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

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GENERAL MATTER

A Golden Opportunity

THE "Temperance Special" *Youth's Instructor* is receiving a warm welcome from the ministers of other denominations as well as our own. A prominent Baptist minister writes: "The Temperance Number of last week is the most attractive, pungent, and helpful periodical I ever saw. No denominational paper that comes to my table has ever equalled this issue. I wish it could be placed in the hands of a million young men of this country."

Many ministers are purchasing from fifty to one hundred copies to give to young men that they want to save. One of our ministers has been visiting the various ministers where he is planning to hold some meetings and has been successful in securing quite large orders from them. Sunday-schools, Epworth League and Christian Endeavor societies have ordered, through our workers, quite large numbers of the *Instructor*. Factory owners are placing quite large orders with our canvassers.

There is no magazine that we have ever placed on the market which has been so heartily received by the public as this Temperance Number. This is a grand opportunity to break down prejudice, work in the cause of temperance, and earn a scholarship in one of our schools for yourself or some one else.

The ministers are anxious to circulate this temperance issue as soon as they see its contents. Why not place with each minister of your city a copy of the paper for his perusal and then call a day later and secure his order for as many copies as he may want? Do not be afraid to ask him to place the matter before his congregation, asking them to secure from fifty to one hundred copies each to distribute as a contribution to the cause of temperance.

Let our young people take up this work and earn a scholarship. Let the

church take it up and secure a scholarship for one or more of its young people. Let our ministers take part in this plan and earn a scholarship for some young man or woman, and thus help to fill up our school next year and place our young people where they should be.

As the date is not conspicuous the paper will sell, and is calculated to sell, throughout the season. Those who work on the scholarship basis get the papers for \$3.50 per 100 copies. Those who are not working for scholarships pay \$4.00 per 100 copies. Send all orders through your state tract society and state whether you want to work for a scholarship.

I. D. RICHARDSON,
Missionary Sec. C. U. C.

Christianity in Japan

ACCORDING to Mr. Thomas A. Green, a well-known lecturer and traveler in the Orient, who writes in *Hampton's Magazine* for December, it is a mistake to suppose that there is any national movement in Japan towards the acceptance of the Christian religion. This writer claims that much of the apparent leaning toward Christianity in higher Japanese circles was merely experimental on their part, and that "certain men became Christians with the avowed purpose of seeing what the result and what the benefits might be, much as the 'poison squad' of modern investigation undertakes experiments with questionable diet, and as the devotees of medical science inoculate themselves with disease germs to make certain for the general good of the properties and results of some antitoxin". He affirms that "it was but recently the decisive intention of the government to make the crown prince a professed Christian, so that, with the accession of the next emperor, Japan would be a Christian power;" but he adds that "this intention has been, for the present at least, abandoned." Such experiments were of course bound to result in failure so far as any knowledge of true Christianity was concerned,

since Christianity cannot be put on and tried like a garment; but of this, of course, the Japanese were ignorant.—*The Watchman*.

Scholarships by the Sale of Our Literature

NOT long since, a brother connected with an institution from which we had secured a valuable worker wrote me how much he regretted losing this person who seemed almost indispensable, but consoled himself by saying: "But our loss is your gain." And so it often is that progress demands that one loses while another gains; but it is not so with the scholarship plan, for here we have not a case of my loss and your gain, or your loss and my gain, but rather a case of my gain is your gain.

It is like Shakespeare's beautiful description of mercy. Says the poet, "Mercy is twice blest; it blesses him that gives and him that takes." Inspiration fittingly expresses the same thought when the Lord said to Abraham, "I will bless thee—and thou shalt be a blessing." Even so the scholarship plan has proved a blessing both to our schools and the canvassing work. It is a case of one hand washing the other and both becoming clean by the same process.

Since it is possible, at any rate conceivable, that there is someone present who does not know what I am talking about, I will take time here briefly to explain the scholarship plan. It is an agreement gone into by our schools and publishing companies whereby our student canvassers can obtain a year's schooling at a discount of from ten to nearly twenty per cent by the sale of our literature. This apparent loss or discount is shared by the school and publishers.

The plan has not become famous because of its profoundness, for when we stop to think about it, we are prompted to ask, "Why not found out before?" It is the results that have attracted attention. And by "their fruits (or results) ye shall know

them."

Now if there is one present who is inclined to be indifferent or of an unbelieving heart with respect to this plan, I want his attention for a few moments. The rest of you may give attention or not, as you choose, but this doubting Thomas who does not see great things in this canvassing and educational movement will, I trust, like the prophet's servant of old, have his eyes opened and "be not faithless, but believing."

Let us, therefore, for a short time consider results of this movement of student canvassers. The results are numerous, as the blessing is not only twofold but at least fourfold and, in fact, many fold; for, not only are the schools and the canvassing work blessed, but the canvasser and those who purchase the literature are, if possible, the recipients of still greater blessings.

I shall take it for granted that this audience agrees with me when I say that a thorough education is a most valuable addition to a young man's or a young woman's preparation for the work; for, if I read aright the signs of the times, the day is rapidly passing away when our workers will discourage our young people from obtaining a thorough preparation for God's work. For, while there are many who have not had the privileges of an education as they wish they had had, they realize the need of it and are urging our young people to get into our schools.

Since, therefore, it is a conceded fact that our young people should secure a thorough Christian education, and since, as Brother I. D. Richardson of the Columbia Union Conference puts it, the scholarship plan secures for our schools "a class of students who have a backbone instead of a wishbone," it follows that this plan is a blessing to our schools.

As to the effect of the scholarship plan on the canvassing work, let the bookmen speak for themselves.

Elder E. R. Palmer, secretary of the General Conference Missionary and Publishing Departments, after submitting figures which show an increase of over 325 per cent in the sale of our literature for the vacation months during the past five years, says that "this summer increase is due almost entirely to scholarships."

Brother J. B. Blosser of the Lake Union Conference, says: "The book work lagged on account of a lack of efficient leaders, the scholarship plan is helping to solve this problem." He continues: "In some of our con-

ferences, this plan has been the secret of the book work being revived. East Michigan and North Michigan are prominent examples; Ohio also. In fact, the history of the present revival of the book work is but the history of the unfolding and development of the scholarship plan."

Other bookmen who wrote me agree with these statements with the exception of one brother who, on the whole, thinks the plan is a good thing, but complains that it develops a class of temporary canvassers. In connection with this, I wish to speak of a danger which I have seen growing perhaps indirectly from this scholarship plan. Many of our young people look upon the canvassing work wholly as a means and their education as the end. This certainly is a mistake, and at the College we are endeavoring to help our young people see that their education is the means and that God's work, of which the canvassing work is a part, is the end. It would seem to me altogether appropriate for our talented young people who have ability as salesmen, to consecrate their lives to the sale of our literature upon graduating from our colleges.

Neither should other young people who are looking forward to the ministry, educational work, Bible work, or any other line of work, overlook the advantages to be derived from the canvassing work. Here, benefits and blessings await them that cannot be secured in college hall, neither in workshop nor behind the plow. There is to be derived therefrom a development which can be secured in no other way.

To sum up, I would therefore say that the scholarship plan has helped to fill our schools with young people whose hearts God has touched. It has done much to revive our canvassing work. It is preparing our young people for the hardships of vigorous service, and last but not least, but rather greatest, is giving the last message to a dying world.

Therefore, while there are objections to this plan, which is true of every good plan, we should not conclude that, because there are objections, it ought not to be. But we should rather look upon these objections as merely counter currents, or eddies of a great forward movement which will sweep on until "He who shall come, will come," and take to their home of rest those who have not only loved him with their whole heart but have also served him with their whole strength.—O. J. Graff, in *Lake Union Herald*.

Bible Colportage

(Continued from issue of April 6, 1910)

"THE press given to the world about the year 1440 and first publicly used by Faust, in 1457, for printing the Holy Scriptures, was as the morning star of the Reformation. But its history remains to be written. Materials exist in letters of light, all along the pages of the Reformation, and in letters of blood in the French Revolution. They may be found in the annals of the Puritan age, and, in a later period, in the ascendancy of a spiritual faith over cold formalism.

"D'Aubigne, in his valuable 'History of the Reformation,' shows that both the press and personal Christian effort were employed by Luther and his successors in effecting the greatest of all moral revolutions since the dawn of Christianity. Speaking of the progress of the Reformation in France, he says: 'Such were the principal means by which these writings were circulated. Farel and his friends consigned the books to certain peddlers, or colporteurs, simple and pious men, who, laden with their precious burden, passed from town to town, from village to village, and from house to house, knocking at every door. And as early as 1524, there existed in Basle a Bible Society, a tract society, and an Association of Colporteurs. For the benefit of France, Baxter, in the following century, seems to have written and labored with a similar view, saying he would rather be the author of books to be carried in peddlers packs to the poor man's door, than of books to stand in golden libraries.' And, again: 'When a good book is in the house, if some despise it, others may read it. Most of the good that God hath done for me, for knowledge of conscience, hath been by pious and sound books.'

"Cotton Mather said, in 1710, 'No one knows how much good may be done by dispersing books of piety, and by putting into the hands of mankind such treatises of divinity as may have a tendency to make them wiser or better.'

"President Edwards said: 'Great things might be done for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ by distributing books that are remarkably fitted to promote vital religion.'

"An examination of the biography of fifty-nine godly men, contained in the London Religious Tract Society's series, shows that thirty-two were hopefully converted, or their Christian character eventually moulded by

the blessing of God on pious books. Again, thousands may be found with blasted hopes; demoralized lives, and ruined souls, to attest the power of a licentious press.

"Thus interwoven with the moral and social condition of man, the history of the press, since it became an element of power, would involve the history of the church and of the civilized world."

E. R. NUMBERS.

(To be continued.)

Our Duty to the Church When Brought before the State

TO UNDERSTAND properly the attitude a man should attain to the church to still be true to the state we must necessarily ascertain what relation the church sustains to the state. To do this, we are naturally confronted by two questions—first, What is the church? Second, What is the State? According to Peter's testimony in 1 Peter 2:9 and Col. 1:18, we find that the church is the body of organized followers of Christ in the world at any given time, which he says are his body, and of which he is the chief corner stone. I do not doubt that any one will fail to believe this fact.

Now in regard to the civil power—the state: we understand according to the sacred Scriptures that governments are ordained of God for the control of society and the protection of individual rights of mankind. Civil government is just in its own sphere, and is made necessary on account of sin. This relation between the church and the state is well illustrated by the law of God. The first four commandments pertain only to our duty toward God, our Creator; but when we come to the last six commands we owe allegiance not only to God, but to the state as well, for these commands relate to man's duty to his fellow men; so on account of these commands being violated, God has ordained the powers that be to regulate conditions between men, to prevent violence and crime, to discipline offenders, and in short to protect its subjects in the full and unmolested enjoyment of their natural rights. These six commands are properly the foundation of civil statutes which the state is bound to enact and enforce.

In Romans 13, speaking by inspiration, the apostle admonishes us: "Let every soul be subject to the higher powers—the powers that be are ordained of God." Whosoever resisteth the power resisteth the ordinance of

God. The Hebrew captive, Daniel, told the greatest universal king that perhaps the world has ever seen, that the God of heaven removeth and setteth up kings. This was true in the history of Pharaoh in ancient Egypt, and also in practically every nation that has ever existed. It was true in the experience of Nebuchadnezzar and the kingdoms that followed Babylon. The wise man tells us in the Proverbs, "By me [God] kings rule and princes decree justice—even all the judges of the earth." Not only is this true, but it is also shown in the experience of certain kings, as for instance, Cyrus and Nebuchadnezzar, that they were God's servants to execute judgment and to protect and advance his cause in the earth. Now the same God, through his apostles, instructs us to be subject unto the civil power. "There is no power but of God, and he [the power] is the minister of God to thee for good."

In Matt. 24:9, our Saviour tells us that we shall be hated of all nations for his name's sake, and in Mark 13:9 that we shall be brought before rulers and kings for his sake, for a testimony against them. Why was Daniel brought before Nebuchadnezzar's attention?—Not only to prove his own allegiance to the God of heaven, but to show that great king that the God he worshiped is a true God,—to lead that great king to serve the God of Israel. So it was with our blessed Lord before Pontius Pilate, the Roman ruler, and also the beloved apostles John, Peter, and Paul. What was their attitude? They did not oppose the power of the state by strife and debate when tried for their faith in the Son of God and the principles of truth and righteousness, but with great respect and marked veneration declared their allegiance to the God of heaven, and their divine duty to serve him. God honored them all. Their conduct toward these rulers was that of the greatest respect; but they were firm and true to principle. By their consecrated words they gave evidence so convincing of the truth and their righteous lives that without exception these rulers found no fault in them and admitted this fact. By their holy influence and godlike bearing, and their fidelity to conscience and to their Lord, they either won their rulers to the true God, or else they caused them by their subsequent attitude to condemn their own souls.

The great head of the church admonishes us, "Take no thought how

or what ye shall speak, for it shall be given you in that same hour." Mark 13:11. He also says, "Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's and unto God the things that are God's." He gave us a commission to preach the gospel of the kingdom to every creature, and then should the end come. The civil rulers are a part of those to whom we, as members of Christ's body—his organized church—are to preach the gospel. We owe it to them, and how fitting then, nay more, it is our sacred duty to our Lord and to his church to give these men the opportunity to know the truth.

In 1 Peter 3:15 we read, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." In the conflict just before us we will be brought before kings and magistrates for Christ's sake, and let us seek God for such a knowledge of him that we may perchance so manifest the truth in our lives that they may be constrained with us to follow our Saviour Jesus Christ.—B. B. Aldrich, in *New York Indicator*.

Aircastles

THERE is, indeed, great pleasure in contemplating some high standard of attainment; but is there not a still greater pleasure in the satisfaction that one is honestly reaching that standard day by day, opening for himself new fountains of life by hard labor? When our hearts are filled with ambitious desires for something better, let not the sensation slip carelessly by, but cherish it and strive to accomplish the ideal. Sacrifice, if need be, to carry out a virtuous and helpful plan. Think of the enjoyment to be derived from it in future years. We all wish. Wishing will never bring success to anyone. Place your hands on the handles of perseverance, and instead of merely desiring and wishing some good end, determine that you will attain it. The result is bound to be a just reward.—Martha A. Poole, in *The Columbian*.

OHIO

Why Not?

WHY not secure a supply of the Temperance Number of the *Youth's*

Instructor and circulate it?

This is the best magazine on temperance that we have ever placed on the market, and right now is the best time to sell it—just when the public is being agitated over the subject. It is a splendid means by which we may let the public know where we stand on the liquor question. Our local societies should order it by the hundreds. Our young people can sell it and thus earn a scholarship in our schools. Let old and young throughout the state rally and organize for aggressive work, and let us give this splendid magazine a wide circulation.

Where missionary societies are organized, individuals should give their order to the missionary secretary (librarian), who in turn will forward the same to us. Where this is not possible, individuals should send orders direct to this office. Single copy, ten cents; from five to 50 copies, five cents per copy; 50 or more copies, four cents per copy. To those earning scholarships, \$3.50 per hundred copies.

Address all communications to Ohio Tract Society, Box 187, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

J. I. CASSELL, *Sec'y.*

Akron

I was asked by Elder Henderson to send in the missionary report of the Akron Missionary Society. The report for the first quarter this year, although not so large as it should be, is as follows:—

Periodicals distributed.....	188
Periodicals mailed.....	76
Tracts distributed.....	661
Tracts mailed.....	85
Books sold.....	5
Books loaned.....	3
Bible readings.....	2
Missionary visits.....	15
Missionary talks.....	92
Persons interested.....	8

Yours in the Lord's work,

JOHN SCHICK, *President.*

H. C. SMITH, *Secretary.*

Newark

I HEREWITH send a report of our Missionary Society for quarter ending March 30:—

Pages of Literature Distributed	23,353
Hours Missionary Work	124½
Visits Made	110
Meals Given	11
Letters Written	11
Gospel Conversations Held	79
Cash Given away	\$20.10

We also gave one grocery order and 13 articles of clothing. A number of baskets of fruit, of provision, and of flowers were given away.

MRS R. S. FRANCIS.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Eldred, Duke Center, Coryville

THE writer appointed a union meeting for the three churches, Eldred, Duke Center, and Coryville and met with them Sabbath, April 9.

The Sabbath-school was held in the morning with a good interest and the sisters who had to drive eight and nine miles were all there in good time; a good donation was taken up, including a donation for each Sabbath that they were not able to get to the Sabbath-school during the inclement weather.

In the afternoon we held a meeting in the interest of Mount Vernon College, and these faithful fourteen raised \$25.30 for that fund, besides 65 cents paid in on the Mount Vernon pledge of nearly a year back: \$1 to poor fund also. After this good offering was made to the Lord's work, we all entered heartily into the quarterly service.

The following faithful ones were present: Mrs. Eliza McCoy, Mrs. A. N. Parmeter, Mrs. Eliza Loop, Mrs. Hattie Loop, Mrs. Mary Boone, and Mrs. Lyda Hooker, all of Eldred; Mrs. Asa Champlin, Mrs. M. L. Champlin, Mrs. Amanda Baron, were from Coryville; and Mrs. W. F. Porter with two of her daughters, Mrs. Clara Loop, Miss Sadie Loop, and Harry Doolittle, were from Duke Center.

Brother Harry Doolittle has only been keeping the Sabbath, as a result of the faithful efforts of the sisters at Duke Center, for a year, and has been teaching public school: he now desires and will be ready in about two weeks to enter the canvassing work.

We also held meetings on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday night with a growing interest until Sunday night. The Indian Creek school house (where the meeting was held) was fairly well filled with a very attentive audience who encouraged the writer to talk to them for an hour and a half.

It is good to notice the interest with which many are hearing the truth from the outside, and we are convinced that the Lord "has thousands yet who have not bowed their knees to Baal." May he help us that know the truth to be more earnest in searching out these souls who are sitting in "gross darkness."

If some one of our workers could only go there and finish up the interest, I am convinced that the little company there would be strengthened. Let us be faithful, brethren and sisters, in tithes and offerings, that we may have more laborers to put in these places and thus hasten the coming of the Saviour.

I. G. BIGELOW.

Bradford, Pa.,

Report of the Colored Work in Pittsburg, Pa.

AMID the sixty thousand colored people in the city of Pittsburg, a well organized beginning with progress is going on. The hand of God has been seen in the work ever since it has been started. Because of the race prejudice which is increasing, "the Lord desires his people in the North to maintain a kindly attitude toward the colored brethren and sisters." "Also let the colored believers be provided with neat, tasteful houses of worship, that the progress of the truth may be advanced."

The progress of this work in the city can be seen in the following report for the last year:—

Tithe paid to Conference.....	\$386 90
Hall rent without the aid of Conference.....	361 46
Chairs for the church.....	33 00
For organ.....	6 50
Church sign.....	6 50
Church Janitor.....	12 00
Literature sold and distributed.....	195 08
Hunts School.....	3 00
Ingathering Service.....	9 00
Southern Work.....	3 58
Mid-summer Offering.....	2 00
Annual Offering.....	2 65
Bibles for Sick.....	1 59
Sabbath-school Don. to Missions.....	30 06
R. R. fare for a Sister to Nashville School.....	11 00
Total	\$1,064 32

This has been done by 31 members, and the running expenses for city work in renting a hall is a large item, and in this case, the conference has been free. The missionary spirit is seen in the 197 Bible Readings given by the members, 46 visits made to the sick, and 299 pieces of clothing given to worthy poor, with the \$195 08 worth of literature sold. May the day soon come when there shall be seen a good sincere colored minister stand at the head of this work, to labor faithfully for the sixty thousand colored people in this vicinity.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

West Pennsylvania Book Work

It does the field agent a world of good to open an envelope and see a report that tells of earnest work on behalf of the canvasser. This week on opening the envelope from Brother Dunham, I found that he had been too busy to write a letter—just a note with a report of \$86.10 for orders taken, and \$45.30 of it in cash sales. In his note he said, "I feel fine." Do you blame him?

Brother Brownlee sent in his usual good letter to the field agent, also a report for \$44.95 in orders, and \$14.40 delivered in cash sales. Brother Brownlee has not lost one full day the past winter. How many of us can come up with that report?

Brother Glunt, week before last, worked five days and never took an order, but his letter was just as cheery as though he had beat the best record for canvassing. That is what I call an excellent report, for he is still at the work; although his report shows more success in orders, it does not beat the one without an order. Stick-to-it-iveness in the face of difficulties means success in the end. May we all get more of that spirit.

Another report of a \$50.50 delivery from Brother Glen Medairy without the loss of an order, which is the third like it, although the other two were for \$35.00 and \$45.00. That which makes this remarkable is that it was city work, and some of the books were weeks behind in delivery, because of misunderstanding in orders and railroad difficulties. Brother Medairy gives the praise all to the Lord, realizing he could not have done it in his own strength.

Sister Agness Zoerb, who has been working at Lock Haven, will join Sister Celestia Midkiff at New Brighton, on April 18. These two sisters are yoking up to work Beaver County together. Sister Midkiff has done considerable canvassing in the past, and Sister Zoerb has had an experience during the past year. This causes us to look forward with interest for their reports this summer.

Letters from Brother Heaton and Zimmerman told of them on the way to the field again, and we look for some interesting reports from them in the near future.

Brethren W. H. Jack, T. O. Saxton, Sherman Jack, and Alexander McIntyre are home for a short time, but we hope to see them in the field again before long.

And the field agent—well, sickness of both myself and wife, also the serious illness of my wife's mother, has held me home for more than a month, but I am now planing on taking for what we think will be my last trip as field agent. I intend to be on the road for a few weeks, and hope to see one of the largest May reports since I took the work. We have learned, however, that "man proposes and God disposes," so we know that it all rests with him.

May God help us all to trust him more fully, and pray,

"O Lord, my best desire fulfill,

And help me to resign

Life, health, and comfort to thy will,

And make thy pleasure mine."

I. G. BIGELOW, *Field Agent.*
Bradford, Pa.

VIRGINIA

ELDER H. W. HERRELL spent a week with our Academy at New Market, April 5-11. He reports progress in the school work.

Elder A. J. Haysmer, secretary of the North American Negro Department, spent Sabbath and Sunday, April 16-17, with the White and Colored churches of Richmond. We all appreciated his talks very much.

The Campaign Institute for "Ministry of Healing" will be held in Richmond, April 19-22. Elder L. A. Hansen will conduct the institute. We have arranged to have our active ministers attend the institute.

Elder F. G. Warnick reports an increase of attendance to his meetings at Danville.

The Danville church was favored with a visit from Elder A. J. Haysmer, Monday night, April 18, on his way from the General Conference council.

Our President, Elder Herrell, had the privilege of attending the General Conference council two days on his way home from New Market.

The Richmond Church will hold their Temperance Rally, Sunday April 24, and are planning to have a very interesting program.

Elder J. G. Hanna spent Sabbath and Sunday, April 16-17 with the Bethel church at Hebron.

Elders F. G. Warnick and Leslie Munce will hold a week's meeting with the Colored church at Richmond, April 16-24.

It is reported that the quarterly meeting of the Richmond church just held, had a large attendance.

We see from reports coming in from Elder R. D. Hottell that he is working faithfully to get subscriptions for our periodicals, and he is meeting with good success.

Our Sabbath-school contributions were not so large this quarter as we had hoped for, but trust that the schools will put forth every effort to reach the \$100 mark to missions, by the end of this quarter. Eight are taking the Teacher's Reading Course in one school. We wish that all of the schools might take up this important line of work.

NEW JERSEY

Special Notice, New Jersey

SABBATH, May 7, 1910, has been appointed as a time when all churches of this Conference shall give especial attention to the Union Conference Training College at Mount Vernon, Ohio. Now is the time when we must lay plans for the education of our young people during the coming school year. It is very desirable that a good representation from the young people of New Jersey should attend the Mount Vernon College. This conference is helping to pay the salary of the Bible teacher there, and is responsible for contributing its share toward the success of the institution. We must also train some workers for the great city fields which are all about us. Special services are being arranged for Sabbath, May 7, when all are requested to make an effort to arouse greater interest in our school, and the demands of our educational work.

B. F. KNEELAND, *President.*

Now is the time to plan to attend the camp-meeting to be held June 23 to July 3. This should be a season of special spiritual uplift.

Brother C. E. Grey visited the Camden church last Sabbath. He expects to soon have some more canvassers in the field.

Elder W. H. Smith is spending a few days with the Trenton church.

We are sorry to report that Miss A. W. Welsh of Jersey City is in poor health and has been advised to spend a short time in the Sanitarium. We trust the change will be beneficial.

There was a baptismal service at Irvington, N. J., on a recent Sabbath. Eighteen willing souls were led into the water by Elder W. H. Smith. Fifteen of these united with the Newark church, while two are the fruit of the meetings being held at Elizabeth by Brother J. M. Gaff, and one was from Brother Pennington's work at Patterson.

Brother D. K. Royer left Trenton April 14 on a trip to New England in the interests of the *Watchman*. He hopes to secure some good agents for that excellent magazine before he goes to Nashville, Tenn., to take up his regular work in the *Watchman* office.

Brother Clarence Lawry arrived last week in Trenton, and after spending a few days with Brother Royer in the office getting familiar with the details of the work, has entered upon his work as secretary and treasurer of the Conference and tract society. We feel sure that all our people will co-operate heartily with the new secretary and the other conference officers in an effort to make this year a most successful one.

Each issue of our magazines seems to be an improvement over previous ones. Each month brings developments in conditions throughout the earth which shows unmistakably that our time for work is short. Are our churches making corresponding progress in missionary work? If not, why not?

Now is the time to get in your orders for the May issues of our magazines. Do not forget to send in a

good order for the special Temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor*, and do all you can in the interests of true temperance.

We have recently secured a copy of the new book by Miss Matiday Erickson, "Temperance Torchlights." This is one of the finest works on the subject of Temperance which we have read, and it will fill a large place in the work of teaching the principles of temperate living. It deals some very telling blows at the liquor and tobacco habits, and is just the thing to place in the hands of the people at this time. Order through this office.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

ELDER MORRIS LUKENS spoke to the First Philadelphia church Sabbath, March 16.

Now is the opportune time to place before the world our views on temperance. Do so by placing in the hands of your friends and neighbors a copy of the Temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor*.

The camp-meeting will be held at Allentown in the beautiful Emmanuel Grove controlled by the Baptist Association. The grounds are very nicely arranged for camp-meeting purposes, having a large pavilion, dining-hall, and over one hundred small cottages for the use of the campers. This will do away with the necessity of pitching tents.

Elder R. E. Harter has entered fully upon his duties as pastor of the First Philadelphia church. He received a very warm welcome last Sabbath from those present.

The Executive Committee met Tuesday, April 19, for the purpose of laying further plans for the coming camp-meeting at Allentown. Also to formulate plans for the summer's work.

Wade is the first church to order their full quota of "Ministry of Healing" for the Sanitarium Relief Campaign. Brother Baum deserves great credit for thus early presenting this matter before them.

Edward Sterner of Souderton has entered the canvassing field with

"Coming King" and is well pleased with his first week's work.

The cottages on the camp-ground are practically new, being built only last year. They are much nicer than tents, as they are well built, having a good roof and floor; also, seven foot side wall. Their dimensions are 10 by 14 feet., with a front porch the width of the cottage. There are four windows and two doors in each cottage. Encourage your friends and neighbors to come along with you and spend their vacation.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA TITHE RECEIPTS

MARCH, 1910

Alba	\$ 1 00
Allentown	19 65
Ariel .....	.....
Bloomsburg .....	.....
Carbondale .....	.....
Cherry Flats	66 84
Fleetwood .....	.....
First German	50 20
First Philadelphia	160 02
Fair Hill	56 28
Hamburg .....	.....
Harrisburg	111 81
Hawley-Honesdale	9 26
Jersey Shore ..	10 36
Kulp	10 82
Lancaster .....	.....
Lebanon	40 70
Lorenton	50 00
North Philadelphia	119 34
Norristown .....	.....
Northumberland .....	.....
Orwell	19 18
Reading	175 45
Roaring Branch .....	.....
Scranton	76 98
Shunk .....	.....
Shimersville .....	.....
Stroudsburg	13 12
Wade	31 04
Williamsport	46 60
Wilkes-Barre	36 20
Wellisboro	11 50
West Philadelphia .....	.....
Chester Company .....	.....
York Company .....	.....
Individuals	31 50
Scandinavian Company	13 40

Total.....\$1,161 25.

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

Tithe ..	\$1,161 25
Tract Society	980 46
Sabbath-school Donations	111 48
First Day Offering	105 31
Annual Offerings .....	.....
Religious Liberty	9 61
Tent Fund	5 00

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending April 15, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
F. E. Hankins, Carroll Co.	DR	5	36	17	52 00	3 00	55 00		
R. J. Minesinger, Morrow Co.	DR	5	46½	10	30 00	2 00	32 00		
H. F. Kirk, Carroll Co.	DR	5	40½	11	30 25	1 00	31 25		
F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.	DR	5	31	8	24 00	1 00	25 00	25 25	
E. E. Shaw, Ottawa Co.	GC	5	37½	5	15 00	15 50	30 50	3 50	
Wm. M. Deuschle, Ross Co.	GC	4	23	2	6 00		6 00	46 00	
L. H. Waters, Allen Co.	BF	5	45	55	67 00	70	67 70	70	
C. Reichenbaugh, Stark Co.	CK	2	15	11	14 50		14 50		
Totals		36	274½	119	\$238 75	\$23 20	\$261 95	\$75 45	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 15, 1910

J. Glunt, Muffin Co.	GC	5	35	2	7 00	7 85	14 85	16 75	
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	CK	5	48	31	40 00	5 85	45 85	12 10	
Miss Zoerb, Clinton Co.	CK	2						5 50	
C. Dunham, Indiana Co.	GC	10	61½	62	122 85	10 25	133 10	81 05	
J. Heaton, Fulton Co.	GC	4	24	7	25 00	9 00	34 00		
Totals		26	168½	102	\$194 85	\$32 95	\$227 80	\$115 40	

Virginia, Week Ending April 15, 1910

K. Oertley, Wythe Co.	CK		24	11	11 50	75	12 25	5 00	
E. Roberson, Fredericksburg	BR		26	15	42 00	5 05	47 05	2 40	
*A. Jaspersen, Rockingham	GC		85	6	22 25	37 25	59 50	145 50	
†J. Lewis, "	GC		78	8	25 00	23 00	48 00	2 50	
Totals			213	40	\$100 75	\$66 05	\$166 80	\$155 40	

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 15, 1910

J. A. Lichty, Leight	GC	5	39	16	48 00	4 00	52 00		
H. Minier, Bradford	GC	1	8					10 00	
G. Jenkins, Susquehanna	PG	5	36	2	6 75	7 00	13 75	3 00	
E. Steener, Bucks	CK	5	40	16	17 00	85	17 85	85	
W. P. Hess, Lancaster	OK	5	38	8	8 00		8 00	118 00	
Totals		21	161	42	\$79 75	\$11 85	\$91 60	\$131 85	

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 8, 1910

G. Jenkins, Lackawanna	PG	5	29	9	25 50	1 50	27 00	5 00	
†H. Albright, Bucks	DR	7	46	14	31 25	75	32 00		
W. P. Hess, Lancaster	CK	5	39	26	32 00		32 00	3 00	
Totals		17	134	49	88 75	2 25	91 00	8 00	

West Virginia, Week Ending April 15, 1910

T. M. Butler, Parkersburg	CK	4	3	15	18 50	9 45	27 95		
J. H. Jennings, Red Star	DR	4	2	8	12 00	20 50	32 50	4 00	
Eva Pruett Charleston	DR		4		4 00	3 25	7 25		
Totals			9	23	34 50	33 20	67 70	4 00	

Chesapeake, Week Ending April 15, 1910

Maryland									
David Percy, Cecil Co.	GC	3	23	11	38 00		38 00	1 20	
Mrs. Whaley, Chestertown	GC	5	30	3	9 75	1 60	11 35	17 75	
Totals		8	53	14	\$47 75	\$1 60	\$49 35	\$18 95	

West Virginia (Date not given)

T. M. Butler, Parkersburg	CK	4		7	8 50	8 45	16 95	2 25	
Guy Corder, Wellsburg	CK							38 25	
J. Jennings, Sun	CK	4		2	3 00	24 50	27 50	3 75	
Totals			8	9	\$11 50	\$33 95	\$44 45	\$44 25	

†Two weeks

*Three weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,000.65 Deliveries, \$553.30

Foreign Missions .....	....
Mid-summer Offering	2 00
Mount Vernon College Fund	1 00
Jewish Home .....	....
India .....	....
Colored Work .....	....
Portugal .....	....
Ingathering Fund	51 00
Blind Work .....	....
Conference Poor	10 50
Donations	25 59
Missionary Volunteer .....	....
Sanitarium Fund .....	....
Danish-Norwegian Mission Fund ..	104 62
Annuities .....	....
Iowa Conference	109 26
On account .....	....
\$300,000 Fund	27 28
Mohammedan Field	13 47
Conference Poor Fund	10 50
Total	\$2,667 83

A. L. BAYLEY, Treas.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE
TITHE RECEIPTSJANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH
1909

Albion	49 36
Allegheny	91 99
Allegheny German .....	....
Altoona	173 77
Austin	11 71
Bradford	96 20
Clearfield	80 81
Coudersport	169 35
Corry	28 51
Corydon	43 58
Conneautville	81 19
Duke Center	12 80
Endiboro .....	....
Eldred	10 95
Erie	80 52
Greensburg	27 71
Huntingdon	74 08
Indiana	93 33
Jimtown	29 80
Johnstown	72 13
Lock Haven	59 71
Meadville	36 66
Midway	42 00
North Warren	64 02
Oil City	53 28
Pittsburg Number One	331 12
Pittsburg Number Two	96 62
Punxsutawney .....	....
Port Allegany	107 14
Shingle House .....	....
Six Mile Run	58 27
Titusville	48 40
Union City	28 50
Washington	9 80
Individual	164 69
Total	\$2,328 00

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