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AT THE COLLEGE

The Bible Department

The value of the Bible as the greatest of educators has been recognized by those who have stood high in the affairs of this world, as well as by those who seek a better country and a city whose builder and maker is God. The great orator and statesman, Daniel Webster, said: "I have read the Bible through many times, and now make it a practice to read it through once every year. It is a book of all others for lawyers, as well as divines; and I pity the man who can not find in it a rich supply of thought and rules for conduct." Again at another time he said, "If there is anything in my style or thoughts to be commended, the credit is due to my kind parents in instilling into my mind an early love of the Scriptures." John Quincy Adams declared, "In what light soever we may regard the Bible, whether with reference to revelation, to history, or to morality, it is an invaluable and inexhaustible mine of knowledge and virtue." "So great is my veneration for the Bible, that the earlier my children begin to read it the more confident will be my hopes that they will prove useful citizens to their country and respectable members of society." Ruskin acknowledged his indebtedness to the sacred volume when he said, "To my early knowledge of the Bible I owe the best part of my taste in literature, and the most precious, and on the whole, the one essential part of my education." The great astronomer Herschel acknowledged, "All human discoveries seem to be made only for the purpose of confirming more and more strongly the truths that come from on high and are contained in the sacred writings." Indeed it is as Milton affirms, "There are no songs comparable to the songs of Zion; no orations equal to those of the prophets; and no politics like those which the Scriptures teach." Theodore Roosevelt declares that "almost every man who has by his life-

work added to the sum of human achievement of which the race is proud, of which our people are proud, almost every such man has based his life-work largely upon the teachings of the Bible." President Northrup, of the University of Minnesota, gives the Bible first place as an educator when he says: "Dwarfed into insignificance when compared with the standards of Holy Writ are the philosophies of Plato and Socrates, of Confucius and Buddha, of Voltaire and Bacon. Consequently, the young collegian can find no greater intellectual stimulus than is provided for him in the ancient documents which constitute the oracles of the Christian religion."

As a people we should be able to see far more to be accomplished by a study of the Bible than is recognized by men of the world. From Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 8, page 156, we read: "The students in our schools should aspire to higher knowledge. Nothing will so help to give them a retentive memory as a study of the Scriptures. Nothing will so help them in gaining a knowledge of their studies." And on page 319 of the same work is found the following: "The whole Bible is a revelation of the glory of God in Christ. Received, believed, obeyed, it is the great instrumentality in the transformation of character. And it is the only sure means of intellectual culture."

In accordance with these principles, the work of the Bible department is treated as an important factor in the educational system of our College. The present enrollment in this department is one hundred eight.

While no subject is treated exhaustively in the Bible class, yet enough is given to lay a good foundation in the mind of each youth, and at the same time cultivate a love for the sacred volume.

The first year's Bible is designed to fix in the mind of the student the great historical facts of Old Testament history, and the practical lessons to be learned therefrom. This is very essential, as many references are made to these facts in all parts of the Bible. At the present time we have in this

class thirty-three students who are doing earnest work and showing an excellent degree of interest in the subject. We are now studying the lives of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and how God led them out of their own land and planted them in the land of Canaan, where they could better give the knowledge of the true God to all the world.

The second year's work is a study of the life of our Saviour. One is not at all prepared to grasp or appreciate the great plan of redemption until he has studied the life of him on whom that plan depends. Thirty-one students are now studying the life of Christ, with new additions to the class almost every day. We design to have them become so familiar with the life and travels of Christ that they can trace on the map the events in order from the time of his birth to the ascension, giving the parables spoken at each place, or the sermons delivered, or the miracles wrought. This cannot fail to make the life of our Saviour a greater reality in the mind of the student.

In the third year Bible class we study the doctrines of the Bible, especially dwelling upon those truths which are so essential to the world at this time. "When God sends to men warnings so important that they are represented as proclaimed by holy angels flying in the midst of heaven, he requires every person endowed with reasoning powers to heed the message." A clear conception of the doctrines which we as a people hold must be gained by the students if they become efficient workers in the cause. It is this class more than any other which is designed to accomplish this object. Twenty-eight students have entered upon the study of Bible doctrines, and others are expected to join them soon.

In the fourth year work we go into the books of Daniel and the Revelation. These are two of the most important books in the Bible. They contain truths that are due to the world to-day. To Daniel it was spoken, "Shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end."

We have reached that time, and should now prepare ourselves to open that book to the world. As we turn to Revelation we find a special blessing pronounced upon those who read and do the things which are written therein. Ten students are now doing good work in this study, and three more who will arrive in a few days have expressed their intention to join us. Others may be added later.

Then there is the book of Acts, and the epistles of Paul, which receive our attention. In this class we aim to cover all that is contained between the gospels and the book of Revelation. The book of Acts is made the foundation for the study, and the epistles are studied in chronological order when the time and place of their writing is reached in the narrative. This makes an interesting study and gives a new view of the life and labors of the apostle Paul and his associates, and of their tireless devotion to the great work committed to their care. It also gives one much clearer conceptions of the Bible plan of church organization and method of labor, which are very valuable for the gospel worker to-day.

Truly one who seeks an education where the word of God is not taught is missing one of the greatest essentials in a preparation for life's work; and especially is this true of one who knows and believes the message which we hold so dear. Keeping ever before us the position and work to which God has called his people, we aim to make the Bible department of the College a blessing to every student, that he may in turn be a power in the proclamation of the third angel's message as it goes to all the world. O. F. BUTCHER.

The Power of Prayer

The little bird, that wings its flight
And sings so sweetly as it flies,
Will find its bounds in yonder height
Where higher still it cannot rise.

The eagle, monarch of the air,
May soar till human sight it leaves:
It too will find its limit there;
It cannot breathe the air it cleaves.

The arrow upward shot in space,
Tho' it may leave the strongest bow,
Will soon its aerial flight retrace;
For its own weight will bring it low.

But words of prayer from hearts sincere
Will wing their flight and pierce the sky,
And find a sympathetic ear
Who deigns to hear and send reply.

Grief's humble moan, the contrite sigh,
Will rise like incense in his sight.
No laws do them their course deny
When wings of faith impel their flight.

JOHN KINNIBURGH.

Miss Alice L. Bates of Polk, O., entered school last week.

Miss Mary F. Rice returned to the College last Thursday. She has been canvassing in West Virginia.

Mrs. W. F. Childs, *nee* Mabel Miller, formerly a resident of Academia and a student of the College, is visiting relatives and friends in Mount Vernon.

Maud Mc Dade and Leah Bainbridge, of Verona, West Pennsylvania, who have been canvassing in West Virginia, arrived in Mount Vernon last week and entered classes at the College.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Waller of Academia have been enjoying a visit from Mr. Waller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Waller of Charlotte, Mich., also his brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Waller of Madison, Tenn. The latter were on their return to the Nashville Agricultural and Normal Institute, where they are both teaching. Mr. Waller spoke to the students on Friday morning and again in the evening, telling them about the training school and the work and needs of the South.

Miss Elizabeth Miller, of Springfield, O., entered classes at the College this week.

Elder W. W. Miller, who was in Mount Vernon last week in attendance at a meeting of the Ohio Conference executive committee, spoke to the students in the chapel on Thursday morning. His subject was the mission field of India, where he has labored six years, returning last year on account of ill health. Elder Miller's description of the manners and customs of the Indian people, and the progress of our work among them was vivid and intensely interesting.

The membership of the Mount Vernon young people's society, which is about sixty, has divided itself into bands for definite work, as follows: a ministerial band of thirteen members, a Bible worker's band of five members, a canvasser's band of seven members, a literature band of seven members, a medical missionary band of three members, and a prayer band of twenty-one members. These carry on their work independently, meeting each Sabbath afternoon to carry out a program.

Last Wednesday morning during the chapel period, Professor Hall talked to the students upon the benefits to be gained by organizing for a definite study of missions. The result is a class of thirty-four students who will meet regularly, with Professor Hall as leader, to learn all they can about the great harvest field. It is planned to take up one mission field at a time, entering into an extensive, detailed, practical study which will teach the young missionary how to go to work when he reaches the mission he has chosen. About three mission fields will be covered in this manner during the year, the first being probably the great Spanish-American field.

In this movement, which is being carried on in all our colleges, we are fulfilling our Saviour's words, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." The next step is: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." And Isaiah describes the third step: "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me."

CHESAPEAKE

President's Address*

Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Chesapeake Conference, Greetings:

This is an important occasion. We are here assembled in the twelfth annual session of the Chesapeake Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. During this annual period the forces of evil have been diligently at work. These forces are represented to-day in different organizations and societies fostered and encouraged by the enemy of all righteousness, who desires through them to affect seriously, if not to overthrow, the truth of God. While we have had the enemy to meet in these various organizations of evil, yet we are very grateful to God for his sustaining power which has been so manifest in all our labors and experiences this year. The Lord has been good to us in providing so bountifully for his people in this part of his moral vineyard. The severe drouth which swept the greater portion of the United States, has not seriously affected our people in this field. He has also blessed us spiritually. I believe the lessons our

*Delivered at the twelfth annual meeting of the Chesapeake Conference, held at Dover Del., September 14 to 24, 1911.

workers received at the Ministerial Institute held at Philadelphia last spring have proved a great benefit and uplift to our churches. As we go from place to place we can see evidences of new life and power among our people.

A brief review of the past year will show whether or not we should be enthusiastic about the future. Our evangelical work is one of the most interesting features of our organization. During the fall and winter months hall efforts have been conducted in several districts, with a measure of success, resulting in the conversion of new Sabbath keepers to this precious truth. Most of these have been baptized and have united with the nearest church to which they could have access.

In April last a meeting of all the conference workers, together with the members of the conference committee, was held at Baltimore and continued seven days. This meeting was one of great interest, not only to the workers, but to our churches, because it decided the location of the tent efforts to be held during the summer; and each church hoped for the meetings to come their way. After studying and seeking the Lord for special help in becoming more efficient in the solemn responsibilities resting upon us as real soul-winners for our Master, we felt that the Lord had heard our petitions and granted us the help we needed. At this meeting it was voted to operate four tent efforts; but, our tent paraphernalia being limited, it was necessary to divide the time and property equally among the brethren. This arrangement resulted in practically increasing the number of tent efforts from four to six. These efforts have been held in cities and towns as follows: Baltimore (District One), Elder C. B. Haynes for the white people, and Brother L. L. Ashton for the colored people; Wilmington (District Two), Elder R. H. Martin for the white people, and Elder F. H. Seeney for the colored people. Later Elder Martin was recommended to hold a series of meetings at Dover, Del., for the purpose of preparing the people for the camp-meeting which was to follow. At Thurmont (District Five) Brethren Adkins and Apsley held a tent meeting. The Lord has blessed his servants in all these efforts, and some of those who attended were led to embrace the message for this solemn hour.

Three new churches were added to the conference this year, as follows: Blythedale in District Two, Ponds ville

in District Five, and Baltimore (German) in District One. Elder John F. Jones has been busily engaged in pastoral work at Fords Store. Interesting meetings have been conducted there, and several have embraced the truth, uniting with the church by baptism.

The amount of literature sold this year is small compared with the amount sold the previous year, probably for two reasons. First, our churches were struggling hard to do what they could during the relief campaign in the sale of "Ministry of Healing." This appeared to have taken the place of a larger sale of literature in home missionary work. Second, because our book work has suffered considerably owing to the fact that we were without a state agent for some time, and of course the number of canvassers gradually diminished. I hope that this meeting will be the means of awakening in our people a strong desire to enter the canvassing work, that they too may have an active part in bringing the truth to the homes of the people who if they ever hear and accept the message at all, must do so through the efforts of the faithful house to house missionary. We wish our sales had been larger, as these silent messengers of truth will be the means of bringing many souls into the kingdom of God.

FINANCE

The financial condition of the conference is upon a safe basis, and by careful and economic planning we have been able to meet the demands made upon us. We appreciate the faithfulness of our brethren in the payment of their tithes, and can truthfully say from experience that those who have been faithful in rendering to the Lord his own, have received the promised blessing as given in the fourth chapter of Malachi. The total tithe received during the year 1910 was \$7577.73. For the year 1909 the tithe was \$6488.48. This shows a net gain for 1910 of \$1088.24. The tithe for the year 1905 was \$3626.80. Comparing this with the tithe receipts for 1910 you will observe that we have doubled our tithe in five years. The tithe per capita for the year 1907 was \$9.50; for the year 1910 we have a per capita tithe of \$13.37. The conference treasurer's report will show not only a complete account of all receipts and disbursements for the year, but it will show many encouraging features of our financial situation.

THE SUSTENTATION FUND

I desire to recommend to you the plan for the support of our aged and

infirm laborers, and the widows and orphans of our deceased laborers. This plan was adopted by the General Conference at their autumn council nearly a year ago. It provides for the raising of a fund to be known as the "Sustentation Fund." Each conference in North America has been asked to contribute five per cent of its tithe receipts in order to establish a permanent fund from which these true and tried laborers may receive their support. The Bible teaches that the tithe is the faithful laborer's inheritance, therefore it seems to me that it would be very appropriate for us to give this question very careful consideration.

MISSIONS

We read in Matt. 24:14: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come." If the nations of earth are to hear the message of Christ's soon coming, it is very evident that we have a world-wide work before us, which reveals a tremendous responsibility in completing a work that the Lord says *shall be done*. To operate mission stations in all parts of the world, calls for a large expenditure of means; and it is necessary to decide upon some plan which will cause the means to come in to the treasury to meet the urgent demands made upon the General Conference. The continual demands made upon the General Conference for means to do advanced work in foreign lands has forced the mission treasury into a deficit of many thousands of dollars, until it became impossible to send the regular monthly remittances to laborers. Great hardships were experienced by those who have given up all to carry the message of light to the heathen across the sea. It is proposed to remedy this situation by asking each conference to send a certain per cent of its tithe to the General Conference as part of the mission funds. I am in sympathy with this arrangement and sincerely hope it may receive very careful consideration and ultimately be adopted by this body of delegates. I think we should do all we can to encourage our churches and isolated members to bring up their offerings to missions to a sum equal to ten cents a week. With these plans working successfully we shall soon see the finishing of the work for the lost of this world.

DEPARTMENTAL WORK

Our departmental work has made considerable progress during the past year, for which we feel very grateful.

The Sabbath-school work has advanced as quarter after quarter passed by. A number of conventions have been held which have encouraged the children, the youth, and the older ones in the systematic study of the lessons. Our conference continues to be upon the honor roll of those giving all their Sabbath-school donations to missions.

The young people's, educational, and missionary departments have improved during the year, but not so rapidly as we had hoped; due largely, I think, to the fact that the secretary carrying all of these departments was late in getting into the field at the beginning of the year, and, on account of ill health, was advised by physicians to refrain from office work. The latter part of the year was affected in the same way, the secretary having to drop out before the close of the year. Notwithstanding this misfortune we have a number of societies doing good work and reporting regularly to the office. We expect to operate four church schools this winter, which places us in rank next to Ohio, a conference noted for having the largest number of church schools in the Columbia Union Conference. I trust that these departments may receive your earnest attention, and that just the right person may be chosen to carry the work already begun to a much higher standard of success. The religious liberty department will show what has been done in the way of getting the principles of liberty before the people through the columns of the leading newspapers in our large cities. This has done much towards leavening public sentiment in opposition to the union of church and state.

"MINISTRY OF HEALING"

The "Ministry of Healing" work has received very careful attention. A campaign was conducted in the interests of the relief work. The books sell quite slowly, but something is being done, and we are receiving some cash each month for books sold. We are glad for what has been accomplished; but this is only a small part of what should be done. Those of our people who have had a part in this work report excellent experiences gained while selling this valuable book to their neighbors and the business men with whom they deal.

THE \$300,000 FUND

The \$300,000 fund is still a part of our work. We hope to get this off our hands by cashing all of the pledges as soon as possible. Over \$19,000 has been pledged, and about

\$1000 has been received during the year; but present indications point to a more rapid work in the few months we have left to finish this task. We hope the autumn months will help to change the situation, and that we shall receive the amount every one has vowed to pay. I should like to see something done at this meeting to fulfil the obligation now resting upon us by raising in cash our full amount pledged.

I have endeavored to state to you the conditions in this field as I understand them, and as they appear to me. It rests now with this delegation to say what we ought to do to make more rapid progress for 1911. I am confident that one thing we need in our work—and that is a greater infilling of the Spirit of God in our lives for service. We must have a sense of the times in which we live and a greater burden for the lost in our conference. The Holy Spirit will help us to have a keen sense of the terrible condition of the world to-day, and urge us on to the rescue of souls from everlasting destruction. It is not enough merely to come here and listen to reports, bring in a long list of plans to be worked out, and then rest satisfied as having done our duty. We have tried that in days gone by, but it has proved to us that without the aid of the Spirit of God in our lives we shall utterly fail, and our time and our efforts will be lost. I trust that during the few days we shall be together we may seek the Lord most earnestly for more power to do the will of God and to win souls in connection with our ministry in our churches and in all that pertains to the work of God in the earth. The latter rain is promised us. May we receive some refreshing showers from the presence of the Lord while assembled in this session of the Chesapeake Conference.

The Saviour bids us watch and pray,
Through times's brief, fleeting hour,
And gives the Spirit's quickening ray,
To those who seek its power.

The Saviour bids us watch and pray,
For quickly he will come,
To call us from our toils away,
To our eternal home.

The Saviour bids us watch and pray,
For lo the Judge is near;
O may we joyfully obey,
And watch till he appear.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

"Making a life comes before making a living."

The Chesapeake Conference

The twelfth annual session of the Chesapeake Conference was held in connection with the camp-meeting at Dover, Del., Sept. 14-24, 1911. The reports of the president and the treasurer showed progress in the work during the past year. We are especially grateful for the blessings the Lord has given in preserving the lives of all the workers, and in keeping apostasy from our ranks.

On Sunday, September 24, an impressive baptismal service was held at Silver Lake, in Richardson Park. There were sixteen candidates from various parts of the conference. Elder R. T. Baer, the president of the conference, performed the rite.

The ministers who were present at the conference, outside the local laborers, were Elders A. G. Daniells, F. C. Gilbert, B. G. Wilkinson, I. G. Bigelow, K. C. Russell, S. B. Horton, and J. C. Shilling. Other visiting workers, who spent at least a part of the time with us and took part in the deliberations of the conference, were W. E. Hancock, E. R. Numbers, and L. W. Graham.

The officers elected by the conference are as follows:—

President: Roscoe T. Baer.

Secretary and Treasurer of the Conference and Tract Society: Emma S. Newcomer.

Executive Committee: R. T. Baer, R. H. Martin, G. R. Apsley, W. L. Burgan, and W. A. Carroll.

Religious Liberty Secretary: C. B. Haynes.

Field Missionary Agent: F. E. Hankins.

Medical Secretary: R. S. Ingersoll, M. D.

The following named persons were chosen as delegates to the Columbia Union Conference: R. T. Baer, C. B. Haynes, R. H. Martin, W. L. Burgan, and Emma S. Newcomer.

The executive committee held a meeting on Monday evening, September 25, and appointed the following named persons to fill the offices left vacant at the time of the election by the conference and referred to the conference committee by the nominating committee:—

Missionary Volunteer Secretary: W. L. Adkins.

Educational Secretary: R. H. Martin.

Field Missionary Secretary: F. E. Hankins.

Sabbath-school Secretary: Emma S. Newcomer.

The Chesapeake Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists held

a meeting on Friday, September 22, at 4.00 P. M., at which time the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:—

President: Roscoe T. Baer.

Secretary-Treasurer, Emma S. Newcomer.

Trustees: R. T. Baer, R. H. Martin, G. R. Apsley, W. L. Burgan, W. A. Carroll.

The following recommendations were adopted by the conference:—

Whereas, The blessing of God has been over the work and laborers of the conference during the past year, in preserving our laborers in health and giving success to 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.

Whereas, The scholarship plan has aided many young people to attend our schools, and so to secure a preparation for gospel work, who would otherwise be deprived of such preparation; and as this plan is sanctioned by the Spirit of Prophecy; we, therefore,—

2. *Recommend*, That the young people throughout the conference be encouraged to enter the canvassing work with the object of securing a scholarship for Mount Vernon College at the earliest possible date.

Whereas, The Spirit of Prophecy calls for Christian families to go into communities that are in darkness and error, and there labor wisely and perseveringly for the Master; and has also told us that if there is one work more important than another, it is that of getting our publications before the people; be it therefore,—

3. *Resolved*, That we encourage our brethren to move their families into localities where the truth is not known and there labor as permanent resident canvassers.

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 or having sent to the Union the cash to represent the "Ministry of Healing" already ordered, and we lack about two thirds of having disposed of our quota for 1910 and 1911; therefore,—

4. *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;—

5. *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 worker's bands the basis of their efforts.

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

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

Whereas, The Chesapeake Conference has a large amount of its apportionment 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, 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,—

7. *Resolved*, That the Chesapeake Conference raise each year an amount equal to ten cents a member for this enterprise.

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,—

8. *Resolved*, That we recommend that a special effort be put forth to collect old accounts; that current accounts be met monthly; and that accounts for literature made by conference laborers be deducted from their monthly remittances.

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

9. *We recommend*, That the members of these several churches cooperate heartily with the educational secretary in establishing these schools

this year, and in supporting the teachers in every way possible; and that the educational secretary in performing the duties connected with this office, in supervising and unifying the church school work of the conference, visit, if possible, each school in the conference once each term.

Whereas, Past experiences in our foreign mission fields have demonstrated that our mission work responds most encouragingly to all our donations and efforts; and—

Whereas, it was voted by the recent General Conference council that, beginning with January 1, 1912, we raise our offering to missions to fifteen cents a week per member, instead of ten cents a week; therefore,—

10. *Resolved*, That we as a conference concur in this action, and that we endeavor, beginning with January 1, 1912, to raise for foreign missions the equivalent of fifteen cents a week per member.

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

11. *We recommend*, That we urge our people to more earnest effort in this line of work; that at the earliest possible moment, the office of field missionary secretary of the conference be filled by a competent man; and that he be encouraged to visit our churches and companies, and, as far as possible, all the isolated members, organizing missionary societies and training the members to do missionary work; and that all our conference laborers take a special interest in this work as they visit among the churches.

Whereas, The Testimonies have said that in each conference a fund should be raised from which to loan means to worthy students who desire to give themselves to missionary work; and that in some cases students should even receive donations; and,—

Whereas, The Columbia Union Conference has passed a resolution which has already been adopted by several conferences in the Union, asking each church to contribute quarterly the equivalent of twenty-five cents per member, or \$1.00 a year, for the aid of Mount Vernon College, and the educational interests throughout the Union; therefore,—

12. *Resolved*, that we heartily concur in this effort to advance the educational work of the Union, and that

we pledge ourselves to endeavor to raise each year the equivalent of \$1.00 per member.

13. *We recommend*, That in accordance with the action of the General Conference council, the Chesapeake Conference give five per cent of its tithe to missions.

14. *We recommend*, That in accordance with the action of the General Conference council, the Chesapeake Conference give five per cent of its tithe to the "Sustentation Fund."

15. *Resolved*, That we inaugurate a most vigorous campaign in our conference to extend the principles of religious liberty:—

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

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

(c) By urging our churches to place these journals, as far as possible, in the hands of the leading citizens and other 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 generous 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 measures are pending.

16. *We recommend*, That more earnest efforts be put forth to place the denominational voice, the *Review and Herald*, also the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR, in every Seventh-day Adventist home in this conference.

17. *We recommend*, That Sabbath-school conventions be held throughout the conference this year, and that the teachers join the Reading Course in order to become more efficient teachers.

18. *Resolved*, that we express to the editors of newspapers, and to the citizens of Dover, our appreciation of courtesies shown us during our encampment.

While the attendance at the camp-meeting was fairly good, it was not all that we could have desired; and we feel that those who remained away lost many rich blessings which they might have received if they had made the sacrifice necessary to attend. We had many precious seasons together, and the Lord came very near to his people who sought him. We trust every one will begin now to plan

to attend the camp-meeting next year. EMMA S. NEWCOMER, *Secretary*.

[The annual report of the treasurer, omitted here for lack of space, will appear in the next issue. Ed.]

OHIO

The Ingathering Campaign

Sabbath, October 28, should be an important occasion in all our churches, in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering campaign. I would suggest that all our elders be well prepared to make the services of that day most interesting and helpful. The program contained in the *Review* of October 5 will be a great help in planning the services.

The success of this effort depends largely upon the extent to which our people unitedly enter into it. It is not for a few to go out and do great things. Best results will come when each one does something. Let October 28 be a real rally day in all our churches. This is another opportunity for us to have a part in the excellent plan for helping to hasten on the rapidly closing work.

E. K. SLADE.

Columbus

There was a good attendance at the quarterly meeting last Sabbath. It rained in the morning and all day the weather was threatening, but nearly all the resident members were present. A large number testified to God's goodness and favor, and we all enjoyed the service and felt greatly blest. These are occasions when the Lord comes especially near; and this was one of them. No discordant notes were sounded, but the sentiments expressed showed that the desire of each heart was for more power to withstand evil influences, to live more perfectly in the sight of God and men, and to have that love and sympathy which is so essential in winning souls for Christ.

We are greatly encouraged concerning the work in Columbus, and feel like pressing the battle a little harder and drawing a little nearer to God's matchless throne of grace. We are hoping, working, and praying for real success, and trust that the message of mercy now due the world may be faithfully proclaimed in this city, and that many may respond and live better and nobler lives in this world and be prepared for the blessings and bliss of the life to come.

JOHN FRANCIS OLMSTED.

Elder Burkholder attended dedication services at the Ravenna church, Sabbath, October 7, and visited Mount Vernon the week following.

Mrs. J. F. Olmsted of Columbus has returned with her children from a visit among relatives in Michigan.

Brother French writes from Omega that the tent effort there is having an unusually good interest. There is not seating room in the tent for all who come to hear the truth presented.

Mrs. George A. Welch of Van Wert, O., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Strickler of Columbus.

Harvest Ingathering services will be held in the La Grange church Sabbath and Sunday, October 28 and 29.

Orders for 9,725 copies of the Harvest Ingathering *Signs* have been received at the office. The Cleveland church sent in an order for 2,000 copies.

Elder D. E. Blake who has been in charge of the work among the colored people in Columbus during the summer, has gone to Nashville, Tenn., to complete a medical course. He is succeeded by Elder Frank Hall, recently of the Oakwood Industrial Academy, Huntsville, Ala.

Reports from the tent efforts conducted by Elders Bidwell and Shultz at Thornville indicate that there is an excellent interest.

Brethren R. I. Francis and J. D. Montgomery of Newark, O., are making a tour through the southern states.

Prompt reports from all our Sabbath-school secretaries will be welcomed at the office and will help to make our Sabbath-school department a success.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Washington

A few words about the progress of the work at Washington, Pa., may be of interest to the readers of the VISITOR. Our little church is growing both in experience and numbers. We have been doing house to house work with the *Family Bible Teacher*, and have found some readers who are in-

Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending October 6, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
*H. F. Kirk, Clark Co.		GC	8	73	18	60 00	8 00	64 00	10 00
*J. Randolph, Marion Co.		DR	10	93	7	25 00	18 90	43 90	87 05
H. T. Forsythe, Wyandot Co.		BF	5	42	33	38 00		38 00	
Mary E. James, Lawrence Co.		CK	4	31	13	18 50	15 25	33 75	
L. H. Waters, Wyandot Co.		BF	5	44	1	1 50		1 50	111 75
Totals			32	283	72	\$143 00	\$42 15	\$185 15	\$208 80

Virginia, Two Weeks Ending, October 6, 1911

K. Oertley, Wytheville	GC	22	1	2 00	2 50	4 50	29 50
S. N. Brown, Bristol	CK	38	46	69 00	7 50	76 50	
W. F. Eekhout, Chase City	GC	45	9	15 00	1 25	16 25	1 50
Mrs. " "	GC	22	9	13 50	25	13 75	50
Totals		127	65	\$99 50	\$11 50	\$111 00	\$31 50

New Jersey, Week Ending October 6, 1911

N. R. Pond, Beverly	GC	5	28	1	3 00	3 00	7 05
C. J. Beach, Essex Co.	PPF	1	8	5	11 50	12 20	30 70
R. D. Stagg, Sussex Co.	GC	3	21	4	10 00	4 35	14 35
G. W. Blinn	BR	2	16	8	25 00		25 00
" "	"	4	33	15	50 00	2 50	52 50
Totals		15	106	33	\$99 50	\$19 05	\$118 55

Chesapeake, Week Ending October 6, 1911

*J. Jones, Spaniards Neck, Md.	GC	6	44	20	65 00	8 55	73 55	3 70
H. Britton, Milford, Md.	GC	4	37	13	39 00	9 00	48 00	203 50
D. W. Percy, Queen Anne Co., Md.		3	21					87 75
Totals		13	102	33	\$104 00	\$17 55	\$121 55	\$294 95

Chesapeake, Three Weeks Ending, September 22, 1911

J. Jones, Centreville, Md.	CK	10	82	17	26 50	14 45	40 95	181 50
D. Percy, Queen Anne Co. Md.	GC	4	40	18	57 00	20 25	77 25	6 75
Totals		14	86	35	\$83 50	\$34 70	\$118 20	\$188 25

*Two weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$654.45 Deliveries, \$761.25

terested in the truth. Four hundred copies of the Harvest Ingathering *Signs of the Times* have been ordered by our church, and we are hoping that their distribution may result in a larger collection for missions than was obtained last year.

Our number has recently been increased by the arrival of several members of our faith who will make their home at Washington. Brother Vernon Punches, who recently connected with our conference as state canvassing agent, has settled here. We are glad to welcome him among us, as we know that he will aid and strengthen our company. Brother Archie Brownlee, one of our old canvassers,

has moved here recently, intending to canvass this county. Brother J. R. Medlin, who has been absent in different states, engaged in canvassing and other work, has returned to spend the winter with us. He has recovered sufficiently from his accident to join Brother Brownlee in the canvassing work.

Improvements have recently begun on our church property. We have graded back four or five feet in front, and are planning to build a wall, put in new steps, and lay a cement walk. Altogether it will cost over one hundred dollars to make these improvements. At present we have in our treasury only enough money to

begin the work. If any desire to help us in raising our improvement fund, donations will be thankfully received. These should be sent to the West Pennsylvania Tract Society, Corydon, or to our church treasurer, Minnie Peedy, 304 Addison St., Washington, Pa. E. E. READ.

News Items

A letter was sent out last week from the president of the conference to all the church elders and leaders, calling attention to the work of the Harvest Ingathering. Send in your orders for the Ingathering *Signs* now, and be ready to begin work when the campaign opens.

Our new state agent, Brother V. O. Punches, from Richmond, Va., has arrived in the state; his address is 1028 Allison Ave., Washington, Pa. We are very glad to welcome Brother Punches to this conference, and are sure that the canvassing work will be a success during the coming winter. "We need more consecrated canvassers." Write Brother Punches for information.

We were pleased to receive a call from Brother George L. West last week. He was on his way to Erie, where he will be located for a time.

Elder and Mrs. Williams arrived home this week from a trip to Port Allegheny and Coudersport, where Elder Williams has been visiting the churches.

Our new president, Elder B. F. Kneeland, has been spending a few days in Pittsburg, and will arrive at the office this week to plan some of the work for the winter months.

J. S. BARROWS, Secretary.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE
TITHE RECEIPTS
THIRD QUARTER

Albion.....	32 41
Allegheny.....	112 14
Allegheny German.....	100 31
Altoona.....	47 75
Austin.....	9 67
Butler.....	10 65
Bradford.....	78 16
Carter Camp.....	7 76
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Shingle House.....	8 50
Six Mile Run	117 64
Titusville	1 50
Union City.....	33 21
Washington.....	115 75
Individuals.....	182 48
Total.....	\$2,699 21

Offerings

Sabbath-school Donations.....	\$302 94
\$300,000 Fund	277 00
Midsummer Offering	96 71
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Missions	43 81
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Annual Offering.....	5 32
Religious Liberty	67
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Blind	50
Total.....	\$900 33
Grand Total	\$3,599 54
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Leisure

Never long for leisure. It is a well known fact that those who have the most leisure accomplish the least. Too much leisure is a sad hindrance in learning economy of time.

Who are the people in the world who find time for self-culture, religious duties, charity, answering letters? Are they not usually those whose working hours are the longest? Who are the people upon whom we can depend to do things for us? Are they not the ones who have the most to do for themselves?

Who are they that find time to do those little, thoughtful deeds of kindness which so many of us neglect? Who but those whose vast amount of work in other lines already astonishes us? They somehow find the time. Busy people have learned the secret of redeeming the time.

The workers of the world have acquired skill in disposing of their time to the best advantage possible. They have not known the meaning of ennui, these happy toilers. They are always a little ahead on their own work and can always somehow find the time to do a little more, especially if it is in helping others. They say decidedly, "I will do it," and they make the time in which to do it. How?

Partly by strength of will and partly by concentrating on their work, and planning each hour of the day, so as to accomplish the most in it and waste not one moment of it. They are "up and doing" while others are wasting time in needless slumber. To them an hour frittered away in idleness stands out like a criminal act.

Redeeming the time means ceaseless industry; it means rising early to gain the best hours of the day for work; it means utilizing every minute. It does not always mean depriving one's self of necessary sleep, relaxation, or recreation; but it does mean not whiling away moments in idleness or in useless pastime. It means constant planning; it means using method in our work. It means learning to do two things at once, one mechanical and the other not—e.g., planning a kind deed for some one else while performing some mechanical task for one's self.

Economizing time means not waiting for long periods in which we may work without interruption, but taking advantage of every short period in which a little work may be done. It means doing things in the shortest way, taking advantage of all possible short cuts. It means intense concentration. It means finding time, mak-

ing time somehow for everything. Last of all, it means using to good advantage all the time we save.

Have you learned the habit of economizing the precious gift of time in every possible way?

—The Gospel Herald.

Married

At Philadelphia, September 28, 1911, Brother Carl Woertz and Sister Bruhilda Rannalder were united in holy wedlock. The ceremony was performed by Elder C. S. Wiest, at the home of Sister Misslehom. Brother and Sister Woertz were formerly employed as Bible workers in connection with the German work in Philadelphia. After their marriage they left for Florida, where they will both engage in the canvassing work. We wish them Godspeed.

A Suggestion

If you are sending the *Signs* to a friend, a relative, or some one else, you wish that person to take it from the post office. We receive many cards from post-masters, stating that papers are refused. By writing to the person named we have found, in many instances, that the paper was refused because the person had not subscribed for it, and would not take it, fearing to receive a bill from the publisher later.

Bear this in mind, and be faithful in notifying those to whom you are sending the *Signs* that it is a gift, that they may feel perfectly free to take the paper from the post-office. A kind note will in many cases make your missionary efforts more effective.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

The First Report

A California secretary mailed five sample copies of the Ingathering *Signs* to elders in his conference. The wife of a San Francisco elder could not pass the opportunity; reported October three that she secured \$17.40 with these five papers. Who next? Two hundred and ten thousand ordered to October 5, more than four times the number ordered to the same time last year.

Notice

All correspondence for the North American Negro Department, the *Gospel Herald*, and A. J. Haysmer, should be addressed to 536 Fifth Ave., S., Nashville, Tenn., instead of 61 Lindsley Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

A. J. HAYSMER, Sec.