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

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### Bible Study

May 5, 10:45 A. M.

I. H. EVANS

Another view of the practical side of the ministry was given by Elder Evans from the scripture 1 Timothy 4: 12-16.

Among other things Elder Evans said:

"Paul assured Timothy that a man could command respect, though young in years. All should be well behaved, be they young or old. All lightness and frivolity and the relating of stories to create a laugh should not be indulged in for an instant. It is pitiful to note the tendency to story telling, and jokes, and trifling talk engaged in.

"Timothy was admonished to give attention to reading. We waste very much time in our daily life. At an institute we should not see workers standing idly by. Much of the time between meetings should be given to reading, in order to qualify for more efficient work. If we will do a little figuring, we will find that two hours a day for 360 days will give us thirty-two weeks of study, four weeks short of a school term. The ministry have the best opportunity for progressive development, more than any other class of people, for they are masters at their own time. There is positively no excuse for our not doing systematic study. A lack of study causes inefficiency, and we should see to it that more time is devoted to careful reading. Some will say they do not have time to take the reading course now proposed by the General Conference Department and be a preacher at the same time. We should not only take the reading course, but we should supplement with much more reading matter than that recommended by the Educational Department. We should not forget also that it is necessary to have a plan for reading. Many read with results

very much approaching water passing through a sieve.

"The ministry should make a symposium of notes as they read which may be available for use at any given emergency. The ministry should give due attention to doctrine. Many think they have the right to say anything they please. This brings confusion. We must be anchored to correct doctrine. New fangled ideas should be eliminated from the ministry. We must stand by the old landmarks of the denomination, and when one cannot do this and feel justified in preaching just as he pleases he should separate himself from the denominational work.

"Another matter that we should give heed to in our Conference work is that of setting a standard for ordination. We should urge our young men to qualify by finishing a definite school course. (Elder Evans' recommendations on this point are reflected in the resolutions adopted on the subject of preparation for ministerial work.)

"Before a man is ordained to the gospel ministry he should give full proof of his ministry, such as raising up a church, and illustrating in various ways that God has called him to the gospel ministry. Sister White has spoken very definitely upon this point in 'Gospel Workers', notably page 131, and in extracts from 'Counsels to Teachers', page 514 and onward.

"The ministry should be separated from all business entanglements (see 'Gospel Workers', 197-198). The hour has come when the ministry should separate from everything that would compromise their attitude and efficiency as true gospel ministers. A minister's ability does not lie in pulpit ability alone. Personal work, such as visiting, provided with short pointed literature for distribution, etc. It is well to mark parts of tracts handed out, in order to win the attention of those for whom we labor.

Don't give up too quickly when you do not see good results. Our God is mighty and will impart strength and wisdom to help in this sacred calling. Let us, therefore, be true to God and to each other and thus be helpful in our ministerial labors."

### How Shall We Reach the Foreign Population in Our Territory?

The question at the head of this paper is an important one and should receive most careful consideration. It is well known that we have in the United States a very large foreign population, so much so that one-third of our country's population is reckoned as foreign by our government, and not only that but that they continue to come year by year at an enormous rate. During the last fiscal year, ending June 30, 1913, 1,197,892 immigrants landed on our shores the next largest number coming in a single year. The largest number coming was in 1907 when 1,285,349 entered our country. This is an enormous influx of strangers thus coming year by year. The first time the immigration reached a million for one year was during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1905, and then for three years in succession the immigration was more than a million each year, again in 1910 and 1913, thus within 10 years beginning with 1914, nearly one million immigrants have landed on our shores each year or an exact total for the ten years of 9,718,821.

During this same time large numbers have also returned to their homeland, but the number that we have to deal with are those that have come, and such is the number of foreigners that we have to reckon with. While we are putting forth tremendous efforts to bring the message to all the people in foreign lands, the providence of God is pouring into our very midst a flood of immigrants year by year from all parts of the world, people,

too, most needy of the saving gospel of Jesus Christ, and why are not these people just as eligible to the saving message as the people they have left behind?

Thus it must be apparent to every thinking mind that the United States and Canada is one of the most important and needy foreign fields that we have anywhere.

Now what can be done to reach them with the truth of God for these last days? To this we answer. Our greatest and most urgent need is for workers, workers that can speak the language of these various nationalities that have come to us and located in our midst. The success that has followed the efforts among the Germans, Swedes, Danes, Norwegians and French in this country, proves this. We need not go into details to repeat the history of the past. Some isolated few here and there will come to the knowledge of the truth through English speaking laborers, but these are comparatively isolated cases. Therefore the development of laborers in these many and varied tongues is of first importance, and one of the best and most effective ways to accomplish this is through

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where men and women of these various nationalities can be instructed in the principles of the truth and trained to do work for their own nation and people. We have among us a considerable number of people of foreign tongues, people that might develop into successful workers if they could have the training and the proper supervision, and we now have publications in 75 different languages and dialects for these people to work with. So the way is open for this work to be done. What is now needed to put this into active operation is the proper persons to take the lead of such missions and funds with which to carry it on. May the time hasten when both the men and the means may be provided!

Now, while we are as it were waiting for the training mission to be established, there is something that can be done and when done will prove an effective means by which to bring the knowledge of the truth to foreigners in our land. I now refer to the

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The important thing that is needed for this is a disposition *to do it*. That is, just to take hold and *do it*. The foreigner is everywhere, and it is an easy matter to learn of what nationality he is and what language he

speaks. Then secure tracts and publications in that language and watch for the opportunity to speak to them and make their acquaintance, and you will be surprised with what eagerness they will receive such literature as you may have in their language. All who have attempted that have found it to be so.

It is not necessary that you should be able to speak or even understand the language in order to do this kind of missionary work. Any and every English speaking person can deal out literature in other tongues. The important qualification to do so is to feel a burden for the salvation of these benighted foreigners and a disposition to do all you can to bring them the truth of God.

While this work cannot fill the place of a worker of their own tongue that can converse with them in their own language, still it will go a long way to help on the good work where other means are not available, and the opportunity to do this work is always on hand. We therefore urge the importance of the circulation of foreign literature all the more as laborers in these many tongues are not as yet available, and at the same time both plan and do more for the development of workers in these many tongues.

O. A. OLSEN.

### Missionary Volunteer Program

Sabbath Afternoon, May 2, 1914

J. L. SHAW

(Concluded)

Our results will be much larger if we give more attention to training and fitness and preparation for the work. A young man or woman who goes out to the mission fields must first undertake the study of a very difficult language. It will take much time and earnest application. Those who will be successful, other things being equal, should know how to study, how to apply themselves, and how to get hold of the language and be able to speak it. After they get the language they need to be practical sort of young people. They need to have a practical education so that they can go out and start a mission station. They may have to purchase their own land, build their own houses. Then they must start their mission work. We can not say to a missionary, "The only thing for you to do is just preach." He must do more than that, he must know how to teach the people, and more than that, he will

probably have to open up a school and train them and educate them. Therefore, he needs an education himself. He may have to start a dispensary. More than likely he will have to get out some literature. They will say, Well, I hear you speak, but I should like to have something in printed form of what you people believe. So he must know the truth. Does that require a good education? Yes. And should not we hold our standard high from an educational standpoint before our young people?

I say, young men and women, God has given you talents of mind and body for the advancement of his work, and he wants you to make every possible use of those talents in preparing yourselves for effective service when the call comes for you to go. When it does come, then you can say, "Lord, here am I, send me."

Dear young friends, let us all take part in giving this message to the world in this generation, by giving of our talents and of our means and all that we have to God.

C. S. LONGACRE

This work of the young people appeals to my heart. I have been engaged in it for a number of years, and there is no work that has ever appealed to me as this work has. I wish to read just a text concerning the responsibility that God places upon the church and upon parents concerning the young people. Jer. 13:20, 21. "Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come from the north: where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock? What wilt thou say when he shall punish thee? for thou hast taught them to be captains, and as chief over thee: shall not sorrows take thee, as a woman in travail?"

Here the Lord lays the responsibility upon someone concerning his flock. And primarily I have no doubt but what this message here referred to the shepherds of Israel back there in the day of Jeremiah, when God's people were apostatizing. But it applies down here just the same, and in the great judgment day God will put that question to every parent, and to the shepherds in Israel who have lost their flocks,—Where is thy flock which I have given thee, thy beautiful flock? And what wilt thou answer when he arises to punish thee? That's the question.

Some time ago somebody sent me a paper that had an article marked in it. The title was this,—“Are all the

Children in?" In reading it over I found that there was an old mother in Israel who was just dying. She was nearly a hundred years of age, and as she was drawing her last feeble breath she asked that question,— "Are all the children in?" Her husband, who had traveled the journey of life with her, was sitting by her side. She had been unconscious for a number of days, but suddenly she opened her eyes and said, "Why, it is Dot." "Yes Jeanette, it is Dot," her husband replied. "Is it night?" she asked. He said, "Yes, it is midnight." "Are all the children in?" Yet that mother had buried her last child,—her youngest child, twenty years before, but she was living life over again, and in her closing hour, she was going away back when she had her children with her. She realized it was night, and she asked her husband "Are all the children in?"

Are all your children in,—in the ark of safety? Where in John, and where is James to-day? Where is Mary? Where is your son, father? Where are your daughters, mothers? Are they all in, or are they out in the world, engaged in business and in pleasure, turning their backs upon God? Are they leading a double life? Are they disinterested! Where are your children! How will you answer that question in the day of judgement, for that question will be put to us, and somebody is responsible!

I find that many times the parents are standing in the way, blocking the way,—the entrance to the kingdom of heaven, for their children. I was conducting a revival meeting some-time ago, and in that audience was a father and a mother who had a wayward son. He was in the audience too, and they rose when an opportunity was given for prayer, and wanted me to pray for their son that he might give his heart to God and become a Christian. I knew him. I knew he was in the audience. I went right down to him, laid my hand on his shoulder and asked him if he did not want to become a Christian. "No," he said, "I don't want any of father's and mother's religion. I don't care to become a Christian. I have tried to do what is right, but I cannot please them. They fret and sulk and quarrel from morning to night, and yet they go to church. They go to social meeting, get up and testify, and they pray in church, but at home they quarrel, and they sulk, and fret, and are impatient, and I cannot do anything to please them. I become discouraged, and I don't want yna religion." That is what he told

me in substance. I could not do anything with him. I went back and told the parents that they were standing in the way of that young man entering the kingdom of heaven, and they went right back to their son with me. They knew what was wrong, and they made a confession to him, and then they came up and made a confession before the church, and when they made that confession before the church, that stony heart was broken. He then had confidence in them, and he made a confession and gave his heart to God, and to-day he is a faithful servant of the Lord's.

Many times parents are standing in the way and we have to remove those stumbling blocks out of the way. In Mal. 4: the very last verse of the Old Testament, "Behold, I will send you Elijah, the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." What is it, I asked that is going to work this wonderful change in the relationship between the children and the parents? Ah, my friends, the Lord will have such a precious message before the great and dreadful day of the Lord, that whoever receives that message in his heart or in his soul it will have such an influence over his life and will be so precious to him that that soul cannot rest. He has no peace until his children also have received that message. And if it is the children that receive the message it appeals likewise to their hearts. They can have no peace day nor night until the parents have received that message. Has it come into your heart, and into your life?

Ah, when it came to me that is the way it came, and my parents who rejected that message for the time and who had no use for me, my hearts went out to them and I had no rest for three and a half years. I remembered them in my prayers every day, and after three and a half years the message appealed to them and I had the privilege of seeing them accept the message, and, my friends, that is the effect it will have upon us.

Our first obligation and our greatest obligation in all this world is toward our children. I am responsible for that child that it receives the best training and fitting and environment. I have gathered some statistics in my educational work. I took five large churches and I went through the church records and examined them and I found that in those five large

churches, there had been over two hundred young people, and in looking up those young people I found that eighty per cent of them who had not received any training or education in our own schools had gone to the world, lost entirely to the cause. Eighty per cent of them! Further investigation showed that of those who had gone to our own schools for a little while, and received a taste of it and a little training and instruction in it, that only fifteen per cent of those had apostatized. Making further investigation, I found that among those young people that had finished courses and received a training for service, that there were only eight per cent that had apostatized and left the truth. Now, I don't know whether that ratio holds true in all cases, but it did with these churches. If we could give all our children the training they ought to have, I say if we could give them that kind of training, then, my dear friend, we would have saved how many of our young people? Ninety two per cent saved to this cause instead of losing eighty per cent of them.

O my friends, what a reserve force we might have today if we had been faithful in our responsibility to that flock. And, I thank God that we are awakening and that the tide is turning, that we are saving our young people; whereas twenty years ago we were losing about seventy-five percent of them because of a lack of training.

Now, I must not take too much time as there are others to follow; but it is estimated that it takes about \$750 of tithe money to make one convert, that is you take all our church members that have been brought into the truth and the tithe that has been paid in order to do that work amounts to about \$750 to one convert. Now, my friends, don't you think that it would pay us better if we could save our own children putting a little investment in the instead of putting so much investment in other's children. O my friends, I have found that our own young people that are retained and nourished in this truth from their infancy up make better workers, stauncher advocates of it than those who have become contaminated with the world. Oh, we must put forth more efforts, my friends. Let's do as Hannah did with her child. Let us dedicate our children to God. Let's tie them to our religion, to our faith, to our altar, and to our God. And then the allurements of this world will not attract them. I remember quite well the time when I was lying on a bed of sickness and the doctor said there was

no use, I could not live. I was just a skeleton. For three or four days the doctor said there was no more hope. That Godly mother of mine took me up in her arms and dedicated me to God and to his service. I remember it quite well, but I was only ten years old. I remembered it when I grew up to a young man and I associated with companions who asked me to go in the wrong way. That mother's prayer haunted me. It was that mother's prayer that led me to dedicate myself to God. I never forgot it. And, let us dedicate our children to God, and God will keep them. And, if you have children out in the world today, don't give up; let's have hope.

O let's have faith in God. Let's do all we can to train our children for the kingdom of heaven and God's service. The training of our children is the greatest problem that faces us today and we need divine wisdom to solve this problem.

### Remarks of C. L. Benson

A great revival, affecting several thousand young people is to be conducted in the various state conferences of the Columbia Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists as the result of a stirring lecture and appeal by Professor C. L. Benson, field secretary of the Young People's Department of the North American Conference, during the ministerial institute held in Baltimore. Professor Benson stated that the colleges, academies, and other schools conducted by the denomination in North America now have an enrollment of about 25,000 but that there are about that many more who need to be saved to the gospel cause.

Professor Benson emphasized the importance of saving the young people to the gospel cause and spoke of the efforts that are being made to have every student in the denominational schools become an active missionary. "We have 1300 teachers in our schools working in the interests of the young people," he said. He then declared that the North American Division Conference has set its stakes to win at least 1500 young people to Christianity this year. In speaking of the fact that only about one-half of the number of young folks in the denomination are preparing for missionary endeavor, he said:

"The great reason for this is that they do not know of the opportunity that awaits them. Young educated people are needed in the foreign fields, especially in Japan where people are compelled to get an edu-

cation. People working in this country have got to have a splendid education to make an impression on the people. Out of 136 churches last year, 270 young people married out of the gospel. Ministers should not marry young people to non-Christians. Fifty per cent of the young people that marry out of the gospel go out into the world after their marriage."

Great enthusiasm was manifested among the delegates over Professor Benson's appeal, and a number expressed themselves as being heartily in favor of such a revival. The great problems that the denomination has undertaken to give what they say is the last warning message of the coming of Christ was brought out forcibly by some of the speakers, and the necessity of adding all the young people in the denomination as recruits to the missionary forces in order to accomplish this task was also brought out prominently.

Pastor I. H. Evans, president of the North American Division Conference, urged the clergy to take hold of this feature. Professor Wilkinson, president of the Union, referred to the efforts that are being put forth in the Mount Vernon, Ohio, Academy, and the Washington D. C., College, two denominational institutions in the interests of young people.

### Missionary Endeavor

The 2:30 hour of May 5, 1914 was occupied by different speakers. The subject under consideration was Home Missionary Work.

Miss E. M. Graham was the first speaker. She said that the loud cry of the third angel's message was to be accomplished through the work of our publishing houses. but the publishing houses can do but very little without the help and cooperation of our church members; that there was no use in printing books, tracts, and papers, unless they are scattered among the people. The loud cry comes in the very end of the message. She stated that the Columbia Union Conference could double its force of workers, by putting the lay members to work. In order to produce effective labor, missionary meetings are to be held. These meetings are for the purpose of organizing the lay members into small working companies. The missionary meetings provide spiritual exercise, which is very essential.

A leader is to be placed in charge of a few people, and one company will

hold Bible readings, another do medical missionary work, another hold cottage meetings, and another distribute literature. In doing this work many rich experiences are gained, and souls are led to a study of the Scriptures, and to accept the truth. When the missionary meeting is held these different workers will have good experiences to relate, and thus life and energy will be brought to the individual and the church also. Just simple definite plans are to be outlined and placed before the people in such a way that they can grasp them. The bands are to study their field of labor, the time in which we live, and avail themselves of a knowledge of the Bible so that when they go out they can speak intelligently.

The speaker stated that in sparsely settled districts missionary correspondence might be carried on as a method of reaching the people, as colporteurs could not give their time in such territory. Also that the rich had been neglected, and they could be reached by kind Christian letters. All are to be reached with the truth. All this missionary work is to be carried on in a systematic definite manner.

She said that our camp-meetings should be as a school where the people are taught practical methods of labor. That the ministers should teach the people how to come to the Lord, and how to lead others to him. Properly conducted, the camp-meeting is a school where the pastors, elders and deacons can learn to do more perfect work for the Master.

All must be put to work. We are told that no one who neglects the work of God will enter the kingdom of heaven. If the people do not realize this responsibility, and receive the love of Christ that sets them to work they can never be saved. Plans must be set before them, the speaker reiterated, so that all can take part in helping to warn the world.

Elder Evans: I want to say a few words about this missionary work because I am much interested and very anxious that we all become interested in it. When we come to think of our ministry giving this message to the world alone, it is quite impossible, unless something takes place more than we can see. We have about 1,400 preachers scattered throughout the world, taking in all. If we should warn 100 people a day, it would take us 30 years to reach the world. It is impossible for us men, as preachers, to give this message to the world in this generation. Why should we not count on our church members in as-

sisting in giving the message? Every church member should be a worker. 100,000 church members warning ten people a day we can reach every human being on earth in less than five years. By setting our people to work we can increase our membership almost beyond comprehension. This is the greatest thing we can now set ourselves to do,—lining our church membership up into active work, so that every man will be carrying a full load.

He related an experience, where in Savannah, a missionary society of three was organized, and in 18 months without the aid of a minister, they increased the church membership 63. Another experience was related where a brother in California won 11 souls to Christ, through missionary work. He also stated that an old sister in the State of Washington won 9 souls last year. By relating these experiences he showed how our lay members can multiply the membership, and by so doing increase the tithe offerings and other lines of the work. Elder Evans said that every institution ought to set its stakes to win souls to Christ. Every worker in the sanitariums ought to be determined that his plans shall be to win souls to Christ. He repeated that it should be the purpose of each one to win souls to Christ, taking in the ministers, presidents of conferences, office men and all. He related that 60,000 men and women consecrated to the Lord makes a strong army, and one that will bring many souls,—a large harvest of souls to Christ, that the time has come that we shall organize ourselves for an active campaign. Get the people to working for themselves and their little troubles sink away. The salvation of our denomination lies in getting our people to work. When the church members get to work, the ministers will have to hurry to get around and gather in the harvest of souls. It does seem to me that the time has come when we as conference men, that as executive committee men, and as preachers, we ought to definitely plan how we can get our laity organized into active field service. Brethren, that is the task we have set ourselves to bring to pass between this and fall. If we can bring to this truth 12,000 souls, it is going to be a great help. It will mean an increase in tithes, offerings, and will solve many financial problems.

Elder B. G. Wilkinson spoke of us returning from this meeting with a blessing and setting the church members to work. He spoke of definite

lines of work, getting the people to pray for one or more daily. He referred to the lines of work spoken of by the first speaker, and said that he believed the Lord would bless in a marked way if we entered into the work with all our hearts to put these plans into operation at once.

Doctor Jump spoke of their missionary society, and stated that they had sixteen who attend regularly besides eight more who attended as often as they could, taking instruction in giving Bible readings, and how to meet the people and interest them in the truth. He stated that these persons were going out and giving readings as soon as they were capable, with excellent results. He said that much depended upon the consecration and close touch with God that the one had who is giving the instruction.

Elder Washburn: This winter we set apart one night every week for training workers, and this has been the most interesting meeting, in some respects, we ever had. We studied the Bible and became perfectly familiar with the truth and our message. Every night some different one gave a fifteen minute Bible study, and we criticised it, kindly, of course, and about forty of our church members, are really giving most excellent Bible readings, and they are all interested in trying to do what they can for others, and we have some who go out regularly every week and have some most interesting times working for people, distributing *Signs of the Times* and our other literature. And we intend to take this work up again as soon as our tent meetings are over, and get all of our members to work.

Brother McEachern: Before I went to Ohio I heard reports that Ohio was dead, and I feared going there. I went to those churches with quite a dread. I have never been any place where I have found more hearty co-operation than in Ohio. The people are willing to work. My suggestion I wanted to make was that our churches are anxious for some one to come to them and show them how to work. I believe that the very best thing we can do, will be to have the tract society secretary go out with the field agent, and let them work hand in hand visiting the churches, showing our people the literature, and getting them interested in it. Other agents show their line of goods, and it will help the people to see a sample of our books, and this will help to build up the home missionary work, make more business for the tract society, and build up the work in general.

## Devotional Axioms

During the devotional services which were held at 8:30 A. M. each morning many choice and helpful statements were brought forth, and among those who led out in these services were Elders Evans, Knox, Thompson, and Shaw.

"Above all things put on love."

"The world is dying for a little bit of love."

"The one that loves the most is the greatest."

"Constant abiding makes us men after God's own heart."

"We must have that love that begets in us a passion for souls."

"The best translation of love is the translation of it in the life."

"Love will do for nothing what you cannot get any man to do for anything."

"Man is measured by his consecration and faithfulness in working out the will of God."

"When it comes to saving men, there is no other agency that has the power that love has."

"The Lord is just as willing today to use human instrumentalities in a mighty way as he was in the days of David."

"Confidence in the flesh means only failure, but confidence in the name and arm of the living God means and can only mean success."

"The lesson of the experience of David with Goliath teaches trust only in the living God. David wrought in an armor that had been proved—mighty through God—and an apparent defeat was turned into victory."

## Election of Officers

Professor B. G. Wilkinson, of Washington, D. C., was reelected president of the Columbia Union Conference for the coming two years.

The other officers chosen were:—

Secretary-Treasurer, R. T. Dowsett, of Washington, D. C.

Auditor, R. T. Dowsett, of Washington, D. C.

Secretary of Publishing Dept., I. D. Richardson.

Educational and Young People's Secretary, C. L. Stone.

Religious Liberty, S. B. Horton.

Medical Missionary Secretary, Dr. H. W. Miller.

Executive Committee:—Prof. Wilkinson, Elder Dowsett, Elder E. K. Slade, of Mount Vernon, O., Elder R. T. Baer, of Baltimore, Md., Elder A. R. Sandborn, of Trenton, N. J., Elder F. H. Robbins, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Elder H. M. J. Richards, of Philadelphia,

Elder W. J. Stone, of Richmond, Va., Elder R. E. Harter, of Washington, D. C., Elder W. J. Tanner, of Fairmont, W. Va., Prof. E. G. Salisbury, of Mount Vernon, O., Dr. H. W. Miller, of Washington, D. C., I. D. Richardson, of Washington, D. C., S. B. Horton, of Washington, D. C., Prof. J. L. Shaw, of Washington, D. C., D. W. Reavis, of Washington, D. C., Prof. C. L. Stone, of Washington, D. C.

### Distribution of Labor

Your Committee on Distribution of Laborers respectfully submit to this delegation the following final report:

(1) That Elder C. T. Redfield, of Ohio, be requested to make the Virginia Conference his field of labor.

(2) That J. H. McEachern, of the Ohio Conference, be released to make the Central Union Conference his field of labor.

(3) That V. O. Panches, of West Pennsylvania, make Ohio his field of labor.

(4) That we approve the transfer of Elder W. J. Tanner from the East Canadian Union Conference to take the presidency of the West Virginia Conference.

(5) That we approve the transfer of Professor C. L. Stone from the Southeastern Union Conference to take the educational secretaryship of the Columbia Union Conference.

(6) That Elder J. G. Hanhardt, of New Jersey, be released to make the Atlantic Union Conference his field of labor.

Signed by the Executive Committee.

### CHESAPEAKE

#### Workers' Meeting

A special meeting of the Chesapeake Conference workers was held in the First Seventh-day Adventist church, Baltimore, Md., Sunday May 10, at 3:00 P.M. After earnest prayer and appropriate remarks by the chairman, the meeting was turned over to the workers. Reports by District Superintendents showed progress along all lines. Besides new converts to the truth, there was reported a steady gain in tithes and offerings from churches represented. Interesting and encouraging reports were rendered by ministers and Bible women. The ministerial institute just closed gave our workers a new vision and they all seemed eager to return to their fields to pass on to others the blessings they received while at the Union Confer-

### Canvassers' Reports

Ohio, Week Ending May 8, 1914

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
A. L. Bassler, Noble Co.		DR	5	52	14	42 00	9 60	51 60	2 10
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.		GC	5	48	6	18 00	8 70	26 70	
C. E. Reichenbach, Licking Co.		ES	4	43	2	9 00	2 50	11 50	132 70
J. L. Sauder, Portage Co.		ES	4	40	6	18 00	11 20	29 20	8 20
L. H. Waters, Ottawa Co.		PPF	4	36	14	25 00	9 00	34 00	
J. H. Stafford, Lucas Co.		DR	5	36	4	13 00	12 75	25 75	
W. H. Geisweller, Springfield		PP	5	33	11	35 00	1 50	36 50	2 30
Lula Taylor, Fulton		ES	4	24	5	15 00	17 75	32 75	
D. J. Royer, Cuyahoga Co.		DR	4	23	6	19 00	7 60	26 60	50
H. A. Rossin, Coshocton Co.		ES	3	20	4	16 00	3 75	19 75	
W. Wallace Kay, Stark Co.		ES	3	17					37 50
W. Syphers, Wilmington		GC	4	17					8 25
Lloyd Swallen, Stark Co.		ES	3	17	1	3 00	9 30	12 30	16 05
Glee W. Mills, Wood Co.		PPF	2	12	7	13 00	1 25	14 25	
Daisy Crist, Columbus, O.		ES	4	10	3	9 00	1 25	10 25	7 25
W. E. Wagner, Wilmington		GC	3	13					3 75
E. J. Stipeck, Cleveland		DR	2	10					30 85
John Schick, Summit Co.		GC	2	10	1	3 00	2 25	5 25	5 25
C. G. Douglass, Summit Co.		ES	4	24	2	7 00	6 20	13 20	15 00
W. E. Morgan, Columbia Co.		PPE	5	24	4	12 50		12 50	26 25
Miscellaneous		GC	5	10		8 00		8 00	6 20
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20 Agents</b>		<b>81</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>\$265 50</b>	<b>\$104 60</b>	<b>\$370 10</b>	<b>\$300 15</b>

#### East Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 8, 1914

W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	PPF	2	21	7	14 00	7 50	21 50		
F. Willruth, Scranton	CK		24	9	34 00	7 90	41 90	29 90	
J. L. Gerhart, Snyder Co.	PPF	5	35	15	24 50		24 50	3 75	
W. S. Harmon	GC	4	31	8	28 00		28 00		
W. B. Dunkinson, York Co.	PPF	5	18	3	6 00	8 55	14 55	11 85	
Mrs. W. B. Dunkinson, York Co.	PPF	2	5	1	1 50	20	1 70		
F.A. Brownell, Scranton	GC	1	4		4 00	13 00	17 00	12 50	
E. Tolliver, Plymouth	BF	2	8	2	3 00		3 00	5 50	
Beryl Amole, Reading	BF	3	16	3	4 50		4 50		
Mrs. Park Drake, Johnsonville				2	1 50		1 50	6 50	
Mrs. C. D. Wolff, Reading	BF	8	24	5	7 00	8 25	15 75	3 00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11 Agents</b>		<b>32</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>\$128 50</b>	<b>\$45 40</b>	<b>\$173 90</b>	<b>73 00</b>

#### West Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 8, 1914

A. Brownlee, McKeesport	PPF	5	43	20	37 50	15 87	53 37	18 07	
J. Brownlee, Greene Co.	DR	4	32					91 25	
J. S. Neely, Armstrong Co.	GC	2	9					102 00	
L. M. Yohe, Armstrong Co.	ES	2	9					21 75	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4 Agents</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$37 50</b>	<b>\$15 37</b>	<b>\$53 37</b>	<b>\$233 07</b>

#### New Jersey, Week Ending May 8, 1914

Edward Sterner, Millville	PPF	7	39	4	6 00	5 90	11 90	18 50	
C. G. Taylor, Millville			19					39 90	
G. W. Blinn, Burlington	GC	5	85	19	57 00		57 00	98 00	
Wm. Schmidt, Elizabeth	GC				23 30		23 30	23 30	
Magazines					73 85		92 20		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4 Agents</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>\$160 15</b>	<b>\$5 90</b>	<b>\$92 20</b>	<b>\$179 70</b>

#### Chesapeake, Week Ending May 1, 1914

G. R. Apsley, Allegheny Co.	DR	5	33	9	27 00	3 10	30 10		
F. H. Barritt, Allegheny Co.	DR	5	33	15	48 00	3 30	51 30	27 00	
G. W. Lawrence, Calvert Co.	DR	4	35					116 25	
Jno. J. Martin, Calvary Co.	DR	3	33					86 75	

Mrs. J. I. Laurent, Baltimore	GO	6	22	17	76 00	9 00	76 00	
J. I. Laurent, Baltimore, Md.	GO	1	6				10 40	
A. Gibbs, Howard Co. Md.	PPF	3	24	6	9 00	1 20	10 20	18 70
J. E. Jones, Sussex Co.	PPF	5	41	36	67 50	16 75	84 25	
M.S. Pettibone, A. Arundel Co.	PPF	5	35	11	37 00	5 55	42 55	36 00
O. C. Weller, Frederick Co.	OK	4	40	31	49 00	11 00	60 00	
Totals	10 Agents	41	302	124	\$304 50	\$49 90	\$354 40	\$295 10

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	L&H	Temp I	Signs	
A. Gibbs	10	3		1 30
J. I. Laurent, Baltimore	40		50	9 00
T. H. Barritt		33		3 30
G. R. Apsley		31		2 90
Total	50	67	50	16 70

Grand Totals: 49 Agents Value of Orders, \$896 15 Deliveries, \$1097 72

West Pennsylvania

Name of Church	Membership	Tithe 1913 Months Amount	Tithe Per Capita	Twenty Cent Per Week Fund	Amount Per Week Per Member
Adah	12	43 00	3 56	19 63	.126
Albion	10	110 58	11 05	31 34	.241
Allegheny No. 1	43	130 15	3 03	60 69	.108
Allegheny No. 2	15	80 83	5 39	46 74	.239
Altoona	66	114 92	1 74	15 93	.018
Bradford	17	105 26	6 19	131 05	.593
Clearfield	22	31 88	1 45	22 01	.077
Conference	36	473 21	13 14	128 86	.275
Connellsville		24 65		11 94	
Corry	24	10 94	46	50	.001
Corydon	23	15 00	65	105 54	.353
Coudersport	34	106 18	2 12	38 46	.087
Edinboro	12				
Elfred	10	18 90	1 89	28 85	.221
Erie	48	178 12	3 71	50 97	.081
Huntington	27	46 40	1 72	1 05	.003
Indiana	40	85 37	2 13	7 67	.014
Jimtown	10				
Johnstown	55	268 47	4 88	89 67	.125
Meadville	10	47 63	4 76	28 62	.220
McDonald	10	44 15	4 41	9 26	.071
North Warren	38	21 72	57	15 19	.031
Pittsburgh No. 1	107	608 51	5 68	110 35	.079
Pittsburgh No. 1	26	137 32	5 28	44 39	.127
Port Allegheny	25	52 86	1 96	9 07	.026
Shingle House	12			6 10	.038
Six Mile Run	30	95 21	3 17	18 89	.048
Washington	26	69 49	2 67	22 21	.065
Total	790	\$2920 75	\$3 70	\$1054 97	.103

H. K. HACKMAN, Treasurer.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Erie

On April 4 the Erie church came together to hold their quarterly meeting. A large number were in attendance at this time. Six grown persons who are keeping the Sabbath, but are not yet members of the church, arose and gave their testimony, thus causing a spirit of praise to come upon all. The tithe and donations of the

church for the quarter ending March 31, 1913 were as follows. Tithes \$93.65; Donations to missions \$10.32; Total \$103.97. For the same quarter of this year, ending March 31, 1914, the tithes amounted to \$235.61; Donations for Missions \$138.34; Total \$373.65; thus making a gain of \$269.98 over this time last year. In the last quarter the church has met its full quota of twenty cents a week, and \$13.54 over, for the coming quarter, for which we praise the Lord.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

ence. The year before us promises to be fruitful with many more souls than any previous year in our work here. The workers' meeting closed with a sweet spirit and it is certain that the Lord was present in the person of the Holy Spirit.

On Monday, May 11, at 4:00 P.M., at the Conference office, the executive committee met to carefully consider the needs of the field and to make recommendations for our evangelical work for the summer. The following recommendations were passed by the committee:

Baltimore, Maryland

Conference Committee Meeting, May 11, 1914

Present, Elders R. T. Baer, R. H. Martin, S. T. Shadel and F. W. Paap. Prayer was offered by Elder Martin.

A number of important matters were up for consideration, and after looking over the entire field, the following recommendations were passed:

(1) That Elder F. W. Paap conduct a tent effort in Baltimore this summer, pitching in the Walbrook section,

(2) That Elder R. H. Martin conduct his summer's campaign in the new church building at Wilmington, and that Miss Lora Tarbell connect with the work in Wilmington as Bible worker.

(3) That Elder S. T. Shadel pitch a tent in Frederick, Md., this summer and strengthen the work in that city.

(4) That Miss Irena Coleman connect with the work in Frederick, Md., as Bible worker.

(5) That Brother LeRoy Froom carry forward the work at Cambridge, Md. conducting the work in the church as heretofore.

(6) That Brother Peden continue the work in Hagerstown, Md. making the church the center.

(7) That Elder Seeney conduct a tent effort in Wilmington, Delaware for the colored people.

(8) That Brother Rodgers continue his work in behalf of the colored people, at Druid Hill Ave. and Roberts St., Baltimore.

(9) That Brother Wierts continue his work on present lines for the German people.

(10) That instead of a camp-meeting and conference this year, we hold an institute and conference, and that it be held at the First Church at Walbrook, October 5 to 11, 1914.

R. T. BAER, Chairman;

F. W. PAAP, Sec. of Committee.

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

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### Camp-Meeting Dates

The following dates and places for this summer's camp-meetings have been decided upon thus far.

West Pennsylvania, June 11-21 - Homestead.

East Pennsylvania, June 18-28 - Allentown.

New Jersey, June 25-July 5 - Camden.

Ohio, August 13-23. Place not selected.

Chesapeake, September 24-October 1. Place not settled.

West Virginia, October 1-11 - Parkersburg.

Virginia. Not settled as yet.

District of Columbia. Not settled.

### OHIO

#### Important Changes

This is to notify our churches in Ohio that Brother J. H. McEachern, who has been serving as our field missionary agent and field missionary secretary, has accepted a call to take the field agency in the Central Union Conference.

All mail intended for his department should be addressed to V. O. Punches, who has been chosen to take up the same work in Ohio that Brother McEachern was carrying.

While we all regret that Brother McEachern should be called to another field, we should be grateful that Brother Punches can be secured to carry these important responsibilities in our conference.

We should like to encourage our missionary secretaries in the local churches to continue sending in their reports and carrying on their missionary activity as had been planned before. We should also like to see every church in the conference planning for definite and aggressive work in the use of our literature. Brother Punches will give the same attention to this work as has been given it before. We desire to continue the good work that is now in progress in our subscription book work. It is our purpose to add new recruits as far as possible and to work for a higher standard and better results in placing our books in the hands of the people. Those engaged in this work as well as those who may be interested to engage in it should correspond with Brother Punches. All reports should be sent in as in the past.

Another change that will be of interest to our people is that effecting the pastorate of the Cleveland, Akron, and Cincinnati churches. Elder R. G.

Patterson, who has faithfully and effectively served in Cleveland for several years, is soon to locate in Akron to take charge of the work there. Elder W. W. Miller is called to take the pastorate of the Cleveland church. Arrangements will be made later to provide for a minister in Cincinnati. As these workers enter their new fields, we bespeak for them the hearty cooperation of the churches with which they will be connected.

Every worker on returning from the good institute held in Baltimore goes to his field with renewed courage and with strong faith in the promises of God to those to whom the great commission has been given.

E. K. SLADE.

### Pennsylvania Tract and Missionary Society

The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Tract and Missionary Society will be held in connection with the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, on the Emmanuel Grove camp-ground, Allentown, Pa., June 18-28, 1914. The first meeting to be held on Monday, June 22, 1914, at 4 P. M. This meeting will be for the election of constituent members for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business that may come before the meeting. H. M. J. RICHARDS, *President*;  
LUCY PAGE EMERSON, *Secretary*.

### Eastern Pennsylvania Conference

The eleventh annual session of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene on the camp-ground at Emmanuel Grove, near Allentown, Pa., on Friday morning, June 19, 1914, at 9:30 o'clock to elect its officers for the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may properly come before the conference. Each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization and one additional delegate for every ten members thereof.

H. M. J. RICHARDS, *President*;  
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### OBITUARY

BURGERET.—Sister A. J. Burgeret of the Cleveland, Ohio, Seventh-day Adventist church, who was born at Greenwich, Ohio, October 2, 1829, died May 1, 1914. In the absence of the pastor, Elder Patterson, the call came to me and Rom. 8:18-24 was chosen for a basis for comfort to the relatives and friends. For some time Sister Burgeret has been cared for by Elder Patterson and wife, and the Lord will reward them. One brother only is left of the family.

D. E. LINDSEY.