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

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GENERAL MATTER

SOURCE OF STRENGTH

If e'er you feel like yielding all
When hard the battle's pressed,
Just turn to him who takes our guilt
If all has been confessed.
To us he gives those cheering rays,
That flood our path with light;
Angelic hosts are pledged to help
If we are in the right.
He knows the longing, trusting heart,
And counts each falling tear;
So never doubt or faithless be,
Our God is ever near.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.

Sabbath School Attendance

—Membership—Punctuality*

THE crying need in the Sabbath-school to-day is thorough organization—a well defined system, readily understood and easily worked out, in each of its various departments, in order that it may attain to a high standard in membership, in attendance, and in punctuality.

The usefulness and efficiency of any institution grows in proportion as it is thoroughly organized and systematically conducted. While system is not everything, yet what would be the result without its effectiveness in our postal service, our railways, our army and navy, our schools, our offices? What would be the result of the effectiveness of the work in heaven for your soul and for mine were it not for the system in our blessed Lord's great plan of salvation? Not one need presented before the mercy seat is unheeded. Even when we know not how to present the need as we ought, the Spirit, "with groanings that cannot be uttered," makes it known for us to our tender, loving Father. Heaven is a beautiful place. Order, peace, and harmony are there. Not one here this evening wants to miss the opportunity of going there. It is

our home. We cannot go for a little while yet, but we can bring some of its blessings into the life of every member in the church, from the kinder gartner of two or three years to the aged grandfather and grandmother, by making the Sabbath-school an ideal one to which each one will love to come.

The Sabbath-school that is well organized, with a band of consecrated officers and teachers, even though it be a small one, will be an energetic, working school, for "organization is life and activity. It is union. It is strength. . . . It is the touching of elbows and the joining of hands in forward movement. It is the heart-throb which moves the multitude as one individual. It is the vital chord which unites in an indescribable sympathy the superintendent at his desk, the restless boy on the distant chair, and the teacher bending her head into the circle of little heads gathered around her, making a symmetrical power of the whole."

The well organized Sabbath-school is one of the greatest means on earth to-day of bringing humanity to Christ. It is a school, an educational institution. Its special work is training the mind to know God, which is life eternal. It should be the church—not ten members out of fifty nor fifty out of two hundred, but fifty out of fifty and two hundred out of two hundred—the church at work, praying for wisdom and grace, studying God's word, teaching his truths "with a view to bringing childhood, youth, and manhood into harmony with the will and purposes of God, through the acceptance of Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord." There are four phases of this educational work; the winning of the pupils to Christ; the development of Christian character; the development of the missionary spirit; training for Christian service. In order successfully to carry on this educational plan, there must be hearty co-operation between the officers and teachers in their working methods.

Not alone should the Sabbath-school membership include the en-

tire church membership, but also every child in the church, from two or three years of age. Certainly the lambs of the flock should be within the fold. The church has the privilege of helping to rightly train the children in the home, in the day school and in the Sabbath-school; and then it has the privilege of claiming the precious promise that when they are old they will not depart from the way taught in infancy and childhood. Statistics show that 90 per cent of the Methodist denomination comes from its Sunday-school, and 85 per cent of the Baptist denomination.

In order to win the entire church to the Sabbath-school and the entire Sabbath-school to the church, it is necessary for the officers and teachers to work unitedly. The superintendent, no matter how energetic and consecrated he may be, cannot conduct a successful Sabbath-school alone. He must have the co-operation of all his helpers. Let us consider for a few moments some ways in which these officers may be helpful to each other. In the first place we must recognize the superintendent as the most important factor in the management of the school. His name implies his position—superintendent. No one person can so strongly influence the school to place its aim high in membership and attendance and punctuality as he. It is true that many fail to realize this, and among the many, are a few superintendents. For instance, the easy-going superintendent—care sits lightly on this good brother. His school is good enough for him. The membership is as high as it was last year, or nearly so anyway. The attendance is about 30 or 40 or 50 per cent on an average. This is pretty fair, he thinks. The school opens 5 or 10 or 15 minutes behind time, usually, because he thinks it really doesn't matter if he is a minute or two late in reaching the school. After he selects a hymn, which undoubtedly is not the one for that day's lesson, he finally opens the school. This easy-going spirit permeates the entire exercises. No or-

*Read at the Columbia Union Conference at Baltimore.

ganization, no method, no variety characterizes its work. The school draws on just about as lively as it did last year.

The Fault-Finding Superintendent.—It seems perfectly natural for him to scold and one cannot help pitying his family. He scolds the school for not having a higher membership, for not maintaining a better attendance, and for not being punctual. When he invites the teachers to teachers' meeting, he scolds them for not attending better.

The Talkative Superintendent.—He is a good natured man and has a remarkable talent—the gift of speech. He would make an excellent preacher. In the review he sermonizes beautifully, until one is reminded of the sentiment of the poet. Man may come and man may go, but he goes on forever.

The Self-conceited Superintendent.—He never receives criticisms, for he never needs them. He looks with disfavor upon reforms unless he starts them, and this he seldom does. He never visits other schools or reads one of the many excellent works on Sabbath-school management. He knows so much it is not necessary. He may help his school some, but not so much as the superintendent we will now consider.

The Helpful Superintendent.—He knows that the faithful discharge of his duties means more than simply opening and closing the school, selecting the hymns, and finding supply teachers, if necessary. He is aware of the fact that what he wants his school to be he must help it to be, and what he wants it to do he must help it to do. If he desires it to reach a higher standard in membership, in attendance, and in punctuality, he must put forth determined effort to secure the co-operation of officers, teachers, and the entire school to work energetically toward that end. He must counsel often with the officers and teachers that they together may devise methods by which this purpose may be carried out. If his school is at fault, he knows that the best way to correct the error is by commending it highly for having done as well as it has, and then, with a cheerful, bright, hopeful face, suggesting still a higher standard to attain. He will endeavor to lead, not to drive. He will remember that a smile and a kind word are never in vain. Ah, what would the world do to-day if all the frowns were changed into smiles—not smiles of affectation, but smiles beaming from the radiance

of the Christ life within! This superintendent delights in a spiritual, wide awake, energetic school, so he sets the pace. He is on the alert for new and approved methods of opening exercises for the school, of increasing the membership, of regulating the attendance, of securing promptness, of helping the secretary in the arrangement of her general and statistical reports, of continually swelling the gifts to beloved ones in foreign lands as well as raising means to beautifully care for the home work, and of assisting the teachers to find helps that will make their work more effective. During the week he writes to, or calls on, an overburdened teacher, or perhaps, a straying pupil. He is the first one at the school, for he enjoys the friendly "Good Morning" and hearty handshake of each member as he arrives. He always opens the school promptly whether there are two present or two hundred, for he thinks this the best way to secure promptness on the part of the remaining one hundred and ninety-eight. He is willing to take suggestions even though they do come from another brain than his own. He realizes that even a new or inexperienced officer or teacher may have a good idea. He knows positively that he cannot have a successful school without a successful teachers' meeting, so he tries first one method and then another until he finally convinces his teachers of this fact. He never scolds them because they do not attend more regularly, but he urges them to come, and when they do come he manifests to them his appreciation by seeking their advice as to the best methods to pursue in working out such and such a plan for the betterment of their class work or some other department of the school work; and he brings out such new and interesting features concerning the lesson that not one teacher feels he can afford to again miss this weekly meeting. It may be he has appointed someone else to conduct the lesson study, and if so, he notified him at least two weeks before in order that the leader would have time to well prepare his lesson. He has an executive committee or a superintendent's cabinet, if you please, consisting of the superintendent, assistant superintendent, secretary, assistant secretary, Home Department secretary, and the elder of the church, and, in all large schools, departmental leaders and a director of music. This committee, of which the superintendent is chair-

man considers and acts upon all questions of importance pertaining to the school. Any member may bring before the committee needed reforms and higher aims to which the school may attain. Definite aims will bring definite results. One school in the District of Columbia decided to give all of its gifts to missions one quarter and also to raise this amount from about \$50 to \$75. It gave over \$80. The following quarter it gave over \$80. The superintendent then asked if it could reach \$1 a day. It gave \$1.20, or \$104. The present quarter its aim is \$9 a week. It is giving on an average over \$10 and has reached \$12 two or three times. This school aimed to reach a membership of 290. It started with 191 members and now has 224. It aimed to maintain 95 per cent in attendance. The average so far is 95 per cent.

The secretary may help very materially in building up the membership of the school, and also in maintaining a regular attendance by carefully preparing the statistical and general reports. She may find many points of interest in the different departments that will help to make the general report varied and spicy. The statistical report should be placed on a large blackboard in writing sufficiently plain to be easily read by those seated in the rear of the room. The attention of the school should be called to this weekly record, and special mention made of interesting items. It should be made up early in the week so the superintendent may thoughtfully consider it in time to counsel with the teachers about the absent members, if this is necessary. Here is one way in which this report is made up by one of the schools in the District. The secretary and assistant secretary may plan their work so that each has an equal share to do. This may also be done in the superintendent and assistant superintendent's work.

The Home Department secretary may help to increase the membership by endeavoring to get every non-attendant church member either into the regular school or into the Home Department class.

The various divisions, if proper attention is given to them, may be made so interesting and helpful that every child will delight to find new members and be present every Sabbath promptly with a well-prepared lesson. One division of 41 children in the school from which this report

is made has not had one absence this quarter.

Such is the length already attained by this paper that it is with no slight degree of regret that we approach one of the supremely vital elements in the solution of the Sabbath-school problems which constitute the theme of this contribution to your splendid program. The Lord has said that a new element must be brought into our Sabbath-school work—"one of piety and purity." There is one lone, last, ultimate Sabbath-school structural entity on whom, in our opinion, the eyes of God, the angels, and all discerning men will forever be turned for the chief manifestation of these missing virtue supplies in the Bible school. This entity will have a love for the class membership that cannot be mistaken; will move in and out among this membership with a tenderness, a grace, a pity, a consideration—with all the heaven-supplied qualities of the teacher—that will furnish an attendance—and punctuality-compulsion as absolutely unequalled as it is defiant of analysis.

Shall we not as workers in that great branch of the Lord's work, the Sabbath-school, make the year 1910 the brightest year in our Sabbath-school experience?

MRS. MAUD LAWRY.

OHIO

A Call

NO DOUBT many have been watching with interest the reports of the faithful canvassers during the winter months.

There are many encouraging features that may be deducted from the reports of the winter's work. Owing to the heavy snows it has been a hard winter in many states for the house-to-house workers. But the canvassers have learned that the Lord is indeed with them always. Where the hardships have abounded, God's grace has much more abounded.

As we witness the rapid advancement of the work we can only say, "It is the Lord's doings, and it is marvelous in our eyes." The Lord is wonderfully blessing the efforts of the faithful; and as God's power is manifested in our behalf, accomplishing through us many things that we considered impossible, we should feel that the Lord has still greater blessings in store for us; we should draw our stakes and place them still farther ahead.

We are glad to see so many mar-

New Jersey Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Financial Statement for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1909

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

	Receipts	Disbursements
Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1909.....		
Tithe	\$ 95	
Local Trust Funds.....	17 21	
Tithe	11,199 79	
Tithe to Columbia Union Conference.....		\$1,119 98
Columbia Union Conference Appropriation....	500 00	
General Conference (Danish) Appropriation..	693 22	60 00
Kansas Appropriation	730 00	
Donations.....	334 08	
Labor.....	14 00	9,101 12
Traveling Expenses.....	28 50	1,342 39
General Expense.....	42 75	226 89
Freight and Drayage.....	2 75	190 97
Hall and Tent.....	51 28	605 62
Office Expense.....		287 45
Greater N. Y. Conference Tithe.....	41 60	41 60
Notes Payable.....	647 50	
Notes Receivable.....		500 00
VISITOR Deficit.....		120 07
Mount Vernon College Bible Teacher.....		55 79
Mount Vernon College Bonds.....	900 00	900 00
New Jersey Conference Association.....		364 40
Perth Amboy Tabernacle.....		125 00
Tent Fund (Old).....	25 29	
Camp-meeting, 1908.....	192 25	
Tent and Camp-meeting Fund (New).....	166 37	214 50
Institute and Conference, 1909.....	217 68	362 16
Canvassers' Traveling Expenses.....		19 09
Insurance		28 15
Property	9 30	126 54
Liberty Fund.....	38 43	22 35
Benevolent Fund.....	98 66	72 54
Educational Fund.....		11 00
Orphanages.....	55 55	
Ten per cent of Orphanages to Columbia Union Conference.....		5 56
Twentieth-five per cent of remainder to Huntsville Orphanage		12 50
Conferences Orphanages.....	5 84	
Huntsville Orphanages.....	28	28
Weekly Offerings.....	261 88	261 88
Foreign Mission Offerings.....	233 78	233 78
Annual Offerings.....	435 65	435 65
Mid-summer Offering.....	324 10	324 10
Sabbath-school Offerings.....	1,215 68	1,215 68
Thanksgiving (Also received check for \$10.00, made payable to I. H. Evans, Treas.)....	90 28	90 28
Harvest Ingathering.....	1,206 93	1,206 93
China	9 00	9 00
Turkey	9 50	9 50
Portugal.....	3 00	3 00
Kingston, Jamaica.....	5 00	5 00
Religious Liberty.....	101 91	101 91
Southern Missionary Society.....	21 96	21 96
Colored Work.....	90 67	90 67
Huntsville Scholarships.....	18 17	18 17
Mount Vernon College Fund.....	300 57	300 57
Pennsylvania Sanitarium.....	8 65	8 65
\$150,000 Fund.....	7 00	7 00
Christian Record.....	9 22	9 22
Jewish Work (Gilbert).....	1 30	1 30

ried men engaging in the canvassing work, a number of whom are new in the truth. And we are also glad to see the young making this their work twelve months in the year. We are writing to others that have expressed a desire to give their time to the Lord, but we are confident that God is laying upon many more a burden to help finish the work. The time is past when Seventh-day Adventists can be content to work at secular employment. "God's spirit is slowly being withdrawn from the earth," and it will be a great privilege to be found standing in one appointed place when Jesus comes. And he will come in an hour when we look not for him.

Have you a burden, my brother, to do active work for the Lord, to give the invitation while it is day? Are you waiting day after day for the reason that the way seems hedged up. When the Lord lays upon us a burden to work in his vineyard, he immediately plans our future, makes it possible for the obstacles to be removed. "All his biddings are enablings."

If the still small voice is pleading, brother, do not delay longer. Write to-day and let us tell you of our plans for this year. We will be glad to assist you, angels are waiting to go with you, and God is waiting to bless you.

F. B. NUMBERS.

Delaware, Ohio

District 5

THE district meeting for District 5 will be held in the Toledo, Ohio, Seventh-day Adventist Church, Sabbath and Sunday, March 26 and 27. An instructive program has been arranged. It includes addresses on important subjects by Elders H. H. Burkholder, R. G. Patterson, A. C. Shannon, and others. The Question Box will afford opportunity to bring out special points those in attendance may wish instruction in. It is hoped that the churches in North-western Ohio will be well represented.

To reach the church, take a Broadway car to Orchard St., and walk one half block west on Orchard St.

H. M. JUMP.

District Superintendent.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

SISTER J. L. HAGAR of the Roaring Branch church, who for the past three weeks has been at the sanitarium, returned home fully recovered.

Brother G. W. Holman, our canvass-

Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1909:

Tithe, or Operating		10 66
Local Trust Funds		91 74
Totals	\$20,367 60	\$20,367 60

New Jersey Tract Society

Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1909	49 81	
Received and Disbursed	6,557 02	6,325 64
Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1909		281 19
Grand Totals	\$26,974 43	\$26,974 43

D. K. ROYER, *Treas.*

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES

Inventories:	Resources	Liabilities
Property	\$1,381 72	
Insurance	20 49	
Hall and Tent	10 00	
Notes Payable		\$647 57
Notes Receivable	639 18	
Laborer's Account	60 58	
Perth Amboy Tabernacle	125 00	
Cash: Operating	10 66	
Tent and Camp-meeting	48 13	
N. J. Missionary Volunteer Society		4 06
Liberty Fund		16 08
Benevolent Fund		28 27
Conference Orphanages		43 33
Cash: Local Trust	91 74	
	\$2,387 50	\$739 31
Present Worth, Dec. 31, 1909		1,648 19
	\$2,387 50	\$2,387 50

LOSSES AND GAIN

	Losses	Gains
Tithe		\$11,119 79
Tithe to Columbia Union Conference	1,119 98	
Kansas Appropriations		730 00
General Conference (Danish) Appropriation		633 22
Columbia Union Conference Appropriation		500 00
Donations		334 08
Property	58 35	
Labor	9,087 12	
Traveling Expenses	1,313 89	
General Expenses	184 14	
Hall and Tent	584 34	
Freight and Drayage	188 22	
Office Expense	287 45	
VISITOR Deficit	120 07	
Institute and Conference	144 48	
Mount Vernon Bible Teacher	55 79	
Canvassers' Traveling Expense	19 09	
Insurance	19 66	
	\$13,182 58	\$13,397 09
		13,182 58

Net Gain for year ending Dec. 31, 1909	\$214 51
Net Worth, Jan. 1, 1909	1,433 68

Present Worth, Dec. 31, 1909	\$1,648 19
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D. K. ROYER, *Treas.*

New Jersey Tract Society

Year Ending December 31, 1909

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES

Inventories—	Resources	Liabilities
Property.....	\$125 00	
Insurance.....	2 50	
Subscription Books.....	25 82	
Home Workers' Books.....	15	
Trade Books.....	28 05	
"Ministry of Healing".....	1 50	
Tracts.....	16 00	
Cash.....	281 19	
"Christ's Object Lessons".....		\$ 67
Pennsylvania Sanitarium.....		75 64
Personal Accounts Payable.....		7 38
Personal Accounts Receivable.....	808 86	
Tract Societies Accounts Receivable.....	277 47	
	<u>\$1,566 54</u>	<u>\$83 69</u>
		1,482 85
Net Worth, January 1, 1910.....	<u>\$1,566 54</u>	<u>\$1,566 54</u>

LOSSES AND GAINS

	Losses	Gains
Subscription Books.....		\$629 85
Home Workers' Books.....		14 34
Trade Books.....		64 62
Periodicals.....		65 39
Tracts.....		59 94
Old Account.....	\$12 50	68 29
Property.....	16 00	
Scholarships.....	24 65	
Canvassers' Traveling Expenses.....	71 38	
Canvassers' Institute, 1908.....	33 00	
Canvassers' Institute, 1909.....	144 88	
Office Expense.....	117 30	
Insurance.....	2 00	
Freight and Drayage.....	11 13	
	<u>\$432 84</u>	<u>\$902 43</u>
		432 84
Net Gain for year ending Dec. 31, 1909...		<u>\$469 59</u>
Net Worth, January 1, 1909.....		1,013 26
Present Worth, January 1, 1910.....		<u>\$1,482 85</u>

Cash on hand January 1, 1909..... \$49 81
 Cash received during the year 1909..... 6,557 02

Cash disbursed during the year 1909..... \$6,606 83
 6,325 64

Cash on hand, December 31, 1909... \$281 19

D. K. ROYER, Treasurer.

New Jersey Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

Year Ending December 31, 1909

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

	Receipts	Disbursements
On hand, January 1, 1909.....	\$91 55	
Trenton Church.....	236 49	\$18 05
New Jersey Conference.....	364 40	
Donations.....	3 00	
Paulsboro Church Property.....		32 49
General Expenses.....		2 68

ing agent, spent last Sabbath with the Harrisburg church.

Baptism will take place March 12 in the Baptist church in St. Clair, where Evangelist C. S. Baum has just closed his series of meetings.

There are thirteen students from Eastern Pennsylvania attending the Mount Vernon College. The majority are contemplating returning to this conference for the vacation, and will spend that time in canvassing.

Sister N. H. Sprecher, of Ephrata, has been visiting her daughter, who is attending college at Mount Vernon. She says she is enjoying her stay at the school very much, and expects to return home in a few weeks.

All our students at the Mount Vernon College are enjoying their schooling very much. They speak highly of the institution, and the majority of them are contemplating returning there next fall.

LOOK FOR IT! For what, you say? Well, if you look carefully for it in the issue of the weekly *Signs of the Times* for March 1, you will probably find it. Don't overlook it or you may be sorry. Look for it.

Word received from Brother F. E. Phelps states that the meetings in Covington are still at their height. The hall, with a seating capacity of five hundred, is frequently filled. Some of the most prominent people of that place are attending and are deeply stirred by the services.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

ELDER WAGNER, writing from Erie, reports interesting and profitable time spent at Edinboro, north-east of Erie.

We are pleased to note that Brother W. L. Logan has entered the field, and is canvassing in Fayette Co. Brother Logan has canvassed very successfully in the past, and he has taken hold of the work in earnest.

Sister I. G. Bigelow being quite ill for the past few weeks, Brother Bigelow has been kept quite close at home, but has not been idle, and reports

that all are at work and looking forward to a good strong pull for March.

Cards are at hand announcing the marriage of Winfield Williams to Mary E. Welson. Wedding took place February 22, at the home of the bride, West Valley, N. Y. They expect to reside at the home of Elder I. N. Williams, of Corydon, for a time.

Elder J. W. Watt is holding a series of meetings at Ford City. The past fall and winter, Brother W. H. Jack has been canvassing in Ford City and vicinity and we trust that all of our members will pray for results from the efforts put forth by these faithful workers.

Encouraging reports are coming in from the workers in regard to the one-cent-a-day fund for the Mount Vernon College. Elder I. G. Bigelow writes that the Bradford church hope to have their apportionment cleared by May 15, and states that though \$45.00 was pledged on the day set apart to take up the collection, they look for a much more hearty response, as illness prevented a number of the members from being present.

Elder I. N. Williams writes from Huntsville, Alabama, that as yet he has not seen much of the "Sunny South" as they have been having some very wintry weather down there. Elder Williams expects to leave Huntsville soon, and will visit Graysville, Tenn. and East Liverpool Ohio, on his way north, arriving at Corydon about April 1. No doubt he will be accompanied by his daughter, Miss Gertrude Williams, who expects to visit in East Liverpool and Pittsburg during March.

Remember the fund for our worthy poor, and make all remittance for this purpose payable to the West Pennsylvania Conference treasurer, Corydon, Pa.

A. V. WILLIAMS, Sec.

WEST VIRGINIA

WHEN I began canvassing six years ago, in East Liverpool, Ohio, I did not begin with the idea, Can I make a living? Will my family suffer? Can God bless me in his own work, since he has blessed me so long in the work of Satan? No, that was the least of

Interest.....	27 92
Trenton Property.....	388 00
Cash on hand January 1, 1910.....	226 30

\$695 44 \$695 44

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES

	Resources	Liabilities
Cash.....	\$226 30	
Trenton Church.....	141 66	
Cape May Church.....	1 50	
Paulsboro.....	32 49	
Notes Payable.....		\$475 00
Trenton Property.....	450 00	
Net Worth January 1, 1910.....		376 95
	\$851 95	\$851 95

LOSSES AND GAINS

	Losses	Gains
Interest.....	\$15 92	
General Expense.....	2 68	
Donation.....		\$3 00
	18 60	
	3 00	
Net Loss for year 1909.....	15 60	
Net Worth, January 1, 1909.....	392 55	
Present Worth, January 1, 1910.....	\$376 95	

D. K. ROYER, Treasurer,

my thought. I went out seeking experiences, with a book in hand containing the third angel's message. I felt that I should work for the Lord the same as at other work, five days in the week and eight hours per day. I have had a rich experience each day that I have canvassed since I began.

Such has been the experience of every canvasser who enters the field feeling in his heart that God needs him to present this message. Many who have failed went out in their own strength with the dollars and cents their highest motive. Failure, of course, is written upon their faces. They neglected to draw from the fountain, water that would make their souls flourish as the rose of Sharon, before entering upon this sacred duty.

This message is the greatest thing that ever has been or ever will be on this earth, and is due to the great and small, rich and poor. Those presenting it in its true light can gladly give it to those who will receive it.

God is now working for the people in West Virginia. My past week's experience has been the most encouraging of any that I have had in my six years canvassing. I made a two days' delivery among the farmers about five miles from my home. I carried my books, two sacks full, on a horse. At my first stop the people

were anxiously waiting. I had stayed all night with them while canvassing. We sat up late talking the message, and the children were so delighted with the talk, especially on the New Jerusalem and how the people will live there. Their mother said they usually get sleepy early, but they were wide awake at this stirring message. I left one sack of my books with them. Taking the territory to my right, at my second stop the man was a little doubtful about taking the book; he said he heard it taught a short hell. "It teaches just what the Bible teaches," I said, "you believe the Bible do you not? The book contains a message for this day and you cannot afford to be without it." "Well," he said, "I guess I had better take the book." On other calls that day, the people were glad to get their books. My last delivery for that day was to a man who had written me just after subscribing, saying he had heard I was selling Adventist literature, and he didn't want the book, as he was no Adventist. When I called on him he was a little surprised, as he thought his letter had settled it, but said like the other doubtful man, "I guess I had better take the book."

I stayed all night with a man with whom I had stayed while canvassing. He asked me to make it convenient

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending February 25, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
H. F. Kirk, Carrollton Co.	DR	3	27½	15	50 50	17 70	68 20		
F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.	DR	5	37	12	35 75	7 00	42 75	8 00	
O. VanGorder, Huron Co.	DR	4	28	6	21 00	13 75	34 75		
F. E. Hankins, Harrison Co.	DR	2	14	8	21 25	1 50	22 75	6 00	
A. L. Bassler, Fairfield Co.	DR		20					57 70	
Wm. M. Deuschle, Ross Co.	GC	5	27½	9	33 00		33 00		
Enos M. Horst, Ross Co.	GC	2	16	3	9 00		9 00	12 00	
Ray Corder, Columbian Co.	BF	5	34	39	42 00	3 00	45 00		
Guy Corder, Jefferson Co.	CK	5	33	34	36 00		36 00		
L. H. Waters, Allen Co.	BF	5	40	20	23 50		23 50		
E. E. Shaw, Ottawa Co.	GC	5	34½	12	18 00	16 50	34 50	1 50	
Totals		41	311½	158	\$290 00	\$59 45	\$349 45	\$85 20	

West Pennsylvania, One Week Ending February 25, 1910

W. H. Jack, Armstrong Co.	DR	3	10¼	4	9 00		9 00	2 75	
S. W. Jack, " "	SP	4	22½	2	2 25		2 25		
T. Saxton, W. Moreland Co.	GC	5	33	13	45 00	3 60	48 60		
A. McIntyre, W. Moreland Co.	SP	5	30	11	13 50	4 60	18 10	10	
C. Dunham, Indiana Co.	GC	5	34	9	25 25	4 00	29 25	172 15	
J. Glunt, Mufflin Co.	GC	5	26	4	12 00	3 00	15 00	2 75	
W. L. Logan, Fayette Co.	GC	5	32	7	17 00	2 50	19 50		
Totals		32	189¼	50	\$114 00	\$17 70	\$131 70	\$177 75	

New Jersey, Week Ending February 18, 1910

*G. Blinn, Mercer	CK	4	24	10	10 50		10 50	20 00	
*G. Blinn, " "	CK	3	20	11	12 00		12 00		
*G. Blinn, " "	CK	5	33	19	20 00	3 00	23 00		
†J. Rambo, Bridgeton	CK	4	18	14	15 00	75	15 75		
†J. Rambo, Bridgeton	CK	2	10	8	8 00		8 00		
W. Plant, Randolph	CK	4	23	9	9 00	50	9 50	10 00	
Totals		22	128	71	\$74 50	\$4 25	\$78 75	30 00	

New Jersey, One Week Ending February 25, 1910

W. Plant, " "	CK	4	28	18	23 00	12 25	35 25		
J. Rambo, Bridgeton	CK	2		11	12 00		12 00		
Totals		6	28	29	\$35 00	\$12 25	\$47 25		

Virginia, Week Ending February 25, 1910

K. Oertley, Wythe Co.	CK		13	5	4 00		4 00	4 00	
A. Jasperson, R'cki'gham Co.	GC		36	7	24 25	32 20	56 20	1 00	
J. Lewis, " Co.	GC		31	8	26 00	2 25	28 25	1 25	
A. Roberson, Augusta Co.	BR		25	4	10 00	3 00	13 00	2 00	
M. Randolph, Newport News			11					11 65	
Totals			116	14	\$64 25	\$37 45	\$101 45	19 90	

†Two weeks

*Three weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$708.60 Deliveries, \$312.85

to stay with him again when I made my delivery, as he wanted to ask me some more questions. I told him what the Lord said about these things, to the best of my ability, asking God to bless all that was said, and I delivered his book. He said he was not thoroughly convinced but was sincere and wanted to know the truth.

The next morning it was raining, but that did not hinder the Lord's

work, as I had with me an oilcloth to cover the books. It was almost noon when I got back to where I had left my books. The rain was turning to ice, and it was very cold. The lady built a good fire so I could warm and dry my clothes, and her daughter hastened to get dinner. It was well for me, too, that I took time to eat and dry my clothes, for it was fast turning cold. I did not get back home until

eleven o'clock that night. The people generally were glad to see me, and met me at the door with a hearty shake of the hand. One man whom the enemies of the Lord tried to discourage in taking the book, thanked me for bringing it to him. Another man, while I was delivering his book, told me of a lady in the vicinity who was fighting the message. She said she could see Satan in those books. We are of good courage in the Lord.

A. T. HALSTEAD.

The Sabbath-School Work in West Virginia

I AM very glad to tell you that every school in West Virginia is now sending in its entire donations for missions, and we can now ask that our name be added to the "Honor Roll" list. The question of "all for missions" has been quite a perplexing problem. For several years we have been working toward that end, but not until the last quarter of 1909 did we completely succeed. And now that the victory is gained we do not anticipate any future difficulty along that line.

We have a membership of two hundred and nineteen. Our donations for the year 1909 amounted to \$173.20, an increase over the preceding year of \$11.40. While our number is not large and our contributions are not growing as fast as we desire and even expect to realize in the near future, yet there is a little advancement. If all our ministers and brethren connected with the different branches of our work will do what they can to encourage this line of work and every Sabbath-school officer and teacher will faithfully do their duty, I am sure of greater success soon.

Brethren and sisters, where do our young men and women come from who are prepared to go out and fight the battles of life, and do the best work for the Master? You will be compelled to answer, "From our Sabbath-Schools." If this be true shall we not put forth our very best efforts to encourage the youth and children in our ranks to engage in a more earnest study of the Bible? This can best be accomplished by the fathers and mothers leading out and showing their interest by a practical demonstration. Children are close observers and apt imitators. So by the help of God let us all be faithful and true to the responsibilities entrusted to us and victory will be ours.

MRS. M. L. HADDIX.

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CHESAPEAKE

WE were pleased to have Elder K. C. Russell call at the office for a short while a few days ago. He was in Baltimore and spoke to the church on Sabbath morning, and to the Young People's Society of Missionary Volunteers in the afternoon. The Religious Liberty Department is a very important factor at this time in the promulgation of the third angel's message, and we urge that the brethren and sisters throughout the conference give it their hearty support.

Our Sabbath-school Department is in an encouraging condition. The summary for the fourth quarter of 1909 shows \$148.45 collected, and it has all been given to missions. Comparing this with the corresponding quarter for 1908 we find that \$142.51 was given to missions, but that \$3.27 of the collections had been used for expenses of the schools.

Elder Haynes has begun a series of meetings in Clifton Hall, 2489 Druid Hill Ave., Baltimore. This is near the place the tent was pitched last summer. We ask that the brethren and sisters will pray that many of the dear souls who are halting between two opinions may decide to "walk in the way of his commandments."

Elder Sufficool has organized a church of twenty-one members at Crystal Falls, Md., as a result of a few weeks' meetings. It is only a few miles from Smithsburg, where such excellent results attended the efforts of Elder Piper a year ago.

Brother Jones, our state agent, called at the office yesterday on his way home, having been called there by the illness of his little son.

Although our canvassing reports have been very small we are expecting to soon see more canvassers in the field.

Elder F. H. Seeney's address after March 1 will be Dover, Del., instead of Cheswold, Del.

We ask the prayers of the people in this conference, especially, for every department of the work, and trust that each one will feel his responsibility in supporting the work by faithful tithe and free-will offerings.

EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

VIRGINIA

OUR Home Department has increased during the last three months from twenty-one to forty-five, instead of from twenty-one to twenty-five, as appeared in the VISITOR of February 10.

A Heathen Land

The Saviour says, "With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer." Many of us have desired to sacrifice home and friends, that we might go to the heathen across the water to bring the third angel's message to them. Yea, our hearts have been filled with an intense desire when we have read the interesting reports from those needy fields beyond! But somehow we did not go: we even chided with ourselves for our negligence. We have thought heathen lived only in China, India, or some other dark land; we have forgotten to look around; we have forgotten the song,—

"If you cannot cross the ocean,
And the heathen lands explore,
You can find the heathen nearer,
You can help them at your door."

A short time ago a young minister was holding a protracted meeting near where I am laboring. He being very desirous to see some results of his effort, spoke to a young lady, asking her, "Did you know that Jesus died for you?" The ready answer was, "Is he dead? I had not heard he was even sick; we do not take any paper." This may serve to emphasize the fact that there are still heathen in the home land.

One day while working with the

Thanksgiving number of the *Review and Herald* for the benefit of foreign fields, a man said to me, "I am not interested in foreign fields; we have too many heathen in the hills of Virginia; if you would like a small donation for the home work I will give it." He gave five dollars for which I thanked him. However, I thought he had a very poor conception of heathen lands, but I have since changed my mind on this point.

Not long ago, being called upon, I made a visit to a home where I found a family of which not one member could read. How unfortunate under the stars and stripes, where there is so much knowledge—and yet, so little! The minister seemed so strange to the children and family that they hardly knew what to say. It was a painful visit to me, and as I left the home, if it could be called one, I could only say, "God be merciful." I sometimes wonder what God will do with such people—those who live, eat, sleep, and die, having little hope and little desire for heavenly things.

The pulse of the whole country through here reminds me of the man who went to mill on horseback. He would never take but one bushel at a time, and he would always carry that in one end of the sack and a stone in the other end to balance it on the horse. One day his neighbor said to him, "Brother, why don't you put part of the corn in each end of the sack and throw that stone out?" He said, "That's so, I hadn't thought of that, but my father always went to mill this way, and his father did too, and I don't believe I'll change now."

The people have no inclination to change from their former ways of superstition and sin. Education is not valued very highly,—and only sixty miles from Washington, D. C.! However strange it may sound, most all the people belong to some church or other. The standard is very low. It is an obligatory duty on God's part to save them, regardless of what they do, so long as their names are on the church books. There is no difference between the clean and the unclean. It is hard to make them see that our work is any different than what they already have. The remark was made to me not long ago, that some would be saved from all churches; thus putting our work on a level with other religious works.

In spite of all the darkness and satanic attacks, the truth is finding its way to the honest hearts still in Babylon, and there is power in this message to bring them out.

We are of good courage in the Lord, believing that the Lord is going to finish the work in this generation.

U. D. PICKARD.