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

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GENERAL MATTER

The Nineteenth Century in a Nutshell

THIS century received from its predecessors the horse; we bequeath the bicycle, the locomotive, and the motor-car.

We received the goose-quill and bequeath the type-writer.

We received the sythe and bequeath the mowing-machine.

We received the hand printing-press, we bequeath the cylinder press.

We received the painted canvas, we bequeath lithography, photography, and color photography.

We received gunpowder, we bequeath lyddite.

We received the tallow-dip, we bequeath the electric lamp.

We received the galvanic battery, we bequeath the dynamo.

We received the sailing ship, we bequeath the steamship.

We received the beacon signal-fire, we bequeath the telephone and wireless telegraphy.

We received the ordinary light, we bequeath the Roentgen rays.

We received the flint-lock, we bequeath the Maxims.—*Selected.*

An Old Canvasser's Experience

BROTHER Horst writes that after being in the work for several years he feels very thankful that he has been permitted to spend so much time in the service of God and that the work seems to be growing more interesting all the time. He tells of an old minisner eighty-three years old who is very much interested in the looks of "Daniel and Revelation," and has written an article for the papers on this part of the Bible. After giving him a short canvass Brother Horst took his order for Great Controversy. At another time while boarding at a restaurant, he was able to take three orders from the waiters.

Like many other canvassers, it took this brother some time to get thoroughly broken into the work, but the Lord has been wonderfully blessing his efforts during the last year or two. He says, "I feel at home with my prospectus. Just where night finds me, there I am at home. I always have a good bed and plenty to eat, though one night last fall I was compelled to stay out, so I went into the barn, put up my horse, covered up in the buggy, and went to sleep. In the morning I was invited in and ate breakfast with the people whom I had never met before. They all treat me kindly, for which I am very thankful."

It is very seldom that a canvasser fails to find a place to stay over night, but if the Lord does see fit to take him through such an experience he will not become discouraged if he is built of the right material. The Saviour said, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man hath not where to lay his head." Matt. 8:20. Surely we are not better than our Leader.

E. R. NUMBERS.

The Columbia Union Conference

THE first meeting of the Second Biennial Session of the Columbia Union Conference was opened at 3:20 P. M., December 2, 1908, in the Mizpah Meeting House, Baltimore, Maryland, with Prof. B. G. Wilkinson, President, in the chair.

The meeting was opened by singing, "Awake, Ye Saints." After the reading of a short Scripture lesson, Elder G. B. Thompson, Secretary of the Sabbath-school Department of the General Conference, offered prayer, invoking God's blessing on the meetings of the session.

List of Delegates

OHIO

Regular Delegates: R. G. Patterson, Bessie Acton, A. C. Shannon, C. T. Redfield, W. E. Beebe, M. V. Downing, H. M. Jump, M. D., F. H. Henderson, E. R. Numbers, W. E.

Bidwell, C. C. Webster, Francis M. Fairchild, J. P. Gaede, H. F. Graf.
Delegate at large: H. H. Burkholder.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Regular Delegates: I. N. Williams, J. E. Veach, I. G. Bigelow, N. S. Ash-ton, F. H. Robbins.

Delegate at large: F. D. Wagner.

CHESAPEAKE

Regular Delegates: J. F. Jones, C. B. Haynes, F. H. Seeney, G. P. Gaede.

Delegate at large: F. I. Richardson.

VIRGINIA

Regular Delegates: A. M. Neff, V. O. Panches.

Delegate at large: H. W. Herrell

WEST VIRGINIA

Regular Delegates: J. F. Steele.

Delegate at large: W. D. McLay.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Regular Delegates: H. R. Salisbury, U. D. Pickard, W. H. Green.

Delegate at large: W. A. Hennig.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Regular Delegates: O. O. Bernstein, C. S. Wiest, A. R. Bell, Charles Baierle, H. Meyer, H. Baumgartner, A. L. Bayley.

Delegate at large: W. H. Heckman.

NEW JERSEY

Regular Delegates: George W. Spies, W. H. Smith, M. D., J. G. Hanhardt, H. J. Adams.

Delegate at large: B. F. Kneeland.

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE

Regular Delegates: S. M. Butler.

PENNSYLVANIA SANITARIUM

Regular Delegates: W. H. Smith, M. D., J. W. Davis.

COLUMBIA UNION CONFERENCE

Delegates at large: B. G. Wilkin-son, E. R. Brown, I. D. Richardson.

Thirty-six of the above delegates answered to the roll call, as follows:

Ohio 14, West Pennsylvania 4, East Pennsylvania 2, New Jersey 5, Chesapeake 4, Virginia 1, West Virginia 1, District of Columbia 2, Union 3.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Elder W. A. Hennig made a request for the admittance of the District of Columbia Conference to the Columbia Union Conference.

Voted that the District of Columbia Conference be accepted into the sisterhood of the Columbia Union Conference; and that its delegates be seated on the floor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Prof. B. G. Wilkinson, as President of the Columbia Union Conference, then submitted a report for the biennial term just expired. (This report will be printed later.)

AUDITOR'S STATEMENT

E. R. Brown, Treasurer of the Columbia Union Conference then submitted the financial statement which will be printed in a later issue.

It was voted to accept the treasurer's financial statement.

WORKING COMMITTEES

Moved by Elder C. B. Haynes, and duly seconded, that the chair, in counsel with the executive committee of the Columbia Union Conference, appoint the working committees.

The motion was carried.

Adjourned to Friday, Dec. 3, 1909, at 9:15, A. M.

SECOND MEETING

The second meeting of the Second Biennial Session of the Columbia Union Conference convened at 9:30 A. M., Dec. 3, 1909, with Elder B. G. Wilkinson in the chair.

After a song, Elder H. W. Herrell, President of the Virginia Conference, offered prayer.

The secretary's report of the first meeting was read and approved.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

The reports of the Chesapeake, Virginia, and New Jersey Conferences were then submitted by their respective presidents. (These reports will appear later.)

BOOK WORK

Brother I. D. Richardson, general canvassing agent of the Columbia Union Conference, rendered a very interesting report of the book work of the Union. During the year 1908 this union sold more books than any other union conference; and the sales so far for 1909 show a splendid gain over the previous year. The report for the first ten months of 1909 shows

a gain of \$2,722.57 over the whole year 1908. The first nine months of 1909 over the corresponding months of 1908, show a gain of \$10,264. 31.

WORKING COMMITTEES

In accordance with the motion that the chair, in consultation with the union executive committee, appoint the working committees, the following were submitted:

Credentials and Licenses: O. O. Bernstein, F. C. Wagner, and A. C. Shannon.

Plans and Finances: S. M. Butler, W. H. Heckman, F. D. Wagner, H. H. Burkholder, W. D. McLay, B. F. Kneeland, H. W. Herrell, W. A. Hennig, and I. D. Richardson.

Auditing: J. F. Jones, A. G. Daniells, A. M. Neff, J. G. Hanhardt, F. H. Robbins, and C. T. Redfield.

Nominations: B. F. Kneeland, C. S. Wiest, I. N. Williams, R. G. Patterson, and A. G. Daniells.

Constitution: W. A. Hennig, C. B. Haynes, A. R. Bell, A. C. Shannon, and W. D. McLay.

Distribution of Labor: H. H. Burkholder, W. H. Smith, J. F. Steele, H. W. Herrell, and W. A. Spicer.

Voted to adopt the about report.

Adjourned to 9:15 A. M., Dec 5, 1909.

THIRD MEETING

The third meeting of the Second Biennial Session of the Columbia Union Conference convened at 9:15 A. M., Sunday, Dec. 5, 1909, with Elder B. G. Wilkinson in the chair.

Elder I. N. Williams of the West Pennsylvania Conference, offered prayer, petitioning the throne of grace for divine guidance in the deliberations of the meetings.

The minutes of the second meeting were read and approved after a little change.

CONFERENCE REPORTS

The hour was given to the continuance of the conference and institutional reports—those of West Pennsylvania, District of Columbia, Educational Work, East Pennsylvania, and Ohio being submitted. (These reports will appear later.)

Adjourned to 9:15 A. M., Monday, Dec. 6, 1909.

FOURTH MEETING

The fourth meeting of the Second Biennial Session of the Columbia Union Conference was opened by song at 9:15 A. M., Dec. 6, 1909, with Elder B. G. Wilkinson in the chair.

Elder A. C. Shannon, religious liberty secretary of the Columbia Union Conference, offered a few words of prayer before entering into the work of the meeting.

The minutes of the third meeting

were read and approved.

Forty-seven delegates responded to the roll call of fifty seven.

CONFERENCE AND DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

The reading of the Conference and departmental reports was again resumed. The Religious Liberty and the West Virginia Conference reported.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLANS AND FINANCE

The committee on Plans and Finance rendered the following partial report:—

1. *Whereas*, Through the blessings of God the Columbia Union Conference has prospered the last two years in all lines of work, and especially in loyal gifts to the cause of foreign missions; therefore,—

Resolved, That we hereby express our heartfelt thanks to the Lord for these blessings, and pledge ourselves to a more faithful stewardship in the future.

2. *Whereas*, The one-cent-a-day plan for the relief of Mount Vernon College has met with universal acceptance throughout the conferences of the Columbia Union, and the brethren have begun to respond; and,—

Whereas, There are yet many church members who would willingly pay their quota if an opportunity or a call came to them; therefore,—

Resolved, That we re-endorse the one-cent-a-day plan, and that we support the carrying out of it until an amount equal to \$3.65 for each member in the Columbia Union has been raised.

3. *Whereas*, The COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR was so planned as a union paper as to give to each conference all the benefits of a state paper, without its cares and deficits; and,—

Whereas, This paper acts as an excellent medium to bind the conferences together in a sisterhood of conferences, and transmits to each conference the news and the plans inaugurated in the other conferences, the details of these plans and their operation and success; therefore,—

Resolved, That we make strong efforts at once to greatly increase the subscription list of the VISITOR at least to a point where each conference has income enough from the subscriptions to meet its cost; and, further,—

Resolved, That to secure the above object, we urge all laborers and officers of the conference to send in good reports and conference items of business.

4. *Resolved*, That the cash policy of dealing with our tract societies, adopted and recommended by the General Conference, be, and hereby is, adopted by this Union Conference, and recommended to each local conference.

5. *We recommend*, That the field agent, in counsel with the conference president, be permitted to call to his assistance experienced canvassers in starting new agents, when necessary; and that such persons be paid from the tract society funds.

6. *Resolved*, That we authorize the Conference Committee to secure at once an educational secretary who can devote all his time to this work; and, as soon as the funds will permit, to secure also the proper person who may act as field missionary secretary, and secretary of the young people's work.

7. *Resolved*, That the counties of Charles, Saint Marys, and Calvert, of Maryland, and King George of Virginia, be ceded to the District of Columbia Conference.

8. *Whereas*, A large foreign population exists within the borders of the Columbia Union Conference, especially in the great cities, a large portion of this field being in conferences which are not able to finance efforts among these foreign people; and,—

Whereas, There is on the Atlantic coast a region visited annually by multitudes of tourists from all parts of the country, a field which the Spirit of Prophecy has plainly said should not be neglected; therefore,—

Resolved, That we ask the Union Executive Committee to consider this need and that we ask the General Conference to assist these conferences to do aggressive work for these home mission fields.

9. *Resolved*, That we concur in the action adopted by the General Conference and endorsed by the College View Council last October to raise \$300,000 for homes and institutions in mission fields; and that we hereby resolve to raise our quota of \$31,536.00 to be contributed by the respective conferences of the Union, as follows:

Members Quota

Ohio	-	-	1,036	-	9,772.80
West Pennsylvania	-	813	-	\$3,902.40	
East Pennsylvania	-	1,215	-	5,832.00	
New Jersey	-	608	-	2,918.40	
Chesapeake	-	566	-	2,716.80	
District of Columbia	-	558	-	2,678.40	
West Virginia	-	255	-	1,221.00	
Virginia	-	519	-	2,491.20	
Total				\$31,536.00	

Moved by Elder I. N. Williams, and duly seconded, that these resolutions be adopted by carefully considering each one separately; and so voted.

Resolution No. 1 was spoken to by Elder B. G. Wilknison, and adopted.

Resolution No. 2, in favor of the one-cent-a-day plan for the Mount Vernon College, was re-read by the secretary, and discussion began immediately. Stirring and enthusiastic speeches were made by Prof. S. M. Butler, E. R. Brown, Elders G. A. Irwin, A. G. Daniels, B. G. Wilkinson, and W. A. Hennig, in behalf of giving our best efforts towards helping Mount Vernon College. That fuller consideration might be given to the plan, the resolution was referred back to the committee.

Adjourned to the call of the chair.

E. R. BROWN, Sec'y.

(Continued next week)

A Plea for Foreign Missions

"From Greenland's icy mountains,
From India's coral strand,
Where Afric's sunny fountains
Roll down their golden sands;
From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain."

Selfishness is the primal cause of all evil. Every wrong in this world is directly traceable to this source.

"In the beginning God created. . . the earth." The fairest spot upon that earth he gave to the man and woman for a home. They literally owned the earth. With one exception all they saw was theirs, but that was not enough. Selfishness developed; and through it, and because they permitted the baneful thing to overcome them, they were driven forth from a perfect environment to toil and sweat and battle with ills innumerable as long as their forfeited lives should last.

Again: God took a nation. He took them out of slavery, to which they had been reduced by selfishness, and planted them "in a goodly land." He gave them wise teachers—holy men and women whom he himself had instructed—to guide them in the way of salvation. It was his design to make of the Hebrew people, and the church in their midst, a missionary people and church. What had been given them they were to impart to the surrounding nations. But the Jewish church failed, utterly failed to fulfil her mission. Instead of being a light, she became darkness,

and all owing to the selfishness of her people.

And again: A new land was set aside; in the providence of God these United States of the American continent have been selected, where God's everlasting gospel should be again proclaimed in power. The constitution guarantees religious liberty to all. Here the oppressed of all nations can find an asylum of safety while worshipping their God "according to the dictates of their own conscience;" not somebody's else. Untrammelled by human laws, the church of God can proclaim to all the world the message. And God has wonderfully blessed this favored land. It seems as though every country under the heaven is pouring its treasures into this country; and what for? Is there not danger, great danger, of a repetition of history in our case? Shall we use selfishly upon ourselves the manifold blessings of a bountiful and loving Father, leaving the countless millions to perish without hope and without God?

This is an individual matter. Individuals are responsible to God, and will be called strictly to account for the use they make of their means; and this applies to all—church members and non-church members alike. Listen: "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine saith the Lord of hosts." Haggai 2:8. Men, and women too, are simply stewards, and in due time an account will be demanded of their stewardship. It is the hope and prayer of the writer that all who shall read these lines will feel their interest in the foreign mission work increased, and will show that interest by their works.—*Pacific Union Recorder*.

Do Thy Part

It is said that once when Sir Michael Costa was concluding a rehearsal, with a vast array of performers and hundreds of voices, as the mighty chorus rang out with thunder of the organ and roll of drums and ringing of horns and cymbals clashing, some one man who played the piccolo away up in some corner, said within himself, "In all this din it matters not what I do," and so he ceased to play. Suddenly the great conductor stopped, flung up his hands, and all were still—and then he cried aloud, "Where is the piccolo?" The quick ear missed it, and all was spoiled because it failed to take its part.

O soul, do thy part with thy might! Little thou mayest be, insignificant and hidden, and yet God seeks thy praise. He listens for it, and all the music of his great universe is made richer and sweeter because thou givest him thy best.—*Selected*.

Biennial Report of the New Jersey Conference to the Columbia Union Conference—Concluded

	24 Months 1906, 1907	22 Months '08-Oct. 31 '09	Gain	10 Months 1908	10 Months 1909	Gain
Number Churches	1907, 18	1909, 20	2	19	20	1
Number Members	1907, 528	1909, 631	103	546	631	85
Tithe	\$15,558 01	\$18,348 49	\$2,790 48	\$7,715 84	\$8,975 93	\$1,260 09
Foreign Missions	2,335 86	5,499 27	3,163 81	1,626 52	1,863 48	236 96
Other General Offerings	1,863 56	1,326 90		356 30	426 01	69 71
Total General Offerings	4,199 42	6,826 17	2,626 75	1,982 82	2,289 49	306 67
Tithe and Offerings	19,757 43	25,174 66	5,417 23	9,698 66	11,265 42	1,566 76
Local Offerings	1,115 37	1,050 07		524 04	526 03	1 99
Retail Value						
Literature Sold	3,022 93	17,998 86	14,975 93	8,185 37	8,734 67	549 30
Sabbath-School						
Members	506	623	117	545	623	78
S. S. Donations to						
Foreign Missions	\$1,040 36	\$1,752 32	\$711 96	\$723 73	\$923 50	\$202 77

Tithe per capita 1907, \$13.45; 1908, \$15.41. Tithe and Offerings per capita 1907, \$18.08; 1908, \$22.87.

It will be seen by the above report that there has been a good increase in both tithes and offerings during the biennial period, especially in view of the fact that the first column gives the total receipts for 24 months, while the second column gives only that which was paid in 22 months. General Trust Fund Offerings per capita, 1906, \$3.54, 1907, \$4.63, 1908, \$7.46. The Offerings to foreign missions last year averaged 11½ cents per week per member.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

We are encouraged as we see the interest which our people are manifesting in the question of training the children and young people for the work. Owing to our peculiar situation, the attendance of our young people at the higher schools is somewhat divided, students being enrolled at Mount Vernon, Washington, South Lancaster, and College View. Over \$500 has been pledged to help equip the Mount Vernon College, about \$200 of which has already been paid in, and there is a very friendly feeling toward our Union Conference school.

During 1908 our first church school was started, and it now has 12 pupils. Other churches are being awakened to the fact that there must be decided steps taken if we are to save our children from the corrupting influences, with which they are surrounded.

A new department of our educational work is just being organized in this conference, under the name of the Home School Band, which bids fair to become a very important factor in our educational system. The demand for this line of work came from mothers who longed to have their children have the benefits of a Christian education, yet were so situated that they could not attend a church school. A course of home study for

children, consisting of Bible and nature study, reading, number work, music, drawing, etc., was arranged, and those who would promise to spend a definite time each day with the children were organized into a Band. Each sends a weekly report to the Educational Secretary of the conference. It is designed especially to meet the needs of children under the age of seven or eight years, when, as we are told, the mother should be the teacher. There are now seven mothers in this Band, and daily instruction is being given to ten children. This work is only begun, but I believe it will fill a lack in our system of schools.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

One of the most needy parts of our field is the Foreign Department. Of the 2,144,134 inhabitants of the state according to the last census, nearly 800,000, or 37 per cent are foreigners. Of this number 476,276, or 22 per cent of the whole population, cannot speak English. This makes the demand for workers who can speak these languages imperative. We now have four foreign workers, German, Danish, and Holland, who can speak the languages used by one-half of these. That leaves nearly 400,000 people in the state, mostly Italians, Poles, Russians, Hungarians, and Slovaks, who speak languages not understood by our workers. The Lord is opening the doors for work among some of these people. A church has already been organized among the Bohemians and Slavs at Newark, and the members are trying to do all they can to reach their neighbors. But they must have help. There is also a demand for work among the Swedes, and the work must be opened up among other nationalities. If we get the work started it can develop, a thing it cannot do if

we do not start. We are trying to do what we can, but with our utmost endeavors we can only support three ordained ministers, one licentiate, and five Bible workers, for our English work in this whole field. This is so utterly inadequate when compared with the calls which are coming for workers, or with the number of workers which are in other fields in this country, that we do not feel that we can cut down our force of English workers. During the 22 months ending Oct. 31, 1909, this conference has expended in operating its Foreign Department in excess of all tithe received from foreign churches, and all appropriations to that work, the sum of \$2149.73. We do not feel that it is right to neglect these foreign nationalities, but what to do if help is not given is a serious question. We believe that if we bring all, even if it is but a few loaves and small fishes, God will in some way multiply it, so that the multitudes of hungry souls may be fed. Our hearts are full of courage as we see the hosts of Anti-Christ closing in for the final struggle, for we know that the captain of the Lord's host leads his people.

B. F. KNEELAND, Pres.

Important Notice

THE third annual session of the New Jersey Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the meeting of the New Jersey Conference at Camden, N. J., Jan. 18 to 23, 1910. The first meeting of the Association will be called at the Goff Building, Broadway, near Federal Street, Camden, N. J., Thursday, January 20, 1910, at 9:15 A. M., for the purpose of electing officers, and transacting any other business properly belong-

ing to the work of the Association. All delegates to the conference are members of the Association.

B. F. KNEELAND, *President*.

BROTHER W. B. PLANT, who has been canvassing for a time in the vicinity of Trenton, has returned to Dover, where he will continue his labors as an evangelistic canvasser. The Lord has greatly blessed Brother Plant's labors, and we believe that his work at Dover will bear still greater fruits.

Some of our canvassers have for various reasons left the field in the last few weeks. This has not been caused by discouragement, and the prospects for successful work along this line are very bright. We need more workers. If you feel that the Lord wants you to enter the work, write to us at the office, and we will do all we can to plan with you for successful work.

Since returning from the Union Conference at Baltimore, the ministers and other workers of the conference have been visiting the churches and companies during the week of prayer meetings. Reports have come in from these meetings which indicate that the Lord is coming very near to his people. The 1909 week of prayer will be remembered by many as a garden spot in their Christian experience.

By the way, do not forget that according to the rules adopted by the General Conference Publishing department, all orders for the various papers and magazines, whether single subscriptions, renewals, or club orders, should pass through the tract society. This will give the purchaser less trouble and expense than any other way and will also help our tract society to meet its expenses. The same rule applies to all books and tracts. The more closely we follow the plans that have been agreed upon by those who are making this line of work a special study, the more likely we will be to do successful work.

Do not neglect to plan to attend the next session of the state conference which will be held in the Goff Building, on Broadway, near Federal Street, Camden, N. J., Jan. 18 to 23, 1910. This meeting will mean much to the progress of the work in this state. Rooms will be furnished at reasonable rates. All wishing to secure accommodations for the session

should write immediately to Mrs. G. R. Fortiner, 517 Cooper Street, Camden, N. J. Every effort should be made to make this meeting especially helpful to our church officers and workers. Special studies in Bible will be given, and one hour each day will be devoted to the study of plans for church work, and duties of officers.

CHESAPEAKE

Appointments

WE wish to call the attention of all members of the following churches to the time appointed for the respective quarterly meeting:—

Smithsburg, Md., Friday evening, Jan. 7, 1910.

Hagerstown, Md., Sabbath evening, Jan. 8, 1910.

We hope to see or hear from all members of these churches at these meetings. Let absent members who cannot be present report by letter to the clerk of their respective church. These letters will be read during the meeting to the body. New members are to be received into full membership at both places, so come, brethren, to this quarterly gathering with your hearts full of love and peace, bringing the sweet spirit of Jesus with you.

L. E. SUFFICOL.

OHIO

Cleveland

I LOVE to read the good reports of my dear fellow-laborers in our good COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR, but as for me it is a little hard to report, for I am not always pleased with the things I have to combat with, and as I try to overcome and to remove things out of the way, that success may be more pleasing, I forget to report. Nevertheless, I feel to praise our dear Lord for the increase and the unity and the diligence of our German Church.

On the second of December, I was called to Baltimore to attend the Union Conference. This conference was to last ten days, but on account of the week of prayer, it was cut short two days so as to give us workers a chance to reach our home churches in time for this important week of prayer.

During the few days of the good conference we found many a good thing which may enable us to hasten the work of our dear Master in a more speedy way.

I was glad to see the work in Balti-

more started among the Germans and that the good Lord has given some dear souls to Brother and Sister Gaede as reward for their labors.

After the close of the conference, I followed Brother H. Meyer to Philadelphia, Pa. Here my heart was made very glad, as I saw the good meeting-house the Germans have; but when I came into the large Sabbath-school and saw their good meetings my heart leaped for joy.

Just now I know of nothing that would bring more joy to my soul than to see the message making progress among the Germans in the large cities.

The week of prayer I spent in the German church of Cleveland and the church in Alliance. I feel to praise our dear Lord for the many rich blessings and victories he gave us during this week.

Great was my desire to see the German church at Sherwood during the week of prayer, but as it could not be this time, I hope to meet many members of that church in Columbus at our state conference.

Now dear Brethren, let us work and ask our dear Lord to make the coming state meeting a success. Pray for us.

H. F. GRAF.

Coshocton and Pleasant Hill

DECEMBER 10 I was pleased to meet once more with the Coshocton church, and although I came unannounced, yet a goodly number of the church was out to the prayer meeting that was called for that night.

I remained with them until December 15, holding meetings each day, in which God's blessing rested on all. Miss Stanford is teaching a very successful church school at this place.

I next met with the Pleasant Hill church, and found them holding their meetings each night. I remained with them until December 21. They are making some advancement in overcoming their faults and I believe there are better days in store for them.

They have a strong church school which reaches beyond the church and has taken in some from without; and as the church permits the children of the world to share in this great blessing, God's spirit for service will rest upon them. Miss Draper has fine order and such a Christian spirit pervades the school that even the visitor will notice it. I expect to return later and hold a few meetings, hoping to be able to prepare some for baptism.

W. E. BIDWELL.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Oley Line

A FEW weeks ago, an invitation was given me to speak in the Oley Line chapel near Reading, Pa. This meeting house is owned by the German Reformed and Lutheran denominations. It was an agreeable surprise to me that these stiff denominations would open their doors to the third angel's message. In many places they forbid any minister of any other church to enter their pulpit. The thought came to me at once that when the Reformed and Lutheran churches have opened their doors, it is not far hence when all people will reach forth their hands for the light of present truth.

On my return from the Union Conference, I remained at Reading over Sabbath and Sunday, December 11 and 12. On Sabbath I met with the brethren at the church, and had meeting both morning and afternoon. The week of prayer was well begun and plans were made for the entire week.

On Sunday afternoon and evening, I fulfilled the appointment made with the Oley Line Union church. It has been a long time since I had the privilege to speak to a people who manifested such a longing for truth as this audience. They listened with intense interest as I proclaimed to them the glorious second coming of our Saviour. After the meeting, a standing invitation to return was given me by the trustees. We hope that sometime this interest will be followed up. The church was well filled. The Reading church gave splendid help in singing. A like invitation is given me from a church at West Clifford near Carbondale. This is an Evangelical denomination. I spoke here twice, and on Sunday December 26, I am planning to begin a series of meetings. We hope and pray that the interest now manifested will continue and result in bringing a goodly number into the present day message.

C. S. WIEST.

MRS. J. CURTIS of Wilkes Barre sends in checks to the amount of \$52.00 on the Ingathering funds from the business men of that city.

We are sorry to learn of the death of the father of Sisters R. M. Fried and Mary Diener. We extend to

them our sympathy in this their hour of bereavement.

We are glad to acknowledge the receipt of \$4.00 from two of our isolated members. This certainly is a manifestation of their interest in regions beyond.

Elders W. H. Heckman and R. E. Harter spent the week of prayer with the North Philadelphia, Fairhill, and Allentown churches. They report a very profitable time.

Elder Heckman was called to Wade to officiate at the funeral of Sister Smith, of that place, Monday, December 20. We extend our sympathy to this family in their affliction.

This is the time of the year for good resolutions. Among others, let one be: "Resolved, that in the year 1910 I will circulate monthly some one of our magazines."

Word from Miss Underwood states that she is enjoying her work in the West very much, but that she greatly misses the people of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

The building of the Fairhill church (Soudertown) is being pushed vigorously. It will be a structure 25 x 50 feet. We are also glad to report that the church-school at this place is progressing nicely.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

REMEMBER the date of our seventh annual conference is January 6-13.

An aged brother who has not yet united with us in church fellowship collected \$30.00 on the Ingathering *Reviews*. This brother is associated with Pittsburg Church No. 1.

If you were not prepared Sabbath, December 19, to make an annual offering, it is not too late now and would be most gratefully received in behalf of foreign missions.

Plans have been made whereby delegates and visiting brethren, attending the conference meeting held in Pittsburg January 6-13, can obtain meals at or near the church for a reasonable rate.

On reaching Pittsburg take a Lincoln Ave. car on Wood or Smithfield St. and get off at Rowan Ave. and you will be within a half block of the church. Come directly to the church, where those in charge of locating those in attendance will see that you are comfortably located.

Many of the older members of our conference will be grieved to learn of the death of the wife of Brother Joseph E. Sampson. Sister Sampson was formerly a member of the Port Allegany church and died in Spokane, Wash., on December 12. Brother Sampson brought the body to Roullette, Pa., December 18, to be laid beside their two only children. Elder I. N. Williams took charge of the funeral. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Brother Sampson in this hour of trial.

VIRGINIA

Neport News

DEAR readers of the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR: It has been a long time since you have heard from us. We are glad to say that the Lord is blessing us. We organized in our church about a year ago a Missionary Volunteer Society, and through the society we have a church-school, and have on roll thirty-two scholars. Our members of the society are interested in the canvassing work. They are canvassing for *Life and Health* and the *Watchman*. The society also distributed \$12.00 worth of the mission number of the *Review*.

We have no minister to preach to us every Sabbath, but still we have courage just the same. Pray for us that the Lord may continue to bless us and add more workers to our little band. Yours in the Master's work,

FLORENCE E. CARDWILL, *Leader*.

SALLIE CHRISTIAN, *Sec'y*.

Good Gifts

THERE is no gift more suitable for this season than a good book. The books mentioned here are of high grade character, written in the most entertaining and instructive manner, particularly suited to youth and children, yet always read with interest by all.

"Elo the Eagle and Other Stories." Ten delightful stories of animal life—life histories of the author's boyhood friends. Every lover of nature will find hours of pleasure in reading the

interesting and amusing stories of Elo, Lady Betty, Jonah the Owl, Frank the Collie, Dick the Black Bear, and others. Contains 200 pages, well illustrated. Price, \$1.

"Uncle Ben's Cobble Stones." Uncle Ben has a pleasing way of telling about the origin and use of such common articles as air, water, sunshine, fire, smoke, glass, coal, etc. Through these common articles the author directs the youthful mind to many practical lessons. Uncle Ben tells about more than 100 different things in all. 221 pages. Price, \$1.

"Garden Neighbors." All will be interested in the true story of the sparrows that learned to imitate the blue birds, of the cat that went wild, of the cowbird that imposed on a sparrow, and many other exceedingly interesting nature stories. 256 pages, 50 or more illustrations, several of which are in colors. Price, \$1.

"The House We Live In." All the wonders, uses, functions, etc., of the human body in all its various parts are presented in an entertaining manner. The plan of the book is conversational—a mother talking with her children. It is a book for home reading, and will be of great assistance in giving instruction in the care of the body. 218 pages, 150 illustrations. Price, \$1.

"Making Home Happy." Tells in an interesting story form of the transformation of a home of discord and unhappiness to one of peace.

The experiences of Deacon Beardsley and his family is an object lesson of what may be accomplished in any home where proper relations exist between members of the family, and the right lines of influence are guarded and cultivated.

The book can be read by all with pleasure and profit. Contains 206 pages, is well illustrated, and sells as follows: paper, 25 cents; cloth, 50 cents.

"Best Stories from the Best Book." This book has been designed with special reference to the needs of the children, and for this reason has been profusely illustrated.

It is divided into two departments, the first 55 pages being graded lessons in reading and writing on the things of nature and easy Bible stories. Fifteen pages are printed in colors. In the second or Bible story department is presented by short, well written stories a connected chain of events from creation to the ascension of the Saviour. It is handsomely bound in two styles. Board, 50 cents; cloth, 75 cents.

Canvassers' Reports

West Pennsylvania, One Week Ending December 17, 1909

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
J. Glunt, Muffin Co.		GC	5	31	3	8 25	4 85	13 10	63 20
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C. Dunham, Indiana Co.		GC	5	25	22	69 25	1 00	70 25	14 50
T. M. Butler, Erie Co.		CK	5	41	15	19 00	1 15	20 15	
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Ohio, Week Ending December 17, 1909

E. E. Shaw, Ottawa Co.	GC	5	30	5	14 75	8 50	23 25	4 50
Enos M. Horst, Ross Co.	GC	5	46					94 40
Wm. M. Deuschle, Ross Co.	GC	4	33					47 20
F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.	DR	4	29	2	5 50	1 35	6 85	57 50
L. H. Waters, Athens Co.	CK	5	43	12	14 00		14 00	84 50
G. Schwab, Tuscarawas Co.	CK	3	16	3	4 50		4 50	18 50
Ray Corder, Guernsey Co.	GC	5	32	19	20 50	6 00	26 50	
Guy Corder, Noble Co.	BF	4	23					71 50
Wm. Sboke, Athens Co.	BR							28 00
Totals		35	255	41	\$59 25	\$15 85	\$75 10	\$406 10

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$195.60.

Deliveries, \$511.15

"New Testament Primer." A book for the children composed of simplified nature and Bible topics and sparkling with bright illustrations in colors.

There are four graded departments, beginning with the scripture alphabet, the initial letter of each text being printed in two colors. A nature display of trees, flowers animals, etc., with writing and drawing exercises, form the second division, this being followed by simple stories of Christ and some of the leading disciples.

It is one of the most attractive books for children ever published. Contains 96 pages. Board, 25 cents. Cloth, 50 cents.

"A Man of Valor." The Old Testament character of Jonatban is taken as the leading figure, and around the wonderful story of his life is clustered a wealth of practical lessons and historical information. It would be hard to imagine a narrative of more thrilling interest. From the scene at Michmasb, where God demonstrated that it was "not by many but by few," to the terrible carnage on Gilboa, in which both Saul and Jonathan were killed, there is not a dull or uninteresting chapter. 10 full-page illustrations. 247 pages. Price, 75 cents.

preparing the people for the reception of the message for this time. The articles that are written on the conditions in our cities, and the "Menace to Europe," in *Everybody's* magazine, can be used to splendid advantage in the sale of our books, for these show from the Scriptures what the meaning of these things is. We should be able in a clear, forceful and earnest manner to present these matters so as to arrest the attention of the customer, and to press home the sale of the book with an earnestness that will bring results.

I believe there are many persons on farms and in other walks of life, who are familiar with the Scripture, and who could be used to bring many souls to a knowledge of the truth for this time. It is the men of faith and prayer, who will dedicate all their powers of mind and body to the work of God, who will succeed in this work, and those who are willing to be taught how best to reach men and women will be successful.

We must have men to enter the many fields that are opening up to us, and surely the Lord has men now in preparation who will spring into action and answer the call of God for this time. O that our heavenly Father may give us of his spirit to arouse us to do the work he is preparing us for, that the honest in heart may be gathered out, the long reign of sin come to an end, and we be gathered home.—W. L. Manfull.

We Need Men

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College Notes

O. F. BUTCHER left for Jackson, Mich, Dec. 24, to visit his parents.

Mrs. S. M. Butler entertained her Bible class, Bible 1, at her home, Saturday evening, Dec. 19.

We were favored last week in hav-

ing Dr. A. A. John visit the school. He addressed the students in chapel Monday, Dec. 20, on the importance of adaptation and of falling in line with our surroundings. He spoke again on Wednesday on the subject of medical missionary work. He said that to do the work of God effectively we must "go, preach, and heal." He emphasized the importance of the work of the medical missionary in foreign fields.

The program of the literary society held Saturday evening, Dec. 18 was an interesting one. Mr. Belgrave gave a declamation and Mr. Wright gave a very interesting recitation. An impromptu debate was given; the subject was chosen by the body. Prof. Rees then gave three recitations.

One of the best meetings of the week of prayer was on Friday night, Dec. 18, at the regular students' prayer meeting. The chapel was well filled. The meeting took the form of a praise and consecration service, many being on their feet at once. Many of the students said they had been much benefited by hearing the readings during the week of prayer, and expressed their thankfulness for daily blessings and a strong determination to fit themselves for some part in the Master's vineyard. It was surely encouraging to hear so many speak of the goodness of God.

Sunday evening, Dec. 19, five members of Elder O. F. Butcher's Bible IV class gave an interesting stereopticon lecture on prophecy. Miss Hannah Beatty spoke first on Babylon as the world's first universal power. She was followed by W. E. Barr who took up the kingdom of Media-Persia. The third universal kingdom was given in an interesting manner by Miss Nettie Porch. Rome in her pagan and papal forms was given by Harold Butler. A vivid description of the fifth kingdom, the kingdom of peace, was then given by S. C. Rockwell. The views shown made the lecture a very interesting and instructive one. An illustrated song, The Holy City, was sung by E. W. Culver to close the lecture.

Something New

THE Sabbath-school Department of the General Conference has prepared a Sabbath-school Birthday Card which affords each teacher an easy and delightful way of remembering birthdays. Teachers will do well to show their personal interest in their

pupils by the use of these cards. The card is appropriate for all ages, but the youth and children will especially appreciate attention of this kind.

This particular Birthday Card was prepared with Sabbath-school teachers and their classes in mind. The "best wishes" which the card carries cluster around the Sabbath-school. Teachers will find the message just what they would like to say, and pupils will ever be reminded of the privileges and blessings of the Sabbath-school.

And the card is really beautiful. It is a lithograph in seven colors on a very fine grade of wedding bristol board. The decorative feature is a spray of autumn leaves. Give your pupils something to remember you by,—something that is pretty,—something that will lead your minds to that which is pure and good. Each teacher should order one for each member of his class.

Price, postpaid, five cents each. Send cash with the order. Address Sabbath-school Department of the General Conference, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

When Things Go Our Way

DOES it strike you that the mischief of our life is really our constant fretfulness? The disabilities of our life, as we call them—the disappointment, the sadness, the bereavement—these do not hinder us; these would help us. What is constantly hindering us is that we fret under them; we are unbelieving, we turn the discipline into worry, and we, as it were, fidget the chisel that is in the hand of God, and is going to make the statue round and beautiful; we fidget the chisel so that it strikes awry, scratching and chipping the block. What makes our life a failure is not the chisel, but the uneasy and wilful movement of the marble which is in the sculptor's hand.

When all our purposes are broken, and our dreams vanish, and our ideals become unrealizable, and the pageant fades away, we see God—behold God in the very failure that we dreamed, and against which we rebelled.—*Selected.*

Two little girls were playing church. One said: "Now we are to have prayer. You kneel down and be a real Christian; I'll just sit bown and put my hand up to my face. I'll be a stylish Christian."