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

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GENERAL MATTER

HOLD ON

Hold on, my friend, in thy believing—
The steadfast only, win the crown;
He, who when stormy winds are heaving,
Parts with his anchor, shall go down;
But he whom Jesus holds through all,
Shall stand, though heaven and earth
should fall.

Hold in thy murmurs, heaven arraignment—
The patient see God's loving face;
Who bear their burdens uncomplaining,
'Tis they that win the Father's grace;
He wounds himself who braves the rod,
And sets himself to fight with God.

Hold out! There comes an end to sorrow;
Hope from the dust shall conquering rise;
The storm foretells a summer's morrow;
The cross points on to Paradise;
The Father reigneth! Cease all doubt:
Hold on, my friend, hold on, hold out!
—*Nebraska Reporter.*

Treasurer's Report of the Columbia Union Conference

E. R. BROWN, as Union Conference Treasurer, submitted the following report:—

The report of the financial income and outlay of tithe and various mission funds contributed by our people in the several conferences of the Columbia Union, summarized into one statement, may be likened to a great barometer indicating the rise and fall of our success in proclaiming our part of this world-wide movement. So we expect that the delegates of this conference will be intensely interested in financial statements prepared for presentation at this meeting.

About two years ago, the Lake and Atlantic Union Conferences were divided, leaving seven conferences to be organized into a new sisterhood, now known as the Columbia Union Conference. On Jan. 1, 1908, we began operations for ourselves. Upon dividing our resources of the old organizations, we were given \$1,241.39 tithe, in cash, and \$321.70 in accounts

receivable. This enabled us to begin our work without embarrassment. The Lord has abundantly blessed us so far during this biennial period. The contributions received in totals are as follows: Tithe \$14,293.54, Foreign Mission Funds \$37,843.67, and for Local Missionary Work, \$3,417.92, making a grand total of \$56,796.52.

While we are eagerly laboring for the advancement of the cause in foreign lands, I wish to call attention to the fact that at least three of our state conferences are but great mission fields, dependent upon the general union and other sister conferences for assistance to carry on their work. This union has appropriated more than \$6,000.00 to advance the message in these fields since its beginning and up to Oct. 31, 1909. It has been with but careful, economical management that we have been able to meet the monthly installments on the appropriations.

The appropriation expenses have been exceptionally light during this period, and perhaps too light to accomplish the greatest general development for the departmental work of the union. God is calling on us as a base of supplies to multiply the talents he has entrusted to us; to send out workers into every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, to carry the blessed tidings of our Lord's soon coming. How can we develop workers and means to support them? Shall we wait for another two years before we launch out? We must lay broader plans to accomplish this purpose. We are facing great problems to finance the foreign field. Our educational work is in its infancy, as well as other branches of our work which have only been touched with the tips of our fingers. Office help is needed and departmental secretaries who shall put in their whole time to the various branches of the message. I believe that the Lord has many hidden treasures to deal out to us when our faith is enlarged enough to take them in. Surely he has not begun a work in the earth which he will not finish. He says, "The world is mine, and the fulness thereof."

I wish to report to the delegation that throughout the union we have endeavored to encourage the General Conference plan of remitting funds. This has been generally adopted by every conference; and now we are enjoying a steady monthly income. I can say further that the bookkeeping and office work has reached a much higher standard: in fact, it has been developed until we now have practically a uniform system throughout the Union.

It is most encouraging to look forward to the coming biennial period with the prospects all aglow. Our people have proven themselves loyal by their attitude and respond to the many calls for funds to carry out the great commission. We are pleased to receive the first star, as a union, in the report published in the *Review*, indicating that we were the first to raise our quota of the \$150,000 Fund. Last year there were more books sold in our territory than in any other union conference. Also the report of the collections made for the Thanksgiving *Review* and *Herald* campaign gives a credit almost equal to any union, while we are comparatively few in numbers. These are some of the encouraging results of the earnest laborers of our dear people. Surely we have good reason to thank our Heavenly Father for the prospering hand he has held over us, and to reconsecrate our lives anew to his service.

(The financial statement was printed in a former issue of the *VISITOR*.)

How to Enjoy Bible Reading

A WOMAN once went to her pastor with the complaint that she found no pleasure in reading the Bible; that it did her no good any more. What methods of study would he advise? The pastor answered: "Go home, open your Testament, and read until you come to a commandment; then close the book, and obey what you have read. After you have obeyed, read on until you find the next commandment." In a few weeks the woman came back to him with a shining

face. "I want to thank you," she said: "the Bible is a new book to me." God's Word is able to build us up whenever we receive it as his commandment to ourselves."—*Selected.*

The Columbia Union Conference

(Continued from last week)

CONSTITUTION

The Committee on Constitution submitted the following recommendations:—

"We recommend, That Article II be amended by striking out the words, 'unify and.'

"That Article III be amended by inserting the words, 'the District of Columbia and,' before the words, 'the States of.'

"That Article IV, Section 1, be amended by inserting the words, 'in session assembled,' at the close of the section.

"That the following be substituted for Article IV, Section 2, Division (a): 'In addition to its president, each local conference shall be entitled to one delegate for every one hundred and fifty members therein, elected by vote of the conference or appointed by the conference committee.'

"That Article IV, Section 2, Division (b) be stricken out.

"That the following be substituted for Article IV, Section 2, Division (c): 'One delegate from each regularly organized Union conference institution, who shall be chosen by the managing boards of the said institutions.'

"That Article IV, Section 2, Division (d) be amended by inserting the words, 'its departmental secretaries,' after the words 'Columbia Union Conference.'

"That Article V, Section 1, be amended by striking out the words 'an auditor.'

"That Article VII, Section 2, be amended by inserting the word 'auditors' after the word 'missionaries.'

"That Article VIII, Section 1, be amended by substituting the word 'territory' in place of the words, 'determined bounds.'

"That Section 3 of the By-Laws be amended by substituting the word 'President' for the word 'Executive Committee.'

"That for section 4, Division (1) the following be substituted:—

"(a) It shall be the duty of the auditor to examine all accounts of the

Union Conference and of its several departments, and report his findings to the Committee; except in the event of the Auditor being also Treasurer of the Union Conference, in which case the Executive Committee shall have the books of the Union audited by another.

"(b) To audit all accounts of local conferences within its territory, and report his findings to the respective conferences.

"That Section 5 of the By-Laws be amended by striking out the words, 'and settle their accounts for labor at regular intervals from the funds of the Columbia Union Conference.'"

Voted to adopt the above amendments.

Following are the Constitution and By-Laws as they stand amended.

CONSTITUTION OF THE COLUMBIA UNION CONFERENCE

ARTICLE I—NAME

This organization shall be known as the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

ARTICLE II—OBJECT

The object of this Conference shall be to extend the work of the everlasting Gospel throughout this Conference and the mission fields of the world.

ARTICLE III—TERRITORY

The territory of this Conference shall include the District of Columbia and the States of Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia, and any other territory that may come under its supervision by mutual arrangement with the General Conference.

ARTICLE IV—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. This Conference shall be composed of such local conferences of the Seventh-day Adventists as are or shall be properly organized in any part of the territory under the direction of the Executive Committee, such conferences having been accepted by vote of the Union Conference in session assembled.

Section 2. The voters of this Conference shall consist of the following duly accredited delegates:—

(a) In addition to its President, each local conference shall be entitled to one delegate for every one hundred and fifty members therein, elected by vote of the conference or appointed by the conference committee.

(b) One delegate from each regularly organized Union Conference institution, who shall be chosen by the

managing boards of the said institutions.

(c) The officers of the Columbia Union Conference and its departmental secretaries, and such others as may be granted delegates' credentials by vote of the Union Conference at any duly convened session.

(d) Such members of the General Conference Committee as are present at any duly convened regular or special session of the Conference.

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Conference shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee consisting of the President, Vice-President, and Treasurer of the Union Conference, the president of each local conference in the Union, and five persons to be elected at regular sessions.

Section 2. The officers not otherwise provided for shall be elected at the regular sessions of the Conference, and shall hold their office for a term of two years, or until their successors are elected and appear to enter upon their duties.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall have power to create such departments of Conference administration as may appear necessary for the best interests of the cause, and to appoint such chairmen and secretaries and committees of these departments as may be required.

Section 4. During the interim of the sessions of the Conference, the Executive Committee shall have power to fill all vacancies occurring in offices or boards.

ARTICLE VI—SESSIONS

Section 1. This Conference shall hold regular sessions at intervals of about two years, at such date and place as the executive committee shall designate by a notice published in *The Advent Review and Sabbath Herald* at least three weeks before the date of meeting.

Section 2. The executive committee shall call extra sessions, if the occasion requires, by a like notice, and the transactions of such sessions shall be equally valid with those of the regular sessions.

ARTICLE VII—TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, AGENTS, AND EMPLOYEES

Section 1. The delegates of this Conference, at each regular session, shall elect the boards of management of such institutions and such enterprises as are connected with and operated by this organization, according to the By-Laws in such cases made

and provided:

Section 2. This Conference shall employ such committees, agents, ministers, missionaries, auditors, and employees as may be necessary, according to the By-Laws in such cases made and provided.

Section 3. This conference may issue proper credentials to the duly accredited workers in its employ.

ARTICLE VIII—FUNDS

Section 1. The funds of the Columbia Union Conference shall consist of such tithe as it shall receive from the several local conferences within its territory, and such gifts, legacies, bequests, devices, and other donations as may be made to it.

Section 2. The tithe shall be used for such purposes only as the Word of the Lord directs; all other means to be used according to the best judgment of the Executive Committee and the specifications of the donors.

ARTICLE IX—BY-LAWS

The voters of this conference may make By-Laws, and amend or repeal them, at any session thereof; and the scope of such By-Laws may embrace all subjects not inconsistent with the Constitution.

ARTICLE X—AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present at any session; provided, that if it be proposed to amend the Constitution at a special session, notice of the proposed amendment shall be given in the call for such special session.

BY-LAWS

Section 1.—President and Vice-President. The duties of the President and Vice-President shall be such as usually pertain to such offices.

Section 2.—Secretary. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the sessions of the Conference, and perform such other duties as usually pertain to this office.

Section 3.—Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies belonging to the Conference, to keep an account of the same, and to distribute them by order of the President, and to make a full report thereof at all sessions of the Conference and at such other times as may be required by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall also collect from the conferences in the territory such financial and statistical reports as are required by the Executive Committee.

Section 4.—Auditor. (1) A. It shall be the duty of the Auditor to examine all accounts of the Union Conference and of its several departments, and report his findings to the Committee; except in the event of the Auditor being also Treasurer of the Union Conference, in which case the Executive Committee shall have the books of the Union audited by another.

B. To audit all accounts of local conferences within its territory, and report his findings to the respective conferences.

(2) The account books of the Conference and of its several departments shall be carefully audited not less frequently than once each fiscal year.

Section 5.—Powers of Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have full administrative power during the interim between sessions of the Conference, and shall exercise a general watchcare over all matters pertaining to the work of the Conference, and shall fill for the current term any vacancies that may occur in its elected membership or in the boards or committees which are appointed or elected by the Conference, and direct the movements of the employees of the Conference.

Section 6.—Auditing Committee. The Executive Committee shall appoint annually six persons not in the employ of the Columbia Union Conference, who, with the Executive Committee, shall constitute an Auditing Committee for auditing all accounts against the Columbia Union Conference.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee of the Columbia Union Conference submitted the following partial report:—

For President, Elder B. G. Wilkin-son; for Vice-President, Elder H. H. Burkholder; for Secretary, E. R. Brown; for Treasurer, E. R. Brown. Voted to adopt the above report.

The following resolution was offered from the floor:—

XIV. Whereas, The College View Council last October arranged for a definite campaign of relief for our sanitariums by the sale of the book, "Ministry of Healing," on the basis of each member selling at least two copies a year for the next three years; therefore,—

Resolved, That we heartily accept this recommendation, and urge upon our local conferences that they faithfully carry out the details of the campaign.

Adjourned to the call of the chair.

E. R. BROWN, Sec.

THE third number of *Christian Education* is now ready to mail. It especially meets the present needs of our denominational school work. It presents principles suited to the general public needs as well. This number deals largely with manual training, giving special attention to agricultural features preparatory for spring teaching.

"We must remember that information is not education," says President Wilson, of Princeton, in the third issue of *Christian Education*. What then is education, and how shall it be attained? The last number of *Christian Education* fully answers this important question.

OHIO

Mount Vernon Sanitarium Notes

MISS IRINE PORCH spent her vacation nursing in the city.

Dr. V. L. Fisher returned last week from a visit to his parents in Quincy, Mich.

Mrs. Daisy Weick has returned to the sanitarium from Wadsworth, where she has been nursing the past week.

Miss Edith Giddings was called from the sanitarium to nurse a case of pneumonia at La Rue, Ohio.

Mrs. Dessie Adamson returned to her home last Wednesday, entirely recovered from the surgical operation performed at the sanitarium the first of December.

Dr. John gave a very interesting and instructive talk at the sanitarium helpers' meeting, December 22. He gave special emphasis to the sacredness of the medical missionary work and gave many illustrations from his actual experience of the ways his medical training helped him to enter homes and teach the gospel, that without this knowledge would have been closed to him.

Ohio Conference Association Meeting

THE annual meeting of the Ohio Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventist church will be

held in the Seventh-day Adventist church, corner Ohio and Fair Streets, Columbus, Ohio, in connection with the annual conference, Jan. 24-28, 1910. The purpose of this meeting is to elect a board of trustees, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the Association. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1910, at 3 P. M.

H. H. BURKHOLDER, *Pres.*

R. G. PATTERSON, *Sec.*

Cambridge and Other Places

DURING the latter part of November I held a short series of meetings in the First-day Adventist church at Byesville. Owing to the prejudice against Adventism in any form, the attendance was light, but several good families are interested with whom I am doing personal work.

My time during the week of prayer was spent with the believers at Cambridge, Derwent, Byesville, and Barnesville. At the last mentioned place, an aged brother, unable to engage in active work, has been remailing his weekly *Signs of the Times* to a lady in a neighboring village. As a result this sister has accepted the truth, and is letting her light shine in that community, being the only Sabbath-keeper there. What this faithful old brother has done, many more can do. Why not begin with the new year to revive the old fashioned tract and missionary spirit in your church?

Elder W. E. Bidwell and myself filled in the holiday season with a few meetings in Derwent, at which time, one brother, the head of a family residing in Cambridge, united with the church.

Last night, Dec. 20, we began an effort in a Methodist Protestant church at Trail Run, believing that the One who opened this door will help us to find some jewels in this mining district. W. C. MOFFETT.

Zanesville

FOR the past few months I have not been out in the field work in which the missionary secretary is called to do. Early in the fall I contracted a very severe cold on my left lung, and not having strong lungs, I felt it my duty to locate some place where I might take better care of myself than I could out in the field.

I located in Zanesville, and since have been engaged in Bible work. The Lord has blessed my efforts along this line. I am now trying to bind off the work in a permanent form so I can get out into the field again and

take up the duties of the field missionary secretary.

One dear old soul who had been raised a Quaker, but never became a member of that or any other church decided after hearing the message for this time to obey. She with six others followed her Lord into the watery grave, and arose to walk in newness of life. I never saw a happier soul than she has been since that time. Yesterday (Sabbath) the ordinance of humility was administered to her, and the communion. I was made to appreciate the words of our Saviour, when he said, "Except ye become converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 18:3. Many a time she prayed that God would spare her life until she found the truth. She has talked the truth to her children and begged of them to become Christians. She has a son, a daughter, and two nieces who are very much interested. They are now coming to Sabbath-school and church, except the son, and he has acknowledged the binding claims of the Sabbath. Four families are deeply interested in the truth. Will not the readers of this article pray that they may take their stand for the truth?

F. H. HENDERSON.

CHESAPEAKE

Dover, Delaware

IT has been quite a while since I wrote to the VISITOR, this being the first time since I left Norfolk, Va., where I was employed as tent master and organist for five months. While there I made about 700 visits and held about 450 Bible readings, besides attending to my other duties. I was quite sorry to leave that needy field, yet I have found plenty to do since I came here.

I have been working faithfully to read in a home here, the head of which has been extremely bitter against the truth, and last Friday night he asked me to read something out of the Bible to him, and I thank the Lord for opening his heart. I also have been working with our 35 and 50 cent books.

Our Sabbath services at the Dover church are as well attended as can be expected; the first Sabbath of this month the entire little company came out with the exception of three. Two joined the Sabbath-school, making the number about twenty-one. We hope to make a special effort to build a church this year, also to start a

series of meetings the first of February. I am glad to be of use in this great cause and I ask the prayers of the VISITOR readers that I may be able to get into more homes and do better work for the Lord of the Harvest.

GUSTAVUS RODGERS.

Cheswold, Del. R. 2, Box 6.

NEW JERSEY

Important Notice

THE third annual session of the New Jersey Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the meeting of the New Jersey Conference at Camden, N. J., Jan. 18 to 23, 1910. The first meeting of the Association will be called at the Goff building, Broadway, near Federal street, Camden, N. J., Thursday, January 20, 1910, at 9:15 A. M., for the purpose of electing officers, and transacting any other business properly belonging to the work of the Association. All delegates to the conference are members of the Association.

B. F. KNEELAND, *President.*

Newark, N. J.

IT has been a long time since I have sent in a report of our work here, but have decided that I shall not be as negligent during the year 1910 as I have been in the year that is past.

Last Sabbath, January 1, we held our quarterly meeting service, and it was a day long to be remembered by all present. The Lord came very near to us, and the united testimony was one note of praise and thanksgiving. As we listened to the report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1909, we all felt to thank God for the wonderful way he had blessed the work during the past year. Our membership, including those who are standing true to God, but have not yet united with us because of not having the opportunity, has nearly doubled that of 1908, and our tithes and offerings have more than doubled that of the previous year. The amount of money brought in, up to date, from the missionary campaign is about \$170.00. Our offering for the week of prayer was \$106.61. The tithe for the year was \$2,230.40. Our company, without an exception were united in demonstrating their appreciation for the bountiful blessings of heaven for the past year, by renewed consecration to God for service during the year 1910.

W. H. SMITH.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

North Philadelphia Sabbath-School

Resolved, To do more efficient work for Jesus during the year 1910 than the year 1909, and we mean it! Resolutions are not worth anything unless realized; in fact they are a source of discouragement.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed our efforts the past year in that the school has progressed in every department. With an attendance of about sixty, the amount sent to foreign missions was \$86.66 and the Lord has managed the expense account beautifully—we have not taken a penny from foreign mission money and yet have a balance of \$14.05. We are praying that the Lord will open the hearts and pockets of the people that the record will again be broken this quarter. We feel that it is best to be in partnership with the Lord, especially in Sabbath-school work.

On New Year Sabbath, the kindergarten and children rendered a program of twenty-one parts. Mrs. Heald, the superintendent of this division, has put forth every effort to make this department a success, and the Lord has surely blessed the effort. As a result of the program of the Holy Spirit has come into the school.

We are entering upon a new year with its blessings and burdens. Can we not make it a more prosperous year than before? The cry of the heart to-day and every day should be, "I will not let thee go except thou bless me." In this way each day may be the best day.

B. M. HEALD, *Sup't.*
JENNIE GABLE, *Sec'y.*

WE have received the following letter from Sister John Curtis, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.:—

"Gentlemen:

"In your issue of the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR of the 29th of December, page 6, you have a statement to the effect that Mrs. J. Curtis sent the amount of \$52.00 for the Ingathering. This is incorrect since it is not understood that Miss Jessie M. Weiss and Mrs. J. Curtis were companions in this work, and therefore Miss Weiss is deserving of at least one half the credit for this amount.

"Since Miss Weist has been a most energetic worker in this Ingathering, we do not want this matter over-

looked. There is at the present time about \$80.00 to the credit of Miss Weiss alone, as the result of her untiring efforts."

ELDER C. S. WEIST reports a very good interest in West Clifford, where he is conducting a series of meetings in the Methodist church.

Brother E. R. Brown, the Columbia Union Conference auditor, spent a few days at this office last week auditing the books for the year 1909.

We are glad to learn that Brother Harry Minier has again entered the canvassing work. Let us all pray for his success.

We are very much encouraged over the result of the Ingathering campaign thus far this year, which has already exceeded in donations received that of 1908 and 1909.

Elder W. H. Heckman, together with Elder R. E. Harter, will begin a series of revival meetings in the Williamsport church, Sabbath, Jan. 14, 1910.

Elder R. E. Harter met with the Souderton church last Sabbath afternoon and Sunday morning. The ordinances of the house of the Lord were celebrated Sunday morning, after which the election of officers for the ensuing year took place. The former officers were re-elected.

Sister Sarah Smith of Wade, Pa., was united in marriage to Brother Walter Edwards, January 1, 1910, at the home of her sister, Sister Keller, 14 Frazier St., Philadelphia, Pa. Elder W. H. Heckman performed the ceremony.

Elder W. H. Heckman met with the Shimersville church last Sabbath. He reports a splendid meeting. At that time Brother George B. F. Unger was ordained as elder of that church, and Brother Homer Baumgartner as deacon.

Last Sunday night at the North Philadelphia church where a series of revival meetings is being conducted by Elder R. E. Harter and Brother B. M. Heald, the church was filled to overflowing. Many have consecrated themselves to God and others have taken their stand for the first time.

Elder A. R. Bell reports a splendid meeting at Harrisburg last Sabbath. The annual election took place and the following officers were elected: Brother Ray V. Smith, elder; Brethren Ebersole and Shipley, deacons; Brother G. E. Leslie, treasurer; Sister Myers, clerk; and Brother Workman, librarian.

Elder Heckman was called to officiate at the funeral of Brother William Gruver, one of the old pioneers in this conference. The funeral took place in the Methodist church at Roaring Branch, Sunday, January 9, and was largely attended by relatives and friends, the meeting-house being filled to overflowing. We are very sorry to lose this dear brother, as he will be greatly missed in the church where he always took an active part.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

A TELEGRAM from Corydon, Pa., to the West Pennsylvania Conference assembled announces the death of Sister I. N. Williams.

Lewistown

DEAR VISITOR: Will you please except my thanks for your weekly visits, and for the benefits derived from the news you bring?

Will many be pleased to know that this is a most promising field for some sheaves to be garnered for the "Lord's great harvest"? Three have acknowledged the Sabbath, and I have overheard others talking about it. The ministers have all received me very openly, and three have given orders for "Great Controversy;" one other, a Baptist minister, gave me a list of names to call on. Surely the Lord has wonderfully blessed in the labor thus far bestowed. One business man had a copy of "Great Controversy," and he with another friend of his who had a copy is recommending them to all that come in his store. The ministers know what I am in belief. One minister told his congregation that Sunday is not the Sabbath, and that they would not dare call it the Sabbath.

The Evangelical minister asked me to speak for him some evening, as he was having revival services. I told him I was not a preacher, but he insisted, saying that I could find something to speak about that would interest them. I agreed to speak the

next evening: subject, "The Love of God." I spoke for half an hour with freedom. The minister, after the meeting, said that he could say amen to all that was said. One lady said that was what was needed now—plain speaking. I do not care about speaking, as it does not seem proper for me to do so, for I am afraid of doing harm to my sales.

I have been meeting the most prominent people, and all warmly welcomed me to be a co-worker with them, as all seem like a family—all working together. J. S. GLUNT.

Lewistown, Pa.

WEST VIRGINIA

Good Cheer

I HAVE made my first week's canvass for 1910. The weather was bad, rain, sleet, and snow, besides bad roads to contend with. At first I entertained the idea of returning. Then I thought, If I don't carry the printed page to those dear people, who will? So I turned my face Zionward; for I believe in my heart that when we are out carrying this message to the people, we are on the royal road to the capitol that will never pass away.

Some crowns have many stars. These, I am persuaded, are for the sacrificing canvassers that leave their comfortable homes, give up their good positions where they are making money so easily, deprive themselves of the company of those that are near and dear to them, press out into the cold, cheerless world, with its hardships, to carry this message to God's people.

When I finished my second day's work, my umbrella was heavy with ice. The people I stayed with are Christians, and are much interested in the study of the Bible. By faith they are Baptists. They were loaded with Bible questions, and finally the lady became so interested she asked me what church I belonged to. I told her that I was a Baptist and more; that I belonged to the Seventh-day Adventist church; that we are standing on the verge of an eternal world; and that I believe it is my duty to call people's attention to a closer study of the Bible. I gave them some texts in regard to the signs of the times. The seventh day brought about some questions as to why I kept it instead of the first. I answered them with a prayer in my heart to God that giving my reasons for keeping the seventh day would convict them

that they too should keep God's holy day. Before taking my leave the husband asked his wife if they should take a book. She said she would like very much to have one. So they placed their order for the book I am selling.

I believe as never before that the end is near indeed. And the canvassers so few! There are many of our people doing nothing, who would make shining lights, if they would arouse to the importance of arising as one man to proclaim this message. It would lighten the burden on those that are in the field. And souls would be gathered into the heavenly garner.

A. T. HALSTEAD.

VIRGINIA

Camp Meeting Fund

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS: At our late conference held in Lynchburg, Oct. 26-31, 1909, it was voted that we hold our annual conference in connection with a camp-meeting the coming summer. Doubtless all of us are aware of the fact that we have not held a camp-meeting for the past two years, and we feel sure that you will be pleased to know that we are planning to hold one this year.

Now, in order to do this we must have some money to purchase a pavilion for the same and also some family tents. We will need at least \$650.00 to meet the above expense. \$150.00 of this amount was pledged at our conference at Lynchburg; and now we have decided to set apart Sabbath, January 29, as the day for offerings and pledges to be given. Pledges to be paid by the first of April.

Now just a little along the line of the importance of holding a camp-meeting. I will quote from Testimonies, Vol. 6, pp. 31, 32, 33, and 39. "The camp-meeting is one of the most effective methods of arresting the attention of the people, and reaching all classes with the Gospel invitation. And our Camp-meetings have another object preparatory to this. They are to promote spiritual life among our own people. God has committed to our hands a most sacred work, and we need to meet together to receive instruction, that we may be fitted to perform this work. It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. The enemies of truth are many; and because our numbers are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you

need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth. Some will say, 'It is expensive to travel, and it would be better for us to save the money, and give it for the advancement of the work where it is much needed.' Do not reason in this way; God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of his people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people."

Much more might be said along this important line of work, but this will suffice for the present.

Let each one of us seek the Lord earnestly to know what he would have us to give to this important fund.

Wishing you all the rich blessings of heaven,

Yours for the Master,

H. W. HERRELL, *President.*

A. M. NEFF, *Secretary.*

Chiltons, Va.

IT was my pleasure to make the above place a visit from December 14 to 21, 1909. This church was brought out through the labors of brethren G. A. Stevens and Clarence Hennage. The members I find are all of good courage in the Lord. One member and one subject to baptism have left the ranks. This makes us with the church feel sad because of the fact that these have not held out faithfully. The members have done very well considering that they have not had any experienced leader with them. Generally speaking, they have been faithful in paying their tithes and offerings.

We are pleased to learn that Brother Clarence Hennage will plan to meet with the church there this winter. He will spend the winter with his mother, who lives in the neighborhood of the church. We are sure this will prove an encouragement to the church.

We were pleased to meet oncemore with R. L. Owens and wife, who are members of this church, formerly of the Memorial church at Washington, D. C. Brother Owens was rebaptized some time ago, although he will soon be seventy-six years of age. We find that his courage in the Lord is growing stronger every day he lives. In June he will be seventy-six years of age, and the Sabbath I spoke for the church there he walked eight miles to the church and returned home the same day, making

Canvassers' Reports

West Pennsylvania, One Week Ending January 7, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
W. H. Jack, Armstrong Co.		DR	4	17	4	\$7 25	\$2 35	\$9 60	\$6 90
C. Dunham, Indiana Co.		GC	5	32½	47	145 60	11 75	157 35	30 10
J. Heaton, " Co.		GC	4	24	9	24 75	2 00	26 75	
Mrs. W. Wetsell, Erie Co.		GC	2	6	3	12 25		12 25	12 25
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.		GC	5	40	13	21 75	4 40	26 15	11 15
Totals			20	180	76	\$211 60	\$20 50	\$232 10	\$60 40

Ohio, Week Ending January 7, 1910

R. Minesinger, T'carawas Co.	DR	4	21	7	22 00	2 50	24 50	
A. L. Bassler, Fairfield Co.	DR	4	26½	7	19 25	3 00	22 25	2 80
H. F. Kirk, Carroll Co.	DR	3	19	5	15 50	2 60	18 10	4 75
F. E. Hankins, Harrison Co.	DR	3	18½	4	12 00	75	12 75	
Enos M. Horst, Ross Co.	GC	2	16	5	15 75	4 60	20 35	2 10
G. Schwab, Tuscarawas Co.	CK	4	31					39 00
E. E. Shaw, Ottawa Co.	GC	4	23	9	13 50	8 00	21 50	5 00
L. H. Waters, Allen Co.	CK	4	25	22	24 50	1 00	25 50	50
J. Reichenbeck, Stark Co.	CK	2	15					44 50
Totals		30	195	59	\$122 50	\$22 45	\$144 95	\$98 65

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending December 31, 1910

*W. P. Hess, Lancaster	CK	9	53	73	87 00		87 00	
F. Barto, Lancaster	CK	5	18	10	11 60	1 05	12 55	43 20
*Mrs. Brubaker, Lancaster	BS	9	39	23	23 50		23 50	23 00
Totals		23	110	106	\$122 00	\$1 05	\$123 05	\$66 20

Virginia, Week Ending January 7, 1910

K. Oertley, Wythe Co.	CK		27	24	26 50	2 10	28 60	
Totals			27	24	\$26 50	\$2 10	\$28 60	

New Jersey, Week Ending January 7, 1910

W. Plant, Rockway	GC	4	28	18	25 50		25 50	
Totals		4	28	18	25 50		25 50	

West Virginia, Week Ending January 7, 1910

J. H. Jennings, Monroe Co.	DR	5	34	3	4 50	3 75	8 25	1 50
A. T. Halstead, Kanawha Co.	DR	3	19	15	32 50			1 40
D. Dettrow, Marion Co.	CK							25 75
Maud Pengelly, Marion Co.	GC							10 75
W. Harte, Wayne Co.								12 25
J. Hankins, Wayne Co.								47 75
Totals		8	53	18	\$37 00	3 75	\$8 25	\$99 30

*Two weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$562.45.

Deliveries, \$324.55

sixteen miles he walked, and then the night after the Sabbath, walked two miles to a neighbor's to attend another preaching service held by me. Surely this is the spirit of the pioneer movement of this message. It simply shows what the good Lord will do for us when we are willing to be led by him.

It is my earnest desire and prayer that this church may press closer and closer together, and be ready to meet the lord when he comes.

W. H. HERRELL.

Warrenton, Va.

SINCE returning home from the conference at Baltimore, Md., the interest has been somewhat broken until now. It seemed for a while that Satan would get the victory. But of late the work has taken a change, and we can see the shore once more.

I have just returned from helping Brother Province in a three days' meeting. Brother Province, since the

tent was taken down, has worked up a good interest some little distance north of Warrenton; and here it was we held our meeting. The Lord gave us good weather, and the house was filled. All gave good attention. The spirit of God came in and souls gave their hearts to God. We hope that it will not be long when we can have another such meeting; hoping then, that others will be ready to unite with us in the third angel's message. There is a good interest yet among the people of this place, and we believe that God is able to raise up seed unto Abraham out of the stones. The people are very low in sin and ignorance. It takes patience and time to raise them from their superstition: but we realize that we were taken from a horrible pit; and so when things look dark, we can only say, the Lord's will be done.

There are several families who are deeply interested in the truth on the south-west of Warrenton. We are working and praying that they will take their stand for the truth before long. Brethren, we need your united prayers in behalf of these families. Should they take their stand for the truth, it would mean much to our work here. There is power in Christ to do this,—there is a bank in heaven. "But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things." Shall we not draw from this supply, when we so much need it just now? Brethren, unite with us, and we shall have the victory. Let us lay hold of the everlasting arm at this time.

We are of the best of courage in the Lord's work: we are waiting for the moving of the waters; may God grant that the troubled waters may soon move.

U. D. PICKARD.

WHILE attending the Columbia Union Conference, held in Baltimore, Md., December 2-12, 1909, it afforded me much joy and pleasure to meet with those whom I had labored for while stationed in that city for about two and a half years. Many who were but children then are now grown out of my recollection, but they have not forgotten me. I also had the privilege of meeting with brethren and sisters from other parts of the Chesapeake Conference where I had labored in years past. It simply reminded me a little of what the gathering will be when the good Lord brings his children from the four corners of the earth. May we all prove faithful and be ready to go home with him when he comes.

H. W. HERRELL.

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General Conference Committee
Action on the Visitor

VOTED, That we recommend conferences to rally to strengthen the Union Conference paper, and that our general conference departments be advised in sending out matter for local papers, to send matter to the union office for distribution to the people. Voted Jan. 6, 1910.

Mount Vernon College Meeting

THERE will be a meeting of the patrons of Mount Vernon College in the Seventh-day Adventist church, Ohio and Fair Streets, Columbus, Ohio, in connection with the annual meeting of the Ohio State Conference, January 24-28, 1910. The purpose of this meeting is to elect trustees, and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. The first meeting will be held Tuesday, January 25, at 3 P. M.

S. M. BUTLER, Sec.

Christian Education assists, instructs, inspires, educates, encourages, builds, stimulates, promotes and develops. It is issued for the promotion of a broad, thorough and rational education, based upon true Christian principles. It plans for individual growth, the development of the church, and the advancement of ideal living. It aims to reveal the correct view of all the duties and responsibilities of life, and to encourage moral force to rightly discharge them. It is one of the most practical home journals published by our people. Every family ought to have it. Subscription price, 50 cents.

Central American Missions

It has been stated in the secular press that but little missionary work by Protestants has been done in Central American states. But we are glad to state that this is not altogether true. Seventh-day Adventists are hard at work in various portions of these Spanish states to the south of us, such as Guatemala, British and Spanish Honduras.

Mr. Herbert Owen, who has been engaged in educational work in Spanish Honduras for several years, passed through Nashville recently, visiting relatives and former schoolmates. In an address while here Mr. Owen referred to the work which was being done by himself and others in Spanish Honduras and other places, which was a source of great encouragement and inspiration in behalf of missions. His headquarters are Signatepeque, Spanish Honduras.—*The Watchman*.

Christ and the Law

"Do not think that I have come to do away with the law or the prophets; I have not come to do away with them, but to complete them. For I tell you, until the heavens and the earth disappear, not even the smallest letter, nor one stroke of a letter, shall disappear from the law until all is done. Whoever, therefore, breaks one of these commandments, even the least of them, and teaches others to do so, will be the least esteemed in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever keeps them, and teaches others to do so, will be esteemed great in the kingdom of heaven."—Matt. 5: 17-19, "Twentieth Century New Testament."

Congress Again in Session

IN harmony with the established custom of Congress, it took its usual recess during the recent holidays, but on Tuesday, January 4, it recovered from its long pull of legislative work.

We shall now be in a continual state of suspense until the session is over, for it is uncertain when the enemies of the Sabbath will bring such pressure to bear upon Congress that the Sunday bills now pending will be pushed through.

The present is the time, therefore, when the petition work should be taken hold of by our people everywhere and a large number of signatures rolled up against this wicked measure.

We suggest—we urge—that every Seventh-day Adventist sign the pe-

titions and do what they can to persuade others to do the same.

Petitions should be sent direct to Washington to the Congressmen representing the district where the petitioners live.

Please do not permit any small thing to hinder your going vigorously about this vital work, for delay is dangerous.

K. C. RUSSELL.

The Bible in the Schools

THE question of the propriety of religious exercises in the public schools has assumed a very practical aspect in a Pennsylvania town, if we may credit press reports. At Norristown, recently, it appears that the pupils themselves took up the question and started a crusade to have religious exercises restored, the school board having recently ordered the reading of the Bible and prayer to be discontinued. The pupils, when they learned of the board's action, called a strike and declared they would not attend school any more until the order was reversed. They carried a banner through the streets on which they had placed the inscription, "No Bible, no school." The parents of the young crusaders supported them in their attitude, and there was talk of carrying the matter to the governor. Whether the "strike" prevailed or not we have not yet learned, but the incident is suggestive of the possibilities which may be realized when the agitation over this question becomes greater, as no doubt it will become in the near future.—*The Watchman*.

Special Notice

WE have decided to extend our freight paid proposition to February 15, that more of our people may be able to take advantage of this liberal offer. These excellent foods at such low prices ought to go into every Seventh-day Adventist home in the United States on this freight paid plan. The purpose of the Southern Union Conference in operating this factory is simply and only to supply our people with real health foods at prices that will encourage and permit their liberal use in preference to other foods. As a people we should follow more conscientiously the health reform light with which we have been blessed. Begin now by sending in your orders. We want to help you. NASHVILLE SANITARIUM-FOOD FACTORY.
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