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

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## GENERAL MATTER

### The Columbia Union Conference

THE representatives of the third angel's message from the Columbia Union assembled in council at Baltimore, Md., Dec. 2-12. Fifty-seven delegates appeared for eight conferences, the Union Conference, and two institutions. Unity and harmony characterized each deliberation of the session, and all labored together for the advancement of the kingdom of God.

The first Sabbath of the conference brought with it the rich blessings of the Lord. The Baltimore church surrendered over the Sabbath-school for a union service and a large number of delegates cheerfully ministered as Sabbath-school teachers. The preaching service was under the charge of Elder I. H. Evans, whose sermon on the kingdom of God drew forth a large and deep-feeling response from the audience. A goodly number gave their hearts to God for better service in the future. In the afternoon, following a discourse by Prof. H. R. Salisbury upon the ministry, Brother P. E. Brodersen, of the New Jersey Conference, was ordained to the gospel ministry. The spirit of God hovered over the congregation during the impressive service. All felt that they were under the shadow of the Most High and that God was leading his people.

We regret that the conference was not permitted to enjoy a second Sabbath. But as December 11 began the week of prayer, many delegates desired to be back to their field. It was therefore voted to close the conference Thursday noon, December 9, which required all to work with the utmost diligence in order to finish well all the business. The unity, the harmony, and the good will to work, however, permitted this to be accomplished. All the committees worked with earnestness, while promptness marked the business sessions. Elder A. G. Daniells was present and assisted in all lines with

his wide experience. It would demand many words to tell of the excellent programs relating to the book work, to the young people's and Sabbath-school work; to the medical and educational lines, which were carried out. Some soul-stirring papers were read and many instructive discussions enlivened the hours. None who were not there can appreciate how much was accomplished in the few days allotted to this important assembly.

The Bible studies conducted by Professor Prescott upon the message of to-day were of untold value to those who followed with close attention his expositions. Other sermons—all of splendid instruction—were given by Elders Irwin, Thompson, and Spicer, who were with us part of the time. The Baltimore conference will mark a new era for the work in the Columbia Union. Fuller reports will appear later in the VISITOR. B. G. WILKINSON.

### The Law of Expediency as Applied to Religious Liberty Work—No. 2

A CAREFUL reading of the "Testimonies," Vol. 9, will demonstrate to all that the Lord is only trying to instruct his people how to act in times of special crises, when the Sunday laws are being enforced.

We all know from the experience of our people in the past who have been arrested for Sunday labor, that it has not been because of their disregard of Sunday but for their loyalty to the Sabbath of the Lord. This is evident from the fact that many other people besides Seventh-day Adventists who worked on Sunday were not interfered with by the authorities.

Some seem to think that the instruction given us of late is not in harmony with that given in "Great Controversy;" but a careful study of the "Testimonies" should convince the most incredulous that they are in perfect accord. In "Great Contro-

versy," page 65, is found one statement that has appeared to some as teaching the reverse of what has recently been given:—

"The churches that are under the rule of the papacy were early compelled to honor the Sunday as a holy day. Amid the prevailing error and superstition, many, even of the true people of God, became so bewildered that while they observed the Sabbath, they refrained from labor also on the Sunday. But this did not satisfy the papal leaders. They demanded not only that Sunday be hallowed, but that the Sabbath be profaned; and they denounced in the strongest language those who dared to show it honor."

There is no question in any loyal, well instructed Seventh-day Adventist's mind but that it would be wrong to honor the Sunday as a Sabbath or holy day in any way; and in this those people did wrong. The difference between refraining from unnecessarily offensive work on Sunday as an act of expediency in soul-saving, and honoring the Sunday institution itself, either as a matter of choice or through fear of the law, is as great as one can imagine.

Again it is claimed that the present instructions regarding our refraining from offensive labor on Sunday and doing missionary work on that day in times of special crises is in conflict with what is said in "Great Controversy," page 605:—

"The Sabbath will be the great test of loyalty; for it is the point of truth especially controverted. When the final test shall be brought to bear upon men, then the line of distinction will be drawn between those who serve God and those who serve him not. While the observance of the false Sabbath in compliance with the law of the state, contrary to the fourth commandment, will be an avowal of allegiance to a power that is in opposition to God, the keeping of the true Sabbath, in obedience to God's law, is an evidence of loyalty to the Creator. While one class, by accepting the sign of submission to earthly powers, receive the mark of

the beast, the other choosing the token of allegiance to divine authority, receive the seal of God."

It will be observed, however, from the foregoing quotation that the language in a most specific way defines its application, for it says that "when the final test comes;" but has the final test come upon God's people as yet? All will agree that it has not, and will not until all the nations have been warned against the beast, his image, and the reception of his mark. Does the reader know of souls in the vicinity where he lives who have not yet been instructed regarding the principles of the third angel's message? If so, we can yet exercise expediency and not compromise principle.

It will be noted further that the foregoing statement does not say that one will be paying allegiance to a power that is in opposition to God by refraining from offensive labor on Sunday; but it does say that they would be doing so if they should observe the false Sabbath in compliance with the law of the state. The difference between the two is broad and clear.

Illustrations showing the practical application of this principle in the South might be cited. For instance, in one of the largest communities of Seventh-day Adventists in the South, where our people were persecuted a number of weeks ago, they can now employ Sunday in doing most any kind of work they choose. This is because the people of the community have become acquainted with them, and know that the work they do is not done to antagonize others. A sheriff in this county, where this large colony of our people reside, in a letter says:—

"Some three or four years ago our grand jury indicted quite a number of them (Adventists) for violating the Sunday law. Of course all were convicted, and went to the work house. Since that time our courts have never interfered with them, but allow them to do as they please in the neighborhood where they live. Other citizens are their friends and say that they (the Seventh-day Adventists) are their best citizens, and that they have no desire to have them indicted in the courts; in fact, they don't want them bothered at all. The people of Graysville inform me that the Adventists' working on Sunday does not interfere in the least with any one or any other religious denomination in that town. The public sentiment of our people is with the Adventists, and very few of

our citizens would care to have them prosecuted."

The difficulty is not that there has been a change in the instruction that the Lord has given us along this line; but there has been a change from the radical and extreme positions that they were taught some years ago on this subject, which were not in accord with the Spirit of Prophecy, or with good sanctified common sense. Seventh-day Adventists have not departed in any particular from the instruction that God has given them along this line. The religious Liberty Department to-day stands as uncompromisingly opposed to paying homage in any way to the Sunday institution as it ever has, and we believe it will never retreat from this position.

K. C. RUSSELL.

### The School—3

THE moral, social, political, and religious conditions existing, appeal to every Seventh-day Adventist and to all Christians for another system of education, with higher ideals. The call of the hour is for that system of education which will develop Christian character. This must have before it constantly the "highest ideal" and this is Christ. Let us learn the lesson from the past, as well as the present, that the only education that is becoming to Christians, is Christian education. This being true, the institution that we must look to for such a system of instruction will be a Christian institution, and right here, we now say that that Christian institution is not the state, neither the nation, but it is the church of the Lord Jesus—his glorious body in the earth.

In Christian education the great book of Christianity must be pre-eminent. This book is the Bible. The Lord has called the attention of this people to the importance of keeping in our schools the Bible as the great text book for old and young. In "Testimonies for the Church" Vol. 6, page 131, we read: "The urgent necessities that are making themselves felt in this time demand a constant education in the word of God. This is present truth. As this reform progresses, a mighty work will be wrought; for when God declares that his word shall not return unto him void, he meant all that he said. A knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ whom he has sent is the highest education, and it will cover the earth with its wonderful enlight-

ment as the waters cover the sea.

"The study of God's word should take the place of the study of those books that have led minds into mysticism and away from the truth. Its living principles, woven into our lives, will be our safeguard in trials and temptations; its divine instruction will be the only way to success."

We have had far too superficial views concerning Christianity. We have felt that it had to do only with a mere spiritualized existence separate, or apart from the practical duties of daily life. The words we have quoted convey a far deeper meaning than many realize. Christianity is a living, vital force, in all that makes up the sum of life's duties. Christian education is therefore true to its profession only as it demonstrates this divine power in all that enters into daily life. Of Christ, we read, "And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." He was the ideal Christian. He was the model, the pattern of what every other man, born of woman, must be to be a perfect Christian.

Our schools have done and are doing a great work. I trust that all who may read these words may see that it is right, that it is consistent with the claims of Christianity, that it is in harmony and accord with the claims of this message that we establish schools for our children and youth, wherever there are children, that we pledge our support to those schools already established, and by so doing we shall save our children, spread the message, and hasten the return of our blessed Lord. Remember that time is short, we have no time to lose. L. E. SUFFICOL.

### Success with the Petition

WITH this I enclose a reply from our representative, T. T. Ansberry, to a letter and petitions against the Johnston Sunday Bill.

An elderly brother and I secured fifty-eight subscriptions to the petitions and only four to whom they were presented refused to sign them. Only a small effort was put forth for these, and I am sure we could have almost doubled the number, had we the time to work with them, as I could only work after school hours.

The Lord is in this work, and if we will co-operate with him he will certainly bless our work and again gain the victory.

The letter is as follows:—

"In reply to your esteemed favor of the 4th instant, enclosing petitions

would say that I will be only too glad to introduce same in Congress, and assure you that when the above matter comes up in the House it will receive my best and careful attention.

"Assuring you of my very kindest interest and saying to you that you are at liberty to write to me at any time regarding this or any other matter that I can be of service to you or your friends, with kindest regards, I remain, etc."

Alice Black.

### The Work for the Hour

THE lost sheep of God's fold are scattered in every place, and the work that should be done for them is being neglected. From the light given me I know that where there is one canvasser in the field there should be one hundred.

Let canvassers go forth with the word of the Lord, remembering that those who obey the commandments, and teach others to obey them, will be rewarded by seeing souls converted, and one soul truly converted will bring others to Christ. Thus the work will advance into new territory.

The time has come when a large work should be done by the canvassers. The world is asleep, and as watchmen they are to ring the warning bell to awake the sleepers to their danger. The churches know not the time of their visitation. Often they can best learn the truth through the efforts of the canvassers."—*Testimonies, Vol. 6, page 315.*

The primary seat of religion is not in the church, but in the home. When the hosts of Israel were encamped, the tent doors of the families faced the tabernacle. It was an object-lesson in the promise of the covenant, "In thee shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." In the early days of Christianity the church was in the home. The pledge to Noah included his family with himself; the pledge to Abraham, his descendants. In the glad days of Pentecost, Peter affirmed that "the promise is to you and your children."

—Selected.

### NEW JERSEY

### Biennial Report of the New Jersey Conference to the Columbia Union Conference

THE state of New Jersey was formerly a part of the Atlantic Conference,

which covered a stretch of territory reaching from New York City to Washington, D. C. In 1902 the New Jersey Conference began its separate existence, having at that time a membership of about 300, and the tithes for the first year were, in round numbers, \$4,000.00, while the total general offering were less than \$600.00. The work in this conference has passed through many vicissitudes, but by the blessing of God the work has prospered, until to-day we have 631 members, the tithe last year being over \$9,000.00, and the offerings to mission work outside of the conference over \$4,500.00. The attempts to reach our people by those who are disloyal to the work have come to naught, and a large portion of our members are proving their faith by their work. We have seen enough to convince us that the Lord is with his people, and we want to have a part in the glorious triumph of the message.

#### EVANGELICAL WORK

At the beginning of this biennial period the force of laborers in this conference consisted of three ordained ministers, three licentiates, and one other worker, a total of seven. Recognizing the fact that an increase of laborers was absolutely necessary if the pressing demands of the work among our two and one-quarter millions of people should be met, efforts were made to increase our corps of workers, so that we now have four ordained ministers, two licentiates, eight Bible workers, and three other workers; a total of seventeen. Still there is scarcely a conference in the United States where there are so few ministers in proportion to the population; this state having almost 400,000 persons to every minister in the conference. If all spoke the English language, the situation would be hard enough, but two out of every five are of foreign birth. It is very evident that more laborers must go forth to gather the harvest.

During 1908 and 1909 fourteen tent and eight hall efforts have been conducted, one general and one local camp-meeting held, and nine other general meetings in various parts of the state. One hundred and fourteen persons have received baptism, and four new churches have been organized. God has been before the workers in remarkable ways, and we desire to give him all the glory.

The outlook for our future evangelical work seems very good. Only a small part of the field has been

touched by our ministers. Thirty cities of over five thousand inhabitants each have never had a series of meetings conducted by a Seventh-day Adventist minister, and a hundred more of over one thousand each have never had an opportunity to hear this message preached. Then there are the rich agricultural districts, which are practically untouched, except by the canvasser. As an illustration of what can be done by consecrated canvassers in this field I will mention two young men who located in a small town in North Jersey about one year ago, where there were at that time no Seventh-day Adventists. These faithful canvassers won the family where they boarded to the truth. Others joined the little Sabbath-school which was started, and the believers there are now pleading for a minister to come and organize them into a church. Other openings seem even more favorable than this for a similar work to be done. We have often been compelled to gaze with awe on the wonder-working power of God as we have seen him open the way before us. It is not necessary to go to the foreign field to find the "open door," as they stare at us from every side.

#### WORK IN THE CITIES

No part of our field appeals so pitifully for help as the great cities in which are crowded a large part of our population. Jersey City and Newark form, with their suburbs, cities of five hundred thousand each. Patterson, Trenton, Camden, Elizabeth, and Atlantic City are also important centers. The command of the Lord, and the pleadings of perishing souls say that something must be done to establish and strengthen the work in these great centers of travel and commerce. The great cities of Jersey City and Newark are situated at the gateway of the nation. Satan has shown that he recognizes the importance of occupying these important positions by filling them with every possible device to entrap souls. And the third angel's message has not a single church in all North Jersey which it can call its own, or even control, except a small portable building which the Danish brethren have erected at Perth Amboy. The enormous rent which must be paid is a great burden to our work, and in many places it is almost impossible to secure any place where regular evening services may be held. Could some of the property which is now in the hands of the well-to-do brethren and

sisters be converted into memorials for the truth to be erected in these great cities, we believe it would serve a much better purpose than to be used to add dollar to dollar, until it is finally consumed in the fires of the last day. The believers in these cities are working people, who have to pay rent for a place to lay their heads, and meet the high cost of living where everything has to be bought at the highest prices. May they not have the help of others more fortunately situated than themselves?

The Spirit of Prophecy says to us: "In the world-renowned health resorts and centers of tourist traffic, crowded with the many thousands of seekers after health and pleasure, there should be stationed ministers and canvassers capable of arresting the attention of the multitude. . . . Thus the gospel of present truth will be placed in the way of those who know it not, and will be accepted by not a few, and carried by them to their homes in all parts of the world." Vol. 9, p 122. Atlantic City, N. J., is the largest of a continuous chain of resorts, stretching from Sandy Hook to Cape May. Visitors pour into these resorts by the hundreds of thousands, seeking health and pleasure, but there is not in the whole region a single minister, Bible worker, or missionary nurse to point them to the life-giving, soul-satisfying message. I trust that the Union Conference will give this vast mission field careful consideration.

#### CANVASSING WORK

During 1908 and 1909 there has been a general reviving of the canvassing work in this conference. A spirit of apathy had taken possession of the people, as it was the general belief that book work could not be successfully carried on in this state. But with the repeated admonitions from the Spirit of Prophecy in our hands the conference laborers started out to get some recruits for the canvassing work. Fifteen attended the institute held in Trenton in April, 1908, several of whom developed into very successful workers. The Lord greatly blessed the effort to revive this drooping branch of the message, and before the close of the year 5,147 copies of our subscription books, valued to \$7,959.36 had been placed in the hands of the people of the state. Nearly all these books were "Great Controversy," and "Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation." In the first ten months of 1909, 4,332 subscription books, at a value of \$6,142.41, have gone into the homes as silent messengers of truth. During

this year special attention has been paid to the periodical work, which has opened a wide field for successful labor, especially in the great cities. During the ten months, just closed more than 26,000 copies of our ten-cent magazines were sold in New Jersey. We have thus again in a remarkable manner seen the fulfillment of the prediction of the Spirit of Prophecy that the message would return with power to the East.

#### THE HARVEST INGATHERING

During the Ingathering of 1908, the members of our churches took hold of the work with earnestness, and the Lord greatly blessed the effort. 9141 copies of the special *Review* were taken in the state, and a total of \$1,256.41 was secured in donations. After deducting the cost of the papers, there was left a balance of \$1,073.46, or \$1.77 for each member of the conference, which was turned into the Foreign Mission Board treasury: the highest average reported by any conference. This year over 10,000 copies have been ordered, but it is still too early to give results, though some very encouraging reports have come in. B. F. KNEELAND, Pres.

(Continued next week)

#### Notice

THE next annual session of the New Jersey Seventh-day Adventist Conference will be held in the Goff building, on Broadway, near Federal street, Camden, N. J., Jan. 18 to 23, 1910. We have secured a fine hall, nicely located in the center of the city, easily reached by all street cars. It is one-half block from the Broadway station of the Pennsylvania railroad, at which all steam and electric trains stop, and is about ten minutes' walk from the Pennsylvania railroad ferry. Arrangements are being made for the entertainment of the delegates and others who will attend, details of which will be announced later in the VISITOR.

This meeting, coming as it does at the beginning of the year, when plans must be laid for pushing the work forward with much greater vigor than ever in the past, is a very important one. Plans vitally effecting the prosperity of the work were developed at the session of the union conference which has just closed, and we want to immediately get in line with these onward and upward movements. We are also planning on a series of studies on church and conference work which will prove of im-

mense benefit to all who can avail themselves of the opportunity. We expect to have most excellent help from the Union and General Conference at this meeting.

Kindly begin to plan at once for this meeting, and elect your delegates, and see that they are at the meeting, so that they may catch the spirit of the onward march and bring it back to the church. Lists of delegates should be sent at once to the conference secretary.

B. F. KNEELAND, Pres.

Elder B. F. Kneeland visited the Camden and Atlantic City churches Sabbath, December 11. A good beginning of the week of prayer was made in both these places.

Elder W. G. Kneeland, formerly of Jamaica, has just arrived from Michigan to enter upon work in the New Jersey Conference. He is located at Jersey City, where the presence of a minister has been greatly desired and needed.

The Trenton and Burlington churches greatly enjoyed the privilege of a visit from Elder W. H. Smith at the services during the first part of the week of prayer. Other churches are being visited by the conference laborers and the spirit of the Lord is drawing near.

The delegates and others who were in attendance at the Union Conference session at Baltimore, express the deep conviction that decisions were reached at that meeting which will greatly affect the prosperity of the work in this Union during the coming years. Watch the VISITOR closely for the reports of the meeting, and try to do all you can to make the plans of that conference successful.

The conference committee has succeeded in securing a fine hall in the best of locations in Camden for the session of the state conference which will be held there January 18 to 23, 1910. This will be a very important meeting, and it is very necessary for the good of the work that we have a good representation from our churches at that time. We are planning to devote a large portion of the time to the discussion of various matters which have a vital bearing on the work of the church officers, and conference workers. Elder B. G.

Wilkinson, with a strong corps of General Conference workers, will be in attendance, to help us get the best possible grasp on the situation in this state.

We desire the hearty co-operation of the officers and members of our churches, as well as that of the conference laborers in an effort to help the VISITOR to be a strong factor in building up the work in this state by—

1. Reporting work done and blessings received.

2. Doing all you can to enlarge its subscription list.

We have the earnest assurance of those in charge of the VISITOR that we shall have their utmost co-operation in the effort to make this paper a real help to the work in New Jersey. Shall we do any less?

A number of the workers from New Jersey, including the ministers and department secretaries, were in attendance at the session of the Columbia Union Conference at Baltimore. On Sabbath afternoon, December 4, after a very impressive sermon by Professor H. R. Salisbury, of the Foreign Mission Seminary, on the responsibilities and duties of the gospel minister, Brother P. E. Brodersen, who has been for the last two years connected with the Danish work in the New Jersey Conference, was solemnly set apart by the laying on of hands to the work of the ministry of the gospel. Elder B. G. Wilkinson made a short statement concerning Brother Brodersen's experience in the work. The prayer was offered by Elder B. F. Kneeland, after which a solemn charge was given by Elder G. A. Irwin, and Elder I. H. Evans welcomed the candidate to the gospel ministry. Elder Brodersen left the next day with his family for Chicago, where he will take charge of the Danish work. The prayers of our New Jersey brethren and sisters go with them to their new field

## CHESAPEAKE

### Chesapeake Conference Association

THE Chesapeake Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will hold its annual meeting at three P. M., Dec. 27, 1909, at the old Baptist church on King street, in Wilmington, Delaware, for the purpose of electing a board of trustees for the

year 1910, and for transacting such other business as may legally come before that body.

DANIEL S. HALEY, *Secretary.*

## Baltimore

At the baptismal service conducted by Elder C. B. Haynes, which was to be held at the closing meeting of the Columbia Union Conference session appointed for December 2 to 12 in the Mizpah meeting house, Baltimore, Md., but which was closed early on account of the week of prayer meetings, the spirit of God was seen in large measure, and the workings of divine Providence seemed more manifest than in any other meeting which I can remember.

On account of opposition to the truth and others reason, a special service was appointed at 3:00 P. M., Sabbath afternoon, to accommodate those who could not attend at the regular time appointed. A mother and daughter who desired baptism with the regular candidates Sunday evening were forbidden that privilege by a husband who had learned the truth, but who had hardened his heart against it and determined that he would put out the little light that had begun to burn in his home. Hoping to fulfill the request of these dear sisters, it was decided to give them special opportunity to go down into the watery grave and come forth again new creatures in Christ. When the appointed time came for this service, the daughter came with the word that the husband had learned of the plans, and intended to stay at home to prevent them from carrying out their intentions. The service was held over for an hour. Many earnest prayers were sent up to the throne of grace, asking God to soften the heart of this husband and father.

When the father thought he had stayed at home long enough to gain his point, he started down town, and left word for his wife to meet him at a given place at 5:30 P. M. As soon as he had left the house, the mother hurried to the church, and with her daughter, was immediately buried with her Lord in baptism. This was a solemn occasion, for the angels of God were there. The hearts of those assembled seemed to be of one accord, and went out to these loyal sisters in prayer and sympathy. Little did they think of the work being done by the spirit of God in answer to their prayers, as that still, small voice whispered to that hardened heart which but a few minutes before had

played its part for the enemy of mankind.

The mother fulfilled the request of her husband to meet him down town. The first words he spoke as they met were, "Do you think the minister will baptize me to-morrow night?" O, what a work had been done since they last parted; another hard heart had been broken; another life changed to conform to that of Jesus; another Christian home. The following night he appeared at the church requesting that he, too, might be baptized, which was done. As he came forth with nineteen others with a clean heart, there was great cause of rejoicing for this experience which occurred at the beginning of the week of prayer.

Twenty-four in all were baptized in the two services.

E. R. BROWN.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

### Notice

NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the West Pennsylvania Conference Association is called to be held in the First Seventh-day Adventist church of Pittsburg on Monday, Jan. 10, 1910. F. D. WAGNER, *Pres.*

### Notice!

THE seventh annual conference of West Pennsylvania will be held Jan. 6-13, 1910, in the First Seventh-day Adventist church of Pittsburg, near Lincoln and Rowan avenues.

The churches should take up the matter of electing delegates as early as possible and make provision to be as fully represented as they can.

To reach the place of meeting take Lincoln avenue car on Smithfield. Or take Frankston avenue car on Pennsylvania avenue and transfer to Lincoln avenue. The Lincoln avenue car will take you to within a half block of the church.

Plans for boarding and rooming will be announced later in the VISITOR.

F. D. WAGNER.

## West Pennsylvania Conference

NOTICE is hereby given that the seventh annual session of the West Pennsylvania Conference is to be held in the Seventh-day Adventist church in Pittsburg, Pa., January 6-13, 1910, for the election of officers and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before

the conference delegates. Every church in the conference should be represented by duly appointed delegates. Come at the beginning and stay through the entire meeting. Let as many as can, attend this meeting to study the plans presented for the advancement of the work.

F. D. WAGNER, *Pres.*  
A. V. WILLIAMS, *Sec.*

BE sure and note the date of the annual conference meeting.

Have your delegates elected promptly and the blanks filled out and mailed to the office at Corydon.

While this will be held especially for the consideration of business matters, the spiritual interest of the meeting will not be overlooked. We trust the attendance will be good.

Each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization, and one for every ten members. Be sure your church has at least one delegate present. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

F. D. Wagner, I. N. Williams, J. E. Veach, F. H. Robbins, I. G. Bigelow, and A. V. Williams attended the Union Conference meeting held at Baltimore, and report a very profitable time spent.

Brother Chas. Dunham reports that recently he came across three people keeping the Sabbath as a result of reading "Great Controversies" he sold to them last December.

We are glad to note the excellent work our canvassers have been doing for some weeks past and while we are glad for their successes, we realize that their way is not always smooth, and we ask that all of our brethren and sisters will remember them in prayer as they go about their work.

Do not forget the Sabbath-school teachers' reading course to commence Jan. 1, 1910. Outline of study will be printed exclusively in the *Sabbath-School Worker*. Books to be used are "Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work," leather, 35 cents, cloth, 25 cents; "Art of Securing Attention," 15 cents; and "History of the Sabbath-school Work," five cents. The

whole course, including the *Worker*, would only cost eighty cents, and a few pages are required to be read each month.

"Perhaps you cannot preach like Paul,  
In language clear and plain;  
But you can live the truth of God,  
And work in Jesus' name.  
Perhaps you cannot do great things,  
Nor mighty deeds each day;  
But you can speak of Jesus' love,  
Or give a tract away."

Remember the conference meeting, to be held in Pittsburg, Jan. 6-13, 1910, in prayer, that the Lord will direct in all deliberations of the meeting.  
A. V. WILLIAMS.

### EAST PENNSYLVANIA

ELDER R. E. HARTER of South Dakota, who was recommended by the General Conference council to make Eastern Pennsylvania Conference his future field of labor has arrived, and we bespeak for him a hearty welcome from this conference.

Elder W. H. Heckman spent Sabbath, December 11, with the North Philadelphia and Fairhill churches.

Elder C. S. Weist spent Sabbath and Sunday, December 11 and 12, with the church at Reading.

Evangelist C. S. Baum reports a fair interest in the meetings he is conducting at St. Clair.

Brother F. H. Barto is again in the canvassing work with the determination of staying by it.

All offerings must be in by the 27th of this month in order that we can close our books promptly on time.

We are receiving good reports of the progress our young people are making at the Mount Vernon College.

### In Memoriam

It is with feelings of deepest sorrow that we record the death of our beloved sister, Miss Sue M. Andrews, who died at the Pennsylvania Sanitarium, Tuesday morning, November 30, of pneumonia from which she had suffered much for two weeks.

In the death of our Sabbath-school and Young People's Missionary Volunteer Secretary, the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference has sustained the loss of one who daily walked with her Saviour and manifested his love and spirit in a life that was fully devoted to his service, and especially to the work which her brethren had assigned her. Though always performing her duties with satisfaction to others and credit to herself, she was prone to feel her inefficiency and ever strove to render better service for her Master.

After six years of faithful service in this conference, we lay her to sleep in Jesus with the assurance of the Lord's promise concerning her: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them." W. H. HECKMAN, *Pres. East Pennsylvania Conference.*

### OHIO

#### OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

NOVEMBER 1909

Akron.....	\$34 60
Alliance.....	....
Bellefontaine.....	48 55
Bowling Green.....	....
Bellville.....	15 00
Broughton.....	....
Camden.....	....
Canton.....	....
Chagrin Falls.....	50 50
Chillicothe.....	....
Charloe.....	....
Cincinnati.....	123 13
Cleveland (German).....	26 08
Cleveland.....	....
Clyde.....	89 18
Columbus.....	274 62
Columbiana.....	....
Conant.....	....
Conneaut.....	....
Convoy.....	8 00
Corsica.....	....
Coshocton.....	24 16
Dayton.....	157 08
Defiance.....	....
Delaware.....	....
Delta.....	....
Derwent.....	32 66
Dixon.....	....
Dowling.....	....
Dunkirk.....	....
East Liverpool.....	50 00
Elgin.....	15 91
Findlay.....	....
Greenspring.....	....
Gilboa.....	....
Hamler.....	....

Hamilton	65	82
Hicksville		
Jefferson	19	10
Killbuck	63	00
Kenton		
Lagrange	3	20
Lake View		
Leesburg		
Laura	12	20
Liberty Center		
Lima		
Locust Point		
Mansfield	16	21
Marshfield	12	00
Marion	107	54
Massillon		
Medina		
Mendon		
Middlefield	1	66
Mount Vernon	161	49
New Marshfield		
Newark	17	58
Norwalk	69	65
New Philadelphia		
Piqua	14	18
Pleasant Hill	25	32
Plimpton	4	69
Pemberville		
Powell		
Ravenna	51	10
Reedsville		
Rows	10	00
Shreve		
Spencer		
Springfield	134	09
Sherwood		
Toledo	60	21
Troy	29	00
Van Wert		
Walnut Grove		
Washington C. H.		
Waterford		
Wheelerburg		
Wilmington		
Youngstown	81	56
Zanesville	56	61
Individuals	54	58

TOTAL \$2,020 28

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

Tithe	\$2,020	28
Tract Society	1,214	01
First Day Offerings	59	37
Sabbath-School Donations	116	74
Missionary Volunteer Society		
Foreign Missions	61	68
Southern Field		
Colored Work	120	82
Mount Vernon College Fund	172	96
Review	60	25
Harvest Ingathering	20	24
Orphans and Aged	2	50
Tent and Hall Collections	31	13
Expense Refunded		30

TOTAL \$3,880 28

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Canvassers' Reports

West Pennsylvania, Two Weeks Ending December 10, 1909

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
†C. Zimmimoman, Bedford Co.	SP	4	23	8	\$15 25			\$15 25	
A. McIntyre, Armstong Co.	SP	9	50	16	23 50	5 65		29 15	5 05
T. Saxton, "	GC	9	54	16	49 00	21 60		70 60	7 80
J. Heaton, Huntington Co.	GC	13	55	16	45 00	9 50		54 50	86 00
T. M. Butler, Erie Co.	CK	10	49½	12	17 25	1 85		19 10	52 75
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	GC	10	80½	37	54 50	12 55		67 05	14 80
W. H. Jack, Armstrong Co.	DR	7	42½	9	23 50	75		24 25	53 20
J. Glunt, Muffin Co.	GC	10	85	40	100 00	29 40		129 40	3 95
Miss Zoerb, Lock Haven	CK	7	12½	12	13 75	60		14 35	
C. Dunham, Indiana Co.	GC	10	65	82	233 35			233 35	16 25
Mrs. W. Wetsell, Erie Co.	GC	5	26	4	11 00			11 00	
<b>Totals</b>			<b>94</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>\$586 10</b>	<b>\$81 90</b>	<b>\$668 00</b>	<b>\$239 80</b>

Ohio, Week Ending December 10, 1909

H. F. Kirk, Carroll Co.	DR	5	26	9	24 75	1 50		26 25	
F. E. Hankins, Harrison Co.	DR	4	18	8	22 00	75		22 75	
R. Minesinger, Tuscarawas Co.	DR	4	32½	8	22 00			22 00	
F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.	DR	5	32	4	11 00	6 30		17 30	8 35
*C. VanGorder, Huron Co.	DR	9	59	2	7 50	4 25		11 75	142 15
Wm. M. Deuschle, Ross Co.	GC	5	28½	5	15 00	1 60		16 60	
Enos M. Horst, Ross Co.	GC	4	28	5	13 75	2 05		15 80	1 35
E. E. Shaw, Ottawa Co.	GC	5	33½	15	22 50	17 75		40 25	50
L. H. Waters, Athens Co.	CK	5	40	21	22 50	35		22 85	2 85
G. Schwab, Tuscarawas Co.	CK	2	9	5	5 50			5 50	
C. Reichenbaugh, Stark Co.	CK	4	28						25 39
Guy Corder, Noble Co.	BF	5	31	23	23 50	5 00		28 50	
Ray Corder, Noble Co.	GC	5	31½	17	17 50	2 00		19 50	
Wm. Shobe, Athens Co.	BR	5	36			14 50		14 50	
J. Reichenbeck, Stark Co.		4	30		35 00			35 00	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>71</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>\$242 50</b>	<b>\$56 05</b>		<b>\$298 55</b>	<b>\$180 55</b>

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 10, 1909

W. Reynolds, Berks	DR	4	31	5	10 75	50		11 25	
W. Leader, Northumberland	DR	3	12	5	10 75			10 75	
J. Phillip, Lackawanna	CK				22 00			22 00	25 00
W. P. Hess, Lancaster	CK	4	32	21	27 00			27 00	
*F. Barto, Lancaster	CK	8	68	43	48 00	2 80		50 80	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>\$118 50</b>	<b>\$3 30</b>		<b>\$121 80</b>	<b>\$25 00</b>

New Jersey, Week Ending December 10, 1909

Geo. Taylor, Bridgeton	DR	5	35	7	18 25	5 00		23 25	1 00
Wm. Plant, Jamesburg	CK	5	30	19	21 00	3 00		24 00	
G. Blinn, Hunterton	GC	4	28	19	20 50	3 00		23 50	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>\$59 75</b>	<b>11 00</b>		<b>\$70 75</b>	<b>1 00</b>

West Virginia, Week Ending December 4, 1909

J. Hankins, Wayne Co.	DR	3	8	6	17 00			17 00	
W. Harte, Wayne Co.	DR			3	4 75			4 75	
J. H. Jennings, Monroe Co.	DR	3	13			7 10		7 10	16 30
C. Wheeler, Preston Co.	DR	3	22	1	2 75	18 90		21 65	21 65
<b>Totals</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$24 50</b>	<b>\$25 00</b>			<b>\$37 95</b>

\*Two weeks

†One week

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Of the general articles, J. O. Corliss, of California, will give the first of a series of "The Future of Our World." C. Santee, of Texas, will present another article on "The Sanctuary in Heaven." "The Three Witnesses," by C. F. McVagh, of Nashville, Tenn., is an excellent study of the place that the word, the Spirit, and the church occupy in the great plan of salvation. Our Washington correspondent writes under the head of "Danger Ahead."

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