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WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Increase Our Faith

Why should we doubt or blindly fear,
Since Jesus is beside us;
Why should we shed the bitter tear?—
His peace is not denied us.
No, let us clasp the loving hand,
Always outstretched to ours;
He'll help us o'er the sinking sand,
And rain his grace in showers.
He'll lead us o'er the mountain steep,
O'er every rough and thorny hill;
Why should we sigh and moan and weep,
While he doth whisper, "Peace—be still"?
His eye sees every sparrow fall,
And all our hairs are numbered;
Then let us cast our cares on him,
And never more be cumbered.
ELIZABETH DUNHAM.
Pittsburg, Pa.

The Western Pennsylvania Conference

The ninth annual session of the Western Pennsylvania Conference was held on the camp-ground, Lenape Park, Ford City, Pa., August 10-20, 1911.

The first meeting was called on Sunday morning, August 13, by the president, I. N. Williams. After reading a scripture lesson from the 122nd and 125th Psalms, Elder J. W. Watt offered prayer in behalf of the conference and the delegates. The seating of the delegates being first in order, the roll was called by the secretary. Seventeen churches were represented, and forty-seven delegates responded to their names. At the first meeting the chairman, in connection with the conference committee, was empowered to appoint the usual working committees, which were announced as follows:—

Nominating Committee: William Brainbridge, George West, W. H. Jack, F. C. Owens, and George House.

Committee on Plans and Resolutions: Elder J. E. Shultz, I. A. Ford, Sister N. S. Ashton, Elder J. P. Gaede, and Professor B. G. Wilkinson.

Committee on Credentials and Licenses: Elders J. E. Veach, N. S. Ashton, and J. W. Watt.

Committee on Auditing: H. K. Hackman, W. H. Jack, J. H. Kimmel, J. P. Watson, and Brother Smeal.

Committee on Seating of Delegates: Elder W. F. Schwartz, and G. Medairy.

From the address of the president, which was given at the first meeting of the session, it was learned that the work in the conference had made a steady growth during the year 1910. It was stated that sixty-one precious souls were baptized during the last year. The president mentioned especially the solemnity of the times in which we live, and the importance of consecration, to enable us to bear this gracious message of a soon coming Lord to a dying world.

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

President: B. F. Kneeland.

Vice-President: I. N. Williams.

Executive Committee: B. F. Kneeland, I. N. Williams, W. F. Schwartz, J. E. Veach, J. P. Gaede, N. S. Ashton, and F. C. Owens.

Secretary and Treasurer: J. S. Barrows.

Sabbath-school Secretary: Sister N. S. Ashton.

Educational Secretary: Sister N. S. Ashton.

Religious Liberty Secretary: N. S. Ashton.

Field Missionary Secretary: G. Medairy.

West Pennsylvania Conference Constituency: B. F. Kneeland, J. E. Veach, J. S. Barrows, F. C. Owens, E. E. Read, J. P. Gaede, and G. W. House.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses presented the following:—

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

For Ministerial Credentials: B. F. Kneeland, I. N. Williams, J. W. Watt, W. F. Schwartz, N. S. Ashton, J. E. Veach, J. P. Gaede, and C. Meleen.

For Honorary Ministerial Credentials: W. W. Williams.

For Ministerial License: G. L. West.
For Missionary License: J. S. Barrows, G. Medairy, Sister N. S. Ashton.

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

Whereas, the blessing of God has been over the work and laborers of the conference during the last year, in preserving our laborers in health, with one exception, and in giving success in the various lines of work; therefore,—

1. *Resolved*, That we as a conference express our thanksgiving to God and renew our consecration to him for active service.

2. *Resolved*, That we express our feelings of sorrow at the loss of our esteemed brother and fellow-worker, Elder Saunders, who has been called from us by death; and that we hereby express our bereavement by spreading this resolution upon the minutes.

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 in much need of financial assistance; therefore,—

3. *Resolved*, That the Western Pennsylvania Conference raise each year an amount equal to ten cents per member for this enterprise.

Whereas, The canvassing work is recognized as one of the best means of spreading the truth; and—

Whereas, The spirit of prophecy has been calling for Christian families to go into communities that are in darkness and error, and there work wisely and perseveringly for the Master; therefore,—

4. *Resolved*, That we recommend that our married brethren who can possibly arrange to do so, after consulting the president and the field agent, plan to enter the work as permanent resident canvassers.

Whereas, The scholarship plan has been highly endorsed by the spirit of prophecy, and has been beneficial to many of our young people in obtaining a preparation for usefulness in this cause, both by the experience obtained in securing it, and by the after education; therefore,—

5. *Resolved*, That we encourage the young people of this conference to earn scholarships in Mount Vernon College by the sale of our literature.

Whereas, The time for the raising of the \$300,000 Fund expires December 31, 1911; and—

Whereas, The West Pennsylvania Conference has a large amount of its appointment still unpaid; therefore,—

6. *Resolved*, That we recommend that immediate steps be taken to raise the amount still due, and that those who have before subscribed to this fund, be urged to pay as soon as possible.

Whereas, This conference concurred in the recommendation of the General Conference to ask each member to sell two copies of "Ministry of Healing" and five copies of *Life and Health* each year for three years; and—

Whereas, We are heavily in arrears of having sent in to the Union the cash to represent the "Ministry of Healing" already ordered, and we lack about one third of having disposed of our quota for 1910 and 1911; therefore,—

7. *Resolved*, That immediate steps be taken to finish this work during the coming year if possible, and at least to come up to the demand for 1911.

Recognizing the direct call of God to our young people to organize for prayer and service, that the gospel of the kingdom may go to all the world in this generation;—

8. *We recommend*, (a) That the youth in every church who really love Jesus, be encouraged to organize themselves into Missionary Volunteer societies, making the prayer and personal workers bands the basis of their effort.

(b) That every conference laborer become intelligent in regard to the Missionary Volunteer movement, and give it his hearty cooperation.

Whereas, It is desirable that the business of the tract society be conducted on a cash basis, in order that the accounts against the society may be paid promptly; and—

Whereas, Debt is one of the greatest causes of discouragement to the canvasser; therefore,—

9. *Resolved*, That we recommend that a special effort be put forth to collect old accounts, and that current accounts be met monthly, and that

accounts for literature made by conference laborers be deducted from their monthly remittances.

Whereas, God has spoken definitely regarding the reviving of the missionary work in our churches, "That there should be a well organized plan for the employment of workers to go into our churches, large and small, to instruct the members how to labor for the upbuilding of the church, and also for unbelievers"; and—

Whereas, Our past experience has also taught us that our tract and missionary work is a most successful way of reaching the masses with our truth-filled literature, thus laying the foundation for other kinds of work; therefore,—

10. *We recommend*, That we continue to encourage the field missionary secretary in visiting the churches and companies, organizing missionary societies, also visiting the isolated members, training all in doing missionary work; and that all our conference laborers take a special interest in this work as they visit among the churches.

In view of the fact that the Lord has spoken to this people repeatedly, saying that the time had come for us as a people to take our children out of the public schools and educate them for him; therefore,—

11. *Resolved*, (a) That we request the conference committee and all the laborers in the conference to do all in their power to encourage the church school work; and—

(b) That steps be taken at once to increase the conference educational fund by taking up special collections for this purpose on the third Sabbath in October, January, and July, said collections to be sent to the conference treasurer, and held as a fund to assist the churches where church schools are or may be established, in the payment of teachers' salaries, under the direction of the conference committee.

Whereas, The Mount Vernon College is the property of the Columbia Union Conference, and its success depends upon our united interest therein; and—

Whereas, Its history is a splendid record of workers trained for home and foreign fields; therefore,—

We recommend, That our young people be encouraged to attend this school to obtain a fitness for the work of God.

13. *Resolved*, (a) That we request each member of the conference to contribute three cents per week, to create a missionary educational fund, two thirds of which shall be credited

to the Columbia Union educational missionary fund, and one third of which shall be forwarded to the conference treasurer to be distributed at the direction of the conference committee for educational work in the conference.

(b) That the collection of this fund shall be on the first Sabbath of each quarter.

14. *Resolved*, That we instruct the conference committee to move the conference office to Pittsburg, or some other central point in the conference, at the earliest date possible.

Whereas, It is part of the duty of the educational secretary to supervise and unify the church school work of the conference; therefore,—

15. *We recommend*, That if possible each church in the conference be visited by the educational secretary once each term.

16. *Resolved*, That we recommend the subscription to the journal *Christian Education*, by all our people.

17. *We recommend*, That the policy of having the expenses incurred by our teachers while in attendance at the Summer Normal paid by the conference be continued.

18. *Resolved*, That in the establishment of new schools we request the local board to advise with the conference educational secretary as to the location of the school and the character of the school-room to be occupied; that special attention shall be given by the secretary and the board to the question of school sanitation and equipment.

Whereas, We are told in "Christian Education" page eight, that parents should be the only teachers of their children until they have reached eight or ten years of age; therefore,—

19. *Resolved*, (a) That we recommend the Mother's Home School Band to all our people who cannot place their children in church schools.

(b) That the educational secretary of the conference provide report post-cards, similar to those used with success by the educational secretary of the New Jersey Conference for recording weekly reports of work done.

J. S. BARROWS, Secretary.

(To be continued)

The following newspaper clipping gives an account of an outing held by our colored church at Midway: "The children's day outing in Bridgeville, Pa., on July 23, 1911, was held in the Bridgeville Baptist church by the Seventh-day Adventist church of Midway, Pa. Its officers are Alfred Jack-

son, Mr. Washington, Mrs. Washington, and Miss Williams. This was one of the greatest children's day outings ever held around Bridgeville, Pa. The church was crowded. There were 45 children besides a large crowd of older ones. Many Bible verses were recited, showing that the children know about God and his son. One child recited the entire 14th chapter of Revelation without a blunder. Mr. Washington superintended the exercises."

AT THE COLLEGE

Professor Pulver returned last Sunday, August 27, from his home at Stoddard, Wis., where he has been spending a few weeks' vacation.

Elder Butler and Elder Shultz left Mount Vernon Monday evening, August 28, for Richmond, to be in attendance at the Virginia camp-meeting.

Mrs. M. C. White of Berrien Springs, attended the Ohio camp-meeting, and paid a short visit to friends in Mount Vernon before returning to resume her work as matron at Emmanuel Missionary College.

Mr. Spohn returned last week from Wyoming.

Clarence and Edna Keppler attended the Ohio camp-meeting with their parents. Edna expects to enter the nurse's course in the sanitarium at Lafayette, Indiana, this fall, while Clarence will go to the Berrien Springs College.

Miss Jessie Gault, of Ashland, has been visiting her brother in Academia.

Mr. Oschar Spohn expects to teach a public school in Wyoming the next school year.

Miss Leona Gibson left the College last Wednesday to spend a two weeks' vacation at home before returning at the opening of school.

Mrs. Walter Martin and little daughter, of Battle Creek, are visiting Professor and Mrs. Welch.

Miss Laura Brown and Miss Nela Cartmell attended the camp-meeting at Wooster, Miss Cartmell leaving at

the close of the meeting for her school at Alliance, O. Miss Brown is planning to return to school at Mount Vernon.

Miss Alice Black, who has been teaching at Ohio City, came to Mount Vernon last week to spend the school year with her sister, Mrs. H. E. Gararde, and attend classes at the College.

Mr. Merritt Eusey and Mr. Gurnie Young found plenty to do in the camp restaurant during their stay on the Ohio camp-ground.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammond are at Gravel Ford Academy, Oregon, where they will teach the coming school year.

Mr. Howard Detwiler, who has been a student at the College during the past two years, and last year brought his sister with him, writes that there will be a colony of Detwilers at the College this year. He expects to bring with him this year two sisters and a brother.

Miss Nellie Leach was in attendance at the Ohio camp-meeting. Her health has greatly improved during the summer.

Mrs. W. S. Metcalf and her daughter Marie returned last week from Kanawha, W. Va., where they have been visiting relatives during the summer.

Misses Clara and Hazel Crummel attended the Ohio camp-meeting. We are sorry to learn that Hazel will not be in the College this year, as she has decided to go to Melrose, Mass., with her sister, to enter the nurse's course there. Miss Clara Crummel will finish that course next year.

Miss Jessie Pope is planning to enter the nurse's course at the Hospital-Sanitarium this fall.

Miss Etta Perrine returned recently from Philadelphia, where she has been visiting her aunt during the summer.

Messrs. Alfred Holst and Delano Reese, who have been canvassing in Ohio during the summer, were at the camp-meeting. They left the grounds at the close of the meeting to make

their final deliveries before returning to school.

Elder Butcher left Ford City, Pa., at the close of the West Pennsylvania camp-meeting, to attend the Ohio camp-meeting at Wooster.

Mrs. S. M. Butler, Professor Anderson, Mr. Clarence Morris, and Mr. Floyd Klopfenstein from the College were in attendance at the Ohio camp-meeting during the latter part of the meeting.

Mr. Earl W. Culver cooked for the Ohio campers this year. He expects to return to Mount Vernon at the opening of school for his third year in the College kitchen.

NEW JERSEY

Camp-meeting at Trenton, September 7-17.

Elder W. H. Smith held a baptismal service in Irvington last Sabbath, when eleven willing souls were buried with their Lord.

The tents that have been in service during the summer have nearly all been taken down, preparatory to pitching them on the camp-ground. We are glad to report that the blessing of the Lord has attended the efforts of the workers, and that a number have taken their stand to obey the commandments of God and keep the faith of Jesus.

Brother W. B. Walters, of the Review and Herald office staff, has been engaged to act as secretary and treasurer of the conference and tract society, and is now moving with his family to Trenton. Brother Walters has had a wide experience in our denominational publishing and tract society work, and we feel that we are very fortunate in securing a man who is so well qualified for the work of the office.

Elder B. F. Kneeland spent a few days last week in attendance at the West Pennsylvania and Ohio camp-meetings.

Brother E. R. Brown, of Takoma Park, made a short visit to the office this week.

Now is the time when the young

people are busily planning for the next year's school. We are glad to see that several are intending to attend the Mount Vernon College.

This is the last call for the camp-meeting. When it reaches you the campers will be assembled, but it will not be too late for you to go and get some of the benefits of the meeting. Special efforts are being made to gain the rich blessings which the Lord has in store for us at this time. Come and seek the Lord with us, and you will not be disappointed.

On reaching Trenton on the Pennsylvania Railroad, take the Hamilton Avenue car and get off at the campground. Passengers coming over the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad will take any car going south at the station, and transfer to the Hamilton Avenue car.

WEST VIRGINIA

The West Virginia Camp-meeting

"The camp-meeting is one of the most important agencies in our work. It is one of the most effective methods of arresting the attention of the people, and reaching all classes with the gospel invitation."—*Testimonies*, Vol. VI., p. 31.

We are all anxious to see the gospel given to the world in this generation. Our annual camp-meeting, which will be held in Parkersburg, on Seventh and Mark Streets, September 28 to October 8, will afford an excellent opportunity to our people to receive spiritual strength which will enable them to go back to their homes and do more efficient work for their Master than they have ever done before.

We have the promise of a number of General and Union Conference workers, who will be present to speak at this spiritual feast. Just now is a very solemn time, when the glorious gospel of Christ is doing its finishing work in the earth. Just now souls who do not have a firm hold on God are being sifted out. Just now the powers from beneath are working mightily, the prince of darkness knows that his time is short, and he is making his strongest effort to ensnare souls. But while Satan is working so energetically, the power of God is coming down from heaven in great measure, and miracles are being wrought by the Holy Spirit in changing the hearts and minds of men, miracles as great as the parting

of the waters at the Red Sea. The third angel's message is banding the world, and soon those who are sealed with the seal of the living God will stand on the sea of glass before the throne of God.

Brethren and sisters, you cannot afford to miss this camp-meeting. The prophet Joel, in speaking of this very time in which we now live, says: "Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land into the house of the Lord your God, and cry unto the Lord. Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come. Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children. . . Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach." In order to carry out this Bible instruction, the presence of the people is necessary at our annual gatherings. Do not fail to attend this camp-meeting, as your presence will give strength to the meeting.

As it will be late in the season at the time of our meeting, we would advise all to live in rooms. Rooms will rent for about the same price as tents. Any who would rather live in tents may do so, and should order tents at once. A large tent will be pitched for a dining room. Meals will be served at a reasonable rate on the European plan. The meetings will be held in the new brick church. Order all rooms and tents at once from S. F. Ross, 1600 Andrew Street, Parkersburg, West Va.

F. H. ROBBINS.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Friday afternoon, during a severe storm, the beautiful new tent in North Philadelphia went down. Although the evening was clear, no service could be held. On Saturday night after the Sabbath, the tent was repitched, and meetings were resumed on Sunday evening.

Brother R. P. Morris, one of our canvassers, writes: "I have earned my scholarship; but I have purposed in my heart to make one for my sister, by God's help. I sought the Lord earnestly over the matter, although I knew it meant \$55.00 per week to earn a second scholarship. I worked hard all day Monday but could not get an order, so I prayed more earnestly, and the Lord heard my cries and

blessed me with \$58 worth of orders in the next forty hours' work." Surely God hears and answers the prayers of his faithful, consecrated workers.

Elder W. H. Heckman met with the Scranton church Sabbath morning and with the Wilkes Barre church in the afternoon. There was a good audience at each of these churches, especially the latter one. The Lord blessed in each service.

Fifteen new Sabbath-keepers, besides others who are in regular attendance at the West Philadelphia tent effort, were at the Sabbath services of the West Philadelphia church July 19. We surely feel thankful to God for the work being done by this tent company.

Elder A. R. Bell writes: "Attendance is still very good at the tent. I have been presenting subjects concerning the nature of man all week. To-morrow, the first Sabbath meeting will be held in the tent." We rejoice with Brother Bell over his success in retaining good audiences from night to night.

The Sabbath-school outing of the Scranton church was held in Beach Grove last Sunday afternoon. It had been planned that a sermon would be preached in the afternoon, and many strangers were invited to attend. A large concourse of people was present, including Brother W. F. Kilmer, Elder of the Carbondale church, together with his family, also Brother Victor Klein and family, Brother Klein being the local elder of the Wilkes Barre church. Elder Heckman spoke to the large audience, and many, at the close, expressed their conviction that we as a denomination have the truth. A most enjoyable day was spent by all present.

Seven members were added to the Wilkes Barre church last Sabbath. These had previously been baptized by Brother Heckman. We are glad to see this church prospering.

Word just received from Brother Heald, who is conducting the effort in Chambersburg, states the following: "Last evening the tent was filled. Surely the spirit of the Lord came in with power. Those who have taken their stand and those who are deciding, wept throughout the service.

I never saw conviction so evident. Last Sabbath eight adults and four children, besides Brother Zenger's family, composed our first Sabbath-school—sixteen altogether." We rejoice with Brother Heald over the success of his effort. We hope that those who are deciding and have decided may prove loyal and true to the message they are espousing.

Brother Homer Baumgartner is having some good experiences in his canvassing work this summer. Not only has he been very successful in securing orders, but as he came in contact with those who needed help, he stopped to speak words of comfort, and to pray with them. Surely the opportunities of the canvasser along this line are numerous, and God's blessing will rest upon those who faithfully take advantage of them.

The church school at Souderton is expected to open the middle of September. All indications point to another very successful year. We wish that many of our people having children of school age who ought to attend our schools, could make arrangements to send them to this school.

Elder H. Meyer in his German effort is still having good audiences, many are interested and some are expected to take their stand for God's truth in the very near future. Let us pray for this effort.

Brother Morris says that he met with four men who were painting, and took and order for "Great Controversy" from each one. Surely the Lord is blessing Brother Morris in his work this summer.

Thus far, six have begun keeping the Sabbath as a result of the effort in Harrisburg. Several more who are deeply interested are expected to take their stand.

Elder W. H. Heckman visited the Ariel church from Friday evening until Sunday morning, four services being held. It had been planned for the South Canaan church members to meet them, but this was impossible owing to the rain.

Minnie and Irma Gerhart are canvassing in Easton, and are meeting with splendid success. Last week Minnie took \$56.50 worth of orders

and Irma \$33.15 worth. We are glad to be able to report such an excellent record for these two young girls.

Elder L. E. Sufficool has severed his connection with the North Philadelphia effort and is now located in Newport, Perry County. This is a town of 3000 inhabitants and Brother Sufficool feels this is an excellent opening for a successful effort.

Sister Mary E. Warner, a member of the Scranton church, died last week. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, Elder W. H. Heckman preaching the sermon.

We are very sorry to learn of the illness of Sister Margaret Lloyd, of Scranton. We sincerely hope that she may soon recover her usual health.

Elder S. D. Hartwell conducted the services last Sabbath at the North Philadelphia church. He was listened to by an appreciative audience.

Roy Howells, who has been taking the nurse's course at the Melrose Sanitarium, is in Philadelphia at present canvassing for the *Temperance Instructor*. He is meeting with excellent success. He expects to enter the medical course in the fall. We wish Brother Howells success.

CHESAPEAKE

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—

It is with a deep feeling of interest that I again call your attention to our camp-meeting to be held at Dover, Del., September 14-24. I have been thinking and praying a great deal about this meeting; I feel deeply anxious that it shall be an occasion that will glorify God and help to strengthen his people and advance his cause in this conference.

The years of time are rapidly passing, and the signs of the end are greatly increasing. There should be on our part a corresponding growth in grace and consecration to the work of God. Our greatest need to-day is more of the power of God to help us in overcoming sin. This will come only by uniting our hearts and with one accord seeking the Lord as did the disciples on the day of Pentecost.

The camp-meeting is one of the most helpful agencies in securing the experience we so much need. There was a time when Seventh-day Ad-

ventists had such an appreciation of the camp-meeting that it took a very great obstacle to keep them away. I long for the old-time zeal and earnestness which characterized the work of the Lord in the past.

We are in the loud cry of the third angel's message, the time for the latter rain to come upon us in showers. What is hindering this great blessing from coming in its fullness? It can be only our lethargy, our failure to do our duty. We do not see the results of our labors that we should see. The work does not advance as rapidly as it should. Shall we be satisfied to continue on in this way? We can not expect to go on year after year operating mechanical efforts and depending upon them alone; we must get a firm grip upon the power of the living God, and then we can move the world as did the pioneers of this great advent movement in the days when William Miller and Elder James White were upon the stage of action.

The conference session will be very interesting to you, and you will want to help us lay plans for the finishing of the work in this conference where there are over 1,578,000 people, many of whom are foreigners for whom we have done little or nothing as yet. In view of these facts I would urge that you appoint your committees to choose delegates who can be in attendance and help us to work out the many difficult problems which so often confront us.

Let us come and seek the Lord together for more of his mighty power. I desire to see this the occasion when a new era shall be reached in our lives; and hope, therefore, that all who possibly can will plan to come and remain till the close of this important meeting.

May the Lord abundantly bless you all. Very faithfully your brother,
ROSCOE T. BAER.

From Our Field Missionary Agent

As I have come among you to labor in behalf of the canvassing interests of this conference, I trust that our association may be mutually beneficial, and that the Lord may work in and through us for the upbuilding of the book work here.

Let us press on with courage; for we are told that all who consecrate themselves to God to work as canvassers are assisting in giving the last message of warning to the world. The words of the prophet Isaiah bid us, "Arise, shine, for thy light is

come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." Isa. 60:1. As the Lord has revealed to us these precious truths from his word let us arise and shine, and labor for the dear souls about us. Brother, sister, if you have not yet enlisted in active service for the Master, listen to the voice of the Lord: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then let us send back an answer clear and strong, "Here am I, send me."

Let us all plan to attend the annual camp-meeting at Dover, Delaware, September 14-24. We expect to have some good canvassers' meetings. Come and let us get personally acquainted, and feast upon the good things we shall hear, that we may be strengthened for better service during the coming year.

F. E. HANKINS,

Field Missionary Agent.

OHIO

Elder B. F. Kneeland visited the West Pennsylvania and Ohio camp-meetings. At the former he was elected president of the West Pennsylvania Conference.

The attendance of our people at the camp-meeting was not so large as last year, but there were over 550 present at the second Sabbath-school of the meeting. The outside attendance and interest, however, were far greater than they have been for a number of years. Crowds came to listen to the evening services and evidently were favorably impressed. One man is already keeping the Sabbath as a result of the camp-meeting and another is considering it seriously. We have reason to believe that a good company will be raised up at Wooster as a result of holding the camp-meeting there.

Those present at the camp-meeting and assisting in the services, outside our local laborers were: Elder A. G. Daniells, Professor H. R. Salisbury, and Elder K. C. Russell, of the General Conference; Professor B. G. Wilkinson, Elder J. E. Shultz, and Brother E. R. Numbers, of the Union Conference; Elder W. W. Miller, recently returned from India, Elder B. F. Kneeland, of New Jersey, and Elder Fred M. Fairchild of the Chesapeake Conference.

Elder E. K. Slade, of the West Michigan Conference was elected successor to Elder H. H. Burkholder,

Canvassers' Reports

West Virginia, Week Ending August 11, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
J. Mitchell, Barbour Co.		GC		60	30	82 00	1 50	83 50	
W. McElphatrick, Braxton Co.		DR	5	41	15	39 00	9 40	48 40	17 65
B. E. Wagner, Doddridge Co.		DR	5	45	13	39 00	5 00	44 00	
Mary Rice, Randolph Co.		DR	5	34	12	42 00	1 75	43 75	
T. M. Butler, Monongalia Co.		GC	5	47	12	36 00	6 50	42 50	2 00
Maud McDade, Randolph Co.		SP	5	40	13	16 75	18 50	35 25	
H. C. Smith, Taylor Co.		DR	4	22	8	25 00	3 00	28 00	6 00
F. Wagner, Harrison Co.		DR	5	43	9	26 00	1 70	27 70	22 70
J. Winemiller, Barbour Co.		GC	4	32	12	26 00		26 00	
R. B. Wheeler, Doddridge Co.		DR	5	51	6	16 00	4 50	20 50	
L. Bainbridge, Randolph Co.		SP	5	36	1	1 25	16 50	17 75	
A. Hendrickson, Harrison Co.		DR	5	48	4	12 00	3 00	15 00	
A. A. Austin, Roane Co.		CK	4	26	7	10 50		10 50	54 50
Madge Miller, "		CK	4	44					120 00
C. Oberholtzer, Gilmer Co.		GC	3	27					119 35
Clara Pettit, Roane Co.		PG	3	27					113 50
Dollie Parker, "		PG	5	60					81 50
Hanna Beatty, Mason Co.		CK	3	37					81 00
Sadie Gee, Mason Co.		CK	4	40					54 65
H. V. Leach, Jackson Co.		PG	4	27					52 00
Totals			88	787	142	\$371 50	\$71 35	\$442 85	\$724 85

West Virginia, Week Ending August 18, 1911

Clara Pettit, Lincoln Co.	PG	2	20	15	51 00	26 00	77 00	
H. V. Leach, "	PG	2	20	15	51 00	1 50	52 50	1 50
B. E. Wagner, Doddridge Co.	DR	4	45	15	48 00		48 00	
A. Halstead, Boone Co.	DA	5	48	11	33 00	8 50	41 50	20 25
D. Whitmire, Hardy Co.	BR			19	11 00	28 25	39 25	
J. Winemiller, Randolph Co.	GC	5	28	13	36 00	2 50	38 50	
W. McElphatrick, Braxton Co.	DR	5	48	11	25 00	8 50	33 50	5 50
L. D. Endy, Putnam Co.	CK	2	23	21	33 50		33 50	
J. Mitchell, Tucker Co.	GC	4	31	11	31 00		31 00	
L. C. Metcalf, Ritchie Co.	GC	3	34	6	19 00	11 50	30 50	
A. A. Austin, Roane Co.	CK	4	35	18	28 50		28 50	
Maud McDade, Randolph Co.	SP	5	32	14	18 00	9 85	27 85	
Mary F. Rice, "	SP	4	31	16	21 25	4 25	25 50	1 00
Dollie Parker, Putnam Co.	GC	3	30	2	6 00	12 50	18 50	
H. C. Smith, Taylor Co.	DR	5	32	5	15 00	2 00	17 00	5 00
L. Bainbridge, Randolph Co.	SP	5	34	2	2 75	12 75	15 50	1 50
H. J. Beatty, Putnam Co.	CK	4	40	4	6 00	2 50	8 50	
R. B. Wheeler, Doddridge Co.	DR	4	34	2	6 00	1 50	7 50	
T. M. Butler, Monongalia Co.	GC	4	27	1	3 00	2 20	5 20	1 70
A. Hendrickson, Harrison Co.	DR	5	30	2	6 00		6 00	
Totals		75	622	193	\$451 00	\$134 30	\$585 30	\$36 45

Ohio, Week Ending August 11, 1911

Guy Corder, Meigs Co.	BF	5	40	63	64 00	2 75	66 75	
E. Miller, Clark Co.	COL	5	22	30	37 50	16 50	54 00	
Loyd Swallen, Meigs Co.	CK	5	31	13	19 50		19 50	2 00
L. H. Waters, Crawford Co.	BF	5	43	6	6 50		6 50	208 25
J. Randolph, Marion Co.	DR	5	50	4	13 50	2 00	15 50	127 93
Ray Corder, Warren Co.	GC	4	30			1 55	1 55	125 50
H. F. Kirk, Clark Co.	BR	2	14	3	10 00	5 70	15 70	1 50
Totals		31	230	119	\$151 00	\$28 50	\$179 50	\$465 18

Ohio, Week Ending August 18, 1911

Loyd Swollen, Gallia Co.	CK	5	35	14	21 50		21 50	1 50
Guy Corder, Meigs Co.	CK	5	39	30	30 00	3 50	33 50	112 00
C. Riechenbach, Troy Co.	CK	3	29					117 00
J. Riechenbach, Portage Co.	BR	6	49	5	16 00	1 50	17 50	11 50
L. H. Waters, Crawford Co.	BF	3	19					92 50
J. Randolph, Marion Co.	DR	5	50	24	46 00	16 00	62 00	2 35
Edgar Welch, Warren Co.	GC	3	30					69 25
Totals		30	251	73	\$112 50	\$22 00	\$134 50	\$406 10

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending August 18, 1911

R. P. Morris, Hanover	GC	5	47	23	70 00		70 00
H. Barto, McAllisterville	GC	4	31	12	37 00		37 00
H. Baumgartner, Mifflinburg		5	46	9	27 00	2 00	29 00
H. Rohrer, Hanover		5	39	8	24 00		24 00
F. J. Detwiler, Telford		5	35	6	18 00	50	18 50
† " "		5	38	3	9 00	1 25	10 25
E. Sturner, Mifflinburg		5	40	13	20 00	2 10	22 10
Minnie Gerhart, Easton		3	21	12	20 00	2 85	22 85
I. " "		3	21	9	14 00	2 00	16 00
Totals		40	318	95	\$239 00	\$10 70	\$249 70

East Pennsylvania, One Week Ending August 25, 1911

M. Gerhart, Easton	CK	5	44	34	53 90	3 70	56 60	3 70
I. Gearhart, Easton	CK	5	40	31	50 00	3 15	53 15	3 15
D. Rebok, Newberg	CK	3	16	12	18 00		18 00	
E. Sterner, Mifflinburg	CK	3	25	8	12 00	1 70	13 70	1 70
*D. E. Prutzman, Shillington	CK	6	36	7	11 00	3 75	13 25	
H. Baumgartner, Mifflinburg	GC	5	39	3	9 00	2 20	11 20	2 20
Wm. P. Hess	DR	5	30	10	30 00		30 00	
R. P. Morris, Hanover	GC	5	47	25	78 00	13 00	91 00	
H. B. Rohrer, Hanover	GC	4	34	11	33 00		33 00	
Totals		41	311	141	\$294 00	\$27 50	\$219 90	\$10 75

New Jersey, One Week Ending August 11, 1914

R. Immonen, Monmouth	PPF	4	42					150 00
G. W. Blinn, Hunterdon	BR	5	35	22	77 00		77 00	
Ruth Murphy, Mercer	CK	4	31	11	17 50	4 50	22 00	3 50
N. R. Pond, Burlington	GC	4	31	4	12 00		12 00	8 90
W. Schmidt, Cape May	GC	5	27	1	4 00	10 10	14 10	66 85
J. S. Glunt, Woodbury	BR	3	16	8	10 00	7 20	17 20	2 00
J. W. Rambo, Cumberland	CK	4	26	21	31 50	3 00	34 50	13 75
A. Gibbs, Monmouth		4	41					142 50
Totals		33	249	67	\$152 00	\$24 80	\$176 80	\$387 50

New Jersey, Week Ending, August 18, 1911

L. Cruickshanks, Salem	OK	5	50	39	68 00	1 80	69 80	1 80
W. B. Plant, " "	"	5	40	25	55 00		55 00	
A. Gibbs, Middlesex	PPF	5	40	10	10 50	15 00	25 50	
C. Beach, Bergen	PPF	1	5	3	4 50	2 25	6 75	
J. W. Rambo, Cumberland	OK	4	34					116 75
Mrs. M. Bense, Mercer	CK	1			10 50			9 25
W. Schmidt, Cape May	GC	4	27	7	23 00	9 75	32 75	9 95
† J. W. Rambo, Cumberland	CK	5	29	13	19 50	4 25	23 75	12 75
Totals		30	225	94	\$191 00	\$33 05	\$218 55	\$150 50

Virginia, Week Ending August 11, 1911

K. Oertley, Wytheville	GC	5	53	7	23 00	4 00	27 00	
S. N. Brown, Danville	CK	1	7	3	6 00		6 00	2 00
W. T. Durst, " "	CK	5	43	17	25 50	2 25	27 75	11 25
F. W. Hall, " "	"	4	34	16	24 50	2 75	27 25	50
J. Hottel, Winchester Co.	PPF	3	31	21	33 00	5 50	38 50	1 00
P. " " "	"	4	35	22	34 50	1 75	36 25	1 75
W. S. Mead, Roanoke	GC	4	25	10	33 00		33 60	
A. L. Shidler, " "	"		22	15	49 00	1 00	50 00	
A. R. Dennis, " "	"	5	47	34	104 00	2 00	106 00	
Viola Joplin, " "	"		2		26 00		26 00	
Totals		31	291	145	\$358 50	\$19 85	\$378 15	\$16 50

Virginia, Week Ending, August 18, 1911

K. Oertley, Wytheville	GC	5	31	2	5 00	2 00	7 00	
W. S. Mead, Roanoke	GC	2	11	7	21 00	1 10	22 10	60
A. L. Shidler, Roanoke	GC	2	12	9	29 00	1 00	30 00	4 00
A. R. Dennis, Roanoke	GC	5	31	22	67 00	4 75	71 75	9 75
Viola Joplin, Roanoke	PG		11	9	28 00		28 00	
Totals		14	97	49	\$150 00	\$8 85	\$158 85	\$14 35

*Two weeks †Aug. 12 ‡Aug. 4

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$2744.10

Deliveries, \$1512.18

who has served the conference as president for nine years.

The conference proceedings, treasurer's report, etc., will be published in our next issue.

The following named workers of the Ohio Conference were ordained at the camp-meeting at Wooster: Brethren J. J. Marietta, J. W. Shultz, W. J. Venen, and W. C. Moffett.

The Sabbath-school donations taken up on the two Sabbaths of the camp-meeting amounted to \$157.28. On Sabbath afternoon a farmer and his wife who drove six miles to the meeting, learning that we give all our Sabbath-school donations to missions, contributed a dollar apiece to the morning collection. These people had been studying "Bible Readings" and are interested in the present truth.

Elders Bidwell, Moffett, and Marietta spent the Sabbath after camp-meeting at their respective homes in Mount Vernon. Elder Moffett spoke to the church Sabbath morning on the subject of church school work.

Mr. J. I. Cassell spent the Sabbath at his old home at Laura. His father's health is still in a very critical condition.

The Greenspring Sabbath-school, which has been closed for about two years, has been reorganized with a membership of eight, Brother W. H. Walden as superintendent, and Joy Walden as secretary. We trust that the new school will prosper and be a blessing to the Greenspring church.

Dr. Harry W. Miller arrived in Mount Vernon last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hill, of St. Thomas, Ontario, were visitors at the Ohio camp-meeting.

Three tent companies were arranged for at the close of the camp-meeting. Elders W. E. Bidwell and John W. Shultz will hold an effort at Thornville, ten miles south of Newark. Brethren James H. Smith and Raleigh French will pitch their tent at Omega, five miles from Waverly, where an effort was held previous to the camp-

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meeting. They expect to follow up the interest awakened at the latter place. Elders R. G. Patterson and J. J. Marietta, with Brother and Sister G. E. Wales, of Toledo, as Bible workers, will remain with the tent at Wooster.

Mrs. G. A. Donnelly of Academia is recovering slowly from her recent operation.

Mr. Harvey Cassell was called to Laura O., on account of the serious illness of his father.

Mrs. Fred M. Fairchild, of Cumberland, Md., is visiting her mother, Mrs. F. H. Clymer of Academia.

Sabbath, August 26, the Mount Vernon church donated \$11.47 for the purchase of temperance *Instructors* to be distributed in the state of Maine during the vigorous temperance campaign now being conducted there.

"Not so much what we say,
 Not so much what we do,
 Will tell a stranger heart
 That you and I are true.

"But without word or deed
 As summer skies are blue,
 A glance or smile will show
 If you and I are true."

"The longer you are with God on the mount of private prayer and secret communion with him, the brighter will your face shine when you come down."

The October Offering

The first Sabbath in October has been set apart by the General Conference as the day when the annual offering shall be taken up to assist in the carrying of this last message to the colored people in this country.

A good work has been begun, and hundreds are now rejoicing in the present truth; but there are millions who have never had the privilege of hearing about the soon-coming of our Saviour and the preparation that must be made in order to meet him in peace. The work is soon to close in this field and now is the best time we shall ever have to do this work. In Volume IX. of the Testimonies, page 226, we read: "Thousands of colored people in the South may now be uplifted, and become human agents to help their own race, if they can receive the help God is calling upon us to give them."

The great question is, shall we give them the help needed just now?

The Lord has greatly blessed the efforts put forth in the past, and we are sure that if we can get the means now to push this work forward, the results will be far greater than if we delay.

We see the things coming that we have been told would come, that will make this work very difficult. The field will soon be closed, and what we do must be done quickly.

I wish to appeal to all our people to help this work at this time. Lay plans now to bring a good liberal offering. Let all our workers, conference and church officers, do all they can to make this the banner year for raising funds to help this needy work.

May the spirit of God bless us all abundantly in the effort to finish this work.

A. J. HAYSMER.

Study at Home

"THERE'S A WAY"

The Fireside Correspondence School announces its third annual opening on Monday, October 2, 1911. The past year we had 211 students on our roll. We are prepared to do better service this year than heretofore. Several new studies have been added, and we can now give instruction in twenty-four subjects. I wish it were possible to express here the satisfying results of study by correspondence. Young people, teachers, workers, you will miss much if you fail to register for one or two studies at our new opening. Send for our calendar of full information, and call

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OBITUARIES

COURSEN.—Died, Thursday, July 13, 1911, Dorothy Louise Coursen, the infant daughter of Brother and Sister Geo. J. and Elsie Coursen. While on a visit to Vineland, N. J., the little one, aged 4 months and 20 days, was stricken ill and succumbed to the attack. The dear one was laid away in Siloam Cemetery, Vineland, N. J. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer and Elder J. A. Traugh, of Fairton, N. J.

GEORGE W. SPIES.

HOLMAN.—Henry Holman, the husband of Sister Frances Holman, of Vineland, N. J., was born Sept. 23, 1838, and died Aug. 17, 1911, being about 74 years of age. While visiting relatives near Camden, N. J., he met the accident which caused his death. Attempting to cross a bridge, his eyesight being bad, he lost his foothold and fell to the ground some forty feet below. He was taken up in a dazed condition and died soon after. The funeral service was conducted by the writer, and interment was made in the cemetery connected with the Soldiers' Home in Vineland.

GEORGE W. SPIES.

SHULTZ.—Reba Olive, infant daughter of William and Victoria Shultz, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., August 20, 1910, and died July 15, 1911, aged ten months and twenty-five days. A service was held at the parents' home in Philadelphia the evening of July 18. The following day, the remains of the little one were taken to the old home of Brother and Sister Shultz, at Zionsville, Pa., for burial. Words of comfort were spoken to relatives and many friends who attended the service held in the Evangelical church at Zionsville, Pa. Both services were conducted by the writer.

W. H. HECKMAN.

DRAKE.—Oliver P. Drake died of pneumonia at his home in Scranton, Pa., May 14, 1911, aged forty-five years. Brother Drake was a God-fearing, conscientious man, and when the light of the third angel's message came to him, he gladly accepted it, and was a member, in good standing, of the Scranton S. D. A. church at the time of his death. He leaves a wife who deeply mourns his loss. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by the Rev. W. C. Watkins of the Scranton Bethany Baptist church, his former pastor.

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