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"THEY REHEARSED ALL THINGS THAT GOD HAD DONE WITH THEM"

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## Columbia Union Conference Directory

### Territory

Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia.

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## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

### Minutes of the Fifth Annual Session of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference

THE eighth meeting of the conference convened Sunday, January 17, at 9:15 A. M. Prayer was offered by Prof. H. R. Salisbury. Nine new delegates were seated, making a delegation of sixty-seven. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Plans presented a further report:—

"Whereas, The general testimony of our Sabbath-schools that have accepted the plan of giving all their regular contributions to missions, and providing for their expenses in some other way, is that they have had increased prosperity since doing so; therefore,—

12. "We Recommend, That all our workers and delegates assembled here exert their influence wherever it is necessary to get all our Sabbath-

schools to follow this method.

"Whereas, Many of our workers in the Sabbath-school do not sense the important relation of the *Sabbath-School Worker* to this work, and their need of this valuable aid to efficient service; therefore,—

13. "We Recommend, That more vigorous efforts be put forth by our conference laborers to introduce this magazine into the schools.

"Whereas, There is great need of an intermediate school in this conference; therefore,—

14. "Resolved, That the necessary steps be taken to establish such a school in a central location."

After discussion, this report was adopted, except resolution 14, which was referred back to the committee. Resolution number 13 was spoken to by Eld. G. B. Thompson, Eld. O. O. Bernstein, Eld. C. S. Weist and Sister S. M. Andrews.

The Committee on Nominations submitted the following partial report:—

"President, W. H. Heckman; vice-president, O. O. Bernstein; executive committee, W. H. Heckman, O. O. Bernstein, H. Baumgartner, I. M. Martin, C. S. Weist; secretary and treasurer, A. L. Bayley; Sabbath-school secretary and Young People's Missionary Volunteer secretary, Sue M. Andrew; sreligious liberty secretary, A. R. Bell; medical superintendent, W. H. Smith, M. D.; missionary field agent, C. W. Holman; missionary secretary, W. T. Hilgert; constituency of the Pennsylvania Tract Society, W. S. Seigle, Elmer Sholder, A. L. Bayley, Mrs. Ida Irving, Mrs. Alice M. Newell, Mrs. Mary E. Beach, Matilda Ertel, Mrs. R. S. Worrell, Mrs. R. K. Gemberling, John German, and C. S. Weist; constituency of the Eastern Pennsylvania Sanitarium, H. Langenberg, A. L. Bayley, W. T. Hilgert, Mrs. R. K. Gemberling, C. S. Weist, I. M. Martin, H. Myer, A. R. Bell, Sue M. Andrews, Laura A. Francis, Harry Rhan, and J. L. Rhoads." Eld. G. B. Thompson took the chair, and the report was adopted by considering it by sections. Meeting adjourned until 2:30 P. M.

The ninth meeting of the confer-

ence convened at 2:30 P. M., Sunday, January 17, with Eld. G. B. Thompson in the chair. Bro. I. N. Martin offered prayer. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The Committee on Plans offered the following further report:—

"Whereas, The education of our children and youth is of great importance; and,—

"Whereas, In order for them to receive a Christian education it is necessary that schools be established and founded upon right principles; therefore,—

15. "We Recommend,—

(a) "That, when advisable, church-schools be established, under competent instructors.

(b) "That, as soon as it seems advisable, and the providence of God shall open the way, a school be established in some central place in our conference where instruction can be given in the intermediate grades.

"Whereas, In various conferences institutions of a private nature have been started; and,—

"Whereas, Such institutions will doubtless be started in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, for which funds will be solicited from our people to build and equip said institutions; therefore,—

16. "Resolved, That as a conference we can in no way become responsible for debts which we have not created; that we are not responsible, either morally or financially, as a conference, for any private institutions which may be operated, either for the payment of any debts, or for the return of any loans or gifts made to construct or equip such institutions, which have been or may be started and operated under private ownership and control."

Resolution 15 was discussed by Elders O. O. Bernstein, Charles Baierle, A. R. Bell, H. Langenberg and the chair, all heartily endorsing the recommendation. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Nominations presented their final report:—

"For trustees of the Pennsylvania Tract Society, Elders W. H. Heckman,

O. O. Bernstein, and Bro. A. L. Bayley." On motion the report was adopted. Meeting adjourned until 9:15 A. M., Monday, January 18.

The tenth meeting of the conference convened Monday at the appointed time. Prayer was offered by C. S. Weist. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. The Committee on Licenses and Credentials submitted the following final report, and moved adoption of the same:—

"For ministerial license, B. M. Heald, C. S. Baum, and W. T. Hilgert. Missionary license, H. Langenberg, Mrs. H. Langenberg, Sue M. Andrews, Nellie B. Underwood, Mrs. R. E. Gemberling, Hannah Borchgrvink, Jessie H. Weiss, G. W. Holman, A. L. Bayley, W. H. Smith, M. D., S. Rockwell, J. W. Hirlinger, H. Bumgartner." Report was adopted by considering each name separately.

The Committee on Plans submitted a further partial report:—

17. "We Recommend, That the secretary and treasurer of the conference audit all the local church treasurers' books during the year, and that he visit and give instruction to all clerks, librarians, and church treasurers.

18. "We Recommend, That the words 'Columbia Union' be substituted for the words 'Atlantic Union' in the Constitution and in the By-Laws of this conference.

"Whereas, It has been arranged that the collection for the poor shall be used in our own conference—except ten per cent, which goes to the Columbia Union Conference—;therefore,—

19. "Resolved, That we plan for a liberal offering in all our churches the first Sabbath in April for the assistance of the worthy poor in our conference."

Resolution 17 was heartily endorsed by the chair, Elders Thompson, Russell and Weist. Number 18 was discussed by Elders Thompson and Russell. On motion, the report was adopted as a whole. Meeting adjourned to the call of the chair.

The eleventh meeting of the conference convened at 9:15 A. M., Tuesday, January 19. I. N. Martin invoked God's blessing upon the meeting. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. Committee on Plans submitted the following final report, and moved adoption of same:—

"Whereas, Strong organizations in the religious and political world are combining and seeking for the enactment of laws in both state and na-

tional legislatures upon religious questions, which actions are contrary to the principles enunciated by Jesus of Nazareth, and are subversive of religious liberty guaranteed to us by the fundamental law of the land; and,—

"Whereas, We can see in these movements the foundation of an image to the beast in fulfillment of the prophecy of Revelation, against which the warning of the third angel's message is to be directed; therefore,—

20. "Resolved, That we organize a strong, aggressive campaign in all our churches in the conference for the circulation of literature upon the principles of religious liberty in order that the people may be educated upon the principles underlying this important question.

21. "Resolved, That the journal, *Liberty*, which is published in the interest of liberty for all, both civil and religious, be given a wide circulation by,—

- (a) Subscribing for it ourselves;
- (b) Pushing its sale by regular agents in the many cities of our conference;
- (c) Sending it to the members of our state and national legislature;
- (d) Taking a club in our churches for sale and free distribution in the vicinity of our various churches.

22. "Resolved, That religious liberty institutes be held in various parts of the conference for educating our people upon the principles of liberty, and planning for aggressive work in the interest of the circulation of literature upon this question.

23. "Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to all our workers, church elders, and leaders, and that they be read in the churches, where they may be freely discussed and thoroughly understood.

24. "Whereas, The Lebanon Seventh-day Adventist church has so kindly and hospitably entertained the delegates assembled at this conference; therefore,—

25. "Resolved, That we extend to them our heartfelt thanks and appreciation of the favors shown.

26. "Whereas, The Lebanon Daily News and The Report have published full and impartial daily reports of our conference proceedings; therefore,—

27. "Resolved, That we, the delegates assembled, express our appreciation of these special courtesies by a rising vote of thanks."

Voted to adopt the report as a whole. Meeting adjourned *sine die*.

W. H. HECKMAN, President.

A. L. BAYLEY, Secretary.

## Resolutions Passed by the New Jersey Conference

THE following resolutions were unanimously adopted at the seventh annual session of the New Jersey Conference held in Jersey City, Jan. 20-24, 1909:—

"Whereas, The Spirit of the Lord has graciously gone before us, unifying and strengthening the churches, giving us financial prosperity, and adding souls to our number during the past year; therefore,—

1. "Resolved, That we express our gratitude for His mercy by dedicating ourselves anew to his cause in a short consecration service at this meeting.

"Whereas, We are now in the time when this message is going with a rapidity before unknown; and,—

"Whereas, The arch deceiver is preparing for his last crowning act of deception; and,—

"Whereas, We realize the need of our people's keeping in touch with the progress of the message; therefore,—

2. "We Recommend, That our conference workers and church officers so plan that not one member of any church shall be without the *Review and Herald*, and the union conference paper.

"Whereas, Rapid growth is seen in our foreign work, requiring an additional outlay of means to respond to the 'Macedonian cry' which comes to us from every land; therefore,—

3. "Resolved, That we urge upon all our people the need of giving more study to the advancement of our work in the regions beyond, and greater liberality by endeavoring to raise in our conference for foreign missions a sum equal to ten cents a week for each member.

"Whereas, The National Reform Association and allied organizations are urging legislators in both the state and the nation to enact laws for the enforcement of Sunday observance; and,—

"Whereas, Such legislation will be a step toward a union of the church and the state, and the formation of an image to the beast; and,—

"Whereas, God has committed to us as a people the very message which is a warning against this evil work; therefore,—

4. "Resolved, That we awake to our God-given responsibilities, and that a work be organized in every church under the leadership of a local religious liberty secretary for the sale and distribution of our religious liberty

literature, and that a blank be prepared to facilitate regular quarterly reports to the state religious liberty secretary.

"Whereas, The spirit of prophecy has said that 'to a large degree through our publishing work is to be accomplished the work of the angel of the "loud cry;"' and,—

"Whereas, Our ministers, Bible workers, and church elders are looked to by all our people for advice as to what line of work they should engage in; therefore,—

5. "We Recommend,—

(a) "That earnest efforts be made by the state agent to secure suitable workers in the canvassing field;

(b) "That the conference workers and church elders co-operate with the state agent by seeking out proper persons and placing them in touch with the state agent.

"Whereas, It is the desire of every true Seventh-day Adventist to see the cause of present truth advanced as rapidly as possible in this conference; and,—

"Whereas, The number of laborers employed is regulated by the amount of tithe received; and,—

"Whereas, The payment of the tithe is a sacred obligation, and God calls a failure in this matter 'robbery;' and,—

"Whereas, We recognize the fact that one who is not faithful in tithe paying is unfit to serve as a conference laborer in any capacity; and believing that the same high standard should be upheld in our churches; therefore,—

6. "We Recommend, That our conference laborers and church officers be tithe payers, and that they labor with all delinquent members.

7. "Resolved, That the New Jersey Conference express its deepest gratitude to the Kansas Conference for their support of our German minister, Eld. J. G. Hanhardt; to the Columbia Union Conference for their appropriation of \$500 to assist us in the work here; and to the General Conference and the Danish brethren for their assistance in supporting the Danish work in our conference.

"Whereas, Our camp-meeting at Woodbury last summer proved to be a great benefit to the work in this conference; therefore,—

8. "Resolved, That it is the sense of this body that we have one this year.

"Whereas, We realize the need of a revival of missionary activity in our churches; and,—

"Whereas, Our young people need

the training of individual missionary work; therefore,—

9. "We Recommend, That missionary conventions be held with our churches the coming year, and that plans be laid for the co-operation of the church missionary society and the young people's society where they are both in the same church; and that earnest efforts especially be made to enlist our people in the distribution of our monthly magazines, and that this work be placed in charge of a state missionary secretary.

"Whereas, The burden of the work of giving this message will in the future rest more largely upon our young people; and,—

"Whereas, Our young people greatly need the education that may be obtained from the study of good books in order to do acceptably the work God requires of them; therefore,—

10. "We Recommend, That our young people be urged to join the reading circle conducted by the General Conference Missionary Volunteer department, and to endeavor to pass the standard of attainment.

"Whereas, We learn with regret of the death of Ralph, the eldest son of Eld. A. R. Bell, a former laborer in this conference; therefore,—

11. "Resolved, That we tender Brother Bell and his family our deepest sympathy in this hour of their bereavement.

"Whereas, The training in the early years of childhood has a strong influence upon the character developed later; and,—

"Whereas, The Lord has said that children trained in our schools will be used to proclaim this message when older lips are silenced by unjust laws; therefore,—

12. "We Recommend, That where there are children, the church be encouraged to provide church-school facilities for them.

"Whereas, The life of the church depends upon its feeding upon the word of God; and,—

"Whereas, The Sabbath-school, ordained for the study of the word, is an important factor toward a live church; therefore,—

13. "Resolved, That we recommend that Sabbath-school conventions be held with all the schools; that earnest efforts be made to place the Sabbath-School Worker in the hands of every Sabbath-school worker; and that everywhere our people be aroused to a more thorough study of the Sabbath-school lessons.

"Whereas, The expense of maintaining our work in the foreign fields is rapidly increasing; and,—

"Whereas, The Sabbath-school contributions are an important factor in maintaining our foreign missions; therefore,—

14. "We Recommend, That our Sabbath-schools be encouraged to provide for their supplies in some way apart from the Sabbath-school contributions, leaving these to be devoted entirely to missions.

"Whereas, The spirit of prophecy denominates the medical missionary work the right arm of the third angel's message, and recognizing that such missionary work is being done at the Pennsylvania Sanitarium; therefore,—

15. "Resolved, That we give our hearty moral support to that institution, and that we do our utmost to sell three copies of the book, "Ministry of Healing," for each member in our conference."

D. K. ROYER, Sec'y.

## WITH THE HARVESTERS

OHIO

Hicksville

THE last day of January, Brother John Acton met me at the depot at Hicksville and took me to his home, nearly four miles southwest of town. That same night I commenced a series of meetings that lasted nearly four weeks, speaking each night to small but interested audiences.

We had the use of a Methodist church located near Brother Acton's. The pastor at first treated me fairly well even asking the Lord to bless our efforts. The last Sunday night I had a friendly visit with him, and he stated, on my telling him that I expected to close not later than March first, that all was clear before me. The very next day, however, I received a letter from him requesting me to close my meetings at once, which was complied with. His letter was filled with abuse and false statements. From the beginning there were a number who made it their business to hinder the attendance in every way they could. Others of the same stamp back in Christ's time sought to do the same thing, for we read, "Ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered." Luke 11:52.

We covered nearly all of the leading points of faith and the pastor's course only made more clearly mani-

fest the difference between truth and error. Some of his leading members, with a number of others, are very indignant at the turn the minister has taken, so we believe that fruit will be gathered for Christ as the result of these meetings. Our brethren gave their hearty support to our work and will follow up the interest by personal effort and by reading matter.

This meeting closes my work as district superintendent in the Lima and Toledo Districts. I have enjoyed my work with the brethren in this section, and as I turn over the work to Elder Jump, I ask your hearty support for him. I know he will give good service in return. May God's blessing rest upon you all, and may you be faithful until victory crowns your efforts; and although I go to new fields, yet I shall often think of and pray for you, my fellow-servants in Christ.

I am now in charge of District 2, otherwise known as the Mount Vernon District. W. E. BIDWELL.

## Field Notes

### EAST PENNSYLVANIA

ELD. W. H. HECKMAN spoke to the church in Reading on Sabbath, March 13.

BRO. WM. T. HILGERT conducted the service at the North Philadelphia church on Sabbath, March 13.

FOUR successful operations were performed at the Pennsylvania Sanitarium during the week ending March 12.

ELD. CHARLES BAERLE is contemplating holding a series of meetings at Montrose, Susquehanna County.

HAVING recovered from a surgical operation, Bro. Joseph Shilling, of Allentown, has returned to his home.

ELD. I. M. MARTIN is conducting a series of meetings at Northumberland. Remember him in prayer.

ELD. J. E. VEACH, of the Western Pennsylvania Conference, is convalescing rapidly from a serious operation.

ELD. W. H. HECKMAN preached at the North Philadelphia church on

Sunday evening, March 14; also on Sunday evening, March 21.

It is encouraging to know that all our canvassers are realizing the importance of their work, and have a burden for souls. This accounts for their success.

BRO. A. L. WADSWORTH, of Camden, N. J., returned to the Pennsylvania Sanitarium for treatment on the 7th instant. We much regret to say that he is in a very critical condition at this writing.

BRO. H. G. GAUKER, who has recently located in Hamburg, Berks County, is meeting with splendid success. Bro. G. W. Holman, our state agent, assisted him for several days recently. The Lord richly blessed them with orders. The sales of both brethren for one day were \$39.25. This proves that prosperity is given to God's children even in times of difficulty.

## MEDICAL

### College Springs Sanitarium Notes

MRS. J. S. OBERHOLZER returned to her home March 15.

AFTER a two-weeks' stay at the sanitarium, Mrs. C. A. Stanford returned to her home last week.

MRS. BERT BLOOM has joined the sanitarium family, expecting to take a two-months' course of treatments.

MISS BLANCHE GRUBB arrived at the sanitarium last week. She has been laboring in the West Virginia Conference, but on account of failing health found it necessary to take a rest.

## Pennsylvania Sanitarium News Notes

WE have just had four major operations this week, and at the present writing the patients are doing nicely.

WE were pleased to have a short visit from Elder E. E. Miles of South Lancaster, Mass., on his return from Washington. We also had a visit from Brother A. P. Needham, who has been here in the city visiting Elder I. M. Martin and wife.

SINCE the improvements have been made in our gentlemen's treatment rooms, we feel that we ought to get two new massage tables. These will cost us \$8 each. We also need some new rugs. We should be very glad if any of our friends, who wish to donate anything for the purchase of this equipment, will send their remittance to the Pennsylvania Sanitarium.

SOME of our outside patients became interested in some improvements in the gentlemen's department, and voluntarily agreed to make the necessary changes, which will be a decided advantage in giving us accommodations for treating many more patients. They also put down a beautiful imported imitation of hard wood linoleum, which cost them about \$100. The whole contract for improvements, which will cost in the neighborhood of \$500, will be donated to the Sanitarium. This pleases us in many ways, for it helps us out as far as our accommodations are concerned, and it assures us of the interest that our patients are taking in the work we are trying to do.

## FINANCIAL

### WEST PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE SABBATH-SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MIS- SIONS FROM NOVEMBER 12, 1908, TO FEBRUARY 12, 1909.

Albion.....	\$ 2 25
Allegheny Number One.....	9 60
Allegheny German.....	2 88
Altoona.....	4 92
Austin.....	2 60
Bear Lake.....	97
Bradford.....	8 58
Belle Vernon.....	3 00
Butler.....	50
Carter Camp.....	3 14
Clearfield.....	8 32
Coudersport.....	20 21
Coleville.....	2 24
Corydon.....	6 93
Ducansville.....	1 75
Duke Center.....	1 90
Edinboro.....	7 52
Eldred.....	5 71
Greensburg.....	50
Huntingdon.....	4 40
Inez.....	1 00
Indiana.....	5 50
Jimtown.....	..
Johnstown.....	5 73
Lock Haven.....	..
Meadville.....	8 03
Midway.....	1 80
McKeesport Company.....	76
Millport.....	1 88

Nanty Glo.....	1 45
North Warren.....	9 94
Oakland Company.....	...
Oil City.....	11 22
Pittsburg Number One.....	25 40
Pittsburg Number Two.....	8 40
Philipsburg.....	50
Punxsutawney Company.....	...
Port Allegany.....	60
Raymond.....	5 50
Russell.....	1 79
Roulette.....	7 42
Spartansburg Company.....	...
Saltsburg.....	1 00
Shingle House.....	...
Six Mile Run.....	9 25
Salemville Company.....	...
Titusville.....	6 15
Union City.....	4 55
Uniontown Company.....	1 60
Wrights.....	5 89
Washington.....	10 12
Youngsville.....	...

Total..... \$233 40  
MRS. A. V. WILLIAMS, *Acting Sec'y.*

## OHIO TITHE RECEIPTS

FEBRUARY, 1909

Akron.....	\$ 33 67
Alliance.....	...
Barnesville.....	...
Beaver.....	...
Bellefontaine.....	29 89
Bellville.....	...
Bowling Green.....	125 00
Camden.....	...
Canton.....	...
Chagrin Falls.....	2 61
Chillicothe.....	...
Charloe.....	11 73
Cincinnati.....	63 98
Cleveland.....	163 85
Cleveland German.....	...
Clyde.....	...
Columbiana.....	...
Columbus.....	207 13
Conant.....	...
Conneaut.....	3 32
Corsica.....	10 00
Cygnets.....	21 05
Coshocton.....	...
Dayton.....	...
Defiance.....	...
Delaware.....	...
Delta.....	...
Derwent.....	2 77
Dowling.....	...
Dunkirk.....	...
East Liverpool.....	10 65
Elgin.....	51 32
Findlay.....	...
Greenspring.....	...
Hamler.....	9 00
Hicksville.....	...
Hamilton.....	71 24
Jefferson.....	...
Killbuck.....	20 93
Lagrange.....	...
Leesburg.....	...
Lewistown.....	...
Locust Point.....	...
Laura.....	...
Liberty Center.....	13 31
Lima.....	20 00

Mansfield.....	13 39
Marshfield.....	...
Marion.....	37 37
Massillon.....	...
Medina.....	...
Mendon.....	12 06
Middlefield.....	13 08
Mount Vernon.....	74 17
Newark.....	27 37
Norwalk.....	...
New Philadelphia.....	...
Piqua.....	41 23
Pemberville.....	...
Pleasant Hill.....	4 85
Plimpton.....	...
Powell.....	5 26
Ravenna.....	32 46
Rows.....	...
Shreve.....	...
Spencer.....	7 00
Sherwood.....	...
Springfield.....	31 04
Toledo.....	59 98
Troy (Ashland County).....	...
Van Wert.....	...
Washington C. H.....	...
Walnut Grove.....	...
Waterford.....	29 05
Wheelersburg.....	2 75
Wilmington.....	...
Youngstown.....	7 02
Zanesville.....	17 53
Individuals.....	72 02

Total..... \$1,358 58

C. V. HAMER, *Treas.*

## TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

FEBRUARY, 1909

Tithe.....	\$1,358 58
Tract Society.....	348 09
First day Offering.....	27 15
Sabbath-school Donations.....	49 81
Missionary Volunteers.....	7 95
Religious Liberty.....	142 89
Orphans and Aged.....	...
\$150,000 Fund.....	25 00
Southern Field.....	1 21
Kingston Fund.....	25 00
Blind.....	...
Thanksgiving Review.....	65 42
Foreign Missions.....	18 47
Annual Offering.....	6 00
Jamaica.....	...
Africa.....	...
India.....	...

Total..... \$2,075 57

C. V. HAMER, *Treas.*

## EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA TITHE RECEIPTS

FEBRUARY 1909

Alba.....	\$ 2 00
Allentown.....	45 66
Carbondale.....	9 57
Chester Company.....	8 30
Fleetwood.....	...
German, Phila.....	41 40
Harrisburg.....	...
Hawley.....	15 76
Jersey Shore.....	17 26
Kulp.....	12 29
Lancaster.....	90 96
Lebanon.....	32 23
North Philadelphia.....	134 56
Norristown.....	...
Orwell.....	22 60
Reading.....	8 90
Roaring Branch.....	59 55
Scranton.....	100 75
Wade.....	22 86
Williamsport.....	37 90
West Philadelphia.....	166 27
Wilkes Barre.....	28 31
Wellsboro.....	13 56
Shrimersville.....	...
Scandinavian Company.....	7 41
Individuals.....	61 06

Total..... \$939 16

## TOTAL RECEIPTS, ALL SOURCES

Tithe.....	\$939 16
Tract Society.....	175 24
Thanksgiving Ingathering.....	72 38
Religious Liberty.....	48 79
Sabbath-school Donations.....	16 70
First Day Offering.....	46 77
Portugal Mission.....	...
Donations.....	2 22
Tent Fund.....	100 50
Poor Fund.....	2 44
Annual Offering.....	5 30
Foreign Missions.....	...
Foreign Missionary Seminary.....	...
Colored Work.....	...

Total..... \$1,409 50

A. L. BAYLEY, *Treas.*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT EAST PENNSYLVANIA TRACT SOCIETY

FOR YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1908

## Resources and Liabilities

Inventories:	
Merchandise.....	\$364 36
Office Furniture.....	160 00
Personal Accounts Receivable.....	1,840 27
Society Accounts Receivable.....	346 96
Society Accounts Receivable (C. O. L.).....	196 07
Prospectus Accounts Receivable.....	35 00
Cash.....	1,606 58
C. O. L. (So. Lancaster Academy).....	\$607 64
West Philadelphia Church Fund.....	246 04
Canvassers' Relief Fund.....	43 65
Students' Fund.....	43 10
"Ministry of Healing" (Pa. San.).....	14 50
Personal Accounts Payable.....	30 27
Society Accounts Payable.....	4 40

Pennsylvania Sanitarium.....	3 36
Pacific Press Pub. Co. ....	3 06
Present Worth, Jan. 1, 1909.....	3,553 22
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## Losses and Gains

Expense ..	\$195 89	
Rent .....	156 00	
Freight and Express.....	47 41	
Canvassers' Institute .....	57 20	
Postage.....	102 98	
Office Furniture.....	7 97	
Merchandise .....		\$768 61
Periodicals.....		79 23
Lost Account Paid.....		1 85
Short and Over Account.....		36
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	\$576 44	\$850 05
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Net Gain for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1908.....		\$282 61
Present Worth Jan. 1, 1908.....		3,270 61
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Net Worth Jan. 1, 1909.....		\$3,553 22

A. L. BAYLEY, *Treas.*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT EAST PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE

YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1908

## Receipts and Disbursements

Tithe .....	\$14,705 42	
Sabbath-school Donations.....	1,350 84	
First Day Offerings.....	613 06	
Foreign Missions.....	157 65	
Annual Offerings.....	1,025 40	
Mid-Summer Offerings.....	158 73	
Religious Liberty.....	79 22	
Maintenance .....	68 88	
Missionary Volunteer Fund General.....	13 81	
Hazel, Ky., School.....	52 63	
\$150,000 Fund.....	56 81	
Colored Work.....	21 03	
Southern Work.....	102 46	
Thanksgiving Ingathering.....	836 80	
Foreign Mission Seminary Fund .....	28 46	
Portugal Mission.....	11 91	
Mount Vernon College Equipment.....	4 08	
China Printing Press.....	5 00	
Tent and Camp-meeting Fund.....	819 39	
Conference Poor.....	54 09	
Sale of Lumber and Canvass.....	37 31	
Donations .....	726 74	
Missionary Volunteer Fund Local.....	4 87	
Funds Overdrawn .....	44 70	
Interest.....	93 29	
Pennsylvania Tract Society .....	114 07	
Scandinavian Work.....	100 00	
Overdrawn Jan. 1, 1907 .....		\$366 25
Foreign Missions Funds to Col. Union Conf.....		4,628 86
Tithe to Columbia Union Conference.....		1,463 48
Labor.....		12,581 78
Traveling Expense .....		838 94
General Expense.....		901 53
Office Expense.....		91 44
Interest .....		102 70
Tract Society Account .....		114 07
Tent and Camp-meeting Fund .....		620 19
Donations West Pennsylvania Conference.....		88 03
Bills Payable .....		150 00
Missionary Volunteer Fund, Local .....		2 78
Conference Poor.....		8 49
Tithe to West Pennsylvania Conference.....		1 25
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	\$21,286 65	\$21,953 54
Overdrawn Jan. 1, 1909.....		\$673 14

## Resources and Liabilities

Inventories: Tents, etc.....	\$1,000 00
Bills Receivable.....	2,500 00

## EDUCATIONAL

## Our Children

"SUFFER the little ones to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

During the early days of the message, in the movement of 1844, the hearts of the earnest followers of God rejoiced at the thought of soon meeting their Lord and Master. Everything that pertained to the business of the world was laid aside and earnest preparations were made to meet God. The disappointment which came was bitter, but it was for a purpose. While God's people longed to be with him, they were not ready for his coming. As new light was shed upon the prophecies; those true to the trust given them began indeed to show themselves approved unto God, workmen that needed not to be ashamed. Yet through all their zealous preparation, their eagerness to warn the world, there was a marked indifference to the needs of the children and youth. They did not seem to grasp the truth that what was of so much interest to them, was too difficult for the minds of those younger to grasp readily.

But the God who does not suffer even a sparrow to fall to the ground unheeded, was watching over the children. He saw the dangers that beset them, and in no uncertain tones presented their needs to his people. The dangers of the world were stated plainly, and he pleaded with the parents to draw their children back from the toils of the enemy. Yet in spite of its importance the work has progressed but slowly. As of old, the children of Israel are finding it hard to break from the customs of Egypt. We have not seen the need of taking God at his word.

Each day grows more and more important in its duties and responsibilities as we are rapidly nearing the end. Are we ready to hail its approach with rejoicing? It is too late to live over the past, but may we not, as Paul, resolve, "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"? Now is the time for decided action. Are your children where they belong? Have you heeded the warning cry, "Gather your children into your own houses; gather them away from those who are disregarding the com-

mandments of God, who are teaching and practicing evil"? Are you giving your children "The word of God as the foundation of all their education"? Are they in church-schools?

It is time to be seeking the Lord earnestly in regard to our duty toward our children. This does not apply to parents alone, but to everyone who claims to be a follower of Christ. We shall all be held accountable for the younger members of his fold. Let us not delay. If we have not already broken completely from the world, let us do so at once. Now is the time to lay the foundation for future work. If we wait until another fall, before planning to take the children out of the public schools, we shall likely fail in our efforts. Let us study carefully the testimonies that the Lord has given us, then follow where he leads. *Read, think, and pray.*

BESSIE E. ACTON.

### WITH THE CANVASSERS

#### Evidences Of God's Leadership

No doubt most of the readers of the VISITOR remember reading about the terrible explosions at the Lick Branch mines near Bluefield, West Va., several weeks ago. About fifty men lost their lives in the first explosion. After this the state mine inspectors made an examination of the other mines to see if they were safe enough for men to work in. They pronounced them perfectly safe, but in spite of all this, one hundred more men were killed in the terrible explosion which followed soon after.

Now the point that especially interests me in the events that occurred in connection with this disaster was the way the Lord went before one of our faithful canvassers who entered this field just before the disaster, and delivered a good number of "Great Controversy" to the people before God permitted this judgement to fall upon them; for that is what I surely think this disaster was, since the mines were pronounced safe by the inspectors. No satisfactory reason has since been given for the explosion. Some give one thing as a cause and some another. Those of you who are familiar with what the spirit of prophecy has said in regard to the canvassing work, will remember this paragraph from Vol. VI, pages 313, 314: "It is true that some who buy the books will lay them on the shelf, or place them on the parlor table, and seldom look at them. Still God has a

Conference Poor.....	283 19	
Mileage.....	47 37	
Accounts Receivable.....	39 60	
Bills Payable.....		\$6,261 32
Tent Fund.....		148 30
Missionary Volunteer Local.....		6 59
Cash.....		673 14
	<u>\$3,870 16</u>	<u>\$7,089 35</u>
Net Insolvency Dec. 31, 1908.....	\$3,219 19	
<b>Loss and Gain</b>		
Labor.....	\$11,917 66	
Travelling Expenses.....	1,471 94	
General Expense.....	1,152 17	
Office Expense.....	75 94	
Annuities.....	95 00	
Interest.....	79 50	
Tithe Columbia Union Conference.....	1,462 98	
Atlantic Union Conference.....	104 80	
Conference Expense.....		240 23
Tithe.....		14,773 79
Donations.....		709 98
	<u>\$16,359 99</u>	<u>\$15,724 00</u>
Net Loss, year ending Dec. 31, 1908.....		\$635 99

A. L. BAYLEY, *Treas.*

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT NEW JERSEY TRACT SOCIETY

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1908

#### Resources and Liabilities

<b>Inventories—</b>		
Subscription Books.....	\$47 38	
Home Workers' Books.....	1 65	
Trade Books.....	55 03	
Tracts.....	15 70	
Insurance.....	4 50	
Property.....	141 00	
Cash.....	49 81	
Tract Society Accounts Receivable.....	155 51	
Personal Accounts Receivable.....	981 62	
Personal Accounts Payable.....		\$11 58
Pennsylvania Sanitarium ("Ministry").....		9 00
Publishing House Accounts Payable.....		407 81
"Christ's Object Lessons".....		10 55
Present Worth Dec. 31, 1908.....		1,013 26
	<u>\$1,452 20</u>	<u>\$1,452 20</u>

#### Losses and Gains

	Losses	Gains
Accounts Receivable.....	\$27 05	
Accounts Payable.....		\$ 55
General Expense.....	6 29	
Freight and Drayage.....	35 65	
Canvassers' Traveling Expense.....	115 00	
Office Expense.....	143 28	
Insurance.....	1 50	
"Ministry"—Old Account.....	3 25	
Property.....		14 46
Subscription Books.....		781 39
Home Workers' Books.....		9 82
Trade Books.....		54 29
Tracts.....		59 28
Periodicals.....		26 03
"Ministry"—New Account.....		4 20
	<u>\$332 02</u>	<u>\$950 02</u>
Net Gain for Year ending Dec. 31, 1908.....		\$618 00
Present Worth Jan. 1, 1908.....		395 26
Present Worth Dec. 31, 1908.....		<u>\$1,013 26</u>

D. K. ROYER, *Sec. and Treas.*

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care for his truth, and the time will come when these books will be sought for and read. Sickness or misfortune may enter the home, and through the truth contained in the books, God sends to troubled hearts peace and hope and rest. His love is revealed to them, and they understand the preciousness of the forgiveness of their sins. Thus the Lord co-operates with his self-denying workers." Notice especially what the Lord will do for people under these circumstances, and the kind of laborers through whom he works to reach people in these last days before his judgments fall upon them.

Who now will deny self, take up his cross, and have a part in calling in the maimed, the lame, the halt, and the blind to the marriage supper of the Lamb? Although the attendance at our institute for training canvassers was small; still we are not discouraged, and the good work goes on. I am corresponding with several who are deeply interested in this important branch of the work, and I believe that some and perhaps all of these persons will enter the work in the near future. Bro. I. D. Richardson has promised to send us two or three good canvassers. I am sure that those who come will find this a very fruitful field of labor, and we shall do our utmost to make their work a success.

One of our faithful workers in writing me a few days ago said: "I am very much encouraged in the good work. The Lord is surely sending his angel before me. He has demonstrated to me more than once that he is pleased with my feeble efforts to put the printed page into the homes of the people." DAVID. W. PERCY.

## District Meeting

THERE will be a general meeting for District 4, Ohio, in the Seventh-day Adventist church at Clyde, Ohio, Mar. 26-28, 1909. Eld. H. H. Burkholder, president of the conference, with the superintendents and secretaries of the different departments of the conference, are expected to be present. The principal phases of the message will receive due attention. Printed programs of the meetings will be supplied.

The brethren and sisters of the Clyde church have joyfully consented to entertain, free of charge, all who attend. Those who can conveniently do so may bring a little bedding, as this will lighten the burden of those who are responsible for our entertainment.

Now, brethren, come to Clyde and enjoy a heavenly sitting together for a short time.

G. C. QUILLAN, Dis't Sup't.

## Canvassers' Reports

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending Mar. 5, 1909

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
H. Gauker, Berks,		DR	4	27	24	\$61 00	2 10	\$63 10	\$ 75
L. Randall, Susquehanna,		DR	5	45	13	54 00	3 15	57 15	
H. Albright, Columbia,		DR	5	32	9	22 75	2 60	25 35	
C. Fisher, Northampton,		DR	3	21	10	22 50		22 50	
J. Gearhart, Columbia,		DR	5	36	5	14 75		14 75	40 50
C. Beidler, Franklin,		DR	3	23	4	9 00		9 00	20 75
F. Barto, Franklin,		DR	4	27	3	8 25		8 25	23 25
G. Hartman, Lebanon,		DR	3	18	2	7 50		7 50	38 75
C. Gilbert, Northumberland,		CK	5	16	7	7 50		7 50	
S. Sundberg, Northampton,		CK	3	18	7	9 50		9 50	
W. Furt, Susquehanna,			5	29		23 75		23 75	23 75
S. Diehl, Union,			3	18		2 45		2 45	1 20
Totals,			48	310	84	\$242 95	\$7 85	\$250 80	\$148 95

## West Virginia, Week Ending Mar. 5, 1909

A. Halstead, Putnam Co.,	DR	3	23	12	25 50	2 15	27 65		
J. Jennings, Jefferson Co.,	DR	2	7	1	2 75	3 25	6 00	1 25	
D. Whitmire, Hardy Co.,	DR	4	25	3	8 25	9 45	17 70	9 45	
G. Weber, McDowell,	GC								40 00
D. Percy, Mineral Co.,	GC	3	17	6	16 50		16 50		
A. Wright, Roane Co.,						47 35	47 35	7 05	
Totals,		12	72	22	\$53 00	\$62 20	\$115 20	\$57 75	

## New Jersey, Week Ending Mar. 5, 1909

J. Rambo, Millville,	DR	5	29	13	24 50	1 75	26 25	1 75	
S. Oberger, New Brunswick,	DR	4	23	6	19 50		19 50	34 25	
C. Klaiber, Harmony,	GC	5	39	9	25 75	4 25	30 00	4 25	
C. Kiessling, Warren,	GC	5	33	1	2 75	4 00	6 75	2 25	
B. Welch, Elizabeth,	BR	5	29	4	7 75	1 40	9 15		
Totals,		24	153	33	\$80 25	\$11 40	\$91 65	\$42 50	

## Virginia, Two Weeks Ending Mar. 5, 1909

K. Oertley, Radford,			32				35	35	54 50
Mrs. Zeidler, Lynchburg,	CK		10	6	6 50	4 55	11 05		1 00
M. Brightman, "	BF		23	12	12 00		12 00		
E. McGlocklin, Norfolk,			14			3 95	3 95	4 50	
M. Jemerson, Richmond,			12			3 45	3 45	45	
Totals,			91	18	\$18 50	\$12 30	\$30 80	\$60 45	

## West Virginia, Week Ending Mar. 12, 1909

A. Halstead, Putnam Co.,	DR	3	24	6	12 75	70	13 45		
J. Jennings, Jefferson Co.,	DR	5	43	1	1 50	11 50	13 00	53 25	
D. Percy, Mineral Co.,	GC	5	32	29	82 75		82 75		
Totals,		13	99	36	\$97 00	\$12 20	\$109 20	\$53 25	

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$597.65. Deliveries, \$362.90.

Sales for February, 1908, \$1,233.20; February, 1909, \$5,582. 85.