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GENERAL MATTER

A CALL FOR HELP

Africa and the East are calling,
Who will to their cry give heed?
From the slumber of the ages;
They are waking to their need.

Never since the first outpouring
Of the Spirit have we known
Such a stirring of the nations;
Lord, it is Thy work alone.

'Tis Thy Spirit that is working
In these long neglected lands;
Lord, we have not done Thy bidding,
Faint our hearts and slack our hands.

Now we see Thy kingdom coming,
Nations rising in a day,
Growing light and larger freedom,
Clouds and darkness swept away.

Doors that have been sealed are open;
Who will go and enter in?
Tell the people of a Saviour
From the ancient might of sin?

Gifts have they for consecration,
Patience, meekness, zeal, and power;
Who will go for Christ to claim them,
Now in this decisive hour?

—Selected.

Mental Faculties

God requires the training of the mental faculties. He designs that His servants shall possess more intelligence and clearer discernment than the worldling, and He is displeased with those who are too careless or too indolent to become efficient, well informed workers. The Lord bids us love Him with all the soul and with all the strength, and with all the mind. This lays upon us the obligation of developing the intellect to its fullest capacity, that with all the mind we may know, and love our Creator.

If placed under the control of His Spirit, the more thoroughly the intellect is cultivated, the more effectively it can be used in the service of God. The uneducated man who is consecrated to God and who longs to bless others can be, and is used by the Lord in His service. But those who

with the same spirit of consecration, have had the benefit of a thorough education, can do a much more extensive work for Christ. They stand on vantage ground.

The Lord desires us to obtain all the education possible, with the object in view of imparting our knowledge to others. None can know where or how they may be called to labor or to speak for God. Our Heavenly Father alone sees what He can make of men. There are before us possibilities which our feeble faith does not discern. Our minds should be so trained that if necessary we can present the truths of His word before the highest earthly authorities in such a way as to glorify His name. We should not let slip even one opportunity of qualifying ourselves intellectually to work for God.

Let the youth who need an education set to work with a determination to obtain it. Do not wait for an opening; make one for yourselves. Take hold in any small way that presents itself. Practise economy. Do not spend your means for the gratification of appetite, or in pleasure-seeking. Be determined to become as useful and efficient as God calls you to be. Be thorough and faithful in what ever you undertake. Procure every advantage within your reach for strengthening the intellect.

Let the study of books be combined with useful manual labor, and by faithful endeavor, watchfulness, and prayer, secure the wisdom that is from above. This will give you an all-round education. Thus you may rise in character, and gain an influence over other minds, enabling you to lead them in the path of uprightness and holiness.

Far more might be accomplished in the work of self-education if we were awake to our own opportunities and privilege. True education means more than the colleges can give. While the study of the sciences is not to be neglected, there is a higher training to be obtained through a vital connection with God. Let every student take his Bible, and place himself in communion with the great Teacher. Let the mind be trained and disciplined to wrestle with hard problems in the search for divine truth.

Those who hunger for knowledge that they may bless their fellow-men will themselves receive blessing from God. Though the study of His word their mental powers will be aroused to earnest activity. There will be an expansion and development of the faculties, and the mind will acquire power and efficiency.

Self-discipline must be practised by every one who would be a worker for God. This will accomplish more than eloquence or the most brilliant talents. An ordinary mind, well disciplined, will accomplish more and higher work than will the most highly educated mind and the greatest talents without self-control.

Christ Object Lessons pp. 333 to 335.

Do We Deny Him?

"But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 10:33. This scripture is far reaching and should be carefully studied by all who profess to follow Christ. How sad it would be if after years of professed Christianity we should come up to the judgment and be rejected of God because we failed to study and know what it meant to deny him.

The writer has been deeply impressed of late with statements made in "Desire of Ages." In the late edition, page 357, we read, "He who would confess Christ, must have Christ abiding in him. A spirit contrary to the spirit of Christ would deny him, whatever the profession. Men may deny Christ by evil speaking, by foolish talking, by words that are untruthful or unkind. They may deny him by shunning life's burdens, by the pursuit of sinful pleasure. They may deny him by conforming to the world, by uncourteous behavior, by love of their own opinions, by justifying self, by cherishing doubt, borrowing trouble, and dwelling in darkness. In all these ways they declare that Christ is not in them."

Here are twelve different ways in which the servant of the Lord says we may deny Christ.

Are we guilty of evil speaking or

doing anything that would injure our fellow man? If so we deny Christ for he would do no such thing. Are we given to foolish talking? If so we deny Christ, for if he were on earth he would not engage in foolish conversation. Do we desire to follow the fashions of the world in dress, or any of its customs? If so we deny Christ for he was in the world but not of the world.

Are we harsh and unkind and do we wound the feelings of others? If so we deny Christ for he was kind and courteous to all, so much so that on the cross of Calvary he prayed for his enemies. Are we determined to have our own way in everything and that our opinions are of more value than the opinions of our brethren, are we unwilling to receive counsel from others? If so we deny Christ, for he counseled with his Father and heavenly beings with reference to the great plan of salvation and is the great Counsellor with men. Isa. 8:6.

Oh how often we have been guilty of denying Christ in some of these ways and did not realize what we were doing. But the time is here when the people of God must awake out of sleep and know by actual experience that Christ dwells in them daily. We are in the very closing moments of probationary time, and if we do not now get the victory over every sinful thing it will soon be forever too late, and Christ will be compelled to deny us before his Father and the holy angels. It will take earnest work on our part to gain the victory over all inherited and cultivated tendencies to sin. Deep consecration of soul and much earnest prayer with continual watchfulness on our part will be necessary. But God is desirous that we should get the victory and stand before him in the judgment perfect in Christ Jesus.

He is ready to hear our cry for help and send us the daily help we need if we only trust him. "In all our afflictions he is afflicted. In every temptation and every trial the angel of his presence is near to deliver."—"Desire of Ages," p. 356.

May the Lord help us as a people to so live that we shall not deny Christ but that we may have his presence and power with us daily.

J. W. WATT.

"Doctrines are of use only as they are practised. Men may go to perdition with their heads full of truth. To hold the truth and fight for it is one thing. To be sanctified through it is another."

A Word of Encouragement to the Isolated Ones

There are no circumstances in life under which any believer can be placed but what he can find something in the Scriptures that will meet his case; something from which he can draw the needed consolation. It is certainly a great privilege for one to be so situated that he can meet with those of like faith on the day of rest and worship. The Scriptures admonish us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, and where it is possible to do so, we should heed the instruction. The worshiper is refreshed by the prayers and testimonies of others. He returns to his home encouraged and greatly strengthened to meet the trials and temptations that await him. But should one be so situated that he has not this privilege he can receive comfort and strength by studying the lives of those Bible characters who spent long periods of time alone in communion with God.

Enoch, Elijah, and John the Baptist sought the Lord in solitude. It was under the wide-spreading branches of the forest trees that they bowed in humble prayer and talked with God as a friend talks with a friend.

For three hundred years Enoch communed with his Maker. He became so intimate with Him that he was transported to that blessed abode where surrounding circumstances never separate from that which is pure and holy. These ancient, holy men obtained their spiritual strength in the solitary place, where none but the divine ear could hear their ardent petitions.

When Elijah's life was threatened by that wicked woman Jezebel, he lost his hold upon God, and became discouraged. He fled into the wilderness and prostrated himself under a juniper tree and prayed for his life to be taken away. But God did not forsake him in that lonely spot, He sent an angel to feed him there. Like Elijah, we all have our juniper tree—our dark hour—but let us remember when bowed beneath its baneful branches, that we are not alone. A heaven-sent messenger is by our side, although unseen by us. This should encourage us to rise, by faith, above dark, foreboding circumstances and trust in the God of Elijah.

When separated from those of like faith, should you be tempted to doubt your Heavenly Father's care, read the story of lonely Joseph in Egypt. He was not only far removed from his friends, kindred, and those of like faith, but was falsely accused and un-

justly incarcerated in an Egyptian prison. It was under these circumstances that he was on his way, not only to the throne of Egypt, but to the eternal throne of that glorious kingdom where no dark prison awaits the entrance of God's innocent people.

There is also great consolation in the touching narrative of those lonely, bereaved women of the East, recorded in the book of Ruth. This book, with its four short chapters, if carefully studied, will inspire faith and courage in every soul. The husbands of Naomi, Ruth, and Orpah had been laid away to rest. Besides this bereavement, they were sorely oppressed by a severe famine in the land of Moab. As they arose to go to the land of Judah, listen to Ruth's reply to her mother-in-law's request for her return with her sister Orpah to her idolatrous kindred: "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. Where thou diest, I will die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also if ought but death part thee and me." Ruth 1: 15-17.

Through her resolute purpose and abiding faith she became one of the progenitors of Christ. She will, doubtless, experience at last the promise of our Lord to the faithful few in the Sardis church, "They shall walk with Me in white."

Lonely one, look heavenward in the dark hour, and by faith view the portals of glory that await those who live by faith! Commune with your Saviour, study his Word, refuse to fail or be discouraged, and you, too, shall walk with him in white.

E. Hilliard, in Australasian Record

If I Were A Boy Again

If I were a boy again and understood as well as I do now the urgent demands for thoroughly educated and well-trained workers among us, I should put forth every effort to complete the best course offered by our schools. Nor should I stop until I had accomplished it.

No one knows how much a person feels the loss of collegiate training until he has entered upon the work without it. It is absolutely essential that a worker in God's cause should be fully instructed in all the Bible doctrines relating to the message now due the world, and have a thorough knowledge of history, both civil and ecclesiastical. The more scientific

knowledge he possesses, the better will he be qualified to labor for the higher classes. A person who has mastered the Greek and Hebrew so well that he can read the Bible in these languages has a great advantage over those who can not. This I know from experience.

Greatly have I felt myself crippled in my work for the want of this early training. I am sure I could have accomplished much more in a shorter time if I had received the necessary education before I entered upon the work of a minister and teacher.—O. A. Johnson in *Christian Education*.

Ohio Has a Press Bureau

It was very gratifying to hear that the Ohio Conference has established a Press Bureau. Such a move on the part of the conference committee of that conference means a big step forward, and the work that will be done through this new department will bring the denomination very prominently before the people of the Buckeye state.

Brother Harry A. Weaver, who has been chosen as the Secretary of the Press Bureau, will make the work a success, as he has had experience in writing for newspapers, and knows what editors want. As Brother Weaver is also the Religious Liberty Secretary of the conference, he will have many opportunities to bring to the attention of the world at large true principles of religious liberty through his new endeavor.

That the brethren of Ohio appreciate the value of the newspaper towards giving the gospel to the world in this generation, is voiced in an expression by Elder E. K. Slade, president of the conference. He says:—

"I wish to say that I consider the use of the public press a splendid means of giving publicity to the great movement with which we are connected. I believe that the Lord designs that all agencies providing for rapid transmission of knowledge in these days should be brought into operation in helping to make prominent these truths that mean more to humanity in this time than anything else they could know or consider. The work that has been accomplished through the Press Bureau during the past twelve months has been effective, but I believe that it is only a beginning of what we may do in the future if we properly avail ourselves of the opportunities afforded by the public press."

There is just as much news among the other conferences in this country as there is in Ohio, and with a press bureau secretary to gather up the information and prepare it for the newspapers, our reason for our existence as a denomination would be made known to the vast concourse of people here much faster than if we did not take advantage of the many opportunities before us.

W. L. BURGAN,
Secty. of the Gen. Conf. Press Bureau.

CHESAPEAKE

General Meetings

At a recent meeting of the conference committee, it was decided to hold general meetings during the fall and winter months. It was thought wise to arrange this series of meeting in such a way that the greater portion of the field would be covered. To do this it was best to plan for five general meetings as follows: Rock Hall, Md., November 14-19, 1912. Fords Store, Md., November 19-25, 1912. Smithsburg, Md., December 26-30, 1912. Cumberland, Md., January 2-6, 1913. Wilmington, Del., January 10-15, 1913.

In view of the ever increasing signs of the times as foretold in prophecy we should endeavor to come together for study and prayer in order that we may better understand "what Israel ought to do". Just now with the affairs in the East, pointing to the overthrow of the Turk in Europe, we have brought to our attention the fact that the coming of the Lord is near, even at the door. Brethren and sisters, we are living in no ordinary time in the history of the world. It is a time of doubt and perplexity, and the hearts of even the bravest of men are failing them for fear. They see the storm clouds rising but with little or no knowledge of the word of God, they of course see no remedy. We as students of prophecy who claim to "know the times and the seasons," have a solemn responsibility resting upon us to give the precious light which we possess to those in darkness.

It seems to me that we should come together in these general meetings and get under the many burdens we are carrying. Can we not in earnestness of soul, seek God in a special manner for more of his Holy Spirit to help us in the closing work for this time? There are those in every church who feel the need of divine help not only for themselves but for their friends and neighbors, for their sons

and daughters, out of Christ. The Lord of glory will be pleased to do this great work for us if we will only give him liberty.

We will have good ministerial help in these meetings and a variety of speakers will be in attendance. But above all we expect the power of God to be with us, and this will be far greater than simply a mechanical program calculated to entertain the people for a few evenings. Let all in each district plan to come, and then let us be united in seeking the help we most need.

ROSCOE T. BAER, *President.*

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Remember the week of prayer, December 7 to 14. Let us make this a time of special prayer for the blessing of God in our families and churches, as well as in the foreign fields.

Two sisters were baptized in Allegheny last Sabbath by Elder J. P. Gaede. They united with the Allegheny English church.

Miss Margaret Lemmer, of Pittsburgh, is now employed in the Columbia Union Conference office at Takoma Park, D. C. as stenographer.

The first Pittsburgh church is making some repairs and alterations on the church building.

Elder W. A. Westworth has been showing some stereopticon views at the Second Pittsburgh church, and this has resulted in an increased interest among outsiders in the meetings being held by Elder Durrant.

The latest addition to our canvassing force is Brother E. E. Rogers, who is working in Fulton county with Great Controversy.

Elder B. F. Kneeland visited the Second Pittsburgh and the Allegheny churches last Sabbath.

October was our banner month in the canvassing work. The sales for the month amounted to \$2087.80. Deliveries were \$1,199.60. The sales for October 1911 amounted to \$284. We are pleased to note a steady increase in sales in spite of the dropping out of the student canvassers.

OHIO

Cincinnati

I am grateful to say that the work in this part of the Conferenée is still prospering under the blessing of our God. The members of this church are all of one accord and a spirit of love and unity prevails.

They have been working with the Harvest Ingathering *Signs* and the amount received up to Sabbath, Nov. 2 was \$100.30. Mr. Campbell and I have been greatly blessed in this work and have succeeded in raising \$46.00.

Sabbath, Nov. 2, was a precious day with this church. A baptismal service had been appointed for the day and Elder Miller lead five precious souls in the path the Saviour had trod so long before. As we welcomed them back from the grave in which they had been buried with Christ we believe it was to walk in newness of life and that the Lord had added to his church such as should be saved.

Three of these are promising young ladies that we believe will be workers in the cause of Christ. One is a musician and two are stenographers. The Lord has worked wonderfully for them and has enabled them to hold their positions and keep the Sabbath.

Our hearts are made glad to see how God is watering the seed that has been sown. Remember the work of the Lord at this place and pray that God's prospering hand may still be seen, and may we all so work and live that the harvest of the earth may soon come and we receive a crown of life that fadeth not away.

MRS. W. M. CAMPBELL

Columbus

We were pleased to have Prof. Wilkinson with us from Wednesday to Sunday evening. Services were held in the church Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sunday evenings, also a revival Sabbath morning.

It was rainy Wednesday evening, but fifty were in attendance, and Sunday evening the church was filled to overflowing when the Balkan Crisis was discussed.

Sabbath was a good day; it was seen early in the service that the Spirit of God was working upon the hearts of all. Thirty renewed their consecration amid tears of contrition. The last few moments were devoted to a brief study of the needs of Mt. Vernon College. Forty-three cards were taken, representing \$215, to help liquidate the debt on our worthy

training center.

Prof. Wilkinson's visit was greatly appreciated, and we assure him of our hearty co-operation in helping to advance the message in this part of the field.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED

Pastor

Akron

It has been some time since we have written concerning our work in this city. We are glad to say the Lord is blessing our work and souls are being added to our number. The last dollar day our Sabbath-school gave to missions \$68. The most of our number are paying tithe and are giving of their means to the last closing message.

We are thankful to our heavenly Father for a part in the giving of the third angel's message to a lost and perishing world. One worker in a city of over one hundred thousand can not reach all that need help, but we are praying and trusting the time will come when more laborers can be sent forth into the ripened field.

Our church school is surely a success. Miss Hottes, our teacher, is doing faithful work, and the Lord is blessing her efforts. Twelve scholars are in regular attendance, and others are planning to attend soon.

Our Ingathering service was the best ever held in this church. Pray for the success of the work in Akron.

FRANCIS M. FAIRCHILD.

Zanesville

The interest here never was better. We are seeing visible results in all lines of work, especially in spirituality. The church is doing nobly in the Harvest Ingathering also. To date \$150 or more has been raised. We used up our first order of 1,000 Harvest Ingathering *Signs*. We placed another order for 500 more. The experience has been a boon to the church.

F. H. HENDERSON.

Canaan

Elder W. C. Moffett and the writer began a series of meetings at the little town of Canaan in Wayne Co., Ohio, on the 13th of September and took down our tents Oct. 21st. We were well supported by the two families of Adventists that had moved here from Coshocton, and had a fair attendance from the first until the close. The writer has followed up the interest since the tent was taken down, and still finds some interested ones to

work with.

On Nov. 2, we baptized five candidates in the Kilbuck Creek, near Canaan, and Nov. 9, Elder Slade met with us at Sister Yingling's house and organized a church of sixteen members to be known as the Canaan church. This church starts out with a full corps of officers. Frederick Holder was selected as elder of the church.

There are others that we have strong hopes of taking their stand for the truth. One who desired baptism and is keeping the Sabbath, is being bitterly opposed by her husband.

W. E. BIDWELL

Elder John W. Shultz, since the closing of the tent effort at Piketon, has returned to Toronto on the Ohio River where he will labor for the present.

Brother Harry Weaver who has been laboring in the East Michigan Conference stopped off at Mt. Vernon last Thursday on his way to Newark, where he and Sister Weaver will labor. The friends of Brother and Sister Weaver are pleased to welcome them back to their native State and wish them much of the blessing of God in their new field.

The Columbus dailies of Nov. 11 gave conspicuous space to a report of Elder B. G. Wilkinson's address on the Eastern Question, delivered in the Columbus church the evening before.

The *Newark American Tribune* of recent date contained an excellent article by Brother James D. Montgomery, entitled "After the Fall of the Turk—Then What?" This is a most favorable time to get the truth before the people in this form. One good feature of the article referred to was the absence of sensationalism.

Elder E. K. Slade occupied the pulpit in both the forenoon and afternoon services at Mt. Vernon, his subject for the afternoon meeting being the Balkan situation.

The address of Elder E. J. Van Horn for the present is Lakeview, Ohio. He writes, "I am of good courage in God and in the final triumph of His cause."

Have thy tools ready; God will find thee work.—*Charles Kingsley*.

Important Notice

I wish to write regarding some matters that I feel must not be neglected. The year is fast closing and soon its records will be closed. We are desirous that every person or society to whom this may come should have their record with the Ohio Tract Society closed up and balanced if possible before the close of the year. An important resolution affecting the financial policy of our work was passed at the last session of the Ohio Conference at Springfield, Ohio, which reads as follows:—

That the financial policy recommended by the General Conference for the Publishing Department be followed, which is as follows:—

(a) That state tract societies settle monthly for supplies secured from the publishing houses.

(b) That canvassers for books settle monthly with state tract societies for all goods including helps, due allowance being made for length of time required in shipping books to distant points.

(c) That agents for periodicals accompany their orders with cash.

(d) That church tract societies and companies settle monthly for all supplies.

(e) That conference laborers either pay cash for supplies or give order on conference treasury for monthly settlement from wage account.

(f) That lay members pay cash for supplies.

We recommend, that all our churches organize and maintain active missionary societies.

For some time our local societies' accounts as well as personal accounts have been increasing in balance from month to month, which makes a bad showing not only in figures but for that society or person whoever it may be. You will note that the resolution calls for the tract societies to settle monthly for all supplies. This we can not do unless we in turn are reimbursed by our local societies for their supplies promptly each month. We are glad to say that a prompt monthly settlement has always been the policy of the Ohio Tract Society. Can you say as much? All who know that they are indebted to us should arrange to settle in full before the close of the year. We are asking of you only what is demanded of us and we feel that this is asking what is right in the matter. It is a square deal only.

Now for another matter. This is the opportune time to take orders for books for Christmas delivery. If you

cannot arrange to go yourself can you not speak to some one who should be engaged in this work? We have a "Home workers' prospectus" which includes sample pages of about a dozen of our small books which sells for \$1.00. Can you not purchase a copy of this prospectus and go out and sell a hundred dollars worth of books for Christmas delivery. This can be easily done if we but take hold and do it. Who will try? A hundred should be out where there is but one.

Are you among that number? If so come and join the ranks of our faithful canvassers and share in the blessings as well as the rewards of such a grand and noble work.

I have purposely included in our quotation the last resolution regarding missionary societies. I trust that each church has organized a local missionary society. If not will you not do so at once? If you desire to increase the spirituality of your church organize a society and go to work circulating the printed page. It will not only be the life of your church but will be the most effective means of advancing the message in your vicinity. This is the very work that has been neglected but that which must be done before we can expect the Lord to come in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. If this letter does not apply to you as a society or an individual it will not injure you to read it, but may assist you to catch the spirit of the message it contains and thus increase your zeal for greater missionary endeavor.

I trust we may expect at least your hearty co-operation in carrying out the important resolutions quoted in this article. J. I. CASSELL.

Sec. Ohio Tract Society.

AT THE COLLEGE

Elder B. G. Wilkinson spoke to the Columbus church, Sabbath Nov. 2, in the forenoon, and addressed the young people at Mt. Vernon in the afternoon on the present crisis in the world's history and our responsibility.

Mr. William Sims spent Sabbath and Sunday with his parents at Springfield.

We sympathize with our sister school, South Lancaster Academy, which has had seventeen cases of smallpox, none fatal, and is now trying to carry on its work under quarantine by posting lesson assign-

ments on a bulletin board for the benefit of students outside the home. Not one of the seventeen contracting the disease had ever been vaccinated. In other words those who were vaccinated previously did not "catch" the smallpox in this instance.

Miss Golden Kuhn, who finished a course in music at the College last year, is teaching music at her home in Lore City.

Mr. Hugh Kuhn is teaching school at Boston, Summit Co.

Dr. V. L. Fisher spent last week in New York City attending the clinics of the American Medical Association.

Elder Butler made a business trip to Columbus one day last week.

Miss Anna Saxton was cheered by a visit from her brother, Earl Saxton, of Indiana, Pa.

Mr. Russell Salter of Philadelphia matriculated at the College last Thursday adding another name to East Pennsylvania's growing list of students.

Miss Hazel Leach, who is meeting with good success in canvassing at Gassaway, West Virginia, plans to enter the College at the opening of the fall term, Nov. 27.

We understand that Miss Elsa Huegelmeyer of Baltimore, Md., is thinking of entering the College at the beginning of the fall term.

Mr. Oscar Spohn spent several days last week at Newark, visiting Denison University at Granville during his stay.

Notice

Bible Students' Library No. 206 is a new tract entitled "Struggles of Religious Liberty," by Elder J. O. Corliss. A brief, concise, yet comprehensive statement of the struggles of religious liberty in California. One chapter is devoted to the use of the "Initiative and Referendum" and is well worth the price of the pamphlet. It contains 68 pages, and is neatly bound in paper covers, and sells for ten cents postpaid. Order through your tract society.

J. I. CASSELL.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

More General Meetings

Arrangements for General Meetings in the Conference have been made as follows:

Allentown, Nov. 25, 26. Fairhill, Nov. 27-29, Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Carbon-dale, at Scranton, Nov. 29-Dec. 1.

A meeting will be held on Friday night, Nov. 29, at Wilkes Barre, and the special appointments will be arranged with the local churches at that time.

Hawley and Ariel, Dec. 2-4. Definite appointment as to the place of meeting will be given later.

Orwell and Sayre, Dec. 5-8.—Appointment of place will be made later. Covington, Cherry Flats and Wellsboro, Dec. 9-12. Appointment of place will be made later.

Roaring Branch, Williamsport, and Jersey Shore, Dec. 13-15, at Williamsport.

Northumberland, Bloomsburg and Kulp, Dec. 17, 18 at Northumberland. Harrisburg, Carlisle and York, Dec. 19-22 at Harrisburg.

Members of other churches within reach of any of these meetings are invited to be present, and those churches which are not reached in this series will be visited as soon as possible by ministerial help.

All of the meetings will begin on the evening of the first date mentioned. Elders Underwood and Richards will be present at these meetings, besides other help, and it is expected that the blessing of the Lord will be manifest. S. D. HARTWELL

Conf. Sec.

NEW JERSEY

Since last writing to the VISITOR I have had the privilege of visiting several of the isolated brethren and sisters in the south part of the conference. I am glad to report that these visits have been of profit both spiritually and financially to the individuals and to the conference. Some of these who were members outside of the conference have brought their membership here and are numbered among us now.

Last Sabbath and Sunday we had the first of our series of general meetings. We can report that the Lord indeed blessed us in it and the brethren of Jersey City and vicinity are much strengthened by it. On the Sabbath there were two hundred and twenty-five present. We listened to

a stirring discourse by Elder Ashton on making the right choice. He based his remarks on "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." In the afternoon after a few remarks on the importance of baptism, thirteen souls were buried with their Lord in that rite. One of these united with Jersey City church number Two, three with Jersey City Second, and nine with the Bohemian church at Newark.

Sunday forenoon the Lord came very near and all felt that it was good for us to be there. In the afternoon we studied some of the principles that pertain to church organization and some of the duties of the church officers. In the evening Brother Ashton spoke on "The Signs of the Coming of the Lord." A. R. SANDBORN

Workers' Meeting

The first session of the meeting of the conference workers of New Jersey Conference, appointed to be held at Trenton, November 12 to 14, met in the Trenton church, Tuesday afternoon at 2.30.

We are glad to say that the following persons, representing the entire conference force, were present: Elders A. R. Sandborn, J. G. Hanhart, W. H. Smith, M. C. Whitmarsh, G. W. Spies; also E. E. Pennington, C. E. Grey, Paul Matula, A. O. Lund, D. P. Boersma, C. E. Woertzl, G. Medairy, W. B. Walter, Mrs. A. E. Kambo, Mrs. E. Malenghini, Anna Cately, James Johnson, H. May, Bessie Smith, H. J. Adams, member of the conference committee; Elders B. G. Wilkinson and Ned Ashton representing the Union Conference.

Elder Sandborn welcomed the workers and expressed his appreciation of the fact that all were present at the first meeting. He outlined briefly the scope of the matters which should be considered at this time. First, all human planning and devising will amount to nothing without divine guidance and power, and to this end all should seek God for the outpouring of his Spirit, and this shall be considered an important part of the meeting.

Plans must be laid for the winter's work. The Harvest Ingathering work must receive immediate attention; also "Ministry of Healing" work, the financial situation, distribution of labor, etc.

The first sessions of the meeting will be given to the hearing of reports from the laborers, from which we hope to give extracts in future issues of the VISITOR.

W. B. WALTER.

Beginning the first of the year, the intermediate, primary, and kindergarten divisions of the Sabbath-schools will take up the study of Old Testament History, beginning with the book of Genesis. These lessons will continue for two years. To assist the teacher in these classes, there has been prepared a new book called "Easy Steps in the Bible Story." It is a large book, containing over six hundred pages; is well illustrated with many colored pictures that would be of much value in teaching children, and sells regularly for \$3, \$4, and \$5, according to the binding. But in order to encourage all Sabbath-school teachers who have these classes in charge to use this help, the publishers have agreed to furnish this book for \$1.80 postpaid. "Patriarchs and Prophets can be had on the same terms. Orders should be sent to the tract society. H. A. MAY.

WEST VIRGINIA

Elder John F. Steele has opened a series of meetings at Romney, West Va. We hope that much good may be done here at this place and souls won to God.

On November 9th we were glad to receive a call at the office from Brother Dugan, of Waynesburg, Pa. He was here on a visit with his son who resides in Fairmont.

Elder Charles Baierle, of Wheeling, West Va., called at the office last week. He reports progress in the work at that place, and also reports a decidedly increased public attendance and interest in the meetings which are being held Sunday nights. Dr. Baierle and her little daughter Evelyn have now moved to Wheeling where they will be located.

When you pray earnestly for the success of our canvassers, it means not only their success as individuals, but of the work in general, the salvation of some soul, and hastening of the second coming of Christ.

Sister Hazel Leach is now canvassing in and about Gassaway, Braxton County, West Va. She is having excellent success, and reports some good experiences with the people there.

Good reports have been coming in

Canvassers' Reports

West Virginia, Week Ending November 8, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Guy Corder, Kanawha Co.		CK	9	62	56	60 00	7 00	67 00	104 40
Hazel Leach, Braxton		PG	10	72	14	43 00	56 50	99 50	
H. Smith, Pocahontas		DR	3	21					64 00
W. McElphatrk, Nicholas Co.		DR	3	15					51 00
Mrs. John Huff, Ohio Co.			3	15		21 25		21 25	
Lena Vance, Ohio Co.						13 55		13 55	
T. M. Butler, Pocahontas		GC	3	21			3 00	3 00	2 50
Totals			31	206	70	\$137 80	\$66 50	\$204 30	\$221 90

Chesapeake, Week Ending November 8, 1912

T. Barritt, Rock Hall		DR	2	13	5	11 00	25	11 25	
J. Jones, Storton		GC	3	34	6	15 00	6 05	21 05	124 25
Anna Seeney, Baltimore, Md.		BF	3	13	27	28 50		28 50	
Alverta Rodgers, Baltimore		BF	2	10	16	18 50		18 50	
G. Lawrence, Cecil Co.		DR	3	24	11	28 00	1 05	29 05	3 60
Totals			13	94	65	\$101 00	\$7 35	\$108 35	\$127 85

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Alma Hohensee, Baltimore, Md.	ST	7	27	233				23 30	
T. Barritt, Rock Hall				3				30	
Totals			7	27	326			23 60	

Ohio, Week Ending November 8, 1912

L. H. Waters, Miami Co.	CK	5	42	31	48 00	1 00	49 00	1 00	
J. Schick, Summit Co.	GC	3	20	11	31 00	10 75	41 75		
J. Reichenbach Montgom'y Co.	BR	5	31	9	29 00	6 00	35 00		
Mrs. C. Cable, Cuyahoga Co.	GC	2	7						13 10
J. Reichenbach, Dayton	Mag.	4	10	207				21 05	
Totals			19	110	258	\$108 00	\$17 75	\$146 75	\$14 10

*Two weeks.

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$462 00

Deliveries, \$363 85.

all this past week from those who took part in the temperance campaign. We are all glad to know West Virginia went dry in this last election, and trust that the fruit will be forthcoming.

Kansas City Again

A few weeks ago the Kansas City, Missouri, church enjoyed a good Sabbath morning sermon, and at the close organized a vigorous campaign along missionary lines, selecting as their material, a club of two hundred of our pioneer missionary paper, the *Signs*. They soon found that an insufficient supply, so increased the club to 311 copies each week. And the article that appeared in the November *Workers' Record* adds an interesting bit of history. It reads:—

"Our club of weekly *Signs*, which was started a few weeks ago, has been increased to 311. The first number came last week, and everyone was anxious to get them so as to begin work. We look forward to many openings for Bible study as the result of these papers.

"The attendance at the Sabbath services has been excellent. On the last two Sabbaths the church has been practically filled. The spirit of the Lord has been present in a marked degree. Sabbath, October 5, after a discourse revealing the sufferings of Christ and his people, several arose for prayers, and the congregation arose in a body for reconsecration.

"Last Sabbath at the close of the morning hour, opportunity was given for souls to surrender to God. Five earnest souls responded. Among

those was a young man and his sister who were reared in an Adventist home, but who had given up their hold upon God. Another sister was one with whom we have been holding readings the past summer. Two boys gave their hearts to God for the first time. We request your earnest prayers for the work in Kansas City."

It shows that a working church is a live church, and speaks loudly in appreciation of a real live co-worker, the *Signs*.

We say, with the editor of the *Record*:—

This example should be followed by every church in the conference, and by isolated Sabbath keepers. This splendid missionary paper has been the means of bringing many hundreds of people into the light of present Truth."

The *Signs Weekly*, our pioneer, is now planning the series commencing with the issue of January 7, and we are assured of the best six months series that has yet been produced. Space will not permit our mentioning all the strong, timely, and important articles; circulars will soon be out showing these, but our people should now be planning their list of names to whom they wish the series sent. They ought to go to many of our friends and relatives. The *Signs* does bring people into the Truth, and that is just what we desire. It may be the means of reaching some particular friend of yours. Let us give this series the circulation it deserves.

First Tent Meeting in China

Pastor A. C. Selmon, in writing from China, says: "During this series of meetings in the interior, we made our first attempt to use a tent in China. At the Chowkiakow meeting all the services for the outsiders, and some of the meetings for our own people, were held in the tent. The seating capacity of the tent we used was about five hundred, and it was filled every night. We had fears in the past, lest the crowd could not be kept orderly, and possibly our ropes would be cut, etc.; but no one could have asked for a more orderly crowd. There was no disturbance during any of the meetings. This convinces us of the utility of tent-meetings in the interior of China; and now the brethren in the North Central Mission are planning to take a tent and a company of workers, and visit as many cities and market-places as they can reach each tent season."

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Our printer requests that our friends who contribute articles for publication double space the lines if a type-writer is used.

Up to Nov. 1, 450,000 of the Ingathering *Signs* had been sent out by the Pacific Press. The Chesapeake and Virginia Conferences are on the Honor Roll of conferences which had ordered more papers than were ordered in 1911.

Special Notice

Those who have subscribed to the Mt Vernon College Debt Fund, and desire to cancel their cards by selling "Christ's Object Lessons," can secure the books by writing to the undersigned, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, care of College. State plainly how many copies you want, and give explicit shipping directions. The book sells for \$1.25. Four books will cancel one card.

If the books are ordered promptly they can be used for the holiday trade.
S. M. BUTLER.

A New Catholic Catechism

Our workers and people generally will be interested in "The Catholic Catechism of Catholic doctrine by Rev. Geiermann," published by B. Herder, St. Louis, Mo., 1910, a new Catholic Catechism which "aims at presenting religious truths in the order of their relative importance to the sincere non-Catholic." It has the following indorsement of the pope; "His Holiness, in bestowing his apostolic blessing upon you and your labors, desires me to convey the ex-

pression of His appreciation of your zealous efforts for the salvation of souls and for the spread of the knowledge of the True Faith."

On page 60, in the second edition, 1910, we find the following questions and answers relating to the change of the Sabbath:

"Q. Which is the Sabbath-day?

"A. Saturday is the Sabbath-day.

"Q. Why do we observe Sunday instead of Saturday?

"A. We observe Sunday instead of Saturday because the Catholic Church, in the Council of Laodicea A. D. 336, transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday.

"Q. Why did the Catholic Church substitute Sunday for Saturday?

"A. The church substituted Sunday for Saturday because Christ rose from the dead on Sunday, and the Holy Ghost descended upon the apostles on a Sunday.

"Q. By what authority did the Church substitute Sunday for Saturday?

"A. The Church substituted Sunday for Saturday, by the plenitude of that divine power which Jesus Christ bestowed upon her."

The price of the Catechism is only fifteen cents, and it can doubtless be secured through your tract society.

The Watchman

THE PRESENT TRUTH EVANGELIZER.

The December issue of the *Watchman* will indeed bring tidings of good cheer to those who are looking and longing for the coming of our Lord. The cover page represents His coming, accompanied by all the grandeur of the innumerable host. As a striking contrast Satan will be depicted as contemplating his horrible work of destruction during the long period when the earth is laid waste. The Editor will write on "The Two Royal Kingdoms", endeavoring to show the conclusion of the great controversy that has been going on for the past 6000 years.

In view of the present serious disturbances in Europe the article "What is Armageddon" will be very timely. The nations of earth were never more faithful in their protestations of peaceful intentions and more diligent in preparation for the great struggle which seems to bulk big on the political horizon of Europe. We believe this article should be given wide publicity and we shall be glad for the hearty co-operation of all our people as this is a subject the whole world is interested in, yet few know

the real outcome involved.

"The Ten Commandments and the Twentieth Century" by Prof. B. G. Wilkinson. This writer will show the destructive trend of modern times in invalidating the force of the Ten Commandments. Higher Criticism does not desire that they shall be entirely recognized as they set aside some of their "higher" ideas.

Prof. P. T. Magan's December offering on the "Congress of Berlin" will be of vital interest. All those who find comfort in the "blessed hope" and those interested in the conclusion of the great world controversy should read and assist in circulating this article. We believe the Lord has used Brother Magan in a very definite way in presenting the subject of the Turk in the proper Bible setting. We feel that our people should read these Spirit-filled messages.

Altogether the December *Watchman* presents a strong array of articles of deep interest to all.

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OBITUARY

MRS. CATHARINE RAYLE. — Was born in Fairfield Co., Ohio, July 7, 1836, and died Nov. 9, 1912, age 76 years, 4 months, 2 days. She was united in marriage with John Rayle, on Dec. 25, 1854, and to this union three children were born, one son and two daughters. In 1856 she was converted under the labors of Elders Cottrell and Cornell and accepted the teachings of Seventh-day Adventists, and still held to the faith until death. Over 58 years she and her husband lived in the community. She was a loving, dutiful wife and a kind mother; also a woman who loved her home and her neighbors. She was of German descent. She leaves a husband, one son, two daughters, fourteen grandchildren, twenty-two great grandchildren, one brother, and three sisters, to mourn their loss. Elder E. J. Vanhorn spoke with power to a large gathering of friends and relatives. His sermon was based on Amos 4:12, "Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel!"

D. D. PUNCHES

RUSSELL.—Charles Kennard Russell, infant son of Brother and Sister Frank Russell, was born at Zanesville, Ohio, August 1, 1912, and died Nov. 8, 1912, aged three months and eight days. His death was due to cholera infantum.

Behold how sweet, how calm, how fair,
The broken bud that slumbers there!
E'er it had bloomed on earth to die,
It died on earth to bloom on high.

F. H. HENDERSON.