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

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UNION

The Coming Union Conference at Pittsburgh, Pa., April 11-21

We wish to call the attention of our workers and our brethren and sisters throughout the Union to the good things which we expect to enjoy during the coming session of the Columbia Union Conference. We have secured the great Auditorium Hall of the Carnegie Library, situated at the corner of Hamilton and Lang Avenues. This beautiful auditorium has a large seating capacity, is of easy access to the street, has two splendid car lines on each side, running express street cars to the heart of the city, with a direct way to Homewood Station on the Pennsylvania Railroad, which runs trains to the Pennsylvania Station every few minutes; so that the place is admirably situated. Surrounding arrangements are also convenient and pleasant.

We are expecting to have some timely Bible studies conducted in connection with the Union Conference, which will give it quite the air of an institute; in fact, we are hoping and praying that the Columbia Union Conference session will be simply a continuation of our good Philadelphia institute. Elder A. G. Daniells has given his word that he will be with us throughout the whole session, and we expect him to conduct daily studies upon the ministry and the fruitfulness of service. Professor W. W. Prescott will conduct Bible studies relating to present issues of the third angel's message. We shall have special hours devoted to such timely subjects as city work, the co-operation of the medical evangelist with the city evangelist, foreign mission work and home mission work. Among others, the following papers will be read:—

1. Bringing the truth to greater public notice.
2. Entering the cities.

3. What the evangelist and medical co-worker can do in city efforts.

4. Developing the rural places.

5. How can the minister use his time to best advantage?

6. New developments in our missionary advance.

We have also arranged for an able array of speakers to present the truth in the evening from the public platform. Among these are Elder A. G. Daniells, Elder W. T. Knox, Professor W. W. Prescott, Elder K. C. Russell, Elder F. C. Gilbert. The topics which will be presented are as follows:—

1. Revelation 10:7, "Time shall be no longer."

2. The Holy Spirit and the unpardonable sin.

3. The millennium.

4. True Protestantism.

5. Spiritualism; Latter-day delusions.

6. Why do we observe the seventh day as the Sabbath?

7. The great sealing message of Revelation 7.

8. The United States in prophecy: Will the Constitution stand?

There will also be hours of study when special instruction will be given on how to use the public press for the spread of the truth; studies also for Bible workers, as well as special convention hours for book and literature work. We can not stop longer to enumerate the good things which will be given at this third biennial session of the Columbia Union Conference. I trust that as many of our brethren and workers as can will profit by this splendid instruction, and that all will labor with us to make this meeting a continuation of our good Philadelphia institute.

B. G. WILKINSON.

The April Offering for Orphans and Aged

There is no provision in the Bible which has any stronger emphasis than that in which the Lord demands his people to consider the poor and the distressed. In Ex. 23:10,11, he says, "Six years thou shalt sow thy land,

and shalt gather in the fruits thereof: but the seventh thou shalt let it rest and lie still; that the poor of thy people may eat."

In our desire to be faithful to the commands of God, many times we are apt to think upon those services which belong directly to God alone. We keep the Sabbath, pay tithe, and do those things which demonstrate our love to God; but we should also demonstrate the fact that we love our neighbors as ourselves. The ten commandments were not written on one table, but were divided into two tables. The first table presented our duty to God, and the second table presented our duty to our fellowmen. Dear brethren, we should labor earnestly to discharge our duties to our fellowmen, even as we seek to discharge our duties to God.

The Lord, in another part of his word, specified that his people should not wholly reap down the corners of the field, but that they should be negligent, as it were, of some parts of the field, leaving the fruits thereof standing, that the poor might come in and gather them, and feel that some one else was thinking on them. As the field in this case represents the sources of income, we should not always seek to use up for ourselves alone the full extent of our income; but we should remember that God, who gives us everything, expects us to look upon part of our revenue as a share to be passed on to those who are distressed and needy.

The first Sabbath in April has been set aside for a collection which is to be applied for the benefit of the orphans and aged. If we ourselves did not receive the smiles of heaven, we should all be poor. We brought nothing into this world, and without the help of God we would never possess anything in this world. We, too, might be exposed to the inclemency of the weather, without raiment or shelter, and to the pangs of hunger. We, too, would also grow old, to be neglected, unfed, unclothed. But God, who is ever mindful of his creatures, has given to the majority of us life, health, strength, and enough to answer to our wants. Sometimes,

however, we multiply our wants, and that which we might spare to be a blessing to the distressed and needy, we carelessly, perhaps selfishly, use as an overplus upon our own persons. Dear brethren, shall we not make the offering this year the largest which we have ever given to the needy and to the aged? Let each one of you to whom these lines may come take heed to lay by a little in store that there may be a good offering the first Sabbath of April in behalf of those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

There is another reason why the offering this year should be larger than usual. The General Conference has voted to ask the Columbia Union to give one fourth of the amount collected, for the benefit of an orphanage which has just been established for negro orphans, at Oakwood, Alabama. Let us remember this worthy enterprise, and let us have a good, liberal part in the donation which will not only help the distressed and the aged, but will also go towards the orphanage in the South.

B. G. WILKINSON.

A Letter From China

The following letter from Elder Evans, vice-president of the Asiatic Division of the General Conference, was addressed to Elder Butler, president of the College, and was read to the students in their chapel session. Though it bears date of January 2, it contains much that will be new and interesting to our readers concerning the Revolution and its effect upon our work and workers in China.

"I know you are anxious to hear in regard to the work in China, owing to the thrilling times through which this empire is now passing, to say nothing of your interest in the Lord's work.

"In company with Elder and Mrs. Elbridge Adams and little child, and Brother Ashbaugh, bound for the Philippines, Miss Le Master, Mrs. Evans, and myself reached Shanghai December 16. Our plan for some months had been to spend about three weeks in Japan, then visit Korea, reaching China about the last of January. However, upon reaching Yokohama, I found several letters from China, urging that we continue our voyage and reach Shanghai at the earliest possible date. After consultation with the Japanese brethren, we postponed our committee work in Japan (what we could not do during the two days that we were permitted to remain there) until some future date, and continued our voyage,

reaching Shanghai on the above-mentioned date.

"We found the foreign workers from the central interior of China congregated in Shanghai. The United States and British consuls had ordered all missionaries out of the interior, throwing the entire responsibility of risking life upon the individual if he remained at his station. Owing to the lawlessness prevailing, our missionaries left the interior, some of them making long, circuitous routes in order to avoid all possible danger incident to traveling; and all reached Shanghai in due time.

"The danger in the interior has not been, and is not at the present time, so much from the soldiers and from troubles arising from the war, as from the lawlessness prevailing everywhere and the armed bandits menacing communities and public highways. These bandits, well-armed, take villages, towns, and cities, and practically control all highways in the interior of China. Fortunately but one of our foreign workers has suffered from these robbers. Brother Nagel was going from Canton to Wai Chou to get his wife and Sister J. P. Anderson, to bring them to Canton, as they had been ordered to leave the interior. Brother Nagel was in company with two German missionaries, of the Berlin Society. About noon one day when they were up on top of the boat, they heard the crack of rifles and the whiz of bullets. One of the Germans fell, hit in the head, and Brother Nagel and the other man threw themselves face downward on the floor. The boat was then boarded by this band of robbers, and, though it was December, and very cold, they took from Brother Nagel his money (over \$200), overcoat, coat, hat, shirt, and shoes, leaving him only his stockings and trousers. After the robbers had gone, Brother Nagel and his German friend secured a boat and returned to Canton, where he at once reported his loss to the revolutionary leaders in that place, and within twenty-four hours they restored to him his loss. He was glad to escape with his life.

"Two of our colporters, while out selling our periodicals and other literature, were overtaken by a troop of revolutionists, and compelled to enter service as baggage carriers. From these we have received no word. One of our colporters has been killed, concerning whom we have definite word. Two others of our native workers are missing, from whom no word has yet been received.

"Last week four men from Ying Shang, in the province of Anhwei,

reached Shanghai. These were students and colporters. They were in a starved condition, having been some nine days en route, without proper food, and with little clothing, and some of them without any bedding. They reported that the believers in Ying Shang were in great danger. Brother Han, one of our ablest and truest native workers, was left in charge of our mission station at this place. We have given him money with which to buy rice and wheat to relieve the famine sufferers, as he was in the heart of the famine-stricken district. He had about two hundred bushels of grain in his house, which he was supplying to the natives at cost, that they might not have to pay the exorbitant prices charged by the grain merchants.

"A troop of the revolutionists came to Ying Shang and demanded its surrender. The mandarin, of course, was an imperialist, and refused to turn the city over. Making some show of attack, the revolutionists finally withdrew, asking the citizens to give careful consideration as to whether they would join the revolutionary movement or remain with the imperialists. A council was called, and the citizens, as a body, joined the revolutionary movement. The revolutionists asked them to withdraw from the city, that they might attack the mandarin and any others who might remain loyal. The mandarin issued a decree that those who left the city would be beheaded without trial. The citizens then held another meeting, and decided that they would surrender the city in spite of the mandarin. Brother Han, our evangelist, took the white flag, climbed the city wall, and raised the flag, asking for an interview with the revolutionists outside the city. They agreed that all who were in the compound of our mission station—men, women, or children, believers or unbelievers—would be spared, and no harm done either to our property or to those within the compound of our mission, provided the city would open its gates. Brother Han then opened the gates of the city, and nearly the whole village fled to our compound for refuge in our buildings. The mandarin then sent north about fifty miles, and asked for a troop of five thousand soldiers to be sent to recapture the city. Conditions were thus—the citizens daily expecting the arrival of the troops—when these four men fled, reaching Shanghai as before stated. They reported Brother Han as being in the gravest danger, and said that if the imperialist

troops came to Ying Shang, our entire company of believers would be slaughtered. We had a season of prayer for our workers there, and can only trust in the mercy of God that they be spared.

"At Changsha, in Hunan, we have built two cottages for our foreign workers. These cottages are on an island in the river, and are in a splendid location. Before Elder Cottrell left Changsha for Shanghai, the missionaries of the city, about a dozen in number, had come to us for protection, and were living in our cottages. They were very grateful for the shelter and protection that these little homes afforded, and several of the men have remained there in our cottages notwithstanding the advice of the consulates of the respective countries to which they belong, to leave the interior.

"The superintendents of our various fields in China believe that there will not be half a dozen of our believers who will give up the truth during these trying times. The imperialists are reported as having slaughtered, without mercy, Christian revolutionists. After the battle of Hankow, when the Red Cross nurses had bound up the wounds of the revolutionists, the imperial troops came upon the unfortunate wounded and stabbed them in the most shameful manner, killing as many as possible. The imperial troops have gone to the limit of cruelty and barbarity.

"During the last two weeks, peace commissioners representing the revolutionists and the imperialists, have been holding a conference in Shanghai, and have agreed upon terms of peace. A national convention is to be called speedily, with three representatives from each province, to decide upon the permanent form of government that China shall have. In the meantime, the revolutionists have organized a temporary form of government, a republic, with Sun Yat Sen as president, and have ordered him to organize a cabinet and proceed to administer affairs in thirteen of the eighteen provinces. Those best informed concerning Chinese affairs believe that a republic will be permanently established by this national convention, which is to convene in the near future. Our workers here believe that brighter days are before us in China. Greater liberty will be granted the foreigner, more protection will be given to life and property, and the obstacles in purchasing property which have prevailed in the past will be removed.

"We have called a general meeting

for the foreign work in China, to convene in Shanghai, from January 25 to February 10. To this meeting we have invited all our foreign workers in China, and at the same time will have a meeting of the Asiatic Division Committee.

"All our missionaries in China believe that the future gives splendid promise of a more rapid extension of the gospel in the land of Sinim than ever before. Removal of many hindrances that have held back the spread of Christianity in this land gives strong evidence that multitudes of the Chinese will readily accept Christianity in place of their old, heathen form of worship. In fact, some of the provinces are already declaring that they will establish a Protestant religion. If a republican form of government is established, I should not be surprised if, in a few years, at least nominally, China is reckoned among the Christian nations of the world. Every lover of liberty should most earnestly pray that the all-wise God will so direct and overrule that his work may prosper in this heathen land."

I. H. EVANS.

OHIO

A Good Showing for Some Churches

There has come to my hand the issue of Monday, March 11, of the Daily Journal of the Constitutional Convention, in which I find the following record: "Mr. Bigelow presented the petitions of the Seventh-day Adventist churches of Hamilton, Locust Point, Van Wert, Ravenna, Liberty Center, Zanesville, Derwent, Killbuck, Springfield, and Bowling Green, protesting against license or any provision that would encourage the manufacture and sale of liquor." Doubtless a similar record appears in later issues of the Journal as other churches were heard from. The petitions arrived at a very good time. At present the objectionable measure has passed only two readings and it is now in the hands of a committee and must pass the third reading before final disposition. The liquor measure will doubtless pass, and we can not, and have not hoped to change the tide, but it is a splendid thing for the churches throughout the state to go on record in this prominent way in opposition to the liquor traffic. Wherein any of our churches failed to act on this question last Sabbath, it is to be regretted. We want the

world to know that we are decidedly opposed to the liquor traffic. For us to seem to be concerned and alarmed about the passing of Sunday laws only, and to be silent when such measures regarding the liquor traffic are proposed has and will ever place us in bad light and in a bad class.

I am glad that many of the churches co-operated so promptly with the Religious Liberty Department in this instance; for it will greatly strengthen us in our position when we oppose other objectionable measures.

E. K. SLADE.

The Mount Vernon Institute

A double institute will be held at Mount Vernon College, April 23 to May 6, for the College and the Ohio Conference combined. Our general agent, Elder I. G. Bigelow, who will have charge of the institute, is well prepared to give general instruction. We shall also have the assistance of nearly all the field agents in the Columbia Union. Thus prepared we hope to take up all important points on book and magazine selling.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Just how to meet the people, how to gain entrance to the homes, how to deliver, etc., will be told, with practical demonstrations, in such a way that it will not be difficult to go into the field after the institute and be a successful worker.

As this branch of the Lord's work is such an important one, the conference has consented to bear the expense of the institute, and in addition pay the lodging and car-fare of those who enter the work for the summer in this conference. The car-fare to and from the institute will be refunded by allowing an extra five per cent on all sales until the amount is made up.

We hope to have a large class from this conference, who will enter the field with the determination which Job had,—Though the Lord slay me, yet will I trust him.

All who desire to attend the institute should write to me at once, feeling free to ask any questions they may have in mind concerning this meeting.

Remember the date—April 23 to May 6; and the place—Mount Vernon College, Mount Vernon, O.

H. F. KIRK.

230 Rose St., Springfield, O.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

The Canvassing Work

The institute at Reading was attended by twenty-three earnest men and women who intend to devote considerable time to the sale of our books and ten-cent magazines. Some, of course, are hampered with home cares, so that they cannot become regular workers. Seventeen, however, signed contracts to begin work within a few weeks.

The distribution of canvassers is as follows: Matilda Wurga to Philadelphia, with "Great Controversy"; G. Folger and H. H. Gerhart to Bucks County, with "Coming King"; Lillian Elliott to Chester, with "Coming King"; Mrs. Chas. Bierman to Pottstown, with "Daniel and the Revelation"; Edward Prutzman to Reading, with "Coming King"; F. Willruth to Scranton, with "Coming King"; M. J. Partington to Wilkes Barre, with "Great Controversy"; Jessie Smith to Scranton, with "Heralds of the Morning"; Lucy Dicks to Hazleton, with "Great Controversy"; W. P. Hess to Lancaster County, with "Daniel and the Revelation"; Frank Barto to Perry County, with "Great Controversy"; E. J. Kesselmyer to Juniata County, with "Daniel and the Revelation"; G. F. B. Unger to Lehigh County, with "Practical Guide"; Bertha Williams to Philadelphia, with "Practical Guide"; Elizabeth Eyster to Chambersburg, with "Great Controversy." John McClelland, J. T. McAllister, and others have not yet been assigned territory, but they expect to be in the field soon.

Word has been received that J. T. McAllister and E. J. Kesselmyer are having good success in their deliveries.

The work in this conference is onward. Thanks is due the kind brethren and sisters of the Reading church, whose hospitality contributed much to the success of our institute and the upbuilding of the work in this field. The efficient help of

Elders I. G. Bigelow and R. E. Harter is much appreciated, as well as that of the president, W. H. Heckman, whose practical talks on the canvassing work gave prestige to this department and courage to the workers. The closing meeting indicated the determination of all to press the battle to the gates. Watch for the reports, and pray for the success of each worker.

J. H. MCEACHERN.

Elder W. H. Heckman met with the Ariel church in its quarterly service last Sabbath; having met with the Scranton and Wilkes Barre churches the week before.

The First German church of Philadelphia celebrated the fifth anniversary of its organization last Sabbath, by having a special program. Elder S. D. Hartwell preached the sermon in English.

The interest created in the Reading church by our Canvassers' Institute has been followed up by Sunday night meetings. Elder W. H. Heckman spoke there the last two Sunday evenings to audiences which filled the house.

It is encouraging to note that for February East Pennsylvania was second in the Union in the sale of books. This was accomplished by four workers. We are in hopes that soon our conference may take the lead in the Columbia Union along this line; as that is a good indication that people are receiving the truths for these times in their homes.

It has been decided to have our camp-meeting June 19-30. Let us begin now to plan to attend and to pray for the success of this meeting, that it may be the best camp-meeting ever held in East Pennsylvania.

Brother J. T. McAllister, one of our canvassers, who has been working in Shamokin and vicinity, is now working in Chester County. Let us remember Brother McAllister in our prayers; that God may bless him in this noble work.

The temperance *Instructor* is now ready for circulation. It is a splendid number, and should be widely circulated throughout the conference by our people.

Brother C. S. Baum is preaching Sunday afternoons and Sunday evenings in a "Nickel-ette" at Clarks Summit, a suburb of Scranton. We hope and pray that much good may be accomplished, and that many souls may be led to an acceptance of the truth as a result of these meetings.

Three adults were baptized in the West Philadelphia church Sunday evening, by Elder R. E. Harter, the pastor.

Brother J. W. Hirlinger of Williamsport reports that he has four new homes in which to give Bible studies. Let us pray that the inmates may not only be brought to a knowledge, but also to the acceptance, of the truths for these times.

"Let us be kind;
The way is long and lonely,
And human hearts are asking for this blessing only—
That we be kind.
We can not know the grief that men may borrow,
We can not see the souls storm-swept by sorrow,
But love can shine upon the way to-day, tomorrow—
Let us be kind."



Eastern Pennsylvania Canvassers' Institute, Reading, Pa.,
Feb. 20-29, 1912

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Special Notice

The tenth annual session of the West Pennsylvania Conference will be held in the Homewood Carnegie Library Auditorium, Hamilton and Lang Avenues, Pittsburgh, Pa., April 7-10, 1912. This, with the biennial session of the Columbia Union Conference which will immediately follow, April 11-21, will undoubtedly be the most important series of meetings that has ever been held in this conference. An abundance of splendid help has been promised us for these meetings.

A convention for church officers and workers will be held in connection with the conference session.

We believe that, with the help of God, this feature of the meetings will prove of great benefit to the churches of this conference. A special effort should be made by our brethren and sisters to attend these meetings. It will pay the churches to assist their representatives in meeting the necessary expense of attending rather than to miss the benefit that may be gotten from this opportunity.

Strong convention and institute work will be carried on throughout the entire series of meetings, April 7 to 21. Among those who are expected to attend, and who will give us the best that they have received from the Lord, are Elder A. G. Daniells, president of the General Conference; Elder W. T. Knox, vice-president of the North American Division; Professor W. W. Prescott, editor of the *Protestant Magazine*; Elder K. C. Russell, of the Religious Liberty Department; Elder E. R. Palmer, of the Publishing Department; Elder F. C. Gilbert, as well as the workers of the Columbia Union and the local conferences that will be represented.

Our people cannot afford to let such an opportunity pass unimproved. The time has come when a decided advance must be made in the work of God in West Pennsylvania; and the Lord says to us now, as he said to the hosts of Israel as they faced the Red Sea, "Go forward." Let us all seek God most earnestly for the gift of the Holy Spirit, that this year may be the best and brightest in our experience.

Every effort will be made by the conference workers and the Pittsburgh churches, so that all may be properly cared for, and the expense made as low as possible. All who will attend should send in their names at once to the West Pennsylvania

Conference, 7049 Hamilton Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., stating the amount of room they will require, so that no one will be disappointed in securing accommodations. Meals will be served on the cafeteria plan, which has proved a very satisfactory method of caring for those attending such a gathering. The cost of furnished rooms will be about \$2.50 per individual for the entire two weeks covered by the sessions of the West Pennsylvania and Columbia Union Conferences, April 7-21.

We trust that all will pray earnestly that this meeting may prove a great blessing to the work and cause of God in this field. Men and women of every profession spend much to attend conventions and institutes to learn better methods and gain new ideas of their work from others. Farmers go to fairs and institutes to learn how to farm better. Should we not make the necessary effort to come together to learn how to do better the work of God, which he has entrusted to our hands?

B. F. KNEELAND, *President.*

A Canvassers' Institute

During the local and Union conference sessions, which will be held in Pittsburgh, April 7-21, an institute for canvassers will be conducted. Those who desire to take up this branch of the work will receive instruction from the best help obtainable. This is an excellent opportunity for prospective canvassers; for besides the training in this particular line, they will have the advantage of attending the Union meetings.

Our regular canvassers, and those who take up the work immediately following the institute will receive an extra five per cent on their sales until their carfare has been refunded.

All who expect to attend the institute should notify me at once, or the office, so that arrangements can be made for their accommodation. It is important that we know how many are coming. I hope to see all the canvassers present; for we know that the meeting will be of lasting benefit to them in their work.

V. O. PUNCHES.

240 Locust Ave., Washington, Pa.

Elder K. C. Russell, of Washington, D. C., spoke to a large congregation at the First Pittsburgh church last Wednesday night, as he passed through the city on his way to meetings in the west.

Elder J. W. Watt has closed his meetings at Smicksburg, and is spending a few days at Crosby, where one of our isolated sisters lives.

The First Pittsburgh church enjoyed a sermon last Sabbath from Elder B. G. Wilkinson. At the close of the sermon Elder N. S. Ashton conducted a baptismal service, in which four persons were buried with the Lord in baptism.

Delegates' credentials were sent to all the churches this week. Delegates from each church to the next annual session of the West Pennsylvania Conference should be chosen at once and their names forwarded to the conference secretary. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization, and an additional delegate for every ten members. The conference will be held in Pittsburgh, April 7 to 10.

Plans are being perfected for the big meetings to be held in the Homewood Carnegie Library Auditorium, Hamilton and Lang Avenues, Pittsburgh, April 7 to 21, 1912. All the brethren in the West Pennsylvania conference who possibly can do so should attend this series of meetings, as this is the first time such an opportunity has come to our doors.

Elder W. D. MacLay, who has been laboring in Richmond, Va., has been assigned work in this conference, and after a short visit with relatives has joined our force of laborers, locating at Butler, Pa. We trust that the blessings of God will attend the labors of Elder MacLay as he takes up his new duties.

All who expect to attend the Pittsburgh meeting should send in their names at once to the West Pennsylvania Conference, 7049 Hamilton Ave. Pittsburgh, Pa., stating the accommodations they will require in the way of rooms. Special efforts are being made to secure as low rates for rooms as possible. Meals will be served during the session on the cafeteria plan.

Elder N. S. Ashton reports good meetings during his visit to the churches at Johnstown, Altoona, and Clearfield. He is now with churches in the northern part of the conference.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

A Religious Liberty Convention at Washington

(Continued)

The secretary of the Religious Liberty Department of the District Conference read a specially prepared paper on "The Demands of the Hour," which will appear at a later date. The reading of the paper was followed by remarks by K. C. Russell, Professor Sorenson, C. M. Snow, J. L. McElhaney, and S. B. Horton. The chairman said:—

"It certainly is an inspiring thought to know that Seventh-day Adventists are writing the closing chapter of the Reformation. I trust that God will help us write it as he would have it written. There was a suggestion made in the paper in regard to Dr. Radcliffe. The religious editor of the *Star* is connected with his church. I had a talk with him. He wished to know why we set ourselves against such legislation. We went into the principles with him; and, after we had finished, he made his statement in these words: 'The next time I hear Dr. Radcliffe get up and talk about Sunday legislation, I am going to puncture his tire.' I do not know whether Dr. Radcliffe has attempted it yet. It takes a very small pin to let the air all out. Just one little principle of truth will spoil the whole argument in favor of such legislation, so let us make every effort possible to make these principles known. We can never tell how much good it will do. You have heard this interesting paper. It is open for discussion, and I trust that you will be free to enter into a discussion of its principles."

Elder K. C. Russell said:—

"This convention is different from most conventions. We have only one paper, and the rest of the time is given for discussion. One feature stands out very prominently in this paper, that is the use of "American State Papers" in the city of Washington. This being the capital city, we have a large number of lawyers, attorneys, etc. They wield a great influence. It seems to me that it would be a great thing if some one could be selected who could give his time to selling this book to these attorneys. I believe we should try to start every good work here in the District. This is one. By the way, the General Conference voted

we should get this up as a subscription book. This is simply carrying out the resolution. By all means, a strong effort should be made in the District of Columbia to place this book in the hands of all these men. We might give, as a premium, *Liberty* and perhaps the *Protestant*, that these lawyers may have the book to read and these papers also.

"In our campaigns before, we have gone out with protests and with some tracts. It seems to me that this year, when we district the city, our good students and other people should take along a tract—not only this tract protesting, but also one bearing on the Sabbath. We cannot go on indefinitely without bringing to the attention of the people that the seventh day is the Sabbath. It seems to me that, if a tract could be taken along like that, it would not only get the negative, but also the positive, feature of our work before the people.

"It seems to me that that idea of having mass meetings from time to time in different parts of the District is a very good one. Perhaps we could not get an overflow attendance out; but hire a hall, pass resolutions, and send them in. I think that will have an effect. The other churches are not getting very much in. Perhaps we could get just as much in the papers from these little mass meetings as from the larger ones.

"I think the point of having some one to look after Congress, and to look after things in the District, is a good one. For years, during the sessions of Congress, I have been held here to assist in the detail work. Because of this, the department has been weakened, in that we have not been able to work with our secretaries in the field."

On motion the chair was authorized to appoint a committee of five to draw up plans and recommendations. The committee consisted of S. B. Horton, T. E. Bowen, L. A. Hansen, H. A. Weaver, and J. L. McElhaney. S. B. HORTON, *Religious Liberty Sec'y.*

(To be continued)

WEST VIRGINIA

Elder Robbins reports from Grafton that the meetings there are opening with good prospects. Forty were in attendance at the first service and fifty at the meeting held Sabbath evening. The prospects for a large attendance on Sunday evening are very good. Elder F. E. Gibson is assisting Elder Robbins at Grafton.

Elder Robbins also reports that the meetings now in progress at Martinsburg are attended by many of the people of that place, and bid fair to have a large attendance to hear the word of God as it is presented by Elder Steele.

The Thomas Jefferson number of *Liberty* is a good one, and will prove to be an excellent seller. Do not fail to send for a canvass. You will miss a golden opportunity if you do not get a supply of the Thomas Jefferson number.

Brother F. E. Wagner, who has been canvassing in Ohio County, W. Va., is now giving Bible readings at Elm Grove. We trust that he may be as successful in this work as he has been in the canvassing field.

CHESAPEAKE

The Tent Fund

I think all will agree that our people have not been burdened with appeals for means with which to advance the work in the local conference. Heretofore we have been working unitedly for the support of the world-wide gospel message.

The tent season, however, will soon be on, and we shall want to hold some strong efforts in the principal cities and towns in our field. Experience has taught us that, in order to obtain the best results in tent work, we must have water-proof, well lighted, neatly decorated tents, which will give character to our work; and then with earnest, consecrated, soul-winning workers, the Lord will be pleased to reward our efforts with souls for his kingdom. We are in need of at least two gospel tents for this summer's campaign; and the conference committee has decided to launch on March 16, what will be known hereafter as the "Tent Fund," by asking our people to help us to the best of their financial ability. Cash is always acceptable. Pledges with time to suit the individual will be thankfully received. We believe you want to see the work go forward, and that you are willing to co-operate in this effort to raise means to purchase these tents, so that when the season comes for tent efforts to be held, the proper equipment will be in readiness, and the work will begin on time.

The conference committee, in taking up this matter, felt that such a fund as the Tent Fund should be

Canvassers' Reports

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 8, 1912

| Name | Place | Book | Days | Hrs | Ords | Value | Helps | Total | Del |
|------------------------------|-------|------|------|-----|------|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| *T. O. Saxton, Indiana | | PPF | 8 | 46 | 49 | 76 25 | 13 10 | 89 35 | 4 10 |
| *John McIntyre, Indiana | | PPF | 8 | 53 | 31 | 47 25 | 8 25 | 55 50 | |
| *Ivor Lawrence, Saxton | | PPF | 5 | 24 | 6 | 9 50 | 10 50 | 20 00 | 2 50 |
| " " St. Clair | | PPF | 3 | 23 | 7 | 11 00 | 6 00 | 17 00 | 4 00 |
| G. W. House, Coudersport | | PPF | 4 | 19 | 8 | 12 50 | 3 00 | 15 50 | |
| *Wm. Seigle, Altoona | | CK | 10 | 38 | 25 | 75 50 | 51 20 | 125 70 | 40 15 |
| Wm. Burnett, Glenfield | | GC | 4 | 29 | 5 | 17 00 | 2 70 | 19 70 | 11 50 |
| Florence Austin, NewBright'n | | PPF | 3 | 15 | 4 | 14 00 | | 14 00 | |
| C. Dunham, Pittsburgh | | PG | 4 | 13 | 6 | 19 00 | | 19 00 | 60 |
| Totals | | | 49 | 259 | 141 | \$282 00 | \$94 75 | \$376 75 | \$62 85 |

West Virginia Week Ending March 8, 1912

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| T. M. Butler, Marion Co. | BF | 5 | 38 | 36 | 53 50 | 3 50 | 57 00 | 3 10 |
| A. T. Halstead, Putnam Co. | | | | | | | | 35 00 |
| W. McElphatrk, Nicholas Co. | DR | 5 | 39 | 8 | 21 00 | 4 50 | 25 50 | 99 00 |
| F. E. Wagner, Ohio Co. | DR | | | 6 | 18 00 | | 18 00 | 28 00 |
| Totals | | 10 | 77 | 50 | \$92 50 | \$8 00 | \$100 50 | 165 10 |

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 9, 1912

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| Wm.P. Hess, Lancaser Co. | GC | 4 | 34 | 5 | 16 50 | 5 50 | 22 00 | 11 50 |
| J. McAllister, Berwick | DR | 2 | 19 | 2 | 6 00 | 3 30 | 9 30 | |
| Jesse Smith, Scranton | HM | 3 | 15 | 5 | 11 50 | 4 65 | 16 15 | 90 |
| Lucy Dicks, Hazelton | GC | 3 | 19 | 3 | 10 00 | 6 10 | 16 10 | 1 60 |
| Martha Part'gton, Edw'sville | GC | 2 | 12 | 4 | 12 00 | 4 25 | 16 25 | 50 |
| Totals | | 14 | 99 | 19 | \$56 00 | \$23 80 | \$79 80 | \$14 50 |

Ohio, Week Ending March 1, 1912

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| L. H. Waters, Defiance Co. | BF | 5 | 41 | 44 | 52 00 | | 52 00 | |
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Chesapeake, Week Ending March 8, 1912

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| J. Jones, Talbot Co., Md. | GC | 4 | 20 | | | 2 75 | 2 75 | 105 10 |
| *L. Pollitt, Anne Arundel Co. | BF | 6 | 42 | 23 | 26 00 | 2 00 | 28 00 | 3 75 |
| A. Winter, Kent Co., Del. | BF | 1 | 5 | 4 | 4 00 | 4 00 | 8 00 | |
| J. Sheirich, Mt. Washington, Md. | BF | 2 | 12 | | | | | 20 00 |
| R. Murphy, Lonaconing, Md. | PPF | 4 | 21 | 12 | 18 00 | 4 00 | 22 00 | |
| H. Richards, Manchester, Md. | CK | 4 | 33 | 27 | 41 00 | | 41 00 | |
| Totals | | 21 | 133 | 66 | \$89 00 | \$12 75 | \$101 75 | \$128 85 |

Ohio, Week Ending March 8, 1912

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|----------------------------|----|----|-----|----|--------|------|--------|-------|
| W. Stevens, Clarke Co. | GC | 4 | 32 | 13 | 46 00 | 30 | 46 30 | |
| L. Waters, Defiance Co. | BF | 5 | 39 | 30 | 36 50 | | 36 50 | |
| W. Morgan, Wellsville Co. | CK | 4 | 21 | 8 | 12 00 | 2 00 | 14 00 | 1 25 |
| John Schick, Summit Co. | GC | 3 | 17 | 3 | 9 00 | 3 75 | 12 75 | 6 00 |
| Elsie Lowe, Ashtabula | CK | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 50 | | 6 50 | |
| C. Reichenbach, Geauga Co. | | 2 | 12 | | | | | 51 00 |
| Totals | | 20 | 114 | 58 | 110 00 | 6 05 | 116 05 | 58 25 |

*Two weeks

†Four weeks

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$826. 85

Deliveries, \$429.55.

the conference workers to give one week's salary to the tent fund and thus be sharing equally the burden, which will be lighter if all lift together. We hope this will be taken up by our workers and church elders throughout the conference on March 16; and that we may give as the Lord has prospered us, keeping in mind the unfinished work which we are called upon to do quickly before the Lord comes.

ROSCOE T. BAER.

Sabbath, February 24, the First Seventh-day Adventist church of Baltimore adopted a memorial protesting against the Maryland Blue Laws. The memorial was addressed to the Mayor of Baltimore, and to the Maryland Legislature, which is in session until March 30.

Elder R. T. Baer and S. B. Horton visited the Maryland legislature last week. They presented a memorial to the Senate and House of Delegates. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House received them very cordially and presented the memorials to their respective branches of the legislature. A copy of "American State Papers" was also presented to the Governor, who promised to read it carefully.

Brother and Sister Peden, formerly of the Foreign Mission Seminary, have been recommended by the conference committee to take up the Bible work in Baltimore. Brother and Sister Peden come to us well recommended, having been trained in our schools for the work they are to take up. We wish them many blessings as they come to join our force of conference workers.

Brother G. R. Apsley of Thurmont, Md., writes that the Lord has blessed the work in that part of the field, and that a number have taken a firm stand for the truth. These are being established in the message, and a baptismal service will be arranged in the near future.

We hope that all of our people will remember the Tent Fund, and make a liberal offering either in cash, or in pledges to be paid as soon as possible.

Brother Adkins is having a splendid interest at Mapleville, Md., where he is holding meetings in a Union church. Several are keeping the Sabbath and others are deeply interested.

created; and while they all have to sacrifice in order to live on their small salaries, yet to help the plan along they have agreed to give one week's salary to this fund. This means a

sacrifice, but the brethren are willing to do it, and thus be on an equality with our brethren in the field who are being asked to donate to the local work. It was decided to ask all of

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Entered as Second-Class Matter March 25, 1908, at the Post-office at Mount Vernon, O., under the Act of Congress of March 3, 1879.

Brother F. E. Hankins, our field agent is busy training new canvassers. He has twelve good, earnest canvassers in the field.

Let every church in the conference send in its order at once for the temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor*. The Baltimore church has ordered 1000 copies. This is a valuable paper, and we should be doing more than we are for the great cause of temperance. Now while the Local Option Bill is before the legislature, we should give this paper a wide circulation. Brethren and sisters, what will you do to help?

From a recent communication from Elder R. H. Martin, we learn that several have taken their stand for the truth at Wilmington, Del. These will be baptized soon, and become members of the Wilmington No. 1 church.

G. P. Rogers has opened a series of meetings for the colored people in Baltimore. He has rented the Maryland Telephone Building, and has an ideal location on the ground floor. The attendance is increasing, with a very good class of people present.

Elder H. S. Prener is conducting meetings for the German population in the conference. At present he is holding meetings in a hall, 2117 Frederick Avenue, Baltimore. An interest has been awakened, and one person has decided to obey.

Study at Home

Not very long ago, a worker who is improving his spare time in study at home by correspondence, wrote thus on completion of the third subject he has taken in this way:—

"The enclosed lesson finishes the

studies for which I enrolled in the Fireside Correspondence School. In sending you this lesson, I would not miss the opportunity of extending to you and your co-workers my thanks for your kind advice and corrections patiently given me. But above all, I should like to bear testimony for the encouragement of those who undertook the task of establishing this school. I have enjoyed the study from the beginning, and thank God that in his divine providence many of his people have a chance of improving their knowledge, especially those who are not able to attend a regular school. Thousands ought to be enrolling, to fill the many spare moments, and thus rob the deceiver of a chance to work his artful devices. I am still intending to enrol anew, in order to improve my usefulness in God's cause."

This student has since enrolled for a fourth subject and has nearly completed it. The school is open for admission every working day, and its address is Takoma Park, D. C.

Notice

The tenth annual session of the West Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held April 7 to 10, 1912, in the Homewood Carnegie Library Auditorium, Hamilton and Lang Avenues, Pittsburgh, Pa., for the purpose of electing officers, and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. Each church in the West Pennsylvania Conference is entitled to one delegate, without regard to numbers, and an additional delegate for every ten members in the church. These elected delegates from the churches, together with the ordained ministers of the West Pennsylvania Conference and the conference executive committee, constitute the delegate representation at the conference session.

The Auditorium is easily accessible, being but one block from the Homewood suburban station of the Pennsylvania Railroad. It can also be reached by the Hamilton Avenue and the Frankstown Avenue car lines. As this meeting is immediately followed by the biennial session of the Columbia Union Conference, and is connected with the special series of meetings to be continued from April 7, to April 21, inclusive, we hope for a large attendance at this session. Special institute and convention work will be carried on during the entire time; April 8, 9,

and 10, being devoted to church workers and officers. We are assured of the presence of the leading officers of the General Conference during these meetings. This will undoubtedly be the most important meeting ever held in the conference, and we hope for a full attendance of our people.

Special arrangements are being made to accommodate all who will attend. Those who are coming should send their names at once to the West Pennsylvania Conference, 7049 Hamilton Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., stating what accommodations will be required. Meals will be served on the cafeteria plan.

B. F. KNEELAND, *President*;

J. S. BARROWS, *Secretary*.

Special Notice

The annual meeting of the constituency of the West Pennsylvania Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, incorporated under the laws of the state of Pennsylvania, will be held in the Homewood Carnegie Library Auditorium, Hamilton and Lang Avenues, Pittsburgh, Pa., Tuesday, April 9, 1912, at 3:45 P. M., for the purpose of electing the officers of the Association, and transacting any other business that may come before the meeting.

B. F. KNEELAND, *President of the Board*;

J. S. BARROWS, *Secretary of the Board*.

Wanted!

Mount Vernon College wants to buy a good two-horse team; should weigh about twelve or thirteen hundred pounds each, and be not more than six or seven years of age. Any-one having such a team for sale, please correspond with S. M. Butler, Mount Vernon, Ohio, care of College.

OBITUARIES

KINNER.—Mrs. Pauline Kinner was born Nov. 27, 1852, in Germany, and died at her home near Fairton, N. J., Jan. 28, 1912. In 1882, with her husband and children she came to America. Her husband and four children have preceded her in death. Seven children are left to mourn their loss. Sister Kinner accepted present truth in 1907, and lived a consistent Christian life. Our sister loved and lived the message for this generation; and we believe that she is one of those of whom it is said: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." The funeral service was conducted by the writer at the home of the eldest daughter of the deceased.

J. G. HANHARDT.