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PEACE

Amid the world's discordant strife,
Amid the weariness and pain,
Amid the toil of hand and brain,
Cometh this peace into my life.

What could I do without its balm?
It soothes my soul to trust and rest;
I know who sends it loves me best;
It stills life's storms to perfect calm.

O glad am I the Master gave
This boon of love—his last and best.
Come and abide my constant guest,
And make me gentle, true, and brave.

Dear Saviour, soon thy face I'll see;
And so I'll rest my soul on thine,
And bravely meet the ills of time;
For thy sweet peace, it keepeth me.

MRS. PAULINE ALDERMAN.

The Prophetic Gift in the Christian Church

JUST before the ascension of our Saviour he said to his disciples, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."¹ When the Saviour was taken to heaven he did not forget nor forsake his children here upon earth. The ascension did not change his love—it is constant; and according to his promise he still abides with his people. It would seem inconsistent to conceive of one with such a great love as is manifested in the life of our Saviour, still going with his people, and yet for nearly nineteen hundred years never speaking to them. Think of a young man starting with his bride for a wedding trip around the world. Perhaps she has never traveled and feels afraid and uncertain, but he says to her, "Do not worry, I will go with you all the way." Then imagine that during the entire trip he never speaks to her, never gives her any counsel, advice, or comfort. What must be the conclusion as to his love? Apply the same principle to our Saviour's promise to his followers as they go forward, meeting conditions and difficulties with which they are unac-

quainted; and it will readily be seen that we must expect messages of counsel and advice from him who has promised to go with us "alway, even unto the end of the world."

As we study the history of Israel, we may learn lessons concerning Christ's method of speaking with his people. It is said of them that they "did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that went with them: and that Rock was Christ."² But how did Christ speak to Israel while he went with them? The prophet Hosea informs us. He says, "By a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he preserved."³ For when Christ went with Israel, he gave them his testimony through the medium of a prophet. We may conclude that his promise to go with the church in the Christian dispensation implies that he will still speak to them through a prophet; for he is "the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever."⁴

PROPHECY A GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

In Christ's talk with his disciples just a little while before his betrayal he said, "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter; that he may abide with you forever."⁵ Presently he explains that the comforter is the Holy Spirit which the Father would send in his name.⁶ Then, according to this promise, the Holy Spirit is a legacy which the church may claim to the close of time. The apostle Paul explains to us what the gifts of the Spirit are; and among these gifts he names the gift of prophecy.⁷ Thus it is evident that in a church where the Holy Spirit is bestowed in its fullness, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, one of which is prophecy, must be manifest. When the Holy Spirit came upon Saul after his anointing, we read that "he prophesied."⁸ And in Joel's description of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit he mentions the result by saying, "Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions."⁹

THE PROPHETIC GIFT PLACED IN THE CHURCH TO REMAIN

It is evident that Christ meant to teach his disciples that there would still be prophets in the Christian dispensation. He said to them, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing."¹⁰ Now where there is a false there must be a true. There cannot be a counterfeit without a genuine. If there were never to be any true prophets in the Christian dispensation, how much more effectually might Jesus have guarded his disciples by saying, "Beware of prophets, for there will never be any more true prophets." In Paul's letter to the Ephesians he makes it very clear that the gift of prophecy was left in the church. In speaking of Christ at the time of his ascension, he says, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers."¹¹ Thus he places prophecy second in the list of endowments left in his church. These gifts he says are "for the perfecting of the saints." If after Christ had for three and a half years walked and talked with his people and had ordained the apostles, who were conversant with his teaching, to continue this work; if, I say, at that time and under those conditions they still needed prophets "for the perfecting of the saints," then how much more do we need them after coming out of the long years of darkness caused by the papal supremacy? Certainly we must expect that he whose ways are equal¹² will grant to his true church to-day the same gift. But we are not left merely to a logical conclusion; for the apostle gives us to understand that all of these gifts which he has named are to remain in the church "till we all come into the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."¹³ This perfection which the apostle here describes will never be reached until the close of probation. Therefore, this gift still belongs in the church.

PROPHETS IN THE EARLY CHURCH

New Testament history reveals the fact that there were prophets in the early part of the Christian dispensation. In the book of Acts we read of the prophet Agabus, and how he "signified by the Spirit that there should be a great dearth throughout all the world, which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar."¹⁴ And on another occasion "he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles."¹⁵ The very last book of the Bible contains the words of a prophet; for John says that he "bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw;"¹⁶ and again he says, "I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets;"¹⁷ and in closing the book he says, "I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life."¹⁸ Thus we see that the angel classes John among the prophets, and John himself speaks of his writings as "the book of this prophecy." Therefore, he, the writer, must have been a prophet. This shows plainly that there were prophets in the early part of the Christian dispensation as verily as there were in the preceding dispensations.

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY PROMISED TO THE LAST CHURCH

In Paul's first letter to the Corinthians he describes the way in which God led Israel out of Egypt and preserved them.¹⁹ Hosea in speaking of the same event says that the Lord did this through a prophet.²⁰ The significance of this history is stated by Paul, for he says: "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples, and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come."²¹ Now if God led Israel out of Egypt by a prophet, and this history was written for an ensample, then we must understand that God will lead spiritual Israel in the same way in these last

days. Joel prophesied of our time when he said: "It shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions."²² This scripture is quoted by the apostle Peter in his sermon on the day of Pentecost.²³ We note, however, that where Joel uses the word "afterward," Peter speaking under inspiration says, "the last days." This shows that Joel's statement has especial application in the last days; and while Peter considered the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost as the beginning of the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy, yet he did not understand it to apply to his day alone, for he says, "The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."²⁴ So as long as God is calling sinners to repentance, so long this promise made through Joel and quoted by Peter belongs to the true church. The apostle John in the Book of Revelation says of the remnant, that is, the last of the church, that they "have the testimony of Jesus Christ."²⁵ And this testimony of Jesus Christ is explained to be "the spirit of prophecy."²⁶ Paul's first letter to the Corinthians has much to say about the second coming of Christ. In this letter he says, "The testimony of Christ was confirmed in you so that ye come behind in no gift, waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."²⁷ This shows plainly that the church which is waiting for the second advent will have the testimony of Christ, that is, the spirit of prophecy. This, we note, the apostle states in a very emphatic way. He says it was *confirmed* in you. This word confirm would indicate to establish, fix, make permanent, in the church this testimony of Christ, or the spirit of prophecy. This, the apostle states, should be done so that they come behind in no gift while waiting for the coming of Christ. If they lacked this gift they would be behind the early church in this respect. That they may not be behind, he confirms this gift among them. Surely no stronger proof could be asked to show that God designed that the last or remnant church should have the gift of prophecy.

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9 Joel 2:28; 10 Matt. 7:15; 11 Eph. 4:7, 8, 11, 12; 12 Eze. 18:25, 29; 13 Eph. 4:11-15, margin; 14 Acts 11:28; 15 Acts 21:8-11; 16 Rev. 1:1, 2; 17 Rev. 22:8, 9; 18 Rev. 22:18, 19; 19 1 Cor. 10:1-10; 20 Hosea 12:13; 21 1 Cor. 10:11; 22 Joel 2:28; 23 Acts 2:16-18; 24 Acts 2:38, 39; 25 Rev. 12:17; 26 Rev. 19:10; 27 1 Cor. 1:4-7.

Concluded next week

O. F. BUTCHER.

Over \$47,000 for the Columbia Union

THIS amount of money is the sum we are to have for the getting, or for going after it. It is to be used in the payment of the indebtedness of an institution in our Union for which our conference officers have been much burdened.

The statistical report in the *Review and Herald* of October 6, shows that there are 6,787 Sabbath-keepers in the Columbia Union Conference. These are equally interested in the work of the Union and its needs. A branch of the cause that is in pressing need of help is the sanitarium work. The situation is one with which most of our people are familiar, and in which all should be interested.

Provision has been made for meeting the need. A God-given plan has been adopted whereby actual relief may be secured. But it requires co-operation on the part of every Seventh-day Adventist in this Union. Just a little effort from each of the 6,787 members will bring in the goodly sum of \$47,000. This need not be a donation by us. We may secure it from others, and give them value in return.

In the gift of "Ministry of Healing" we have a resource of real financial help to our sanitarium work. A dollar or more is realized on the sale of each book. The relief campaign now in progress provides for the sale of at least six copies of the book, and fifteen copies of *Life and Health*, by each member. For the Columbia Union membership this would mean about \$47,000. We may make it as much more as we will; there are plenty more books and journals to be had, the territory is a large one, and the money is there.

Besides our share of responsibility in the Philadelphia institution, we have other sanitarium interests in this Union. We have sanitariums in important locations which are doing much good, for the permanent success of which we should be working.

This can be done in a very practical manner in this relief campaign.

If 40,722 copies of "Ministry of Healing" and 101,805 copies of *Life and Health* are placed in homes in this field it will surely result in a great increase of interest on the part of the public in our health work. As our people visit these homes and present the work of our sanitariums, it will undoubtedly develop a large patronage for these institutions. Their work will thus be made permanently self-supporting.

At this time, when money is so much needed for the cause at home and abroad, it is to be appreciated that such a sum as this is available by the putting forth of a little effort. This substantial aid may be had with a little help on the part of each one.

This help may reasonably and consistently be expected from our people, because of their interest in these institutions. But besides helping the sanitariums, we shall be doing missionary work of the highest order. We have long been called upon to do house-to-house work, and probably no better means is afforded us than to visit the people with our missionary book. The people need the truths it contains; our sanitariums need the money to be had in return for it; and our people need the missionary experience.

L. A. HANSEN.

AT THE COLLEGE

A LETTER from Miss Delilah L. Briggs says that her mother's health is improving, and that Miss Briggs is thinking seriously of returning to school at the beginning of the second term.

Mrs. G. A. Keppler, who has been in Mount Vernon for a short time owing to her daughter's illness, returned home last Thursday. Miss Keppler is recovering rapidly from her operation.

Mrs. Hall's mother, Mrs. Mason, though improving slowly, is still unable to leave her room.

Mrs. Ethyl M. Walker, *nee* Pope, who is in College again, was made happy by the arrival of her husband last week.

Announcement has been received of the arrival of a son, Kendall Owen, to Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Kennedy, of Wheelersburg, O.

Miss Hannah Beatty, who has been a student at the College for the past four years, is pleased to have her sister with her in Mount Vernon this year. Miss Blanche Beatty is taking treatments at the Sanitarium, and expects soon to be able to enter school.

Miss Annie Laurie Mc Cutchen, with a corps of five assistants, is in charge of the library this year.

Mr. Otho Panches called at Mount Vernon for a few days on his way to Virginia to visit his brother.

Mr. Leslie Waters, who is canvassing for a scholarship, spent Sabbath and Sunday with his sister at the College.

A note from Miss Dorothy White, '09, instructor in the Emmanuel Missionary College Training School, says that she is enjoying her work there very much.

WEST VIRGINIA

ELDER ROBBINS is again in the field since his return from the business meeting at Mount Vernon. He has visited Wheeling, McMechen, and Fairmont. He is now at his home in Morgantown, busy with his correspondence.

October 31 is almost with us, and we have not yet sent in for as many *Reviews* for the Harvest Ingathering as were ordered at this time last year. In 1908 this conference used 1,886 copies; of the missions number of the *Review*; in 1909 we used 2,613 copies and thus far this year we have received orders for only 2,180 papers. What is the matter? Will West Virginia allow its record of last year to stand as a high record, or shall we work to a 3000 mark for this year, and not stop until we have reached it? We have a few days left, so let us be up and doing. The Mission Board needs a greater amount of money for this year than it did for last; therefore let us pray God that the harvest we shall gather this year will far exceed that of last year.

It is hoped that every church in West Virginia that held the "fourth Sabbath" service, October 22, will send a brief account of its meeting.

The *Watchman* for November has just been received from the publishers, and as we glance through its pages we must say that it is far above the average. You will do well to read the November number. Send ten cents to the office at Parkersburg and secure a copy.

One of our faithful canvassers writes: The Lord is still giving me good success in taking orders for books. The praise be to him for this, and for the success which is attending the truth wherever it is carried. Nothing can stop the work, and we shall soon be home in the kingdom, if we are faithful."

From another canvasser: "Just a word in this report. The Lord has wonderfully blessed me during the last week. I feel that it was his wish that I should come to this needy field of labor, and my daily prayer is that I may take courage and move steadily on to the victory which awaits the persevering."

We are pleased to welcome Brother I. D. Richardson and his family to West Virginia. Brother Richardson has joined us in an effort to spread the gospel of the third angel in this needy field. He has located at Elm Grove, a suburb of Wheeling, and his territory will include the city of Wheeling, the churches at Moundsville and Chester, and the little company at McMechen, where much effective work was done last summer by Elders Robbins and Steele, and where the last camp-meeting was held.

Brother Richardson, having long been connected with the General Conference as missionary to India, and with our Union Conference as general field agent and young people's missionary secretary, will need no introduction to our people. We extend to Brother Richardson and his family the most hearty welcome, and assure him that the fervent prayers of our people will ever be with him in his ministerial efforts in West Virginia.

OHIO

Marion

DR. W. J. VENEN and the writer closed the tent effort in Marion, O., October 9. The audience was good. With many prayers for divine guidance and strength, which we believe

our Lord answered, we did not shun to declare unto them all the counsel of God. Tithing, health and temperance, organization and spirit of prophecy, including the evidences that Sister White is the Lord's messenger, were presented as clearly as was the law or the Sabbath. The results prove that the deep working and power of the Holy Spirit will accompany the message where it is fully and prayerfully presented. Two, a married man and a young woman, suffered the loss of their positions, that they might obey the truths of our message. Brother Randolph aided the man in getting work in the stone quarries, where, although the wage is less than he had been getting, and the work harder, he can keep the Sabbath and support his family. His wife accepted the message with him.

Dr. Venen will remain at Marion, and will go over the message with the interested ones, that they may become fully established in the present truth. Then the full results of our effort will be made known.

We greatly appreciate the help given us by Sister Talmage during the last week of our meetings, at the baptisms that followed, and also for carrying on the work after the meetings until Dr. Venen could arrange to take it up. She unites with us in giving all the praise to the heavenly Father; for we know that the work was done by him through us.

H. M. JUMP.

La Grange

THE La Grange church held its Harvest Ingathering services on Sabbath and Sunday, October 22 and 23. On Sabbath morning the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated, Elder R. G. Patterson and Dr. H. M. Jump officiating.

At the special Ingathering service on Sunday afternoon the church was filled, a good portion of the audience being friends from the outside. The interior of the church had been tastefully decorated with branches of trees, flowers, and sheaves of ripened grain, mingled with fruits and vegetables, presented before the Lord as an offering in gratitude for the blessings of the year. A program consisting of songs of praise, recitations, and group exercises designed to present the needs of the mission fields and the truths of God's word, was rendered in a pleasing manner, and in conclusion, by cash donations, and the sale outside the building of the products of the soil, \$20 was raised for missions.

It was the writer's privilege to visit while at La Grange the church school taught by Sister Myrtle Laughery, at the home of Brother Arthur Peet. Several children, who through death of their parents or for other reasons have needed a home, are being cared for and educated here. One bright colored boy obtained from the Cleveland juvenile court is being supported in the Sylacauga church school in Alabama by the La Grange and Spencer churches, and the news of his conversion and baptism has just been received—a token of the rich reward that will some day be theirs who have pity on the poor and unfortunate.

W. C. MOFFETT

Zanesville

OUR quarterly meeting was held Sabbath, October 1. Before the service the members assembled at the Christian church on Park Street, where two souls were buried in baptism by Elder Henderson. We then repaired to our place of meeting on North Street and celebrated the ordinances instituted by our Saviour. The Lord abundantly blessed us, and we feel encouraged to press on until the work is finished.

BESSIE CARTER, *Clerk.*

New Philadelphia

IT gives us pleasure to write a few lines about the progress of the message in New Philadelphia. We are glad to report that the work is still onward in this part of the field. We have succeeded in getting the testing truths of the message well before the people of this city, and as a result have seen a fine company of believers raised up. Others are deeply interested, and we hope to see them take their stand very soon with God's remnant people.

It was our privilege recently to baptize six precious souls in the Tuscarawas River. As we welcomed them back from the watery grave where they had been buried with Christ, we believed that it was to walk in newness of life, and that the Lord had added to his church such as should be saved.

We feel that the Lord has crowned our summer's work with success. The church here stands loyal to the truth, and all rejoice as they see new faces coming among us.

We ask your prayers for the company of believers at New Philadelphia, that they may remain firm to the end; and for ourselves, that God may empty us of every sin and fill us

with his Holy Spirit, and grant us a rich harvest of souls.

W. M. CAMPBELL.
MRS. W. M. CAMPBELL.

HARVEST Ingathering services will be held at Ohio City, November 5 and 6. Brother W. C. Moffett, Dr. Jump, and others will be in attendance.

The La Grange, O., church having raised money and paid its entire indebtedness, has given the conference a clear deed to its property. The church will be dedicated in the near future.

Mrs. Hamilton of Academia is visiting her sister in Vermillion, Ohio.

Brother Walter Moffett recently visited the Alliance church to assist in the opening of the church school. He also attended the district convention held at La Grange, last Sabbath.

Dr. Clinton Woolgar has moved from La Rue to Clyde, where he will operate a dental office in partnership with his brother, Dr. Ernest Woolgar.

The address of Elder F. H. Henderson, missionary secretary, announced last week as 176 Greenwood Ave., Zanesville, O., should be 167 Greenwood Ave., Zanesville, O.

CHESAPEAKE

The Chesapeake Camp-Meeting

THE annual session of the Chesapeake Conference was held in connection with the Chesapeake camp-meeting at Chestertown, Md., September 22 to October 2. The brethren had secured the use of a beautiful grove, about one mile east of the center of the town. Something like forty-five tents were erected upon the ground, and on the last Sabbath of the meeting there was an attendance of over 118.

We can all say that this camp-meeting was a remarkably good one, considering the vicissitudes through which the Chesapeake Conference has passed during the last two years. For over a year and a half this beautiful little conference has practically been without a president, and in consequence the work in the conference has not made the advancement which it otherwise would have made. Nevertheless, the Spirit of God was pres-

ent on the camp-ground, and there was a revival among all the believers in the third angel's message. Both Sabbath days were occasions of great revival, in which the Spirit of God wrought a good work in the hearts of the believers.

In spite of adverse circumstances, the truth has made progress in this Conference. Two new churches were presented for admission into the sisterhood of churches.

There was no need of presenting the \$300,000 fund at this camp-meeting, as at the other camp-meetings of the Union, for the conference had practically pledged the greater part of its quota some time before the camp-meeting.

When the "Ministry of Healing" campaign was presented it was an interesting sight to see the brethren one after another file up and take copies of these books in quantities ranging all the way from six to twenty. This conference believes in engaging with all its heart in the "Ministry of Healing" campaign.

One day I had occasion to present the educational work, and the need of our people's rallying to the support of the central educational institutions of the Union. At the close of my discourse one sister came forward and made a cash donation of \$100 to Mount Vernon College. It is interesting to note here that throughout all the camp-meetings of the Columbia Union Conference this year, at not one of them was Mount Vernon College and her needs presented with a desire to secure a financial response. Nevertheless we desire our brethren who are interested in the institution and the work that it is trying to do, not to forget that institution when the Lord impresses their minds to do more for it.

One day of the session was set apart for a grand religious liberty rally. Elder K. C. Russell, who was present and helped in the meetings, secured on this day something like 400 subscriptions for *Liberty*.

There was a good interest on the outside, which led the conference committee to decide to leave a laborer in Chestertown to follow up the work.

Elder Roscoe T. Baer was elected president of the conference, with practically the same staff of officers as were in office the year before.

On the whole, we consider the camp-meeting at Chestertown to have had excellent results, and we believe that it will be productive of much good for the future of the work.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Ford's Store, Md.

AT the close of our good camp-meeting and conference, held at Chestertown, Md., September 22 to October 2, we again took up the work in our home church. Our quarterly meeting, held October 8, proved a blessing to all who were present. It was evident that the Spirit of God was at work, turning the hearts of parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to their parents.

For some time we have been impressed that the Spirit of God was moving certain of our number to make a surrender of themselves to Jesus. On Sabbath the surrender was made, and ten earnest souls went forward with their Lord in baptism, and were added to the company who are journeying to the better country.

Several of those who were baptized were members of the church school. In age they ranged from eleven to twenty-five years. Much credit is due to our faithful church school teacher, who, in her work, is "in season and out of season," faithful.

We hope that the converting power of God may continue with us until others who are now in the valley of decision may take their stand for the truth. So with fresh courage we take up the work, caring for the flock over which God has made us overseers. We believe there are brighter days awaiting the church at Ford's Store.

JOHN F. JONES.

Crystal Falls

THE Crystal Falls church held its quarterly meeting on Sabbath afternoon, October 8. After the Sabbath-school, which was very well attended, our pastor, Elder L. E. Sufficool, who always has so many good things to tell us from God's word, conducted the preaching service. We then engaged in the humble ordinance of feet washing, thus preparing our hearts to partake of the sacred emblems of His body and blood who died that we might live. What a meeting we had! for the Spirit of our Lord was present, working among his children. But these privileges which we so much enjoy here are only a foretaste of that meeting when we shall gather around our Father's table in his kingdom, and Christ himself shall come forth and serve them who here have served him faithfully. What honor the Father bestows upon his children!

L. C. BOWERS.

From the Canvassing Field

WE are glad to be able to report a few lines of encouragement concerning the canvassing work in the Chesapeake Conference. The outlook for the fall and winter is good. We now have nine canvassers in the field, and three or four more are expecting to join us soon. We praise God for the success which is attending the work of our faithful canvassers. Quietly and humbly they go about their labors, sowing seeds beside all waters, and seeing very seldom the results of their efforts. They may be assured, however, that "not by might nor by power," will the work be done, "but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

Are there not others who wish to join the ranks of the faithful canvassers? The Lord is constantly calling for recruits. Every Seventh-day Adventist should be engaged in some line of work that will advance the third angel's message. Every consecrated Seventh-day Adventist will be doing something to advance it. What more effective means is offered than the canvassing work? Many more workers are needed in the field than are now there. Who will heed the call for laborers? May the Lord of the great harvest impress upon our minds the importance of the work that is before us.

JOSEPH E. JONES.

The Eleventh Annual Session of the Chesapeake Conference

THE eleventh annual session of the Chesapeake Conference was held in connection with the camp-meeting at Chestertown, Md., September 22 to October 2. The Lord blessed in all the deliberations of the conference. Peace and harmony prevailed in every session. Many who have long been in the way were heard to say: "This is the best camp-meeting the Chesapeake Conference has ever had."

Most of the delegates were present for the first meeting, and the attendance was good throughout the whole session.

The president's report, which was read at the first business session, showed that the blessing of the Lord had been over his people, although we had labored at some disadvantage in not having a president during about five months of the year.

At this meeting two churches were admitted into the conference, one being the re-organized church at Rock

Hall, Md., and the other the church at Crystal Falls, Md.

The treasurer's report was encouraging, showing the conference to be free from debt, and also showing an increase in tithes and offerings.

The following recommendations were brought before the conference and adopted:—

Whereas, The Lord has blessed the work in this conference during the past conference year by adding souls to the churches, by sparing the lives of the workers, by giving the people a heart to support the work, and by many evidences of his prospering hand; therefore,—

1. *Resolved*, That we express our appreciation and gratitude to the Lord for his many blessings and mercies, and give thanks to him for the riches of his grace, and that we consecrate our lives to his blessed work, that the coming year may bring forth more abundant harvests in this part of the field.

Whereas, The home tract and missionary work is a very effective means of securing the services of all our people in active missionary effort; therefore,—

2. *We recommend*, That an active missionary society be organized in each church of this conference, and that a suitable person be chosen to act as missionary secretary (librarian) to take charge of and promote the home tract and missionary work.

Whereas, Our publishing houses grant the tract societies ten per cent on all subscriptions and renewals to our periodicals; and —

Whereas, The publishing houses are burdened in accounting to our tract societies for subscriptions sent directly to them; —

3. *We recommend*, That all subscriptions be handed to the church missionary secretary, or sent to the Chesapeake Tract Society.

Whereas, It is very necessary that system and regularity be maintained in the building up of the home tract and missionary work; therefore,—

4. *We recommend*, That weekly missionary meetings be held in all our churches at such times and places as may be decided upon by the societies, and that each member be required to render a faithful report each week of missionary work done, handing the same to the church missionary secretary each Sabbath, or at the missionary meeting.

Whereas, Our publishing houses are publishing five new ten-cent magazines in the Danish, Swedish, German, Japanese, and Chinese languages; therefore,—

5. *We recommend*, That our people put forth a determined effort to place these magazines in the hands of those who can read them.

Whereas, It is impossible to keep pace with the third angel's message in world-wide and local fields without being a diligent reader of the *Review and Herald* and the *COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR*; therefore,—

6. *We recommend*, That persevering effort be put forth by all our workers and church elders to place these periodicals in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist in our conference.

Whereas, All our young people should be organized into active working societies to labor for souls; therefore,—

7. *We recommend*, That our ministers and church elders urge our young people to—

1. Take the missionary volunteer reading course.

2. Pass the examinations in Bible doctrines and denominational history.

3. Use the Morning Watch Calendar as an aid in daily devotion.

4. Read the *Youths Instructor*.

Whereas, We are in need of many recruits for the canvassing field, and have been instructed that as much care and wisdom must be used in selecting the workers as in selecting men for the ministry; therefore,—

9. *We recommend*, That all our conference workers and church officers watch for suitable persons for this work, and that the names of such individuals be given to the president of the conference, who in turn will place the matter before 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 error and darkness; and—

Whereas, Many of the young people are entering the canvassing work in order to attend our schools; therefore,—

10. *We recommend*, That our married brethren be encouraged, after consulting with the conference president and field agent, to locate their families in some of the needy places of this conference, and there engage in resident canvassing; and we make a special call for six families to begin work by October 10.

11. *Whereas*, The Lord has been with us during the past year, and has blessed us financially both in conference and tract society; and—

Whereas, This conference was asked to raise \$3.65 per member to help the Mount Vernon College, which would amount in all to \$2065.90, of which

amount we have raised only about \$400.00; therefore,—

11. *We recommend*, That we pass on to Mount Vernon College of our 1909 Tract Society gain the sum of \$250.00.

12. *Resolved*, That we express to the General Conference, the Negro Department of the General Conference, and the Columbia Union Conference, 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 \$1500 for the more rapid promulgation of the work in Baltimore, and that we express our willingness to cooperate with it in carrying out the plans for city efforts.

Whereas, The time has fully come that greater efforts should be put forth in our large cities to bring the truth to the masses; and—

Whereas, Definite instruction has been given that the great Baltimore field should have the message proclaimed in it with power, and be worked as it has not been worked before; therefore,—

13. *Resolved*, That we request the General Conference for an additional appropriation to establish and maintain the proposed Worker's Training School in Baltimore.

14. *We recommend*, That the conference committee as soon as possible take action to carry out resolutions eight, nine, and ten of last year's resolutions, which have been passed at the last two sessions of the conference.

15. *Resolved*, That we endorse the action of our delegation at the last Union conference in Baltimore in ceding to the District of Columbia Conference the Maryland counties of Charles and St. Marys.

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 sanitariums in their medical work; therefore,—

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

Whereas, The foes of religious liberty are multiplying on every hand, and great and influential organizations are federating for the purpose of securing the enactment of rigid laws, both state and national, enforcing upon all classes the observance of Sunday, the child of the papacy; therefore,—

Canvassers' Reports

West Virginia, Week Ending October 21, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
W. McElphatrick, Lewis Co.		DR	5	50	13	43 00	24 25	67 25	3 00
†J. H. Jennings, Fayette Co.		DR	5	35	9	23 00	32 25	55 25	4 00
H. Smith, Harrison Co.		DR	5	44	7	23 00	34 50	57 50	
A. Halstead, Boone Co.									62 75
†J. Jennings, Raleigh Co.		DR	5	29	5	13 00	35 50	48 50	
F. Wagner, Harrison Co.		DR	5	49	16	54 00	12 00	66 00	6 50
Totals			25	207	50	\$156 00	\$138 50	\$294 50	\$76 25

Ohio, Week Ending October 21, 1910

F. E. Hankins, Jefferson Co.		DR	5	39	24	65 00	3 25	68 25	
H. Kirk, Jefferson Co.		DR	5	32	10	25 00	6 50	31 50	
W. E. Holst, Licking Co.		DR	4	30	5	13 00	1 00	14 00	
Enos Horst, Hocking Co.		GC	4	40	8	24 00	6 50	30 50	9 50
H. Forsythe, Monroe Co.		GC	4	32	5	17 00	2 50	19 50	50
L. H. Waters, Athens Co.		BF	5	44	45	50 50	25	50 75	2 1
W. Morgan, Columbiana Co.			3			12 50		12 50	1 25
H. Morgan, Columbiana Co.			3			8 60		8 60	3 10
Totals			33	217	97	\$215 60	\$20 00	\$235 60	\$18 60

Chesapeake, Week Ending October 21, 1910

Maryland

W. Vanzant, Prince Fredr'kt'n		GC	5	40	16	48 00	3 95	51 95	3 95
I. Sheirick, Prince Fredr'kt'n		GC	5	39	11	33 00	5 25	38 25	1 85
†E. Moessinger, Odenton		CK	6	45	24	26 50	2 80	29 30	35 10
W. Durst, Swanton		CK	4	32	20	22 50	3 00	25 50	1 25
S. N. Brown, Barton		CK	3	24	19	19 50	4 25	23 75	
J. Paden, Barton		CK	5	35	15	17 50	3 75	21 25	
W. Yonson, Baltimore		BS	5	32			42 25	42 25	2 00
Totals			33	247	105	\$167 00	\$65 25	\$232 25	\$44 15

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending October 21, 1910

F. A. Evans, Wayne		SP	4	29			3 25		21 75
W. P. Hess, Lancaster		CK	9	82	21	32 80		32 80	81 02
Totals			13	111	21	\$32 80	\$3 25	\$32 80	\$102 95

†Two weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$795.15

Deliveries, \$241.95

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

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

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

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

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

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

Officers were elected as follows: President, Roscoe T. Baer; secretary and treasurer of the conference and tract society, Emma S. Newcomer; religious liberty secretary, Carlyle B. Haynes; educational, missionary volunteer, and field missionary secretary, Miss Alice M. Fieldberg; field missionary agent, Joseph E. Jones; medical superintendent, R. S. Ingersoll, M. D.; Sabbath-school secretary, Emma S. Newcomer; executive committee: R. T. Baer, G. R. Apsley, F. H. Seeney, R. M. Rosin, H. S. Weaver.

Credentials and licenses were granted as follows:—

Ministerial credentials: R. T. Baer, John F. Jones, C. B. Haynes, F. H. Seeney, F. M. Fairchild, G. P. Gaede.

Ministerial license: L. L. Ashton, G. R. Apsley, C. E. Tickner, W. L. Adkins.

Missionary license: Emma S. Newcomer, Alice M. Fieldberg, Matilda Thaler, Ethel Carroll, G. P. Rodgers, Mrs. C. E. Tickner.

Besides our own conference laborers there were present at the conference Elder K. C. Russel, Elder L. A. Hansen, and Dr. D. H. Kress, from the General Conference; Professor B. G. Wilkinson and E. R. Brown from the Columbia Union Conference; and Dr. R. G. Ingersoll from the Washington, D. C., Sanitarium. These brethren all rendered valuable assistance in the business sessions and in the public services which were held each night of the camp-meeting.

An enthusiastic "Ministry of Healing" campaign was held one morning, and pledges were given for two hundred and twenty-five copies of the book. The religious liberty work was also discussed, and about four

17. Resolved, That in view of these things we awaken as never before to the work of enlightening the people of this conference concerning the principles of Religious Liberty,—

1. By the use of the magazine *Liberty*.

2. By the generous distribution of religious liberty tracts.

3. By utilizing the public press.

4. By supplying the legislators in the states of our conference with the new revised edition of American State Papers.

Whereas, Our children ought to be as well educated as the worldling, and the teachers of our church schools should be as efficient as those who teach the public schools; and—

Whereas, We believe that our normal institutes are an excellent means

toward accomplishing this end; therefore,—

18. We recommend, That the Chesapeake Conference pay the expenses of our church school teachers to and from such normal institutes, held in our Union.

Whereas, There is great need in several of our large churches for schools where our children may be taught the principles of Christian education,—

19. We recommend, That the members of these several churches cooperate heartily with the educational secretary in establishing these schools this year, and in supporting the teachers in every way possible.

20. We recommend, That the tract society be requested to supply the books for church school work at cost.

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hundred magazines were subscribed for.

The book tent did a good business. About \$260.00 worth of books were sold.

On Sunday afternoon, October 2, an impressive baptismal service was held, when Elder C. B. Haynes led six willing souls into the waters of the Chester River, and there buried them with their Lord in baptism. The outside attendance was good, and we believe there will yet be a harvest of souls in Chestertown as a result of the meetings.

It was at first planned that two of our workers should remain there and follow up the interest; but owing to a fire which occurred on Monday night, September 26, and which destroyed the homes of quite a number of people, it was impossible for our workers to secure a place to live; and plans had to be changed.

The weather throughout the meeting was ideal,—all that we could have wished,—and everyone left the grounds with a heart full of gratitude to our heavenly Father for the success of the meeting.

ROSCOE T. BAER, *Pres.*

EMMA S. NEWCOMER, *Sec'y.*

ELDER C. B. HAYNES opened a series of meetings at Perryville, Cecil Co., Md., Sunday evening, October 23. These meetings are held in a First-day Adventist church. We hope these good people will see and receive all the truth for this time.

Elder G. P. Gaede has been spending some time at Rock Hall, Md., and reports excellent meetings.

W. L. Adkins, who has been laboring in West Virginia for more than

a year, and who had formerly labored in Hagerstown, has now returned to the Chesapeake Conference, and has located at Smithsburg, Md.

G. R. Apsley, who had been connected with the tent efforts in Baltimore, has, with his family, located in Hagerstown, Md., and will labor in that city and the adjoining towns.

Brother and Sister C. Earle Tickner have located in Wilmington, Del., at 7 West Street. Brother Tickner will work for the advancement of the cause in that city. It has been quite a long time since a laborer has been located there, and we are sure that the people will appreciate having his help.

L. L. Ashton, who has labored for a year in Baltimore, will now hold a series of meetings at Broad Neck, on the eastern shore of Maryland. There is quite an interest among the colored people at that place, and we hope to see a good company raised up there.

Elder F. H. Seeney will conduct a hall effort in Baltimore, beginning November 1, to develop the work that was begun there in the summer but had to be cut short because of the camp-meeting.

Elder Fairchild will continue his work in western Maryland.

Elder John F. Jones has been conducting a successful revival meeting at Fords Store, Md. About ten young people have taken their stand for the truth, and the interest still continues.

Miss Matilda Thaler, who has been doing Bible work in Baltimore, has accepted an urgent call from Rock Hall, Md., to take up the church school work there.

Miss Mabel Carroll is teaching the church-school at Cheswold, Del.

Mrs. F. E. Hamblin is teaching at Dover, Del., in the family of Elder Seeney.

Miss Irena Coleman, who has been doing Bible work in the summer, is teaching at Ford's Store, Md.

Up to date, October 26, we have received 6,557 orders from the various churches for the Harvest Ingathering *Review*. If any of the churches have not yet ordered, please do so at once. This is an important work, and one in which it is the privilege of every one to take a part.

Brother Vanzant, who has been canvassing with Brother Ira Sheirich in Calvert Co., was called home by the illness of his wife. They report having excellent success, although they find the people living in a very primitive state.

Professor Spicer and Brother Horn, who have been canvassing during the summer months, are now at the Seminary in Washington, D. C.

New workers are entering the canvassing field, and we hope to have a strong corps of laborers scattering the printed page this winter.

EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

A Note of Thanks

WE take this way of expressing to friends and neighbors our heartfelt thanks for their kindness to us at the recent death of our beloved father.

THE METCALF FAMILY.

An Educational Convention

THE full report of the recent educational convention held at Berrien Springs, Mich., is now ready. Some of its more important features which will appeal to our educators, ministers, members of school boards, and parents, are: (1) about thirty of the papers read at the convention, with the accompanying discussions; (2) all of the resolutions passed; (3) complete outlines of the academic, collegiate, normal, commercial, and other courses of study.

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