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Elder Knox Corrects False Rumors

In a previous number of the VISITOR, under the head, "Elder Evans Corrects False Rumors," I quoted from a letter from Elder Evans to me in which he expresses his deep regret over the situation caused by some rumor afloat, contrary to fact, that a cablegram had been sent from the orient by Elders Daniells and Knox asking that building operations be held up, and that the cablegram referred to the new building for Washington Missionary College. The following from a letter received from Elder W. T. Knox will speak for itself.

July 16, 1917.

"Dear Brother Wilkinson:

I very much regret to learn upon reaching Takoma Park, that the work for securing funds for the new building for the Washington Missionary College has been held up, evidently because of a misunderstanding in the minds of some of our brethren, based upon a cablegram sent by Elder Daniells and myself from the East.

"Now Brother Wilkinson, that part of the cablegram pertaining to building operations, had nothing whatever to do with the College building at Takoma Park. We had not thought that any such interpretation would be placed upon it. Elder Evans' letter was explicit in mentioning the projects upon which he desired advice. Our cablegram was in reply to this query from him.

"Personally I can only say that I greatly regret that our much needed new facilities at Washington have been retarded by reason of this misunderstanding; and I trust that this explanation from me will be sufficient to disabuse the minds of any of our constituency or collaborators who have thought we were advising against the erection of the College building. This was an enterprise that had been entered into after thorough consideration by us, and most of the money had been provided for by pledges, and it would seem to us to be a serious mistake to delay the erection of this building."

(Signed), W. T. Knox.

B. G. WILKINSON.

The West Pennsylvania Camp-meeting

The camp-meeting of the West Pennsylvania Conference, held July 5-15, at Du-bois, was declared by all present to be the best camp-meeting ever held in the West Pennsylvania Conference. A beautiful spirit prevailed on the grounds from the beginning. Although heavy rains came down every day which soaked the grounds through and through, and caused everything to be wet, swampy and disagreeable, nevertheless the camp-meeting moved right forward with an intensity of interest.

The brethren were favored from the beginning with the presence of Elder S. N. Haskell. His morning talks touching upon the origin of our work, and especially upon the Spirit of Prophecy sunk deep and did much good. It is a pleasure to see our people being informed concerning the definite origin of the work, and to be told from the mouth of an eye witness those events in which the Third Angel's Message found its birth.

Although Elder Enoch and myself did not arrive on the ground till toward the middle of the final week, nevertheless, we found that God was greatly blessing the work of our laborers present. The consecration meeting of the last Sabbath was declared by those present to be such an one as they had never seen before. Practically the entire camp was moved. The young people flocked up in great numbers to the pulpit until the platform back of the speaker was full to the overflowing; and when these young people were transferred to the Young Peoples' Tent, there were more than the tent could hold. We were surprised at the large number of people who are attending camp-meeting for the first time. Over twelve persons, including especially young men, accepted the truth and on the following Sunday were baptized into the faith. Among those who accepted the truth and were baptized was a young man who had just sold his farm on which he was making money rapidly, and which he disposed of for fear he might be caught in the snare of seeking worldly possessions. He was brought into the truth largely by the work done by the Tract and Mission Society of Mount Vernon Academy. When the call was made for the fund be-

ing raised in behalf of the new college building for Washington, this young man made a donation of \$500.

The last Sabbath the Sabbath School raised over \$500 for Foreign Missions. This is a remarkable record for West Pennsylvania Conference. When the call was made for Foreign Missions and for the College Building, although only \$1500 was needed to complete their portion of the College Building Fund, in a few minutes \$1850 was subscribed. The call was then made for Foreign Missions, and the deficit of the conference was over subscribed by \$800. We could not but especially note the spirit of consecration, devotion, and forward movement in all the brethren of this conference.

Professor Longacre was present and his labors were greatly appreciated. On four successive days the Home Missionary Department held special meetings upon the circulation of our books and tracts which were attended with great success. Beside the Union Conference laborers, Elder F. M. Wilcox was present at the beginning of the meeting.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Are We the Head or the Tail

"And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all His commandments. . . that the Lord thy God shall set thee on high above all nations of the earth. . . The Lord shall open unto thee His good treasure. . . and the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath." Deut. 28.

Are we, as the Lord's chosen remnant people taking that leading place in practical missionary work, which the above promises hold out to us?

In a work published by Rev. M. T. Lamb, entitled, "Won by One," the following is taken, "It is the very common error as to the kind of effort required in winning a soul to Christ. The very general conception seems to be that it is largely a mental struggle, a sharp yielding to the superior logic, the impassioned appeal, the irresistible eloquence, or the hypnotic influence of the stronger. The

following excuses will suggest the prevalent drift of thought:

"I can't talk with people so as to make any impression upon them." "That neighbor over there can talk all around me, there is not a particle of use of my visiting there." "I am not sufficiently posted on the evidences to reply to Mr. H—'s objections to the Bible, so what is the use of calling upon him?" "If I had the learning, or the knowledge of human nature, or such ability to get at people as my pastor possesses, I would not hesitate a moment." "There is Mrs. S—, she is not specially gifted in speech but her husband is wealthy, her husband is the mayor of the city, or a senator. People respect her, and will listen attentively to whatever she says. My husband is not so fortunate, no one cares particularly for me; so what is the use?"

And thus in one way and another there is constantly cropping out the mischievous idea that to be a successful soul-winner I must in some way have the ability to overmaster the one whom I would reach, either by my superior conversational powers, my acute logic, my learning, my position in society, my impassioned earnestness, my mastery of the emotions, or ability to control other natural forces or elements of power. And because the rank and file of our members do not possess these desirable qualifications in so large a measure as they suppose needful, they consider themselves quite excusable, and may leave the work to the preachers, or to a possible few in the church who are favored with the requisite qualifications.

"Now, it would be a sufficient answer to all this to quote the plain, unequivocal language of the Master himself, 'Without Me ye can do nothing.' Or the positive side of the same truth as uttered by His apostle, 'I can do all things through Christ that strengtheneth me.' Or put in still more definite terms, 'He that abideth in Me and I in him; the same bringeth forth much fruit.' This tells us absolutely that the qualifications for large usefulness or fruit-bearing are not dependent on the natural elements of power or influence over men, but rather upon our close relations with the Lord Jesus Christ."

"The true source of power over men is most conclusively revealed in Gen. 32:28. After an all-night wrestling, God said to Jacob, 'Thy name shall no more be called Jacob but Israel (i. e., prince of God), for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men and hast prevailed.'"

"Jacob had not yet met his brother, but God says, 'Thou hast prevailed.' The wicked Esau is conquered. How conquered? By logic? Eloquent speech? An appeal to the emotions? The skillful

manipulations of magnetic forces? No, no, none of these. Jacob had met God and prevailed with Him; he had taken hold of omnipotent forces, had moved the arm that moves the world." "Jesus says, 'If ye abide in Me and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you.' And this, whether you talk fast or slow, reason logically or otherwise, have magnetic powers at your command, have the influence which the possession of wealth or position in society brings or belong to the poorest and most obscure. As a matter of fact, God reveals a reason why not many "wise men after the flesh," not many "mighty," not many "noble," should be put forward in the kingdom. (1 Cor. 1: 26-29.)

And it is not difficult to understand why an enthroned Christ, rather than an eloquent tongue should be most successful in reaching lost souls. . . . It is the omnipotence behind the arrow and not the character or quality of the arrow itself, that determines chiefly how far it shall be projected, and with what irresistible effect (See Zech. 9:14), and it is the living Christ enthroned within the heart and life, actually living in a human body, looking through human eyes, adding an inexpressible charm to the countenance, making the heart larger and the mouth wiser and the feet more beautiful; an every day presence, filling the heart with gladness and the lips with laughter and praise, making unpleasant duties a pleasure and sacrifices a joy, that preaches the loudest sermon and the best.

A remarkably suggestive scene is that recorded in 2 Kings 4: 34-36, the restoration of the dead boy to life. The prophet went alone into the room where the dead child lay, and after shutting the door and praying, "He went up and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he stretched himself upon the child, and the flesh of the child waxed warm." . . . There is in this strange scene a beautiful suggestion of God's method of bringing dead souls to life; by having a living soul, one full of the Christ life, come into such close and persistent contact with the dead soul, as that the warmth and heat of the one shall become contagious, and by and by impart itself to the other, or to express it in another way—this man whom I wish to reach and save has ears, but he does not hear God's warnings or His gracious promises, and so I put my ears into his ears; I hear for him. He has eyes, but they do not see the dangers that beset him, or the glorious things that are offered him; but I see these things clearly and so I become eyes for him. He has a mouth, but it has never been opened in prayer to God, and so I talk to God in

his behalf, as he ought to talk for himself. His heart is cold and dead, and so I put my heart in his heart's place and attempt to feel for him the burden of soul and the agony interest that he ought to feel for himself. And thus I put my soul in that soul's place so closely, so persistently that he cannot help catch my fire and become warm from my heat.

"Many a church is like a gross of yeast cakes covered with tin-foil, boxed, and packed away on ice. Good yeast it may be, but in cold cakes yet. If we would see the power of God displayed, and the entire community permeated with truth, let those yeast cakes be melted up somehow, get them warm till fermentation begins, then start them out into the streets and lanes of the city, out into the highways and hedges, out into the slums, the "deep" of sin and depravity, and you will discover that the old gospel has lost none of its POWER.

"Ye are the salt of the earth." Matt. 5: 13. . . . The Christian world today presents the strange phenomenon of a vast amount of apparently good salt "barreled up" in our churches. At least all around these and living next door perhaps, to its individual members are multitudes of people who are spoiling and filling the moral atmosphere with malarial poisons, becoming worse and worse; for drunkenness, lewdness, debauchery, anarchism, robbing, thieving, murder, all are said to be on the increase in our country, breathing out pestilence and death. What is the matter? The salt has not been put in. It is barreled up in our churches, brought out for exhibition on the Lord's Day, or displayed at the weekly evening prayer meeting; but it is not brought into close living contact with this reeking, seething mass of sinners all about us."

Many of the leaders and members of the popular churches are realizing the need of more practical godliness, and, accordingly they are organizing missionary societies, such as the "Laymen's Missionary Movement," "Gideon's Bands," etc. As a result of these missionary organizations, we see Bibles and religious literature in nearly every room in all the hotels, boarding houses and such places; and reading racks in stations and other public places.

At one time Seventh-day Adventists led out in these things, but unfortunately there came a time when there was not so much of this good work done, but the Lord has been calling His people to repentance and is asking them to do the first works over again. It is truly gratifying to see how readily they are responding to the call. The Lord says there would be "a great reformatory movement among God's people. . . . Hundreds and thou-

sands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the Word of God.

On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth." Test. Vol. 9, p. 126. There are evidences on every hand that this promised reformation is on. Are you having your part in it? May the Lord help His people to be "the head" in practical missionary work rather than "the tail."

J. W. HIRLINGER.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

News From East Pennsylvania

We are thankful to the Lord for the blessings we are receiving in the colporteur work. On January 1, 1917, we started with six colporteurs, and by the time of our March institute we had ten workers, and by the time of the camp-meeting, which took place the latter part of June, we had fifteen workers. The prospects are, since camp-meeting, that we will have twenty-five to thirty workers. We set our goal for the year at \$15,000, which is nearly double what our sales were last year. If we count the books that were taken away from camp-meeting we will have reached our goal in six months. With the present force we will be able to double our goal we set for this year. Surely there has never been a better time to sell our literature than just now.

Sister Wilcox has made her record in Reading, selling 135 "World's War" in three hours,—\$112 worth in twenty hours. Sisters Frizzell and Messikomer are selling "World's War" by the thousand. Two of our student canvassers from Washington, who were backward in returning to our conference because of their past failure in earning scholarships, are now convinced that East Pennsylvania is not a bad place to canvass, as they sold \$900 worth of "Bible Readings" in nineteen days. At this rate they will get three scholarships during the summer vacation.

Brother Mack took up the work again. In 150 hours he sold over \$3000 worth of books. The writer had the privilege of taking out the local elder, Brother Prutzman, of the Reading Church last week. With the exception of about one day it rained every hour. The roads were so muddy that one was hardly able to travel; but we ploughed along, and God blessed us with \$97 worth of orders in about thirty-five hours. In one house Brother Prutzman was able to put in four full morocco "Bible Readings," worth \$22. In another place we put \$10 worth of books; and so we could enumerate many other experiences of sales made by our faithful workers all over the conference.

Surely this means that we have come to the latter rain, when we see how the doors are opening to the last message due to the world.

Some of the readers of the VISITOR may wonder why we sometimes report large miscellaneous sales. A word of explanation is in order. We have a number of workers who do not report regularly, possibly only once in a month. Others who sell "World's War" report in bulk, so we report in bulk.

We were pleased to see how the people took hold of the work at camp-meeting, carrying home from one hundred to one thousand "World's War" and other small books, the number being fully 7,000 copies. This is fulfilling prophecy where it is said that literature was scattered as the leaves of autumn.

We are truly thankful for the "World's Crisis" series. These small books fill in the gap between our periodicals and large books, and make it possible for every soul to receive the truth for today. Many in the cities will stop to read one of these small books, when in their present whirl and mad rush they would not stop to read a large book. We believe that the time is not far hence when the last exhibition will have been made, the last plea made by our faithful workers to induce souls to purchase the literature that may mean eternal life to them, when the last prayer will have been offered in behalf of the perishing souls, and Christ will come to take His faithful children home. So let us work while it is yet day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

C. E. REICHENBAUGH.

A Home Missionary Experience

At a meeting recently held with the company in Phoenixville, Pa., I offered my services to help anyone to do missionary work in their neighborhood.

Brother Herbert Taylor, who pledged \$100 for the W. M. C., said if I would let him know in time, he would so arrange his work and take me, introduce me to his neighbors, and let me canvass them. This was done, and in the one and one-half days I spent with him last week, the Lord blessed us with \$43 worth of orders for "Bible Readings for the Home Circle."

We would both go to the door together, and Brother Taylor introduced me as a friend of his doing missionary work, and that he was anxious to have me meet them. Brother Taylor has lived in this locality for a number of years, and almost everybody knows that he is a Seventh-day Adventist, yet, they were all glad to see us and talk with us regarding the present day conditions, and this proved to me that this brother had been a real "home missionary," witnessing to all around

him, putting into effect the testimony given us in Vol. 9, page 30. "There are many ways in which church members may give the message to those about them. One of the most successful is by living helpful, unselfish, Christian lives."

Among those who gave their order for the book was the station master, who was a candidate for Congress at the recent election, a telegraph operator speaking three languages, a director of the First National Bank of Phoenixville, the tax collector, and one of the leading business men of the city. A "World War" was sold to the doctor and a wealthy farmer.

Surely we had much to be thankful for, and our hearts rejoiced at what the Lord had done for us.

Brother Taylor has ordered a prospectus, and with the help of God is determined to visit every home within a certain radius of his home.

Are there not others, who will by the grace of God, go to their neighbors and take to them the precious word of truth? Now is the time, my brother and sister. More books are being sold than ever before, but the time is fast approaching when we shall not be able to work with the freedom we now enjoy.

O, my brother, my sister, every member of the East Pennsylvania Conference, let me urge you, in the name of Jesus, awake; let your light shine, and work for those around you, thus hastening the glad day, when all the faithful shall be gathered home.

T. H. BARRITT.

News Notes

Elder Chas. Baierle and Brother T. H. Barritt met with the companies in Sellersville and Fairhill on Sunday, July 15. Excellent meetings are reported at both places.

Brother Barritt met with the Lancaster Church on Friday and Sabbath last, and reports a plan set on foot to distribute around the locality of the church 1,000 P. T. S. monthly.

Sister Ida M. Polk is now located in Lancaster as Bible Worker, and it is the desire of the brethren and sisters that through their calling week after week with the Present Truth, they will become acquainted with many, and be able to introduce them to Sister Polk for Bible study.

Every Adventist home not getting the good old "Review" send in your order at once. Our goal is "Every Adventist Home in East Pennsylvania, Taking the 'Review and Herald.'"

Elder J. S. Washburn and Brother C. H. Patterson commenced their tent effort on Sunday, July 22. The location is Broad and Bristol Streets.

Elder Chas. Baierle and Brother L. D. Warren opened their tent effort on Sunday, July 29. Their tent is located on 55th and Thompson Streets, near Baltimore Avenue.

Let us remember these efforts in our prayers.

Don't forget to pray for the faithful colporteur. Remember him in your family worship night and morning. These brethren and sisters need your prayers and sympathy.

Don't forget to report your missionary work to the church missionary secretary.

Brother C. E. Reichenbaugh was a caller at the office and spent a few days in the interest of his branch of the work.

Brothers Reichenbaugh and Barritt spent one night together in Phoenixville in the interest of the colporteur and home missionary work.

Have you a copy of the home missionary song "Win Them One by One?" If not, send to T. H. Barritt, 1812 Medary Ave., for one or more copies. 5 cents a copy.

OHIO

Colored Work in Cincinnati

It has been quite a long time since the VISITOR family has heard from the colored work in Cincinnati, but we feel that God's favor has been with us, and that a great work is to be done here.

I took charge of the work here about the first of December. The week of prayer was a great blessing to all, and we had nearly the whole membership at each meeting.

From the middle of January to the middle of February of this year we made special effort for our people, but as the weather was cold, and car traffic poor, the result was not so bright. However, Bible work and magazine and small books being used has reaped what has been sown.

About three or four weeks ago we baptized one, and a week ago last Sunday we baptized fourteen more, a total of fifteen baptisms. Three have united by letter, thus making a total increase of eighteen. There are about five more

who have given their names with whom we are laboring. There are also many other deeply interested people, among them a Methodist minister. Pray for the work here.

H. A. ROSSIN.

Mount Vernon College Corporation

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the Mount Vernon College Association will take place in connection with the Ohio Conference and camp-meeting at Bellefontaine, Ohio, August 16-26. First meeting is called for Tuesday morning, August 21, at 10:00 A. M.

All regular business, such as comes before the annual meeting of the constituent members, will be transacted at that time.

E. K. SLADE, *President*.

N. S. ASHTON, *Secretary*.

Notice

Just a word to those who sing. Music is a gift, use it to the glory of God. Come to camp-meeting with the intention that you will do your part to make the whole camp feel that they have been blessed by the song service, and with the determination that you will do all you can to make the singing a full success.

An orchestra would add much to the music. All persons who play musical instruments kindly bring the same along. Your service will be much appreciated.

L. C. METCALF

Notice to Conference Laborers

In the event of our camp-meeting to be held at Bellefontaine, August 16-26, all conference laborers are requested to be on the ground Sunday, August 12, unless they have made other arrangements with the conference president regarding the time of their appearance there.

CHESAPEAKE

News Notes

Elder G. A. Stevens, pastor of the Wilmington No. 1 Church, is locating in Richardson Park, one of the suburbs of Wilmington. His address will be Richardson Park, Del.

Elder S. T. Shadel passed through Baltimore Monday morning on his way to his home in Hagerstown, Md., where he will spend a few days. He reports a good interest in the work in Salisbury, and expects some fruit as a result of their labors there. Elder H. E. Robinson is assisting him at the present time.

The work in both tent efforts in Baltimore has begun again, and the prospects are that the attendance will be better than before the violent storm. Both tents were considerably overtaxed Sunday night for seating capacity. The offering in Elder Booth's tent was the largest he has ever had. The people come from all over the city to attend these meetings.

Brother M. S. Pettibone, our new field secretary, is busy looking after men for his department of the work. The Home Missionary work is progressing nicely in our field. It is desired that August 5-11 shall be BIG WEEK in Chesapeake Conference, and that every one shall do his utmost in the sale of literature that week.

Let all churches begin at once to plan for the Harvest Ingathering work. Our total receipts last year were a little more than \$1800. Shall we not do better this year than before? If we begin early we can. So let the orders come to the office soon, and we will be glad to pass them on to the publishers, and you will get your papers early.

Elder J. O. Miller spent last Sabbath with the church in Hagerstown and spent some time with some of the isolated people at Clearspring.

District of Columbia

News Notes

Brother Earl Wilcox, our Conference Field Secretary, spent most of last week making a very successful delivery for Brother Joe Chestnut who was called from the field to work in connection with a tent effort in New Jersey.

We have received several very excellent reports of Home Missionary work done by our isolated members. We are very anxious to hear from all and are sure that a full report will be a great inspiration to further efforts to show forth the gospel light in our lives and labors, encouraging the believers everywhere and bringing others closer to the Divine Pattern.

Brother J. D. Haynes, now field missionary for the Georgia Conference, came up last week to look after the delivery of some \$300 worth of books, orders for which he took last spring prior to being called to take charge of the work in the Georgia Conference. He reports the boundless blessing of the Lord attending the workers in Georgia, resulting in several "BIG WEEKS" this year, far sur-

passing anything formerly accomplished. We are greatly encouraged by such a report, and our prayer is that the Lord will continue to accompany Brother Haynes and his workers and award them ever-increasing success in their faithful efforts.

In spite of the "usual" threatening weather, Elder B. G. Wilkinson spoke to a packed tent audience Sunday evening, July 22, at the Washington tent, Seventh and D Streets, Southeast, on "Armageddon." The almost daily rains are a considerable hinderance to the best progress of the effort, however, the attendance continues exceptionally good and the fruits of the work are beginning to appear here and there over the field, giving promise of a good harvest by the close of the meetings.

Sister Harter, our Conference Sabbath School Secretary, is spending a few days with the Kilmarnock and White Stone believers. These two companies are among our most active and faithful "lights" in the rural districts and an inspiration to our work throughout the conference. We trust that Sister Harter's visit will bring them new ideas and added encouragement in their earnest local efforts.

Remittances are coming in very slowly on our college pledges. We trust that our church elders and treasurers have the matter well in mind and will keep it constantly before the members. It is important that we get that building started. Sufficient money has been pledged to start it, and practically all unpaid pledges are now overdue. Shall we not get under this load and do our "BIT" to make Washington Missionary College the power it should be in training workers for the great finishing work?

We also want to remind the isolated believers that they are by no means exempt from the responsibility as well as the opportunity of contributing to this College Building Fund. Every Seventh-day Adventist has a vital interest in it. We cannot finish the work without competent workers. To make competent workers requires education and special training. For this we must have educational institutions equipped with ample room and facilities for training. Washington Missionary College is dedicated to this purpose, but, with equipment for only 150 students and an enrollment last year of 315, it is working under an almost impossible handicap. The new building will provide the necessary expansion and put our great Missionary School in shape to care for the demands made upon it.

Report of Churches for Month of June, 1917.

	Tithe	Total Tithe	20%-a-wk.	Total 20%
Alexandria Church No. 1	43 48	296 26	24 67	85 84
Alexandria Church No. 2		14 00		
Arlington Church	49 84	196 59	69 75	142 70
Belmont Company	8 40	30 81	1 72	6 42
Capitol Hill Church	266 02	813 49	46 63	172 21
Chiltons Church	35 60	115 52	4 83	7 74
Colonial Beach Church	7 26	23 83	2 41	9 14
Conference Church	7 50	20 45	7 40	64 34
Ephesus Church	142 45	646 43	33 55	122 30
First Church	321 65	1124 15	29 90	110 93
Kilmarnock Church	66 27	295 53	24 48	79 99
Memorial Church	517 22	2099 96	199 15	645 77
Mt. Gilead Company	27 78	65 61	10 00	20 00
Mt. Rainier Church	82 29	371 94	44 23	109 52
Sligo Church	672 32	2759 88	36 43	772 80
Takoma Park Church	978 38	5964 41	315 19	1164 04
J. W. Thompson Company	20 23	40 60	14 04	23 45
	3246 69	14879 49	864 38	3537 20

Report of 20-cent-a-week Fund to June 30, 1917.

Church	Members	Goal	Amount Received	Amount Ahead	Amount Short
		5 20			
Alexandria No. 1	8	41 60	85 84	44 24	
Alexandria No. 2	3	15 60			15 60
Arlington	31	161 20	142 70		18 50
Belmont Company	4	20 80	6 42		14 38
Capitol Hill	30	156 00	172 21	16 21	
Chiltons Church	20	104 00	7 74		96 26
Colonial Beach	8	41 60	9 14		32 46
Conference Church	16	83 20	64 34		18 86
Ephesus Church	60	312 00	122 30		189 70
First Church	101	525 20	110 93		414 27
Kilmarnock	16	83 20	79 99		3 21
Memorial	156	811 20	645 77		165 43
Mt. Gilead Company	5	26 00	20 00		6 00
Mt. Rainier	29	150 80	109 52		41 28
Sligo Church	150	780 00	772 80		7 20
Takoma Park	354	1840 80	1164 04		676 76
Thompson Company	5	26 00	23 46		2 54
	996	5179 20	3537 20	60 45	1702 45
			Net Shortage		1642 00
			Net Shortage June 30, 1916		1034 33
			Increased Shortage		607 67

This conference is about \$2,000 short of its share. Most of our pledges are from \$12.50 to \$200. If you have not pledged your "BIT" it makes up a part of this shortage. Won't you care for your part now?

The Home Missionary Report of Memorial Church for the past quarter records five conversions as the work of lay-members. The secretary writes: "They are all young people who have been led to give themselves to God through the efforts of their Sabbath School teachers and associates in addition to what their parents have done to help them. None of the conference workers labored with them aside from general church services, but special efforts were made for their conversion by these church members, so we feel that they rightly belong to our home missionary work." We praise the Lord for this evidence of His blessing and the successful labors of lay-members. We look forward to the day when all our

churches will report similar results of their work as well as the work itself.

Something more than \$100 was contributed to the Red Cross by the special collection taken by our churches in the District Conference. We are thus standing by our position of loyalty and desire to assist in any non-combatant service of the war. The fund is still open. If you wish to lift for the cause of humanity we will be glad to receive your contribution, whatever the amount, and see that it reaches the Red Cross Treasury intact and that you receive their receipt.

Elder Harter spoke at the Ballston tent Thursday, July 19. The interest in this effort is assured. Several are now keeping the Sabbath of the Lord and two are awaiting baptism. Several others are deeply concerned and a very favorable impression is being created throughout the entire community.

We publish herewith a financial report of our various churches for the six months ending June 30, 1917. The most important item is the large shortage of \$1,642.00 on our Foreign Missions donations. Only two churches are on the banner roll this month. Several, however, are short only a few dollars. We hope it will be possible for them to make it up in the July remittance so as to appear in the "Amount Ahead" column in our July report.

An interesting fact is that our tithe is \$2,502.16 more than it was for the same period last year. Our twenty-cent-a-week fund is only \$11.13 more than last year. Our twenty-cent-a-week goal, owing to the increase in membership on which it is based, is \$618.80 more than for June 30, 1916, which makes our shortage at this time 607.67 larger than for one year ago.

To reach our twenty-cent-a-week goal for the year we still have \$6,821.20 to raise during the last six months of the year. That means an average of \$1,136.85 per month. The highest we have reached in any one month thus far this year is \$929.11 in March, which included our first Thirteenth Sabbath Offering for this year. It is going to require hustling by every member. We have finished with flying colors for the last three years. We must not fail in 1917.

VIRGINIA

NOTICE

Upon their return from visiting the mission fields of the Orient with their unwarmed millions, Elders Daniells and Knox are pressing home upon our people the urgent necessity of sending on a large corps of workers to these fields. In this connection they are urging the Columbia Union to bring the raising of the College Building Fund to completion quickly in order that the school may be able to provide for the large number of students who cannot at present be accommodated there. Virginia's share of this Building Fund has been placed at \$1500. Some \$400 of this has already been provided for and the remaining \$1100 should be raised quickly. The committee has arranged for Elder Geo. F. Enoch to deliver a stereopticon lecture on "Mission Work in the Orient" in our churches in Virginia. He will be accompanied by Brother Dalmahni, a Hindu just graduated from Oberlin College in Ohio, who has just accepted the truth. The dates for the lecture are as follows:

Winchester,	Wed. night, Aug.	1
New Market,	Thurs. "	2
Republican Grove,	Tues. "	7
Lynchburg,	Wed. "	8
Ford,	Thurs. "	9
Richmond,	Fri. "	10

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending July 27, 1917									
L. W. Mase, Lacka Co.		GC	4	22	5	17 50	5 25	22 75	
E. E. Gloor, Dauphin Co.		BR	5	53	29	125 50	3 00	128 50	
Thos. Beamesderfer, Dauphin Co.		BR	5	48	26	129 00	2 25	131 25	
C. Booth, Franklin Co.		BR	5	40	13	47 50	8 00	55 50	
S. Booth, Franklin Co.		GC	5	25	8	30 00	75	30 75	
D. E. Prutzman, Berks Co.		BR	5	40	9	37 50		37 00	23 00
R. W. Garrett, Wayne		GC	4	20	8	31 00	6 50	23 00	
Katharyn Fickes, Cumb. Co.		BR	5	45	15	53 50	3 00	56 50	
Grace Buingle, Cumb. Co.		BR	5	52	19	70 50	6 00	76 50	
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.			3	11			10 25	10 25	
Mrs. Elsie Harris, Berks Co.							8 00	8 00	
W. P. Hess, York Co.		BR	5	40	13	52 50	2 00	54 50	
W. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		Misc	4	26	50	29 00		29 00	
Wm. Frizzell, Luzerne Co.			3	25		116 00		116 00	
R. W. Garrett, Wayne Co.		GC	4	31	18	66 00	4 50	70 50	
Forrest Washburn, Philadelphia		Misc	11	52			21 50	21 50	
Totals	16 Agents		73	530	213	\$805 50	\$81 00	\$886 50	\$23 00

Virginia, Week Ending July 27, 1917									
E. M. Trummer and wife, Wise Co.		BR	5	31	35	143 00	15 25	158 25	765 00
H. G. Leeland, Tazwell Co.		BR	5	41	41		10 75	10 75	157 50
H. M. Baker, Tazwell Co.		BR	4	31	42	164 00	9 90	173 90	
M. J. Shanko, Grayson Co.		BR	3	21	25	63 50	1 25	64 75	
S. N. Wilmer, Orange Co.		BR	2	13	11	39 50		39 50	
E. H. Dye, Montgomery Co.		BR	5	57	17	60 50	6 00	66 50	
J. L. Walker, Nottoway Co.		BR	2	10	6	22 00	4 00	26 00	
Glenna Mears, Shenandoah Co.		BR	8	54	8	28 50	16 35	44 85	
Anne Childs, Shenandoah Co.		BR	8	53	12	44 00	7 50	51 50	
Mrs. A. Walker, Nottoway Co.		BFL	1						22 00
Hilda M. Rokey, Pittsylvania Co.		BF	2	9	8	17 50	50		18 00
Malena Williams, Pittsylvania Co.		BF	9	71	48	107 00	3 50	110 50	
Ida Elder, Rockbridge Co.		HM	10	67	27	68 50	2 50	71 00	
M. Chambers, Rockbridge Co.		HM	8	50	12	35 75	2 00	37 75	
Totals	15 Agents		75	508	292	\$793 75	\$78 50	\$872 25	\$962 50

Ohio, Week Ending July 27, 1917									
Geo. Carter, Shelby Co.		BR	5	52	16	67 00	3 00	70 00	1 50
Fred Hannah, Belmont Co.		BR	5	52	5	20 50	9 00	29 50	13 00
R. D. Kline, Allen Co.		BR	5	49	31	113 50	3 00	116 50	1 50
M. B. Ingersol, Erie Co.		BR	5	47	2	10 00	1 25	11 25	6 00
E. C. Alexander, Brown Co.		BR	4	40	18	66 00	8 00	74 00	4 25
Frank Fultz, Montgomery Co.		BR	5	39	13	45 50	15 25	60 75	
K. W. Blaylock, Cleveland		Mag	5	38			45 00	45 00	45 00
J. D. Fellabaum, Hancock Co.		BR	4	38	8	31 00	75	31 75	
J. H. Stafford, Columbus		BR	4	36	3	11 50		11 50	
Clara Weber, Montgomery Co.		BR	5	35	8	29 00	7 75	36 75	7 75
Elsie Haughey, Henry Co.		BR	4	35	8	28 00	12 50	40 50	11 25
Mary Holder, Henry Co.		BR	4	35	10	37 00	11 50	49 00	50
Mabel Cassell, Henry Co.		BR	4	33	6	22 00	6 25	28 25	1 25
Mrs. C. Kelly, Montgomery Co.		BR	5	31	6	21 00	13 10	34 10	11 85
Martha Hottes, Dayton		BF	4	30	5	12 50		12 50	60 00
Chas. Carter, Paulding Co.		BR	3	30	9	33 50	1 50	35 00	3 00
Clifford Hubbel, Perry Co.		BR	4	29	22	78 25	8 50	86 75	4 50
Daisy Wheeler, Geauga Co.		BF	3	28	4	8 00	6 00	14 00	
H. O. Kohr		Arm	2	24			50 00	50 00	50 00
D. McCarthy, Youngstown		BR	5	23	11	43 50		43 50	32 90
Glenn Pinnicks, Trumbull Co.		BR	3	22	11	42 50	7 85	50 35	
Mrs. Fellabaum, Hancock Co.		BR	3	21	4	16 00		16 00	3 50
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Dayton		BR	5	19	2	7 00	11 50	18 50	14 25
N. Oancea, Akron		Foreign	3	10			13 48	13 48	13 48
Totals	24 Agents		99	796	202	\$743 25	\$238 18	\$981 43	\$285 98

New Jersey, Week Ending July 27, 1917									
W. B. Plant, Morris Co.		PG	5	40			3 50	3 50	48 50
Borton Veinot, Passaic Co.		WW	4	23		30 75			30 75
Irvin W. Rogers, Mercer Co.		BR	10	58	11	50 50	42 00	92 50	92 50
Total	3 Agents		19	121	11	\$81 25	\$45 50	\$95 00	\$171 75

West Pennsylvania Week Ending July 27, 1917

A. Brownlee, Allegheny Co.	SD	5	45	25	40	00	28	00	68	00	26	75
Solomon Diehl, Mifflin Co.	SP	5	45	14	18	25	5	25	23	50		
Earl Hackman, Mercer Co.	BR	5			59	25	19	75	79	00	19	00
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	BR	3	7	1	4	50	1	25	5	75	13	50
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.	BR	13	93	24	92	50	23	00	115	50	6	75
S. C. Graff, Lawrence Co.	BR	5	33	11	38	50	6	25	44	75		
Jas. E. Lippart, Lawrence Co.	BR	5	25	12	47	00	6	50	53	50	6	50
Geo. Rapp, Lawrence Co.	BR	6	40	9	33	50	5	50	39	00	2	50
A. B. Schmidt, Butler Co.	BR	5	37	18	64	50	5	75	70	25	9	00
Harry Scharnweber, Erie Co.	HM	2	13	8	21	00	4	75	25	75		

Totals 10 Agents 54 338 122 \$419 00 \$106 00 \$525 00 \$84 00

District of Columbia Week Ending July 27, 1917

D. P. Corbett, Loudoun Co.	BR	4	36									44	00
D. Atchison, Fauquier	BR	5	40	18	70	00	9	25	79	25			
E. T. Feutz, Fauquier	BR	5	40	22	77	00	6	00	83	00	2	50	
J. I. Butcher, Westmoreland	GC	5	44	12	44	00		70	44	70			
Ralph H. Gauker, Westmoreland	BR	4	37	15	53	50	1	50	55	00	1	50	
C. A. Carter, Stafford	BR	5	34	22	80	00	7	50	87	50			
Mrs. Suder, Washington	WC							14	00	14	00	14	00
Miscellaneous	Misc				20	00		14	40	34	40	34	40

Totals 7 Agents 28 231 89 \$344 50 \$53 35 \$397 85 \$96 40

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending, July 21, 1917

J. L. Gerhart, Lehigh Co.	BR	4	40	14	51	00	11	75	62	75		
D. E. Prutzman, Lehigh Co.	BR	5	39	21	92	75	5	25	98	00		
D. E. Prutzman, Lehigh Co.	BR	5	40	24	83	50	1	50	85	00		
C. E. Booth, Franklin Co.	BR	5	48	10	35	00	6	25	41	25		
S. Booth, Franklin	GC	3	18	4	14	00	3	50	17	50	27	00
Wm. P. Hess, York Co.	BR	5	40	12	43	00	4	75	47	75		
L. W. Mase, Williamsport												
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.	BR	2	10	5	17	50			17	50		
Eugene Gloor, Dauphin Co.	BR	5	48	21	87	50	3	00	90	50		
Thos. Beamesderfer, Dauphin Co.	BR	5	55	32	153	00	6	00	159	00		
W. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.	Misc	5	39		36	60			36	60		
C. F. Durr, Philadelphia	Misc	5	26					11	60	11	60	
W. Taylor, Chester	Misc		18					45	00	45	00	

Totals 13 Agents \$613 85 \$98 60 \$712 45 \$27 00

Grand Totals: 88 Agents Value of Orders \$3801 10 Deliveries, \$1478 88

District of Columbia, Month Ending July 31, 1917

C. A. Carter, Stafford	BR	20	152	76	273	00	7	50	280	50	233	00
O. Westerhoff, Prince Geo. Co.	BR	4	43								60	50
F. T. Feutz, Fauquier	BR	20	158	57	189	00	34	60	223	60	35	00
D. Atchison, Fauquier	BR	15	116	43	144	00	22	75	166	75	36	00
Ralph Gauker, Westmoreland, Co.	BR	9	78	37	133	50	2	75	136	25	2	75
J. I. Butcher, Westmoreland, Co.	GC	15	132	68	247	50	7	45	254	45	1	00
D. P. Corbett, Loudoun Co.	BR	4	36								44	00
Chas. Dunham, Washington	WW	10	60	4	15	00	63	00	78	00	50	00
J. D. Haynes, Fairfax Co.	BR	2	20	1	3	50			3	50	214	50
Joe Chestnut, Fairfax	BR	5	35	56	208	50			208	50	208	50
C. N. Schofield	WW						6	25	6	25	6	25
C. F. Schilling, Washington	WW						10	00	10	00	10	00
C. W. Wells, Colonial Beach	WW						25	00	25	00	25	00
Mrs. Suder	WC						14	00	14	00	14	00
Miscellaneous					134	50	73	15	207	65	207	65

Total 14 Agents 104 830 342 \$1348 00 \$266 45 \$1614 45 \$1148 15

MAGAZINES

Alma Kibler	33	00
Hattie V. Purce	5	00
Mrs. Annie Straub	5	00
Miscellaneous	32	00

Total \$75 00

Newport News, Sun. " " 12
Portsmouth, Mon. " " 13

We would suggest that our people feel free to invite their friends to attend as this lecture will not only be an inspiration to our own people but will show to others the magnitude of the work the Lord is carrying forward in the earth today.

W. C. MOFFETT.

News Notes

On July 16 we moved into our new conference headquarters at Gordonsville. The office is located in a large dwelling in the desirable part of the town, and is roomy and nicely arranged. We will be glad for any of our brethren to pay us a visit.

Brother W. H. Jones, who succeeds Brother Johnson in the office, is now located in Gordonsville.

Sabbath, July 21, a church of nine members was organized in Gordonsville. We hope that the Lord will add to it many of the dear souls in that place.

The reports coming in from the tent efforts in our conference are encouraging. At Richmond Elder Mallory, in charge of our colored effort, reports that there is an excellent interest.

Advertisements

Approved advertisements will be published in the VISITOR at the rate of twenty-five cents for twenty words or less, and one cent for each additional word. Each group of initials or figures counts as one word. Cash and reference must accompany copy for all advertisements.

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Raising the Light Higher

The good work which was begun at the East Pennsylvania camp-meeting has continued with increasing interest at the New Jersey and West Pennsylvania camp-meetings. The response on the part of the brethren and sisters was most encouraging, as the magnitude of the task remaining before Jesus can come pressed home to their hearts. As a result the number of pledges has so increased that this week we are compelled to lift our lighthouse top higher to make room for the \$100 squares.

The writer had visited almost all the churches of the New Jersey Conference, and there were still about \$2000 to raise to make up their quota of the College Fund. But as the brethren and sisters faced the proposition Sunday morning, after more than 200 of their young people had gone forward in a solemn consecration service the day before, the Spirit of the Lord came in, and in a very short time \$2100 were willingly subscribed.

The same scene was repeated at West Pennsylvania. The conference had \$1500 to make up on the College Fund and \$1500 on the mission funds. Accordingly the two funds were combined and the people were asked to consecrate \$3000 as an offering for the finishing of the work. The writer has never seen a more willing response. The amount was soon over-subscribed by \$300, and then the spirit of liberality had so taken hold of the hearts of the people in solemn consecration that they arose before the meeting closed and contributed \$800 more for a needy home enterprise. I have never seen our people more willing to consecrate their all for the finishing of the Lord's work. It is

one of the most striking signs that we have reached the time for the closing up of God's work on earth. Brethren and sisters, it is the time of the loud cry. May the Lord grant that we shall each be faithful.

The matter of soliciting for the College Fund is now finished in four of the eight conferences in this Union. In one more month after this one, the work will have been completed in the other four. It now remains for every one pledging to be prompt in paying their pledge so that the squares may all turn black to the very top of the monument. Have you paid

your pledge? If not, will you not make arrangements to do so at once?

GEO. F. ENOCH.

Camp-Meeting Dates

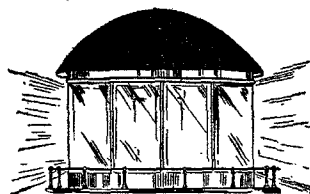
Ohio:—Bellefontaine, August 16-26.

West Virginia:—Clarksburg. Aug. 30 to Sept. 9.

Notice

There will be no paper published on August 30, as this will be one of the numbers omitted.

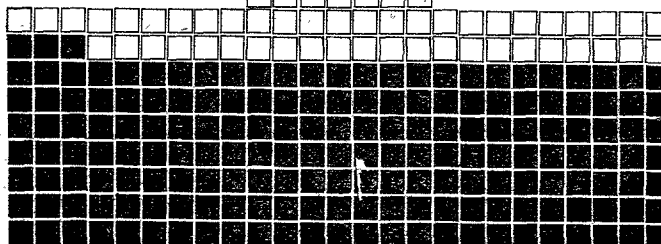
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Amount Required	\$47000 00
Pledges	
District of Columbia	7016 00
Ohio	11774 00
New Jersey	6343 60
East Pennsylvania	8576 14
Virginia	750 00
West Pennsylvania	5415 25
West Virginia	1584 50
Chesapeake	722 66
Amount Pledged	42182 15
Cash Paid	17844 68



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