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

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## GENERAL MATTER

### GOD OUR STRENGTH

Man in his weakness needs a stronger stay  
Than fellow-men, the holiest and best:  
And yet we turn to them from day to day,  
As if in them our spirits could find rest.  
Gently untwine our childish hands, that cling  
To such inadequate supports as these,  
And shelter us beneath Thy heavenly wing,  
Till we have learned to walk alone with ease.

Help us, O Lord! with patient love, to bear  
Each other's faults, to suffer with true meekness;

Help us each other's joys and griefs to share,  
But let us turn to Thee alone in weakness.

—Selected.

## Signs in the Social World of Christ's Second Coming, No. 3

### THE ACCUMULATION OF WEALTH

"COME now, ye rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and your silver are rusted; and their rust shall be for a testimony against you, and shall eat your flesh as fire. Ye have laid up your treasure in the last days. Behold, the hire of the laborers who mowed your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth out: and the cries of them that reaped have entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. Ye have lived delicately on the earth, and taken your pleasure; ye have nourished your hearts in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned, ye have killed the righteous one; he doth not resist you. Be patient therefore, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it, until it receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; establish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord is at hand."<sup>1</sup>

In this scripture the apostle describes a condition of the last days. He says; "Ye have laid up your treasure in the last days." He also

speaks, in this connection, of the oppression of the laboring classes under the symbol of reapers, and shows that while they are oppressed, perplexed, and impatient about the condition of affairs, the child of God sees in this condition a sign of the times, and is exhorted to be patient, knowing that this is all an indication of the nearness of our Saviour's coming. As James puts it, "Be ye also patient; establish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord is at hand." This prophecy is now receiving a striking fulfillment, as one may readily see by noting the conditions on every hand. We quote a few statements from those whom all will recognize as conversant with the situation.

Rev. H. W. Bowman says: "Such colossal fortunes, such hoarding of treasures, such combinations of wealth, with such rapid increase in poverty, was never witnessed before. Our age alone fits the prophetic mold."

William E. Gladstone said: "There are gentlemen before me who have witnessed a greater accumulation of wealth within the period of their lives than has been seen in all preceding times since the days of Julius Cæsar."

The *Boston Globe* in 1890 said: "Men now living can remember when there were not a half a dozen millionaires in the land. There are now four thousand six hundred millionaires, and several whose yearly income is said to be over a million." We might add that there are now 19,000 millionaires, with hundreds joining their ranks year by year.

According to the *Cosmopolitan* of January, 1903, the billionaire has arrived. J. P. Morgan and J. D. Rockefeller are represented as worth a thousand million dollars.

From a New York paper known as *The World Magazine*, Feb. 19, 1905, we take the following concerning John D. Rockefeller: "Rockefeller's income is \$50,000,000. He controls directly through his associates twenty four of the biggest and most powerful banks and trust companies in the United States. Among the forty rail-

roads he controls are the Union, the Central, and the Southern Pacific, the Erie, and the New York Central, which includes the New York, New Haven, and Hartford and other affiliated lines. He is one of the largest individual owners of Standard Oil stock, United States Steel stock, and the securities of twenty-five of the country's greatest industrial corporations, among them Colorado Fuel and Iron, American Linseed Oil, Consolidated Gas, National Transit, Federal Mining and Smelting, New York Life Insurance Company, Western Union Realty, and the George A. Fuller Company. Rockefeller's wealth, in silver dollars, would weigh as much as two first-class battleships. The Rockefeller fortune, in one-dollar bills, would make a double girdle around the earth, and leave a remnant 1,500 miles long. His personal wealth has increased at a rate of twenty-five times as fast as the wealth of the nation. It would take 125,000 wage earners, at the average American wage of \$400 a year, to earn the Rockefeller income. From the purely financial point of view, however, Mr. Rockefeller is easily the world's greatest potentate. The czar of Russia enjoys an annual income of about \$12,000,000; Emperor William, as king of Prussia, receives a little less than \$4,000,000; the emperor of Austria-Hungary, \$3,875,000; King Edward, \$2,225,000; and the king of Spain, \$2,000,000. In the expressive phrase of Wall Street, 'King John,' as 'emperor of oil,' 'king of steel, banking, and railroads,' and 'prince' of several lesser dominions, could buy and sell them all."

To this we might add a comparison. If Adam were still living, and had worked all these six thousand years, six days in the week, at five hundred dollars a day, with all his expenses paid, he would not yet be as wealthy as these billionaires. This great accumulation of wealth we cannot but consider in harmony with the apostle James' description of the last days.

### REFERENCE

11 James 5:1-8.

O. F. BUTCHER.

## UNION

### Adding Strength to the Work

"So they strengthened their hands for this good work." Neh. 2:18. Thus did the people help the leaders to carry forward a good movement. When those who carry the responsibilities of the work set their hands to accomplish a general movement, it is essential to the success of that movement that all the people join in the effort. Everyone who does this adds strength to the work. Everyone who fails to do it withholds the strength he ought to give, and endangers the success of the work to that extent.

The leaders in the Columbia Union Conference take upon themselves the burden of a work that belongs to all the people. Because of their position, they are compelled to carry special burdens of responsibility and planning. When they do this faithfully, they have done their part. It is not for them to do the work, at least not more than their individual share. All the people have a part in carrying out the plans that are laid. Only as they do their part, can the work of the Union succeed.

Take the sanitarium proposition of this Union, for example. The men who are now struggling with the burden do so only because of their position of responsibility. They are not responsible for the present situation. In the faithful performance of their duty they must plan for this thing, and must carry it; but they are dealing with a matter that is of equal interest to every member in the Union.

The men of responsibility have not failed in their part of this work. They have not shirked, but have assumed the load, and have borne many burdens and perplexities. After a great deal of careful thought a plan has been adopted for meeting the needs of the sanitarium situation. The plan is one of equity, giving all the members of the Union a part. Now it remains for the people to add strength to the efforts put forth.

The call now being made for all to join in a special effort to sell "Ministry of Healing" and *Life and Health* offers an opportunity of unusual possibilities. The interest shown by the leaders in the Union sets a standard worthy of our fullest sanction and cooperation. A proportionate zeal and energy on the part of the people, with ready response in taking hold of the actual work, will mean a real, material benefit for the sanitarium

situation. Real relief will come to this enterprise. Substantial cash help will be realized. Our brethren will begin to see a solution to a perplexing problem. Definite results will be obtained,—if we take hold now, go to work, and sell the books.

If the people do not do their part, the good plans that have been laid will amount to practically nothing. The burden and the work of our leaders will avail but little. The problem of need will still be unsolved. Something else will have to be planned to meet the needs. But more plans will not help the situation, without the help that our people can and should give. The thing to do is to help carry out the plans already given us. Thus we show our confidence and cooperation in the work of our officers. Thus will we help to carry forward the work that belongs to the Union, to our conference, and to us.

L. A. HANSEN.

### Columbia Union, Attention

WE have never lived in a time when there was greater need of fulfilling the vows that we made when we first entered this cause for service. The judgments of God are in the earth, and we must give this message quickly. "Men will soon be forced to great decisions, and it is our duty to see that they are given an opportunity to understand the truth, that they may take their stand on the right side." Our duty is here made plain; and yet, living as we do just before the world's crisis, we do not seem to be fully aroused to its true sense.

Years ago Rome sent out an encyclical, in which we find this statement: "If we ever gain a numerical majority, and we surely will, religious freedom in this country is at an end." Now we quote from *The New World*, a Catholic weekly, from the issue of October 22, 1910: "The time is rapidly passing when Catholics will permit insults to and caricatures of their holy faith to fill with impunity the columns of our secular papers. In the past they have been too remiss in this matter." Continuing, they hold over the corporations and "secular periodicals," like a club, the "15,000,000" and more of Catholics who will have to be dealt with. They further point to the Federation of Catholic societies throughout the United States, numbering in Louisiana alone, "Ninety Affiliated Societies." Still further, they have organized a distributing bureau at the immigration

station, from which they are now distributing the Catholic immigrants, so that they will be scattered more equally, and thus be able to control the votes of the different states.

I do not know how this impresses you, but to me it means nothing less than that now, *right now*, is our time to work; for "soon the night cometh in which no man can work." We are standing on the very verge of the eternal world, and what we do, we must do quickly." Now is the time for us to respond with *Liberty* and the *Protestant*. We find too that *Life and Health* is an entering wedge for other reading matter, in fact the Catholics will buy this paper when they will buy no other. Only the other day one of our canvassers sold a copy of *Life and Health* to a Catholic after failing to get other matter into his hands.

We are now offering the 1911 number of the temperance *Instructor*, which ought to be scattered by the thousands throughout the field; and we are looking to you, confident that we shall receive your hearty cooperation in placing this, the strongest number yet published, in the homes of the people.

Our "Ministry of Healing" campaign will soon be a matter of history. Let us be faithful in this campaign and be able to rest under the blessing of our full quota sold by the end of March; and then let us take hold of the regular lines of work mentioned in such a manner that the Lord will see that we are in earnest and that we believe the things we advocate.

I. G. BIGELOW,  
*Field Missionary Secretary.*

### Fourth Sabbath Reading

WE desire here to call your attention to the fourth Sabbath missionary readings, as set forth in the *Review*. These readings should be given in the regular service on the fourth Sabbath of every month. It should be a very important meeting that would cause us to set this aside and hold it at another time; but if because of some important matter the time of the regular service cannot be had, the reading should be held on the following Sabbath; by no means neglect this important work; for we shall soon find that we gain more benefit from this service than from a regular preaching service.

The minister should feel free to take a part in the fourth Sabbath readings and do everything possible to make the meeting a success. If

we have been earnestly at work during the month, the hour will be found altogether too short and the meeting more interesting than the most eloquent sermon.

The writer has just finished a trip through the Chesapeake Conference with Elder Baer, president of that field, and this was the advice given to every church. We found all the churches quite willing to cooperate, some of them having already taken up the readings and expressing themselves as enjoying the service much more than the usual preaching service.

We hope soon to receive word from every church in the Union that these readings are being used, not in form only, but in the spirit in which they are given.

I. G. BIGELOW.

Reporting is an important feature of church missionary work, and we trust that every member will be faithful in reporting his work to the church secretary; and the church secretary will in return report to the state missionary secretary and tract society secretary.

We are sorry to have to report that, whereas we as a conference were in the lead in the sale of periodicals, we shall appear in the last monthly summary as the lowest on the list. We hope to be at the head again in the next report.

### AT THE COLLEGE

Miss ROSE HARSEY, of Lake View, O., is visiting Miss May Barber at the College. Miss Barber also had the pleasure of a visit from her sister, Miss Georgia Barber, who was a student at Mount Vernon several years ago.

Mr. N. H. Sprecher, of Ephrata, Pa., visited his daughter at the College last week.

A very interesting Lincoln program was rendered by the Adelpian Literary Society Saturday evening, February 18.

Miss Flora Frost, an old student of the College, and for the past two years a nurse at the Mount Vernon Hospital, was recently called home by the death of her sister-in-law, to have the care of her brother's children. Her address is Baldwin Place, N. Y.

Mr. C. V. Leach, who left school last year to take up the duties of state canvassing agent in West Virginia, paid the College a short visit. He has several prospective canvassers among the students.

Miss Nettie I. Porch writes from Palmyra, Mo., where she is nursing: "I am very busy this winter, and enjoy my work. I am glad to read the good reports of the College which appear in the VISITOR from time to time."

Miss Verna Knox, of Hamilton, O., was recently married to Mr. Berlyn Barker of the same place.

Elder Butler was in Columbus last Wednesday attending a meeting of the Ohio Conference committee.

Miss Mabel Andre writes: "The College page in the VISITOR is always very interesting to me. I always open the paper to that page as soon as it comes."

We extend to all old friends of the school an invitation to help make the College page more interesting by writing short letters for its columns and by reporting interesting items of news concerning any of the members of the large College family.

The music department of the College gave its mid-winter recital Monday evening, February 20. The program was enjoyed by all, and showed that the members of the department have been doing faithful work and making excellent progress during the past few months.

### WEST PENNSYLVANIA

#### The "Ministry of Healing" Campaign in West Pennsylvania

It was my privilege to spend February 2-12 in West Pennsylvania, presenting the "Ministry of Healing" campaign. It was extremely gratifying, as we visited the different churches, to see the earnestness of the believers in the truth, their spirit of liberality, their love of God, and their willingness to move forward when proper things were placed before them.

It was also very encouraging and

inspiring to notice that in each one of these localities there are many people who are deeply interested in the truth. Truly the Lord himself must carry this message, for it seems that there are many faithful and earnest people surrounding each one of our little churches, people who catch only a little glimpse of the truth, and would willingly receive more if it were given to them. For these hungry souls we have not enough workers, and we must entrust them to the tender mercies of God, seeking to aid them by our prayers, if, as workers, we cannot by our presence.

The church of Altoona has a number of people who are deeply interested in the message, also the city of Johnstown, celebrated for its famous flood. We believe that a good work could be done in Johnstown if a worker could be furnished for that locality. And the evening meetings that we were privileged to hold with the church in Pittsburg were attended not only by our own people, full of earnest spirit, but also by a number of outsiders, hungry for more of the truths of the message. Truly the harvest is great but the laborers are few. What then is our duty? The Lord has said, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send laborers into his harvest." Brother Williams and Brother Ashton, as well as Brother Schwartz, were present at the meeting held in Altoona. The church there took hold of the "Ministry of Healing" work, and gave in, then and there, orders for practically fifty copies. Brother Dunham, who is the state agent of the West Pennsylvania Conference, assisted in the public presentation of the campaign by helping the brethren from house to house. We believe that this is a very excellent way of handling the "Ministry of Healing." Not only should there be a public presentation given, and full information of the campaign and the reasons for it, but also, if possible, some worker or workers or some strong member of the church should be engaged to follow it up. The church at Altoona pledged itself to raise its full quota.

The brethren at Johnstown did equally well. We were happily disappointed in not being able to give full attention to the campaign, owing to the large number of outsiders who were present at some of the meetings to hear the blessed truth of the message. Nevertheless sixty copies of the book were taken by the members at Johnstown, and the church is making preparations to dispose of its

At Pittsburg we put up the chart with the squares, and it was gratifying to see the enthusiastic and liberal manner in which the brethren took hold of the campaign there. Already the Pittsburg church has disposed of its first year's quota; namely, one hundred sixty copies; and it is in a fair way to dispose of another year's quota. About two hundred copies of the "Ministry of Healing" have been subscribed for in this one church of about eighty members. They also have taken hold of the matter thoroughly and earnestly, and now propose never to let it drop until they have discharged their complete obligation.

We believe that God will bless the faithfulness and devotion of these brethren and help them to come up to the standard which has been set for the work.

B. G. WILKINSON.

## VIRGINIA

### Notes by the Way

BROTHER S. N. BROWN, one of our new resident canvassers, sending in a \$95.00 report for his second week's work, writes: "I have four preachers, two doctors, and several business men on my record this week." Brother Brown says he is of good courage, and knows that books can be sold in his section of the state.

Brother E. Phillips, one new in the canvassing work, reports \$79.00 worth of orders in thirty-three hours, his first week's work. The next week was so stormy that he could not get in much time, but he writes: "What time I work I am very successful. I think I shall be able to send you a good report next week. I was out yesterday (Sunday), and sold \$25.35 worth of books. I praise the Lord for this, and am of good courage in his work."

Brother Burnett Jenkins has also entered the work, and is doing well. He reports \$42.00 worth of orders taken in seventeen hours. We are expecting to see him press the book work to the front in his section of the county.

Brother O. C. Punches is at Staunton, Virginia, where so many good records have been made. It was here that one of our canvassers sold \$144.00 worth of books in one week last summer. Another canvasser made a large delivery there about a year ago,

delivering one hundred per cent of the books sold. We hope that Brother Punches will do as well. Last week was unusually bad, but he sent in a \$53.50 report, with a good cheery letter.

Brethren Phillips, Jenkins, and Punches are all handling our good book, "Practical Guide to Health." We find this a good seller, and it supplies a long-felt want. We hope that Shenandoah Valley will be well supplied with this book by the time these canvassers have finished their territory.

Brother Maples writes that he is now ready to devote all his time to canvassing. We are very glad to hear this. We understand that he has a new canvasser in training for us; we have not yet learned whether it is a girl or a boy.

We are sorry that Brother Shenk is still seriously ill. As Brother Oertly is caring for him, he too is out of the field just now. We hope that both of them will soon be able to go to work again.

If you are thinking of coming to Virginia to canvass, just let me hear from you. We have plenty of territory.

V. O. PUNCHES.

## CHESAPEAKE

### An Appeal for Gospel Workers

"Now Joshua was old and stricken in years; and the Lord said unto him, Thou art old and stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." After the death of Moses, Joshua, as a man of great faith and courage, was made leader of Israel; but notwithstanding all his faithful efforts to possess the goodly land, when he had become very old and was about to lay down his armor, the Lord said unto him: "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

This scripture takes us back more than 1,400 years before Christ, but it also has an application now — to the very generation in which we live. Although many of the pioneers in this message, like faithful Joshua, have laid down their armor after spending their lives in the effort to possess the land, "there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed."

A goodly portion of this land is to be found in our little states of Mary-

and Delaware, and "surely the land floweth with milk and honey;" but Calebs and Joshuas are needed to possess this goodly territory. In every direction uplifted hands are beckoning, and voices are calling, "Come over and help us."

The writer had the pleasure of hearing a man say, after buying one of our books, "Whenever you have a good book, come this way." Another, on being asked how he liked his book, said, "I like it so well that I would like to have another." Many have said to me, "I am glad that you came this way."

It is written of Christ that "when he saw the multitudes he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." There never was a time in the history of this people when workers were so greatly needed as they are now. Doors now open will soon elose forever. We can not afford to delay longer.

JOSEPH E. JONES,  
*Field Missionary Agent.*

### The Temperance Instructor

AGAIN a time of great opportunity for doing good in the world is before us. Testimonials of the real worth of our temperance *Instructor* have been received from those engaged in the temperance work. It is a weapon in the hands of every one of our young people for putting down the curse of intemperance. Our large cities are veritable lazar houses, where this plague eats at the very vitals of life, the home. If we look behind the scenes, at the lives of those who are in its clutches, what do we see?—Mothers, sisters, and wives heart-broken, children crying for food, and without protection from the cold. Can you think of these things calmly and coldly? Do you not feel that you must throw all your energy into this noble work of healing men's minds and lives of this pest?

Here is what a general manager of an Illinois distillery said: "I now have forty lecturers in the field. In the coming week they will make three hundred speeches in the principal towns of the state. We think if the people get a fair idea of what prohibition fanaticism is doing to us, they will give the liquor dealers a square deal."

What do you say? I say, "If the people get a fair idea of what prohibition means, they will give the liquor

traffic a square cut, right to the heart, one that will be effective."

And do you know where these conscienceless men are aiming? We shall see in the words of one of the speakers at a liquor men's convention: "The open field for the creation of appetite is among the boys. After men have grown, and their habits are formed, they seldom change in this regard, and I will make the suggestion, gentlemen, that nickels expended in treats to the boys now will return in dollars to your tills after the appetite has been formed."

What are you doing by your life and work to instill into the hearts of the young people around you the principles of noble living? There could be no better method than to place in their hands copies of the temperance *Instructor*.

The following item from a recent letter shows what others have done. "In the little conference of New South Wales in Australia, with a membership of 954, our people took an active part in the temperance campaign last fall. They circulated 125,000 of the special issue of the Australasian *Signs*. They were recognized as leaders in the campaign." What can be done by Seventh-day Adventists in Australia by means of consecration and thorough organization can be done by Seventh-day Adventists in the United States. Let us set to work at once to do the best and greatest thing we have ever done along this line.

According to reports, our conference of a little more than 500 members circulated 1975 copies of the last temperance *Instructor*. What are we going to do this year? Though our conference is small, we have good territory. Do you not think that, with our membership more than one half that of this other little conference, we ought to set our mark at 4000 at least? The population of Baltimore alone is 700,000, and truly "what are these among so many?" I am sure we can go beyond this number if all our young people's societies take hold of this work in earnest.

This is a paper that can be put into the hands of temperance workers outside our own ranks. Every Sunday-school superintendent should be visited in the interest of this paper. Thinking men and women of to-day see the importance of the issue and gladly lend their aid in working against the evils that endanger the young.

You will have noticed the mention of the temperance *Instructor* in the last issue of the *VISITOR*. 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 society. ALICE M. FIELDBERG, Y. P. M. V. Sec.

### From the Wilmington Volunteers

A BRIEF report from the Wilmington Missionary Volunteer society contains the following, written by Brother Golt, the leader of the society:—

"I am much pleased with the way our society is taking hold of the work here. . . . We have donated a copy of "Ministry of Healing" to the Hope Farm for tuberculosis patients, where we hold meetings occasionally, and have ordered one hundred copies of the *Little Friend* to be given to the boys of the Ferris Industrial School, where we also hold meetings. There seems to be an awakening here among the young people and a desire to do something definite for God. Several new members were added yesterday to our society. One of these is a young man who once knew and kept the truth, but went into the world. He has now taken his stand for God's truth again."

This society is also working with "Ministry of Healing." The secretary has sold eight copies. A young man not yet a member of our church, has sold two, one to his Sunday-school teacher. Still another member of the society who has not yet been baptized sold six and expects to sell more. The young man mentioned in the above letter went out, and in three hours sold nine copies of "Ministry of Healing."

I trust that these items will be an inspiration to our other societies. One of the best evidences of a live society is the reclaiming of members that have grown careless and cold in regard to the truth. Let us work too.

ALICE M. FIELDBERG.

## OHIO

### On the Honor Roll

WITH all the reports in hand from the Sabbath-schools of Ohio for the last quarter of 1910, we are happy to be able to report that, for the first time, all the schools in the conference gave all their regular donations to missions, the total amount being over \$900,—the largest sum ever given by the schools of Ohio in one quarter.

The cheerful cooperation of the officers and members of our Sabbath-

schools in attaining this result is appreciated by Sister Bessie E. Russell, who has been working faithfully to this end, and also by the writer. Let us endeavor to make our donations \$1,000 per quarter for 1911.

W. C. MOFFETT.

ELDER BIDWELL is holding a short series of meetings at Pleasant Hill, at the request of people not of our faith.

Mrs. Martha Yingling, of Coshocton, with her sons, Grover and Oscar, is soon to move to a farm six miles south of Creston, Ohio. Thus another little light of truth will be set up in Wayne County.

The Coshocton and Pleasant Hill churches are at work in the "Ministry of Healing" campaign, and those who are taking hold of this work energetically are meeting with success.

Please take notice that the address of Brother F. H. Henderson, our field missionary secretary, is now 249 Westbourne Ave., Zanesville, O.

A report from Mrs. A. Alderman, secretary of the Youngstown missionary society, shows that the church there has an active membership. The following items are reported for two weeks ending January 18:—

Missionary visits made.....	118
Tracts lent or given away.....	82
Papers lent or given away.....	23
Missionary letters written.....	12
Letters received.....	5

The following note concerning Elder W. W. Miller, formerly of Ohio, we quote from the January number of *Eastern Tidings* published at Lucknow, India:—

"Elder Miller and family left Lucknow Thursday evening for Bombay, whence they were to sail for home yesterday. When it came down to the time for going, they found it hard to think of leaving the work and workers in India; however, Brother Miller having suffered so much from the sun, it did not seem advisable for them to remain longer. The prayers and best wishes of the workers will follow them on their way home."

"Life is only bright when it proceedeth  
Towards a truer, deeper life above;  
Human love is sweetest when it leadeth  
To a more divine and perfect love."

## WEST VIRGINIA

THE executive committee of the West Virginia Conference held its annual session February 15-19. There were present Elder F. H. Robbins, Elder John F. Steele, S. F. Ross, M. C. Williams, and C. V. Hamer. In addition to the executive committee there were also present Brethren John E. Meredith of Berea, W. H. Snider of Kanawha Station, William Ross of Walker, and John D. Snider of Williamstown, who were called in to serve with the executive committee, on the auditing committee. The accounts of the laborers were examined carefully and found to have been approved by the president and so endorsed by him; all laborers have been paid in full. After thanking the brethren who had so kindly aided in making the examination of the workers' accounts for the past year, the committee proper was called to order, that the business of the conference might be so planned and arranged as to secure the best results for the conference during the year.

Elder Robbins left Parkersburg for Berea, where he will hold meetings with the members of that church.

Good reports are being received from all parts of the field. An excellent spirit prevails throughout the churches, and there are prospects of an active campaign along all lines during the coming year.

I. D. Richardson, who has charge of the work in the "Pan-handle" district of the conference, was present at the meeting of the executive committee. He brings a good report from his district.

The Parkersburg church will soon begin the erection of their new church, which they hope to finish during the summer.

We welcome Brother A. A. Hendrickson to the canvassing field of West Virginia, and feel sure that success will crown his efforts.

Brother W. A. McElphatrick has changed the field of his labors from Lewis County to Gilmer County. Brother McElphatrick has sold, since the first of September, 1910, over \$700 worth of books. What he has done others can do, and are doing in this field.

## Canvassers' Reports

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 17, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
J. Perrine, Washington Co.	GC	1	5	2	3 00	25	3 25	6 30	
J. Bell, Blair Co.	GC	2	9	11	40 00		40 00		
G. Gates, Warren Co.	GC	4	19			9 35	9 35	5 40	
A. Brownlee, Allegheny Co.	CK	5	34	20	29 25	2 20	31 45	2 20	
T. Saxton, Indiana Co.	GC	4	28	9	29 00	8 75	37 75		
C. Dunham, Altoona Co.	MH	5			103 25		103 25		
Adeline Zoerb, Washington Co.	SP	10	56	34	45 25	7 80	53 05		
J. Kimmel, Somerset Co.	PG	7	42	15	44 00	4 10	48 10	25 00	
C. Zimmerman, Bedford Co.	GC	8	54	29	99 00	20 50	119 50		
Miss Midkiff, Washington Co.	SP	10	58	19	23 50	6 00	29 50	6 00	
H. Rehner, Bedford Co.	DR	16			156 00	33 00	189 00		
<b>Totals</b>			<b>72</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>\$572 25</b>	<b>\$91 95</b>	<b>\$664 20</b>	<b>\$44 90</b>

Ohio, Week Ending February 17, 1911

J. Randolph, Marion Co.	DR	5	48	11	34 00	11 15	45 15	2 20	
Enos M. Horst, Crawford Co.	GC	4	34	10	31 00	10 00	41 00	46 50	
F. E. Hankins, Jefferson Co.	GC	5	24	8	24 00	1 25	25 25	6 00	
H. Kirk, Jefferson Co.	GC	3	22	6	18 00	4 25	22 25	7 25	
M. Krimp, Cuyohoga Co.	BR	5	32	11	35 00	5 25	40 25	24 50	
Ray Corder, Lorain Co.	BF	5	28	31	35 50	11 95	47 45		
Guy Corder, Lorain Co.	BF	5	30	28	30 00	5 25	35 25	1 95	
H. Forsythe, Lorain Co.	BF	3	15	15	17 50		17 50		
O. Yingling, Lorain Co.	BF	4	18	7	9 00	2 50	11 50		
L. H. Waters, Crawford Co.	BF	5	42	12	12 50		12 50	86 90	
<b>Totals</b>			<b>44</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>\$246 50</b>	<b>\$51 60</b>	<b>\$298 10</b>	<b>\$175 30</b>

West Virginia, Week Ending February 17, 1911

T. M. Butler, Marion Co.	BF	5	40	24	35 00	6 85	41 85		
B. Hubbell, Cabell Co.	BF	5	45	11	15 50		15 50		
Mary Hubbell, Cabell Co.	GC	5	40	11	33 00	20 75	53 75		
J. W. Marshall, Berkeley Co.	GC	3	21	13	42 00	1 50	43 50		
W. McElphatrick, Gilmer Co.	DR	5	41	18	41 00	9 25	50 25	5 65	
F. Wagner, Harrison Co.	DR	5	35	11	36 00	17 00	53 00	20 00	
<b>Totals</b>			<b>28</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>\$202 50</b>	<b>\$55 95</b>	<b>\$258 45</b>	<b>\$25 65</b>

New Jersey, Two Weeks Ending February 17, 1911

J. Rambo, Cumberland	OK	7	35	47	61 50	2 00	63 50	1 50	
G. Blinn, Mercer	BR	9	70	18	57 00	2 00	59 00	2 00	
S. Walker, Newark	BR	9	52	7	13 00	7 00	20 00	2 20	
+W. Plant, Warren	CK	3	18					32 75	
+C. Beach, Essex	GC	2	8		9 00	3 00	12 00		
<b>Totals</b>			<b>30</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>\$214 50</b>	<b>\$14 00</b>	<b>\$154 50</b>	<b>\$57 25</b>

Virginia, Week Ending February 10, 1911

S. N. Brown, Martinsville	CK		17	27	40 50	4 50	45 00	1 00	
S. Phillips, Stanleyton	PG		26	8	26 80	11 50	38 30		
K. Jenkins, Stanleyton	PG		15	3	9 00		9 00	6 00	
<b>Totals</b>			<b>58</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>\$76 30</b>	<b>\$15 50</b>	<b>\$82 30</b>	<b>\$7 00</b>	

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 10, 1911

W. Hess, Carlisle	CK	5	38	23	35 50		35 50		
G. Jenkins, Scranton	PG	5	28	4	14 00	4 80	18 80	3 00	
H. Bateman, Scranton	NP	5	19	17	6 50	45	6 95	45	
<b>Totals</b>			<b>15</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>\$56 00</b>	<b>\$5 25</b>	<b>\$60 75</b>	<b>\$3 45</b>

Chesapeake, Two Weeks Ending January 6, 1911

Maryland									
W. Yonson, Howard Co.	GC	2	12						34 25
W. Vanzant, Harford Co.	GC	8	53	6	18 00	4 75	22 75	7 75	
<b>Totals</b>			<b>10</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$18 00</b>	<b>\$4 75</b>	<b>\$22 75</b>	<b>\$42 00</b>



District of Columbia, Week Ending February 11, 1911

R. Green, Washington, D. C. BR	5	37	30	58 00	58 00	75
Totals	5	37	30	\$58 00	\$58 00	\$ 75

District of Columbia, Week Ending February 18, 1911

R. Green, Washington D.C. BR	4	29	36	63 00	75	63 75	12 75
J. S. Glunt, Washington D. C. BR	4	28	8	8 00	8 35	16 35	9 65
Totals	8	57	44	\$71 00	\$9 10	\$80 10	\$22 40

†One week

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,689.15 Deliveries, \$378.70

NEW JERSEY

New Jersey Conference Session

THE ninth meeting of the New Jersey Conference was held January 17-22, at Irvington Centre, Newark, N. J. Fifty-seven delegates responded to the first roll call. Others coming in later brought the number up to seventy-five. This was the largest delegation ever present at a session of the New Jersey Conference.

The Spirit of the Lord was manifestly present from the very beginning of the meeting. The conference had been called together a day before the session began and had spent the time in earnestly seeking the Lord that a large measure of the Holy Spirit would be present at the meeting. Time was taken each day for devotional exercises and Bible study, so that the business matters might not shut out an earnest seeking for spiritual strength.

The afternoon of each day during the conference was devoted to convention work. Among the lines of work thus considered were the Sabbath-school, educational, young people's, home missionary, and church officers' duties. Much interest was shown by those present in the discussion of the various subjects connected with these departments. Reports of the various department secretaries and workers showed encouraging progress in nearly every line of conference work.

The conference treasurer's report showed that while there had been a slight decrease in tithe during the year, there had been a gain in the offerings. Eleven cents a week per member was given to foreign missions, and the total general trust fund offerings amounted to \$5,768.02, almost \$9.00 per capita. During the year our conference went on the hon-

or roll of those giving all Sabbath-school offerings to missions, and the beneficial effect of this plan was shown by a decided increase in the amount given, which was almost \$1,400.00 during 1910. \$1319.00 was paid in on the \$300,000 fund, and the donations to Mount Vernon College amounted to \$413.10.

The labors of Elder W. A. Spicer, who attended a portion of the meeting, contributed greatly to its success. Efficient help was also rendered by Elders B. G. Wilkinson, W. H. Heckman, and Brother E. R. Numbers, of the Columbia Union Conference, and Elder A. Boettcher, who represented the North American Foreign Department.

The Sabbath spent at conference was a day long to be remembered by those who enjoyed its blessings. A spirit of earnest prayer took hold of the people, and heart-felt confessions were made. There was an earnest seeking of God for power for the work during the coming year. The brethren and sisters in the conference are of good courage, and although they realize that their field is difficult and their resources very limited, yet they believe that with the blessing of God, the gospel will triumph over every obstacle.

The Committee on Plans at the New Jersey Conference held at Newark, N. J., Jan. 17-22, 1911, brought before the conference the following resolutions, which were adopted:—

Whereas, The blessing of God has rested signally upon the work in our conference during the past year; therefore,—

1. Resolved, That we express our appreciation of God's favor, and pledge ourselves to a fuller consecration to the Master's service for the coming year.

Whereas, The educational interests of the Columbia Union Conference and consequently of the New Jersey

Conference are becoming of more importance and are in such a condition as to demand at once our loyal support; and,—

Whereas, The Columbia Union Conference Committee has voted the creation of a fund to be known as the Missionary Education Fund which asks our brethren to contribute a "Quarter a Quarter," or one dollar a year, to advance educational interests throughout the Columbia Union Conference; therefore,—

2. Resolved, That we express our hearty endorsement of this action, and that we pledge ourselves to contribute faithfully our quota to the same.

Whereas, Aged and infirm laborers who have faithfully spent their strength in the work of this message need provision made for their care; and,—

Whereas, The General Conference has recommended the plan of our conferences' setting aside five per cent of their tithe for this purpose, to be known as the Sustentation Fund; therefore,—

3. Resolved, That we endorse this plan, and set apart five per cent of our tithe for this purpose.

Whereas, There are in this conference many youth who need the training afforded in a denominational intermediate school; and,—

Whereas, Our schools for the training of our youth in the intermediate grades are located long distances from us; therefore,—

4. We recommend, That our conference committee look over the field with a view to securing a location for a conference intermediate school, provided this can be done without endangering other conference enterprises.

Whereas, The printed page is a powerful factor in the warning of our cities, therefore,—

5. We recommend, That our conference workers and local church officers endeavor to interest suitable persons in this work, placing them in communication with the missionary agent.

Whereas, The spirit of prophecy has said that "God calls for Christian families to go into communities that are in darkness and there work perseveringly for the Master;"—

6. Resolved, That we encourage our married brethren to move their families into the unworked portions of this conference and there engage in the sale of our large subscription books.

Whereas, There is a large foreign population scattered through the conference; and,—

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*Whereas*, Our foreign workers, being few, find it difficult to come in touch with the whole field; therefore,—

7. *We recommend*, That our people everywhere cooperate with our foreign workers by seeking to have the workers in each language acquainted with the members in the churches speaking that language, and by sending to them the location of companies of foreign peoples and names of interested parties.

*Whereas*, There are in our conference about 35,000 Hollanders, and our facilities for reaching them are very limited; and,—

*Whereas*, Experience has demonstrated that the printed page is an efficient and economical method of disseminating the truth among them; therefore,—

8. *We recommend*, That the conference committee take up with the Foreign Department the matter of publishing a monthly paper in that language, and encourage the launching of this enterprise, provided in their judgment it seems advisable.

*Whereas*, The General Conference has recommended our local conferences to devote a portion of their tithe to the support of those laboring in foreign fields; therefore,—

9. *Resolved*, That we set apart five per cent of our tithe for this purpose.

*Whereas*, The obligations made by the Pennsylvania Sanitarium must be settled as soon as possible; and,—

*Whereas*, The plan of selling two copies of "Ministry of Healing" and five copies of *Life and Health* by all the church members each year for three years will meet our part of this financial obligation; therefore,—

10. *Resolved*, That we urge an active campaign for the finishing of this work and the canceling of these obligations.

*Whereas*, The use of tents and halls is essential to the proper development of the work; and,—

*Whereas*, The coming years will undoubtedly make heavy demands for these necessary facilities for presenting the truth in our cities; therefore,—

11. *Resolved*, That steps be taken to furnish funds for this worthy enterprise.

*Whereas*, The events transpiring all about us indicate that we are rapidly approaching the time when false worship and the spurious sabbath are to be enforced by oppressive enactments; and,—

*Whereas*, These things should incite us to renewed efforts to warn all of the impending crisis; therefore,—

13. *Resolved*, That we cooperate with the religious liberty departments of the General and Columbia Union Conferences in this work by,—

(a) Sending *Liberty* to our state legislature.

(b) Circulating petitions against the religious measures now in Congress.

(c) Selling and securing subscriptions to *Liberty* and the *Protestant*.

(d) Circulating the Religious Liberty leaflets.

(e) Selling *American State Papers* when issued; and supplying the same to libraries, and to legislators, lawyers, and other men of influence.

(f) Making use of the public press in disseminating the principles of religious liberty.

(g) Holding religious liberty institutes in our churches.

The committee on credentials and licenses submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted:—

Credentials: B. F. Kneeland, W. H. Smith, J. G. Hanhardt, G. W. Spies, W. G. Kneeland, M. C. Whitmarsh.

Ministerial licenses: E. E. Pennington, John Wilson, D. P. Boersma, A. O. Lund.

Missionary licenses: Clarence Lawry, C. E. Grey, Cort Nelson, Roy Stagg, Paul Matula; Sisters Anna E. Rambo, Maude Lawry, Anna S. Cooper, Anna M. Cately, Bessie E. Smith, Hattie Dreyfuss, E. Malenghini, Pauline Thomas, Christina Valenta.

The committee on nominations presented the following report, which was adopted:—

President, Elder B. F. Kneeland;  
 Secretary, Clarence Lawry;  
 Treasurer, Clarence Lawry;

Conference Committee: Elder B. F. Kneeland, Elder J. G. Hanhardt, Elder W. H. Smith, H. J. Adams, J. M. Gaff.

Educational Secretary, Young People's Missionary Volunteer Secretary, and Sabbath-school Secretary, Mrs. A. E. Rambo.

Religious Liberty Secretary, Elder G. W. Spies.

Secretary and Treasurer of the Tract Society, Clarence Lawry.

Other department secretaries were referred to the conference committee. CLARENCE LAWRY, *Secretary*.

THE canvassers' institute opened February 20 at Elizabeth with Brethren E. R. Numbers and C. E. Grey on hand to give instruction. Some old veterans are taking advantage of the opportunity, and with the recruits are heartily engaged in the study of the best methods of book work.

Elder W. G. Kneeland is holding meetings at Jericho, near Bridgeton. Owing to unfavorable weather and bad roads the attendance has been light.

Elder I. G. Bigelow is spending a few weeks in this conference in the interest of the missionary work, especially in connection with the relief campaign. He and the conference laborers are working on the plan that more can be accomplished by going out with the people and helping them. Good results are being seen, and the blessed "Ministry of Healing" is in this way being placed in many homes.

Now is the time to order and use large numbers of the temperance issue of the *Youth's Instructor*. This is one of the most effective agencies in the fight against the drink and smoke evils, and our young people especially ought to make good use of it.

WANTED.—A boy between eleven and fifteen years of age to do chores and assist on a farm. Public school and Sabbath-school privileges, away from worldly influences. Our children are all married, and we should like to have some one with us.

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