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RUMORS OF WAR

ENGLAND has increased the amount to be spent on her navy for 1910 \$27,000,000 over that of 1909. A total expenditure of \$293,000,000 is to be made. Five large armored ships, five protected cruisers, twenty destroyers, and a number of submarines are to be constructed. At the present time there are under construction in England seven battle-ships, three armored, nine protected, and two unarmored cruisers, thirty-nine destroyers, and nine submarines. This is the largest naval program the government has ever had. It is supposed that five armored ships will be of the Dreadnought type, and there will be in addition four other Dreadnoughts, besides the vessels to be contributed by the colonies.

Canada is to assist England by doing building on her own account. Canada proposes to expend in naval construction \$4,750,000 for cruisers and \$1,500,000 for destroyers. Three cruisers of the improved Bristol class and four destroyers of the improved river class are to be built. The annual cost of maintenance is \$2,000,000. Two of the cruisers will be assigned to the Pacific Coast and one cruiser and four destroyers to the Atlantic Coast. 1,408 officers and men will be required to man the ships. Their pay-roll will be \$400,000 and their food supply \$100,000 a year.

The United States also has her plans. Rapidly this country is taking a front place as a naval power. A few years ago she stood in the background; but by the building of monster battle-ships, by great expenditure on equipment, by careful work and training and marshaling of men, she is now recognized as standing in the forefront as a military power.

In order for us to appreciate the enormous amount of money which is spent annually by the nations; it may

be well for us to consider a comparison made by the National Peace Association. The cost of a single battle-ship would build a first-class macadam road from New York to Chicago; it would build fifty manual training schools, and equip them with essential tools and appliances; it would construct two such buildings as that of the Congressional Library in Washington—and that is the finest library in the world.

This shows how costly is one ship; and when we consider how many are built by the world to-day, we get some idea of the great stream of wealth that is being turned aside from the uses of peace to those of preparation for war.

Recently in a number of publications we have seen a clear statement of Germany's preparation for war. In an article published in the April *Century*, entitled, "If Germany Were Called to War, How a Million Soldiers Would Be Placed in the Field within a Week," we have a marvellous presentation of the situation in that country. Says the writer of that article:—

"It is a fact that almost by pressing a button the standing army of the German Empire, comprising in round numbers 616,000 men and 110,000 horses may be transformed, with the addition of the first reserves, into an immense fighting machine of over one million men, and placed in position at any of the frontiers, ready for battle. All possible contingencies are provided for; and men, horses, guns, ammunition, and supplies of every description are either ready or can be procured at a moment's notice."

This writer goes on to show how the General Staff is working incessantly to the limits of human strength in training, planning, getting ready for the day that they believe will soon find the dawn when Germany must make war upon some enemy.

Sir Edward Grey, foreign secretary and one of the most respected men in English public life, a few months ago gave expression to the following:—

"The great countries of Europe are raising enormous revenues, and something like one-half of them is being

spent on naval and military preparations. You may call it national insurance, which is perfectly true; but it is equally true that one-half of the revenue of the great countries of Europe is being spent on what are, after all, preparations to kill each other. Surely, the extent to which this expenditure has grown really becomes a satire and a reflection upon civilization. Not in our generation, perhaps, but if it goes on at the rate at which it has recently increased, sooner or later I believe it will submerge that civilization."

These words are no thoughtless utterance of an irresponsible speaker, but the calm, deliberate utterance of a high-principled statesman, who speaks with a full sense of responsibility. At the same time, while Sir Edward Grey recognizes the inevitable end of such a competition, he sees nothing for it but for England to make whatever sacrifice may be demanded to keep her present place of naval pre-eminence. "If we allow ourselves to fall behind in the race," he says, "we should be fortunate if our liberty were left and we did not become the conscript appendage of some stronger power. This is a brutal way of stating the case, but it is the truth."

It will be seen that the British expenditures are still more than twice those of Germany, and that in this decade the United States spent far more than any of the powers except Great Britain. The tables in detail show that the increase from 1901 to 1910 was most marked in the cases of Germany and the United States, the advance in the case of Germany having been from \$47,000,000 to \$106,000,000, and in our own case from \$80,000,000 to \$137,000,000. France maintained its budget at about \$62,000,000 annually until 1909, when the total was swelled to \$75,000,000. The yearly aggregates for both Russia and Japan fluctuated during the decade, for pretty obvious reasons, and Italy's outlays increased from \$24,500,000 to \$36,500,000.

The prophecy of Joel is meeting rapid fulfillment. The nations of the earth have been awakened, and are

rapidly preparing instruments of death and destruction to use in the last great struggle for supremacy. We are to see in this growing spirit a sign of the end, and be admonished by its significance.

TEN YEARS OF NAVAL EXPENDITURE

Every year witnesses a marked increase in national expenditure for army and navy equipment. The nations of earth are vying with one another in their wild preparation for the coming conflict. A recent number of the *Philadelphia Public Ledger* furnishes the following figures of naval expenditures and the amount of new construction, in tons, on the part of seven leading nations for the last decade:—

	Naval Expenditure 1900-1910	New Construction tons
Great Britain	\$1,695,000,000	1,486,800
France	645,000,000	366,400
Russia	550,000,000	293,000
Germany	680,000,000	621,700
Italy	290,000,000	120,000
United States	1,110,000,000	603,100
Japan	285,000,000	97,000

ARMED MEN IN THE WORLD

Germany	5,651,228
France	4,558,776
Italy	1,942,560
Austria-Hungary	2,056,574
Russia	4,156,300
Great Britain	1,054,772
Japan	1,125,300
Secondary states	4,816,561
In the navies there are	470,287

Grand total of the fighting forces of the world \$25,832,358

One hundred eighty pounds was the maximum weight of a cannon ball used in the Civil War of 1861-5, and it required but a few pounds of powder to fire it; to-day a shot weighing a ton, fired with half a ton of ammunition from a twenty-ton gun will travel a distance of ten miles, and pierce a solid target forty-four feet in thickness.

Christ, in describing the signs of his coming, said; "There shall be . . . distress of nations, with perplexity." Here we find two conditions of the nations mentioned: first, distress, and second, perplexity. These two specifications are being strikingly fulfilled at the present time.

"Nearly every intelligent observer has noted the wide prevalence of the spirit of unrest manifesting itself in countless different ways. This spirit of unrest is not confined to any one country, or to any one class within

the country. The spirit of unrest permeates the world of business as well as the world of politics; it is felt in religious fields and in social circles; it is general and elusive rather than well defined and of fixed purpose. The word unrest probably describes it as clearly and as sharply as it can be described.

"If this spirit of unrest is nebulous and intangible, yet really potent, to locate its origin and identity, its moving causes, is a difficult, if not an impossible, task."⁷

Said Lord Salisbury, in speaking of the threatened wars: "These wars come upon us absolutely unannounced and with terrible rapidity. The war cloud arises in the horizon with a rapidity that obviates all calculations, and, it may be a month or two months after the first warning you receive, you find that you are engaged in, or in prospect of, a war on which your very existence is staked."

A few years ago, after a European tour of inspection, Gen. Nelson A. Miles said: "I have seen all the great armies of Europe except the Spanish army. What I have seen does not indicate that the millennium is at hand, when swords shall be beaten into plowshares."

The late Bishop Newton gave his views of the situation, in these words: "This is the most unsettled condition of the world since the crucifixion of Christ. The stability of government is no longer a fact. Change is in the atmosphere. It is just as true now as a thousand years ago, 'Thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.' . . . Statesmen are at their wits' end. Philosophers speculate in vain."

Archbishop Ireland (Raman Catholic) declares: "The bands of society are relaxed; traditional principles are losing their sacredness, and perils hitherto unknown are menacing the life of the social organism."

Prof. E. Benjamin Andrews, ex-president of Brown University, is led to say: "No well informed person in Europe seems to believe that peace is destined to endure there very long. On all hands people are preparing for war. Armies and navies are strengthened; fortifications multiplied; immense war treasures of gold piled up; all possible hypothetical plans of campaign, offensive and defensive, studied and discussed; firearms, great and small, ceaselessly experimented upon and improved; civil measures subordinated to military, and statesmen to great army men and navy men."

Signor Crispi, for many years prime minister of Italy, comparing

Europe with Spain, at the time of the Spanish-American war, said: "Europe resembles Spain from a certain point of view. Anarchy is dominant everywhere. To speak frankly, there is no Europe. The European concert is only a sinister joke. Nothing can be expected from the concert of the powers. We are marching toward the unknown. Who knows what tomorrow has in store for us?"

The Springfield (Massachusetts) *Republican*, one of the ablest-edited papers in the United States, comparing a few years ago with the present, remarks: "The view a few years ago showed a placid, smiling river; now we see the boiling rapids of a torrent plunging toward what abyss no one knows. War has followed war with swift succession. . . . What the next stroke will be who will say?"

Thus we see that the great preparation for war, with its attendant distress and perplexity, is a striking fulfillment of the prophecy concerning the last days.

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O. F. BUTCHER.

MRS. S. H. ELDER, of Coleville, Pa., is visiting her son at the College.

Several members of the College family have suffered an attack of la grippe during the past two or three weeks. We are glad to see them all at work again.

An excellent number of the winter course of lectures was given Saturday evening, February 11, when the "S. W." Quartet rendered a musical program before a chapel-ful of appreciative listeners. The proceeds of this number go toward the purchase of a new balance for the chemical laboratory.

During his recent visit home Elder Shultz gave the students a very interesting chapel talk on sociology, emphasizing especially the evil influence of adverse criticism.

One of our nurses recently received over \$7,500 on the death of a patient whom she had nursed last summer. She expects to donate a considerable part of this gift to the cause of foreign missions.

Miss Cloda Franklin is doing private nursing in Charleston, W. Va., her parents having moved to that city from Chillicothe, O.

The ministerial band reports successful Sunday evening meetings. The attendance is regular, and the people seem interested in what they hear.

Mr. Orvie J. Gibson, who left Mount Vernon for China last week, spoke to the young people Sabbath afternoon on the subject of his future field.

Dr. W. J. Venen, who is taking the winter course at the College, delivered a religious liberty address in the chapel on Sabbath morning, February 4.

The school last week enjoyed a very pleasant visit from Prof. B. G. Wilkinson, who gave the students several most interesting chapel talks and also rendered valued assistance in the classes of the special winter course for workers.

NEW JERSEY

New Jersey Annual Meeting

THE annual conference session of the New Jersey Conference was held at Newark, New Jersey, January 17 to 23, at which time the usual affairs pertaining to the work of the conference were attended to, and plans were laid for the progress of the work during the coming year.

We take pleasure in expressing our thankfulness for the blessing of God received during this annual meeting. Elder Spicer from Washington was there during a part of the time and his services in behalf of the people were especially blessed of God.

The work of the conference moved off harmoniously and the session was marked by a deep spirit of union. The report of the conference showed an increase in conference membership, and especially a good increase in the amount of funds gathered to help in foreign mission work. Resolutions were passed, looking forward to a larger development of the foreign work within the state; to the prosecution of the Bohemian work; to a hearty participation in the "Ministry of Healing" campaign. We were especially pleased to note the enthusi-

astic and unanimous vote that was taken on the "quarter-a-quarter" plan. This is a plan that has been adopted by the Columbia Union Conference Committee and recommended to the different conferences, requesting the members of our different conferences to contribute twenty-five cents each quarter during the year, or \$1.00 for the year, to constitute a missionary educational fund, which is to be used in behalf of the educational work throughout the Columbia Union Conference. While, for the first year or two the proceeds of this fund will undoubtedly go to our mother educational institution, Mount Vernon College, yet it is the design later on to divide this fund with the conferences as soon as the educational work is properly placed upon its feet. We raise annually in the ten-cent-a-week plan \$5.20 per member for the foreign mission work, and this is good; it ought to be better. We are raising now an average of \$5.00 per member for the \$300,000 fund; and if we sell our full quota of the "Ministry of Healing" and the copies of *Life and Health*, we shall raise between twelve and thirteen dollars per member for the medical missionary work. But apart from this, how excellent it is to be willing and to be able to come forward with at least a dollar a year to do something in behalf of that work which fundamentally lies at the development of all our work, namely our educational work.

The New Jersey delegates elected practically the same staff of officers as had served the year previous. There was a good attendance at all the meetings, both business and public, during the several days of the session. The brethren took hold of the work again with renewed courage; and we look, as we devoutly pray, for the blessing of God upon the work in New Jersey this coming year.

B. G. WILKINSON.

The President's Address

(Concluded)
FINANCES

AMONG the encouraging things that will appear in the report of the treasurer is a Sabbath-school offering more than \$1,000 greater than it was five years ago. The donations to foreign missions have increased \$3121, and the total gifts to general trust funds for 1910 are \$4,715 more than those for 1905. We feel deeply grateful to God for the self-sacrificing liberality that has been shown toward the work in other lands. May God ever keep the fountain of our liberality open; for un-

selfishness brings the blessing of the Lord. We regret, however, that our tithe has fallen off during the year. We can only pray that the Spirit of God will so work upon the hearts of any who may have been delinquent in this respect, that the work of God may not be hindered through the unfaithfulness of the stewards to whom he has entrusted means.

THE SUSTENTATION FUND

I take great pleasure in recommending to you the plan for the support of aged and infirm laborers, and the widows and orphans of deceased workers, a plan which has been adopted by the General Conference Committee, and which provides for the raising of a fund to be known as the "Sustentation Fund." Each conference has been asked to contribute five per cent of its net tithe receipts to this fund, and thus make permanent and reliable provision for the needs of those who have worn themselves out in this work, and for the dependent families of those who have literally given their lives to this cause. Failure to care for such would be a shame to any church, and I welcome this plan which seems to solve some of the difficulties that have been met in the past in caring for these cases.

The necessity of making some provision for a permanent fund for the support of our foreign missionaries has been forced home to us with special emphasis during the past year, when the General Conference suddenly found itself without funds with which to meet the salaries and expenses of the workers in the foreign field, which amount to about \$1,000 a day. Great hardship was thus caused to the laborers who were already breaking under their other burdens. It is proposed to remedy this unfortunate condition by setting aside in each conference a definite portion of the tithe to be placed in the hands of the General Conference as a part of the mission funds. I believe that the plan is a good one, and I trust that it will be carefully studied and adopted by this delegation.

HOME MISSIONARY WORK

Considerable activity has been shown in missionary work during the past year. At the last conference plans were laid for special efforts among the churches in behalf of this line of work. The conference workers joined with the missionary secretary in the campaign, and as the missionary societies were re-organized, and took up the work with renewed zeal, the blessing of the Lord

came in, and many precious experiences were enjoyed as the church members took up work among their neighbors. The increase in the amount of sales in the tract society for 1910 is largely due to this work in the churches. No one who is familiar with the situation which we have to face will fail to see that the hope of success in our efforts to carry this message to the people of this state lies very largely in the missionary activity among the lay members of the churches.

The message to us from the servant of the Lord is: "There should be one hundred believers actively engaged in personal missionary work where now there is one. Time is rapidly passing. There is much work to be done before Satanic opposition shall close up the way. . . . Especially are church members living in the cities to exercise, in all humility, their God-given talents in laboring with those who are willing to hear the message that should come to the world at this time. There are great blessings in store for those who fully surrender to the call of God."

The experience of the past year has fully demonstrated the value of this personal effort on the part of our brethren and sisters. We trust that we shall not weary in well doing, but shall make 1911 a year of much greater activity in all lines that go to build up our work.

"MINISTRY OF HEALING"

One more line demands special notice at this time. The work of selling the "Ministry of Healing" deserves, and must have, our very best effort. We are glad for what has been accomplished, but this is only a small part of what must be done. No one can estimate the good that this book will do when placed in the homes of the people. Now is the time when the whole world is eagerly looking for light on the subjects of healthful living and the prevention of disease. Now is our grand opportunity, and I am convinced that if we pass it by indifferently we shall bitterly regret our mistake. This conference should lay plans for the completion of this campaign at the earliest possible date.

I have tried to place before you the situation as it appears to me. It rests with you, my brethren and sisters, to say what shall be the mark at which we shall aim for 1911. If you think we should call a halt, say so. If you believe that the time and the conditions demand greater activity and broader plans, then let us seek God

earnestly for wisdom in planning great things, and let us stand by one another in the effort to carry them out. One thing has been demonstrated: without the presence of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and in our churches all our efforts will be in vain. Shall we not during the few days that we shall be together for conference, and especially on the Sabbath, which has been set apart as a day of special prayer and fasting, humble ourselves before God and wrestle with him till Pentecostal blessings come to us?

"O for that flame of living fire,
Which shone so bright in saints of old;
Which bade their souls to heaven aspire,
Calm in distress, in danger bold.

"Is not thy grace as mighty now
As when Elijah felt its power?
When glory beamed from Moses brow,
Or Job endured the trying hour?"

"Remember Lord, the ancient days;
Renew thy work; thy grace restore;
And while to thee our hearts we raise,
On us thy Holy Spirit pour."

B. F. KNEELAND.

The secretary of the Medical Department of the General Conference, Dr. D. H. Kress, spoke to the churches in Camden and Trenton on Sabbath, February 11. His talks were very much enjoyed.

Brother Samuel A. Paul, of Trenton, and Miss Edith Upson, of Brooklyn, N. Y., were united in marriage on February 12. Brother and Sister Paul will reside in Trenton.

The temperance *Instructor* for 1911 will be a most excellent number for missionary work. We hope to secure large orders from our churches for use in home missionary work. The temperance question is again prominently before the people of this state on account of the bills that have been introduced into the legislature. Now is an opportune time for us to strike a hard blow for true temperance principles.

We trust that all our people are praying for the success of the canvassers who are going out into the field this year. This should reach our readers while the institute is still in progress at Elizabeth.

Mrs. C. B. Haynes, of Baltimore, Md., who with her son Donald, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Huldah Weber, of Trenton, returned home last week.

Elder I. G. Bigelow, the Union Conference field missionary secretary, is planning to spend about four weeks in this state during February and March in the interests of missionary work.

Some most excellent work has been done by our churches in the "Ministry of Healing" campaign. "Ministry of Healing" is a book for the times. Those who are earnestly endeavoring to place it in the hands of their neighbors show that they are people who understand the times and are awake to the work for the present.

NEW JERSEY TITHE RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1910

Atlantic City.....	\$ 28 43
Bridgeton.....
Burlington.....
Camden.....	80 37
Cape May Court House.....	8 01
Elizabeth.....	11 50
Hackensack.....	10 10
Jersey City First.....	28 68
Jersey City Second.....	46 01
Jersey City German.....	86 25
Jersey City Swedish.....	66 69
Little Falls Company.....
Morristown.....	7 55
Newark.....	117 30
Newark Bohemian-Slavic.....	26 35
Paterson.....	33 65
Paulsboro.....
Perth Amboy.....	21 05
Salem.....
Trenton.....	164 11
Vineland.....	48 33
Woodbury.....	11 54
Individuals.....	66 60

Total.....\$ 862 52
CLARENCE LAWRY, *Treas.*

CHESAPEAKE

"Revive Thy Work."

"O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy." This was the earnest prayer of God's servant, Habakkuk, about six hundred and twenty-six years before Christ. As it was in the days of Habakkuk of old, so it should be with us down in this age of the world's history. We have reached the time when we should plead most earnestly, saying, "Lord, revive thy work." "And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?" The Saviour says he will. While this is true, let us continue to pray, saying, "Lord revive thy work." I quote

from "Manual for Canvassers," page 68, this statement: "The importance of the canvassing work is kept ever before me." Let young and old consecrate themselves to God, and take up the work, and go forward, laboring in humility, under the control of the Holy Spirit.

We are looking forward to an institute to be held in connection with the worker's meeting in Baltimore, which will begin March 27 and close April 6. Those who are desirous of entering the canvassing work should be present at this institute. Come praying. Bring some one with you who you believe will develop into a good worker, should the Lord open the way. Surely this is a very important branch of the Lord's work, and we as believers in this great three-fold message should by the help of the Lord rally to the front.

Yours for the finishing of the work,
J. E. JONES.

Field Missionary Agent.

W. L. ADKINS, who is holding a series of meetings in Leitersburg, Washington Co., Md., reports an excellent interest at that place.

A Sabbath-school has been organized at Blythedale, Md., as a result of a series of meetings held by Elder Haynes. A membership of eighteen is reported.

We are getting most excellent reports from the "Ministry of Healing" campaign. One church of seventeen members sold in a very short time thirty books. We have just received word from another church that one of the sisters there who "knew she could not sell one" sold seven in three and one-half hours, and took seven more to sell. A brother in the same church sold nine books in three hours and then went to the church and got twelve more to sell. One family in this church took twenty-one of the books and in a very short time had all sold but three. The young people are doing their part in this work, and we are sure all will faithfully perform their duty, and that this grand and good work will go on to success in all our churches.

Brother J. E. Jones, our canvassing agent, is giving his time to this work of helping get our quota in the hands of the people. Elders Baer and Bigelow have been going with him over the conference in the interest of the work, and results are being seen.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

The Organization of the First African Seventh-day Adventist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., February 11, 1911

"AND I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, kindred, tongue and people."

This everlasting gospel message is being preached to all nations by the commandment-keeping people; furthermore, we know that when this gospel of the kingdom is preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, the end will come.

We are told that in the eastern cities, including Philadelphia, the Lord desires us to proclaim the third angel's message with power. As a result of this admonition the work has been advanced to meet the needs of all nationalities.

Philadelphia having a negro population of 107,000, more than any other city in the United States, efforts have been put forth in behalf of this city.

Elder T. H. Branch and family from Denver, Colorado, were procured last September, arriving in Philadelphia Thursday, September 29, 1910. He entered the work with zeal and earnestness and the Lord has blessed his efforts from the beginning. The colored members of the North Philadelphia church have heartily affiliated with him, and as a result of this co-operation, the First African S. D. A. church of Philadelphia was organized Sabbath, February 11, 1911. Elder W. H. Heckman conducted the service, his subject being "The Church, Its Organization and Purpose, and the Relation of Individuals to the Church." The spirit of God came in with power, uniting the hearts of all, so there was not one dissenting voice. After a brief but earnest discourse, the organization was effected with sixteen charter members.

The church officers having been elected, Elder Branch as pastor, a church fund with which to purchase a suitable house of worship was started, and in a very short time over \$300.00 was raised. All were encouraged, and we firmly believe that with the blessing of God resting upon the beginning of this great work, much will be accomplished, and many will be brought to the knowledge of this last warning message to a dying world.

The ministers who were present and participated in the service were Elder W. H. Heckman, president of the East Pennsylvania Conference, Elder H. Myers, pastor of the First German S. D. A. church, Elder S. D. Hartwell, secretary and treasurer of the East Pennsylvania Conference, and the writer.

Inasmuch as it is God's purpose that the truth for this time shall be made known to every kindred, nation, tongue, and people, let God's people remember in prayer this beginning, that the special blessing of the Lord be over the colored work thus started in Philadelphia.

B. M. HEALD.

VIRGINIA

Dillwyn

SINCE my last report we have been able to erect a place of worship on the ground where we had our tent pitched last fall. At the close of the tent meetings a brother gave the land on which to build the church, and several of the outside friends promised lumber, etc. We were delayed somewhat in beginning the work and had great difficulty in getting the lumber out of the woods to the mill. However, in time we got the material on the grounds and now have a neat little building in use. It is twenty by thirty feet, and will seat one hundred people comfortably. It is not completely finished inside, but as we did not wish to incur any indebtedness, we shall use it as it is for a time. We have been holding Sabbath services in it for the past three Sabbaths. We also advertised Sunday services, but for the past three Sundays the weather has been so wet and stormy that only a few have been able to attend. We have prospects of a good attendance when conditions are favorable.

We organized as a church on the first Sabbath of the year. Some are awaiting baptism, and we expect to see others take their stand to obey. Our Sabbath services have been seasons of refreshing to all.

The interest among the people still holds good, and as we visit among them we find many of them desirous to hear more of the truth. We have invitations from several places to hold tent meetings this summer. We are looking forward to a profitable summer's work. Brother Henna has opened meetings in a house a few miles from the church with a good interest. We are all of good courage. Pray for the work here.

J. GREER HANNA.

VIRGINIA TITHE RECEIPTS

AUGUST 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1910

Bethel.....	27 05
Buena Vista.....	1 00
Danville.....	12 82
Lynchburg.....	140 68
Mt. Williams.....	39 50
New Market.....	598 97
Newport News No.1.....	211 00
Newport News No. 2.....	23 19
News Ferry.....	17 27
Norfolk.....	57 29
Portsmouth.....	104 74
Richmond.....	785 40
Richmond No. 2.....	112 57
Roanoke.....	94 37
Spencer.....	21 12
Stanleyton.....	51 05
Dillwyn.....	1 51
Individuals.....	180 51

TOTAL.....\$2,480 04
A. M. NEFF, Treas.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

A YOUNG people's Missionary Volunteer society with a membership of seventeen was organized in the First church of Pittsburg on Jan. 7, 1911. The following is a report of work done by the society during the month of January:—

Letters written.....	5
Missionary visits.....	7
Bible readings.....	2
Subscriptions for periodicals taken.....	2
Papers sold.....	236
Papers mailed and given away.....	218
Books sold.....	29
Books lent or given away.....	5
Pages of tracts given away.....	1,666
Hours of Christian help work.....	3
Articles of clothing given away.....	57
Number of meals provided.....	1
Morning Watch Calendars.....	65
Family Bible Teacher donations.....	60

MAUD MCDADE, Sec'y.

ELDER B. G. WILKINSON spent February 2-6 in Altoona, and February 6 and 7 in Johnstown in the interests of the "Ministry of Healing" campaign.

Sister John Wells reports two excellent meetings at the Clearfield church, Elder I. N. Williams having visited them Sabbath and Sunday, January 28, and Elder W. F. Schwartz the previous week on the occasion of their quarterly meeting

WEST VIRGINIA

MARCH 18-25 is selling week for "Ministry of Healing"!

Brethren of the West Virginia Conference, bear in mind that the above dates, March 18-25, have been named by Elder B. G. Wilkinson; president of the Columbia Union Conference, as the week in which we are to devote our very best energies to the sale of the "Ministry of Healing." Think of it. Plan for it. And best of all, *Sell!*

While the week, March 18-25, has been named by the president of the Columbia Union Conference as the week in which we are to devote our very best energies, as a union conference, to the "Ministry of Healing" work, let it be understood that Elder Robbins has named March 1-15 as the period when the West Virginia Conference will inaugurate the "Ministry of Healing" campaign in our conference. In the introduction and sale of this most excellent book, let every member of the West Virginia Conference consider it a *special* privilege to enter into this campaign, and do so with a will and a determination to present this book in such a forcible manner that we shall soon dispose of the full quota of the books assigned to this conference. Now, brother, do not wait, but begin at once!

C. V. Leach, our state canvassing agent, is now canvassing for "Ministry of Healing" in Charleston and vicinity.

The West Virginia Conference has just placed in Charleston several hundred religious liberty tracts and leaflets. These tracts have been used to enlighten the people in that section of the state touching the very important matter of religious freedom, and other matters which Seventh-day Adventists are promulgating. These tracts have already been placed in the hands of the West Virginia Legislature, state officers, and leading citizens of Charleston and vicinity. That the Lord may bless the effort put forth is our earnest prayer.

Bear in mind that the "Ministry of Healing" campaign is now on. To those who have already received their books: Now is the time to dispose of them; let your every energy be spent in introducing and selling this beautiful book. To those who have not yet received their quotas: Write for it at

once. Now is the time. Do not wait. The sale of many books may be lost by putting off this golden opportunity for helping the sanitariums.

Information has just been received at the office that Brother Reese, a canvasser at Charleston, has been called to his home in Pittsburg, Pa., by reason of the severe illness of his mother.

When this paper reaches you the executive committee of the West Virginia Conference will have met and laid plans for the summer's campaign. We pray that the efforts put forth for the coming year may be the strongest in the history of the conference and that the results may be all that we could wish.

OHIO

Zanesville

AS I have not contributed to the columns of the VISITOR for some time, some may wonder what has become of their field missionary secretary. He has, however, been very busy. We have undertaken, and expect by the help of God to finish, in our territory, one of the best missionary enterprises that has ever been committed to our people; that is, to sell to friends and neighbors our quota of the grand book, "Ministry of Healing".

I am happy to say we have sold and delivered about forty books since this campaign was launched. We have now taken it up the second time, and are determined not to stop until it is finished. A number of our members on Sabbath, February 11, agreed to order two books, and, if they failed after trying to sell them, to pay for them by April 1.

Last week I had the privilege of canvassing among my new neighbors. The first lady on whom I called gave me her order. I next called on a Methodist minister, who gladly gave me an order. Then I called on a distant relative, and, too timid or possibly too proud to show her my book, I entered into a conversation about other things; but she asked a question which gave me the opportunity to show my book, and the result was that she, too, gave me an order. I canvassed all the next day, and the day following, but failed to get an order. The next day I took only one order. I have to confess that I was a little discouraged.

The following day I was impressed to call on one of the sisters of the

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending February 11, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
M. Krimp, Cuyohoga Co.		BR	5	39	25	82 00	6 00	88 00	15 75
J. Randolph, Marion Co.		DR	5	45	9	30 00	27 75	57 75	3 40
Enos M. Horst, Crawford Co.		GC	5	43	13	40 00	7 25	47 25	5 25
F. E. Hankins, Jefferson Co.		GC	4	27	14	42 00		42 00	2 00
Ray Corder, Lorain Co.		BF	5	32	31	38 50	3 75	42 25	
Guy Corder, Lorain Co.		BF	5	33	33	35 50	4 05	39 55	
L. H. Waters, Crawford Co.		BF	5	36	30	33 50		33 50	1 50
O. Yingling, Lorain Co.		BF	4	9	9	10 00		10 00	
†H. Forsythe, Lorain Co.		BF	6	39	25	28 50	2 25	30 75	
Totals			44	303	187	\$340 00	\$51 05	\$391 05	\$27 90

West Virginia, Week Ending February 11, 1911

T. M. Butler, Marion Co.		GC	5	38	3	9 00	11 85	20 85	
J. W. Marshall, Berkley Co.		GC	4	24			9 00	9 00	
W. McElphatrick, Gilmer Co.		DR	5	40	7	15 00	10 45	25 45	14 45
H. Rees, Kanawha Co.		DR	3	11	5	15 00	7 00	22 00	1 00
H. Smith, Harrison Co.		DR	5	49	3	9 00	2 75	11 75	48 00
F. Wagner, Harrison Co.		DR	5	39	15	47 00	5 75	52 75	36 75
Totals			27	201	33	\$95 00	\$46 80	\$141 80	\$100 20

†Two weeks

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

church and ask her if she knew of any one who she thought might buy the book. And after hesitating a moment, she said, "Mrs. — might, as she is a cripple and cannot get out much." As I made inquiry about where Mrs. — lived through one of the neighbors, I was impressed to state my mission. The result was that this lady gave me an order, and asked me to call on a friend who lived the third door below. In this home I secured two more orders, one of them being Mrs. —'s, to whom the sister had sent me. The next day I called to see another lady in the same neighborhood, but because she did not do business for herself, I failed to gether order. However, I was not to make the trip in vain. On my way home I stopped at an old dingy coal office where I found a young lady who seized the book from my hand and said, "This is the kind of book I want"; for she and a friend were engaged in a little missionary work. In giving the order she said, "You call on my friend;" which I did, and secured her order.

What do you say, did the Lord lead me as he led Philip? I know he did, and he will do the same for you, my dear brother, or sister. Will you not try it? In relating my experience to the church I heard a member say, "I will take two books and try to sell them to friends."

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

OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

JANUARY, 1911

Akron	\$75 26
Alliance	...
*Barnesville	9 72
Bellefontaine	15 00
Bellville	7 86
*Broughton	...
Bowling Green	13 28
Camden	39 40
Canton	16 38
Chagrin Falls	42 45
Charloe	19 25
Chillicothe	18 82
Cincinnati	259 62
Cleveland	...
Cleveland German	...
Clyde	82 45
Columbiana	...
Columbus	...
*Conant	...
Conneaut	28 00
*Convoy	9 80
Corsica	22 73
Coshocton	62 18
Cygnat	...
Dayton	175 98
Defiance	2 30
Delaware	...
Delta	...
Derwent	...
*Dixon	...
Dowling	...
Dunkirk	7 50
East Liverpool	33 19
Elgin	38 58
Findlay	...

Greenspring	13 25
*Gilboa	31 50
Hamler	13 15
Hamilton	...
Hicksville	...
*Jackson	12 45
Jefferson	37 64
*Kenton	...
Killbuck	50 63
LaGrange	58 04
*Lake View	...
Laura	9 20
Leesburg	59 04
Liberty Center	8 30
Lima	2 59
Locust Point	...
Mansfield	25 30
Marion	...
Massillon	...
Medina	1 00
Mendon	...
Middlefield	...
Mount Vernon	224 84
Newark	...
New Marshfield	28 85
Norwalk	...
New Philadelphia	27 07
Pemberville	...
Piqua	...
Pleasant Hill	18 95
*Plimpton	19 62
Powell	...
Ravenna	...
*Reedsville	...
Rows	28 92
Sherwood	...
*Shreve	...
Spencer	46 03
Springfield	...
Toledo	...
Troy	...
Van Wert	1 95
Walnut Grove	4 50
Washington C. H.	...
Waterford	108 03
*West Mansfield	...
Wheelersburg	91 31
Wilmingon	32 67
Youngstown	25 85
Zanesville	10 85
Individuals	118 67

TOTAL \$2,089 95

*Companies

TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

JANUARY, 1911

Tithe	\$2,089 95
Tract Society	639 21
Sabbath-school Donations	379 48
First Day Offerings	42 35
Foreign Missions	135 59
Annual Offering	318 81
Mission Review	170 24
\$300,000 Fund	174 01
Sanitarium Relief Fund	...
Mount Vernon College Fund	...
M. V. C. Tank Fund	11 50

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Religious Liberty	10 00
Ministry of Healing	43 00

TOTAL.....\$4,046 97
 H. D. HOLTOM, *Treas.*

Mrs. S. L. ROWE, of Clyde, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. James E. Shultz, of Academia.

Miss Anna Franklin, who is teaching at Cincinnati, has been obliged to take a week's vacation on account of illness.

The many friends of Elder and Sister D. E. Lindsay, formerly of Clyde, Ohio, will be sorry to learn of the death of their son Paul. Though he was a life-long invalid, and a great sufferer during the past few years, he always manifested a Christian spirit, and had strong faith in the Saviour's return, confident that at that time he would be blessed with all that has been denied him here. Brother and Sister Lindsay have the sympathy of their many friends in this sad bereavement.

Elder W. E. Bidwell has gone to Coshocton, and for the next few weeks will divide his time between that church and the church at Pleasant Hill. He is working in the interests of the "Ministry of Healing" campaign.

Miss Lelo Welch, who is teaching at Ravenna, has been obliged to discontinue her work for a time on account of trouble with her eyes.

The Newark church is planning to place one tract and one magazine in every home in Newark.

The Cincinnati missionary society recently ordered over seven dollars' worth of tracts for missionary purposes; the Mount Vernon church last week purchased ten dollars' worth of tracts for distribution; and other churches are also ordering in large quantities. It is indeed encouraging to see our church missionary work building up all over the conference.

Mrs. Rachel Rigby, of East Liverpool, sells each month fifty copies of *Life and Health* and as many copies of such magazines as the *Watchman*, the *Signs of the Times*, etc. Sister Rigby is above middle age, and has the duties of a home to attend to. Is not this a good example for other church members?

The Coshocton missionary society reports for the month of January, among other items, fifteen missionary visits, two sick persons assisted, four books lent or given away, ten periodicals sold, forty-one religious liberty signatures obtained, and two Bible readings held with an attendance of four.

The "Ministry of Healing" campaign is on. Between now and the latter part of March every church, company, and isolated member of the conference will be visited in the interests of the sale of this good book. Orders are already coming in, two hundred and fifty books having been ordered from the tract society since the seventeenth of January. One order for thirty copies was received, accompanied by cash,—a good example.

One of our faithful canvassers writes: "I am glad to report another good week's work. How thankful we should be that Jesus has promised to accompany us when we strive to walk the narrow way. This promise means much to the canvasser, I assure you. And how glad I am at each manifestation of his presence. It gives me renewed vigor and courage to press the battle on.

"There are several people here who are interested in the truths for this

time. Last Friday I had a good talk on the state of the dead and the Sabbath question with a lady who is not a church member."

"I am of good courage and confident that God will work all things for the advancement of his cause."

OBITUARIES

AVERY.—Mrs. Betsy H. Avery, wife of Wm R. H. Avery, died at her home near Bowling Green, O., on the evening of February 10, 1911, having attained the advanced age of 79 years, 9 months, and 25 days. In early childhood she moved from Butler County, O., to this place, and in 1849 was united in marriage to Brother Avery. Their union was blessed with nine children, of whom two sons and a daughter survive, and with their aged father find comfort and consolation in the precious promises. In 1861, under the labors of Elder Holt, Brother and Sister Avery identified themselves with the Seventh-day Adventist church, and were numbered among the charter members when the Bowling Green church was organized, bearing their part in the joyous task of erecting the house of worship, where since 1863 a devoted company of believers in the Saviour's return have held forth the light of truth, rejoicing over accessions, and resigned to the laying down of life's burdens, until the charter members are nearly all at rest, and others stand where they fell, and labor on, rejoicing in the blessed hope. Her decease came to her as a relief, and brought rest to one weary with long and patient suffering, through which she manifested true Christian courage and resignation. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to the family and many friends, who sorrow not as those who have no hope.
 A. C. SHANNON.

LINDSAY.—This day we buried from our sight our darling boy, Paul Lindsay, twenty-one years old, but helpless from his birth. He had always been cheerful, patient, and happy, and had implicit faith in God's word. He has been a great care, and has drawn largely on our sympathy and the strength of his faithful mother—but a blessed burden to bear. His love of the truth was abiding, and his faith sublime. His hope of Jesus soon-coming never wavered, and he often expressed a desire to be laid away until Jesus should come. This has been a remarkably dark and rainy day, and, among strangers as we are, we know how to sympathize with the dear missionaries in far off and strange lands, who have to follow their loved ones alone to a lonely grave. I talked for a few moments of Paul's hope to the few who came to the burial, trusting to drop some precious seed of truth that would take root and grow up into eternal life. The promises of God and Christ our Saviour never seemed more exceedingly precious to us than they seemed to-day. All who knew Paul were his friends, from the school children to the business men. He especially loved our ministers, and ever since Dr. Harry Miller went to China, Paul's heart has been in that land. His death brings a great change in our family conditions. What the dear Lord would have us do, we do not know, but we are seeking to learn his way. This is a dark region of the country, cursed with whiskey and tobacco, filled with ignorance, superstition, and immorality. We pray God to soon finish his work in righteousness.

D. E. LINDSAY:

Meherrin, Va. Feb. 8, 1911.