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The committee elected to appoint the working committees made the following report:—

Program: B. G. Wilkinson, B. F. Kneeland, J. L. McElhaney.

Plans: E. K. Slade, S. M. Butler, N. Z. Town, A. R. Sandborn, E. R. Brown, R. T. Baer, I. H. N. Tindall.

Nominations: D. W. Reavis, H. F. Graf, S. D. Hartwell, Stewart Kime, J. E. Veach.

Credentials and Distribution of Labor: W. H. Heckman, F. H. Robbins, W. H. Smith, R. G. Patterson, I. N. Williams.

OHIO REPORT

Elder E. K. Slade, president of the Ohio Conference, spoke at length regarding the general development of the gospel work in his field, and in his remarks he submitted the following statistics:—

The Ohio Conference was organized in 1863. Area, 41,000 square miles.

Population:

2250 cities and towns:—

1	500,000
5	100,000
8	50,000
14	25,000
27	10,000
80	5,000
280	1,000

One Seventh-day Adventist to every 2272 of the population.

One worker to every 155,000 of the population.

	1908-09	1910-11
Churches	78	68
Members	2036	2190
Buildings	34	34
Valuation	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
Tithe	56,756.75	62,647.48
Tithe per capita	13.60	14.92
Ten-cent-a-week fund	16,521.98	17,282.25
Total to missions	5,144.91	7,260.22
Book sales	37,607.56	41,466.65
Sabbath-schools	82	81

Membership	1843	1782
Church schools	17	16
Enrolment	182	178
Young people's societies	12	10
Members	161	231
Funds raised	319.99	530.36
Ministers	12	16
Licentiatees	7	2
Missionaries	13	17
Canvassers	22	22

NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE REPORT

Elder A. R. Sandborn, president of the New Jersey Conference, rendered the following report of his field for the last biennial period:—

Having been in the state of New Jersey only a short time, it is a little difficult for me to form a report for the last biennial period, and have every item correct. So if there are some statements that do not appear to be consistent, it must be recognized that they are made through ignorance. There are some things, however, in regard to the work in our conference, of which we shall be able to speak definitely.

First, situated as we are in the extreme end of the Union, and in many ways more closely connected with territory outside of the Union than with that inside, it makes it a little hard to carry on our work and hold all inside the conference that should be held. Many Seventh-day Adventists living in New Jersey work in New York, and there is quite a tendency not only to work there, but to belong to the churches over there. But I think we see some evidences that this thing is being overcome, and our people are coming to see that they belong to Jersey.

We have some perplexing things to deal with, yet general harmony prevails among the laborers; and the committee is working as a unit to advance the work. To my knowledge there have been no deaths among the laborers the last biennial period. Some have gone to other fields, and others have taken their places, and the force has been increased by the addition of still other laborers. We find that one church and two companies have been added

during the last biennial period, with an added membership of sixty. The tithe receipts for the biennial period ending 1909 were \$20,572.35; those for the period ending 1911 were \$23,614.16, showing an increase over the former period of \$3,041.81. The tithe per capita for the former period was \$32.93; for the latter period, \$34.32, making a gain of \$1.39.

This conference has not forgotten the foreign field, but has remembered it very liberally, having gone away ahead of its apportionment in both of the biennial periods, I think. For the first biennial period the sum given was \$7,215.06; for the period ending December 31, 1911, it was \$6,778.88. While this shows a little falling off from the former period, yet it is away ahead of our allotment. We hope to do as well, or better, in the future.

This conference has come to stand nobly by the Mount Vernon school, having this past year sent a goodly number of students there, and helped it financially to the amount of about fifteen hundred dollars. The Quarter-a-Quarter Plan is being established so that it will be worked in a systematic way, and our people are giving to it liberally.

One important branch of our work has been the canvassing work. At times we have had quite a goodly number engaged in this branch of the work, at other times, less. The average for both biennial periods has been six. These took orders for subscription books for the biennial period ending 1909 to the amount of \$14,661.78; for that ending 1911, \$13,254.95—a small falling off in orders, but the deliveries were better than they were the preceding period, so that the actual number of books sold was about the same in both periods. The sales for forty per cent books, trade books, tracts, and periodicals for the preceding biennial period was \$4,365.41; and those for the last period was \$9,738.98, making a gain of \$5,373.57. This conference bought during the first biennial period "Ministry of Healing" to the value of \$394.50; during the last biennial period, they bought and paid for

\$1,150.50 worth. A goodly number of these are still on hand, unsold. The most of them are out among the churches, and we expect these will all soon be sold.

While our Sabbath-schools have decreased twenty-eight in membership, yet in offerings to missions they went ahead to the amount of \$771.19. This is a fairly good showing, but we are expecting much greater things of the Sabbath-school in the future.

During this last biennial period we have had two church schools, with an enrolment of twenty-three. This is but a small beginning, but it is having its influence upon the conference, and we expect that in the near future several more will be started.

We have at present six young people's societies; and while the membership is not as large as during the preceding period, yet in finances they have gained about \$150.

In order to keep our churches informed in regard to what they and the conference are doing, we are preparing a monthly sheet in which we are keeping before the churches what is expected of this conference: first, in regard to the tithe; second, the mission funds; third, the educational fund; and fourth, our local funds. In this statement we give each church a statement of the amount they have raised to date and the amount they ought to raise. We compare month with month. This report is to be read to the churches month by month to keep before them the great needs of the cause and their responsibility. With this we send a letter endeavoring to encourage them to do their best in the work of God.

Now, let us look for a few moments at our territory. We find that the north half of the state has very much the larger population. Centered in the cities around New York, we have a million and a half of people that are very closely related to the metropolis, New York. In those cities we have ten churches; four in Jersey City, two in Newark, one in Paterson, one in Hackensack, one in Elizabeth, and one in Perth Amboy. We are at the present time working not only for the English in these cities, but for the German, for whom work has been and is being done in Jersey City and Paterson; and we are about to open work in Newark for that nationality. We have at present two German workers. Work for the Swedish people is being carried on in Jersey City, where we have one church for them also and in Plainfield, where

there is now a company. We have one worker of this nationality. Work is also being done for the Bohemian-Slavic people in Newark, where we have a good strong church. Work has also been commenced for this nationality in Passaic. We have three workers for these people.

For the Polish people, work is being conducted by one of the lay members of the Bohemian church. The work for the Danish-Norwegian people has been confined to Perth Amboy, which seems to be the center of population for this nationality. Among these people we have had one worker.

Work is being carried on in Paterson for the Holland people. It has seemed to be hard to get a foothold among this class, but we are hoping that we may be able to do more for them in the future than has been done.

Atlantic City is one of the hard places in which to carry on work for the Lord. During the winter months there are about forty thousand people in the city, and these forty thousand are figuring and planning on how they may get the most money out of the three hundred thousand that come there during the summer months. It is almost impossible to do anything during the winter, and in the summer time there is no time for thoughts of God, or perhaps very much that is good. The people coming from all parts of the United States seem to be wholly given up to their own hearts' desires, which are for nothing but the pleasures of this world. A little was done last summer, but the seed sown has borne fruit in other states outside of New Jersey.

We have in all in this conference about one hundred and ninety villages and cities, numbering from one thousand to five hundred thousand inhabitants. Of these there are nineteen from twenty-five thousand to four hundred thousand; eighteen from ten to twenty-five thousand; twenty-six from five to ten thousand; and one hundred twenty-six from one to five thousand. I presume that fully two thirds of these have received the message only by the canvasser.

I presume that one half of the population of this northern section is foreign, and nearly one quarter of these are unable to speak the English tongue, which makes our field about as difficult to work as any foreign field, or perhaps more so, as we have so many different nations represented. We have at present eight foreign workers for these people, and

we are glad to report that a good work is being done.

We have at present churches and mission buildings at Cape May Court House, Bridgeton, Fairton, Paulsboro, and Perth Amboy. Camden has recently purchased a property to be made into a chapel with a living room above. Newark will have a fine church building completed this summer for the English church. The Bohemian church has purchased a lot, and intends to build this summer.

A consideration of our needs brings us to the realization that first and most we need more of the power of the Spirit of God to do the great work that is to be done in our conference. We as workers feel the necessity of a living connection with God in order that we may carry on his work in this difficult field.

Second, we need more Bible workers for these large cities; for Bible work seems to be the most effective way of reaching the masses there. If finances would permit it, we wish we might have a larger ministerial force; but I suppose we shall have to wait and labor on with what we have.

Third, while we have some good faithful canvassers, who have done thorough work in many of the counties of the conference, yet we need more of them, and we long to see this branch of the work once more up on higher ground.

Fourth, we, with other conferences, need more church schools and church school teachers. It looks as if the calls for schools will be greater than we will have teachers to fill.

As we look at this field, with the great variety of people here, we feel our inability to cope with the situation, and can only lean upon God and do our best and trust him for the results. We know that if we follow out the injunction of the Scriptures, where it says, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do with firm purpose, to produce," Eccl. 9:10, surely God will bless us and will use us to carry the message, even though we may be but weakness from a human standpoint; and we are looking for many souls to be brought into the truth during the coming biennial period.

REPORT OF THE WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

Elder F. H. Robbins, president of the West Virginia Conference, made the following report of his field:—

To the delegates and members at the biennial session of the Columbia Union Conference now assembled, Greeting:

I am pleased to submit to you, in behalf of the state of West Virginia, the following report:—

West Virginia, while not so large in area or population as some other states and conferences that belong to the Columbia Union, cannot be said to be very small. It has an area of 24,645 square miles, and a population of 1,221,119. It is bounded on the north by Pennsylvania and Maryland, on the south and east by Virginia, while Ohio and Kentucky form the western boundary.

This state has been gradually coming to the front in material developments. It is rich in natural resources. Great beds of coal underlie most of the area which it covers. Large belts of oil and gas are also found in abundance, while the forests supply millions of feet of timber every year. In addition to these natural resources the state has many industries, such as steel mills, glass factories, oil refineries, railroad shops, etc., to which there are continual additions.

The progress and development of these various lines call for a continuous growth in population. The census of 1910 shows an increase of 262,219 over 1900. This continuous increase in population is extending and adding greatly to the work in this state.

I am glad to say that with the constant development of the state, the work of the third angel's message has also seen advancement, although not so great as we should like to see; yet we hope it speaks great things for the future. The conference has been gradually getting upon a stronger basis, both spiritually and financially, as shown by the following comparative statement of the two biennial periods ending December 31, 1909, and December 31, 1911:—

	1909	1911
Sabbath-keepers	175	221
Total tithe receipts	\$4934.97	\$5609.91
Tithe per capita	32.90	33.89
Church buildings	4	5
Estimated value	\$2000.00	\$8900.00
Ordained ministers	4	3
Licensed ministers	1	1
Licensed missionaries	3	5
Canvassers	10	25
Retail value of literature sold	\$5400.00	\$18,176.00
Total of ten-cent-a-week plan		667.43
Sabbath-schools	13	12
Membership of Sabbath-schools	246	183
Total offerings to foreign missions	\$201.98	\$261.40
Young People's Societies		1

Members	12
"Ministry of Healing" received	419
\$300,000 Fund cash received	\$505.50
Church schools	1

There have been four tent efforts held in different places during the last two years, besides other meetings held in public buildings. These meetings have been successful, not only in adding to the membership of the conference, but in breaking down prejudice, thus paving the way for greater results. The Spirit of God is working upon the hearts of the people, and awakening in them a desire for greater light and truth, and we feel encouraged with the outlook and prospects for the future growth and development of the work.

The last two annual camp-meetings have been a source of great spiritual blessing and refreshing to our people, at the same time affording an opportunity of reaching the public. During the last year there have been two new churches built. While not large, nor elaborate in structure, they are neat and comfortable, and a credit to the cause.

I am pleased to say that there has been no apostasy in the period represented by this report, and that an excellent spirit prevails throughout the conference. We are seeking for more of the blessing and Spirit of God in our midst, that the work may go with power and rapidity to the people of this state; and we greatly desire to be remembered before the throne of grace by our brethren.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA REPORT

Elder J. L. McElhaney, president of the District of Columbia Conference, rendered a report of that conference, as follows:—

The District of Columbia Conference was organized February 14, 1909. A portion of the territory comprising this conference was formerly operated as a General Conference District. A part was included in the Virginia Conference, and some in the Chesapeake Conference. Consequently any comparison of the last biennial period with the preceding one must needs take this fact into consideration.

We are truly thankful to our heavenly Father for the measure of blessing and growth that has attended the work in this conference. However, we would not be understood as cherishing any feelings of satisfaction over the results, for indeed, we can only wish that much more might have been accomplished.

The writer's connection with the

work of this conference dates back only to last August. In this time, however, we have had some opportunity of studying the needs of the capital city of the nation. We consider this conference one of most important fields in the United States and in fact, in the world. Representative men gather there from the entire country to take part in the functions of government. Representatives of foreign governments are also located there. The events that will bring in the closing scenes of this world's history will in a large measure take shape there. We deeply sense the importance of putting forth efforts commensurate with the needs of our field. Some urge one thing, some another, as being of greatest importance, but we believe that all branches of the work should move forward in steady, even lines.

As our facilities have permitted, we have endeavored to measure up to some of the opportunities. We believe that one of the most effectual methods of working for the people of Washington is a systematic Bible workers' campaign. Our conference committee has shared this belief, and has loyally co-operated to help bring about an improvement and increase in our working force. A year ago we had but two Bible workers regularly employed. Now we have five workers devoting their time to this branch of the work. We are confident that the results will abundantly justify all we put into this kind of work. Our ministerial force is not large as compared with that of other conferences. At the present time we have two white ministers besides the writer, and one colored minister, devoting all their time to the work.

The District of Columbia Conference is fortunate in having the Foreign Mission Seminary located within its borders. While this is a General Conference school, we recognize that the natural training field for this institution is the city of Washington. Consequently there should exist a friendly co-operation between the conference and the school. We are glad that such a spirit does exist, and we believe that much good has been accomplished by a policy of co-operation. Students have been encouraged and helped to carry on regular efforts in holding hall meetings, cottage meetings, Bible studies, Sabbath meetings with different churches, and in the sale and distribution of literature.

Before calling attention to the membership of our conference, we would state that we have recently

counseled a number of our churches to give earnest attention to the matter of purging their church rolls. Investigation along that line has convinced us that there is great need for such action. What effect this will have on our membership as at present reported, we cannot tell.

At the close of the biennial period ending December 31, 1911, we had reported a membership of 708, as against 662 for the previous biennial period, thus showing a gain of 136 members.

We now have ten organized churches, as against eight for the previous biennial period, showing a gain of two.

Our tithe receipts show a better gain than any other line of growth. For the biennial period just closed we received \$29,103.11 as against \$20,701.36 for the preceding period, thus showing a gain of \$8,401.73. The tithe per capita for the preceding period was \$31.20, and for the last period \$36.47, an increase per capita of \$5.27.

There has been a splendid gain in the offerings of the Sabbath-schools. For the preceding period \$1,833.04 was given, as against \$2,903.99 for the period just closed, showing a gain of \$1,068.95.

A few words with reference to mission funds will serve to show that encouraging gains have been made in this respect also. For the period just closed \$8,901.95 was given; while for the period preceding \$5,644.39 was given, showing a gain of \$3,257.56. The steady growth in mission offerings is shown by the fact that in 1908 \$2,765.47 was given, while four years later, in 1911, they had almost doubled, reaching \$5,232.98.

The District of Columbia Tract Society was organized in April, 1910; its existence covers only a portion of the last biennial period, and consequently no comparison can be made. We are glad to report that the business of the tract society is increasing, and we hope that the plans we are laying for the work in this department will very materially strengthen it, and bring about a great increase in the sale of books and periodicals.

In conclusion may we state that the District of Columbia Conference desires to unite with the sister conferences of the Columbia Union in such plans as will make for advancement in the work of God, both at home and abroad; that we may see a great spiritual uplift and advancement on the part of the people of God, and thus help to bring about the consummation of our hope, the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

RESOLUTIONS

A partial report of the Committee on Plans and Recommendations was adopted, as follows:—

Whereas, During the past biennial period the Lord has greatly blessed us in giving us many precious souls as the first fruits of our labor; and,—

Whereas, We have seen substantial growth in tithes and offerings;—

1. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our heartfelt thanks for all the blessings that have been bestowed upon us, and that we pledge ourselves for more faithful service for the coming period.

Whereas, Mount Vernon College was founded in the providence of God, and has been, and now is, a potent factor in the preparation of laborers for the work of the Lord; and,—

Whereas, It is destined, we believe, to play a yet greater part in the closing message, and is therefore entitled to the fullest confidence, and should receive the earnest support of the people of the Columbia Union Conference; therefore,—

2. *We recommend*: (a) That in all the conferences of the Union, people of means be solicited for liberal contributions to assist in liquidating the College indebtedness.

(b) That an earnest campaign of education be carried forward, for the purpose of raising each quarter the full quota of the Missionary Educational Fund.

Whereas, the Lord has provided a plan for the relief of our educational institutions; and,—

Whereas, Victories are gained by simple obedience to the highest general, the Lord God of heaven; therefore,—

3. *We recommend*, That as soon as convenient, the Union Conference Executive Committee arrange for a thorough-going campaign with the book "Christ's Object Lessons," and that this effort be carried forward for two years, or until the debts are lifted from our educational institutions.

4. *We recommend*, That during the next year an earnest effort be made to raise the balance of the Tank Fund.

5. *We recommend*, That colporter's credentials be given by our local conferences to such regular colporters as have attained to a satisfactory standard in all important features of the work.

6. *We recommend*, That all colporters who hold credentials be assisted to attend the annual conference, or some other important institute o

convention, as may be arranged, by the conference paying the colporter's entertainment at the meeting and his traveling expenses both ways.

7. *We recommend*, that all territory for colporters be assigned under contract, signed in triplicate, copies being furnished by the field agent to the colporter and to the tract society.

OHIO MEMORIAL

Memorial of the Ohio Conference to the Columbia Union Conference. Greeting:—

Realizing the necessity of finding a suitable location for the next General Conference, that will best accommodate the delegates, and meet the requirements of all concerned, we respectfully call attention to Ohio, for the following reasons:—

1. The state of Ohio is near the geographical center of population in the United States, and is also located near the heart of our work in this country.

2. There are several desirable locations in the state which could be had at reasonable expense, having commodious buildings, surrounded by beautiful grounds and scenery, of easy access by good railroad lines and traction service.

3. The constituency of the state would be glad to welcome the delegates and representatives from all lands, conferences, and missions, as well as all of our people who desire to attend this important convocation.

Therefore, we respectfully invite the Columbia Union Conference to unite in inviting the General Conference Committee to hold the next General Conference meeting for 1913 in the state of Ohio. Our people stand ready to heartily co-operate in this matter, and are willing to do everything possible to make the coming convocation both pleasant and profitable.

Governor Harmon sends his personal invitation and best wishes, and hopes that it may be possible for our people to hold their next world conference within the state.

OHIO DELEGATION.

Voted that this memorial be referred to the Committee on Plans and Recommendations.

OFFICERS

The officers elected for the ensuing biennial period are as follows:—

For President, Prof. B. G. Wilkinson.
For Vice-President, Elder E. K. Slade.

For Secretary and Treasurer, E. R. Brown.

Executive Committee: B. G. Wilkinson, and the presidents of the conferences composing the union, and E. R. Brown, S. M. Butler, H. N. Sisco, I. G. Bigelow, D. W. Reavis, Ned S. Ashton.

For Auditor, E. R. Brown.

Departmental secretaries were elected by the Executive Committee, as follows:—

Medical Secretary, H. N. Sisco.

Religious Liberty Secretary, J. L. McElhany.

Educational Secretary, N. S. Ashton.

Field Missionary Secretary, I. G. Bigelow.

E. R. BROWN, *Secretary.*
(To be continued)

AT THE COLLEGE

Mrs. M. Bensel of Trenton, N. J., after attending the Union Conference session at Pittsburgh, spent a few days at Mount Vernon, visiting her daughter at the College.

Elder R. E. Harter, pastor of the First Philadelphia church, paid a short visit to the College last week, and spoke to the students at the Tuesday morning chapel session. One thought which he left with us, and which epitomized his talk, was: "The best use of to-day is the best preparation for to-morrow."

Mr. W. F. Porter visited his family at Mount Vernon this week.

An excellent institute for student canvassers is in progress at the College. Elder I. G. Bigelow, missionary secretary of the Union Conference, J. H. McEachern, V. O. Panches, C. V. Leach, and H. F. Kirk, field agents of the East Pennsylvania, West Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio Conferences, respectively, and Raleigh French, missionary secretary of the Ohio Conference, are in attendance to give instruction to the large class of students who will be in the field this summer.

Elder Slade visited the chapel last Wednesday morning, and gave the first of the institute series of general instruction talks for canvassers. His subject was the proper motive in canvassing.

Miss Leila Pedicord has been teaching this year in the church school at Elk Point, South Dakota.

OHIO

Akron

The work in Akron is going forward. Since coming here one year ago we have enjoyed our labors, and the Lord has given his blessing. During the year, eighteen have been added to our number; others are ready for baptism and will join us in the near future. We are trying to give the message of truth in a clear and pointed way, that the people of the city of Akron may have no excuse if they fail to make their preparation for the final day. Besides carrying on church work and looking after its interests, we are giving Bible lessons, or holding Bible studies, with fourteen interested people.

For the encouragement of other Sabbath-schools we are glad to report the initiation of the "dollar day" plan in the Akron church. When news of the plan reached us, we at once decided we could raise one dollar for each member of our Sabbath-school; and all, from the oldest to the youngest, began to plan. When Sabbath, March 30, came, many shining faces appeared, especially among the young, who greatly enjoyed giving of their own savings to the needy mission field. When the final report was read it was found that \$64.00 had been raised. The membership of the school is sixty. I am thankful for the way our people are taking hold of the work, and for this willing gift to India. May God grant that we may keep on giving and sacrificing until the Saviour shall say, "It is enough—come up higher." May the Lord impress all our hearts with the solemnity of the times in which we are living.

Our courage in the finishing of the message in this generation was never better than now. It will not be long until we shall meet the loved of earth who have been taken from us by "the last enemy that shall be destroyed." I am looking and hastening toward that glad and grand reunion. FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

Special Value Tract Package

In taking our inventory we find a very large stock of tracts that should be in the hands of our people; and in order to make an inducement to purchase, we are going to put up special extra value and extra size packages and sell them as follows: 1,000 pages of tracts, over eighty different kinds, fifty cents postpaid; eight selected

pamphlets such as "Christ and his Righteousness," "Marshalling of the Nations" etc., 800 pages, seventy-five cents postpaid. Send your order to the Ohio Tract Society, and specify "Special Value Package."

Brother F. H. Henderson writes from Zanesville: "Sabbath, April 20, was a good day for the Zanesville church. Five adults united with the church by baptism. Others who had planned to be baptized at the same time were hindered by illness, but will go forward later. Prospects for the growth of the church are quite encouraging at the present time."

Brother Irving Tait, who is canvassing with "Bible Footlights" in Wayne County, reports encouraging experiences. "The people, he says, are waiting for him to come around with the book, that they may order a copy. They are introducing it in their prayer meetings. Brother Tait adds: "My prayer, before I started out in the canvassing work, and up to the present time, has been that God would send his angels ahead and prepare the hearts of the people as I go to their homes; and I can see my prayers answered."

VIRGINIA

Should Be One Hundred

"The lost sheep of God's fold are scattered in every place, and the work that should be done for them is being neglected."

"From the light given me, I know that where there is one canvasser in the field there should be one hundred." Do you believe it? Have you ever pondered these words? Do they speak to you? The work that we should be doing for perishing souls is neglected. Oh, isn't it a sad thing! My mind goes back to the time when I found the truth, or rather the truth found me. I was visiting at my uncle's, and being a book worm I was not there long before I began to search into some books I saw on a dresser.

I picked up a book entitled, "The Great Controversy between Christ and Satan," and another one, "Bible Readings for the Home Circle." I belonged to a church then, but I was very much dissatisfied with my religion. I began asking questions about those books.

The reply was, "They are Advent books. They belong to the old man there in the room." In a short time I was busy studying those Adventist

books. I was there quite a while, for I had an attack of la grippe which gave me plenty of time to study the truth with my great uncle, who was an old blind man sitting in the corner.

I was there for a few weeks and I accepted the truth after I had studied it. You see the Lord used an old blind man and his literature to open my eyes. But if he had not had those books, his talk would not have done much good, as I would argue back and try to advance my errors.

When I saw the truth, how happy I was! for I could look back over the past and see that the providence of God had been directing my feet.

Brother, let us place the books in the homes of the people. Someone, I do believe, is going to be saved in the kingdom of God as the result of reading the books you and I sell.

To those already in the fight, I would say, Courage, brother, the reward is sure; for God promised this land to Abraham and his seed, and "if ye are Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

Let us do our best while the day lasts, for the kingdom of God is at hand. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into the field to help us. There are many rich promises that the canvasser has the privilege of embracing. Let us consider a few. "Whosoever shall do and teach them (God's commandments), shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 5:19. "My word shall not return unto me void." Isa. 55:11. "Let him remember, as he sells the books which give a knowledge of the truth, that he is doing the work of God, and that every talent is to be used to the glory of his name. God will be with every one that seeks to understand the truth that he may set it before others in clear lines."

God has spoken plainly and clearly: "The spirit and the bride say, Come; and let him that heareth say, Come." Rev. 22:17. We are to make no delay in giving instructions to those who need it, that they may be brought to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus. In a little while the hope of God's people is going to be realized; and if you, reader, have neglected your duty, there will befall you a calamity that you do not now think of. Come brother; poor souls are dying all around us, Jesus is saying, "Lovest thou me?— feed my lambs." Now let us go and feed the Lord's lambs; and whatsoever is right he will give us. Let us join together, brother, sister, and feed God's lambs the

Canvassers' Reports

Chesapeake, Week Ending April 19, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
*J. Jones, St. Michael's, Md.		GC	8	60	20	63 00	36 80	99 80	6 90
B. Manuel, Midland, Md.		GC	3	30	6	18 00	7 00	25 00	
D. Percy, Queen Anne Co., Md.		DA	5	45	16	49 50	24 00	73 50	
B. Martin, Wilmington, Del.		PPF	3	13					9 10
†A. Winter, Kent Co., Md.		BF	13	92	83	123 00	58 20	181 20	8 25
*H. Richards, Carroll Co., Md.		CK	8	54	42	82 00		82 00	
*J. Sheirich, Carroll Co., Md.		BF	8	50	25	25 50	1 15	26 65	12 50
L. Pollitt, Anne Arundel Co.		BF	6	54	9	15 50	2 00	17 50	23 75
Totals			51	398	201	\$376 50	\$129 15	\$505 65	\$60 50

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J. H. Sheirich, Carroll Co., Md.	3				30
J. H. Richards, Carroll Co., Md.	32				3 20
J. E. Jones, Talbot Co., Md.			10		1 00
Totals	35		10		4 50

West Virginia, Week Ending April 19, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
T. M. Butler, Harrison Co.		BF	5	37	20	29 00	8 50	37 50	2 30
W. McElphatrk, Nicholas Co.		DR	5	44	19	53 00	21 00	74 00	5 00
J. Midkiff, Harrison Co.		PG	3	6	1	3 00	10	3 10	10
*B. Wagner, Brooks Co.		GC	8	70	21	65 00	6 00	71 00	
F. Wagner, Ohio Co.		DR	5	40	22	69 00		69 00	8 00
Totals			26	197	83	\$219 00	\$35 60	\$254 60	\$15 40

Virginia, Week Ending April 12, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
F. W. Hall, Pennington Gap		BR	21	4	12	12 00	3 50	15 50	1 50
Mrs. F. W. Hall, "		CK	16	12	18	18 50	4 75	23 25	2 00
K. Oertley, Wytheville		GC	24				5 50	5 50	
C. Overstreet, Bay View		BR	14	4	13	13 00	1 35	14 35	1 35
P. Hottel, "		PPF	28	40	63	63 50	5 00	68 50	1 75
G. A. Covert, Bay View		PPF	15	5	9	9 00	3 75	12 75	
Totals			118	65	116	\$116 00	\$23 85	\$139 85	\$6 60

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 19, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
W. Hess, New Bloomfield		GC	2	20	2	6 00	4 75	10 75	4 75
Lucy Dicks, Hazelton		GC	4	22	1	3 00	3 35	6 35	33 55
J. T. McAllister, Bridgeport		DR	5	38	4	13 00	1 45	14 45	55 75
J. T. McAllister, Phila.		DR	5	48	16	52 05	1 15	53 20	40
W. Lindsay, Philadelphia		DR	4	34	12	38 00	5 80	43 80	1 05
G. Folger, Bristol		CK							58 75
F. Willruth, Daiton		CK	3	8	6	9 00	2 25	11 25	6 00
Jesse Smith, Waverly		HM	5	29	6	12 00	7 05	19 05	21 55
Geo. Unger, Vera Cruz		PG	3	17			8 00	8 00	19 00
Totals			31	216	47	\$133 05	\$33 80	\$166 85	200 80

New Jersey, Week Ending April 19, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
G. Blinn, Burlington		BR	5	36	12	39 00	1 25	40 25	
W. Fink, Warren		BR	4	40	5	16 00	2 00	18 00	2 00
C. Beach, Bergen		PPF	1	4	3	4 50		4 50	3 00
R. D. Stagg, Sussex		PPF	3	21	18	29 50	50	30 00	2 00
J. Glunt, Camden		BR	2	13	5	16 00	4 30	20 30	1 30
F. Williams, Pleasantville		HM	21	3	6	6 00		6 00	16 00
J. Rambo, Millville		CK		6					10 25
A. S. Samuels, Newark		GA	4	26	74	27 00	50	27 50	24 15
Totals			19	167	120	\$138 00	\$8 55	\$146 55	\$58 70

Ohio, Week Ending April 19, 1912

Rudolph Gross, Holmes Co.	DR	5	37	10	28 00	6 00	34 00	1 55
J. Reichenb'h, Montgomery Co.	BR	5	41	10	30 00		30 00	3 00
L. Tait, Wayne Co.	BF	5	36	22	25 00		25 00	
John Schick, Summit Co.	GC	5	27	2	6 00	14 75	20 75	36 00
Marie Flenner, Butler Co.	BF	2	5	6	6 00	3 65	9 65	
Totals		22	146	50	95 00	24 40	119 40	40 55

*Two weeks

†Four weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1392.90

Deliveries, \$387.05.

meat in due season. The Lord asks, "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom the Lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?" Matt. 24:45.

Again he says by his servant, "The call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man. Who will go forth to labor in the wisdom and grace and love of Christ for those nigh and afar off? Who will sacrifice ease and pleasure and enter the places of error, superstition, and darkness, working earnestly and perseveringly, speaking the truth in simplicity, praying in faith and doing house to house labor?" Brother, pray over the matter earnestly; it may be you are the very one the Lord wants to canvass.

BENNETT HAMM.

Fredericksburg, Va.

In the Field

"They rehearsed all that God had done with them."

For the benefit of my fellow-workers, I will relate some of the experiences I have had since I began to canvass. It is always a pleasure at the end of the week to look back and see how God has sent his angels before me to prepare the hearts of the people. But while admitting the fact that God sends his angels before to prepare the way, we know he also tests our faith in him. Sometimes we have good success, and then we go for a while and do not have very good success. But during all of this our faith should never waver. We should ever press on, still trusting in him who will never leave nor forsake us. At times the way seems dark and dreary, but if we keep pressing on, the light will break upon us at last. Sometimes I go all day, and work hard, and do not sell a book. Then again I do the same amount of work, and have good success. Not long ago I had this experience. I worked hard all day and sold only \$1.50 worth of helps. Then again, I started out one morning feeling rather downhearted, and had a dif-

ferent experience. I made two calls and sold one book. Then I went to the postmaster of the place and told him my business. I began to canvass him, and he stopped me and said, "Now look here, my wife tells it on me everywhere she goes, that I buy every book that comes along; and now I don't know whether you can interest me or not." I told him that it would do no harm for him to look at the work. He consented to do so, and I began to canvass him, all the time silently asking the Lord's help. I had not gone more than half through the book, when he stopped me, and said, "I believe that would be a good book to put into my library." I went on with my canvass again, and I had not gone far when he said, "Stop, here is something that interests me." He looked for a few minutes, and then said, "What is the price of that book?" I gave him the prices. He gave me an order for a full Morocco. He also gave me the names of others who might buy the book. I went to three places after that and sold a book at each place. I sold \$18.00 worth that day in two hours. But I worked hard all the rest of the day and could not take another order. In all my experiences I cannot help singing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

C. E. OVERSTREET.

Danville

With a severe winter, and five of our members in Richmond, our church has met many trying experiences during the past few months; but as spring opens, a brighter day is dawning. We now have many openings in the homes and some very interested souls. The writer was recently invited to give a health talk at one of the public schools in the city. About 150 pupils and four teachers were present. The thoughts presented appeared to impress all, and I have been asked to give another talk soon. The occasion opened the way

into several new houses, and we are seeking the Lord that he may lead some into the truth.

The first Sabbath in April was spent by the writer in the quarterly meeting at News Ferry. The Lord is moving hearts there. Two sisters returned to the fold. While the message bearing on the "firm platform" was being presented many wept. At the close of the discourse every one present gave an expression in testimony, heartfelt and pointed. Sunday was stormy, but the service at night was encouraging in every respect. Monday night several requested prayer, and one sister expressed a desire to keep the commandments, and asked us to pray that she may be able to step out and do the Lord's will. People seem to be more tender-hearted, everywhere, than they were a while back, and the Spirit of the Lord is awakening them to sense their condition and long for the truth. Two or three families expressed a decision to subscribe for the *Review*. Sister Ragsdale and her force are doing good work, and Brother Ragsdale is being burdened for the canvassing work.

Sister Jane Wooding, the Bible worker from Spencer, recently visited Danville and News Ferry, bringing helpful thoughts and words of encouragement.

Among those who lately united with us at News Ferry is a licensed minister from the Methodist church. Sister Ragsdale has for some time been laboring to set the truth before him.

The fields are, indeed, "ripe already to harvest" and the call, "Get ready, get ready, get ready," seems echoed in earth and sea and sky. Oh for an infilling of the Holy Spirit, and a life emptied of sin, that we may stand firm amid these perils of the last days and triumph with the rapidly closing message. Brethren, pray for us. F. G. WARNICK.

"To stand a little way
Above the crowd,
To feel the blinding spray
From torrent cloud
Full in the face,
To strive, to love, to lead,
To blaze the trail,
To serve by word and deed—
And then to fail,
Is no disgrace."

"Some are ever busy trying to find a good job. It is all right to provide a good job for a man; but it is better to provide a good man for the job."

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WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Elder W. D. MacLay is spending a week with the church at Washington, Pa.

Brother V. O. Punches, our field agent, was called to Mount Vernon College last week to assist with the institute.

The following conference department secretaries were appointed at a recent meeting of the conference executive committee:—

Tract Society Secretary, H. K. Hackman; Field Missionary Agent, V. O. Punches; Sabbath-school and Educational Secretary, Mrs. B. F. Kneeland.

The address of Brother Punches is 240 Locust Street, Washington, Pa. The other secretaries may be reached at the office address, 7049 Hamilton Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Brother Glenn Medairy has accepted a call to connect with the work in the New Jersey Conference, and will move at once with his family to that state. The best wishes of the brethren and sisters of West Pennsylvania will go with them to their new field.

Elder C. Meleen is in Chicago this week preparing to move his family. He expects to locate at Warren, and to conduct an effort for the Swedes in that vicinity.

Sister Mattie Bensel, who presided over the conference dining room, has gone to Mount Vernon, Ohio, to visit her daughter Louise, who is attending the College.

Brother and Sister J. S. Barrows left immediately at the close of the conference for their new home in Fairmont, W. Va.

We are very glad to be able to report that already we have been able to see fruits of the special services in the Homewood Carnegie Library. Some have already begun to keep the Sabbath, and there are many who are deeply interested in the truths they heard at those meetings. Let us continue to pray for those who are searching for the truth.

It has been decided to hold our next annual camp-meeting August 22 to September 1, 1912. The place for the meeting has not yet been decided, but will be announced in a few weeks, as soon as more careful consideration can be given to the situation. It will be a very important meeting, and you should begin now to plan to attend.

We trust that the inspiration of the good meetings held in Pittsburgh will permeate the whole conference, and that the year 1912 may mark a decided advance in spiritual power and efficiency among our churches.

The ordination of Brother George L. West, of Erie, to the gospel ministry at the last conference session, leaves West Pennsylvania without any ministerial licentiates. Where are the young men of ability who are willing to consecrate their talents to this work, and go out to give their lives to service in the work of the gospel ministry?

WEST VIRGINIA

Brother Steele still reports good success in the meetings being held in Martinsburg.

Miss Luola Neptune of Fairmont is visiting in Mount Vernon. She expects to stay for Commencement, and later, in company with her sister Lula, to enter the canvassing work.

Brother H. C. Smith of Grafton called at the office last week while passing through on a business trip. Brother Smith expects to enter the canvassing work soon.

It is with pleasure that we welcome Sister H. W. Waggoner of Fairmont

back to her home, from Mount Vernon, O., where she had just undergone a successful operation.

The Fairmont Sabbath-school experienced a novel change last Sabbath. Instead of holding the Sabbath-school in Fairmont, the whole school, not one member absent, boarded the street car in Fairmont, and after a pleasant ride through the hills and valleys, arrived at Katy, a small village about six miles from Fairmont. All then walked about a mile up a small stream of water which was flanked on both sides with the green foliage of trees and beautiful fragrant flowers. The children who live in the city especially enjoyed the walk through this beautiful valley, where they could pluck the fragrant flowers and see in them the handiwork of God. After about half an hour's walk through this garden of nature we reached the home of Brother Neptune, a beautiful little cottage situated in a small cove and surrounded by trees. After a hearty welcome was extended to us by Brother Neptune and family we held our Sabbath-school.

BURGESS ROSS.

OBITUARIES

COURSEN.—George Elton, the infant son of Brother and Sister James L. Coursen, died April 7, 1912, at the age of 5 months. The funeral was conducted by the writer from the home of the child's grandparents, Mr. John and Sister Jennie Davenport, on East Commerce Street, Bridgeton, N. J. Interment was made in the Commerce Street Cemetery. **GEORGE W. SPIES.**
Pleasantville, N. J.

WALLS.—Mr. Ernest C. Walls was born in Wyandotte, Texas, Mar. 24, 1878. His early life was spent on the farm. At the age of fourteen he took up the study and practice of telegraphy, at which he soon became an expert, holding numerous and important positions in and near St. Louis, among them that of train dispatcher. About five years ago a run of typhoid fever left him an invalid, but still, though a constant sufferer, he was always hopeful, amiable, and cheerful. On Mar. 31, 1910, he was united in marriage to Miss Jessie M. Cookston at Indianapolis, Ind. Last October Mr. and Mrs. Walls accepted the truths of the third angel's message, were baptized, and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church of Indianapolis, Ind. A little more than two months ago they moved to Sapulpa, Okla., where occurred the death of Mr. Walls, Apr. 8, 1912; he then being 34 years and 19 days of age. Mrs. Walls returned with the remains to the home of her parents near West Liberty, Ohio. Funeral services were conducted by the writer in the Mt. Tabor Methodist church, and the burial was in the cemetery close by. The sincerity of his life and his confidence in the soon-coming of Christ give us reason to believe that he will come forth in the first resurrection. **O. F. BUTCHER.**