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Annual Address of the New Jersey Conference

We have come to another annual conference and camp-meeting and for a little time we will look back over the year 1915, taking a retrospective view of our work and recounting the blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon us during this time. The year 1915 has been the most momentous year that this world has ever passed through.

It is not necessary to dwell upon the great struggle that is going on in Europe now, nor upon the troubles here in the home-land, as these are all fresh in your minds and no doubt are speaking in definite terms to you impressing you with the fact of the nearness of the end.

Not only have great things been taking place in the world in the struggles that are going on, but we see the manifest working of God in the finishing of this last message in the earth. In spite of the broken condition in the world this work has gone perhaps more rapidly than ever before, and it will not be long until Michael will stand up to deliver His people, those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of Life.

As we look over the work in the New Jersey Conference for the year 1915, we are made to rejoice because of what the Lord has done for us. We can see the fulfillment of the prophecy that has spoken with reference to the work returning to the East. As we look back over the progress of the cause in this conference for the last five or six years we find that there has been a decided increase in members and finances and a decrease in the cost of souls saved as will appear by the following table:—

Comparative Report of Net Gains in Membership and Cost per Member

Membership			
Jan. 1, 1911	657	to	Dec. 31, 1911 681
" 1, 1912	681	"	" 31, 1912 726
" 1, 1913	726	"	" 31, 1913 810
" 1, 1914	810	"	" 31, 1914 906
" 1, 1915	906	"	" 31, 1915 1036

Baptized	Net Gain
34	24
72	45
111	84
143	96
194	130
Entire Cost	Per Member
\$17104 80	\$712 80
17779 50	395 10
18956 28	225 67
19099 20	198 95
21634 30	166 81

There have labored in the conference during the year, ordained ministers, licentiate ministers, missionary licentiates, and tent masters, in all forty-one. As a result of their labors there were 204 brought into the truth. 194 of these being baptized making a net increase in membership of 130, bringing our membership at the beginning of 1916 to 1036. Of these 41 laborers, four Bible workers have been disconnected with the conference and two licentiate ministers have been dropped from the pay roll. Elder Shrock, on account of failing health, has been placed on the sustentation fund. Elder Whitmarsh has taken up work in the Chesapeake Conference and Brother Haynes has gone to South Carolina. Brother C. E. Gulick has been taken on as a new laborer and Miss Iden commenced her work for the Sabbath school, Young People's and Educational departments the 15th of June last year. Miss Kinner has taken up Bible work in this conference and Miss Hibben has connected with the Medical Missionary work. Elders R. H. Martin, H. F. Taylor, and P. F. Richard have been received among us as ordained ministers. At the beginning of the year 1916, the number of laborers in this conference was twenty-four. Since that time Elder Miller has been called to the work in Chesapeake Conference as President, and Elder G. W. Langdon has been asked to take his place. Elder MacNeil of Western Washington has taken the work in Jersey City.

Our laborers generally have been blessed with good health and are full of courage to push the work in the future.

Our field is just as large as it ever has been and the perplexities that come by working for so many nationalities at one time are just as great as ever. Yet with all the difficult problems we have to de-

cide the questions we have to meet, the Lord is blessing and we see advancement in nearly every line of our work.

The churches have stood nobly by the laborers and helped by their means and personal work in pushing this message. As we look at these large cities we are led to exclaim. "What can we do to more rapidly carry this message?" Here are the thousands and millions embraced in scores of large cities that are yet to hear the message. The great question is, how is it to be done? Our churches are calling for help and they are all anxious to have a minister placed with them. If this is to be done then it is impossible for us to launch out into the many places where work has not yet been done. I trust that our church members will get such a hold upon God that they will say to the ministers, "Go into the new fields and we, by the help of the Lord, will keep the light burning here in the home church." I know it is pleasing to have a minister with us every Sabbath, but what about the souls who know nothing about this truth? Are we exercising the true missionary spirit by withholding this message from them, that we might enjoy the presence of the minister every Sabbath?

Bible Work

During the year 1915 we had ten Bible workers in all. Some of these from the college were here but a short time. We have at present six. Work has been done in Jersey City, Newark and suburbs, Paterson, Trenton, Passaic, Perth Amboy, and in some small places. This branch of the work must be strengthened. If we expect to accomplish the most good in our efforts in this line, as well as in the ministerial, we need a more efficient band of workers. When we are not in a position to do our best, it cripples the work. It is true that consecration is the first essential; yet without proper preparation for our work, consecration would fail of accomplishing the desired result. I wish now to present some facts that will reveal something of the work that has been done by our laborers during the year passed. These facts do not reveal the prayers offered, the heart-aches and the perplexities that the laborers have passed through, which will never be known only as we see the results of faithful labor in

souls saved. During the year there were 1978 sermons, 1914 there were 1596; Bible Readings 6185, 1914 3820; other meetings attended and held 2316, 1914 1875; number baptized 194, 1914, 143; missionary visits 11039, 1914, 8963; there were made 15860 calls during the year; pages of tracts 150137, 1914, 254318; periodicals sold 6664, 1914 9338; value of sales for 1915, \$809.68, 1914, \$276.71. We see by this that there has been a very marked gain in all lines except in the use of literature and I trust that this year may show that we have been more faithful in scattering the message of truth contained in our truth filled literature.

Sabbath School Work

The past year has been the most profitable and most prosperous for our Sabbath school work of any year since we have been in the conference. The following table will show some things that have been accomplished by this conference:

	Number of Schools	Membership	Offerings
1914	32	958	\$3837 46
1915	40	1127	4350 27

Young People's Work

The Lord has wonderfully blessed the young people's work in this conference the past year, and the membership has increased from 41 to 260. There are in the conference about 325 young people and we trust that soon all may be numbered as members of our young people's societies. We as older members of God's household should help this branch of the work, for it means the salvation of our youth and children.

Educational Department

Of the 325 children and young people in our conference about 105 have enjoyed the privilege of attending our schools during the past year. We have had five church schools, at each of the following places: Newark, Trenton, Bridgeton, Ramah, and Cape May Court House, with eighty pupils in attendance. About twenty-five students were in Washington Missionary College. There ought to be church schools in several more of our churches and I am sure when we fully sense the importance of the times in which we are living and the danger that our children are in by being continually thrown in the association of the world, we would put forth much greater efforts than we have to establish these schools. The number of our church schools ought to be doubled in the year to come.

Religious Liberty

All the work that has been done in this department has been by the use of literature, especially the Liberty Magazine with the extras that have been issued. We believe that these extras, especially the one on "Freedom of Press" and "Sunday Legislation," have accomplished much

good. Many letters have been written to members of Congress protesting against these unjust bills that have been before our national legislative body. We have also sent the book "American State Papers" to our representatives and have received appreciative letters from them. We should keep a close watch upon that which is taking place along this line in every part of the conference and be ready to report so that any issue that comes up may be properly met.

Medical Missionary Department

As already referred to, Miss Zada Hibben came to this conference as a medical missionary nearly a year ago. While not as much has been done as she had desired, yet wherever Sister Hibben has carried on this line of work whether it was by treatments or demonstrations, it has been greatly appreciated. Miss Hibben was assisted for a time by Miss Evelyn Strong. We appreciate very much the interest manifested by some of our people and are sure that when we get better acquainted with it that we will recognize it as the right arm of the message and treat it as such.

Book And Home Missionary Work

The subscription book work for the year of 1915 made a gain over 1914 of \$2917.32 against a gain for 1914 of \$2401.55. As we now have a field missionary secretary more ought to be accomplished than has been during the years of the past, but this does not all depend upon the missionary secretary. We as a people must take hold of this work with courage; for it is God's means of opening up the field for more definite work and even this work does bring people into the truth. We must do all in our power to finish this message speedily.

Harvest Ingathering

The year 1915 was our banner year for Harvest Ingathering. We went \$560.00 over our share of the \$100,000 goal. We received during the year 1915, \$1682.70 which was \$695.74 more than received during the previous year. Can we not during this year, make it \$2,000,000? I am sure we can by the blessing of the Lord.

Finances

There has been a steady increase in the tithe in the past years which has gone up from \$15746.55 in 1912 to \$19953.21 in 1915 and the prospects are that the year 1916 will be the best by far of any of our experiences. The appropriations from the Division and Union Conferences has decreased from \$7000.88 in 1912 to \$3638.00 in 1915. Our totals for missions have been, 1912 \$4519.08 1913 \$5417.31, 1914 \$7975.78, 1915 \$9129.53, 1913 we raised fifteen and one half cents per week, 1914—21 cents per week, and 1915—21½ cents plus.

Camp Equipment

We are now fully equipped with tents, cots, mattresses, and have purchased during this past year several hundred chairs. We also have added to our cots, and mattresses. I am sure we appreciate the fact that we have so good an equipment with which to hold our camp-meeting and to know this has all been purchased without using one dollar of the tithe for this purpose.

We appreciate very much the liberality of the Division and Union Conferences in the appropriations they have given us in past years, which has made it possible for us to do the work which has been done in this field. As we get nearer the end, the work broadens and the demands are greater. In the beginning of this year we have been called upon to assist in erecting the new chapel at Washington College and about \$2500.00 has been raised in cash and pledges for this enterprise. The Loma Linda Medical College that was established in the order of the Lord, has made its demands upon us and there has been taken from this field about \$5000.00 for this worthy enterprise. Yet with all these calls the demands for means are no less, and I am confident that this conference will do its share this year in raising the twenty-cent-a-week fund.

Two new churches have recently been dedicated which makes eight churches added to our number in the last four years. Wherever these churches have been erected they have been a blessing to the cause of God and we trust that with all these added facilities courage may come into the hearts of the believers and the work may move forward more rapidly.

Our membership ought to reach the 1200 mark this year but it only can be done by the united efforts of both ministers and laymembers. Our hearts have been made glad many times during the past year by the reports that have come from lay-members who have been instrumental in bringing some souls to the truth. There is nothing that is so encouraging and helpful as the work of soul-saving and I am glad this is not confined alone to the laborers.

I trust that we all will take hold of this work and unite our efforts in a whole-hearted manner for the saving of souls. This meeting should be an inspiration to every member of the church present, and it may be if we relate ourselves to the Lord as we ought. Brethren, let us so examine ourselves, not our brethren, that we may be able to see where we come short and get hold of God for victory over self. Then we will be ready for anything that God calls upon us to do. Now is the time to rise and go forward in the strength of the One who is leading Israel on to victory.

Here are few things that I wish to present to the conference for its consideration at this meeting:

Conference Session:

First; In compliance with the recommendation of the Division and Union Conference, that our conference period be two years instead of one.

Unworked Towns:

Second; As soon as possible plans should be laid by which there might be carried on systematic efforts for our smaller cities and towns.

Medical Missionary:

Third; We should plan to do more aggressive work along Medical Missionary lines.

\$27000 Fund:

Fourth; We should plan to finish our share of the \$27000.00 college fund.

Harvest Ingathering

Fifth; We should begin immediately to plan for Harvest Ingathering campaign.

Effective Workers

Sixth; We should plan to make the labor of our workers more effective in soulsaving.

Tithe paying

Seventh; Urge the ministry and church officers to thoroughly instruct the churches in tithe paying.

Church Officers

Eighth; Urge the election of church officers who are straight on all lines of the message such as organization, testimonies, health reform, tithe paying and the regular lines of our faith.

Pulpit sacred

Ninth; To urge greater care in permitting persons not recognized by the denomination to occupy the pulpit in our churches.

Review and Herald

Tenth; Urge an aggressive campaign to place the Review and Herald in every Adventist family.

Testimonies

Eleventh; Recommend that all our people, both old and young, read the nine volumes of the Testimonies as a safe guard against the evils of today.

Young People

Twelfth; Urge that more attention be given to our young people by establishing church schools and young people's societies and in helping them to get on to our higher schools.

Executive Committee

Thirteenth; Recommend that this conference consider the advisability of increasing the membership of the executive committee from five to seven.

Book Work

Fourteenth, Although the book work showed a gain for 1915, yet it is down about as low as it can get, and I would

recommend that this conference take some action that will stir all from the president clear through the ranks, to greater earnestness and activity in this line and also that a good city man be secured as Field Missionary Secretary.

A. R. SANDBORN.

News Notes

Elders Spies and Langdon, and Brother H. J. Adams were in Trenton on Monday to discuss some matter of business with our conference president.

Mr. Hugh Williams, who has been tent master for Elder Mac Niel during the past few weeks, has left for college at Washington.

Nicholas Lessner and Vera Cheseau, of Jersey City, have gone to Washington also to attend school. We are indeed glad to see our young people entering our schools to prepare for the Lord's work.

Mr. and Mrs. Westerhoff and Mrs. Anna Pulis left Paterson last week for the College.

Miss Ethel Miller is canvassing for magazines and small books in Trenton, preparatory to attending school this winter. She seems to enjoy the work.

Sabbath school officers please notice. Now is the time to order quarterlies, memory verse cards, picture rolls, etc. And don't fail to renew your Sabbath school Worker subscriptions in time, so that you will miss no numbers. We cannot afford to lose a single copy.

We expect that eight church schools will be in operation in New Jersey this winter, with nine teachers in charge.

The Swedish young people of Jersey City have organized into a Missionary Volunteer Society. We are indeed glad to welcome them into the sisterhood of young peoples' societies in our conference. This makes twenty-one in all.

Notice

The new school building at Ariel, Pa., will open October 1, with 10 grades of work, lasting 8 months. Tuition \$1.00 per month; board and room can be supplied at \$2.00 per week, near schoolhouse. For further information address F. N. Stanley, Sec'y. School Board, Ariel, Pa.

VIRGINIA

News Notes

The Roanoke Church is made glad in the new families who have moved to that city. This enables them to reorganize their little company for better work. Brother Harry Wright was elected elder, and S. N. Wilmer as deacon, and were ordained into their respective offices by Elder Moffett at his last visit there. They now have thirteen members.

Aubrey Gary has been passing through a hard sickness, having been operated upon at the Washington Hospital for appendicitis. He is gaining nicely and is in hopes to again soon be actively engaged in passing the good books on to the people.

A. G. Yakovenko, our Russian Brother, who has been employed by our conference for the past two years, called at the office Monday, on his way to take up work with the Pacific Press Branch office at Brookfield near Chicago. He will have charge of the Russian publications. We shall follow our brother with much interest, and while we regret to see him leave Virginia, we are glad for his promotion, and wish him Godspeed in his work. Brother Kritsky, from the Russian school in Dakota comes to teach our school at Yale, of this nationality.

CHESAPEAKE

News Notes

The conference committee met in the office Sept. 18, to lay some plans for the work of the conference. Those present aside from the regular committee were Elders B. G. Wilkinson, G. F. Enoch, and C. V. Leach, and D. A. Rees, all of Washington, D. C.

Elder Rodgers baptized 34 precious souls in his church, corner Druid Hill Avenue and Robert Street, Sunday night, Sept 17. This is the result of the work of the members of his church, largely, while he has been in other places in the conference during the summer. This church is doing very faithful work. They lead the conference in Sabbath school offerings. Last Sabbath their offerings amounted to \$26.00.

We are glad to say Miss Mary Hurlock has returned to Baltimore. She is getting along very nicely. All her friends were very glad to see her again.

We have been informed that Brother G. W. Lawrence will soon be able to leave the Dispensary where he has undergone an operation.

Brother Clarence Cecil Raymond Hare spent a few days in Baltimore the past week. He had not been so well, but went back improved in health, we believe.

Elder F. W. Paap visited the Baltimore No. 1 Church on Sabbath Sept. 16. Elder A. S. Booth baptized three dear souls that day.

For fully a year there has been a crying need for a worker for Hagerstown and vicinity. It was voted that Elder Shadel take charge of the work there. He will move his family to Hagerstown at once. He has been living at Rock Hall for one and one half years. We know the church there will miss his help, but other plans will have to be laid to provide for them.

The interest in the tent efforts continues. Fully one hundred and fifty people are asking for literature on the Sabbath question. The temperance people of the city will hold a temperance meeting in the large pavilion, corner Calvert Street and North Avenue, Saturday night, Sept. 23. This will be in charge of Dr. Hare and Mr. Lloyd Wilkinson. Three of the prominent ministers in the neighborhood will participate.

Elder Enoch will soon make a trip through the conference in the interest of the Washington College Fund and Foreign work.

WEST VIRGINIA

News Notes

August 24, 1916, twelve dear souls followed their Lord in waters of baptism. God's presence was felt in a marked manner, and those who were not baptized received the blessing with the others.

The fight for victory here has been severe, but fasting and prayer have proven effectual weapons in this conflict, and like Jacob we have wrestled till break of day, and can now say "Thanks be unto God, Who giveth us victory through our Lord and Saviour."

One brother and sister, who have been separated for five years, got right with God and were rebaptized and have decided to live together in harmony and union.

The Morgantown Church can report progress under all the different department headings.

OHIO

News Notes

We are glad to see Brother George Carter meeting with such excellent success in his new territory. During his first week in the field, he sold seventy dollars' worth of our books.

Sister E. Y. Smith is still doing excellent work in the southern part of the state. She sold, during the past week, over fifty dollars' worth of "Coming King."

The Field Secretary and his assistant have spent part of this week in remodeling their office. Another window has been put in, the room has been newly papered, and a rug has been purchased. The old conference committee room now presents an attractive appearance, and our secretary and his assistant have an office of their own.

Elder E. K. Slade was called to Washington, D. C. during the latter half of the week.

Brother V. O. Panches is leaving for the southern part of the state, and will spend the Sabbath with the Wilmington Church, and the following week among the colporteurs in the southern part of the field.

Brother P. A. Franks, who has been working in Wayne County, has been hindered in his delivery because of his books not arriving on time. His shipment was lost, but we trust that he may not lose many orders because of the delay.

"Heralds of the Morning" is a book that deals with present day events, and is proving a ready seller by those who handle it. Brother Richard De Garmo has sold over one hundred dollars' worth in the past two weeks.

During the tent effort in Newark, Brother H. O. Kohr is selling World's Crisis among the people and has met with excellent success.

Miss Bessie Acton is spending this week with the church school at Dresden. They already have fifteen pupils enrolled.

Have you ordered your Harvest In-gathering papers? We have already received orders for about 25,000 copies, which indicate a good, strong campaign. Are you planning to raise your share of the goal, five dollars per member?

The work of treating the tents is now going forward as rapidly as the weather will permit at the conference office. A reliable government formula is being used that will preserve the canvas much longer and thus extend their period of usefulness. This, with much other work, is necessary in keeping the equipment in good condition for our annual encampment, involving considerable expense, but it is well worth while when we consider what this yearly gathering means to our work and our people.

I am glad to think

I am not bound to make the world go round;

But only to discover and to do,
With cheerful heart, the work that God appoints. —Jean Ingelow.

"What shall I do to be forever known?"

Thy duty ever!

"This did full many who yet sleep all unknown,"—

Oh, never, never!

Think'st thou, perchance, that they remain unknown

Whom thou know'st not?

By angel trumps in heaven their praise is blown,
Divine their lot."

Special

The Refreshing from the Presence of the Lord

There can be no doubt left in the mind of anyone, whether a student of prophecy or merely an observer of transpiring events, that we are living in the time when the "nations are angry," a time of national trouble such as has never before been witnessed. We have not yet reached the Armageddon predicted in the Word of God. Before that time is reached the declaration will have gone forth in heaven, "It is finished." "He that is filthy let him be filthy still, he that is righteous let him be righteous still. And behold I come quickly and my reward is with Me to give every man according as his work shall be."

Just as this work of judgment is closing in heaven and the spirit of God is in a measure being withdrawn from the wicked, the nations will begin to manifest the anger which will culminate in Armageddon. When Michael shall stand up to reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords there will be a time of national trouble

such as has not been since there was a nation. As God's spirit is finally withdrawn from those who refused to be influenced by it, the spirit of devils takes possession of them. Upon God's people will rest the spirit of God. The final conflict will be between Christ and Satan; between the spirit of God and the spirit of devils; between God's saints and men possessed with the spirit of the destroyer, but, "at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone whose name is found written in the book."

Many shall be purified and made white and tried, but the wicked shall do wickedly and none of the wicked shall understand. But the wise shall understand." (Dan. 12:1-10.) The omens are fast fulfilling which indicate that the work in the heavenly sanctuary is about to close. When that work closes God's people will receive the latter rain, the refreshing from the presence of the Lord. Not to aid them in the development of a righteous character; not to enable them to preach the gospel with power, but to prepare them to stand without a mediator through the time of trouble. Before that time comes they will have fully appropriated the blessings of the former rain and overcome sin in every form.

The latter rain is the sealing of the saints for eternity. The nations are angry now but are still being held in check. They will be held in check until the servants of God are sealed in their foreheads; until they reflect the image of Jesus fully. We are now living in the time when in a special manner we are to witness the outpouring of the Holy Ghost for service, when our sons and daughters are to prophesy, and the prayer of Moses, who was the representative of Jesus will be answered, "Would that all the people were prophets and all prophesied." There were those associated with Moses who received the word from his mouth who prophesied. So in the last days those who live with the prophets will prophesy.

In the Spirit of Prophecy we have drawn out in detail the demands of the law, by which is the knowledge of sin. A study of the books which God has given us can not help but lead to repentance and a great reformatory movement. The sick will be healed and other miracles will be wrought, and all who have a part in this movement will prophesy as they go from house to house, telling of their experience. At this time the Sabbath will be proclaimed more fully and many who have been standing on the threshold of the kingdom, will recognize this work as of God and will then join in the work of proclaiming the everlasting gospel with the loud cry of the third angel and the earth will be lightened with the glory of

God. Then it will be said among the heathen, "The Lord hath done great things for them" and we shall be able to respond by saying, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

He that then "goeth forth with weeping bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again with rejoicing bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126. When the joy of salvation is restored, transgressors will be taught God's way, and sinners will be converted. Results will follow. Thousands will be converted. A superior class of people will forsake all to unite in proclaiming the second coming of Christ. In the supplement of "Early Writings," page 85, in referring to this time we read, "I saw that God had children who do not see and keep the Sabbath. They have not rejected the light upon it. And at the commencement of the time of trouble we were filled with the Holy Ghost, as we went forth and proclaimed the Sabbath more fully. "The commencement of the time of trouble here mentioned does not refer to the time when the plagues shall begin to be poured out, but to a short period just before they are poured out, while Christ is in the sanctuary. At that time, while the work of salvation is closing, trouble will be coming upon the earth, and the nations will be angry, yet held in check, so as not to prevent the work of the third angel. At that time the "latter rain" or refreshing from the presence of the Lord will come, to give power to the loud voice of the third angel, and prepare the saints to stand in the period when the seven last plagues shall be poured out."

On page 71 we read, "Those who receive the seal of the living God, and are protected in the time of trouble, must reflect the image of Jesus fully. I saw that many were neglecting the preparation so needful and were looking to the time of 'refreshing' and the 'latter rain' to fit them to stand in the day of the Lord, and to live in His sight. Oh how many I saw without a shelter: they had neglected the needful preparation, therefore, they could not receive the refreshing that all must have to fit them to live in the sight of a holy God. Those who refuse to be hewed by the prophets and fail to purify their souls in obeying the truth, and who are willing to believe that their condition is far better than it really is, will come up to the time of the falling of the plagues, and then see that they needed to be hewed and squared for the building. But there will be no more time then and no Mediator to plead their cause before the father. Before this time the awful solemn declaration has gone forth, "He that is unjust let him be unjust still, he that is righteous let him be righteous still, and he that is holy let him be holy still. I saw that

none could share the 'refreshing' unless they obtain the victory over every besetment, over pride, selfishness, love of the world, and over every wrong word and action."

These are solemn words; words which should stir the soul of every believer. They should lead to repentance, confession, and a putting away of sins.

DR. D. H. KRESS.

The Original Question

The original, or first question asked when a subject is presented to a child of God, is quite different from the one asked by the man of the world. The child of God's first question is, "Has God spoken in regard to it?" The man of the world asks, "Is it reasonable?" The man of science wishes to know if it is in harmony with scientific facts.

If Moses had stopped to reason out how they were to cross the Red Sea, they would never have crossed as they did. When God said, "Lift up thy rod, and stretch out thy hand over the Sea," that was enough for Moses. He obeyed without reasoning; for he knew that all the power and resources of the Almighty were in those words.

When the feet of the priests bearing the ark, stepped into the waters of the overflowing Jordan, there was power enough in the command given the people to follow, to divide the overflowing river and let the people pass over "on dry land." It was the power of God, and not reason or scientific fact, that opened the Jordan before the children of Israel.

The proclamation of the Third Angel's Message began as an unpopular truth, despised by the professedly wise men of earth. Many apostates have departed from us, declaring that the whole thing is a failure; but it has steadily increased. The Third Angel's Message is a great framework of truth into which has been set every phase of the everlasting gospel.

Many times when advanced moves have been called for, the cry of some has been, "It is impossible to go farther, we have neither men nor means," but the work has steadily advanced. God commands the resources and they never fail, when in obedience to His word we move forward in faith.

When the Spirit of prophecy for the first time mentioned "Australia" as a country where the truth would be proclaimed, some of the leading brethren said, "That vision is for many days to come." But afterwards we found that God had prepared both men and means in Australia to carry forward the work, although at the time we knew it not.

During the last seventy years, many

times the work has been delayed because some have reasoned that the advance move could not be made for lack of resources, and that by doing it other branches of the work would be robbed of necessary funds, etc. But there has always been, and always will be, individuals who will ask, "Has God said the work should be done?" If so, He has resources with which to do it." The one who takes this position will always be blessed by the God of heaven.

The last definite advance, directed by the Spirit of prophecy, is the equipment of our medical school. The question is not, "Do I see the need of erecting the hospital for the education of our medical missionaries?" Neither is it, "Can we as a denomination afford it?" The original or first question asked by the child of God should be, "Has God spoken in regard to it?"

For over sixty years I have been a firm believer and a student of the Spirit of prophecy, and I can truthfully say that there has not been any advance move, beginning with our first publishing house at Battle Creek, where more evidence can be shown, both by the direct providences of God and by the writings of the Spirit of prophecy, than in regard to fully equipping our medical school.

The hospital is a necessary part of the equipment of the Medical School. Those who will contribute of their means for the erection of the Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles, will be thankful in the judgment that they had a part in equipping the school which will train soul-winning medical missionaries for the closing of the work.

S. N. HASKELL.

Loyalty to God

"Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." "We are to be waiting, watching, working; it is most inconsistent for the church to whom has been opened the treasures of truth, to be dull, worldly, and indifferent. Casting away all unbelief, we should by faith put every capability and every power into exercise." "An appeal to Our Churches," p. 22.

Go ye. Yes, please write your full name right down in place of ye. Then please read again this very pointed message from God's chosen servant. If you are already in the field you will be encouraged and stimulated. If you are hesitating, your duty will be made clear and plain. "God expects personal service from every one to whom He has entrusted a knowledge of the truth for this time." None at this hour can excuse themselves on the basis of not knowing what to do. There is in this great Harvest Ingathering campaign for missions an opportunity for all to take part. Under no consideration

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending Sept. 15, 1916									
Frank Fults, Adams Co.	BR	5	51	11	35	00	75	35 75	
R. DeGarmo, Summit Co.	HM	5	50	24	48	00	8 00	56 00	
P. A. Franks, Wayne Co.	BR	5	50	8	24	00	3 35	27 35	
R. H. Patterson, Greene Co.	BR	5	46	14	51	00	3 00	54 00	1 50
W. H. Smith, Holmes Co.	BR	5	44	6	19	00	11 20	30 20	7 25
Mrs. C. Kelley, Clark Co.	CK	5	43	15	22	50	9 05	31 55	25 25
E. E. Goodrich, Madison Co.	BR	5	42	9	27	00	2 25	29 25	
Geo. Carter, Wilmington	BR	4	40	19	65	00	5 25	70 25	1 50
Mrs. Smith, Scioto Co.	CK	5	40	29	46	50	7 00	53 50	23 25
Chas. Carter, Clinton Co.	BR	4	40	11	38	00	75	38 75	75
H. W. Barto, Clinton Co.	BR	4	40	9	28	00	2 25	30 25	1 50
W. S. Syphers, Madison Co.	BR	5	40	9	29	00		29 00	3 00
Richard DeGarmo, Summit Co.	HM	4	35	19	39	50	4 50	44 00	
N. Oancea, Youngstown, Foreign Books		4	22		7	60		7 60	
Anna Oancea, Youngstown Foreign		3	18		11	50		11 50	
J. E. Carder, Dayton	DR	3	17	5	17	00	3 75	20 75	1 50
Chas. Schilling, Columbus	BR	3	11	1	4	00		4 00	
J. J. Mettler, Cleveland	BR	4	8						19 75
Totals	18 Agents		78	637	171	\$512 60	\$61 10	\$573 70	\$85 25

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending Sept. 15, 1916									
Geo. Buttermore, Greene Co.	BR	10	78	22	72	00	12 25	84 25	90 95
J. Kmetz, Allegheny Co.	HW	6	41	20	4	85		4 85	4 85
James Lippart, Clearfield Co.	BR	4	50						136 00
Solomon Diehl, Center Co.	CK	4	40	14	21	00	9 75	30 75	
John Manual, Jefferson Co.	BR	4	37	12	37	00	11 75	48 75	
Harold Stevens, Erie Co.	BR	4							432 25
M. Smith, Allegheny Co.	A	4	11	6	3	00		3 00	2 25
C. E. Will, Washington Co.	GC	4	40	8	17	00	3 00	20 00	22 75
Totals	8 Agents		40	297	82	\$154 85	\$36 75	\$191 60	\$689 05

New Jersey, Week Ending Sept. 15, 1916									
Geo. Blinn, Hunderton Co.	BR	4	45	11	33	00		33 00	
W. W. Jennings, Passaic Co.	RB	6	44	21	67	00	7 15	74 15	3 00
W. B. Plant, Passaic Co.	BR	4	30	12	40	00	11 00	51 00	
Totals	3 Agents		14	119	44	\$140 00	\$18 15	\$158 15	3 00

Virginia, Week Ending Sept. 15, 1916									
Lewis Williams, Bowling Green	BR	4	27	25	72	00		72 00	3 10
David Orr, Mecklenburg Co.	CK	5	39	11	16	50	4 75	21 25	3 75
M. A. Maloney, King William Co.	CK	9	73	31	48	50	13 95	62 45	5 45
S. N. Wilmer, Botetourt Co.	BR	3	32						192 25
Bennett Hamm, Nelson Co.	GC	5	48						185 00
Frank R. Wood, Nelson Co.	GC	5	50						158 00
Totals	6 Agents		31	269	67	\$137 00	\$18 70	\$155 70	\$547 55

Chesapeake, Week Ending Sept. 15, 1916									
Frank E. Moore, Washing. Co. Md.	BR	4	35	12	38	00	10 50	48 50	
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co. Md.	BR	5	45	14	45	00	4 75	49 75	4 75
J. E. Jones, Talbot Co.	PPF	5	37	15	34	00	15 50	49 50	3 60
Totals	3 Agents		14	117	41	\$117 00	\$30 75	\$147 75	\$8 35

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C. B. Tracy									\$8 00

"Ellen G. White Memorial Hospital
Day, Sabbath, October 14."

"Duty looks at life as a debt to be paid,
love sees life as a debt to be collected."

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending Sept. 15, 1916

Wm. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	BF	4	30			16 75	16 75	149 75
Lee Mase, Tioga Co.	GC	5	44	12	37 00	2 50	39 50	
W. B. Dunkinson, Susq. Co.	PPF	5	52					146 25
C. F. & E. Durr, Philadelphia						32 35	32 35	
Sadie Detwiler, Philadelphia						50 00	50 00	
E. M. Chandler, Philadelphia						10 00	10 00	
Totals	6 Agents	14	126	12	\$37 00	\$111 60	\$148 60	\$296 00

West Virginia, Week Ending Sept. 15, 1916

W. A. McElphatrick, Moundsville	BR	2	10	4	12 00	2 00	14 00	
G. E. Snyder, Clarksburg	BR	2	22					113 50
Mrs. G. E. Snyder, Clarksburg		2	6	6	9 00		9 00	
L. E. Christman, Montgomery Co.	BR	5	42					207 75
John Brownlie, Montgomery Co.	BR	5	50					210 35
Totals	5 Agents	16	130	10	\$21 00	\$2 00	\$23 00	\$531 40

Grand Totals: 49 Agents Value of Orders \$1119 45 Deliveries, \$2160 60

should we allow ourselves to hesitate or come short at this time. Everyone can have a part. Those who cannot go out can solicit of those who may come to the home. They may do their share by correspondence. Many helpful suggestions have been given in the instruction leaflet along these lines. Study how you can do your part and ask God earnestly to bless your efforts.

"When we give ourselves wholly to God, and in our work follow His directions, He makes Himself responsible for its accomplishment. He would not have us conjecture as to the success of our honest endeavors. Not once should we even think of failure. We are to co-operate with one who knows no failure." "Christ's Object Lessons," p. 363.

Our motto in this united effort is "Every one to the work, each to do his best." This is all that can be asked of anyone. Let it be recorded in the books, opposite the name of every believer, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. F. W. PAAP.

One of our Rally Songs

The department in giving careful study to our united efforts in the Harvest Ingathering Campaign has selected several songs, believing that the singing of these will wonderfully help in lifting the load. The words of these Harvest Ingathering songs are given in the October number of the Church Officers' Gazette. One of these will be sung to the tune, "It Must be the Breaking of the Day." If you do not have this song you can secure it by sending direct to the writer, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C. Price single copy, 5 cents. 10 copies, 25 cents.

F. W. PAAP.

Mount Vernon Academy

The first students' prayer meeting was held last Friday night at 7:30 P. M. and was conducted by Elder Ashton. The chapel was filled and many from the city and community were present, besides all the students.

The scripture used is found in John 1: 1-12, 15, 16, 35-38. The important lessons drawn from these scriptures were, that John was the first to point to Jesus; and bear witness to the multitude, saying, "This is the Lamb of God." He deemed this a great privilege to publicly confess Christ and this same privilege may be ours in our daily walk of life. Another lesson was drawn from the 35th verse, in which Christ asked the two disciples, "what they were seeking." This question is of vital importance to each individual, as there is only one real thing to seek after and can only be found if we search for it with all our heart. Jer. 29:13.

The following are extracts of a few testimonies borne and you will note that to those who have attended M. V. A. before, the Friday evening meeting is the most important meeting of the week. Many of the new students testified to the fact that they were anxious to attend one of these Friday evening meetings, as they had heard so much concerning them.

"The thing I am interested in most and which was of the greatest help to me is the Friday evening prayer meeting."

"My earnest desire and privilege is to start out right."

"Am glad that there is One able to begin a great work in our hearts and is able to finish it."

"Thank the Lord for the many blessings and am determined to press forward."

"Thankful to be able to witness for the Saviour and am determined to press onward."

"Thankful for the privilege of being here; desire to prove faithful."

"Realize more fully the high calling."

"Thankful to be able to testify for the Saviour."

"Always glad to testify for her Saviour, because of His great love for her. He is always willing to take back and forgive. Desire to live closer to Him."

"Received many blessings in the past year at this place and desire a better experience this year."

"Lord has blessed me wonderfully since here last. Determined to make this the best year of my life."

"Thankful for the privilege of being here and desire a deeper Christian experience and to learn more of Christ."

"Thankful to be here and desire to gain a deeper Christian experience to prepare for His work. Thankful for the past summer's blessings."

"Thankful for the privilege of returning to school and for the lesson this evening. Reconsecrate my life to the Lord."

"Thankful for the blessings of the summer; want to start school year right and fully consecrate my life to the Saviour."

"Thankful for the privilege of being here and associating with so many young people. Want to seek early for the Lord and be a help to the young people."

"Thank God for so many blessings to me, for the privilege of being here, for the many blessings received in the short time present last year; will go where He wants me to go."

"Thankful to return to M. V. A. and that Christ called her to be His child."

"Thankful that the Lord has given me the privilege of attending M. V. A. and want to be a worker for Him."

"My heart is filled with praise for another Friday evening prayer meeting. Feel encouraged to go forward in the work of this school year. Want a deeper consecration and want to seek the Lord while He still holds out His hand pleading."

"At the beginning of this school year, I consecrate my life to Him."

"Praise God for His goodness, mercy and blessings to me; want to be faithful and do His will."

"Thankful for the blessings of the Lord. Thankful for the privilege of attending prayer meeting. Throughout the school year last year received many

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blessings from these meetings; want to be
a blessing to those around me and desire
to go out in His work. Will be present
at every Friday evening meeting."

"Thankful tonight for the privilege of
attending another meeting. It was dur-
ing one of these meetings that the Lord
showed me that this world has nothing
for me."

"Glad to be here with the young peo-
ple. Hospital workers received invita-
tion to attend these meetings. They are
the beginning of a series of blessings for
the students and will also take advantage
of the meetings."

"Thankful for the blessings the Lord
bestowed upon me the past summer.
Want to make this year the best year of
my school life; want to serve the Master
in a way pleasing to Him."

"Thankful for the privilege of going to
school."

"Glad for the Friday evening services;
enjoyed them in the past and will con-
tinue to enjoy them."

"Gained many blessings in the past
year and want to reconsecrate my life
for service."

"Thankful for another Friday evening
meeting; looked forward all summer to
them. Like to have the purpose that
Christ had, live to bless others."

"Thankful to be back in school and to
attend the Friday evening meetings."

"Thank the Lord for opening the way
to come to school. Want experience
that I may go out in the work."

"Thankful for the privilege of attend-
ing meetings; they are a source of bless-
ings."

"Thankful for the privilege of being
here again and reconsecrate my life."

"Thank the Lord for privilege of being
here. Greatest desire is to gain a pre-
paration for His work."

"Missed the meetings during the sum-
mer. Want to seek the Lord with my
whole heart."

"Testimony of M. V. A. was of the
Friday evening prayer meetings. Great-
est joy of life is being in school with
young people who have a fixed deter-
mination. Want to consecrate my life
to the Master."

"Truly thankful to be here this even-
ing. Want to be here every Friday even-
ing. Has been my determination since
my knowledge of the truth, to come to
school. Thankful that prayers have
been answered to be able to come."

"Thankful for the opportunity of attend-
ing school that I might gain a better
knowledge of the truth and go to my
sisters and brothers and people of the
town and bring them into the truth."

"Determined to serve Him more every
day and seek the Lord with all my
heart."

"Grateful to meet again with the young
people. Desire to follow Him all my
days and thankful that the Saviour can
still be found. Commit myself entirely
to Him."

"Thankful for the opportunity of wit-
nessing for my Saviour and reconsecrate
my life at the beginning of the school
year."

"Desire to be a winner of souls. Would
be thankful to be able to gain heaven
and one soul."

"Brother and I left home at the same
time; he went east and I went west.
After we reached the sidewalk, mother
stood in the shadow of the room behind
the screen door. All we could see was
her form with her handkerchief to her
eyes. She felt too badly to say good-bye
but had the courage to say, "be good."
There is the still small voice calling to us,
be good which is backed by love greater
than a mother's. Let us obey that
voice."

There were many more testimonies
and the desire of each was to reconse-
crate his life, to seek the Lord early and
begin the new school year right. Surely
the Lord will help us and we expect to
see some wonderful changes this coming
year.

"For a light of the
Gentiles and for sal-
vation to the ends of
the earth."

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