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

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## GENERAL MATTER

### THE ONLY WAY

If we confess and leave our sins,  
God will our sins forgive:  
For he desires that we shall all  
Return to him and live.  
Then let us thank him for his grace,  
Which to us here is given;  
For God himself will guide us, all  
In ways approved of heaven.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.

### A Call to Consecrated Effort

UPON every believer to whom has come the light of the third angel's message, there rests a solemn responsibility to let the light of truth shine forth clearly. The commission that Christ has given his followers, is unmistakably plain. It bids them go into all the world, bearing to every nation, tongue, and people the saving message of present truth. They are now to take hold of this work as it has never been taken hold of before, and do their best. There is no time now for controversy. A world is perishing for the bread of eternal life.

Christ has given his life, in order that lost humanity might be redeemed, to live with him in glory. Throughout eternity he will bear in his hands the prints of the cruel nails by which he was transfixed to the cross on Calvary. These will ever bear witness to the sufferings he endured in order that penitent sinners might have life eternal. But those that claim to be followers of the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world, will never be permitted to live with their Saviour in the earth made new, if in this life they labor not for souls as they that must give an account.

There are many, many believers who carry too light a burden in behalf of souls unsaved. There never was a time when the world was in greater need of the light of heavenly truth, than it is at the present time. On every hand are cities unwarned. Souls are perishing, and what are the light-bearers doing? There needs to

be manifested a burden for souls, such as many have never yet realized. In self-denial and self-sacrifice, with Bible in hand, God's chosen messengers are to search out the honest in heart, and reveal to them the way of life everlasting. Many who have never been specially set apart as gospel laborers, should engage in this work. All who have received in their own hearts the light of heaven, are to let this light shine to those about them. May God help his people to be aroused to a realization of their duty toward those who have never been enlightened regarding the truth for this time!

There are some now claiming to be followers of Christ, who in the judgment will be confronted by their friends and neighbors to whom they might have pointed out the way of salvation, but whom they allowed to remain unwarned. Then will they hear the terrible words: "Why did you not tell us the things you claimed to believe? Why did you not seek to help us understand the truths of God's word? Why did you not do all in your power to warn us, before it was everlastingly too late? You never told us these things that would have helped us to prepare to meet our God in peace. You allowed us to come up to the judgment, unwarned, unsaved."

There is a world to be saved. This is why I am so anxious that every believer in the Lord Jesus shall live on the plan of addition, adding grace to grace, and becoming established in the most holy faith. Those who are diligent to make their own calling and election sure, will also be found seeking in every way possible to win many souls to the truth for this time. God is now calling for more earnestness, for greater zeal, on the part of those to whom have been entrusted the most sacred truths ever committed to mortals. He is calling for earnest prayer, and for increased diligence of effort in carrying these truths to the inhabitants of the earth. He is calling especially at this time for a strong work to be done in the cities.

The truth is to go forth as a lamp that burneth in the cities of the East.

The stronger conferences of the middle West and of the Pacific coast now have the privilege of advancing the cause of God in that portion of the field where the third angel's message was first proclaimed. Something has been done, it is true, but God requires of his people a far greater work than anything that has been done in years past.

I have been through many of these cities, and have had opportunity to visit them again, recently. I have seen New York, and Boston, and Portland, and Buffalo, and other cities of the East that are waiting to be worked. What I have seen of these unwarned places, brings sorrow to my heart. Often I have lain upon my bed in an agony of distress over the situation, and then I have attempted to write out the presentations that have been made before me distinctly, that there are not seen in some of our larger churches the reforms that should be taking place. Many of our brethren are not carrying the burden they should in behalf of the unworked cities. These have not been making decided movements to send strong laborers into these cities.

Some have hesitated, because they feared that the work outlined would require more means than was at their command. But I have urged our brethren to step forward by faith, and follow the leadings of divine Providence. Christ has bidden his servants go out into all parts of the field. He will sustain every laborer who, in obedience to the command of our Leader, seeks to warn the inhabitants of our cities. Angels will prepare the way before every such worker. God's messengers need to arouse themselves from their lethargy, and lay aside everything that may hinder them from doing the work that God is now calling upon them to do in behalf of the great cities of our land. As they advance in faith, the salvation of God will be revealed, and prosperity will attend their efforts. The name of God will be magnified, and the coming of Christ will be hastened.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

## Sabbath-School Consecration Service\*

AS THE sight of home quickens the steps of the weary traveler, so the certainty that probation will soon close, that the eternal destiny of every soul will soon be decided, should spur us on to the utmost activity of which we are capable. The time has passed when we can wait long years for the visible results of our labors. The generation is passing. The faithful Sabbath-school teacher, with clear vision of the work to which he is called, should labor with intense zeal for the immediate conversion of every member of his class.

We cannot in these days simply sow the seeds of truth in youthful hearts, and contentedly fold our arms and wait for the passing of many years to develop the fruit. The children and youth must meet the crisis of the ages, while they are children and youth. For this reason every child attending our Sabbath-schools should give his heart to God, and should do it *now*.

The Scriptures teach that the conversion of children is in harmony with the will and purpose of God, and Bible examples showing the practical results of child conversion are familiar to all.

At a large Christian Endeavor convention a carefully prepared chart exhibited on a sliding scale the ages at which persons join the church. According to the statistics given, the largest proportion of persons who are church-members became so at the age of sixteen. Incredible as it may seem, about as many joined the church before they were twelve as after they were twenty. The large audience present manifested their doubt as to the accuracy of the statements, so a test was then given. The same results were obtained. By far the majority present had united with the church between the ages of twelve and twenty.

A knowledge of such facts should quicken the pulse of every teacher of youth or children. How can one stand before a class of youth on a Sabbath-day, look into their faces so full of promise, then realize that childhood and youth are the most probable periods of conversion, without a feeling of intensest interest in the direct results of his work?

But how is that to be done which we all desire to see accomplished? Aimless effort will certainly not

bring definite results. There are teachers who come regularly to their classes, prepared for their work by a careful study of the lesson, with an interest in their pupils, and a desire to be helpful to them, who do not exert any controlling spiritual influence over the individual members of their classes. Wherein lies the failure? I truly believe it to be in the purposeless minds of these teachers. Not purposeless because they do not understand the theory that the object of their work is the conversion of the members of their classes, but because of the faint, uncertain, wavering belief in the accomplishment of the object. Such teachers, perhaps, "sow in hope," but they do not expect the seed to grow until "after many days." They aim at conversion, but they are not working for it now. They trust that it will occur, but their expectations are for the uncertain and distant future.

A farmer does not spend all his time sowing the seed. He makes provision for the gathering of the harvest, and he reaps what he sows. There are certain laws governing the seed-sowing, the cultivating of the plant, and the reaping of the harvest. There are also laws governing the sowing of the good seed—the Word of God. The heart of a child is the best possible ground upon which it may fall. And here is the promise of the Lord with reference to the seed-sowing of his Word: "For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it to bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

If, therefore, the Sabbath-school has no harvest time when souls are garnered, the responsibility must be with those of us who are supposed to be the laborers in the harvest. Why should we spend all our energies in seed-sowing and none in fruit gathering?

A minister was called to conduct the funeral services of a young girl who was a stranger to him. He went to her Sunday-school superintendent and asked "Was Minnie a Christian?"

"Really, I don't know," replied the superintendent. "She has attended Sunday-school for several years, and

I have often thought I would like to ask her, but never did."

Then the minister went to her teacher and said, "Was Minnie a Christian?" The teacher replied, sadly, "I don't know. I have often thought if ever I got her alone, I would talk to her, but I never did."

The minister then called upon the mother and repeated his question, "Was Minnie a Christian?" "I don't know" replied the weeping woman. "She went to Sunday-school, and I thought the teacher and superintendent ought to talk to her. I never seemed to be able to say anything to her on the subject."

The incident is but one of many indicating that while numbers are content to sow the seed, there are few who realize their duty as harvesters.

It is well occasionally to state certain facts plainly and simply, as a help in leading us to put forth effort where effort is needed.

1. Our Saviour set his approval upon the conversion of children. He said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God."

2. A child needs the Saviour. Whenever he has reached the age of accountability, he may reject or accept him.

3. We do not know just when a child may reach the point of responsibility. Hence it is wise to present Jesus to them as a Saviour very early in their lives. It is said that the Catholics claim that if they have the teaching of a child for the first nine years of his life, he can never be won from them. There is no doubt but that many a child receives impressions before he is ten years of age that determine the whole course of his life.

4. Indifference or neglect, upon the part of those who should lead a child to the Saviour is in reality putting a hindrance in his way.

5. He who has been faithful in planting the seed of God's word in a child's heart, and stands ready to be used of God in his conversion has a right to expect that the Spirit of God will work with him in bringing the child to accept of Jesus as his personal Saviour.

6. There are those who will never be saved if they are not converted in childhood.

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.  
(To be continued)

"We can never work well when there is friction in our lives."

\*Read at the Columbia Union Conference at Baltimore.

## Facts as to Divorce

THE *Homiletic Review*, an international magazine, devoted to the discussion of current, religious, and theological thought, devotes twelve columns of the December number to the discussion of the above subject. The statistics given will be of interest to every Seventh-day Adventist. We therefore commit them to the readers of the VISITOR.

The Editor states: "That divorce is on the increase in the United States is well known, and is conclusively proved by the investigation of the subject recently conducted by the United States census for the period 1885 to 1905. The following table is compiled from the census returns:—

Yr.	Annual Average	Population to One Divorce
1885	24,624	2,297
1890	33,197	1,896
1895	40,612	1,711
1900	55,502	1,369
1905	67,791	1,218

"The average is that of the five-year period of which the year given is the median year, except that for 1905, which is the average of the four years 1903-6 inclusive.

"This table shows a marked and, what is possibly even more significant, a steady increase in divorces. Some permanent cause or causes must be at work." The article gives the following states in which the rate of gain has been the most rapid. The rate being given per 100,000 population, from 1870 to 1900:—

New Mexico, from 1 per 100,000 to 73; Arizona, 10 to 120; Louisiana, 5 to 41; North Carolina, 3 to 24; Alabama, 10 to 69; Virginia, 6 to 38; Mississippi, 12 to 74; Texas, 21 to 131. South Carolina alone reports no divorces, as since 1878 no divorces have been allowed for any cause. Whether the state has gained in marital purity or not is a question open to investigation.

The census investigation gives the total number of divorces granted in the United States from 1887 to 1906, 945,625.

This social and moral condition is not peculiar to this country. The report of the United States census gives statistics of foreign countries. Limited space will not permit the publishing of the table given. The greatest number expressive of the annual average of divorces given by one country, is that of Japan, 93,949; second, the United States, 55,502; France, 8,864; Germany, 8,680. Roman Catholic countries allow no divorce, and therefore have the fewest

number. No one who knows these countries will say that these are the most moral.

Amidst this moral darkness God's children are to shine forth "in the world" yet "not of it." The Saviour's words we now see fulfilled: "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." "So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things know that it is near, even at the doors."

L. E. SUFFICOL.

"THE Morning Star of the Reformation" is the caption of an article by Mrs. E. G. White in the *Signs of the Times Monthly* for April. The night of the dark ages enshrouded the world, but the star arose that foretold the coming of a brighter day. Wonderful was the work of this man, and the results of his labor are felt even to our own time.

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## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

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

(Concluded)

WE have been talking about the revival of Catholic power and influence. To-day we are on the very threshold of its fulfillment. The Rev. C. P. Maus said in Pittsburg last summer at the convention of the federation of Catholic societies that "opposition and bigotry lie slain at her feet." At the Federation's convention last year in Boston, archbishop O'Connell spoke of the protestant churches as

"the last remnant of that negation once called protestantism." He spoke of protestantism once being in the field against the Catholic church, but to-day with protestantism there is no longer a struggle. It has vanished from the field; he said "self destroyed." Let us note her power. They are now boldly announcing their policy of a prorata tax of the public school funds to be paid to Catholics for the support of their parochial schools, and denying the right of any other denomination to make such a claim. This policy is supported by James S. Sherman, who is called by the Catholics, "Our champion in Congress."

Ex-Governor Ide says United States Troops are kept in the Philippines wholly for the benefit of the Papal church. We have a Papal majority on the Supreme Court bench. We have priests as chaplains on the flagships of both the Atlantic and Pacific squadrons, and a priest attached to every navy yard and receiving ship in the United States.

Taft says the Roman Catholic church is the most uplifting moral influence in the Philippines.

Roosevelt says a papal priest is the finest human being that walks the earth.

Senator Mark Hanna said that if ever the liberties of America are in danger, the great Catholic church will be their salvation.

Bishop Canevan said the Catholic church has seen the rise of the protestant sects and we have no assurance that she will not see their end.

Bishop McFaul said in part that the Catholics have found the secret of success in the federation of Catholic societies; he says further, "We are not in politics, we simply won't vote for a man that is inimical to Catholic interests." He said further in part, "We haven't got our demands in an educational way yet, but we are going to have them."

In order to show the effectual workings of this powerful political machine—the federation of Catholic societies, I will quote from a speech delivered by Bishop McFaul in Boston at their annual convention last year, as it was printed in their bulletin of that convention. He says, "What kind of politics is there in it? Let me illustrate by example. A few years ago a bill was introduced into the New Jersey legislature, the wording of which was ambiguous, and might have subjected our parochial school to taxation. I requested some

influential Catholics to suggest the propriety of changing the phraseology of the measure. The reply was, 'We don't want to tax your schools; that bill was drawn up by a learned constitutional lawyer of Newark, and it will have to stand.' Immediately I summoned the executive board of the state branch of federation. A committee was appointed of Irish Americans, German Americans, some Democrats, and some Republicans. They called on the majority leader of the House and said to him: 'We represent the federated society of Catholics of the state. We are opposed to the phraseology of that tax bill. We ask that it be changed; otherwise we will go back and report to our societies.' What was the reply? 'Gentlemen, for God's sake don't stir up a hornet's nest on this question. What changes do you want? We will be very glad to make them.' That's the sort of politics there is in federation. And it is certainly high time that we begin to employ the prerogatives of American citizenship."

In the early days of the message our people preached to the world that the United States of America would take the lead in religious legislation in which Sunday observance would be enforced by law. In other words, we then looked forward to what we see to-day. We do not see the national Sunday law made as yet, but we can preach the coming Sunday law now by sight and not by faith alone, as did our fathers in the message. The Protestant and Catholic denominations of the nation have organized their forces to bring it about; the Federal Council of the churches of America, representing a membership of 17,000,000; the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States, representing the united action of all denominations; the Federal Catholic Societies of America representing 15,000,000 members; the International Christian Endeavor; the great Layman's movements, and all these supported by the labor organizations, are cut out for a Sunday law. None of them ever fail in any of their convictions to commit themselves to the passage of a stringent Sunday law. Samuel Gompers, president of American Federation of Labor, in telegraphing his regrets to Dr. T. T. Mutchler for not being able to be present to deliver an address before the International Sunday Rest Association said: "The American Federation of Labor, representing as it does over 2,000,000 working men and women,

emphatically declared itself in favor of the Sunday rest day, and it has done much, if not more than any organized body of men and women to enforce the observance of the Sunday rest day.

In view of the fact that the testimonies have said long ago that "to secure popularity and patronage, legislators will yield to the demand for a Sunday law," and that "on this battle field comes the last great conflict between truth and error," is it not evident that we are in the midst of the last great battle?" Look at the battle array if you will for just a moment. Practically everything in the nation if not on all the earth in the way of powerful organizations arrayed on one side making the demand for a Sunday law, with the Seventh-day Adventist denomination practically alone opposing the demand. Why don't the legislators yield when every fraction and every force is making the demand? The answer is, God is withholding. The third angel's message is not yet fully given. God's work is not yet finished. Here we are with the work of giving the message, and finishing the work of God: not looking forward to these great issues, but in the very midst of them. But was there ever a time when we could exercise so much confidence in the movement? Was there ever a time when the individual could trust God with more assurance and more evidence of speedy victory than now? Has ever a people witnessed so wonderful and startling developments as this people has? Have we seen a prophecy made, or a petition taken, fail? Has ever the message been so thoroughly supported by the Bible, history and present conditions as this one?—No, never. So then never were the prospects for victory so certain to the one who must have the evidence and foundation for his belief as they are now to the one in the ranks of the message.

Why then do we not fully believe in the message and act as though we believed it? Just think of the great responsibility all the foregoing facts place upon us. Upon us has been placed the task of finishing the work, and a stupendous work it is. Now let me quote something from the latest volume of the Testimonies, p. 116 and 117; "The leaders in God's cause as wise generals, are to lay plans for advance moves all along the line. In their planning they are to give special study to the work that can be done, by the laity for their friends and neighbors. The work of

God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of our ministers and church workers."

Did you ever read anything from any author or exponent of the present situation that meant so much as this does? Think of it: "The work of God in this earth can never be finished until men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of the ministers and church officers."

I take it that this is a clear and definite call from the courts of glory to active service; a service that we are unacquainted with; a service that we have not hitherto engaged in. And is this just merely a hint that we are not doing our duty, and that we should now begin to look around for something we might do?—Yes, it is that and more. This time the servant of God comes out plainly, and in a few words points out the kind of work we are to do as lay members. Mind you this is to lay members. Note again what it says; "The leaders are to give special study to the work that can be done by the laity for their friends and neighbors.

Let me quote from the same book that which will help to make plain our duty. "The Lord has presented before me the work that is to be done in our cities. The believers in these cities are to work for God in the neighborhood of their homes." Page 126. Again on page 127; "Among the members of our churches there should be more house-to-house labor, in giving Bible readings and distributing literature."

On page 26 we read: "Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the work of God." Now bear in mind that the same Testimony says that the work of God will never finished until we do this. Should we delay doing it? And the Testimony we are studying says the leaders in this cause are to plan the work. Do the people in this conference want a part in this work? When shall we plan for it? I believe now is the time. The leaders of the work have decided on a plan that I think will do the work, if the plan is not prevented. The local conferences have been urged for some time to place some man in the conference whose duty it will be to train our lay members how to work for their neighbors, how to do this very work. The name that has been given

to this particular officer is Field Missionary Secretary. Could we do better than to elect a man to do such a work in our Conference? I firmly believe there is a willingness on the part of our people to do such a work, but they will say "I don't know how." There is a blessing in it and a splendid experience. Nothing will so surely bring God's people where he wants them as for them to do systematic missionary work,—a work that will bring results. It will bring results as long as it is done after God's direction, and if the work will never be finished until we do this thing, we had better do it if it takes our entire ministerial force to train our churches, or appoint some one of our ministers to make it his business to do this work. It is time we are harkening to the message of God on this point. God's servant says "The moments now granted to us are few. We are on the very threshold of the eternal world," and it has been repeatedly told to us that the angels of heaven are anxiously waiting to co-operate with us: then they are waiting on us: waiting on us to do what?—Waiting no doubt for the laity to arise and go forward, and then we will see the long looked for outpouring of the holy spirit. In Vol. 9, p. 46 of the "Testimonies," we read, "when the reproach of indolence and slothfulness shall have been wiped away from the church, the spirit of the Lord will be graciously manifested." A little further on it reads, "Heavenly angels have long been waiting for human agents—the members of the church—to co-operate with in the great work to be done."

The Lord says by the prophet Isaiah, "Arise and shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee, for behold darkness shall cover the earth and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee."

In 2 Chron. 16:9, we read, "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him." Let us get our hearts perfect with the Lord and pray much for his special blessing here at this meeting, that we may see eye to eye and plan with an eye single to the glory of God.

FRANK D. WAGNER.

SABBATH, March 26, has been set apart for a collection in behalf of the Poor Fund. Let all remember the

date and respond liberally.

In a recent letter we learned that Brother F. E. Painter, of Pittsburg, is in the hospital with appendicitis. We trust that he may be speedily restored to health.

Recent notes mentioning Brother Wagner's visit to Edinboro, North East and Erie, read by mistake, "Edinboro northeast of Erie."

Elder I. G. Bigelow spent a busy day at the office Monday, March 14, and was filled with enthusiasm over the outlook for the field agent, and stated that the Conference is already calling for help from the missionary secretary, and that the outlook for this line of work is fine.

Sister Nettie Witz and Brother George Gates of Warren, Pa., were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Brother and Sister Godfrey Witz, Warren, Pa., Tuesday evening, March 8, Elder I. G. Bigelow officiating. We extend our best wishes to Brother and Sister Gates and trust that God will bless them and guide them in all walks of life.

Brother F. D. Wagner reports a good interest at Meadville and Albion, where he has recently visited, and is much encouraged at the way the brethren and sisters throughout the conference are taking hold of the Mt. Vernon College Fund. Let us all give this fund all the support we can, and have it cleared by May 15 if possible.

A pleasant and profitable time was spent at Russell, Sunday, March 13. Brother Bigelow held preaching services in the afternoon, and \$12.25 was given for the College Fund. Brother Bigelow also reports splendid interest at Oil City, Warren, Corry, and Titusville, and states that \$150 was given by these churches for the College. We are indeed glad that all of our brethren are so cheerfully responding to the needs of the school.

Elder I. N. Williams planned to leave Huntsville, Ala., March 11, reaching East Liverpool, Ohio, about March 18. Sister M. J. Cook, who has been with her daughter, Mrs. C. F. McVagh, at Nashville, Tenn., expects to accompany him as far as Cincinnati on her way to Mt. Vernon to visit her son, Brother V. H. Cook.

Brother Robbins, writing from Edinboro, March 10, says: "My family, Sister Green and myself came to Sister Talbott's last evening and we are having a fine visit. We had a good meeting last night. Sister C. C. Patch was here. . . . We shipped our goods yesterday and have planned to leave Erie, Friday morning, March 11. Brother West is doing well in Erie." We are glad to hear so many favorable reports of the work in Erie, and trust that all will work with Brother West for the advancement of the cause.

### EAST PENNSYLVANIA

TO ELDER AND MRS. WEIST we extend congratulations upon the arrival of a fine baby girl.

Brother Hirlinger, elder of the Lancaster church, writes that they have had the pleasure of adding four new members to their church within the last few months, and another desires baptism.

In the First Philadelphia church, the ordinance of baptism was administered to seven adults by the pastor, Elder O. O. Bernstein.

Do not forget to plan for the coming camp-meeting to be held the first part of June. Surely every family ought to be earnestly preparing to attend this important gathering of God's people in this Conference.

The churches in the city of Philadelphia are taking advantage of the great strike situation, and have ordered hundreds of tracts for distribution bearing on the subject of the War Between Capital and Labor.

Sister Allen, of the Lancaster church, although far past the allotted Scripture age of man, put out about thirty-five copies of the special Missions Review for which she received \$16.50, making almost 50 cents per copy.

The first donation on the \$300,000 fund came in the shape of a check for \$25, Brother H. C. Hufnagle, elder of the Kulp church being the donor. Let others follow this good example.

More than \$1600 have been received by our people in this Conference as a

result of the last Ingathering Campaign for foreign missions. Surely the Lord has blessed us greatly.

Five adults were baptized by Elder W. H. Heckman last Sabbath in the Pottsville First Baptist church. These have accepted the truth as a result of the work done by Elder C. S. Weist and Evangelist C. S. Baum.

## OHIO

### Killbuck

ELDER W. E. BIDWELL came here and began a series of meetings on the evening of Jan. 31, 1910, and continued (with the exception of six nights) to March 7.

The attendance was good from the start, regardless of the heavy falls of snow. Brother Bidwell took up practical subjects in the start with a view of reminding the people of the importance of obeying what they had already learned in the years past. Some, however, attending for the first time, together with others who had been convinced of the truth, became interested to such a degree that it was necessary to take up almost the full line of prophecy with the usual connections. Although no one as yet has taken a stand, we have good reason to believe that some fruit will appear as a result of the effort.

The interested ones have invited different ones who are members of the church here to come to their homes in order to give them further instruction. The brethren here sense the importance of the situation, and feel their inability to cope with the power of darkness alone at this time, when just a word misplaced, or one step taken in the wrong direction may seal the destiny of a soul. So brethren of like precious faith, pray for us, that as the struggle moves on, we will be faithful to our post of duty, and that at least some soul may be saved from the ranks of the enemy as a result of the effort put forth here this winter.

G. C. QUILLIN.

### New Philadelphia

ON the afternoon of January 19, Elder H. H. Burkholder and the writer, in company with a goodly number of people, gathered at the home of Brother and Sister W. H. Campbell, of New Philadelphia, for the purpose of organizing a church.

A very pleasant and profitable afternoon was spent, with the result

that a New Philadelphia church with a membership of fifteen was brought into existence; the same being duly received into the Ohio Conference at the last state meeting.

There are others who are deeply interested and are studying this truth, and we hope and trust they also will soon see their way clear to take their stand publicly and become members of this same body.

It gives me pleasure to say that this organization was made possible, principally by the earnest and faithful efforts of Brother and Sister Campbell, who for some time past have been doing Bible work in this part of the Lord's vineyard.

May all the older sister churches in this conference bid this new arrival a hearty welcome, and in turn wish her godspeed in the duties and obligations that will now fall upon her.

W. J. VENEN

## NEW JERSEY

THE executive committee has asked Brother A. O. Lund to connect with this Conference in the Swedish work. This will mark the beginning of organized effort for the Swedes in this state. We trust that all of that nationality will rally to the work of pushing the message among the many thousands who speak that language.

Cheering reports keep coming in from the Home Mission Band workers. Be sure to get your orders for magazines in on time so they will be ready at the first of the month. It is just as easy to be on time as it is to be late, and a great deal more successful.

The conference committee met at the office, March 14 and 15, to lay plans for future work. Careful consideration was given to the missionary campaign, and the various churches were assigned to the workers, so that all might have some help.

Miss Anna Cooper is now out of the hospital, and hopes to soon be able to take up her work again.

Camp-meeting will be held June 23 to July 3, in the central part of the state. A committee on location has been chosen, and the place will be announced in the VISITOR at an early date. Begin to lay your plans now to attend this important meeting.

Arrangements are being made to place several tents in the field this summer. This will mean heavy expenses, but something must be done to answer the many calls which are pressing upon us. Kindly remember the Tent and Camp-meeting fund in your donations.

It is not too early to begin to plan for next year's school. A course at Mount Vernon College offers special advantages to the young people of this Conference. Your young people can get there if they will work as hard for an education as those who are now in school, or have graduated.

## CHESAPEAKE

DEAR Brethren and Sisters of the VISITOR family: It always does my soul good when I read about the good thrilling experiences that our dear Brethren and Sisters are having day after day, especially actively engaged in any good line of missionary work. It is also a source of great courage to me as I get the weekly reports from the canvassers time after time, and learn what good experiences some are having.

Brother Walter Yonson of Baltimore City, tells me of a good experience he had while delivering a few days ago. As he entered the home of one man that had ordered the "Great Controversy" he discovered that they were getting ready to move. They did not seem to be very rich in this world's goods, because the wife said to her husband, "You know you need a pair of shoes," but he said, "I would rather do without the new shoes for the sake of getting that good book." He knew if he did the right thing that the Lord would provide. There are many, many good honest souls that are like this good man who are so anxious to get this truth that they are willing to make most any sacrifice for it. And dear souls are just waiting for you and me to bring to them the glad tidings of good. Who will go where the bread of life is needed? Can we send back a strong response and say, "Here am I, Lord; send me." Or will we all with one consent begin to make excuse? If we do I fear many of us will not taste of the marriage supper of the lamb.

The Lord says there shall be delay no longer. Pray, dear brethren and sisters, that there will be a revival in the canvassing work.

JOSEPH E. JONES.



## Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending March 11, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
F. E. Hankins, Harrison Co.	DR	5	43	21	55 50	1 25	56 75		
H. F. Kirk, Harrison Co.	DR	5	41½	14	40 75	1 60	42 35		
F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.	DR	5	35	8	24 00	6 00	30 00	1 50	
O. VanGorder, Huron Co.	DR	5	34	6	21 00	5 25	26 25	75	
Wm. M. Deuschle, Ross Co.	GC	5	31	12	39 00	12 00	51 00	7 00	
Enos M. Horst, Ross Co.	GC	5	39	7	21 00	6 30	27 30	26 30	
E. E. Shaw, Ottawa Co.	GC	5	31	5	15 00	3 50	18 50	69 50	
J. Reichenbeck, Stark Co.	CK	3	22					64 00	
L. H. Waters, Allen Co.	BF	5	41	36	41 50		41 50		
G. Reichenbaugh, Stark Co.	CK	4	27					110 50	
Totals		47	344½	109	\$257 75	\$35 90	\$293 65	\$279 55	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 11, 1910

J. Glunt, Muffin Co.	GC	10	49½	2	6 00	4 60	10 60	3 60	
J. Heaton, Columbia Co.	GC	6	39	7	17 00	9 00	26 00	11 25	
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	CK	10	68½	37	47 50	8 10	55 60	17 85	
W. H. Jack, Armstrong Co.	DR	5	29½	12	26 50	12 00	38 50	7 00	
Miss Zoerb, Lysoming	CK	5	19	4	4 50		4 50	4 00	
G. Medairy, Franklin Co.	SP	5	39½	15	38 75	50	39 25	50	
T. Saxton, W. Moreland Co.	GC	4	21½	6	18 00	7 00	25 00		
Totals		45	266	83	\$158 25	\$41 20	\$199 45	\$44 20	

New Jersey, Week Ending March 11, 1910

G. Blinn, W. Windsor	CK	5	43	18	58 00	3 00	61 00		
H. Britton, Westmont	GC	4	29	6	20 00	2 80	22 80	2 80	
W. Plant, Pompton Plains	CK	5	39	28	33 00	45 50	78 50		
J. Rambo, Bridgeton	CK	4	26	13	14 50	50	15 00	21 50	
†J. Rambo, Bridgeton	CK	4	22	13	14 00	1 25	15 25		
Totals		22	159	78	\$139 50	\$53 05	\$192 55	\$24 30	

Eastern Pennsylvania, Two Weeks Ending March 4, 1910

W. P. Hess, Lancaster	OK	10	53	45	53 50		53 50	42 00	
G. Jenkins, Scranton	GC	8	50	6	19 00	15 00	34 00	39 70	
H. Minier, Bradford		3	16					12 80	
J. Gearheart, Leight	DR	1	10					15 75	
Totals		22	129	51	\$72 50	\$15 00	\$87 50	\$110 25	

†Week ending March 4

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$773.15 Deliveries, \$458.30

## EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA TITHE RECEIPTS

FEBRUARY, 1910

Alba ..	\$ 1 00
Allentown ..	85 33
Ariel ..	17 40
Bloomsburg ..	120 00
Carbondale ..	
Cherry Flats ..	
Fleetwood ..	
First German ..	77 59
First Philadelphia ..	138 52
Fair Hill ..	
Hamburg ..	
Harrisburg ..	90 60
Hawley-Honesdale ..	

Jersey Shore ..	27 03
Kulp ..	
Lancaster ..	39 86
Lebanon ..	8 40
Lorenton ..	3 60
North Philadelphia ..	280 91
Norristown ..	
Northumberland ..	
Orwell ..	44 91
Reading ..	39 54
Roaring Branch ..	36 93
Scranton ..	58 19
Shunk ..	5 50
Shimersville ..	86 59
Stroudsburg ..	11 05
Wade ..	
Williamsport ..	28 61

Wilkes-Barre ..	37 37
Wellsboro ..	10 00
West Philadelphia ..	
Chester Company ..	2 60
York Company ..	
Individuals ..	27 49
Scandinavian Company ..	16 91

Total.....\$1,293 2

## TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

Tithe ..	\$1,293 24
Tract Society ..	315 91
Sabbath-school Donations ..	18 03
First Day Offering ..	61 27
Annual Offerings ..	7 45
Religious Liberty ..	72 58
Tent Fund ..	
Foreign Missions ..	
Mid-summer Offering ..	
Mount Vernon College Fund ..	5 15
Jewish Home ..	
India ..	
Colored Work ..	
Portugal ..	
Ingathering Fund ..	39 36
Blind Work ..	
Conference Poor ..	75
Donations ..	51 81
Missionary Volunteer ..	2 68
Sanitarium Fund ..	
Danish-Norwegian Mission Fund ..	
Annuities ..	
Iowa Conference ..	
On account ..	

Total .....\$1,868 33

A. L. BAYLEY, Treas.

## OBITUARIES

DUNCAN.—Died in Memorial Hospital, Winchester, Virginia, March 3, 1910, little Emma Christine, daughter of R. J. and Emma Duncan, aged 11 years, 6 months, and 21 days. Sister Duncan came to New Market from New York City, where her husband is employed, to enter her children in the Shenandoah Valley Training Academy, and little Emma has been a faithful attendant in the school since it was opened. She became desperately ill with typhoid fever, and the intestines was perforated by an ulcer. She was taken to the hospital with the hope of saving her life, but she died soon after the operation. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, and she was laid to rest in the cemetery at New Market, four of the students from the Academy acting as pallbearers. The death of Emma brought sadness not only to the home, but to the school and the entire neighborhood. Our comfort is found in Jeremiah 31:15-17, and 1 Thes. 4:13-18.

R. D. HOTTEL.

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## The April Signs

Now, while the public mind is so absorbingly interested in the subject of Easter and its celebration, is an excellent time to teach the truth about this festival, and to know its meaning in connection with the history of the great falling away of the early church. In the *Signs of the Times* monthly for April, Elder Charles L. Taylor writes an article on the Easter festival. You need yourself to have the information which it contains, and it will be an excellent missionary work to get as many Christian people as possible to read it. This is an easy means of presenting the truth to your neighbors and acquaintances.

Just now, while there is so much interest, and we may add, display, in the Christian churches in connection with the Easter festival, the *Signs of the Times* monthly comes out with a strong array of articles calculated to catch the attention of the people at the Easter time. The Word admonishes us to be "instant in season and out of season." These articles in the April monthly are certainly "in season." Will you not do your part to get them to the attention of those who need to read them, and thus co-operate in being "instant in season." There is no better time to present the truth to people than when they are already interested in certain phases of religious activity that give opportunity for enlightenment.

## Statistical Report of the District of Columbia Conference

ELDER W. A. HENNIG, president of the District of Columbia Conference, stated that, as he was a new man in the field, he would submit some statistics which he had compiled, and leave the report of the operating details to Elder B. G. Wilkinson, who preceded him as president of this Conference. The statistics are 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.....	\$20,560 06	\$18,612 55	\$20,101 34	\$8,707 48	\$7,444 25
Foreign Missions.....	2,661 77	5,492 08	5,635 70	683 25	718 46
Other Offerings.....	7,164 46	6,378 14	6,469 29	191 85	460 17
Retail Value of Literature Sold..	1,700 00	1,617 00	1,700 00	500 00	500 00
Sabbath-school Offerings.....	1,011 03	1,952 33	2,050 86	467 49	601 47
Raised by Y. P. Societies.....	172 11	207 00	218 60	124 10	58 00

	November 1, 1907	November 1, 1909	Increase	Decrease
Ordained Ministers.....	1	2	1	
Licentiates.....				
Bible Workers.....				
Other Workers.....	5	4		1
Church Members.....	491	575	84	
Tithe per Capita.....	\$16 94	\$12 95		\$3 99
Church Buildings.....	2	3	1	
Sabbath-schools.....	6	9	3	
Sabbath-school Pupils.....	441	512	71	
Young People's Societies.....	3	3		
Canvassers.....				
Young People's Society Members	133	111		22
School Buildings.....		1	1	
Church-school Pupils.....		75	75	
Medical Workers.....				
Treatment Rooms.....				
Value Church-school Buildings..				

Elder Wilkinson then spoke for a few minutes on the work of this Conference, and made some interesting comparisons respecting the average of tithe as reported by the several conferences in the union. He stated that the probable reason for the falling off of the tithe for 1909 in the District of Columbia Conference was on account of the fact that the regular services of many of the churches throughout the Conference were interrupted by the large attendance at the General Conference meeting. The months of May and June show a marked decrease.