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THE first meeting of the forty-sixth annual session of the Ohio Conference of Seventh-day Adventists was held in the Columbus church Monday evening, January 20. A very excellent sermon was delivered by Elder A. C. Shannon on the subject of religious liberty.

The first business meeting was held at 9 o'clock, Tuesday morning, Elder H. H. Burkholder presiding. The meeting was opened with singing, and and Elder R. R. Kennedy gave a very interesting Scripture lesson, after which Elder W. J. Fitzgerald invoked the blessing of God, and asked his guidance in all that might be done and said during this meeting.

The roll was called and 106 delegates responded to their names. Elder Allen Moon, President of the Lake Union Conference, and Elder W. J. Fitzgerald, President of the Columbia Union Conference, on suggestion of the chairman, were unanimously accorded seats as delegates to take part with us in making plans for the advancement of the truth in this State during the year 1908.

On application, the Derwent and Piqua churches were admitted to the Conference.

Elder C. T. Redfield, pastor of the Columbus church, in a few well chosen remarks, welcomed the Forty-sixth Annual Conference. He further said that the Columbus church was ready to pass to the Ohio Conference Association the deed of the property of the church.

Elder R. G. Patterson, pastor of the Cleveland church, responded, expressing the appreciation of the delegates of all that had been done for their comfort and pleasure.

Elder H. H. Burkholder, President of the Conference, then read his annual address, as follows:—

President's Annual Address

Esteemed fellow-laborers, delegates, brethren and sisters,—Greeting: "May grace and peace abound to you through the recognition of our Lord Jesus the Messiah, as the giver to us

of all things that be of the power of God, unto life and the fear of God, through the recognition of him who hath called us unto his own glory and moral excellence; wherein he hath given you very great and precious promises; that by them ye might become partakers of the nature of God, while ye flee from the corruptions of the lusts that are in the world. And, while ye apply all diligence in the matter, add to your faith moral excellence; and to moral excellence, knowledge; and to knowledge, perseverance; and to perseverance, patience; and to patience, the fear of God; and to the fear of God, sympathy with brotherhood; and to sympathy with brotherhood, love. For, while these are found in you, and abounding they render you not slothful, and not unfruitful, in the recognition of our Lord Jesus the Messiah. For he in whom these things are not found is blind and seeth not, and hath forgotten the purgation of his former sins. And therefore, my brethren, be ye exceedingly diligent to make your calling and election sure, by your good actions: for by so doing, ye will never fall away. For thus will entrance be given you abundantly, into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Redeemer Jesus the Messiah." (2 Pet. 1:2-11, Syriac.)

We are reminded by this assemblage of God's people that another eventful year in the history of our work is in the past. The rapid fulfilment of the prophetic word; the unprecedented advancement of the cause we have espoused; the preservation from serious illness and death of all our laborers during another year; the privilege of meeting so many brethren and sisters at the opening of the Forty-sixth Annual Session of the Ohio Conference; the opportunity of again spending a few days together in prayer and the study of ways and means by which we may extend and more securely establish this work, call for acknowledgments of gratitude, and a reconsecration of our lives to greater earnestness and loyalty to this cause, and a ready response to every call to service.

"Intensity is taking possession of every earthly element; and as a peo-

ple who have had great light and wonderful knowledge, many of them are represented by the five sleeping virgins with their lamps, but no oil in their vessels; cold, senseless, with feeble, waning piety. While a new life is being diffused and is springing up from beneath and taking fast hold of all Satan's agencies, preparatory to the last great conflict and struggle, a new light and life and power is descending from on high, and taking possession of God's people who are not dead, as many now are in trespasses and sins."

To me these words are very significant at the present time. What is the meaning of all this activity to set aside our present form of organization? Is it not a signal to the true hearted soldiers of the cross that we have reached the time when we should be more thoroughly organized and equipped for service than ever before? It occurs to me that these are thoughts well worth our while to consider, as we enter upon the work of this conference.

Evangelical Department

As a result of the efforts put forth by the laborers in this department during the past year, many new converts are rejoicing in the hope of a soon-coming Saviour.

Notwithstanding the fact that for various reasons six ordained ministers and one Bible worker have left this Conference since our meeting at Clyde one year ago, not a single complaint or murmur has come in from the laity, but on the other hand there has been a manifest willingness expressed on their part to lift all the more that the cause at home might not suffer loss.

I might also mention in this connection that three more licentiates and another Bible worker are under appointment by the General and Union Conferences to labor in other fields and are planning to leave in the near future.

It will be remembered by many who are present this morning, that during our annual camp-meeting and conference three years ago at Marysville we placed ourselves on record in a definite way on the question of a

proper attitude in the proclamation of the Third Angel's Message to the worldwide field. It was then and there that we voted to share with the needy fields beyond both our laborers and our means. We felt at that time that this was a step in the right direction, and have had no occasion to change our minds since. At the time this action was taken we were supporting but one laborer in the regions beyond; but for the past two years we have annually supported six workers outside of the State at a salary of \$5,300.

Neither have we suffered any inconvenience financially as a result of taking this forward step, as I shall term it. On the other hand there has been a gradual increase ever since in both tithes and offerings, and from the records of the year just past it will be seen that this Conference paid the largest tithe and made the largest offering of any previous year of its history.

Table of Average Receipts per Month
1904-1907

	TITHE	OTHER OFFERINGS
1904.....	\$1,874.93	\$512.35
1905.....	2,166.78	544.55
1906.....	2,290.42	560.22
1907.....	2,426.40	856.39

In concluding my remarks on this department I wish to say that at the present time we have more money on hand and are in a better condition financially than at any time since the organization of the Conference.

Missionary Department

This department has also enjoyed another year of marked prosperity. We have been told that "if there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the people." These words should be an incentive to still greater activity on the part of us all in the future work of this department. Thousands of our fellowmen are waiting for the very light contained in these publications, and are not only ready to receive these silent messengers of truth, but are willing to pay over their money in return.

It appeals to me that in a conference the size of this, it would prove a great advantage to have a Field Missionary Secretary whose duty it would be to take the supervision in the field of the circulation of periodicals, tracts, trade, and forty per cent. books; to visit the local churches and select, instruct, and direct workers; to hold institutes in the interest of home missionary work; to encourage the increasing of the clubs of our papers and the sale of literature provided especially for home workers; and to

give the needed instruction to church treasurers and librarians in keeping their books, and to audit these books at least once a year.

Such a plan would make it possible to render much valuable help to our churches which have long been neglected, and which will not, and can not be given in any better way.

Educational Department

This branch of our work is in every way worthy of its share of attention at the hands of this Conference. The Mount Vernon College, an institution that has long enjoyed the confidence and support of its patrons, continues to perform its heavenly appointed work in a creditable way.

Having connected with it the past year a small sanitarium, this school is now prepared to give valuable instruction to those who desire a training for medical missionary service.

For many years this institution has felt the need of more territory from which to draw the necessary help to a successful enterprise. From present indications we are soon to realize the object for which we have sought, and the Mount Vernon College is to be placed on vantage ground, a position it has justly merited in the proclamation of the Third Angel's Message.

The newly organized Columbia Union Conference, of which the Ohio Conference has become a member, will ask the patrons of this institution to let it become the training college for this new union. This is one of the questions to be settled at this conference.

Church Schools

The interest on the part of our people in this line of work is on the increase. Many more schools might be added to our list, could we favorably respond to the urgent calls that come in for teachers. Although this work is yet in its infancy, the people are beginning to realize its importance and are showing a great willingness to co-operate with the Conference in its development. Young men and women who give evidence of real moral worth should be searched out and encouraged to connect with this work.

Sabbath-school and Young People's Societies

These branches of the work have also made a splendid showing. A higher state of efficiency is being attained which will produce results all the more gratifying. Developments of an encouraging nature, especially to our young people, have taken place during the year. The General Conference people, recognizing the need

of our youth, added to their present system of administration a new department known as the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department.

This same need was recognized at the recent organization of the Columbia Union Conference, and this department was also given a place in its system of administration.

And now, beloved delegates, since the Ohio Conference was one of the foremost to encourage the organization and development of this branch, would it not be a good thing for you to again show your interest in this work by the addition of this department to our plan of administration? I do not believe it possible for you to perform a more worthy act at this session of our conference than to vote this very thing.

Medical Department

There have been gratifying developments in the work of this department. While we cannot boast of a large sanitarium where thousands of our fellowmen can go to receive medical attention, yet we are doing something in a modest way to set before the world the precious light which God has so graciously revealed to us on this important subject.

Religious Liberty

Because this department is the last to receive our attention in our arrangement of this address, it is by no means the least in point of importance. To promptly and wisely defend the true principles of civil and religious liberty is the duty of every Seventh-day Adventist. To recognize any attempt at a union of church and state, and to squarely meet such issues in the name and spirit of Christ, is the very work to which we have been called at this time. I would like to see the work of this department more thoroughly organized and a systematic effort put forth to instruct and prepare the people to meet these issues.

Conclusion

In presenting this brief outline of the situation I have omitted many interesting details which will be brought out more fully by the departmental secretaries and other officials in their reports.

After another year of earnest endeavor on our part to direct and manage the affairs of the Conference, the Committee will now turn over to you this sacred responsibility. While we do not lay claim to perfection in conference administration, yet we have labored in the fear of God and according to our best judgment as men.

May God give us all a true sense of our responsibilities, and keep us from making mistakes in planning our work for another year. May the spirit of controversy have no place in our hearts, and in all our deliberations let us manifest that brotherly love and consideration of the feelings of others which make our sittings blessed, and our work approved of God.

WEST VIRGINIA

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Parkersburg, West Va.

It is with a degree of interest as well as a pleasure to present my first report from the West Virginia Conference to the VISITOR.

I came by invitation of the General Conference as well also as by the Columbia Union Conference to a general meeting to be held in Parkersburg, W. Va., Dec. 26-29, 1907. I arrived from Indiana the evening of the 26th, and was received very cordially by the brethren and ministers of the West Virginia Conference, also by the president, Elder Fitzgerald, of the Columbia Union Conference. We entered immediately, and continued until the 29th, the most harmonious and interesting meeting that I have attended for years. It was at this meeting I cast my lot with the brethren of the little conference of West Virginia, and I have been very happy in my work thus far. I entered immediately upon my work of visiting the churches and companies of believers, also looking after the scattered lambs of the fold, which I find to be many.

I first visited the Kanawha Station church, the oldest church in the Conference. This church has been very much annoyed by the Church of God people, or the Snook and Brinkerhoff people, as it seems to be their stock in trade to annoy. I held some most excellent meetings with the Kanawha church and left them rejoicing in the Message with a good store of courage to take them over every difficulty.

From Kanawha Station I went to Walker, five miles up the river. There had been an organization here for years, but death, removals, and some apostasies had run the little church down to a very few. We got the little company together, elected and ordained an elder and also elected other church officers. Our meetings in the church were very spiritual and before we closed, fifteen, mostly young men and women from twenty to thirty-

five years of age, united with the church. This was a source of great encouragement to the little church. Those who united were fully instructed in all things pertaining to the church, a belief in the "Testimonies," tithing, no tobacco, no narcotics, health reform, and all things pertaining to our Message. My heart could but praise the Lord for his blessing at this meeting. This interest was created by Elder Foggin. From here I took the train for Clarksburg, riding for sixty-five miles up the valley with mountains on either side. I was surprised to find that on either side of the valley on the sides of the mountains were thickly drilled oil-wells, and derricks were seen all up the mountains; also lights could be seen from pipes running from gas wells, and the same hills are full of coal making the country immensely rich, and all the way up this railroad, the mountains are covered with towns whose citizens have never heard the blessed truth. What great fields for labor, and where are the men to enter them?

At Clarksburg I found a little company of about twelve who greatly need help. I spoke to them one evening, and they were greatly encouraged. Clarksburg is a rich little city and I hope to send them help soon. From Clarksburg I ran on up to Grafton, a mountain city of twelve thousand, a railroad town. There is one faithful family there that love the truth and are anxious to see it take root. Grafton is in the midst of a great coal belt and is near where so many lost their lives in the great gas explosion that smothered out so many lives. I am anxious that the truth may get a good hold here, and now as Elder Steele, of Indiana, is locating there we expect to hear good things from that field in the near future.

From Grafton I travelled on to Morgantown, a beautiful city of twelve thousand people. Here the State University is located. One thousand young men and women are in attendance. We have a small church of fifteen members here who are alive to the truth and are doing what they can to hold up the light. Having no church building, and the weather being very bad, I held meetings in private houses in different parts of the city, at each house having a good interest. One united with the church, all were greatly encouraged in the Lord and all vowed to do what they could to advance his work in that important city.

From Morgantown I went to the head of the West Virginia Pan Handle, to the little city of Chester where I found a faithful few who are doing all they can to hold up the banner of truth. The Lord came very near to

us as we worshipped among the hills, and when we find people so hungry for the Message it is a great pleasure to give it to them. A few scattered Sabbath keepers came over from East Liverpool and greatly enjoyed the meetings with us. It was hard to break away from them to go to our next appointment.

On my way down to Moundsville I found one lone Sabbath keeper in the great city of Wheeling. I visited her a little while and the Spirit came very near us as we talked the truth by the way.

Coming on down to Moundsville, I found it a beautiful little city of nine or ten thousand people, a live town, full of factories; the State penitentiary is also located there. There has never been a church of our people there, however quite a little labor has been bestowed. I began to search around for the scattered sheep, found altogether about fourteen, and as I presented to them the gracious Message of the soon coming Saviour, and the necessity of us having our hearts prepared for that event, then it was that the tender influence of his Spirit tendered each heart and they began to feel the necessity of being bound together in church fellowship. I thought it well to begin the organization of a church, and the fourteen names all told were found, and they were associated together, all agreeing that they would fellowship with each other.

A leader was appointed, and all felt to rejoice over the prospect of a Seventh-day Adventist church in Moundsville. I hope in the near future to return and complete the organization.

It is marvelous what the Lord has done for us in this my first trip through a part of the State, and for this I take courage and move on. Dear brethren, the cloud is lifting, the curtain is being drawn, there is a rift in the cloud, and we shall all soon reap if we faint not.

J. M. REES.

Morgantown

It has been some time since any report has been given from this church; but please do not think that we have been idle during this time. We have distributed a large number of religious liberty magazine, and over five dollars' worth of tracts; many of our weekly papers, and other good literature, among the people in different parts of the town.

We are holding regular services every Sabbath, and our Wednesday evening prayer meetings are a source of spiritual help and strength. Elder L. E. Sufficool visited us during the week of prayer, and his words

of encouragement were just what we needed. On Wednesday evening as he related the progress of the Third Angel's Message in heathen lands, as well as in our own, our hearts were stirred within us. At the close of this meeting four subscriptions were taken, and a club of *The Signs of the Times* ordered, which the brethren are now selling each week. This is a good way to get out among the people, and find those who are interested in the truth.

Our hearts were made glad by the good news that Elder J. M. Rees would be our Conference president, and when he visited us January 10-14, and we listened to his words of experience and wise counsel, we felt he was the right man in the right place; and as a church we extend our hearty co-operation, and pray that God will send more laborers into this field. May this thought come home to every heart, What can I do in the Master's vineyard?

On January 11 we held our quarterly meeting. Elder Rees spoke to us from these words, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." He made it so plain that we must be willing to let the mind of Christ be in us. As the ordinances were observed we felt as we always do, that this was a solemn occasion, and our minds reverted to that upper room where the Saviour first instituted the lesson of humility. One member was received into the church at this time. Six meetings were held during Elder Rees' stay with us, and we learned many valuable lessons which will be a help to us in the future.

Brother Frank Robbins, our former church elder, who moved to Erie, Penn., last July, arrived on Monday evening in time to meet Elder Rees, and enjoy the meeting. As Brother Robbins could remain with us but a short time, we held our prayer meeting on Tuesday evening; this gave an opportunity for his many friends to meet him again, and the goodly number in attendance gave evidence of his good influence in this place. He spoke to us on this subject, "What is sound doctrine?" taking for his text the words found in Titus 1:9. It seemed good to hear his voice once more proclaiming the truths of God's word, and we feel like asking God to send him back to this field, if it is his will. We are encouraged to press forward knowing that it is only the faithful ones who receive a crown of life.

MRS. L. L. MARSHALL,
Church Clerk.

Be a blessing to others.

A GOOD MEETING—A BRIGHT OUTLOOK

FROM December 26 to 29 a Conference Committee and the worker's meeting was held in the city of Parkersburg. There was a full attendance and a good spirit of unity and power was present throughout. This meeting was the occasion of Elder J. M. Rees' entering upon the presidency of the Conference, in harmony with the recommendation of the Columbia Union Conference. Elder Rees received a most hearty welcome on the part of all in attendance at the meeting. He is fully assured of earnest and loyal support and enters upon his new duties in West Virginia with good courage.

Careful and definite plans were made and agreed to for the carrying forward of the work during 1908. It was arranged to hold a Canvasser's Institute in Parkersburg, February 1-14. The enthusiasm manifested regarding this matter gives assurance that the canvassing work in West Virginia will be greatly strengthened.

All left the Parkersburg meeting with strong assurance that the outlook for the work in the Conference during 1908 is very promising. Will not all members in the Columbia Union pray earnestly that the cause in West Virginia may be greatly strengthened.

W. J. FITZGERALD.

WEST VIRGINIA ITEMS

ELDER J. M. REES stopped at the office for a couple of days on his way to Charlestown to visit the church at that place. He will return to the office by February 1, to assist in the Canvasser's Institute to be held here February 1-14.

BROTHER E. W. METCALF, one of our old canvassers, has been spending what time he has been able to work for the past two weeks canvassing in Parkersburg. He reports orders to the value of \$42.10. We believe there are many of our old workers as well as new ones throughout the Conference who could engage in this work. Why not come to the Canvasser's Institute and enter the work at once?

C. J. FOOTE.

"MISSIONARY work prospers not because of the extraordinary capabilities of the workers, but rather because of 'the exceedingly ripe condition of most mission fields.'"

VIRGINIA

Cardwell, Va.

I AM thankful to have the WELCOME VISITOR call to see me. I love the ring of its voice. It sounds loud and clear. So I hope to see its pages filled with good reports. I hope all will take the VISITOR.

Dear brethren and sisters, we have entered upon a new year, we still have the promise, "If we ask, we shall receive" if we ask in faith. If we would have all from Christ, we must give all to Christ. If we expect to become his children, we must make a full surrender, and pray earnestly with the Spirit as we never have in our lives. Let us drop all talk and frivolous things that will be detrimental to us. "Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him." But, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ? How they told you there should be mockers in the last times who should walk after their own lusts? Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of Jesus Christ unto eternal life. Ye are the light of the world—the light that the churches must give to the world. "Ye are the body of Christ and members in particular."

I would to God that all who profess to be followers of Christ would let their light shine as in the presence of the holy angels. Brethren and sisters, let us all be strong in the Lord and "put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

A new commandment is given unto us that we love one another. O that we would examine our own hearts and see how we stand in the presence of God! If we stand the test of the judgment of God, each one of us must be careful how we conduct ourselves the present moment, and set a godly example before the world. Let us pray for a greater work in our hearts. God will bless every effort put forth that advance steps may be taken this year, and that souls may be converted, and brought to the truth. Have we done all we can? Will any soul be required at our hands? Let us be careful how we live that we make no mistake now.

We held a fine quarterly meeting, all taking part. One man came eight

miles to attend this meeting, and enjoyed it very much. He is a Methodist. He also came the next Sabbath. I hope to see this company grow to a strong company. C. B. RULE.

ELDERS' AND DEACONS' MEETING

WE are planning to hold three meetings in our State for the elders and deacons of our churches. The first meeting will be held at Startley, February 20-25; Lynchburg, February 27 to March 3; Richmond, March 5-10. We are expecting Elder W. J. Fitzgerald, President of the Columbia Union Conference, to attend these meetings.

Let the elders and deacons plan to attend the meeting nearest them. May we all pray for the success of these meetings. EL. W. HERRELL.

TO THE WELCOME VISITOR, GREETINGS!

YOUR visits have been welcomed to many who have had the privilege of receiving you in times past. And while I have only received a few visits from you, I can say that I have liked your make up, and hope that all who have received you in Virginia during the same time will, like myself, show their liking by sending in their subscription for the coming year. I hope your visits will help to unite the various Conferences which comprise the Columbia Union into one great band of workers for Christ, and that it will also be a means of exchange by which we may gain a better knowledge of the needs of each Conference. My first letter to our brethren in Virginia through your columns is to call their attention to the coming Canvassers' Institute, which is to be held from March 1-15. This Institute is to be held for the purpose of giving instruction from the testimonies of God, and from practical experience in the field. Brother I. D. Richardson will be present during the entire time. And we hope to have some of the old time canvassers present also. We might say much on who should come and why, but a few words will suffice at this time. First, God says, "This gospel shall be preached in all the world as a witness . . . and then shall the end come." And the signs were to be assurance that that generation should not pass till all be fulfilled.

The signs have all appeared, thus we know that we are in the last generation. Now, brethren and sisters, you

all want to know how to preach the gospel to all in this generation, so arrange to come to the Institute and learn. Watch the VISITOR for further information, or address your brother,

W. K. ZEIDLER.

1312 N. 28th St., Richmond, Va.

NOTES

ELDER LESLIE MUNCE, who is now located at Newport News, and has charge of the colored work there, reports a good interest, and that they are planning to build a church building in the spring.

WE are desirous of keeping in touch with the different families in the Conference through the WELCOME VISITOR. The price is only twenty-five cents per year; we hope all of our Virginia people have subscribed for it.

H. W. HERRELL.

CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE

IT was the privilege of the writer to be with the church at Wilmington, Del., Sabbath and Sunday, January 4 and 5, at which time the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated. This was a season of refreshing for the company there.

The work at Wilmington has gone steadily onward under the leadership of Elder J. F. Jones and others. Brother Virbrook Nutter is now in charge of the work, and as a spirit of unity prevails, and the members are of good courage and are doing all they can to assist Brother Nutter, the outlook is very bright.

Elder Jones has been asked to locate on the eastern shore of Maryland, where he will do aggressive work among the churches in that vicinity.

By appointment I met Brother Fred M. Fairchild, of Ohio, in Cumberland, Md., Friday, January 10. Services were held with the company there Sabbath and Sunday. The church has passed through severe trials recently, but it was very gratifying to see, as the members partook of the Lord's supper, a spirit of oneness prevailing. The testimony of all was a closer walk with God. A cordial welcome was given to Brother Fairchild who will locate in Cumberland.

At the meeting of the Columbia Union Conference Committee, held in Pittsburg, Tuesday, January 14, it was decided to locate their headquarters in Cumberland.

From Tuesday, January 16, to Monday, January 20, I was with the church at Hagerstown. While this church has not had much ministerial help, it has steadily grown. Each quarterly meet-

ing shows a spiritual growth, as well as an increase in membership. May the Lord continue to bless the faithful ones in all the places.

MORRIS LUKENS.

THE CHESAPEAKE INSTITUTE

THE Chesapeake Conference will conduct a Canvasser's Institute in Baltimore, Md., on Chappell Street, from February 15 to March 1, 1908. A very thorough course of instruction has been planned, covering the two weeks. Bible, "Testimony" and book study will be followed; also the art, theory and practise of successful canvassing.

Brother I. D. Richardson, General Agent of the Columbia Union Conference, will be present during the whole time and will have charge. He will be pleased to have all our old canvassers present as well as the new ones.

Board, room and tuition will be furnished free to all who canvass within our territory. Traveling expenses to and from the Institute will be paid by the Conference, by allowing extra percentage on books until the amount is covered.

What to Bring

Bible, "Hymns and Tunes," "Early Writings," "Gospel Workers," "Ministry of Healing," and any one of the following books for which you wish to canvass, "Great Controversy," "Daniel and Revelation," "Bible Readings," "Heralds of the Morning" and "Coming King." All who wish to attend the Institute should correspond with the undersigned at least ten days before it begins in order that arrangements may be made for their entertainment.

G. H. CLARK.

1909 Lansdowne St., Baltimore, Md.

LET all in the Chesapeake Conference who have not yet ordered the Morning Watch Calendar order at once from Emma S. Newcomer, Concord Street, Hagerstown, Md. We now have a supply on hand. Order now so you may begin with the texts for the month of February. Now as never before we need to fill our minds with truth so we may be able to stand in the evil day. Parents, you cannot afford to lose this opportunity for your children. The cost is only six cents apiece.

A MAN, so to speak, who is not able to bow to his conscience every morning is hardly in a condition to salute the world at any other time of day.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

SPECIAL TO WEST PENNSYLVANIA

And All Interested in this Field

THE following appeal comes direct to us from God and should be prayerfully considered:—

"Dear Brethren and Sisters: The danger that threatens our churches is that new and strange things will be brought in, things that confuse the minds of the people, and give them no strength, at the very time when they most need strength in spiritual things. Clear discernment is needed that things new and strange shall not be laid alongside of the truth as a part of the burden of the message to be given at this time. The very messages we have been giving to the world are to be made prominent. The books containing the light God has given must be brought before the people. . . . From the light given me, I know that where there is one canvasser in the field there should be one hundred. Persons should be encouraged to take hold of the work, not to handle the little story books, but to bring before the world the books so essential at this time.

Who Will Respond?

God has his workmen in every age. The call of the hour is answered by the human agencies. And we may all have a part in encouraging some one to take up the work.

My brother, my sister, it may be that God is speaking directly to you; kindly ask yourself first the question, "Lord, is it I?" respond, if possible, to this appeal from God, "Here am I, Lord, send me," then like Philip who immediately went and found Nathanael, go, find the one or more whom you know ought to be in this work—ministers, elders, deacons, leaders of companies.

"We have no time to lose. We must encourage this work." We therefore especially plead with you to do all that you can to get those whom you know ought to be in this work to attend the Institute at Johnstown, March 29 to April 12.

We announce again that board and room will be furnished free to all who attend and immediately enter the work, and car fare to the Institute and return to the field will be refunded by allowing five per cent. extra on book sales until the amount is made up.

Let all who are interested immediately correspond with the writer for further information, and that arrange-

ments may be made for your entertainment. This offer is for our old, tried canvassers as well as the new.

L. G. BIGELOW, *Field Miss. Agent.*
99 Rockland Ave., Bradford, Penn.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

ON December 28 the Altoona church met to celebrate the ordinances of the Lord's house. On account of the stormy day, there was not as large an attendance as we hoped for, but a rich blessing came to all present. One good, faithful sister who lives out in the country braved the weather and walked three miles to church and three miles home; but she received a blessing, and returned home with a bright and happy face. One soul was added to the church at this time.

In the quarter just closed \$140.34 was raised for various funds. There is a small cottage belonging to the Altoona church which stands on the church ground, and was occupied by our invalid sister, the late Prudence L. Jones, who passed away in the latter part of September. This cottage was sold, and the amount that will be received for it will be one thousand dollars. This will free the church of all its indebtedness, and fit it up for better service.

On January 3 I went to Johnstown, and spent four days with the church there. I found the members of good courage. On Sabbath we held quarterly meeting, and a good spirit was manifested. \$131.36 was sent to the office as tithe and donations. \$132.50 was also raised to pay on their church property. Only about forty per cent. of the men in Johnstown are working at the present time, so in view of the money stringency, we ought to be thankful for these blessings.

A meeting for our workers was held in Clearfield from January 8 to 13. The Clearfield church had a feast of good things, the church members and Conference workers felt that God is surely doing a quick and powerful work in the earth, and all reconsecrated their lives to his service. A good interest has been awakened there, which will soon be followed up. The tithes and offerings from this church for the last quarter amounted to \$100.52.

From January 17 to 20 I was in Six Mile Run where the newly organized church met in their neat chapel to celebrate the divine ordinances, and to hold their yearly business meeting. Thirty-five persons were present to partake of the ordinances, and a Christian spirit was seen and felt in the election of officers. This new company has done nobly this last

year in all lines of Christian work. The following is a statement of what they have done in the last year:—

Tithe	\$381.21
Mid-Summer Offering, etc.	23.31
\$150,000 Fund	72.35
Sabbath-school Donations	46.36
Periodicals sold	46.06
Oil	1.48
Paid on church property	110.00
Total	\$680.77

Surely the Lord has blessed this company, and we hope that God's blessing will follow them in all things. At this meeting we had the privilege of seeing two precious souls unite with the church in Christian fellowship.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.
Hollidaysburg, Penn.

Punxsutawney

A SISTER writes as follows: Please find enclosed twenty-five cents for a year's subscription to the WELCOME VISITOR. I like the sample copies you have sent very much. The VISITOR is always full of encouraging news about the workers.

There are not many Sabbath-keepers here, and we are not very active. Yesterday I was out about four hours and sold twenty-five *Liberty* magazines. They were the last edition of last year. I think I have sold about 225 *Liberty* magazines altogether.

Yours in the work,

Indiana

SINCE my last report to the VISITOR, we have held our quarterly meeting at Indiana. The Lord came very near by his Spirit, and we were cheered by the addition of eight new members to our church, two by letter and six on profession of faith. Four of these were students in the school.

Our state agent was with us a few days, and he with one or two others went to the town, and in a few hours sold 115 copies of the *Signs*. All came home happy over their success, and gladly turned all the profits into the \$150,000 Fund.

If any of our people in Western Pennsylvania think of coming here, I will say that there are a few farms near the school for rent and for sale. I also have some twenty acre lots for sale at reasonable prices. Indiana is soon to have another railroad, and coal towns are springing up near by so that we shall have a good home market for the products of the soil.

Brethren, pray for the work at this place.

J. W. WATT.
R. F. D. 8.

THE gospel is triumphing.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE

THE Chesapeake Conference will hold an institute in Baltimore, Md., February 15 to March 1. The Conference will refund, by way of extra percentage on books, the amount of traveling expenses to those who enter the field. Arrangements have been made to give free entertainment to those present who come from outside the city.

This will be a grand opportunity to prepare for the service of God. Let all who hear the call come and join in this good work. Competent instructors will be present and conduct the work. G. H. CLARK.

Chesapeake

(For week ending January 11.)

Jesse Medlin, Baltimore, Md.—Heralds of the Morning: 12 hours; value of orders, \$1.75; helps, \$3.75; total, \$5.50.

H. F. Scott, Elvaton, Md.—Coming King: 5 hours; value of orders, \$5; deliveries, \$1.50.

Katie Wright, Wye Mills, Md.—Coming King: 3 hours; value of orders, \$2.50; helps, \$1.50; total, \$4; deliveries, \$4.75.

Total value of orders.....\$ 9.25
Total value of helps 5.25

Grand Total.....\$ 14.50
Total deliveries\$ 6.25

West Virginia

(For week ending Jan. 17, 1908.)

W. L. Logan, Pocohontas Co.—Coming King: 13 hours; value of orders, \$5.50; helps, \$3.15; total, \$8.55; deliveries, \$8.65.

F. M. Gardner, Harrison Co.—Coming King: 9 hours; value of orders, \$2.25; helps, \$3.80; total, \$6.05; deliveries, \$3.80.

J. H. Jennings.—Coming King: 29 hours; value of orders, \$19; helps, \$5.75; total, \$24.75; deliveries, \$1.60.

E. W. Metcalf.—Seer of Patmos and Story of Daniel: 60 hours; value of orders, \$13; helps, \$29.10; total, \$42.10; deliveries, \$5.75.

Total value of orders.....\$ 39.75
Total value of helps..... 41.80

Grand total.....\$81.55
Total deliveries.....\$19.80

*Two weeks.

Virginia

(For week ending Jan. 17, 1908.)

J. A. Hayes, * Norfolk.—Daniel and Revelation: 45 hours; value of orders, \$52.50; helps, \$24.70; total, \$77.20; deliveries, \$2.25.

J. A. Hayes, Norfolk.—Seer of Patmos: 47 hours; value of orders, \$16; helps, \$5.80; total, \$21.80; deliveries, \$18.45.

Mr. E. McGlochlin, Richmond.—Daniel and Revelation: 17 hours; value of orders, \$12; helps, \$2; total, \$14; deliveries, \$.25.

Adolph Schenk, Bedford City.—Daniel and Revelation: 10 hours; value of orders, \$5; helps, \$1.05; total, \$6.05.

Sallie Christian, Newport News.—4 hours; value of helps, \$6; deliveries, \$4.85.

Mattie Jemerson, Richmond.—9 hours; helps, \$15.20; total, \$15.20; deliveries, \$1.05.

Total value of orders.....\$ 85.50
Total value of helps..... 54.75

Grand total.....\$140.25
Total deliveries.....\$ 26.85

West Pennsylvania

(For week ending January 17.)

J. O. Nollinger, Clearfield.—Daniel and Revelation: 25 hours; value of orders, \$35; helps, \$14.15; total, \$49.15; deliveries, \$4.50.

I. G. Bigelow, Indiana and Adah.—Christ's Object Lessons: 6 hours; value of orders, \$6.25; deliveries, \$1.25.

Miscellaneous sales... \$ 36.85
Total value of orders... 78.10
Total value of helps... 14.15

Grand total\$ 92.25
Total deliveries.....\$ 42.60

New Jersey

David Percy, † Hasbrouck Heights.—Great Controversy: value of orders, \$45.50.

J. W. Rambo, Bridgeton.—Daniel and Revelation: value of orders, \$20.
Total value of orders..... \$65.50

David Percy writes, "I made up my mind this morning when I went out that it didn't make any difference how much trouble some were having, and how slack work was, that my book contained saving truth for this time and plenty could buy it if they would."

*For week ending January 10.

†Two weeks.

I asked the Lord to help me find those who could and I can praise the Lord for answer to prayer. It pays to get the assurance of success on one's knees before leaving every morning, and at noon also. My heart is overflowing with gratitude to my loving heavenly Father for the success I have been given this week."

Eastern Pennsylvania

(For week ending Jan. 17, 1908.)

E. J. Kesselmeier, Parksburg.—Heralds of the Morning: 24 hours; value of orders, \$12.25.

H. J. Detwiler, Parksburg.—Coming King: 32 hours; value of orders, \$14.50.

W. F. Houck, Scranton.—Heralds of the Morning: 130 hours; value of orders, \$112; helps, \$10; total, \$122; deliveries, \$32.

Clarence Vaughn, Jersey Shore.—Heralds of the Morning: 17 hours; value of orders, \$8.75; helps, \$2.10; total, \$10.85.

Gabriel Siegle, Jersey Shore.—Coming King: 17 hours; value of orders, \$6.

Wm. Siegle, Jersey Shore.—Coming King: 36 hours; value of orders, \$20; helps, \$6.50; total, \$26.50.

Mary Thomas.—Miscellaneous: value of orders, \$40; deliveries \$40.

Total value of orders.....\$213.50
Total value of helps..... 18.60

Grand total.....\$232.10
Total deliveries.....\$ 72.00

Ohio

(For two weeks ending Jan. 24, 1908.)

I. R. Harden, Clermont Co.—Daniel and Revelation: value of orders, \$17.50; helps, \$7.50; total, \$25; deliveries, \$28.50.

N. O. Coffman, Piqua.—Bible Footlights: value of orders, \$2.50; helps, \$1.15; total, \$3.65; deliveries, \$20.70.

Mrs. Hettie Krabill, Stark Co.—Coming King: value of helps, \$1.50; deliveries, \$6.

L. H. Waters, Mahoning Co.—Coming King: 38 hours; value of orders, \$23; helps, \$70; total, \$23.70.

Raleigh French, Lucas Co.—Coming King: value of orders, \$24.50; helps, \$1.75; total, \$26.25; deliveries, \$25.50.

Total value of orders.....\$ 67.50
Total value of helps..... 12.60

Grand total\$ 80.10
Total deliveries.....\$ 80.70

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OWING to the freezing and bursting of the steam pipes in our press room last week, we were unable to get the press work on the VISITOR done. For this reason there was no paper.

THE friends of Sister Ellen Fredricks, of Hamler, will regret to learn that she has been seriously ill for several weeks. Pray for her, that if it is his will the Great Physician may draw near with healing power.

It was indeed a pleasure to see the spirit of unity and harmony that prevailed during the entire conference. Of course "the accuser of the brethren" was not without representation; but the brethren everywhere had been asking the Lord to be present, and he heard, and answered in person.

ELDER W. J. FITZGERALD attended the Conference, and his help was much appreciated. One remark he made will do us all good to fasten indelibly in our minds, together with the fact that we are living in the sifting time. "It is easier to talk failure than to help make success."

TWO sisters in the Columbus church have been deserted by their husbands, leaving them with five children to support,—two girls aged six and seven years, and two boys aged four and five years. The baby they will endeavor to keep. They are anxious that these children find homes with our people, where they may be brought up in the truth. These sisters are twins and married twin brothers. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." For further information address Mrs. Edna A. Crabb, 739 Broderick Ave., Columbus, O., or Brother J. O. Young, 122 W. 2d Ave., Columbus, O.

THE students and teachers were much pleased to have Elder W. J. Fitzgerald, the president of the new Columbia Union Conference, with them at the College over Sabbath and Sunday. He was a student here some twelve years ago. He spoke to the students in their prayer and social meeting on Friday evening, and again to the congregation at the regular hour on Sabbath.

THE many friends of Grandma Taylor, who had a stroke of paralysis some time ago, will be glad to read the following letter written by herself.

—ED.—
DEAR SISTER IN CHRIST: I have been feeling better for some days. I am walking around some without assistance, and can use my arm quite good. Also can see better. I am so thankful to my heavenly Father for these blessings. He has been so good to me in all my light afflictions.

I can see that it is good for us to be afflicted here. It always makes me want to draw nearer to Jesus, and ask him to help me know more of him, and learn to serve him better. Pray for poor, unworthy me, that I may live nearer to him who died for me but rose again that I might live. Give my love to all the dear brethren and sisters in Academia. Yours in love and hope.
ELIZABETH TAYLOR.

TITHE RECEIPTS

JANUARY, 1908

Akron.....	\$152.55
Alliance.....	65.16
Ashland.....	.....
Barnesville.....	8.26
Beaver.....	8.95
Bellefontaine.....	.....
Bellville.....	15.20
Bowling Green.....	.....
Broughton.....	.....
Brokaw.....	.....
Camden.....	.....
Canton.....	.....
Chagrin Falls.....	46.56
Charloe.....	65
Chillicothe.....	21.76
Cincinnati.....	86.81
Clarksfield.....	.....
Cleveland.....	75
Clyde.....	27.09
Columbiana.....	25.44
Columbus.....	189.87
Conneaut.....	3.21
Corsica.....	37.91
Coshocton.....	26.34
Cygnets.....	22.26
Dayton.....	53.03
Defiance.....	4.30
Delaware.....	54.97
Delta.....	12.45
Derwent.....	19.41
Dowling.....	5.48
Dresden-Trinway.....	2.45
Dunkirk.....	6.00
East Liverpool.....	32.21
Elgin.....	5.00
Findlay.....	12.55
Fostoria.....	5.75

Green Spring.....	15.00
Hamilton.....	.....
Hamler.....	150.38
Hicksville.....	62.30
Jackson.....	.....
Jefferson.....	72.78
Kenton.....	.....
Killbuck.....	15.30
Kirtland.....	.....
La Grange.....	175.49
Lake View.....	8.25
Laura.....	2.25
Leesburg.....	87.50
Lewistown.....	.....
Liberty Center.....	33.35
Lima.....	19.02
Locust Point.....	.....
Mansfield.....	32.37
Marion.....	26.75
Marshfield.....	.....
Marysville.....	.....
Massillon.....	35.70
Medina.....	8.00
Meigs.....	.....
Mendon.....	.....
Middletown.....	.....
Morrow.....	.....
Mount Vernon.....	90.96
Nashville.....	1.00
New Antioch.....	.....
Newark.....	.....
New Philadelphia.....	47.43
Norwalk.....	47.25
Ohio City.....	.....
Olivet.....	.....
Pemberville.....	12.10
Piqua.....	33.45
Pleasant Hill.....	7.17
Plimpton.....	.....
Powell.....	5.79
Ravenna.....	.....
Reedsville.....	.....
Rio Grand.....	5.00
Rows.....	.....
St. Clairsville.....	.....
Sandusky.....	.....
Sherwood.....	.....
Shreve.....	.....
Sidney.....	.....
Six Points.....	.....
Spencer.....	13.60
Springfield.....	118.69
Swanton.....	.....
Toledo.....	1.00
Troy.....	.....
Troy (Ashland County).....	.....
Unionport.....	4.05
Van Wert.....	.....
Wadsworth.....	1.00
Walnut Grove.....	78.00
Washington C. H.....	123.59
Waterford.....	20.85
Wellsville.....	.....
West Mansfield.....	5.00
Wheelersburg.....	131.57
Wilmington.....	59.79
Youngstown.....	24.43
Zanesville.....	42.15
Isolated Sabbath Keepers.....	60.00

Total.....\$2,533.06

TOTAL RECEIPTS. ALL SOURCES.

Tithe.....	\$2,533.06
Ohio Tract Society.....	592.05
Weekly Offerings.....	72.55
Sabbath-school Donations.....	216.79
Y. P. Society.....	41.77
Annual Offering.....	193.71
\$150,000 Fund.....	69.17
Religious Liberty.....	7.85
Stanborough Park, Watford.....	1.32
Southern Field.....	15.39

Total.....\$4,043.57

C. V. HAMER, Treas.