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

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GENERAL MATTER

How Can We Raise Funds Adequate for the Support of Our Missions?

THIS truly is a question that has puzzled many hearts in the homeland, as the need of the great unwarned millions out in the mission fields have pressed in upon us. This question has not been fully answered, neither shall we attempt to answer it here, more than to cite one or two ways by which we can at least reasonably look for help in solving it.

One thing is sure: human methods will, sooner or later, fail. God must answer the question and solve the difficulty, if this is ever accomplished. The message is his, the people are his, the resources are his, and unto him we must look for guidance in every advance move. Another thing is imperative—we must obey. If we will follow his counsel, and obey his voice, he will lead us surely and speedily to deliverance. On the point of obedience we have, in the example of the work of Gideon, a splendid illustration of what the Lord is able to do in the face of great difficulties, in meeting strong and powerful foes with a little handful of loyal, obedient men. It will be profitable to study Israel's experience at this time, found in Judges 6 and 7.

It has seemed a little peculiar that, with the great demands of our world-wide missions upon us, so much emphasis just at this time should be placed by the Spirit of Prophecy upon the point of entering the large cities here in the homeland with the message. The question still is, How can we meet the additional expense of this city work, and at the same time not let our missionaries suffer? But that this work ought to be done, and that without delay, is made very plain by many recent statements from this source. Here are two or three:—

"In our country there is much to be done. There are many cities to be

entered and warned. Evangelists should be finding their way into all the places where the minds of men are agitated over the question of Sunday legislation and the teaching of religion in the public schools." *Testimonies*, Vol. 9, p. 51.

"Our books are to be brought before the notice of the people; the gospel of present truth is to be given to our cities without delay. Shall we not arise to our duties?" *Id.* p. 63.

"There is coming rapidly and surely an almost universal guilt upon the inhabitants of the cities, because of determined wickedness. We are living in the midst of an 'epidemic of crime,' at which thoughtful, God-fearing men everywhere stand aghast. The corruption that prevails is beyond the power of the human men to describe." "The cities of to-day are fast becoming like Sodom and Gomorrah. Holidays are numerous; the whirl of excitement and pleasure attracts thousands from the sober duties of life." *Id.*, p. 89.

But what has entering the cities with the warning message of truth to do with helping the cause in a financial way?—Here is the answer:—

"The servants of Christ should labor faithfully for the rich men in our cities, as well as for the poor and lowly. There are many worthy men who are susceptible to the influences and impressions of the gospel message, and who, when the Bible, and the Bible alone, is presented to them as the expositor of Christian faith and practice, will be moved by the Spirit of God to open doors for the advancement of the gospel. They will reveal a living faith in the word of God, and will use their entrusted means to prepare the way of the Lord, to make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

"For years the perplexing question has been before us, How can we raise funds adequate for the support of the missions which the Lord has gone before us to open?" "The Lord desires that moneyed men shall be converted, and act as his helping hand in reaching others." *Id.*, p. 114.

"As we do this work (entering the

cities), we shall find that means will flow into our treasuries, and we shall have funds with which to carry on a still broader and more far-reaching work. Souls who have wealth will be brought to the truth, and will give of their means to advance the work of God. I have been instructed that there are much means in the cities that are unworked. God has interested people there. Go to them; teach them as Christ taught (his method was to mingle with the people and teach God's simple word); give them the truth. They will accept it. And as surely as honest souls will be converted, their means will be consecrated to the Lord's service, and we shall see an increase in resources." *Id.*, p. 101.

These statements are truly encouraging. Not all in the large cities are wholly corrupted. God has in them souls which he still counts as his. These are to be reached with the message, and among them will be found some who have wealth and influence, who can help us in a financial way by pressing the message out among the unwarned millions in heathen lands. Shall we not all arouse, and quickly take the truth to them?

T. E. BOWEN.

How Your Church Can Raise Its Quota of the Debt on the Mount Vernon College

ORDER 125 of the March number of *Life and Health*, or any other magazine we publish that you prefer. Go from home to home in your city, and tell the people you are selling this magazine for ten cents, and turning all the profit into the Mount Vernon College, which is in debt, and must have help. Tell about the good work it is doing, and the missionaries it has in India, China, Japan, and elsewhere. Be in earnest, and above all things be frank in answering any question that you are asked about our faith.

Think of the good these magazines will do, too. On the 125 magazines you will have a clear profit of \$7.30. Can you afford not to make at least an

effort in raising this amount for such a noble cause? I trust we will show our love for the cause we profess to love by making an effort to get the truth before the people, and also raise the debt on our College.

F. H. HENDERSON, *Ohio Miss. Sec'y.*

The North American Negro Department

AT the last General Conference, after much consideration, it was thought advisable to organize a North American Negro Department for the better organization and advancement of the work for the colored people. There has been considerable delay in getting the Department into working order.

We did not realize at first the great amount of work before us. But when we consider that nearly one seventh of the population of the United States is colored, and so little done for them, we can see that there is much to be done. A few comparisons will help us to see this more clearly.

There is one colored person to a little over seven white; but there is only one minister for the colored to thirty-three for the white. Only one training school for the colored to twenty-eight for the white. Only one sanitarium for the colored to fifty for the white.

The Spirit of Prophecy speaks the truth when it says that this people have been neglected.

When we consider that 44 per cent of this people are illiterate and only 6 per cent of the white, and that the death rate among the colored is much larger than among the white, we must admit that they especially need schools and sanitariums.

Surely the time has fully come when we should arise, and put forth well organized and systematic efforts to carry this complete Gospel message to the ten millions of colored people in this country.

We are now getting the work of the Department more fully organized and plans developed to push forward this work, but we need more workers and more means. I believe our dear people who have a real desire to see this work finished in this generation are ready to help us with their prayers and their means to enable this work to be carried to a speedy finish.

The Department has taken over the work formerly carried on by the Southern Missionary Society and we desire to see the good work begun in

a few places, carried on until the light of the message reaches every place.

The *Gospel Herald* will be enlarged and will be the organ of the Department. The price will be raised from ten cents to twenty-five cents a year for a single subscription; fifteen cents in clubs of ten; and ten cents in clubs of twenty or more.

We are not only desirous that every Seventh-day Adventist family shall take this paper, but that a special effort be made to get it into the homes of those not of our faith. We know that all will be interested to get reports of the work that they are helping to support. We shall do our best to make this paper what it should be.

We shall be glad to hear from all who are interested in helping forward the work among the colored people.

We have located the office of the Department at 61 Lindsley Ave., Nashville, Tenn., where all correspondence can be addressed to the writer.

A. J. HAYSMEYER.

NEW JERSEY

Sunday-Law Hearing at the New Jersey Capitol

AS ELDER W. H. SMITH and the writer, on February 28, listened for five hours to the hearing granted on the local option and "open Sunday" bills introduced into the New Jersey legislature, we could indeed realize that the time for a more rigid enforcement of Sunday Laws in New Jersey is not far distant.

The interest in Sunday legislation in this state was shown by a statement that no less than ten Sunday bills have already been introduced into the New Jersey legislature during the present session, and the energy and enthusiasm with which a stricter enforcement of Sunday laws was advocated, is very significant.

We are told that "sooner or later Sunday laws will be passed. But there is much for God's servants to do to warn the people. *This work has been greatly retarded*"; also that "large numbers will be admitted who in these last days hear the truth for the first time." (*Review and Herald*, Feb. 16, 1905; July 5, 1906.)

Our brethren and sisters have shown, by their religious liberty resolution passed at our recent conference, that they do not want this important work to be longer "retarded," but that they desire to do the work that needs to be done "to warn the

people." Let each take hold and labor systematically, perseveringly, untiringly, that, through the blessing of God, we may see the "large numbers" of honest souls admitted into our ranks.

One brother, when waiting for blanks to secure signatures protesting against the passage of the Johnston Bill in the House, says; "I shall be troubled if, in leaving this town, I know that I have not done my best in bringing before the people the solemn issues at stake in the now keenly agitated question of Sunday laws."

When the vials of God's wrath are falling upon a rebellious and deluded generation, who are wandering over the face of the earth, vainly seeking for the bread of life, may we be spared the agony of hearing the accusing voice of conscience and the despairing cry of the lost, because we have neglected to do our duty in warning them. Please report your religious liberty work to your conference secretary, that a record of the same may be forwarded to the secretary of our union conference.

GEORGE W. SPIES.

SALEM, N. J.

Newark

I AM glad to report that the work here is still onward. All are of good courage, and are taking hold of the periodical work in a very satisfactory manner. One of the most encouraging features in our work here is that our church is beginning to realize something of the great responsibility that rests upon God's remnant people, who have been brought to a knowledge of the third angel's message; that every soul who knows this truth is responsible for every other soul who does not know it. When Seventh-day Adventists throughout the harvest field are brought to realize the great debt that they owe to the many souls around them who are still groping in mid-night darkness, a great victory will be won toward the accomplishment of God's great purpose in this message, as revealed in Matt. 24:14.

We are glad to say that the work of saving souls did not end with the going down of the tent last fall. But the Lord has added new souls to our company during the winter months. Two have just recently taken their stand for the truth. We ask the prayers of all of God's praying people, that wisdom may be given us to so co-operate with the great Shepherd of the sheep, that not one of his lambs may be lost, but that the good

work may go on, until the last honest soul in Newark has been brought to a knowledge of God's truth for this time.

W. H. SMITH.

ELDER W. G. KNEELAND reports a good interest developed during the special meetings recently held at Bridgeton. Arrangements have been made to have the Sunday night meetings continued for a time.

Brother Anson Hirst of the Trenton church, who has been for some time in Central America, is returning after a visit among relatives and friends. Brother Willis Hirst, who has been a student in South Lancaster, accompanies him.

Be sure to get your order in on time for the April magazines. They are fine numbers, and should prove good sellers.

The recent strikes and labor troubles, with the attending lawlessness, should arouse us all to realize that the time in which we can work freely in these great cities is very short. Are you doing all that God expects of you in the missionary campaign among your neighbors? Now is a time when the people are asking the question, "What do these things mean?" What are you doing to help them get the answer?

It has been decided to hold our annual camp-meeting June 23 to July 3. Let all begin now to plan to attend this important meeting. We have been promised excellent help, and shall spare no efforts to make this the best camp meeting that has ever been held in the state. The place has not been selected, but we shall try to find one which will be easily accessible to all parts of the conference.

Brother D. P. Boersma reports a good interest in connection with the effort among the Hollanders at Patterson. Elders Smith and Hanhardt are also holding English meetings at the same place.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

BROTHER P. L. HOEN, our Scandinavian worker in N. E. Philadelphia, reports a new Sabbath-keeper, as well as others very much interested.

Elder W. H. Heckman spent Sab-

bath, March 5, with the Reading Church. A very good spirit prevailed.

Sister O. B. Hatton has just passed through a very serious operation at the Roosevelt Hospital, Philadelphia. At this writing she is doing nicely.

Elder Charles Baierle has been spending a week with his wife in Philadelphia.

Elder A. R. Bell, of York, Pa., has been using the Public Press of that city to good advantage as they have published articles written by him on the "Immortality of the Soul" and "Religious Liberty."

We are sorry that our canvassing work is at such low ebb, and hope that our workers, together with the church elders, will seek out those who they think will make suitable workers for this branch of the Lord's vineyard and report same to our field missionary, G. W. Holman. Brother Holman is improving the time by entering the canvassing field himself while the work is slack.

By the time this paper reaches you the new temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor* will be ready. This will be a 32 page magazine, nicely illustrated, and will be filled with the best temperance matter obtainable. The prices will be the same as all ten cent magazines. Let us give this issue a wide circulation.

President's Address at Seventh Annual Meeting of the West Pennsylvania Conference held at Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 6-13, 1910

DEAR Brethren of West Pennsylvania in Conference, greeting: First let me thank you for the good feeling and sympathy you have had for me in my labors among you, and for the harmony and co-operation there has been in the work. Ten months have passed since we have met in conference. While there might have been mistakes made on the part of your president and committee, and your committee might be able to point out mistakes in their chairman, yet I can assure you that everything that has been done, has been done openly and above board and in the fear of God and with the best of motives. But

whatever the past has been we will follow the example of Paul by "forgetting these things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before." While we are expecting each officer and worker to give an account of his work the past ten months, yet the principle thing for which we have met here is to look to the success of the work in the future.

THE PROSPECTS FOR VICTORY

Never in the history of the giving of the third angel's message have the Seventh-day Adventists had such good reasons to have faith in their movement. As startling, as wonderful, as unique as the message has been from the very beginning, its very principle has stood unshaken to this very day. The message burst upon the world with the startling message that the Lord was to come, earth's history end, God's everlasting kingdom was to be literally set up in this generation, that the seventh day Sabbath is binding on Christians, that man is not immortal but sleeps in the grave until the resurrection which takes place when Christ shall personally come as King of kings and Lord of lords. It came with a new and wonderful understanding of the mediatorial work of Christ in the sanctuary in heaven. Never before did a message come to the inhabitants of earth so thoroughly supported by the word of God. Different as the message is from the formerly supposed orthodox creeds, the time has now come that the people giving the third angel's message, alone, stand upon the entire Bible as the word of God, and find it a part of their message to defend it against the infidelity of the new theology that is permeating nearly all other denominations. At first it seems strange that the message that is most completely supported by the word of God, and most completely accepts the word of God, should be the most completely rejected and opposed by the masses. Yet this is not strange when we think of the fact that the nearer we get to God, the farther we get from the carnal man. "Straight is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

One of the reasons that God's people should be of stronger faith to-day than at any previous time is that all the things that this people have been looking for the past fifty years, and grasping by faith, we can accept by sight to-day. In the former years of the message, we could point to the prophecies and show that the ti

was coming before Christ came, of a great accumulation of wealth, and a conflict between capital and labor. To-day we can behold the most colossal fortunes, and the greatest combinations of wealth that the world ever saw or dreamed of. Many men just a few years ago looked on the trust as a growing industrial necessity. Few indeed are the men now-a-days that do not look on the trusts or combinations of wealth as the greatest menace to the peace, prosperity, and happiness of mankind the world over. Everybody seems to be taking it for granted that the wealth combinations have the mastery over the situation. Individuals and governments must yield. All the world is lying prostrate at the feet of wealth. The common people fully understand the situation, and are fully believing that violence is the only remedy. They have little faith in the power of the government to cope with the situation, neither do they have faith in its intentions. The common and open statement of the socialists of to day is, "The ballot or the bullet." During the famous pressed steel car strike the speakers who cautioned the men to refrain from violence were heard with indifference, but when speakers of more anarchistic ideas waved the verbal red shirt to the strikers they were loudly acclaimed and were carried about on the shoulders of the strikers, thus showing that the bullet is the preferable means of attaining their end. The "Appeal to Reason" of May 1, 1909, says, "The struggle between the wage earner and the capitalist grows ever fiercer, and has now become the only vital issue before the American people." The wage working class, therefore, has the most direct interest in abolishing the capital system. But in abolishing the present system, the working man will not only free his own class, but also all other classes of modern society. Writers on this subject talk also of the coming crisis, the coming battle, the crash, etc. So we see the two factions arrayed on either side of the coming conflict. Capital, bold, defiant and more and more oppressive; the labor organization on the other, careless, defiant and sullen, biding his time to strike the final blow. So fearful is the situation to-day that there can be no further developments without the actual taking place of the final crash.

In the former years of the message we could point to the prophecies and declare that the time was coming when there would be a strained rela-

tion between the nations, a general preparation for war and finally the battle of Armageddon. The looked for condition is here now. So strained is the relation between the nations that the world even, that knows nothing about the prophecies, are looking for the Armageddon next. The tax payers of England and Germany a few years ago were groaning and complaining under the burden of a war tax. To-day the tax is doubled, now reaching the unprecedented sum of five per cent on the dollar, but no more complaints from the people. Let me quote from an article printed in the *Pittsburg Post* describing the situation in England: "The newspapers and weekly magazines are filled with war talk, and demands for a tremendously larger navy. The theaters are full of plays that make plain appeal to the people to arm themselves against possible invasion. In parliament there is very plain speech about the alleged dangers of Great Britain from designing foes, and bitter denunciation of those members of the admiralty who are disposed to increase the navy faster than the original plans called for. On the streets, in the homes—everywhere the people are talking the danger as though already some powerful enemy had declared war, and was moving on Albion's shores. The result of this tremendous appeal from a united and powerful press, and from members of parliament, from the stage, and even from the pulpit, has been to arouse the British people as never before. Great mass meetings are held to demand of the British admiralty prompt attention. On the streets men gathered in great mobs to hear the news of parliamentary debates upon the question. From one end of the isle to the other new companies of militia are being organized and recruited; even the women were stirred, and scores of corps of hospital nurses have been organized. Among them are women of wealth and fashion leading in patriotic demonstration."

And why all this scare on the part of England? Because England made the discovery that Germany was carrying out a war propaganda that the rest of the world knew nothing about. They discovered that she had quietly so enlarged her great shipyards at Keil, the Crup Steel plant, that it could furnish material for, and built eight complete Dreadnaughts in a single year, several more than the entire capacity of English shipyards. Germany is the terror to England,

and she is acting as though the Kaiser had already declared the ultimatum. The common toast in all Germany is to "Der Tag," meaning the day when war is declared and German and Briton spring at each other's throats. All this simply shows the spirit of war that is rife in the world. It is not only England and Germany, but every other nation has caught the spirit, even our own country supposed to be the most peaceful nation, is racing with the great powers in the building of Dreadnaughts. During the last ten years she has spent for war purposes \$820,000,000. against \$250,000,000, the previous ten years. That strained relation which we once looked forward to, is now before our eyes. Surely the nations are angry, (Rev. 11:18) distressed and perplexed (Luke 21:25). They are beating their plowshares into swords and their pruning hooks into spears. The proclamation of war is abroad. The heathen is being awakened and also preparing for war, as was foretold by the prophet Joel (Joel 3:9-12). Not only the student of prophecy is looking for the battle of Armageddon, but the student of history and current events speak of it as glibly and confidently as though it was the imminent event. The war spirit seems at its height, and the strained relation between the nations is about as serious as we can look for without the great battle taking place.

FRANK D. WAGNER.
(To be continued)

An Interesting Report

"MOUNT VERNON" and "scatter the printed page" has been the cry of the writer for the past two weeks; and as we see the called and faithful respond so fully, we are encouraged to continue pressing the battle onward. At Bradford, Pa., with our little band of twelve, we raised forty-eight dollars cash and a few dollars more in pledges. One sister who has no children of her own going to any of our schools gave twenty-five dollars, and it seemed a blessing to her to give it; in fact all seemed willing to help lift this burden.

At Greensburg we found Brother T. O. Saxton and Alex McIntyre facing the foe and pressing him back at every step. Both these workers are having success there in getting the printed page into the homes.

At Indiana, Brother Dunham, who has been doing fine work in that county, was held home on account of the sickness of his children, but he

is eager to get out and doesn't like to lose a day. He assured the writer that he had no other intention than to keep at the work, believing God had called him to it. He just finished delivering over two hundred dollars worth of books.

I found Brother Matt at Ford City, earnestly giving the message at that place. The audience was not large, but the Kittanning Press is preaching his sermons every day with bold head lines to attract attention.

Brother Jack and Sherman, his son, are doing good work at Kittanning. Brother Jack has put in over two hundred books in that field and has orders for quite a number more. Sickness calls the son home, but although not sixteen years of age, he is determined to make a success of the work and will return to the field at the earliest moment.

I wish all could read the letters coming to the writer every week. Brother Brownlee writes of a delivery through snow drifts and wading through a stream of water up to his knees, but to state it in his own words: "I was taking no backward steps." A letter later states that he suffered no evil results from his experience. God cares for his own.

Brother Heaton and Zimmerman send in words of courage and both these workers are doing good work in their territory, Brother Heaton averaging \$6 per hour for the time put in week before last, and Brother Zimmerman sending in some excellent reports.

Brother Medairy writes he will soon be over in West Pennsylvania territory, and his reports are growing right along, nearly \$40 for 40½ hours work, and but recently started in the work.

Sister Zerb and Netsell both write of their determination to push the work this month as God gives them strength. Both of these workers have been sick. Last but not least, our old stand-by, Brother J. S. Glunt, who never lets a week go by without sending in a report and a letter to cheer the field agent on the way. He is having some good experience around Lewistown. Brother Medairy intends joining him soon.

We are surely sorry to see Brother Butler leave us, for we will miss the report that came from him almost as regularly as the week came around, but we will now watch with interest the work of Brothren Robbins and Butler in West Virginia. Our prayers go with them.

Brother LeRoy Bennis here in Oil

City is preparing for the book work, intending to take it up in a few weeks.

Yesterday, Sabbath, February 5, we had a good meeting with the few faithful ones here in Oil City and all signified their willingness to help Mount Vernon. If those to whom God's money has been entrusted will be faithful in bringing the means lent them to the Lord's treasury, his work will make rapid advancement. Many souls will be won to the cause of truth and the day of Christ's coming will be hastened. Again, the book work should be the means of quickly giving the sacred light of present truth to the world.

"Behold I come quickly and my reward is with me to give every man according as his work shall be."

I. G. BIGELOW.

Field Missionary Secretary.

VIRGINIA

ELDER W. H. HERRELL had the privilege of visiting with the members of the Arlington church, and also speaking to them Sabbath, February 19.

Our ministers are working up the one-cent-a-day plan for the Mount Vernon College indebtedness. We hope all as far as possible will do all they can toward paying their share.

We have recently learned of the death of Sister Davis, of Kilmarnock, the wife of Brother W. F. Davis. Sister Davis has been confined to her home for the past several years. We extend to Brother Davis and family our heartfelt sympathy.

We are pleased to learn through our field missionary agent, that the canvassing work is coming up, and that he is getting new recruits to join this important work. Those desiring to enter the canvassing work may write to Brother V. O. Panches, 316 South Laurel street, Richmond, Va.

Our camp-meeting will be held August 4 to 14, at New Market, Va. Let all, as far as possible, begin at once to prepare to attend this important meeting. We are planning to hold the camp upon the grounds of the Academy, thus giving all an opportunity to become better acquainted with our state school.

OHIO

Coshocton

SABBATH and Sunday, Feb. 25-27, I spent with the church at Coshocton. The heavy down pour of rain did not prevent our people from enjoying a season of refreshing. Sabbath afternoon the needs of Mount Vernon College were presented together with the good work the College is doing and the necessity of trained workers to respond to the calls coming from all parts of the world. In a few minutes the squares representing the quota of the church were more than taken, \$88.25 being raised in cash and pledges. Even the children cheerfully contributed their mites to swell the fund. Our hearts were touched by the spirit of sacrifice and loyalty manifested. Some of this money will be raised by the sale of our books and papers, thus bringing a blessing to those who receive the truth filled literature, and to those who place it in the homes, as well as providing a way to assist the school.

WALTER C. MOFFETT.

Bowling Green

I RECENTLY had the privilege of visiting the church-school at Bowling Green. The school is being held in a room of Doctor Jump's house, and is taught by Miss Anna Franklin. The number enrolled is 13.

It is certainly pleasing to see the interest manifested by the pupils in their school work. They all seem to be enthused with the same determination that actuates the teacher, the determination to get all from the year's work that it is possible to get. Not only the pupils, but also the parents, are willing to do their part, and this adds much to the success of the school. Miss Franklin is of good courage in her work, and her efforts in both intellectual and spiritual lines are being accompanied with much of the blessing of the Lord.

CHAS. M. STERLING.

OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

FEBRUARY 1910

Akron.....	\$30 54
Alliance.....
Barnesville.....
Beaver.....
Bellefontaine.....	9 50
Bowling Green.....
Bellville.....	7 50
Broughton.....

Camden	Leesburg	Youngstown	32 96
Canton	Laura	Zanesville	29 97
Chagrin Falls	Liberty Center	Individuals	10 64
Charloe	Lima		
Chillicothe	Locust Point		
Cincinnati	Mansfield		
Cleveland German	Marshfield		
Cleveland	Marion		
Clyde	Massillon		
Columbus	Medina		
Columbiana	Mendon		
Conant	Middlefield		
Conneaut	Mount Vernon		
Convoy	New Marshfield		
Corsica	Newark		
Coshocton	Norwalk		
Dayton	New Philadelphia		
Defiance	Piqua		
Delaware	Pleasant Hill		
Delta	Plimpton		
Derwent	Pemberville		
Dixon	Powell		
Dowling	Ravenna		
Dunkirk	Reedsville		
East Liverpool	Rows		
Elgin	Shreve		
Findlay	Spencer		
Greenspring	Springfield		
Gilboa	Sherwood		
Hamler	Toledo		
Hamilton	Troy		
Hicksville	Van Wert		
Jefferson	Walnut Grove		
Killbuck	Washington C. H.		
Kenton	Waterford		
Lagrange	Whealersburg		
Lake View	Wilmington		
		TOTAL	\$1,474 93
		TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES	
		Tithe	\$1,474 93
		Tract Society	614 22
		First Day Offerings	59 14
		Sabbath-School Donations	76 44
		Missionary Volunteer Society	12 28
		Foreign Missions	63 29
		Southern Field	
		Colored Work	8 01
		City Foreign Work	2 00
		Jewish Work	5 00
		Mount Vernon College Fund	147 07
		Annual Offering	38 70
		Religious Liberty	82 12
		Mission Review	78 87
		Young People's Society	4 82
		Orphans and Aged	50
		Tent and Hall Donations	11 92
		TOTAL	\$2,674 49
		H. D. HOLTOM, Treas.	
		CHESAPEAKE TITHE RECEIPTS	
		JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 1910	
		Baltimore, Md.	\$376 90
		Baltimore, Number Three	37 63
		Cambridge, Md.	31 20
		Cheswold, Del.	44 45
		Church Hill, Md.	

Statistical Report of the West Virginia Conference

At the Columbia Union Conference recently held in Baltimore, Elder W. D. McLay, president of the West Virginia Conference, presented the following statistics of the progress of the third angel's message in his field, tabulated under I, II, III, IV, V, as per the following schedule:—

I. Total for twenty-four months, Jan. 1, 1906, to Dec. 31, 1907.

II. Total for twenty-two months, Jan. 1, 1908 to Oct. 31, 1909.

III. Amount, on this basis, for Jan. 1, 1908 to Dec. 31, 1909.

IV. Total from Jan. 1 to Oct. 31, 1908.

V. Total from Jan. 1 to Oct. 31, 1909.

	I.	II.	III.	IV.	V.
Tithes	\$4,497 80	\$4,572 38	\$5,029 22	\$2,050 58	\$2,064 96
Foreign Missions	256 21	582 80	809 63	93 91	250 28
Other Offerings	570 19	183 22	184 47	90 92	112 85
Retail Value of Literature Sold ..	7,596 70	8,242 96	8,848 96	2,220 24	4,600 00
	November 1, 1907	November 1, 1909		Increase	Decrease
Ordained Ministers	3	4		1	
Licentiatees		1		1	
Bible Workers	1	1			
Other Workers	2	3		1	
Church Members	220	180			40
Tithe per Capita	\$10 47	\$14 01		\$3 54	
Church Buildings	4	4			
Sabbath-schools	13	14		1	
Sabbath-school Supplies	250	205			45
Young People's Societies	3				3
Young People's Society Members	25				25
Canvassers	8	8			

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending March 4, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
C. VanGorder, Huron Co.	DR	5	37	9	34 00	23 25	57 25		
F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.	DR	5	35	7	21 00	2 00	23 00	17 00	
H. F. Kirk, Carrollton Co.	DR	4	30½	7	20 50	50	21 00	62 75	
F. E. Wagner, Harrison Co.	DR	4	30½	9	19 50		19 50	78 25	
J. Rondolph, Marion Co.	DR	1		4	12 00	4 10	16 10	10 10	
E. E. Shaw, Ottawa Co.	GC	5	32½	15	45 00	9 50	54 50		
Wm. M. Deuschle, Ross Co.	GC	5	23	6	19 00		19 00		
Enos M. Horst, Ross Co.	GC	4	26	5	15 00	3 05	18 05	2 05	
L. H. Waters, Allen Co.	BF	5	42	30	33 50	2 00	35 50		
Ray Corder, Jefferson Co.	BF	4	26	12	13 00	4 50	17 50	140 50	
Guy Corder, Jefferson Co.	OK	4	25	10	11 00		11 00	108 50	
F. Barrows, Allen Co.	OK	4	19	19	19 00		19 00		
Totals		50	326½	133	\$262 50	\$48 90	\$311 40	\$419 15	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 4, 1910

+G. Medairy, Franklin Co.	SP	10	78	33	56 25	5 20	61 45		
T. M. Butler, Erie Co.	OK	4	25	1	1 50		1 50	83 00	
C. Dunham, Indiana Co.	GC	4	17	10	29 40		29 40	33 80	
C. Zimmerman, Bedford Co.	SP	4	23	7	10 25		10 25	77 30	
Miss Zoerb, Lysoming	OK	2	11	1	1 00		1 00	5 50	
W. H. Jack, Armstrong Co.	DR	5	21	2	6 00		6 00	69 25	
S. W. Jack, " "	SP	5	12	7	15 25	50	15 75	18 75	
W. L. Logan, Fayette Co.	GC	3	27					79 00	
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	OK	5	36	17	19 50	4 60	24 10	11 10	
Totals		42	250	78	\$139 15	\$10 30	\$149 45	\$377 70	

Virginia, Week Ending March 4, 1910

K. Oertley, Wythe Co.	OK		22	2	2 00		2 00	30 30	
*E. Roberson, Petersburg	OK		26	11	11 00	6 10	17 10	41 20	
A. Jaspersen, Keezletown	GC		35	7	23 00	20 35	43 35	7 00	
J. Lewis, " "	GC		28	5	15 00	3 75	18 75	1 65	
Totals			111	25	\$51 00	\$30 20	\$81 20	\$74 95	

Chesapeake, Week Ending March 4, 1910

Maryland									
*W. Yonson, Baltimore	GC		19					36 50	
*D. W. Persey	GC		20	12	41 00	1 20	42 20	1 20	
S. N. Brown, Cumberland	OK	3	22	23	23 00	1 75	24 75	25	
Totals			61	35	\$64 00	\$2 95	\$66 95	\$37 95	

New Jersey, Week Ending March 4, 1910

G. Blinn, W. Windsor	OK	5	50	10	30 00	5 00	35 00	20 00	
H. Britton, Magnola	GC	4	14	9	28 00	1 20	29 20	1 20	
W. Plant, Dover	OK	2	16					15 00	
Totals			11	80	19	\$58 00	\$6 20	\$64 20	\$36 20

Chesapeake, Week Ending February 25, 1910

Maryland									
S. N. Brown, Cumberland	OK	5	32	22	25 00	1 25	26 25	19 50	
Totals			5	32	22	\$25 00	\$1 25	\$26 25	19 50

†Two weeks

*Three weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$700.45 Deliveries, \$965.45

Cumberland, Md.	38 18
Dover, Del.	3 98
Fords Store, Md.	19 39
Hagerstown, Md.	6 71
Hollandsville, Md.	30 20
Millington, Md.	
Rock Hall, Md.	40 59
Smithsburg, Md.	20 14
Wilmington, Del.	175 76
Individuals	17 82
Total Tithe	\$842 95

OFFERINGS

Sabbath School Offerings	\$72 75
Missions	21 00
First Day Offerings	35 10
Annual Offering	15 60
Thanksgiving Offering	95 41
Mt. Vernon College	38 03
Religious Liberty Offering	12 47
\$300,000 Fund	6 40

Total Offerings... \$300 26

EMMA S. NEWCOMER, Treas.

OBITUARIES

KESLER.—Mrs. Mabel Kesler, wife of Homer Kesler, was born Sept. 14, 1888, and died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rayle, Feb. 24, 1910, aged 21 years, 5 months, and 10 days. She was ever a kind and obedient daughter, a loving sister and affectionate companion. From childhood she was taught the ways of the Lord, and her delight was in the study of his word and in doing his will. At the age of seventeen she fully gave her heart to the Lord, and in August, 1906, was baptized at Troy, Ohio, and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church, of which she has since been a faithful and exemplary member. March 23, 1909, she was happily united in marriage to Mr. Homer Kesler, of Liberty Center. It was here with becoming pride they shortly established their cosy little home, and looked forward to many happy days which they hoped the future had in store for them. A few days ago, because of illness, she was compelled to return to the home of her parents that she might the more conveniently receive the needed care. In her last hours, conscious of the approaching end, she called her friends and loved ones to her, and bade them be faithful and meet her when soon the Life Giver should come. As a patient sufferer and tried Christian warrior, she was laid down to rest, waiting the call to rise. She leaves to mourn their loss an affectionate husband, a father, mother, two brothers, one sister, and a host of relatives and friends. The funeral services were conducted at the Liberty Center church, Sunday, February 28. Words of comfort were spoken by Elder A. C. Shannon from John 14:1-3.

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The undersigned will be pleased to hear from any in regard to this matter.

A. EARL HALL.
MYRTA M. KELLOGG.

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