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

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GENERAL MATTER

We seek the world for truth; we cull
The good, the pure, the beautiful,
From graven stone and written scroll,
From all old flower-fields of the soul;
And weary seekers of the best,
We come back laden from our quest,
To find that all the sages said
Is in the Book our mothers read,
And all our treasures of old thought
In His harmonious fullness wrought
Who gathers in one sheaf complete
The scattered blades of God's sown wheat,
The common growth that maketh good
His all-embracing Fatherhood.

— Whittier.

Missionary Volunteer Reading Courses, Senior Course No. 4

AMBITIOUS young men and women are always seizing every opportunity they see for self-improvement, and these young people will be glad to learn that another such opportunity will make its first appearance in the *Instructor* for October 4. It is the missionary volunteer reading courses. A word to those who have been taking one of these courses in the past will be sufficient; for what one conference secretary says is quite generally true—"Those who have taken the course are always ready to take it again."

There is a seat reserved in our spare minute circle for you. Do not leave it vacant. You cannot afford to miss the good books we shall read this year. First we shall spend about ten weeks with fifty eminent men and women. We will learn something of their youth, the hardships they met, and how they finally attained to success. Through the winter evenings for about two months, we shall hear John G. Paton tell the story of the gospel in the New Hebrides. You almost forget that the book lies between you and the real event, as Mr. Paton relates his amusing, his sorrowful, and his terribly perilous experiences. Then when spring comes, that

wonderful book, "Christ's Object Lessons," will teach us anew the beautiful parables that Jesus gave on the hills of Judea and Galilee.

But we cannot tell you the good things of the feast to which the reading courses invite you. You must taste them for yourself. Come, and be one of the two thousand young people in the United States and Canada who will join the spare minute circle! Fifteen minutes a day will do the work; and \$1.25 will buy the books if you have "Christ's Object Lessons." Every book in the course contains information which will be valuable to you in Christian service. The *Instructors* of August 23, 30, and September 6 will tell you more about the course.

JUNIOR COURSE, NO. 3

Every boy or girl who would like to visit a cotton mill or a silk factory; take a trip through a diamond mine; or walk through a large shoe factory, and see how shoes and rubbers are made, should join the junior reading course this year; for "How the World Is Clothed," the first book in that course, is brimful of intensely interesting information along this line. It also contains many good illustrations.

"Those Bible Readings" is the second book in the course. This will be especially well adapted for the winter evenings, when parents can find time to talk over with the children the many Bible truths which the book discusses. The boys and girls who read it carefully will be able to give a reason for the Christian's hope.

Then in the spring we shall read the "Story of Pitcairn." The reading and the pictures are fascinating to both young and old. The story is told by a native daughter of the island who either witnessed the incidents of which she speaks, or heard them rehearsed over and over again. The little island, which is settled by mutineers who burned their ship in order to conceal their identity, finally received the gospel, and all its inhabitants became Sabbath-keepers. It is another evidence of the transforming

power of God. There is also a brief history of the mission ship, "Pitcairn."

Urge the boys and girls to take this course. The three books cost \$1.85. That is money, but a small sum considering the value the reading will be to the children.

MATILDA ERICKSON.

Recruits

IN volume two, page 23, of the testimonies, we read: "God calls for Christian families to go into communities that are in darkness and error, and work wisely and perseveringly for the Master. To answer this call requires self-sacrifice. While many are waiting to have every obstacle removed, souls are dying without hope and without God in the world. Many, very many, for the sake of acquiring worldly advantages, for the sake of acquiring scientific knowledge, will venture into pestilential regions, and endure hardship and privation. Where are those who are willing to do this for the sake of telling others of the Saviour? Where are the men and women who will move into regions that are in need of the gospel, that they may point those in darkness to the Redeemer?" Now dear brethren and sisters of the Columbia Union, this is just what we need at the present time—Christian canvassers to go into the vast unworked portions of our union, and there settle down with their families and engage in resident canvassing. We are also told that the Lord would have the entire church devising ways and means of reaching the people. Let the families upon whom the Lord may place the burden, move into some needy county—two or three families may go together—and locate near some town with good railroad facilities, and while the men are devoting their entire time to the circulation of the printed page, the women and young people can work the town or city as they have opportunity. Thus all will have a part; and if the work is done carefully and prayerfully, as God directs, it will

mean the salvation of our own people, and results will be sure to follow.

The time has come for the schools to open again, when the students who have been doing such good work must leave the field. Where are the volunteers that will fill their places? Will you, dear reader, let the work drop, or will you say, "Here am I, send me?" If this is the answer of year heart, write your field agent immediately. E. R. NUMBERS, General Agent C. U. C.

AT THE COLLEGE

College Notes

MR. FLOYD KLOPFENSTEIN has returned to the College, and will have charge of the heating plant again this year.

We are very sorry to learn of the death of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Punches. Mrs. Punches was about to return to Virginia, when the baby was taken ill and died the same day. It was buried at Hamler, O., the home of Mr. Punches.

Professor John has been busy since camp-meeting in his laboratory and class room, preparing for the opening of the school. He has also been assisting the English department by putting up the new seats bought by the English classes last year.

Miss Florence I. White, '10, will teach a church school in Souderton, Pa., this year.

Professor Earl Hall will act as preceptor in the school home next year.

Miss Laurel Rushmer, of Columbus, called at the College one evening last week. She will not be back this year, as she expects to give all her time to music.

Miss Docia Roadman has been teaching music at home, and is planning to come back to school this year.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. Glen G. Robinson, who has been canvassing for a scholarship in Virginia, is ill with typhoid pneumonia. He was taken by his friend, Mr. Carl Hewitt, to the Graysville sanitarium, where he has the care of his mother.

We note that Union College has adopted the American plan of boarding. This plan was considered for Mount Vernon College this year, but it was decided to continue the European plan for another year.

Mr. William C. Frost, '10, called on friends in Mount Vernon and Columbus on his way to Berrien Springs.

We are sorry to learn that Miss Delilah Briggs will not be able to return to school this year on account of her mother's health.

The opening of school will witness a decided improvement in the commercial department. Through the generous gifts of its friends, new individual desks have been purchased, and the department has been moved down to room five in order to accommodate them. Another advantage of the change is that the old laboratory can now be used as a typewriting room.

OHIO

Do You Take the Watchman?

BEGINNING with the October number, and continuing one year, the *Watchman* will contain a series of beautiful colored pictures on Matthew twenty-four. Each month the *Watchman* will have one of the present truth pictures in it. These pictures will be of much value to those who get them, as they will be desirable as works of art, and will also be cherished because of the object lessons they afford on vital themes of truth. Besides, there will always appear with the picture a reading or exposition, bearing on that particular feature of the prophecy of Matthew twenty-four. The pictures, which will be 6 x 8 inches, will be printed in colors, on satin lithograph paper, and will be slipped loose into the *Watchman*. As the paper is not folded for mailing, the picture will reach the subscriber in good order, thus enabling those who desire, to mount them on cards for framing.

In order that the readers of this article may get these pictures, it will be necessary for them to send in their subscriptions at once for the *Watchman*. All orders must go through the Ohio tract society.

As a present truth evangelizer, the *Watchman* will do its appointed work wherever sent.

The September number will call the attention of the people in a very forceful manner to the signs of the times, and the nearness of the end.

The title of the article on the Eastern Question by Professor Magan, which appears in the September number is "Rasplata—The Reckoning 'God is not with us.'" This will treat of the war between Russia and Japan, and will be an exposition of Ezekiel's prophecy, "I am against thee, O Rosh." It will show that while the old time Russian war creed which they had held since the famous battle of Poltava was "God is with us," they themselves reversed this in the late war, and openly announced, "God is not with us."

With this information before our people, we should make a special effort to see that each church does its part in circulating this timely magazine. Won't you do it? The price of the yearly subscription to the *Watchman*, including the series of twelve pictures, is only \$1.00. In clubs of five or more, to one address, 60 cents.

Dear brethren and sisters in Christ, shall we not step out by faith, and take God at his word. Our friends and neighbors must be warned, but at the peril of our own souls if we fail to do this work. May God help us to do our duty.

F. H. HENDERSON, Miss. Sec'y.

ON Sabbath, August 27, the Springfield church raised its quota of the \$300,000 fund by pledging to pay every dollar on or before June 1, 1911. On the same day four precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism.

Miss Bessie Russell and her nieces, Misses Ethyl and Nadine Ross, are spending a few days visiting relatives in Cincinnati.

Elder Butler and Professor John went to Springfield last Friday to attend the church school convention held September 3 and 4 in that church.

August 19 a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Simpson, of Mount Vernon.

Mr. W. E. Moffett has been in Mount Vernon for a few days, looking up a good location for a home. He succeeded in renting Brother Ira Gault's house, and will move to Mount Vernon some time during the month.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Campaign Notes

"OUR 'Ministry of Healing' must be finished immediately—the three years in one." So said the Warren church by a rising and unanimous vote after Elder I. G. Bigelow had addressed them on Sabbath, August 6. Another meeting was held in the interest of this work on Sunday, August 7, many of the church attending the meeting on that date, and agreeing to stand by the work to the finish.

"There is to be no let up on 'Ministry of Healing' until the work is finished; and we will do, with the help of the Lord, our three years' work in one." This was the decision of the Pittsburg No. 1, Pittsburg No. 2, and Allegheny churches, a union meeting of these churches having been held on Sabbath, August 13. This meeting was well attended, and a number from the Washington, Pa., church were also present. All enthusiastically took hold of the work, and expressed themselves as desiring to finish their quota immediately, rather than extend the work over the next three years. Elder Bigelow also held a meeting on Sunday evening, giving instructions on how to sell the book. He afterward addressed an interested audience during the 8 P. M. hour.

The Washington, Pa., church is forging ahead with the "Ministry of Healing" work, eager to finish its quota immediately.

From the Bradford church comes the word: "We are sending in about \$60 on our 'Ministry of Healing' fund. This represents only the cash sales and the short subscription sales. Quite a number of our orders are taken for September, and we are now working for cash sales and orders for October 3, with the intention of making that date for the last delivery of our *three years' work in three months' time*." This has been made possible by the church members' having a mind to work. God will give the same blessing to all who will take up this work with the salvation of souls in view.

At Waynesburg, Pa., we have a company of four members, three of whom are in a position to go ahead with the work. Elder I. G. Bigelow, field missionary secretary, visited the brethren, and one member, Brother

Straun, had already taken his quota for three years. Brother Straun will soon dispose of these books, and Brother Dougan paid cash for the only five that Elder Bigelow had left. Brother S. S. Daubenspeck and Brother Bigelow went out together, selling three books for cash, and taking three orders. Three extra books were also left with Brother Daubenspeck.

Young and Old, Attention

• AT OUR recent camp-meeting the conference voted to stand by the movement to help Mount Vernon College put in a new boiler for their plant; and this burden was especially laid upon the young people—a burden that was willingly accepted. Our part in this effort is the raising of \$175.

Now to both young and old we wish to say that it will take our hearty co-operation to stand loyal to our promise to help this worthy enterprise. Let us immediately rally to finish our part. This can be done by fathers and mothers encouraging the young people to take up their part at once. There are many ways in which young people can raise money—by sending for papers to sell, and giving the profits, or by selling some eggs or garden produce. And let us set an example by giving a cash donation.

Where we are connected with a church, let the donations come through the regular channel; but otherwise, send all donations from West Pennsylvania direct to A. V. Williams, Corydon, Pa.

This is an urgent call, and we trust to see a prompt response. Let us not delay, but do the task at once; for "procrastination is the thief of time."

May the blessings of God rest upon you as you do your part in answer to this worthy and needy call.

I. G. BIGELOW, Y. P. M. V. Sec'y.

West Pennsylvania's Great Need

"SITTING down on a rock or some elevated place, He would gather his disciples about him and give them instruction, and before long, hundreds of people were listening to his words." This is to be our attitude to-day. We need to be gathering our children and youth around us and instilling in their minds the precious seeds of truth, so that the hundreds and thousands who are sitting in darkness out in the world may through them, in the near future, also receive the light that is to direct their souls from the error of

the world to the bright light of the kingdom of God.

As the writer went from place to place during his last visit, he had his attention especially called to this great need. At Pittsburg the cry was heard for a school to which they could send their children, and the same cry for this pressing need was also heard at Washington, Pa. My heart was made sad as I beheld the gross neglect of the past to prepare for this present time, and slothfulness on the part of God's professed people in carrying forward this line of work.

If we had buildings in every city and town, where are the teachers to teach these schools? The Indiana school is now looking for a teacher for the coming year, and it is very difficult to find one. We need not only schools, but consecrated young men and women to give themselves to the service, that they may be found doing the works of the Saviour. The standard for the Christian teacher is high—"He that saith he abideth in him, ought himself to walk even as he walked."

As this need is so plainly manifested before us everywhere, let us now as never before arise and meet it like men of God. Our first duty as a conference is to immediately seek God earnestly to give us wisdom, and to help us step our more firmly on this question, and determine that we will not continue any longer to lose our young manhood and womanhood to the ranks of the enemy. "More prayer and less unbelief" in this work.

The writer would like to hear from all who are interested in this matter. Let us seek God earnestly, counsel together, and place our feet in the waters, and the waters will divide.

I. G. BIGELOW, *Educational Sec'y.*

ELDER I. G. BIGELOW expects to meet with the Pittsburg churches August 30 to September 7.

Brother Medairy writes from Altoona, August 27: "I assisted Brethren Schwartz and Veach to remove their tent and repitch it, also to distribute circulars in order to get the meeting started. They would like to have me remain the coming week, as Brother Sewartz was badly bitten by a large dog."

Elder Bigelow, our field missionary agent, and Brother E. E. Reed, of the Washington, Pa., church, spent a day or two at the West Virginia camp-meeting, and report a hearty wel-

come and a very pleasant and profitable visit. They were glad to meet Brother W. Fleisher, Sister Dorcas Green, and also Elder Robbins, formerly of West Pennsylvania, but now president of the West Virginia Conference. Elder Bigelow spoke to the conference on "Ministry of Healing" work, and reports that West Virginia has joined West Pennsylvania in the effort to finish the three years' work in one.

Sisters Agnes and Adeline Zoerb are locating in Rochester, Pa., where they expect to canvass. While they are young in the work, we are pleased to note their success, and we trust that the Lord will bless and prosper them.

Don't miss reading the article, "Young and Old," and then write Elder I. G. Bigelow, at Bradford, Pa., as to the part you will take in the work. Our workers need encouragement as well as the lay members, and they are greatly strengthened as they know of your hearty cooperation in the work.

Elder I. N. Williams expects to spend a few days with the tent company at Sheffield, Pa., where Elder C. Meleen and Brother A. Vermalin are working in the interest of the Swedish work.

As a conference we are falling behind on the ten-cent-a-week fund; and as our missionaries in foreign lands are dependent upon this fund for their daily bread, we caution you not to confuse this fund with other funds. We trust that all will give liberally to this fund, so that our missionaries may be provided for. The \$300,000 fund is to provide homes for the missionaries.

Elder I. G. Bigelow, the field missionary agent, in connection with Elder I. D. Richardson, the general field missionary secretary, held a union meeting of the Pittsburg and Allegheny churches on Sabbath, September 3. This was an important meeting, both in the interests of the young people and the "Ministry of Healing" campaign, also the opening of what we trust will be a greater work for the Pittsburg district.

Every young person in this conference should, if possible, become a member of our missionary volunteer reading courses, which begin in October.

CHESAPEAKE

Chesapeake Conference and Camp-Meeting

THE eleventh annual conference and camp-meeting of the Chesapeake Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Chestertown, Md., September 22 to October 2. The first service will be held Thursday evening at 7:45.

A good location has been secured in the Willis Apple Grove on West Main Street; and from the standpoint of natural surroundings, everything is propitious for a splendid meeting.

HOW TO REACH THE GROUNDS

Those coming from Cumberland, Hagerstown, and other points on the Western Maryland Railway, will change at Baltimore, take steamboat at Pier 8, Light Street Wharf, which leaves Baltimore daily at 2.00 P. M. The Baltimore delegation will take the same boat. All persons coming to this meeting from Wilmington, Cheswold, Dover, and Cambridge via Pennsylvania Railway, will change at Townsend, take rear car via Greenmount and Kent Railway to Chestertown. Arrange to arrive at Townsend at 9:15 A. M., or 4:45 P. M. For the convenience of our people who wish to come via Baltimore, boats may be taken at Pier 16, Light Street Wharf, at 8:30 A. M., and also at 2:30 P. M., for Tolchester; from there, take automobile, which will bring all passengers direct to the camp-ground. The place of meeting is situated in the western portion of the city, only ten minutes' walk from wharf or depot. Those who desire to ride to the grounds will find a carriage waiting for them; the fare is five cents. Baggage will be delivered to and from the grounds for twenty-five cents. Be sure to retain your baggage checks until you reach the grounds, where there will be a baggageman to look after all baggage coming to the grounds.

RATES FOR TENTS

There will be a good supply of tents pitched on the grounds to accommodate all, at the rate of \$3.00 for unfloored, and \$3.50 for floored tents; size 12 x 14. We can provide a few rooms for those who prefer a room to a tent. These rooms range from \$3.00 to \$5.00 for the ten days.

WHAT TO BRING

Only a limited number of cots and springs can be secured, therefore it

will be necessary for campers to bring straw ticks, as there will be plenty of clean straw furnished free for all. All other articles such as bedding, linen, towels, soap, etc., must be supplied by occupants. The nights in September are generally cool, so it would be wise to bring plenty of bedding, heavy clothing, and raincoats. Curtains for dividing the tents into rooms must be furnished by those desiring them.

DINING TENT

We expect to operate the dining tent this year on the meal ticket plan, offering five tickets for \$1.00. There will be a grocery stand, where a good supply of health foods, besides fruit, vegetables, breadstuffs, etc., can be secured at regular market prices, thus giving those who desire, an opportunity to board themselves.

SONG BOOKS

"Hymns and Tunes" will be used in all the meetings, as the churches have only a limited supply of other books. Be sure to bring yours with you; but if you have none, you can secure one at the book tent, where a stock of them will be on hand; also Bibles, religious books, tracts, periodicals, etc.

THE HELP

We are expecting good help from the General and Columbia Union Conferences. Elder A. G. Daniells, president of the General Conference; Elder B. G. Wilkinson, president of the Columbia Union Conference; Elder W. T. Knox, treasurer of the General Conference; Professor M. E. Kern, president of the Foreign Mission Seminary; Dr. B. S. Ingersoll from the Washington, D. C., Sanitarium, will be with us, and we are hoping to have Elders Spicer and Russell. These in addition to our local laborers will furnish us with a good strong corps of workers.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND CHILDREN'S MEETINGS

We are planning to pay special attention to the needs of the young people and children, and the very best talent available will be secured for their meetings.

Brethren and sisters, plan to attend this important meeting, for we are living in solemn times, and we should see the necessity of attending these annual gatherings that we may draw nearer to the Lord, and thus be fortified against the powers of darkness which are at work in the earth. Let every believer in the third angel's

message in the Chesapeake Conference pray earnestly that this may be the best camp-meeting ever held in the conference. The time has fully come for the work in Chesapeake to be placed on vantage ground, and I believe by proper relationship to the Lord, we shall witness a real revival at this meeting that will gladden the hearts of every believer of present truth.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

Official Notice

THE eleventh annual meeting of the Chesapeake Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the camp-meeting at Chestertown, Md., Sept. 22 to Oct. 2, 1910. Officers will be elected for the ensuing year, and such other business will be transacted as may pertain to the interests of the Conference. Each church is entitled to one delegate, and an additional delegate for every ten members. Let the churches elect their delegates at once, and send a list of them to the conference secretary, 2 Loudon Ave., Baltimore, Md.

ROSCOE T. BAER, *Pres.*

EMMA S. NEWCOMER, *Sec'y.*

Field Notes

THE writer spent a pleasant Sabbath with the Wilmington, Del., church recently, when two earnest souls followed their Lord in baptism and united with the church at that place.

Sabbath, August 20, was a good day for the church at Rock Hall, Md. The writer was present at the morning service and presented the \$300,000 fund. The church became so enthusiastic on the subject of foreign missions that in a very short time their whole quota was raised. Sabbath afternoon we repaired to the shore of the Chesapeake Bay, where three persons were buried in baptism. These united with the church at Rock Hall.

R. T. BAER.

ELDER R. T. BAER is visiting the churches at Hagerstown and Smithsburg. He expects to spend Sabbath, September 3, at Cheswold.

Elder John F. Jones stopped in the office Monday on his way from Rock Hall, having spent Sabbath with the church at that place.

Two of our canvassers, William Horn and S. R. Haynes, called at the office this week, having just made their deliveries. Brother Horn is pre-

paring to enter the Seminary at Washington this winter, and Brother Haynes will go to South Lancaster, Mass. Both are of good courage.

Elder Jones is busy in his preparation for the camp-meeting. If any of the people in the conference have not yet ordered their tents, they should do so at once. A number of orders have come in already, and we are expecting a good attendance this year. Please order your tents early.

Let all the church elders see that the delegates for the conference are elected, and their names sent to the office at once.

We are glad to report the excellent attendance and interest at the tent for the colored people in this city.

EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Reading

THE Reading tent company is composed of Brother and Sister H. F. Rhan, Sister Jessie Weiss, as Bible worker, and the writer. Brother Rhan acts as tent master, and he and Sister Rhan also furnish excellent help in the singing.

We began our meetings June 26, with an overflowing attendance. During the first week the attendance continued to be fair, but following this we passed through a very trying experience. The Sunday night meetings were always well attended, but during the week there were hardly enough to speak to. During this discouraging period, we did much praying and searching to find what might hinder the success of these meetings. We put out 5,000 circulars in the very beginning, and announced the subjects in the three daily papers of the town, but we failed to be able to create an interest.

The city numbers almost 100,000, and the press has been extremely free in publishing our sermons. They were rather anxious to have a report every night. One paper gave space for 500 words, and the other, as high as 1,200 or more. This gave me opportunity to preach through the daily press. One paper came and took a picture of the tent, which appeared in the paper. Two of the papers, which have the largest circulation, printed practically the entire discourse on the Sabbath question, and also on the change of the Sabbath.

When we began to preach on the

Sabbath question, the interest increased, and a good audience was present during the week, and on Sunday our tent, 35 x 55, was too small to accommodate the crowd.

We were contemplating moving the tent when the tide turned in our favor, and some began to manifest a serious interest.

At this writing there are fifteen who have been keeping the last two Sabbaths. There are still others in the valley of decision, and some no doubt will soon take their stand. Some of those who have taken their stand have done so amid considerable persecution. These need our sympathy and prayer.

C. S. WIEST.

WAYNE P. and Harry Barto, together with Harry Christman, spent a few days in Philadelphia selling *Life and Health*.

Roy C. Howells has sold upwards of 3,500 temperance *Instructors* during his vacation.

Evangelist C. S. Baum reports that a United Christian minister and his wife are now keeping the Sabbath in Allentown.

Elder W. H. Heckman was called away to conduct the funeral service of Sister Jennie Rogers' mother, at her home in Lancaster, August 24.

From reports received from the different tent companies we learn that the interest in these efforts has not abated in the least. We hope for a harvest of souls as a result of this evangelical campaign.

A goodly number of young people from this conference will attend the Mount Vernon College, which commences its year's work September 15.

Do not forget the "Ministry of Healing" campaign. As all know, it was voted at our last camp-meeting that every one of our people be asked to sell two copies of this excellent book each year for three years. Some have ordered their full quota for the three years, while others have not ordered any. Those who have not, kindly do so at once, as this matter is a very urgent one.

Miss Myrtle A. Bristol our Sabbath-school and young people's missionary volunteer secretary, spent Sabbath

and Sunday, August 20 and 21, with the church at Fairhill, organizing a young people's missionary volunteer society while there. Brother Edward Kerner was chosen as leader. There is a fine company of young people at this place, and we look for results from the organization.

VIRGINIA

Virginia Conference Proceedings

THE twenty-seventh annual session of the Virginia Conference was held on the Academy campus, New Market, Va., August 4-14, 1910.

Quite a large delegation was present, and the number of campers was more than had been expected. All seemed to greatly appreciate the timely instructions of Professor Wilkinson, president of the Columbia Union Conference; Elder W. T. Knox, treasurer of the General Conference; Dr. Olive P. Ingersoll, of the Washington sanitarium; and Dr. H. N. Sisco, of the branch sanitarium, Washington, D. C.

Elder A. C. Neff, acting president, presided at most of the meetings.

A committee of seven was nominated to appoint the standing committees of the conference, which were named as follows:

NOMINATIONS

A. C. Neff, C. V. Woods, B. F. Purdham, B. G. Wilkinson, and Stewart Kime.

PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. M. Neff, V. O. Punches, Naomi Herrell, Dr. Olive P. Ingersoll, I. D. Richardson.

CREDENTIALS AND LICENSES

J. G. Hanna, W. H. Zeidler, B. G. Wilkinson.

A statistical report of the conference showed a decrease in membership, which was due to the transfer of territory to the District of Columbia Conference. The report showed a gain in that part of the territory now held by this conference.

A. M. Neff, secretary and treasurer of the tract society presented his report as follows:—

Financial Statement of the Virginia Tract Society, Year Ending December 31, 1910

RESOURCES

Merchandise, inventory	\$297 54
Property	91 75
Richmond society	4 50

Virginia Conference	35
Virginia Conference agency	403 05
"Christ's Object Lessons"	41 34
Personal accounts	592 96
Cash on hand	518 99
	\$1,950 48

LIABILITIES

"Story of Joseph"	\$2 47
Temperance work	3 00
Personal accounts	55 43
	\$60 90
	\$1889 58

LOSS AND GAIN

Gain	
Merchandise	\$607 09
Loss	
Donations	\$200 00
Expense	186 26
	\$486 26
Net Gain	\$220 83
Present worth, Jan. 1, 1909	\$1668 75
Present worth, Jan. 1, 1910	\$1889 58
Book sales for 1909	\$3,146 45
Periodicals	427 10

After the auditor's report was read by the president, on motion the report of the treasurer was accepted.

The treasurer of the Academy was called upon, and presented his report as follows:—

Real estate	\$8,806 56
Furniture inventory	592 96
Printing	405 19
Farm	170 00
Machinery and tools inventory	96 02
Provisions inventory	93 17
Library	57 55
Books	17 96
Fuel	4 50
Telephone	20 17
Accounts receivable	87 38
Cash on hand	4 05
Total resources	\$10,355 51

LIABILITIES

Virginia Conference Agency	\$5,606 55
Accounts payable	4 10
	\$5,610 65
Present worth, August 1, 1910	\$4,744 86

LOSSES AND GAINS

Gains	
Donations	\$1,809 55
Board and room	317 38
Tuition	237 02
Farm	178 06
Rent	6 09
Accounts payable	20
Total gains	\$2,548 46

Losses

Salaries	\$678 26
Domestic labor	72 47
Interest from July 1, 1908	605 19
Provisions	206 39
Fuel	131 54
Expense	120 79
Furniture, 5 per cent	31 21
Laundry	18 79
Books	11 52
Light	8 56
Printing, 2 per cent	8 27
Machinery and tools, 5 per cent	5 05
Calendars	7 90

Total	\$1,905 94
Net gain	\$642 52
Present worth, Sept. 1, 1909	\$4,102 34
Present worth, August 1, 1910	\$4,744 86

Miss Naomi Herrell, secretary of the Sabbath-school department, presented her report as follows:—

Schools	21
Membership	458
Average attendance	330
State Home department members	45
Increase over 1908	32
Total contributions	\$437 48
Gain over 1908	68 54
Total expense of schools	77 02
Decrease in expense account	7 92
Total amount sent to missions	360 46
Increase over 1908	96 30

This report shows an encouraging increase, especially in the Home department and in the donations.

The report of the treasurer, O. F. Dart, was then called for, and in his absence it was read by the secretary, as follows:—

Report of the Virginia Conference Treasurer, Year 1909

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1909	\$1,250 73
Tithes	4,791 29
First day offering	103 30
Sabbath-school offerings	364 92
Foreign missions	143 89
Review and Herald collections	180 10
Annual offerings	142 40
Colored work	36 38
Religious liberty work	42 88
Mount Vernon and Valley schools	15 66
Midsummer offerings	88 60
Relief of Armenian brethren	1 00
Huntsville sanitarium	90
Self denial box	80
Infant class	12 12
Jamaica church	5 00
Tolucca home	60
Russia Mission	3 00
Support mission workers	2 50
China	5 00
Africa	5 00

Canvassers' Reports

Virginia, Two Weeks Ending August 19, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
L. O. Gordon, Dellwyn				76					148 00
E. Roberson, Doswell				7					24 00
A. Roberson, "		CK	33		14	14 00	1 50	15 50	
C. N. Hewitt, Coeburn			61		52	201 00	13 75	214 75	1 00
J. Wright, Appalachia		GC	60		47	188 00	1 50	189 50	1 00
G. Robinson, "		DR	17		16	76 00	16 55	92 55	
H. Balch, Doswell		CK	29			8 00	1 25	9 25	1 00
A. Schenk, Wytheville		CK	54						54 00
C. O. Belgrave, Danville		CK	18		13	15 50	1 50	17 00	15 00
T. Houghton, Norfolk			41			6 30		6 30	1 00
Totals			396		142	\$508 80	\$26 05	\$534 85	\$245 00

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending August 26, 1910

S. Bussard, Bedford Co.	GC	8	53	27	84 00	12 50	96 50	36 00
L. Scanland, Allegheny Co.	GC	5	27	13	41 00		41 00	
C. Zimmerman, Bedford Co.	GC	4	28	8	29 00	21 00	50 00	
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	GC	5	49	14	42 00	17 30	59 30	13 80
H. Hiner, Indiana Co.	GC	4	26	20	68 00		68 00	19 00
Adeline Zoerb, Beaver Co.	SP	3	16	13	14 00	75	14 75	2 75
Agnes Zoerb, Beaver Co.	SP	4	16	19	23 50	4 00	27 50	50
Totals		33	215	114	\$307 50	\$55 55	\$357 05	\$72 05

Ohio, Week Ending August 5, 1910

A. L. Bassler, Perry Co.	DR	4	42	14	42 00	12 50	54 50	3 15
F. E. Wagner, Summit Co.	DR	5	38	14	44 00	3 00	47 00	25 00
H. Kirk, Jefferson Co.	DR	2	19	1	3 00		3 00	104 00
O. Hershberger Morgan Co.	GC	5	40	16	48 00	1 50	49 50	1 50
*O. Hershberger, Morgan	GC	2	14	9	29 00	75	29 75	75
E. E. Shaw, Fulton Co.	GC	1	10					35 80
Enos M. Horst, Hocking Co.	GC	4	35			7 20	7 20	83 80
*Enos M. Horst, "	GC	2	28			3 00	3 00	40 30
J. Reichenbach, Trumble Co.	GC	2	20	2	6 00		6 00	
L. H. Waters, Stark Co.	BF	4	39	4	4 00	2 00	6 00	137 00
*L. H. Waters, "	BF	1	5			25	25	12 25
C. Garman, Paulding	COL	5	34					122 98
Totals		37	324	60	\$176 00	\$30 20	\$206 20	\$566 51

Chesapeake, Week Ending August 26, 1910

Maryland									
W. Horn, Elktion	GC	5	44			50	50	119 55	
W. Spicer, "	GC	5	35	1	3 00	3 40	6 40	114 25	
Mrs. Whaley, Felton, Del.	GC	5	34	9	32 25	6 75	39 00	3 75	
J. B. Miller, Anne Arundel Co.	GC	5	36	12	36 00	5 35	31 35	2 90	
S. Haynes, Cecil Co.	DR	2						107 00	
S. N. Brown, Frostburg	CK	4	25	17	19 50	3 00	22 50		
W. Durst, Frostburg	CK	4	21	11	12 00	3 00	15 00	75	
Totals		30	195	50	\$102 75	\$22 00	\$124 75	\$348 20	

Ohio, Week Ending August, 26 1910

Enos Horst, Hocking Co.	GC	3	23	4	12 00	5 80	17 80	1 80
A. L. Reichenbach, Trumble Co.	GC		28					62 00
A. L. Bassler, Licking Co.	DR		20					95 05
L. H. Waters, Athens Co.	BF	4	35	30	32 00		32 00	
Totals		7	106	34	\$44 00	\$5 80	\$49 80	\$158 85

*Week ending August 12

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,272.65 Deliveries, \$1,390.61

General Conference donations for labor	1,582 49
Columbia Union Conference for labor, white and colored	800 00
Ohio Conference, account of Sister Rice	450 18
5 per cent colored fund	368 13
Tent fund	150 40
Miscellaneous receipts	116 39
Collections and donations by ministers	76 24
Building fund	12 50
From Newport News church, rent	25 00
"Christ's Object Lessons"	39 00
Aged and orphans	16 49
Most needy place in the South	15 06
Poor fund	4 32
Valley School	1 00
From Roanoke church for quarterlies	1 10
Undecided account	3 97
Wages overdrawn (first of the year)	90 00

\$10,947 80

DISBURSEMENTS

Labor	\$3,915 24
Traveling expenses	598 91
Brethren House and Stevens, labor	716 68
Sister A. C. Rice, labor	376 28
Colored labor	1,250 64
Columbia Union Conference offering	1,153 51
Tithe	479 14
General expense	1,116 59
Virginia tract society on "Christ's Object Lessons"	45 98
Virginia Conference Agency: Building fund	12 50
Church rent	10 15
Valley school	2 50
Loaned laborer	40 00
Wages overdrawn	1,189 67
Cash on hand	40 01

\$10,947 80

RESOURCES

Cash	\$1,189 67
Building fund	236 44
Ohio Conference	30 00
Loaned	40 00
Wages overdrawn	40 00
Total	\$1,536 11

LIABILITIES

Virginia Conference Agency	\$251 29
"Christ's Object Lessons"	3 25
Poor fund	4 98
Aged and orphans	16 49
Undecided account	6 38
Virginia tract society	1 10
Most needy place in the South	15 06
Present worth	\$1,237 56

\$1,536 11

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GAINS

Tithe	\$4,791 29
Receipts, all sources but trust funds	3,543 83
	\$8,335 12
Net loss	118 37

\$8,453 49

LOSSES

Labor	\$6,258 85
Traveling expenses	598 91
General expense	1,116 50
Tithe to Columbia Union Conference	479 14

\$8,453 49

The state agent was next called upon, and presented a very encouraging report of the past three years' work, from the last session of our conference until the present time. It showed during this period that one agent who worked most of the summer had delivered 100 per cent of his orders. One worker had sold \$144.50 worth of books in one week. The average sale of the boys from the colleges has been \$2.00 per hour. For the first seven months of the present year the sales amounted to \$6,544.61. July of this year was the banner month, the sales amounting to over \$2,000.

J. Greer Hanna, the field missionary, was then called upon, and presented his report as follows:—

Societies	8
Letters written	309
Letters received	115
Missionary visits	1,230
Bible readings held	320

Subscriptions for periodicals	88
Papers sold	358
Papers distributed	1,856
Books sold	87
Books loaned	55
Pages of tracts sold	11,658
Pages tracts distributed	30,279
Offerings for home mission work	\$50 16

J. Greer Hanna, secretary of the missionary volunteer department was then called upon and presented the following report:—

Societies	6
Membership	79
Junior societies	2
Membership	14
Letters written	648
Letters received	295
Missionary visits	1,825
Bible readings held	621
Subscriptions for periodicals	323
Papers sold	2,296
Papers distributed	1,311
Books sold	334
Books loaned	105
Pages of tracts sold	15,860
Pages of tracts distributed	14,578
Hours of Christian help work	1,134
Articles of clothing distributed	91
Meals provided	665
Signers of the temperance pledge	56
Offerings to foreign missions	\$21 56
“ for home “	17 51
“ “ local society work	28 86
Number of conversions of young people	4

A. M. NEFF, Sec'y.

(Concluded next week)

Notice !

AFTER September 4, all mail for the Virginia Conference and tract society should be addressed to 1615 West Main Street, Richmond, Va.

All mail for the secretary and treasurer of the Virginia Conference Agency, Inc., should be addressed to Elder R. D. Hottel, New Market, Va.

A. M. NEFF, Sec'y and Treas.

OBITUARIES

SCHILLING.—Brother John D. Schilling, aged 69 years, 1 month, and 27 days, was born in Germany, and died July 31, 1910, at the home of his daughter, at Kreidersville, Pa. It was about twenty-three years ago when Brother Schilling first heard the third angel's message. He firmly believed it and proclaimed it to those with whom he associated; but it was not until five years ago, at the Lancaster camp-meeting, that he embraced the truth, and became fully affiliated with our

people. At this camp-meeting his son, Elder J. H. Schilling, who is now president of the West German Union Conference, had the pleasure of baptizing his father. Since that time Brother Schilling has been a sincere Christian, with an earnest desire to be faithful to the end, that he might have a part in the first resurrection. The funeral service was held August 4, at the home of his son, George Schilling, of Weaversville, Pa. It was conducted by Elder W. H. Heckman, and was largely attended by friends and relatives. The deceased leaves six sons and one daughter to mourn their loss.

FRONDORF.—Lotus Geneva, infant daughter of Harry P. and Ines Frondorf, was born at Cincinnati, O., and died Friday, August 26, at Mount Vernon, O., of gastro enteritis, aged 8 months and 14 days. She was sick only one day. We are reminded that Brother and Sister Frondorf went through a similar experience only a little over a year ago, by losing little Otis Gibson. Lotus Geneva was laid beside her little brother to await the resurrection morning, when Jesus the life-giver shall come. At the time of her death, the parents, who had been at camp-meeting, were visiting at Mount Vernon, from whence the body was taken home. The funeral services were held at the Asbery M. E. church, and interment was made in the churchyard of the same. Words of comfort from Isa. 41:1 were spoken by the writer to the parents, relatives, and friends.

JOHN P. GAEDE.

FRENCH.—Olive Marie, only child of Raleigh and Flora French, of Columbus, was born near Wapakoneta, O., August 10, 1908, and died in Grant Hospital, Columbus, August 23, 1910, of acute gastro enteritis after a brief illness of three days. The funeral service was conducted by the writer in the Walnut Grove Seventh-day Adventist church, where a large number of friends and relatives gathered to express their sympathy and sorrow in that desolate hour. Interment was made in the St. Marys cemetery, where this little one awaits the soon coming Saviour.

Another floweret small and bright,

Which all had learned to love,

Has closed its eyes in silent sleep

Till Christ, who rules above,

Shall come with angel reapers strong

To gather sheaves divine;

He then will crown his faithful ones

Where suns forever shine,

Where angels stand before the throne

And sing redemption's song

Till all the courts of God shall ring

Hosannas loud and long,

From east to west, from north to south,

Victorious shouts shall sway;

For all shall praise the mighty God

In realms of endless day.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.