sermon, and a plea for sinners to come to Christ. The reward is sure every day. The Lord knows when to give the encouraging experience that will furnish new strength." Let others hasten to improve the precious moments still allotted to us to enter the ranks of our canvassers, and to scatter the printed page.

### WEST VIRGINIA

MISS BLANCHE GRUBB is visiting friends in Parkersburg.

MISS BESSIE MARSHALL, who has been quite ill with fever at her home in Morgantown, is much improved.

SEND us your orders for the General Conference *Bulletin* now that you

may have the conference proceedings. Price, fifty cents.

BRO. D. N. WHITMIRE writes that he is going to begin canvassing again next week.

MR. CLARENCE LEACH, who is canvassing in Washington Co., Ohio, spent Sabbath and Sunday in Parkersburg. He is having splendid success in his work with "Daniel and the Revelation."

BRO. E. W. METCALF, while canvassing in Parkersburg, was taken sick suddenly, and has been in quite a serious condition at the home of his son, Walter Metcalf. We are glad to say that he is getting better, and hopes to be up again in a short time.

SISTER L. M. SARGENT writes that one lady is keeping the Sabbath as a result of their work, and that they are doing what they can to present the truth, but that they need a minister to lead out. They are located in a rural district in Kanawha County, where Sister Sargent is teaching school.

GEORGE B. WEBER has been having trouble with a sprained ankle, but was able to put in two days last week. He writes: "I did manage to get out part of two days, although the weather was stormy, and I succeeded in doing what is here reported. It is not great, but God can bless and will bless us in the small things as well as in the great things of life. I am not at all discouraged; have no reason to be. God is as near and as willing to help as he ever was." PEARL L. REES.

## WITH THE CANVASSERS

### The Ohio Institute

THE Lord willing, we shall hold a canvassers' institute in the Cleveland church building from March 21 to April 2, 1909. "The canvassing work, properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order." "Many who are hungry for the bread of life have not the privilege of hearing the word from God's delegated preachers. For this reason it is essential that our publications be widely circulated." "The same ministry of angels attends the books that contain the truth as attends the work of the minister."—*Manual for Canvassers*.

In view of the important work the canvasser is called to do, he should

certainly get the best training possible before entering upon it. At the institute, instruction will be given in Bible, the testimonies, and practical work, in which the art of canvassing will be considered in its different phases, besides a thorough drill on the books to be sold. Bro. I. D. Richardson will be with us, and we are expecting several others to assist. Besides Bible and prospectus, each person will need a full copy of the book he expects to study. We plan to have classes in "Daniel and the Revelation," "Great Controversy," "Coming King," and perhaps one or two more. We hope to see all of our old canvassers present, as well as those just starting in the work, as we believe the meeting will be a help and inspiration to all. Arrangements have been made to refund the fares both ways and also the board while at the institute, after the canvasser has sold \$250 worth of books. With this arrangement the institute will practically be free to those who labor through the summer. We hope that none will allow themselves to be deprived of the advantage to be gained by attending.

E. R. NUMBERS.

### New Jersey Canvassing Items

WHILE the writer was out helping brethren Klaiber and Keissling get started in the work, it was our privilege to meet some honest hearted souls. As we were trying to show a man and his wife how the Papacy is endeavoring to regain supremacy, and that it was evident from the Scriptures and history that it was this power which sought to change times and laws, we drifted into the Sabbath question. The lady remarked that she had been troubled for a long time about the Sabbath, and wondered if God would hold them accountable for breaking it, and for keeping the first day of the week instead. After securing an order for "Great Controversy," we held a short Bible reading with them on the importance of obedience, and walking in the light of God's word. It is our prayer that this dear family shall be united with us in the Sabbath truth.

It was our privilege to have prayer with another family who knew that we were Adventists. The lady of the house said that she was always anxious to get new light and truth. She willingly gave her order for "Great Controversy." It is our desire to see this dear soul also walking in the light, and we pray that God's Spirit

will be with her when she reads the book.

The same day we came to a house where we found a woman suffering from tuberculosis. After we held a season of prayer with the members of the family, she remarked that she was so glad we called to see them, and that she loved to hear someone pray for her. After a short visit, she told us that she belonged to a certain church, but that her minister had not called to see her yet, although he knew that she had been sick since last June. To the true-hearted Christian canvasser, these experiences are very encouraging.

While brethren Klaiber and Keissling are new in the work, and are not so well versed in the English language as they desire, yet they are determined with the help of God to make the canvassing work a success. Let us pray for them.

While in Elizabeth the other day helping Brother Frost start in his work, I came across a Mrs. Gan, who claimed to belong to the Lutheran Church, but was keeping both Saturday and Sunday, not knowing which was the proper Sabbath. She received some light on the Sabbath question while Brother Plant was staying with her about a year ago. She gave me her order for the "Great Controversy," after I had drawn her attention to other subjects of interest. We trust that the book will make it very clear to her which is the Bible Sabbath.

Considering the state of Brother Welch's health, he has put in very good time since entering the work. He has delivered over ninety-five per cent of his orders while canvassing in this conference.

Brother and Sister Oberg, who are working in New Brunswick, report success. Brother Oberg's sales have been one dollar to two dollars an hour every week since he took up the work here last June. His deliveries have been over ninety per cent of his sales.

Bro. H. T. Murphey reports continued success in the work. He with others has determined to be more faithful in putting in full time. I trust that many more will see the importance of doing faithful work for the Master.

Brother Plant also writes that he is receiving many precious experiences. He says he had an interview with a Methodist minister, who seemed very favorable towards him, and who appeared to be ignorant of the Sabbath truth until Brother Plant told him about it. He expressed a determina-

tion to keep it and preach it if, after investigation, he found a change had been made.

Our hearts are encouraged as we see the work moving forward. To the Lord we give all the praise!

RALEIGH FRENCH.

## Experiences in Maryland

SINCE coming to Frederick we have had some good experiences among the people. The books we are handling have stirred up an interest, and people are asking for Bible studies. Some are inquiring about the Sabbath, and seem anxious to know what is truth. They realize that there is something wrong with the nominal churches, and even speak of them as being dead.

Our sales and deliveries have been good; but it is here as in many places,—many who would like to buy do not have the money.

A few days ago a lady called to me and asked me to come to her home on Sunday and sell her husband some books. I went and sold "Daniel and the Revelation," "Christ's Object Lessons," "The Coming King," "Seer of Patmos," and "New Testament Primer." These books have been placed in the German Baptist Church library. We endeavor to embrace every opportunity to do good. We are of good courage, and are glad we can have a part in this great work.

JOHN W. SILER.

## Evangelistic Canvassing

I AM quite sure the readers of the VISITOR will be pleased to hear some encouraging features of the evangelistic canvassing work on the eastern shore of Maryland. The writer can say, "Surely the Lord has opened hearts and doors for the truth to enter since he has decided to lay all upon the altar for Him." While difficulties confront us at times, the great Red Seas are opened as fast as we step in. It does me good to hear men and women acknowledge the truth. The evangelistic canvasser has many grand opportunities to come in touch with those who need help, and a word of courage from someone. How can we be idle when thousands all around us need such help as we, through the grace of Christ, can give? Not only can we take them the good books and papers filled with the message, but we can pray with them and for them. God hears the prayer of faith. When we study the eleventh chapter of Paul's

letter to the Hebrews, we can see the results of having simple faith in God.

The evangelistic canvasser has opportunities to sow beside all waters. Let me relate one experience I had some time ago on a railroad train. After giving out some old copies of the *Signs of the Times* to the passengers, and taking my seat, a man stepped across the car and said, "I want to subscribe for this good paper, because I saw something in it that appealed to me." It filled me with joy because I believed a tiny seed of truth had fallen into good ground. I want to say to our brethren, "Keep your old papers in circulation. We never know which shall prosper, this or that." My motto is, "Press ever on." We send you fresh courage from the field.

JOSEPH E. JONES,

Cambridge, Md.

## Stormy-Day Experiences

While at Chambersburg, Pa., last week with two canvassers whom he was to get started in the work, the writer met with a most inspiring experience. The Lord blessed in taking orders, and also in speaking freely to the people concerning the truth for these times.

Chambersburg is in Franklin County, a county that has never been entered by any of our workers. Last Tuesday we went out into the field as usual. Though it snowed and rained the greater part of the day, we did not dare to think of staying at home, for we knew that the Lord had prepared the way for us, and we did not want to disappoint the angels who went before us. The third home we visited we found that the devil was very wroth with us. The truth presented was too sharp for the man, but it brought conviction to the lady of the house. We left this place feeling bad, not that we did not do what the Lord wanted us to do, but because intelligent beings would reject such a beautiful message, when it would be for their good to accept it.

We traveled until noon without an order. At noon we came to a log cabin home. The canvasser who was with me remarked that it would hardly be worth while to stop there. We entered the home, however, and were welcomed by a noble looking soldier and his two sons. (The wife died over a year ago.) With deep interest we gave the canvass for "Daniel and the Revelation." I told our hearers that we never left home with-

out asking the angels to go before us, that not only the doors might be opened, but also the hearts of those with whom we came in contact, and that we believed the Lord had directed us into their home.

Tears now began to flow from the eyes of the father. He said that he had a dream the night before which he could not dismiss from his mind. In his dream he saw two angels sitting before him in the place where we were sitting. They were explaining a book as we were.

After having a good spiritual talk with him concerning his soul's salvation, we all knelt in prayer. I never prayed before when the Spirit was felt in our presence as at that time. We had dinner with them, and after dinner we asked what our bill was. He firmly declared that he would not take a cent from us, as he did not know but that he was feeding angels.

This was an experience we shall never forget. The Lord gave us another encouraging experience later in the day, which I will not relate at this time. At this log cabin we took our first order for that day. We got plenty of orders in the afternoon, but the blessings we received were worth more than all the orders.

Many canvassers stay at home on rainy days, but these days are the brightest to the canvasser that loves perishing souls. If we had refused to go out that day because of the inclement weather we might never have received such a great blessing. The angels had the way prepared for that day, and we must surely walk as the Lord directs. I hope this will strengthen someone who has been weak in the matter of working on stormy days. These days are the best.

G. W. HOLMAN.

Lancaster, Pa.

## 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

WHY not attend the institute in your conference, and then take up the canvassing work? Look over this page and the next one, and see what the canvassers are doing. No doubt you can do just as well.

## Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending Feb. 12, 1909

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
E. Horst, Ross Co.,		GC	3	20	3	\$ 8 25	\$ 1 10	\$ 9 35	
C. Leach, Washington Co.,		DR	5	39	12	36 00	75	36 75	
A. Bassler,† Richland Co.,		DR	5	32	12	20 50	9 90	30 40	1 05
F. Wagoner, Stark Co.,		DR	4	36	13	20 75	2 60	23 35	7 75
H. Kirk, Williams Co.,		DR		44	10	27 50	13 00	40 50	1 00
W. Deuschle, Franklin Co.,		DR	4	20½	7	19 25		19 25	
R. Corder, Guernsey Co.,		DR	5		34	38 00	11 75	49 75	
G. Corder, Guernsey Co.,		BF	5	37	23	25 00	5 25	30 25	
E. Sharp, Lawrence Co.,		BF	4	31	27	27 50		27 50	
L. Waters, Tuscarawas Co.,		CK	5	40	54	65 00		65 00	1 50
E. Shaw, Lucas Co.,		CK	5	38	40	54 50	2 25	25 75	1 50
L. Holobaugh,* Chillicothe,		SP		64	8	12 00	11 00	23 00	
Totals,			45	401½	243	\$354 25	\$57 60	\$411 85	\$12 80

## New Jersey, Week Ending Feb. 12, 1909

H. Murphy, E. Windsor,	DR	5	40	28	70 25	2 25	72 50	5 00
C. Grey, Kenville,	CK	5	40	13	16 50		16 50	
C. Grey, Kenville,	DR			10	21 25	2 80	24 05	3 00
S. Oberg, New Brunswick,	DR	4	27	8	26 00		26 00	9 25
G. Taylor, Millville,	DR	5	29	11	22 75		22 75	23 50
W. Plant, Randolph,	DR	5	31	7	15 50	1 35	16 85	25
G. Blinn, Hopewell,	GC	2	12	4	11 00		11 00	
E. Kessling, Washington,	GC	5	32	4	11 00		11 00	
T. Frost,† Elizabeth,	GC	2	9	4	11 00		11 00	
T. Frost,	GC	5	27	2	5 50		5 50	
R. Oberg, New Brunswick,	GC	3	9	2	5 50		5 50	
B. Welch,† Elizabeth,	BR	5	33	5	12 00		12 00	10 00
B. Welch,	BR	5	26	6	16 50		16 50	
Totals,		51	315	104	\$244 75	\$6 40	\$251 15	\$51 00

## Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending Feb. 12, 1909

H. Gauker, Berks,	DR	4	30	18	48 25	2 80	51 05	20 05
G. Hartman, Lebanon,	DR	5	38	14	39 50		39 50	
F. Barto, Franklin,	DR	5	34	9	19 50		19 50	
E. Kasselmeyer, Northampton	DR	3	12	6	16 50		16 50	
L. Randall, Susquehanna,	DR	3	28	6	16 50	2 75	19 25	
C. Beidler, Franklin,	DR	4	28	4	8 50		8 50	
S. Sundberg, Northampton,	CK	3	17	15	18 50		18 50	
L. Gilbert, Northumberland,	CK	5	20	15	15 50		15 50	
R. Bell, York,	CK	4	18	12	13 50	60	14 10	60
B. Saubel, York,	CK	5	23	11	11 00	1 40	12 40	1 00
Totals,		41	248	110	\$207 25	\$7 55	\$214 80	\$21 65

## West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Feb. 19, 1909

I. Lawrence, Croyle,	GC	2	17	4	11 00	3 75	14 75	3 00
I. M. Bigelow, Apollo,	GC	3	16	2	7 50	1 45	8 95	41 55
I. G. Bigelow, Butler,	HH	3	19	11	33 00	1 50	34 50	7 00
G. Gates, Punxsutawney	GC	10	70	7	20 25	16 35	36 60	3 25
W. Logan,	DR	10	74	15	27 50	18 25	45 75	1 00
D. Evans, Galetton,	CK	12	77	42	69 50	23 90	93 40	
A. Brownlee, Butler	CK	5	36	27	34 25	3 55	37 80	3 90
W. Jack, Ford City,	DR	4	29¾	16	48 00	1 30	49 30	4 05
C. Dunham, Josephine,	GC	4	22	17	46 75	75	47 50	28 25
Totals,		53	360¾	141	\$297 75	\$70 80	\$368 55	\$92 00

## West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Feb. 12, 1909

D. Evans, Galetton,		10	67	54	66 00	23 50	89 50	
A. Brownlee, Butler,		5	36	26	34 25	3 55	37 80	3 90
I. Lawrence, Broyle,		2	17	4	11 00	3 75	14 75	3 00
Totals,		17	120	84	\$111 25	\$30 80	\$142 05	\$6 90

\*Two Weeks.

†Week Ending Feb. 5, 1909.

‡Week Ending January 29.

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,215.25. Deliveries, \$184.35

Sales for January, 1908, \$1,692.45; January, 1909, \$4,051.93.

## FINANCIAL

WEST VIRGINIA TITHE REPORT FOR  
JANUARY, 1909

Berea.....	\$60 49
Charleston .....	2 00
Chester .....	
Clarksburg .....	16 50
Culloden.....	6 78
Elk Garden.....	
Individual.....	33 60
Kanawha .....	18 01
Moundsville.....	
Mason City .....	
Morgantown.....	32 00
Parkersburg.....	19 32
Newark .....	
Walker.....	6 30

Total ..... \$195 00

PEARL L. REES, Treas.

## EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA TITHE RECEIPTS

JANUARY 1909

Alba.....	\$ 1 00
Allentown .....	23 05
Bloomsburg .....	8 99
Fleetwood.....	46 79
German, Phila.....	57 80
Harrisburg .....	66 56
Hawley.....	10 02
Jersey Shore .....	28 14
Lancaster .....	8 88
Lebanon .....	11 17
North Philadelphia.....	126 61
Reading .....	18 65
Roaring Branch .....	23 63
Scranton .....	93 68
Wade .....	13 79
Williamsport .....	42 80
West Philadelphia .....	135 06
Wilkes Barre.....	24
Wellsboro .....	21 00
Shrimersville .....	76 06
Scandinavian Company.....	5 75
Individuals.....	1 50

Total..... \$845 10

## TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

Tithe ..	\$845 10
Tract Society .....	289 59
Thanksgiving Ingathering .....	360 86
Sabbath-school Donations .....	250 51
First Day Offering.....	82 14
Portugal Mission.....	26 88
Donations .....	9 67
Tent Fund .....	79 36
Annual Offering .....	36 30
Foreign Missions .....	9 46
Foreign Missionary Seminary..	2 50
Colored Work.....	1 00

Total ..... \$1,993 37

A. L. BAYLEY, Treas.

## EDUCATIONAL

### A Sabbath-School Rally

MUCH has been accomplished by the Sabbath-schools of Ohio during the past year. Each quarter's report has showed a gain over the preceding one. This has been very encouraging, and we earnestly desire that our people may keep steadily advancing during the year to come. But in any line of work, much more may be accomplished if we have some definite aim toward which we are striving. How many will volunteer to have for this aim during 1909, "The thorough study of the Sabbath-school lesson"?

With the next quarter we take up a new line of study,—the life of Christ. We could not have a grander theme. We are told through the spirit of prophecy that "The old, old story of Jesus, repeated by the teachers and the superintendent, with the love of Jesus in the heart, will have a power that will convict and convert souls." But they alone cannot obtain the desired results. The Lord calls for parents to do their part, not only by helping the children in their study, but by becoming familiar with the lessons themselves. He calls for us to come up onto a higher plane of action. "There is earnest work to be done just now. We have not a moment's time to use selfishly."

It has been thought best to set apart the last Sabbath in this quarter, March 27, as a "rally day," in which the needs of our Sabbath-schools and their important work may be carefully considered, and plans formed for the future. The following program has been suggested by our leaders. Necessary helps will be sent to each school.

#### Program for Special Service

Paper: "History of the Sabbath-school Work in this Place."—*One Who Knows.*

Paper: "Relation of the Sabbath-School Work to the Conference."—*Eld. H. H. Burkholder.*

Reading: "The Value of the Lessons."—*From Leaflet on "Sabbath-School Work," by S. S. Dep't. Gen. Conf.*

Reading: "Every Believer in the Sabbath-School."—*Ibid.*

Exercise: "Common Excuses."—*Ibid.*

Paper: "Reforms Needed in our School."

Distribution of "Programs for Family Study of Lessons on Life of Christ," one to each family.

Closing Exercises.

We hope to supply each family of Sabbath-keepers in Ohio with a program for the family study of the lesson. If the secretary or superintendent of each school will aid us by sending the number required in his church, we can do more thorough work. Please do not delay, as the quarter is rapidly closing.

BESSIE E. ACTON.

### A Plan To Help Our College

AT the last meeting of the trustees of Mount Vernon College, very careful study was given to plans for helping the school. The College is worthy of our best help. About one hundred and twenty-five consecrated young men and women are receiving instruction there, and being fitted for work in the message. But it is evident that something must be done to raise money to better equip and repair, and to cancel some of the debts. And as the College is an institution of the Columbia Union Conference, the whole union should get under it and lift.

It was decided to place some bonds upon the market to cancel debts which are pressing us at the present time. We hope to place these bonds among our people. They are a safe investment, and I hope will be taken by our people. Money placed in bonds will not only be helping the work, but will be in a much safer place than in any bank in the world.

Another plan which was unanimously endorsed by the College Board,—which consists of the presidents of all the conferences in the union,—was to ask each one of our people in the conference to provide a fund for helping the College by giving a sum equal to one cent a day. This is a small sum, yet if all do this it will enable the trustees not only to cancel a large part of the indebtedness, but also to make many needed repairs. Full particulars concerning this plan will soon be sent to the elders of all our churches and leaders of companies. It is expected that all church officers in the local churches will take hold and help raise this sum. Blanks are being prepared, and will be sent out soon to all our churches, so that the matter of collecting from those who will help will be simplified.

I am sure all ought to esteem it a privilege to help the College. No school among us can be entirely supported by tuition alone. There must be donations also. One cent a day is a small sum. We want all who read this to pledge themselves now that they will help that much. Will you

not do it? I hear you say, "Yes!" Thank you! More later.

G. B. THOMPSON.

### From The Southland

WITH greetings to my friends and fellow-laborers in the Columbia Union Conference, I send this report of the work at Oakwood, our training school for the colored workers, located at Huntsville, Ala. At present this school has an attendance of about seventy-five intelligent young people, capable of becoming a power, under God, in the proclamation of the message among the colored people. Nearly all the Southern States are represented. Some students have had to be turned away because of lack of facilities. The providence of God, the recital of which sounds like romance, brought one student from the interior of Africa to the school. He is to return, as soon as prepared, to tell his people the glad message of the soon coming Saviour.

The spiritual condition of the school is excellent, and the faculty are of good courage. The buildings already there and those planned are neat and inexpensive. Work is delayed on the buildings authorized, waiting for money to come in on the pledges taken at last summer's camp-meeting. When this work is completed, the school will be able to care for one hundred students.

The last night we were there, the students gave a musical recital which bore eloquent testimony to the faithful work of both students and teachers. Many of the neighbors were present by invitation, and the students are to be commended for the modest and orderly way in which the program was rendered. The band, only organized a few weeks, gave two selections in splendid style. They are much in need of two organs and a piano for practice. Second-hand instruments, if in good condition, would be acceptable. Perhaps some of the readers of the VISITOR would esteem it a privilege to supply this lack. Write Prof. W. H. Williams, Huntsville, Ala.

C. F. McVAGH, Pres. S. U. Conf.

"A MAN without God is not God's idea of a man."

"WISDOM is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom."

"MAKE every occasion a great occasion; you cannot tell when fate may be taking your measure for a larger place."



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## EDITOR'S COLUMN

WATCH for the scholarship announcement next week.

STUDY the canvassers' reports. What a field is opened in this work for our young folks!

FOR lack of space, we are obliged to omit each week matter of importance. We hope our contributors will not become discouraged because of this. We try to print that which would be out of date if left over, and will publish the rest as fast as possible.

## The Temperance Number of the Instructor

WHAT shall we do about it? "Ministry of Healing" says: "Especially does the temperance reform demand the support of Christian workers. They should call attention to this work and make it a living issue. Everywhere they should present to the people principles of true temperance. . . ." Last May when the temperance number of the *Watchman* was coming out, Sister White said: "There could not be a better time than now for a movement of this kind, when the temperance question is creating such widespread interest. Let our people everywhere take hold decidedly to let it be seen where we stand on the temperance question." The interest has not abated but has continued to increase. Surely what was duty then is emphatically duty now.

We are glad that the temperance number of the *Instructor* has been prepared to help us in this duty. The paper will do splendid service. It is larger than usual; very artistic; well illustrated; and filled with articles covering every phase of the temperance question. Doubtless it is the

best temperance periodical we have had the privilege of distributing; and it will probably sell itself if it can but be presented to the people. No pains have been spared in its preparation. No pains should be spared in its distribution.

Who will put forth a determined effort? Who will resolve that every home in his community shall be supplied with one or more copies of this excellent paper? Satan will whisper to you a hundred apparently good excuses for not engaging in this work, but the needs of the people and the words from the spirit of prophecy make duty clear. What shall we do about it? Send in your order. Lay your plans. Distribute your papers. Pray unceasingly.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT.

## West Virginia, Notice!

THE writer frequently receives communications addressed to him as secretary of the Religious Liberty Department of this conference, or as Educational Secretary. Repeatedly properly signed petitions have been sent to me, with the request that said papers be forwarded to Washington. We are glad to know that our brethren are putting forth efforts to stem the tide of religious legislation now before the people. May this work increase. We would not convey the idea to any that our interest in this important work has abated; yet we feel it necessary to call the attention of our people throughout the conference to the fact that at the last session of the West Virginia Conference, Brother John Steele was duly elected secretary of this department, and undoubtedly will be pleased to answer any correspondence concerning the work in this State. Brother Steele's address is Moundsville, West Virginia.

What has been said concerning the religious liberty work applies, in part, to the educational work. I believe that a conference is strengthened, and our churches built up through the influence of the church-school. We long to see the children gathered into schools of this character. To those who will exercise faith in God and move forward, God will open the windows of heaven, and pour out blessings that they will not be able to receive. There are many of our youth who should be attending Mount Vernon College this year. I am receiving excellent letters from some of our West Virginia students in the College. One writes, "The longer I

am here, the better I like the school." I also receive letters from a larger class in which these words are found: "I feel that I should prepare myself for more active work in the cause. I would be willing to do anything if I could go to Mount Vernon College." This class of youth appeal to our workers, and we feel glad that it is now made possible for them to enter College.

I shall be pleased to aid, in any way possible, our youth who desire an education, and I trust none will feel that letters which have been written to me are unwelcome. But all matters pertaining to organization of church schools or the educational work in the State should be referred to Mrs. Mary L. Merideth, Fairmont, West Virginia. At the last session of the West Virginia Conference, this sister was duly elected Educational Secretary, and she will be pleased to give advice to any church, company, or isolated member concerning this important work.

L. E. SUFFICOL.

## OBITUARIES

KIRBY.—Died at his home in Norfolk, Va., Dec. 29, 1908, John Kirby, in his fifty-seventh year. He retained consciousness until the last, and died in the full triumph of the faith. A companion, one brother, one sister, and many friends survive him. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from John 14.

LESLIE MUNCE.

FONDERSMITH.—Fell asleep in Jesus at her home in Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 9, 1909, Sister Fannie Fondersmith, aged forty-two years. One month before her death, Sister Fondersmith suffered a stroke of paralysis, and gradually declined until her death. A father, three brothers, and two sisters mourn deeply their loss. Sister Fondersmith has been a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for over nine years. At the time of her death she was the Sabbath-school Secretary of the West Pennsylvania Conference, which office she faithfully filled for over five years. She was loved by all who knew her because of her deeds of love and words of kindness, and now that she is dead she leaves behind her the fragrance of a Christian life. Perhaps no stately shaft of granite will mark her resting place, but she has built for herself a monument of virtue which the passing years cannot destroy. Funeral services were conducted at the home by the writer, assisted by Reverend Dabney (Christian) and Reverend Garvin (Presbyterian), who are friends of the family. Eld. I. N. Williams had charge of the services at the grave.

N. S. ASHTON.