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Facts Concerning the Philadelphia Effort

At the time of this writing we have finished the eleventh Sunday night, with a crowded house as usual. Next Sunday night will be the twelfth, and we confidently expect not only to have a packed house, but to turn away a thousand. The Garrick Theater, where we have been holding our meetings, is immediately opposite John Wanamaker's mammoth store, and has a seating capacity of between 2000 and 2200, as has been verified to me by one who has been a stage manager, and in different ways connected with the theater, for twenty-five years.

The interest everywhere is deep and widespread. I am constantly receiving, through the mail demands either for one or two of my lectures in printed form, or for all the sermons to be printed together in book form. These requests come from all classes of individuals,—business men, and especially from college men.

Up to the present time sixty-seven people have publicly declared that they are keeping the Sabbath as a result of these sermons. Our first class in baptism numbers twenty-five and possibly twenty-seven; but we are sure of twenty-five. We shall probably have the baptism when I return from College View, Nebraska, where I am to give the commencement address, Sunday night, May 20. Among those who have accepted the truth is a minister, who will be in this baptismal class. His daughter has also accepted the truth and is preparing for baptism.

Another pastor, who was brought up by Spurgeon and baptized in the Jordan River by DeWitt Talmage, told me yesterday morning over the phone that the lectures have made such an impression upon him that he has been having a lot of young ministers attend the meetings, since he is a diocesan, and that he himself is under deep conviction, and does not see any other thing to do than to come and join me in preaching this message. He has addresses to give before a number of audiences, and usually preaches about four times on Sunday. He is confidently

expecting me to take dinner at his house as soon as time permits.

The confident expectation of the workers here is, that given proper time we shall have at least two hundred converts. The general testimony from our friends and those who are not Seventh-day Adventists, and among these may be included business men, store keepers, and men in all professions and trades, is that the interest in Philadelphia is deep and wide spread. The articles in the newspapers have been read all the way from Syracuse, New York, to Orlando, Florida. I know this from my correspondence which has been very heavy from all parts. One drunkard sends us word, that convicted through these meetings he has given up his drink and is now having blessing asked at the meals.

One lady whose only relative is a Baptist minister of great prominence, will be in the baptismal class. She has read all the heavy part of our literature. Only the other day she sat down, and in one day read Elder J. N. Loughborough's book on the "Great Second Advent Movement." Among the converts are those who have sat at the feet of Spurgeon, Talmage, Phillips Brooks, Billy Sunday, those who have been great workers in connection with Doctor Russell, Doctor Alexander, and H. Connell of the Baptist Temple University. These declare that never in all their life have they heard such a truth as this.

As a band of workers in Philadelphia, we believe that the day has struck and the hour has dawned to proclaim the truth more boldly, and to expect the Lord to establish the works of our hands.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Quick Action Necessary

"Men and women are needed who are as true to duty as the needle to the pole,—men and women who will work without having their way smoothed, and every obstacle removed. Do something. Do it now. Remember that the angel bearing the closing message of mercy to this world, flies swiftly." Unpublished M. S.

Realizing the shortness of time and the importance of quickly enlisting all our people, the Union Conference Committee, at a recent meeting, passed the following

recommendations:—

A. "That the conferences speedily complete the permanent organization of every church and company in the Columbia Union Conference for aggressive Home Missionary work, under the supervision of the Home Missionary Secretary.

B. "That all ministers and other conference laborers co-operate with the Conference Home Missionary Secretary, and be responsible for organizing the churches and companies in their respective districts, and that the church elders and other church officers be requested to co-operate in this work of organization."

The Lord says that, "Not one one-hundredth part has been done or is being done by the members of the church, that God requires of them." (Appeal p. 11). The reason for this may be that many of our members do not understand why the church is organized, nor the duties of its members. In order that the members of our churches and companies may fully understand the reason for which they were organized into churches, and the duty of each member, and that all may be intelligently organized into working bands quickly, the following statements, suggestions, and plans, are here presented.

The Church an Organized Missionary Body or Society:

"The church has been organized on earth for missionary purposes . . . and every member should be a sincere laborer together with God." (An Appeal to our Churches p. 28) Every organized church then is already an organized missionary body or society; and every member of the church is a member of that missionary society or body. They should so consider themselves, and they should be so considered.

"Christ requires that every one who is called by His name, should make His work the first and highest consideration . . . The members of the church of Christ are to be faithful workers in the great harvest field." Id. 28.

The Officers of the Church Missionary Society

Christ "is the Head of the Body," the church, or general missionary society. (Col. 1:24,28) The sub-leaders or officers are: Leader, assistant leader, secre-

tary, and assistant secretary.

Usually the church elder is the leader; the young people's leader, the assistant leader; the church missionary secretary, (or Librarian) the secretary; and the secretary of the young people's society, the assistant secretary.

Because of age, location, inexperience or other reasons, it may be advisable to choose some other leading member, who is given to missionary work, to act as leader of the missionary society.

The above officers are officers of the missionary society by virtue of the offices they hold, without further election. However, they may be re-elected to fill these offices if it is thought best.

Missionary Committee

When a church is organized, the Missionary Committee is formed automatically or naturally. The missionary leader, assistant leader, secretary, assistant secretary, Sabbath School superintendent, church school teacher, or the leader of the junior society, and the band leaders, form the Missionary Committee. This committee should meet at least once a month, to consider the work of the society, and to lay further plans and make such improvements as shall be deemed advisable.

Missionary Bands

One shall chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight. Deut. 32:30.

After a church is organized, its members should be formed into working bands. The Lord says, "In our churches let companies be formed for service . . . The formation of small companies as a basis for Christian effort, has been presented to me by One who cannot err . . . If in one place there are only two or three who know the truth, let them form themselves into bands of workers." Vol. 7, pp. 21, 22.

The More Important Bands Are

1. Prayer and Bible—For the purpose of developing a better acquaintance with our neighbors, and a better spirit of service in our churches. Holding Bible readings and cottage meetings in your own homes, among neighbors and friends where there is an interest. Temperance and Religious Liberty Rallies.

2. Christian Help—Giving simple treatments. Helping the poor and teaching them to help themselves. Visiting hospitals and sick neighbors, giving them flowers, texts, prayers, etc. Visiting the aged and invalids, helping the widows and orphans. Encouraging the disheartened and delinquent Seventh-day Adventists.

3. Missionary Correspondence—Writing to relatives, friends and others interested or with the object of interesting. Mailing tracts, pamphlets, magazines

etc., with the object of creating an interest.

4. Tracts—Mailing and distributing tracts. The Present Truth Series. Placing reading racks. Giving or lending to those who call.

5. Periodical and Magazine—Taking subscriptions. Selling from door to door, in shops, on streets. Supplying libraries, reading rooms, stations, etc. Giving in hospitals, benevolent institutions, and on ships.

6. Foreign band—To give attention to work for the foreigners.

7. Children's Band—To interest and educate children in practical missionary work.

The Church Board should meet together to select and appoint leaders for the different bands. Those having some talent and experience are best qualified to lead. As many different bands should be formed as local conditions in the different churches will justify. The Bible and prayer, christian help, missionary correspondence, and literature bands may be formed in almost all the churches.

Further detailed information will be found in the "Home Missionary Series Leaflets," "Lessons for Home Missionary Institutes," "Church Officers' Gazette," etc. It would be well for all to make a careful study of these helps and preserve the above information in regard to organizing bands and their work.

"The Captain of our salvation" says, that "Well organized work must be done in the church, that its members may understand the manner in which they are to impart light to others." "The greatest help that can be given our people is to teach them to work for God. Let them join His army of workers and do faithful service for Him." A great work is before us. We need the help of every one . . . not one is excused." (From "An Appeal to the Church.")

The nations are calling for all to join the world's army. Millions are responding and sacrificing their lives for a corruptible crown. The Lord is calling for all His people to "join His army" and asks them to "fight the good fight of faith and lay hold on eternal life, and win an incorruptible crown." Shall we not, at a time like this, show equally as much or more respect and loyalty to the "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" as the people of this world are giving the kings of this world and whose kingdoms will soon "become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ?" When we join a Missionary Band of Workers, we are joining the Lord's army. The orders of heaven are, "Press together. Press together. Press together." If the people of the world need to press together and drill for service, how much more do the people of God?

Do not wait for the Conference Missionary Secretary or a minister to come and organize you into working bands. Organize yourselves and begin work at once. "Now is the accepted time." J. W. HIRLINGER, C. U. C. Missionary Secretary.

OHIO

Akron

Just a word may be due to the readers of the VISITOR from the pen of one of the workers in one of the most thriving cities in the United States.

Akron, Ohio, affords a good field for both home and foreign missionary work. We have many natures and tongues here, and these are being labored for by the printed page, and also three of our Roumanian workers. Brother John Klepe is here as a conference worker. He has quite a good interest already awakened, and expects to conduct a big tent effort for these people this summer.

Brother and Sister Oancea are faithful in the book and tract work. We are very glad to have them with us, and are doing all we can to assist them to win the honest among them to the truth.

The work in this city is moving forward, not by any great leaps and bounds, but by careful, systematic work we are seeing some fruit as the months go by. Since coming here we have baptized and received into the church about fifty. Last Sabbath, May 12, six dear souls were buried with their Lord in the watery grave (all adults) and new converts to the faith. Many more are keeping the Sabbath, and we are looking forward to a few weeks more when they will take a full stand for the truth.

The church is quite active in doing work for the Master. Many weekly Signs are being placed in the homes of the people, say nothing about other periodicals, such as the magazines, Signs monthly, Watchman, Liberty and Life and Health.

Readers, remember us at the throne of Grace. F. H. HENDERSON.

Colored Work in Ohio

To the readers of the VISITOR I wish to say that the work among the colored people is still growing in the state of Ohio. In Columbus, Sabbath, April 28, six dear souls were buried with their Lord in baptism into His death. It was a blessed day for this little church. It started small last September, with only 13 members. Some of them had moved away, and others live so far that they can not attend very often, but others are coming in and taking their stand with us and for this we

praise the Lord.

The work in Newark is going slow, but sure. Last Sabbath, May 12, two families with about 9 children began to keep the Sabbath with us. We will meet with them in our first Sabbath School among the colored people in this city, next Sabbath, May 19, the Lord willing. We hope those who read this report will at once seek the Lord in prayer for the success of the work here among my people.

I often wonder how many of us will be ready and prepared to go through the crisis spoken of in Testimonies Vol. 5, when it comes upon us. I hope you will pray for me that I may so live and give this message to my people that when the Lord looks up my record, He will not find the stain of the blood of souls of my people unsaved upon my garments.

LESLIE MUNTZ.

The Best 5 cent Investment

that you can possibly make, if you do not already have one, is to send it to your tract society for a 1917 Morning Watch Calendar. If you don't believe this, ask anyone who has been following the texts in Psalms given in the calendar and see what they tell you. They are the most inspiring portions of Scripture that you can imagine. Just what every believer, young and old, needs for these trying times. Why not try following the texts given in the calendar for the rest of this year?

"Soul Winning" by Elder Thompson is proving to be a very much desired book these days. The price is 75c per copy. Do you have a copy?

We have been very gratified by the way in which our people throughout the conference have responded to our urgent appeal for the circulation of Elder Daniell's new book, "World War". Already the orders are pouring into the Ohio Tract Society office at a rapid rate. We are appealing to our people to use at least four copies per member, (costing only 57 cents postpaid), and as many more as possible. If you have not placed your order yet, will you not do so today?

News Notes

Elder Slade and Brother G. C. Quillin went to Bellefontaine yesterday to complete plans for our camp-meeting. It has been definitely decided that our next annual meeting will be held on the fair grounds of this city. The date is August 16-26.

Splendid reports are coming from our Dayton effort. At a recent meeting, after Elder Westbrook had presented "The Seal of God and the Mark of the Beast," sixty-five came forward and signed the covenant. Ten others who were not present at that meeting are already keeping the Sabbath. An important work is in progress in this place, and the earnest prayers of our people should ascend in behalf of the workers there. A fuller report may be expected later from this effort.

Elder E. K. Slade visited our churches and workers in Dayton, Cincinnati and Columbus during Friday, Sabbath and Sunday.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

Wade, East Pa. Temperance Rally

It was my privilege to be with the dear brethren and sisters of the above mentioned church, on Sunday, May 6, to assist them in their Annual Temperance Rally. The church was packed to its limit, many from the other churches being in attendance.

A splendid program had been arranged composed of choruses, quartettes, duets, solos and recitations. Brother Walter Edwards and Elijah Hale worked untiringly to make this effort the grand success which it was, and were ably assisted by the following:

Mrs. Clara Slater, who very well sang, "The Great Judgment Morning;" Mrs. Elijah Hale (Organist); Mrs. Raymond Haslam; Mrs. Wm. Haslop; little Perditta Haslam and Dorothy Hale (Recitations); and the writer sang several solos.

Temperance Instructors were handed round to the people and the pledge cards were explained, after which 12 signatures were secured which we were thankful to receive. The offering realized was nearly \$8. Miss Emma Kaler, public school teacher, gave a splendid talk on the "Evils of Alcohol," and Miss Geiswert, primitive Methodist Sunday School superintendent offered prayer. A splendid gathering closed with the singing of "God be with you till we meet again."

T. H. BARRITT.

CHESAPEAKE

News Notes

Plans are being laid for the workers' meeting to convene in Baltimore, Md. May 22-24. We hope this may be a very profitable meeting. There is a great

work before our brethren and sisters for the summer, and all feel the need of this special season of council and prayer.

Elder J. O. Miller visited the churches in Hagerstown and Martinsburg last week. He found the people of good courage, and the work in Hagerstown advancing.

Elder Shadel baptized one more person in Hagerstown since our last report.

The church debts in some of our churches seem to be a blessing in disguise. Never have the members of some of these churches put forth such strenuous efforts to get literature into the hands of the people as they are doing at this time. We are looking for fruit from this literature that is being scattered broadcast. Besides that, the debts are being reduced. The Baltimore No. 3 Church is now hard at work to raise \$500 on their debt.

Brother M. S. Pettibone and Elder J. W. Hirlinger visited the Cheswold Church last Sabbath and Sunday. Excellent meetings were held. Sunday evening every seat was taken, and an excellent interest was manifested.

District of Columbia

News Notes

Brother J. D. Haynes reports the result of his first four days with "Bible Readings" in Fairfax County, \$143.50 orders, \$5.00 helps sold. We quote from his letter:

"I put in early and late hours in the Lord's work as I do at home. I took deposits to the amount of \$12.25, an average of 4.00 per day, counting my small book sales.

"The Lord is anxious to work through us if we will let Him, and I find the people anxious to get this book."

Brother Otto Westerhoff, who has been working during the winter in Washington and vicinity, has entered Prince William County for the summer and reports \$28.00 orders for "Bible Readings" for his first 23 hours' work, besides \$7.50 cash sales of small books.

Brother D. P. Corbett, of Ashburn, Va., called on us a few days ago and reported his spring work almost in shape to permit him to spend considerable time in the field again. During the past year Brother Corbett has placed many of our good books in Loudoun County and several evidences have appeared of the watering

of the seed by the "showers of blessing," during the past few weeks. His watchword is "Onward" and many more will know the truth of the Third Angel's Message by his instrumentality during the coming season.

The Capitol Hill church school is just closing in happy triumph the first year of its history. Of the seven pupils in the fifth and sixth grades only one was a member of the church at the beginning of school; we are glad to report that at present six have been baptized and taken into fellowship. The influence of the training has been much in evidence in the lives of the pupils since very early in the year, and there is no longer any doubt in the minds of the patrons as to the value of a church school. To the faithful efforts of Miss Edna Trout, who has had charge of the school, is largely due the success of its first year.

The Takoma Park Church Missionary Society has undertaken to have a share in the summer tent effort in Washington by covering a large territory surrounding the tent weekly with Present Truth by house to house distribution, meanwhile working it thoroughly with "Object Lessons" for the college fund. Others are now planning to follow out a similar program in adjoining territory.

NEW JERSEY

Bridgeton---Swedesboro--- Pleasantville

On Friday night the writer met with the church at Bridgeton, where a discourse was delivered to an interested congregation. On Sabbath morning, there being a number of candidates for baptism, several automobiles took the candidates and others to the vicinity of the Jericho Church, seven miles away, where we met a number of the brethren from the Salem and Jericho Churches. We had a good meeting Sabbath morning at the Jericho Church, after which thirteen persons were baptized in Toler's millpond. Nine of these united with the church at Salem, and four with the Bridgeton Church. There are six others now awaiting baptism.

Brother G.W. Holman engaged in evangelistic work during the winter and spring at Jericho, where a good interest had been developed, and a number of those interested were brought to a definite decision. Brother Holman is now in charge of the work at Bridgeport.

Sabbath afternoon, we met the Bridgeton Church for regular Sabbath services,

and the church auditorium was well filled.

Saturday evening, Brother Coursen took me in his car to Swedesboro, twenty-five miles away, where I met with Brethren Parks, Haase, Lindsay and others, who have been taking hold of the work in earnest in that place since Brother Holman left. They have erected a temporary tabernacle for services, about 25x30 feet, with a seating capacity of about 100, to be used until the new church is completed. It is expected the church will be ready in about three months. Thirteen of these brethren came together on Wednesday last, and erected the tabernacle in one day. This speaks well for the energy and consecration on the part of the members of the Swedesboro Church.

Sunday night, I met with the members of Jersey City No. 1 Church, and a good meeting was enjoyed. The Conference Committee met at Jersey City on Monday morning and wrestled with a number of very perplexing problems, such as supplying help to take the places of laborers who have passed away recently, and of others who are seriously ill; studying the financial conditions of our laborers, which have been complicated by the high cost of living, and the seemingly frenzied conditions under which they have been laboring; to arrange detail for the coming camp-meeting, and to consider the Home Missionary Campaign in its relation to the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" for the new dormitory at the Washington Missionary College. We enjoyed a very profitable season together, and plans were laid which will work to the advantage of our cause.

Wednesday afternoon the writer and Brother Gibson went to Swedesboro to consult with the brethren at that place over plans for the new church building. Thursday, we went on to Bridgeton and spent some time in endeavoring to straighten out a perplexing situation which had arisen there; and on Friday, to Pleasantville to arrange for the dedication of the church at that place on Sunday.

The blessing of the Lord attended us in our association at each of the places named, and it is believed the work in South Jersey is taking on a new impetus.

A. R. SANDBORN.

WEST VIRGINIA

News Notes

One of our colporteurs recently took an order from a merchant. He had occasion to be in the store several times afterward and each time he called the merchant would point out another individual whom he thought should have the book. The

colporteur would canvass the individual and has succeeded in taking eight orders in that one store.

Elder Stevens recently spent a little time canvassing. He has just sent in another order for books saying that those who ordered the books were so well pleased with them they wanted their friends to have the book also, therefore, it was necessary for him to order fifteen more books.

Brother and Sister Leach recently visited the conference office. We were glad for this opportunity of visiting with them and talking over the work.

Brother Kirk is working this week with Brethren Fahrner and West. He has visited all the colporteurs since the institute. Several of the colporteurs have delivered the first of June and we ask that you remember them in your prayers, especially at this time.

Cecil Ross returned home from the Washington Missionary College this week. His Parkersburg friends were glad to welcome him home.

Sister Mary B. Worley, of Newark was a recent caller at the conference office. Sister Worley is in very poor health.

Elder T. M. French spent Sabbath, May 12, with the Parkersburg Church. Quarterly meeting was held in the morning and a baptismal service in the afternoon.

Elder A. G. Stevens recently visited the church at Chester.

Dr. D. E. Blake, who has recently taken up work for the colored in this state, reports that he is getting well started in the work in Charleston.

VIRGINIA

Rileyville, Va.

The writer in connection with Elder W. H. Armstrong has just closed a three week's special meeting at this place. I found it a great treat to leave the crowded city with its hustle and bustle, and retreat to the mountains for a little season. I can now better understand the text: "He went up into a mountain apart to pray."

One gets an inspiration as he listens to the prattling brooks, the beautiful songs

from the many birds and enjoys the sweet fragrance from the blooming woods. Up on the mountain top alone with God heaven indeed seems very near. The mind is carried back to the words of the Psalmist: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."

Miss Roberta Ellis taught a very successful church school. Miss Ellis is to be commended for her faithful and self-sacrificing labor at this place. Elder Armstrong and his wife are enjoying their work among the mountaineers. The church is growing in strength and a good work is being accomplished. All through the series of meetings the attendance was excellent, several times the church being filled to its fullest capacity. This is an indication that their hearts are responsive to the gospel, and are reaching out after the things of God.

A number are planning to attend the camp-meeting at Gordonsville.

L. O. GORDON.

Richmond

Greetings to the VISITOR family.

While frequent, but brief reports have been given of the work in the city of Richmond, the writer thought that a more detailed story of the message in this city, might be appreciated.

As all know, during the war of the secession, Richmond was the capitol of the Southern Confederacy. Being one of the oldest settlements of colonial days, it has always maintained a conservative and distinctive foundation in its social ideals. It has been called the chief city of the South, due to its historic setting and educational advantages.

In the summer of 1916, the writer, who was then laboring on the Pacific Coast, was invited to the Virginia Conference, and asked to locate in Richmond. Immediately after the close of the 1916 camp-meeting, a location was secured in the west end of the city, where the summer's tent was opened. Our company of four included Brother R. F. Farley, Brother W. H. Jones, Sister Anna Rice, and the writer, who spent ten weeks in teaching the truth to the people. The attendance throughout the entire effort was excellent, many nights being unable to accommodate the congregation. The effort closed with definite results not phenomenal, but with enough fruit to know that the seed sown had fallen on good ground.

Brother Jones and Farley left shortly after the summer's effort, leaving the organized work to Sister Rice and the writer. Aside from regular Sunday night discourses in the church, organized cottage meetings were held all winter and spring throughout the city, with the free

co-operation of the church, and the Lord has blessed during the last eleven months, to give us many precious souls. During this time, thirty-four have been baptized, six admitted to the church on former baptism, and seven by letters, making a total of forty-seven. The church at present has an actual membership of 124, one having died and three having moved from the conference.

During this time about \$2400 in tithe has been paid, and about \$850 sent to foreign missions. The constituency has maintained a splendid church school of sixteen pupils, taught by Miss Florence Swan, running the entire time of 36 weeks. About \$900 has been raised for local church expense and repairs on the church building. During 1916 the church averaged twenty-four cents per member for missions. Thousands of tracts and hundreds of twenty-five cent books have been distributed and sold. The church has an active missionary society, conducting its several bands.

The city of Richmond has been the storm center of eleven successive tent efforts. Climatic conditions and the absolute conservatism have discouraged many of the workers in coming to this field, yet the Lord's hand has been over His chosen people.

When we realize the enormity of the work and the many cities that do not even have a church organization, we are forced to cry unto the Lord to send means and workers into these fields. May it be the privilege and duty of the VISITOR family to pray for the work in these southern cities.

A. E. SERNS.

News Notes

Work has begun on the pitching of the camp at Gordonsville. A large camp-meeting is expected. Word from different parts of the state indicate the feeling of apprehension as the world situation is viewed. Surely we all need the help and encouragement that will come of an attendance at the meeting.

Encouraging reports are coming in relative to the progress being made in the reading courses of the Missionary Volunteers. Quite a number are busy finishing up the reading. Several new ones have been enrolled. It is not yet too late to start in. The new courses will soon be ready. This year an additional feature is added in the way of a primary course. This is for children especially. Those who have children in the family would profit immensely by the reading of the books to them. Get in touch with the Missionary Volunteer Secretary.

Reports coming in from the churches show that Young People's Day was very generally observed throughout the state. It is getting now to the time when our young people should come into their own.

Young People! Come to camp-meeting.

Young people, it will be much to your advantage to get in touch with the Missionary Volunteer Secretary of the conference. If he has not written to you, write to him. He may not know where you are.

Camp-meeting is in Gordonsville, May 24 to June 3.

Miss Louise Cousins and her mother of Richmond spent the week end with friends at Hampton.

Our canvassing report for this week is beginning to take on its summer proportions. Sister Elder of Buena Vista carries off the palm for this week. This is also among the first weeks of her canvassing experience, and should certainly be an encouragement and inspiration for any other indoor workers who are halting between two opinions.

Elder A. E. Serns of Richmond is at the Washington Sanitarium for this week undergoing treatment for his throat. He closed his Sunday night meetings at the Morris St. Chapel with a good interest, and the outlook is good that some will accept the truth.

The interest is unusually good in attending the Gordonsville camp-meeting which takes in the 24th. Orders are coming in for rooms and tents, and if all come, the attendance will exceed the good meeting at Charlottesville two years ago. Let all come seeking the waiting blessing and they will not be disappointed.

Brother and Sister W. H. Wilcox have moved to Virginia to enter the canvassing work. Their home will be at Gordonsville and they will work along the north of the conference. We are glad to welcome these new workers.

Mount Vernon Academy

We were pleased to have with us Professor S. M. Butler of Washington College. He spoke to the students in chapel on Friday, urging them to continue their schooling.

Elder Geo. F. Enoch was with us on Friday morning and spoke to the students in behalf of the college campaign to be carried on in Columbus this week.

Mrs. M. A. Billington of Scranton, Pa., will spend the summer at the academy with her daughter, Mrs. A. E. King.

The following mentioned were visitors here during the closing exercises of the school: Mrs. H. S. Hershberger, Akron Ohio; Miss Iva Harkins, Alliance, Ohio; Mr. Marcellus and Miss Mabel Andre, Mansfield, Ohio; Mr. Joseph Beach, Martel, Ohio; Mrs. F. H. Coe, Miss Lillian and Mr. Rupert Coe, Stockton, N. Y.; Mr. W. T. Lane, Peoria, Ohio; Mrs. F. A. Draper, Grafton, Ohio; Mrs. John Smith, Leesburg, Ohio; Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Kelly and Mrs. E. Eyler, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Miss Lilly Schar, a former student who has been teaching school at Dresden this year, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. C. C. Pulver of Washington, D. C., is visiting with Mrs. A. E. King and friends.

Elder H. A. Weaver stopped at the academy last Tuesday to visit his son Eugene.

Mrs. D. B. Johnson and Mrs. H. White, of Bedford, Ohio, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Scott.

A young scientist arrived in Academia May 14, and will lodge permanently at the home of Professor A. C. Robbins and wife. He weighs six and one-half pounds.

The sewing class rendered a program in the chapel last Saturday night, under the direction of Mrs. Clara Morris.

Shenandoah Valley Academy

The first annual English program was rendered by the English students of the academy in the chapel, April 21, at 8 P. M.

This program was much enjoyed by all present, and it was a fair demonstration of the good work done by both students and teachers during the school year.

The dining hall, halls and bath rooms have been much improved by a new coat of calcimine. The dining hall especially. One cannot help but enjoy its home-like appearance, and the students appreciate the work of the teachers in striving to make the school homelike.

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Ohio, Week Ending May 11, 1916									
Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.		BR	5	53	28	102 00	3 00	105 00	49 25
Geo. Carter, Shelby Co.		BR	5	50	11	41 50	7 50	49 00	6 00
M. B. Ingersol, Huron Co.		BR	4	43	2	8 00	1 00	9 00	145 50
J. H. Stafford, Franklin Co.		BR	5	41	11	41 50	2 40	43 90	2 40
R. H. Patterson, Green Co.		BR	4	39	8	34 00	3 00	37 00	1 50
Frank Fultz, Montgomery Co.		BR	4	39	10	37 00		37 00	43 50
E. C. Alexander, Adams Co.		BR	4	36	7	29 50	7 25	36 75	108 25
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Dayton		BR	5	34	4	16 00	8 00	24 00	32 75
D. McCarthy, Youngstown		BR	5	28	23	83 50	3 35	86 85	20 50
Mrs. C. Kelly, Dayton		BR	5	26	9	31 50	11 25	42 75	7 75
J. D. Fellabaum, Hancock Co.		BR	5	26	5	18 50		18 50	3 50
R. D. Kline, Lake View		BR	4	26	13	52 50		52 50	4 50
Mrs. Fellabaum, Hancock, Co.		BR	5	23	5	17 50		17 50	4 50
N. Oancea, Akron	Foreign	4	22			16 60		16 60	16 60
C. J. Fritz, Athens Co.		BR	4	22	16	58 00	7 50	65 50	
Miss Kuebel, Dayton		CK	5	21	5	11 50	1 00	12 50	1 00
W. H. Smith, Delaware Co.		BR	4	32					101 00
Loy Thornton, Lawrence Co.		HM	2	16	12	34 00		34 00	
Miscellaneous		WCS					515 75	515 75	515 75
Totals	19 Agents		79	577	169	\$633 10	\$571 00	\$1204 10	\$1064 25

West Virginia, Week Ending May 11, 1917

J.S. Seal, Charleston	BR	4	20	19	68 50	3 75	72 25	1 50	
W. E. West, Dawes	BR	5	31	16	58 00	4 00	62 00		
W. A. McElphatrick, Elm Grove	BR	5	41	11	40 50	3 75	44 25	75	
John Fahrner, Dawes	BR	5	30	4	15 00	12 05	27 05	29 25	
T. M. Butler, Greenbrier Co.	PG	5	46	4	14 00	39 00	53 00	1 50	
J. M. Morris, Charleston	HM	5	37	32	80 00	6 80	86 80	1 10	
C. G. Mays, Greenbrier Co.	HM	5	41	26	71 00	4 75	75 75	1 25	
John McHenry, McDowell Co.	BF	5	34	85	173 00	27 45	200 45	1 05	
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Totals	8 Agents		39	280	197	\$520 00	\$101 55	\$621 55	\$36 40

District of Columbia Month Ending April 30, 1917

D. P. Corbett, Loudoun	BR	6	43	26	156 50	6 50	163 00	7 50
Chas. Dunham, Washington	GC	10	70	19	66 50	22 50	89 00	64 50
F. T. Feutz, Washington	BR	6	40	24	84 00	3 75	87 75	40 00
W. C. Welch, Prince Geo. Co.	BR	4	25	10	38 00	2 00	40 00	
E. R. Corder, Washington	BR	4	20	11	40 00		40 00	15 00
C. A. Carter, Washington	BR	3	18	10	38 00		38 00	10 50
Otto Westerhoff, Prince Geo. Co.	BR	2	12	4	15 00	6 00	21 00	6 00
S. C. Henson, Washington	CK	3	16					60 00
Miscellaneous	Misc				40 00	9 50	49 50	49 50
Totals	8 Agents	38	244	104	\$478 00	\$50 25	\$528 25	\$253 00

West Pennsylvania Week Ending May 11 1917

Paul Baroudi, Fayette Co.	BR	3	21	7	26 00	5 50	31 50		
Mrs. C. D. Bateman, Cambria Co.	HM	5	27	14	35 00	12 00	47 00		
A. Brownlee, Allegheny Co.	PPF	5	13	8	15 25	29 50	44 75	20 15	
J. S. Glunt, Erie Co.	BR	3	24	4	15 00	6 75	21 75	8 50	
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	BR	8	35	10	28 00	2 00	30 00	1 50	
A. Holst, Indiana Co.	BR	5	34	3	34 00	4 50	38 50	76 50	
C. B. Moser, Erie Co.	BR	4	32	13	47 50	3 00	50 50	83 25	
L. C. Mitchell, Allegheny Co.	BR	4	22	1	3 50	10	3 60	10	
Mrs. Thurman, Allegheny Co.	HM	5	26	4	10 00	2 25	12 25	18 50	
C. E. Will, Allegheny Co.	HW	4	30	22	11 00	6 20	17 20	6 20	
Miscellaneous	Misc			12	32 00	23 50	55 50	21 75	
Miscellaneous	Misc				62 50	17 50	80 00	80 00	
Totals	10 Agents		46	294	103	\$319 75	\$112 80	\$432 55	\$316 45

Virginia Week Ending May 11 1916

H. A. Wright, Nelson Co.	BR	4	39	27	95	75	3	50	99	25	
S. N. Wilmer, Albemarle Co.	BR	3	20	8	28	10			28	10	49 00
W. H. Wilcox, Orange	BR	3	17	19	40	50		75	41	25	
Mrs. W. H. Wilcox, Orange Co	BR	3	17	6	22	00			22	00	
A. L. Gary, Buckingham Co.	CK	4	32	7	14	00	3	25	17	25	
Richard Cross, Buckingham Co.	DR	5	41	2	7	00	2	25	9	25	
Mrs. Ida Elder, Rockbridge Co.	HM	8	64	41	105	50	16	90	122	40	
Mrs. Fussell, Richmond	Misc	8	50	200	50	00			50	00	50 00
Totals 8 Agents			38	280	310	\$362 85	\$26 65	\$389 50		\$99 00	

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 11, 1917

S. Booth, Franklin Co.	GC	3	20	2	8	00	4	25	12	25	
C. Booth, Franklin Co.	BR	5	45	21	3	50	75	50	79	00	
W. P. Hess, Lancaster Co.	BF	5	36	21	42	00			42	00	
J. L. Gerhart, Lehigh Co	BR	5	42	13	48	50	2	50	51	00	
W. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.	Misc	5	45	63	43	75			43	75	25 25
C. F. Durr, Philadelphia	Misc	5	19				13	15	13	15	
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.	BR	4	24	16	63	00			63	00	
Totals 7 Agents					\$280 75	\$23 40	\$304 15		\$25 25		

Chesapeake, Week Ending May 11, 1917

O. C. Weller, Frederick Co. Md.	BR	3	22							114	25
C. W. Jenkins, Washington Co.	BR	4	34	26	95	00	12	50	107	50	5 50
Totals 2 Agents			7	56	26	\$95 00	\$12 50	\$107 50		\$119 75	

Grand Totals: 52 Agents of Orders Value \$2686 45 Deliveries, \$1914 10

On Thursday night, May 3, the young ladies of S. V. A. gave an informal reception to the young men. This occasion was much enjoyed by all present, and the young men were thoroughly convinced that the young ladies of S. V. A. are proficient in the art of entertaining.

Mr. W. H. Jones, Home Missionary Secretary of the Virginia Conference, recently made a visit to the academy in the interest of home missionary work. His visit and counsel were much appreciated by all, and we hope to see much more work done along this line as a result of his stay with us.

Elders Moffett and Bidwell recently called at the academy. They gave us encouraging reports of the progress of the work throughout the conference.

No doubt the readers of the VISITOR will be interested to know that the Students' Union of the academy has paid for the microscope which they gave to the school and also that the library lacks only seventy volumes of being up to the standard. This perhaps will seem small, but when we call to mind that we are few in number, as compared with some other schools, and that we started with practically nothing, it will be seen that we have made some progress, and we thank the Lord for it.

The Union has set a goal toward which we are to work during the summer vacation. Each student is expected to make an ef-

fort to secure one other student for the next school year. At least half the students have pledged their best week's work during the summer to the school. And a new goal has been set by the students for the library, namely,--800 volumes by January 1, 1918. The students of S. V. A. are determined by the Lord's help to see the school a grand success.

OBITUARIES

Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy for the loss of our beloved fellow-worker, Brother Herman Lauterbach, of Washington, N. J.

When the sorrows and trials of a season of service for the King of kings and the Lord of Hosts are ending, and still we aspire to higher realms and nobler work for the cause of God, oftentimes the enemy death shuts the door to grander ministry, but unlocks the soul to eternal rest.

As the mind of man cannot fully comprehend the intent of the Infinite, so friends of our dear Brother Lauterbach, bemoaning his loss, surrender to the giving, taking arm of the Almighty, and in this hour of trial, can say, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

His was an active life. Brother Lauterbach had engaged for several weeks in his former business as art salesman, had successfully closed an exhibit in Buffalo, and was preparing to come to his home in Washington, when he was suddenly stricken

with an uncommonly painful condition of his head, followed at a later time with a paralytic stroke, to which he succumbed on Sunday, May 6.

The extent of his labors in the cause of God was twofold. Being associated in business with poor and wealthy alike, his love for God and for greater missionary work impelled him to speak words of truth of the warning message to all classes of people.

We deeply regret the sorrow which has come upon Sister Lauterbach, and her many friends pray the Lord will sustain her in every moment by His sustaining grace.

Funeral services were held in Buffalo. Elder Wheeler commented on the deceased's life, and Elder Raymond preached the sermon.

May we take up the good work which Brother Lauterbach has left for us to continue, realizing that it will not be long before we shall meet our loved ones again when the Lifegiver comes! A. R. SANDBORN.

TRUEMAN.—On the first day of May, Sister Anna Trueman quietly passed away at the home of her son, Mr. Goode. She was born in Woodford County, Kentucky, in 1840. In the fall of 1908, under the labors of Elder B. L. House, she accepted present truth in Richmond, Virginia.

During all her life Sister Trueman has been a servant of Christ, and since accepting the Third Angel's Message up to the time of her decease she has been a tireless church worker. She leaves three living daughters and two sons, many grandchildren and great grandchildren to mourn.

We shall miss her smile, and her charity, but we know that she sleeps in Jesus. Appropriate words were spoken by the writer, 1 Kings 2:1-3. A. E. SERNS.

The Colporteur

O faithful one, as now thou goest forth in earth,

Where'er thy field of proffered service be,
In Afric's sunny clime, or Greenland's frozen north

Give thou forth those truths so sweet to thee.

Sow thou His winnowed seed beside all waters now,

For thou canst neither guess nor tell
Which shall prosper, flourish, yield or grow,
But "Our Father" doeth all things good and well.

Though some on stony ground or earth may seem to fall

'Tis thy honest duty each to seek and find,

Giving forth His seeds of truth to one and all,

And witness for Him in the earth, and ever teach.

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And if now or even thou, shouldst seem to fall,

May it be not caused by Satan's filthy snare for you

But in answer to Jehovah's gracious plan and call.

Fear thou God, and give to Him all honor, worship, praise,

That each now hath in His great vineyard some small part;

For 'tis not long e're we shall sing those heavenly lays

And feel Him near, in every thankful, blood bought heart.

—D. E. H. Lindsey.

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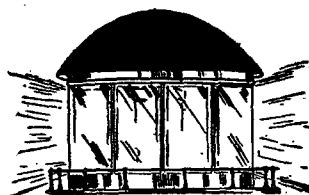
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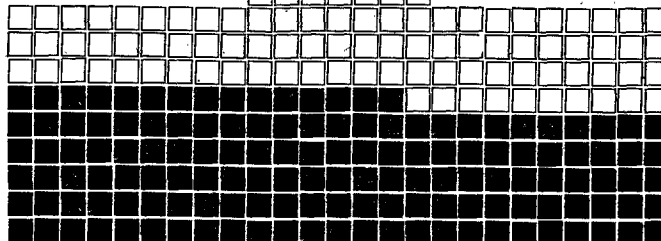
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