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CHESAPEAKE

President's Address

Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Chesapeake Conference, Greetings:

This is an important occasion. We in the Providence of God are here assembled in the Thirteenth Annual Session of the Chesapeake Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. During this annual period the enemy has been very active in his work, and has sought to contest every step of progress that has been made. While we have had this foe to meet in the various organizations of evil, we are very grateful to our Heavenly Father for his sustaining power which has been manifest in all of our labors and experiences this year. The Lord has blessed in providing bountifully for his people in this part of his moral vineyard to the extent that all have plenty in basket and in store so that they are able to assist in supporting the great cause which all love and desire to see close in triumph. The destructive storms and terrible floods which have swept over the country, resulting in the destruction of life and property have not seriously affected our people, therefore we do have praise for Him who doeth all things well and for his great leadership all along the way.

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 important features of our organization, since God purposes to carry on his work for the lost, by the "foolishness of preaching." Before opening up the summer campaign the brethren with the Conference Committee decided to change our headquarters and after a careful study of the Testimonies and much prayer, we started out to find a suitable location where we could bring our city workers together and thus effect such an organization as would give character to the work. Many times we felt about ready to take hold of property but an unseen hand seemed to lead us in another direction until finally we de-

cided to buy property on Ellamont Street, Walbrook. The combination and the property have, we believe, met the mind of God as expressed in the counsel we find in the Spirit of Prophecy.

During the fall and winter months all efforts have been conducted with a measure of success, resulting in new Sabbath keepers. Practically all of these have been baptized and since been received into church fellowship. In May last a meeting of all the conference workers, together with the conference committee, was held in our church at Cambridge, Maryland, lasting ten days. The work for the summer was outlined and voted which resulted in four tent meetings as follows: Two in Baltimore, one for the English and one for the Germans, one in Cumberland, and one for the Colored people in the city of Wilmington, Del. These efforts were all quite successful as there were baptisms in each instance at the close.

Brethren Apsley and Adkins were asked to continue their work in Western Maryland. The Lord has been with these brethren and the interest has been bound off so that quite a number of halting ones have decided to come with us. The Lord has very signally blessed in the presentation of the truth this year to the extent that every laborer in the field has quite a good showing. Two new churches have been added to the Conference this year. One at Thurmont, Maryland, where Brother G. R. Apsley is located, and another in Wilmington, Delaware, where Elder F. H. Seeney and Brother G. P. Rodgers have been working. As a result of the efforts already described with other developed interests throughout the field there have been eighty baptized for the year, or since our good camp-meeting at Dover, Delaware.

The amount of literature sold is large compared with the amount sold the previous years. We have had a number of faithful canvassers in the field who have had good success getting our truth filled books and magazines into the homes of the people. From Sept. 1, 1910, to Sept. 1, 1911, we

sold \$4,429.39. From Sept. 1, 1911 to Sept. 1, 1912, we sold \$6,553.75 or a gain of \$2,223.36. There has been a slight falling off in the sale of our periodicals but we trust that our splendid institute just closed will greatly encourage this work among our people until our magazines will be sold in every city and town in our field.

FINANCE

The financial condition of the Conference is upon a safe basis, and by very careful and economic management we have been able to meet the demands upon us. We appreciate the faithfulness of our brethren in the payment of their tithes and we truly believe that they have received the promised blessing in this duty. The total tithe received during the year was \$10,674.35. For the year previous the tithe was \$7,748.38. This shows a net gain for the year 1912 of \$2,925.97. The tithe for the year 1905 was only \$3,626.80. Comparing this with the tithe receipts for 1912 you will see we have more than doubled our tithe in five years. The tithe per capita for the year 1907 was \$9.50; for the year 1912 we have a per capita tithe of \$19.17. The treasurer's report will show not only a complete account of all receipts and disbursements for the year but it will show some very encouraging features of our work.

MISSIONS

We read in Matthew 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 necessary means to come into 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 fields

has forced the mission treasury into a deficit of many thousands of dollars, until it sometimes 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 give a certain per cent of its tithe to the General Conference as a part of the mission funds. This we did last year and I hope we shall never regret that vote, but that we will decide to make it a permanent thing with us until the work in the earth is forever finished. I am in full sympathy with the plan adopted by the General Conference to place all the funds to missions in one general fund, that fund to be called the 15 cent-a-week fund, and that we do all we can to encourage our churches and isolated members to bring up their offerings to missions to a sum equal to 15 cents a week or \$7.80 per year. Surely with this arrangement working successfully, we shall soon see the finish of the work for the present hour.

OUR DEPARTMENTAL WORK

As the different departments will doubtless have opportunity to report the work of each, I will simply mention briefly some of the encouraging features of our departmental work. The Sabbath School department has made very material gains in membership and regular attendance. The donations have exceeded any year in our Sabbath School work. We have been on the honor roll so long now that I scarcely need say that we do not entertain the least thought of taking a backward step. It is too late in the history of our work to take any backward steps.

The Young Peoples' Department has made progress and where we had only one society of Missionary Volunteers a short time ago, we now have six organized societies reporting their work to the department and carrying out definite lines of work. Quite a number of our young people are taking advantage of the reading course as outlined by their organization. We can see that this work is beginning to be effective and as a result of this work we are able to turn the eyes of our youth toward our schools where they may prepare for work in the great harvest field.

The educational work has improved year by year until now we have connected with the department of education of the Union Conference

and are thus able to keep up with the latest methods of teaching. We have three church schools in operation this year with graduate teachers in charge. Grades from these schools are passed on to the local department for inspection and through its secretary suggestions are made and sent on to the school so that every possible means to advance our school work is employed.

The Religious Liberty Department has done some work the past year with the Maryland Legislature. There was some desire on the part of some religious bigots to endeavor to enact some sort of religious legislation, so we had opportunity to go to Annapolis and present memorials to the Senate and House of Delegates. These were read by the clerks and were the means of awakening some interest and leavening public sentiment in opposition to religious legislation. *American State Papers* was presented to the Governor of this state, the Speaker of the House, the President of the Senate and the Mayor of Baltimore City. Hundreds of pages of literature have been distributed bearing on the subject of religious liberty.

SOME REASONS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

I would say that, from personal observation, I believe that our people generally are endeavoring to reach a higher plane of spirituality. In all of our churches special meetings have been held when special efforts were made to reach those who were not enjoying a healthful Christian experience. The Lord has worked mightily and we have seen many discouraged souls return to him. Our Union Conference meeting at Pittsburgh last April was a great help to our workers and they in turn passed this experience on to the churches. Several general meetings were conducted during the winter months and these were seasons of great blessings to our people. Our brethren at Ponds ville have secured a very nice lot and have erected a neat house of worship which will soon be dedicated to the service of God. The Baltimore English church has purchased a beautiful lot in Walbrook, Baltimore, upon which they are planning to erect a church building. The Colored brethren in this city are negotiating for a building which will make a very neat church building. We hope to have opportunity to present the needs of our home work and trust that it may so appeal to each of us that it may awaken a liberal response on the part of every delegate to this conference. In view

of the great field and the responsibility that lies before us, I feel that it devolves upon me to suggest some recommendations for consideration by the delegates to this Conference.

(1) That action be taken concerning the sale of Ministry of Healing.

(2) That inasmuch as we are in arrears on our 15 cent-a-week fund, we put forth a greater effort this year in behalf of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign for Missions.

(3) That an agent be chosen by this Conference to look after the foreign people constantly landing on our shores.

(4) That consideration be given to granting colporters' credentials to regular canvassers who have attained to a satisfactory standard in all important features of our work.

(5) That very careful consideration be given to the Religious Liberty Department which has under its care two legislatures and a large number of men in public life to enlighten regarding the principles of Christian liberty. Other recommendations pertaining to the advancement of our work will suggest themselves as the committee on plans and recommendations take up their work.

I have endeavored to state to you the conditions in the field as I understand them. It rests now with this delegation to say what we ought to do to make more rapid progress for the coming year. I am sure we will do this only as we relate ourselves to the God of the heavens and the earth, and in that connection, plead earnestly for more of his Holy Spirit to direct us in the work now before us. We should have a sense of the times in which we live, and also a greater burden for the lost in our field. The Holy Spirit will help us to have a keen sense of the terrible condition of the world today and will urge us on to the rescue of souls from everlasting destruction. Brethren, it is not enough to come here merely to 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 we have found that without the aid of the Spirit of God we cannot succeed. The work is the Lord's, and, if we are his, he will accomplish the work through us according to his own good will and pleasure. Personally I desire to see the work under God take on greater proportions that we may finish the task that is before us. I trust that during the few days we shall spend together we may get under the burdens and render to God

our very best service that his cause may triumph and his name be glorified. The latter rain is promised us. May our consecration be so complete that we shall receive showers of blessings while assembled in this session of the Chesapeake Conference.

"There is an hour of hallowed peace

For those with cares oppressed,
When sighs and sorrowing tears shall cease,
And all be hushed to rest.

Tis' then the soul is freed from fears.

And doubts which here annoy;
Then they that oft have sown in tears
Shall reap again in joy.

"There is a home of sweet repose,
Where storms assail no more;
The stream of endless pleasure flows
On that celestial shore.

There purity and love appear,
And bliss without alloy;
There they that oft had sown in tears
Shall reap again in joy."

ROSCOE T. BAER

Chesapeake Annual Conference

The thirteenth annual session of the Chesapeake Conference was held in Walbrook Hall, Baltimore, Md., Oct. 10-17, 1912. Seventy-nine delegates attended the meeting, each church having one or more representatives present.

A spirit of harmony prevailed throughout the meeting. All felt the Lord directed in the selection of the place for the meeting. The weather was all that could be desired.

Oct. 7-10 a canvassers' institute was held. Elder I. G. Bigelow and F. E. Hankins had these meetings in charge. Fifteen canvassers attended this institute. A very profitable time was spent and the canvassers left for their fields of labor, feeling encouraged to press on in the good work. The delegates greatly enjoyed the experiences of the canvassers as they related them at a meeting set apart for that purpose during conference.

Oct. 6, Elder F. C. Gilbert of South Lancaster, Mass., came to Baltimore and conducted meetings for three successive evenings. As he explained Jewish customs and traditions, and gave the real meaning of many of the rites and ceremonies in connection with the Passover, the sacrifice of Christ was made more significant to those who had the privilege of listening to his discourses. He also conducted a series of helpful morning studies on "How to Read the Bible" before the class of canvassers.

Professor B. G. Wilkinson, and R. T. Dowsett, of the Columbia Union Conference and A. G. Daniells, W. A. Spicer, and Prof. W. W. Prescott of

the General Conference attended the meeting and rendered excellent help, all of which was much appreciated.

Elder Baer in his annual report gave marked evidences of the blessing of God upon the work the past year. Again was reported in membership of about eighty souls.

The treasurer's report also showed excellent gains. The gain in tithe for 1911 over the year 1910 was \$1382.38. There was also a gain in General Trust Funds receipts of \$315.15. For the first eight months of 1911 the tithe receipts were \$4596.33 and the General Trust Funds receipts were \$1396.12. For the corresponding eight months of this year, 1912, the tithe has been \$6310.58, a gain of \$1714.25, and the General Trust Funds, \$1601.48, a gain of \$205.29.

But while our income has thus increased, there has been a corresponding increase in expense in order that the work may be advanced. Never before did we hear so many urgent calls from the various parts of the field for laborers, as the fields are white and ready for the harvest. We believe these urgent calls to be omens of the hastening of the great day of the Lord. We want to urge all the brethren and sisters to be faithful in rendering unto the Lord his own. The Lord has said if all were faithful in paying their tithe there would be an abundance of means in the treasury for the carrying forward of the work. That there is not an abundance is evidence that some are not faithful. But we are thankful for what has been accomplished, and we know the Lord is blessing the faithful ones.

The calls are so urgent that several new Bible workers are to enter the field. These are Mrs. F. W. Paap, to labor in Baltimore, Md., while Brother H. L. Peden is released to take up the work in Hagerstown, Md., and Miss Emma S. Newcomer who will labor in Wilmington, Del. We must have two ordained ministers, one for the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and the other for Cumberland, Md. The needs are so great that the brethren feel these must be supplied.

Officers for the ensuing year were chosen as follows:

President, R. T. Baer. Executive Committee, R. T. Baer, R. H. Martin, F. W. Paap, T. L. Thuemler, and G. R. Apsley. Field Missionary Secretary, F. E. Hankins, Field Missionary Agent, F. E. Hankins. Medical Missionary Secretary, H. N. Sisco, M. D. Secretary and Treasurer, W. T. Durst. Sabbath-school Secretary, Emma S.

Newcomer. Educational Secretary, R. H. Martin. Young People's Missionary Volunteer Secretary, W. L. Adkins. Tract Society Secretary, W. T. Durst. Religious Liberty Secretary, F. W. Paap.

Credentials and licenses were granted as follows:

Ministerial credentials, R. T. Baer, R. H. Martin, T. L. Thuemler, F. W. Paap, and F. H. Seeney.

Ministerial license, W. L. Adkins.

Missionary license, G. R. Apsley, G. P. Rodgers, F. E. Hankins, Emma S. Newcomer, Ethel A. Carroll, H. L. Peden, W. T. Durst, and Mrs. F. W. Paap.

Colporters' license, J. E. Jones, D. W. Percy, Geo. W. Lawrence, and T. H. Barritt.

The following recommendations were adopted:

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

2. Believing that God has especially called our young people to help in carrying the gospel of the kingdom to all the world in this generation,

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

(b) That all our young people be encouraged to take the Missionary Volunteer Reading Course, to strive to reach the "Standard of Attainment," and to study carefully the "Morning Watch."

(c) That every conference laborer become intelligent in regard to the Missionary Volunteer movement, and give it his hearty co-operation.

3. In view of the wide-spread infidelity and lawlessness fostered by the reading of cheap, unreliable, sensational, and antinomian literature,

Resolved, That we hereby discard all such literature from our homes, and church libraries, and further, that we study and read earnestly the heaven-inspiring, truth-filled pages so graciously given us through the medium of the great three-fold message of Rev. 14: 6-12.

4. *Whereas* our ministers and church elders are looked to for advice by all our people in all lines of work they should engage in, therefore,

We recommend, That our conference workers and church leaders look out suitable persons for the canvassing

work, and report the same to the president of the conference, who in turn, will place the matter in the hands of the field agent for further development.

5. *Resolved*, That colporters' credentials be given by our conference to such colporters as have attained to a satisfactory standard in all important features of their work, and that these credentials be granted by the conference in session on the recommendation of the committee on Credentials and Licenses.

6. That all colporters who hold credentials be assisted to attend the annual conference or some other important institute or convention, as may be arranged, by the conference paying the colporter's entertainment at the meeting and his travelling expenses both ways.

7. That all territory be assigned under contract, signed in duplicate, copies being furnished by the field agent to the colporter and supply house.

8. That the financial policy, recommended by the General Conference for the Publishing Department be followed, which is as follows:—

(a) That the state tract society settle monthly for supplies secured from the publishing houses.

(b) That the canvasser settle monthly with the state tract society for all goods, including helps, due allowance being made for length of time required in shipping books to distant points.

(c) That church tract societies and companies settle monthly for all supplies.

(d) That agents for periodicals accompany their orders with cash.

(e) That conference laborers either pay cash for supplies or give an order on the conference treasury for monthly settlement from wage account.

(f) That lay members pay cash for supplies.

(g) That all these recommendations be interpreted with a proper recognition of exceptional conditions.

9. *Whereas* The General Conference, in its recent council recommended that our magazine work be placed under the direction of the field missionary agent, to be organized and handled the same as our subscription book work, therefore,

We recommend, That the plan be adopted as the policy of this conference in the handling of the periodical business.

10. *Resolved*, That the *Scholarship Plan* of selling our books and magazines be kept constantly before our

young people.

11. *Resolved*, That we recognize in the present aggressiveness of the Roman Catholic church, and her persistent efforts to use the government to gain her ends, a call to emphasize with even greater earnestness than in the past, the great principles of religious liberty upon which this government is founded and the entire separation of the Church and the State.

12. *Resolved*, That we recommend and encourage a large circulation of the *Protestant Magazine* as one of the best means of placing before the people the true principles of Protestantism and a return to the original truth of the gospel.

13. *Whereas* Mount Vernon College, established in response to direct testimony from God's servant, has, under divine blessing, turned out two hundred and fifty workers into home and foreign fields, and

Whereas This institution has long been without financial help to liquidate the indebtedness under which it started, therefore,

Resolved, That we concur in the card plan of raising this debt, adopted by the Columbia Union Conference, and already so heartily and substantially approved of in six other conferences.

14. *Whereas* this conference has concurred in the recommendation of the General Conference to ask each member to sell five copies of *Life and Health* and two copies of "Ministry of Healing" each year for two years, and,

Whereas we are still in arrears of having sent to the Union the cash to represent the "Ministry of Healing" already ordered, and we are yet far short of having disposed of our full quota for 1910, 1911, and 1912, therefore,

Resolved, that we do everything in our power to finish the work immediately.

15. In view of the great need of house-to-house Bible workers,

We recommend, That our sisters of mature minds and judgment and with good address be encouraged to look to this work and seek a preparation to enter upon this line of work as a life work. EMMA S. NEWCOMER, Sec.

(To be Continued)

We wish to announce that Brother W. T. Durst has been elected Secretary Treasurer of the Chesapeake Conference and Tract Society to succeed Sister Emma S. Newcomer, who will engage in Bible work. All librarians and church treasurers should send reports to him in the future.

W. T. DURST.

Receipts and Disbursements for Year Ending December 31, 1911

RECEIPTS

Tithe	\$ 8960 10
Camp-meeting	240 45
Tent and Hall Collections	252 38
Chesapeake Tract Society	7 96
Mileage	17 74
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	\$ 9478 63

APPROPRIATIONS

General Conference	\$ 1499 62
Negro Department	1000 00
Columbia Union Conference	600 00
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	\$ 3099 62
Total	<hr/>
	\$12578 25

GENERAL TRUST FUNDS

First Day Offerings	\$ 273 65
Missions	68 19
Annual Offering	182 52
Harvest Ingathering	311 98
\$300,000 Fund	646 66
Mount Vernon College	123 45
Sabbath-school Offerings	1043 39
Southern Field	37 94
Religious Liberty Offering	15 35
Benevolent Fund	1 66
Mount Vernon College Tank	19 39
White Memorial Church	50
German School, Clinton, Mo.	25 00
Mid-summer Offering	172 02
China	10 35
Blind Work	1 00
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Total	\$ 2931 05

LOCAL TRUST FUNDS

Educational Fund	\$ 17 67
Baltimore Church Buildings	360 52
Religious Liberty Fund	16 39
Benevolent Fund	15 09
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Total	\$ 439 67
Total Receipts, all sources	\$15948 97

DISBURSEMENTS

Property	\$ 208 78
General Expense	237 99
Office Expense	401 80
Labor	7754 75
Traveling Expense	891 27
Tent and Hall Expense	580 97
Freight and Drayage	287 40
Camp-meeting	557 03
Union Conference Tithe	895 99
Bills Receivable	20 00
Mileage	5 00
M. V. C. President's Salary	104 04
Tract Society	2 84
Sustentation Fund	447 99
Five per cent Tithe to Missions	447 99
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Total	\$12843 84

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LOCAL TRUST FUNDS

Educational Fund	27 34
Baltimore Church Building	393 32
Religious Liberty Fund	4 17
Benevolent Fund	28 50
	\$ 453 33
Total Disbursements	\$16228 22
Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1911	\$ 385 30
Cash Receipts for the Year	15948 97
	\$16334 27
Disbursements for the Year	16228 22
Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1911	\$ 106 05

Financial Statement

CONFERENCE

RESOURCES

Inventories:	
Property	\$ 1312 00
Office Expense	284 75
Mileage	2 26
Total Inventories	\$ 1599 01
Bills Receivable	5 00
Cash:	
Conference	54 49
Local Trust Funds	51 56
Total Cash	\$ 106 05
Total Resources	\$ 1710 06

LIABILITIES

Educational Fund	\$ 16 47
Baltimore Church Building	1 40
Religious Liberty	12 44
Maintenance Fund	24 00
Missionary Volunteer Dept.	2 20
Literature in Home Fields	05
Accounts Payable	65 59
Total Liabilities	\$ 122 15
Present Worth, Dec. 31, 1911	\$ 1587 91

LOSS AND GAIN

Losses:	
Labor	\$ 7754 75
Traveling Expense	891 27
Tent and Hall Expense	580 97
Office Expense	335 35
Camp-meeting	316 58
Freight and Drayage	287 40
General Expense	252 74
Property	258 62

Tithe to Columbia Union	895 99
Sustentation Fund	477 99
Five per cent to Missions	477 99
M. V. C. President's Salary	104 04
Total Losses	\$12573 69
Gains:	
Tithe	\$ 8960 10
Appropriations	3099 62
Tent and Hall Collections	252 38
Total Gains	\$12312 10
Net Loss for Year	\$ 261 59
Present Worth, Jan. 1, 1911	1849 50
Net Worth, Jan. 1, 1912	\$ 1587 91

TRACT SOCIETY

RESOURCES

Merchandise, Inventory	\$ 160 72
Expense, Inventory	12 63
Christ's Object Lessons	87
Canvassers' Acc'ts Receivable	1155 89
Tract Society Accts. "	250 71
"Ministry of Healing" Accts. Receivable	1046 23
Cash on Hand	592 40
Total Resources	\$3219 45

LIABILITIES

"Ministry of Healing" Fund	\$ 986 83
Trust Funds	8 00
Publishing House Accts. Pay.	1281 18
Total Liabilities	\$2276 01
Present Worth Dec. 31, 1911	\$ 943 44

LOSS AND GAIN

Gains:	
Merchandise	\$394 11
Periodicals	106 36
Sundry Accts. Payable	1 01
Total Gains	\$501 48
Losses:	
Labor	\$205 70
Traveling Expense	38 48
Expense	234 33
Accounts Receivable	16 61
Total Losses	\$495 12
Net Gain for Year	6 36
Present Worth Jan. 1, 1911	\$937 08
Net Worth Jan. 1, 1912	\$943 44
EMMA S. NEWCOMER, <i>Treas.</i>	

Our Sabbath School workers should bear in mind that Memory Verse Cards should be ordered for the forthcoming quarter in time for the cards to be received before the beginning of the new quarter. The Worker bases its estimate of cards needed for the new quarter upon the orders received before the close of the old quarter. No new edition will be printed after the beginning of the new quarter. Orders made after the close of the old quarter may not be filled on

account of the edition being out. Bear in mind to order Memory Verse Cards early.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Be sure to keep the Harvest Ingathering work going till your friends and neighbors are reached.

Elders Ashton and Kneeland spent very profitable seasons last week with the believers at Lock Haven and Clearfield. The brethren at Lock Haven have not been holding meetings of late, but are planning to gather themselves again and renew the work there.

The general meeting held at Altoona, Oct. 24-27 was greatly enjoyed by the church there, as well as by others who came in from the nearby places. Elder R. A. Underwood, who had returned to his home at the close of the Warren meeting, joined the force of workers at this meeting and his help was greatly appreciated. This week the brethren are holding meetings at Huntingdon and Johnstown, and will close the series with a union meeting at Pittsburg, Nov. 1-3.

Remember the week of prayer which will come this year Dec. 7-14. Plans should be laid early for these meetings and services should be held each day during the week. The conference workers have been assigned to visit the various churches during this season of special prayer. Let us pray for an abundant out-pouring of the Holy Spirit at this time.

Elder J. E. Veach was unable to attend the meetings at Altoona and Huntingdon on account of illness. However, he is better now, and we trust that he will continue to improve.

The conference educational secretary, Mrs. B. F. Kneeland, visited the church school at Indiana last week. This school, taught by Miss Sarah Rudolph, is doing good work this year.

Do all the families of Sabbath-keepers in your church have the *Review and Herald*, and the COLUMBIA UNION VISITOR to read? If not, what are you doing to increase the circulation of these good papers the reading of which will do so much toward keeping up the spiritual life?

OHIO

An important meeting of the Conference Committee was held at the Conference office Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 29 and 30. Some of the items considered and decided were as follows:—

H. A. Weaver and wife are to locate in the city of Newark and engage in city work. Mrs. Weaver is to devote her time to Bible work and Brother Weaver will give a part of his time, as religious liberty secretary, to the work of his department under the direction of the conference president.

Eld. C. T. Redfield was appointed as director of districts 1 and 7.

Elder W. E. Bidwell will continue as director of district 8.

Eld. J. J. Marietta will still act as director of districts 5 and 6.

Bro. G. C. Quillin is director of districts 2 and 4.

Dr. W. J. Venen is located in Youngstown and continues his work as director of district 3.

Bro. Raleigh French will for a time follow up the work developed by himself and Eld. J. W. Shultz in their tent effort in Pike Co.

Eld. E. K. Slade and Dr. H. W. Miller were appointed to act as pastors of the Mt. Vernon church.

Missionary license was granted to Miss Bessie E. Russell.

Other recommendations relating to the location and change of laborers will be reported as the recommendations are carried out.

Plans decided on for the week of prayer will be submitted later.

Plans were laid for ministers to visit all of the churches in the interest of the effort that is being made to raise the college debt.

The following recommendation was adopted:

Owing to the rapid advancement of the Papacy and its influence in governmental affairs, and recognizing the need of having these encroachments brought to the attention of the Protestants of our state.

We recommend that all the workers in this conference make an effort to place the *Protestant Magazine* in the hands of the ministers of all Protestant churches.

E. K. SLADE.

Elder D. E. Lindsey spoke to the patients at the State Sanatorium at Mt. Vernon Sunday night. He also conducts a meeting weekly on Thursday night at the Mt. Vernon Sanatorium.

Canvassers' Reports

West Pennsylvania Week Ending October 25, 1912

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
S. N. Brown, Pittsburg		CK	2	11	11	18 00	4 00	22 00	2 50
*A. Brownlee, Washington		GC	10	83		67 40		67 40	107 90
Wm. Bartnett, Center Co.		GC	5	38	13	41 00	7 05	48 05	45
A. Davies, Pittsburg		CK	5	37	23	38 50	1 50	40 00	9 00
E. French, Center Co.		PPF	5	39	21	34 00	2 30	36 30	30
C. Guenter, Potter		BF	5	31	13	15 00	7 30	22 30	38 05
J. Glunt, Center Co.		GC	4	21	13	43 00	7 00	50 00	8 25
F. Hall, Pittsburg		CK	4	28	4	6 00	1 50	7 50	69 75
W. House, Potter		CK	4	25		5 00	9 00	34 00	
J. Kimmel, Somerset Co.		PPF	4	20		25 50			36 20
J. Perkins, Pittsburg		CK	5	26	16	5 00	1 50	27 00	6 50
J. Paden, Pittsburg		CK	2	11	3		50	5 50	7 75
Totals			55	370	22	\$298 40	\$61 65	\$360 05	\$288 65

West Virginia, Week Ending October 25, 1912

Hazel Leach, Braxton	PG	5	41	11	35 00	29 50	64 50	
Guy Corder, Kanawha Co.	CK	3	26	50	52 00	4 50	56 50	
T. M. Butler, Pocahontas	GC	5	38	13	42 00	5 50	47 50	2 50
A. Halstead, Boone	CK		25		21 00	7 00	28 00	150 00
Mrs. John Huff, Ohio Co.		4	18		34 90		34 90	
H. Smith, Pocahontas	DR	3	24	8	21 00	8 00	29 00	
Mrs. Lena Vance, Ohio Co.		5	37		22 96		22 96	
Louis Riess, Wirt	BF	5	74	9	10 50		10 50	
Totals		30	283	91	\$239 36	\$54 50	\$293 86	\$152 50

New Jersey, Week Ending October 25, 1912

G. Blinn, Monmouth	BR	5	40	17	52 00		52 00	
G. Holman, Fairton	PG	4	30	15	46 00		46 00	63 00
G. G. Taylor, Lakewood	PPF	4	27	19	30 50	7 50	38 00	50
A. Waer, Boonton	PPF	8	58	15	23 00	3 25	26 25	
A. S. Samuel, Newark	GA	6	43	84	36 75	1 50	38 25	24 25
R. D. Stagg, Lakewood	PPF	1	11					24 00
Eva Morton, Gloucester	GP	3	12	45	11 25		11 25	
P. Waer, Rockaway	BR	2	10	5	11 00	1 75	12 75	1 50
L. Kikkert, Patterson	Mag				5 50		5 50	
Totals		33	231	200	\$216 00	\$14 00	\$230 00	\$113 25

Chesapeake, Two Weeks Ending October 25, 1912

J. Jones, Storton Md.	GC	4	29	24	50 50	8 00	58 50	
G. Lawrence, Cecil Co., Md.	DR							80 50
R. Urkums, Arlington, Md.	PPF	1	1	1	1 50		1 50	
Mabel Davies, Salisbury, Md.	BF	3	9	12	13 50	50	14 00	
Anna Seeney, Baltimore, Md.	BF	6	33	75	80 20		80 50	
Alverta Rodgers, Baltimore, Md.	BF	3	8	17	19 00		19 00	
Totals		17	91	129	\$165 00	\$8 50	\$173 50	\$80 50

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Alma Hobensee, Baltimore, Md.	ST			125			12 50	
Mabel Davies	LH			2			20	
Totals				127			12 70	

Ohio, Week Ending October 25, 1912

J. Reichenbach Montgom'y Co.	BR	5	38	9	34 00	10 90	45 90	
L. H. Waters, Miami Co.	CK	5	34	16	25 00	1 50	26 50	1 50
J. Schick, Summit Co.	GC	4	27	7	18 00	5 75	23 75	17 85
Marie Flenner, Butler Co.	FL	2	8	9	10 00	3 30	13 30	
Mary McClure, Lawrence Co.	FL	4	22	6	8 00	3 50	11 50	
Totals		20	129	47	\$95 00	\$25 95	\$120 95	\$23 55

Virginia, Two Weeks Ending October 25, 1912

C. Christian, Richmond	COS	25	15	50	15	50
F. Nixon, Richmond	COS	18	7	00	10	50
W. Eekhout, Norfolk	PPF	20	6	9 00		9 00
Totals		20	49	\$31 50	\$10 50	\$41 00

*Two weeks.

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1232 06

Deliveries, \$658 45.

Mrs. Crozier of Coshocton has purchased a home of Mrs. Mary Hubbard at Academia, and will remove there for the purpose of placing her children in our schools.

Mrs. Rogers of Mt. Vernon was called to Akron recently by the serious illness of her son, Harry.

We note that Brother E. R. Numbers is Field Missionary Agent of the Massachusetts Conference.

Mrs. James Rowe of Clyde is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Shultz at the college.

Elder J. J. Marietta assisted the Pleasant Hill church in its Ingathering services, Sabbath and Sunday, Oct. 26 and 27. We hope to receive a report of this meeting.

Dr. Harding of Columbus gave an interesting talk to the young people in the College Chapel Sabbath afternoon.

Sabbath, Oct. 26 the Mt. Vernon church enjoyed a most helpful sermon by Elder E. K. Slade based upon the red letter text of the Bible, John 3:16.

Up to Oct. 18 the Ohio Conference had ordered 12150 *Ingathering Signs* as against 16685 to that date last year while the Columbia Union has ordered 67247 as against 66812 to that date in 1911. There is time yet to go ahead of last year's record. For the first time we have as many workers in foreign fields as in America, and our foreign membership has grown to forty per cent. of the total membership. The money invested in missions is bringing results.

Miss Emma Richardson, a former M. V. C. student and teacher is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Tarr, at Pueblo, Colorado. She finds the *VISITOR* a necessity.

WEST VIRGINIA

Parkersburg

About the middle of September plans were laid by the Conference which made it necessary that we move to Parkersburg. We find quite a live interest in and around Parkersburg due largely to the efforts of Brother T. W. Thirlwell who had charge of the work in this part of the state the past year. Elder Robbins was with us last Sabbath and baptized four precious souls. Two of these were taken into the church while the other two had been received sometime previous subject to baptism. Brother Cecil Ross' name was presented for membership and accepted. Brother Ross was baptized at campmeeting.

Our young peoples' society is doing good work with "Temperance Instructors" in the interest of the "Prohibition Amendment," in fact, the whole church is very active in this campaign.

The way seems clear for at least three series of meetings in this county within the next few months. A fourth place is ready but as there is no hall in the town we may have to leave it for a summer effort.

We have two good counties near here which should be canvassed by resident canvassers as soon as possible and then followed by tent efforts. I shall be pleased to correspond with some canvasser of experience who has a burden to enter such a field as a resident canvasser.

We desire an interest in the prayers of all believers in the third angel's message that the Lord's richest blessings may rest upon the work in this part of his great vineyard.

I. D. RICHARDSON

F. H. Robbins spent Sabbath and Sunday, October 19 and 20, with the Parkersburg Church. Quarterly meeting was held, and four persons followed their Lord in baptism. The

Spirit of God came near to his people in these services. Elder Robbins reports that the Parkersburg Church is of good courage and well pleased with their new minister, Brother I. D. Richardson, who has just located in that part of the field.

Brother W. L. Burgan has written an article for the newspapers of West Virginia with reference to the part Seventh-day Adventists are taking in the temperance campaign which is now on in this State. This is a very good article setting forth some facts in regard to what Seventh-day Adventists believe on the temperance question. Seventy copies of this article have been sent to the various newspapers of West Virginia. The indications at present are that the amendment will carry. We are certain that this wide circulation of literature will be an important instrumentality in breaking down prejudice and opening places where the third angel's message may be given.

The fight for state wide prohibition in West Virginia, is on in good earnest. Nearly thirty thousand copies of the temperance *Instructor* have been circulated in this state. Our ministers and workers are co-operating with the W. C. T. U. and other temperance workers throughout the state. Those who are in favor of temperance and working for the ratification of the prohibition amendment are very much pleased to have our literature and send it out by their speakers to the different counties in the state for free distribution, where lectures are being given on the temperance question. The president of the W. C. T. U. in Fairmont said that she never knew before that the Seventh-day Adventists were such a missionary people. This lady has used five hundred copies of the *Instructor*, going out in her automobile to the rural districts, and distributing the papers among the children of the public schools to take to their homes.

We will be able to fill orders for 1913 after the first of November. It is a little larger than last year, having fourteen pages additional matter. This makes it a little more expensive to manufacture but the price will be the same as formerly, five cents per copy. The Morning Watch Calendar has come to be not only permanent, but a very popular, as well as helpful booklet. We hope to receive a good order from each church, and also orders from the isolated members of the conference.

"Pray without ceasing."

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Not Yet To Late.

As the time for the Harvest Ingathering for missions was placed earlier than usual this year, it is not yet too late for those who for any reason have not yet been able to go out, to still do so. Splendid reports are given by those who have been among the first to reap the fruits of joy and blessing bound up in this opportunity. Perhaps one or two of several that might be given, may be of encouragement to all.

The Missionary Secretary from South Dakota writes:

"In a small town of only a few hundred people, where a series of meetings had been held last year with only one person accepting the message, the writer spent one hour visiting eight people with the Harvest Ingathering Mission Signs, and received \$9.75. Every one of those called upon gave something, the smallest donation being twenty-five cents, and the largest, \$3.

"In another town, in about three hours time, \$15.65 was obtained from a portion of the business district; one person, a physician, who had been interviewed a year ago for the same purpose, contributed \$5 immediately. It is believed that he, having read the Missions paper of the previous year, had become informed of the great need of means for the foreign work, and needed no explanation this year when the journal was presented. Another business man gives \$5 each year as he is interviewed with the Missions number.

"In about six hours I secured \$32 from business sections in three small adjoining towns. As my stay in each

of these places was necessarily short, the resident sisters promised to continue and finish the work of calling upon the rest of the people in the town with the Missions Signs. By the Lord's going before to open the hearts of the people and sending his angels with the solicitors to strengthen them and give them words to speak, there will surely be a rich Harvest Ingathering this year. I expect to go out again in a few days."

The Pacific Press office closed one day, giving all an opportunity to go out in near-by towns with the journals.

Concerning it they say: - -

"The success of the local campaign this year is better than any previous. Not nearly as many papers were used, but there was more careful distribution and very few papers were given away without securing some offerings to missions. All feel that this is the better way to do. About \$200 has been reported so far, and there is assurance that much more will come in."

Since writing the above, Brother Knox brought in a letter just received from the bank here in Washington through which the greatest portion of the funds pass on their way to the fields, containing a check for \$250 as their gift to missions. This in response to a letter and a copy of the Missions Signs.

So far there is every prospect of a very successful effort this year among the people in behalf of missions. Surely all will want a part in it, and still it is not too late to share in the good experiences to be enjoyed.

T. E. BOWEN.

"The Beautiful"

A snow scene for the cover of the December Signs Magazine. Appreciated by many, and attractive and interesting to the unacquainted. The sun hangs low in the sky, the heavy clouds will soon precipitate the frozen flakes, and one almost feels the cold. It is a very pleasing cover for this month of the year, and will prove a strong selling feature to the magazine.

THE CONTENTS

"A New Phase of Spiritualism" takes up the announcement of Miss Stead that she has had a communication from her dead father, who was lost with the wreck of the Titanic. She makes some very startling statements, and the editor contrasts them with the Word of God. This article should have a wide circulation.

"The Heaven-Opposing Powers of Earth" is another article in the series presented in the magazine from a

well-known writer, Mr Charles L. Taylor. Some important applications bearing directly upon momentous questions of the present day.

"The Second Coming of Jesus," by George W. Rine, receives continued prominence in the magazine. This is a very important series of articles, and we can recommend them to our readers.

"The Government and the Trusts," the ineffectual dissolving of the Standard Oil Company. Since this gigantic trust has been dissolved by the United States government, it has increased in value about five times. Not much of a dissolution! You will want to read the whole article, and the prophetic application that is made at the close.

Mrs. E. G. White contributes an article on the times of William Miller. It explains the work of this great man so much misunderstood by the people of to-day.

"The Freedom of the Will" an illustrated article which shows the real trend of religious laws, or laws uniting church and state, or any measures that tend toward religious persecution.

"Increase of Metals as a Sign of the Times," by Frank S. Weston. It is something new, and will be of considerable interest to a large number of our readers on account of its statistics.

The Bible reading is also an interesting feature of the magazine, and as usual will have a very comprehensive study on some phase of Bible doctrine.

The Home Department has a very excellent contribution from the pen of Mrs. L. D. Avery-Stuttle, the author of "Making Home Happy" and "Making Home Peaceful." She is a well-known writer, and this is an added attraction to the magazine.

Among many important "Current Topics," those dealing with the revelations of Thomas Lawson are of more than usual interest. He gives, in most graphic language, conditions of to-day, and points out the remedy. Some consideration is given this work, in the light of the Bible.

All orders should go to the tract society office.

OBITUARY

WEST.—Walter Ray West, infant son of Brother and Sister H. W. West, was born at Williamstown, W. Va., Sept. 17, 1912, and died Oct. 18, 1912, aged one month. The death of this bright infant was very sudden, being caused by a bursted blood vessel. The parents look forward to the first resurrection in the hope of his being restored to his mother's arms.

F. H. ROBBINS.