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GENERAL MATTER

BLAMELESS, NOT FAULTLESS

"I was sitting alone in the twilight,
With spirit troubled and vexed,
With thoughts that were morbid and gloomy,
And faith that was sadly perplexed.

"Some homely work I was doing,
For the child of my love and care;
Some stitches half wearily setting
In the endless need of repair.

"But my thoughts are about the building,
The work some day to be tried,
And that only the gold and the silver,
And the precious stones should abide.

"And remembering my own poor efforts,
The wretched work I had done,
And even when trying most truly,
The meager success I had won:

"It is nothing but wood, hay, and stubble,"
I said; 'it will all be burned;
This useless fruit of the talents
One day to be returned;

"And I have so longed to serve Him,
And sometimes I know I have tried;
But I'm sure when he sees such building,
He will never let it abide."

"Just then as I turned the garment,
That no rent should be left behind,
Mine eye caught an odd little bungle
Of mending and patchwork combined.

"My heart grew suddenly tender,
And something blinded my eyes
With one of those sweet inspirations,
That sometimes makes us so wise.

"Dear child! she wanted to help me,
I knew 'twas the best she could do;
But oh! what a botch she had made of it,
The gray mismatching the blue!

"And yet, can you understand it?
With a tender smile and a tear,
And a half compassionate yearning,
I feel her grow more dear.

"Then a sweet voice broke the silence,
And the dear Lord said to me,
'Art thou tenderer for thy little child
Than I am tender for thee?'

"Then straightway I knew His meaning
So full of compassion and love;
And my faith came back to its refuge,
Like the glad returning dove.

"So, I thought, when the Master Builder
Comes down this temple to view,
To see what rents must be mended,
And what must be builded anew;

"Perhaps as He looks o'er the building
He will bring my work to the light;
And seeing the marring and bungling,
And how far it is all from right;

"He will feel as I felt for my darling,
And will say as I said for her,
'Dear child! she wanted to help me,
And love for Me was the spur;

"And for the great love that is in it
The work shall seem perfect as Mine;'
And, because it is willing service,
Will crown it with plaudit divine.

"And there, in the deepening twilight,
I seemed to be clasping a hand,
And to feel a great love constraining,
Far stronger than any command.

"Then I knew by the thrill of sweetness,
'Twas the hand of the Blessed One,
Which would tenderly guide and hold me,
Till all the labor is done.

"So my thoughts are never more gloomy,
My faith is no longer dim,
But my heart is strong and restful,
And mine eyes are unto Him."

Legal Corporation for Columbia Union Conference

At the last meeting of the executive committee of the Columbia Union Conference it was voted that a legal corporation for the union should be formed, and the incorporators were chosen.

In harmony with this action, a corporation known as the "Columbia Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists" has been formed, and on March 23, 1909, was registered in the District of Columbia.

All delegates to the sessions of the union conference are voters at its biennial sessions. The corporation being formed under the laws of the District of Columbia, its business sessions may be held wherever the sessions of the union conference are held.

In harmony with the articles of incorporation, the incorporators met and the following persons were chosen as a board of trustees: G. B. Thompson, H. H. Burkholder, F. D. Wagner, W. H. Heckman, B. F. Kneeland, L. F. Starr, H. W. Herrell, J. M. Rees, and E. R. Brown. This board will meet at the time of the General Conference, May 13 to June 6, 1909, and will elect officers.

The corporation is now in shape to receive wills, legacies, and so forth. Persons willing property to corporations, should be careful to give the exact name of the corporation, and to consult the laws of the state regarding the giving of property to religious bodies.

G. B. THOMPSON.

Missionary Work

CHRIST, our example, was a missionary. In John 4:34 Christ said: "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me." A faithful worker represents Christ.

Missionary work is a great and grand work, and there are many, many ways in which we can engage in it. I have heard some people say they could not do any missionary work because they had to stay at

home, but there is a great work to do right in our homes. We may engage in loving service for others, and we may be ever ready to lend a helping hand. My earnest desire is that each one of us may be better home missionaries. Although we are young, Christ has a great work for each of us.

If one could be saved who had never sacrificed anything to save another soul from death, nor had been in any way an instrumentality in saving another, how strange he would feel in the city of God, among those who are constantly rejoicing over the fruits of their labors. Can such a thing be possible?

MABEL MARIETTA.

WITH THE HARVESTERS

The Work In West Virginia

FROM every field in foreign lands, and from every conference in our country, we are hearing shouts of victory. Never did the truth make such advancement in one year as it has made during the past year, and it now seems that our work has such a momentum that it cannot be checked. I trust we in West Virginia will arise and follow the cloud, for it will soon stand over its final resting place, where we shall encamp over the danger line.

Are we discouraged now? Are any afraid, and ready to try to steady the ark for fear it may shake off its mooring? If there are any such, let them remember Uzzah, who lost his life by trying to steady the ark.

What we need in West Virginia, are more laborers and more tithe to support them. I would ask my brethren and sisters, Are you paying a tithe? or are you waiting to see how things are coming out? Are you paying tithe to those who are not authorized laborers? If you are—and I do not say you are—I wish to say that the Lord has, through his servant, told us the place to pay the tithe is into the Lord's storehouse, which is the office of the treasurer of the conference. We have many good, faithful tithe-payers in our conference; we have some who pay something once in awhile, and others who do not pay anything. We are pressed from month to month to know what to do. We are anxious to see the work go here in our state, and our prayers are going out continually that each one may seek to know his duty;—not only know it, but after knowing it, have

the Lord's help to perform it. We can make a success of the work in West Virginia if all will come now "to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

J. M. REES.

OHIO

Leesburg

WHILE visiting the church here during the week of prayer, I was requested by the members to hold some meetings. From the interest I saw manifested, I concluded that some good might be accomplished. I promised to do for them what I could after the conference at Columbus. Accordingly I began to plan for meetings and decided to begin February 28. I began with a small attendance. I also found that the Methodists had begun a meeting about the same time.

Having laid all my plans, however, I did not feel like giving way to the Methodists, but concluded that there was room enough for both. So the meetings went on for nearly three weeks, each hoping the other would close down. Finally the Methodists discontinued their services for lack of interest. Our interest by this time was on the increase. The man they had hired for two weeks for \$50 attempted to explain the book of Revelation. It was amusing what wonderful things he told the people. The teaching he gave them during his stay was so promiscuous and strange that it unsettled the faith of the orthodox Methodist. It stirred the people's desire to know the real truth. Thus it worked for our interest. We now have the entire field, and a good interest.

After four weeks of hard labor in a hard field, we can see the people yielding to the preaching of the truth. Souls are being stirred to give their hearts to the Lord, and to the keeping of all his commandments. Eight have signed the covenant, and others are in the balance, who we hope will decide soon. The interest is still increasing, even after the testing truths have been presented. Sunday nights the church hardly holds the people. The hearts of the brethren are made glad to see such a material increase in their Sabbath-school. Patiently they have waited for many years. Now they see this place once more stirred with the third angel's message. We all join in praising God. On a recent Sabbath we had a wonderful blessing from on high. The hearts of the new converts were touched as well as

those that have been long in the way.

Brother J. J. Marietta has assisted in the meetings all he could while looking after the interests of the work in Chillicothe. He is planning to continue the Sunday night meetings here; he also expects to be with the church often on the Sabbath after I have gone. We expect that a goodly number will soon be added to this church, which will wonderfully strengthen the cause in this place.

JOHN P. GAEDE.

Coshocton

FROM March 2 to March 8 I was with the Coshocton church. I found a live little company, anxious to hear God's word and to have others hear and obey the truth.

A few days before my visit Dr. Jump had been with them for a short time; so my coming came as a surprise to them. This is my first visit in my new field. I believe if all of the brethren are as interested to see the cause of Christ built up as they are here, there will be a good work done in District No. 2 during the coming year.

If we desire to grow in grace we must not only walk in every ray of light that comes to us, but must work continually for others in every way that we can, for slothfulness in the Christian life means spiritual death and eternal loss.

Although the roads were bad, yet each night a number of our brethren from the country were present to hear and to encourage others to attend. Some of them had to walk as far as three miles over bad roads.

While we were there we had to disfellowship two who had gone out from us. We regretted to take such action, yet we felt that such dead timber as this was only a hindrance to the church, and is no help to those who are seeking light.

On Sabbath, five young people asked for baptism, which we expect to administer in a few weeks. Brother St. Clair and daughter were present Sunday, from Pleasant Hill. Brother Corder was with us Sabbath and Sunday. He told of some good experiences in the canvassing work.

Let us be careful in our daily walk, for by our fruits we are known. It is our lives that are causing many to decide either for or against the truth; so let us be willing at all times to bear the burdens of life cheerfully that others may be saved.

W. E. BIDWELL.

Field Notes

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

ELDER W. H. HECKMAN spoke at the North Philadelphia church again Sabbath, April 3.

Elder A. R. Bell reports that five members were taken into the church at Harrisburg, subject to baptism.

Sunday evening, March 28, four precious souls were buried in baptism and united with the First Philadelphia church.

The Review and Herald Publishing Association has just issued the "Great Advent Movement" in paper covers, which sells for fifty cents.

"Practical Guide to Health," now ready, is a book that should be found in every home. Price, cloth, \$3; sheepskin, \$4; morocco, \$5.

Quarterly meeting was held in both the Scranton and Wilkes Barre churches Sabbath, March 27. Elder C. S. Weist officiated.

Have you placed your subscription for the General Conference *Bulletin*? If not, do not wait until the conference begins and then send in your order, but order now, and then you will receive the first copy without delay. You cannot afford to miss the benefits of this important meeting.

The different churches in our conference were favored Sabbath, April 3, by visits from the General Conference brethren. Elder A. G. Daniells spoke both morning and afternoon at the First Philadelphia church. Elder G. A. Irwin spoke in Lebanon in the morning, and in Reading in the afternoon. Elder I. H. Evans met with the church at Allentown. Elder W. A. Spicer spoke at Scranton in the morning and at Wilkes Barre in the afternoon. Elder K. C. Russell visited the Williamsport church in the morning and the Roaring Branch company in the afternoon.

NEW JERSEY

Do not fail to subscribe for the *Bulletin*. You cannot afford to be without this comprehensive report of the

most important conference in many years that has ever been held.

At a recent meeting of the executive committee it was voted that in view of the financial situation and the fact that the General Conference is to be held so near the time proposed for our state camp-meeting, we omit having a camp-meeting this year. This will give all who desire, opportunity of attending the General Conference. We hope that many will avail themselves of this privilege.

A most excellent Sabbath-school convention was held at Trenton March 26, 27. Mrs. A. E. Rambo, the Sabbath-school secretary, was present and took charge of the program. Several most excellent papers were read, and a lively interest was shown in the discussions. All felt that we ought to have more of such meetings, and seemed anxious to take hold with renewed zeal to make the Sabbath-school what it ought to be.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

BROTHER D. R. STONE has moved from Roulette to Shingle House.

L. L. Stone and family, formerly of Coudersport, have moved to Shunk, Pa.

Address all communications for I. G. Bigelow to Bradford, Pa., R. F. D. No. 1.

Elder J. E. Veach is now home from the sanitarium in Philadelphia, and reports that he is ready for work.

All desiring a report of the General Conference proceedings should send in their order for the *Bulletin* at once.

Brother Gates writes encouragingly of the canvassing work, and is now planning on working Warren County. He says, "As for giving up,—No! I can see too great a need of workers for that."

In a letter received from Brother Durkee he states that at the quarterly services held recently by Brother Schwartz and himself at Sugar Run and Lock Haven, the attendance was good, and love and harmony prevailed.

Elder I. N. Williams was called to Washington, D. C., recently for the purpose of removing Brother Heckman from the sanitarium to Pennsylvania; but upon arrival he found him in such a precarious condition that his removal could not be thought of.

Brother Charles Dunham, not meeting with the success he had hoped for in the towns, started out in the country week before last. The result was that he sold \$32.50 worth of books for cash, took orders amounting to \$18, besides some helps. Judging by the experiences related, he left a good impression all along the way.

From a letter received from Brother Robbins we take the following: "The work is moving forward in Erie. A number of persons who do not belong to our church are attending our meetings . . . I spoke in the Swedish Baptist church last Monday night. It was a union meeting, and people were there from the other churches. I gave them the coming of the Lord just as straight as I could give it from the Bible. The Spirit of the Lord was present . . . After the meeting, one lady said that she had never heard the Bible explained that way in the other churches, and that she was going to attend the Adventist church. We are going to have a union service in our church on Sunday night. The interest appears to be growing in Erie. Outside people seem to be hungering to hear the truths which we hold. The ice is certainly breaking. I praise the Lord for the presence of his Spirit here." Such a report is indeed encouraging, and we are glad to note the interest manifested in our work there.

A. V. WILLIAMS.

New Jersey Conference Workers

ON account of inaccuracy in the printed report giving the names of our workers, I am sending the following complete list of workers now in the employ of the New Jersey Conference:—

Ordained ministers: B. F. Kneeland, J. G. Hanhardt, W. H. Smith, Geo. W. Spies. Licensed ministers: P. E. Brodersen, E. E. Pennington. Licensed missionaries: Mrs. A. E. Rambo, Miss A. W. Welsh, D. K. Royer, Raleigh French, Cort Nelson, D. P. Boersma, Miss Anna S. Cooper, Miss Anna M. Cately.

B. F. KNEELAND, Pres.

EDUCATIONAL

Industrial Reform

"Because difficulties arise, we are not to drop the industries that have been taken hold of as branches of education. While attending school, the youth should have an opportunity for learning the use of tools. Under the guidance of experienced workmen, carpenters who are apt to teach, patient, and kind, the students themselves should erect buildings on the school grounds and make needed improvements, thus by practical lessons learning how to build economically. The students should also be trained to manage all the different kinds of work connected with printing, such as typesetting, press-work, and book-binding, together with tent-making, and other useful lines of work. Small fruits should be planted, and vegetables and flowers cultivated, and this work the lady students may be called out of doors to do. Thus, while exercising brain, bone, and muscle, they will also be gaining a knowledge of practical life.

"Culture on all these points will make our youth useful in carrying the truth to foreign countries. They will not then have to depend upon the people among whom they are living to cook and sew and build for them, nor will it be necessary to spend money to transport men thousands of miles to plan school houses, meeting houses and cottages. Missionaries will be much more influential among the people if they are able to teach the inexperienced how to labor according to the best methods and to produce the best results. They will thus be able to demonstrate that missionaries can become industrial educators; and this kind of instruction will be appreciated especially where means are limited. A much smaller fund will be required to sustain such missionaries, because, combined with their studies, they have put to the very best use their physical powers in practical labor; and wherever they may go, all they have gained in this line will give them vantage ground. . . .

"Had all our schools encouraged work in agricultural lines, they would now have an altogether different showing. There would not be so great discouragements. Opposing influences would have been overcome; financial conditions would have changed. With the students, labor would have been equalized; and as all

the human machinery was proportionately taxed, greater physical and mental strength would have been developed. But the instruction which the Lord has been pleased to give has been taken hold of so feebly that obstacles have not been overcome."—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

The Education of Our Children —No. 3

THIS divine system of education we find among the early Christians. In Painter's "History of Education," we read: "The purpose of these early Christians, as of the ancient Jews (Israel), was to train up their children in the fear of God. In order that the children might be exposed as little as possible to the corrupting influence of heathen associations, their education was conducted within the healthful precincts of home. As a result, they grew up without a taste for debasing pleasure; they acquired simple domestic tastes, and when the time came, they took their place as consistent and earnest workers in the church."—*P. 90.*

One of the early fathers sets this important question before the church of that day in the following language: "Let us have for our children the same fear that we have for our houses, when servants go with a light into places where there is inflammable material, as hay or straw. They should not be permitted to go where the fire of impurity may be kindled in their hearts, and do them an irreparable injury. A knowledge of the Scriptures is an antidote against the unreasonable inclinations of youth, and against the reading of pagan authors in which the heroes, the slaves of every passion, are lauded. The lessons of the Bible are springs that water the soul. As our children are everywhere surrounded by bad examples, the monastic schools [which would correspond to our church-schools] are the best for their education. Bad habits once contracted cannot be got rid of. . . . Now our children are surrounded by vice in our large cities and are unable there to resist bad examples."

From the home school the child passed into the next higher grade, the church-school. A church-school is one sustained and provided by the church. Anciently these schools were taught by the Levites. Read 2 Chron. 17:8,9; 30:22. These schools were still maintained in the days of the early Christians. Mosheim says: "There can be no doubt but that the children were carefully trained up

from their infancy, and were early put to reading the sacred books and learning the principles of religion. For this purpose schools were erected everywhere from the beginning."—*Church History, cent. 1, part 2, chap. 3, sec. 7.*

From the local school taught by the Levites, there appears to have been schools in various villages and cities, known as "the schools of the prophets," presided over by Samuel, and succeeding prophets. Those who attended these higher schools were known as "the sons of the prophets." The object of these schools was to teach the work of God, sacred poetry, (Psalms of David), sacred music, prayer, and science. Read 1 Sam. 12:23; 1 Chron. 25:1-3, 6-8; 2 Chron. 23:13. These schools were located in the following places: Naioth in Ramah, 1 Sam. 19:19,20; Bethel, 2 Kings 2:2,3; Jericho, 2 Kings 2:4,5, 15-17; Gilgal, 2 Kings 4:39,40; 6:27.

In Jerusalem there seems to have been a college. 2 Kings 22:14. In the days of the Saviour there appears to have been a school at Jerusalem whose teachers were known as doctors, masters, etc. Read Luke 2:43,47; Acts 5:34; 22:3; John 3:9,10.

Here we have a complete system which will, when carried into effect, save our youth, strengthen our ranks, and send many consecrated workers into the field. But, beloved, what is your church doing to carry out this divine plan? In "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VI, p. 195, I read: "To parents he sends the warning cry, Gather your children into your own houses; gather them away from those who are disregarding the commandments of God, who are teaching and practicing evil. Establish church-schools." To those who read these words I would say, Carefully read 2 Cor. 6:14-18, and ask yourself the question, "Where are my children?" In the same testimony I read: "Shall the youth be left to drift hither and thither, to become discouraged, and fall into temptations that are everywhere lurking to catch their unwary feet? The work that lies nearest to our church members is to become interested in our youth, with kindness, patience, and tenderness, giving them line upon line, precept upon precept."

The churches that have established schools, have received great blessings. Some of our churches have been slow to take hold of this work. The writer has noticed that these churches have remained weak. Weak churches make weak conferences.

Several years ago the Lord called his people back to that educational system established in the garden of Eden. Many have seen high mountains on either side, and rolling waters before, and have halted, and are halting still. Shall we not take hold of that arm that is mighty to save, and now take up the work that lies at our door?

L. E. SUFFICOL.

Educational Department of Ohio Conference for 1908

As we remember that "In the highest sense the work of education and the work of redemption are one," we are glad to report that the past year has been a busy one for our people in this branch of the Lord's work.

Sabbath-Schools

Among our Sabbath-schools, conventions were held both in the early spring and in the fall; and their great value has been proven in the added zeal with which the Sabbath-school work has been carried forward. Our Ingathering services have become also an established part of the Sabbath-school work, and many valuable lessons are learned as old and young, with hearts grateful for the blessings of the year, seek to show their thankfulness to God by helping others who are in need of the gospel.

The reports that have been received from quarter to quarter during the past year have, almost without exception, been of an encouraging nature, and we are glad to bring to your notice a complete record of the year's work, as it shows an active missionary spirit among our schools, and a united effort to hasten the spreading of the gospel message. During the year, the total number of schools was 76; the total enrolment, 1865; total enrolment in the Home department, 63; total amount of contributions, \$2,793.56; expenses of schools, \$426.62; amount sent to missions, \$2,366.94.

This last is a gain of \$448.88 over that of 1907. We do not yet send all to the mission fields, but the expense account has dropped over \$300 in the past year, so that we look forward with courage to the future. Only about eleven per cent of the donations are now used by the schools for themselves. We rejoice that more needy fields are receiving our gifts.

Church-Schools

Among our church-schools we see the same spirit of progress. We have

much for which to be thankful as we note the slow but sure advancement of this work during the past few years. The call to God's people to come out from the world and to be separate in the work of educating the children has proven to be of more than human origin. While many difficulties have been encountered, this work has become organized, and the band of faithful teachers who have stepped forward have consecrated their lives to this service.

At the present time we have five home schools and ten church-schools, with an enrolment of one hundred and sixteen pupils. We are glad to report that of fifteen pupils who completed work in the church-schools in the spring of 1908, twelve are now in Mount Vernon College, and one is teaching in a home school. It is encouraging to see some of our pupils already actively engaged in preparing for service. It also vividly brings to mind the statement that "In these last days children's voices will be raised to give the last message of warning to a perishing world;" and that "Our church-schools are ordained by God to prepare the children for this great work."

Missionary Volunteer Department

While this work has heretofore been recognized as a branch of the educational work, owing to its importance, and to be in harmony with the recommendations from our leaders, at our last conference an advance step was taken. The Missionary Volunteer department was organized as a separate department, although no new officers have as yet been chosen. As this work becomes more thoroughly organized, we hope to see still better results. At the close of the year we numbered fourteen societies, with a membership of two hundred and twenty. Besides these we have nine junior bands, with a membership of seventy-three, doing active missionary work under the guidance of experienced leaders.

Report of Work Accomplished

Letters written.....	154
Letters received	62
Missionary visits (personal work) ..	488
Bible readings, or cottage meetings	288
Subscriptions taken for periodicals..	294
Papers sold.....	2,515
Papers mailed, loaned, given away..	7,018
Books sold	193
Books loaned or given away....	95
Pages of tracts sold.. ..	14,349
Pages of tracts given away.....	50,020

Hours of Christian help work.....	516½
Articles of clothing given away.....	164
Persons supplied with food.....	87
Signers obtained to temp. pledge..	52
Offerings for local work.....	\$9 35
Offerings for home mission work...	27 09
Offerings for foreign mission work..	189 77

Total donations

\$226 21

BESSIE E. ACTON.

WITH THE CANVASSERS

Qualifications of The Canvasser

"By many of our canvassers there has been a departure from right principles. Through a desire to reap worldly advantage, their minds have been drawn away from the real purpose and spirit of the work. Let none think that display will make right impressions upon the people. This will not secure the best or most permanent results. Our work is to direct minds to the solemn truths for this time. It is only when our hearts are imbued with the spirit of the truths contained in the books we are selling, and when in humility we call the attention of the people to these truths, that real success will attend our efforts; for it is only then that the Holy Spirit, who convicts of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment, will be present to impress hearts."

Experiences in New Jersey

I RETURNED to Elizabeth from our canvassers' institute in January and have been having experiences different than usual. In delivering books and in meeting those to whom books had previously been delivered, I found the people ready to ask questions on different points of our truth. In many cases on account of the hard times, many men were out of work. Many of them for a long time had been working only a part of the time, so they were not prepared to pay for their books. To show their desire for and intention of taking the book, many of them would pay me small sums as part payment. On account of this, I found it necessary to visit them several times. As I thus became better acquainted with them, they began to ask questions on points of our faith and this has given me opportunities to hold Bible readings with them. I am having three or four Bible studies weekly with different families.

Among those interested is a Baptist minister. Thus far I have confined

this work mostly to Sabbaths and Sundays so as not to interfere with my canvassing work. I am convinced that a good work could be done here in Elizabeth if one could spend his time that way. There are many here, I believe, who earnestly desire to know truth and who are simply waiting for an opportunity to learn. Our earnest desire is that the Holy Spirit may direct this work to the glory of his name and to the salvation of precious souls.

Remember us at the throne of grace.
B. H. WELCH.

The Canvasser And His Work— No. 13

Financial Policy

A SETTLEMENT in full should be made with the tract society immediately after delivery, even though a few orders have been lost. I know of one canvasser who carried the tract society's money for over two weeks. I heard of another who kept the tract society's money for three days and was robbed. When a canvasser has delivered enough books to settle his account, and possibly \$20 more for change, it is a very safe policy to turn the funds over to a rural deliveryman, if it is possible to do so, for a money order, and post the order at the next opportunity. The tract society's money should never be used by the canvasser. Every canvasser should have three separate pockets; one for the tract society, one for tithe, and the other for himself. When one dollar's worth of helps have been sold, fifty cents should go into the tract society's pocket, five cents into the tithe pocket, and forty-five cents into his own pocket.

Weekly Reports

Two reports should be sent in each week; one to the state agent, and one to the tract society secretary. These reports should be complete as designated on the report blank; every item mentioned should be reported faithfully. These reports should be made out and posted the evening after the Sabbath. A letter containing a few of the good experiences of the week should accompany the report sent to the state agent. From the reports sent in by the canvassers, a complete report of the books sold in the conference is sent to the publishing house. From these reports the publishers determine how many books to make of each style of bind-

Canvassers' Reports

Chesapeake, Week Ending Mar. 26, 1909

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
O. Yingling, Warren, Md.,		GC	5	41½	14	\$39 50	\$16 90	\$56 40	\$
E. Mitchell, Keysville, Md.,		GC	2	14	2	6 50	9 50	16 00	
D. Stout, Pomona, Q'k' Nk Md.,		GC	2	8			1 00	1 00	
C. Zeigler, Dorchester Co. Md.,		GC	4	26	7	22 65	3 00	25 65	
J. Jones, Hurlock, Md.,		GC	5	36	18	50 50	1 00	51 50	
A. Byers, Washington Co., Md.		GC	4	27					
J. Miller, Belair Road, Md.,		GC	3	11	1	2 75		2 75	
J. Siler, Utica, Md.,		GC	3	22	6	20 50	60	21 10	
E. Franklin, Lewistown, Md.,		GC	4	25	3	10 25	60	10 85	
V. Stout, Harford Co.,		GC	3	25½	7	19 25		19 25	
J. Jeffreys, Harford Co., Md.,		GC	1	4	2	5 50	3 70	9 20	2 20
Mrs. Wright, Centerville,		GC	5	28½	15	42 25	9 00	51 25	1 00
G. Rodgers, Dover, Del.,		DR	1	4½					13 00
J. Paden, Hagerstown, Md.,		OK	4	26	13	14 00	2 10	16 10	11 25
S. Brown, Hagerstown, Md.,		OK	4	29	29	42 75	3 85	46 60	
Totals,			50	328	118	\$276 40	\$51 25	\$327 65	\$17 20

Ohio, Week Ending Mar. 19, 1909

E. Horst, Ross Co.,	GC	5	44	9	24 75	5 50	30 25	11 75
C. VanGorder, Fairfield Co.,	DR	5	49	17	43 75	4 50	48 25	
H. Kirk, Williams Co.,	DR	5	35	10	29 50	1 50	31 00	70 50
C. Leach, Washington Co.,	DR	3	22	5	10 25		10 25	
D. Gallion, Coshocton Co.,	DR	3	20	3	8 25	2 75	11 00	
F. Wagner, Stark Co.,	DR	3	20		8 50		8 50	13 50
D. Gallion, * Coshocton Co.,	DR	1	6	1	2 75		2 75	
R. Corder, Guernsey Co.,	BF	4	23					108 00
G. Corder, " "	BF	4	28					72 00
E. Shaw, Lucas Co.,	CK	4	28½	15	21 50	50	22 00	2 00
L. Waters, Tuscarawas Co.,	CK	4	40	4	5 00	35	5 35	277 40
Wm. Deushle, Franklin Co.,	BR	3	17	3	9 25		9 25	11 25
Totals,		44	332½	67	\$163 50	\$15 10	\$178 60	\$566 40

New Jersey, Week Ending Mar. 26, 1909

C. Grey, Randolph,	DR	5	33	18	49 25	80	50 05	
W. Plant, " "	DR	3	25	12	30 00	1 25	31 25	1 25
H. Murphy, S. Brunswick,	DR	3	19	12	33 00	3 40	36 40	1 95
H. Murphy, † S. Brunswick,	DR	2	16					21 25
J. Rambo, Millville,	DR	2	16	2	4 25	2 00	6 25	
C. Kiessling, Pohatcong,	GC	5	32	10	27 50	3 00	30 50	1 50
G. Blinn, Delaware,	GC	4	28	10	28 50	75	29 25	
C. Klaiber, Harmony,	GC	5	28	5	13 75	4 25	18 00	4 25
B. Welch, Elizabeth,	BR	5	21	6	13 00	6 00	19 00	19 75
Totals,		34	218	76	\$199 25	\$21 45	\$220 70	\$49 95

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending Mar. 26, 1909

G. Hartman, Lebanon,	DR	4	28	10	24 50		24 50	2 75
C. Beidler, Franklin,	DR	3	21	5	15 75		15 75	
H. Gauker, Berks,	DR	3	21	6	14 50	2 80	17 30	2 80
S. Sundberg, Northampton,	CK	4	28	11	11 50		11 50	1 50
R. Bell, York,	CK	4	21	12	12 50	1 50	14 00	
B. Saubel, York,	CK	4	15	6	6 50		6 50	1 00
S. Diehl, Union,		3	20		1 75	80	2 55	80
Totals,		29	154	50	\$87 00	\$5 10	\$92 10	\$8 85

Ohio, Week Ending Mar. 26, 1909

C. VanGorder, Fairfield Co.,		5	45	15	39 25	75	40 00	
H. Kirk, Williams Co.,		3	22	7	21 25	2 50	23 75	
J. Randolph, † Marion Co.,		4	39	4	16 00	3 95	19 95	45 45
L. Welch, Muskingum Co.,		5	25½	3	3 50	1 50	5 00	
E. Shaw, Lucas Co.,		4	35	28	39 00	4 50	43 50	2 50
Totals,		21	166½	57	\$119 00	\$13 20	\$132 20	\$47 95

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Mar. 26, 1909

C. Dunham, Indiana Co.,	GC	9	66	18	50 50	1 75	51 25	76 00
J. Glunt, Altoona,	GC	5	15	1	2 75	9 00	11 75	14 25
W. Logan, Punxsutawney,	DR	2	19					55 75
G. Gates, "	GC	2	10					23 70
I Bigelow, Armstrong Co.,	GC	2	14	1	4 75	45	5 20	116 50
Totals,		20	124	20	\$57 00	\$11 20	\$68 20	\$286 10

West Virginia, Week Ending Mar. 26, 1909

A. Halstead, Putnam Co.,	DR	2	14	10	18 75	4 70	23 45	
J. Jennings,† Jefferson Co.,	DR	10	80	14	22 80	40 50	63 30	12 75
D. Whitmire,† Hardy Co.,	DR	3	22	4	11 00	4 50	15 50	
L. Wright, Marion Co.,	GC	3	21	10	28 50		28 50	
Totals,		18	137	38	\$81 05	\$49 70	\$130 75	\$12 75

Virginia, Week Ending Mar. 26, 1909

K. Oertley, Radford,	SP	22	10	12 50	4 90	17 40	1 55	
M. Jemerson, Richmond,	COL	12	1	1 25	5 60	6 85	2 35	
Totals,		34	11	13 75	10 50	24 25	3 90	

†Two Weeks.

*Week Ending Mar. 12, 1909.

†Week Ending Mar. 19, 1909.

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,174.45. Deliveries, \$993.10.

ing for each conference. Thus it can be readily seen that the canvasser who does not report faithfully, from week to week, may run short of books at the time of delivery, as the orders of those who have been reporting will be filled first. Report faithfully, and send in your order fully four weeks before date of delivery, and you will always get your books on time.

A Daily Record

At the close of each day, just before retiring, the canvasser should record the hours, exhibitions, orders, and so on, in a book furnished him by the tract society, called "The Canvasser's Daily Record." In the back of the book will be found several pages for accounts, where he should record every cent spent during the day. Where an itemized account is kept, there are many things which will not be purchased. Care should be taken not to go into debt.

A written guarantee, signed by the canvasser, should be given to each purchaser. This guarantees the book to be as represented in every particular. This guarantee should bear the name of the book, price, date of purchase, and date of delivery. The attention of the purchaser should be called to the date of delivery two or three times, and then it will not be forgotten, and no notification letter will be necessary.

Care of Prospectus

Care should be taken to keep the prospectus clean. After each meal,

wash your hands so as to avoid getting anything sticky on the pages, as dust would settle on the spots and the clean white pages would become soiled.

I have seen a list of names in a prospectus which were very poorly written, and I have seen other lists that looked as though the names had been recorded by a good, orderly bookkeeper.

It is possible for any person who can write, to number each order in the narrow space at the left of the page, and then record the same number on the guarantee slip and stub. For the style of binding, place the initial M for marble binding, G for gilt, L for library, and F M for full morocco. If two people in succession take the same style of binding, instead of using the initial each time, use it but once, and then use the ditto ("") mark; do the same where two persons have the same post-office address, language, or date of delivery. A neatly kept list of names will do its part in helping to make the sale.

Watered Territory

Every canvasser should not only keep his list of names orderly, but preserve it, that he may re-canvass the territory three or four times at least. Territory is not spoiled by a faithful, evangelistic canvasser. On the contrary it is watered. It has been demonstrated time and again that each time the territory is canvassed, especially by the same person, it is more easily worked, and

with much better results. Territory is much improved by working, and after it has been canvassed several times by a person who is in every sense an evangelistic canvasser, there will probably be found a good live interest and possibly several believers as a result. There is not a minister in our ranks who would not appreciate the privilege of conducting tent meetings in such a city or county.

Next week we shall gather up the fragments and conclude our institute work; then we shall be ready to go out and put all of this instruction into practice.

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

See What God Hath Wrought

THE Lord has been blessing the canvassing work of the Columbia Union Conference in a wonderful way the past year, especially the last few months. When I made out the report for February a few weeks ago, and compared it with the February report of 1908, I was compelled to say, "See what God hath wrought!" For February, 1908, our sales amounted to \$1,233.20, while this year our sales for February amounted to \$5,587.85, an increase of \$4,354.65. The Western Pennsylvania Conference during the month of February, sold \$1,255.70 worth of books, which is more than the whole union sold for the same month one year ago. The Ohio Conference sold \$1,529.20.

This great increase has come during the last four months. Four months ago the outlook in Western Pennsylvania was not so encouraging, but to-day that conference ranks second in the union conference. Our institutes have been larger this year, and a spirit of consecration seems to have taken hold of all those in attendance.

I never saw a brighter outlook for the canvassing work than that which presents itself in the Columbia Union Conference at this time.

Are you standing idle in the market place? If so, look upon the fields and see that they are white already to harvest, and listen to the call, "Go work in my vineyard." With the record of January and February before us, we can only believe that the Lord is placing his hand to the work to bring a speedy end to this long reign of sin. Write to your agent quickly, and join with us to help swell the "loud cry."

I. D. RICHARDSON,
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EDITOR'S COLUMN

The Death of Elder Rees

It is with the deepest regrets that we record the sad death of Elder J. M. Rees, which took place in Washington, D. C., on Thursday last. From the reports, it appears that he went to Washington with Sister Rees, who was to become a patient in the sanitarium at Takoma Park. While crossing the street railway tracks, he was struck by a passing car, receiving injuries from which he died in Emergency Hospital three hours later. Cards found upon his person served for identification, and Dr. D. H. Kress, superintendent of the Washington Sanitarium, responded to a call of the authorities, reaching the bedside twenty minutes before death occurred.

Elder Rees was sixty-five years of age. Many years of his life were given to the proclamation of the third angel's message, considerable of the time in an official capacity. At the time of his death, he was president of the West Virginia Conference. On another page of this issue of the VISITOR will be found an article from his pen about the work in that conference. This was written but a short time before his death. It sounds a clear note of courage and faith in the final triumph of the work, not only in his conference but throughout the world.

A few weeks ago, Elder Rees visited Mount Vernon College. While there he spoke several times to the students and once to the church. His words were full of courage and faith in God. He seemed to be enjoying a good Christain experience, and we believe he died ap-

proved of God, and will have a part in the saints' reward. We extend our deepest sympathies to the bereaved family.

NOTICES AND APPOINTMENTS

A Correction

IN the VISITOR of March 17, 1909, it was stated that five persons were baptized in Cincinnati, February 27, four of whom had accepted the truth through the labors of the Bible workers. It should have read through the labors of Elder G. P. Gaede and the Bible workers.

District Meetings

THERE will be a general meeting at Wheelersburg, Ohio, April 24, 25, 1909, for the churches in District 1, comprising Beaver, Chillicothe, Columbus, Fairfield, Jackson, and Portsmouth. Preaching service Friday and Sunday evenings. A like meeting will be held at Hamilton, Ohio, May 1, 2, 1909, for District 7, embracing the churches of Cincinnati, Dayton, Hamilton, Leesburg, Springfield, Washington, and Wilmington. All are cordially invited. Please bring your "Christ in Song."

R. R. KENNEDY, *Sup't.*

Birthday Celebration

MARCH twenty-nine saw the eighty-third birthday of Elder J. G. Wood. Through the kindness of his son-in-law and daughter, a few friends were invited in to greet him. (He was too feeble to see but few.) After an excellent dinner, we gathered about him to listen to very entertaining reminiscences of his work since he accepted the third angel's message, which occurred in Wisconsin fifty-three years ago. Soon afterward he was elected elder of the church. Three years later he was ordained to the ministry by Elder James White. He preached on Sabbath, and labored during the week to earn his living. Some years later he was called to the work in Missouri, and from there to Arkansas, his faithful wife caring for his little flock all alone during his absence. Not only did she do this, but the latch string was always out as many a minister can testify. Some years later he came to Ohio, and labored in Washington Court House, Cincinnati, Dayton, and Springfield. He now rests from his labors, while he awaits his summons; and a kind

and loving son-in-law and daughter care for him. NETTIE E. GRAVES.

Position Wanted

THE undersigned would like to secure a position as teamster with a Seventh-day Adventist. Have had some experience in this work. Address Albert Mayer, Wohler, W. Va., R. F. D. 1. Box 57.

The General Conference Bulletin

THE General Conference is very anxious that our people get their orders in for the *Bulletin* at once. The time is drawing near when the General Conference will be required to make application for the entry of the *Bulletin* as second-class mail matter. They will need, therefore, a large number of subscriptions to get it entered. I would urge all of our people in the Ohio Conference to send in their subscription at once, as this will save confusion and unnecessary trouble later. This will be one of the most important sessions of the General Conference ever held by our people. Those who are not able to attend the conference cannot afford to do without the *Bulletin*. It will be issued daily, and will cost fifty cents for the session. F. H. HENDERSON.

OBITUARIES

MILLER.—Died of spinal meningitis, March 2, 1909, at the home of her grandmother in Newark, O., little Helen Glen Miller, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Miller, aged 7 months, and five days. During the two weeks of her illness, she was very patient, although suffering severely. With her parents she had left her home in Cleveland to visit her grandmother, but death claimed her before their return. Her parents are stricken with grief over the loss of their darling, but they mourn, we trust, not without hope. God grant that they may be a united family when the great Lifegiver comes to claim his own. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder F. H. Henderson from John 14:1-3.

Helen, though thou wert very dear,
We would not weep for thee;
This thought shall check the falling tear:
From sorrow thou art free.

And thus shall faith's consoling power,
The tears of love restrain:
O, who that saw thy parting hour
Could wish thee back again?

Angels shall guard thy sleeping dust,
And as thy Saviour rose,
The grave again shall yield its trust,
And end thy deep repose.

L. WELCH.