

THE Welcome Visitor

"Surely I Come Quickly. Even So, Come, Lord Jesus."

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THE OHIO CONFERENCE

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AT the second meeting of the conference, the report of the Committee of Fifteen elected to nominate the various committees to provide for the future management of the different lines of Conference work was read and adopted. These committees were instructed to meet as soon as possible that the business of the conference might be facilitated.

The treasurer's report was then called for and read. Owing to the lack of space, we cannot publish it verbatim, but take from it the following extracts: ". . . As an index to the prosperity of our people, I would say that . . . the amount of \$29,116.84 tithe has been placed in the Lord's storehouse, an average of \$13.02 for each church member. Add to this the sum \$2,274, the balance on hand Jan. 1, 1907, and we have \$31,390.84. After paying the workers at home and abroad, and the tithe to the Union Conference, and adding \$2,000 placed in the Ohio Conference Association, we have a balance of \$2,779.66 on hand Jan. 1, 1908.

As evidence of the steady increase in the tithe receipts of our Conference witness the following figures:—

In December, 1904, the tithe receipts were.....	\$1,298.48
In December, 1905, the tithe receipts were.....	1,635.76
In December, 1906, the tithe receipts were.....	2,127.14
In December, 1907, the tithe receipts were.....	3,139.50

The same good showing made above is but an index of the full years, as will be seen by the following figures, given in round numbers:—

Tithe receipts for 1904.....	\$22,000.00
Tithe receipts for 1905.....	26,000.00
Tithe receipts for 1906.....	27,000.00
Tithe receipts for 1907.....	29,000.00

In addition to the tithe, donations and offerings were received to the amount of \$20,975.36. By adding to this sum the tithe receipts, \$29,116.84, we have the grand total collection of \$50,092.20 for the year 1907. Ohio's proportion

of the \$150,000 Fund was paid before the close of the year 1907. The money is still coming in, and we are hoping that before the month of January shall have closed we will have another \$500 to add to the amount already sent to the General Conference.

Tract Society

In this department there was shown to be on hand Jan. 1, 1907:—

Balance.....	\$ 1,618.12
Received during 1907.....	8,704.74
Total.....	\$10,322.86
Paid out.....	8,826.35
On hand Jan. 1, 1908.....	\$ 1,496.51

Mount Vernon College

On hand July 1, 1906.....	\$ 59.70
Received during the year 1906-7.....	\$15,161.17
Total.....	15,220.87
Paid out during the year 1906-7.....	14,830.84
On hand July 1, 1907.....	\$390.03

Our needs for the present year will be:—

For workers in the home field.....	\$23,000.00
For workers in the foreign fields.....	5,000.00
For tithe to the Union Conference..	3,000.00

Will we receive this amount? We have faith to believe we will. To the hearty co-operation of the President and to the Conference Committee, do we owe much for their efforts in the accomplishment of the good results attained.

Respectfully submitted,
C. V. HAMER.

The statement from the Union Conference Auditor was also read, stating that the books were neatly and correctly kept, and the cash on hand and deposit at the bank agreeing to a cent with the amounts called for by the books.

Financial Statement of the Ohio Tract Society Department Dec. 31, 1907

RESOURCES

Real Estate.....	\$3,666.95
Merchandise.....	4,693.00
[Christ's Object Lessons, \$3,176.25; Ministry of Healing, \$621.]	
Furniture and Fixtures.....	200.00
Expense.....	9.50
Accounts Receivable.....	2,262.27
[Christ's Object Lessons, \$621.27.]	
Cash.....	1,496.51
[Christ's Object Lessons, \$61.71.]	
Total.....	\$8,925.23

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable.....	\$5,155.89
[Christ's Object Lessons, \$3,850.63; Ministry of Healing, \$514.06.]	
Present Worth.....	3,772.34
Total.....	8,928.23

GAIN

Merchandise.....	\$1,431.75
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LOSS

Furniture and Fixtures, Depreciation..	\$ 30.25
Expense.....	314.91
[VISITOR, \$57.03]	
Salary and Traveling Expense of Field Missionary Agent.....	734.05
Donation.....	134.14
Total.....	\$1,203.35
Net Gain.....	168.40
Total Amount Paid College on Christ's Object Lessons Account.....	\$11,625.00

The past year has been a very prosperous one. It might be of interest and profit to you to look at a comparison of the last four years. (Space forbids the publication of this comparison.)

In addition to the usual expense of the department, including the salary and traveling expenses of the Field Secretary, we have furnished the Magazine *Liberty* to the governor and his staff, the State legislators, judges, of the Supreme Court, Circuit and Commons Pleas Courts, 284 copies in all, donated 500 copies to the Jamestown Exposition, and sixty-nine dollars in cash to the Blind Fund. We have also furnished one General Missionary Agent, three Field Missionary Agents, one Field Missionary Secretary, and three ministers.

There has been an increase in Missionary work among the churches, as is shown by the increase in the sale of tracts and periodicals. However, from the work that has been done recently by the Columbus church, we see how much more could be done if all the churches would take up the work as zealously. I hope Brother Redfield will speak of this work in his report.

I do not think it would be as profitable to take the remainder of the time granted me, in talking about what has been done as it would to bring before you some statements that will help in the work this year. I am confident if the church members would report their missionary work to the librarian, it would act as a stimulus to greater missionary effort; and I trust that all

the church officers will co-operate with the Librarian in getting every member to report. (Brother Miller closed by reading a few extracts from the tract entitled "Home Missionary Work." This tract should be carefully studied.)

N. S. MILLER.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

THE fourth annual session of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, of which the following is a report, was held in the First Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist church, Nov. 21-26, 1907.

Two new churches, with an aggregate membership of fifty-two, were admitted into the Conference.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

1. *Whereas*, the Lord has greatly blessed the efforts put forth by this Conference for the advancement of the Message during the past year; and—

Whereas, Many have been brought to a knowledge of the truth, therefore—

We recommend, that we show our appreciation by greater consecration and earnestness in the future, and feel that it is fitting that we now bow our heads and hearts in gratitude while the chairman leads the delegation in prayer and thanksgiving.

2. *Whereas*, The cause of God has lost tried laborers in the death of Elder Baker and Dr. Christman, therefore—

Resolved, That we humbly bow to him who worketh all things after the council of his will, and further, that we herewith express our deepest sympathy to the bereaved families of these beloved brethren.

3. In view of the fact that the King's business requireth haste, and the Lord has said there shall be delay no longer, and the work of warning the world cannot be accomplished by the regular employed workers; and—

Whereas, The great efficiency of the printed page as a means of giving the truth, known though often overlooked, therefore—

Resolved, That the interest of our brethren throughout the Conference be enlisted in the distribution and sale of our periodicals, such as *Life and Health*, *Liberty*, *Signs of the Times*, etc.; also our forty per cent. books; and—

We also recommend, That the Conference Committee arrange as soon as possible for a field secretary to have this work in charge.

4. *Whereas*, The South Lancaster

Academy is in pressing need of funds, therefore—

We recommend, That the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference discharge, as soon as possible, its obligations toward that institution, in accordance to the plan adopted by the Union Conference.

5. *Whereas*, The Lord has gone before this people, opening doors in all nations, so that there is opportunity to teach the truths of the Third Angel's Message to all the world, and—

Whereas, we believe the Message is to go to all the world in this generation; and—

Whereas, The funds received by the Mission Board are not sufficient to warrant the enlargement of our missionary operations, as the opening providences of God seem to demand, therefore—

Resolved, (a.) That we pledge ourselves to increase the donations to foreign missions.

(b.) That we undertake to raise for the foreign mission work an amount equal to ten cents a week, per capita, for our church membership.

(c.) That we assume the responsibility of collecting the above specified sum of money in our territory, month by month, and forward the same through the regular channels to the Mission Board treasury; and that Conference officers, ministers, Bible workers and church officers put forth untiring efforts during 1908 to raise for mission work at least ten cents for member.

(d.) That for the present we favor the Sabbath-school donations, and the Annual and Mid-summer offerings of each church being applied to the above fund to make the average of ten cents a week for each church member.

(e.) That as a means of bringing this about, we urge the officers of all our churches to observe the second Sabbath of each month as a Missionary Sabbath, and use the reading prepared by the Mission Board for that day.

Whereas, The Scriptures teach that the tithe is reserved by the Lord for the Gospel ministry; and—

Whereas, The Union and local conferences in the United States recognize the importance of sharing their tithes with the mission fields of the world; and—

Whereas, It is evident from the tithe report by different conferences that our funds for mission fields would be largely increased if a full tithe were paid by all the members in our Conferences; therefore—

Resolved, That we urge all the churches in this Conference to make a

most earnest effort to secure a payment of a full tithe by every church member.

7. *We recommend*, (a.) The holding of an elder's and deacon's meeting in this Conference sometime during the winter as may be arranged by the Conference Committee.

(b.) That as far as possible general meetings be arranged for in different parts of the Conference for the benefit of all our people.

(c.) That all our scattered brethren throughout the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference be visited during these winter months.

8. Recognizing the neglect of Bible study and attendance at Sabbath-school among us—

We recommend, That in these general meetings, and at the elder's meeting, and in the visiting of churches, the Sabbath-school work receive the attention its importance deserves.

9. *Whereas*, The *Review and Herald* is the official organ of the denomination, and recognizing the fact that it is impossible to keep pace with this Message without the instruction contained in the same; therefore—

Resolved, that we urge upon all our people the importance of this paper, and put forth untiring effort, until we know that it has entered every Seventh-day Adventist home.

10. *Whereas*, The *Sabbath-school Worker* fills an educational place in our Sabbath-school work that is essential to its highest success,—

Resolved, That we make earnest endeavor to encourage every officer and teacher in our Sabbath-schools, to take the *Worker*.

11. *Whereas*, A liberal donation to missions tends to deepen consecration; and—

Whereas, The Lord has greatly blessed our Sabbath-schools in giving their donations to the work of extending this Message in all parts of the world, therefore—

Resolved, That our Sabbath-schools be encouraged to give all their donations to missions, providing for their supplies from other sources.

12. *Whereas*, We recognize that the work of carrying this Message to the world must necessarily fall upon the shoulders of the youth; and—

Whereas, The Young People's Missionary Volunteer movement, as organized by the General Conference, is a means to this end, therefore—

Resolved, That the resolutions adopted at the Young People's Convention recently held at Mount Vernon, O., be carefully studied by our church officers, and the plans be presented to our young people; and be it further—

Resolved, That this Conference act in harmony with these recommendations.

13. *Whereas*, The canvassing work is a very strong factor in building up the work of a conference—

We recommend, (a.) That a vigorous campaign be made throughout the Conference by the State agent to secure suitable persons to engage in this work.

(b.) That each minister, Bible worker and church elder co-operate with the State agent by writing him of any person known to them whom they feel would engage in the canvassing work.

(c.) That provision be made holding one or more canvasser's institutes before April 1, 1908.

14. *We recommend*, That the Conference continue to supply the State legislators, judges, etc., in its territory, with *Liberty*, our religious liberty magazine; and that the Conference secretary be hereby instructed to send a list of names and addresses to the Religious Liberty Bureau, at Washington.

15. *We recommend*, That the Conference Committee take under advisement the employment of additional laborers in the foreign languages as the needs of our field may indicate: remembering also the work among the colored people.

16. Philadelphia being the most important city in our Conference, where our work should be thoroughly established and properly represented, and in view of the \$7,000 debt on the First Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist church, under which the congregation has struggled,—

We recommend, That the Conference raise by donations from our brethren in the State a fund to the amount of \$1,000 to aid in liquidating the indebtedness; to be given and applied as the church itself may raise an equal amount—dollar for dollar.

Credentials

Credentials were granted Elders W. H. Heckman, O. O. Bernstein, W. H. Smith, J. H. Krum, G. W. Spies, Chas. Baierle, H. Meyer, A. R. Bell.

Ministerial Licenses

Brethren C. E. Hilton, I. M. Martin, Charles Wiest, B. M. Heald.

Missionary Licenses

Sisters Ammy Welsh, Jessie Weiss, Nellie B. Underwood, Sue M. Andrews, Frances Dinsmore, Carrie Scott, Retta Gemberling, Brethren V. H. Cook, W. T. Hilgert, Charles Baum, Henry Baumgartner, Fred Lee, G. F. B. Unger, R. A. Beckner, G. W. Holman, J. H. Konig, J. W. Hirlinger, H. Langenberg, Sister Langenberg.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. H. Heckman; Vice-President, O. O. Bernstein; Secretary and Treasurer, V. H. Cook; Sabbath-school and Young People's Secretary, Sue M. Andrews; Missionary Field Secretary, G. W. Holman.

Trustees for Pennsylvania Tract Society

W. H. Heckman, O. O. Bernstein, V. H. Cook.

Tract Society Constituency

V. H. Cook, I. M. Martin, William Siegel, Elmer Sholder, Edward Ertel, — Redner, Mrs. Ida Irvin, Mrs. Alice Newell, Mrs. Mary E. Beech, Miss Myra Grove, Miss Matilda Ertel.

Sanitarium Constituency

H. Langenberg, C. E. Hilton, G. E. Hartman, W. J. Hirlinger, C. S. Wiest, I. M. Martin, D. F. Barton, William Quinn, B. M. Heald, Lura Francis, Olive B. Hatton, Nellie B. Underwood.

The following recommendations relative to the Pennsylvania Sanitarium were adopted:—

Whereas, The Lord has clearly shown that there is a great work to be done by our sanitariums: that the medical missionary work is the right arm of the Message; and—

Whereas, The Spirit of prophecy has expressed the need of a thoroughly equipped institution in Philadelphia; and—

Whereas, The institution we now have has from the first labored under a heavy debt, and has never received any financial help in the form of donations; therefore—

Resolved, That we shall render it hearty support by pledging ourselves to find:—

30 persons who will each give during 1908.....	\$100.00
40 persons who will each give during 1908.....	50.00
40 persons who will each give during 1908.....	25.00
100 persons who will each give during 1908.....	12.00

We further recommend, That for every \$12 donated, the donor or any member of his immediate family shall be entitled to one week's board and treatment at the Sanitarium, within one year from time donation is received.

Resolved, That \$2 per capita for our entire membership be raised in our Conference during the year, 1908, with the understanding for every \$12 donated, the Conference as such, shall have the privilege of sending some worthy member to the Sanitarium for one week to receive board and treatment.

We recommend, That the Conference Committee pass upon every such case before sending the same to the Sanitarium.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to sell two thousand (2,000) copies of "Ministry of Healing," and forward the money to the Sanitarium as soon as possible.

Resolved, That the missionary acre plan be used in this Conference, and the proceeds applied on the Sanitarium debt. V. H. COOK, Sec.

CANVASSERS' INSTITUTES

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTE

THE Spirit of the Lord tells us that canvassers are to be educated and trained to do the work required in selling the books upon present truth which the people need.

The institute which will be held in Scranton, Penn., March 15-29, will be very educational. Brother I. D. Richardson, general agent for the Columbia Union Conference, will be present throughout the two weeks.

A full program for each day has been arranged, covering an interesting and profitable course in Bible, "Testimonies," theory, art and practice of canvassing. Every one that has been called into this line of God's great work, will find this course very profitable.

God has a place for every true child of his in finishing this great work of bringing this last Message to the people of this generation. The question that every one should ask themselves is, "Lord, what will thou have me to do?"

If Moses would have refused to be used of God to deliver his people, the people would have been delivered by some other appointed servant, but Moses would have been rejected. If the Lord has called us to a certain work, and we refuse to heed his calling, we will likewise be rejected, and will be held accountable for the souls which we might help.

There is no excuse for those who should enter the work, the inducements are too liberal to be rejected. Board, room, and tuition will be free to all who will enter the work at once as regular canvassers. Let all our regular agents attend. Others desiring to attend will be boarded at a nominal sum.

An additional five per cent commission on all sales will be allowed the canvassers who attend the institute,

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OUR WORKERS

A RETROSPECT

AS it has been some little time since I have written anything for the VISITOR, I will at this time speak briefly of the work of God at different points in the great harvest field where the writer has been privileged to labor.

Justifiable modesty will always cause the worker for God to speak of visible results of labor performed, and leave the influence of any effort with God.

About June 14 Brother J. J. Marietta, and the writer pitched their tents in a little village, on the Z. & W. Ry. nine miles from Zanesville, O., and started a series of meetings. The season being a backward one we had but a short time to work for souls before camp-meeting; yet five took a stand for the truth of God, all being adults, and ladies, but one. This little company has been encouraged, and worked with from time to time and are strong in the Message.

Returning from the good camp-meeting at Marion, O., we again pitched our tents about two and one-half miles from the first point mentioned. Here we continued about five weeks, the truth winning four earnest souls for the kingdom of grace and glory. They appear to be getting stronger as the days go by. The writer makes it a business to write to each occasionally a letter of hope and courage. At the close of the last mentioned meeting, Brother Marrietta returned to Akron, to take up the work in that city. Our association together was most pleasant and helpful to each. Thus the writer was left alone in the field to feed the new found sheep, and also, while watching, to work for others outside the fold.

My next effort was some twelve miles away in a hall, where I was privileged to give fifteen talks, resulting in one man turning away from the paths of Romanism. Having to give up the hall I went to the next village, where I was received kindly, and given the free use of a large hall for meetings, where I continued for some time. At this point six started to obey the Message. One young man also wished to obey, but his father was unwilling for him to do so, making light of his good desire to be a Christian.

The hearts of many are fast becoming so hardened by sin as to be unimpressible by the gospel story of re-

deeming love. At the same time there are those who are waiting and longing for heavenly light and truth. Shall we let them perish or go to their rescue?

While at the last mentioned place, Campbellites sought to stop the onward progress of the work of God by sending several challenges for a debate on the abolition of the law of God. After much talk on their part as to how they could dispose of Adventism, the people became very anxious for me to accept their challenge which I did, starting the debate at eight o'clock, thus permitting me to continue my preaching at the other point at the same time.

Our debate continued five nights, the hall being filled to its fullest capacity, as many as fifteen preachers being present at one time on different nights. It resulted in the complete victory for the cause of God. The last night of the debate in closing I called upon all those who stood with the minister, in opposition to the law of God, to make it known by standing on their feet, only one man arose. It was acknowledged by the opponent to be the hardest question to handle he had dealt with in thirteen years of continuous debating.

FRED M. FAIRCHILD.

Mount Vernon, O.

Cleveland, Ohio

WELCOME VISITOR READERS: On my way back from the German Workers' Conference in Chicago, I stopped in Toledo and Monclova to visit several German families. From here I went to Cleveland, and on the first Sabbath during the week of prayer held meetings with the German company on the West Side.

The next Sunday, Mrs. Gaede and I went to Chagrin Falls where the brethren gathered from as far as five miles out in the country. They were hungering for the readings, and anxious to hear the reports from our missionaries abroad in the great harvest field. All took part in the prayer and testimony meetings, and the Lord's presence was with us. We held another meeting Monday evening, and the children were not forgotten. Mrs. Gaede was invited to feed the lambs of the flock. "Lovest thou me? Feed my lambs." As the brethren could not drive in so far every day, we went to them and held meetings in their homes. We visited the sick and lame ones, who could not, and would not, come.

Wednesday we went to Middlefield. Here the company is not so large, as many have moved away, but those

who remain are doing their best to hold up the light of present truth. The church building here is too large for the little company, but would prove a great blessing in Chagrin Falls where they have no church building, but a membership four times as large. It is a great blessing to know that the Lord does not limit his presence to the many, but where two or three are gathered in his name, there he is in the midst and that to bless.

We are enjoying our work among the German speaking people of Cleveland very much. To-day we got an invitation to hold a meeting, and a German Methodist minister and several of his members have promised to be present, and learn what the Message is. He comes with full knowledge that we are Seventh-day Adventists. We have also had good meetings with the German Saxon Lutherans. We expect soon to have six or seven persons ready for baptism.

Our German Sabbath-school is increasing in number. We have quite a large class of children in our school. We thank the Lord for a part in his work, and ask an interest in your prayers.

MR. AND MRS. G. P. GAEDE.

(Brother and Sister Gaede have also been doing a good work with tracts and periodicals, but space forbids its publication.—Ed.)

Youngstown, Ohio

WELCOME VISITOR: The Youngstown church enjoyed a precious season January 25. The aged mother of dear Brother Underwood is at present staying with her daughter in town, and we were invited to meet there with her. She is quite weak physically, but is as strong as ever spiritually.

The Lord came very near as we listened to each other's testimonies, and it was a source of strength to hear this aged sister's words of exhortation and admonition. As we heard these words we felt to gird on the armor and stand fast. We felt to praise the Lord for his protecting care over her. As we left for our homes we felt that we must renew our vows and live closer to the Lord. Yours in the work,

MRS. A. ALDERMAN.

Cheswold, Del.

DEAR READERS OF THE WELCOME VISITOR: After reading two sample copies of the VISITOR, I find it an alright paper.

I am glad to find so many of the churches reporting their work. It shows a living church. The Bible

says "the dead know not anything," and "the dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence." God forbid that any of the Seventh-day Adventists become dead, and silent. Yours in Christ,

DAVID J. RIDGWAY.

Spencer, Va.

DEAR VISITOR: This is my first attempt to write since the Atlantic Union Conference has been divided. I am glad to say that we are still living, and although death has taken Elder Wooding, the work is still onward.

We had very spiritual meetings with the few members of the church each afternoon during the week of prayer. We also held quarterly meeting, and Brother Abraham Shelton was elected elder. One member was also added at this time.

I have been appointed to do Bible work here, and I pray that the work may be prospered. I want to do all that I can for the Master. I ask the prayers of the VISITOR readers. Your sister in the Message,

JANE WOODING.

(Sister Wooding is one of our colored workers at Spencer.—ED.)

Lebanon, Pa.

THE Missionary Volunteers, of Lebanon, Pa., on Sabbath, January 11, held a special service for the benefit of our work in Portugal, at which time \$17.75 was raised for that needy field.

The well rendered program, which consisted of appropriate selections in music and recitations, was a credit to the young people; and the increase of mites, which had been given to the members some time before, from \$3 to \$14.85 speaks well for their zeal in the work. This amount was swelled by the offerings received during the service. The society numbers seventeen members, but not more than six received mites, owing to the fact that a similar plan for raising money for China had been set on foot in the Sabbath-school some time previous, and most of the members were assisting in that enterprise.

SUE M. ANDREWS, Sec.

Alexandria, Va.

APRIL 1, 1906, I arrived in Alexandria, Va., and, with the Spirit of the Lord, began sowing beside all waters. I was assisted by Brother Warnick. I am glad that the Lord knows all things, and warns us, "Thou knowest not whether shall prosper, this or that." Since coming here I have seen

those words exemplified; because some who seemed less interested in our meetings have now taken their stand. Aug. 1, 1907, we left Alexandria for Richmond, leaving in Alexandria an organized church of twenty-one members, and a nice church building.

In Richmond we have a good attendance: one joined us and two accepted the Sabbath. December 1, I removed to Newport News, leaving Brother Warnick in charge of the work in Richmond. We had quarterly meeting in Alexandria, January 4, at which time Brother I. A. Thornton, leader of the church, was ordained church elder. He and his wife accompanied the writer to Newport News.

Brother Thornton is now canvassing here, and Sister Thornton is teaching the church school which has just been organized. The attendance was small but is increasing gradually. I hope you'll pray for us,

LESLIE MUNCE.

Alexandria, Va.

Spring Hill, W. Va.

THE work at Spring Hill continues to grow in interest. Services were held in the schoolhouse for ten days. The interest increased as the meetings continued, but on account of the rain and sickness it was considered advisable to hold but three meetings a week. Four adults have at this time accepted the Message, and others are in the valley of decision. One of those who has accepted the Message is an ordained Church of God minister, a man of ability, and we are glad to say he has a burden for the people in the churches organized under his ministry. Brother Hall will soon enter the canvassing work, and in this way will labor among his people. For miles in the surrounding country the Message is the topic of conversation, and we believe the Lord has a people in this vicinity.

L. E. SUFFICOL.

Charleston, W. Va.

WE feel a new era has come for the work in Charleston. In many respects the city has been a difficult field. Comparatively little has resulted from the public efforts of past years, yet we know many prayers have ascended to the Father for the work in this city. For several months Miss Cummings has worked from house to house with our literature, and as the result of this work, more calls for Bible readings have come to us than Mrs. Sufficool and Miss Cummings have been able to fill. We see encouraging omens for the work in Charleston, as already some of these readers are pre-

paring to keep the Sabbath. We could now use another Bible worker in this city.

We are satisfied that in these congested centers the Lord has many honest in heart hid away who will hear the Message only as it is carried to their door, and given at the bedside by the faithful Bible workers. As conferences we can do no better work than to train in the field an army of these house to house workers; and we trust that we shall soon see the time when we will see one hundred in the field where we now see but one.

We ask at this time that our people throughout the Conference remember the work at our State capital before the throne of grace daily. The workers need your prayers and support in this field. We are always made glad by the encouraging letters from our brethren and sisters throughout the Conference. It encourages our workers to know they are remembered by our people and these words of encouragement are as oases in the desert.

We were unexpectedly called to Mason City by telegram to officiate at the funeral of Sister Watson. Owing to delay in delivery of telegram, we were unable to reach Mason in time for the funeral. We felt that the Lord had a work to be done at this place though, and in the evening met a goodly number in the Welch Baptist Church. After speaking one-half hour, opportunity was given those who desired to make a full surrender to the Lord to make known their desire, and three men made a start for the first time. This was a blessed occasion and one long to be remembered. We remained together until eleven o'clock singing, praying, and testifying to the goodness of our Lord.

L. E. SUFFICOL.

OHIO, NOTICE

A CONVENTION of local church officers, especially elders and deacons in the northwestern part of the State, will be held at Bowling Green, March 5-8.

We are looking forward to this meeting with considerable interest, believing it will prove a great blessing to the men who are filling important positions in the closing work of the Third Angel's Message.

Elder W. J. Fitzgerald, president of the Columbia Union Conference, has promised to be present, also other Conference laborers who will do their part toward making this meeting a success.

A cordial invitation is extended by the Bowling Green church to all wishing to attend.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

CANVASSERS' REPORTS

Ohio, week ending Jan. 31, 1908

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
E. M. Horst, Wayne Co.,	G C		4	24	7	\$18.50	\$1.05	\$19.55	\$1.05
A. L. Bassler, Rich'd Co.,	D R		5	19	6	9.75	3.25	13.00	
I. R. Harden, Clerm't Co.,	D R		4	28	4	10.00	3.50	13.50	
L. Waters, Mah'ing Co.,	C K		5	39	28	31.00	.70	31.70	.70
R. French, Wood Co.,	C K		3	17	11	11.50	1.00	12.50	
Totals			21	127	55	\$80.75	\$9.50	\$90.25	\$1.75

Eastern Pennsylvania, for week ending Jan. 24, 1908

H. J. Detwiler, Parksburg,	C K		4	28	4	\$4.00		\$4.00	\$42.00
G. Siegel, Jersey Shore,	C K		3	17	6	6.00		6.00	
W. F. Houck, Wilkesba.	H M		4	25	11	19.25	2.00	21.25	2.00
E. Kesselmeier, P'rksb'g,	H M		2	16					40.25
C. Vaughn, Jersey Shore,	H M		4	30	10	17.50	.95	18.44	
Totals			17	116	31	\$46.75	\$2.95	\$49.70	\$84.25

Eastern Pennsylvania, for week ending Jan. 31, 1908

C. Vaughn, Jersey Shore,	H M		2	16	9	\$10.50	\$.80	\$11.30	
H. J. Detwiler, Parksburg,	C K		4	29	16	16.00		16.00	
G. Siegel, Jersey Shore,	C K		2	16	2	2.00		2.00	
Wm. Siegel, Jersey Shore,	C K		4			21.00		21.00	\$16.00
Totals			12	61	24	\$49.50	\$.80	\$50.30	\$16.00

Virginia, for week ending Jan. 24, 1908

J. A. Hayes, Norfolk,	D R		16	6	6	\$23.00	\$10.75	\$33.75	\$.25
A. Schenk, Bedford City,	D R		10	3	3	7.50	2.45	9.95	1.40
Mrs. Jemerson, Richm'd,			9				6.35	6.35	.35
Totals			35	9	9	\$30.50	\$19.55	\$47.05	\$2.00

Virginia, week ending Jan. 31, 1908

J. A. Hayes, Norfolk,	D R		23	2	2	\$7.00	\$8.85	\$15.85	\$2.95
Totals			23	2	2	\$7.00	\$8.85	\$15.85	\$2.95

West Virginia, for week ending Jan. 24, 1908

J. H. Jennings,	C K		30	4	4	\$5.00	\$10.15	\$15.15	\$3.10
J. G. Marlatt,	D R		40	3	3	4.50	6.00	10.50	6.72
O'Del Fletcher,	S P		18	3	3	3.00	.40	3.40	.40
Totals			88	10	10	\$12.50	\$16.55	\$29.05	\$10.25

West Virginia, for week ending Jan. 31, 1908

J. H. Jennings,	C K		26	5	5	\$5.50	\$5.85	\$11.35	\$5.80
J. G. Marlatt,	D R		33	6	6	12.00	1.55	13.55	2.25
A. T. Halstead,	B R					2.75		2.75	22.00
Totals			59	11	11	\$20.25	\$7.40	\$27.65	\$30.05

Chesapeake, for two weeks ending Jan. 24, 1908

J. Seenev, Dover, Del.,	B R		8	48	9	\$22.50	\$3.00	\$25.50	\$24.00
H. Scott, Early Hts., Md.,	C K		7	42	40	46.00		46.00	24.50
L. Warnick, Baltimore,	C K		7	41	27	37.50	.70	38.20	.35
J. G. Mitchell, Halethorpe,	C K		7	25	27	29.50		29.50	
C. B. Engram, Chestertown,	C K		4	15	3	3.00	22.10	25.10	9.35
Totals			33	172	106	\$138.50	\$25.80	\$164.30	\$58.20

New Jersey, for week ending Jan. 25, 1908

D. Percy, Hasbrouck Hts.	C K		4	30	7	\$20.50		\$20.50	
J. W. Rambo, Bridgeton,	D R		3		19	45.80	1.20	47.00	
Totals			7	30	26	\$66.30	\$1.20	\$67.50	

New Jersey, for week ending Jan. 31, 1908

David Percy, Passaic,	G C		4	30	8	\$22.00		\$22.00	\$2.50
J. W. Rambo, Bridgeton,	D R		3	7	7	17.50	.50	18.00	
Julia Jeussen, Paterson,	D A		3	16	5	15.00	2.70	17.70	
Anna Hugg, Bloomfield,	G C			19	5	12.50	3.00	15.50	
Totals			10	65	25	\$67.00	\$6.20	\$73.20	\$2.50

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Each one attending should bring a supply of bedding, and two towels, also the following books: Bible, "Hymns and Tunes," "Gospel Workers," "Early Writings," and one of the following books for which you may wish to canvass, "Great Controversy," "Daniel and the Revelation," "Bible Readings," and "Heralds of the Morning." These books will be thoroughly taught.

All desiring to attend the institute must make arrangements previously with the undersigned.

G. W. HOLMAN.

150 E. Lemon St., Lancaster, Pa.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
INSTITUTE

THE Eastern Pennsylvania Conference will conduct a canvassers' institute at Scranton, Penn., from March 15 to 29.

A full program for each day has been arranged, covering an interesting and profitable course in Bible, "Testimonies," theory, art and practise of canvassing. Brother I. D. Richardson, general agent for the Columbia Union Conference, will be present throughout the two weeks.

Board, room and tuition will be free to all who will enter the work at once as regular canvassers. We would be pleased to have all of our regular agents attend. Others desiring to attend will be boarded at a nominal sum.

An additional five percent commission on sales will be allowed the canvassers who attend the institute until they have received the amount of their railroad fare from home to place of institute, thence to field of labor.

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G. W. HOLMAN.

Lancaster, Penn.

ATTENTION

OF all in Virginia who are interested in the work of quickly finishing the commission that has been given us of carrying the Third Angel's Message of Revelation 14. The Virginia Conference is inviting your presence at the canvassers' institute which is to be held at Stanleyton, Va., from March 1-15.

We are told "that the canvassing work properly conducted is missionary work of the highest order, and it is as good and successful a method as can be employed for placing before the people the important truths for this time. The importance of the ministry is unmistakable, but many who are hungry for the bread of life have not the privilege of hearing the word from God's delegated preachers. For this reason it is essential that our publications be widely circulated. God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books, and canvassers should be impressed with the importance of bringing before the world as fast as possible the books necessary for their spiritual education and enlightenment." "This is the very work that the Lord will have his people do at this time. All who consecrate themselves to God to work as canvassers are assisting to give the last warning to the world."

These "Testimonies" place the canvassing work on a high plane, and while we may be called by some, "only the book agent," yet when done in the missionary spirit it pleases God. "The intelligent, God-fearing, truth loving canvasser, should be respected, for he occupies a position equal to the minister." From the foregoing "testimonies it is evident that in selecting men and women for so important a work great care should be taken in their selection; and on this point God has given specific directions also."

Since canvassing for our literature is a missionary work, it should be conducted from a missionary standpoint. Those selected as canvassers should be men and women who feel the burden of service, whose object is not to get gain, but to give light to the people. Our books should be handled by consecrated workers, whom the Holy Spirit can use as his instrumentalities. Christ is our sufficiency, and we are to present the truth in humble simplicity, letting it bear its own savor of life unto life.

In connection with the other, we have instructions that those who have gained an experience in this work have a special duty to perform in teaching others. "Educate, educate, educate young

men and women to sell the books which the Lord by his Holy Spirit has stirred his servants to write." Thus in harmony with the light which God has given we will have those present who have had experience, to teach the practical side of the canvassing work. While we especially invite those in Virginia to attend the institutes, we will also be glad to have others who wish to have the benefit of the instruction to come likewise, and we will endeavor to make it a profitable occasion for all. Those desiring to come will do well to write me at my present address. W. H. ZEIDLER.

1312 North 28th St., Richmond, Va.

LATER NOTICE

BRETHREN: Word has been received from our brethren at Stanley, stating they would be glad to have those who are coming to the canvassers' institute to make arrangements to come in time to open the institute on the twenty-sixth of February instead of waiting until the first of March as was planned. You see their hearts are in the work, and a hearty welcome is assured to all who come. Come early and bring the blessing of God with you. W. H. ZEIDLER, *State Agent*.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA CAN- VASSERS' INSTITUTE

A CANVASSERS' institute will be held at Johnstown, March 29 to April 12.

Board, Room and Carfare Free

to all who attend and immediately enter into active field service. The above offer is extended to all of our canvassers who have been and are now in the field. We would be glad to have you help.

The writer will be glad to correspond with anyone who may be interested in the work.

A later announcement will be made as to what to bring. Full instructions in the art of book selling will be given in connection with other interesting classes.

Brother I. D. Richardson will be with us all through the institute.

Kindly write us immediately as it will aid us in preparing for your entertainment.

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

THE February number of *Life and Health* is filled with the best that can be secured for the betterment of home life. None can afford to be without this number of the magazine.

A CANVASSER'S EXPERIENCE

Millington, Md.

THINKING the readers of the WELCOME VISITOR would be glad to hear the experiences of a canvasser in this part of the field, I write a few lines. In going among the people the last two weeks, the Lord went before me and opened the hearts of the people to receive his truth.

While out week before last I was invited to talk in a Methodist church. I talked to them on the subject of "Obedience," and there was such an interest that I was kept for two days going from house to house holding Bible readings, and during that experience I took orders for fourteen dollars' worth of books, and was invited to come back and talk for them again in the church the next week. So I went back, and talked on the saints' inheritance or the promise to Abraham. I think from what I can learn there will be precious fruit borne as the results. The next night I happened at another house, and held Bible readings with seven precious souls. The results were noticeable in taking five dollars' worth of orders. Among the orders was "Great Controversy." A few weeks previous to this experience, I sold the same parties three dollars' worth of orders, among them "Bible Readings." The result of this work is that these people are agitating the Third Angel's Message, especially the Sabbath.

Pray for the cause of present truth in this part of the harvest field, and that the labor put forth may bring forth fruit a hundredfold in the kingdom to come. Yours in the Master's cause,
CHARLES B. ENGREM.

ERRATUM

THROUGH lack of space in the form containing Elder F. D. Starr's article two weeks ago, the following clipping was omitted:—

"LEWISTON, Ida., December 16.—Lewiston experienced a tightening of the Sunday lid that made the oldest inhabitant gasp. In addition to saloons being out of business, every other place of business except those permitted by law was shut. A bootblack was stopped before he shined one pair of shoes: a fruiterer, (one who sold fruit) was arrested for a ten cent sale, and the blue laws were enforced to the letter by the police.

"Heretofore the closing law has been observed by the saloons only, but the sudden activity of the blue coats made the city to-day as barren of business as a mining camp on the down grade, for the first time since the town was founded."

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OWING to the accident in the press room, some of the workers' reports are a little late in reaching our readers.

THE first and second pages of last week's VISITOR were printed before the bursting of the pipes delayed the further work; hence the date of February 4. We hope soon to be able to give our readers an extra number to make up for the one omitted.

FIRST number of the *Liberty* for 1908 is now ready. The summary of the contents of this number, given on page 2 of the *Review* of February 6, will give some conception to its real merit. Surely this magazine ought to be in the hands of every thinking individual in the land. Let us all take hold with liberal hand and see what we can do to increase the circulation of this number.

AT the conference just past, the following officers were elected: President, H. H. Burkholder; Vice-President, R. G. Patterson; Secretary and Treasurer, C. V. Hamer; Missionary Secretary, N. S. Miller; Educational Superintendent, Bessie E. Acton; Educational Secretary, Bessie E. Russell; Field Secretary, E. R. Numbers; Medical Missionary Secretary, H. M. Jump; Religious Liberty Secretary, A. C. Shannon.

FEBRUARY 4-6 the new Board of Trustees of Mount Vernon College, now become the college of the Columbia Union, was organized at the Conference office. The conferences composing the Columbia Union were represented by their presidents, as follows: Elders W. J. Fitzgerald, of the Columbia Union; Morris Lukens, of the Chesapeake; B. F. Kneeland, of New Jersey; R. W. Heckman, of Eastern Pennsylvania; H. W. Herrell, of Virginia; J. M. Rees, of West Virginia; I. N. Williams, Vice-President of Western Pennsylvania; H. H. Burkholder, of Ohio.

GLEANINGS

Chesapeake Conference

BROTHER VIRBROOK NUTTER reports an excellent interest in the Sunday night meetings in Wilmington.

ELDER SEENEY is planning to hold a series of meetings in the hall occupied by Church No. 3 in Baltimore, February 15-29.

BROTHER CLARK visited several of the churches in the interest of the Canvassers' Institute to be held February 15-29. The outlook is very encouraging.

ELDER J. T. JONES has just returned from a ten days' visit with the church in Fairmount, Md. He reports the little company of good courage.

IT was decided at the recent meeting of the Conference, to hold our camp-meeting from June 25 to July 5. The place as yet has not been definitely settled.

BY request of the church in Cambridge, Md., Brother Walter Adkins will hold a series of meetings in the church building at that place this month.

ELDER HAYNES is now locating in Baltimore. We are glad to welcome Brother Haynes to our Conference, and feel sure that the Lord will continue to bless his work.

THE interest in Baltimore continues. The Lord has blessed the efforts of Brother Prener who has had charge of the work there. Many are interested in the Bible readings he is holding, also the Sunday night meetings in Old Town National Bank Hall on Gay Street.

IT will be of interest to all in the Chesapeake Conference to learn that it has been definitely settled to locate the headquarters of the Columbia Union Conference in Cumberland, Md. Brother E. R. Brown, the secretary, is now there. Elder Fitzgerald will move his family there in the near future. It is the purpose of the Chesapeake Conference to send a corps of laborers to that field with a tent this summer.

THE writer returned Friday from Mount Vernon, O., to which place he had been called to attend a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Mount Vernon College. Mount Vernon is a beautiful place. The College is located one mile north of the city limits, just enough to make it pleasant for those who attend. It is surrounded by an extensive lawn; while an attractive grove, in which are a number of springs, makes it an ideal place.

ELDER FRED M. FAIRCHILD, of Ohio, with his family, will move to Cumberland, Md., March 1. We would ask your prayers for Brother Fairchild as he takes up the work in that important field.

MORRIS LUKENS.

West Pennsylvania

WORD comes from Erie that they are using the new church, and that though they regretted very much the loss of Brother Longacre and wife from the work in Erie, they are giving Elder Robbins their hearty co-operation and support. We are glad to note this and trust that the good work begun in Erie may go on and that a large church may be raised up there.

ELDER C. F. MCVAGH, on account of the sudden death of his father, was called from the Clearfield meeting to his home in Canada, and from there he went to the Southern Union Conference to take up his new duties, as he had recently been chosen to labor in that field. To us as a Conference, it was very hard indeed to submit to this change as Brother McVagh and his faithful companion, by their untiring efforts and Christian lives, have done much for the upbuilding of the work in West Pennsylvania, and also in East Pennsylvania, and as they go to take up the work in this difficult field, we pray that the Lord may go with them and sustain them, and that our great loss will prove to be the Southland's gain.

NEWS has just come to us of the death of our faithful brother, C. B. Baldwin. Brother Baldwin has been actively engaged in the canvassing work for some time, and the past year has been blessed with unusual success. No matter how inclement the weather, when able to travel he was always at his post of duty, though it was unnecessary for him to do this as a matter of support, as his daughter tried hard to persuade him to give up such active work on account of health and age. It was while out taking orders and delivering books about Thanksgiving time that he was taken sick, and from which illness he did not recover. We trust that the seed sown by this faithful worker will bear much fruit, as he was ever ready and willing "to give an answer for the hope that was within him." He was laid to rest in the cemetery at Duke Center, Pa., where he formerly lived. To his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farrell with whom he made his home, and who gave him all the care that loving hands could, we extend our sympathy in this bereavement.

A. V. WILLIAMS.