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

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Ohio Conference Session

PURSUANT to notice regularly given, the forty-eighth annual session of the Ohio Conference was held in Columbus, Ohio, January 24-28, 1910.

The first business meeting was called at 9:30 A. M., January 25.

After a few remarks by Elder H. H. Burkholder, who occupied the chair, the roll of delegates was called, resulting in 104 persons responding. Elders B. G. Wilkinson, A. G. Haughey, and J. F. Olmstead being present, it was voted that they be seated as delegates and invited to participate in the deliberations of the Conference.

On the call for new churches to be admitted into the Conference a request was presented from the church at New Philadelphia, consisting of fifteen members.

It was voted that this church be admitted into the Conference and their delegates seated.

The president presented his annual report. This report showed 119 baptisms and 130 accessions as shown by the reports of the Conference laborers, and the largest receipt of tithes in the history of the Conference.

It being voted that eight delegates be selected to act with the Conference committee in naming the standing committees, the following persons were chosen: F. A. Webber, R. I. Francis, H. F. Graf, C. C. Webster, W. C. Moffet, F. M. Fairchild, John W. Shultz, and F. H. Henderson.

This committee made the following report:—

Committee on nominations: G. C. Quillin, F. A. Webber, J. J. Marietta, W. H. Sander, F. M. Fairchild, John W. Shultz, and J. O. Young.

Committee on plans: A. C. Shannon, Dr. H. M. Jump, E. R. Numbers, Bessie E. Acton, Bessie E. Russell, F. H. Henderson, and W. C. Moffett.

Committee on license and credentials: R. G. Patterson, R. R. Kennedy, W. E. Bidwell, C. C. Webster, and C. T. Redfield.

H. D. Holtom, acting treasurer of

the Conference, made his report, which was most encouraging, and confirmed the statement made by the president in his annual address, that from a financial standpoint 1909 was the most prosperous in the history of the Conference.

The report of the auditor stated that he had found the books of the treasurer in good shape.

The secretaries of the various departments made their reports. While space will not permit a copy of these reports to appear in this article, suffice it to state that they showed a healthy condition in the several departments.

The committee on nominations made the following report: President, H. H. Burkholder; vice-president, R. G. Patterson; treasurer, H. D. Holtom; tract society secretary, J. I. Cassel; medical missionary secretary, Dr. H. M. Jump; educational superintendent, Bessie E. Acton; educational secretary, Bessie E. Russell; religious liberty secretary, A. C. Shannon; field missionary agent, F. B. Numbers; field missionary secretary, F. H. Henderson; auditor, E. R. Brown; custodian, referred to conference committee.

Executive committee and board of trustees of Ohio Conference Association: H. H. Burkholder, R. G. Patterson, C. T. Redfield, M. V. Downing, S. M. Butler, G. C. Quillin, Geo. A. Kessler.

Trustees of Mount Vernon College corporation: R. G. Patterson, J. J. Marietta, W. J. Venen, Chas. E. Welch, Arlonzo Kline, M. V. Downing, W. M. Campbell.

It was voted to accept the report by considering each name separately, resulting in the report being unanimously accepted.

The committee on licenses and credentials made the following report, which was also accepted:—

For credentials: H. H. Burkholder, R. R. Kennedy, R. G. Patterson, Francis M. Fairchild, A. C. Shannon, H. M. Jump, F. H. Henderson, W. E. Bidwell, C. T. Redfield, C. C. Webster, J. P. Gaede, H. F. Graf, J. F. Olmstead.

For ministerial license: F. E. Gibson, W. C. Moffet, J. W. Shultz, L. R. Williams, G. C. Quillin, J. J. Marietta, W. J. Venen, M. V. Downing.

For missionary license: W. M. Campbell, Cora Campbell, Cora B. Gibson, Bessie E. Russell, Bessie E. Acton, Ella M. Talmage, Anna E. Smith, M. Hortense Howell, Ida M. Walters, Fred B. Numbers, J. I. Cassell, H. D. Holtom.

The committee on plans submitted the following report:—

1. *Whereas*, The blessing of God has rested upon our Conference as manifested in the ingathering of souls, the unprecedented prosperity of the book and periodical work and the great increase of tithes and offerings, therefore be it—

Resolved, That we hereby express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his manifold mercies and blessings, and that we reconsecrate ourselves to him for better service in the future.

2. *Whereas*, It has pleased God that our beloved brother, Elder J. G. Wood, should rest from his labors, we bow in submission to the divine will, and express our appreciation of his godly life and long continued faithful service, extending our sympathy to those who remain to mourn.

3. *Whereas*, The one-cent-a-day plan devised for the relief of Mount Vernon College has met with universal acceptance in the different conferences of the Columbia Union, many church members having contributed cheerfully to it, and,—

Whereas, many more would contribute to it if the plan were called to their attention and if they understood the reasons for the plan, therefore,—

Resolved, That we make an effort as a conference to bring up the amount which we have already raised to the equivalent of \$3.65 per member by putting all the laboring force of the conference into a campaign for three or four weeks, during which time they shall call for donations in cash or pledges payable on or before June 1, 1910.

4. *Whereas*, The Testimonies teach that we should make every possible effort to be present at our annual

camp-meetings, we urge upon our people the necessity in these perilous times of heeding this instruction and availing themselves of the privileges and blessings of these annual convocations.

5. *Whereas*, The General Conference has recommended, and the Columbia Union Conference has adopted, the plan to raise within the next three years a fund known as the \$300,000 Fund for the erection of homes for our missionaries and for needy institutions in foreign fields, therefore,—

Resolved, That we as a conference accept our apportionment, and that we earnestly endeavor to bring in our quota by the expiration of the time.

6. *Whereas*, The pressing need of a foreign department has been recognized and established by the General Conference, and,—

Whereas, The great population of foreign-born and foreign speaking people that are in the districts of the Ohio Conference, and the urgent needs of thorough and systematic plans being laid for the carrying of the third angel's message to these people, therefore,—

Resolved, That this forty-eighth annual session of the Ohio Conference assembled so lay plans and perfect a permanent department to be known as the Foreign Department of the Ohio Conference.

7. *Whereas*, The Ohio Medical Missionary Association desires reorganization, therefore be it—

Resolved, That this conference reorganize said association as a proper means of unifying the medical work in this conference.

8. *Whereas*, the Mount Vernon Medical and Surgical Sanitarium is centrally located in the territory of the Ohio Conference, and,—

Whereas, This institution is prepared to render as efficient service as can be given in a sanitarium, and,—

Whereas, It is strictly a Seventh-day Adventist denominational institution, therefore be it—

Resolved, That we encourage the patronage of this institution.

9. *Whereas*, It would greatly benefit those who in the Mount Vernon Sanitarium are preparing for medical missionary work by affording them active experience in the field, and,—

Whereas, Those among whom they might go would receive invaluable instruction from the personal work of these Medical Missionaries, be it—

Resolved, That we encourage this work when practicable.

10. *Whereas*, The plan has been

adopted by the General Conference Committee and endorsed by the Columbia Union Conference to have each member of the conference donate the proceeds from the sale of two copies of "Ministry of Healing," and of five copies of *Life and Health*, each for three years, for the relief of our sanitariums, therefore,—

Resolved, That we throw ourselves heartily into the campaign.

11. *Resolved*, That we urge our English speaking churches and members to give attention to placing our publications in foreign languages among the thousands of people in our midst who speak other tongues

12. *Whereas*, The General Conference Publishing Department has recommended that the gospel ministry renew its labors in behalf of the tract and missionary work as in the past, be it—

Resolved, That we promote with earnestness the following lines of work:—

(a) The extensive sale and free circulation of literature in connection with gospel meetings.

(b) A definite, accurate knowledge of the plans and work of the tract society workers and the field missionary agent, and a generous, strong, and sympathetic support of all features of their work.

(c) Earnest, systematic efforts to build up the tract and missionary work in the churches by holding meetings, instructing missionary secretaries (librarians), introducing our new books, tracts, and other literature, and taking orders for periodicals.

13. *Whereas*, There is need of a general revision of our constitution, and,—

Whereas, It is not possible to give sufficient time at this session to thoroughly study the document and correctly reward it, be it—

Resolved, That we request the conference committee to recommend such revision as they deem necessary and that they report at the next annual session of the conference.

14. *Whereas*, The COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR is designed to keep our people informed concerning the plans and progress of the union and its local conferences, and to strengthen the bands of unity of these conferences, therefore,—

Resolved, That we urge our workers and church officers to supply the VISITOR with reports of progress and to put forth special efforts to place the paper in the homes of our people.

15. *Resolved*, that we adopt a rallying cry for Mount Vernon College for 1910-11, "Two hundred students and freedom from debt."

16. *Whereas*, The members of the Columbus church, for the third time have made it possible to hold our annual conference under such pleasing and favorable circumstances, and being mindful of the fact that these privileges are ours through their kind generosity and self-sacrifice, therefore,—

Resolved, That we acknowledge our appreciation by a vote of thanks.

With the exception of recommendation number ten, all resolutions were adopted by a unanimous vote.

Elder Spicer arrived on Wednesday and his services were much appreciated, not only in considering plans for future work, but in the preaching service which he conducted on Wednesday and Thursday nights.

The spirit manifested throughout the conference was most gratifying and as the delegates voted to adjourn *sine die*, they had great cause to praise the Lord for the evidence of his blessing on the Ohio Conference for the year 1909.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, *Pres.*

R. G. PATTERSON, *Sec'y.*

Dayton

THE work in Dayton is onward; the Lord is blessing our efforts. Truly his hand is not shortened that he cannot save; for he is saving. Neither is his ear heavy that he cannot hear; for he has heard our prayers and visited our place.

Brother John Marietta was with us two weeks ago and rendered valuable assistance. Our meetings were well attended considering the inclement weather. Sabbath, January 22, six precious souls united with the church of believers in this city.

How thankful we ought to be for having a part in the last warning message of mercy to a dying world! Our time for work will soon end, and the faithful in Christ will be delivered from this world of sorrow and enter into the joys of their Lord.

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

Sanitarium Notes

MISS EDITH GIDDINGS has been nursing in Howard the last week.

Dr. Fisher made a professional call at Cuyahoga Falls last week.

Miss Debora Secor is assisting Dr. Harding in his office at present.

Miss Cora A. Miller returned last Friday from a two days' visit among her Columbus friends.

Miss Stella Kennedy is spending a few days at the sanitarium visiting friends in Mt. Vernon.

Elder Anderson and daughter Naomi were at the sanitarium last Thursday evening. He gave an informal talk to the guests and helpers on the work in South Africa, to which he has dedicated his life. He told of many thrilling incidents that he has experienced in his labor among the natives of that dark continent. These experiences that he has passed through only serve to strengthen his zeal for the work. He gave special emphasis to the fact that the life of a missionary on the frontier is anything but a life of pleasure.

WEST VIRGINIA

MONDAY, Jan. 31, 1910. the auditing committee of the West Va. Conference met in the tract society office at Parkersburg, and the next day the conference committee met at the same place with our new president in charge. The spirit of the Lord was present, and all went off harmoniously. Plans were laid for the future work of the conference, which we hope will be diligently carried out and thus the cause of truth be built up among the hills of West Virginia.

A movement was started which we believe will be the means of procuring a building which has rooms enough for the tract society office, Sabbath-school and church, besides three or four living rooms which, if managed judiciously, will save us quite a heavy rent, and will bring to the conference a steady little income. We believe that when the brethren in West Virginia obtain a proper understanding of the situation and the need of means to build up the work and also to carry the last message of mercy to the many souls right in our own state who have never heard of a Seventh-day Adventist or the truths we believe, there will be a hearty response with means and prayers.

Brethren and sisters, this is the Lord's work, but he has given each of us a part to act in carrying it forward, and he requires that we all be faithful in that which he has entrusted to us. While putting our shoulders to the

wheel for the purpose of helping others, we bring a blessing to ourselves as well. Though we may not feel competent for the task, we know that in God's strength we will succeed; for he has never asked one of his children to do anything without giving the needed strength for that work. The walls of Jerusalem were built, "for the people had a mind to work."

Dear brethren and sisters, "Let us lift," and when the message is finally triumphant, we will be secure.

After the meeting closed, Brother Robbins went to Philadelphia to attend the union conference committee meeting. On his return he will spend a few weeks in visiting the churches, companies, and isolated members, before returning to Erie, Pa., for the purpose of moving his family to West Virginia. Let us all come up to the help of the Lord and work together.

MRS. M. L. HADDIX.

VIRGINIA

Sabbath-School Work

DOUBTLESS you will all be pleased to read some notes of progress from this branch of the work. We are glad to tell you that the Sabbath-school work is onward in the Old Dominion. The Sabbath-schools seem to be interested in their work and we receive quite encouraging letters from them. Their reports are good too. There has been an increase in the contributions. This last quarter ending December 31, our schools and Home Department members contributed \$100.91, and of this amount \$82.63 was sent to missions. Our schools are gradually adopting the plan of sending all their contributions to missions. This quarter brought the names of six more schools for our honor roll, so there are now fourteen Sabbath-schools on the roll; the following are their names:—

Buena Vista, Byrdsville, Chiltons, Doswell, Danville, Hebron, Mount Williams, Newport News, Portsmouth, Petersburg, Richmond No. 1, Roanoke, Stanleyton, and Spencer.

I hope those who see the name of their school missing, will go to work right away, and develop some plan for expenses of the school, so that their school's name may not be missing next quarter.

And now about our home department members. Our home department has been increased, during the

last three months, from twenty-one to twenty-five members, and the cheery, bright letters that are received from them, show that they are enjoying these good Sabbath-school lessons we are having, and even though unable to attend our Sabbath-schools, they are of good courage in the Lord.

In closing, we would ask that every one help us in the work of this department; the superintendents may help by planning so that theirs may be good strong schools; and secretaries, by being prompt in reporting, and keeping accurate accounts. Every member may help by being always ready to respond to all the good plans that the superintendent may present. There are also many other ways to help, but I have just mentioned a few.

May the Lord help the people of this conference to arouse and take hold of the work as never before.

NAOMI M. HERRELL,
Sec'y S. S. Dep't.

Richmond

It has been some time since I have written concerning the work here. Since my last report four more have united with the church, three by baptism and one on profession of faith. This makes forty-one that have united with the church since I came here eighteen months ago. Twelve of these united with the church by letter. Much credit must be given to the faithful seed-sowing of other workers, and all the glory given to the Lord for his bountiful increase. The church is now entering upon the problem of paying off its \$240 debt on their church seats. At the same time the whole church must be enlisted in warning every home in this important center.

We need very much an Adventist doctor and nurses for this city. With a population of nearly 130,000 and a growing, progressive city, I believe the right kind of a doctor or nurses could make a success here. At present we have nothing to represent our health work in this city, except one canvasser for *Life and Health*. If any one thinks of locating here I will be glad to furnish any information I can concerning this city and conditions here.

B. L. HOUSE,
224 South Cherry Street.

"He who is false to a present duty breaks a thread in the loom, and will find a flaw when he has forgotten its cause."

ELDER WM. OSTRANDER of the East Michigan Conference, who has been laboring in our Conference the past year is planning to return to his home conference about the middle of February. We are sorry to see our brother go as he has labored so faithfully among us. We are sure all who have become acquainted with him will regret to learn of his going. We are in hopes his brethren in East Michigan will be able to send us another worker to follow up the work he has already begun.

A report from Elder Franklin G. Warnick of Danville, informs us that the church building there which they have been remodeling is nearing completion, and that they are in hopes it will soon be ready for dedication. They need about \$200 to clear the same of all indebtedness. If any of our friends who may read this would like to help them on the debt, the same would be thankfully received. Send all donations to our state treasurer, O. F. Dart, 1300 N. 28th St., Richmond, Va.

Elder Leslie Muntz, who is located at Norfolk, reports a good interest and attendance at his meetings.

A very interesting report of the work at Colonial Beach was received a few days ago from brother George A. Stevens, who has been laboring there since last July. He has the use of the town hall every Sunday night, and says the hall is about as full as it can be.

Elder B. L. House, of Richmond, is planning to hold a revival service in the church in the near future.

Elder J. Greer Hanna reports that the work is onward in the city of Lynchburg where he is laboring. He also says the volunteer work is growing in the State. We hope all will do what they can to assist Elder Hanna in getting the work of the young people thoroughly organized.

Let us all remember the Missionary Volunteer Day which has been appointed by the General Conference Committee, Sabbath, February 26, 1910. A suggestive program has been arranged for the day.

Have you paid your quota of the

one-cent-a-day plan toward the Mount Vernon College, at Mount Vernon, Ohio. If not, why not? Let each one ask himself this question, and plan to answer the same by paying the quota, and if possible help to pay for someone in your church that is not able to do so. We must also remember that the Columbia Union Conference has kindly granted our conference one-half of the amount raised toward this important fund to be retained for our school at New Market, Va.

A telegram was received Wednesday morning, January 26, announcing the death of Elder H. W. Herrell's mother, who died at the ripe old age of 74 years at her late home in Washington, D. C.

Our state Sabbath-school secretary reports considerable increase of membership in the Home Department the last quarter, and also an increase in the offerings.

Miss Anna C. Rice, our Bible worker, is kept busy giving Bible readings and visiting interested ones. She is having the pleasure of seeing some fruit from her labors. Several have united with the church lately as the result of her work.

Miss Fannie V. Murray, of Richmond, Va., is doing self supporting Bible work here in the city of Richmond. She reports that she is kept busy filling the openings that come to her, and that she enjoys the work very much.

"An Act for the proper observance of Sunday as a day of rest in the District of Columbia passed the Senate a few days ago." We can about tell from this what we may expect in our different states in the near future. We should stir ourselves and seek the Lord to guide us in how we should labor for him in this important branch of the work.

Our Academy at New Market, we understand, has added a few more names to its enrollment since January 1, 1910.

Our state canvassing agent, Brother Vernon O. Patches, held an

institute at Doswell, and as the result of the same is now out in the field with three canvassers. The report comes that they are of good courage.

Our state treasurer's report for the year 1909, shows an increase in the tithe, which we are glad to see.

CHESAPEAKE

President's Address at the Union Conference

ONE year ago to-day we were laboring in the beautiful city of San Diego, situated on the shores of the Pacific Ocean, in Southern California, with never a thought that at this time we would be assisting in spreading the glad tidings of a sooncoming Saviour in a city located on the shores of the Atlantic Ocean, on the opposite side of the continent, more than five thousand miles away. How true the text, "Thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." I am glad, dear friends, to say that there are in that Southern California Conference from which we came, more than two thousand five hundred persons who are rejoicing in the same great message that you are here to-day. The final words of our Saviour to his disciples, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (which in our day is the great, three-fold message of Revelation fourteen), have gone in that section to that extent that I sometimes caught myself wondering if there was really any virgin territory left. But there will always be a field for evangelistic work there; for the population is floating, and I began to think that possibly some of us ought to go out into more needy fields.

Recently I read in an article from the Spirit of Prophecy that the message should return East; and following that came a letter from the president of the General Conference, asking how I would feel about an invitation to come East to labor: these, together with the influence of some dear friends, led, as it seems to me, by the Spirit of the Lord, have brought me among you; and I am glad to find that the same proclamation of a sooncoming Christ is being made here, and that there are in this Chesapeake Conference about 560 precious souls rejoicing in this blessed hope. Also in making a comparison from the books of the secretary and treasurer,

I find there is something being done to carry the good news to others. For instance, during the biennial period of 1906 and 1907, there was paid into the treasury in tithe, the sum of \$11,046.85, while during the first twenty-two months of the biennial period of 1908 and 1909, the amount was \$12,014.81.

We are glad to note the progress that has been made during this biennial term; but we believe that much more ought to be done, and we also believe the time is ripe for an advance movement, especially among our young people and in the work here in Baltimore. The one appointed to the oversight of the missionary volunteer department and of the educational work, Elder A. V. Cotton, was taken from this field some months ago; and, his place not being supplied, these societies have not accomplished what they otherwise probably would have done. But that some good has been done is shown by the reports. There are certainly very encouraging signs of a spiritual awakening among our young people, which we long to see spread throughout our ranks till the last tie that binds them to earth, with its pleasures, has been severed; and, clad in the complete armor of light and righteousness, they swell the forces of the Lord that are now marshalling for their final conflict. To aid in this, we need a suitable person to take the oversight of the mis-

sionary volunteer department and of the educational work. One person could probably attend to both.

Relative to the work in Baltimore: There is an adage that a live church is a working church. We believe our church here in Baltimore to be a live one; and when we look over this great city with a population of 700,000, it would seem as if right here is a field where they can find work. This is true; but they need someone to lead them. So we feel that we need a minister to take charge of the church and conduct house-to-house evangelistic work, educating the members of the church in how to use their spare hours in giving Bible readings, selling and loaning literature, visiting, etc. To make the story short, we believe that God has endowed every person with at least one talent that can be used in winning souls to Christ; and the object of this movement is to find the gift that each one has, and develop it, that all may be in deed and in truth, laborers together with God in this closing work of this world's history. And we sincerely hope and pray that this Conference will aid us in finding suitable persons for the above positions. But if we should succeed in obtaining such help, we would be in a dilemma, for we have no funds with which to support them; so we humbly petition this honorable body to aid us also in securing funds to maintain them.

While we are deeply grateful for the blessings of God upon the various departments of our work; yet when we think of the multitudes who are unwarned, our hearts cry out for the Holy Spirit to fit us for greater efficiency for the future. The magnitude of the work that lies before us demands more than we have yet given. We have accomplished something; but we must do more. Think of the vast population in this Conference yet unreached with the message of the soon-coming Saviour, of the thousands of men and women who are looking wistfully to heaven, of the prayers and tears and inquiries that go up from souls longing for light, waiting only to be gathered into the kingdom; and then decide if it is not time that among God's people there should be a great reformatory movement.

Further statistics are tabulated under I, II, III, IV, V, as per the following schedule:

I. Total for twenty-four months, January 1, 1906 to December 31, 1907.

II. Total for twenty-two months, January 1, 1908 to October 31, 1909.

III. Amount, on this basis, for January 1, 1908 to December 31, 1909.

IV. Total from January 1, to October 31, 1908.

V. Total from January 1, to October 31, 1909.

	I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.
Tithes	\$11,046 85	\$12,014 81	\$13,057 56	\$5,858 15	\$5,213 93
Foreign Missions	1,121 88	1,354 58	1,473 47	506 83	594 45
Other Offerings	765 45	1,183 25	1,417 65	485 19	51 61
Retail value of literature sold ..	5,451 33	19,656 63	21,411 21	9,050 69	8 773 08
Sabbath-school Offerings	487 47	1,015 29	1,115 09	451 06	499 18
Raised by Young People's Societies	82 15				
	November 1, 1907.	November 1, 1909.		Increase	Decrease
Ordained Ministers	3	7		4	
Licentiates	2	1			1
Bible Workers					
Other Workers	3	2			1
Canvassers	6	6			
Church Members	554	560		6	
Tithe per Capita	\$10 22	\$9 31			\$.91
Church Buildings	5	5			
Church Schools	3				
Church school Pupils	59	70		11	
Value of Church School Buildings ..	\$900	\$850			\$50
Sabbath-schools	19	19			
Sabbath-school Pupils	527	591		54	
Young People's Societies	5	4			1
Young People's Society Members	180	Not known			
Medical Workers		2			
Treatment Rooms		1			

F. I. RICHARDSON.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

ELDER F. D. WAGNER attended a meeting of the Columbia Union Conference Committee recently held in Washington, D. C.

Sister M. M. Owens of Warren, who has been staying with Miss Gertrude Williams of Corydon, expects to return to her home this week.

Elder Wagner expects to visit the Erie church February 8, and assist in the work there for a week or two.

We are deeply grieved to learn of the death of Brother M. D. Whitford, of North East, Pa., and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family in this bereavement. The resurrection morning will soon dawn and all will be made right again.

Brother Bigelow gives very encouraging reports of the outlook for the book work in this conference, and with such a good force of workers and with the Lord's blessing added, why should we not look for success?

From Elder F. H. Robbins we learn that he is at work in his new field and that he is much pleased with the outlook in the West Virginia field, and also very glad indeed to labor together with the workers already in the field. Brother Robbins expects to locate his family in Morgantown, W. Va.

In a letter just received from Brother T. M. Butler we learn that Brother and Sister Butler have accepted a call to go to West Virginia and labor there. Many parts of West Virginia are still unworked. Although this will be a loss to us, as Brother Butler was meeting with success in the work in Erie, we realize the need of the West Virginia field. Our prayers go with them, and may God bless them in their new field of labor.

It is of the utmost importance to our conference to co-operate with the educational institutions of our union; and let us all do all we can to respond to the one-cent-a-day plan in behalf of Mount Vernon College. Many have already responded, but let each one of us plan to keep helping until our quota is raised. Send all

funds to West Pennsylvania Conference Treasurer, Corydon, Pa. Any amount will be gratefully received.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

SISTER J. L. HAGAR, of the Roaring Branch church, is at the Sanitarium in Philadelphia, where she expects to remain some weeks, owing to a critical operation which she had to pass through.

Brother Howard Bayley, of Battle Creek, Mich., who is on his way to Washington, D. C., stopped off to visit his brother, A. L. Bayley, of Philadelphia, who is secretary and treasurer of this conference.

In the collection taken at the North Philadelphia church last Sabbath, over \$183 00 in tithes was received.

Evangelist C. S. Baum has closed his effort at Saint Clair. Two have taken their stand for the truth, and several others are still interested. He expects to continue work there for a while, holding cottage meetings with those who have not yet fully decided.

Elder W. H. Heckman spoke at the First Philadelphia church last Sabbath morning, and at the First German church of this city in the afternoon. A large attendance was present at both services.

Do not forget to lay plans for the camp-meeting to be held the first part of June. We want this one to be the largest camp-meeting ever held in Eastern Pennsylvania.

Word received from Brother W. F. Kilmer, states that some have already taken their stand for the truth in the effort at West Clifford which is being conducted by Elder C. S. Weist. He speaks in the highest terms of the meetings and believes others will accept the message.

THE average monthly circulation of *Life and Health* during the year 1909 was 45,476 copies, making 545,712 copies in all, and representing a retail value of \$54,712.00.

OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

JANUARY 1910

Akron.....	\$53 75
Alliance.....	.....
Barnesville.....	10 30
Beaver.....	4 20
Bellefontaine.....	34 25
Bowling Green.....	60 00
Bellville.....	14 00
Broughton.....	.....
Camden.....	56 16
Canton.....	13 71
Chagrin Falls.....	.....
Charloe.....	32 80
Chillicothe.....	6 15
Cincinnati.....	.....
Cleveland German.....	.....
Cleveland.....	251 90
Clyde.....	36 86
Columbus.....	.....
Columbiana.....	.....
Conant.....	.....
Conneaut.....	.....
Convoy.....	2 90
Corsica.....	75 76
Coshocton.....	.....
Dayton.....	60 03
Defiance.....	43 06
Delaware.....	47 18
Delta.....	.....
Derwent.....	.....
Dixon.....	.....
Dowling.....	2 20
Dunkirk.....	.....
East Liverpool.....	6 90
Elgin.....	18 25
Findlay.....	34 00
Greenspring.....	4 00
Gilboa.....	20 00
Hamler.....	7 16
Hamilton.....	71 97
Hicksville.....	57 04
Jefferson.....	25 90
Killbuck.....	23 22
Kenton.....	.....
Lagrange.....	68 00
Lake View.....	.....
Leesburg.....	92 46
Laura.....	10 00
Liberty Center.....	29 78
Lima.....	.....
Locust Point.....	13 00
Mansfield.....	25 98
Marshfield.....	3 50
Marion.....	.....
Massillon.....	.....
Medina.....	.....
Mendon.....	.....
Middlefield.....	.....
Mount Vernon.....	210 70
New Marshfield.....	.....
Newark.....	.....
Norwalk.....	.....
New Philadelphia.....	.....
Piqua.....	1 95
Pleasant Hill.....	.....
Plimpton.....	.....

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending February 4, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
F. E. Hankins, Harrison Co.	DR	4	26	18	\$54 00	\$1 50	\$55 50		
C. VanGorder, Huron Co.	DR	5	25	19	36 00	9 75	45 75		
F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.	DR	4	26	6	16 50	3 00	19 50	16 00	
H. F. Kirk, Carrollton Co.	DR	4	31					101 50	
Enos M. Horst, Ross Co.	GC	5	44	18	38 00	3 70	41 70	6 70	
*Wm. M. Deuschle, Ross Co.	GC	6	34	11	35 00		35 00		
J. Reichenbaugh	CK	5	41	6					
E. E. Shaw, Ottawa Co.	GC	5	33	1	3 00	4 25	7 25	118 00	
Ray Corder, Jefferson Co.	CK	5	36	54	60 50	4 00	64 50		
Guy Corder, Jefferson Co.	BF	3	36	49	54 50		54 50		
L. H. Waters, Allen Co.	BF	5	41	30	36 00		36 00		
C. Reichenbaugh, Stark Co.	CK	5	35	34	42 00		42 00		
G. Schwab, Tuscarawas Co.	CK	3	14	3	3 50		3 50	3 00	
Totals		61	422	241	\$397 00	\$28 20	\$425 20	\$245 20	

West Pennsylvania, One Week Ending February 4, 1910

C. Zimmerman, Bedford Co.	SP	10	45	27	54 00	15 25	69 25		
J. Heaton, Bedford Co.	GC	9	36	11	36 00	15 50	51 50	69 00	
J. Glunt, Muffin Co.	GC	10	71	10	30 00	5 00	35 00	23 25	
T. M. Butler, Erie Co.	CK	10	77	33	45 50	75	46 25	44 75	
W. H. Jack, Armstrong Co.	DR	8	48	29	42 00		42 00		
S. W. Jack,	SP	10	61½	15	19 50	27 75	47 25	11 25	
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	CK	5	31½	17	22 25	8 35	30 60	3 15	
C. Dunham, Indiana Co.	GC	4	24½	15	60 20		60 20	3 00	
T. Saxton, Armstrong Co.	GC							53 05	
Miss Zoerb, Lock Haven	CK	5	20½	6	7 00		7 00	10 25	
G. Medairy, Franklin Co.	SP	4	29½	4	9 50	2 10	11 60	2 10	
Totals		75	444	167	\$325 95	\$74 70	\$400 65	\$218 80	

Virginia, Week Ending February 4, 1910

K. Oertley, Wythe Co.	CK	21	11	11 50	1 40	12 90	1 00		
E. Roberson, Petersburg	BR	21	22	22 00	4 55	26 55	35		
J. Lewis, Augusta Co.	GC	34	12	36 00	3 25	39 25	1 50		
A. Roberson, Augusta Co.	BR	35	9	23 00	3 00	26 00	1 25		
A. Jasperson, Augusta Co.	GC	32	6	21 00	6 75	27 75	75		
Totals		140	60	\$113 50	\$18 95	\$132 45	3 85		

Chesapeake, Week Ending January 28, 1910

Maryland									
W. Yonson, Howard	GC	5	36	8	25 00	18 00	43 00		
D. W. Percy, Millington	GC		15	8	24 00	3 60	27 60		
G. Carroll, Washington	CK	3	16	5	6 00	6 10	12 10	12 10	
S. N. Brown, Cumberland	CK	5	33	28	34 50	9 90	44 40	5 00	
Totals		13	100	49	\$89 50	\$37 60	\$127 10	17 10	

Eastern Pennsylvania, Two Weeks Ending February 4, 1910

G. Jenkins, Lackawanna	GC	5	24	7	21 25	7 60	28 85	13 90	
W. P. Hess, Lancaster	CK	5	27	19	24 00		24 00		
Totals		10	51	26	\$45 25	\$7 60	\$52 85	\$13 90	

New Jersey, Week Ending January 28, 1910

W. Plant, Rockway	CK	4	24					51 50	
J. Rambo, Bridgeton	CK	2	7	7	9 00	1 00	10 00		
†J. Rambo,	CK	4	21	28	30 00	1 75	31 75		
Totals		10	52	35	\$39 00	\$2 75	\$41 75	\$1 50	

†Week ending January 21

*Two weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,180.00. Deliveries, \$551.35

Pemberville	
Powell	
Ravenna	32 62
Reedsville	
Rows	
Shreve	
Spencer	68 00
Springfield	
Sherwood	
Toledo	
Troy	73 91
Van Wert	6 70
Walnut Grove	
Washington C. H.	174 02
Waterford	70 35
Wheelerburg	69 75
Wilmington	85 97
Youngstown	16 30
Zanesville	4 62
Individuals	72 89

TOTAL \$2,197 45

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

Tithe	\$2,197 45
Tract Society	507 61
First Day Offerings	47 17
Sabbath-School Donations	248 52
Missionary Volunteer Society	
Foreign Missions	166 36
Southern Field	8 18
Colored Work	
Mount Vernon College Fund	169 35
Annual Offering	286 80
Mission Review	263 89
Young People's Society	4 82

TOTAL \$3,900 15

H. D. HOLTOM, Treas.

OBITUARIES

DE WITT: Mrs. Martha Emma De Witt fell asleep in Jesus at her home in Findlay, Ohio, January 15, 1910, after two months of suffering. She was born in Wheeling, West Virginia, April 7, 1835. On August 31, 1866, she was united in marriage to David De Witt, and to this union five children were born, three of whom preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn their loss a husband, two daughters, three brothers, one sister, and five grandchildren. She was raised by godly parents in the Presbyterian faith. About twenty years ago she heard and accepted the third angel's message, under the labors of Elders J. S. Iles and C. H. Keslake. She died firmly believing that when the Lifegiver comes she would come forth in the first resurrection. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder E. J. Van Horn. MRS. E. E. MACKIN.

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THE CHRISTIAN'S HOPE

Be not dismayed when troubles come,
Nor fear when storms arise;
The blackest clouds by each have passed
And left us cloudless skies.
So then when we are tempted here
To think the way too straight,
Let's turn our eyes to Zion's mount,
And watch, and pray, and wait.
If this we do we'll never fall
Nor lose the guiding ray
That floods our path with hallowed light,
To cheer us on the way.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTEAD,
Marengo, Ohio.

SOME hundreds of years before the days of Luther, the seed that was to bear such abundant harvest was sown throughout Europe by a consecrated, persecuted people. Mrs. E. G. White writes of this people in the *Signs of the Times Monthly* for March.

B. L. HOUSE, 224 South Cherry street, Richmond, Va., desires clean copies, either back or current numbers, of the *Review, Signs, Watchman, Liberty, Protestant, Life and Health, or Bible Training School*, sent prepaid; also any Chinese, Hebrew, Syrian, Greek, or Italian literature suitable for missionary work among these people.

THE fourth number of the *Protestant Magazine* contains a tabulated report of the growth of the Catholic church in the United States from the year 1776 up to 1909, revealing the phenomenal increase from 1 in 120 of the population in 1776, to 1 in 6 of the population of 1909, or a net increase of 15,575,000 communicants.

FOR years Seventh-day Adventists have believed that Revelation 18 would soon be fulfilled. Babylon itself is now proclaiming its own fall. An array of facts and a budget of confessions is given in the March issue of *Signs of the Times*. Every minister in the denomination especially will want these statements for public use. Every person should be in touch with this article.

No Seventh-day Adventist can afford to miss the portrayal of the present ecclesiastical situation as set forth in the fourth issue of the *Protestant Magazine* just published. It is a stirring revelation of the rapid development of the Papacy, and the present "peace and safety" attitude of the Protestant churches,—a situation remarkably favorable for the full establishment of the image of the beast, and the fulfillment of all the prophecies pertaining to its work.

DECEMBER 16, 1848, Mrs. E. G. White made the following statement: "The atmosphere parted and rolled back; then I could look up through the open space in Orion, whence came the voice of God. The holy city will come down through that space." Astronomers have laughed at this statement of an open space in Orion. To them all space is open. They have

thrown discredit upon the writer who penned the words. Now comes a marvelous astronomical discovery through work of improved methods of photography. There is an open space in Orion. It is big enough for the holy city, or several of them. The *Signs of the Times Monthly* for March will tell you all about it. It is the first of a series on the Bible and astronomy to continue at least twelve months. You can read this article on Orion and all the rest.

Notice

SABBATH, February 26, has been appointed by the General Conference Committee as Missionary Volunteer Day. All our churches throughout the United States and Canada are invited to give this day to the consideration of the Missionary Volunteer work. Suggestive programs, with helps, have been sent to all church elders. Plan for this meeting at once, and let all who take part in the program make thorough preparation.

The salvation of our youth will depend largely upon their own efforts for others. What are we doing to co-operate with God in helping our young people to prepare to do the work for which God has chosen them? Upon every church a divine band lays the responsibility of doing her uttermost to enlist and train her young men and women in Christian service.

Upon the appointed day let us look back to see what God has done for and through our youth. Let us unitedly pray that greater success may attend the young people's work, and let us renew our determination to care for the lambs of the flock.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEP'T.

Tell Everybody

A DISTINGUISHED London oculist once took a poor blind man sitting on a curbstone, and restored his sight. Overwhelmed with joy and gratitude, the man exclaimed, "Doctor, I haven't a farthing in the world with which to pay you."

Said the doctor, "There is just one thing I want you to do to repay me; it is simple. Tell it. Tell everybody whom you meet that you were blind; that you see; who healed you."

The restored man willingly made this return, and in a little while the oculist had more patients than he could attend to. Suppose we all repaid Christ in this way?—*Exchange*.