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GENERAL MATTER

"We plead for privilege to serve;
With outstretched, open arms we wait,
Prepared to stand, nor shrink nor swerve
From 'neath the load, however great,
Love casts upon us in the guise
Of martyrdom and sacrifice.
"And standing thus, expectant eye
Of burdens heavy to uphold,
We oft o'erlook from day to day
The smaller duties manifold
That slip between our upturned palms—
Sweet sympathies and blessed alms."

Christian Unity

"Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." John 17:20,21. It always has been and ever will be the will of God that his church should be a thoroughly united body. Therefore, anything in the local church, the local conference, the union conference, or the General Conference, that has a tendency to cause a division among the people of God, is contrary to the mind of God, and is of the enemy. If there ever was a time when the people of God should be united, heart and soul, in the work of God, that time is now. From the small class in Sabbath-school to the highest work of the General Conference, there should be perfect unity. If all who profess the truth were truly converted to God, wholly consecrated to him, so that God could at all times and under all circumstances do for them what he is very anxious to do, this unity would be seen. In Volume VIII. of the Testimonies, page 242, we read:—

"In the church of God to-day brotherly love is greatly lacking. Many of those who profess to love the Saviour neglect to love those who are united with them in Christian fellowship. We are of the same faith, members of one family, all children of the same heavenly Father, with the same

blessed hope of immortality. How close and tender should be the tie that binds us together! The people of the world are watching us to see if our faith is exerting a sanctifying influence upon our hearts. They are quick to discern every defect in our lives, every inconsistency in our actions. Let us give them no occasion to reproach our faith."

Again we read on page 243: "When Christ's prayer is fully believed, when its instruction is brought into the daily life of God's people, unity of action will be seen in our ranks. Brother will be bound to brother by the golden bonds of the love of Christ. The Spirit of God alone can bring about this oneness."

From the above quotations it will be seen that it is possible for the prayer of Christ for unity in the church to be realized. If it is not realized, then some one is not doing the will of God. The world is looking upon us to see if we are what we profess to be. If we do not meet the standard of God's word, we are bearing false witness to the world, standing in the way of the salvation of others, and weakening our own spiritual power.

Again in Volume VIII., page 12 we read: "The members of the church need now to 'confess their' backslidings, and press together. My brethren, allow nothing to come in that will separate you from one another or from God. Talk not of differences of opinion, but unite in the love of the truth as it is in Jesus."

How it must grieve the heart of God when his children in this world lose confidence in one another and begin to draw apart; when they allow the spirit of the enemy to come in and divide the flock, and thus drive out the Spirit of God.

"If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also." 1 John 4:20, 21.

When the love of God reigns in the

hearts of believers there is unity. When anything is seen coming into the church that would have a tendency to bring in discord and divide the flock, there should at once be deep heart-searching on the part of each member of the church to see if the cause of the trouble is not with the individual. But how often when trouble comes in we search the other member, and keep on searching him, until our spirituality is almost gone and we actually go about with hatred in our hearts, yet all the time trying to make ourselves believe that we are true Christians and the other one is to blame for all the trouble. How angels must weep as they see the lack of unity and love among the professed people of God! May the Lord help his people everywhere to seek him with humble hearts until they are able to claim the victory over every evil word, thought, and act.

The Lord will unite the hearts of his people in love if they will only seek him with earnestness of soul and believe his promises. He has promised to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. He will do it if we only let him have his way.

J. W. WATT.

That Debate

Repeatedly the assertion has been publicly made that Seventh-day Adventists have "backed down," because both Cardey and Elder Healey, ministers of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, refused to enter into a public debate with Ernest C. Love, an evangelist of the church of Christ. A number of inquiries have come to me regarding this matter, and I desire to place before the public the facts viewed from the standpoint of Seventh-day Adventists.

The challenge Elder Cardey issued was to the people of Santa Ana. So far as we have been able to ascertain, Mr. Love represents but a very small fraction of the people of Santa Ana. No considerable number of people of Santa Ana were ready to endorse him as their representative in a public debate on the question of the Sabbath.

After Mr. Love had signified his desire to debate the question at issue, Elder Cardey sought counsel from the president of the conference, and Elder Healey was asked to go to Santa Ana with Elder Cardey and investigate the situation; and if it was found that Mr. Love was supported by a sufficient number of the citizens of Santa Ana to justify the holding of a public discussion, all arrangements were to be made for the same. In the meantime I received a communication from the elder of our church in Santa Ana, who is a prominent physician, having a large practice there, as follows:—

“Elder E. E. Andross, Los Angeles, Cal.

“Dear Brother Andross:

“After having consulted freely with the more active members of the Seventh-day Adventist church here in Santa Ana, and also talking with a number of people belonging to other churches, we feel there is very little demand for a public discussion of the question mentioned in the circular issued by Elder Cardey. As far as I can learn, the Rev. Mr. Love is endorsed by a very inconsiderable number of the church-going people of this city. If the ministerial association of Santa Ana are willing to endorse him as their champion in the question mentioned, then I could see light in considering the debate.”

That the facts might be fully known, the following letter was addressed to Elder Healey, of San Diego, Cal.

“Dear Brother Healey:—

“In the *Daily Evening Blade*, published in Santa Ana, and bearing the date of April 10, 1911, I find the following statement in an article entitled ‘A Correction’ signed by George W. Pattison, committeeman for the Church of God, and Dr. U. G. Littell, committeeman for the church of Christ:

‘We recognize the fact that the Seventh-day Adventists have no part in this discussion, as they completely backed down from their own challenge.’

“Since you conducted a meeting that was largely attended by the citizens of Santa Ana where Mr. Love arose and stated that he accepted the challenge, will you kindly give me the facts regarding this matter, that I may place them before the people of Santa Ana?

“(Signed) E. E. Andross.”

ELDER HEALEY'S REPLY

“Dear Brother Andross:

“I have read your favor of the 13th

inst. We should be pleased that the ‘committeemen’ are making it known that Seventh-day Adventists ‘have no part in this discussion.’ If others choose to pick up what we throw away, and feed on what we reject, we can afford to grant them all the pleasure they derive from it. Agreeable to your request, I made a careful investigation of this proposed discussion, fully intending to hold it if it was the proper thing to do.

“I think I have held more public discussions than any other Adventist minister living. The results have given me no cause to fear or to ‘back down.’ I have never held a religious debate for personal glory, neither do I propose to be ‘dared’ into one by those whose principal stock is an ambition to get into the ‘lime-light’ of notoriety.

“We were in no way bound to debate with Elder Love, because of the ‘challenge’ of Elder Cardey. It read as follows:

“‘A CHALLENGE TO THE PEOPLE
OF SANTA ANA

“(1) The Bible teaches that you must keep the Seventh-day Sabbath, which is Saturday.

“(2) Sunday-keeping came from the Papacy, and is the mark of the beast. Rev. 14:9-11. God holds you responsible to understand this question.”

“Our objection was not to the challenge nor the questions proposed, but to the fact that Elder Love did not represent the people of Santa Ana. He has a score or so of adherents to his faith, in the city. Beyond that he had practically no recognition in the city. Not a single representative of any other church advised the discussion, except the ‘Church of God,’ represented by George W. Pattison, the ‘committeeman.’ This church was probably unanimous, because Mr. Pattison is practically all there is of it in the city.

“At the close of one of my meetings, I gave Elder Love an opportunity to tell the people about the ‘back-down’ of Elder Cardey and the Adventists; then informed him, and the audience, which numbered several hundred, that I have been unable to find any demand for the discussion, worthy of our attention. I recognized the fact that a man may be right, although he stands alone, and offered to give my time to talk these things over with Elder Love or any member of his faith. But to hold a public discussion, I must ask for some one who represents a reasonable percent of the thinking public, not those

who take delight in seeing professed Christians wrangle, thereby seeking an excuse for their own wrong-doing. I promised them that whenever a reasonable number of persons desiring to know ‘what is truth’ should ask for a discussion, and furnish the man, I would see that they should have all the discussion they desired.

“I think this is sufficient to give you an idea of the kind of a ‘back-down’ we had in Santa Ana.

“(Signed) W. M. Healey.”

After some delay, arrangements were made by a lay member of the Seventh-day Baptist denomination for Mr. A. T. Jones to stand in defence of the down-trodden truth of God in the presence of the great and expectant crowd of the people of Santa Ana. Having secured a large hall in the center of the city, and extensively advertised the “great debate” they held the first session Monday evening, May 1, with an attendance of about 100. I am informed that the average attendance during the three weeks’ discussion was about 60. It may be of interest to state here that the meeting above referred to, which Elders Healey and Cardey held in the same hall, after a brief notice, was attended by between 400 and 500 people.

That the people of Santa Ana were not calling for this debate, is further demonstrated by the fact that during the first part of the debate a revival effort was in progress, with a nightly attendance, according to reports, of from 3,000 to 3,500 people. However, this closed about one week before the close of the debate, and yet the attendance at the debate was not perceptibly increased.

Thinking possibly that the noise of “the Seventh-day Adventist back-down” had gone abroad, it was arranged for the discussion to be repeated in other cities in California; hence a hall was secured and the debate was repeated in the great tourist resort, Pasadena. I am informed by some who were in quite regular attendance that the audiences ranged from 29 to about 50, with an average of possibly 35.

The discussion is now being held in a store building near the central part of the city of Los Angeles, with an attendance the second night of from 60 to 80. Two of our brethren are holding a tent meeting out in the suburbs of this city, on 42nd Street and Central Avenue, with an attendance of from 250 to 550. Another tent effort is in progress at Long Beach with a nightly attendance of from 500 to 700. This does not look as if the Lord had

forsaken those who are preaching the third angel's message as represented in the organized work of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination in Southern California.

We have no disposition whatever to boast over the attendance in our various efforts, which is uniformly good, or over the success that is attending this work; but after so much has been said about "the Seventh-day Adventist backdown," about "that changed position," with the assertion that it "is the manifestation of evident bewilderment," etc., we believe that it is time the people should know some of the facts that gave rise to this debate, that they know whether or not Seventh-day Adventists have allowed "any man in most public defiance to ride all over the truth of God in the questions of the Sabbath and the mark of the beast, and they only take to cover; "whether or not it has been necessary because of their "persistent refusal" for "a private member of another denomination" or for any man of no denomination "to seek to save the Sabbath cause from their discredit." From the actual facts in this case does it not seem as if this circumstance was seized upon as an occasion for casting discredit upon the very people who are to-day standing as they have ever stood, in defence of the truth of God as represented in the third angel's message; who instead of going about the country debating, are actually carrying out the injunction of the Saviour, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature"? Is it not being actually demonstrated in the very field where it is claimed Seventh-day Adventists were allowing a man "in most public defiance to ride all over the truth of God," that they have chosen the wiser course? Hundreds are each evening listening to the very same message that was brought to me twenty-six years ago, and that, too, without being compelled to see that same blessed truth ruthlessly dragged in the mire and dirt as it is each evening in the debate now in progress. Scores are at this writing in the valley of decision, while quite a number have already taken their stand to keep all the commandments of God, and this, too, in the field where the debates are being held, and since they began; but let me assure you this result is not in any sense due to the debate, but to the old, tried method of the denomination followed by "little men handling great subjects." Now, candidly, who are the "so bewildered" persons? Who is it for whom the prayer should

now be made—"O Lord God, turn the hearts of this people back again to thee"?

E. E. ANDROSS,

President Southern California Conference.—*Pacific Union Recorder*.

AT THE COLLEGE

Elder Shultz is attending the New Jersey camp-meeting at Trenton.

Mr. Earl W. Culver returned to the College last Thursday.

Miss Rosella Smith, a graduate of Union College, will connect with the College faculty as teacher of literature. Her sister will also be here to assist in the music department.

Miss Gladys Golden, a nurse at the Sanitarium, was called to Clarksburg, W. Va., to care for her sister.

Mrs. J. A. Smith, of Leesburg, O., returned to the Sanitarium last Thursday, and expects to undergo a surgical operation.

Mr. Robert Robinson of Clyde came to the Mount Vernon Sanitarium for treatment after the camp-meeting. He is improving in health.

Mr. Martin Anderson visited his brother at the College last week. He was on his way to Washington to be in charge of the training school at Takoma Park. Mr. Anderson has been engaged in ministerial work in the South Dakota Conference this summer, and reports seven families keeping the Sabbath as the result of his effort.

Mr. Enos M. Horst came to the Sanitarium last Thursday to remain during the winter.

Misses Mabel and Susan Carroll, of Smithsburg, Md.; Mr. J. R. Midkiff, of Clarksburg, W. Va.; and Mr. Freeman Coolan, from Nova Scotia, Canada, are new students who arrived last week.

Miss Alice Austin returned to Mount Vernon last Thursday, and will attend school this year.

Mr. Chester R. Spangler, who has been connected with the Central California Conference since its organization a few months ago, has resigned his position to enter school at Union College.

Elder Butler returned last week from the Virginia camp-meeting at Richmond.

Miss Emma Rice arrived in Mount Vernon last Thursday night.

Mr. Merritt Eusey dropped in last Thursday to select his room. He paid a short visit to Hamler O., during the few remaining days before the opening of the school.

Mr. W. S. Metcalf cut his hand quite seriously while working in his bakery at Wilmington, O. Mrs. Metcalf went to Wilmington last week.

Miss Clara Reichenbaugh went to Wakeman, O., last week, and opened the church school there on Monday the 11th. We wish her a successful school year.

Married at Philadelphia last Thursday, September seven, Miss Mary Sprecher and Mr. Howard J. Detwiler. Heartiest Congratulations!

We have heard that Berl Wagner will not be returning to Mount Vernon this year; that he has been selected as one of the young men who are to be trained in England for the work there.

Miss Florence White has been spending a few weeks' vacation at her home in Guelph, Ontario. On her return to Mount Vernon she visited relatives in Hamilton, Ontario, and spent a day at the Toronto exhibition. Miss White will teach in the training school this year.

School opens to-day. For three days the students have been coming in, and now two hundred eager faces crowd the College chapel. It is the moment to which they have looked forward for months, some of them for years. For the realizations of this day they have planned and worked, and prayed, and now as they join their two hundred happy voices in a hymn of praise, it is with sincere gratitude to the heavenly Father who has brought them safely to this glad moment, the goal of their hopes and the gate of their future.

This is in anticipation. Next week we will tell you how many students there were, and something about them.

OHIO

The Ohio Camp-meeting

"God bids his people on the earth,
Before he comes and calls them hence
To live unknit to home and hearth,
Like far-bound travelers in tents.

"It is his will that we should pass
Like strangers, separate and aside
From all the vain and worldly mass
That crowd the Babylons of pride.

"O brother, whatsoever chain
Binds us to fleshly lust and strife,
Here let us rend it in God's name,
And live, henceforth, the pilgrim life."

The Children's Department

Between sixty and seventy children, ranging in age from eight to fourteen years, constituted the children's department of the camp-meeting. In the children's tent, meetings were held twice daily. Each morning a subject suitable for the day's lesson was introduced. The text that greeted the children at the opening meeting was, "If thou wilt believe, thou shalt see the glory of God." We believed, and God did manifest his glory of goodness in our meetings.

THE SPIRIT OF PRAISE

We united in the spirit of praise manifested in the first morning meeting in the large tent and also in the youth's meeting. The scripture lesson was Psalm 148, in which everything that God has created, including the children, is called upon to praise the Lord. These points were placed upon the blackboard and explained. The teachers were called upon in turn and rose with their classes to praise the Lord for his goodness. As the teacher lead out, timidity was overcome, God's blessings were recounted, and praise was given to him.

PLANS FOLLOWED

In the most simple way, by means of illustrations, and by the aid of the Holy Spirit, the "Way of Life" was made clear to the minds of the children. Lessons on faith in God, how to give up sin, obedience, victory, etc., were given in the afternoon meetings and reviewed by the teachers in the morning meetings. A very helpful lesson was given by Elder A. G. Daniells on "The Path leading Upward and the Downward Road," illustrated by an outline on the blackboard. Blank books were given the children in which to copy the scripture texts of the lesson.

PERSONAL WORK

That which counted most for the spiritual uplift of the children was the personal work done—heart to heart talks, outings beneath the trees, where prayer and communion with God were held, the real needs of the children were ascertained, and they were taught how to forsake sin and surrender themselves to God. Many gave their hearts to the Lord and went forward in baptism as they were led by the Holy Spirit. Others were counseled to wait and go forward in this ordinance in their home churches. Divine guidance was sought in this work as teachers and leaders met daily in counsel meetings.

THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT

Throughout the meeting the missionary spirit was interwoven in all our work. Talks were given on foreign missions twice in Sabbath-school. Elder W. W. Miller also gave a talk on India. Our closing meeting was a missionary service, in which Mrs. James E. Shultz took the children to Japan upon a supposed trip, which they greatly enjoyed. We planned to raise \$20.00 for foreign missions. Including our Sabbath-school offerings \$27.08 was contributed. Plans for raising missionary money were talked over and the children decided to earn money and contribute liberally to foreign missions during the coming year. Reports showed that about one hundred dollars' worth of magazines had been sold by the children last year. The tract, "How Esther Read Her Bible," and "The Winning of Margaret," were given the children to lend to their friends, thus teaching them to circulate our literature.

A spirit of cooperation on the part of the teachers contributed to the success of the meetings.

We felt at the conclusion of this effort that it does pay to labor for the salvation of the children, and that we had received a refreshing from Him who said, "Feed my lambs" and "Suffer little children to come unto me."

IDA M. WALTERS.

The Young People

In the young people's tent, as far as possible, the early morning services were devoted to social meetings, one notable exception being the morning when Elder B. G. Wilkinson addressed the young people on the importance of taking their stand for God, and thirty young men and women responded to the call. Eight of these were afterward baptized, while some

were referred to their home churches for this ordinance.

The afternoon meetings were largely occupied with talks on missions by returned missionaries campaigning for students for Mount Vernon College, and by representatives of the Reading Course, Standard of Attainment, and other phases of the young people's work.

Parents' meetings were held daily with excellent interest.

On Thursday afternoon one hour was given to a church school program made up of papers and appropriate recitations by teachers, and short addresses by the General Conference and Union Conference educational secretaries. An interest was awakened by this meeting and by the exhibition in the large tent of work done by the schools during the past school year. W. C. MOFFETT.

The Kindergarten

The kindergarten department was well represented at the camp-meeting this year, although the attendance was a little smaller than it has been for a few years past.

Two meetings were held in the children's tent daily, except on Sabbath, when Sabbath-school took the place of the first meeting. The morning meeting was held at eight o'clock. When the children had gathered in the kindergarten tent, we took our places in the morning circle, and after song and prayer, took up the lesson for the day. This consisted of a lesson story by the teacher, and a memory verse to be learned by the children. Then time was given them to tell of their experiences in working for Jesus. Some told how they had earned missionary money by selling papers, others by planting gardens, raising chickens, etc. These social talks soon broke down the barriers of bashfulness, and even the most timid, who at first could not be induced to come to the tent without their parents, and while there expressed themselves only in tears, became acquainted with each other and could talk as well as the rest.

In the afternoon meeting at half past four we gathered around our little blue tables and reviewed the lesson of the morning, with the memory verse, illustrating it by some form of busy work.

The little ones were bright, active, and attentive to the lessons given each day. As the hour for the morning meeting arrived they came one by one, eager to tell what they had been doing for Jesus. It was inter-

esting indeed to note the ambitions of these little children to work for their Master. We know that the Lord has given even the smallest their part to do.

During the camp-meeting the children gathered 120 pennies for missionary work. MRS. O. M. JOHN.

Camp-meeting Notes

Elder Daniell's report of the recent European council was an inspiration to the campers.

Elder K. C. Russell's visit, although short, was greatly enjoyed by all who were fortunate enough to hear him.

The rite of baptism was administered to eleven persons by Elder C. T. Redfield on the last Sunday afternoon of the meeting. Others were advised to defer and receive baptism at their home churches.

The Sabbath services were seasons of spiritual uplift and refreshing. Elder Daniells conducted a revival effort on the first Sabbath, and Professor H. R. Salisbury another on the second. On both of these occasions many came forward to renew their vows with the Lord, backsliders were reclaimed, and others made their first start for the kingdom of heaven.

The Ohio Tract Society sales during the camp-meeting amounted to a little over \$500.00.

Elder E. K. Slade, of Holly, Michigan, whose election to the presidency of the Ohio Conference was announced in last week's issue of the VISITOR, has creditably served seven consecutive terms as president of the East Michigan Conference. Brother Slade is a man of good judgment, conservative and careful along financial lines, and has displayed tact and executive ability in his administrative work. It is a personal satisfaction to me to turn over to another bearing the stamp of manhood possessed by Elder Slade, the work to which I have given many years of earnest endeavor. Time, I feel assured, will prove that no mistake has been made in the selection of Elder Slade to fill this position of sacred trust and responsibility. I also bespeak for him, as he assumes his new duties, the hearty cooperation of every loyal believer in the third angel's message, in this conference. H. H. BURKHOLDER.

An Open Letter to the Believers in Ohio

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—

In the providence of God I am called to the work in your great state, to unite with you in helping to herald and hasten the last warning message. It is with mingled feelings of dread and delight that I enter upon this work. Knowing something of the burdens and anxieties connected with the great responsibility, I was tempted many times to decline to respond to the call at Wooster; but with the dread came feelings of delight as I was permitted to meet and mingle with a people so warm in their welcome, and to be assured of such loyal and faithful cooperation in the work. As I enter upon my work in your conference I wish to have you understand that I appreciate the hearty welcome, the kind words, and the many manifestations of interest accorded by all the Ohio conference workers and all the people that I have met. That we may all and always work and walk so unselfishly, so unitedly, so faithfully, and so effectively that we may have the approval of God, and see the work greatly hastened, is my earnest prayer.

Recognizing and appreciating the faithful labors of the past years, let us endeavor to secure a new and better hold on the work in the state of Ohio, and try to improve in every part. To give the message to the five millions of people in our own state is a work at home that should seriously concern us all, and that should call for earnest effort. The demands for more means and more workers for foreign fields increase with the passing of years. To perform our part in the general work, and properly prosecute the work at home, is a problem that will greatly concern every faithful believer in Ohio. But though the task is large, I am sure, dear friends, that, with the help of God, we shall be abundantly able to perform it, if each one will faithfully do his part.

I shall be glad to keep in close touch with every conference worker, and with all our churches. Especially shall I be glad to visit and to hear from our elders and other church officers. Let our people throughout the conference be free to keep the conference office informed of the needs of the work, and the conditions in your community that we should know for a better prosecution of the work throughout the state. Address

me at Mount Vernon. Your brother
and co-worker, E. K. SLADE.

After October 1, the address of Dr. H. M. Jump will be 629 Orchard St., Toledo, Ohio.

Miss Ella M. Talmage went to her home at Mount Gilead after the close of camp-meeting, to enjoy a few weeks of rest before resuming her work as Bible reader. Miss Talmage has been working in Toledo during the past year.

Brother G. C. Quillin has been in Mount Vernon for a few days storing the conference tents which were in use at the camp-meeting.

The Sabbath-school donations received the second quarter of this year amounted to \$888.40.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cassell and their daughter Ruth returned from Laura last week. Mr Cassell's father is recovering from his serious illness.

Miss Bessie E. Russell, who has been enjoying a few weeks' vacation, has resumed her work in the conference office as state Sabbath-school secretary.

Mrs. J. I. Cassell in company with her children returned last week from Laura, where she has been paying a visit to her old home.

Notice

We have five different views, taken at the Wooster camp-ground, mounted on good cardboard, which we can furnish for a limited time at the following prices. The sizes given are those of the actual photo and not of the mountings.

Number one: A picture of four ex-presidents of the Ohio Conference; namely, Mears, Kennedy, Hanghey, Burkholder, and our president, Elder E. K. Slade, all in one group. Size 6 x 8. Price 50 cents each.

Number two: A view of the inside of the large tent, showing rostrum and inside furnishings. Size 6 x 8. Price 50 cents each.

Number three: A picture of the first president of the Ohio Conference, Brother Oliver Mears, now in his ninety-second year, and the last president, Elder E. K. Slade, standing together. Size $3\frac{3}{4} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$. Price 25 cents each.

Canvassers' Reports

West Virginia, Week Ending August 25, 1911

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
H. V. Leach, Logan Co.		PG	4	35	31	103 00	2 10	105 10	2 10
W. McElphatrick, Braxton Co.		DR	5	51	35	88 00	15 75	103 75	9 75
Clara Pettit, Logan Co.		PG	4	37	17	54 00	27 00	81 00	
A. T. Halstead, Logan Co.		DA	3	32	12	36 00	25 15	61 15	1 75
Maud McDade, Tucker Co.		SP	3	29	14	18 00		18 00	
"		LR			1	5 00	12 50	17 50	
J. Winemiller, Randolph Co.		DR	3	17	10	26 00		26 00	
T. M. Butler, Monongalia Co.		GC	5	40	5	15 00	5 80	20 80	6 80
Mary Rice, Randolph Co.		DR	5	26	11	17 00	3 50	20 50	
L. Bainbridge, Tucker Co.		SP	3	27	6	7 50	8 50	16 00	
H. C. Smith, Taylor Co.		DR	2	17	2	6 00		6 00	
J. W. Marshall, Berkeley Co.									83 80
Totals			37	311	144	\$375 50	\$100 30	\$475 80	\$104 20

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending September 2, 1911

E. Sturner, Mifflinburg		OK	4	24	2	3 00	1 00	4 00	1 00
I. Gearhart, Easton		OK	4	26	12	18 50	3 30	21 80	3 30
M. Gerhart, Easton		OK	4	26	17	26 50	3 60	30 10	3 60
R. P. Morris, Hanover		GC	5	47	20	64 00		64 0	
†R. P. Morris, Hanover		GC	5	47	25	78 00	13 00	91 00	
†H. B. Rohrer, Hanover		GC	4	34	11	33 00		33 00	
S. Rockwell, Roaring Branch		GC	4	18	2	3 00	1 00		118 00
Wm. P. Hess Windsor		DR	2	24					103 00
H. Baumgartner, Mifflinburg		GC	5	35	8	26 00	2 10	28 10	2 10
Totals			37	281	97	\$252 00	\$24 00	\$272 00	\$226 00

New Jersey, One Week Ending August 25, 1911

*G. W. Blinn, Hunterdon		BR	12		40	137 70		137 70	
W. B. Plant, Salem		CK	5	36	37	58 00	2 50	60 50	
W. Schmidt, Cape May		GC	5	34	10	34 00	7 40	41 40	
Ruth Murphy, Mercer		CK	4	28	20	33 50	2 25	35 75	1 75
L. Cruickshanks, Salem		CK	5	28	21	34 00	90	34 90	
J. S. Glunt, Gloucester		BR	2	16	6	6 00	50	6 50	1 00
Totals			33	142	134	\$303 20	\$13 55	\$316 75	\$2 75

New Jersey, Week Ending, September 1, 1911

W. Schmidt, Cape May C. H.		GC	4	20	4	14 00	5 85	19 85	2 75
J. S. Glunt, Gloucester Co.		BR	3	8	3	3 00		3 00	5 00
Totals			7	28	7	\$17 00	\$5 85	\$19 85	\$7 75

West Pennsylvania, Three Weeks Ending August 25, 1911

E. Jenks, Ridgway		CK	17	129	75	120 00	37 30	157 30	5 50
A. Brownlee, Armstrong		GC&CK	11	103	15	22 75	4 70	27 45	252 55
T. Dunham, Emswort		GC	5	21	4	12 00		12 00	21 00
M. E. Crawford, Mifflin			1	2		8 00	2 50	10 50	10 50
C. Midkiff, Franklin		GC	4	30		79 75	10 25	90 00	90 00
Totals			38	285	94	\$242 50	\$54 75	\$297 25	\$378 55

Chesapeake, Three Weeks Ending September 1, 1911

J. Jones, Worcester Md.		CK	14	106	43	66 50	24 50	91 00	
D. W. Percy, Kent Co. Del.		DA	4	30	12	36 00	16 75	52 75	
H. Britton, Kent Co. Del.		GC	4	33	15	46 00	12 70	58 70	
C. M. Paden, Harford Co. Md.		CK	5	35					147 75
B. E. Manuel, Lonaconing Md.		CK	4	31	9	14 00	1 50	15 50	
Totals			31	235	79	\$162 50	\$55 45	\$217 95	\$147 75

*Two weeks †Aug. 26

Grand Totals: Value of Orders, \$1660.60 Deliveries, \$870.00

LIABILITIES

Bills payable	\$2055.00
Ministry of Healing fund	957.63
Penn. Tract Society	10.00
Publishing house accounts payable	18.27
Canvassers accounts payable	19.28
Cash overdrawn	203.24
Total liabilities	\$3263.42

Present worth, Jan. 1, 1911 \$1254.01

The report of the Columbia Union Auditor was read, attesting to the accuracy of the statements as given in the foregoing, after which they were accepted. J. S. BARROWS, Secretary and Treasurer.

CHESAPEAKE

Fords Store Md.

I am glad to report to the readers of the VISITOR that the Fords Store church is not "sleeping on guard," but is wide awake to the importance of the work the Master has given us to do. Our missionary and young people's societies show advancement along these lines; and as the business season opens, cheerful countenances reveal higher aspirations and more hopeful determination.

There is much hoping and praying that our coming camp-meeting at Dover, Delaware, September 14-24, may bring to us a downpour of spiritual blessings. We are glad to hear of the good prospects of a large attendance; but we fear that some one by staying away may fail of receiving the blessing that the Lord is waiting to bestow upon us. Come, brethren and sisters, and bring your families with you. Do not allow this opportunity to receive a grand spiritual uplift go by unheeded. It may be your last camp-meeting. Doubtless many new faces will be seen there and you should make their acquaintance. Come and bring Jesus with you.

JOHN F. JONES.

Brethren G. R. Apsley and W. L. Adkins stopped at the office this week on their way to the camp-ground at Dover, Del., to help in erecting the tents and in making other necessary preparations for the camp-meeting. They closed their meetings at Thurmont, Md., one week ago, and report a continued interest at that place.

George R. Crother, Jr., called at the office in company with Brother Adkins. He was also on his way to the camp-meeting, and will be bap-

Number four: A view of Main Street looking toward the grandstand. Size $3\frac{3}{4} \times 8$. Price 35 cents each.

Number five: A view of Main Street looking toward the entrance of the camp-ground. Size 4×6 . Price 25 cents each.

Number five can be furnished in postcard size for 10 cents each.

Address all orders to Ohio Tract Society, Box 187, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

The Western Pennsylvania Conference

(Concluded)

Whereas, The development of the third angel's message requires the maintenance of a very high standard of personal character in our churches, and especially in those who are called to act officially as leaders; therefore,—

20. Resolved, That we urge our churches to choose as officers, only such persons as give good evidence of Godly living and faithfulness to the principles of this message.

Whereas, The work to be done in this conference is great and the laborers are few; and,—

Whereas, The tithe is God's appointed means of securing funds to support the gospel ministry; therefore,—

21. Resolved, (a) That we urge upon all the necessity of faithfully paying into God's storehouse the tithe which he has reserved for that purpose.

(b) That we recommend that the church officers and leaders be chosen from among those who do not rob God in tithe and offerings.

Whereas, The spirit of the Lord has definitely blessed in the Harvest In-gathering campaigns, and these have brought in gifts that have been a great blessing to the mission work; therefore,—

22. Resolved, That we pledge ourselves anew to this effort and urge the fullest co-operation on the part of all our members in the present campaign with the *Signs of the Times*.

Whereas, The demand for religious legislation in both the state and the nation is growing with increasing rapidity every passing year; and,—

Whereas, There are multitudes of honest and sincere people who do not realize the evil principle that underlies this kind of legislation; therefore,—

23. Resolved, That we inaugurate a most vigorous campaign in our conference, for the expounding of these principles:—

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

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

(c) By urging the church to place these journals, as far as possible, in the hands of the leading citizens, and others of their friends and neighbors.

(d) By judiciously placing copies of the new revised edition of *American State Papers* in the hands of our state legislators.

(e) By a generous distribution of our religious liberty leaflets.

(f) By utilizing as far as possible, the public press in getting these principles before the reading public.

(g) By the circulation of petitions to the state and national legislatures when any religious measures are pending.

The treasurer then presented the following financial statements of the conference and tract society.

Financial Statement West Pennsylvania Conference and Tract Society, December 31, 1910

RESOURCES	
Merchandise inventory	\$ 305.27
Office furniture and fixtures inventory	120.00
Postage inventory	.26
Canvassers accounts receivable	2355.59
Ministry of Healing accounts receivable	956.96
Society accounts receivable	148.42
Old accounts receivable	630.93
Warren Savings Bank	34.91
Conference property	600.00
Cash on hand	56.79
Total resources	\$5209.07
LIABILITIES	
Bills payable	\$ 2055.00
Ministry of Healing receivable	957.63
Tent and camp-meeting fund	115.56
Conference tithe account	84.40
Church school fund	30.61
Conference poor	25.04
Church fund	19.98
Church school fund	16.86
Religious liberty	.10
City work	2.33
Canvassers accounts payable	19.28
Publishing house accounts payable	18.27
Pennsylvania tract society	10.00
Total liabilities	\$3355.06

Present worth Jan. 1, 1911 \$1854.01

LOSS AND GAIN

Gains	
Merchandise	\$ 557.80
Periodicals	39.44
Office furniture	34.50
Total gains	\$631.74
LOSSES	
Postage	\$ 125.15
Expense	113.26
Interest	61.48
Freight and express	4.72
Total losses	\$304.59
Net gain year ending Dec. 31, 1910	\$327.15

STOCK

Present worth Jan. 1, 1910	\$926.86
Net gain, year ending Dec. 31, 1910	327.15
Net worth Jan. 1, 1911	\$1254.01

Financial Statement West Pennsylvania Conference as segregated from statement taken from old ledger, year ending December 31, 1910

RESOURCES

Conference Property	\$ 600.00
Cash:	
Local trust funds	208.05
Operating	84.40
G. T. funds	2.43
Total resources	\$894.88

LIABILITIES

Conference poor fund	\$ 25.04
Church fund	19.98
Church school fund	30.61
Tent and camp-meeting	115.56
Religious Liberty	16.86
Tank fund	.10
City work	2.33
Total liabilities	\$210.48

Present worth, Jan. 1, 1911 \$684.40

Financial Statement West Pennsylvania Tract Society as segregated from statement taken from old ledger, for year ending Decemuer 31, 1910

RESOURCES

Inventory	
Merchandise	\$305.27
Office furniture and fixtures	120.00
Postage	.26
Canvassers Accounts rec.	2355.59
Ministry of Healing	956.96
Society accounts	148.42
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Camp-meetings for 1911

New Jersey, Trenton..... Sept. 7-17.
Chesapeake, Dover, Del..... Sept 14-24.
West Virginia, Parkersburg Sept. 28-Oct. 8.

tized while there, with others who are awaiting baptism.

The meetings in Baltimore closed Sunday night, September 10. This has been one of the most interesting meetings we have ever had in this city. A goodly number are keeping the Sabbath. Others are in the valley of decision.

Miss Alice M. Fieldberg, who for the past year has served the conference as secretary of the Missionary Volunteer department, educational secretary, and missionary secretary, has resigned. No one has yet been appointed to take her place.

Our camp-meeting will be in progress when you read this, but we think it will not be too late for you to get there, even then. We are sure the meeting will be a good one. The Lord is richly blessing us now, and we know that he will not withdraw his blessings at that time. Come and we will share them with you. We have some good things to tell you.

EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

The West Philadelphia church and Sabbath-school held their annual outing on Labor Day at Fairmount Park. About 125 were present, and a most enjoyable day was spent by all.

Brother R. P. Morris has earned two scholarships this summer, the second one in the short period of nineteen days. We rejoice with

Brother Morris over his splendid success.

The heavy rains of last week, which were quite general throughout this conference, prevented services being held by most of our tent companies. Word received from Harrisburg, however, informs us that meetings were held there, despite the inclement weather.

Elder Heckman met with the Carlisle church last Sabbath, and reports a good meeting. He was pleased to find the members of that little church making progress in the Christian life, and all of good courage in the third angel's message.

We shall miss the splendid reports made from week to week by the young people of this conference who have been earning scholarships to the Mount Vernon College. We are glad to say that quite a number of our young people will enter that College this year.

The effort in Chambersburg, conducted by Brother B. M. Heald, is meeting with continued success. Last Sunday evening Elder Heckman conducted the service, speaking upon the subject of baptism.

At the home of Sister John Keller, 1321 N. 55th St., Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. Mark Hale of Pottsville, and Miss Edith Smith, of the same place, were united in marriage, Elder W. H. Heckman performing the ceremony.

WEST VIRGINIA

Word has just been received from Elder B. G. Wilkinson, president of the Columbia Union Conference, that Professor Salisbury of the General Conference will be with us at our camp-meeting, and that the Union Conference will be represented by himself, Elder J. E. Shultz, Brother E. R. Numbers, and possibly by Elders Bigelow and Butler, and one other man. It is possible that Elder Spicer may be with us for a Sabbath and Sunday.

Surely the Lord is blessing us with the prospect of having many good speakers, whom to hear will be a pleasure we do not often have. The Lord will have a blessing for each one present, and if we are not there to receive it, the loss will be our own. Let every Seventh-day Adventist in West Virginia be present at this annual gathering; it may be the last

that many of us will have an opportunity to attend.

Study at Home

Recently a student in our correspondence school, a teacher himself, summed up in a letter to a friend what seemed to him the advantages of study by correspondence, as follows:—

“As far as I have studied, I believe correspondence study is not without some special advantages. More opportunity is given to master each lesson thoroughly. There are no classes to keep up with. All the time that is necessary to prepare a given lesson may be given to it. The test questions bring out every point, and it is impossible to lose a single point in that way. Often the time allotted to class study is too short, and much that is important has to be neglected. Then, too, the written preparation affords opportunity for the observance of the rules of grammar and spelling. Much deliberate thought can be given to the answering of every question.

“The lessons come as fast as one wishes to work them. In fact several lessons are sent out ahead so that there need be no delay in the work. All points that are not clear may be mentioned when the lesson is sent in, and a reply is made on the lesson sheet, which is returned when corrected.”

This school has its third annual opening on October 2. A calendar of full information is sent on request. Address: Fireside Correspondence School, Takoma Park, D. C.

The September-October number of *Christian Education* came out with a timely message for our school teachers and those associated with our educational institutions, in the discussion of such topics as: “First Day of the New Student”—the new student's feelings, his natural tendencies, and the worker's relations to him during the first days of school; and another article, “Make Ready for the Opening of School”—good and important advice for our church-school teachers—advice which if followed would insure success even in schools where there has been an acknowledged lack in the past.

WANTED.—A baker or a man who has had some experience in the baking business. Must be a Seventh-day Adventist. References required. Address Geo. A. Keppler, 419 Chestnut St., Hamilton, O.

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OLIVER MEARS

An interesting figure at the conference was that of Brother Oliver Mears who is well along in his ninety-second year. He was elected president of the Ohio conference at its organization in 1863 and served in that capacity until 1866. He was re-elected in 1874-5 serving in all five terms.

Many who have embraced the Message in later years greatly enjoyed hearing Brother Mears relate the experiences of the pioneers.

ANNUAL OHIO CONFERENCE

The forty-ninth annual session of the Ohio Conference was held on the Wayne County fair grounds, Wooster, August 17-27, 1911.

The first meeting was called Friday morning, August 18, by the president, Elder H. H. Burkholder. Elder A. G. Daniells invoked God's blessings upon the officers and delegates in their plans and deliberations for the work of the ensuing year. The roll call showed 80 delegates present at the opening meeting.

The churches at Lake View and Ohio City, having been organized within the past year, by their re-

quest were admitted into the conference and their delegates seated.

The president then addressed the assembly briefly, speaking of the progress of the work during the past year, after which the treasurer's report was read and accepted. (Both of the reports are given elsewhere.)

The appointment of a large committee to nominate the several standing committees was next considered. A motion was made that a committee of fifteen be appointed from the floor, excluding the conference committee. After remarks showing the motion denied the committee their privilege as delegates, an amendment was moved and promptly seconded increasing the number from fifteen to twenty-one. Upon adoption of the original motion as amended the following names were placed in nomination and accepted:

H. H. Burkholder, J. W. Shultz, A. C. Shannon, J. J. Marietta, H. F. Graf, R. G. Patterson, J. F. Olmsted, F. M. Fairchild, C. T. Redfield, L. C. Mitchell, G. A. Keppler, W. E. Bidwell, H. M. Jump, G. C. Quillin, G. E. Wales, R. I. Francis, J. O. Young, L. R. Williams, E. M. Brown, E. D. Bates, O. F. Butcher.

At a subsequent meeting the following selection of committees was reported:

Committee on Division of the Conference.

G. C. Quillin, W. E. Bidwell, H. M. Jump, A. C. Shannon, R. G. Patterson.

Committee on Plans and Resolutions.

W. C. Moffett, F. H. Henderson, H. M. Jump, F. B. Numbers, C. T. Redfield, H. F. Graf, A. C. Shannon.

Committee on Licenses and Credentials.

G. C. Quillin, H. F. Graf, B. G. Wilkinson, F. M. Fairchild, S. M. Butler.

Committee on Nominations.

R. G. Patterson, W. E. Bidwell, J. F. Olmsted, C. T. Redfield, G. E. Wales, R. I. Francis, O. F. Butcher.

Reports.

The committee on division of conference submitted their report in

which they stated that it was not considered advisable to recommend the division.

Nominations.

The complete report of the nominating committee and as elected by the delegates reads as follows:

E. K. Slade, President; H. D. Holtom, Secretary; H. D. Holtom, Treasurer; J. I. Cassell, Tract Society Secretary; W. C. Moffett, Educational Superintendent; F. B. Numbers, Field Missionary Agent; Raleigh French, Field Missionary Secretary; J. F. Olmsted, Religious Liberty Secretary; Dr. V. L. Fisher, Medical Missionary Secretary.

Conference auditor the same as for the Union. D. D. Panches, R. I. Francis, J. R. Kennedy, and E. M. Brown chosen to act with conference committee in the annual audit.

Conference Committee, E. K. Slade, G. C. Quillin, G. A. Keppler, S. M. Butler, J. J. Marietta, W. W. Miller, Marcellus Andre.

Committee on Licenses and Credentials submitted the following:

For Credentials.

E. K. Slade, H. H. Burkholder, R. R. Kennedy, R. G. Patterson, A. C. Shannon, C. T. Redfield, W. E. Bidwell, H. F. Graf, H. M. Jump, F. H. Henderson, J. F. Olmsted, F. M. Fairchild, C. C. Webster.

Ordination and Credentials.

J. J. Marietta, J. W. Shultz, W. C. Moffett, Dr. W. J. Venen.

Ministerial License.

G. C. Quillin, James Smith.

Missionary License.

H. D. Holtom, Cora B. Gibson, Besie E. Russell, Ella M. Talmage, William Campbell, Mrs. William Campbell, Miss Anna Smith, Miss Hortense Howell, Miss Ida Walters, F. B. Numbers, J. I. Cassell, Raleigh French, G. E. Wales, Mrs. G. E. Wales, Miss Carrie Askey, J. O. Young.

The committee on plans and resolutions presented the following recommendations which after due consideration by the large delegation present were adopted:

I.

Whereas, Since our last conference it hath pleased our Father in Heaven to spare the lives and preserve in health our laborers, and to bless us with the means to carry forward His work, and to cause the different lines

of conference work to prosper, and hath made it possible for so many of us to again assemble in conference, to His praise and to learn of His ways, therefore we would express our gratitude to our Father for His tender care and many blessings, and humbly acknowledge and desire pardon for all our sins and mistakes, and renew our consecration to His service.

II.

Whereas, The splendid results of our missionary operations have demonstrated the wisdom of our contributing liberally to foreign missions, and,

Whereas, The last Biennial Council of the General Conference recommended that all of the \$300,000 Fund be in by December 31, 1911, therefore,

Resolved, That we as a conference pledge ourselves to labor diligently in raising our conference apportionment by the end of the year.

III.

Recommended, that we concur in the resolution of the recent General Conference Council, recommended that beginning with January 1, 1912 we endeavor to raise for foreign missions fifteen cents each week per capita.

IV.

We recommend the adoption of the recommendation passed at the recent General Conference placing the appropriation of Conference tithes to missions on the following basis:

Five per cent. of all tithes receipts up to \$10,000, and one per cent. additional for every \$1,000 above \$10,000 until the appropriation reaches 25 per cent. of the conference tithes receipts.

V.

Whereas, The demand for religious legislation in both the State and the Nation is growing with increasing rapidity every passing year, and,

Whereas, There are multitudes of honest and sincere people who do not realize the evil principle that underlies this character of legislation, therefore,

Resolved, That we inaugurate a most vigorous campaign in our conference, concerning these heaven-born principles;

(a.) By subscribing for the magazines LIBERTY and PROTESTANT ourselves.

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

(c.) By urging our churches to place these journals, as far as possible, in the hands of the leading citizens, and others or their friends and neighbors.

(d.) By judiciously placing copies of the new revised edition of "American State Papers" in the hands of our state legislators.

(e.) By a generous distribution of our Religious Liberty leaflets.

(f.) By utilizing as far as possible, the public press in getting

these principles before the reading public.

(g.) By the circulation of petitions to the State and National Legislatures when any religious measures are pending.

VI.

Whereas, There is published at College View, Nebraska, under the direction of the Central Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, a paper for the blind known as "The Christian Record," containing the message of present truth; and

Whereas, This commendable work for those who are deprived of their sight is much in need of financial assistance; and,

Whereas, There is much traveling expense incurred to personally solicit donations, therefore,

Resolved That the Ohio Conference endeavor to raise each year an amount equal to ten cents a member for this enterprise.

VII.

Whereas, It has seemed best to the General Conference, the Columbia Union Conference and the Ohio Conference Committees, and a majority of our churches and conference laborers, recommended that the sessions of the Ohio Conference be held in connection with the annual camp-meeting, therefore be it,

Resolved, That we approve this recommendation, and that the sessions of the Ohio Conference be hereafter held in connection with the annual camp-meeting.

VIII.

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

Recommended, That our brethren where possible, with the advice of the conference president and field agent, locate in unworked portions of the conference and labor as permanent resident canvassers; and that we solicit the co-operation of all conference laborers in making effective this recommendation.

IX.

Whereas, The scholarship has enabled many of our young people to gain a fitness for the work, both while earning the scholarship and in the school, and,

Whereas, The work of placing our periodicals in the hands of the people has been cheapened by some who misrepresent our work by wrong methods, be it,

Resolved, That we request the publishers of Bible Training School, Good Tidings of the Messiah and other S. D. A. publishers, to refuse their periodicals to canvassers in this conference who are not recommended by the Ohio Tract Society.

XI.

Whereas, The Testimonies have said that, "In each conference a fund

should be raised to loan worthy poor students who desire to give themselves to missionary work; and in some cases they should even receive donations; and,

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

Resolved, That we heartily concur in this effort to advance, and we pledge ourselves to endeavor to raise each year the equivalent of \$1.00 per member.

XII.

Whereas, The need of financial help to our medical work is just as great as when the Ministry of Healing Campaign was first launched, and

Whereas, The Ohio Conference during the past one and one-half year of the campaign has sold only about one-fifth of what it should have done; therefore,

Resolved, That we redouble our efforts to help our needy brethren who have put their means into the Pennsylvania Sanitarium.

XIII.

We recommend, That those brethren who are so situated that they can not meet regularly with others of like precious faith be encouraged to join the Home department of the Sabbath School.

XIV.

Whereas, Many of our Sabbath School teachers and officers have had no training for this work, therefore we

Recommend, That all our Sabbath School workers take the Sabbath School Worker's Training Course.

XV.

Whereas, God has spoken definitely regarding the reviving of the missionary work in our churches, "That there should be a well organized plan for the employment of workers to go into our churches, large and small, to instruct the members how to labor for the upbuilding of the churches and also unbelievers, and

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

We recommend, That we continue to encourage the Field missionary secretary to visit our churches, and companies, organizing missionary societies and training the members in doing missionary work and that all our conference laborers take a special interest in this work as they visit among the churches.

XVI.

Whereas, Repeated experiences in many conferences have demonstrated the wisdom of God's counsel in Vol.

Liabilities

Young People's Society .. \$ 283.03
Sundry Accts. Pay for Labor 1,132.82

1,415.85

Net Worth December 31,
1910. \$5,538.38

Losses

Tithe to C. U. Conference \$ 3,233.77
General Conference Appro. 1,000.00
General Expense 1,154.66
Labor 20,880.51
Office Expense 322.10
Summer School 1910 130.00
Traveling Expenses 2,552.08

\$29,273.12

Gains

T. & H. Coll. \$ 131.45
Tithe 32,337.68

\$32,469.13

Total Gains year ending De-
cember 31, 1910 . . . \$32,469.13

Total Losses year ending
December 31, 1910 . . 29,273.12

Net Gain \$3,196.01
Net Worth January 1, 1910 2,342.37

Net Worth January 1,
1911 \$5,538.38

**Financial Statement Ohio Tract So-
ciety for Year Ending Decem-
ber 31, 1910**

Resources

Merchandise \$1,112.28
Real Estate 366.95
Furniture and Fixtures . . 195.00
Expense Inventory 15.85
Personal Acc's Receivable 1,337.40
Society Acc's Receivable.. 654.67
Lost Acc's Receivable . . . 636.53
Cash on hand 1,128.95

Total Resources \$5,447.63

Liabilities

Acc'ts payable for Mdse. . . \$ 382.35
Ministry of Healing 667.15

Total Liabilities \$1,049.50
Present Worth December 31,
'10 \$4,398.13

Losses and Gain

LOSSES

Expense \$ 837.78
Salaries 958.91
Donations 45.00
Furniture and Fixtures . . 16.85
Scholarship 20.42

\$1,878.96

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Year	Tithes	Offerings	Grand Total
1902	\$19,240.13	\$ 4,208.79	\$23,448.92
1903	22,584.42	5,607.53	28,191.95
1904	22,499.18	7,838.27	30,337.45
1905	26,001.44	6,533.83	32,534.27
1906	27,485.07	6,722.58	34,207.65
1907	29,116.84	11,368.39	40,485.23
1908	27,184.62	7,902.66	35,089.28
1909	29,572.13	10,983.33	40,555.46
1910	32,337.68	13,731.90	46,069.68

Gain in Tithe Receipts

1910 over 1902 \$13,097.55

Gain in Offerings

1910 over 1902 \$9,523.11

Grand Total

1910 over 1902 \$22,620.76

GAINS

Merchandise \$2,077.03
Less Total Losses 1,878.96

Net Gain for year ending
Dec. 31, '10. \$ 198.07
Present worth January 1,
1910 \$4,200.06
Gain for year ending Dec.
31, '10 198.07

Net worth January 1, 1911 \$4,398.13

Mar.	2,824.48	2,180.56
Apr.	3,448.79	1,809.86
May.	2,016.97	2,471.79
June.	2,746.30	2,313.57
July.	3,001.22	4,467.79*

Average . . \$2,530.02 \$2,467.55

OFFERINGS

\$6697.16 \$8,154.28

* Banner month for tithe receipts.

**Comparative Items and Statements
Compiled and Submitted by
the President.**

1908	\$27,184.62
1909	29,572.13
1910	32,337.68
1909 over 1908	2,387.51
1910 over 1909	2,765.55

Offerings

1908	\$ 7,902.66
1909	10,983.33
1910	13,731.90
1909 over 1908	3,080.67
1910 over 1909	2,748.57

Total Tithes and Offerings

1908	\$35,089.28
1909	40,555.46
1910	46,069.68
1909 over 1908	5,466.18
1910 over 1909	5,514.12

**Comparative Statement of Tithes and
Offerings for the First Seven
Months of 1910 and
1911.**

	1910	1911
Jan.	\$2,197.45	\$2,089.95
Feb.	1,474.93	1,939.32

OHIO TRACT SOCIETY SALES

Subscription

1908	\$ 9,592.46
1909	18,850.73
1910	13,192.95
1909 over 1910	5,657.78

Trade, Tract, Etc.

1908	\$2,083.13
1909	1,993.23
1910	3,678.18
1910 over 1909	1,684.95

Periodical Sales

1908	\$1,971.64
1909	3,216.37
1910	4,745.96
1910 over 1909	1,529.59

Whole Total

1908	\$13,647.23
1909	24,060.33
1910	21,617.09
1909 over 1910	2,443.24

other, comes the test of strength. The promised blessing from the open windows of heaven poured out upon the God-fearing, truth-loving and obedient brethren and sisters, has made it possible for us on this occasion to report the largest annual tithe ever paid by this conference. Not only is this true of the tithes; there has also been a handsome increase in offerings as well.

The Book and Missionary Department will also present a splendid report. The well-directed efforts of our Field Missionary Agent, and his faithful men and women who have gone steadily forward braving both heat and cold, placing the printed Message in hundreds of homes where the truth would in no other way have gone, are justly entitled to great credit. I feel sure that in the coming day of rewards, these faithful evangelists will find crowns richly decked with stars, in return for the souls saved by their self-sacrificing devotion to the cause of God.

I shall not attempt to further report of the different departments, but will leave this for the secretaries who have been in closer touch with the detail work, and who are specially prepared and anxiously waiting to present their reports which I am sure will be both interesting and encouraging.

Much more might be said about the work of the past, and suggestions offered relative to a future policy, but I have purposely planned to be brief in this address, and thus share the time with others.

I wish at this time to express my gratitude to those associates with me on the Conference Committee, to the Departmental Secretaries, and to all others who have borne with my frailties, and by counsel and hearty co-operation have aided in the advancement of the work. In the office of sacred trusts to which I have been called for nine successive terms, it has been my earnest endeavor, in the fear of God, to carefully and impartially administer the affairs of the conference. I deeply regret the mistakes that have been made and sincerely pray that God may overrule all to his own glory and the advancement of his precious cause.

At this opportune moment, I wish to announce to these delegates and friends assembled that I am not a candidate for re-election to the presidency of this conference. I would not, however, have anyone infer from this statement that I have lost my interest for the work in the Ohio Conference, for such is not the case. I shall feel the same degree of interest for the welfare of the work here that I have ever felt.

We now leave this sacred work in your hands with the prayer that God will bless in a special manner all the delegates here assembled, and grant us a large measure of his Holy Spirit to the end that we may properly and unitedly perform the work to which we are called at this time.

H. H. BURKHOLDER.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

To the officers and members of the Ohio Conference, assembled in its 49th annual session,

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—

I am indeed glad that I am enabled to present to you a report of the results of our combined efforts during 1910, which indicates much faith in the promises given in Malachi 3:10. The Lord has promised his blessings upon our efforts to co-operate with him in presenting the precious truths to the world, and thus the more surely working out our salvation. We learn of the need of working the large cities as well as other immediate territory; also the touching appeals from distant lands. Our deep interest in and efforts to keep apace with the work are shown by the largest tithe yet received and the generous offerings for other funds.

The amount of tithe received for the year 1910 was \$32,337.68. To this add \$2,953.73 the balance on hand January 1, 1910, making a total of \$35,291.41. Of this amount \$25,886.44 has been paid to workers at home, \$1,000.00 has been paid for foreign work, \$3,233.77 has been paid to the Columbia Union Conference, the total of these expenditures \$30,120.21 deducted from the receipts leaves a balance of \$5,171.20. To add to the interest of the fact that this is the largest tithe received, several comparisons are given:

Tithe receipts for 1908—	\$27,184.62
Per Capita,	\$13.03
Tithe receipts for 1909—	\$29,572.13
Per Capita,	\$14.17
Tithe receipts for 1910—	\$32,337.68
Per Capita,	\$15.50

In addition to the amount of tithe, the following donations were received, all of which have been placed in the several departments of the Lord's work:

Sabbath School donations	\$3,330.64
First Day Offerings	987.47
Missions	1,393.07
Annual offerings	1,554.15
Religious Liberty	184.68
Mission Review	870.11
\$150,000 Fund	25.00
Blind work	118.60
Colored work	188.37
\$300,000 Fund	1,647.99
Mt. Vernon College debt fund	1,705.53
Mt. Vernon College Tank fund	39.78
Mid Summer Offering	573.68
Sanitarium Relief	474.43
Tent Fund	305.62
Miscellaneous Mission Offerings	38.90
City Mission work	5.71
Orphans and Aged	204.01
Missionary Volunteer Society	84.16

Total \$13,731.90
Which with the tithes .. \$32,337.68

Gives a grand Total \$46,069.58

Of the above amount of donations

\$8,773.02 represents the amount Ohio paid during 1910 on the Ten-cent-a-week plan as direct support of foreign mission work. Compared with our quota of \$10,847.20 the average per member is .08 a week. There are several things necessary to consider in the success of this plan—this standard is necessary for conservative requirements of the work, church membership and individual effort should reach a more active average and above all each should earnestly strive for the advancement of this message to every kindred, tongue, and people. I am glad to note that some of our churches have improved the general average by exceeding the amount requested, and we trust that the urgent appeals from various fields will result in many others joining in this onward movement.

Since the \$300,000 Fund was presented at our annual camp-meeting one year ago, the receipts of that fund to the present time will be of deep interest. Of the amount Ohio was requested to raise \$9,772.80—\$3,538.71 has been received to the close of July 1911. This exceeds one-third, or one year's effort, by \$281.11. With this encouraging report shall we not hasten its completion, bearing in mind the fact that not only is our foreign work greatly in need of the increased facilities and sanitary homes thereby gained, but our ten cents a week is the better invested by being used to greater advantage?

The record of the financial condition of the Ohio Tract Society for 1910 is as follows:

Balance on hand January 1,	
1910	\$ 207.67
Receipts during 1910 ..	13,398.02

Total receipts \$13,605.69
The amount paid out was \$12,476.74
The balance on hand January 1, 1911, \$1,128.95

In view of the above results the plans of another year may thus be taken up with assurance of the same hearty co-operation experienced in the past year, and that the Lord will as abundantly bless our earnest efforts to support His work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. D. HOLTOM,
Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OHIO CONFERENCE

December 31, 1910

Resources

Bills Receivable	\$500.00
Ohio Conference Assn.	1,000.00
Cash on hand	
Local Trust	
Fund	\$ 283.03
Tithe	\$5,171.20
	5,454.23
	\$6,945.23

6, page 135 of the Testimonies that the Bible teachers of our colleges should be paid from the tithe, and,

Whereas, Mt. Vernon College through her faculty and through students drawn from other states pay into the Ohio Conference a large tithe which they would not otherwise receive, therefore,

Resolved, That we co-operate with other conferences of the Union who are helping Mt. Vernon College in that we pay into the College a sum equal to the salary of the Bible teacher for the calendar year.

XVII.

Whereas, It has appeared best to hold this conference in Wooster, and as our treatment has been courteous and generous, be it

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of every consideration and favor shown us by the Wooster Republican, The Wooster News, the Fair Board, The Business firms and the citizens of Wooster, and above all that we express our gratitude to God for his providences which have made possible these pleasant associations.

The revised copy of the Constitution was then adopted. (copy elsewhere)

The plans adopted for the coming year and the interest manifested by all present give encouraging indications of much progress in the Ohio Conference. With God's blessings upon our earnest and sincere efforts to advance and strengthen His Work above all else our part in the onward movement of the message is assured.

H. H. BURKHOLDER,
President,
R. G. PATTERSON,
Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

Forty-Ninth Session of the Ohio Conference, Wooster, August 12-27, 1911

Esteemed fellow-laborers, delegates,
brethren and sisters:—

Greeting:

"Grace to you and peace be multiplied in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord: seeing that his divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that called us by his own glory and virtue; whereby he hath granted unto us his precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye might become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust. Yea, and for this very cause

adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply virtue; and in your virtue, knowledge; and in your knowledge, self-control; and in your self-control, patience; and in your patience, godliness; and in your godliness, brotherly kindness; and in your brotherly kindness, love. For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful unto the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he that lacketh these things is blind, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins. Wherefore, brethren, give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure; for this shall be richly supplied unto you the entrance unto the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

—2 Peter 1:2-11 A. S. Version.

After a trial of four years in holding our conference sessions during the winter season, it seemed to the conference committee that a change of time would give more general satisfaction. Accordingly steps were taken to ascertain whether a move in this direction would meet with the sanction of the General and Union conferences. Nothing having been found in the way from these sources, a circular letter, dated December 20, 1910, was sent to all our churches and conference laborers, to secure an expression of approval or disapproval of such a proposition. The answers received in return showed fifty-two churches favorable to a change and ten unfavorable. Of the conference laborers, twenty-eight wanted a change and six were opposed to it. With such a prevailing sentiment in favor of a change, the conference committee unanimously voted to hold the forty-ninth session of the conference in connection with the forty-third annual camp-meeting. Now, brethren and sisters, if your committee have erred in this matter, we are ready to receive your censure. If we have carried into effect your wishes, we invite you all to join us in an effort to make this annual meeting the best one of the kind ever held by this conference.

The importance of this occasion, however, can be understood and appreciated only in proportion to our sense of responsibility to the work which God has called his people to perform at this time.

The year 1910 has come and gone. It furnished much of thrilling interest and startling significance to the students of prophecy. At home and abroad, in the world and in the church, the movements of men are characterized by marked intensity. On one hand we are facing a situation the most terrible in character that has ever existed: while on the other hand the people of God are presented with opportunities, privileges, and promises, the most inspiring and soul-stirring of any to be found in all the Bible.

In view of these facts, what shall be our attitude toward the responsibilities imposed upon us by this conference? Shall the sacredness of the

work in which we are about to engage forbid all selfish schemes and exclude unbecoming modesty or self importance? It seems to me, beloved delegates, that we greatly need the special presence and blessing of the Holy Spirit as we enter upon the important work before us, for we can ill afford to make mistakes and blunders now.

In reviewing the work of the past year and in recounting the mercies and blessings of a kind heavenly Father, many reasons present themselves which justly call forth from us at this time expressions of profound gratitude.

To once more meet and greet the accredited laborers of the conference who have been actively engaged in work, and so many brethren and sisters from the churches, under circumstances so favorable, is indeed a privilege to be appreciated.

From a general viewpoint, the past year has been one of steady progress in every department of our organized work. Missionaries have left the home land for regions beyond at an average of considerably more than one departure a week. By united effort on the part of believers in all parts of the world, messengers will soon be sent into every dark corner of the earth to proclaim the gospel of the coming King in this generation.

Now is the time to work. "Soon it will be too late to do anything. Soon our opportunities to work will have passed by forever. The plagues of God are already beginning to be poured out upon the earth. The evidences before us indicate that God's spirit is being withdrawn from the earth. Only a little while longer shall we be permitted to labor, and then in heaven it will be said, 'It is done'."

In glancing over the work done within our own borders, it will be gratifying to the delegates and friends assembled on this occasion to learn that with but little exception our advancement will exceed that of any previous year.

In reporting additions to the faith, we do not claim unprecedented gains. However, the efforts of our faithful laborers have been blessed of God in the conversion of many souls, and one hundred twenty have been added to the church. A good work has been started at various places in the conference, and a promising interest is shown by many in the study of the truth. This report does not include the accessions of local church elders.

I shall not attempt to tell you more about the work of this department, but hope that at sometime during this conference we may find sufficient time to allow each of these ministers and Bible workers a few minutes in which to relate how God has wrought with them.

We shall call your attention next to the Treasury Department; for means as well as men are necessary in the accomplishment of our work. With the showing of this department, too, perhaps more than any

Comparative			
1910		1911	
Jan. ...	\$121.65	Jan. ...	\$379.65
Feb. ...	498.50	Feb. ...	344.87
Mar. ...	297.33	Mar. ...	835.86
Apr. ...	343.95	Apr. ...	694.70
May ...	586.50	May ...	640.05
June ..	661.35	June ...	775.46
July ...	588.10	July ...	907.10
Aug. ...	178.90		
Sept. ..	305.30	Total ..	\$4,577.69
Oct. ...	334.20		
Nov. ...	308.68		
Dec. ...	521.50		
Total . \$4,745.96			
Whole Total			
1909		\$1,971.64	
1909		3,216.37	
1910		4,745.96	
1911 seven months		4,577.69	

Constitution of the Ohio Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists

ARTICLE 1.

Name.

This organization shall be known as the Ohio Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

ARTICLE 2.

Bounds and Membership.

(a.) This conference shall include the counties constituting the State of Ohio, with any territory that hereafter may be added.

(b.) This conference shall be composed of such local churches as are or may be organized in its territory, under the direction of the Executive Committee, said churches having been accepted by vote of the Ohio Conference.

ARTICLE 3.

Sessions and Representation.

(a.) The conference shall hold regular annual sessions at such times and places as the Executive Committee shall designate.

(b.) General Conference and Columbia Union Conference representatives, and all conference laborers holding credentials, ministerial license and missionary license shall be delegates at large.

(c.) Each church shall be represented by one delegate, and an additional delegate for every twenty (20) members. The church shall certify the same, sending the names to the secretary of the conference.

ARTICLE 4.

Executive Committee.

At regular conference sessions an executive committee consisting of seven (7), of which the president

shall be chairman, shall be elected and shall have full administrative power and general oversight of all conference work between sessions, and shall fill all vacancies.

ARTICLE 5.

Purpose.

The purpose of this organization shall be to economize our time, energy, and means, for the speedy heralding of the Third Angel's Message to all within our borders; and to assist as far as possible in giving this message to the world in this generation, provision is made for the following departments: Missionary, Medical Missionary, Educational and Religious Liberty.

ARTICLE 6.

Officers.

(a.) The officers of the conference shall be:—President, Treasurer, Auditor, Secretary, Tract Society Secretary, Field Missionary Agent, Field Missionary Secretary, Medical Missionary Secretary, Educational Superintendent, and Religious Liberty Secretary.

(b.) The several officers shall be elected at the regular session of the conference for one year, or until the election of their successors.

ARTICLE 7.

Trustees and Agents.

(a.) The members of this conference at each regular session shall elect boards of management for such institutions and enterprises as are, or may be, connected with this organization, in accordance with the rules governing each and the laws of the State.

(b.) This conference shall employ such ministers, missionaries, committees, agents, or other persons as are necessary to carry on its work.

ARTICLE 8.

Duties of Officers.

(a.) President—The president shall perform such duties as usually pertain to that office.

(b.) Treasurer—The treasurer shall receive, keep account of, and disburse all moneys belonging to the conference; make reports of receipts and disbursements, and collect from the churches financial and statistical reports, receive and file the monthly reports of the laborers.

(c.) Auditor—The auditor shall audit the books of this conference at such times as may be designated by the Executive Committee and make a report of the same to the conference.

(d.) Secretary—The secretary shall keep a record of all conference and Executive Committee meetings and conduct such correspondence as may be required.

(c.) Tract Society Secretary—The tract society secretary shall have charge of the Tract Society department.

(f.) Field Missionary Agent—The field missionary agent shall have the general oversight of the canvassing work.

(g.) Field Missionary Secretary—The field missionary secretary shall have charge of the Home Missionary work of the conference.

(h.) The Medical Missionary Secretary—It shall be the duty of the medical missionary secretary to have charge of the Medical Missionary department of the conference.

(i.) To give lectures and instruction on the principles of healthful living and care of the sick, combining medical missionary work with giving of the gospel message.

(j.) The Educational Superintendent—The educational superintendent shall have oversight of the church-school, Sabbath-school, and young people's work of the conference, receive and record all Sabbath-school, church-school and young people's society reports.

(k.) The Religious Liberty Secretary—The work of the Religious Liberty secretary shall be to carefully observe the progress and development of religious legislation in the state, to secure and epitomize such data on the subject for the Columbia Union Visitor, and to report to the religious liberty secretary of the General Conference such information as may be important, and to work in harmony with the plan outlined by the General Conference.

ARTICLE 9.

Auditing Committee.

(a.) At the annual conference four men not in the employ of the conference shall be elected to serve with the Executive committee as an auditing committee.

(b.) The accounts shall be audited at the close of the calendar year.

ARTICLE 10.

Local Churches.

(a.) Whenever the Executive Committee shall deem advisable there shall be a local church organization under the direction of the said committee.

(b.) The officers of a local church shall consist of one or more Elders, one or more Deacons, one or more Deaconesses, a Treasurer, Clerk, Librarian, and Auditor.

(c.) The above officers for local churches shall be elected at the first quarterly business meeting of the calendar year, to serve one year, or until their successors are elected and duly qualified.

ARTICLE 11.

Amendments.

This constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the members at any regular meeting.