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EAST PENNSYLVANIA

The East Pennsylvania Camp-meeting

The East Pennsylvania Conference held their camp-meeting for 1916 on the Fair Grounds in Lebanon County, Lebanon, Pa., June 22 to July 2. For several years the camp-meeting has been held at Emmanuel Grove near Allentown, where the campers could be comfortably located in cottages, and it was a question with the brethren of the committee whether the people would be willing to camp in tents. The committee felt the Testimonies should be followed in holding the meeting elsewhere rather than in the same place year after year. So they secured the beautiful Fair Grounds in Lebanon and they were not disappointed, for the brethren and sisters came from all parts of the conference and the accommodations provided were pleasing to all. It was certainly a most excellent meeting.

From the very first, the spirit of God was present and the spiritual condition deepened as the meeting progressed. During the first Sabbath of the meeting, Elder W. T. Knox conducted the Sabbath morning service and the spirit of God was present in power to convict and convert souls. A large number responded to the invitation to yield to the Lord and also to reconsecrate themselves in service for the Master. Each day the working of the spirit of God was manifest. There were several consecration services during the week and on the last Sabbath Elder C. S. Longacre led in the service, when nearly everyone encamped on the grounds yielded anew to the Lord. Twenty-three were baptized during the meeting.

Not alone did the brethren and sisters respond to the call of reconsecration, but as Elder George Enoch during several meetings presented the needs of the foreign fields, a number of the young people pledged themselves to go wherever God would lead them, and on Sunday morning \$3,411.00 were received in cash and pledges. The Sabbath-school offerings for the two Sabbaths amounted to \$667.00. Thus \$4,087.00 in cash and pledges will see its way to the mission fields as a result of the meeting.

Elder George I. Butler was present throughout the meeting and his talks each morning were greatly appreciated.

As Elder Butler dwelt on the rise and progress of the message and especially on the great blessing the Spirit of Prophecy has been to this people, the faith and confidence of the brethren and sisters was greatly strengthened. Elder F. M. Wilcox, Editor of the Review and Herald, was present the greater part of the meeting and his efforts to help the brethren and sisters spiritually resulted in great good to the camp and will be of lasting benefit to many.

The laborers present all or part of the time were George I. Butler, W. T. Knox, F. M. Wilcox, C. S. Longacre, and George F. Enoch from the General Conference; B. F. Machlan and E. G. Salisbury from Washington Missionary College; I. A. Ford, from the Review and Herald, and Dr. D. H. Kress, C. V. Leach and the writer from the Union.

Harold Richards and H. J. Detwiler had charge of the Young People's meetings. Professors Machlan and Salisbury joined them as soon as they reached the grounds, and others assisted, so that the young people had a feast of good things throughout the meeting.

Two years ago the East Pennsylvania Conference elected their officers for two years, so there was no conference business to be attended to during the meeting. The whole time was given to the spiritual interests of the brethren and sisters. The conference is entirely free from debt. Two churches, with a combined membership of 50, have recently been organized and two other companies will soon be organized into churches. The Lord is greatly blessing the efforts of the consecrated laborers in the East Pennsylvania Conference. The committee is planning for six tent companies to be conducted in different parts of the conference as soon as the tents can reach the field.

For the past two years the East Pennsylvania Conference has given a full quota of twenty-cents-a-week per member to missions and the conference is not only self-supporting, but they are sharing their tithe liberally with more needy fields. The goal the laborers have set is "Fourteen hundred members before the close of 1916." We believe the Lord will use

both the dear laborers and the people, working unitedly, to help them reach their goal.

The campers returned to their homes greatly strengthened and nearly everyone said it was the best meeting they ever attended. If those in attendance will carry out the solemn covenants they entered into with the Lord, the results in the East Pennsylvania Conference will be manifest and the books of heaven will some day reveal the fruits of this most excellent gathering. R. T. DOWSETT.

CHESAPEAKE

Recommendations Passed at the Chesapeake Conference

Rock Hall, Md., June 8-18, 1916

I *Whereas*, The hand of God has been manifest in the advancement of our work during the past year, and

Whereas, In the providence of God, our workers have been blessed with life and a reasonable degree of health with the exception of our dear Brother Kirkendall, and

Whereas, Our nation is still privileged to enjoy an interval of peace, though the nations of Europe are plunged in war, therefore be it,

Resolved, That we express our gratitude to God for His mercies and pledge ourselves by His help to be more faithful in the promulgation of the work He has placed in our trust.

II *Whereas*, God, in His all-wise providence has seen fit to remove from our midst, by death our beloved president, Elder M. C. Kirkendall, and,

Whereas, our conference has felt deeply the loss of our consecrated leader, be it,

Resolved, That we hereby extend to his family our heartfelt sympathies in this time of their great sorrow.

III *Whereas*, Elder J. O. Miller has come to take up the burden of the work in this conference, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we hereby extend to him and his family a cordial welcome, pledging our hearty co-operation in the work.

IV Believing that the fundamental principles of civil and religious liberty are being over-ridden through the enactment of compulsory Sunday observance

laws, and that they abridge the free exercise of the individual conscience in religious matters; therefore,

Resolved, That we continue to defend the inalienable rights of man, and protest against the enactment of laws by civil government for the compulsory observance of Sunday or any other religious enactment which tends to unite church and state, and places the different sects on an inequality before the law, as being a subversion of the gospel plan of free choice, and a departure from the fundamental principles upon which the American Republic was founded.

V *Resolved*, That we continue to protest against the enactment of laws by Congress for the abridgment of free speech, a free press, and the freedom of the mails beyond existing statutes.

VI *Whereas*, the Liberty magazine is doing a very effective work among state legislators, executive officers, and judges of state supreme courts, in molding sentiment against religious legislation and the enforcement of Sunday laws; therefore,

Resolved, That our conferences continue to supply the Liberty magazine to the members of the state legislature, the governor and his cabinet, and the state supreme and circuit court judges, and that the necessary expense involved in this item be taken out of the annual collection for the local religious liberty work.

VII *Resolved*, That we put forth an effort at our camp-meeting to get our people to subscribe for the Liberty at the club rate of 20 cents per subscription, when ordered in clubs of five subscriptions or to be sent to one address; or, at 25 cents per yearly subscription, in club orders of four or more subscriptions, to one or more addresses.

A Memorial

To the Honorable, the Senate, and House of Representatives of the United States:—

The ministers and lay delegates of the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination of the Chesapeake Conference, assembled in annual convention at Rock Hall, Md., on June 15, 1916, beg leave to address the following Memorial to you concerning certain un-American bills now pending before Congress:

As citizens of the United States who have the general welfare of the nation at heart, we are exceeding jealous that the fundamental principles of civil and religious liberty guaranteed to each individual by the Federal Constitution be not jeopardized and over-ridden by the enactment of statutes which are in direct opposition to these sacred guaranties and immunities.

Three press bills—H. R. 491, H. R. 6468, and H. R. 13778—are now pending in Congress which, when enacted into law

would create a one-man censorship of the press, and might result in the complete destruction of the freedom of the press, without resource to our courts.

Four religious measures are also pending, viz., S. 645, S. 5677, S. J. Res. 42, and H. R. 652, which, if enacted, would commit Congress to the subject of religious legislation, would establish the Christian religion and some of its institutions as the legal religion of the government, and would penalize every dissenter and non-conformist because of his faith and practice.

We regret that Congress has ever been asked to legislate in favor of a religious institution concerning which there is so divergent a religious sentiment as the Sunday and Sabbath questions. We are in harmony with the following sentiments expressed in the Senate Report on Sunday Mails, by Mr. Richard Johnson, of Kentucky, who was chairman of the Senate Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, Jan. 19, 1829:—

"The proper object of government is to protect all persons in the enjoyment of their religious as well as civil rights, and not to determine for any whether they shall esteem one day above another, or esteem all days holy. . . . It is not the legitimate province of the legislature to determine what religion is true or what false. Our government is a civil, and not a religious institution. Our Constitution recognizes in every person the right to choose his own religion, and to enjoy it freely without molestation. . . .

"Among all the religious persecutions with which almost every page of modern history is stained, no victim ever suffered for the violation of what government denominated the law of God. To prevent a similar train of evils in this country, the Constitution has wisely withheld from our government the power of defining the divine law. . . . If the principle is once established that religion, or religious observances, shall be interwoven with our legislative acts, we must pursue it to its ultimatum."

"We believe that the Sabbath ought to be observed with piety and due respect to God, but we do not believe that any man should be compelled to observe Sunday or any other day, as long as he is a free, moral creature and has the liberty to be religious or non-religious by choice. Enforced religion can only engender hypocrisy instead of true piety. It makes slaves out of free men. Congress has no more right to prohibit legitimate and honorable business on Sunday because the church demands it than it has to prohibit church services on show day because the show demands it.

We believe that Sunday laws are not only un-American but un-Christian. Neither Christ nor His apostles sought at

any time to enforce their teachings by the force of civil statutes and penalties.

We, as Seventh-day Adventists, feel that we have a just reason to remonstrate against these compulsory Sunday Bills. The enactment into law of Sunday legislation has subjected many of our members to hardships and cruel persecutions. A revival of the Sunday Blue Laws always opens the way for religious bigotry to stir the smoldering embers of persecution; and it is impossible to set a bound beyond the limits which it dare not go.

We, therefore, ask your Honorable Body to refrain from any course which may lead again to the persecution of individuals or sects who have the divine and Constitutional right to differ on points of religious dogmas, and to enjoy the free exercise of their religious functions in such a matter and at such a time as they may choose, provided the exercise of that choice respects the same and equal rights of their neighbors.

And, we, your memorialists, beg leave to assure you that we are kindly disposed to support the government of our country, and to maintain a due submission to the lawful exercise of its authority in purely civil matters.

Signed by order of the Convention:

_____, President.

_____, Secretary.

IX *Whereas*, "The advocates of temperance fail to do their whole duty unless they exert their influence, by precept and example, by voice and pen and vote, in behalf of prohibition and total abstinence;" therefore,

Resolved, That our people prepare for united and effective action whenever the opportunity is granted to vote against the liquor traffic and that our people be encouraged to circulate our splendid temperance literature upon this subject.

Resolved, That we place ourselves on record as favoring national prohibition of the liquor traffic as the most effective measure for the elimination of this national curse.

X *Whereas*, the Division Conference has organized and is operating a Home Missionary Department, the work of which is to enlist the co-operation of every Seventh-day Adventist in some definite line of missionary work in the spread of the Third Angel's Message, we recommend:—

1. That our churches be organized into one or more working bands according to size and ability, with suitable leaders for each band, and that the bands be organized for the following purposes:—

a. The distribution of periodicals, magazines, tracts pamphlets, and forty per-cent books.

b. For holding Bible readings and cottage meetings.

- c. For medical missionary work.
- d. For missionary correspondence.
- 2. That we urge our church officers to give special attention to the encouraging and fostering of the missionary spirit among the church membership.
- 3. That companies of believers who have recently been brought to the truth be organized to carry on this missionary work.
- 4. That each family of Sabbath keepers supply themselves, as far as possible, with Vol. 6-9 of the Testimonies, and undertake to read them this fall and winter.
- 5. That the service on each fourth Sabbath in the month be given to the consideration of plans and methods of home missionary work by using the program in the Church Officer's Gazette.

XI *Whereas*, The Harvest Ingathering for missions has proven a great blessing both in acquainting the world with this great movement, and in raising funds with which to extend the work, therefore,

Resolved, That we undertake to raise an average of \$5.00 a member during 1916.

XII *Whereas*, The Present Truth Series meet with the present day demands for cheap, attractive and effective missionary literature, and

Whereas, This series stimulates the circulation of our large church missionary papers, tracts and books,

We recommend, it to all of our churches for systematic missionary work.

XIII *Whereas*, the colporteur or evangelistic canvassing work is ordained of God as a means of reaching thousands of people who would not otherwise be reached with the message, and

Whereas, There are not sufficient funds to employ a large number of salaried laborers, thus emphasizing the need of self-supporting workers, therefore, be it,

Resolved, That a strong continuous effort be put forth by the officers and laborers of the conference in co-operating with the Union and Division leaders in this work,

- a. In the selection and training of God-fearing men and women who shall devote their entire time to this work;

- b. That when faithful they be regarded highly for their work's sake; and

- c. That they be encouraged in every consistent way to continue on in the service to which they are called.

XIV *Whereas*, The Review and Herald Publishing Association has offered to give a premium of \$50.00 to each colporteur who will put in 1800 hours in field work in any consecutive twelve months in selling and delivering the publications issued by that house, therefore,

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of this liberal offer, and urge our colporteurs to adopt this amount of time

as their yearly goal, thus availing themselves of this opportunity.

XV *Whereas*, There has been no uniform system of paying the railroad fare of student colporteurs to and from their field; we, therefore,

Recommend, That the maximum inducement offered to accepted student colporteurs who return to their home conferences be,

- a. Their fare to the field on condition of agreement to put in eleven weeks of faithful work during the season, including delivery, the fare not to be allowed in case the colporteur fails to carry out the agreement.

- b. That where paragraph "a" is complied with and a scholarship is earned during this time, and settlement made for all books received, his return fare to the school be paid.

- c. That where conditions are such that it seems advisable for a student to work in a field other than his home conference, arrangements be made for such transfer with a committee consisting of the principal of the school, the union conference president, and the general missionary secretary of the fields concerned, in which case the courtesies mentioned in above paragraphs "a" and "b" shall apply.

XVI *Whereas*, We have received very few reports from our good Missionary Volunteer Societies the past year, and

Whereas, It is very important that we hear from these young people's societies that we may be able to report fully the splendid work they are doing, be it

Resolved, a. That the leaders of the societies encourage the individual members to report their work, impressing upon them the fact that the results the Lord has given them will encourage others to work, and

- b. That our Y. P. M. V. S. secretaries put forth a determined effort to report promptly and fully each quarter to the conference Y. P. M. V. S. secretaries.

XVII *Whereas*, Our young people are the greatest asset of this denomination, and youth is the time when minds are most easily influenced for good or evil, be it

Resolved, a. That we urge upon them the Standard of Attainment.

- b. That we encourage them to read the good literature provided in the Reading Course Books.

- c. That each young person be encouraged to observe the Morning Watch.

- d. That we encourage our young people to attain their financial goal of \$325 for missions, or \$2.50 for each young person in the conference for this year.

XVIII *Resolved*, That each Society use the Church Officer's Gazette as a help in arranging their weekly programs.

XIX *Resolved*, That we adopt the

three-fold goal of the General Conference Sabbath-school Department, and

- a. Study the Sabbath-school Lesson daily.

- b. Do personal work for every pupil.

- c. Encourage our members to do their part in raising the third million dollars to missions by the close of 1916.

XX *Resolved*, That we encourage each teacher to use the Sabbath-school Worker in the preparation of their lessons, and study the many helpful suggestions in regard to better methods for our Sabbath-school work.

XXI *Whereas*, God has spoken plainly concerning the importance of Christian schools for Adventist children, and knowing that the public schools cannot qualify workers for the Third Angel's Message, therefore

Resolved, That we as conference workers, church officers and churches, lend our influence in:—

- a. Maintaining the church schools already organized and encouraging the establishment of new church schools wherever convenient

- b. Encouraging the youth of our conference to attend the Washington Missionary College.

- c. Recommending those of our young people who are deprived from attending our educational institutions, to avail themselves of the opportunities offered by the Fireside Correspondence Schools.

- d. We further declare ourselves in favor of observing Educational Days as arranged by the general department of education.

XXII *Whereas*, Our Medical work is designed of God to be the right arm of the message, and to open doors that would otherwise be closed to us, therefore,

We recommend, a. That our medical work as a missionary feature be kept prominently before our people, and

- b. That medical missionary programs be arranged and presented at least two Sabbaths during the year.

XXIII *Whereas*, The health and morals of our children are in danger because of social impurity, and

Whereas, False and vulgar teaching is prevalent concerning the origin of life and relative subjects, therefore,

We recommend, That church officials arrange through the medical department to secure suitable literature and personal assistance for the instruction of parents and children on this vital question.

XXIV *Whereas*, The brethren, sisters and friends have so cordially opened to us their homes, and so kindly assisted in preparing the grounds for our accommodation, therefore, be it,

Resolved, That we extend our sincere thanks for their hospitality and co-operation, as well as every courtesy shown us.

XXV *Whereas*, Mr. William Crosby

has so kindly permitted us to use his beautiful grove for our camp-meeting, and extended to us the courtesy of allowing us to put the grove in such shape as would give us the greatest comfort and convenience, therefore, be it,

Resolved, That we tender to him our sincere gratitude and hearty appreciation for his courtesy, and that as an outward expression of our appreciation we present to him a copy of "Great Controversy."

J. O. MILLER, *President*.

EMMA S. NEWCOMER, *Secretary*.

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

OF

Chesapeake Conference, Jan. 1, to Dec. 31, 1916

RECEIPTS

Tithe	\$13523 57
Tent and Hall Expense	331 71
Appropriation from N.A.D. and C. U. Conferences	1585 00
Mileage	600 00
Suspense Account	1 75
Bills Payable	17 24
Interest Account	500 00
Emergency Fund	1140 00
Camp-meeting	79 30
Personal Account	746 17
	48 68
	<u>\$18573 42</u>

GENERAL TRUST FUND

Tract Society Sust. Fund	\$ 42 29
Annual Offering	141 71
Harvest Ingathering	614 67
Missions	1165 26
S. S. Offerings	4062 40
Weekly Offerings	98 36
Y. P. S. to Missions	6 56
Religious Liberty	3 59
Midsummer Offerings	78 37
Colored Work	10
Haiti	1 62
Educational Work	12 94
Emergency Fund	7 00
Brother Constable's Acct to missions	4 00
	<u>\$6238 87</u>

LOCAL TRUST FUND

Colored Work	\$21 50
Religious Liberty	1 81
Maintenance Fund	25
Ministry of Healing	1 50
	<u>\$ 25 06</u>

Total Receipts

	24837 35
Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1915	284 44
Total receipts for the year 1915	<u>\$25121 79</u>

Disbursements

Property	\$ 3 59
Tent and Hall Collections	495 88
Union Conference Tithe	1352 31
Mileage	2 21
Sustentation Fund	811 35
5% to Missions	676 09
Suspense Account	9 84
Conference Home Repairs	72 09
Bills Payable	1650 00

Interest Account	791 03
General Expense	362 39
Office Expense	554 52
Labor	8728 15
Traveling Expenses	851 27
Freight and Drayage	225 34
Emergency Fund	86 99
Camp-meeting	879 34
Personal Accounts	9 30
	<u>\$17561 69</u>

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Colored Work	1 75
	<u>6240 62</u>

LOCAL TRUST FUNDS

Religious Liberty	20 00
Colored Work	21 40
Total Disbursements	1915 <u>\$23843 71</u>
Total Receipts	1915 <u>25121 79</u>
Cash on hand December 31, 1915	<u>1278 08</u>

EMMA S. NEWCOMER, *Treasurer*.

Statement of Losses and Gains

For Year Ending 1915

Gains

Tithe	\$13523 57
Tent and Hall Col.	331 71
Appropriation	2185 00
Suspense Account	7 40
Equity 1611-10th St. Prop.	534 00
	<u>\$16581 68</u>

Losses

Property Depreciation	251 99
Tent and Hall Expense	495 88
Union Conf. Tithe	1352 31
Mileage	5 46
Sustentation Fund	811 35
5% to Missions	676 09
General Expense	362 39
Office Expense	943 02
Labor	8728 15
Traveling Expense	851 27
Freight and Drayage	225 34
Repairs on Conf. Bldg.	72 09
Interest	51 03
Camp-meeting	133 17
Donation Refunded	861 00
	<u>\$15829 54</u>

Net Gain

	761 14
Stock Acct. Jan. 1, 1915	949 91
Present Worth, Jan. 1, 1916	<u>\$1711 05</u>

EMMA S. NEWCOMER, *Treasurer*.

Financial Statement

For Year Ending Dec. 31, 1915

RESOURCES

Cash	\$1278 08
Property	
Inv'r'y Personal	\$1651 60
Equity in 1611-10th St	534 00
Baltimore No. 1 Church	34 13
General Trust Funds	1 75
Personal Accounts	9 20
	<u>\$3508 76</u>

LIABILITIES

Bills Payable	1361 00
Local Trust Funds	17 10
Emergency Fund	19 61
Interest Account	400 00
	<u>1797 71</u>
Present Worth	<u>\$1711 05</u>

EMMA S. NEWCOMER, *Treasurer*.

Statement of Tract Society

For Year Ending 1915

RESOURCES

Cash	\$1234 17
Inventories	
Merchandise	219 41
Expense	59 72
Personal Accounts	2908 33
	<u>\$4421 63</u>

LIABILITIES

"Visitor" Account	\$ 98 73
"Ministry of Healing" Account	518 30
Publishing Houses	1504 82
Suspense Account	11 36
Individual and Church Accts	45 80
	<u>2179 01</u>
Present Worth, Jan. 1, 1916	<u>\$2242 62</u>

Losses and Gains

GAINS

Merchandise	\$910 97
Periodicals	64 10
Interest	1 27
Mottos	8 27
Personal Accounts	1 19
	<u>\$985 80</u>

LOSSES

Expense	\$356 76
Sustentation Fund	42 29
Salary and Expense, Sec'y-Treas.	196 00
Scholarship	2 96
Personal Accounts	220 72
	<u>818 73</u>
Net Gain for year 1915	<u>167 07</u>
Stock Account, Jan. 1, 1916	<u>2075 55</u>
Present Worth, Jan. 1, 1916	<u>\$2242 62</u>

EMMA S. NEWCOMER, *Treasurer*.

News Notes

Mr. F. E. Hankins spent last week with D. W. Percy in field work, and is with Brother C. W. Jenkins this week.

Three very interesting theater meetings were held in the Hippodrome, one of the largest Moving Picture parlors in the city of Baltimore, July 2, by Evangelist A. S. Booth. The attendance was quite good, it being estimated that about 1500 people were in attendance at the night meeting. Quite a number of cards, requesting literature and notification of other meetings were received. At each meeting the announcement of the tent meetings, to begin July 9, was made. In harmony with the announcement, the tent meetings began last Sunday night, and the tent, a fine new one, 70x90 feet, was filled.

Elder J. H. Wierts began an effort for the German people in the Highland town section Sunday night in a 40 foot circle tent. This was filled and as many reported standing on the outside as were inside. We trust for good results in both these efforts and ask the prayers of the people.

Elder G. P. Rodgers has been holding tent meetings in Wilmington, Del. for several weeks. His attendance is not so large, but the people are reported as being of a good class, and we ask that you also remember the brethren there who are laboring hard to bring souls to Christ. There is some prejudice in that city and it will require some hard work and much praying to overcome it, as is the case in almost every place where our work has been begun.

Elder J. O. Miller spent last Sabbath with the church in Hagerstown. His visit was an encouragement to the church, as they have been struggling along without a pastor for nearly a year.

Brother W. H. George made a flying visit to Baltimore Monday.

NEW JERSEY

Paterson Tent Effort

Elder R. H. Martin, who with a company of laborers has been holding a tent effort in Paterson, New Jersey, from June 4 to July 9, conducted a baptismal service in the Union Avenue Baptist Church, Sabbath, July 8. Ten precious souls followed their Lord in the sacred ordinance of baptism and four others who had planned to be baptized were unable to be present.

The effort in Paterson has created a good interest.

About fifteen thousand pages of the Present Truth Series and tracts have been distributed in the city and many are deeply interested and are investigating the Bible truths presented at the tent.

Let us pray that they too will accept this blessed message and follow their Lord in baptism in the near future.

C. E. GULICK.

New Jersey Conference Association

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the New Jersey Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the conference and camp-meeting, July 27 to August 6, 1916, at Trenton, New Jersey, for the purpose of electing officers and a board of trustees, and of transacting such other business as pertains to the association. The first meeting will be held at 10 A. M., Monday, July 31.

A. R. SANDBORN, *President.*

CLARENCE LAWRY, *Secretary.*

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

News Notes

Our colporteurs have been wonderfully blessed during the last few weeks. One family who purchased a leather "Bible Readings" is convinced of the truth and has ordered a full morocco "Daniel and the Revelation."

Two new workers are to begin work this week in the eastern part of our conference. Many homes will have visits from them.

It seems that people everywhere are anxious to secure our literature. War, commotion and distress cause men and women to ask what these things mean. Our literature tells them the truth upon these matters.

If all our people who have been impressed to enter the work would do so, we would have an army in the field that could soon visit every home in the conference. Let us pray that many will respond to the call.

Elder F. H. Robbins was called to Adah, Sunday June 9, to conduct the funeral service of Brother C. H. Stillwagon, who died at his home there on June 6.

It has been definitely decided that the West Pennsylvania camp-meeting will be held at Homestead Park, August 24 to September 5. Further announcements will be made through the columns of the VISITOR later.

Elder W. F. Schwartz made a short call at the office Friday on his way to Erie. He has been visiting churches throughout the conference.

WEST VIRGINIA

News Notes

Elder Hirlinger conducted quarterly meeting services at the Parkersburg Church, Sabbath July 8. The church was well filled, many of the isolated members being present, and nearly all that were not present responded by letter. The meeting was enjoyed by all. Elder Hirlinger is now spending a few days with the tent company at Charleston.

The seven months old son of Brother W. H. Snider, of Kanawha, died Tuesday afternoon, July 11. The funeral services were conducted the following day by Brother Thirlwell. We sympathize with Brother Snyder and family in this bereavement.

Sabbath July 29, is the day for the Mid-Summer offering to be made. The Mid-Summer offering applies on the twenty-cent-a-week fund. We are still considerably behind on this fund so let us keep the Mid-Summer offering in mind and make our offerings as large as possible. If each one will make a liberal offering we will be able to send in the full amount due on our goal to date, and the offerings made at this time will greatly assist the work in the foreign lands. Those who have church privileges should give their offering to the church treasurer, and the isolated members should send their offerings to the conference treasurer.

Miss Vera Behrens of the Washington Missionary College recently made a tour of this conference selling the Watchman magazine. Her last stop before going to her home in Cincinnati, was Parkersburg. Here she sold one hundred magazines in three and one half hours. Upon request, she related some of the experiences of her tour to the Parkersburg church on Sabbath. The members of the Parkersburg church, as well as Miss Behrens, were convinced that West Virginia is a good field in which to sell magazines.

The West Virginia camp-meeting will be held August 30 to Sept. 10. Let all who possibly can, attend. Orders for tents etc., should be sent to the conference office at once so that arrangements can be made for as many tents as are needed.

The tent meetings at Charleston are

progressing nicely. The truth is being clearly and forcibly presented by Elders French and Redfield. The people listen attentively and many come forward at the close of the meeting for literature on the themes that are being presented. The Bible workers are kept busy giving Bible readings and distributing literature. The outlook for a successful effort is good.

OHIO

Interest at Mt. Olivet

In the early spring of the present year, I commenced meetings in the M. E. Church at Mt. Olivet, Belmont County, with a good attendance every night for five weeks.

Previous to this, at least three series of meetings have been held at this place. Years ago Elder E. T. Russel held meetings here, which resulted in a few accepting the truth and soon after the writer held two series of meetings, when a few more took their stand. On going back last spring, I found there were seven of these in Mt. Olivet and vicinity that were hanging on, some of whom were faithfully holding up the light.

Sabbath, July 8, I had the pleasure of baptising five dear souls as a result of my recent meetings, and there are others that I hope will soon be ready. Then there were some that were satisfied with their past baptism. One brother and his wife that accepted the truth during the last meetings, moved away. This leaves a company of twelve with a fair prospect of others soon to unite; all adults.

Already this little company manifests a spirit of earnestness and devotion in paying tithes and offerings and also of liberality in giving of their time and means repairing their old church building which one of the brethren purchased years ago, and which they had used but little.

As I leave this little company and go to other fields to labor, it is with rejoicing that I have been permitted to reap where the seed has been sown years ago.

C. C. WEBSTER.

News Notes

Miss Goldie Hixon is spending a week at her home in Columbus.

Miss Valeta Gibson of Norwalk, Ohio, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gibson.

A welcome and permanent visitor arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Seen July 7. It is a nine-pound baby boy and is getting along nicely.

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending July 7, 1916									
Frank Fults, Adams Co.		BR	5	50	4	12 00	9 65	21 65	102 50
R. H. Patterson, Green Co.		BR	5	49	16	52 00	12 50	64 50	6 00
George Carter, Fairfield Co.		BR	4	46	3	10 00	75	10 75	204 50
Chas. Carter, Fairfield Co.		BR	4	45	8	24 00	1 50	25 50	30 00
W. A. Ralls, Darke Co.		BR	5	44	10	31 00	3 00	34 00	
H. W. Barto, Fairfield Co.		BR	5	42	7	21 00	1 50	22 50	120 00
P. A. Franks, Wayne Co.		BR	4	41	14	45 00	10 00	55 00	
W. S. Syphers, Madison Co.		BR	5	41	5	15 00	3 00	18 00	97 50
Lutin Haughey, Darke Co.		BR	5	41	4	15 00	2 25	17 25	75
Fred Hannah, Lorain Co.		BR	4	40					60 00
Richard DeGarmo, Summit Co.		HM	4	40	20	40 00	3 85	43 85	
W. H. Smith, Holmes Co.		BR	4	40	10	30 00	4 25	34 25	1 75
Katharyn Fickes, Henry Co.		BR	4	37	14	42 00	75	42 75	75
Elsie Haughey, Henry Co.		BR	4	37	20	61 00	75	61 75	
Ed. Searles, Crawford Co.		BR	5	37	6	18 00		18 00	59 00
Mrs. Smith, Scioto Co.		CK	5	37	60	9 00	10 75	19 75	14 50
E. E. Goodrich, Madison Co.		BR	4	36	6	18 00		18 00	79 25
Fred Herman, Crawford Co.		BR	4	35	2	7 00	1 35	8 35	54 75
Mary Holder, Union Co.		BR	4	34	8	24 00	7 25	31 25	50
Will Price, Guernsey Co.		BR	4	32	15	50 00	15 00	65 00	31 25
Mrs. C. Kelley, Springfield		CK	4	30	10	16 00	3 25	19 25	14 80
F. E. Wagner, Barberton		GC	5	29	8	23 00	75	23 75	17 00
J. J. Mettler, Cleveland		BR	4	25	9	27 00	3 75	30 75	6 00
Joe Shellhaas, Darke Co.		BR	4	28	13	41 00		41 00	
George Cottman, Warren Co.		BR	1	16					60 00
Mrs. Stafford, Columbus		BR	4	16	2	7 00		7 00	4 00
E. C. Alexander, Clermont Co.		BR	1	16	2	6 00	75	6 75	173 00
H. O. Kohr, Licking Co.		DR	2	14	6	19 00	4 00	23 00	
G. W. Yingling, Coshocton		BR	2	10	4	13 00	5 20	18 20	
J. I. Midkiff, Coshocton		BR	2	10	2	7 00	5 25	12 25	
Totals	30 Agents			117 999	234	\$683 00	\$111 05	\$794 05	\$1137 80

Virginia, Week Ending July 7, 1916

Max Trummer & wife, Wythe Co.	DR	5	90	51	177 00	26 60	203 60	
A. H. Schultz, Allegheny Co.	DR	4	43	16	51 00		51 00	
Frank R. Wood, Nelson Co.	GC	4	41	23	77 00		77 00	
Bennett Ham, Nelson Co.	GC	4	33	23	75 00	6 40	81 40	
T. D. Gibson, Augusta Co.	BR	5	38	14	42 00	3 75	45 75	8 50
C. A. Carter, Caroline Co.	BR	2	18	12	38 00	60	38 60	60
S. N. Wilmer, Roanoke Co.	BR	4	42	9	33 00		33 00	115 00
Lewis Williams, Caroline Co.	BR	2	15	10	32 00		32 00	
Harry Wright, Hanover Co.	BR	2	20					159 00
Marion Mitchell, Richmond	BR		10	8	24 00		24 00	
M. A. Maloney, Rappahannock Co.	CK	8	61	25	40 50	13 15	53 65	6 30
Totals	12 Agents		40 411	191	\$589 50	\$50 50	\$640 00	\$289 40

The Pittsburgh Work Week Ending July 7, 1916

Maynard Rieman, Allegheny	A	10	64	182	83 50		84 10	31 60
J. J. Vance, Pittsburgh	BR	4	26	20	65 00		65 00	50 00
C. Dunham, Pittsburgh	GC	8	70	12	43 00		43 00	66 00
Earl Hackman, East Liberty	WC	4	28	45	22 25		22 25	18 60
Myrtle Bateman, Mt. Washington	A	4	24	47	22 25		22 25	9 00
Anna Schmidt, Allegheny	A	4	20	27	13 00	5 00	18 00	14 25
Emma Dade, Herron Hill	A	6	30	35	16 75		16 75	9 75
Lillie Herrich, Allegheny	A	4	20	30	14 00		14 00	6 00
Carrie Matteson, Pittsburgh	Mag.	4	24			13 50	13 50	13 50
Zoella Kelly, Mt. Washington	A	4	13	24	11 50		11 50	5 50
Harvey Allison, Allegheny	A	8	27	26	11 25		11 25	5 50
Jane Stunne, Carrick	A	4	25	30	11 25		11 25	4 00
Bonar Bainbridge, E. Liberty	WC	3	16	22	10 75		10 75	50
Florence Ashley, Allegheny	A	3	15	24	10 50		10 50	3 50
G. E. Johnson, Herron Hill	A	3	16	19	9 50		9 50	
Margaret Schmidt, Allegheny	A	2	8	7	3 50	5 00	8 50	8 00
Mrs. Wimberly, Herron Hill	A	3	8	12	6 00	2 20	8 20	2 20
York Wimberly, Herron Hill	A	4	19	14	7 00	3 20	10 20	3 20
Mrs. G. E. Johnson, Herron Hill	A	4	19	13	6 50	2 50	9 00	2 50
Catharine Aull, Herron Hill	A	3	8	14	6 50		6 50	
Miscellaneous			9	46	19	8 30	8 30	16 80
Totals	20 Agents		98 526	622	\$382 30	\$32 00	\$414 30	\$270 40

West Virginia, Week Ending July 7, 1916

J. S. Seal, Talcott Co.	BR	4	29	11	33 00	8 35	41 35	90
L. E. Christman, Talcott Co.	BR	5	43	12	42 00	2 25	44 25	2 45
John Brownlie, Talcott Co.	BR	5	42	12	38 00	1 50	39 50	1 35
T. M. Butler, Harrison Co.	BR	4	31	2	6 00	4 50	10 50	89 00
I. Lawrence, Petersburg	BR		17			75	75	122 50
J. W. Brando, Durbin	BR	4	22	2	6 00	2 95	8 95	78 00
Ruth Fahrner, Helvetia	BR				9 00	75	9 75	
G. E. Snyder, Harrison Co.	BF	4	33	6	18 00		18 00	111 00
E. R. Corder, Logan Co.	CK	5	43	77	132 50	14 50	147 00	3 25
H. L. Sheneman, Logan Co.	CK	5	32	26	42 25		42 25	1 40
W. A. McElphatrick, Charleston	COL	2	13	8	10 00	4 25	14 25	38 50
Miscellaneous					14 60		14 60	13 35
Magazines					5 00		5 00	5 00

Totals 11 Agents 38 327 156 \$356 35 \$39 80 \$396 15 \$466 70

New Jersey, Week Ending July 7, 1916

Geo. Blinn, Hunterdon Co.	BR	4	30	10	30 00		30 00	
H. Slaughter, Salem Co.	BR	3	19	6	18 00		18 00	
Andrew Hansen, Sussex Co.		3	30			7 50	7 50	117 75
W. B. Plant, Morris Co.	BR	4	35	6	19 00	5 00	24 00	

Totals 4 Agents 14 104 22 \$67 00 \$12 50 \$79 50 \$117 75

MAGAZINES \$213 00

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending July 7, 1916

Geo. Buttermore, Fayette Co.	BR	4	37	16	54 00	13 50	67 50	8 70
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	BR	4	14	1	3 00		3 00	6 00
W. H. House, Jefferson Co.	BF	4	34	13	29 50	4 40	33 90	11 00
J. A. Heaton, Huntingdon Co.	PPF	1	4	4	10 00		10 00	
Calvin Heaton, Huntingdon Co.	A	5	21	64	16 75		16 75	
John Keeler, Warren Co.	BR	3	22	12	36 00	4 25	40 25	
C. E. Will, Washington Co.	GC	2	14	2	6 00	3 00	9 00	6 00

Totals 7 Agents 23 146 112 \$155 25 \$25 15 \$180 40 \$31 70

Chesapeake, Week Ending July 7, 1916

O. C. Weller, Frederick Co. Md.	BR	2	16					152 50
Mildred Stuart, Wilmington, Del.	BR	4	25	6	19 00	3 00	22 00	75
B. Hohensee, Somerset Co., Md.	DR	2	21	19	81 00		81 00	
G. W. Lawrence, Harford Co. Md.	DR	4	40	5	16 00	6 50	22 50	
E. H. Dye, Wicomico Co.	DR	2		7	23 00	75	23 75	
C. C. R. Hare, Somerset Co.	DR	5	39	6	20 00	1 75	21 55	
J. E. Jones, Talbot Co. Md.	PPF	3	31	3	6 00	2 25	8 25	74 60

Totals 7 Agents 22 192 46 \$165 00 \$14 25 \$179 25 \$227 85

Grand Totals: 91 Agents Value of Orders \$2398 40 Deliveries, \$2541 60

Monthly Summary of Canvassers' Reports

Month Ending June 2, 1916

Conference	Colporteurs	Hours	Orders	Value	1915
Ohio	36	4372		4450 04	2021 15
West Virginia	17	1822	685	2357 65	959 00
District of Columbia	14	578	134	2171 90	564 20
Virginia	17	954	325	999 01	663 40
Chesapeake	15	1834	614	2246 90	1029 55
East Pennsylvania	12	1501	590	1197 10	489 10
West Pennsylvania	16	1931	695	1670 98	965 45
New Jersey	4	532	173	531 30	1023 55
Totals	131	13524	3216	\$14624 88	\$7715 40

Gain over May 1915 \$6909 48

UNION

Summary

In round numbers, the Union made a gain during the month of May, of 100% over May of 1915. Our sales for May 1915 were, in round numbers, \$7,000.00, while for May, 1916, they were \$14,000.00.

These silent messengers have gone into the field to do a great work. Yes, "It is true that some who buy the books will lay them on the shelf or place them on the parlor table, and seldom look at them. Still God has a care for this truth, and the time will come when these books will be sought for and read." Manual for Canvassers, page 6.

Another has spoken of these "silent messengers" in this way:—

"A good book will go anywhere, sea or land,

Gets into the cabin or palace,
Reaches those otherwise unreached,
Waits its time to be heard,—is never tired of speaking.

Can travel farther and cheaper than any;

Is unaffected by climate, is untouched by fever.

Once started off calls for no salary,
Costs nothing to feed or clothe.
Never changes its voice, lasts forever."

"The Holy Spirit will impress minds as they read the books, just as He impresses the minds of those who listen to the preaching of the Word. The same ministry of angels attends the books that contain the truth, as attends the work of the minister." Man. for Can., page 9.

Are you doing your part to place these "silent workers" where they may speak for God and truth at the opportune time? Come on, come on brethren and join us in this work. The storm is gathering, the world faces Armageddon, and Jesus is closing His work as Mediator for lost humanity. If these facts do not stir us to action, we shall never be stirred.

C. V. LEACH, *Union Field Miss. Sec'y*

Sister Bernice Gessner, with her son Paul and Aunt, Sister Barber, were struck by a limited car near Huron, Ohio, resulting in instant death to Bernice and her Aunt and serious injury to little Paul, age 5 years.

Surely the Father above us must pity the desolate ones who are left to mourn.

D. E. LINDSEY.

Elder E. K. Slade recently visited Elders F. M. Fairchild and A. G. Haughey who are conducting a tent effort at Pioneer.

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Miss Elsie Haughey and Miss Catherine Fickes, who are working in Henry County, write us that they are of good courage and are meeting with excellent success in working for scholarships. These workers visited a couple of families in Williams County where they were last summer, and found them very much interested in the truth and desirous of knowing more.

Sister Kelley, who is canvassing the city of Springfield, says that while she goes to many homes and does not sell a book, yet when she does find those who are hungering for light, it pays her for all her trouble. We are glad that there are those who are willing to go out and search for these honest souls.

OBITUARIES

GESSNER.—Bernice Horner Gessner, eldest child of Russell and Jane Horner, died July 4, 1916, at the age of 44 years. She was born in Hartland, Huron County, Ohio, May 15, 1872 and was united in marriage to Clinton H. Gessner in January 1908. To them was born one son, Paul, who with the husband mourn their loss.

She was a woman of rare gift, a faithful wife and a loving mother. She accepted the truth in early life and was a true and conscientious Christian. Elder Lindsey, who preached the funeral of her father and mother, also conducted this service at the home of Mr. Gessner in East Hartland, Ohio.

D. E. LINDSEY.

BARBER.—Melissa Arther Barber, eldest daughter of William and Theodora

Arther, died July 4, 1916, at the age of 79 years. She was born August 1836 in Peru, Ohio, and in 1855 united in marriage with King Horr. To this union was born one son, Albert, who survives her. Her husband died September 1868, and several years later she again united in marriage with Daniel Barber, who also passed to the great beyond.

She was a true and earnest Christian, being united in early life to the Adventist Church, of which she was a faithful member until she met her death in a wreck near Huron, Ohio. Elder Lindsey held the service at Norwalk and the deceased was buried at Fitchville, Ohio.

D. E. LINDSEY.

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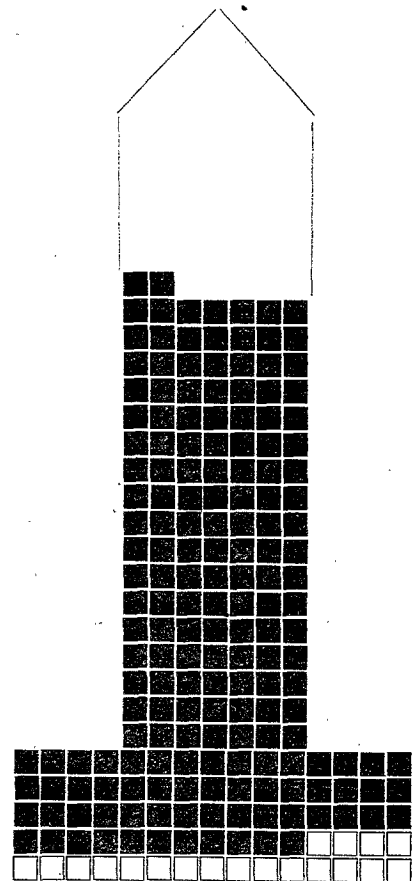
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West Pennsylvania, Aug. 24 to Sept. 3.
Ohio, Newark, August 17-27.



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