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GENERAL MATTER

An Encouraging Admission

IN an interview a few days ago with Dr. W. F. Crafts, he took me warmly by the hand and assured me that he saw that we stood for nineteen-twentieths of all the reforms of these modern days. Of course, the twentieth one on which we cannot stand with him and his fellows in the reform world, and to which he thus made silent allusion, is that of Sunday reform in particular and religious legislation in general.

This is a remarkable admission on the doctor's part, especially when we recall a statement of his in the *Washington Post*, of April 3, 1905. Here it is:—

"Many persons are puzzled to understand why Seventh-day Adventists, who are personally religious and moral, so often take a position against moral movements, sometimes joining with the saloons to prevent Sunday-closing, often canvassing a whole city, as they are proposing to do here, to prevent such a movement as the improved teaching of morality in the schools, when they have shown no such activity in canvassing the city for the restraint of intemperance, impurity, gambling, divorce, or any other form of evil."

It can be no small source of gratification to all our people to note the evidence the doctor's frank admission contains that our life-long attitude toward all these things is coming at last to be recognized by the reform forces outside our own ranks. It is plain to us, but of course could not be expected to be equally plain to outsiders, that as the end approaches and as our ranks fill up, we are engaging in activities that can by no means be kept in a "corner," and the world is sitting up and taking note. We know that we are in the farthest possible position from a league with the saloon, and always have been; but the wicked, unscriptural and unconstitutional legislation by which they propose to secure their reform

ends are so vicious and dangerous that we can not be true to Bible and patriotic principles without opposing them, even when we see those with most of whose aims we harmonize misunderstanding and misjudging.

Let us not fail to put forth every effort possible in defence of temperance reform, even by uniting with those outside our ranks when the Sunday question is not involved. This is in thorough accord with what the Spirit of Prophecy has said, as will be seen from the following Testimony:—

"Let our people everywhere take hold decidedly to let it be seen where we stand on the temperance question. Let everything possible be done to circulate strong, stirring appeals for the closing of the saloon. Our work for temperance is to be more spirited, more decided. . . . The Women's Christian Temperance Union is an organization with whose efforts for the spread of temperance principles we can heartily unite. The light has been given me that we are not to stand aloof from them; but, while there is to be no sacrifice of principle on our part, as far as possible we are to unite with them in laboring for temperance reforms. . . . We are to work with them when we can; and we can assuredly do this on the question of utterly closing the saloon. By uniting with them in behalf of total abstinence, we do not change our position with regard to the observance of the seventh day, and we can show our appreciation of their position regarding the subject of temperance."—*Review and Herald*, June 18, 1908.

K. C. RUSSELL.

Minutes of Columbia Union Conference Association

A MEETING of the Columbia Union Conference Association was held in connection with the Second Biennial Session of the Columbia Union Conference, at 9:15 A. M., Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1909, in the Mizpah meeting house, Baltimore, Maryland, with Elder B. G. Wilkinson, president in the chair.

Thirty-nine members responded to the roll call.

COMMITTEES

Moved by Elder H. H. Burkholder, seconded by Elder C. B. Haynes, that the nominating committee for the Columbia Union Conference act as the Columbia Union Conference Association Nominating Committee. The motion was carried.

Moved by Elder J. F. Jones, seconded by Elder C. C. Webster, that the Committee on plans and finance for the Columbia Union Conference act as the committee on plans and finance for the Columbia Union Conference Association. The motion was carried.

Voted, upon motion of Elder W. H. Heckman, seconded by Elder J. F. Jones, that we do now adjourn to 9:15 A. M., Thursday, December 9, 1909.

The second meeting of the members of the Columbia Union Conference Association held in connection with the Second Biennial Session of the Columbia Union Conference, was opened at 9:15 A. M., Thursday, Dec. 9, 1909, with Elder B. G. Wilkinson in the chair.

Prayer was offered by Prof. S. M. Butler, President of Mount Vernon College.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. It was suggested that the committee appointed was on plans and constitution, instead of plans and finance. With this correction, they were approved.

Twenty-nine members responded to the roll call.

PLANS AND CONSTITUTION

The Committee on plans and constitution submitted the following final report:—

1. We recommend, That the trustees of the Columbia Union Conference Association take steps to acquire possession of the property now held by the Mount Vernon College Corporation.
2. We recommend, To amend the by-laws of the Columbia Union Conference Association by adding to article 8, a clause to be known as section 3, as follows:—

"The meetings of the board of trustees, both regular and special, shall be held at such times and places as may be designated by the President."

Upon motion of J. D. Wagner, seconded by R. G. Patterson, recommendation 1 was adopted.

Voted, on motion of R. G. Patterson, seconded by H. F. Graf, that the amendment presented as recommendation 2, be adopted.

NOMINATIONS

The committee on nominations for the Columbia Union Conference Association submitted the following final report:—

We recommend for trustees of the Columbia Union Conference Association:—

Benjamin G. Wilkinson, Henry H. Burkholder, Ernie R. Brown, Henry W. Herrell, Frank D. Wagner, Sylvester M. Butler, Fred I. Richardson, William H. Heckman, and Benjamin F. Kneeland.

Voted, on motion of W. H. Heckman, seconded by B. F. Kneeland, to adopt the above report. Adjourned sine die. E. R. BROWN, Sec.

The Poor Boy Who Made Good

THE recent death of Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, recalls to the American people a wonderful story of what clear grit can do for a poor American boy. Born in poverty, hemmed in on every hand by seemingly insurmountable obstacles, without friends, or opportunity for education or advancement of any sort, with a drunken father in the almshouse, who had left to him and his sturdy Scandinavian mother the task of supporting the family of seven, John A. Johnson has added one more name to the glorious roll of American boys with "no chance" who have conquered adversity and risen to distinction.

When young Johnson was fourteen, he got a position in a store at \$2.50 a week. The weather was biting, the mercury often being far below zero in that Northern winter. Although the boy had only a thin summer alpaca coat, he absolutely refused to buy an overcoat, and turned every cent he earned over to his mother. His employer offered to sell him a coat on credit, but he could not be persuaded to run into debt; besides, he said, with great emphasis, that his underclothes were "awfully warm."

He got a chance, later, to make a little extra money by working evenings, inking the roller for a hand

printing-press, pumping bellows in a blacksmith's shop, and carrying mail to houses outside the postal delivery route. In this way he earned enough to buy a cheap coat.

The boy's great ambition was to make something of himself, to stand for something, and he left no stone unturned to effect this object. He tried for months to get a place in the village drug-store, because he thought he could learn so much from the politicians who gathered there in the evening. Many times the proprietor told him he had no place for him, but when he found that the boy would not be turned down he gave him a position at a very small salary.

How can you keep down a boy with such grit after he has once learned the alphabet? While thousands of boys and girls in Minnesota were complaining that they had "no chance" to get an education or a start in the world, this poor boy managed to find a way to get both, even while struggling to carry the burden which his drunken father had dropped on the shoulders of his mother and himself. Where other boys saw only mediocrity and humdrum lives, he saw the opportunity for great things. What did a boy with such grit care for obstacles? He felt he was ready for anything that should get in his way. A chance was all he wanted, and he did not wait for this to come to him—he made it. In spite of heavy handicaps, which would have crushed a less resolute soul, young Johnson climbed steadily upward until he was finally nominated for governor of his great State—Minnesota.

And here his grit and manhood were put to a terrible test. His enemies tried to kill him politically by posting placards in every conceivable place throughout the State, abusing his foreign antecedents, and urging people to vote against John A. Johnson, because "his father was a drunken loafer and his mother took in washing." Transparencies of the same character were carried in parades in many parts of the State. A copy of the certificate of his father's death in the poorhouse was also circulated far and wide in an effort to discredit his candidacy, but in spite of all these contemptible subterfuges of his enemies to defeat him he was elected governor by an overwhelming majority. More than that, he was twice re-elected to the office by popular vote, tens of thousands of men of the opposite political party voting for him.

In his days of poverty and stress in

St. Peter, young Johnson never said to himself, "There are no opportunities in this little backwoods village. If I am ever to amount to anything, I must go to a great city where the opportunities are." He resolved to make good at home, right where he was born.

"My ambition," said Governor Johnson, after his first election to the governorship, "was to make good in the town where I was born, make good for myself and the folks—and I did."—*Success*.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

President's Address at the Union Conference

JUST about two years ago while in Michigan, I received word from Philadelphia, notifying me that I had been elected to the presidency of the East Pennsylvania Conference. It fell to my lot not to follow mediocrity, but rather, excellence, and an official who had made such a success of his work that he was called to fill a higher position of usefulness. This naturally meant hard work. Nevertheless, I am pleased to be able to report that the Lord, through the co-operation of our laborers and churches, has greatly blessed the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference during this last biennial period.

POPULATION

It is hardly necessary for me to say anything relative to the territory of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, as it is familiar to all. I do desire, however, to emphasize the tremendous population we have in our territory, not for the sake of comparing conference with conference, but for the purpose of placing before this union meeting the vast amount of work which must be done before the Lord shall come, and thus to gain your sympathy and co-operation in placing more workers in the field. At present we have a population of nearly four and a half millions of people, exceeding in numbers some of our unions. We have nine cities ranging from 40,000 to 150,000, and many more towns with a population of from 10,000 to 25,000. Besides these, we have the city of Philadelphia with more than one and a half millions of souls, the third city in the United States and the metropolis of the Columbia Union. These facts go to remind us very forcibly of the statement made by Sister White at our last General Conference meet-

ing. In speaking of the great cities, she said, 'When I think of the many cities yet unwarned, I cannot rest. It is distressing to think that they have been neglected so long. . . . Oh that we might see the needs of these great cities as God sees them! We must place in these great cities men who can present the third angel's message in a manner so forceful that it will strike home to the heart.' We can therefore readily see, when we take into consideration the tremendous population and this solemn statement made by the Lord's servant, that we have a great work to do in this great field.

MEMBERSHIP

During the past twenty-two months we have added more than 250 new believers to our conference. We have organized three new churches, making a total of thirty churches, with an aggregate membership of about 1,200.

AGGRESSIVE EFFORTS

There were thirteen aggressive efforts conducted during the biennial term, with excellent results, as the additional membership and additional churches clearly indicate.

LABORERS

At present the working force of our conference consists of seven ordained ministers, four licentiates, five Bible workers, besides the Secretary and Treasurer of the Conference, and the Secretary and Treasurer of the Sabbath-school and Young People's society, together with eight canvassers.

CANVASSING WORK

While the canvassing work does not yet meet our ideal, neither what our State Agent expects it to become, yet it shows a marked increase over that of the previous two years. The total value of literature sold during the twenty-two months from January 1, 1908 to October 31, 1909, was \$20,006.66. On this basis for the two full years it would amount to \$21,206.66. The total amount sold during the years 1906 and 1907 inclusive was \$12,792.91, being an increase during the last biennial term over the preceding biennial period of \$9,407.75.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY

The number of Young People's Societies in our conference is seven; an increase of three. The amount of offerings for foreign missions during the twenty-two months was \$298.54. On this basis, for the two years,

\$328.54, as compared with \$113.19 for the biennial term.

CHURCH SCHOOLS

We have operated two church schools, one at Fairhill, where a school building is in the process of erection. This school has a present enrollment of about twenty-seven.

SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK

We regret very much to report at this time the death of our Sabbath-school and Young People's Society Secretary, Sister S. M. Andrews. As the result of the illness and death of her father, preceding her own illness, she has been off duty two or three months during the year; yet the prosperity of these departments of our work has been very gratifying indeed. Nearly all our Sabbath-schools have adopted the plan of giving 'all donations to missions'. The membership has increased one hundred fifty-four. The total amount sent to foreign missions from this department from January 1, 1908 to October 31, 1909,—twenty-two months—was \$2,674.52. On this basis, for the twenty-four months, \$2,999.52, a gain over that for the preceding two years of \$1,275.80, thus showing the faithful work of our lamented Secretary.

MEDICAL WORK

Our Sanitarium, located in Philadelphia, has been anything but encouraging. Comparing the past two years with the former years of its existence, however, it has made progress; for while the annual loss since its operation has been above \$7,000, the past two years it has been decreased to about \$3,500 per annum. This decrease is due largely to the ability and able management of our Medical Superintendent, Dr. W. H. Smith.

HARVESTING GATHERING

We certainly are glad to be able to report such a favorable showing made by our conference during the first Harvest Ingathering campaign of 1908, the total amount collected being \$1,437.62. Our brethren and sisters have taken hold with the same degree of earnestness and zeal for the campaign of 1909, which is not yet over, and bids fair to exceed the amount secured last year.

FOREIGN WORK

We have had, during the biennial term, five foreign workers,—three Germans and two Scandinavians. Elder Meyer, who is at the head of the German work, has been very

successful. When he came to the city of Philadelphia a few years ago, there were no German Sabbath-keepers in that large city with a German population of not less than 250,000. To-day they have a neat church building, bought last spring for \$5,300, \$2,000 of which is paid. They have a membership of forty-one. We consider it from the standpoint of aggressiveness and spirituality, one of the best churches in our conference.

Sister Borchgrevink, our Scandinavian Bible worker, came to this conference in the fall of 1908. Brother P. L. Hoen, our other Scandinavian worker, came last July. They now have a nice little company of eight adults meeting every Sabbath.

COLORS WORK

In the city of Philadelphia alone we have a colored population of 107,000, the largest colored population outside of New Orleans, of any city in the United States. Yet we are sorry to say that little or nothing has been done for this race in our conference. We have, however, connected with one of our large city churches in Philadelphia some twenty-five colored members. Ever since coming to this conference, we have been trying to secure a number-one colored minister. This ambition was about to be realized at the last General Conference Council held at College View, Nebraska, where we were put in touch with Elder W. H. Green, a successful colored minister then located at Atlanta, Georgia. We immediately negotiated with Brother Green, with the result that he at once accepted our call. Unfortunately, for the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, at least, Elder Green stopped at Washington; and while there, because of the great need in that city, and in consultation with some of the leading General Conference men and the District of Columbia Conference, thought best to remain if we would release him. As the result of correspondence with Elder Daniells and the District of Columbia Conference, we waived our claim on him, with the hope that something will be done by the leading brethren to help our needy situation in the very near future.

FINANCES

It pleases me to report that the finances of this conference have advanced materially. There has been a steady increase along the line of tithes and offerings. During the year

1906, the total amount of tithe receipts was \$11,848.27. The following year, 1907, \$12,629.22. The next year, 1908, brought us \$14,705.42, a gain over the previous year of \$2,076.20. This year bids fair to go ahead of last year; but, figuring on the basis already received, there will be a gain over the preceding biennial period of \$4,013.18, which we believe to be remarkable, taking into consideration the total failure of crops in Eastern Pennsylvania during the last years owing to the dreadful drought, the closing of the mines, and the general financial depression.

During the years 1906 and 1907, the total amount sent to foreign missions was \$1,982.70 and \$2,378.18, respectively. For 1908, the total amount sent to foreign missions was \$4,623.41, an increase over the previous year of \$2,250.23. Word recently received from the General Conference treasurer stated that the total amount received from this conference up to October 31, 1909, for foreign missions was \$4,386.59. Thus it can readily be seen that the increase for this biennial period is several thousand dollars.

CONCLUSION

While statistical figures and statements are as a rule cold and uninteresting, yet in this instance we believe they clearly indicate the faithfulness and self-sacrificing spirit and the spiritual condition of our brethren and sisters in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, thus fulfilling the statement of Christ, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

The future outlook of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference is bright and promising, as all our people are loyal and true to the organization and every phase of present truth. Our earnest desire is to see the third angel's message go with leaps and bounds; and to that end we believe every worker will co-operate and consecrate himself.

But, brethren, we are confident that you will not only be interested in the encouraging report of the progress of the message in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, but will appreciate and heed the Macedonian call which comes so forcibly for additional laborers in our great congested cities, remembering that each opportunity is an appeal for service. We earnestly pray that ere long our force of workers may be materially strengthened by the coming of additional ministers and Bible workers

to our conference; and, with emphasis upon this proposition, we respectfully submit our report for the past biennial period. W. H. HECKMAN.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

We are grieved to learn that Sister J. C. Cannon's little grandson is not expected to live.

Elder I. N. Williams and family extend their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all for the many kindnesses shown them during their bereavement.

Elder F. H. Robbins has been elected president of the West Virginia Conference, and though we have lost a splendid worker, our loss is West Virginia's gain, and may God bless Brother Robbins and family in this field of labor, and prosper them.

Brother George West of Pittsburg has taken up the work in Erie, and we trust that all will give Brother West their support, and welcome him heartily. The church at Washington and the brethren and sisters in Pittsburg will feel the loss of Brother West, but have gladly bid him god-speed.

Elder I. N. Williams accompanied his son, W. H. Williams, last Wednesday, January 19, on his return to Alabama. They stopped with Elder C. F. McVagn and family at Nashville, where they expected to attend the Union Conference meeting. Elder Williams will remain at Huntsville until spring, when he expects to return to Pennsylvania.

Sister S. H. Elder, of Colville, who was thrown from her carriage while driving through Bradford a few months ago and who was severely injured, has recently returned from the hospital in Bradford to her home. While not strong Sister Elder is encouraged and also very grateful to God that it is as well with her as it is.

If any weary of many reports from one department, remember that some one is failing to report, and the others are writing extras to help the VISITOR out. The suggestion was made at Conference, that more reporters get busy. If you have any interesting item, whether you are a conference worker or not, pass it on.

We are pleased to learn that Sister Josephine Alberts, of Bradford, Pa., who some months ago while out walking near her home fell and suffered a broken leg, and was confined to the hospital for some time, is getting along very nicely now and the doctor has encouraged her to try walking some on the injured member.

Elder F. H. Robbins accompanied Brother Williams home from Pittsburg and remained at his home until after the funeral. The services were conducted by Brother Robbins, assisted by Elders Wagner and Bigelow. A large number of friends and relatives were present, many of the nearby churches being represented. A quartet of young people from the Tunessassa, N. Y., school and their teacher, Miss Lottie Lucas, kindly rendered some of Sister Williams' favorite hymns.

While in attendance at Conference at Pittsburg Elder I. N. Williams and Brother and Sister A. V. Williams, were called home by telegram stating that Mrs. I. N. Williams was dead. This was a shock to them as Sister Williams died very suddenly Tuesday evening, January 11. She had been unusually well that day and in the evening went for a drive and to call on her sister, spending a very pleasant time. On the way home she chatted pleasantly with her son Winfield who accompanied her, and was feeling very well until they approached the house, when she found it difficult to breathe. Winfield assisted her in the house as quickly as possible but death claimed her in less than five minutes. Mrs. Williams has always lived a beautiful and exemplary Christian life, and is greatly missed by all.

Our hearts were made very sad to learn of the death of Sister Ruth Mcrian, wife of Stanley Morian of Bradford. Brother Stanley formerly was connected with our educational work at South Lancaster and Washington, D. C., and for the past few months has been located at Bradford, Pennsylvania. In a letter just received at the office from Sister I. G. Bigelow, we glean the following:—"Sister Ruth passed away Friday, January 21, and the funeral service was held January 24, at 2:00 P. M., in the Baptist church in Bradford, as our church was too small to accommodate the large number of friends who attended. Elder I. G. Bigelow not be-

ing within reach, Brother Morian sent for Professor Fredrick Griggs, who conducted the service, taking as a text, "God is Love," and also commenting on Sister Ruth's favorite saying, "All is well;" this she said to her loved ones placing her hand in theirs just before death claimed her. She had a host of friends in Bradford. In his sermon Brother Griggs used two beautiful poems that Sister Ruth had composed. Although we cannot always understand God's ways, he doeth all things well. We extend our sincere sympathy to Brother Stanley and the sweet motherless babe that is left, and the relatives and friends that loved Sister Ruth so dearly. May God sustain them in this hour of trial.

West Pennsylvania Conference

OUR Seventh Annual Conference session was held in the First Seventh-day Adventist church at Pittsburg, Pa., January 6-13, and was attended by 42 delegates including delegates at large, also a good attendance of the lay members from Pittsburg and surrounding churches. The interest throughout the meeting was very good. The spiritual part of the meeting was not neglected, there being a spirit of freedom and unity manifested.

On Sunday afternoon a Sabbath-school and young people's convention was held, and deep interest was shown in the Sabbath-school work. Elder N. S. Ashton gave a ten minute talk on the Standard of Attainment, which proved very interesting. Mrs. J. E. Veach read an excellent paper on "The Relation and Study of the Sabbath-school Lessons." Elder F. H. Robbins gave a profitable and interesting talk on "The Sabbath-school Teachers' Reading Course." Many subscribed for the books at the close of the convention. Mrs. L. Flora Plummer of the Sabbath-school Department of the General Conference kindly furnished us with a very interesting and helpful paper, "Relation of the Home to the Sabbath-school," which was read by Mrs. N. S. Ashton. The ones leading the discussions to these talks and papers emphasized the importance of the Sabbath-school and young people's work.

The Conference president in counsel with the executive committee appointed the usual standing committees as follows:—

Nominations: I. N. Williams, William Bainbridge, J. W. Watt, Fred

Shaw, Mrs. C. E. Ritter, E. E. Read, Mrs. J. E. Veach.

Plans and Resolutions: F. H. Robbins, N. S. Ashton, B. G. Wilkinson, I. G. Bigelow, Mrs. A. V. Williams, W. F. Schwartz, F. D. Wagner.

Licenses and Credentials: J. E. Veach, I. N. Williams, B. G. Wilkinson, F. C. Owens, W. F. Schwartz.

Auditing: H. L. Reese, Eugene Anderson, Chas. Dunham, E. E. Read, D. R. Stone.

Among the resolutions adopted were the following:—

1. *Whereas*, The prospering hand of God has manifestly been over our work in this Conference during the past year in preserving the lives of our workers, and in giving success in bringing souls into the truth; therefore,—

Resolved, That we render grateful praise and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the rich spiritual and temporal blessings of the past year, and that we renew our consecration to him, and pledge him our hearts' and hands' best service.

2. *Whereas*, Our annual camp-meeting was omitted last year on account of so many of our members attending the General Conference, therefore,—

Resolved, That every church elder and leader of a company co-operate with the conference committee to have a successful camp meeting next summer or fall, by putting forth every effort to secure as large an attendance as possible.

3. *Whereas*, Our conference sessions held separate from our camp-meetings are not so well attended, many of our churches not being represented, and—

Whereas, Under the present arrangement our people do not acquaint themselves with the plans and needs of the cause; therefore,—

Resolved, That beginning with the next camp-meeting we hold our conference sessions in connection with our camp-meetings.

4. *Whereas*, It is of the utmost importance to our conference to co-operate with the educational institutions of the Union, and—

Whereas, Many of our people have responded to the one-cent-a-day plan for the improvement of Mt. Vernon College, and since there are yet many more who would respond if an opportunity were given them; therefore,—

Resolved, That we make earnest efforts at once to secure the equivalent of \$3.65 from each member of the conference, and that we continue our campaign until we have raised the full

quota of this conference.

5. *Whereas*, In our far mission fields for which God is graciously raising up men and means, there is a great lack of suitable homes and of needed institutions; and—

Whereas, To meet this need the General Conference has called for three hundred thousand dollars to be raised by our people before June 1, 1913; therefore,—

Resolved, That we accept our quota of \$3,902.40 apportioned by the Columbia Union Conference, and that we pledge ourselves to raise this quota at the earliest possible convenience.

6. *Whereas*, The "Testimonies" urge that the leaders in God's cause lay plans for work by the laity among their friends and neighbors, and,—

Whereas, The General Conference has been advising the local conference to secure a field missionary agent to teach our church members how to do this work; therefore,—

Resolved, That we request the Conference Executive Committee to place a field missionary agent in the field as soon as a suitable person can be found.

7. *Whereas*, The immediate call for means to respond to the one-cent-a-day plan in behalf of Mt. Vernon College, and for the two-cent-a-week plan for the church school work in our conference should be promptly brought before the people of our conference; therefore,—

We recommend, That the conference committee take steps to put as much of our ministerial force as possible among our churches for the purpose of raising our quota of the finances called for, before our next camp-meeting.

8. *Whereas*, The General Conference has recommended all conferences to rally to the support of Union Conference papers, and,—

Whereas, The Columbia Union Conference has recommended the continuance and support of the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR; therefore,—

We recommend, That we do our utmost to make the VISITOR a successful paper by contributing to its columns all such news items as go to make such a paper a success, and by putting forth diligent effort to raise the number of subscriptions.

9. In view of the fact that the magazine *Liberty* is the only periodical in the United States that so nobly defends the cause of Religious Liberty; therefore,—

Resolved, That we supply both the senators and the representatives from the western half of the state with

this splendid magazine, and that we urge our people to do all they can to place this magazine in the hands of teachers, and professional men as lawyers, judges, and city officials.

10. *Whereas*, One of the greatest factors in the promotion of a successful Sabbath-school is the teacher, and since many who are called to teach have had very meagre advantages for training in their work, therefore,—

We recommend, That all of our Sabbath-school teachers, and others who are interested in the Sabbath-school work, become members of the reading course that has been prepared by the Sabbath-school Department of the General Conference for the benefit of the Sabbath-school teachers.

11. *Whereas*, The Home Department of the Sabbath-school has been established to meet the needs of our people who are isolated from those of like precious faith, as well as those whose circumstances prevent from attending the local school; therefore,—

We recommend, (1) That we urge the carrying forward of this work more fully in our local schools, thus bringing the vitalizing power of the Sabbath-school lessons to every member of our conference. (2) That our ministers and canvassers co-operate with the state secretary by securing the names and addresses of isolated brethren and sisters and send them to the state Sabbath-school Department.

12. *Whereas*, West Pennsylvania has already responded to the action of the late General Conference in voting that all the regular Sabbath-school donations be given to missions, by attaining a place on the "Honor Roll,"—

We recommend, A continuation of this policy, and urge that no Sabbath-school permit a lowering of the standard by the use of any of the regular donations for anything but mission work.

13. *Whereas*, The Young People's Work to be properly developed demands the formation of Missionary Volunteer Societies in as many churches as possible; therefore,—

We recommend, The formation of local societies, and we urge these societies when formed to encourage their members to reach the standard of attainment and take up one of the reading courses provided.

14. *Whereas*, The General Conference committee has advised all our churches to engage in personal work by selling the equivalent of two copies of "Ministry of Healing" and five

copies of *Life and Health* per member for three years as a measure of relief for our sanitariums; therefore,—

Resolved, That we endorse the recommendation and pledge ourselves as a conference to encourage and participate in this campaign.

15. *Whereas*, The *Review and Herald* is the official organ of this denomination and is especially designed and adapted to contribute to the spiritual welfare of our people and to keep us informed of the progress of the third angel's message in all the world; therefore,—

We recommend, That more earnest efforts be put forth by our workers and church officers throughout the conference to place this important paper in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist.

16. *Whereas*, There is now greater need than ever before of getting before the people the knowledge of the principles of Religious Liberty, and of Healthful Living, and the true principles of true Protestantism and Christian Education; therefore,—

We recommend, That all of our people take these periodicals themselves and do all they can to circulate them among their friends and neighbors.

17. *Resolved*, That we as a Conference assembled extend to Brother George West, and to the members of Pittsburg church Number 1, our sincere thanks and appreciation for the kindness they have shown us.

With feelings of deepest sorrow the Committee on Plans and Resolutions presented the following resolution:—

19. In view of the faithful service and untiring devotion of our beloved sister, Mrs. I. N. Williams, in the service of God in this conference, and of whose death we have just been informed; therefore,—

Resolved, That we as a conference express our heartfelt sympathy to Elder I. N. Williams and family in this their hour of extreme sorrow, and that we unite in asking "God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the God of all Comfort," to comfort and sustain his servant in his hour of loneliness and grief.

Resolution four was spoken to extensively by Elders I. N. Williams and B. G. Wilkinson, Brother Wilkinson bringing out forcibly the fact that it is just as much our duty to educate workers to send to the mission field as it is to provide means to support them while there. The delegates responded heartily to this resolution and \$152.00 in cash and pledges was taken up.

The Columbia Union Conference president, Elder B. G. Wilkinson, brought before us the great danger of confusing these funds, suggesting that we clear up the Mount Vernon relief fund and have it out of the way by May 15, 1910. Then take up the Three Hundred Thousand Dollar Fund and clear it, but meantime cautioned us not to lose sight of the ten-cent-a-week plan, as our missionaries in the foreign field are now dependent on the ten-cent-a-week fund for their daily bread. Brother Wilkinson also presented the conditions our missionaries had to meet, and gave us a vivid word picture of what sacrifices our workers had to make. We prosperous Americans were overwhelmed with the real conditions under which our missionaries have to live, and the necessity of providing simple homes in which they can live and not merely exist.

Resolution eight was spoken to at length. The suggestion was offered that when we get more reporters for this paper, the subscriptions will follow.

Resolutions five, six, seven, and eight were unanimously adopted by singing, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

Resolutions nine to fifteen were adopted by singing a song of praise.

Resolution sixteen was spoken to by many present. Elder N. S. Ashton speaking of our splendid magazines and publications stated that we ought take great pride in them.

To resolution seventeen many expressed their thankfulness to Brother West and his co-workers, also to the church. All being very grateful indeed for the many kindnesses shown to them while at the Conference.

Brother N. S. Ashton, pastor of the church, responding in behalf of Brother West and Pittsburgh Church Number One, extended a hearty invitation to all to return.

Brother Robbins gave a splendid report of the work that had been done in Erie the past year.

Sister S. P. Bond representing Pittsburg Church Number Two gave a very good and interesting report of the work done in their church. Though they have been without a pastor since Elder W. H. Green was called to other fields it was very plain they had not been idle and all were pleased to listen to this good report.

The Secretary of the Sabbath-school Department gave a very good report of the Sabbath-school work in this conference, stating that while our successes had not been accidental, but had

Canvassers' Reports

West Pennsylvania, One Week Ending January 21, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
O. Dunham, Indiana Co.		GC	2	6½	2	\$5 75	\$4 00	\$9 75	\$8 35
T. Saxton, Armstrong Co.		GC	1	6	1	2 75	1 70	4 45	1 10
T. M. Butler, Erie Co.		OK	5	40	19	29 00	50	29 50	4 00
C. Zimmerman, Bedford Co.		SP	4	20½	2	3 25		3 25	53 35
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.		CK	5	39	23	34 50	6 40	40 90	19 90
Miss Zoerb, Lock Haven		CK	2	9½	3	3 50		3 50	1 50
Mrs. M. Wetsell, Erie Co.		GC	3	10	1	5 00		5 00	3 00
W. H. Jack, Armstrong Co.		DR	5	30	11	28 00	2 00	30 00	19 35
*J. Glunt, Muffin Co.		GC	4	27	5	15 00		15 00	36 10
Totals			31	87	67	\$126 65	\$14 70	\$142 35	\$146 65

Virginia, Week Ending January 21, 1910

K. Oertley, Wythe Co.	CK	23	19	20 00	2 10	22 10		
W. Weeks, Staunton	GC		1	3 00	1 75	4 75	4 75	
J. Lewis, Augusta Co.	GC	30	13	43 00	2 05	45 05	1 05	
A. Roberson, Augusta Co.	BR	21	6	16 00		16 85		85
*A. Shunk, Roanoke	GC	64	11	34 75	8 25	43 00		
†K. Oertley, Wythe Co.	CK	28	13	14 00	70	14 70	30 65	
Totals		166	63	\$130 75	\$15 70	\$145 85	37 30	

*Three weeks

†Week ending January 14

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$268.80.

Deliveries, \$183 95

been attained through the noble efforts of the officers, teachers, and members of the Sabbath-schools in West Pennsylvania and the untiring, unselfish efforts of the Sabbath-school Department of the General Conference, with God's blessing added we should keep before us how much more we have to accomplish before our schools are what God requires that they should be. One pleasing feature noted by this report is found in the fact that the giving of "all to missions" has not lessened the regular contributions, rather the increase has been remarkable. The schools are also better supplied with helps than they have ever been.

This report was spoken to by many present who were deeply interested in the Sabbath-school work. Brother F. E. Painter remarked that the success attained had been due to the "giving of all to missions." Elder B. G. Wilkinson responded, saying that Brother Painter had struck the keynote of all success, and that when we get a greater burden for other fields we will progress faster along all lines of work.

Brother I. G. Bigelow gave a very good report of the work that had been done in the field by those engaged in the distribution of our publications, and related many interesting experiences they had met with. It was plain that the remarkable suc-

cesses of these faithful workers had not been accidents either, but with untiring effort and with God's help they had succeeded. All were much encouraged with the outlook for the coming year.

After reading and a general discussion of the financial report of the West Pennsylvania Conference and the Conference Association, it was moved and seconded that this report be accepted subject to audit, owing to the fact that conference convened at the close of the year and the union auditor could not come to our office at that time to audit.

The following officers were elected: President, F. D. Wagner; Vice-President, I. N. Williams; Secretary and Treasurer, A. V. Williams; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. A. V. Williams; Religious Liberty Secretary, N. S. Ashton; Field Agent and Field Missionary Secretary, I. G. Bigelow; Sabbath-school Secretary, Mrs. A. V. Williams.

School Executive Committee: F. D. Wagner, I. N. Williams, J. W. Watt, W. F. Schwartz, F. C. Owens, Fred Shaw, J. E. Veach.

Credentials were granted as follows: F. D. Wagner, I. N. Williams, J. W. Watt, W. F. Schwartz, N. S. Ashton, J. E. Veach, I. G. Bigelow, F. H. Robbins, and E. W. Durkee.

Ministerial License to George L. West.

For ministerial help besides our

own workers, we had Elder B. G. Wilkinson, president of the Columbia Union Conference. The sermons and talks given by Brother Wilkinson during the conference were much appreciated, and all enjoyed spiritual refreshment and were benefited for attending this Seventh Annual Session of the Conference.

A. V. WILLIAMS, Sec'y.

DR. D. H. KRESS, representing our people in a grand Temperance convention held in Washington D. C. last month, defined clearly the position of Seventh-day Adventists as related to the enforced observance of Sunday, and the Temperance question. His speech and the circumstances under which it was made is given in the January number of *Liberty*. The article, "A Reformer's Conclave," in this issue of *Liberty* will be of great value to all of our people as well as to the general public. In it Dr. Crafts has much to say about our people—their relation to the Temperance and Sunday movement. Other speakers also refer definitely to the work of our people.

OBITUARIES

WILLIAMS.—Mrs. Alfreda Williams (nee Forbes) was born in Corydon, Pa., Sept. 26, 1848. She was married to I. N. Williams July 9, 1865, and was converted and united with the M. E. Church shortly after her marriage. In the year 1880 she and her companion first saw the light of the third angel's message, and accepted it, and joined the Seventh-day Adventist church of Corydon, Pa. She was a faithful, consistent member of that body until the day of her death, which occurred Jan. 11, 1910, she being 61 years, 3 months, and 16 days of age. Her death was due to heart failure. Sister Williams was a faithful companion, an affectionate mother, and a loving neighbor. She needs no stately column of granite to mark her resting place; for she has built up a monument of virtue which the years and storms of time can never destroy. She leaves to mourn their loss, a companion, Elder I. N. Williams of Corydon, Pa., and three sons and two daughters, Mr. Winfield Williams of Corydon, Pa., Mrs. Clara Guthrie of Quebec, Albert V. Williams, and Gertrude Williams of Corydon, Pa., and W. H. Williams of Huntsville, Ala.; also two sisters. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 14:13. Elders F. D. Wagner and I. G. Bigelow assisted in the services. Interment was made in the Corydon cemetery.

F. H. ROBBINS.

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Mission Notes

BROTHER N. Z. TOWN writes from Diamante, Entre Rios, Argentina, where is located our school. He says, "I found our friend Trummer hard at work in his special course. He had a chart hung up with four castles painted on it, labeled, 'Gaining Attention,' 'Awakening an Interest,' 'Creating a Desire,' 'Taking the Order.' He demonstrated to his class how easy it is to take each of these strongholds, when once prepared for it. Fifteen canvassers are going out from the school this year. While waiting for the boat, one young man took four subscriptions for 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' and two yearly subscriptions for papers, in about two hours."

Brother Sam Konigmacher, a nurse missionary who went out to Africa from the St. Helera Sanitarium about two years ago, writes: "God is very good to us, and blesses us more than we deserve. Through his blessing, we are able to do without our interpreter. [We should say Brother Konigmacher is located about one hundred miles north of Malamulo mission, Nyassaland.] I can pray, preach, sing, and speak in the language. Praise his holy name! I have just received permission from the British Resident to put in three outschools. The chiefs went over to ask for them, and God was with us, so no one refused. When I entered a village recently, I found the native women mourning for a little baby which had died. They were dancing to chase away the evil spirit. I told them the evil spirit loved such things. It was only the

Holy Spirit that could chase away the evil one. God is very good. Truly this is a great work, and we need your prayers."

Elder C. L. Butterfield, superintendent of Korea, writes: "A short time ago, the thought came to us that it might be well to get out some readings for the week of prayer in Korean. After counseling over the matter, it was decided to get them out at once. The paper will contain articles from Sister White and some of the workers, both local and foreign. As there is no mail system through the country, and as I leave in the morning for a trip of two weeks among the churches, we are trying to get the paper finished so I can take it with me. The foreman of the printing house was in this evening, and said they would run the press all night, so the paper would be ready for me in the morning. They have worked since five this morning, and I am sorry they have to work so long; but they are as anxious as we are to have the papers ready, and are willing to do this to see them go. I tell you, we have some loyal people in this field. This is the first paper we have printed in Korean."

Evolution

EVOLUTION—that word has revolutionized modern thought. The scientific world has long since been engulfed in the flood of evolution, and now even the religious world has been swept headlong into its rushing currents. Dr. David Starr Jordan, president of the Leland Stanford Junior University, recently said in a lecture that when he was a young man the theory of evolution had many opponents among great and learned men, "but in these days," he said, "there is not even a minister of the gospel of any repute who dares oppose it." This shows how rapid has been the growth of the theory, and how widespread it is. Everything is swept before it. It has dared attack even the word of God, and in the popular world the Bible is gone. All science, all learning, even religion itself has made the Bible a by-word, and heralded the principles of evolution as all and in all.

This denomination ought to know more about the evils of evolution. Our young people ought to understand that it is a gigantic fabrication fostered by the father of lies to undermine faith and confidence in the inspired word. With this end in view,

The Columbian, the young people's journal of the Columbia Union Conference, is starting in the January number, a series of articles under the head, "Does Evolution Agree with the Bible?—Is It Scientific?" These are written by Professor Lawrence Anderson, of Mount Vernon College, and have been prepared with great care and study. The few who have had access to these articles pronounce them the best thing on the subject ever gotten out for our young people to read. No one can afford to miss them.

If you are not a subscriber to this excellent college paper, send in your name at once and get the first of these articles. The paper is fifty cents a year—and it is worth it. Address *The Columbian*, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

A LIMITED number of last year's bound volume of *The Columbian* may be had for \$1.00 each. This volume has twelve numbers, and contains the articles on "How I Got My Education," by Elder E. R. Palmer, Elder F. D. Starr, Elder S. N. Haskell, Prof. G. W. Cavinness, Elder A. G. Daniells, and Elder J. N. Loughborough. This series of articles tells how these men struggled against great odds to gain the education that helped them to rise to the place they now occupy. Address *The Columbian*, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

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PERHAPS a few words from this point will be in order. The work in this field progresses slowly. I could not get a place to hold public meetings, so I have occupied the time in the distribution of tracts and papers. Just what effect they will have upon the readers remains to be seen. In visiting and distributing literature I find nothing but women, and to get into the homes of the people I find a very difficult matter. Here is needed a good consecrated Bible worker—a lady worker; and it will pay to send one here. Owing to poor health, my wife was compelled to go west to a higher altitude. This leaves me alone in a city of about 40,000 people.

What the plans for the summer will be I could not say, but I trust a strong company will be sent here this summer. My brethren, time is passing rapidly. We have no time to spend in controversy. This gospel is a gospel of peace (Ps. 10:15.), not a gospel of wrangling. May God help us to awake! T. GODFREY.