

back, all being sold that was left at the end of the meeting. Although the State officers of the Sabbath-school were not present, yet that branch was looked after, and a goodly collection was taken. Monday all drove to Sylvan lake, a distance of eight miles, where four persons were baptized.

At our last meeting every one bore testimony to the fact that all sins were forgiven, and all said this was the most wonderful meeting they had ever attended. Several business meetings of the Black Hills church were held, and delegates to the State Conference elected.

The Custer meeting was a success. Every father and every mother and all the children and youth, with two or three exceptions, went home rejoicing in new blessings. As it should be, the meeting was self-supporting. To God belongs all the praise. He is not limited to numbers. The promise was realized.

L. E. Johnson and Brother Miller go to Sundance, Wyo., to hold a series of meetings in a church or hall; and Jay Neathery goes with me, to pitch the tent at Alliance, Neb., where canvassing and missionary work have been done. Brethren, pray for these fields, that God will give souls.

O. S. FERREN.

LOUISIANA CAMP-MEETING.

THE Crowley (La.) meeting was not large numerically, but it was great with results. Five churches were represented. Quite a large number of young people were present, all of whom went forward for prayers. The principles of Christian education presented by Prof. J. E. Tenney produced marked results, for they were with power. The hearts of all were affected, and parents rejoiced as the light dawned upon their minds. They saw that education in the family, in the Sabbath-school, and in the day-school has in it only one object—the salvation of the children. Good cheer, courage, and union of heart and soul prevailed, all seeing eye to eye.

The organization of a Conference being considered, all were united in following the instruction of the Lord given at our recent General Conference,—that these mission fields, though small numerically, and weak financially, should be organized into State Conferences, and that assistance be rendered them, and that there should be a fostering watchcare over them by the Union Conference, the same as over mission fields. The Southern Union Conference will be able to do this, as the action of the General Conference shall be realized.

The Louisiana Conference was accordingly organized, all members in good standing in the several churches being members of the Conference. Elder S. B. Horton was elected President, and four others were chosen to act with him as an executive committee; competent department heads were also elected. The headquarters will be at New Orleans, except the Treasurer will be, for the present, at Welsh. It was voted that the organized life of this Conference take its beginning August 1.

This was indeed a joyful occasion, and all returned to their homes happy, rejoicing in the Lord.

At the close of the meeting, the call being urgent for us to visit the Welsh church, we did so, as we had three days before our next meeting. The church turned out and spent the time with us. As a result of these efforts, we expect to see a deeper interest in carrying forward the work of the message in all its departments. A church school, conducted on the principles of Christian education, will be taught at Welsh, while from the State at least ten or a dozen students will go to the Southern training school at Graysville, Tenn., the coming year.

R. M. KILGORE.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE ORGANIZED.

THE fourth annual camp-meeting for the State of Louisiana was held in a beautiful grove just outside the city of Crowley, in Acadia parish. Brethren and sisters from Welsh, Marthaville, Mansfield, Shreveport, Hope Villa, Lake Charles, and New Orleans were present. The visiting brethren were Elder R. M. Kilgore, president of the S. U. C.; Prof. J. E. Tenney, principal of the Southern training-school; A. F. Harrison, general canvassing agent; and W. O. Palmer, of the Southern Publishing Association of Nashville. These brethren were used by the Lord in bringing before our people the important principles underlying the message for these last days. The principles of true education were specially emphasized by Professor Tenney. A half score or more of our young people from this section are planning to attend the Southern training-school at Graysville, Tenn., this fall.

The subject of Conference organization was duly considered. Elder Kilgore and others presented pertinent remarks upon the question, and it was unanimously agreed to organize the Louisiana Conference. R. M. Kilgore was elected chairman, and

Ruby Roach temporary secretary. Committees were appointed on plans and constitution, nominations, and credentials. Recommendations and plans were adopted in keeping with the spirit of the message for these last days; true Christian education, medical missionary work, the publishing enterprise, and the circulation of literature receiving due consideration. It was also agreed to establish a depository in New Orleans as soon as circumstances would warrant, and to place the Sabbath- and day-schools, book and medical missionary work in departments of the Conference, in charge of secretaries and superintendents.

The following-named persons were elected for the ensuing year: President, S. B. Horton; Secretary, W. T. Hartsock; Treasurer, Frank Peabody, Fenton, La.; Canvassing Agent, C. F. Dart; Superintendent of church schools and Secretary of Sabbath-schools, Ruby Roach; Secretary Medical Missionary Department, W. T. Hartsock; executive committee, S. B. Horton, C. A. Watkins, E. S. Abbott, Solomon Broussard, J. R. Hudson.

Credentials were given as follows: Ministerial credentials, S. B. Horton, C. A. Watkins; missionary credentials, C. F. Dart, Mrs. E. Hartsock, Miss Ida Simmons, W. T. Hartsock; missionary credentials (self-supporting), Mrs. May Dart, Mrs. Belle Horton, Miss Ruby Roach, Miss Jennie Litchfield.

The treasurer was instructed to remit a tithe to the Southern Union Conference treasurer of all tithe receipts. And it was agreed to assume Conference responsibilities from August 1.

S. B. HORTON, Pres.

W. T. HARTSOCK, Sec.

ONTARIO.

PETROLIA.—We pitched our tent in this place and began services, July 17. At our first meeting, two men and several children were present. We began our meetings before advertising. We then canvassed the town, going from house to house, leaving an invitation card. By this means, and the use of bulletin boards, we increased our audience to about forty. Most of those who come are quite regular in their attendance, which is an encouraging feature. A deep interest is shown by all in the subjects presented. We feel quite hopeful that the Lord will get to himself glory in the conversion of some precious souls to the truth.

If there are those who feel a special interest in the work here, and would send us clean copies of the REVIEW and the Signs, and tracts, for free distribution, we could use them to good advantage. We hope to hear from a number who have the good work at heart. Especially do we request your prayers that success may crown our efforts.

J. F. BALLENGER,
P. M. HOWE.

PENNSYLVANIA.

GRASS FLAT.—This place is located in the northeastern corner of Clearfield County. It is a mining town, of more than two thousand Swedish people, who live within a radius of four miles. Nearly all the men work in the coal mines. In a religious sense, the Swedes here are represented by five Lutheran congregations, one Baptist, and one Free church. We decided to locate our tent here, believing it to be the place where God had called us to labor for Him. We held our first meeting, July 19, with about one hundred quiet and attentive hearers, including one Lutheran minister. The attendance has been good at each meeting, and God has given us freedom and power in the preaching of the word. This is a new field and a large territory for missionary work. If any one has tracts or papers in English, Swedish, or Slavonian languages, we would be glad to have them, as we can use a large number here.

CHARLES MELEEN,
AUGUST ANDERSON.

Those engaged in the tent effort at Erie report as follows: "For one week we have spoken on the Sabbath question to attentive audiences. Last Sunday we had a large attendance. During the week the number is not so large, but the same ones come. There is a deep interest manifested, and some have already stated their determination to obey God's commandments. Thursday evening, after listening to a stirring talk on the change of the Sabbath, those who would take their places under the banner of Jesus in the keeping of all of His commandments, were asked to rise. Fully two thirds of those present arose. Pray that wisdom may be given us to lead these to the fold of God."

SCRANTON.—We had a good location given us at the corner of Taylor Avenue and Myrtle Street, in that part of the city known as Petersburg. The meetings have now been in progress nearly two weeks, and the interest is steadily increasing. At first

our congregation was composed almost entirely of children; but the Lord gave us favor in their eyes, and by and by the parents began to come with them, until now we have a comparatively steady attendance of from one hundred to one hundred and fifty, of whom fully one half are adults. At the beginning we did not think it necessary to advertise our meetings, as the children did it for us. Now the parents are taking an interest, and are helping us to maintain order. Not all the people know our denominational name yet, but they are becoming interested in the truths they hear at the tent. One man told us he had been praying for some one to pitch a tent here and teach the Bible. Since the attendance became regular, we have had a small announcement and program printed and distributed. We expect by the close of another week to have more than we can attend to. The people are already asking us to call at their homes and study with them. Although the order has been fair for a tent-meeting, one lady went home last night and telephoned to police headquarters that boys were disturbing the meetings; that it was not the ministers who were being annoyed, but the people. She was assured that proper protection would be given in the future, so we feel that we need not concern ourselves about that any further. Sister Jessie Weiss was called away from the tent-company by the illness of her sister. Our prayer is for, grace and wisdom.

C. F. McVAGH,
W. F. SCHWARTZ.

PHILLIPSBURG.—About two weeks ago we came to this place, and after a short canvass the Lord directed us to a beautiful site for our tent, in a central location, and moved upon the owners of the ground to let us have it, free of charge, all summer. We began at once to get things in readiness for work, and by July 5 had everything quite satisfactorily arranged. Our first meeting was not largely attended, but a good interest was manifested. The attendance has slowly increased. It is plain that Satan came here before us, and did his bad work, but we are all of good courage. We have great confidence in our Captain.

S. S. SHROCK,
W. H. SMITH.

CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The ship mission in San Francisco is sending out thousands of papers and tracts every week, and any one wishing to send clean pages of any of our denominational literature may send them, prepaid, to C. G. Marchus, 971 Howard St., San Francisco. Any such favors will be thankfully received.

This is a four-compass port, and God wills the message sent upon the seas as well as upon the land. To-morrow six hundred school-teachers sail for Manila, and we shall place in the hand of each, five small tracts. These teachers go on a three years' contract, and how opportune to give them—the molders of public thought—the message.

C. G. MARCHUS.

At the recent meeting of the California Conference, ninety persons were granted credentials and licenses, ministerial and missionary.

THIS year California has fifty-one persons engaged in the canvassing work.

BROTHER T. A. KILGORE, who was for several years manager of the New York branch of the Pacific Press Pub. Co., and who has been connected for the past two years with the Oakland office, has been appointed Manager and Treasurer of the St. Helena Sanitarium, of California.

QUEBEC CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

THE twenty-second annual session of the Quebec Conference was held in connection with the camp-meeting at Coaticook, Quebec, June 13-23. The church delegation was unusually small, yet those present manifested a commendable spirit of unity and harmony. The Conference was favored with the counsel of Elder H. W. Cottrell, President of the Eastern Union Conference, during its entire work.

Elder I. N. Williams, our former Conference president, having left the province, on account of failing health, was succeeded by S. A. Farnsworth, as chairman of the business sessions of the Conference. The usual committees were appointed. Eight meetings were held, at which six resolutions were adopted, covering the following points:—

(1) Acknowledging God's goodness and guiding hand in the work during the past year; (2) acquiescing with the plan of the General Conference in the circulation of "Christ's Object Lessons;" (3) making the tract society and the Sabbath-school