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

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GENERAL MATTER

Romans

At the beginning of the Christian era, Rome was the metropolis of the world, and the seat of the world's government. News of events transpiring at the great capital were rapidly carried from one country to another, thus making it a splendid center from which to spread the gospel. Paul, realizing this fact, earnestly desired to labor among its people, but, though he often purposed to go to them, other important duties delayed the carrying out of his plans.

A church had already been raised up at Rome, probably through the tidings carried home by those who had been in Jerusalem upon the day of Pentecost. (Acts 2:10.) The faith of this church had come to be spoken of throughout the world, and Paul longed to instruct them more fully, that they might become firmly established. As the gospel was carried throughout Asia, Macedonia, and Achaia, gradually working its way westward, it finally seemed that his prayers were soon to be answered. Only one task lay between him and his longed for mission, that of carrying the offerings of the churches to poor at Jerusalem. "Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, 'After I have been there, I must also see Rome.'"

Accordingly during his visit at Corinth (about 58 A. D.), he wrote the letter to the Romans, telling them of his plans. Not being contented to delay sharing with them some of the many blessings he had received through the gospel, he also dictated many precious lessons which have been a source of strength and encouragement, not only to those who first received them, but to all of Christ's followers to the present time.

Paul had earnestly endeavored to secure righteousness by works, but had failed. When the revelation of Christ came to him, he gladly forsook all, that he might attain to true

righteousness. Now in the beginning of his letter, he exclaims, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith.' " This was not only the keynote of the epistle, but of his whole life. In explaining this precious theme, Paul placed before them the example of those in the world. The Gentiles had utterly rejected the wisdom of God, and because of their darkened hearts, had sunk lower and lower into sin and degradation. The Jews, also, though professing to be God's people, had substituted the commandments of men in the place of his law. They too had fallen; for God's followers are not those who are such outwardly, but those who are such inwardly, in the spirit and not in the letter. All had sinned, and come short of the glory of God. "But now the righteousness of God is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;" for though all have sinned, they may be justified through faith in the risen Saviour, whether Jew or Gentile. The offer of mercy excludes none.

The Jews continually boasted of being of the seed of Abraham, pointing to his life with pride. Paul plainly set forth the fact that it was not Abraham's works, but his faith, that made him acceptable to God. "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness." This righteousness will be imputed to all who believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead. For "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." And although "the wages of sin is death," yet we may have eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The true relation existing between

Christ and the law is set forth in the seventh and eighth chapters. Many felt that in accepting him they would reject the law. This was not true. While the commandments were holy, and just, and good, they in themselves could save no one. They could only point out the exceeding sinfulness of sin. But what the law could not do was accomplished through Christ, who "condemned sin in the flesh; that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us." And now "as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God," and may joyfully claim the many precious promises he has given. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" "In all things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us;" nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Because of the great love that God bears for us, we are besought in turn to present our bodies a living sacrifice to him, as our reasonable service; not being conformed to this world, but, as members of one great body, each fulfilling the mission that has been given to him—"Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." Every one must give an account of himself to God. We are not, therefore, to judge one another, but strive rather that we put no stumbling block or an occasion to fall in our brother's way. We who are strong in the faith ought to bear the infirmities of the weak; and not to please ourselves. Christ pleased not himself, and his life has been given us for an example, that we may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

BESSIE E. ACTON.

Mount Vernon College.

"PUBLICATIONS teaching the truth are to be circulated everywhere."

"In the work of scattering our publications, we can speak of a Saviour's love from a warm and throbbing heart."

The World's Sunday-School Convention

A GREAT privilege was offered the General Conference Sabbath-school workers by being permitted to attend the World's Sixth Sunday-school Convention held in Washington, May 19-24. Twenty-five hundred delegates were in attendance from North America, and about five hundred others wore badges indicating their connection as missionaries with about fifty different nations. About seven thousand visitors or unofficial delegates were present. This convention stands unequalled in the magnitude of its constituency.

The convention sat with a gigantic map of the world before its eyes. The official button showed the globe with a red cross superimposed thereupon. Part of each day was given to a "roll-call of nations." In this meeting the ends of the earth came together at Washington.

It is claimed that this is the world's largest organization. The latest reports give 27,888,000 members, of whom 16,000,000 are in the United States and Canada. The number of Sunday-schools is 285,842.

Various factors combined to make the convention a missionary convention. Many distinctively missionary addresses were made. It was repeatedly set forth that the agency which deals with childhood is the most potent evangelizing force in the world.

Personally, we greatly appreciate the privilege of hearing these experienced and thoughtful leaders in the Sunday-school movement. What this organization is doing to circulate the Bible in all languages throughout the non-Christian world cannot but hasten the footsteps of the coming King.—*Selected.*

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Proceedings

THE sixth annual session of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference was held on the grounds of the Baptist Association, called Emmanuel Grove, located near Allentown, Pa., June 1-12, 1910.

The first meeting was called to order by the President, Elder W. H. Heckman, 9:30 A. M., Thursday, June 2, 1910. A short song service was held

at the opening, after which Elder Meyer offered a very fervent prayer, invoking the blessing of God on all sessions. Hymn No. 530, "Christ in Song," entitled "Forward" was then sung, and this was the keynote of all the sessions of the conference.

One hundred delegates were in attendance, which was the largest conference ever held in this state.

In the president's address, he showed how God's hand had been over this conference during the past year for good, as there was marked prosperity in all departments, and to God was due all the glory, as we are but instruments in his hand for the object of furthering his purposes throughout the earth.

Five tents were reported in operation during the past year and many new converts are now rejoicing in the hope of a soon coming Saviour as a result.

In speaking of the missionary department, he stated that the total amount of literature sold during the year was \$10,681.34—nearly double the amount sold during the years 1906 and 1907. While this is encouraging, yet we wish it had been larger, as these silent messengers will be the means of bringing many souls into the fold of the third angel's message.

Total tithe received during the year 1909 was \$14,709.13; for the year 1907 the tithe was \$12,629.22, showing a net gain over the year 1907 of \$2,079.91. Tithe per capita for the year 1909 was \$14.03; for the year 1907 it was \$11.87. There was an increase of tithe for the first five months of 1910 over the same period of 1909 of \$1,425.88. Total funds sent to foreign missions during the year 1909 was \$5,875.07; for the year 1908, \$4,773.62, and for the year 1907 it was \$2,378.10. This shows a net gain over the year 1907 of \$3,496.89. Total contributions for the local church work during 1909 was \$4,054.89; for the year 1907, \$1,475.32, showing a net gain over that of 1907 of \$2,579.57.

We do not make these comparisons in order to show what we have done, but for the encouragement of our people in Eastern Pennsylvania, that they may know that the work of the third angel's message is moving onward with leaps and bounds. This remarkable gain was brought about by God's blessing, and the faithfulness and self-sacrificing spirit of our brethren and sisters in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

Two new churches were added—the Fairhill church, near Soudertown, Pa., with a membership of thirty, and

the church at Covington, Pa., with a membership of twenty-nine.

Committees were appointed as follows:—

Committee on nomination: J. L. Rhoads, H. Meyer, K. C. Russell, F. A. Brownell, R. M. Fried.

Committee on plans and recommendations: C. S. Wiest, B. G. Wilkinson, B. F. Kneeland, W. T. Knox, S. M. Butler, Lura A. Francis, Matilda Erickson, and Mrs. E. C. Hinterleiter.

Committee on credentials and licenses: A. R. Bell, W. T. Knox, B. G. Wilkinson, R. E. Harter, H. Baumgartner.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, W. H. Heckman.

Conference committee: W. H. Heckman, R. E. Harter, H. Meyer, C. S. Wiest, and H. Baumgartner.

Secretary and Treasurer of the conference and tract society: A. L. Bayley.

Secretary of the Sabbath-school and Young People's Department: Miss Myrtle S. Bristol.

Field Missionary Agent: G. W. Holman.

Religious Liberty Secretary: A. R. Bell.

Ministerial credentials were granted to Elders W. H. Heckman, Henry Meyer, A. R. Bell, R. E. Harter, C. S. Wiest.

Missionary licenses to Jessie M. Weiss, H. Borchgrevink, Mrs. R. K. Gemberling, Hilda Rannalter, J. W. Hirlinger, M. A. Bristol, G. W. Holman, A. L. Bayley, and H. Baumgartner.

Ministerial licenses to B. M. Heald, C. S. Baum, and B. L. Hoen.

The following recommendations were discussed and adopted:—

1. *Whereas*, The blessings of almighty God in many ways has rested during the past year upon the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference; therefore, be it—

Resolved, That we hereby express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the Lord for these blessings, and that we hereby pledge ourselves to a more earnest and faithful stewardship in the future.

2. *Whereas*, In the providence of God, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst one esteemed fellow-laborer and beloved sister, Sue M. Andrews, therefore,—

Resolved, That we express our submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and,—

Further Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved friends with whom we mourn the loss of our beloved sister.

3. *Whereas*, The recommendations of the General Conference and Columbia Union Conference call for the appointment of a field missionary secretary in each local conference, therefore,—

We Recommend, That as soon as possible we appoint a suitable person to organize and build up the Home Tract and Missionary Work in this conference.

4. *Whereas*, The Home Tract and Missionary Work is a very effective means of securing the efforts of all people in active service for the Master, and,—

Whereas, Through this line of work our churches will be strengthened therefore,—

We Recommend, That as far as possible, in each church of this conference, (a) a church missionary society be organized, and, (b) that a missionary secretary (librarian) be elected to take charge of and to promote the Home Tract and Missionary Work.

5. *Whereas*, All of our publishing houses grant a discount of 10 per cent to our tract societies on all periodical subscriptions, and,—

Whereas, Our publishing houses are now burdened with accounting to tract societies for subscriptions sent direct to them,—

We Recommend That all subscriptions be given to the Church Missionary Secretary, who will forward all orders to the Eastern Pennsylvania tract society.

6. *Whereas*, The denomination is now publishing five new ten cent magazines in the German, Danish, Swedish, Japanese, and Chinese languages, besides publishing tracts in these and other languages,—

We Recommend, That special attention be given to placing this literature in the hands of these foreigners in our cities.

7. *Resolved*, That our churches resume the holding of weekly missionary meetings, selecting such times as may be convenient for the same. And,—

Further Resolved, That our church members be encouraged to make out a faithful report each week of the missionary work done, handing the same to the church missionary secretary each Sabbath, or at the weekly missionary meeting.

8. *Whereas*, The General Conference Committee has recommended to us that we sell the equivalent of two copies of "Ministry of Healing" and *Life and Health* per member each year for three years as a plan whereby we may provide means to relieve our sanitariums which are now heavily

involved in financial difficulties, therefore,—

Resolved, That we throw ourselves into this Sanitarium Relief Campaign in order that the debt of the Philadelphia Sanitarium may be liquidated, we pledge ourselves to co-operate with the sister conferences of this Union in selling our quota.

9. *Whereas*, The Spirit of Prophecy distinctly tells us that "We have an army of youth who can do much, if properly directed and encouraged," and,—

Whereas, The Lord has singularly blessed the efforts that have been put forth in the past, therefore,—

Resolved, That all our church elders and Sabbath-school officers be requested to manifest a deep interest in the young people in their churches, and see that they are organized into active Missionary Volunteer Societies, and,—

Further Resolved, That all young people who cannot affiliate with local Missionary Volunteer Societies be urged to become members of the Conference Missionary Volunteer Society.

10. *We Recommend*, That all conference workers and church officers urge our young people, (a) to take the missionary volunteer reading course every year, and (b) to pass the standard of attainment examination in Bible Doctrines and Denominational History; (c) to use the Morning Watch Calendar faithfully as a help in daily devotion; (d) to become regular readers of the *Youths' Instructor*.

11. *Whereas*, Mount Vernon College has done splendid service in training workers for the home and foreign fields, and,—

Whereas, There is great need of well equipped laborers in every department of our work, for which need the Mount Vernon College has been established and is now seeking to supply, therefore,—

We Recommend, That the fullest support be given this institution by:

(a) Giving it our heartiest sympathy and our earnest prayers.

(b) Encouraging, in every proper way, our young people to go there for their education.

(c) Contributing of our means to relieve the institution from financial embarrassment.

12. *Whereas*, The Columbia Union Conference has endorsed the resolution passed by the late General Conference to raise within the next three years \$300,000.00 with which to provide needed institutions and homes for our missionaries in foreign lands,

therefore, be it—

Resolved, That we express our hearty approval of this plan, and that we pledge ourselves to raise our share of this fund, which is \$5,832.00.

Whereas, It is impossible for believers in present truth to keep progress with the message abroad and in our fields near by without being readers of the *Review and Visitor*, therefore,—

Resolved, That we endeavor to so increase the subscriptions of these two papers in this conference that the *Review and Visitor* shall be found in each home.

14. *Whereas*, Many Sabbath-school officers and teachers have had very meager advantages for training in their work, therefore,—

We Recommend, Our officers and teachers to take advantage of the training now offered in the Sabbath-school Teachers' Reading Course, and carefully following the studies as outlined in the *Sabbath-school Worker*.

We Further Recommend, That the General Conference Sabbath-school Department make the reading course a permanent one, and suggest from time to time such books and leaflets as may be helpful to Sabbath-school workers.

15. *Whereas*, The *Sabbath-school Worker* is not only a molding factor in our Sabbath-schools, and the medium whereby Sabbath-school workers are kept in touch with progressive methods, but also gives invaluable help to the teachers and pupils of all ages through the excellent helps provided on current lessons, therefore,—

We Recommend, That the officers and teachers of every Sabbath-school, and also the home department members, take this journal and make practical use of it in their work.

16. *Whereas*, Our Sabbath-schools need the blessed inspiration of a real burden for mission fields, while opportunities to spread the message in foreign lands are multiplying faster than the means, and,—

Whereas, A large number of schools in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference have responded to the action of the late General Conference by giving all their Sabbath-school donations to missions,—

We Recommend, That this policy be adopted in all our schools, and that no school permit its record to lower the standard by the use of any of the regular donations for anything but mission work, thus gaining for us a place with our sister conferences upon the Sabbath-school Department "honor roll."

17. *Whereas*, There is a possibility that the Johnston Sunday Bill will not be enacted into law during this session of Congress, thus, through the suspension of any definite action or decision upon it, giving us, during the interim between now and next December, a specially favorable opportunity to educate the citizens of our conference further concerning the principles of religious liberty, therefore,—

Resolved, That we urge our people to take an active interest in bringing the principles of religious liberty to the attention of our friends and neighbors, and that in this campaign, free use be made of the document, "Do You Wish Congress to Proscribe Your Religion?"

18. *Resolved*, That the press bureau work be stimulated and further developed: (a) by the selection and appointment of suitable persons in all the large city churches in our field to act as press agents; (b) by encouraging those who are capable of writing for the press to prepare suitable matter and make strong efforts to secure its publication; (c) and that in our press work the serious discrepancies existing between the state Sunday law and the Declaration of Rights, expressed in our state constitution, be noted and pointed out in articles prepared for publication.

19. *Whereas*, There are in the denominational institutions opportunities for loaning of funds by our people, and many times urgent need of these accommodations and also of hearty support by patronage and donations, therefore,—

Resolved, That we do hereby urge the constituency of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference to give their hearty support in loaning of funds, donations and patronage to the regularly organized institutions of the domination.

20. *Whereas*, The ten-cent-a-week plan for raising funds for foreign missions is a practical one, therefore,—

Resolved, That we hereby express our determination to keep this matter continually before our church membership.

21. *Resolved*, By a rising vote, that we express our heartfelt appreciation for the courteous treatment accorded us by the Allentown Press.

22. *Further Resolved*, That we express our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the Allentown church for their kind hospitality which we enjoyed during this camp-meeting.

W. H. HECKMAN, *Pres.*
A. L. BAYLEY, *Sec'y.*

Financial Statement of Eastern Pennsylvania Conference

Year Ending Dec. 31, 1909

RESOURCES

Personal property, inventory	\$1,197 00
Bills receivable	351 00
Conference poor fund (overdrawn)	282 21
Laborers accounts receivable	50 60
Cash on hand	1,307 14
	<u>\$3,187 95</u>

LIABILITIES

Bills Payable	800 00
Tent fund	181 80
Accounts payable for laborers	61 93
Missionary Volunteer fund	8 44
Pennsylvania sanitarium fund	6 00
	<u>\$1,058 17</u>

Present worth, Dec. 31, 1909 \$2,129 78

LOSS AND GAIN ACCOUNT

GAIN

Tithe received	\$14,878 94
Donations	833 83
Appropriation for Scandinavian work	640 38
Personal Property	197 38
Appropriation for Iowa Conference	210 14
Sale of canvas and timber	13 54
	<u>\$16,573 84</u>

LOSS

Labor	\$11,041 42
Tithe to O. U. C.	1,467 89
Traveling expense	1,146 03
General expense	1,098 07
Office expense	72 01
Mileage	47 37
	<u>\$14,872 79</u>

Total gain for year ending Dec. 31, 1909 \$16,573 84

Total loss for year ending Dec. 31, 1909 \$14,872 79

Net gain \$1,701 05

Present worth, Jan. 1, 1909 \$438 73

Net worth, Jan. 1, 1910 \$2,129 78

Financial Statement Eastern Pennsylvania Tract Society

Year Ending Dec. 31, 1909

LIABILITIES

Bills payable	\$6,186 32
C. O. L. account	600 16
Canvassers' relief fund	28 65
Students' fund	43 10
W. Philadelphia church fund	22 00
"Ministry of Healing"	49 45
Personal accounts payable	71 35
Church and Sabbath-school accounts payable	9 04
	<u>\$7,010 07</u>

RESOURCES

Inventories:—	
Merchandise	510 47
Periodicals	5 46
Postage and stationery	12 97
Office fixtures	160 00
Bills receivable	2,500 00
Church and Sabbath-school accounts receivable	326 52
Personal accounts receivable	2,233 63
Cash accounts receivable	1,034 11
C. O. L. accounts receivable	97 45
	<u>\$6,882 61</u>

Deficit Dec. 31, 1909. \$127 46

LOSS AND GAIN ACCOUNT

LOSS

VISITOR account	\$919 27
Interest	183 02
Expense	165 53
Rent	154 00
Postage and stationery	108 68
Canvassers' institute	79 21
Canvassers' traveling expenses	33 70
Freight and expense	17 38
Church C. O. L., acct. N. G.	68 75
Personal accounts N. G.	48 19
	<u>\$1,133 08</u>

GAIN

Merchandise	\$275 15
Periodicals	72 39
Sundry accounts	29 16
	<u>\$1,020 82</u>

Total losses for year ending Dec. 31, 1909 \$1,133 08

Total gains for year ending Dec. 31, 1909 \$1,020 82

Net loss \$112 26

Deficit, Jan. 1, 1909 \$15 20

Net insolvency, Jan. 1, 1910 \$127 46

Statement Resources and Disbursements

Year Ending Dec. 31, 1909

RECEIPTS

Tithe received	\$14,709 13
General trust funds:—	
Sabbath-school donations	\$1,905 63
F. D. Offerings	859 17
Foreign missions	227 73
Annual offerings	697 09
Midsummer offerings	371 48
Religious liberty	77 25
Ingathering	1,854 80
Portugal mission	58 21
Colored work	100 44
Foreign Mission Seminary	2 50
Maintenance fund	61 97
Mount Vernon College fund	130 06
Jewish work	1 00
Blind work	15 45

Local trust funds:—

Tent.....	551 97
Conference poor.....	127 70
Donations.....	858 83
Missionary Volunteer fund.....	6 20
Interest.....	160 67
Bills payable.....	800 00
Sanitarium fund.....	127 25
Scandinavian work.....	640 38
On account.....	105 10
Iowa Conference appropriation.....	210 14
Mileage.....	6 26
Traveling expenses.....	2 00
Lumber and canvas.....	13 55

\$24,582 86

DISBURSEMENTS

General trust funds to C.U.C. \$6,257 96	
Tithes to C. U. C.....	1,467 89
Labor.....	11,000 59
Traveling expense.....	1,148 03
General expense.....	1,098 07
Office expense.....	3 63
Postage.....	68 33
Interest.....	249 07
Tent Fund.....	518 r7
Conference poor.....	129 72
Bills payable.....	25 00
Annuities.....	95 00
Sanitarium fund.....	121 25
Tithe received.....	35 91
Missionary volunteer.....	4 35
Bills receivable.....	351 09
Mileage.....	6 26
Donations.....	25 00
Cash overdrawn, Jan. 1, '09.....	673 14
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1909..	1,307 14

\$24,582 86

Elder W. H. Heckman,
4910 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Brother:—

Attached, you will please find financial statements of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference and Tract Society, covering a period of one year, ending Dec. 31, 1909.

I have carefully examined the books of the treasurer during this period, and find the funds properly accounted for. In auditing, I have verified the cash entries of the receipts and disbursements with the receipts, receipted bills, checks, labor reports, etc., which are complete and on file in the office. I have also verified the cash on hand and in the bank, and find the same agrees with the items of the Cash Book, all of which I respectfully submit. Your brother in the work,

E. R. BROWN, C.U.C. Auditor.

NEW JERSEY

Our periodical workers are meeting with splendid success. We are just in receipt of the following letter

from a young lady who is earning a scholarship: "I have greatly enjoyed working with our periodicals this past month. Kindly send me for July 300 *Life and Health*, 200 *Signs Monthly*, and 100 *Watchman*."

Another letter received the same day from another young lady who is earning a scholarship is as follows: "Please order at your earliest 50 June and 300 July *Life and Health*, 100 *Watchman*, and 100 *Signs Monthly*."

One morning recently before the tract society secretary had eaten his breakfast, two young ladies who are working on scholarships ordered 1,050 of our magazines for June and July.

Monday, June 20, orders were received in the office for 2,240 magazines.

WEST VIRGINIA

NOTWITHSTANDING the extremely hot weather, the tent meeting service was commenced Sunday evening, June 5, with an attendance of over one hundred persons; and since the opening the attendance has been gradually increasing, until Friday evening there were 200 people present. At this meeting the announcement was made that there would be no meeting Saturday evening, and after the service an almost universal request was made that the meeting be not called off for Saturday night, so the meeting was announced to be held as usual. While the attendance has been so very satisfactory, the attention has been such as to encourage the speakers in their efforts to present the truths of the third angel's message.

Elder Robbins had planned to attend the business meeting of the Columbia Union Conference, held at Washington, D. C., June 14, but the developing interest in the meetings is so great he felt it was impossible for him to leave, and therefore was compelled to write Elder Wilkinson advising him of his inability to attend.

Sister Maggie Graham, of the Parkersburg church, leaves us to make her home with her mother in New Jersey. Sister Graham has been connected with the Parkersburg church

for a long time and the membership regrets the loss of one who has been such a help in many ways. While they will miss her, their prayers will go with her that the blessing of God will continue with her wherever she may be.

Sabbath-school at McMechen, where the tent meetings are being held, was organized last Sabbath.

This is from a true gospel canvasser: "I have seen the Lord impress the need of knowing the truths of this time upon the heart of man. Many people besides Seventh-day Adventists believe that we are living in the last days."

Sabbath, July 2, is the time set for the annual Midsummer Offering. This is the offering that must be depended on to carry our missions over the summer season. Our general officers claim that the coming season is the hard time financially for the mission treasury. The eyes of our missionaries in all lands will be upon this Midsummer Offering, and many prayers are going up to heaven that God may send help. Therefore, dear brethren, let our prayers, too, ascend to the throne of grace with the missionaries' that God's blessing may be with his people in this time of great need. Let our donations be liberal, more liberal, indeed, than they have ever been before. Those of our isolated members, and those who from any cause will not be with their churches, will kindly send their offerings to the West Virginia Conference, 1212 Seventh St., Parkersburg, W. Va., and may the prayers of all be that God's blessing be with the West Virginia Conference in this offering.

CHESAPEAKE

THE conference committee met in the office June 10, and in connection with other work appointed Brother O. B. Tracy, 1711 West Lexington Street, Baltimore, Md., as our field missionary secretary. Let all who desire to take up the periodical work write to Brother Tracy. He will be glad to hear from you. This is important work, and we trust in the near future we shall have quite a number of persons who are not in the work, engaged in placing the papers filled with truth in the homes of the people.

Elder John F. Jones and wife have been visiting their son and daughter in Oregon and Colorado. They returned home June 15. Both are in good health, and report having had a very pleasant trip.

Elder F. M. Fairchild has started a series of meetings in Midland, Md.

Elder Gaede has begun a series of meetings in Roseville, Md. This place is near the city of Baltimore.

Elder Sufficool reports good attendance in Hagerstown.

Elders Seeney and Ashton will conduct a tent effort in the city of Baltimore this summer for the colored people. They desire to begin their work about July 1.

Elder Haynes will begin a series of meetings for the English-speaking white people in the city of Baltimore in a few weeks time. Brethren and sisters, let all these workers have your prayers. It is the united prayers of the people of God that avail. We are living in a very serious time. The city of Baltimore, as you doubtless know, is a stronghold for Catholics, and the work here is hard. But truth will triumph, and we feel sure there are many honest souls in this city, waiting for the light.

Let all the churches remember the Sanitarium Relief Campaign, and begin now to order the books and papers you will want for the Campaign

EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

Hagerstown, Md.

SUNDAY, June 12, we commenced our meetings in the tent, located on North Locust St., Hagerstown, Md. From the first an interest has been manifest, and we believe our present efforts will yield precious fruit to the glory of the Father. The incessant rain fall has hindered many who desire to attend these meetings, but we expect the rains will soon be over and our attendance will increase.

Every year should be our best. To this end let us work with the Lord, watch for souls, and pray that the meek and humble spirit of the lowly Nazarene may make of our heart its continual abiding place. Then we shall bring forth much fruit to the glory of God the Father.

LLEWELLYN E. SUFFICOL.

Canvassers' Reports

West Virginia, Week Ending June 17, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
D. Adams, Marshall Co.		CK	4	41	8	11 50	2 25	13 75	
Guy Corder, Wheeling		BF	5	37	38	39 50	4 10	43 60	1 00
†Ray Corder, "		BF	10	74	106	117 00	2 50	119 50	
W. Coleman, Marshall Co.		DR	5	39	10	31 00	10 75	41 75	
D. Haddix, Wetzel Co.		BF	4	28	7	13 00	9 50	22 50	1 50
M. Haddix, McMechen			1	3			1 75	1 75	1 50
Hazel Leach, Ohio Co.		DR	5		16	50 00	1 00	51 00	50
May Leach, " "		CK	5		20	26 00	7 50	33 50	
J. Jennings, Fayette Co.		DR	5	30			35 00	35 00	8 00
Dollie Parker, Brooke Co.		CK	5	42	31	51 00		51 00	
T. M. Butler, Tyler		CK	4	30	21	32 00	50	32 50	1 95
Eva Pruett, Charleston		DR							3 75
Totals			53	324	257	\$371 00	\$74 85	\$445 85	18 20

Ohio, Week Ending June 17, 1910

F. E. Hankins, Carroll Co.	DR	5	44½	24	70 00			70 00	
H. Kirk, Carroll Co.	DR	5	50	20	64 00			64 00	
H. C. Smith, Medina	DR	4	42½	12	36 00	3 00		39 00	
R. Wheeler, Washington Co.	DR	4	43	8	26 00	1 00		27 00	
B. Wagner, " "	DR	4	41	7	21 00	4 00		25 00	1 00
A. Miller, Mahoning Co.	DR	4	12	3	9 00	4 50		13 50	1 50
R. J. Minesinger, M'rr'w Co.	DR	2							77 50
Enos M. Horst, Ross Co.	GC	4	38	3	9 00	6 30		15 30	5 80
O. Hershberger, Morgan Co.	GC	3	23	5	15 00			15 00	
†C. Oberholtzer, " "	GC	6	45	8	25 00			25 00	
J. Reichenbeck, Trumble Co.	GC	2	15	1	3 00			3 00	49 00
†H. F. Forsythe, Logan Co.	CK	7	56	17	26 50	2 00		28 50	50
C. Perrine, Delaware Co.	CK	3	22	5	7 00	50		7 50	
L. H. Waters, Allen Co.	BF	5	36	27	28 50	1 00		29 50	1 00
Mrs. C. Garman, Paulding Co.	CL	5	37	17	21 25	22 45		43 70	
Totals		63	505	157	\$361 25	\$44 75	\$406 00	\$136 30	

West Virginia, Week Ending June 10, 1910

D. Adams, Clay Co.	CK	2	14	12	14 50	4 35		18 85	
T. M. Butler, Moundsville	CK	5	40	22	24 00	3 50		27 50	2 65
Guy Corder, Wheeling	BF	5	37	41	44 00	2 80		46 80	
W. Coleman, Marshall Co.	DR	3	23	10	30 00	3 45		33 45	
D. Haddix, Wheeling	BF	5	27	10	10 00	13 00		23 00	
M. Haddix, McMechen	NP	2	3			2 50		2 50	1 50
J. Jennings, Fayette Co.	DR	5	31	1	2 00	39 50		41 50	5 00
Hazel Leach, Ritchie	DR	5	43	15	53 00			53 00	
May Leach, Richland	CK	5		40	52 50			52 50	
Dollie Parker, Brooke Co.	CK	5	37	36	48 50			48 50	
Totals		42	255	187	\$278 50	\$69 10	\$347 60	\$9 15	

Chesapeake, Week Ending June 17, 1910

Maryland									
S. N. Brown, Barrelyville	CK	4	31						106 60
John Mitchell, Greensboro	GC	4	28	11	34 00	3 75		37 75	
William Horn, Chesapeake	GC	5	38	10	34 00	3 30		37 30	2 20
W. Spicer, Chesapeake City	GC	5	34½	7	21 00	15 30		36 30	
†W. Yonson, Howard Co.	GC	7	60	12	38 00	16 20		54 20	2 50
J. Parks, Fairmont	CK	3	21	5	10 00	2 50		12 50	
E. A. Huett, Short Lane	GC	2	18½	3	9 00			9 00	
Totals		30	231	48	\$146 00	\$41 05	\$187 05	\$111 30	

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 28, 1910

J. Kennedy, Lehigh	DR	5	40	10	29 00	2 50		31 50	1 50
E. J. Kasselmey, Bucks	DR	2	13	6	18 00			18 50	
J. Lichy, Lehigh	GC	5	40	6	19 00	5 50		24 50	59 00
J. Winemiller, York	GC	4	35	5	15 00			15 00	
J. H. Jennings, Lackawanna	DR	3	14	1	4 00	10 50		14 50	3 50
E. Steener, Bucks	CK	4	29	19	20 50	50		21 00	
W. P. Hess, Lancaster	CK	5	34	19	22 50			22 50	
Totals		28	205	66	128 00	19 00	147 00	64 00	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending June 17, 1910

J. Glunt, Muffin Co.	SP	3	10	1	1 00	1 00	13 75
Miss Zoerb, New Brighton	SP	5	32		10 96	10 96	10 96
Celestia Midkiff, "	SP	4	28		22 00	22 00	22 00
A. Brownlee, Washington Co.	CK	3	20½	21	22 50	4 05	11 30
C. Dunham, Indiana Co.	GC	5	68½	18	53 50	3 50	129 75
H. J. Doolette, McKean Co.	SP	2	10				23 25
C. Zimmerman, Bedford Co.	GC	4	32	9	28 00	75	28 75
Totals					\$105 00	\$41 26	\$146 26 \$211 01

Eastern Pennsylvania, Week Ending June 3, 1910

H. Detwiler, Bradford	GC	5	46	12	38 00	38 00	
S. Rockwell, "	GC	4	32	5	15 00	15 00	
J. Lichty, Lehigh	GC	5	33	3	9 00	4 00	36 50
G. Jenkins, Lackawanna	GC	4	27			1 20	45 75
Totals		18	138	20	\$62 00	\$5 20	\$67 20 \$82 25

†Two weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,746.96 Deliveries, \$632.21

VIRGINIA

Notice!

ALL communications for the president of the Virginia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists should be sent to Elder A. C. Neff, Quicksburg, Va. Owing to the state of my health I have been compelled to retire from the work.

H. W. HERRELL.

Faber, Va., R. 1, Box 28.

OHIO

Cambridge

GUERNSEY county is very hilly, consequently the city of Cambridge has but very few level streets in it. At practically the highest point, which is quite thickly settled with a very nice class of people, a favorable site was found to pitch our tent. After a few days' hard work pitching the tents, distributing invitation cards, etc., we were ready for the opening meeting, which was held June 5. We were very well pleased with the number and class of individuals that attended, but in a few days the weather came on so cold and rainy that it had a very appreciable effect on our attendance, but we are in hopes that as the good weath comes on many will return.

It may be of interest to make mention of a temperance rally held Sunday afternoon, June 12, in which we were assisted by the local Women's Christian Temperance Union, Dr. W. J. Venen acting as chairman. Stirring addresses were delivered by Hon. John S. McCreary, of the State legislature; the first vice-president of

the Ohio Women's Christian Temperance Union; and the superintendent of the M. E. Sunday school. Our temperance principles, our opposition to the liquor traffic, and our position on the question of religious legislation, were carefully presented. This meeting was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by every one present, and we believe its influence in favor of our work will be far reaching.

While the weather has had a detrimental effect on the meetings, yet we are trusting the Lord will give us some precious souls for our hire.

W. J. VENEN,

W. C. MOFFETT.

OBITUARIES

MELENDY.—Howard Evart Melendy, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Evart B. Melendy, was born at Academia, Ohio, April 30, 1910. His sickness, caused by cholera, resulted in his death quite suddenly and unexpectedly on Wednesday, June 15, at the tender age of 6 weeks and 4 days. A large number of sympathizing friends gathered at the home on Thursday, June 16, where a short funeral service was conducted by the writer.

O. F. BUTCHER.

By request the following is reprinted from Pacific Union Recorder:—

BUSH.—The California readers of the Recorder will be pained to learn that Dr. Camillus Bush, son of Sister Lucy Bush, of Woodland, passed away at Adler's Sanitarium, San Francisco, Sabbath, May 28.

His illness was one of several weeks' duration. By some means unknown to himself or friends, he contracted typhoid fever. Not appreciating at the first just what his ailment

was, he kept at his arduous work until actually compelled to go to bed. His fever, however, did not run very high, and his attending physicians regarded his case as most hopeful. But pneumonia developed at the last, after which he rapidly sank. Two faithful nurses, Brethren Kuhns and Harris, were with him during the latter part of his suffering, and did all that could be done to check the progress of the disease, but without avail.

Brother Bush was beloved by all who had the privilege of his acquaintance, both by our brethren and sisters and by his co-workers in the medical profession. The following word to Sister Bush from Dr. Philip King Brown will serve to illustrate the attitude of San Francisco's physicians: "Word has just come to me of the death of your son. I am too shocked to express to you my deep sympathy, but you know that every one of us loved the boy for his fineness of character, his quiet strength, and his high purpose in life. It is our loss, too, and we feel very near to you and your family in this great sorrow."

It is not too much to say that he was loved for what he was. He will always be remembered as a Christian gentleman—kind, courteous, unselfish, tender, and withal thoroughly sincere and unostentatious. He was most active in his Christian life, making it a point to be associated with our people in Sabbath-school and other church privileges. He was a teacher in the San Francisco Sabbath-school at the time of his death, and his class remembers that almost his last effort was to urge his students always to be ready for death and have a part in the first resurrection.

The doctor was splendidly educated, and studied broadly and deeply and candidly. But whatever else was studied, his Bible took first place. He often said, "Science can never overthrow the Scriptures." He loved the truth, and even while serving as a physician at the great John Hopkins University, he found great pleasure in attending the humble services of the little Adventist church in Baltimore, and did what he could to help.

He died with a bright hope. When asked by his mother, "Does Jesus seem near to you?" he smiled and faintly said, "Yes."

A large concourse of friends and relatives assembled at the Woodland Seventh-day Adventist church to pay their last tributes of respect. A few words of good cheer based on 2 Tim. 4:6-8 were spoken by the writer. The remains were laid to rest in the Woodland cemetery.

The floral tributes found at the grave were many and beautiful. Among them were two presented by the Sanitarium board and Sanitarium family respectively.

That the doctor rests in hope is a source of great solace to the family, especially to the sorrowing mother. May God bless them all and keep them faithful and hopeful to the end.

C. L. TAYLOR.

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MRS. N. H. SPRECHER, of Ephrata, Pa., was taken seriously ill with nervous prostration shortly after the Eastern Pennsylvania camp-meeting. The many friends of Sister Sprecher are requested to pray for her speedy recovery.

The Next Term of Mount Vernon College

MOUNT VERNON COLLEGE will begin its seventeenth year as a Seventh-day Adventist educational institution Sept. 14, 1910. The prospects for the year are very bright. Many young people are making inquiries, and laying their plans to attend the school. Calendars have been mailed to all whose names and addresses we have. We still have plenty of calendars left, and shall take pleasure in forwarding one to any who may be interested. Now is the time to lay your plans for next school year. Address President Mount Vernon College, Mount Vernon, O. S. M. BUTLER.

Good News

WE are sure that everyone who loves this message is rejoiced whenever he learns of any advance that has been made in the giving of the message to the world. Each one realizes that when this message shall have gone to all the world as a witness, then the Lord will come and the reward will be given to the faithful. This is the reason why all who love his appearing look with such interest for reports from the field.

During the past five days there have been some reports that have come to our desk from our students who have gone out during the summer vacation for the purpose of earning scholarships and selling our subscrip-

tion books. So far we have learned that every student who has gone out with our subscription books this season is meeting with success. One brother from the Foreign Mission Seminary, who has canvassed in New Jersey, sent the following report of his two weeks' work: First week, 49 hours, value of sales \$115.75; second week, 53 hours, value of sales \$140.50. This makes the total value of sales for two weeks \$256.25. You will notice that this brother put in good time—one hundred and two hours in two weeks, and the Lord blessed his faithfulness. The reason why many of our canvassers do not have larger sales is because of the fact that they only put in a few hours.

Another letter from our field agent of Virginia gives the first week's report of four canvassers who went from the Seminary into his conference. None of them worked the full time. The following is the report: The first, in three hours, took orders amounting to \$33.00; the second, in twelve hours, \$87.00; the third, in sixteen hours, \$100.00; the fourth, in two and one-half hours, \$29.00. We are looking with interest for a full week's report from these brethren. They do not take the glory of this success to themselves, as one of them writes: "By the help of the lord I have been able to take these orders." He is canvassing for "Great Controversy," and says, "I believe that 'Great Controversy' is the book for this time, and I feel that the blessing of God is resting upon me as I present it to the people."

I believe there are scores of people who are engaged in other lines of work, perhaps on the farm or in the workshops, who might, with preparation, do as well as these brethren are doing, for God is no respecter of persons. There are three things that are required for success in this work; namely, preparation, consecration, and perseverance. No one can expect to succeed who is satisfied with only a partial effort. Too many are putting in from fifteen to twenty hours per week who should be putting in forty hours. We hope the reports given above will be an inspiration to many who enter the work this season. J. A. FORD.

Well Trained Young Men and Women Needed

THE demand for recruits for our work at home and abroad increases as time advances. Every faithful

member of our church should at this time pray the Lord of the harvest for laborers of the right character to enter the work. There is one common difficulty that conference men and members of committees have to meet when considering the proposition to admit one of our young men or women to any branch of the work. That difficulty is a lack of proper preparation. Too many have been contented to take up important branches of the work with slight preparation. There should be a good number in our schools with a set purpose to continue their education until they have reached a high standard. We are in most urgent need of young men and women of that character who will devote their very best energies to the preparation required for the work. Those who will be turned aside by any slight inducement will not succeed. Many have been turned aside from their preparations for the work by getting married at such a time as to seem to defeat or prematurely terminate their education.

This is a good time for any person to seriously consider the question of entering school this fall. It has been thoroughly settled that a young man or a young woman having health and natural ability cannot be deterred from securing an education if they seriously desire to do so. Will not the fathers and mothers in our churches give this question of the preparation of much needed workers most careful and prayerful consideration at this time? It may call for a sacrifice on the part of some.—E. K. Slade, in *Lake Union Herald*.

The Watchman

ALL our people interested in the magazine work will be glad to know that the Southern Publishing Association has decided to make the December number of the *Watchman* a Christmas special. Plans are already being laid which, when fully matured, will guarantee that number to be the crowning effort of the year. This speaks volumes, aiming as they do to improve every forthcoming issue of the *Watchman* so that it will be superior to its predecessors: and they wish to call the attention of our readers to the excellence of the July number and the forthcoming August issue as well. More facts concerning this Christmas Special will appear from time to time. When the general make-up and contents are ready, the same will be fully announced.