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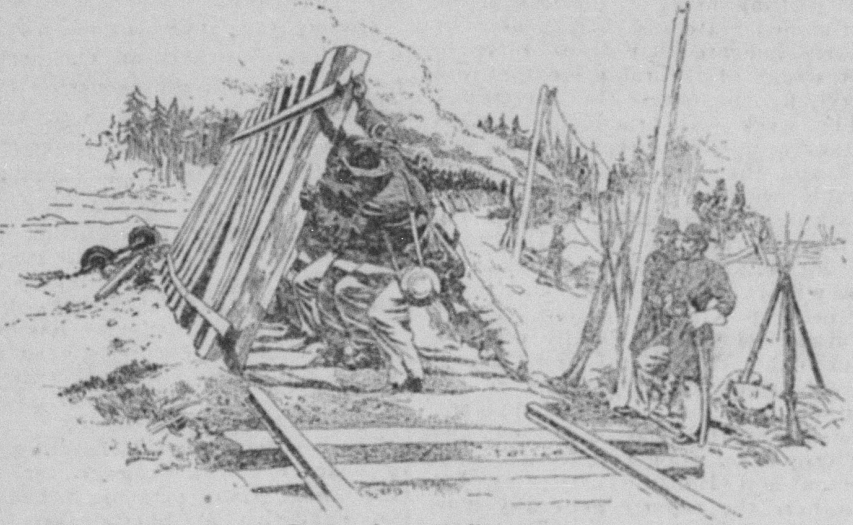
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## CENTRE COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR.

### 148th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

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[To be Continued.]



Destroying a Railroad.

So we see that when the smoke of the great conflict lifted, over three hundred thousand Union soldiers lay dead, while fully as many more were maimed to a greater or less degree for life in the Union army alone.

On the morning following the signing of the articles of surrender, orders were also issued (April 10th) for the homeward march of the army, and some of the troops started at once.

The 148th P. V. started on the homeward march, with its Corps (2nd) at noon on April 11th, and marched eight or ten miles, and camped near Prospect Station, about fourteen miles west of Farmville, Va., on the Petersburg and Lynchburg R. R. Hard march; rained all day.

On April 12th marched about fifteen miles east, by way of Hampden Sydney and Prince Edward Court House, crossing, during the day the Buffalo, the Briery, and Bush rivers, and camped near the latter.

Next day, April 13th, we marched east about twelve miles, crossing the Sandy river, and went into regular camp near Burkeville, Va., fifty miles west of Petersburg, and fifty miles east of Appomattox Court House, on the Petersburg and Lynchburg R. R.

On April 15th we moved to better camping ground, about one mile south of Burkeville Junction, where we put up a permanent camp, in beautiful open fields.

Here very extensive hospitals were put up, and the sick and wounded of both armies from along the route of this campaign, were gathered up and brought here; all whose condition allowed were at once shipped north.

Here we had a "lazy life"; "Red tape" was ignored, and the men growled at all kinds of duty. When we took companies out to drill, we would always drill toward and into the woods, and when out of sight we would stack arms, lay around on the ground and sleep, till the bugle would sound the recall, then come to camp.

Here our honorary promotions were made, in the Regt. to date back to April 1st, 1865.

#### CHAPTER IX.

Now, as we have noted events with the Union army, it will add interest to the closing chapter of this narrative to learn how the Confederate army and people fared during the last days of the "Confederacy." We will therefore add:

The Beginning of the End, and the Fall of Richmond, as told by Miss Sophia Slaughter, a school girl at the time, and a staunch Southern patriot, as will be noticed by the general tone. The article will also show with what unbounded willingness the Southern people made unparalleled sacrifices for their cause.

Richmond, April 1865—In January I left our temporary abode near Scottsville, Va., for a visit to Richmond and secured the following pass: "Confederate States of America."

Richmond, Va., March 13th, 1863—Permission is granted Miss Sophia Slaughter to visit Charlottesville, Pa., in person, not to communicate, in writing or verbally, for publication, any fact ascertained, which, if known to an enemy might be injurious to the Confederate States of America. (Subject to the discretion of the military authorities.) E. GRISWOLD, Provost Marshal.

I had been staying for two months at the luxurious and hospitable home of our friend, Mr. John L. Bacon, in Richmond; only leaving his agreeable domestic circle for a week, that I might see for myself how fared the good people of the besieged town of Petersburg.

I could scarcely realize, after reaching our old home, by ways new and strange, and being quietly domiciled among friends, that an enemy was surrounding the walls. At first, the

occasional whirr and whiz of a shell would startle us with a strange thrill, but, soon becoming used to all unusual sounds, we went about our daily duties and pleasures as if the day of peace had dawned. At night, however, we were again reminded of the military aspect of affairs by visits from soldier friends, who were glad enough to seek relief from the monotony of

The 12th annual convention of the Centre County Christian Endeavor Union convened in the Presbyterian church, Centre Hall, at four o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, August 31st. Rev. Daniel Green, of the Reformed church, made the address of welcome. Rev. S. S. Bergen, of Petersburg, responded, since Rev. Walter Harsh, of Lemont, was unable to be present. With the appointment of committees the convention adjourned until evening.

Wednesday evening—Opened at 7:30 with praise service, after which an appointment of committees was made. This was followed by an address by Rev. A. C. Lathrop: "The Secrets of Strong Lives." On this subject Rev. A. C. Lathrop spoke at some length. A brief outline is given: "The duties of life are so varied and many that strength is needed to discharge them. We are commanded to 'be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might.'"

Neither physical strength, nor mental ability will of itself in the truest sense make lives strong. Soul strength, spiritual vigor, godly character essentially stamp lives as strong—strong in being, resistance, action.

Some lives are stronger than others. We inquire, as to the reason—secret, if it may be so termed. First—Let us inquire as to the secrets of strong lives from some of the strong personalities of the old and new testament. The lives of Enoch, Abraham, Moses, David, Elijah, Isaiah, Daniel, Paul and Christ, in the words of scripture were in turn made to unfold the source of their strength.

Second—By analogy we may infer the secrets of strong lives from the things that make one physically strong. These are, a healthy body, clean habits and surroundings, protection against things without, proper food, suitable training, exercise, etc.

We sum up these secrets as follows: A new cleansed life—contact with Christ; The presence of God, revealed in Christ, experienced in the presence of the Divine Spirit in us. A knowledge of his word—the bread of life; Obedience, devotion and service; prayer and consecration—waiting upon the Lord for honor; a holy absorbing purpose, which inspires in us invincible energy. Everlastingly keeping at the Lord's work, allowing nothing to direct us therefrom.

It is a duty to be strong. We ought to grow stronger. Let us seek this strength in the Lord that we may be able to "mount up" in conscious Christian experience, and go forth in God's service from victory to victory.

Address by Rev. W. E. Steckel—"The Badge we wear and why we wear it." The materials used for the C. E. badge—paper, cotton, silk, silver, gold—are, each in its way, significant. The paper illustrates Christ's transforming power; cotton, his omnipotence silver, calling to mind the great silver tablet in the west, symbolizing the battle cry against Mormonism; gold—the purest, fairest metal—reminds us that in faithful, trusting service our dross is consumed and our gold is refined. C. E. stands for Christian eccentricity, Christian exclamation, Christian exercise, Christian experience, Christian everywhere.

The Christian endeavor is Christ-encircled. Looking deeper for its meaning we find that Christ, like England, "expects every man to do his duty," in words, acts and thoughts. Again: Christ excludes violence, profanity, falseness. These mystic letters teach us "The greatness of little things." Peter the Hermit's badge of scarlet cloth on the left arm has crept to the left breast of the Christian Endeavorist and in the scarlet blood of the living atonement he writes the Hermit's watch word, "God will it."

After the benediction a meeting of the executive committee was held. Thursday morning—Opened with the sunrise prayer-meeting at six o'clock, which was very largely attended. The leaders were James A. Pratt, president of the county union. He read 2nd Kings, 4:7, and drew very helpful lessons from the miraculous increase of oil, which he likened to the inexhaustible strength to be derived from Christ. Many others followed and the hour was fully occupied.

The next session began at nine o'clock with the quiet hour, led by Miss Nannie Fisher, recording secretary of the union. This was followed by Rev. D. A. Artman, corresponding secretary. He spoke on "This Grace Also;" the grace of giving, which he showed is one of the most important graces of the Christian life. Give as Paul directed the Corinthians: "Lay by on the first day of the week as thy word has prospered you." Give gratefully, give religiously, give adequately, give continually, give enlightedly.

In the absence of the paper from the Snow Shoe society on "The Open Door," the time was filled by Mr. Stanley Bergen. The prayer-meeting may be conducted by Endeavorers in the absence of the pastor. Much may be done in the Sabbath school. Look after newcomers to the society. Do personal work among non-Christians. A paper on "How to Develop the Latent Talent in Our Societies," was read by Miss Goss, of the Pine Grove Mills Lutheran society. Encourage the weak members and do not sneer at feeble efforts.

As there was no paper from Phillipsburg, Dr. J. W. Bond spoke on "The Best Consecration Meeting." The leader must be thoroughly consecrated. Sometimes distribute slips of paper with scripture references, or short articles.

Mr. Frank Fisher opened the parliament on "Our C. E. Prayer-Meeting." Begin to prepare for it a week before with prayer and study. Select familiar hymns in the spirit of the topic, give the verses readers little topics to give in their own words. Rev. Artman emphasized the importance of selecting hymns appropriate to the topic. Rev. Lathrop spoke of giving earnestly. Mr. Stanley Bergen recommended using familiar pieces as a rule. Rev. Lathrop spoke of the object of

## C. E. COUNTY CONVENTION.

The meeting—communion with God. Rev. Bergen spoke of the earnestness of societies with small membership. Miss Fisher said that to lead effectively the leader must get the members to take part, instead of occupying much time for himself. Mr. Pratt emphasized the necessity for long and careful preparation.

A paper from the Blanchard Christian society on "Christian Endeavor and Temperance" was read by Miss Bumgardner. If the meetings are poor look for the fault in yourself. Be rigidly temperate by your example.

Rev. Shultz spoke for the Lemont Evangelical society on "Christian Endeavor and Sabbath observance." The Sabbath is endangered by those who are professing Christians. Do not go driving or on pleasure excursions.

Miss McKnight, representing the Buffalo Run Presbyterian society, read an interesting paper on "Christian Endeavor and Missions," showing the great work done by Christian Endeavorers at home and abroad.

The session closed with the reports of the county officers. Thursday afternoon—Song service, followed by a practical talk by Rev. S. S. Bergen, based on the word Comforter, employed by the Saviour in the 14th, 15th, and 16th chapters of John's gospel. The word translated,—Comforter means called to be along side of the Holy Spirit is called along side of us, to help us in what we cannot otherwise do. We are called to suffer; we are called to serve. The Holy Spirit is called to be along side of us to help us to be saints, to suffer, to serve. The Holy Spirit is freely offered to us in answer to the prayer of faith, the one thing that we need to transform us into the image of Christ, and so make us efficient and helpful.

Roll call by the secretary, Rev. Artman, to which the following societies responded: State College, Presbyterian; Howard, Evangelical; Howard, Christian; Lemont, Presbyterian; Lemont, Evangelical; Boalsburg, Lutheran; Pine Grove Mills, Lutheran; Centre Line, Lutheran; Phillipsburg, Presbyterian; Blanchard, Christian; Jacksonville, Evangelical; Jacksonville, Presbyterian; Milesburg, Presbyterian; Unionville, Union; Buffalo Run, Presbyterian; Snyderstown, Lutheran; Woodward, Lutheran; Snow Shoe, Messiah; Aaronsburg, Evangelical.

Parliament, "Committee Work," conducted by Mr. Johnson, who read the by-laws, setting forth the duties of the different committees. Address by Rev. J. I. Stonecypher on "Our Duty Toward the Children." We owe the children the example of a godly life; our preaching is of no avail if it does not accord with our practice.

We owe them a consistent, Christian training. Parents are too apt to neglect the little errors of the child, which spring the great sins of the man. We owe the children instruction in righteousness. Evil lies in wait beside the cradle—half hearted or negligent we never should not be less active than they. In the Junior endeavor, the Mission band, the Sabbath school and especially in the home the children may be so instructed that sin shall have no power over them. Inexhaustible perseverance, indomitable patience, infinite love, constant prayer—with these we shall keep the children safe and fulfill our trust.

These three points should be emphasized: 1st, know the child; 2nd, have a high ideal for him; 3rd, so train him that he may reach it. In heaven lands and even in many portions of our own land thousands of Christ's little ones look to us for the good tidings that shall give them the oil of joy for mourning and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; let us not be found wanting.

Trio by Rev. Artman, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Stanley Bergen. Miss Hamilton, of State College, read a paper, as follows: "How to maintain a successful Junior Society." My experience in work with the juniors has been very limited, but from a few months I have worked among them I came to the conclusion that there are five points essential to the maintenance of a successful Junior Society.

I think first and foremost comes the need of a superintendent who will be faithful in the work, who will be found at her post regularly Sunday after Sunday—example is better than precept—it is no use to urge the children to attend if our places are to be found vacant.

Then again I feel that the work is left too entirely to the superintendent. I find it makes a great difference in a meeting when one or two of the committee have been present, and spoken a few encouraging words, thus showing their interest in the work done by the children. So have a faithful committee.

Let us go to our meetings with a thoroughly prepared lesson. We must master the subject ourselves first before we can hope to instill it into the minds of our hearers. I think our efforts so often end in failure because we fail to apply the lesson, to bring it home to each child; we need more to clinch our subjects so that every one present may carry away with him some thought which will act as a rule of life for the ensuing week—this should be our aim, and not to cram as much of the Bible into their heads as possible.

It seems to me very essential that those in charge of the Junior society should show a personal interest in each child. It is not enough just to know them as they are on Sunday afternoons, but try to get to know them in their homes, sympathize in their trials, and what obstacles there are in the way of their yielding their lives while they are young to Him Who said "Suffer little children to come unto me." The advantage thus gain-

ed will more than compensate for any time spent or trouble taken. But however regular the superintendent, however well prepared the lesson, however much personal interest we show, all will be of no avail unless we spend much time in earnest prayer for God's blessing on the work. He has given us to do. I fear we too often go to our meetings trusting in our own strength, and come away discouraged, feeling that it has been an afternoon wasted. The reason is not hard to find. We have been trying to work by ourselves when without Him we can do nothing.

I try to make it a practice to spend the last ten minutes before going to the meetings in prayer for God's blessing on them; I find this plan a very great help, and would earnestly recommend it to all my fellow-superintendents who are not in the habit of doing so.

Miss Margaret Evans, of Williamsport, read the C. E. pledge and made some interesting and instructive remarks. In keeping the pledge we trust, promise and do. We need strength to enable us to faithfully keep the pledge, and strength comes by service. There should be a special time for prayer; a faithful attendance upon all religious services. Take all our excuses to the Lord.

Mr. Stanley Bergen on "The Line of Enlargement," urged a personal examination; look forward and have a purpose. Suggested different ways of conducting consecration meetings: Voluntary exercises; special music; prayer for the absent members; make this the crowning meeting.

The business session conducted by Frank Fisher. The following officers were elected: President, James A. Pratt; 1st vice president, Mr. E. C. Johnson; 2nd vice president, Miss Cornelia Dale; recording secretary, Miss Nannie Fisher; corresponding secretary, Rev. D. A. Artman; treasurer, H. G. Ebb; superintendent quiet hour, Miss Nannie Fisher; chairman lookout tented Junior work, Mrs. Biery; superintendent mission work, Miss Martha McKnight.

Thursday evening opened with song service, followed by the awarding of Banners. Lemont received banner for the largest delegation present, and Centre Line received banner for the largest delegation present in proportion to membership.

The address of the evening was delivered by Rev. E. E. Lathrop, of Aaronsburg on "Soul Winning the ultimate end of Christian Endeavor." Mark 12:29-31. It is very important that we keep the pledge. All Christian Endeavorers should be interested in foreign missions. We must move forward or C. E. will become a back number. "Religion is the light of the human spirit in contact with the Divine." Do all possible to get persons into the attitude to accept Jesus Christ. The most common persons become saved when God is in them.

A very pleasing selection was then rendered by a quartette composed of Revs. Artman and Bergen and Messrs. Stanley Bergen and Clair Kreamer, after which a collection was taken, and the announcement made that the Union will meet at Lemont next year.

The report of the committee on resolutions was read by the chairman, Rev. S. S. Bergen, and adopted. Dr. A. F. Walker, principal of the Holidaysburg Seminary, made the closing address, his subject being, "Take a Higher Plane." As a nation, difficult problems face us, which you and I must help to solve. It is possible for the poorest boy to reach the highest position of honor. The first problem is how to hold our children to a high plane. Secondly, how are the best men to be interested in politics? Some say Christians should not mix in politics; others that it interferes with their business. God pity the land when the man of the Golden Rule says, "I will have none of it." The cleanest men should take a prayerful interest in upholding our institutions. The third problem is the government of our cities. Because of the steady growth of manufactures, the population of our cities must constantly increase.

The convention moved to extend a vote of thanks to the Penna. R. R. for the excursion rates.

TOWN AND COUNTY NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS.

Clean up the streets and alleys, and repair the walks—encampment time is approaching. The Union County Fair to be held Sept. 23, 29 and 30 at Brook Park, will be a hummer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Gramley, of Rebersburg, Thursday of last week went to Waynesborough for a brief visit.

Prof. W. D. Hosterman, of Spring Mills, recently returned from a trip to the Dakotas. He also visited the Fair.

Mrs. Phoebe Yearick Friday afternoon of last week, went to Rebersburg and for several days was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Daniel Brungart.

Joel Kerstetter, of Laurelton, was in town last week, having come here to deliver a driving horse purchased from him by Wm. H. Stiver, of this place.

H. G. Strohmeier has employed a skilled marble cutter to assist him in getting out numerous monuments, tombstones, etc., before the cold weather approaches.

A fine granite monument was erected in the Sprucetown Cemetery in memory of Adam Smith, late of Centre Hill. The work was executed by H. G. Strohmeier, of Centre Hall.

N. S. Weaver, who for a number of years lived in Williamsport, has moved to Philadelphia, and is the successor to Fred Becker as proprietor of the Becker hotel and restaurant.

Mrs. Shannon, wife of Rev. Samuel G. Shannon, of Norwood, near Philadelphia, is at Spring Mills at present. She is a sister of Miss Herring whose death notice appears elsewhere in this issue.

The North American tannery, at Lewistown, last week, was sold by the referee in bankruptcy to Rice & Hutchins, of Boston, for \$36,000. The tannery has been an important industry in Lewistown.

The spectacle of the cabinet officers, who ought to be public servants, running around the country day and night making speeches in favor of their own retention in office is not edifying, to say the least.

That practice makes perfect is demonstrated by the Russian army when it comes to retreating. Even the rapid forward march of the Japanese army is slower than the Russian retreat "in good order."

The Seaboard Air Line Railway has engaged space in the Reporter to advertise its routes through the south. Those contemplating a southern trip will find the Seaboard Air Line a well equipped road. See their adv.

Local news reporters from Centre Hall are erroneously credited with casting reflections on Centre Hall through communications that appear in some of the county papers. Even the dirtiest resident puppy in the town since 1900 wouldn't be guilty of the deeds referred to.

An item of news that will be gladly received is that Will B. Fischer, son of Dr. W. E. Fischer, of Shamokin, is rapidly recovering from a rather severe illness he experienced during the early part of the summer. He and his sister, Miss Marian, are now in Berlin, Somerset county.

John and Samuel Kimport, who for several years jointly conducted meat markets at State College and Boalsburg have dissolved partnership, and hereafter Samuel Kimport will do business at State College and John Kimport will have exclusive charge of the business at Boalsburg.

Henry Wilcox, the well known carpenter and contractor of Phillipsburg, met with a very serious accident Wednesday of last week. He fell a distance of fifteen feet while building a coal dump at Houtzdale. Mr. Wilcox is aged seventy-three years, which makes his recovery uncertain.

In the past twenty months Bellefonte has lost seven of its most prominent citizens and politicians. W. E. Gray, Esq., died in November, 1902; in January, 1903, both Henry Broeckerhoff and ex-Governor D. H. Hastings died, and since that time C. M. Bower, Esq., Geo. L. Potter, Esq., J. M. Dale, Esq., and Col. Wilbur F. Reeder passed away. And in the case of each one death came quite suddenly.

A large number of people along the L. & T. took advantage of the last sea shore excursion, which started Thursday morning. One coach was filled before reaching Centre Hall. Among others east of Centre Hall who joined the excursion were Merchant H. F. Rossman, Landlord Philip Drumm and wife, Miss Orpha Gramley, Ed. T. Jamison, Spring Mills; Miss Alice Nestlerode, Madisonport; Ellis Shaffer, Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Meyer and son, Paul, W. H. Miller and J. C. Smith, Millheim.

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- DELEGATES.
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| Unionville—James A. Pratt                  | Boalsburg—Anna Sweeney                       |
| Centre Hall—Margaret Rowan                 | Rebersburg—Eddie Peters                      |
| Phillipsburg—Mary Homan                    | Centre Line—Clara L. Keller                  |
| Blanchard—Emma Sylvus                      | Milesburg—Margareta Goheen                   |
| Buffalo Run—Harry Fisher                   | Centre Hall—Marion A. Murray                 |
| Howard—Frank P. Fisher                     | Centre Hall—Rev. J. I. Stonecypher           |
| Centre Hall—H. H. Long                     | Centre Hall—Sadie B. Goss                    |
| Centre Hall—Rev. D. A. Artman              | Centre Hall—Phetta Ward                      |
| Centre Hall—Chas. E. Holtzer               | Centre Hall—H. B. Ward                       |
| Centre Hall—Mrs. Clara Dunham              | Centre Hall—Emily C. Johnson                 |
| Centre Hall—Elmer Schenck                  | Centre Hall—H. A. Roseman                    |
| Centre Hall—Bellefonte—Anna Cornman        | Centre Hall—Mrs. C. T. Aikens                |
| Centre Hall—Martha McKnight                | Centre Hall—Sena Danley                      |
| Centre Hall—Emma Henderson                 | Centre Hall—Mrs. D. G. Meek                  |
| Centre Hall—Jennie Longacre                | Centre Hall—John D. Moore                    |
| Centre Hall—State College—Eleanor Marshall | Centre Hall—Alice Walter                     |
| Centre Hall—Helen Holt Atherton            | Centre Hall—Bernice Wallace                  |
| Centre Hall—Anne T. Hamilton               | Centre Hall—Rev. A. C. Lathrop               |
| Centre Hall—Maude Bailey                   | Centre Hall—Fort Matilda—Lena Sigle          |
| Centre Hall—H. H. Thompson                 | Centre Hall—Mrs. Jennie Henry                |
| Centre Hall—Ella M. Glenn                  | Centre Hall—Aaronsburg—Rev. F. E. Lathrop    |
| Centre Hall—Cornelia Dale                  | Centre Hall—Mrs. F. F. Lathrop               |
| Centre Hall—Mabelle Thompson               | Centre Hall—H. D. Krapp                      |
| Centre Hall—Mabel Armstrong                | Centre Hall—Mrs. Alice Alexander             |
| Centre Hall—Mary Goss                      | Centre Hall—Woodward—Miss Eva Reinhardt      |
| Centre Hall—David R. Gutz                  | Centre Hall—Feldler—Clair E. Kreamer         |
| Centre Hall—G. W. Ralston                  | Centre Hall—Snyderstown—Sarah Michtley       |
| Centre Hall—John Bathgate                  | Centre Hall—Lewis Beck                       |
| Centre Hall—Blanchard—Christie Bumgardner  | Centre Hall—Spring Mills—Mabel Allison       |
| Centre Hall—Martha Johnson                 | Centre Hall—Ward Gramley                     |
| Centre Hall—Snow Shoe—G. Mae Homan         | Centre Hall—Rebersburg—Joseph K. Moyer       |
| Centre Hall—Mrs. L. M. Walker              | Centre Hall—Mrs. Mary Moyer                  |
| Centre Hall—Jacksonville—Mrs. Mary Moyer   | Centre Hall—Petersburg—Rev. S. S. Bergen     |
| Centre Hall—Kathryn Kling                  | Centre Hall—Stanley Bergen                   |
| Centre Hall—Alta Yearick                   | Centre Hall—Williamsport—Margaret C. Evans   |
| Centre Hall—L. S. Prain                    | Centre Hall—Princeton, Ia.—Rev. A. F. Walker |
| Centre Hall—Mrs. Sophia C. Hall            | Centre Hall—Holidaysburg—Rev. W. E. Steckel  |
| Centre Hall—Margaret C. Evans              | Centre Hall—Milesburg—Mrs. William Tussing   |
| Centre Hall—Milesburg—Rev. A. F. Walker    | Centre Hall—Milesburg—Mrs. Stecker           |

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