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

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GENERAL MATTER

Another Forward Move

It is a matter of interest to note with what rapidity one forward move follows another in the advance of the message. This time it is three new quarterly magazines that are being launched by the International Publishing Association, College View, Nebraska,—one in the German language, *Die Zeichen der Zeit* (*Signs of the Times*), another the *Tidens Tecken* (*The Signs of the Times*), in the Swedish language, the subscription price of each being singly thirty cents per year. These two magazines will occupy the same position among the vast population of Germans and Swedes in this country that the *Signs of the Times* and the *Watchman* do among the English speaking people.

A magazine is also being launched in the Danish-Norwegian, *Lys over Landet* (*Light over the Land*), a health and temperance quarterly at thirty-five cents per year, single subscription.

Any of these magazines may be obtained in quantities of five to forty at five cents per copy, and for fifty or more at four cents each, the same as the *Signs of the Times* and the *Watchman* magazines.

We truly feel that this is an important move, and one that should prove a great blessing to the work, and this will be so if all will take hold and give them a wide circulation. First of all, we may rightly expect that our German and Scandinavian brethren and sisters will take a very lively interest in the circulation of these publications. We have all noted with much interest the success that has attended the sale of the magazines in English, and there can be no reason why there should not be the same success in these foreign languages. We urge our people of the foreign nationalities to take a hearty interest in this move, and to improve the opportunity here afforded to bring the message to thousands of our fellow foreigners through the circulation of these

magazines.

But this opportunity is not confined to our German and Scandinavian people, but is equally open and available to all our people. Those engaged in selling our magazines in the English language will find it to their great advantage to also carry these in the German and Scandinavian. By this means, they will not only advance their own sales but will also have the satisfaction of bringing the truth to the people of these nationalities.

Neither is this good work confined to those who devote all their time to selling our magazines, but an opportunity is thus opened to all our people to take up a line of missionary work that will be productive of great good, by bringing the truth in these magazines to thousands of souls that have not heard it as yet.

In many a community where our English speaking people live will be found Germans, Swedes, Danes and Norwegians, that are easily accessible, and here is an excellent opportunity to do good missionary work. Even though you cannot speak any of these foreign languages, you can bring them the truth in these magazines in their own language; and not only these magazines, but we have also other publications in these same languages presenting the various lines of truth, and these should be freely circulated among all who can read.

Has not the time fully come when we should enter upon a campaign for the circulation of literature bearing this last message in advance of anything that we have done heretofore? The whole situation certainly calls for a decisive forward move along these lines, and when all take hold with a whole-hearted zeal and interest, we shall see much accomplished. Holy angels stand ready to co-operate with human agencies to make the work effectual, and in a little from this will be a glorious harvest-gathering.

O. A. OLSEN.

"When God afflicts thee, think he hews a rugged stone,
Which must be shaped, or else aside as useless thrown."

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

President's Address at the Union Conference

TO THE Columbia Union Conference, now in session, greeting:—

The West Pennsylvania Conference was organized in June, 1903, and embraces about the west half of the state of Pennsylvania. In some respects the conditions are peculiar in this Conference. When the division was made, there was not found in its borders a single institution of any kind,—no sanitarium to stand as a monument of our achievements in principles of health reform; no educational institution to inspire our young, or to preach to the world and tell it what we are doing in the field of education. We had not so much as a church school as a beginning in educational work. The only legacy left the conference when turned out to do for itself was, in money, about \$5,581.50 less than nothing, which it must raise if it would start even. The only assets were members, ministers, and debts, the membership in the beginning being about 750. The membership stood, November 1, 1907, at 764. It stood November 1, 1909, at 787, an apparent increase of but 23. The workers, however, reported for the same period of time, 140 additions. The reason for this discrepancy is the rearrangement of the church records, which had probably never been revised since the work began in the state. The church records were showing a hundred members more than we actually had.

TITHES

The tithes received for two years beginning January, 1, 1906, and ending December 31, 1907, were \$23,786.96. For the next 22 months, the receipts were \$19,424.41. On this basis the tithe for the last two years would be \$21,024.09, a falling off of \$2,762.87. Perhaps reasons for this falling off of tithes might not be out of place here. The western part of Pennsylvania is

distinctly a manufacturing country, embracing some of the largest manufacturing interests in the country, especially in the manufacture of iron and steel. In fact, it is recognized as the iron center of the country, if not of the world. This industry seemed to be especially effected by the late financial disturbance. This great manufacturing industry makes the territory of our Conference the scene of great commercial activity and general prosperity, especially during such years as the first seven years of the present century, which embrace the first four of our Conference's history. The two years following, or the last two years, saw business almost paralyzed in the territory of our Conference, because of the effect the late financial crisis had on the industries in our section. A majority of the iron mills, coke ovens, and coal mines were shut down, which, in turn, stopped progress in many other lines. One of our churches that had been paying a handsome tithe almost ceased paying tithes for the past year or more, simply for the reason that nearly the entire membership depended on the coal mines for support, and of course, when the mines are closed, the church treasurer had little use to open books. We have many among our brethren who are bricklayers, stone cutters, painters, and paper hangers, etc., who have been able to find work but a small part of the time ever since the financial trouble has been on, while previous to this time, their labors were in great demand. Those of us that are best acquainted with the situation are not surprised at the decrease in the tithes.

OTHER OFFERINGS

An evidence that the falling off of tithes is not due to backslidings or the lack of faithfulness on the part of our workers or our people, is the fact that we can show an increase in nearly all other lines of finances. The offerings to foreign missions from January 1, 1906, to December 31, 1907, were \$4,727.20. The following 22 months, ending October 31, 1909, the donations to foreign missions were \$5,231.61. On this basis, the increase for the last two years would be \$978.69.

While the greatest decrease in tithes was in 1909, every other offering increased over 1908, with the exception of a very small decrease in Sabbath-school offerings. Over \$200 more were given to foreign missions the first nine months of 1909 than were given in the same time of 1908. An increase of \$60 was seen in other

offerings, such as tent, poor fund, etc.

Our Sabbath-school offerings for two years, from January 1, 1906 to December 31, 1907, were \$1,874.58. For the next 22 months, ending October 31, 1909, they were \$1,924.08, making an increase for the two years, on this basis, of over \$200. All of our Sabbath-schools are now giving all their donations to foreign missions.

F. D. WAGNER.

(Continued next week)

Indiana Church School

PERHAPS there are those in the Conference who would be interested to know how the church school at this place is getting along. We are glad to be able to say that the school is getting along well. We are now in the fourth year of our school work and have about twenty students in the school. It is a little perplexing at times to know how to meet the financial obligations of the school, but the Lord has helped us, and we feel sure that if we walk humbly with God he will help us in the future.

In our school work here at Indiana we have demonstrated the fact that a few families of our people can locate in one place and succeed in having a church school. We would not boast—far from it, for the Lord has done the work—but we would be glad to say anything that would help our people in Western Pennsylvania to see that schools can be started and maintained in this Conference.

In 1899, Elder W. C. White made the following statement: "Mother tells me that the time has fully come when our people should withdraw their children from the public schools."—*Christian Schools*, page 21.

If the time had fully come eleven years ago to take our children out of the public schools, why have we not done so? If the Lord tells his people that a thing ought to be done and they make an effort to do it, will he not help them to make a success of it, if they work in faith?

There are more than 200 children of Sabbath-keepers in the Western Pennsylvania Conference of school age. Not less than 200 of these are still in the public schools. Is this as it should be when the Lord said eleven years ago that it was time to take them out of the public schools?

"Fathers and mothers make haste! Your children are to be objects of solicitude. Principles are to be kept before your children that will exert a heavenly influence over life and character. By every means at your

command you are to teach them that they are not to pattern after the worldly plan of education, but the truth must be impressed upon their hearts and minds."—*Christian Schools*, page 13.

"In all our churches and wherever there is a company of believers, church schools should be established, and in these schools there should be teachers with a true missionary spirit, for the children are to be trained to become missionaries."—*Christian Schools*, page 25.

The above quotations certainly make it plain that God designed that a much greater work should be done along church school lines than has yet been seen. Is it not about time that we should awake out of sleep and take hold of this work in earnest?

J. W. WATT.

Dixonville

A FEW months ago Brother George Kuhn moved his family to Dixonville, and he began working in the mines near that place. A Mr. Hauch and family were interested in the truth, and Mrs. Hauch began to keep the Sabbath. A little later Brother Charles Dunham went to Dixonville to canvass for our books, and while canvassing found an old gentleman 83 years of age, his wife 78 years of age, and a daughter of perhaps 50 years, keeping the Sabbath. These persons had learned of the Sabbath by the study of the Bible and have kept the Sabbath for two years. Others who were interested in the truth were found in that vicinity.

On December 23 the writer went to Dixonville and began meetings in a hall. The weather has been very unfavorable. Storms and deep snow have kept some away, but those who could get out have been regular in attendance, and recently two others have begun the observance of the Sabbath, and still others are deeply interested. At present eight persons are keeping the Sabbath, including Brother Kuhn and wife. Other work calls me to leave Dixonville for a time, but Brother Kuhn will give Bible studies to the interested ones and do what he can to hold the interest. We hope in the future to see a company established in the truth at Dixonville.

J. W. WATT.

Altoona

THE Altoona Seventh-day Adventist Church Incorporation met Jan. 19, 1910, at 8 P. M. The following trustees were elected: Elder J. E.

Yeach, S. C. Wolfe, Wm. A. Fry, James M. Bell, and Elder W. F. Schwartz. The officers of this association are: W. F. Schwartz, president; Wm. A. Fry, secretary; S. C. Wolfe, treasurer.

The officers of the association and the officers of the church made a full report of the work done and the money received during the past year. Money received on church property.....\$86 97

Paid out..... 70 11
Balance cash on hand.....\$16 86
Pledges due the church.....\$91 50

The officers of the church gave their reports, and the tithe to the conference and offerings made to various lines of work amounted to \$522.88. The church committee gave their report, and the newly elected officers were installed.

We pray for the blessing of God to rest upon this church for the coming year. W. F. SCHWARTZ.

Mission Board.....	1 64
Thanksgiving.....	10 15
Mid-summer.....	3 66
Liberty.....	6 10
Colored.....	2 32
Poor Fund.....	4 66
Sabbath school donations to missions.....	41 15
Review.....	10 59
Week of Prayer.....	5 87
Paid out in church expenses for the year.....	675 84
Total.....	\$1,134 88

The church holds a deed at present, which will be made over to the Conference. The chapel has been newly shingled and papered, and soon the outside will be put in proper condition. The church is of good courage. We hope that this new year may bring to them many blessings, and that the newly appointed officers will do faithfully the work which is theirs to perform.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

Lock Haven

In company with Elder E. W. Durkee, I had the privilege of meeting with the Lock Haven company on January 28. This new company is growing, and is faithful in tithes and offerings. Since their organization they have paid—

In tithes.....	\$315 78
Sabbath-school donations.....	16 15
To missions.....	6 15
Church-school work.....	1 18
Church expenses.....	11 80
Total.....	\$351 06

We trust that the newly elected officers may be a blessing to this company. A great work is still to be done at this place, as one-third of the population of the county is in this vicinity, and a great interest is still manifested, and a great desire is shown by the members and outside persons for the building of a chapel at this place, which is greatly needed. While there we had the privilege of taking two new members into the church, and there are others we hope to see unite soon.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

Johnstown

THE Johnstown church held their regular quarterly meeting on January 14, with only a few in attendance, as there was much sickness in their midst at that time. The following reports were made, showing the financial standing and donations made to the work of the Lord:—

Tithe to the Conference.....	\$358 30
First Day Offerings.....	14 70

Alliance, Ohio

THINKING that perhaps the readers of the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR would be interested in the Spiritual feast enjoyed at this place last Sabbath, I will send a brief report.

For some time this day had been looked forward to with great interest. Although the church at Alliance was duly organized under the leadership of Elder S. S. Shrock, in 1896, yet the elder was removed to the East Pennsylvania Conference one year later, and we have had none since.

After much earnest prayer and consideration a plea was made at the last meeting of the Ohio Conference for a shepherd over the flock at Alliance.

This plea was granted, and on the afternoon of February 5, the church met for the purpose of reorganization. The spirit of the Lord was certainly present.

Our membership numbers twenty-four. A committee of three were chosen and unanimously elected, for the purpose of nominating church officers for the year 1910. We know the will of the Lord was earnestly petitioned in this matter, for the wisdom from on high was evident in the selections made.

Omitting all minor details, the officers elected for the year are as follows:—

For church elder, H. F. Graf; deacon, C. E. Reichenbaugh; deaconess, Miss Fannie Emmel; clerk and librarian, Mrs. Josie Patterson; treasurer, Mrs. Rachel Rice.

One of the subjects under consideration was a letter from the S. D. A. church at Cleveland, Tenn., recommending to church fellowship a sister now residing in Damascus, Ohio. A vote was taken, resulting unanimously in the affirmative, and she was given the right hand of fellowship.

An interesting social meeting followed in which twenty individuals besides the children testified to God's goodness and saving power.

The ordinances were then celebrated. Oh! how many precious privileges and blessings we enjoyed as we observed the humble examples of our Saviour.

The officers were well instructed by Elder Graf concerning the duties pertaining to each office.

With the Lord's help we expect to be faithful and prosper. We desire the prayers of God's people, that his blessing may rest upon our dear pastor, and the officers and members of the Alliance Church.

LELO WELCH, *Clerk Pro Tem*,

NEW JERSEY

Religious Liberty Work in New Jersey

AT our excellent annual conference recently held in Camden, our brethren and sisters unanimously passed the following preamble and resolution, expressing their determination to take a more active part in spreading the principles of religious liberty in their respective communities:—

Whereas, The events transpiring all about us indicate that we are rapidly approaching the time when false worship and the spurious Sabbath are to be enforced by oppressive enactments, and,—

Whereas, These things should incite us to renewed efforts to warn all of the impending crisis, therefore,—

Resolved, That we co-operate with the religious liberty departments of the General and the Columbia Union Conference in this work,—

(a) By sending *Liberty* to our state legislators.

(b) By circulating petitions against religious measures now in Congress.

(c) By selling and securing subscriptions to *Liberty* and the *Protestant Magazine*.

(d) By circulating the Religious Liberty Leaflets.

(e) By selling "American State Papers" when issued, and supplying the same to libraries, legislators, law-

yers, and other men of influence.

(f) By making use of the public press in disseminating the principles of religious liberty.

(g) By holding religious liberty institutes in our churches.

The writer would earnestly urge the elders and librarians in our churches to give this department of our work the attention that its importance demands, and to faithfully report all work done along the lines above suggested to the religious liberty secretary of the conference, who is requested to compile the same and pass it along to the secretary of the union conference.

"A season of great trial is before us. It becomes us now to use all our capabilities and gifts in advancing the work of God. The time is right upon us when persecution will come to those who proclaim the truth. The outlook is not flattering; but, notwithstanding this, let us not give up our efforts to save those who are read to perish, for whose ransom the Prince of heaven offered up his precious life." GEORGE W. SPIES.

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CHESAPEAKE

Chesapeake Bay

DEAR brethren and sisters of the VISITOR family: I am glad of the privilege I have of sounding the gospel trumpet once more on the rolling waves of the old Chesapeake Bay. My mind goes back to an experience that I had almost a year ago to which I will refer. Coming from an institute which had been held in Baltimore, on my way home to Cambridge I was deeply impressed to take the "Great Controversy" and present it to the passengers on the boat. The results were that the Lord blessed me with two good orders that night. The next morning I began canvassing again. Before our boat made the landing at Cambridge the Lord had blessed me with another order. I can say they were good orders, because they were all delivered. To-night on my way down the Bay over the same route I was impressed again to speak of God's goodness to a man who was suffering from the results of getting his right eye badly hurt while out in the woods hunting. Before retiring for the night he got me to dress his eye and fix it up for the night. I gladly did it. The "Great Controversy" was then brought to his notice. He promised to take one if his eye got well enough

to read well. We find as we study the life of Christ that he went about doing good. He always cared for the weak and those that were suffering. He ministered to the poor and needy. Christ said of himself: "The spirit of Lord God is upon me because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek: he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted: to proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to them that are bound." How much we could do for those if we would put ourselves in a position to do so. The God-fearing canvasser has a great many opportunities to do good. It is no use of one's saying that he can follow his worldly routine of labors and do as much good, for he cannot. A great many are excusing themselves to-day on that ground. Let us rally, my dear brethren and sisters, and come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. Watchman, blow the gospel trumpet. Sound it loud over land and sea, and whosoever hears the message may repent and turn and live. May each one feel that he has a part to act in helping to blow the gospel trumpet.

Brethren, pray earnestly that the Lord will help the faithful efforts that are being put forth to help to carry the truth to the uttermost parts of the earth. JOSEPH E. JONES.

Wilmington, Ford's Store, Del.

SINCE my last report to the VISITOR it has been my privilege to attend the Atlantic Union Conference, and at the close of the conference, I visited the Wilmington, Delaware, church, and remained with them during the week of prayer. The meetings were seasons of serious consideration of our relations to, and opportunities in the closing work of, the third angel's message. With the judgments of God abroad in the earth, and the preparation of the nations to fulfill the closing events of the prophetic word, there is indeed sufficient reason for heart examination. We believe there are better days ahead for the Wilmington church, and others are in the investigating spirit who will doubtless yield to the claims of the message soon.

The week of prayer and the quarterly meetings were occasions of spiritual uplift to the Ford's Store church. This church organized some sixteen years ago under the labors of Elders E. E. Franke and C. O. Taylor. At one time the largest church in the conference has by removals, death, and apostasy, been greatly re-

duced in membership. But there is a goodly number of earnest souls left to hold aloft the blood stained banner of the cross of Jesus, and we hope to see others who have been attending the services very regularly for a long time take their stand for the truth in the near future.

The oyster season, on which this people depend for a living, has been an exceptionally hard one, prices being very low, and demand poor. But with all the adverse circumstances our brethren have done, and are doing well toward helping the work financially. We ask the prayers of the faithful for the Ford's Store church.

JOHN F. JONES.

Hagerstown, Md.

It has been some time since we have given a report of the Lord's work in this part of the great vineyard. Our silence has been due to want of time, and not to any lack of interest or discouragement on the part of the workers.

We have no discouraging report to bring to the members of the VISITOR family. The work is onward, and the message triumphs gloriously. In the city, our public services have not been as largely attended as during the summer and fall, owing to the deep snows and the general inclemency of the weather. However, all are of good courage, stronger in faith to-day than ever in the history of the work in this field. In this we rejoice; yet there is greater joy as we see blood bought souls accepting the message all about us.

For some time Mrs. Sufficool has given her entire time to the Bible work in the city. At the present time, more calls are coming to us for Bible readings than we are able to fill. Some who could not be reached in any other way are thus having the message brought before them. Could our dear brethren and sisters of the Chesapeake Conference witness the many tokens of appreciation, and the willingness to accept the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, I know it would inspire every heart to greater faithfulness to every known duty. In the city, we are gaining ground. Many are deeply interested; some have recently commenced the observance of the Sabbath, established the family altar, and their presence will be a real help to the church. One sister comes to us from the Lutheran church. She is now giving the Bible readings to her friends and neighbors, thus reaching many we could not reach.

This sister's withdrawing from the Lutheran church has given rise to no little aversion on their part. Notwithstanding the profound malignity manifested, but very few of the readers have discontinued their study. We believe others yet undecided, will soon be numbered with the remnant church.

Some three weeks past, the writer felt free to step out of the city, and thus respond to a call from the brethren in the country. We opened meetings at Crystal Falls at this time, and from the start it seemed evident that the Lord had directed in the work. The Methodist church was secured, and it was our privilege to speak each evening to a well filled house, and often the house was crowded. Here, we wish to express our appreciation for the assistance rendered by our dear Brother and Sister Brenner and family, who live at this place. Their home has been a rest to the workers, and for our comfort they have labored patiently. We shall long remember the willing service rendered by the Smithsburg church. Each evening our brother, W. A. Carroll, and family drove from Smithsburg, with as many as could ride to assist in the singing. This was indeed a great help. We shall always feel indebted to Sisters Sue Carroll and Nellie Shindler for their services as organists throughout the meeting. Their services were appreciated not only by the speaker, but by the community at large. As the result of our united efforts and the blessing of our Father, we are able to say fifteen precious souls, not counting the children, are keeping the Sabbath, and by the time this report reaches the readers, we believe there will be more. A Sabbath-school has been organized. Our Sabbath-school will easily number fifty. It is well organized, officers appointed and is already doing good work. We believe they will soon double their attendance. The superintendent is Brother John Swope, proprietor of the Pawnsville dry goods and grocery store. Brother Swope comes to us from the United Brethren church. I am glad to say that the brother is a man of considerable influence in this community, and is now thoroughly converted to the truth, and, assisted by Sister Lucy Bowers (also coming to us from the United Brethren church) and more experienced members makes this Sabbath-school one of the strongest in our conference.

If the work moves forward in the future as it has in the past, we shall have excellent material in this com-

pany for church organization. We hope to organize a church in the near future. Plans are already formulating for the erection of a church building. One brother has offered ground, timbers, stone for foundation, and \$100.00 for such a building. Others have offered smaller amounts.

Brethren, take heart. The Lord is with us,—he is for us and it is victory all the way. Soon we shall hear the glad "well done." May the Lord bless all his dear people, is the prayer of your servant in the Lord.

L. E. SUFFICIENT.

VIRGINIA

Canvassing Experiences

In my former articles I have treated upon the possibilities of canvassing in this conference, especially during the winter. Now we want to report work actually done.

January 4-12 an institute was held at Doswell. Here six young people took the training; and now four of them are out in the field. The last day Brother I. D. Richardson was with us, and gave some practical talks on selling points and the closing of a deal.

Immediately at the close, in company with the three young men—Brethren Jasperson, Roberson, and Lewis—I went to Staunton, Augusta County. There Brother W. T. Weaks joined us, and his stay of but two weeks was a source of much encouragement to all. In Staunton we found a room with a Millennial Dawn family. Brother Weaks immediately began to give them Bible studies. They became very much interested, and the last night we were there they requested a study on the seal of God and the mark of the beast. After a word of prayer with them Brother Weaks took this subject up. The people saw the force of it, and at our leaving asked that we would pray for them. The lady confessed that Sunday was nothing more to her now than any other day.

In meeting the people out in the field the boys had some varied experiences. Brother Roberson found one man who had "Bible Readings," teaching that the Sabbath was the right day to keep.

Brother Lewis sold a full morocco "Great Controversy" to a man of whom the people said that if he bought one the world surely was coming to an end. Brother Jasperson, who had it a little hard at first, has been meeting with good success since.

The boys have been making some good records for beginners, and in spite of bad weather. They have demonstrated that work can be done in winter as well as any other time of year.

The colored workers are also doing nicely. Brother Horton, who can hardly read, has been having excellent success. He leans upon God alone for support. If more of us had this simple childlike faith we would see much more accomplished.

This field needs workers, and we would be pleased to hear from any who wish to come and help give the message to the thousands of this state, who have never heard of a Seventh-day Adventist. V. O. PUNCHES.

OHIO

Youngstown

I CAN truly say that the Lord has been blessing in his work, and that the seed is being sown, and fruit is seen as a result.

In Youngstown we had baptism on Sunday evening, Jan. 23, 1910. One husband and father went forward with his Lord in baptism, he being the only one of the family who has taken his stand for the truth. Then there are others in Youngstown who are keeping the Sabbath, and are coming to Sabbath school and the church services, who have not yet joined the church; and there are still others who are interested in the study of the truth.

We expect to have baptism very soon again. We use the baptism in the Disciple Church through their kindness.

After the conference meeting at Columbus, January 24-28, we went to the Powell church and held a few services, which resulted in encouraging the members of the church to a more active service. When my wife and I arrived there we found them pretty badly discouraged, and they said they had nearly been forsaken. Sometimes I think we overlook the little mites, when God looks at them as more than the rest, because they need his tender watch care.

While there we had a good outside attendance at each preaching service in the evening. Surely the Lord's spirit is still at work in the hearts of the people.

We then came back via Mount Vernon, calling on relatives and friends. We are of good courage in the work of the Lord, and expect to continue until the Lord comes in the clouds of heaven. F. E. GIBSON.

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EAST PENNSYLVANIA

West Clifford

THE work in this section of the field is very encouraging. We have had very refreshing meetings. Especially did we experience the nearness of the Lord during the quarterly meeting.

The last month, I spent most of my time at West Clifford, about eleven miles from Carbondale. This opening is due to Brother Kilmer, who invited me to preach for these people. Every Sunday he comes to the station and takes me the eleven miles to the place, and then at the end of the week, again takes me back to the station, so that I can fill my appointments with other churches over the Sabbath. Much credit is due this brother.

West Clifford is indeed a rare opening. There is a very nice church building which belongs to the neighborhood. This building is heated and lighted, everything being furnished to us free of charge. They consider it a rare treat to listen to the wonderful truths of the third angels' message. They not only give the place of worship, but assist in a financial way to show their appreciation.

They all know that I am a Seventh-day Adventist; of course they knew not then what that faith really means. A month has past, during which much of the truth has been given. Last week, we presented the "change of the Sabbath," which caused great stir. There are a goodly number who appear very favorable to the truth. Men who before only came to church on funeral occasions, manifested a deep interest. One young man, a seminary graduate, expressed himself to keep the Sabbath. Those who are interested are influential and well to do farmers. We hope to report something definite after having presented the "seal of God and mark of the beast."

The Sabbath question has not diminished the interest; they continue to come through deepest snow and fiercest storm.

May God work mightily for these people. C. S. WEIST.

ELDER CHARLES BAYERLE spent a few days in Philadelphia last week.

Please remember the camp-meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference which will be held the first part of June. Begin to plan for it now.

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending February 11, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
H. F. Kirk, Carrollton Co.	DR	5	40	14	\$40 50	\$2 85	\$43 35	75	
F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.	DR	5	30	9	27 0	4 50	31 50	5 50	
C. VanGorder, Huron Co.	DR	5	23	6	24 00	7 50	31 50		
*R. Minesinger, T'sc'rwas Co.	DR	5	35	6	18 00	2 50	20 50		
Wm. M. Deuschle, Ross Co.	GO	5	30½	6	19 00	6 00	25 00	5 75	
Enos M. Horst, Ross Co.	GO	4	32	5	15 00	60	15 60	40 75	
Guy Corder, Jefferson Co.	CK	5	33½	48	50 00		50 00		
Ray Corder, Jefferson Co.	BF	5	29½	40	41 80	75	41 75		
L. H. Waters, Allen Co.	BF	5	38	9	11 00		11 00	165 00	
E. E. Shaw, Ottawa Co.	GO	5	33	15	22 00	7 50	29 50	4 00	
Totals			49	324½	160	\$267 50	\$32 20	\$299 70	\$221 70

Virginia, Week Ending February 11, 1910

K. Oertley, Wythe Co.	CK	22						34 50
E. Roberson, Petersburg	CK	22	9	10 75	1 70	12 45		25 85
A. Jasperson, Augusta Co.	GC	32	4	12 00	30 75	42 75		1 50
A. Roberson, Augusta Co.	BR		2	4 00	1 75	5 75		1 75
J. Lewis, Augusta Co.	GC	33	5	18 00	4 25	22 25		5 50
I. Johnson, Norfolk	CK	38	50	44 00	3 20	47 00		
L. Falkland, Norfolk	CK	38	50	44 00	3 22	47 22		
Totals		185	120	\$132 75	\$44 87	\$177 42		69 05

West Pennsylvania, One Week Ending February 4, 1910

J. Heaton, Bedford Co.	GO	4	27	6	18 00	10 50	28 50	
A. McIntyre, Armstrong Co.	SP	2	29			17 85	17 85	2 10
C. Dunham, Indiana Co.	GO	5	21½	17	49 25		49 25	50 00
G. Medairy, Waynsboro Co.	SP	5	37	9	21 00	1 30	22 30	1 30
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	CK	5	31½	9	11 00	5 19	16 19	9 29
J. Glunt, Mufflin Co.	GO	5	30	2	6 00	18 00	24 00	2 75
S. W. Jack, Armstrong Co.	DR	4	12	5	8 75	1 75	10 50	3 00
Totals		300	168	48	\$114 00	\$54 50	\$168 50	\$68 44

New Jersey, Week Ending February 11, 1910

†W. Plant, Randolph	CK	5	38	12	14 50	4 75	19 25	
W. Plant, "	CK	5	35	18	21 00	50	21 50	
†J. Rambo, Bridgeton	CK	3	14	23	24 50	1 25	25 75	
G. Taylor, "	DR							67 25
Totals		13	87	53	\$60 00	\$6 50	\$66 50	67 25

Chesapeake, Week Ending February 11, 1910

Maryland								
D. W. Percy, Cecil Co.	GO	2	17	4	13 00	6 60	19 60	
S. N. Brown, Cumberland	CK	5	27	20	24 50	5 75	30 25	
Totals		7	44	24	\$37 50	\$12 35	\$49 85	

Chesapeake, One Week Ending February 4, 1910

Maryland								
D. W. Persey, Smyrna	GO	4	27	5	16 00	6 60	22 60	
W. North, Lloyds	GO							57 30
S. N. Brown, Cumberland Co.	CK	31			8 00	95	8 95	71 25
Totals		4	58	5	\$24 00	\$7 55	\$31 55	\$128 55

West Virginia, Week Ending February 11, 1910

A. Halstead, Boone, Co	DR	3	20	8	15 20	5 80	20 80	35
J. Jennings, Wayne Co.	DR	5	24	6				14 50
Totals		8	44	14	15 00	5 80	20 50	14 85

West Virginia, Week Ending February 4, 1910

J. H. Jennings, Monroe Co. DR	2	8	2 50	5 00
A. T. Halstead, Kanawha Co. DR				28 20
Totals	2	8	\$2 50 \$2 50	\$33 20

†Week ending February 4

*Week ending February 5

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$816.52 Deliveries, \$602.05

Brother F. E. Phelps was ordained as local elder of the Cherry Flats church a week ago last Sabbath, Elder R. E. Harter officiating.

The funeral of Sister M. Beck's mother, who died last week, was conducted by Evangelist B. M. Heald. Sister Beck is a member of the North Philadelphia church.

One young man who has accepted the truth in the effort at West Clifford conducted by Elder Weist, has decided to attend one of our colleges next fall.

Elder W. H. Heckman spent last Sabbath with the North Philadelphia church. At the close of the services, Brother B. M. Heald was ordained as local elder of the church, and Brother Frank Thompson as one of the deacons. The spirit of the Lord seemed to be present in a marked manner.

Word comes from Brother Phelps, of Covington, the elder of the Cherry Flats church, that the effort being conducted by Elder R. E. Harter in Covington is increasing in interest daily. Let us all pray for the success of this effort.

Brother E. R. Numbers, general field agent for the Columbia Union, made this office a pleasant call a few days ago while on his way to New Jersey where he will spend a week, and will then return and spend the 18th and 19th of this month with the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

We understand that the church edifice in Fairhill (Souderton) is progressing very nicely. The slate roof was put on last week by Brother H. Baumgartner, and the building is now ready to be plastered. When completed, this structure will be a credit to the truth in that community.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA TITHE RECEIPTS

JANUARY, 1910

Alba	\$ 1 00
Allentown	9 56
Ariel	17 10
Bloomsburg	10 47
Carbondale	
Cherry Flats	59 14
Fleetwood	
First German	60 01
First Philadelphia	145 37
Fair Hill	39 14
Hamburg	
Harrisburg	34 57
Hawley-Honesdale	13 53
Jersey Shore	25 80
Kulp	1 25
Lancaster	54 25
Lebanon	
Lorenton	
North Philadelphia	179 82
Norristown	
Northumberland	
Orwell	
Reading	68 11
Roaring Branch	
Scranton	74 56
Shunk	8 50
Shimersville	12 49
Stroudsburg	14 16
Wade	39 98
Williamsport	60 93
Wilkes-Barre	68 17
Wellsboro	26 68
West Philadelphia	
Chester Company	2 60
York Company	
Individuals	8 23
Scandinavian Company	10 94
Total	\$1,046 36

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

Tithe	\$1,046 36
Tract Society	263 27
Sabbath-school Donations	201 00
First Day Offering	58 18
Annual Offerings	50 98
Tent Fund	
Foreign Missions	
Mid-summer Offering	
Monnt Vernon College Fund	66 45
Jewish Home	8 54
India	5 00

Colored Work	3 50
Portugal	1 62
Ingathering Fund	
Blind Work	
Conference Poor	9 54
Donations	50 79
Missionary Volunteer	1 05
Sanitarium Fund	5 00
Danish-Norwegian Mission Fund	
Annuities	
Iowa Conference	
On account	

Total \$1,916 49

A. L. BAYLEY, Treas.

OBITUARIES

WHITMILL.—Gladys May Whitmill, daughter of Brother and Sister Henry Whitmill, of Pemberville, Ohio, fell asleep in Jesus, February 12, 1910; age 7 years, 4 months, and 21 days. Little Gladys was the sunshine of her parents' home, and our hearts go out to them in their affliction. On the day of her funeral her mother and a little brother were very sick with pneumonia, and a little baby brother was born a few hours before the funeral services were held. Brother and Sister Whitmill have the sympathy of a large circle of friends, and we pray that our Heavenly Father will mete out to them blessings for each sorrow and affliction they so patiently endure.

H. M. JUMP.

BUTLER. Killed by a freight train at Alberton, Maryland, Jan. 11, 1910, Miss Cora Lee Butler, aged 18 years, 7 months and 18 days. She was on her way to the home of her sister, where she boarded, about 5:30 P. M. Seeing a fast freight train approaching she stepped over on another track, when another freight coming in the opposite direction struck her, resulting in her death in about fifteen minutes. It is not supposed that she regained consciousness after the train struck her. Some of her friends were soon by her side, but only to see her breathe her last. She was a daughter of William and Ida Butler, and her home was near Stanleyton, Va. Her father died several years ago. She had just posted a letter to her mother, saying she expected to come home January 15, which turned out to be the very day of her funeral. The services were held at the Seventh-day Adventist church near Stanleyton, Va., of which she was a member, and she was laid to rest in the church yard. The funeral sermon was delivered by the writer, assisted by Elders T. H. and A. J. Painter; text, "Truly there is but a step between me and death." 1 Samuel 20:3. The large attendance of relatives, friends and neighbors gave evidence of their deep sympathy in this sad and sudden affliction.

B. F. PURDHAM.

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THE TOILER'S PRAYER

O Lord, most high, exalted, holy, pure,
With awe I near thy throne and speak thy
name

To ask no riches, honor, ease, or fame;
I ask no days from busy toil secure:

So long as brawn and sinew can endure
Hard task and busy labor, it were shame
To drone a life away in useless game,

Or fill the idle chair of sinecure
But Lord, give unto me the strength, I pray,
To earn my bread in a day that is rife

With toil: give me a heart to never shrink;
And make me strong to trod this stony way:

Give me the sequel of a happy life—
The boon of greatest good—the love of
work.

—D. D. Rees, in *The Columbian*.

Do not forget that Sabbath, Febru-
ary 26, is **Missionary Volunteer Day**.
Let no church fail to observe it.

WHEN the United States was busy
and oppressed with the great burden
of the Civil War, one of the nations
of Europe sought to establish an em-
pire on the American continent. In
the March *Signs of the Times Monthly*
Elder J. O. Corliss writes the first
article that portrays this interesting
event, and shows the part that the
Papacy had in making this attempt.
This is only one of many vitally inter-
esting articles in this number, which
you ought by all means to read.

**"Why Fairbanks Failed to Pay
a Visit to the Pope"**

THESE head lines appeared in one
of our daily papers a few days ago,
and it has caused no little commotion
in behalf of the ministry, and especi-
ally of the Methodists. I was im-
pressed to visit them with the *Prot-
estant Magazine*. The results was I
secured ten yearly subscriptions.

Now I am sure every one of our
ministers can do a good work right
along this line if they will take this
magazine and call upon the different
ministers. They will be greatly sur-
prised to find how many of them will
be glad to get something to give
them light on the work of Rome in
the United States. I enjoyed my
visit with them. They asked me a
great many questions about our
faith. I found that they know we
are a real missionary people. I shall
continue to visit them in my work as
I travel over the state, and secure
their subscriptions for this timely
magazine. F. H. HENDERSON.

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the value of this wonderful product
of nature you should read "Starchy
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sons read each paper circulated, or
some parts of it, there were 8,409,465
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odicals.

The above is a fair showing, but it
does not represent one quarter of
what ought to be done each year with
these effective, message-filled peri-
odicals. Who will help us to extend
the circulation of these papers dur-
ing 1910? Every individual believer
cannot escape the personal responsi-
bility of doing something toward the
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D. W. REAVIS.

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School raised a nice collection of sum-
mer flowering bulbs the past season,
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some beautiful flowers, but will also
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ing to offer:—

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Tuberoses: each, 3 cents; 25 cents
per dozen; \$1 per 100. By mail 10
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