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NATIONAL ISSUES

"In the last days it shall come to pass, that. . . many nations shall come, and say, Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; . . . and he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."¹ This prophecy must be fulfilled near the time of Christ's coming, and constitute a sign of that coming; for it says, "In the last days it shall come to pass." We should note that it is not God who announces a time of peace and prosperity, but he tells us that "many nations" will be giving this flattering message to the world of a time when they shall not learn war any more. It must be evident that this prophecy is being fulfilled; for we are constantly hearing of how all differences between nations will soon be settled by arbitration, and then, they say, nations will not learn war any more.

The way in which God views the last days is stated in another prophecy, and it is just the opposite of what the people say. His message is, "Proclaim ye this among the nations; prepare war; stir up the mighty men; let all the men of war draw near, let them come up. Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. . . Let the nations bestir themselves. . . Put ye in the sickle; for the harvest is ripe: . . . for the day of Jehovah is near in the valley of decision."² There are two expressions in this scripture which locate its application in the last days. The statement is made that "the harvest is ripe;" and in an explanation which Christ gave of one of his parables he said, "The harvest

is the end of the world."³ The other statement in this prophecy which locates it in the last days is the expression, "The day of Jehovah is near." The question which now remains to be answered is, Can we see this sign fulfilling at the present time? A few statements showing the tendency of the times in which we live will answer the question.

GUN FACTORIES BUSY

A recent press despatch from Berlin says: "German gun factories are fairly swamped with orders, according to the military expert of the *Taegliche Rundschau*. A delivery has just been made to Argentina of two hundred thousand Mauser rifles, while an order for a similar quantity has been received from Brazil. Several other South American states have made smaller contracts. Turkey, Serbia, and Roumania are all purchasing machine guns, and negotiations are proceeding with the Chinese commission now in Europe, looking to the sale of guns and ammunition."

We do not remember having read of late any announcement of a great rush of orders in the plow and pruning-hook manufacturies.⁴

HAS CHINA A NAVAL PROGRAM?

The *Yorodzu*, an enterprising Tokyo journal, publishes two informing articles from the pen of its Pekin correspondent, giving details of China's naval program. The Pekin Court, we are told, has recently decided to provide 18,000,000 taels (a tael is equivalent to 64 cents) for the founding of a navy. Of this sum, 5,000,000 taels have already been raised by curtailing the expenses of the various departments of the government; the remaining 13,000,000 taels are to be contributed by the provincial governments. As to further details we are informed:

Of the 18,000,000 taels, 1,500,000 will be expended for the establishment of naval harbors, and the remaining 16,500,000 taels for the purchase of warships. Again, of the 1,500,000 taels provided for naval harbors, 500,000 taels have been appropriated for the current year, the remaining 1,000,000

taels being reserved for the next year. Besides the 18,000,000 taels, which the Chinese government calls "extraordinary naval fund," 2,000,000 taels will be appropriated for "ordinary" naval expenses. It is the plan of the Pekin government to complete the organization of the navy in seven years, and an imperial edict has recently been issued defining the scope of the work to be executed in the first and second years. In the first year China expects (1) to organize a navy with whatever vessels she may possess at present, (2) to purchase several cruisers to be added to the squadron of the North Sea and the squadron of the South Sea, (3) to take steps toward the establishment of naval harbors, (4) to establish naval schools in the four provinces of Kiangsu, Fukien, Chihli, and Hupeh, and (5) to enlarge and improve the existing naval schools, docks, and arsenals at Tientsin, Shanghai, Canton, and Fukien. The program for the second year includes the organization of torpedo flotillas, the completion of work on naval harbors, the inauguration of a naval department, the preparation of an independent budget for the navy, and the enlistment of naval soldiers in accordance with a universal system of conscription, such as is adopted for the army.

¹ Micah 4: 1-3; ² Joel 3: 9-14; A. R. V. ³ Mark 13: 39; *The Watchman* p. 574. ⁴ *The Review of Reviews* Dec. 1910, p. p. 747, 748.

O. F. BUTCHER.

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Special "Ministry of Healing" Campaign

FEBRUARY and March, 1911, have been settled upon by the Columbia Union Conference Committee, acting in harmony with the advice and counsel of the General Conference brethren, as the time for a thorough "Ministry of Healing" campaign throughout the conferences of the Columbia Union. Therefore we entreat you, brethren, to prepare to co-operate in a decided and profitable way.

It is planned to district each conference, and to place some one in charge of each district; this of course will be done by the committee of the conference in which you are. The one in charge of a district is to see that all the churches, companies, and isolated members therein are visited and their definite co-operation secured. The purpose of the campaign is to see that each conference sells within the time above mentioned the equivalent of two copies of "Ministry of Healing," and five copies of *Life and Health* per member, or one year's quota of the great "Ministry of Healing" campaign.

The General and Union Conference brethren have promised us their help and co-operation. The brethren of the General Conference have expressed their willingness to leave their other work for Sabbath and Sunday and go out to one, two, or three churches or companies which can be conveniently reached in those two days. All the Union men have been definitely assigned to different conferences to spend practically their whole time in the campaign. Besides this the whole force of workers in the local conferences will join in the effort. Many hands make light work.

There is a blessing in selling a book like the "Ministry of Healing." The world needs to-day just such a book, with its bright rays of light on soul and body healing. One sister in West Pennsylvania sold a copy to the editor of the leading daily in a certain city, and he was so much pleased with it that, unasked, he at once printed an excellent testimony in favor of it. Brother Geo. B. Starr, of New York City, sold forty copies of the book just by reading extracts from it to those he met.

Our sanitariums need the financial help which comes from the sale of this book. Brother, sister, in the work of the Lord, do you not wish to help financially these institutions which in 1909, every Friday night proclaimed to 25,000 patients, people of the best class, the opening hours of the Sabbath? Do you not wish to assist the great medical missionary work which, every year, is doing so many deeds of charity and bringing so many blessings to needy souls?

Let us all,—people, workers, and officers,—take hold heartily in this campaign, and do our part. Let none say, "This is not my work." God will bless the willing worker. Remember the time,—all to be done in February and March.

B. G. WILKINSON.

AT THE COLLEGE

Miss ETHELYN SMITH is spending the winter at her home in Chester, W. Va. She expects to be in school next year.

Miss Ruth Robbins, daughter of Elder F. H. Robbins, is completing a course of music at the Morgantown University. She will be in Mount Vernon College next year.

Mr. Archibald Pangburn, of Ridgetown, Ontario, visited his sister at the College last week.

Mrs. E. W. Metcalf is spending the winter with her son at Kanawha, W. Va.

Miss Bessie Cotton, who recently entered the College, comes from Canton, O., and not from Defiance, O., as stated in our issue of last week.

In a letter to a friend, Miss Elizabeth Bailey, formerly of the College, preceptress at Beechwood Academy, reports a very prosperous year in that school. She has just been hired for the seventh consecutive year, and while deeply interested in local educational problems, says that she recalls with pleasure the days spent in Mount Vernon College.

Elder Shultz returned from West Virginia last week. He reports that on his visit among the churches he met quite a number of young people who are planning definitely to attend Mount Vernon College next year. After spending a few days at home Elder Shultz left for Virginia.

A reception was held in the College chapel last Thursday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Orvie J. Gibson, who sail for China this month. At the close of an appropriate program Mr. and Mrs. Gibson were made the recipients of several useful and beautiful presents, the Ladies' Aid Society having been especially active in providing articles of comfort for use in the far off mission field, where comforts are not so plentiful as in America. Mr. and Mrs. Gibson left Mount Vernon for San Francisco Monday night, February 13, and will sail for China on the 21st. They are accompanied by the good wishes of all their friends, who, while regret-

ting to see them leave, are glad that two more missionaries are going from the old recruiting ground at Mount Vernon.

NEW JERSEY

The President's Address

To the brethren and sisters of the New Jersey Seventh-day Adventist Conference assembled in ninth annual session, Irvington, N. J., January 17-22, 1911, Greeting:—

It gives me pleasure to look again into your faces, and to know that you have come here to counsel with reference to plans for the development and hastening forward of the work of the gospel in this state. God has been very good to us during 1910. I desire to join with you in thankful praise to the One who has helped on so many occasions in our time of need.

The year 1910 has been marked by striking developments in the line of fulfilled prophecy. Marvelous changes have taken place, opening doors for missionary effort that have been closed for centuries. The time is indeed ripe for the gospel message to go to every nation, and thus prepare the world for the coming of Christ. The voice of the angel represented as bearing the warning message is growing louder. The nations of the pagan world are waking from their long slumber to hear the trumpet tones which are fast reaching the darkest and most inaccessible places of the earth, proclaiming that the judgment hour has almost passed, and the King is at the door.

The note of progress is in the air. Already we can hear the rumbling of the chariots of the Almighty. The preparations of the nations for Armageddon slacken not, even at the wave of the wand of the mighty dollar, which some are trying to use as an ally in the work of convincing people that "peace and safety" is the proper watch-word, while the storm is already breaking. The mad struggle of the spiritless ministry and churches for political power is rapidly becoming more intense. The conflict being waged against faith in God and his revealed word grows more bitter as the Satanic agencies at work through open and concealed infidelity in the press, the school, the pulpit, and the home become more bold and aggressive. Satan is making a most desperate struggle to defeat the work of God. At the same time God has

placed at the disposal of the church the unstinted grace and power of the Holy Spirit. Such aid is ample to enable the church to accomplish all that God has said must be done in this generation. We are well able, in his strength, to go up and possess the heavenly Canaan.

It may be well for us, however, to briefly survey the field, and get as accurate an estimate as possible of the task that is before us. As we do this, the problem seems almost overwhelming. The latest reports show that throughout the entire United States there is an average of one Seventh-day Adventist to each 1412 people. In the Columbia Union the average is one to 2958; while in the state of New Jersey there are 4059 persons to each Seventh-day Adventist in the conference. There is, therefore, a large field before us.

Ten years ago the population of New Jersey was 1,883,669. The census reports for 1910 show that there are now 2,537,167 people in the state, a gain in the ten years of 653,498 or 34.7 per cent. A few comparisons may be interesting. The gain in ten years in New Jersey has been more than the entire present population of the four states, Wyoming, Arizona, Nevada, and Delaware. If we take the combined population of the counties of the northeastern part of the state,—Hudson, Essex, Bergen, Union, Middlesex, Mercer, and Monmouth,—we find that there are now in these eight counties as many people as were living in the whole state ten years ago. In other words, the gain during 1900 to 1910 represents the entire present population of thirteen counties,—Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland, Cape May, Atlantic, Ocean, Hunterdon, Warren, Sussex, Morris, and Somerset,—which contain such cities as Camden, Atlantic City, Bridgeton, Phillipsburg, etc.

These figures are absolutely startling, for they tell us that had we been able by concentrating our efforts in the last ten years to so develop the work of the message in these thirteen counties that we could say that it was wholly accomplished, and there remained nothing to be done, and the gospel was finished in all that territory, we should then have only kept up with the increase of population. To adopt the phrase of the apostle, who declared himself a debtor to those who did not know his message,—we have come far short so far of paying even the interest on the debt that Seventh-day Adventists owe to the people of this state.

THE EVANGELICAL DEPARTMENT

There is no part of our work more important to us than that of evangelizing the great masses that are in our own state. The necessity for the personal labor of consecrated ministers and Bible workers cannot be too much emphasized in connection with the giving of the message. Those who have to bear the great burdens of the work of reaching the people by direct personal contact, need most decidedly to be supported by the prayers and active co-operation of the church. Now, as never before the call comes to pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers to gather in the ripening grain.

During the year tent efforts were conducted in Jersey City, Newark, Perth Amboy, and Pleasantville. Hall efforts have been held in Paterson, South Amboy, and in other cities where tent efforts have been successful in arousing an interest. Some of our brethren not in the employ of the conference have done good work in a public way, and souls have been converted and brought into the truth through these efforts. In June a camp meeting was held in the city of Trenton, which was greatly enjoyed by those who attended. Sixty-six received baptism in the state during 1910. We praise God for these precious souls that have been won from the hand of the enemy. But while we are thankful for the success that has attended our efforts, we cannot help thinking how much more might have been done had we been living up to our opportunities. This conference should sound a note of decided advance. Sin must be driven out of the heart temple, and these living temples of the Holy Ghost must be made real houses of prayer. Especially is this true of the ministry. Power came to the early church as a result of earnest prayer and confession of sin. As sins are forsaken and differences are put away we shall see more of the Pentecostal power in the church. I trust that at this conference, while there are many items of business that must receive attention, we shall not neglect the hour of prayer.

Nearly all of our special efforts in 1910 were in places where the converts joined the churches already located there. One new church was organized, the Jersey City Swedish church, which now seeks admission to the conference. Ten of the churches report an increase of members during the year. In the others the membership has either remained stationary, or there has been a de-

crease. How to help the small struggling churches and companies that cannot have the regular assistance of the conference workers is one of the serious problems which this conference should carefully consider.

CITY WORK

Perhaps the greatest of the problems this conference has to face is that of the great cities that contain such a large portion of our population. Of the one hundred largest cities in the United States, according to the last census, nine are in this state. New York and Massachusetts are the only states that equal this, New York having the same number, and Massachusetts having twelve. The whole north-eastern part of the state is fast becoming one vast city. There have been many developments within the last year which show that the favorable time for working the cities is rapidly passing. What is to be done should be done speedily. Shall we like Jonah flee from our duty to these modern Ninevahs, or shall we, gaining wisdom and courage from his experience, enter these doors of opportunity? Cannot the God who stirred Nineveh by the message in the mouth of the cowardly Jonah work mightily through weak human instruments to-day?

I take the following from a most earnest appeal that has recently come from one who has long sounded the note of advance to this people:—

"The conditions that face Christian workers in the great cities constitute a solemn appeal for untiring effort in behalf of the millions living within the shadow of impending doom. Men will soon be forced to great decisions, and they must have opportunity to hear and understand Bible truth, in order that they may take their stand intelligently on the right side. God is now calling upon his messengers, in no uncertain terms, to warn the cities while mercy still lingers, and while multitudes are still susceptible to the converting influence of Bible truth. Often the needs of the cities have appealed to those who understand by the prophecies what is coming upon the earth, and yet comparatively little has been done to enter these cities with the warning message of present truth. The Spirit of the Lord is still urging men to undertake this work with new courage and zeal, and never cease the effort until a thorough work is done.

"The Lord is in earnest with his people. Long have they delayed entering the cities; and now they must seek to redeem the time. . . . The work in the cities is now to be re-

garded as of special importance. Let workers be carefully selected to labor two and two in the cities, in harmony with the counsel of experienced leaders, and under the direction and commission of Jesus Christ. God desires his people to labor in perfect harmony in an effort to carry the truth into the cities. I am bidden to keep this matter before the attention of the believers, until they shall be aroused to a realization of its importance. Let no ill-advised lips utter words of discouragement, but let every one in responsibility unite in planning for the accomplishment of this work, knowing that he who has led his servants hitherto will not fail them in this time of special need."

What will be our answer to this stirring appeal? The 1911 conference must make plans for greater and more efficient efforts in behalf of the multitudes who have starved spiritually until even their hungry cry has become weak through long waiting. God is able to multiply our little till it will feed the multitude; but we must bring our all.

THE FOREIGN FIELD AT HOME

As the thousands of immigrants, largely from Latin and Slavic European countries, continue to flock to our shores, the foreign work in our conference becomes a constantly increasing problem. During the year we have added to our force of foreign workers two Slavic, one Swedish, and one German worker. The message is now being given in nine different languages in this state. An evidence of the rapid development of this branch of the work is seen in the fact that we now have more workers giving their whole time to labor among the various foreign nationalities than we had in the entire working force of the conference three years ago. In 1910 hall efforts have been held among the Hollanders in Paterson, for the Scandinavians in South Amboy, and with the Bohemians and Slavs in Newark, besides other efforts in various places.

B. F. KNEELAND.

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THE canvassers institute will be held at Elizabeth, N. J., February 20-28. Board and room will be furnished without charge to those who enter the field for the season, and an extra allowance will be made on sales till the amount spent for railroad fare in coming to the institute and going to the field is made up. All should bring blankets, etc., as extra bedding will be needed.

It was voted by the executive committee that Brother Pennington give his attention to the work in Paterson and vicinity. This is a large field which greatly needs help. The prayers of all will be with the workers there.

Elder G. W. Spies expects soon to locate at Paulsboro, where he will make an effort to build up the work. All should pray that the Lord will bless this attempt to restore the work there, where we have one of the oldest churches in the conference.

The Lord is calling special attention to the necessity of scattering the printed page with the present message while we can do so without meeting the hindrances which will soon be thrown in our way. Are you one of those who ought to be at work in the Master's vineyard? Ask the Lord if this is in the line of duty for you, and if you feel the burden to work in this way, plan to attend the canvassers' institute to be held in Elizabeth, February 20-28.

The institute will be held in the Seventh-day Adventist hall, 1132 Elizabeth Ave., Elizabeth, N. J. Go South on Broad Street from the station about three blocks to the court house, and turn to the left on Elizabeth Ave., and go one and one-half blocks to the hall. Both First and Third Street cars run from the station past the hall.

Brother E. R. Numbers, field agent of the Columbia Union will be at the canvassers' institute, and will take a leading part in giving instruction. He will be assisted by our field agent, Brother C. E. Grey, and other helpers. No matter what book you are planning to handle, you should get the instruction and help which will be given at the institute.

The executive committee met at Trenton, February 5, to lay plans for the institute and winter efforts.

One of our sisters went with fear and trembling to carry a copy of "Ministry of Healing" to the home of a minister. She was not able to give a canvass, but left the book with the minister's sister, and went home. Within three hours the woman was at her door with the money for the book, saying that her brother wanted such a book very much.

"Ministry of Healing" seems to sell itself. An ex-judge picked up a copy of the book in the home of one of our sisters the other evening, and without giving her a chance to say a word said, "If that book is for sale, I want a copy," and gave her the money for it on the spot. Many of our brethren and sisters can testify that the Lord greatly blesses the effort to place this heaven-sent volume in the hands of the people. We have set ourselves to sell our full quota of two books per member, or 1,300 books in all, during 1911. May we not count on you to do all you can to bring this about?

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Roaring Branch

ON Sabbath, January 8, the writer met with the church at Roaring Branch in quarterly meeting. Though our brethren are scattered, yet we had a full attendance, some coming a long distance to attend this meeting. We are glad to say the Lord truly visited his people at this time, and our hearts were made to rejoice as we witnessed souls turning from the pleasures of this world to the Lord Jesus Christ. Revival services were held in the forenoon, and several came forward confessing their Lord publicly for the first time. Four were received into the membership of the body, and are awaiting baptism. May the Lord ever keep these dear young people close to his side, and may they finally stand on the sea of glass before the throne of God.

We left our brethren of good courage and believe that we shall frequently see additions to this church. A spirit of unity prevails, and we shall expect good reports.

L. E. SUFFICOL.

Williamsport

THE quarterly meeting of the Williamsport church was held Sabbath, January 28, Elder W. H. Heckman presiding. Our brother's words of courage were appreciated by all present, and we could not but note a spirit of courage and consecration in the testimonies of our people in response to the address. The sweet Spirit of God rested upon his people, and we were made to realize that our blessed Saviour was with us. I can but say that it was good to be there. After the ordinance of humility the communion service was conducted by Elder Heckman, assisted by the writer.

Our hearts long for the time when our Saviour will no longer tarry, but will come to receive his waiting children and take them to the beautiful city, the New Jerusalem. Our earnest prayer will ever be that those who partake in these sacred ordinances may sit down at those beautiful tables with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all the holy prophets, when Jesus himself will serve them.

The regular business meeting of the church convened Sunday morning at ten o'clock. The following officers were elected: deacons, Edward Ertel, Elmer Sholder; church clerk, Ray Browning; missionary secretary, Mrs. Maude Sufficool; assistant missionary secretary, Miss Myra Grove; treasurer, Mrs. S. M. Bond. We believe that these officers have the co-operation of the body, and we hope to see success attend their efforts as they labor together in love and unity for the advancement of the cause in the city of Williamsport.

While this church has noble and faithful members; it also has heavy burdens to carry, and yet we would not murmur nor complain; the Lord is with us, and his grace is sufficient for all our needs. Personally I feel glad that I have the privilege of being with our brethren here, sharing the burdens with them, and laboring together for the salvation of souls.

L. E. SUFFICOL.

VIRGINIA

ELDER STEWART KIME reports the conversion of twelve persons at Stanley, as a result of a month's effort. Brother and Sister Vernon Panches are with him, the former drilling a company of young people for the canvassing field, the latter assisting in the music.

One of our canvassers, Brother Adolph Schenk, contracted pneumonia while out making his delivery. He was taken to the home of Brother Kaspar Oertley, with whom he makes his home, and has been very ill ever since. This brother asks for our prayers in his behalf.

Brother Paul Sampson, lately of Missouri, is now locating in Richmond. He will open treatment rooms very soon with some of the very latest appliances used in our well equipped sanitariums.

CHESAPEAKE

Baltimore

DEAR VISITOR READERS: I always enjoy our good paper, especially the reports of the workers; and believing that others also like to hear from the field, I write to say that I was never of better courage in this closing work of the Master than at the present time. Though I have not reported as often as I should, I have by no means been idle.

It was my privilege to be present at a meeting of the Foreign Department of North America, held in Chicago, December 27 to January 4, one of the best meetings I have ever attended in all my experience. The Lord so graciously manifested his presence in the assembly that we were reminded forcibly of Pentecostal days, when the early church received its preparation to give to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people the message of Christ's first advent. All felt that they had received a new baptism of the Spirit, and went forth with joy to finish the Master's work in this generation.

The Lord said just before his ascension, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth; and he has promised that this power shall go with us until the end. As the waters cover the sea, so shall the earth be filled with the knowledge and glory of God; and we have the assurance that 'this generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled.'" We have great reason to praise the Lord for the advancement his work is making. The power of the angel of Revelation 18: 1 is being felt in the work of the third angel.

On the evening of January 23 Elders Baer and Bigelow met with our German church in Baltimore in the interests of the "Ministry of Healing" campaign. The meeting lasted over two hours, with excellent interest. All who were present promised to take their share of the books and finish the work. We were greatly encouraged by the cheering words and the bright hopes set before us by Brother Bigelow, and all went home with a determination to do their best in this work.

We are glad to be able to report that already we have sold twenty-five or more of our books. With the Lord's help, we have been pushing this work during the past few weeks, and we have realized the blessing of God in it.

"O, the good we all may do, while

the days are going by!" I find in this work so many hungry souls who are waiting for the truth. It opens up avenues where we had little dreamed that people were interested. I get many invitations to hold Bible readings on Sabbath reform, health reform, baptism, etc. Among my readers are two Sunday-school superintendents of the German Methodist church. I have no trouble in selling "Ministry of Healing" to people who learned to know me through our hall and tent meetings; and I am confident that some day a number of these people who heard the message but did not accept it for fear of losing their work will yet take their stand for the truth. We find that now there are many more interested than formerly.

On the occasion of our quarterly meeting the church enjoyed a refreshing shower from the presence of His throne. Nearly all the members were present and could say that it was a good day and long to be remembered. The Lord is good and greatly to be praised. He does not forget any of his children, but tends the little flocks as well as the large ones.

Pray for the work here.

G. P. GAEDE.

The Printed Page

"Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field." Surely the prophet Zechariah must have seen down through the ages to the very close of this world's history; for he refers to the time of the latter rain, and the latter rain is what is needed before the harvest. But we do not expect a bountiful harvest until we have first sown the seed—the gospel seed, which is the word of God.

We know no better way to sow the seed than to go forth with the printed page. "These are the things that ye shall do; speak ye every man the truth to his neighbor." From "Testimonies for the Church," page 126, under the heading, "A Reformatory Movement," we quote these inspiring words, "Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God." David says, "The Lord gave the word; great was the company of them that published it." This was true, not only of the time when it was written, but also of the time when Luther sent out his colporteurs through Germany with the New Testament. We read that Germany was ere long overrun

with these enterprising colporteurs. Surely the Lord gave the word at that time, and great was the company of them that published it. So it will be in the last days. Thousands will be seen going from house to house with the printed page, and souls will be converted. Knowing this, shall we not join the ranks to help in such a worthy cause?

Yours for the finishing of the work,
JOSEPH E. JONES,
Field Missionary Agent.

WEST VIRGINIA

The "Ministry of Healing Campaign" in West Virginia

MARCH 1-15 has been set apart for a "Ministry of Healing" campaign in West Virginia. This relief movement for sanitariums has been adopted by the General Conference and by all union and local conferences in this country. The financial needs of our sanitariums should inspire every one of us to take hold of this work and do all in his power to sell as many books as possible during this campaign. We know that our people in West Virginia are willing to work, and we believe that all want to see this campaign end successfully; and for this reason it will be necessary for each individual to have a part in this grand and noble work.

Eternity only will reveal the good which these books will do in the homes of the people. The Lord is giving us the privilege of doing this work, and either faithfulness or unfaithfulness will be written opposite our names in the ledger of heaven. The Holy Spirit is impressing the people to buy, if we will but carry the books to them and use our God-given talents to present this line of work. I trust that we shall all be faithful, and finally receive the overcomer's reward. F. H. ROBBINS.

BROTHER A. T. HALSTEAD, formerly of East Liverpool, Ohio., is living at St. Albans, W. Va., where he is doing a good work among his neighbors with our literature.

Having returned from his partial tour of the conference, Elder Robbins is now at his home in Morgantown, deep in the study of his accumulated mail and endeavoring to reply to letters which call for answers. Holding meetings day and night has served to remind him that man is but mortal. He returned from his extensive trip

through the state worn and tired, but pleased indeed with the visits he had been permitted to pay to churches and individuals.

The president has called the executive committee to meet with him in annual session, to plan and arrange for the work of the coming year, to audit the accounts of the workers for the year just closed, and to arrange for the gathering in camp-meeting for next summer. This meeting will be held at the office in Parkersburg, Feb. 16, 1911, at which time a series of meetings will also be held in the church.

Brother and Sister Nothstein, formerly of McArthur, O., are living in Huntington, W. Va. Brother Nothstein is equipping a river boat to use in self-supporting missionary work. His son Paul expects to be in Mount Vernon College next year.

Brother B. F. Hubbell and his sister, Miss Mary Hubbell, recently from Ohio, are canvassing in West Virginia.

Canvassers will please take notice that the "Coming King" has been greatly revised, and that the new book is now in the hands of the printers and will be ready for circulation at any time after the first of February. The one dollar book has been discontinued. The plain cloth binding will now sell at \$1.50, and the gilt binding at \$2.00. Canvassers will kindly bear these new prices in mind.

Brother C. V. Leach, our state agent, passed through Parkersburg on his way to Charlestown, where he goes to start another canvasser in the field; Brother Reese of Morgantown, W. Va., has joined our rapidly growing corps of canvassers. We bid him welcome, and pray that the blessing of God may be with him in his effort to spread the gospel through the printed page.

A very strong and at the same time attractive temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor*, bearing date of March 7, 1911, will be ready for mailing February 15. Last year the publishers put out 210,000 copies of the temperance *Instructor*—about double the number put out the year before. This year it is hoped that last year's number may be doubled. Those who handled the temperance number last

year know what an excellent selling number it proved to be. We are ready to receive orders now. Don't hesitate to order a goodly number.

OHIO

Mansfield

MISS MABEL H. ANDRE writes as follows from Mansfield, O.:—

"Although our Sabbath-school is small, all the members have an interest in it and take an active part in the exercises. At the close of Sabbath-school we usually have a short service. The thoughts gained from a Bible reading on the signs of Christ's second coming caused my aunt to write these lines:—

Home

Home!—Nearing Home!

O, hail the joyful sound!

The message of salvation

Has reached the nations round;

The time for which we've waited,

And watched with anxious eye;

The signs above, around us

In earth, and sea, and sky;

The signs which seers and prophets

Have long ago foretold

Are fast fulfilling round us:

Let not your love wax cold.

The wrath of man may kindle,

The storm may rage and beat;

No harm to those who've hidden

Within the sure Retreat.

The cry of peace and safety,

Of love and brotherhood,

Cannot deceive the "remnant"

Who have the truth of God.

Let wicked men, and spirits too,

With all their hosts assail;

The truth of God is mighty,

And will at last prevail.

O church of Christ, arise, arise,

And gird your armor on!

The battle, fierce unto its close,

Cannot be very long.

And then upon the "sea of glass,"

Amid the unnumbered throng,

Our trials past, safe Home at last,

We'll sing the victor's song.

—MRS. MARY E. RICHARDSON.

Clyde

JANUARY 18 to February 6 the writer spent with the believers at Clyde, O. The members of the church seemed anxious to hear the truths of God's word, being present at the service each evening and asking many questions during the day. The

Canvassers' Reports

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 3, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
G. Gates, Warren Co.	PG	4	18	3	9 00	4 40	13 40		
Mrs. G. Gates, Warren Co.	PG	3	13	1	4 00	45	4 45		
J. Perrine, Washington Co.	NP	5	20	26	7 65	2 70	10 35		27
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	GC	5	47	28	49 50	10 75	60 25		15 75
T. Saxton, Armstrong Co.	GC	3	20	9	32 00	14 00	46 00		50
J. Kimmel, Somerset Co.	PG	9	62	29	95 00	18 20	103 20		60
Adeline Zoerb, Washingt'n Co.	SP	5	26	47	52 75	80	53 55		
Miss Midkiff, Washington Co.	SP	15	59	79	95 00		95 00		
Totals		49	265	222	\$334 90	\$51 20	\$386 20		\$17 12

Ohio, Week Ending February 3, 1911

Enos M. Horst, Crawford Co.	GC	5	44	11	33 00	4 75	37 75		1 75
H. Kirk, Jefferson Co.	GC	5	35						160 00
J. Randolph, Marion Co.	DR	5	42	3	10 00	25 80	35 80		40 60
F. E. Hankins, Jefferson Co.	DR	4	26						109 48
Ray Corder, Lorain Co.	BF	4	23	33	35 50	3 50	39 00		
Guy Corder, Lorain Co.	BF	4	23	33	34 00	4 00	38 00		
O. Yingling, Lorain Co.	BF	3	16	13	16 00		16 00		
L. H. Waters, Crawford Co.	BF	5	35	15	16 00		16 00		
M. Krimp, Cuyohoga Co.	BR	5	31	8	26 00	5 50	31 50		7 50
C. Reichenbach, Geauga Co.	OK	3	22	13	17 50		17 50		
Totals		43	302	129	\$188 00	\$43 55	\$231 55		\$319 33

New Jersey, Two Weeks Ending January 27, 1911

W. Plant, Warren	OK	9	52	30	34 50	1 00	35 50		50 50
G. Fredenburgh, Warren	OK	7	31	7	7 50	75	8 25		71 75
J. Rambo, Bridgeton	OK	3	11	24	24 50		24 50		
G. Blinn, Mercer	BR	5	31	5	17 00	4 00	21 00		
C. Beach, Essex	GC	4	33	4	10 00	4 50	14 50		
S. Stowe, Essex	GC	2	8	3	9 00	3 00	12 00		
S. Walker, Newark	BR	2	7	4	9 00		9 00		50
Totals		32	173	77	\$111 50	\$13 25	\$124 75		\$122 75

West Virginia, Week Ending February 3, 1911

T. M. Butler, Marion Co.	GC	4	24	2	9 00	3 50	12 50		68 75
J. W. Marshall, Berkley Co.	GC	2	10	6	15 00	1 00	19 00		
W. McElphatrick, Lewis Co.	DR	5	39	8	16 00	12 00	28 00		6 00
F. Wagner, Harrison Co.	DR	5	35	15	47 00	6 50	53 50		32 00
Totals		16	108	31	\$90 00	\$23 00	\$113 00		\$106 75

Virginia, Week Ending February 3, 1911

K. Oertley, Wytbeville	OK		18	8	8 00	1 00	9 00		50
B. Hamm, Hinton			2						1 50
S. N. Brown, Martinsville	OK		36	56	85 00	10 00	95 00		
T. Phillips, Stanleyton	PG		33	22	71 00	8 00	79 00		
B. Jenkins, Stanleyton	PG		17	13	42 00		42 00		
Totals			106	99	\$206 00	\$19 00	\$225 00		\$2 00

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 3, 1910

W. P. Hess, Carlisle	OK	4	40	21	33 00		33 00		
G. Jenkins, Scranton	PG	5	21	1	3 00	7 70	10 00		3 20
S. Zenger, Libery	GC	3	27	3	9 00	3 00	12 00		
I. Bateman, Scranton	NP	5	20	10	2 75	1 50	4 25		1 50
Total		17	108	37	\$47 75	\$11 50	\$59 25		\$4 70

District of Columbia, Week Ending February 3, 1911

R. Green, Washington, D. C.	BR	5	34	34	69 00		69 00		15 00
J. Glunt, Washington, D. C.	SP	4	19	8	10 50	4 25	14 75		5 50
Totals		9	53	42	\$79 50	\$4 25	\$83 75		\$20 50

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1223.50 Deliveries, \$593.15

studies taken up were of a practical nature, and the people expressed themselves as much encouraged, and showed a realization of the necessity of consecrating all to God. On the last Sabbath of our visit one member was added to the church on profession of faith. There are a number of young people in this company who have not yet become members of the church. Several of these declared their intention to be baptized. An interesting church school, with an enrollment of eleven, is conducted by Miss Florence Hottes of Dayton. During the last week of my stay at Clyde Brother W. C. Moffett, who was visiting the church in the interests of the educational work, joined me in my labors and shared in the work of preaching and visiting.

W. E. BIDWELL.

Walnut Grove

THE following is the missionary report of the Walnut Grove church for the month of January. This church has a membership of forty.

Missionary visits made.....	3
Sick persons assisted.....	2
Tracts lent or given away.....	7
Papers lent, mailed, or given away	69
Books lent or given away.....	15
Missionary letters written.....	3
Relief books sold.....	4
Amount collected for missions....	\$4.30

Hamilton

THE Hamilton church, with a membership of twenty-two, sends in the following missionary report for the month of January:—

Missionary visits made.....	8
Sick persons assisted.....	1
Meals provided.....	3
Articles of clothing given away.	1
Tracts lent or given away.....	87
Total copies of all our papers received.....	143
Papers lent, mailed, or given away.....	100
Books lent.....	11
1 Reading-rack, times filled.....	6
Retail value of all literature given away.....	\$9.06
Periodicals sold.....	154
Periodical subscriptions taken.	7
Relief books sold.....	3
Books sold.....	\$1.00
Retail value of all literature sold	\$3.50
Bible readings or cottage meetings held.....	2
Number attending the Bible readings.....	4
Amount collected for missions	\$1.05

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ELDER W. E. BIDWELL and Brother W. C. Moffett recently visited the Clyde church, the former holding a series of meetings and the latter working in the interests of the church school. The members of the church report the best interest they have had for years on the part of the people of the town, two of the local ministers of the town being in attendance at the meetings every evening.

Elder C. C. Webster of Akron and Elder C. T. Redfield of Springfield called in Mount Vernon recently.

Miss Ruth Christine Sweet of Akron was recently united in marriage to Mr. Richard Everhart of the same place, Elder R. G. Patterson officiating.

Dr. Talmage has moved his family from Clyde, O., to Ladoga, Ind., a small place about thirty miles southwest of La Fayette. He locates at Ladoga with bright prospects of success.

Emma Robinson has closed her treatment rooms at Magnetic Springs for the winter, and is now visiting a number of friends in Ohio.

Brother Babcock, who keeps bath-rooms in Tremont, reports several persons interested in the truth. He asks that a series of tent meetings be held in Tremont next summer.

WANTED.—Late, clean, postpaid copies of *Signs of the Times*, *Youth's Instructor*, *Watchman*, *Liberty*, and *Life and Health*.
MABEL A. GIBSON,
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**Temperance Instructor Ready
February 15**

THE date of the temperance *Instructor* for this year will be March 7, but it will be ready to mail February 15. It will be in every way far superior to any previous temperance issue. Some of the best temperance workers and authors in the country have contributed strong articles for this number, and our own workers have done their best for it. The artists have done good work in illustrating. The cover will be very attractive.

This issue of the temperance *Instructor* will not only be an easy selling number, but it will be a strong influence in favor of temperance and pure living. It will strike a hard blow against the greatest evil of the age. Not a copy less than 500,000 of this strong temperance number should be circulated this season. More than this can be done if every temperance person will do even a small part of his duty in helping to save souls from the death grasp of general intemperance.

The prices will be the same as last year—5-40 copies, 5 cents a copy; 50 or more copies, 4 cents a copy. Single copies 10 cents.

All orders should be sent through the conference tract societies.

A Golden Opportunity

EVERYBODY appreciates the value of precedence, particularly in legislative and court procedure. For years the National Reform Association has been endeavoring to secure a joint resolution favoring an amendment to the constitution, the effect of which would change our form of government from the American idea to that of Papal Rome. A measure is now before the House of Representatives looking to this end. We are pleased to announce that our Religious Liberty Department has found a precedent with which to confront the pending measure. It is the report of a house committee of the Forty-third Congress. A facsimile of the report appears in the January number of *Liberty*. In view of the fact that a strong effort will be made to push the proposed constitutional amendment through the present session of Congress, a wide circulation should be given this issue of *Liberty*. Just now every liberty-loving citizen should be aroused concerning the proposed legislation, and we who have the message for this time should lose no opportunity to make known the principles of religious liberty.

OBITUARIES

FRYE.—Mrs. Rosa Denver Frye, wife of Franklin Frye, was born August 17, 1877, and died at her home near Mount Jackson, Virginia, February 3, 1911, aged 33 years, 5 months, and 16 days. She leaves a father and mother, and one sister, besides her husband, three children and five step-children.

She seemed to be interested in the message, which had been preached occasionally in her neighborhood, and expressed a desire for baptism some time before her death; but her sickness was of such a nature that during the last few weeks of her life she lost her mind, and when one of our ministers visited her a week before her death, it was impossible to administer the ordinance. Her funeral took place from the Adventist church near by, in the presence of a large concourse of people. The services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Elders B. W. and A. C. Neff. Rev. 21:4 was used as a text.

R. D. HOTTEL.

ALLEN.—John Allen, aged about 72 years, died January 24, 1911. Brother Allen was one of the first to accept the message in the city of Richmond, Virginia, about sixteen years ago. He was loyal to the truth and faithful in attendance at the meetings of the church. As he did not come to his breakfast as usual on the above mentioned date, the man with whom he lived went to his room. The hall was filled with gas, and when the door was broken open Brother Allen was found crouched in a corner of the room, his hands grasping his body as if in intense pain. He had used in his room a gas heater with a rubber hose connection. The hose had been burned in one place by the heater, and it is supposed that during the night the burned place had given way, and the gas had escaped, causing asphyxiation. Brother Allen had left his bed, perhaps trying to find his way out of the room, but he was too nearly overcome to save himself. He was laid to rest in the Oakwood cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver. The funeral services were conducted by the writer.

A. M. NEFF.

KIRBY.—Katherine Cassell was born in Knox County, Ohio, April 16, 1840, and died in Columbus, O., Jan. 18, 1911, aged 70 years, 9 months, and 2 days. Fifty years ago she married Nathan Kirby, and six children were born to the union. The husband, three children, and five grand-children are left to mourn. She joined the Waterford Seventh-day Adventist church thirty years ago. Sister Kirby has been greatly afflicted for years, but through it all has shown great patience and Christian fortitude. During the last twenty-seven years of her life she was afflicted with rheumatism. About two years preceding her death she was confined to her bed. She was a good mother, and her vacant place in the home will remind her children of her desire to share the glories of heaven with them and the faithful of all ages. Her eyes have been closed by the hand of death, but we trust that she will come forth glorified in the glad morning of the resurrection, when disease, sorrow, and suffering will be unknown. The funeral service was conducted by the writer at the home of her daughter in Milo, and interment was made in Union Cemetery. The discourse was based upon Psalms 17:15.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.