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

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GENERAL MATTER

Annual Religious Liberty Collection

THE Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference has set aside the collection of Sabbath, February 5, as the annual collection from our people in behalf of the Religious Liberty work. We take pleasure also in calling attention to the vote of the General Conference which decided the total amount of this collection by each conference should be divided into three portions, one-third to go to the local conference; one-third to go to the union conference; and one-third to the General Conference. Heretofore the totality of the collection has been given to the General Conference Religious Liberty Department.

It is hardly necessary for me to mention the grand work which this Religious Liberty Department has done in past years. The fact of the matter is that it represents the only organization in the work whose work is to proclaim the principles of true Religious Liberty. Anyone and every one everywhere, who is interested in the progress of truth, is making no mistake in contributing to our Religious Liberty work. We call the attention to this collection from our brethren everywhere throughout the Columbia Union Conference, and we speak for the collection a hearty response.

B. G. WILKINSON.

The Columbia Union Conference

(Continued from last week)

THE ninth meeting of the second biennial session of the Columbia Union Conference was opened at 4:45 P. M., Wednesday, December 8, 1909, with Elder B. G. Wilkinson in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Elder C. B. Haynes of the Chesapeake Conference.

The Minutes of the eight meeting

were read and approved.

PLANS AND FINANCES

Resolution XIV referring to the campaign for relief of our sanitariums, which are introduced in the Eighth Meeting and held over for further discussion, was again considered; and, upon motion, it was adopted.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A further partial report of the Nominating Committee was submitted, as follows:—

"For members of the Columbia Union Conference Executive Committee:—

The President of the Columbia Union Conference, The Treasurer of the Columbia Union Conference. The presidents of the following eight conferences comprising the Columbia Union Conference: Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia, Chesapeake, New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, West Pennsylvania, and the District of Columbia; and, Prof. S. M. Butler, Dr. H. N. Sisco, Elder I. G. Bigelow, E. R. Numbers, and D. W. Reavis."

Voted to adopt the above report as a whole.

CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES

The final report of the Committee on Credentials and Licenses was submitted, as follows:—

For Credentials, Elders B. G. Wilkinson, S. M. Butler, and I. G. Bigelow.

We recommend Elder O. F. Butcher to the Ohio Conference for ministerial credentials.

For Missionary License, E. R. Numbers.

All other cases referred to the Columbia Union Conference Executive Committee.

Each name was considered separately, and the recommendation adopted.

Adjourned to 9:15 A. M., Thursday, December 9, 1909.

THE tenth meeting of the second biennial session of the Columbia Union Conference was opened at 9:40 A. M., Thursday, December 9, 1909, with Elder B. G. Wilkinson in the

chair. Prayer was offered by Prof. S. M. Butler, of Mount Vernon College. The minutes of the ninth meeting were read and approved. Twenty-nine delegates responded to the roll call.

PLANS AND FINANCE

The Committee on Plans and Finance submitted the following final report:—

XV. "Whereas, The champions of religious legislation are exercising tremendous efforts in the different states of this Union to secure increased and more rigid Sunday legislation; and as there is a great lack of knowledge on the part of our people generally concerning the principles of Religious Liberty and how to prosecute effectively the work of enlightening the people concerning these principles; therefore,—

"We recommend, That vigorous Religious Liberty campaigns be inaugurated to enlighten the people in the various states of this Union Conference regarding these principles,—

"(1) By holding Religious Liberty institutes.

"(2) By the sale and distribution of the magazine, *Liberty*, 'Religious Liberty Leaflets', 'Rise and Fall of Religious Liberty in America' (a new book), and placing the revised edition of 'American State Papers' in the hands of state, county, and municipal officials and also in public libraries.

"(3) By delivering Religious Liberty lectures.

"(4) By writing letters to national and state legislators.

"(5) By circulating petitions.

"(6) By writing for the press.

XVI. "Resolved, That we encourage every family and isolated Sabbath-keeper to provide themselves with the quarterly journals, *Liberty*, *The Protestant Magazine*, and a full set of 'Religious Liberty Leaflets.'

XVII. "Resolved, That the Ten-cent-a-week Plan of raising funds for foreign missions is a practicable one; and that we hereby express our determination to bring the matter to the thoughtful attention of our church membership.

XVIII. "Resolved, That We express our hearty appreciation of the manner in which the Chesapeake Conference has provided for the accommodation of the delegates while attending this Conference session; and, further,—

XIX. "Resolved, That we tender a vote of thanks to the members of the Baltimore Church and their friends and neighbors for their kindness in providing homes for the delegates while here."

Upon motion of Elder F. D. Wagner, it was voted to adopt this report by considering each recommendation separately.

Resolution 15, recommending that vigorous Religious Liberty campaigns be inaugurated in the various states of this Union, was spoken to by several, and adopted.

Resolution 16, recommending that our people provide themselves with the journals, *Liberty*, and *The Protestant Magazine*, and a full set of the "Religious Liberty Leaflets," was read, and, after general discussion, adopted.

Resolution 17, concerning the Ten-cent-a-week plan, was read for discussion. Elder Daniells made an appeal for earnest work on the part of our conferences to bring this fund up to a place where the Mission Board will be able to support the laborers in the foreign fields without irregularity.

Resolution 8, on which action was deferred until the arrival of Elder O. A. Olsen, Secretary of the Foreign Department of the General Conference, was taken up, discussed, and adopted.

Elder Olsen spoke for a few minutes, placing before the delegates the needs of this much-neglected work. It is interesting to learn of the great multitudes of various nationalities who have localized themselves, especially in our large cities. The people are just as worthy of the blessed Gospel as our own people; and for the reason that it is more difficult to reach this class, we should double our efforts to teach them the Message entrusted to us.

Resolution 18, extending our thanks to the Chesapeake Conference for their hospitality, was read, and adopted.

DISTRIBUTION OF LABOR

The following final report of the Committee on Distribution of Labor was read and adopted by considering each name separately:—

1. *Recommended*, That we request

the Ohio Conference to release E. R. Numbers for Field Missionary Agent for the Columbia Union Conference.

11. *Recommended*, That we request the West Pennsylvania Conference to release Elder I. G. Bigelow for Field Missionary Secretary for the Columbia Union Conference.

III. "We recommend, That we concur in the request of Elder W. D. McLay that he be given another field of labor; and that we request the General Conference Executive Committee to appoint his successor."

Voted to adopt the report as a whole.

Adjourned sine die.

E. R. BROWN, *Secretary*.

Every Seventh-Day Adventist a Missionary

WE are living in the closing days of the history of a lost world. Soon the long night, when no man can work, will settle down upon us. Opportunities are all about us for doing faithful and earnest work for God. The sin of neglect, the failure to warn and help those about us, possibly is one of the most serious charges the Spirit of the Lord has to bring against the people of God. The constant danger is that as just Seventh-day Adventists, we shall say within our own hearts, "The ministers can preach, the canvassers can sell the books, the periodical workers distribute the journals; but as for me, what can I do? I should be glad to be a worker, but here I am tied up with my family, my farm, my business—surely I am excused from aggressive work for God." Such thoughts are not common.

But God can use you. It matters not what your situation is, you have a place to fill in the Master's work. If you do not believe this statement, the next time you go in secret to pray, talk with your Lord about it. Fall upon your knees and ask him sincerely, with a contrite spirit, "Lord, is it true that you want to use me in some loving service? Is there some ministry you have suited to my capabilities, something that you have in waiting prepared for my hand to do? Is there some message you desire to send by me to some sin-sick heart?" Then gather up your faith and say, "Lord, through the power of thy grace, if thou wilt truly show me the thing to do, be it ever so humble, I will do it."

Jesus says, "Ye are the light." "Ye are the salt." But light shines; salt

saves. Light shines where it is dark. Where light shines, it is not dark. Be a light; then, to some dark soul-chamber. Angels will lead you to these hearts, if you ask God about them in earnest. Salt is not good unless mixed with what needs it. We can not be salt and remain aloof from sinners.

"In the visions of the night a very impressive scene passed before me. I saw an immense ball of fire fall among some beautiful mansions [of the rich of earth] causing their instant destruction. I heard some one say, 'we knew that the judgments of God were coming upon the earth, but we did not know that they would come so soon.' Others, with agonized voices said, 'You knew! why then did you not tell us? We did not know.' On every side I heard similar words of reproach spoken."—"Testimony," Vol. 9, page 28.

Who is this that knew that these judgments were to come soon, but did not tell? Can it be any other than a Seventh-day Adventist? Why didn't we tell them?

Awhile ago a minister, passing through Washington, one Sabbath in his sermon told how at one time he moved into a double house in a certain city. The other side was empty. Not long afterward a family moved in. He remained in this locality a few months, laboring. After a while he received an appointment elsewhere, and began moving out. When his household goods were being put on the dray, the lady came out upon the porch, and after some little hesitancy, inquired, "Are you not a Seventh-day Adventist minister?" He replied in the affirmative. "Well," she went on, "sometime ago I heard a little regarding what you hold as truth. I heard much said against these doctrines, but a desire entered my heart to understand what was really true. I learned you were a minister, and had moved into this house. I moved in on the other side in the hope of learning about these things; but during these three months you have not said one word to me about Bible truth. And now I see you are moving away."

This minister said it served as a severe lesson to him that he never forgot. God has blessed his efforts since in bringing three or four house owners into the truth. He never went into a place seeking a new location for his home without earnestly seeking God to guide him where to go, that he might find somebody who was searching for truth. And God

remarkably guided him in finding such.

This lesson is obvious. God wants us to become acquainted with our near neighbors. But custom and our own inclination often lead us to neglect these, and what little we do, we do for those farther away.

"When the reproach of indolence and slothfulness shall have been wiped away from the church, the Spirit of the Lord will be graciously manifested. Divine power will be revealed. The church will see the providential working of the Lord of Hosts. The light will shine forth in clear, strong rays, and as in the time of the apostles, many souls will turn from error to truth. The earth will be lighted with the glory of the Lord.

"Heavenly angels have long been waiting for human agents—the members of the church—to co-operate with them in the great work to be done. They are waiting for you. So vast is the field, so comprehensive the design, that every sanctified heart will be pressed into service as an instrument of divine power."—*"Testimony,"* Vol. 9, pages 46, 47. Thus every true Seventh-day Adventist will become a missionary for God.

T. E. BOWEN.

An Interesting Experience

I WAS talking to a brother canvasser at our Conference meeting, and he told me I did not do right by not writing an article for the VISITOR of a little experience I had October 19.

In the first place, I told Brother Ashton I would sell the *Signs of the Times* to help pay for the new tent he got for Pittsburg last summer. I was very much interested in it, but did not have any cash I could give, so I thought the *Signs* would do for three good causes; first, there might be some precious souls saved with the *Signs*; second, the tent was the means of bringing many precious souls to the Saviour, and may be the means of saving many more; third, to know that I could have a part in this precious work.

In August Brother Ashton, our minister, ordered 200 *Signs* for me. They sent the papers on August 25 and September 1, but I did not receive them. I went many times to the Post Office and inquired, but all in vain; so in October Brother Ashton sent for an additional 200, as the others would be two months old, and then we were not sure what had happened to them.

On Sabbath, October 16, as I was going to church in the car, I met a number of those people who call themselves the Christian Church, who were holding their meetings in Pittsburg at this time out in the Carnegie Library. I had quite a talk with one of the men in the car, and that put a longing in my heart for tracts to give to those poor blind people. When I got to the church and found no tracts there, I was much disappointed. I tried to plan every way to get some in time, but it was too late, as their meetings closed on Tuesday.

All this time God had these 200 *Signs of the Times* stored carefully away for his own purpose; he knew all about the *Signs*, all about me, and all about this company of people that was to be here. On Monday morning while I was worrying how I could get something to give to these people, a letter came in the first mail from California, asking me to go down to the postoffice and see if the 200 papers were not there; that they had sent them, but that our minister had forgotten to give my house number. In a few minutes I was rejoicing as I never rejoiced before. God had those *Signs* laid up for this very purpose.

In the afternoon I went and asked for my papers, but the post-man said they were not there, so I just had to demand that he go and look. He did and there were my *Signs*. How happy I was!

As I had been very sick all summer I could not get out that night, but on Tuesday at 4 P. M., I went to the Library where they were holding their meetings. I just stepped off the car as they were dismissing their last meeting; so I had quite a talk with a few of them and had the pleasure of giving away 100 *Signs* dated August 25. Then I went home rejoicing and praising God, and I know God had those papers laid up for these very people, and hope there may be many precious souls in his kingdom as the results of that 100 *Signs of the Times*.

"All things work together for good to those who love the Lord."

MRS. ADAH MORLEY.

Catholic and Protestant Union

WHAT was reported in the papers as "A Plea for a Holy Confederacy," was made by a Methodist preacher of Washington, D. C., before his congregation on a recent Sunday. His idea was "that Catholics and Protestants alike should sink their petty differences and unite" to make the nation

righteous. He is quoted as saying that since "we live in an age of trusts and corporations," the church may well catch the spirit of the age and combine all religious forces for the furtherance of her ends. "More and more are we coming to realize," he said, "that only in a closer union is it possible to combat the forces which threaten the very existence of society. In this connection we hail with delight the suggestion of Bishop McFaul that Protestants and Catholics alike should sink their petty differences and unite in opposing the influences which threaten to profanize modern life. Should the great communion lead the way it would not be very long before Christians of all shades of belief would be united as an alliance so powerful that no person on earth could resist it."

The only trouble with this plan is that the Lord omitted to institute or even to sanction it, and that all the power of such an alliance would be of a political rather than a spiritual nature. Converting power—the power that changes the heart and brings the new birth—is the only power that will enable the church to fulfil her divine commission in the world.

—The Watchman.

Christian Education

THE plan for special features of the next three numbers of *Christian Education* is as follows:—

MARCH-APRIL

Physical and Industrial Training. This will present briefly:—

1. Some fundamental reasons why agriculture and trades should have proper attention in connection with book study; also the true relation of physical culture to physical labor and to intellectual pursuits.
2. What has been and is being done along these lines.
3. What more ought to be done.

MAY-JUNE

Christian Education Abroad.

This number should show how the principles of Christian education are spreading to the uttermost parts. Brief, crisp articles and illustrations fresh from the field of action.

JULY-AUGUST

Summer Campaign for Christian Education.

Best thoughts from men of experience and wide human interest on how to get and how to give education. Why are you not in school? How you may overcome obstacles. How

the student may economize. How the teacher may get out of a rut. How principles may become real leaders. How can we fill our schools for 1910-11? Wise financial policies and true school economy. Right relation of the home and the school.

OHIO

President's Address at the Union Conference

TO THE delegates and friends in Conference assembled, Greeting: After a period of forty-six years of organized effort in Ohio, we take pleasure in rendering our first report to the Columbia Union Conference. We do not claim a marvelous growth for this conference, for that would be a thing unnatural for Buckeye soil; but when it comes to quality, you will find no better people in all the world. I should hesitate to speak thus, fearing a charge of egotism might be preferred, were it not that even the nation recognizes the same fact in the selection of a chief executive. It should not be inferred from this, however, that we do not have opposing elements to contend with, for such is not the case. Satan has been on the ground from the very beginning, and has stoutly contested every step taken in the progress of our cause. Apostasy, fanaticism, and a spirit of antagonism to organization have had to be met frequently; but all this has served under God to develop a willing and a loyal people.

AREA AND POPULATION

With an area of 41,000 square miles and a population of four and one-half millions, we still find a vast amount of unworked territory within our own borders upon which to bestow earnest Christian endeavor. But, remembering the dearth of laborers in other fields, we have purposed not to concentrate all our efforts on the home field, but to divide our resources as far as possible.

MEMBERSHIP

We have on our roll a list of seventy-eight organized churches, with a membership of two thousand thirty-six (2,036), and several unorganized companies of believers and isolated Sabbath-keepers, making a total of about two thousand two hundred thirty-six (2,236).

CONFERENCE LABORERS

At the last session of the Conference, ministerial credentials were voted to fourteen persons, ministerial

license to seven, missionary credentials to thirteen, and four are laboring without papers,—a total of thirty-eight. Since that time one of our ordained ministers has retired from the work, another has fallen asleep, thus reducing our number of ordained men to twelve, and the total number to thirty-six.

EVANGELICAL DEPARTMENT

Believing that no more favorable time will ever come to reach the masses in our larger cities with the message, we have given special attention to this work during the past term, locating pastors with the churches in Cleveland, Youngstown, Toledo, Cincinnati, Dayton, Springfield, and Columbus. The two annual camp-meetings held were well attended, and other general meetings conducted in various parts of the Conference, primarily for the benefit of our local church work, were pronounced a success by all who shared their benefits.

Two hundred thirty baptisms and two hundred forty-three accessions to the church have been reported. Four new churches have been added, and several companies will be ready for organization soon.

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

This department presents a record for the term that excels all previous reports,—the book sales for 1908 amounting to \$13,647.23, and for the ten months of 1909, \$10,061.88. This exceeds our report of two years ago by \$7,506.23, and that of four years ago by \$10,182.82. The present worth on Jan. 1, 1909 was \$3,773.80.

Among the various missionary interests fostered by this department is that of furnishing the magazine, *Liberty*, annually to the Governor and his staff, the State legislators, judges of the Supreme, circuit, and common pleas courts,—two hundred eighty-four in all. We aim to conduct a strictly cash business with all the local societies in the Conference, and like the plan splendidly.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

There is much that is encouraging to be found as we review our work in this department for the past two years. Among our Sabbath-schools the interest is steadily and surely growing. We now have eighty-six schools, with a membership of one thousand eight hundred twenty-eight. As the cry, "All for Missions," increases among our schools, the donations are also becoming more and more generous, so that now at the end of the third quarter of this year, we

have already received more for this purpose than during the entire year of 1908. Conventions and ingatherings have done much to encourage this missionary spirit. Only eight more schools need to fall into line, and then we may join the band of conferences enlisted in the Honor Roll.

Because of the many warnings received, and in response to the call given by the Lord to gather our children into our own homes and educate them apart from the snares and temptations of the world, we have been earnestly working in behalf of the church schools. These are gaining in character and stability each year. While there are many difficulties to meet, the blessings more than outweigh the cost. This year we have seventeen schools, with an enrollment of one hundred sixty. By drawing our teachers together each summer in normal work and studying and counseling with one another, we are obtaining uniform work throughout the Conference; and as we near the standard set before us, we hope and pray that each little school may be as a light in the community in which it is situated.

In the work among our youth during the past two years, we have had fifteen organized bands of Missionary Volunteers, with a membership of two hundred twenty. Nearly 8,000 of our papers have been distributed within this time by the youth, besides over 21,000 pages of tracts. During 1908 we were interested in aiding one of our workers who is preparing for the foreign field. This summer, attention has been given chiefly to local work, while at present we are raising means to assist the Huntsville School. In connection with our church schools, we have also organized nine bands of Junior Volunteers, which have been doing excellent work.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

As God's love for a lost world is measured by the amount he was willing to give to redeem it, so from the showing of this department, more than any other perhaps, the loyalty of the people to the cause which they profess to love, is indicated. While much of an encouraging nature might be reported from this source, yet I shall endeavor to be brief.

Average receipts per month from 1906 to 1909 are as follows:—

Year	Title	Offerings
1906	\$2,290.42	\$560.22
1907	2,426.40	947.36
1908	2,265.39	658.72
1909	2,360.46	768.81

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

ALTHOUGH the delegation was not so large as was desired to the West Pennsylvania Conference held at Pittsburg, January 9-13, yet the meeting was a splendid one. The Spirit of God was visibly present from the beginning of the meeting. The truths presented from the word of God were delivered with the endorsement of the Holy Spirit, and there was a forward movement on the part of the assembly.

Resolutions pertaining to the practical work before us were passed with the hearty co-operation of both delegates and audience. No spirit of criticism was present, and the only helpful manifestation was a desire to unite in pushing forward God's work. On the third day of the conference in the afternoon, when the resolution respecting Mount Vernon College was up, the people demanded then and there the privilege of responding to the resolution in a substantial fashion. Though all the brethren were not present at this meeting, yet they responded freely to the resolution by a gift of \$155.00. Though no definite call was made at the time respecting the \$300,000 Fund, yet this resolution was passed under expressions from the people signifying their willingness promptly and heartily to pay their obligation. When the resolutions concerning the sale of the "Ministry of Healing" for the relief of the medical work was up, this also was unanimously passed, and though the recommendation of the General Conference Committee was that there should be a sale of two copies of "Ministry of Healing" per year for each member, one sister demanded then and there the privilege of putting down her name for six copies. A large number sent in their requests for their two copies of "Ministry of Healing."

Practically the same corps of officers were elected as those last year, only the conference committee was recommended to secure an educational secretary to fill the place of Elder Robbins. Though it was with very deep regret, nevertheless the West Pennsylvania Conference generously voted the release of Elder Robbins to take the presidency of the West Virginia Conference. This was but one evidence of the noble and devoted spirit on the part of the members of this conference. The report of the sabbath-school secretary showed that the Sabbath-schools of West Pennsylv-

vania last year gave in a greater donation through their collections than they did seven years ago when both the East and West Pennsylvania Conferences were united together, and the blessedness of these gifts lay in the fact that with the exception of \$40.00, the total amount of the contributions was given to foreign missions.

There was a splendid interest on the part of the outsiders to hear. The church building in which the brethren now meet in Pittsburg is already becoming too small. We are certain that the Spirit of God is at work convincing the people of the truths for these last days. How faithful would be our work in all places if we only believed God's truth with all our hearts, and gave it the devotion it ought to receive from us.

B. G. WILKINSON.

NEW JERSEY

BROTHER D. P. BOERSMA began meetings in the Holland language in the City Mission building at Paterson the first Sunday of the year with good attendance and interest. Subsequent meetings have been encouraging, and there is hope for good results.

A very interesting conference is in session this week at Camden. The reports of the various departments of the conference work are very encouraging, and the prospect for the future is very bright. Fuller reports of the meetings will be given later.

The Sabbath-schools of the state gave to missions during 1909 the sum of \$1215.68. This lacks only \$100.00 of being as much as has been contributed by our schools in any two previous years since the conference was organized, and is within \$100.00 of the amount contributed in any three years before 1908. Surely the Lord has blessed the effort to arouse our schools to missionary effort, and show that the motto, "All the Sabbath-school contributions to missions" does help to swell the offerings. We trust that 1910 will show a clear record in all our schools in this matter.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

ELDER W. H. HECKMAN met with the Williamsport church January 15 and 16.

Evangelist Charles Baum reports that the meetings at St. Clair are progressing nicely and expects some to take their stand very soon.

The revival services at North Philadelphia church have closed, and Elder W. H. Heckman together with Elder R. E. Harter will conduct a similar series in the Williamsport church.

The Sabbath-school offering from the first Philadelphia school for the year 1909 increased \$127.77 over that of 1908. We are glad to report that there has been an increase in many of the schools in this conference.

The price of "New Testament" and "Gospel Primer" have been reduced so that they now sell for, board, 25 cents cloth, 50 cents, instead of 35 cents and 60 cents as heretofore.

Miss Gertrude Billington of Moosic, Pa., will enter the canvassing field with "Coming King." We are certainly glad to learn this, and we know she will receive a great blessing thereby.

Brother Holman reports the prospect for canvassers for the spring and summer is very good.

Over \$10,000.00 worth of periodicals and books at retail value were sold in this conference during 1909: an increase in sales of more than \$3,000.00 over the previous year. Let us all take hold and make 1910 show as large a gain.

Pennsylvania Sanitarium

WE are very glad to report that for the last three months the Sanitarium has been practically filled with patients. At times we have had calls and have had to refuse because of not being able to accommodate them. This is a decidedly better showing than at the same time last year, and at Christmas time we were very much rushed, while a year ago we had very few patients during the holidays. We feel very much encouraged because of the way we are doing financially, when we hear from some of the best physicians in town that things are absolutely quiet, medically. The hospitals have but very few patients except for a few recently, due to the fact that we have had slippery pavements and some have sustained fractures. Our consulting physicians are

still very friendly, and one of the leading practitioners of the city comes in to see us about twice a week.

We have been fortunate in having with us Mr. Nie Wong Wu who is a son of the Chinese Minister to Germany, and who is also a friend of Mr. Wu Ting Fang, the recent Chinese diplomat at Washington. He is a very fine young man, is in the government service and has been attending school at Lehigh University. He at one time attended one of our schools and was very favorable toward the truth.

We expect a visit from Prof. A. E. Southerland of Madison, Tenn., this week. He is on his way to Cuba in behalf of industrial work.

Mr. Wm. B. Plant, a former worker at the Sanitarium, who has been canvassing in New Jersey for the past year, made a short visit at the Sanitarium. He reports good experiences in his canvassing work.

W. H. SMITH, M. D.

WEST VIRGINIA

Little Birch

OUR work at this place is progressing very nicely, and we have a good Sabbath-school with a membership of thirty-one. Attendance and interest are good and lessons are generally well studied. There has been an interest awakened for several miles around, and many calls are being made for meetings, but these cannot very well be answered until winter schools close, as the people generally object to protracted meetings while the schools are in session.

Some old people excuse themselves for not having their lessons by saying their memories are too badly impaired by reason of their advanced age, but we have pupils in school upwards of sixty who invariably have their lessons almost perfect.

Brother W. L. Adkins has been visiting his parents and other relatives in Cambridge, Md., but has now returned expecting to make Little Birch his home.

We trust that the Lord's blessing is attending the work of our fellow-laborers in this conference and that we may have the privilege of reading some encouraging reports from them soon in the VISITOR.

May the Lord help the people of this conference to awaken and take hold of the work as never before is our prayer.

W. R. FOGGIN.

W. L. ADKINS.

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending January 14, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
C. VanGorder, Huron Co.		DR	5	20	10	\$36 00	\$2 25	\$38 25	
H. F. Kirk, Carroll Co.		DR	3	14	12	35 25	2 00	37 25	
F. E. Hankins, Harrison Co.		DR	3	14½	7	18 50	1 50	20 00	
F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.		DR	5	40	10	28 75	6 25	35 00	13 00
†F. E. Wagner, " "		DR	6	35	11	31 75		31 75	
Enos M. Horst, Ross Co.		GC	4	30	11	33 00	1 65	34 65	65
Wm. M. Deuschle, Ross Co.		GC	4	20½	6	20 00	50	20 50	
L. H. Waters, Allen Co.		BF	5	36	44	52 00	2 05	54 05	85
G. Schwab, Tuscarawas Co.		CK	3	11	2	2 50		2 50	
Totals			38	221	113	\$257 75	\$16 20	\$273 95	\$14 50

West Pennsylvania, One Week Ending January 14, 1910

J. Heaton, Bedford Co.	GC	3	16	4	12 00	7 25	19 25	
Mrs. M. Wetsell, Erie Co.	GC	1	5	1	3 00		3 00	
*T. M. Butler, Erie Co.	CK	10	40½	41	59 50	2 25	61 75	2 50
*C. Zimmerman, Bedford Co.	SP	9	49½	26	46 00	10 85	56 85	
*Miss Zoerb, Lock Haven	CK	9	36	16	19 00		19 00	4 50
*A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	CK	8	56	36	53 50	6 75	60 25	32 05
*J. Glunt, Muffin Co.	GC	8	49	11	37 00		37 00	20 25
W. H. Jack, Armstrong Co.	DR	4						35 25
Totals					\$230 00	\$27 10	\$257 10	\$94 50

Chesapeake, Week Ending December 31, 1909

Maryland									
S. N. Brown, Cumberland Co.	OK	10	66	71	78 00	3 40	81 40		
G. Carroll, " "	CK	10	70	21	22 50	8 15	30 65		
†W. North, Lloyds	GC	4	26						
Totals		24	162	92	\$100 50	\$11 55	\$112 05		

New Jersey, Week Ending January 14, 1910

H. Britton, Moumouth	GC	4	27	13	40 00	3 30	43 30	
D. W. Percy, " "	GC	5	30	11	33 00	3 40	36 40	
W. Plant, Rockway	GC	4	30	21	23 50	1 75	25 25	
Totals		13	87	45	\$96 50	\$8 45	\$104 95	

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 14, 1910

H. Minier, Bradford	GC	3	24	5	14 75	1 30	16 05	
G. Jenkins, Lackawanna	GC	5	24	6	16 50	4 75	21 25	25 40
*W. P. Hess, Lancaster	CK	9	48	56	66 50		66 50	83 50
Totals		17	96	67	\$97 75	\$6 05	\$103 80	\$108 80

West Virginia, Week Ending January 14, 1910

A. T. Halstead, Kanawha Co.	DR	4	30		46 50	7 30	53 80	1 20
J. H. Jennings, Monroe Co.	DR	5	40	2	4 25	15 25	19 50	5 75
Totals		9	70	2	\$50 75	22 55	\$73 30	\$6 95

Chesapeake, One Week Ending January 7, 1910

Maryland									
W. Yonson, Ellicott City	GC	5	29	10	34 00	50	34 50		
S. N. Borwn, Cumberland	CK	3	16	17	19 00	3 30	22 30		
G. Carroll, " "	CK	3	18	4	4 00	60	4 60		
W. Yonson, South Baltimore	GC	11	51½	11	34 25	35	34 60		
Totals		22	114½	42	\$91 25	\$4 75	\$96 00		

Chesapeake, One Week Ending January 14, 1910

W. Yonson, Howard Co.	GC	3	19½	2	6 00		6 00	
S. Brown, Cumberland	CK	3	23	13	15 50	2 00	17 50	13 00
G. Carroll, "	CK	3	15½					26 80
Totals			9	58	15	\$21 50	\$23 50	\$39 80

*Two weeks

†One week ending December 24

†Two weeks ending January 17

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,044.65. Deliveries, \$264.55

CHESAPEAKE

BROTHER L. L. ASHTON is now laboring in Baltimore in the interests of the colored work. He is having some success, and reports good interest.

We have entered upon another year. As we look back we can see that the Lord has been with us, and for this we are very thankful. During the year of 1909, Brother G. H. Clark, our canvassing agent, went to South America. Brother W. R. Pohle and his family went to South America. We are glad we could have a share in giving of our workers to the great needy fields.

It is with feelings of keen regret that we report the departure of our president, Elder F. I. Richardson, on January 12. He sailed on that date for Jamaica, having resigned here because of not being able to stand the climate. But the hand of the Lord is with us still, and though things may look dark, and we may be inclined to feel discouraged because of having to have another change so soon in this office, let us believe that all things work together for good to them who love God, to them who are called according to his purpose. "Sometime we will understand." Let us rally to the support of the work. We believe Chesapeake Conference is not forsaken, but are thankful for the advances that have been made. Let us pray that God will, in his own good time and way, send the man for president who will be the one he would have here.

EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

DECEMBER 1909

Akron	\$6 00
Alliance	148 33
Barnesville	13 60
Bellefontaine	19 65

Bowling Green	120 42
Bellville	28 25
Broughton	5 00
Camden	113 50
Canton	38 29
Chagrin Falls	81 59
Charloe	5 19
Chillicothe	81 52
Cincinnati	183 96
Cleveland German	56 17
Cleveland	252 19
Clyde	97 67
Columbus	342 41
Columbiana	
Conant	22 70
Conneaut	20 70
Convoy	10 25
Corsica	5 10
Coshocton	90 50
Dayton	
Defiance	5 00
Delaware	20 00
Delta	46 46
Derwent	16 23
Dixon	
Dowling	
Dunkirk	
East Liverpool	32 61
Elgin	24 70
Findlay	32 00
Greenspring	29 45
Gilboa	
Hamler	93 42
Hamilton	48 88
Hicksville	
Jefferson	
Killbuck	30 28
Kenton	
Lagrange	149 15
Lake View	
Leesburg	
Laura	16 47
Liberty Center	27 89
Lima	41 18
Locust Point	6 25
Mansfield	16 52
Marshfield	10 00
Marion	34 97
Massillon	22 34
Medina	1 00
Mendon	11 50
Middlefield	18 09
Mount Vernon	312 35
New Marshfield	
Newark	69 33
Norwalk	
New Philadelphia	22 25
Piqua	104 00
Pleasant Hill	51 95
Plimpton	232 20
Pemberville	10 00
Powell	
Ravenna	46 33
Reedsville	
Rows	
Shreve	9 96
Spencer	
Springfield	252 84
Sherwood	2 00
Toledo	141 69
Troy	
Van Wert	17 61
Walnut Grove	41 69
Washington C. H.	
Waterford	3 92
Wheelerburg	46 57
Wilmington	
Youngstown	76 21
Zanesville	33 09
Individuals	48 51
TOTAL	\$3,999 88

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

Tithe	\$3,999 88
Tract Society	2,398 39
First Day Offerings	160 10
Sabbath-School Donations	531 50
Missionary Volunteer Society	
Foreign Missions	258 84
Southern Field	19 69
Colored Work	
Mount Vernon College Fund	110 84
Annual Offering	622 79
Mission Review	787 43
Huntsville School	21 88
Harvest Ingathering	
Orphans and Aged	25
Expense Refunded	

TOTAL \$8,911 59

H. D. HOLTOM, Asst. Treas.

OBITUARIES

SAYRE.—Departed this life January 10, 1910, in Newark, Ohio, Sister Lucinda Sayre, age 90 years, 5 months, and 13 days. Mrs. Sayre had retired for the night and was taken ill with heart trouble caused by her advanced age. Two sons are left to mourn their loss, Henry Sayre of Newark, Ohio, and Peter Sayre of Topeka, Kansas. Mrs. Sayre came to Newark in 1849, and has made it her home ever since. She was a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist church for 30 or more years. A blessed benediction is hers. A large company of neighbors and friends assembled to pay their tribute of respect and sympathy, and listen to words of hope spoken by the writer from the Holy Scriptures.

F. H. HENDERSON.

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Mission Notes

WE have no missionaries in Venezuela. South America still has the title of the "Neglected Continent," from the standpoint of Protestant missions. Venezuela needs the gospel of Christ. Recent political changes have made it a better field. The people are "struggling toward better things, as is showed by a renewed interest in education and attempts at practical reforms." Are there not some missionaries to volunteer for Venezuela? The third angel's message is due there now.

Dr. H. F. Rand, superintendent of St. Helena Sanitarium, says: "We have a Chinese boy who is almost ready to graduate. His name is Chin. I have never seen a more consistent Christian in any nationality. He has been with us three years. Brother Anderson reached us yesterday, and gave us a good talk last evening on China. He is very anxious that treatment rooms shall be opened in Hongkong. We have some people here that are studying for different fields. We have three Koreans, and one of our good nurses, ready to graduate, is studying the language of that field, and we have two that have been preparing for China, besides the Chinese boy."

Our sanitariums are doing splendid service in training our young men and women for missionaries. They do their very best to meet the situation out in the trying fields. Our brethren and sisters at

home should stand by every loyal sanitarium, assisting them in their work in every way possible. Encourage patients to go to them. Encourage young persons to take training in them. And if debts cripple their work, a plan is now on foot whereby every one can assist them to get out of debt—by selling a few copies of "Ministry of Healing," donating the proceeds toward lifting the burden. God will bless every effort in this direction.

Halley's Comet and the End of the World

THE reappearance of Halley's comet after an elapse of seventy-five years, is provoking considerable interest and comment. In the spring this comet will be seen with the naked eye near the constellation of Orion.

In the March number of the *Watchman* Dr. O. C. Godsmark of Chattanooga, Tenn., will present an article on the subject of Halley's Comet and the End of the World. This will introduce a series of articles on astronomical truths treating the subjects from the standpoint of the Bible as well as science.

Dr. Godsmark is well qualified to write on this question, which will be an additional interesting feature of the *Watchman*. Subscribe now.

Mount Vernon College Meeting

THERE will be a meeting of the patrons of Mount Vernon College in the Seventh-day Adventist church, Ohio and Fair Streets, Columbus, Ohio, in connection with the annual meeting of the Ohio State Conference, January 24-28, 1910. The purpose of this meeting is to elect trustees, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, January 25, at 3 P. M.

S. M. BUTLER, Sec.

THE January number of *Liberty* comes out with the freshness of the new year. It contains thirteen strong editorials, fatal to the position of the opponents of Religious Liberty upon such questions as, "A Protestant Christian Nation," "The Purpose of a Federation," "Public Office by Religious Test," "Sunday Closing," "Persecution a Good Thing," "National Sunday Laws," etc.

It contains eleven contributed articles by strong writers, upon as many

vital questions, covering all the principles involved in religious legislation. It also has an unusually strong Temperance department. No person can possibly read this issue of *Liberty* without being impressed with the soundness of the principles advocated, and receiving at least some insight of the errors and dangers associated with the present tendency toward a union of church and state. Let all freely discharge their personal responsibility in giving this number of *Liberty* a wide circulation.

What Petitions Did

THOSE who have any doubts as to the good effect that is produced upon the minds of lawmakers by pointed, courteous letters will dismiss the idea when they read the following incident:—

When the Johnston Sunday bill came up in the Senate the other day, Tuesday, January 18, for its third and final reading, two senators arose and asked that it might "go over." One of these senators stated, "I should like that bill to go over, and in asking that it do so I will state that I have received a number of letters this morning touching the matter which I have not even had time to read. I simply ask that the bill go over until I can examine the letters."

At this point the author of the bill, Senator Johnston, tried to explain matters and urge that the measure be acted upon at once, whereupon the objecting senator continued: "There is no particular reason for pressing the matter at this time, and I should like to have the bill go over until I can examine the letters to which I have referred." The President of the Senate then said, "The Bill will go over."

From this you will observe that the "letters" sent to this senator were going to receive his consideration, and in this case resulted in blocking the legislation temporarily at least.

This fact should encourage our people to write their representatives in Congress letters of protest against these evil measures that are now pending. Do not delay the matter of writing your senators at once, asking them to oppose the bills and do all they can to defeat them, as the Johnston Sunday Bill for the District of Columbia is already on the calendar, ready to come up for final action at any moment. Now is the opportune time to write. Urge your neighbors who are opposed to Sunday legislation to do likewise.

K. C. RUSSELL.