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A SONG OF LIFE

A traveler on a dusty road
Strewed acorns on the lea;
And one took root and sprouted up,
And grew into a tree.
Love sought its shade at evening time,
To breathe its early vows;
And age was pleased in height of noon
To bask beneath its boughs.
The dormouse loved its dangling twigs,
The birds sweet music bore—
It stood a glory in its place,
A blessing evermore.

A little spring had lost its way,
Amid the grass and fern;
A passing stranger scooped a well,
Where weary men might turn.
He walled it in, and hung with care
A ladle on the brink;
He thought not of the deed he did,
But judged that toil might drink.
He passed again, and lo, the well,
By summers never dried,
Had cooled ten thousand parched tongues,
And saved a life besides.

A nameless man amid a crowd
That thronged the daily mart,
Let fall a word of hope and love,
Unstudied from the heart.
A whisper on the tumult throng,
A transitory breath;
It raised a brother from the dust,
It saved a soul from death.
O germ! O fount! O word of love!
O thought at random cast!
Ye were but little at the first,
But mighty at the last.

—Charles Mackey.

Ephesians*

PAUL's first work for the Ephesians was done on the return journey of his second missionary tour, when he visited Ephesus with Aquila and Priscilla. He had time for only a short stay, as he was hastening to Jerusalem; but his two companions

remained. On his second missionary journey he made an extended stay there, and had experiences of a varied nature.

There were few cities which were more bigoted, fanatical, and idolatrous than this city of Ephesus. Returning on his third journey he called the elders of the Ephesian church in order to confer with them, and there he reminded them of the years he had spent with them, and warned them of false shepherds who should arise and draw away disciples after themselves.

The epistle to the Ephesians was written from Rome. By some it is said to have been addressed to the church at Ephesus, with its daughter churches. Others claim that it was of a more general nature, with a blank for the insertion of the name of the church wherever it might be read. In two of the oldest manuscripts the words, "at Ephesus," are entirely omitted. However, it comes down to us as written to Ephesus.

This epistle, when compared with the one written to the Galatians, is found to be entirely different. The latter was written to meet rising seditions and to put down errors, while nothing of such a serious nature called forth this epistle. It is more in the nature of a quiet meditation on high and holy thoughts. Unity in Christ is the principal theme.

The book falls into three general divisions—salutation and introduction, doctrinal, and practical. The first two verses of chapter one give us the salutation, which is followed by thoughts regarding the plan of God for our salvation, which has always existed. The saints are spoken of as having been predestinated to the adoption through Jesus Christ. The latter part of the chapter is a prayer for the widening of our vision, that we may better see and understand the plan.

Chapters two and three treat of the condition of man by nature, and the condition to which we may attain through Christ. As Gentiles, we are described as being without Christ, alienated from the commonwealth

of Israel, strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world; but after accepting the gospel, we who were afar off have been made near through the blood of Christ, and adopted into the family of God.

With chapter four begins the practical portion of the book; and it is good, timely, gospel truth for us to-day. We are admonished to walk worthily of the calling wherewith we are called; and to strive for unity, as there is but one Christ, one Lord and Father of all. Jew and Gentile are one in Christ, and it is by grace that both are saved. God has placed the various gifts of his Holy Spirit in the church for the purpose of unifying it in Christ. He has called some to be apostles, some prophets, some pastors and teachers, for the edifying of the body of Christ, until we come into the unity of the faith, and to the fulness of the stature of Christ. The last verse of chapter four and the first part of chapter five are a call to cease from sinning, and the reward is an inheritance in the kingdom of God.

The relation that should exist in the home between husband and wife, children and parents, servants and masters, is discussed in chapter five. The husband is admonished to love his wife as his own flesh, for they two are one, and no man ever hated his own self. Children are told to obey their parents, with the promise of long life on the earth. And servants are commanded to obey their masters. But whether a husband or wife, child or parent, servant or master, God is no respecter of persons; and it is to him that we are first responsible.

Regarding the Christian warfare, we are called to stand fast. After we have on the whole armor we are to use the shield of faith. The Christian life is a warfare, but we fight in a good cause, and if faithful, we are sure of victory.

In closing, Paul requested the prayers of God's people, that he might better uphold the banner of truth. At the present time, in the closing of the missionary movement which Paul

*This article was written by a member of the class studying "Acts and the Epistles" in Mount Vernon College last year.

began, we also ought to pray for our faithful workers and missionaries, some of whom are even now languishing in prison, as was Paul.

AT THE COLLEGE

BROTHER AND SISTER ESTA L. MILLER arrived in Mount Vernon last Friday morning. They will remain long enough to see the many old school friends who will return at the opening of school.

Three old students returned last week—Miss Olive White, Mr. Howard Weaks, and Mr. Sevelon Rockwell.

Miss Florence White spent a week in Hamilton, Ontario, visiting relatives and attending the Ontario camp-meeting, before going to her school in Souderton, Pa.

Miss Beulah Soper, of Prattville, Mich., who has been a member of the College home since the summer school, moved last week to the city, where she has obtained a position that will enable her to earn her way in school this year.

Miss Ethelyn Smith, of West Virginia, was in Mount Vernon a few days last week.

Mrs. W. H. Boden, of Athens, O., is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. Greenup.

It is with sorrow that we record this week the death of one of our students, Mr. Robinson Metcalf. Though he was in school only a short time, his last days were spent in the vicinity of the College, and the sympathies of the students were with him during the long months of his illness, and will continue to follow the bereaved parents, brothers, and sister.

Mrs. Flora French and her sister, Mrs. Lillian Lutz, are visiting their aunt, Mrs. W. J. Walter, of Academia.

When this issue of the VISITOR reaches its readers, another school year will have begun. No doubt many homes that it enters will be missing a boy or girl, and we know that the boys and girls will also be missing their homes. Somewho have

not been away to school before may even seriously contemplate packing their trunks and taking the next train for home. But this feeling will pass away in a few days, and they will soon become accustomed to the new surroundings. With the arrangement of work and programs will come an inspiration to seize every opportunity for improvement; and new and old students will enter heartily into an all too short year of good hard work and play.

WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia Camp-Meeting

THE West Virginia camp-meeting was held at McMechen, a small town on the Ohio River, not far from Wheeling. The valley of the Ohio River at this place is shut in by mountains both on the east and on the west. This gave us pretty scenery in either direction. The grounds were pleasant and the weather favorable. One nice rain came during the meeting, but even this occurred during the night, so that no service was interrupted.

During the summer a tent meeting had been in progress on the same ground, and the camp-meeting only served to strengthen the effort already begun. About twenty-five tents were pitched on the ground, and quite a number who could not be accommodated in these, secured rooms near by. The attendance was especially good in the evenings, and many of the residents of McMechen came in to these services.

The laborers in attendance besides those of the local conference were Elder B. G. Wilkinson, H. N. Sisco, M. D., E. R. Numbers, I. D. Richardson, Miss Cora Bennett, and the writer. The working of the Spirit of God was noticeable throughout the meeting. The work with "Ministry of Healing" was taken hold of heartily, and about two-thirds of their quota of the \$300,000 fund was subscribed when the matter was presented.

In the forenoon of the last Sabbath, Elder B. G. Wilkinson spoke to a well filled tent; and as he closed his discourse, he called for those who wished to give themselves to God and those who would consecrate their lives to his service to come forward. Nearly all responded. Among these were several who had never before given their hearts to God. Elder F. H. Robbins then led in an earnest prayer that God would accept and keep by his own power those who had given

themselves to him. In the afternoon five were baptized in the Ohio River, and others will go forward in this ordinance in the near future.

Mrs. C. V. Hamer had charge of the young people's meetings. We were glad to see the young yielding themselves more fully to our heavenly Father, and dedicating their lives to his service.

Twenty-one names were given me of those who desire to attend Mount Vernon College, and even though only about one-third of this number may be able to start this fall, we believe the interest shown is a good indication. One of our College students of last year, Brother Clarence Leach, is now the general canvassing agent in West Virginia. He feels he cannot leave his work just now, but is planning to be back in the College before the year is over. Four other College students, Miss Clara Pettit, Miss Dollie Parker, Miss Hazel Leach, and Mr. William Coleman, who are canvassing for a scholarship near McMechen, spent Sabbath and Sunday on the camp-ground. They are doing extra well in their work, and we were glad to meet them so full of courage and looking forward with glad anticipation to the opening of school at the College in a few days.

O. F. BUTCHER.

The Twenty-Third Annual Session

PURSUANT to the call of the president, Elder F. H. Robbins, the twenty-third annual gathering of the West Virginia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists convened at McMechen, Marshall County, West Virginia; and at 9:30 o'clock A. M., August 21, president Robbins occupying the chair, the meeting was called to order.

After the singing of two stanzas of a beautiful selection from "Christ in Song," and the reading of a scripture lesson from the 115th Psalm by Elder Robbins, Elder W. T. Knox, from Washington, D. C., offered a fervent prayer to our Father in heaven, in which he invoked his divine blessing on this camp-meeting, and upon all who may have been privileged to be present.

In a few well chosen remarks, the president welcomed the delegates to the conference, and declared the West Virginia Conference in its twenty-third annual session to be ready for the transaction of whatever business the delegates might have to bring before it. The roll of delegates was called, and the president remarked that "inasmuch as there would be among us at thi

meeting a number of General and Union Conference brethren, he would be pleased to have them privileged to participate with us in the deliberations of the Conference." Thereupon all visiting brethren from the General Conference, and from the Columbia Union Conference, and all members present in good standing of our local churches, were invited to join with us in the business of the conference.

The standing committees were then named, and directed by the president to present to the delegates whatever matter they might find that in their judgment would aid the delegates in formulating and adopting plans for the government of the conference for the present year.

WORKERS' REPORT

Brother C. V. Leach, our state canvassing agent, presented a most excellent report, which was listened to with much interest. He said that since the first of April there had been from seven to ten good faithful young men and women who had been putting in an average of five days a week at good house-to-house canvassing over the hills and mountains, and through the valleys and dales of West Virginia. Those persons who have been so fortunate as to follow them through their published reports in the VISITOR, week by week, will know that their efforts have been crowned with success.

W. L. Adkins reported that there were about twenty in one company with which he had been laboring at Little Birch, Braxton County, West Virginia, since our last camp-meeting; that while it is true that everything was not running as smoothly as he might wish, yet he thought that there were many indications pointing to the fact that something had been done—a Sabbath-school of twenty members organized, young people's society organized, and twelve persons ready for baptism. He had to modify the number somewhat when he came to consider the manner of living of some of them. Some had paid a small tithe, others had just decided to pay. Talking it all through, he felt that he had reason to be thankful to God for the way in which an interest was developing in Little Birch.

The secretary of the Sabbath-school presented the following: "I can give a report of the Sabbath-school work only from the time that I took charge of it at the Pensboro camp-meeting in 1906. At the camp-meeting of that year it was voted to make a strong ef-

fort toward getting all our schools to give their entire contributions to missions, providing for usual supplies either by special donations, or by each individual paying for his own helps. We had been educated from the beginning that we use all we needed for ourselves, and give the remainder to missions. I had preached it so long that I felt a little doubtful of success in our new plan; but I set out to use my influence with the faith I had. By God's help, the Sabbath-school work has been steadily increasing. One Sabbath-school after another has fallen into line, and though it was a hard struggle for us to forsake our early training, we did not give up the fight; and now there is not a Sabbath-school in West Virginia using one cent of its donations for home supplies.

"When I took charge of the work in 1906, we had a membership of 134; now we have a membership of 245—an increase of 111.

"The donations for the third quarter of 1906 were \$19.45. Of this amount there was used for Sabbath-school supplies \$7.28, leaving a balance for missions of \$12.17.

"Our quarterly report for the second quarter of 1910, shows a donation of \$43.27, and all given to missions.

"The increase of donations for 1910 over the donations for 1906 is \$31.10; yet we have heard of no school that is suffering for supplies."

While there have been some discouraging features to meet with, yet the Lord has cared over his work, and has blessed us all in our efforts to do in the best way what he has placed upon us to perform.

Brethren and sisters, we can see no reason for discouragement, and if we are faithful in doing the little things devolving upon us we may expect greater things in the future.

M. L. HADDIX.

CHESAPEAKE

Baltimore

THE Baltimore church had quite a spirited missionary meeting on Sabbath, August 27, at Florist Exchange Hall, the place of our regular services. A short paper was read, bringing out the thought of fruit-bearing, God's requirement of his children. We then had the pleasure of listening to some of the experiences of Sisters McDonald and Lacky, which were appreciated by the whole company. Their talk gave us hope and encouragement, and impressed us

with our duty to take up the periodical work. A ready response was made to an appeal to take hold of the *Family Bible Teacher*, and try to interest our neighbors and friends in it. About one-third of the company of thirty-four persons agreed to take part in this work, six of them not being members of the church, but visitors who have been hearing the truth at the tent during the summer. The power of the Spirit of God was present, and we truly had an enjoyable time.

C. B. TRACY.

Remember the time and place for camp-meeting. The time is September 22 to October 2. The place is Chestertown. Shall we not make this camp-meeting the best ever held in the Chesapeake Conference? We can if we will go and take the Spirit of the Lord with us.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

BROTHER WATT writes from Kittanning, September 5: "We had a large audience last night at the tent; about 150 were present. Our audiences are better here thus far than they were at the other place. What the result will be we cannot tell. Pray for the work at this place." Brother Watt states that they had some difficulty getting their tent moved to another part of town. They had engaged a lot down in the central part of Kittanning, and when they had one load on the lot, and the dray had gone for the remainder, the man who had charge of the lot came and told them that they could have it only until the next Monday. As he would do no better for them, they began to look for another lot. Everything in Kittanning that was at all suitable was closed against them. Finally, after they had prayed earnestly over the matter, they secured a lot. Though the experience seemed a little strange, they have been having much better attendance where they are now located than they had in the city.

Elder Meleen, who is laboring in the interest of the Swedish work at Sheffield, writes us that they have some interested hearers, and that they hope to see some take a firm stand for truth. They too have been ordered to move their tent. We trust that they will find a suitable location. We hope that all will remember the work and workers in prayer.

OHIO

The Springfield Church School Convention

To THE Springfield church, we believe, belongs the honor of holding the first church school convention in Ohio. The convention was held Sabbath and Sunday, September 3 and 4, just before the opening of the church school. In addition to the pastors and members of the neighboring churches, Elders H. H. Burkholder and S. M. Butler, and Professor O. M. John were present to assist in carrying out the program. The responsibilities of the parents, the qualifications of teachers, school government, finances, hygiene, and courses of study were among the subjects considered. Much excellent instruction was given; and as Miss Anna Franklin opens the school, we believe that it is with the united support of the entire church.

W. C. MOFFETT.

Young People, Notice!

IN harmony with the recommendation of the union conference executive committee, the Ohio young people, at the Marion camp-meeting, passed the following resolution:—

Resolved, That we, the young people of the Ohio Conference, will co-operate with the young people of the sister conferences of the Columbia Union Conference in raising, as soon as possible, our part of the \$1,200 which the young people of the union are giving to purchase a new water plant for Mount Vernon College.

The old water plant is in a precarious condition, and the College faces the danger of having its water supply cut off. We would urge the leaders of our young people's societies, or where there is no society, the elder of the church, to bring this matter to the attention of the young people. Forward all donations, as soon as possible, to H. D. Holtom, Mount Vernon, O.

W. C. MOFFETT.

Holmesville

DEAR VISITOR: We secured an excellent location for our tent, and the effort is progressing well. We held our first service August 31, with nearly a full tent, and each evening since we have spoken to good audiences which have listened attentively to the word spoken.

We have enjoyed the visits of the brethren from Shreve and Wise's Mill. Brother Hague, of the former place, has kindly lent us his organ for use in the meetings.

W. E. BIDWELL.
L. R. WILLIAMS.

Wise's Mill

ON Sabbath, September 3, a number of the Killbuck church met at Wise's Mill, in the home of Brother Jacob Usey and held Sabbath-school, after which we briefly reviewed the leading points of our faith.

After dinner we walked a few rods to Daughy's Creek, where one soul was buried in baptism with her Saviour. She will become a member of the Killbuck church.

When the sun had nearly reached the western horizon we separated for our different homes, feeling that another day had been well spent in the Master's service.

W. E. BIDWELL.

ELDER W. E. BIDWELL spent Sabbath, August 27, with the Killbuck church, and visited Brother Cliff Kaser, at Clark, O., on Sunday.

Brother G. C. Quillin has been in rather poor health since camp-meeting, owing to overwork on the campground.

The conference executive committee was in session Tuesday and Wednesday of last week.

Brother Benjamin Van Eman, who was taken home ill from the camp-meeting, has made no improvement since, and it is feared that he will not recover.

Mrs. Perrine Fairchild, of Academia, who has been visiting her aged father in Quebec, Canada, during the summer, returned home last week.

Brother Jacob Usey's eldest son has decided to attend Mount Vernon College the coming year. He has chosen wisely, as he can get a training there that cannot be obtained in the schools of the world.

Brother Isaac Hague's son, Otis, from Battle Creek, Mich., is spending a few days with his parents.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Manassas, Va

SINCE my last report we have moved into the country about five miles from Manassas. We had been there three months, the people had heard much of the message, and it seemed advisable to move the tent. There are many interested ones in Manassas, and we are visiting them as opportunity permits. After having a good experience and a hard fight, we left some Sabbath-keepers in Manassas, but the number was not large enough to form a church organization. Our aim is to add a few families in the surrounding country, and then rear up a monument for God.

Our tent is now pitched within one-half mile of the first battle field of the Civil War. A path from our tent leads straight to the old Blackwell Fort, where three hundred of the Northern men fell at the first volley that was fired from the South. Across Bull Run is the old McLean farm where the battle was fought. The old stone building stands there today, and on either side of Bull Run, from six to ten miles, can be seen the old forts which were thrown up by both armies.

The son of Mr. McLean, who attends our meetings, told me that it was on his father's farm that the first battle was fought, and it was in his father's house at Appomattox that General Lee surrendered four years later. On a little mound, about one mile from here, a man stood when he heard the sound of wagons coming from Washington. Here it is that they are planning to erect a monument soon. We hope to erect one too.

It was over this road that the Northern men fled back to Washington. A lady who lived here at that time told me that they passed through her yard and hall, fleeing in terror from the Southern army. They would ask the way to Washington, saying, "Tell us the right way—put us on the right road; don't send us into the hands of the Southern army."

These words impressed me much when I thought of our own battle for salvation. It seems to me that we should follow the golden rule, and whereas years ago kindness was shown to us, we should now return it by putting our Southern brethren on the right road,—not to Washington, but to a more grand and beautiful city,—the New Jerusalem.

Our attendance is good, and the people are interested. We hope that there may be some of the people who will keep the Sabbath, and that here upon the old historical spot we may erect a monument of grace to the glory of God.

U. D. PICKARD.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Carlisle

AS THE result of meetings held here last winter and spring for a few days at a time, it was my privilege to bury in baptism six persons in the month of May.

The work is now being followed up with tent meetings; and so far six more souls have decided to follow in the footsteps of their Lord, and keep their Father's commandments.

Many others are deeply interested in the truth, and we are sure a number will soon take a definite stand also.

Some weeks ago part of the land upon which our tents are pitched was sold for building purposes, and we expected to receive notice to move at any time. We were much concerned about this. We wondered if it was the Lord's way of telling us to pitch in another part of the city. We had several seasons of earnest prayer over the matter, and we felt that we should go out and look for a place, leaving it with the Lord to go before us and open the way, or close it as he saw best. We have failed in securing any other location, and are now moving our tents around believing that it is the will of God that we stay where we are.

Sabbath we had a goodly number of new people meet with us for worship in the tent, and we are encouraged to look for quite a few to take their stand with us.

Mrs. Bell has been with me most of the time, and has been a great help to me in visiting and getting acquainted with the people.

The separation from home and loved ones—the lot of most of us who go out with tents—has been made up for by occasional visits from our children, which have been very refreshing to us.

Pray for the work in Carlisle, not forgetting Allentown, Reading, and Philadelphia, and the great wide field beyond.

A. R. BELL.

VIRGINIA

Dillwyn

WE began a series of tent meetings the first of the month in a beautiful pine grove, on the farm of a brother

who lives about eight miles from the town of Dillwyn. The first few nights the attendance was small, as the weather was very unfavorable. Each night has seen an increased attendance, and on Sunday we held two meetings, at which the tent was well filled. The crowd at the night meeting overflowed the capacity of the tent. A good collection also testified to their interest. If the weather continues to be favorable, the prospects are that we shall have large crowds, at least until the testing truths are presented.

On next Sunday the people have requested that we held three services, so that they can come and spend the day. We expect to do so, and will then have a good opportunity to visit with them and get better acquainted. I have never met a people in all my work who seem so anxious to hear the message. They know who we are and the people we represent, and are as free and friendly as they can be. Of course we cannot tell as to what the outcome will be, but we expect to see some souls obey the message. As usual, the ministers have been busy trying to use their influence against us, but the people do not seem to heed them so far. A goodly number of those who attended Sunday came from six to ten miles, and are planning to be present several times during the week, and all day next Sunday. I was told yesterday that the telephones are kept busy by the people, inviting each other to attend the services and hear the wonderful things that are being taught. Pray for us and the work.

J. GREER HANNA.

CLARENCE HENNAGE.

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Report of the Virginia Conference

YOUR committee on plans and recommendations would respectfully submit the following report:—

Whereas, The blessing of God has been evident during the past year in strengthening various departments of our conference work, especially the Sabbath-school and publishing work,—

1. *Resolved*, That with profound gratitude we acknowledge his loving care over the work and workers; and recognizing the vastness of the field yet before us, that we once more renew our consecration to him for better service, and press forward toward the completion of the gospel work entrusted to us.

Whereas, Two of our workers,

Elders Herrell and House, have been obliged to withdraw from the field on account of ill health,—

2. *Resolved*, That we express our appreciation of their services, and extend to them our sympathies in their afflictions, with the assurance of our prayers for their speedy restoration to health and return to their work.

3. *Resolved*, That we express to the General, Columbia Union, and Ohio Conferences our great appreciation of the financial assistance which they have rendered this needy field; and,—

Further resolved, That we thank the General Conference for its appropriation of \$1,500 for the more rapid promulgation of the work in Richmond, and that we express our willingness to co-operate with them in carrying out the plans for city efforts.

Whereas, The growing proportions of our work demand a full representation at our conference,—

4. *We recommend*, That a more earnest effort be made on the part of our churches to send their full quota of delegates to each session.

Whereas, The home tract and missionary work is a very effective means of securing the efforts of all our people in active service for the Master; and,—

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

5. *We recommend*, That as far as possible, in each church in 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.

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 burdened with accounting to tract societies for subscriptions sent direct to them,—

6. *We recommend*, That all subscriptions be given to the church missionary secretary, who will forward all orders to the Virginia tract society.

7. *Resolved*, That our churches adopt the plan of holding weekly missionary meetings, selecting such a time 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 missionary work done, handing the same to the church missionary secretary each Sabbath, or at the weekly missionary meeting.

Whereas, It is impossible for believers in present truth to keep pace with the message both in home and foreign fields without being regular readers of the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR and the *Review*,

8. *Resolved*, That we put forth a determined effort to place these two periodicals in each home in the conference.

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 signally blessed the efforts that have been put forth in the past; therefore,—

9. *Resolved*, That all our church elders and Sabbath-school officers be requested to manifest a deep interest in the young people of their churches, and whenever practical, see that they are organized into active missionary volunteer societies; and,—

Further resolved, That all young people who cannot affiliate with local societies be urged to become members of the conference volunteer missionary society.

10. *We recommend*, That all conference workers and church officers urge our young people—

(a) To take the missionary volunteer reading course.

(b) To pass the standard of attainment examinations in Bible doctrines and denominational history.

(c) To use the morning watch calendar as a help in daily devotions.

(d) To become regular readers of the *Youth's Instructor*.

Whereas, The General Conference has recommended, and the Columbia Union Conference has adopted the plan of selling each year for three years the equivalent of two copies of the book "Ministry of Healing," and five copies of *Life and Health* for each member, in order to assist our sanitarians in their medical work,—

11. *Resolved*, That we as a conference heartily endorse this plan, and that we pledge ourselves to dispose of our quota as soon as possible.

Whereas, The prospering hand of God has been seen in the growth of the canvassing work during the past summer; and,—

Whereas, The schools and colleges will carry many of the successful canvassers from the field this fall,—

12. *We recommend*, That the conference workers and church elders give special attention to selecting suitable persons for the canvassing work, and report the same to the president of the conference, who in turn will

place the matter in the hands of the field agent for further development.

Whereas, The spirit of prophecy has said that God calls for Christian families to go into communities that are in darkness and error to work perseveringly for the Master; be it therefore,—

13. *Resolved*, That we encourage our brethren who have a burden for the work to consult the conference president with a view of moving their families as soon as possible into the vast unworked portions of the territory under the Virginia Conference, and there engage in resident canvassing; and as we are in immediate need of the these workers,—

14. *Resolved*, That we make a special call for six families to begin work by Oct. 1, 1910.

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

15. *We recommend*, That our officers and teachers take advantage of the training now offered them in the Sabbath-school teachers' reading course by securing the pamphlets now used in this course, and carefully following the studies as outlined in the *Sabbath-school worker*.

16. *We Request*, 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.

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

17. *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.

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 Virginia Conference have responded to the action of the late General Conference by giving all their Sabbath-school donations to missions,—

18. *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 local purposes, thus gaining for us a place with our sister conferences upon the Sabbath-school department "honor roll."

Whereas, The General Conference has adopted the plan of raising \$300,000 within the next three years with which to provide homes and needed institutions for our missionaries in foreign fields; and,—

Whereas, The Columbia Union Conference has endorsed this plan, and has already begun the raising of this money under the approval of the people; therefore,—

19. *Resolved*, That we as a conference heartily endorse and join this movement, and that we pledge ourselves to have our quota raised at the appointed time.

Whereas, The ten-cent-a-week plan has been adopted by the General Conference, and by them recommended to the local conferences as one of the principal agencies to provide means for the support of the foreign missionaries and their work,—

20. *Resolved*, That we do hereby recommit ourselves to this plan, and to the determination to raise for the maintenance of our foreign mission enterprises for the current year a sum equal to ten cents a week for each member of the conference.

Whereas, We are plainly told by the spirit of prophecy that our people have backslidden from their former loyalty to the health reform; and,—

Whereas, We are also told that greater efforts should be put forth to educate the people in these lines; therefore,—

21. *Resolved*, That we make diligent efforts to raise this department upon higher ground, and strengthen it—

(a) By increasing the circulation of our health literature, especially the journal *Life and Health*.

(b) By requesting our church elders to provide in their churches for the systematic study of the book "Ministry of Healing."

(c) By requesting our ministers and licentiates to devote one evening a week while conducting tent efforts to the presentation of this phase of the third angel's message.

22. *Resolved*, That we, the young people of the Virginia Conference, will co-operate with the young people of the sister conferences of the Columbia Union Conference in raising, as soon as possible, our part of the \$1,200 which the young people of the union are giving to purchase a new water plant for Mount Vernon College.

Canvassers' Reports

West Virginia, Week Ending August 26, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Guy Corder, Wetzel Co.		BF	4	27	45	50 50	7 00	57 50	5 00
Ray Corder, Marshall Co.		BF	5	38	38	41 50	75	42 25	3 00
" " Wetzel "		BF	3	26	37	38 50	6 00	44 50	4 00
A. Halstead, Kanawha Co.		DA	5	37	21	67 50	36 25	103 75	6 25
†Dollie Parker, Marion Co.		CK	9	88	39	53 50		53 50	46 50
Clara Pettit, Marion Co.		CK	5	46	50	71 00	30	71 30	30
" " "		CK	5	38	50	69 00	1 70	70 70	1 70
†Hazel Leach, Marion Co.		DR	7	61	22	66 00	12 00	78 00	
" " "		DR	5	45	14	42 00	9 00	51 00	
†B. Wagner, Preston Co.		DR	7	58	20	60 00	20 50	80 50	
R. Wheeler, Preston Co.		DR	7	59	10	31 00	17 00	48 00	
Totals			62	523	346	\$590 50	\$110 50	\$701 00	\$66 75

Ohio, Week Ending September 2, 1910

H. Kirk, Jefferson Co.	DR	4	40	20	63 00			63 00	
A. L. Bassler, Perry Co.	DR	4	32	12	36 00	7 25		43 25	3 15
P. E. Wagner, Summit Co.	DR	5	40	7	21 00	4 00		25 00	44 75
H. Dunmead, Morgan Co.	DR	4	35	7	21 00			21 00	
Guy Corder, Monroe Co.	GC	4	29	19	57 00	5 50		62 50	
Enos M. Horst, Hocking Co.	GC	4	35	9	29 00	3 40		32 40	3 40
Ray Corder, Monroe Co.	GC	4	28	7	23 00	9 00		32 00	
H. Forsythe, Monroe Co.	GC	2	18	8	25 00	50		25 50	50
L. H. Waters, Athens Co.	BF	5	45	37	41 00	50		41 50	1 50
Totals		36	302	126	\$316 00	\$30 15	\$346 15	\$53 30	

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending September 2, 1910

J. Kennedy, Carbon	DR	5	34						180 00
L. Cruickshank, Carbon	DR	2	25						160 00
J. Lichty, Lehigh	GC	5	40	4	12 00	26 00		38 00	
R. Trieble, Luzerne	GC	5	33	4	12 00			12 00	63 00
F. A. Evans, Wayne	SP	5	44	23	30 00	8 30		38 30	
*R. Spencer, Tioga	H of M	20	100	90	200 00			200 00	
W. P. Hess, Lancaster	CK	3	27						101 50
†E. Sterner, Bucks	OK	7	59	12	14 00			14 00	40 00
Totals		49	272	133	\$288 00	\$24 30	\$202 30	\$544 50	

New Jersey, Week Ending August 27, 1910

A. Sherman, Cape May	GC	5	50	21	75 00	7 50		82 50	4 50
*J. Rambo, Cumberland	CK	13	92	78	88 00	2 00		90 00	82 50
†G. Blinn, Mercer	BR	9	76	36	110 00			110 00	
E. Hirst, Atlantic	GC	5	23	3	11 00	1 75		12 75	11 75
Totals		32	241	138	\$284 00	\$11 25	\$295 25	\$98 75	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending September 2, 1910

Agnes Zoerb, Beaver Co.	SP	5	15	20	21 50	1 75		22 75	1 75
Adeline Zoerb, Beaver Co.	SP	4	16	21	24 50	1 00		25 50	50
Miss Midkiff, Beaver Co.	SP	3	21	2	3 00	3 00		6 00	24 00
W. Jack, Armstrong Co.	DR	6	38	11	33 00			33 00	9 00
A. Brownlee, Butler Co.	M of H	5	44	3	6 00	3 00		9 00	153 00
J. Heaton, Huntingdon Co.		3	27			7 50		7 50	21 00
F. Hiner, Beaver Co.	GC	3	26	10	34 75			34 75	5 00
Totals		29	187	66	\$122 25	\$16 25	\$138 50	\$214 25	

District of Columbia, Week Ending September 2, 1910

Ira Porter, Prince Wm. Co. Va.	PP			12	23 50			23 50	
L. Funk, Prince Wm. Co. Va.	DB	9		5	15 50			15 50	
W. Sielback, Rectortown, Va.	DB	10		21	65 00	22 50		87 50	
A. Williman									140 00
Totals		19		38	\$103 50	\$22 50	\$126 00	\$140 00	

†Two weeks

*Three weeks

‡Four weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1,809.20 Deliveries, \$1,117.55

23. We recommend, That the action of the conference committee with reference to uniting the offices of the treasurer and the tract society, and the removal of the office to Richmond, be confirmed by this conference.

24. We recommend, That the action of the conference committee in granting the request of the District of Columbia Conference for more of our territory be confirmed.

Whereas, There is published at College View, Neb., under the direction of the Central Union Conference of the Seventh-day Adventists, a paper for the blind known as *The Christian Record*, containing the message of present truth; and,—

Whereas, This commendable work for those who are deprived of their sight is much in need of financial assistance,—

25. Resolved, That each member of the Virginia Conference raise this year an amount equal to ten cents a member for this enterprise.

The committee on nominations presented its report as follows:—

President, H. G. Thurston; secretary and treasurer of the conference and tract society, A. M. Neff; Sabbath-school secretary, Naomi Herrell; field missionary agent, V. O. Punches; religious liberty secretary, Stewart Kime.

Executive committee: H. G. Thurston, R. D. Hottel, J. E. Gardner, A. C. Neff, Stewart Kime, and A. M. Neff to act with the committee until the arrival of Elder Thurston.

For trustees of the Shenandoah Valley Training Academy: H. G. Thurston, A. C. Neff, W. H. Zeidler, A. M. Neff, R. T. Fultz, A. W. Painter, R. D. Hottel, J. E. Gardner, Professor Forshee, C. V. Woods, A. J. Painter, and Stewart Kime.

The committee on credentials and license presented its report as follows:—

CREDENTIALS

Elders H. G. Thurston, H. W. Herrell, R. D. Hottel, A. C. Neff, Leslie Muntz, Franklin G. Warnick, J. Greer Hanna, and Stewart Kime.

LICENSES

A. J. Painter.

MISSIONARY CREDENTIALS

V. O. Punches, Clara Hennage, Miss Anna C. Rice, Mrs. Ella Ragsdale, and Mrs. E. G. Warnick.

Under consideration of this report, a motion was made that the names of B. F. Purdham and T. H. Painter be added to the list of those for credentials.

A. M. NEFF, Sec'y.

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Sanitarium News Notes

THE sanitarium helpers are very busy now, as every room in the building is full. The fall class of nurses will receive a hearty welcome.

Mr. Alfred Clough recently went to his home on a visit. He expects to return in time for the opening of school, bringing his sister with him.

Miss Anna E. Brenner came back last week from her summer's vacation.

Miss Stella Kennedy has decided to take the nurses' course.

Miss Myrtle Amick recently spent a two weeks' vacation in West Virginia.

Mr. Paul Stokes has returned from a two weeks' vacation in southern Ohio.

Mrs. Helen Miller leaves Mount Vernon this week to join her husband in Wichita, Kan. Miss Cora Miller, who is matron at the sanitarium, will accompany her mother and enjoy a two month's vacation at her new home.

A Letter

DEAR VISITOR: Enclosed find an order for the VISITOR for one year. I am anxious to keep in touch with the work of the Columbia Union Conference, and as the VISITOR is the proper medium, in order to be intelligent along these lines, I feel that it should be in my home. As a union we should rally to support our paper in two ways. First, each family in

the conference should subscribe to it. When?—at once, while we are favorably impressed. This is the time to do the right thing. Prompt action on the line of good impressions assures us a blessing. Second, a short spicy account of good lively missionary meetings should be reported from all over the field as they occur; and these should occur more frequently as the end draws nearer.

Astronomy

THE articles on astronomy, which have been appearing in the *Signs of the Times* magazine for several months past, are attracting special attention. Here is an extract from a letter just received:—

"Gentlemen: I picked up a copy of the *Signs of the Times* Monthly, and being versed in that grandest and most noble of sciences, astronomy, I was deeply interested in the article on page 126, entitled 'The Open Glory,' by a Christian astronomer, which alone is worth the subscription price of the magazine, so I concluded to become a subscriber. You will find a money order for one dollar enclosed, for which send me the *Signs of the Times* monthly for one year. Yours, W. R. D."

These articles will be continued for some time to come. The one appearing in the September issue is entitled, "Canst Thou Guide Arcturus?" Some of the most astonishing facts of astronomical science will be found in its presentation. By it one is convinced of the inspiration of the holy Scriptures.

Everybody ought to read the September number. All orders should be sent to your tract society at once. —*The Montana Bivouac.*

Birthday Cards

SABBATH-SCHOOL teachers, show your pupils that you are personally interested in them by remembering their birthdays. One superintendent reports that they use the cards in connection with their birthday box. Whenever a member of the Sabbath-school has a birthday, he contributes to the birthday box as many pennies as he is years old. He is then presented with the Sabbath-school birthday card. Very satisfactory results are reported. Give the cards a trial. Price, five cents each, six for twenty-five cents; one hundred for \$3.50. Address Sabbath-school Department, Takoma Park Station, Washington, D. C.

OBITUARIES

SHARPE.—Sarah Francis Porter was born in Ithica, N. Y., Dec. 38, 1830, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Rowe, in Battle Creek, Mich., Aug. 24, 1910, aged 79 years, 7 months, and 27 days. Early in life the deceased removed with her parents to Ohio, and in 1852, was united in marriage with William D. Sharpe in Greenspring. It was while living here that the deceased, with her husband, heard and embraced the message of the third angel under the labors of Elders J. N. Loughborough and M. E. Cornell. They later moved to Clyde, and assisted in the erection of the Seventh-day Adventist church there, afterward removing to Battle Creek Mich., and again to California, where they lived until one year ago, when the deceased and her husband returned to Battle Creek. Sister Sharpe was ever a faithful, devoted Adventist. She is survived by her husband and all her children, four in number, one of whom, Mrs. E. H. Gates, needs no introduction to this people, having been a missionary aboard the "Pitcairn" for a number of years, and now with her husband, Elder E. H. Gates, in the Australasian field. The body was brought to Clyde and buried in the family cemetery. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. JAMES E. SHULTZ.

METCALF.—Robinson C. Metcalf was born at Kanawha Station, West Virginia, April 7, 1893. At the age of twelve he was baptized and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church of that place. About one year ago, with his parents, he removed to Mount Vernon, Ohio, where he entered Mount Vernon College. Although he was in poor health he continued in school until about the winter holidays, when he took a severe cold which made his condition more critical. Early in the spring it became evident upon examination that he had tuberculosis. During the summer he was not generally confined to his bed, but it was apparent that he was growing weaker. His parents erected a tent for him in the yard and made conditions as favorable as possible, but without avail. He passed quietly away at six A. M. Sept. 5, 1910. Only a few days before his death he asked that some one read to him from the Bible. Not satisfied with a short scripture only, he continued to ask for more, until there had been read to him the 34th, 37th, 90th, 91st, and 23rd Psalms, and the 21st chapter of Revelation. A short service was conducted at the home in the afternoon of September 5, at which time six hymns were sung that had been selected by the deceased for the occasion. In the morning of September 6 the remains were taken to the old home at Kanawha Station, West Virginia, for interment.

O. F. BUTCHER.