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Items on Philadelphia Effort

It was our privilege last Sabbath, August 4, to spend the Sabbath with the new believers in Philadelphia. Several items of interest came to notice, which we are certain will be read by our brethren in the Columbia Union Conference.

When I was on the street car, a gentleman moved over and took a seat beside me to tell me how sorry he was that the meetings at the Garrick Theater were not going on now. He was a government man, out buying supplies for the war. He said that he had not attended any church for ten or twelve years, but that he had become greatly interested and instructed by the meetings in the Garrick Theater. So interested was he, that he told his wife, and as their home is in Washington, D. C., she has since come to some of the meetings in that city.

The week previous to this Sabbath meeting in Philadelphia, Elder Parsons was summoned to conduct the funeral services of a man who for years had been disconnected from any religion, and had lost hope and faith. However, he attended meetings in the Garrick Theater last winter, became deeply convinced of the truth, and had begun the observance of the Sabbath, and was getting ready to be baptized when death overtook him. Although previous to that our people had not been in touch with him, nevertheless, when he died, all his pockets were filled full of our tracts.

One sister who has begun to worship with us, and who formerly had charge of a department of 400 in Doctor Russell H. Conwell's great Baptist Temple, connected with which is Doctor Conwell's Baptist University, said that during the last three weeks God had blessed her efforts so that four members of this congregation had begun keeping the Sabbath.

One of our canvassers here in the city of Washington was canvassing a house which turned out to be the home of a prominent Presbyterian minister. The wife of the minister invited him to come in. Just as soon as she learned he was a Seventh-day Adventist, she wanted a copy of "World War" and five other books. She said, "Give me all the literature that

you have on this great question. How is it that you Seventh-day Adventists know all about these prophecies and their fulfillment, while the ministers of the Presbyterian denomination do not? I have been reading the accounts of the great meeting being held in Philadelphia by Mr. Wilkinson. I have been greatly stirred over what I have read, and I want all the light that you people have on the prophecies."

While we were in Clarksburg, West Virginia, Brother French, who is having splendid attendance at his meetings in Huntington, West Virginia, told us that a gentleman there had fully accepted the truth and been baptized who was first interested in it by attending the meetings held in Pitt Theater, Pittsburgh.

Elder F. A. Harter, formerly of the East Pennsylvania Conference, told us that while in East Pennsylvania he was holding a short series of meetings in a little town near the border line between New York and Pennsylvania. There was a prominent lady who attended two or three meetings, but became rather ashamed because of their apparent unpopularity. About that time she was visited by a relative from Pittsburgh. She told this relative about these excellent meetings, and how she would like to attend, but she was ashamed to do so because they seemed unpopular. The relative replied: "Why, you don't need to feel that way, I attended last winter the meetings held by Doctor Wilkinson in the Pitt Theater, in Pittsburgh. Great crowds came, and in fact, the Adventists were the whole thing in Pittsburgh."

It will be of interest to the readers of this article to know that on my last visit to Philadelphia the number keeping the Sabbath had come up to 100 and 110. When I left the city, baptisms already were twenty-two, but Elder Parsons reports now that they run up between thirty-five and forty. Thus the fruits of these good meetings are continually being harvested in.

B. G. Wilkinson.

"There is no remedy for weariness like a vision of Christ. The two disciples were tired when they reached Emmaus, and were ready to rest. But when they learned that it was the Lord who had been their Guest, all weariness vanished, and with eager feet they sped back to Jerusalem to carry the tidings."

"Wonder Marvelously!"

The Lord says, "Behold ye among the heathen (nations) and regard and wonder marvelously; for I will work a work in your days, which you will not believe, though it be told you." "Arise shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee, AND HIS GLORY SHALL BE SEEN UPON THEE. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about thee, and see, all they gather themselves together, they come to thee; thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee; the forces (margin wealth) of the Gentiles shall come unto thee." Isa. 60: 1-5.

In this last day prophecy, for that is what it is, the Lord promises His remnant people that the "Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising." But this promise was given on the condition that His people "Arise" and "Shine." That is that they live the Third Angel's Message before their friends and neighbors, those about them. Hold up the light of truth in the life and in the printed page and the "Gentiles shall come to" it. There is no question about it, they "Shall come."

Before they can come to the light, it must be raised up where they can see it. It must be brought within the range of their vision. Light always attracts, yes, it draws. Watch the plants in the window and see how they stretch toward the light. Light, no matter how bright it may be, if placed under a bushel will attract no one. No one can see it, and because it is hidden away where it can not attract and draw, it will soon go out.

"After these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory." Revelation 18:1. "In a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who LIGHTENS THE EARTH WITH HIS GLORY." "Let

our publishing houses do all in their power to diffuse to the world the light of heaven. In every way possible call the attention of the people of every nation and tongue to those things that will direct their minds to the Book of books." Volume 7, pp. 140 and 160. Here the Lord tells us that it is largely through our publishing houses, that is the literature that goes out from them, that the loud cry of the third angel goes to the world. And through this agency the earth is lightened with his glory.

If we were to leave the truth filled literature, which contains prophetic light for these last days, in the publishing houses, or in our homes, on the shelves or some obscure corner, no one would ever see the light of truth therein contained. No one would ever be drawn to it. If you want the earth to be lightened with the glory of God's truth, start the light going. Get those magazines, books, tracts, and papers now buried in your homes into circulation; and God promises that "THE GENTILES SHALL COME TO THY LIGHT;" and "The abundance of the sea SHALL BE CONVERTED UNTO THEE AND THE WEALTH OF THE GENTILES SHALL COME UNTO THEE."

This prophecy is being literally fulfilled by thousands of our people. "The Lord gave the word: great was the army that published it." Psalms 60: 8, 11. Do you belong to this army? Are you a faithful soldier, diffusing light?—The printed page. Are you a publisher of God's truth? Please read Matthew 5:13-16. We have already had four camp-meetings in this Union, and the spirit of the Lord has greatly moved the hearts of His people during these meetings. They have responded to the call of heaven in consecration, and left the grounds with their arms filled with books, magazines, and other literature, and from reports coming in, they are getting this literature in the hands of the people. J. W. HIRLINGER.

Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Brother Wilkinson:

"We are now in an effort here in the above named place. Though the struggle seems hilly, yet we are sticking to the sides, reaching up with our hands for help. The organization of this work, I am told, began January 1, 1899, in Norfolk, among my race (colored). Several efforts have been held. This is the second or third, if I misunderstand not. The present membership is about twenty. Three of these have been added since April 1. Our attendance is good Sunday nights; but not large on other nights, yet we try to look up and be hopeful. We desire your prayers for our success.

Your brother,
(Signed) W. H. Sebastian.

District of Columbia

An Inspiring Meeting

Sabbath, July 28, was devoted by the Memorial Church to the home missionary work. The program dealt with the signs of the times and their fulfilment. The texts giving the signs were read by the members in unison, and other ways, and the fulfilment of each was given by a member. Quotations were read, showing that the work might have been finished before now, and God's people might now be enjoying the glories of heaven, had they done their part in giving the message.

Elder Philips drove these thoughts home by showing how the sun, moon, and stars had fulfilled their signs, the elements theirs, worldly men had done as the Word foretold, the anger of the nations had come to pass. But God's people have not fulfilled their sign. God's people alone are responsible for what they are suffering now and for what they continue to suffer, for the Lord is waiting only for them to finish the work of warning the world.

Stirred by this appeal, the church members decided to set some goals to which they would work during this quarter. These goals are:—Letters written, 300; Missionary visits, 1200; Bible Readings, 400; Papers sold, 800; Hours of Christian help work, 900. These totals are a little more than was done last quarter, so should be reached without difficulty.

The church members are working part of the city with Present Truth. An offering was taken up to provide papers for this effort. The members are of good courage and desire to do their part in finishing God's work.

HOME MISSIONARY SECRETARY.

News Notes

Our tent effort at Ballston, Va., closes this week. The results thus far reported are ten new believers now keeping the true Sabbath and preparing for baptism, and a general awakening in the community regarding matters religious, and particularly the prominent phases of our faith. Brethren Rees and Richards are now casting about for another field to which they can profitably remove their equipment for another effort before the season closes.

Good reports of our Mid-summer Offering are coming in. Mt. Rainier Church, with 29 members, reports \$38.85. Takoma Park raised \$262.35. These contributions are much needed to make up our large shortage on the 20 cent-a-week fund and we trust that others will be able to report as liberally.

Our Washington tent effort at 7th and D Streets Southeast plans to continue until September 9. A Bible class has now been organized and some 35 are regular in attendance each evening before the regular meeting to study God's Word. Several have already taken a definite stand and the outlook is encouraging.

Plans are under way for a ten days' General Assembly and Revival to be conducted in our large tent, which will be erected on the Washington Missionary College Campus, September 13 to 23. These meetings will be largely inspirational and devotional for the benefit of our own people. We hope that a large delegation may be present throughout the entire series, and that all parts of the conference may be strongly represented.

Did you "Buy a Liberty Bond?" If not, buy one now. The purpose and responsibility of Washington Missionary College is to turn out an army to "Liberate the captives of heathendom." It has found itself "Unprepared" for its task for the past two years. Its capacity is 150 students. Last year its enrollment was 315. The new building is essential to the proper training of our army of workers so badly needed in the foreign fields. If you haven't contributed to this BUILDING FUND, now is the time. DO YOUR BIT.

Brother A. J. Bristol, who has been conducting meetings and Bible studies at Arcola and Waxpool, Va., reports another series of meetings started in the Pleasant Valley schoolhouse about four miles from Arcola, with excellent attendance and interest.

The secret of a happy life is illustrated in the following, quoted from a letter just received from an isolated believer: "I have distributed quite a lot of the literature you sent me. I am hoping soon to be able to arrange for some lectures here. I had hoped to be able to say something definite about getting the building to hold lectures in, but have not heard what decision the committee made as to whether we could get the church or not. Will let you know later and, when we have decided as to time and place, we will have it put in the county papers and in this way can have a larger attendance. I am feeling more encouraged as the days go by." The secret of a happy life: "GET BUSY."

"All the required courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as you put the armor on."

Don't forget to send in your report of Home Missionary Work for the month of July. We have received several and they are good ones.

There will be another Special Present Truth Campaign for relatives and friends this Fall. The list will close October 1. Subscription price is 25 cents in the States and 50 cents in Canada. The subscription includes 24 large, illustrated, four page papers, each covering thoroughly one point of our message. When the whole 24 have been read the reader cannot fail to know what Seventh-day Adventists believe and why. If you are interested in bringing friends or relatives into the truth, you will not find a better messenger than Present Truth. The advantage of the Special Campaign is that it is accompanied by the prayers of all believers that its work may be effective. Send in your list today, tomorrow may be too late.

A letter just received from an isolated sister in Virginia, who has a sincere longing to be of service, brings the following encouraging news: "I have sold the books. Wish you would please send me six more and six August Watchman. I sold five of the books in one day. I believe I could sell quite a lot of them if I had a chance to get out more. I really enjoy the work. Am anxious to get the books in the people's homes." The books are "World War" and "Return of Jesus." This sister has the usual household cares, but is endeavoring to find time each week for some missionary work with these messengers of truth. It is worth while. Try it.

CHESAPEAKE

The Work Among the Colored People in Baltimore

At the present we are engaged in the biggest tent effort that Baltimore ever had; largest from the size of the crowds and the interest shown. Every Sunday night there are present from seven to eight hundred persons and even on rainy nights the crowds gather, asking to hear the message, and though the rain nearly drowns the voice, we must satisfy the hunger of the anxious souls that God desires saved in His kingdom. Professor F. L. Peterson has charge of the music and Brother Albert Burgess is our tent master. We have no other workers except the entire church, forming house to house workers and singers for the choir, and the orchestra composed of about 11 instruments serves as a fine drawing card.

June 24 we began our services, and we

felt that heaven had blessed us above any year, because of the fine looking tent 60x80, and the extra good attendance. But a test came to us when during a terrible storm the fine big tent was completely wrecked and a week was lost erecting another, and though it is some smaller, yet we are thankful for it and feel grateful to our conference brethren for supplying this part of the work with the equipment necessary to carry it on. We are just beginning to present the Sabbath question and already many have agreed to respect the word of the Lord in preference to the tradition of man. The church work here in this city is onward and upward; every member wants to work and does work, and these warm Sabbaths find the church filled, though about fifty of our members are out of the city for the summer months. The debt is being reduced encouragingly; we owe but \$2000 out of the original \$5000 and though we have improved the church to the extent of \$2000, yet we only owe \$2000 on it. The deed was given to us August, 1914 and since then we have paid \$5000 on the church and for improvements.

About three thousand dollars a year are raised for the conference work from this church and much local missionary work is done by the various organizations in the church. We are of good courage and see greater success ahead for the cause of truth. Many openings come to us to present the message in the Methodist Churches, and at the present we have an invitation to preach February, 1918, in one of the largest churches in the city. Our other churches here in the Chesapeake Conference are doing well in their efforts to get the truth to the people. Wilmington is moving ahead nicely; Brother Cox, our worker there, reports seven baptized and others ready to take their stand for the truth. I have just been to Dover, Delaware, where four were baptized and the Maryland and Cheswold Churches report progress. We are thankful for the outlook and hope to soon see the colored membership of this conference 500 strong. Pray for us and we are sure that the Lord of the Harvest will send more reapers into the fields already white for the harvest.

GUSTAVUS P. RODGERS.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

News Notes

The conference has purchased a trunk for Brother Barritt, and on leaving the office for this trip, it was filled with books and tracts, weighing over 200 pounds, and in one week the trunk has been emptied.

Brother T. H. Barritt, our Home Missionary Secretary, is now visiting the churches and organizing them for aggressive work. A "P. T. S." campaign is being launched in the conference, and each church as he visits it, is taking hold and working with this splendid series in a systematic way, each member having a district in which to call week after week, and thus becoming personally acquainted with the people.

God's people are willing to work.

Mifflintown Company of only 8 members, purchased \$56 worth of books, etc. from Brother Barritt during his visit (all cash). Four families purchased a full set of the Testimonies. \$5 was donated here to commence the "P. T. S." campaign.

He reports splendid meetings with the Wade Church, over \$30 worth of literature being sold. A full set of the Testimonies was purchased by the church for its library, and \$5 donated to start the "P. T. S." campaign going.

Lancaster Church has now commenced a "P. T. S." campaign in that city. 250 homes are being visited each week. One sister kindly donated the money for the first thousand; others also gave to this worthy cause.

Danville Church was organized last week by Brother Barritt into a missionary society, Sister Patton being the leader, and Sister Keefer the secretary. The church and Sabbath School officers form the Missionary Committee, and it was decided to have Tuesday night of each week for the missionary meeting. Over \$30 worth of literature was sold, and \$8 was donated to start off the "P. T. S." campaign.

Let everybody report on the Sabbath their missionary work done each week, when the missionary secretary calls for the report, between the Sabbath School and church service.

Splendid success is attending the tent company in Elkland, Tioga County. The best class of people in the town are coming out, and the tent is being well filled.

Let every Adventist home not having the Testimonies, order a full set as early as possible. Every home should have them.

Don't forget the good old "Review" and "Columbia Union Visitor."

VIRGINIA

Bringing Them In

The power of God is manifested in many ways and the colporteur whose trust is in God can see it. We see that the Lord is working through human instrumentalities to finish the work and it is wonderful how the people are turning their attention to the wonderful truth which is being carried from door to door by the consecrated colporteurs. The Lord has used the writer as an instrument in securing many orders for the wonderful book which contains the message for today, "Bible Readings." We may not see the result of these printed pages in this life, but in that beautiful beyond; I expect to see many souls from Grayson County as the result of our effort here.

Young people, let us awake out of sleep and go out to warn the people of the danger that is before them. "How beautiful upon the mountain are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth Salvation, that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth." Isa. 52:7.

M. J. SHANKO.

People Are Ready for the Message

We are taking the liberty to quote a portion of a letter received from Brother Lawrence, who is connected with the Newport News No. 1 effort, which will be of interest to our people.

"The interest there has gone with leaps and bounds. It has gone far beyond what we can handle. We have now between forty and fifty requests to come to homes. Last Thursday Brother Richardson and his wife were away, I did not feel quite as well as I might, and thought I would lie down while everything was quiet and take a little rest, as I had not had a night's rest for about three weeks. I had just made myself comfortable when a knock came to the tent door, and upon rising I found two ladies standing without. I invited them in and after a two hours' study, they decided to follow the Lord all the way in keeping His commandments. Friday morning before rising I felt impressed to call on some families. After doing some work on the tent that had to be done, I started out to make three calls, and with the help and blessing of the Lord was able to bring three dear souls to a decision of obeying the Lord in the truth. Yesterday I was only able to make one call, but the dear Lord came very near and helped me to bring another dear soul to a decision of obeying, bringing the

number up to fourteen. Saturday night after all had gone to bed and I was sitting in my tent trying to catch up with my writing, about nine o'clock a rap came on my tent door, and, looking around, there stood the captain of the Salvation Army. Two of his best workers had accepted the truth and I thought he had come down to give us a lecture, but I was agreeably surprised when I found that he was interested and studied with him until eleven o'clock. I just now had to stop my writing to talk with the mail carrier who is interested."

OHIO

Encouraging

"A good report maketh the bones fat." This is Bible admonition and it is true that a good report is an encouragement to all who hear it. We have a good report from Killbuck and for the benefit and encouragement of others we send it on.

For some time the Killbuck Church had been thinking of having a Young Peoples' Society. Finally it was decided to give the young people a chance, and consequently a few meetings were held. These programs were so well planned and carried out that it was decided by the church to have an organization, and on July 28 a Young Peoples' Society was organized with an earnest force of officers.

The most interesting thing about this society is that it is a working society. For the month preceding the date of their organization they have the following report:

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| Letters written | 4 |
| Letters received | 6 |
| Missionary visits | 6 |
| Bible readings held | 2 |
| Subscriptions taken for periodicals | 13 |
| Papers mailed, lent or given away | 38 |
| Books sold | 8 |
| Books lent or given away | 6 |
| Tracts lent or given away | 14 |
| Hours of Christian help work | 14 |
| Articles of clothing given away | 2 |
| Number of meals provided | 12 |
| Offerings for foreign missions | \$ 2 60 |
| Tithe paid to church treasurer | 25 89 |
| Reading Bible through | 1 |

This is an excellent report for the number of members, but we are looking for greater things from Killbuck.

O. S. HERSHBERGER.

Special

The General Meeting in India

The biennial meeting for our work in India was set for January 4-14, at Calcutta. By the day appointed, a general representation of the laborers, both

foreign and native, had assembled. The meetings were held in a commodious hall conveniently situated for the purpose, and nearby large apartment buildings had been secured for lodging and boarding the delegates and visitors, of whom there were from two hundred to two hundred and fifty in attendance. Among these was Mrs. L. J. Burgess, formerly Georgia Burrus, the first Adventist missionary to India, who was sent out from America twenty-two years ago. In the opening meeting many expressions of thanksgiving were uttered for the progress made in these years. Many of the reports submitted later in the conference by the leaders of the various mission fields, treatment-rooms, and schools, set forth ample grounds for these expressions of gratitude.

The conference meetings were presided over by Elder W. W. Fletcher, who by invitation of the General and Asiatic Division Conferences, had recently arrived in India from Australia to take the superintendency of the India Union Mission. In addition to the local workers, there were in attendance, Elder R. C. Porter, president of the Asiatic Division; and Elder N. Z. Town, Prof. Frederick Griggs, and the writer from the General Conference. With these visitors there were also Mrs. Porter, Mrs. Griggs, and Mrs. Knox.

It was a great pleasure to us to meet the India workers, with so many of whom we had been acquainted in America. It was especially gratifying to see the progress and development made by the young men and women who have been sent to India in recent years. Some of these were sent direct to the field from our schools in America, others with but comparatively little field experience in our work in America and Australia. Almost all have made excellent progress in acquiring the native language of the territory to which they have been assigned, and a number are already engaged in important lines of field work. All are evidently much attached to their work, and expressed themselves as full of courage in the Lord.

Space will not permit a detailed report of the progress made in the field, but a few items will be of interest. Within the past two years a training school for the South India Mission has been established at Coimbatore. The first year the attendance was only fifteen. This has already been increased to fifty, with promise of greater development in the future when permanent quarters are secured for it. At Meiktila, where we have our Burmese training school, under the charge of Brother Don C. Ludington, the attendance for 1915 was seventeen, which has been increased this year to one hundred and twenty. Evidently one

cause of this marked increase is found in the fact that the school is now registered with the government, which gives it a better standing. Provision has been made to increase the work of this school from seven standards up to ten, which will make it the equivalent of a twelve-grade school in America. The last three standards will be designed especially for those students who are preparing to enter the work. This will eventually require an additional building for classrooms.

The money necessary for these increased facilities and for the permanent establishment of the South India Training School, and the Indian Christian Training School at Lucknow, will be well invested, as the chief need in India at present is native workers of all classes, well trained and well supervised. The desired progress in India can never be attained by us until this is accomplished, and these workers must be drawn largely from our schools.

During the two years 1913 and 1914 the membership in all India increased from 391 to 410 at the beginning of 1915.

In planning for the future development of the work, the following are some of the actions taken: To place the native work on a self-supporting basis as rapidly as possible without retarding its development; to increase the Sabbath School offerings; and more fully to utilize the Harvest Ingathering campaigns for raising funds for operating. These items are set forth in the following resolutions:

"WHEREAS, In the past the India Union Mission has looked to the General Conference for its funds wherewith to carry on and extend its operations; and,

"WHEREAS, We believe that the time has now come, by reason of the development of its work, that this field should commence to assume the financial responsibility of its enterprises;

"We recommend, 1. That the Union Mission undertake the full support of (a) its treatment-room work and workers; (b) its central printing press and the office staff of its publishing house, submitting calls for funds from the General Conference treasury only for the initial equipment expenses of new treatment-rooms and for major additions of equipment for the press.

"2. That each of our organized mission fields undertake the full support of its vernacular evangelical work, apart from the salaries and expenses of foreign workers. To provide them with funds necessary to such responsibilities, we authorize them, subject to any special adjustments which may be deemed necessary by the executive committee, to retain (a) all tithes collected within their respective territories, apart from the tithes of foreign workers; and (b) such offerings and donations as may be collected within their re-

spective territories, apart from Sabbath School offerings and special donations.

"3. That the affairs of unorganized missions be operated on a similar plan on their behalf, by the Union Mission.

"4. That the Union Mission receive the tithes of foreign workers, the funds so received to be appropriated by the executive committee to the mission fields toward the meeting of their respective financial responsibilities under section 2; and that these appropriations be made on an equitable basis, to be determined by the executive committee.

"5. That we continue to report our Sabbath School offerings to the General Conference treasury, as heretofore.

"6. That we continue to look to the General Conference treasury for appropriations for buildings required in various enterprises mentioned in this resolution.

"7. That this plan be embodied in our budget for the year 1918 and henceforth.

"Encouraged by the success which, under God's blessing, has attended our efforts in the past,

"Resolved, That we set Rs. 6,000 as our Harvest Ingathering goal for 1917, the campaign to be on behalf of such objects as the executive committee shall notify in due course.

"We recommend, That a Sabbath School rally day be appointed for the 17th of March, 1917, and that a suitable program be prepared by the Union Sabbath School secretary."

It was also decided to remove the school for the children of foreign workers, which is now at Mussoorie, to some more suitable place, disposing of the present quarters to the best advantage. To accomplish this, India has undertaken to raise Rs. 10,000, of which Rs. 6,700 was secured in cash and pledges during the conference.

Action was also taken looking toward greatly increasing the usefulness of the Lucknow printing house by arranging for the production there of literature required for all the languages of India, rather than, as at present, relying on the local printing establishments to supply the needs of these fields at considerable distance from Lucknow. However this change can be accomplished only as facilities are increased and the necessary workers developed.

The North and Northwest Mission fields were combined, with Brother M. M. Mattison in charge. Dr. H. C. Menkel was elected assistant superintendent of the India Union Mission. These were the only changes made in the election of the officers and superintendents of the field.

The appropriation of \$90,000 voted by the General Conference to the India Union Mission for 1917 was greatly appreciated, and with this assistance it is expected that the present year will be the

most successful one in the history of the mission.

While notice cannot be taken in this of the interesting reports submitted, I cannot refrain from mentioning that of Sister V. E. Chilton, who is in charge of the work for the women of India. Her report was a most touching one, containing much that moved the hearts of the hearers. There are now about fifty women with whom she is working, and she has much more to do than she has strength or time to attend to. Now that the necessary money has been provided, a zenana home will soon be erected, which will be a great help in this kind of work.

On the last Sabbath of the meeting, an ordination service was held, at which Brother L. J. Burgess was ordained. The conference also voted that Brethren E. G. Mookerjee and E. D. Thomas, native workers of India, be set apart to the work of the ministry, but their ordination was delayed until it could be accomplished in their home churches.

W. T. KNOX.

R. & H. April 19, 1917.

A Unique Opportunity

The other day the Review and Herald discovered in the corner of their storeroom a box containing a number of copies of a little book I wrote ten years ago, describing the rise and progress of our work in the West Indies. The book is entitled, "Glimpses of the Caribbean."

I suppose that there is no one story yet written of the beginnings of our work in various fields that is of more interest than this one. Beginning with a bundle of papers thrown away on a British Guiana wharf, the story of the rapid progress of the work is traced until in one island alone, Jamaica, but 144 miles long and from 25 to 60 miles wide, we have about 2000 loyal Seventh-day Adventists, and about 60 church buildings. One of the most interesting stories in the little book is that of the great Kingston earthquake where we were holding a Union Conference session at the time. There were many marvelous deliverances and none of us, who passed through the experience, can be made to believe that the day of miracles is past. The Seventh-day Adventist Church was ruined by the earthquake. A picture of this church is given.

The little booklet is well illustrated, showing among other things pictures of the mission work among the aborigines of the far interior of South America, and is now out of print. This is absolutely the last opportunity you will have of securing this interesting story. The price is only 25¢, and the book can be obtained from the undersigned at 111 Carroll Ave. Takoma Park, D. C. GEO. F. ENOCH.

Mount Vernon Academy

Elder N. S. Ashton and family have returned from a visit in the South.

Mrs. W. H. Teesdale spent several weeks with relatives in Kansas and Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Stipeck are spending the month of August with relatives and friends in Cleveland.

Mr. J. George Wolf just returned from a visit with his parents in Pittsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Scott have answered a call to the Atlantic Union Conference. Mr. Scott will act as the Home Missionary and Missionary Volunteer Secretary of Vermont and New Hampshire. They are located at 8 Sheldon Place, Rutland, Vermont.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Wells will locate at Rochester, N. Y., Mr. Wells accepting the call to the book work in western New York.

Miss Ethel Bell spent two weeks at her home in Belleville, W. Va.

The Ohio camp-meeting is now being held and we ask an interest in the prayers of our people that the Spirit of the Lord may be present throughout the meetings.

Mrs. M. V. Eusey is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Eusey, in Millersburg, Ohio.

Mrs. E. F. Tebbe of Toledo, Ohio, spent a week with her relatives in Academia.

The six pound Virginia Mae arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Guthrie on July 26.

OBITUARIES

DARBYSHIRE.—Malinda M., daughter of Samuel and Mary Ann Darbyshire, was born in Wilmington, Ohio, April 7, 1840, and departed this life July 7, 1917, aged 77 years and 3 months. She was united in marriage to Johnathan A. Palmer in September 1870, with whom she shared the joys and sorrows of life for nearly 33 years. To this union were born three children; Mrs. Hattie Bailey, Mrs. Belle Starbuck, and Mrs. Georgianna McPherson; seven step-children, five sons, two daughters, who to-

Canvassers' Reports

| Name | Place | Book | Days | Hrs | Orders | Value | Helps | Total | Del. |
|--|-----------|------|------|-----|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|------|
| West Virginia, Week Ending August 10, 1917 | | | | | | | | | |
| G. E. Snyder, Clarksburg | BR | 2 | 8 | 2 | 9 00 | 8 85 | 17 85 | 11 31 | |
| John Fahrner, Buchannon | BR | 6 | 40 | 9 | 32 50 | 13 35 | 45 85 | 9 35 | |
| C. G. Mays, Greenbrier Co. | BR | 5 | 40 | 11 | 54 50 | 1 50 | 56 00 | 2 25 | |
| J. S. Seal, Logan Co. | BR | 5 | 35 | 64 | 244 00 | 32 50 | 276 50 | 16 45 | |
| T. M. Butler, Greenbrier Co. | BR | 5 | 55 | 25 | 89 50 | 12 50 | 102 00 | 2 50 | |
| B. Wright, Roane Co. | BR | 5 | | | 43 00 | | 43 00 | | |
| C. E. Wills, Elm Grove | PPF | 3 | 30 | 6 | 15 00 | 16 00 | 31 00 | 9 75 | |
| W. A. McElphatrick | COL | 5 | 54 | 30 | 60 00 | 16 50 | 76 50 | 6 85 | |
| Marie Snider, Alderson | HM | 4 | 16 | 5 | 12 50 | 3 00 | 15 50 | 29 25 | |
| S. G. Bertolet, Logan Co. | HM | 5 | 55 | 66 | 132 00 | 10 95 | 142 95 | 71 60 | |
| John McHenry McDowell Co. | BF | 5 | 50 | 86 | 182 50 | 38 70 | 221 20 | 32 20 | |
| H. F. Kirk, Logan Co. | BF | 5 | 46 | 119 | 313 25 | | 314 25 | 16 00 | |
| E. R. Corder, Raleigh Co. | CK | 5 | 37 | 22 | 44 00 | 35 75 | 79 75 | 74 00 | |
| Guy Corder, Logan Co. | CK | 5 | 35 | 25 | 50 00 | 18 50 | 68 50 | 41 00 | |
| H. McHenry, Logan Co. | WW | 5 | 43 | 200 | 50 00 | | 50 00 | 50 00 | |
| Mrs. Leach | WW | 3 | 20 | | 11 00 | | 11 00 | 11 00 | |
| F. C. Metcalf | WW | 4 | 33 | | 43 50 | | 43 50 | | |
| Walker Church | WW | | | | 6 00 | | 6 00 | 6 00 | |
| Morgantown Church | WW | | | | 26 25 | | 26 25 | 26 25 | |
| Charleston Church | WW | | | | 103 75 | | 103 75 | 103 75 | |
| Clarksburg Church | WW | | | | 318 75 | | 318 75 | 318 75 | |
| Chester Church | WW | | | | 7 50 | | 7 50 | 7 50 | |
| Huntington Church | WW | | | | 12 75 | | 12 75 | 12 75 | |
| Norman Haye | | | | | 7 50 | | 7 50 | | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | 435 50 | | 435 50 | 435 50 | |
| Total | 24 Agents | | | | \$2304 25 | \$208 10 | \$2512 35 | \$907 05 | |

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| West Pennsylvania Week Ending August 10, 1917 | | | | | | | | | |
| A. Brownlee, McKeesport Co. | SD | 5 | 45 | 12 | 19 00 | 13 55 | 32 55 | 26 50 | |
| A. E. Holst, Indiana Co. | BR | 6 | 44 | 19 | 76 00 | 4 00 | 80 00 | 7 50 | |
| Earl Hackman, Crawford Co. | BR | 5 | 47 | 13 | 45 50 | 12 75 | 58 25 | 64 25 | |
| G. W. James, Westmoreland Co. | WW | 5 | 50 | 140 | | 35 00 | 35 00 | 35 00 | |
| H. Scharnweber, Erie | HM | 5 | 42 | 18 | 43 50 | 10 90 | 54 40 | 20 00 | |
| Anna Schmidt, Butler Co. | BR | 2 | 18 | | 144 50 | 20 25 | 164 75 | 164 75 | |
| Millie Smith, Allegheny | | | | | | 16 00 | 16 00 | 16 00 | |
| Mrs. Thurman, Allegheny Co. | | | | | 24 00 | | 24 00 | 24 00 | |
| Donald Brown, Pittsburgh | | | | | 33 00 | | 33 00 | 33 00 | |
| An Agent | | | | | 15 00 | | 15 00 | 15 00 | |
| Miss Huguley, Pittsburgh | | | | | 52 50 | | 52 50 | 52 50 | |
| Mrs. McGinnis, Jefferson | | | | | 10 00 | | 10 00 | 10 00 | |
| Mrs. Garver, Beaver | | | | | 5 00 | | 5 00 | 5 00 | |
| Geo. Langer, Elk | HM | | | | 16 00 | | 16 00 | 16 00 | |
| Carl Peterson, Elk | CK | | | | 7 50 | | 7 50 | 7 50 | |
| Paul Baroudi, Westmoreland | WW | | | | 75 00 | | 75 00 | 75 00 | |
| Miscellaneous | | | | | 343 40 | | 343 40 | 343 40 | |
| Totals | 16 Agents | | | | 28 246 202 | \$909 90 | \$112 45 | \$1022 45 | \$915 40 |

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| East Pennsylvania, Week Ending, August 10, 1917 | | | | | | | | | |
| Thos. Beamesderfer, Dauphin Co. | BR | 9 | 74 | 22 | 105 00 | 8 25 | 108 25 | 537 35 | |
| S. Booth, Franklin | GC | 9 | 47 | 9 | 32 50 | 2 00 | 34 50 | 94 00 | |
| C. E. Booth, Franklin Co. | BR | 10 | 75 | 18 | 66 00 | 26 85 | 92 85 | 6 00 | |
| Eugene Gloor, Dauphin Co. | BR | 5 | 56 | 23 | 101 50 | 4 25 | 105 75 | | |
| W. Garrett, Lackawana | GC | 10 | 72 | 25 | 93 50 | 3 75 | 94 25 | 50 00 | |
| J. L. Gerhart, Lehigh Co. | BR | 10 | 83 | 13 | 51 50 | 7 50 | 59 00 | 205 75 | |
| R. Hawthorne, Chester | WW | 1 | 11 | 29 | | | 4 85 | | |
| Wm. P. Hess, York Co. | BR | 10 | 88 | 27 | 114 50 | | 114 50 | 10 00 | |
| H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co. | Misc | 5 | 34 | | | | 44 35 | 31 70 | |
| L. W. Mase, Lackawana | GC | 5 | 38 | 22 | 80 00 | 8 25 | 88 25 | | |
| D. E. Prutzman, Bucks | BR | 5 | 41 | 5 | 19 00 | 1 25 | 20 25 | 215 50 | |
| Crack Swingle, Cumberland | BR | 4 | 48 | 6 | 21 00 | 4 00 | 25 00 | 4 00 | |
| E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co. | BF | 2 | 4 | | | 50 | 50 | 9 25 | |
| F. Washburn | | 2 | 13 | | 6 75 | | 6 75 | | |
| Totals | 14 Agents | | | | 97 684 214 | \$691 25 | \$66 60 | \$804 05 | \$1163 55 |

District of Columbia Conference Home Missionary Report

For Quarter Ending June 30, 1917

| | Members | Number Reporting | Letters Written | Letters Received | Missionary visits | Bible Readings | Subs. for Periodicals | Papers sold | Papers lent or given | Books sold | Books lent or given | Tracts sold | Tracts lent or given | Hours Christian Help Work | Articles of Clothing given | Meals Provided | Treatments given | Home Missionary Offerings | Conversions |
|-------------------------|---------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------|---------------------|-------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| Alexandria No. 1 | 26 | 8 | 589 | 24 | 420 | 109 | 1 | 18 | 884 | 15 | 8 | | 216 | | 6 | 2 | | 7 25 | |
| Alexandria No. 2 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arlington | 40 | 6 | 23 | 3 | 2 | 17 | | 23 | 147 | 1 | | | 33 | 28 | 20 | | | | |
| Belmont Co. | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Capitol Hill | 67 | 30 | 95 | 46 | 256 | 70 | 2 | 1200 | 3300 | 37 | 43 | 197 | 874 | 826 | 536 | 101 | 27 | 58 00 | |
| Chiltons | 10 | 2 | 1 | | 13 | 1 | | | 10 | | 1 | | 2 | 12 | | 12 | 1 | | |
| Colonial Beach | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Conference Ch. | 16 | 1 | 18 | 10 | 8 | | | | 80 | | 3 | | 36 | 8 | 57 | 10 | | | |
| Ephesus | 70 | 29 | 59 | 31 | 243 | 94 | 93 | 85 | 225 | 99 | 29 | 16 | 243 | 334 | 80 | 98 | 6 | 1 00 | 3 |
| First Church | 101 | 40 | 25 | 2 | 95 | 35 | 1 | | 510 | | 2 | 125 | 104 | 49 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 15 00 | 2 |
| Kilmarnock | 23 | 10 | 3 | 11 | 10 | 4 | | 95 | 19 | 25 | 10 | | 36 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 4 75 | |
| Memorial Church | 203 | 70 | 258 | 39 | 967 | 339 | 10 | 784 | 5791 | 81 | 172 | 16 | 2552 | 864 | 426 | 84 | 159 | 167 03 | 5 |
| Mt. Gilead Co. | 6 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 11 | | | | 872 | | 172 | | 241 | 144 | 2 | 25 | | | |
| Sligo Church | 150 | 40 | 140 | 16 | 249 | 42 | 6 | 5069 | 1032 | 238 | 5 | 57 | 341 | 156 | | | | | |
| Takoma Park | 329 | 75 | 778 | 32 | 333 | 15 | 2 | 91 | 11334 | 5 | 53 | | 519 | 54 | 15 | 2 | | 59 09 | |
| J. W. Thompson Co. | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Rainier Ch. | 29 | 15 | 23 | 8 | 33 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 458 | | 9 | | 222 | 4 | 68 | 15 | | | |
| Totals | 1088 | 329 | 2016 | 224 | 2640 | 733 | 116 | 7372 | 24662 | 501 | 507 | 411 | 3419 | 2480 | 1220 | 354 | 191 | \$312 62 | 10 |

Virginia, Week Ending August 10, 1917

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|----------------------------------|-----------|----|----|-----|--------------|---------|----------|----------|
| J. Revens, Louisa Co. | BR | 5 | 45 | 14 | 51 00 | 9 00 | 60 00 | |
| B. F. Purdham, Rockingham Co. | BR | 4 | 20 | 7 | 26 50 | 6 25 | 32 75 | 19 50 |
| E. H. Dye, Montgomery Co. | BR | 1 | 10 | | | | | 38 54 |
| M. A. Maloney, Grayson Co. | BR | 2 | 54 | 1 | 4 50 | | 4 50 | 297 85 |
| M. J. Shanko, Grayson Co. | BR | 1 | 11 | | | | | 96 00 |
| S. N. Wilmer, Orange Co. | BR | 3 | 30 | | | | | 185 50 |
| J. L. Walker, Nottoway Co. | BR | 4 | 21 | 1 | 3 50 | | 3 50 | 10 50 |
| Glenna Mears, Warren Co. | BR | 5 | 35 | 1 | 4 50 | 2 00 | 6 50 | 75 |
| Anne Childs, Warren Co. | BR | 10 | 64 | 7 | 24 58 | 3 50 | 28 08 | |
| E. M. Trummer and wife, Wise Co. | BR | 5 | 68 | 72 | 290 00 | 44 50 | 334 50 | |
| H. M. Baker, Tazwell Co. | BR | 5 | 27 | 20 | 74 00 | 7 50 | 81 50 | |
| Harry Wright, Nelson Co. | BR | 2 | 24 | | | | | 123 50 |
| Elden Lockwood, Graham | HM | 5 | 52 | 24 | 62 00 | | 52 00 | |
| D. W. Percy, Tazwell Co. | HM | 5 | 50 | 26 | 65 00 | 2 25 | 67 25 | |
| Mrs. A. Walker, Nottoway Co. | BFL | 1 | | | | | | 6 00 |
| Totals | 16 Agents | | 58 | 486 | 173 \$605 68 | \$35 00 | \$640 58 | \$778 14 |

District of Columbia Week Ending August 10, 1917

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|------------------------------------|----------|---|----|-----|-------------|---------|----------|----------|
| J. I. Butcher, Northumberland, Co. | GC | 7 | 69 | 26 | 93 00 | 1 50 | 94 50 | 115 50 |
| O. Westerhoff, Stafford | BR | 6 | 48 | | | | | 110 50 |
| F. T. Feutz, Fauquier | BR | 8 | 63 | 7 | 23 00 | 13 00 | 36 00 | 190 10 |
| D. Atchison, Fauquier | BR | 5 | 43 | 4 | 14 00 | | 14 00 | 55 00 |
| C. A. Carter, Stafford | BR | 4 | 35 | 4 | 14 00 | 1 00 | 15 00 | 120 00 |
| Mrs. Suder, Washington | WC | | | | | 17 50 | 17 50 | 17 50 |
| Totals | 6 Agents | | 30 | 258 | 41 \$144 00 | \$33 00 | \$177 00 | \$608 60 |

MAGAZINES

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| Alma Kibler | 5 00 |
| Mrs. Hattie V. Purce | 5 00 |
| Miscellaneous | 26 00 |

Total \$36 00

Grand Totals: 66 Agents Value of Orders \$4654 98 Deliveries, \$4372 64

gether with three sisters, Mrs. D. Gorrell of Los Angeles, Calif., Mrs. Rebecca J. Highland, of Payne, Ohio, Mrs. G. R. Pensyl, of Washington C. H., Ohio, and one brother, D. C. Darbyshire of Payne, Ohio, six grandchildren, and many relatives and friends mourn her departure.

"Such a noble Christian life can have but one outcome." During her long siege of affliction she was never heard to murmur or complain; the ills of life were met with the same calm spirit that greeted its joys. Early in life she joined the M. E. Church and remained a faithful member of that church for several years, after which she united with the Seventh-day Adventists and remained connected with them in faithfulness until death called her. She was a firm believer in the resurrection from the dead and tried to live so as to have a part in the first resurrection over which the second death hath no power. The family feel their bereavement deeply, but thanks be unto God through our Lord Jesus Christ we mourn not as those who have no hope, for she is not dead but sleepeth in Jesus.

Elder W. W. Miller officiated at the funeral service.

WILCHER.—Anderson, was born in Atlanta, Georgia, July 26, 1845, and died June 1, 1917. He served in the Civil War from 1861 to 1863, and came to Springfield in 1875. He leaves a wife, Addie Captolia Wilcher, and five children, four girls and one boy. He died in the Lord and died happy. His last words were spoken at 7 A. M., at which time he selected his minister, W. W. Miller, undertaker, and his text, Job 14:—, which he wanted preached at his funeral.

ADDIE C. WILCHER.

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JOLLY.—Mrs. Louisa, wife of Homer Jolly of Richwood, Ohio, died July 25, 1917, at 1:30 o'clock at the Grant Hospital, Columbus, following an operation for gallstones. She had been ailing for some time. The operation was performed Monday, July 23.

Mrs. Jolly was sixty-two years old last April, having been born in VanLue, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Solomon Lindsey. In 1885 she was married to Mr. Jolly. Surviving are her husband, one son, L. H. Jolly, of Ft. Worth, Texas; two sisters, Mrs. Jennie Hartwell, of Greenwich; Mrs. R. G. Cook, of Richwood, and one brother, Elder D. E. Lindsey, of Richwood.

The remains were brought to Richwood and taken to the Jolly residence. The funeral was held Friday afternoon, July 27, at 3 o'clock at the Finley M. E. Church, north of Richwood. Rev. A. L. Vandegriff of Green Camp officiated. Interment was made at the Price cemetery, Essex.

WILSON.—Susan K., aged 59 years, 3 months and 16 days, died at her home in Washington, Pennsylvania, June 24, 1917. She was a consistent member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for more than twenty years. She leaves to mourn two sons, one brother and three sisters. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer.

F. H. ROBBINS.

LAVELY.—Martha Fern, died at Johnstown, Pa., July 3, 1917, in her twenty-fifth year. After suffering a long illness, she triumphantly fell asleep, rejoicing in the Third Angel's Message, leaving her mother and a brother. We laid her to rest in the cemetery at Johnstown. R. M. SPENCER.

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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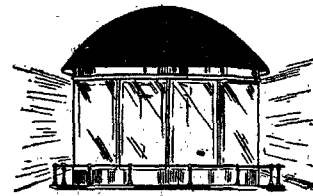
Camp-Meeting Dates

Ohio:—Bellefontaine, August 16-26.
West Virginia:—Clarksburg. Aug. 30
to Sept. 9.

Notice

There will be an annual meeting of the stock-holders of the Seventh-day Adventist Book Society, held at nine o'clock on the third day of September, 1917, in the Masonic Temple at Clarksburg, W. Va. At such a meeting all business will be transacted that can properly come before an annual meeting, and in addition thereto amendments to said By-laws will be offered including a resolution changing the office of said corporation from Fairmont, Marion County, West Virginia, to Parkersburg, Wood County, West Virginia.

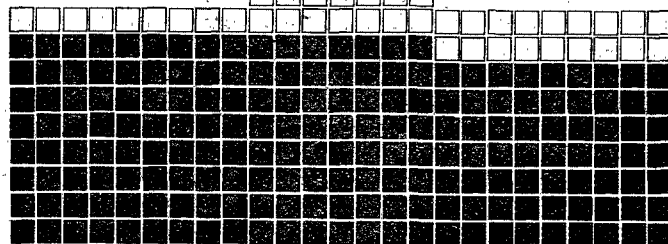
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