

# COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR

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

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## EAST PENNSYLVANIA

### The Eastern Pennsylvania Camp-meeting

The seventh annual session of the East Pennsylvania Conference was held on the same grounds as last year, the grounds of the Baptist Association, Emmanuel Grove, near Allentown, June 7-18, 1911.

The first meeting was called on Wednesday morning, June 8, by the president, Elder W. H. Heckman. Elder A. R. Bell offered prayer in behalf of the conference and the delegates on the way. Fifty-two delegates were present, representing thirteen churches.

The church at Carlisle, having been organized within the past year, at the request of the church, through Elder Bell, was admitted into the conference, as was also the first African Church of Philadelphia, on motion of Elder T. H. Branch; and all delegates from each were seated. At subsequent meetings other delegates were present, and the number in attendance was larger than at any previous camp-meeting in the history of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

At the first meeting the chairman was empowered to appoint the usual standing committees, which were announced as follows:—

Nominating Committee: Elder A. R. Bell, Elder K. C. Russell, R. M. Fried, J. W. Hirlinger, and John Keller.

Committee on Plans and Resolutions: Elders S. D. Hartwell, B. F. Kneeland, S. M. Butler, H. Meyer, Sisters Jessie M. Weiss, E. C. Hinterleiter, Elder Haffner, B. M. Heald, and J. R. Ebersole.

Committee on Credentials and Licenses: Elders R. E. Harter, C. S. Weist, K. C. Russell, A. R. Bell, T. H. Branch, and Brethren C. S. Baum and F. A. Brownell.

From the address of the president, which was given at the third meeting of the session, it was learned that the work in the conference had made a

steady growth during the year 1910. Five tent companies were in the field, but with one exception they had been in territory where organized churches existed, as was the case of the labor performed before and after the tent season; so that while but two churches were organized during the year, churches had been strengthened, and many new members added. The working force of the conference is now twenty-nine.

The total value of literature sold during the year was \$12,556.07, a gain over 1909 of \$1,874.73. Over \$1,600 was collected for the work in foreign fields by the means of the "Ingathering" plan, showing a neat little gain over the previous year, which was hardly thought possible at the beginning of the year. This year's tithe was also increased by the amount of \$1,394.83, a total of \$16,073.77 having been received. Other offerings have also increased, and all were glad to know that our quota had been more than reached for the year on the "ten cent a week plan." These gains were made possible by the hearty cooperation of the brethren and sisters in the conference, with the blessing of God upon the efforts put forth.

The officers recommended by the Committee on Nominations, and elected by the delegates, are as follows:—

President, W. H. Heckman.

Executive Committee: W. H. Heckman, R. E. Harter, C. S. Weist, H. Meyer, and H. Baumgartner.

Secretary and Treasurer, S. D. Hartwell.

Religious Liberty Secretary, A. R. Bell.

Sabbath-school Secretary and Secretary of the Young People's Department, Myrtle A. Bristol.

Field Agent and Missionary Secretary, J. W. Hirlinger.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses presented the following report:—

Your committee on Credentials and Licenses would respectfully submit the following report:

For Ministerial Credentials: W. H.

Heckman, Henry Meyer, A. R. Bell, R. E. Harter, C. S. Weist, T. H. Branch, and S. D. Hartwell.

For Ministerial License: B. M. Heald, C. S. Baum.

For Missionary License: Henry Baumgartner, Miss J. M. Weiss, Miss M. A. Bristol, J. W. Hirlinger, James F. Phillips, Miss Janet Morris, and Laura Patterson.

(Signed by the Committee)

The following recommendations were presented by the committee, and after discussion, in which many delegates took a part, were passed:—

*Whereas*, The prospering hand of God has been seen in a marked manner in this conference during the past year; therefore,—

1. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our heart-felt gratitude to God for his abundant blessings; and in return for these, we pledge ourselves, by God's help, to greater faithfulness and earnestness in service.

*Whereas*, We realize that it is only by the most thorough work in confessing and forsaking sin that we can receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which alone can give us power to overcome sin and defeat the plans of Satan; therefore,—

2. *Resolved*, That, as workers and delegates representing the churches of this conference, we confess our unworthiness in the sight of God, and with heart-felt repentance we do most earnestly ask God to prepare our hearts to receive the Holy Spirit; and we call upon all the members of our churches in the East Pennsylvania Conference to join us in a determined seeking for this greatest and most important blessing by earnest prayer and putting away of sin.

3. *We recommend*, That our ministers and other workers take an active interest in the young people's work, and that as they visit from church to church they study into the conditions of the work, and seek, as far as possible, to organize and put it upon a substantial footing.

*Whereas*, The money on the \$300,000.00 fund is greatly needed for providing facilities for our workers in foreign fields; and,—

Whereas, Only a comparatively small amount of the apportionment of this conference has been paid; therefore,—

4. *Resolved*, That we pledge ourselves to take hold of this work with renewed energy and push it to a speedy termination.

Whereas, It is becoming more evident all of the time that the cause must depend upon young men and women of consecration and education to carry the truth into the different parts of the world which remain to be entered; therefore,—

5. *Resolved*, That as workers and parents we will put forth earnest efforts to assist our young people in obtaining the necessary training,—

(a) By encouraging those of worth to enter our training schools as soon as possible.

(b) By rendering to prospective students such financial assistance as may be necessary, or by helping them to plan ways of earning means for their schooling.

Whereas, Our schools are missionary, not commercial enterprises; therefore,—

6. *Resolved*, That we pledge our active support to the Columbia Union Conference training-school, Mount Vernon College, by,—

(a) Adopting the quarter-a-quarter plan for raising funds to pay off the debts of the institution and to make needed improvements;

(b) Asking that our people who may have money to donate to the cause consider the advisability of bestowing a portion, at least, upon the College; and,—

(c) Requesting those who do not feel free to give their money to the institution to loan it at a low rate of interest.

Whereas, There is a great need of competent church-school teachers in this conference; therefore,—

7. *Resolved*, That young women of ability and devotion be encouraged to prepare for this line of work.

Whereas, Special blessings are promised by the Lord to those who faithfully engage in the great Relief Campaign for our medical institutions; and,—

Whereas, God has greatly blessed the efforts already put forth in this conference, in the sale of "Ministry of Healing"; and,—

Whereas, This is a most opportune time to place the light contained in "Ministry of Healing" in the hands of the people; and there is also special need of the funds to be raised through this effort; therefore,—

8. *We recommend*, That the relief

campaign be advanced as rapidly as possible and that special effort be made to dispose of the balance of our conference quota, and to get the returns in at the earliest possible date.

#### HARVEST INGATHERING

Whereas, The Harvest Ingathering has proven, during three successive campaigns, to be of increasing effectiveness as a means of raising money for the support of foreign missions, which are now sadly crippled by the lack of funds; and,—

Whereas, The General Conference has arranged that the *Signs of the Times* be used in the 1911 campaign; therefore,—

9. *Resolved*, That immediate efforts be made throughout all our churches to organize our forces for a strong Harvest Ingathering campaign this year. And we urge all to make every effort to reach as many as possible with the special Harvest Ingathering number of the *Signs of the Times*.

#### FOREIGN WORK

Whereas, There is in this conference a large and varied population, a great portion of which has never been reached in any way by this message which must go to every language and people; and,—

Whereas, We have not the needed workers in these languages; therefore,—

10. *We recommend*, That the conference workers and church officers give special attention to the encouragement of earnest work by all our people for these "strangers within our gates," along the following lines:—

(a) By generous and widespread distribution and sale of literature in these foreign languages.

(b) By securing subscriptions in foreign languages.

#### SABBATH READING

Whereas, Our people need frequent information of the progress of the message in other lands, and instruction pertaining to various lines of home missionary work;—

11. *We recommend*, That all our churches and companies take up the second and fourth Sabbath missionary readings at the appointed time, church elders and ministers taking an interest in these services and conducting them not in a dry, formal manner, but so as to be of special benefit and interest to all.

#### CANVASSING

Whereas, It is an acknowledged fact that there is no better way of reaching the people than through the printed page; therefore,—

12. *Resolved*, That we request our brethren and sisters who can possibly do so, to prepare to make missionary canvassing their business; and that they enter the work as permanent workers.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

13. *Resolved*, That we encourage our people throughout the conference to keep a lookout for consecrated young people to enter the canvassing work with the object of securing a scholarship for Mount Vernon College, thus preparing themselves for a place of usefulness in some branch of our work.

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

Whereas, The demand for religious legislation in both the state and the nation is growing with increased rapidity every passing year; and,—

Whereas, There are multitudes of honest and sincere people who do not realize the evil principle that underlies this character of legislation; therefore,—

14. *Resolved*, That we inaugurate a most vigorous campaign in our conference concerning these heaven-born principles:—

(a) By subscribing for the magazines *Liberty* and *Protestant* ourselves.

(b) By encouraging our people to engage in the sale of these journals as far as practicable.

(c) By urging our churches to place these journals, as far as possible, in the hands of leading citizens and others of their friends and neighbors.

(d) By judiciously placing copies of the new revised edition of *American State Papers* in the hands of our state legislators.

(e) By a general distribution of our religious liberty leaflets.

(f) By utilizing, as far as possible, the public press in getting these principles before the reading public.

(g) By the circulation of petitions to the state and national legislatures when any religious measure is pending.

#### THE REVIEW

15. *Resolved*, That a strong, continuous effort be made in all the churches in placing the *Review* in the hands of all believers.

16. *Resolved*, That the importance of Christian education be kept before our members, and that they be encouraged to subscribe for it.

Whereas, The Jewish people for centuries have believed, and the larger number still believe that the Christian religion is a persecuting religion; therefore,—

17. *Resolved*, That we, the body

of Christain people known as the East Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, in conference assembled, hereby place ourselves on record as emphatically protesting against all persecution of the Jewish people as anti-Christian, and affirm that every act of injustice and oppression is utterly condemned by the teachings of Christ and of the New Testament and should not be engaged in by the professed followers of the meek and lowly Jesus; therefore,—

18. *Resolved*, That we believe that according to the teachings of the New Testament as well as of the Old, the Jewish people have the right to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences.

*Whereas*, Our Sabbath-schools mould, to a great extent, the formation of the religious principles of our youth; and,—

*Whereas*, Great wisdom and skill, combined with consecration, are in demand to lead the young to Christ; therefore, be it—

19. *Resolved*, That we urge all our Sabbath-school officers and teachers, and those who may become such, to *qualify* themselves for the important work entrusted to them, by the systematic study of such ways and methods as have proven successful in teaching and soul winning; and that especial attention be given to the *Sabbath School Workers' "Training Course"* as outlined by our General Sabbath School Department and edited monthly in the *Sabbath School Worker*.

*Whereas*, The Lord, through his servant, has given special encouragement and instruction with reference to houses of worship for our colored brethren; and,—

*Whereas*, There is great need of such a memorial in the city of Philadelphia, with its large negro population; therefore,—

20. *Resolved*, That this conference encourage all our people to donate to the fund known as the "Colored Church Building Fund," for the First African Seventh-day Adventist church of Philadelphia; the same to be held in trust by the Pennsylvania Tract and Missionary Society.

*Whereas*, The COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR is the official organ of the conferences comprising the Columbia Union Conference, and as such organ furnishes a convenient means of communication with the people of the conferences; therefore,—

21. *Resolved*, That it ought speedily to be placed in every home in the East Pennsylvania Conference.

*Whereas*, The public press of the

city of Allentown, especially the *Morning Call* and the *Daily Democrat*, has manifested such a liberal and courteous spirit in the matter of reporting the progress of the camp-meeting; therefore,—

22. *Resolved*, That we hereby acknowledge our gratitude for these favors rendered, and express our appreciation, not only on the part of the accredited delegates, but also on the part of the whole camp-meeting assembled, by a rising vote of thanks; and further,—

23. *Resolved*, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the editors of the *Morning Call* and the *Daily Democrat*.

*Whereas*, There is published at College View, Nebraska, under the direction of the Central Union Conference of 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; therefore,—

*Resolved*, That we encourage the members of the East Pennsylvania Conference to raise each year an amount equal to ten cents a member for this enterprise.

The Treasurer then presented the following financial statements of the conference and tract society:—

Financial Statement of Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists  
Year Ending December 31, 1910

## RESOURCES

Personal property	\$1197.00
Poor fund overdrawn	211.93
Bills Receivable	51.00
Accounts "	128.44
Cash on hand	3655.29
	<u>\$5243.66</u>

## LIABILITIES

Tent fund	199.74
Religious liberty fund	27.83
Missionary Volunteer fund	12.83
Accounts payable	.22
	<u>240.62</u>

Present worth, Dec. 31, 1910 \$5003.04

## LOSS AND GAIN

## Loss

Labor	\$11776.78
Traveling expense	1182.88
General expense	1047.09
Office expense	71.59
Annuities	47.50
Tithe to Col. Un. Conf.	1607.38
	<u>\$15733.22</u>

## Gain

Donations to Scandinavian work	\$215.25
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Iowa Conf. appropriation	160.32
Gen'l " "	1200.00
Colorado Conf. " "	202.52
Tithe	16073.77
Donations	742.71
Sale of Lumber	12.00
	<u>\$18606.48</u>
Total gain	\$18606.48
Net gain	\$2873.26

## STOCK

Present worth, Jan. 1, 1910	\$2129.78
Net gain for year ending Dec. 31, 1910	2873.26
	<u>\$5003.04</u>
Net worth, Jan. 1, 1911	\$5003.04

## Financial Statement Pennsylvania Tract Society, Year Ending December 31, 1910

## RESOURCES

Bills receivable	\$2800.00
Merchandise inventory	272.26
Office furniture&fixtures inv.	146.93
Personal accounts receivable	2421.41
"Ministry of Healing" accts. rec.	1552.02
Local society " "	397.66
"Christ's Object Lessons" " "	66.35
Cash on hand	2397.39
	<u>\$10054.02</u>

## LIABILITIES

Bills payable	\$7565.00
"Ministry of Healing" fund	1123.45
Publishing accounts	897.56
"Christ's Object Lessons"	600.16
Students fund	43.10
Canvassers' fund	27.65
Sundry accounts payable	302.48
	<u>\$10059.40</u>

Insolvent \$5.38

## LOSS AND GAIN

## Gain

Merchandise	\$679.60
Periodical account	217.49
Lost account collected	7.50
	<u>\$904.59</u>

## Loss

VISITOR deficit	200.11
Expense	152.83
Rent	132.00
Postage	128.55
Interest	72.69
Canvassers' institute	68.54
Office furniture & fixtures	16.32
Freight & Express	11.84
	<u>\$782.51</u>
Total loss	\$782.51

Net gain, year ending December 31, 1910 122.08

## STOCK ACCOUNT

Net insolvency Jan. 1, 1910	127.46
Net gain, year ending December 31, 1910	122.08
	<u>5.38</u>
Net insolvency, Jan. 1, 1911	5.38

The report of the Columbia Union auditor was read, attesting to the accuracy of the statements as given in the foregoing, after which they were accepted.

The following named persons were duly elected as constituency of the Pennsylvania Tract and Missionary Society for the year 1911, or until their successors are elected:—

Matilda Ertel, Mrs. Browning, John German, Mrs. S. M. Bond, S. D. Hartwell, Elmer Sholder, Mrs. Alice Newel, Myra Grove, L. E. Sufficool, Mrs. John German, Mrs. Mary F. Beach, and W. P. Seigle.

The following were elected as constituency of the Pennsylvania Sanitarium and Benevolent Association:—

Frank Brownell, W. F. Kilmer, J. R. Ebersole, B. M. Heald, Miss L. P. Emerson, Mrs. Samuel Ehman, Harry Hale, H. F. Rhan, Mrs. Clara Slater, Charles S. Baum, Victor Klein, and Daniel Fried.

The meeting was characterized all the way through by a deep sense of the needs of the present hour, and a seeking after the experience accompanying the presence of the Holy Spirit. Many were heard to remark that this was the best camp-meeting they had ever attended. A spirit of liberality prevailed, and goodly sums of money and some pledges for financial aid to our foreign work were left with the officers of the conference. The work of another year is being entered upon with courage, and, with the blessings of the Lord, still greater advancement is looked for in 1911.

Quite a number of individuals remained at the camp during the week following the close of the camp-meeting to take instruction in canvassing; and good reports from this line of work are looked for. May God's blessing rest upon this conference.

S. D. HARTWELL, *Secretary*.

The first service of the West Philadelphia tent effort was held Sunday evening, July 9.

The North Philadelphia tent effort began Wednesday evening, July 12.

Let us remember all our tent efforts for the summer in our daily devotions, that God may give them success.

In Chambersburg, where Brother B. M. Heald is holding his effort, there has been a terrible storm; but word received from Brother Heald tells us that while trees were up-

rooted all around them and a great deal of damage was done in general, yet the tents were unharmed. He says further that they are located on the most beautiful tent site he has ever seen, and that their courage is good.

It was necessary to secure two new large pavilions for the summer's work; one for the Harrisburg company, and one for the North Philadelphia effort. These tents were bought in faith, as there was no money in the tent fund to draw upon. We believe, however, that our people will gladly rally, as they always have in the past. Send all money for this fund to the Pennsylvania Tract Society, 4910 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

The following from Brother J. W. Hirlinger, our canvassing agent, will be of interest to all our readers: "One of our canvassers took \$65.50 worth of orders in about forty hours. Another took \$45.00 worth in twenty-seven hours. Still another reports \$77.00 worth in thirty-seven hours. Denton Rebok, only fourteen years of age, took \$40.00 worth of orders in his first three days' work." This is certainly very encouraging. We sincerely hope and pray that God may continue to bless our canvassers, and that many souls may be brought into the truth as the result of their work.

Elder W. H. Heckman will meet with the Fairhill (Souderton) church Sabbath and Sunday, July 15 and 16; with the Allentown church Sabbath, July 22; and with the Orwell company Sabbath and Sunday, July 29 and 30, for the purpose of holding quarterly meetings.

Brother William P. Hess, one of our regular canvassers, reports that he is of good courage and that the Lord is blessing him with success.

Sister Bertha Stokka, a Scandinavian worker, has come to Philadelphia for the summer to take the place of Sister Borchgrevink, who, on account of ill health, was compelled to take a rest. We pray that the Lord may greatly bless Sister Stokka, and that she may be the means of bringing the truth to many of her nationality.

Elder T. H. Branch, pastor of the First African Seventh-day Adventist church of Philadelphia, informs us that he has more than he can do to

keep up with the openings for Bible readings among his people.

It has been decided that Brother J. F. Phillips continue to work in Scranton for the summer. We understand that several are interested in the Bible readings he is giving. As a result of these readings two were baptized at our camp-meeting and have since united with the Scranton church.

## AT THE COLLEGE

The Summer Normal closes this week, and the teachers return home, leaving the College family very small.

Miss Hart spent a recent Sabbath and Sunday with friends in Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gauker are assisting in a tent effort at Harrisburg, Pa. Mr. Earl Culver is also with a tent company in Eastern Pennsylvania.

Mr. E. R. Brown is visiting the College and auditing the books.

We regret to learn that the tent at Wilmington, Del., where Mr. Guy Jacques is assisting in an effort, was torn to pieces in a storm recently. Services are conducted in a hall.

A council of the educational secretaries of the Columbia Union was held at Mount Vernon during the last ten days of the Summer Normal. Those in attendance at the council were Mrs. A. E. Rambo of New Jersey, Mrs. Clare Ashton, of West Pennsylvania, Mr. W. C. Moffett, of Ohio, and Elder J. E. Shultz, educational superintendent of the Union, also Professor M. E. Carr, principal of the Shenandoah Valley Training Academy in Virginia.

Messrs. Fred and Glen Draper visited their Sister at the College two Sabbaths ago. Mr. Glen Draper is canvassing for a scholarship to Mount Vernon College, and expects to be in school next year.

Elder N. S. Ashton of Pittsburg accompanied his wife and little son to Mount Vernon, and spent Sabbath and Sunday visiting the College. He spoke to the church on Sabbath morning, and his discourse was en-

joyed by all. Mr. and Mrs. Ashton are both members of the large Mount Vernon school family.

Mr. Klopfenstein was in Columbus on business last week.

Elder Butcher was called to West Mansfield to conduct a funeral service last week.

## CHESAPEAKE

### The Chesapeake Camp-meeting

At the workers' meeting held in Baltimore last April it was recommended that our next camp-meeting be held at Dover, the capital city of Delaware, if a suitable place could be found. A few members of the conference committee and Elder Martin met at Dover last week and completed arrangements for the meeting. We have secured an excellent location, only two blocks from the capital grounds, with plenty of room, good water, and some shade.

The next session of the conference will be held in connection with the camp-meeting, which will add to the importance of the occasion. This will be an important meeting, and we earnestly urge all our churches to send a complete delegation to this annual gathering. Helpful information relative to the success of this meeting will appear in the VISITOR from time to time. Let all begin now to plan to attend the camp-meeting.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

Sister Newcomer left Baltimore last Friday for a few days' visit with friends in New York City.

Brother Charles Paden, one of our new canvassers, called at the office Sunday. He reports having had a very interesting experience. He has taken orders enough to secure his scholarship, and hopes to have a good delivery in August.

Elder C. B. Haynes began a series of tent meetings in Baltimore last Sunday night. The opening meeting was well attended. We trust that a good interest will be awakened and that they may be led to embrace the truth.

Elder R. T. Baer visited Wilmington and Dover, Delaware, last week in the interest of the work. He, in company with some of the brethren from these towns, visited Dover

to complete arrangements for the coming camp-meetings. A good location for the meeting was secured.

Elder F. H. Seeney is planning to pitch a tent next week in the city of Wilmington and begin a series of meetings for the colored people.

Elder K. C. Russell preached in the Baltimore church last Sabbath. The sermon was timely and greatly impressed all who are present. He spent the afternoon with Elder and Mrs. Baer, leaving after the Sabbath for Atlantic City to attend a meeting of the International Peace Congress.

Elder R. H. Martin reports some interest at Wilmington. Some have begun to observe the Sabbath and others are interested. Though their tent was totally wrecked by a severe storm, the work is going on. Meetings are now being held in the church and we hope to see others who are interested accept the message. The workers are of good courage.

Brethren Apsley and Adkins are holding a series of tent meetings at Thurmont, Maryland. The outlook is favorable, and we hope to see a number accept the truth at this place.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

To the Brethren and Sisters in the West Pennsylvania Conference:—

Dear Fellow-workers: A year has rolled around since our last camp-meeting, and some of our people who do not take the *Review* have said to me, "Brother Williams, why don't we have a camp-meeting?" But the good old *Review* says, "West Pennsylvania camp-meeting at Ford City, August 10-20 inclusive." We believe, brethren, that this will be a good time in the season for our people to get together in our yearly gathering.

Every year brings us one year nearer home, and every meeting should bring us nearer to our Saviour's side. *Volume IX., page 80:* "God has committed to our hands a most sacred work, and we need to meet together to receive instruction, that we may be fitted to perform this work; we need to meet together and receive the divine touch, that we may understand our work in the home. Parents need to understand how they may send forth from the sanctuary of the home their sons and daughters, so trained and educated

that they will be fitted to shine as lights in the world."

We hope our camp-meeting will be a school to this end. Come brethren, from every church in the conference, praying for the divine blessing to rest upon this yearly gathering. Bring your sons and daughters, and consecrate all to the Lord.

All who are planning to have tents should send in their orders immediately, that they may not be disappointed.

Very truly your brother in Christ,  
I. N. WILLIAMS.

### Our Church School at Indiana

Perhaps the readers of the VISITOR would be interested to know something about our school work at Indiana, Pa. We hope to begin our sixth year of school work about the first of September. We are planning to add another room to our school house and and to have two teachers this year, thus enabling us to do some advanced work. We are expecting Brother and Sister Forshee of Michigan to come and take charge of the school. They are both teachers of experience and will be able to do effective work.

As a people we are not doing all that ought to be done in the church school work. The Lord has said to us years ago that wherever there is a church there should be a school. In a testimony written by Sister White in 1897 we find these words: "There should be schools established wherever there is a church or company of believers. Teachers should be employed to educate the children of Sabbath-keepers. In all our churches there should be schools, and teachers in those schools who are missionaries. These schools, established in different localities and conducted by God-fearing men and women, as the case demands, should be built on the same principles as were the schools of the prophets." *Special Testimonies, pages 40 and 41.*

Again we read: "God wants every child of tender age to be his child, to be adopted into his family. Young though they may be, the youth may be members of the household of faith and have a most precious experience." *Id., page 42.*

Again, speaking of parents and teachers, we read: "They (the teachers) must love the children; because they are the younger members of the Lord's family. The Lord will inquire of them as of the parents: 'What have you done with my flock, my beautiful flock?' *Special Testimonies, page 43.*

This testimony was given to this people in 1897. If it was time fourteen years ago for all our people to take their children out of the public schools and provide for them a Christian education, why are we so slow to take up this work in great earnestness? What shall we answer to the Lord in the judgment when he asks, "What have you done with my beautiful flock?" In view of what the Lord has said on this question why do we see conferences with only one or two small church schools, and the large majority of their children still in the public schools? Do we believe the testimonies the Lord has given us through the Spirit of Prophecy? Shall we sit down and say we can't do it? When the Lord says a thing should be done, we should go forward and make the effort; better try and fail than not to try at all. But we need not fail if there is that cooperation and interest on the part of all that should be seen in the work of God. It is true that the enemy will try to hinder the work, and we shall have difficulties to meet; but the Lord will help those who trust in him.

If any of our people in Western Pennsylvania desire to locate near a church school, there are a few farms near us that can be secured at reasonable prices. One small farm near by, consisting of thirty acres, with a very good house, can be bought for \$1,200. We have a good location, only four miles from the county seat; good market for garden products and fruit; excellent water, many farms having soft spring water.

We have only a few years in which to work for the Lord; let us do all in our power while time lasts to save our children.

J. W. WATT.

Indiana, Pa., R. F. D. 8.

#### Somerset

On June 16 we began a tent effort at Somerset. This is the first public effort that has been made in this county. Books have been sold here, but no preaching has been done by our people until now. Somerset is the county seat, is well supplied with churches, and has many wealthy people among its residents.

Thus far our audiences have not been large—from twenty to perhaps seventy-five. A few have come quite regularly and seem to be interested. We are now presenting the Sabbath question and sincerely hope that some will obey. Brethren pray for the work at this place.

J. W. WATT,

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

### Canvassers' Reports

West Virginia, Week Ending June 30, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Olive Pangburn, Wayne Co.	DR	4	37	21	71 00	2 50	73 50	2 50	
H. Smith, Harrison Co.	DR	5	49	22	67 00	2 00	69 00	2 00	
Olive Krum, Wayne Co.	GC	4	36	15	54 00	2 30	56 30	2 30	
Dollie Parker, Mason Co.	GC	5	49	12	36 00	13 00	49 00		
Madge Miller, Wayne Co.	CK	4	35	31	47 00	1 25	48 25	1 00	
J. Winemiller, Barbour Co.	GC	5	38	11	34 00	10 50	44 50	25	
J. Mitchell, Barbour Co.	GC	5	43	13	42 00	1 75	43 75	25	
L. D. Endy, Mason Co.	CK	5	45	26	40 50	75	41 25		
W. McElphatrick, Braxton Co.	DR	4	37	10	24 00	17 10	41 10	5 35	
B. E. Wagner, Doddridge Co.	DR	5	48	12	39 00	2 00	41 00		
Hanna Beatty, Mason Co.	CK	5	48	21	31 50	3 75	35 25		
L. C. Metcalf, Wood Co.	PG	4	37	10	32 00		32 00		
J. E. Gibson, Mason Co.	CK	5	56	16	24 50	7 20	31 70		
Clara Pettit, Roane Co.	PG	3	28	6	20 00	7 50	27 50		
Sadie Gee, Mason Co.	CK	4	39	12	18 00	7 10	25 10		
Annie Bennett, Wayne Co.	DR	2	21	7	22 00	2 90	24 90	2 90	
C. Oberholtzer, Braxton Co.	GC	4	29	5	16 00	8 25	24 25	50	
F. Wagner, Harrison Co.	DR	5	35	5	15 00		15 00	114 90	
R. B. Wheeler, Doddridge Co.	DR	4	45	5	15 00		15 00		
H. V. Leach, Roane Co.	PG	3	27	4	12 00	1 00	13 00	1 00	
A. A. Austin, Roane Co.	CK	3	19	6	9 90	90	9 90	90	
E. Smith, Roane Co.	CK	1	10	3	4 50	10	4 60	10	
J. R. Midkiff, Upshur Co.	DR	2	15			90	90	90	
Totals			91	826	273	\$674 00	\$92 75	\$766 75	\$134 85

East Pennsylvania, One Week Ending July 7, 1911

S. F. Zenger, Franklin Co.	CK	5	42	12	19 00		19 00		
S. Rockwell, Bradford Co.	GC	4	33	15	58 00		58 00		
F. J. Detwiler, Lancaster Co.	GC	4	35	14	42 00	2 35	44 35	60	
E. Sterner, Union Co.	CK	5	46	18	27 50	1 00	28 50	1 00	
D. Rebok, Cumb Co.	CK	3	24	13	20 50		20 50		
H. J. Weeks, Bradford Co.	GC	3	26	13	41 00		41 00		
H. P. Morris, York Co.	GC	5	46	21	65 00		65 00		
*R. Baumgartner, Union	GC	8	73	8	24 00	1 80	25 80		
Wm. P. Hess, Cumb Co.	DR	5	47	12	22 00		22 00		
D. E. Prutzman, Berks Co.	CK	4	34	10	15 50	3 50	19 00	1 00	
†F. Barto, Lancaster Co.	CK	5	43	31	49 00		49 00		
"	"	4	33	27	44 00		44 00		
"	"	3	29	18	28 00		28 00		
Totals			58	510	212	\$455 50	\$8 65	\$464 15	\$2 60

Virginia, Week Ending, June 30, 1911

K. Oertley, Wytheville	CK	32	1	1 50	50	2 00	34 00		
S. N. Brown, Danville	CK	45	137	205 50	9 00	214 50			
W. F. Durst, Danville	CK	40	49	73 50	6 75	80 25	1 00		
John Hottel, Winchester Co.	PPF	51	42	70 00	3 75	73 75	1 50		
Paul Hottel, "	"	46	33	55 00	3 25	58 25	2 00		
W. S. Mead, Roanoke Co.	GC	42	15	49 00	4 65	53 65			
Viola Joplin, Roanoke Co.	PG	21	13	44 00	3 00	47 00	25		
A. L. Shidler, Roanoke Co.	GC	54	26	86 00	6 75	92 75	3 25		
A. R. Dennis, Roanoke Co.	GC	32	13	40 00	1 50	41 50	1 00		
A. Arkebaure, Roanoke Co.	DR	28	4	15 00	6 35	21 35	1 50		
Totals			391	333	\$639 50	\$45 50	\$685 00	\$44 50	

West Pennsylvania, One Week Ending July 7, 1911

C. Midkiff, Franklin Co.	GC	10	110	27	48 75	24 50	73 25	11 75	
A. Brownlee, Armstrong	CK	5	54	38	52 50	8 60	61 10	29 25	
T. Dunham, Homeville Co.		4	19	6	20 00		20 00	6 00	
J. W. Bateman, Wilkinsburg	GC	3	18		18 00		18 00		
J. Kimmel, Somerset	PPF	2	15		7 50		7 50		
Wm. Burtnett, Glenfield	GC	2	6	8	27 00		27 00	44 70	
Totals			26	222	79	\$173 75	\$33 10	\$206 85	\$91 70

## Ohio, Week Ending July 7, 1911

L. H. Waters, Crawford Co.	BF	5	47	21	22 50		22 50	145 25
M. Lindsay, Columbiana Co.	BF	3	9	14	12 75	3 75	16 50	
H. F. Kirk, Clark Co.	BR	5	36	17	47 00		47 00	
H. T. Forsythe, Gallia Co.	CK	5	34	8	12 50		12 50	
J. W. Smith, Gallia Co.	CK	5	40	27	40 50		40 50	
Guy Corder, Meigs Co.	CK	5	37	30	46 00	14 00	60 00	
Loyd Swollen, Meigs Co.	CK	4	38	21	32 50	15	32 65	15
Elizabeth Miller, Clark Co.	COL	4	21	10	12 50	5 25	17 75	
J. Randolph, Marion Co.	DR		88	12	38 00	30 10	68 10	61 55
G. Draper, Van Wert Co.	GC	3	24					102 25
F. Hankins, Van Wert Co.	GC	2	18					141 70
Ray Corder, Warren Co.	GC	5	43	20	67 00	7 50	74 50	
Edgar Welch, Warren Co.	GC	4	38	7	22 00	7 50	29 50	
Totals		50	473	188	\$353 25	\$68 25	\$421 50	\$450 90

## Chesapeake, Week Ending June 30, 1911

D. W. Percy, Kent Co. Del.	DA	4	35	17	51 00	9 00	60 00	75
H. Britton, Kent Co. Del.	GC	4	35	8	24 00	6 75	30 75	
Mrs. Whaley, Centreville, Md.	GC	5	44	2	7 00	2 25	9 25	4 00
C. M. Paden, Harford Co. Md.	CK	5	40	40	62 50		62 50	
J. M. Hayes, Baltimore, Md.								1 00
Totals		18	154	67	\$144 50	\$18 00	\$162 00	\$5 75

\*Two weeks

†Three weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$2705.25

Deliveries, \$730.40

## NEW JERSEY

## Pleasantville N. J.

The work in this place, the suburb of our great pleasure resort, Atlantic City, continues to advance slowly. Thirty individuals, representing eight entire families (except one father and one son), are interested in, and are supporting our work here. Nearly all of this number are attending our public meetings. A Sabbath-school of twenty-eight members is meeting in our hall each Sabbath and a club of twenty copies of the weekly *Signs* has been subscribed for.

Early in June a meeting was held with the interested ones to consider the advisability of giving up our public hall and of meeting in private homes; but the company here decided to continue to meet in the hall and to be responsible for the rent; they also purchased an organ, and fifty chairs to seat the hall. The funds contributed by the company for local needs during the month of June paid the hall rent for one month, paid for the fifty chairs purchased, and, lacking ten dollars, met the expense of an organ.

Last Sunday night in our public hall we held a children's and youths' meeting, which proved to be a decided success. The hall was filled, our usual attendance being increased by nearly one hundred persons, most of whom were adults, and many of

whom had never visited our hall before. All were delighted with the program rendered and showed their appreciation by donating nearly enough to pay the rent of the hall for one month. It is needless to say that the company here believe in children's meetings, since our experience of last Sunday night, and are planning to have another in the near future. We hope to see a goodly number of these eight families take a decided stand for the truth soon. Most of the wives and some of the children have already begun to keep the Sabbath, and most of the husbands are planning to do so.

GEORGE W. SPIES.

Pleasantville, July 6.

## OHIO

## Columbus and Walnut Grove

Quarterly meeting was held in the Columbus church on July 1. The election of Young Peoples' and Sabbath school officers, a church treasurer, and a member of the School Board took but a few moments before the ordinances. A large number of our people were in attendance and enjoyed the occasion. The hallowed influence of the Spirit's presence was felt while we were drawn a little nearer our Father's throne. This was one of the best quarterly services we have enjoyed together in this church. There never was a time when we all

needed more of God's grace and heaven's guidance to help us in our work than now; we are thankful that we have not been disappointed. The Lord's hand is still over all, and his goodness and mercy ever cheer and comfort the faithful who are willing to yield all to Christ.

Immediately after the service, accompanied by Brother French, we organized a colored Sabbath-school at the home of Brother Ford. Brother Blake has many reasons for encouragement; and we are all pleased to see several returning to the ranks of those who love and appreciate the third angel's message. We anticipate better days for our colored brethren, and trust that their number will be increased as they yield deference to our Father's will.

We had a profitable day with our Walnut Grove church on July 8. After all had been given an opportunity to testify of the Lord's goodness and never-failing mercy, the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated. Truly, "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." Testimonies filled with tenderness and Christian fervor were freely given, and at the close of the service two were baptized and admitted into the church; others will receive this rite later. We all felt that we had enjoyed a good day,—one of the bright spots in the history of the Walnut Grove church.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.

## About our Canvassers

Our canvassers were busy at their trade on the Fourth, and the Lord blessed them with many orders and some excellent experiences. Some had sales amounting to \$20.00 and over. The total sales in Ohio for the day amounted to \$96.65. Nine workers on Decoration day received orders amounting to \$92.25

Recently Brother Merritt Eusey spent a few days in a territory that has long been considered a very prejudiced field; but a report of \$150.00 in four and one half days would seem to indicate that it was ripe already to harvest.

One objection that Brother Alfred Holst had to meet in showing "Great Controversy" to an elderly couple was that they could not see to read.



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While canvassing among the hills, near the Ohio river, Brother Swallen recently visited a man who had found the Sabbath through reading his Bible.

Brother Forsythe has changed his location to Gallipolis, in order to be with James Smith, who has just begun work in Gallia County.

Brother Kirk, sending in his largest report to date, \$119.00 in five days, writes: "I feel that prayer along in the woods helps to keep us in touch with the Lord and to receive orders."  
 F. B. NUMBERS.

Mrs. C. F. Russell returned last week from a visit to Cincinnati. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Paul Jones, who is spending a few days in Academia.

Mrs. B. B. Noftager, of Port Hope, Ontario, is visiting her father, Mr. George Crouse, at Croton, O.

We are informed by one of our workers that a Jew, giving the name of M. Gottlieb, and engaged in the sale of Elder Gilbert's book, "Practical Lessons," is obtaining money under false pretense among our people. He is described as being about thirty-five years of age, rather short, sandy complexioned, round faced, and wearing a small moustache. We trust that no more of our people will be deceived by this man.

The statement in our last issue that Elder Butcher was called to Nova to conduct the funeral service of Brother Sponsler is an error. It should have read,—the funeral service of Brother Sponsler's daughter, Mrs. E. Nelson.

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## VIRGINIA

### Academy Notes

Quarterly services were held in the chapel July 1. Several isolated members were present. On Sunday morning at 11 A. M. Elder Kime delivered a very interesting sermon on dietetics, making it very clear that a vegetarian diet is far superior to a meat diet, and that those who are translated must overcome every inclination of appetite contrary to Edenic principles.

Messrs. Paul and John Hottel spent the Sabbath with us; they are canvassing for scholarships. John has already earned a scholarship, and Paul is following close behind. We are proud of these young men, since they are among the first graduates of Shenandoah Valley Training Academy; and we bid them God-speed in their further efforts in school.

So many inquiries have been made by men with families for places to live near the school in order to receive the benefits of the educational advantages offered by the Academy that, as there were no houses to rent, it was decided to sell off a portion of the school farm to accommodate such persons. Elder Kime has spoken for a lot and is making arrangements to build at once. Others have spoken for land, and we expect to see a number of new houses go up before school opens next fall.

We are having a very dry season in the Valley this summer, but the corn continues to grow: some of it is already over six feet high.

Brother Bennet Ham is working on the school farm and will attend school the coming year. Several have written letters telling of their desire or expectation to be here when school opens.

## OBITUARIES

**NELSON.**—Lottie Edith Nelson, daughter of Stanton and Pheba Sponsler, was born Nov. 21, 1874, and died July 3, 1911, being 36 years, 7 months, and 12 day old. On Dec. 3, 1895, she was united in marriage to Emery Nelson, two sons and two daughters being born to this union. She is survived by her husband and children, her parents, two sisters, and one brother. The deceased united with the Troy, Ohio, Seventh-day Adventist church when about fifteen years of age, continuing a member of the same until her death. Realizing that the end was near, Sister Nelson spent the last two days in planning with her husband for the training of the children and in urging her loved ones to meet her in that better world. The funeral services were conducted in the United Brethren church at Nova, the pastor, Rev. Hevelow assisting the writer.  
 W. C. MOFFETT.

**KNUST.**—Frederick Knust was born near Stettien, Germany, August 16, 1863, and died at Jessups, Maryland, July 6, 1911, aged 47 years, 11 months, and 10 days. Brother Knust and his family accepted present truth while attending a series of meetings held in the city of Baltimore many years ago. He was a faithful and consistent member of the Seventh-day Adventist church of Baltimore until his death, and always attended church regularly until his health failed about a year ago. Brother Knust's faith in God and in his word was firm to the end. His great suffering was characterized by much patience, for he looked, as did Abraham, far beyond this life and the tomb to a city which hath foundation, whose builder and maker is God. We believe that he sleeps in Jesus. The surviving members of the family, a wife, two sons, one daughter, three brothers, one sister and a dear mother, have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement. The funeral service was conducted by the writer at the home, in the presence of a large congregation of sympathizing relatives and friends. Text, Job 14:14.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

**GRAVES.**—Mrs. Nettie Graves died of hardening of the liver at the Clark Memorial Home, Springfield, Ohio, July 2, 1911, aged 75 years, 1 month, and 29 days. Sister Graves was converted when a girl of 18 years, and embraced the third angel's message in the fall of 1892. Her life was in keeping with her profession. She was a most devoted and consecrated worker in the church until death; and we feel that we have reason to believe that she sleeps in Jesus. She leaves to mourn her loss a large circle of friends. Words of comfort from John 14:1-3 were spoken by the writer to a large gathering of friends.

C. T. REDFIELD.