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GENERAL MATTER

TRUTH NEVER DIES

Truth never dies. The ages come and go;
The mountains wear away; the seas retire;
Destruction lays earth's mighty cities low;
And empires, states, and dynasties expire;
But caught and handed onward by the wise,
Truth never dies.

Though unreceived and scoffed at through the
years.

Though made the butt of ridicule and jest;
Though held aloft for mockery and jeers,
Denied by those of transient power pos-
sessed,

Insulted by the insolent of lies,
Truth never dies.

Truth answers not; it does not take offense;
But with a mighty silence bides its time.
As some great cliff that braves the elements,
And lifts through all the storms its head
sublime,

So truth, unmoved, its puny foes defies,
And never dies.

The lips of ridicule dissolve in dust;
The sophist's arguments, the jibes, are
still;

God, working through the all-compelling
must,

Has broken those who dared combat his
will;

New systems, born in wild unrest, arise;
Truth never dies.

—Selected.

The Columbia Union Conference

PREPARATIONS are being made to have the next session of the Columbia Union Conference a most important meeting. This conference will be held at Baltimore, Md., Dec. 2-12, 1909. A full delegation from each conference within the union as well as those interested in the progress of our message are expected to be present. The conferences comprising this union are: Ohio, West Pennsylvania, East Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Chesapeake, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

The General Conference has assured us that we shall have sufficient help from our general men who are in ac-

tive touch with the world-wide progress of the message. The union will also be well represented by a large body of its working force. As an excellent place of assembling, we have secured the Mizpah meeting house, located at the corner of Oliver and Regester streets. The upper auditorium of this building has a seating capacity of about 900; while the lower auditorium offers excellent space for departmental meetings, in addition to the other rooms convenient for work. What better facilities could be offered for profitable counsel and for giving the third angel's message to the public?

Instructions are given in the VISITOR how to reach the church. If any misunderstanding arises, simply ask to be directed to Oliver and Regester streets. Do not bring "Hymns and Tunes"; but be sure to bring your Bibles and "Christ in Song," last edition preferred.

The program will be as follows:—

7:00-8:00 A. M., Breakfast.
8:30-9:00 " " Prayer and Social
Meetings.
9:15-10:15 A. M., Departments.
10:30 A. M.-12:15 P. M., Conference
Session.
12:30-1:30 P. M., Dinner.
2:00-3:00 P. M., Committees.
3:00-4:15 P. M., Bible Study.
4:30-6:30 P. M., Departments
7:45 P. M. Preaching.

It is the plan of the Chesapeake Conferences to arrange for places where those who attend the meeting may sleep. A dining hall, furnishing meals at reasonable rates, will be conducted by the Chesapeake Conference in, or near to, the Mizpah meeting house. All those who expect to attend, send their names at once to Emma S. Newcomer, No. 2 Loudon Ave., Baltimore, Md.

Some of the important features to be considered at this conference will be the special Bible studies conducted by our leading men. We wish this meeting to be of good spiritual help to all who come. One topic which will receive careful attention is, How

to reach our large cities. This conference will offer unusually good opportunities for considering pressing problems of our organized departments. Also we intend not to let this occasion pass without studying how to get the individual church members interested in giving this message to the world. Now brethren, be loyal. The best efforts possible have been put forth to make this Union Conference adapted to the pressing needs of the hour. The call now from the Spirit of Prophecy is, The third angel's message to the cities of the East. And when we consider that in this union are some of America's most important cities; as Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland, Toledo, Richmond, Newark, and Harrisburg, our present duty is to plan for their needs. Turn out in full force and become acquainted with the Lord's opening providences.

B. G. WILKINSON,
President Columbia Union Conference.

The Need of the Hour

WHO, we ask, will follow the example of his Lord in self-sacrifice and disinterested benevolence, to save his fellowmen? There are young men and women and those of middle age who have had experience in the truth, but do not advance in the divine life and increase in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and they do not know the cause. One cause of their lack of spiritual strength, and of their not being full-grown men and women in Christ is, they are not workers with Christ. If they would work for Jesus, their sympathies would be brought in close union with Christ, and they would grow in him their living head, they would have a better understanding of the nature of his work and of his sacrifice for man; and would place that estimate upon souls proportionate to the value of the price Christ has paid for man. There are a large number who, if they would come near enough to God by entire consecration, would hear his

voice saying, Go labor in my vineyard, and ye shall receive your wages by and by.

Many are not sufficiently aroused to their duty to do the work they might do if they would, and that they do not do because they have not the spirit of sacrifice. God will hold such accountable for the souls of their fellowmen. They might have done a good work in union with Christ, and they will be called to render an account for the good to souls they could have done and did not.

We are not, as a people, sufficiently aroused to the short time in which we have to work, and do not understand the magnitude of the work for the time. The night soon cometh, in which no man can work. Satan is earnest, zealous and persevering in his work. If he fails to accomplish his work the first time, he tries again. He will try other plans, and work with great perseverance to bring in various temptations to ensnare souls. He never becomes so discouraged as to let souls entirely alone. If the zeal and perseverance of Christ's followers in their efforts to save souls were equal to Satan's efforts to destroy them to their eternal loss, we should see hundreds embracing the truth where we now see one.

God calls for men and women to qualify themselves by consecration, to do his will, and by earnest study of the Scriptures to do his special work for these last days. He calls for men now who can work. As they engage in the work in sincerity and humility to do all they can, they will be obtaining a more thorough experience. They will have a better knowledge of the truth and better know how to teach souls and help them just where they need to be helped. Workmen are needed now, just now, to labor for God. The fields are already white to the harvest, and yet laborers are few. There are those among us who could work if they were awake to the wants of the cause, and were willing to bear burdens. God calls for men and women, who are followers of Christ, to volunteer to work under his dictation to rescue souls from ruin. All who engage in the work of presenting the truth to others must have true courtesy, and Christian politeness, and sincere love for souls; so as to make, not general efforts merely, but personal efforts.

—Mrs. E. G. White.

"God's best gift to us is not things but opportunities."

A Praying Church

A PROSPEROUS church is a church which prays. It is written: "My house shall be called a house of prayer." We must never lose faith in prayer. We must never abandon prayer. We must never lose the spirit of prayer. A church can get along for a considerable time without singing, and can go on indefinitely with indifferent singing. A church may do well with poor preaching, and even without preaching of any kind. But a church without prayer is no church at all. We might as well expect a man to live without breathing as to expect a church to live without praying.

Pray for the minister. Pray for the sick and afflicted. Pray for the children. Pray for the lost. Pray for the community. Pray for one another. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest. "Pray without ceasing." Pray everywhere. Let the church be characterized by prayer, filled with the atmosphere of prayer, and crowded with the trophies of prayer.

—Selected.

Take No Thought

CHARACTER requires a still air. There may be storm and upheaval around, but there must be peace within for the soul to thrive. But anxiety is the reverse of peace. It teases the mind with questions it cannot answer; it broods over possible evils; it peoples the future with dark shapes; it frets the sensibilities with worrying conjecture. It spoils the present by loading it with the evil of to-morrow. Its tendency is, by dwelling on evil, to make us cowardly and selfish. Character cannot grow in such an atmosphere. Hence, as a matter of fact, we seldom find any great height and sweetness of character in an anxious minded person, for the simple reason that it has no chance to grow; all the forces go in other directions. But when one in wise and righteous ways has learned to trust in God, and so has come into peace, then the seeds of all grace and beauty spring up, and spread out their leaves in the calm warm air, and blossom out into full beauty, fed from beneath and above. It was to secure such atmosphere, for an end so eternally important as this, that Christ spoke these words: "Take no thought." Oh, how wise the teaching! How blessed to be able to receive it!—Rev. T. T. Munger.

Daily Religion

"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23. The saviour has here clearly defined religion.

It is religion at all times and all places. If we fail to take up our "cross daily," it is most likely to be in the home. Too often the good cheer and genial smiles are kept for friends and acquaintances, while in the home, a different spirit is manifested.

If we succeed in living religion in the home, we need not fear failure elsewhere. Life is made up of little things—of trifles, yet we grow impatient over them. We pray for strength to endure the time of trouble, and are upset daily by trifles.

They who live daily religion, meet these petty trials calmly. They sense the importance of guarding against and overcoming trifles. Herein lies real strength. If qualified to meet and overcome each little trial in the daily life, we are also prepared for emergencies, and to meet the crises of our lives. Those who live out a daily religion are making steady progress,—are spiritual plodders; they are they who need him and seek him daily, yea, hourly. They lay at the feet of Jesus every burden, however great or small, and are content to trust all with him. They deny self, follow Jesus, and abide in his love.

The most beautiful thing on earth is a daily Christ-like life in the home. Such lives make home akin to paradise; such religion sweetens the atmosphere and exerts a powerful influence for good.

Spasmodic religion is not daily religion. It works more harm than good. There is no spiritual advancement in it. As there is no such station as standstill in the spiritual life, they who indulge in this sort of religion occupy a dangerous position.

—Bertha Bliss, in the Gospel Sentinel.

Failure That Cannot Defeat

FAILURE is a sickening thing, but we have no right to let it be a signal for giving up. The man who fails because of his failures, has surrendered in a fight that God meant to have him win. There is no man that has won a perfect victory," says Speer. "Men are not divided into two classes—the men who fail and the men who succeed. Every man is in the failing class. Men are simply divided into different groups according to the at-

itude they take toward their failures." The men who fail and conquer are they who refuse to let their failures speak the last word. The men who fail and go to pieces are they who think that failure cannot be overcome.

God is close to the man who has just failed. If ever Christ offers his human-divine sympathy, and fellowship, and forgiveness, and power to try again, it is at the moment when one has seemingly lost everything in defeat by sin. Then comes the real test of Christ's power over sin, and the real test of the conquered sinner's still confident faith in Christ. A lifetime of failures is not enough to get the better of one who still rises to his feet in the determination to keep on fighting. Such a fight can never meet with final defeat.—*S. S. Times*.

An Outlook of Hope

LET nothing that has been said concerning the attitude of some university professors, and even religious teachers, have the slightest effect in weakening your confidence in the things that you have heard and learned. Rather let it strengthen your conviction of their truth, for God has clearly foretold of these days. The darker the apostasy looms, the stronger testimony it bears to his word.

"Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night." The night first, and the morning afterwards. The darkness is the prophecy of the dawn.

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man cometh, shall he find the faith on the earth?" The inference is that his flock in that day will be as "little" relatively as in the day in which he spoke the word. In the meantime we have his promise, "I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown."—*James M. Gray, D. D.*

Mortal and Immortal

If one should state as a great truth, that God is immortal, the majority of thinking people would say that the statement is wholly unnecessary. The very fact that he is God would indicate that he is immortal. And yet the Bible has regarded it of sufficient importance to declare that God is immortal. "Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible," we read in 1 Tim. 1:17; nay, more, but we are expressly told in the same epistle (6:16) that he "only hath immortality."

It is ever set before the children of God as something to be attained. It is to be sought after by faithful continuance in well doing. Rom. 2:7.

In 2 Tim. 1:10 it is declared that life and immortality are brought to light through the Gospel, implying that they can be found nowhere else; not in the natural man or the theories of men, or in the world religions or philosophies, but only by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There will come a time when the Christian will be made immortal, at the resurrection, when the last trumpet shall sound; then shall this mortal put on immortality, and this corruptible shall put on incorruption. Then and not till then will be brought to pass the saying, "Death is swallowed up in victory." The one hope of the ages is the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will give to his waiting children, whether dead or alive, the gift of immortality.—*Signs of the Times*.

Coca-Cola Fiends

THE government has recently issued a bulletin which contains a necessary warning for the countless numbers who are innocently drinking a deadly drug in the form of coca-cola and other cola decoctions. The drink is a compound of caffeine and cocaine sweetened to the taste. Everyone ought to know that cocaine is the most enslaving and degrading drug known to mankind. The one drink is doing so much harm that the government reports as follows: The prevalence of the coca-cola fiend is becoming a matter of great importance and concern. The drink deadens the nerves and thus destroys the sense of fatigue. One thinks he has gotten over his fatigue, when the fact is that the nerves that should carry the message are unable to do so. Would it be good evidence that you have extinguished the fire at your residence because you cut the wires that carry the fire alarm to the fire department? You would call a man crazy who thought such a thing. And yet hundreds of persons drink the deadly drug to stop the sense of fatigue. The fatigue is still there, but the alarm wires are cut, and the individual puts more strain on the system, not knowing that he has done enough already. And then cocaine keeps demanding that a little more be taken each time in order to get the same effect, and in a short time we have a serious case of cocaine drunkenness, the victim is a cocaine fiend.—*Signs of the Times*.

The Law of God

It is very important that the furnishings of the home and of each room in the home, should be tasty. Not only should they be neat and attractive, but they should include every possible influence which will count for good. An attractively illustrated copy of the law of God placed on the wall will do much toward giving this right cast.

It will open the way for conversation along lines of Scriptural truth; it will be a constant reminder of right principles, and will direct the thoughts to the Giver of the law; it will help young and old to become familiar with the precepts of God. As the commandment itself is "holy, and just, and good," "converting the soul," a copy of it properly placed in the dining room, parlor, children's room, or other part of the home, may be expected to ever exert a heavenly influence.

Just such a sheet as this appears as one page in the recent special issue of the *Watchman*, entitled, "The Morning Cometh." This page has been reproduced on heavy paper, suitable for framing. Near the top of the page, in the main panel, is a beautiful three-color process cut of Sinai, the sanctuary, and the camp of Israel; below are the ten commandments, the rendering being that of the Am. R. V. On each side is a panel containing six texts on the character of the law.

These three panels are made with red border, and are set across a larger panel in blue which contains the heading (Isa. 8:20), and at the bottom of the page, a wonderful tribute from the pen of Rev. George Elliot to the "absolute, universal, and unchanging obligation" of the fourth commandment, which is inseparably connected "with the whole decalogue." The type work is blue.

This page has been prepared in answer to many requests from those who have seen it in the special issue. It will certainly please all who are interested in anything of this nature, and will doubtless prove to be a blessing in many homes. No motto or picture could be so appropriate.

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or the nearest publishing house, as usual, or address *The Watchman*.
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OHIO

Harvest Ingathering at Ohio City

THE company of believers at Ohio City held a very interesting Harvest Ingathering service in their neat little house of worship October 16 and 17. The church was beautifully decorated with boughs of autumn leaves and appropriate mottoes. On the rostrum fruits of the fields and trees were tastefully arranged, and only the best had been presented as an offering of thankfulness for the blessings of the harvest.

The program consisted of songs, recitations and a dialogue. The children took their parts well, considering the short time for preparation. Elder H. H. Burkholder occupied the morning hour in reviewing the progress of the message. It is very apparent that the more thoroughly the Lord's people are organized, the more rapidly a greater work is accomplished. The assurances from the word of God of a final triumph of the message encouraged our hearts and strengthened our determination for a greater faithfulness in advancing the cause of truth.

The weather was inclement, and many who had planned to be present were prevented. However the attendance was quite good, representatives being present from Convey, Elgin, Van Wert, and Hayne. These friends brought baskets well filled with provision, and after the meeting, all repaired to the hospitable home of Sister Black, where a common table was spread. The capacity of the dining room was several times tested. While it is profitable to hold these Ingathering services for the spiritual benefit derived, the social feature can but unite us in closer bonds of fellowship in the truth we all love.

May the Lord bless his people at these various places, and make them shining lights in the closing message.
BESSIE E. RUSSELL

Carthage

It has been some time since I have reported through the columns of the VISITOR, so that I feel it my duty to do so now. After returning from camp-meeting, I immediately set to work to find a location for the tent. This was secured, and the tent pitched

on Center street at Carthage, a suburb of Cincinnati. Brethren Lingo and Frondorf did the hauling. Brother Frondorf and his son Urban helped me to start up the tent. Thursday, September 9, I opened the meetings with fairly good attendance. As it became more known that gospel meetings were held in the tent, the attendance increased. I had some trouble with the boys. Being alone, I hardly knew how to use them. September 21, Brother Christie J. Fritz joined me, and thus we were able to keep order during the services. The brethren from Hamilton were down several times and assisted also. The meetings lasted a little over five weeks. We closed October 17. The weather was nice until the last week, when it became quite disagreeable to us in a tent.

With the assistance of the Bible workers, Sisters Smith and Howel, and Mamie Telshaw as organist, we managed to have an enjoyable tent season, at the close of which four adults signed the covenant. Others are interested and we hope will yet take a hold and keep the Sabbath. Since the close of the tent meetings, we hold meetings with these, and others that have since become interested, in a hall which we have rented. These meetings are still well attended. Pray for the work here that these may have courage to step out and obey their convictions. The members of the Cincinnati church are working with papers, with good success. The church school is prospering nicely under the direction of Sister Florence Hottes, of Dayton.

Sabbath, October 2, three souls were buried with the Lord in baptism. We are of good courage, and yet we are longing for the time when the reign of sin and opposition will come to an end, and Jesus will come.

JOHN P. GAEDE.

WEST VIRGINIA

Little Birch and Charleston

FRIDAY morning, October 8, I left Parkersburg for Little Birch, arriving there at 7:20 P. M., just in time for the evening meeting. Sabbath afternoon we had a Bible study, and after the study we had a social meeting. Several took part, testifying to the benefit they had received from the meetings. Eleven persons have taken their stand to keep the Sabbath as a result of the meetings conducted by Brethren Foggin and Adkins. These brethren are both of good

courage and are hoping to see a good work accomplished.

Personally I feel deeply impressed with the earnestness of the people of this district and fully believe that earnest painstaking effort among them will yield good returns.

Early Monday morning I started for Charleston. In order to reach the flag station I had to take a five mile walk over the mountain from the Little Birch River to the Cherry River. This was my first introduction to the mountains of West Virginia. All went well until we were going down the mountain close to the Cherry River, when I slipped and fell, cutting an ugly gash in my left thumb which gave me considerable annoyance for a week, but I am thankful to say that it is quite well now.

On the train I met Elder Godfrey, who, with his wife and daughter, were on their way to Huntington, where Elder Godfrey is now located. I spent two weeks with the Charleston church. The last Sabbath I was there we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house. One sister united with the church, and there are several who will be candidates for baptism in the near future.

Sister Artlip, a faithful member of the church, died Friday morning, October 22, of typhoid fever at McMillan's hospital, Charleston. The remains were taken to the home of a relative, who took charge of the funeral.

This little church, notwithstanding some very unpleasant experiences in the past, is now in hearty accord with the conference, and is most loyal in supporting the organized work. Not long ago Brother Wilson, a member of this church, gave me \$100 as a donation to the work in West Virginia.

I was pleased, when at the close of the meeting Sunday night the deacon proposed to the church that they pay my train fare to Charleston and thus relieve the conference of that expense.

The proposal met with the hearty approval of all the members of the church and that evening Brother Williams handed me five dollars. I mention this not so much because of the amount, but because of the spirit of devotion to the cause which prompted it. Everywhere I go there seems to be an earnest desire to see the work prosper.

Dear brethren and sisters, let us pray and work together for the advancement of the work in the Little Mountain State, and in all the great harvest field

W. D. MACLAY.

VIRGINIA

The Virginia Conference

THE twenty-sixth annual session of the Virginia Conference was held in the Seventh-day Adventist church, Lynchburg, Virginia, October 26-31. It was, indeed, a time of spiritual refreshing for the children of God present, and for the advancement of the cause in Virginia. Those who had attended other conference sessions of Virginia in the past stated that in this present meeting the people received by far the best instruction that anyone could recall. So it is very evident that those present were repaid for coming, and that they appreciated the blessings which the Lord bestowed.

There were eleven churches represented by about twenty delegates. The laborers from outside the conference were Elder W. A. Spicer, I. D. Richardson, and the writer. Everyone greatly appreciated the instructions upon foreign missionary work given by Elder W. A. Spicer, so that the brethren took hold with great earnestness of the resolution to raise their quota of the \$300,000 fund, when distribution of the same will be made. Special attention was given to the work in behalf of the young people, and also to the upbuilding and fostering of the educational work. A new department, that of Missionary Field Secretary, was taken on at this meeting. It was arranged that Elder J. G. Hanna should take the oversight of fostering and developing young people's societies, and of organizing them for the work of selling our magazines.

One young lady who came from the General Conference spent some time in the state of Virginia on her way to the academy at Graysville, Tenn. She sold enough to earn two scholarships, one for herself and one for her brother, both of whom are attending the academy at Graysville, Tenn., this winter. This and other facts convinced the brethren of Virginia that they have a great field before them in their state for the development of the educational work. The conference took hold, with hearty enthusiasm, of the one-cent-a-day plan for the relief of Mount Vernon College. Also a resolution calling for a donation to a camp-meeting fund was responded to by all, accompanied by a donation of about \$150. A number of "Christ's Object Lessons" remaining over in the state were pre-

sented to the conference, and in one meeting all these last copies of the book were taken.

Other resolutions were passed which will strengthen the different lines of work. The report of the president of the conference showed that during 1908 there were baptized 52, while 69 members were added to the church. The report for 1909 from January 1 to October 1 showed 29 baptisms, and 57 additions. As the Virginia Conference very generously and kindly passed over to the District of Columbia Conference for field territory six of her large counties in the north, this, of course, made a small decrease in the conference membership. For the year ending Dec. 31, 1908 there was an increase in the tithes of \$1,108.30; and during the same period, an increase in offerings of \$575.20. The tract society sales amounted to over \$7,600, nearly double the amount of the previous year.

The following officers of the conference were elected: President, H. W. Herrell; secretary, A. M. Neff; treasurer, O. F. Dart; secretary and treasurer of tract society, A. M. Neff; Sabbath-school secretary, Naomi M. Herrell; religious liberty department, B. L. House; state agent, V. O. Panches; field missionary secretary and missionary volunteer department, J. G. Hanna; educational secretary, Prof. C. A. Maxwell; executive committee, H. W. Herrell, R. D. Hottel, O. F. Dart, J. E. Gardner, and A. C. Neff. B. G. WILKINSON.

Danville

OUR tent meeting closed September 1, with a good interest. As a result five stepped out to keep the Sabbath and there are six in the valley of decision. Our meeting continued twelve weeks. We had hoped to go through September and October, but my health gave way. The last two weeks I had to go to bed in the daytime and get up and preach at night. I rested from all work for a while and the Lord blessed with a return of strength. As I regained strength an appeal came from News Ferry church for help. I responded, dealing with practical themes. Three accepted the Saviour and there were many requests for prayer, while the meetings continued. I was with them eight days when strength failed me again, and I returned to Danville. Since that time I returned and baptized five others. Three of them are

new converts. I baptized my son William, he being among those accepting the Saviour.

Our effort at News Ferry was simply the developing of well sown seed by the local church. Sister Ragsdale and the force there keep busy all the time.

The colored work in Virginia is very encouraging. Two new buildings have been erected during the conference year. One at Newport News, during Elder Munce's labors, and the other at Danville; beside a number of Sabbath keepers have been added to the ranks. We have seven churches, one company, and a beginning has been made at three other points.

Two tents were in the field during the summer bearing the precious message. The Lord has used the means entrusted to our conference to scatter the message over a wide territory. We are grateful to God and to the dear brethren who have unselfishly labored that the message may go to the colored people of Virginia. The truth has gone to all classes and among the number the president of one of the leading negro colleges and his wife.

The race is tying more closely to the organized work that they may form a link in the chain of Ezek. 7:23.

Now that the "harvest ingathering" is on we are praying and laboring that the financial returns may be good, and that a large number may be induced to identify themselves with the people of God.

We have just returned from the excellent conference session at Lynchburg with a heart filled with gratefulness and praise for the rich blessings received. God grant us strength to do more in his service the coming year.

FRANKLIN G. WARNICK.

News Ferry

IT has been some time since I placed anything in the columns of the VISITOR. Praise the Lord he is blessing the work at this place. We had a very successful meeting about a month ago. The Lord added four new souls to our ranks. Six were baptized. Others are much concerned about the truth. Pray that the Lord may open the way for them.

I think if we had a few more meetings we would gain others also; but as I have been laboring and need rest, and Elder Warnick cannot be with us at this time, we trust the Lord that we may be able to have a few weeks' meeting again soon.

I left many studying their Bibles and saying they believed in it. Danville is a place that needs hard labor and earnest prayers. Books and papers would mean a great deal to Danville. So let us labor and pray.

MRS. ELLA RAGSDALE.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

WE are pleased to receive our first application for enrolment in the Junior Reading Course from Lester Lease, Oley, Pa. Let others follow. Now is the time to begin. Do not delay any longer, as the outline for the course began in the *Instructor* of October 5. Those desiring to begin the course now should order their subscription to the paper to begin with that number. The same applies also to the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course No. 3.

Elder W. H. Heckman was called to preach the funeral sermon of Sister Lizzie Furman of Jonestown, on November 4. The services were held in the Dunkard church in the presence of a large audience.

Sister J. M. Weiss sends in encouraging reports relative to the Ingathering Campaign, stating that the churches there are taking hold with enthusiasm. She continues: "The business men are responding heartily. Although the amounts are not always so large, they have treated us with every respect and the greatest courtesy."

The Lancaster church is doing nobly. Brother Hirlinger, the elder, tells us that all are entering the work with more interest than they did last year, and he believes the results will far surpass last year's efforts. There are three new Sabbath keepers in that church who are also filled with enthusiasm in this campaign.

In returning from Reading, Brother Bayley states that he believes the Reading church will do fully as well as they did last year.

Sister Sue M. Andrews, who spent the past week in Lebanon in the interests of the campaign, has herself been soliciting from house to house with encouraging results. She also believes that the Lebanon church will do more than they did during the 1908 campaign.

Sister R. M. Fried, of the Allentown church, sends for another 500 copies of the special *Review*. This makes 1500 in all for that company. This church did splendid work last year, but indications are that it will do still better during this campaign.

Elder A. R. Bell, pastor of the Harrisburg and York churches, is doing all in his power to far surpass last year's efforts. He himself is soliciting the heads of some of the manufacturing plants. As the result of writing to one firm he received a check for \$10.

Elder C. S. Weist, pastor of the Scranton church is visiting all the near-by churches in the interests of the Ingathering campaign. He reports that wherever he has been the churches respond heartily.

Last week Elder Heckman visited Lebanon, Pottsville, Wade, Lancaster, York and Harrisburg. Last Sabbath morning he preached to the York, company, and in the afternoon at the Harrisburg church. He reports that the church-members are taking hold of the campaign this year with a zeal that means success.

NEW JERSEY

BRETHREN GEORGE BLINN, in Hunterdon county, and George Taylor in Cape May county had splendid deliveries last week. We hope there will be many more such before the close of the year.

If you have not done all that you feel that you ought to do in the Harvest Ingathering, do it now. What excuse can we offer to God for failure to warn our neighbors, when such a splendid opportunity is placed in our hands? Wonderful blessings have been received by many of the workers who have gone out in this campaign. If you have not gotten the same blessings yourself, is it not a good time to ask a serious question, why is it?

A note has been received from Brother Martin Stein, clerk of the Jersey City German church saying that the church greatly regrets the loss of the labors of their elder, Brother F. F. Stoll, who has gone to answer a call from the Greater New

York Conference to take charge of the German churches in Manhattan and the Bronx, New York. Brother Stoll has been connected with the German work in New Jersey for many years, and his faithful labors will be missed in the church.

The church at Bridgeton has had great cause for joy during the past week, because of the wonderful blessings which have come to them. Elder B. F. Kneeland, accompanied by members of the conference committee, spent some time there laboring to help the church. At first the outlook seemed discouraging as there were difficulties between members which seemed hard to remove. But at last the spirit of God broke through the clouds, shedding a flood of light on those present. Wrongs were confessed and forgiven, and in the place of accusations, distrust, and hard feelings, there came a spirit of humility, and a desire for more Christian love and confidence in one another. It was a glorious victory, for which God alone should receive the glory. It was again demonstrated that God's way of settling church difficulties and adjusting grievances among his children is the best.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

West Pennsylvania Conference

ASIDE from the conference president we are entitled to a delegate for every 150 members in the conference to attend the Columbia Union Conference to be held at Baltimore, Md., December 2-12. Delegates have been elected by the conference committee as follows: F. H. Robbins, I. N. Williams, N. S. Ashton, J. E. Veach, I. G. Bigelow.

A. V. WILLIAMS, Sec.

A Synopsis Number—November 24

EIGHT thousand new readers for the *Signs of the Times* have been added since the beginning of Home Bible Studies series, October 1. Subscriptions "to begin with the first in the special series" continue to come.

The liberal stock of the first numbers printed to meet this demand is so nearly exhausted, that it is absolutely necessary to do something to give new readers the benefit of the entire series.

To meet this situation, either a supply of back numbers must be printed,

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending November 5, 1909

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
A. L. Bassler, Fairfield Co.	DR	5	40	19	\$53 25	\$10 10	\$63 35	\$2 45	
F. E. Hankins, Harrison Co.	DR	5	31	14	44 50	4 25	48 75		
O. VanGorder, Erie Co.	DR	5	37	11	32 25	15 45	47 70	30 00	
H. F. Kirk, Carroll Co.	DR	5	40	15	38 25	8 00	46 25	2 75	
R. Minesinger, T'carawas Co.	DR	5	45	7	20 25		20 25		
Ray Corder, Noble Co.	GC	5	38	8	24 00	5 25	29 25		
Wm. M. Deuschle, Ross Co.	GC	5	40	6	16 50	1 25	17 75	3 75	
Enos M. Horst, Ross Co.	GC	4						51 30	
Wm. Shobe, Athens Co.	BR	5	42	17	41 50	5 00	46 50		
C. Reichenbaugh, Portage Co.	CK	4	31	25	29 50	35	29 85	35	
L. H. Waters, Athens Co.	CK	5	42	24	27 50		27 50		
Guy Corder, Noble Co.	BF	5	37	37	39 00	4 00	43 00		
Totals			58	424	183	\$366 50	\$53 65	\$420 15	\$90 60

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 5, 1909

W. Reynolds, Montgomery	DR	4	32	5	11 75	50	12 25	30 25
†H. J. Albright, Berks	DR	13	89	14	35 25	6 00	41 25	75 25
*E. J. Kasselmeyer, Bucks	DR	6	47	13	35 75	2 00	39 75	
J. L. Gearhart, Lehigh	DR	9	68	17	46 25	50	45 75	
G. Jenkins, Lackawanna	GC	2	15	2	5 50	11 95	17 45	60
W. P. Hess, Lancaster	CK	15	120	68	85 50		85 50	
Totals		49	371	119	\$220 00	\$20 95	\$240 95	\$106 05

Chesapeake, Week Ending October 29, 1909

Maryland									
*A. Williams, Queen Annes Co.	GC		80	10	29 50	3 25	33 75	82 22	
Mrs. Whaley, Kent Co.	GC	5	35	13	29 75	3 00	32 75		
J. W. Siler, Frederick Co.	GC	5	29	8	23 00	1 20	24 20		
S. N. Brown, N. Brunswick	CK	2	14	5	6 50	70	7 20		
Jos. C. Paden, Cumberland	CK	2	17	8	8 50	2 10	10 60		
Mrs. P. Trott, Fords Store			9			2 50	2 50		
Leon C. Post, Golden Hill	GC	5	39	12	35 00	1 00	36 00		
Totals			19	223	56	\$132 25	\$14 25	\$146 50	\$82 25

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending November 5, 1909

A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	GC	5	38½	4	4 00	2 50	6 50	189 20
T. M. Butler, Erie Co.	CK	5	41½	4	5 50		5 50	125 00
C. Dunham, Indiana Co.	GC	4	30	12	33 75		33 75	45 85
J. A. Heaton, Huntingdon Co.	GC	4	24½	7	20 25	6 25	26 50	
Miss Zoerb, Lock Haven	CK	5	23	17	20 00	1 20	21 20	1 00
W. H. Jack, Armstrong Co.	DR	5	31½	10	21 75	4 00	25 75	15 25
Totals		28	189	54	\$105 25	\$13 95	\$119 20	\$376 30

New Jersey, Week Ending November 5, 1909

Geo. Taylor, Dennis	DR	4	22	3	7 25		7 25	49 25
†J. Rambo, Dividing Creek	DR	4	24	3	5 25	3 75	9 00	1 25
‡G. Blinn, Hunterton	GC	4	34	11	31 25	9 00	40 25	
Totals		12	80	17	\$43 75	12 75	\$56 50	\$50 50

*Two weeks

†Three Weeks

‡Week ending October 30.

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which is unsatisfactory to new subscribers at this late date, or a review of series must appear in a current number.

A synopsis number will, therefore, be issued under date of November 24 which will clearly review the subjects, particularly the points of our faith presented in the first seven numbers of the series.

This gives special opportunity for home workers to furnish subscriptions they would like to have sent earlier, to interest those near who have not as yet been reached, and to follow up interests which may have been created in the *Review* campaign.

Here is an opportunity to reach thousands more who are just as likely to accept the truth from reading as those to whom the papers are now being supplied.

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SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

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OBITUARIES

MEIZER.—Hellen M. Meizer, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George O. Meizer, of Cambridge, Md., died Oct. 25, 1909. Words of comfort were spoken by Brother E. G. Collins from Isa. 65: 23.

THOMPSON.—Mrs. Jane Lunette Thompson died October 8, 1909, having attained the age of sixty years. She was raised under Christian influence, and since her thirteenth birthday she has been identified with the Adventist people, earnestly co-operating with them in building up and maintaining the various interests of the church. During her residence in Toledo for the past ten years she has been associated with the Adventist church of this city, which while rejoicing that "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth," and satisfied that she "may rest from her labors," and assured that her "works do follow," yet recognize that in her death the church has again suffered loss. With the promise in John 14:1-3 we were comforted.

A. C. SHANNON.

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Columbia Union Conference

NOTICE is hereby given that the second biennial session of the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in the Mizpah meeting house, corner of Oliver and Regester streets, Baltimore, Md., Dec. 2-12, 1909. The first meeting is called for 10 A. M. All delegates will please be present at this time, if possible. Take car from any station that will transfer to Gay street car at Baltimore and Calvert streets, go east on Baltimore street to Wolf street, get off and walk half block north to Oliver street and west on Oliver to Regester street.

E. R. BROWN, *Secretary.***Columbia Union Conference
Association**

THE Columbia Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will hold a meeting in connection with the Columbia Union Conference session, Mizpah meeting house, Baltimore, Md., Dec. 2-12, 1909, notice of which is herewith given. The first meeting of the Association will be held Dec. 3, 1909, at 11 A. M. The accredited delegates of the Conference session are members of the Association. All legal matters should be attended to at this time.

E. R. BROWN, *Secretary.***Important Notice!**

WE have learned that the directions, to the place of meeting where the Columbia Union Conference will be held, given in a recent number of the VISITOR, were not entirely correct. Brother E. R. Brown, the secretary, informs us that the directions should be as follows: Take car from any station that will transfer to Gay street car at Baltimore and Calvert streets, go east on Baltimore street to Wolf street, get off and walk half block north to Oliver street, and west on Oliver street to Regester street.

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Death of Sister Rees

MRS. MELVINA REES, wife of the late Elder J. M. Rees, died at her home in Parkersburg, W. Va., Friday morning, Nov 5, 1909. Sister Rees has been an invalid for the past nine years. Last spring, when her condition suddenly became alarming, her husband took her to Washington, D. C., where, on the day after their arrival, he met his tragic death. Early in June Sister Rees was taken back to her home in Parkersburg, where through intense suffering she gradually sank till death released her. She was in her sixty-sixth year, having been born in 1844. When a girl of fourteen years she embraced the Sabbath truth, and for nearly fifty-two years has been a member of the Seventh-day Adventist church. June 28, 1866, she was united in marriage to Joseph M. Rees, to whom she taught the truth of the third angel's message. To this union four children were born, three of whom are living.

Sister Rees rests from her labors and her sufferings, but the sweet influence of her pure, unselfish life will never die. Hers was the life of an ideal Christian. A life-long acquaintance was heard to say at the burial, "She lived the most perfect life of anyone I ever knew." Her children cannot recall an unguarded moment in her life, a hasty or an angry word spoken, or a wrong deed knowingly committed. She loved all and was in turn loved by all. During her long sickness and extreme suffering, never a complaint or murmur escaped her lips. She could smile through it all and say, as she did to her son a few weeks before her death, "I shall fall asleep in Jesus." She was taken to Kokomo, Ind., by her son, Prof. D. D. Rees, and her daughter, Miss Pearl L. Rees, and laid beside her husband. A funeral service was conducted in Parkersburg by Elder MacLay. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

FOR SALE: I have on hand a number of fine Smith Premier Type-writers. As I shall need the money invested in these machines within sixty days, I am forced to accept very low prices. We shall be pleased to correspond with any who may be in need of a typewriter. Address, Elder L. E. Sufficool, 30 Westside Ave., Hagerstown, Md.