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B. G. Wilkinson, Pres - C. C. Pulver, Sec.

Washington Missionary College Summer School

On account of some contemplated changes at a Union Committee Meeting, held in connection with the General Conference, plans for the Summer School have been somewhat delayed. But since returning, the committee chosen to perfect these plans has succeeded in perfecting everything satisfactorily.

The calendar is practically completed, and is now ready for mailing. A copy of this calendar will be mailed out upon application to the superintendent of your conference. It is gratifying to report that an unusually strong faculty has been secured for the present Summer School, and we are confident that great good will result to all who attend. Every teacher and prospective teacher in the Columbia Union should avail themselves of this opportunity.

If there are those now teaching in the public schools, who feel the call to enter the Lord's work more directly, enter into correspondence with the conference superintendent or the undersigned.

C. L. STONE.

Yale, Trenton, and Wilmington

Sabbath and Sunday, May 4 and 5, were two good days for the Yale, Va., (Russian) Church. Elder W. C. Moffett, president of the Virginia Conference, Mrs. Hirlinger, and the writer were visiting the members and conducting meetings for several days.

Sabbath was a good day, but the spirit of the Lord came in a wonderful manner during the Sunday evening service. After a forty minute talk and an appeal, confession and putting away sin, together with heartbroken prayers and expressions of praise and thanksgiving continued till midnight.

Before the first service, the leader said, "You have a big job on your hands." At the close of the Sunday evening service he remarked, "It is wonderful what the Lord can do." Truly the good spirit

which prevailed during the General Conference, was present and enjoyed during all the meetings with these dear, devoted Russian people. We are living in a time when God is waiting and longing to pour out His Spirit and cleanse every soul-temple. "Not by might (of man) nor by power, but by My Spirit saith the Lord."

The future for this church is very bright.

TRENTON, N. J.

It was the writer's pleasure to spend Sabbath and part of Sunday with the Trenton Church. Two services were held, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. All present praised the God of heaven for pouring out His Holy Spirit in such abundant blessings.

Brother G. H. Clark, who has taken up his duties as home missionary secretary in the New Jersey Conference, was present, and spent his first Sabbath in that conference. Brother Clark is a man of long experience in the colporteur and home missionary work, both in the home field and also in Africa. He is receiving a hearty welcome by the loyal and faithful people in New Jersey.

Receiving as he is, the strong co-operation of the president, Elder Heckman, conference officers, and the full support of the people, we can but hope for the very best results. The leaders and people are of good courage, and the future outlook for this conference was never brighter.

WILMINGTON, DEL.

On my return from Trenton, I stopped off at Wilmington. Here I found the church organized into bands and doing effective work. This church has a "Jewish" and "Polish" band for doing home-foreign work among these needy people. They intend organizing an "Italian Band." Acts 10:1.

Elder Stevens has just closed a successful effort in Mt. Cuba, a suburb of Wilmington. Several at that place and in Wilmington are ready for baptism. The interest and demand for an effort at Mt. Cuba was created by a humble lay member. Why should not more of our members go and "do likewise?"

J. W. HIRLINGER.

Spiritual Heroes of Today

We have had ample opportunity during the past year to acquaint ourselves with the workings of the spirit of God in the lives of our young men who have been called into the service of their country. Almost every week experiences come to us from the various training camps telling of noble stands for the principles of truth amidst the strongest opposition. These experiences encourage us to believe that just as Daniel and his companions were used of God in centuries past to interpret to kings and rulers on their thrones the message for that time, so today our young people will be used of God in an unexpected way to interpret to those in authority the message that is due to a troubled world today.

A few days ago I received a letter from one of our young men in Camp Dix. At the time of a recent visit to this camp it was my privilege to form an intimate acquaintance with him, and as we spent some of the passing hours together, I felt impressed with the fact that his love for the truth would serve as an anchor to him in the little crises that would come to him in military life. Just a few lines from his letter will give some idea of his recent experience, and what it meant to him. "When I returned to camp, my sergeant asked me the following Sabbath morning to work, as he said he was short a man, and I would have to work. But right after your visit with me I arranged to get all day off on the Sabbath, and from that time decided to take a firm stand for the Sabbath and truth. So when the sergeant asked me to work, I told him that this was my Sabbath." The brother then tells of his continued stand for truth, of his being detailed to the guard house, of standing before his superiors in defense of his heartfelt convictions, and the subsequent respect manifested toward him by those in authority.

Experiences of this kind are being repeated almost every week, and in every instance we have found that our boys have been given proper recognition, when they have given a practical demonstration of their fidelity to truth. So many times the words of Paul to the Ephesians have been impressed upon our minds as we are brought in contact with the many problems that face us in the work for our

young men. "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Eph. 6:13. We would urge that our fathers and mothers consider seriously their individual responsibility in developing in their sons and daughters that strength of character that will enable them to stand in the evil day. The servant of God has told us that "the youth should seek God more earnestly." How important it is that just now, while probation's hours still linger, and many of us are still enjoying the blessings of home life, of which hundreds of our boys are being deprived, that we come into a closer relationship with God.

Speaking of the experiences of Daniel and his captive companions in Babylon, the servant of God has outlined for us a beautiful ideal which we should strive to reach, even at this late hour in preparing our young people for the conflicts that are just a little way off. "What a life-work was that of these noble Hebrews! As they bade farewell to their childhood home, little did they dream what a high destiny was to be theirs. Faithful and steadfast, they yielded to the divine guiding, so that through them God could fulfill His purpose.

"The same mighty truths that were revealed through these men, God desires to reveal through the youth and children today. The life of Daniel and his fellows is a demonstration of what He will do for those who yield themselves to Him, and with the whole heart seek to accomplish His purpose." Prophets and Kings. p. 490. H. K. CHRISTMAN.

VIRGINIA

Gordonville, Va.

W. C. Moffett, Pres. - W. H. Jones, Sec.

Last Call

Our people will be assembling on the Richmond camp ground when this issue of the VISITOR reaches the field.

Idications are that an unusual number will be in attendance. The wave of blessing set in motion at the General Conference will undoubtedly sweep over our camp-meetings everywhere this summer.

As the perils of the last days thicken round us, we individually need the help and inspiration that this meeting will give. If the cares of this world are crowding out your interest in this general convocation of God's people, you are the very person who needs most to be present.

If you have not already ordered accommodations, come right on and we will find a place for you.

We earnestly urge every one to put forth a special effort to share in the blessings of this occasion. W. C. MOFFETT.

Baptismal Service

Sabbath, May 11, was a red letter day in the history of the work in the tide-water churches of Norfolk, Newport News, and Portsmouth, when these believers met in a union meeting in the Norfolk Church to witness the baptism of twenty-one candidates, by Elder I. D. Richardson.

Within the past twelve months in the combined effort carried forward in these three cities, fifty-eight have been baptized and twenty others are keeping the Sabbath. Associated with Elder and Sister Richardson are Brother and Sister R. F. Farley and Brother George W. Lawrence.

At the close of the all-day's meeting some who had almost given up the truth made a heart-felt re-consecration, and there are many who say that this was the happiest day of all their experience. The Lord is working mightily in these parts. W. C. MOFFETT.

Camp-Meeting

As the time of our camp-meeting is drawing near it is well for us to pause a moment and ponder over the real intent of such a meeting.

The object of a camp-meeting is two fold. We are told by the servant of God in Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 6: 31-32, "The camp-meeting is one of the most important agencies in our work. It is one of the most effective methods of arresting the attention of the people, and reaching all classes with the gospel invitation . . . The reasons of our faith are not understood by the people, and we have been regarded as fanatics, who were ignorantly keeping Saturday for Sunday. In our work we have been perplexed to know how to break through the barriers of worldliness and prejudice, and bring before the people the precious truth which means so much to them. The Lord has instructed us that the camp-meeting is one of the most important instrumentalities for the accomplishment of this work.

Thus we see the one object is to get "present truth" before the people; but another and greater object which tends to the success of the first is "to promote spiritual life among our own people." Note from the following quotation that this spiritual work is "preparatory" to giving the message to our friends and neighbors: "And our camp-meetings have another object, preparatory to this. They are to promote spiritual life among our own people." Id., p. 32.

Again: "The object of a camp-meeting is to lead all to separate from business cares and burdens, and devote a few days exclusively to seeking the Lord." Vol. 2:601.

As the paramount object of a camp-meeting is to help our people spiritually it is well to notice carefully the duty of every individual regarding this matter. "We should occupy the time in self-examination, close searching of heart, penitential confession of sins, and renewing our vows to the Most High. If any come to these meetings for less worthy objects, we hope the character of the meeting will be such as to bring their minds to its proper object." Id., p. 601.

"While preparing for the meeting, each individual should closely and critically examine his own heart before God. If there have been unpleasant feelings, discord, or strife in families, it should be one of the first acts of preparation to confess these faults one to another and pray with and for one another. Humble yourselves before God, and make an earnest effort to empty the soul temple of all rubbish,—all envyings, all jealousies, all suspicions, all fault-findings. "Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double-minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep; let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up!"

The Lord speaks; enter into your closet, and in silence commune with your own heart; listen to the voice of truth and conscience. Nothing will give such clear views of self as secret prayer. He who seeth in secret and knoweth all things, will enlighten your understanding and answer your petitions. Plain, simple duties that must not be neglected will open before you. Make a covenant with God to yield yourselves and all your powers to His service. Do not carry this undone work to the camp-meeting. If it is not done at home your own soul will suffer, and others will be greatly injured by your coldness, your stupor, your spiritual lethargy." Vol. 5:163.

Oh for that heart searching, that heart preparation; but just a few words as to who should attend camp-meetings: "Let all who possibly can, attend these yearly gatherings. All should feel that God requires this of them. If they do not avail themselves of the privileges which He has provided for them to become strong in Him and in the power of His grace, they will grow weaker and weaker, and have less and less desire to consecrate all to Him. Come, brethren and sisters, to these sacred convocation meetings, to find Jesus. He will come up to the feast; He will be present, and will do for you that which you need most to have done. Your farms should not be considered of greater value than the higher interests of the soul. All the treasures you possess, be they ever so valuable, would not be rich enough to buy you peace and hope

which would be infinite gain at the cost of all you have and the toils and sufferings of a lifetime. A strong, clear sense of eternal things, and a heart willing to yield all to Christ, are blessings of more value than all the riches, and pleasures, and glories of this world.

These camp-meetings are of importance. They cost something. The servants of God are wearing out their lives to help the people, while many of them appear as if they did not want help. For fear of losing a little of this world's gain, some let these precious privileges come and go as though they were of but very little importance. Let all who profess to believe the truth respect every privilege that God offers them to obtain clearer views of His truth and His requirements, and the necessary preparation for His coming." Vol. 2:600-601.

"It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. The enemies of the truth are many; and because our numbers are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth . . . Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. You need every ray of light. You need to become qualified to give a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. You cannot afford to lose one such privilege." Vol. 6:38-39.

Brothers and sisters let us make a special effort to come to the feast of the Lord.
L. O. GORDON.

News Notes

We are already getting a number of requests for rooms and tents at our coming camp-meeting to be held in Richmond. It is evident there will be a large number of our people present. If you have not secured a room or tent, be sure and do so at once. In order to reach the camp-grounds take a Main Street car going west and either get off the car at Meadow Street and walk south four blocks, or stay on the car until you reach Beverly Street at Byrd Park, and then walk east about three blocks. The camp is at the corner of Beverly and Meadow Streets.

Mrs. Alfred Ulp has returned to Richmond for a visit with friends and plans to stay until after camp-meeting.

Elden N. Lockwood of the Review and Herald has recently joined our corp of canvassers and reports \$26.00 worth of orders the first morning.

News has just reached us that Brother Hamm has been called to the colors, and is located at Fort Thomas, Newport, Ky.

Brother David W. Percy of Washington, whose family is now located in Gordonsville, plans on entering the canvassing work in Virginia immediately.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

7 Fourth St., N. E., Washington, D. C.
R. E. Harter, Pres. R. C. Taylor, Sec.

Home Missionary Report of the District of Columbia Conference

To the Brethren and Sisters assembled in the District of Columbia Conference:— I wish to express to you my heartfelt thanks and appreciation, for your co-operation, and your prayers in my behalf for the success of the work to which God has called me.

Since the last conference session, I labored nearly two years at the dear old city of Alexandria, Virginia, during which time a series of tent meetings were held in the central part of the city, and last summer open-air services were conducted at a very desirable location in the city for about two months, and the Lord's word has not returned unto Him void. Five have been baptized and added to the church, and three others accepted the truth, and began the observance of the Sabbath, and were keeping the Sabbath when they left the city. At this time we were called to take up the Home Missionary work of the conference, and locate in Washington, D. C., which we did in the latter part of the month of September, 1917. Since that time I have been devoting my time to this very important branch of God's work.

The Harvest Ingathering Campaign was then being launched, and I began in earnest, by the help of the Lord, to do all I could to make this part of the Lord's work successful. The churches all took hold of this work in earnest, and as a result about \$1000.00 were received more than the year 1916. Six of the churches more than reached their goal, and the others came very near reaching it. We feel to praise the Lord for all that was accomplished, and feel that souls will finally be saved in the kingdom of God as a result. This year we expect much greater results.

The missionary work is considered by the Lord as one of the most important branches of His work, and the Lord has told us through the Spirit of Prophecy that "The work of God in the earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work, and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers.

The salvation of sinners requires earnest personal labor." Vol. 9, p. 117. It also says in Vol. 9, p. 126, that "In visions of the night, representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought. A spirit of intercession was seen, even as was manifested before the great day of Pentecost. Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God. Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God. I heard voices of thanksgiving and praise, and there seemed to be a reformation such as we witnessed in 1844. Yet some refused to be converted."

In view of these stirring truths, I feel as though a much greater work must be done by us as a people, if we expect to enter the kingdom of God, which is to come very soon. God will hold responsible, those of us who are leading out in the Lord's work, if we do not do as the Lord has instructed us in teaching the people to do missionary work from day to day, and leading out in this very important work ourselves. I know that I for one reconsecrate myself to the Lord, and all that I have this day to the great work of the "The Third Angel's Message," and promise by His help to do more in the future to win souls to the cross of Jesus Christ.

I am glad to say that the Home Missionary work is growing quite rapidly, and many more are becoming actively engaged in it. My earnest prayer is, that it may continue to grow until the Gospel of the Kingdom has been preached to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people; then we know that the end will come. May that day hasten on, is the prayer of your unworthy servant, and fellow-laborer in the Master's service.

FLOYD EDSON GIBSON,
Home Missionary Secretary.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

7155 Mt. Vernon St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
F. H. Robbins, Pres. - J. S. Neely, Sec.

Camp-meeting

"Yet a little while and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry." Heb. 10: 37. "We are living in the time of the end. The fast fulfilling signs of the times declare that the coming of Christ is near at hand. The days in which we live are solemn and important. The Spirit of God is gradually but surely being with-

drawn from the earth. Plagues and judgements are already falling upon the despisers of the grace of God. The calamities by land and sea, the unsettled state of society, the alarms of war, are portentous." Testimonies for the church Vol. 9, page 11.

If there were ever a time when people needed to meet for consecration and prayer, it is now. As has been said by the head executive of our nation, "The hand of God is on the nations."

There is no better place to meet than at the camp-meeting. God and the angels meet with the people there. I trust that no one will look on the next session of the camp-meeting lightly. Your presence is needed on the camp-ground. You will be a help to others, yow will receive spiritual help and courage by being there. The camp-meeting will strengthen each one, who attends, for the great crisis that awaits God's people. We know not in the time of war, what another year will bring. This may be the last camp-meeting we will have the privilege of attending.

As the meeting will be early in the season, June 20 to 30, it will be necessary to bring warm wraps, and plenty of bedding. Meals will be served as usual on the cafeteria plan. Furnished rooms and tents will be provided at reasonable rates. Apartments in the large tent will be cheaper in price than tents 12 by 14 in size. All orders should be sent to J. S. Neely, 7155 Mt. Vernon St., Pittsburg Pa.

Place of meeting, Homestead Park, Homestead, Pa. Get off train at Homestead, go to Eighth and Amity Streets, take the electric car there for Homestead Park. Bring all baggage checks to camp-ground, and some one will see to the transfer of baggage. Send in order for tent or room at once. F. H. ROBBINS.

West Pennsylvania Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the corporation of the West Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to meet at Homestead Park, Homestead, Pennsylvania, June 25, 1918 at 1 P. M., for the election of officers and the transaction of such business as may properly come before the corporation.

F. H. ROBBINS, President.
J. S. NEELY, Secretary.

West Pennsylvania Conference

In connection with the camp-meeting, the biennial session of the West Pennsylvania Conference will convene at Homestead Park, Homestead, Pennsylvania, June 20 to 30, 1918, for the election of

officers and such other business as may properly come before the conference. The first meeting will be held at 7:30 Thursday evening.

F. H. ROBBINS, President.
J. S. NEELY, Secretary.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

4738 York Road, Philadelphia, Pa.
D. A. Parsons, Pres. W. B. Mohr, Sec.

Allentown Camp-meeting

There will be a scarcity of bed mattresses this year at our coming camp-meeting, therefore our brethren and sisters are urged to bring with them bed ticks that can be filled with straw. These empty bed ticks should be brought without fail. The straw will be furnished at a very nominal sum on the ground. Quilts and blankets should accompany all who have rented cottages and tents. Some bedding will be furnished those who have rented rooms in the large building.

D. A. PARSONS.

News Notes

Conference office visitors for the week were Elder Shoemaker from California on his way to take up work in New Jersey, Elder Baum from Reading, and Professor C. C. Pulver of Takoma Park.

Notice to all who have one or more of the books belonging to the Missionary Volunteer circulating library. Please bring or send them to camp-meeting to Cottage No. 23, or send to the conference office at 4738 York Road as soon as possible.

Elder Parsons spent a few days during the week on a business trip to Washington.

Watch for the Missionary Volunteer Cottage on the camp-ground. It is No. 23. This is to be headquarters for our young people.

Miss Mary Rebok has just completed the test in Bible Doctrines for May. It was given to her orally. As fast as a question was asked the text needed for the answer was quoted with the place where it was to be found. When it was all over, she expressed her disappointment because the test was too easy. Miss Rebok is blind, but where there is a will there is a way. Friends read the texts to her while she copied them in Braille. These sheets were then bound in book form and became her text book. Weeks were spent in earnest study that she might become better acquainted with the Word of God. Are you as earnest in seeking to become a Standard of Attainment member of the Missionary Volunteers?

Elder D. A. Parsons and family spent Sabbath, May 11, with the Harrisburg Church.

Miss Marie Farley of West Philadelphia has left recently to take up work as stenographer in the Review and Herald.

Miss Anna Schneider of North Philadelphia is joining the new class of nurses in the Washington Sanitarium.

We are sorry to lose Brother and Sister C. F. Durr from our conference. They have moved to New Jersey, where Brother Durr will still continue in the colporteur work.

The Harrisburg effort closed last Sunday night, May 12, with a splendid interest. The auditorium was filled and 40 names and addresses were handed in for free literature. God has greatly blessed Elder Nutter in presenting the truth for these times and many expressed their sorrow that the series had come to an end.

C. E. Reichenbaugh was recently called home on account of the serious illness of his wife. We are glad to report that Sister Reichenbaugh is now out of danger and on a fair road to recovery.

Music at Camp-meeting

Recently General J. J. Pershing made the following statement, "Music is as essential to the soldiers as food and sleep." Surely the soldiers of our great General, Prince Emmanuel, need to sing as never before. He himself when on earth loved to sing. "With the voice of singing, He welcomed the morning light. With songs of thanksgiving He cheered His hours of labor, and brought heaven's gladness to the toilworn and dish-artened." "Ministry of Healing, page 52.

Let all who come to camp-meeting bring a copy of "Christ in Song," which will be the book used throughout the entire meeting. We hope to have a large chorus choir, and several instruments, and all who are desirous of singing in the choir, please send me your name, stating what you sing, soprano, alto, tenor or bass, and I will furnish you with further particulars, or come to me immediately upon arriving on the camp ground. There will be special music by the choir, soloists and quartetts. I shall also be glad to hear from all those who play musical instruments and expect to be present. "Let the singing be accompanied with musical instruments skillfully handled."

"We are not to oppose the use of instrumental music in our work." Vol. 9, page 144. This gathering is expected to

be the largest and best ever held in East Pennsylvania. Let us all begin to pray that God will help us individually to prepare for the feast so that when we come together we will receive a wonderful outpouring of the spirit of God.

T. H. BARRITT.

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference

Notice is hereby given that the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and the Pennsylvania Tract and Missionary Society, Inc., will hold their business session in connection with the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference camp-meeting, June 13 to 23, 1918, at Emmanuel Grove, near Allentown, Pa. The first business session of the Pennsylvania Tract and Missionary Society will be held at 9:30 A. M., Monday, June 17.

D. A. PARSONS, Pres.

W. B. MOHR, Sec.

WEST VIRGINIA

Thlrd & Jullana Sts., Parkersburg

T. B. Westbrook, Pres.

Jennie Burdick, Sec.

Preparation for Camp-Meeting

The prospects are that we shall have a large attendance at our camp-meeting in Sistersville. Notices are coming in for rooms and to avoid disappointment and confusion we request that all who are planning to attend, either a part or all of the time, do not neglect to send in your name and the amount of room you desire.

We have the promise of excellent help for our camp-meeting and feel confident that great blessings from the Spirit of God will be poured out upon those who are prepared to receive them.

Elder R. D. Quinn of the Atlantic Union Conference has promised to be with us the first six days of our camp-meeting. Our own Union men will be present and we hope that Elder Daniells can plan to spend a day or two with us.

Speaking of the camp-meeting, Sister White has said, "I have been shown that some of our camp-meetings are far from being what the Lord designed they should be. The people come unprepared for the visitation of the Holy Spirit."

"For you soul's sake, for Christ's sake, and for the sake of others, work at home, pray as you are not accustomed to pray. Let the heart break before God. Set your house in order. Prepare your children for the occasion. Teach them that it is not of so much consequence to appear with fine clothes as to appear before God with clean hands and pure hearts. Remember every obstacle that may have been in their way,—all differences that may have existed between themselves, or between you and them. By so doing,

you will invite the Lord's presence into your homes, and holy angels will attend you as you go up to the meeting, and their light and presence will press back the darkness of evil angels

"The same work of humiliation and heart searching should also go on in the church so that all differences and alienations among brethren may be laid aside before appearing before the Lord at this annual gathering

"I have been shown that for want of this preparation these yearly meetings have accomplished but little." Vol. 5, pages 162, 164, 165.

Now, brethren and sisters, be sure not to let anything excepting death or serious illness prevent you from attending this meeting. Even though you have not felt that you could come, begin at once to plan to be in attendance. Special efforts will be put forth for the children, therefore, we hope to see a large number of the lambs of the flock in attendance.

We were unable to ship our freight last week, so our effort at Sistersville was delayed a few days, so that we could not open Sunday May 12, but will probably be actively engaged by the time that this article is read.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

News Notes

Miss Mary Roberts, who has been spending a few weeks with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Haddix of Parkersburg, has returned to Washington to attend the summer school to be held in Washington Missionary College.

John Fahrner who is canvassing for "Bible Readings," interested his dentist in that book and secured his order. The dentist informed him that he sat up until 1:30 in the morning reading the book and stated that he wanted another copy of "Bible Readings" to place in his reception room for his patients to read. This is just another instance which shows how anxious people are for good literature. Are we improving our opportunities to place the literature in the homes as much as we can?

Mrs. C. B. Ebert of Parkersburg is spending a few days visiting Elder and Mrs. Hirlinger in Takoma Park, D. C. She will also visit her son who is in a training camp near Washington before returning.

Roscoe Bee, who has been attending the Mount Vernon Academy during the winter, has recently taken up the colporteur work in West Virginia.

Miss Mable Gage who has been doing Bible work in connection with Elder French's effort in Cumberland, passed through Parkersburg this week on her way to Sistersville to assist in the effort to be held in that place.

We have placed a large order for literature to be used on the camp ground. We will have some splendid bargains to offer to our people at that time. Do not fail to visit the book tent and examine the books.

Elder T. B. Westbrook met with the Clarksburg Church Sabbath, May 11, and reports a good meeting.

Quite a number in our conference are preparing to take the "Standard of Attainment" this month. Are you ready?

The Home Missionary work is progressing nicely in West Virginia. The Chester Church has put Present Truth into every home in their town. The Morgantown Church has organized a strong mailing band, and all are busy selling magazines and small books. Every secretary's report reached the office the first week after the close of the quarter.

Miss Jennie Burdick made a trip to Washington last week to select a supply of books for camp-meeting.

Mrs. G. Earl Snyder and Mrs. Delia Meek sold 440 "Watchman" in 3 days, in Wheeling.

Notice

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Seventh-day Adventist Book Society will be held on the camp ground in Sistersville, W. Va., at ten o'clock on the eleventh day of June, 1918. At this meeting all business will be transacted that can properly come before an annual meeting. T. B. WESTBROOK President.

JENNIE BURDICK, Secretary.

CHESAPEAKE

2901 Brighton St., Baltimore, Md.

A. S. Booth, Pres. Emma Newcomer, Sec.

News Notes

Elder J. W. Hirlinger passed through the city yesterday and brought a good report of the interest at Mt. Cuba, near Wilmington, where Elder Stevens has been holding meetings for some time.

Elder G. A. Stevens reports that five persons have recently taken their stand for the truth, and that others are very much interested.

Plans are being laid for the organization of a Sabbath School at Glenburnie, Md. Brother Geo. R. Apsley of the Baltimore No. 1 Church has been asked to take the superintendency, and we hope a strong school may be established under his supervision.

Brother G. Medairy and wife are now located at 3112 West North Ave., Baltimore, Md. Brother Medairy will again assist in the tent effort in Baltimore this summer.

Elder Booth, the president of the conference, has called a meeting of the conference committee for Monday, May 20. At this time the place for the camp-meeting will doubtless be fixed. Remember the date. Sept. 5-15.

Plans have been laid for a Missionary Convention for Smithsburg Church, May 17-19 of this week. The brethren and sisters of the church are very much encouraged at the prospect and we look for good results.

Elder F. W. Paap was with the Baltimore No. 1 Church last Sabbath and gave some very timely instruction, which was greatly appreciated by the church, after a strong sermon on church order and organization by the pastor, Elder Booth.

NEW JERSEY

St. Francis & Columbus Aves., Trenton
W. H. Heckman, Pres. C. Lawry, Sec.

News Notes

Elder Heckman spoke in the Newark and Paterson English Churches last Sabbath, and the week before in the churches of Trenton and Camden. In these meetings the speaker echoed the keynote message of the General Conference, and sounded a call to consecrated watchfulness in these closing days of the gospel movement.

Brother G. H. Clark, who for eight years has been connected with the work in South Africa, has arrived in New Jersey to take charge of the Home Missionary work of the conference.

On Wednesday, May 8, the conference committee was called in on an important meeting at the conference office. Elder B. G. Wilkinson of the Columbia Union met with the committee at this time.

Brother Kirk's corp of canvassers is constantly increasing. Some excellent reports are coming in from the southern part of the state, Regardless of the

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Virginia, Week Ending May 10, 1918									
W. A. Toler, Princess Anne Co.	OD	5	34	60	138 00	3 00	141 00		
Orion Lawrence, James City	OD	3	17	39	119 00		119 00		
Luther Williams, James City	OD	3	16	46	110 00		110 00		
F. E. Butler, Jr., Princess Anne Co.	OD	2	18	15	32 00		32 00		52 00
Elden Lockwood, Dickenson Co.	OD	5	49	25	108 00		108 00		
F. C. Butler Princess Anne Co.	OD	5	27	34	87 00	2 25	89 25		
W. E. Saunders, Lee Co.	OD	5	40	40	84 00	50	84 50		
J. E. Thompson, Elizabeth Co.	OD	4	23	29	75 00	2 50	77 50		13 50
F. E. Butler Jr., Princess Anne Co.	OD	4	20	27	65 00	50	65 50		14 00
Orion Lawrence, Elizabeth City	OD	5	19	18	55 00	3 25	58 25		
L. Williams, Elizabeth Co.	OD	3	11	27	50 00	3 75	53 75		
W. A. Toler, Princess Anne Co.	OD	2	8	4	12 00		12 00		52 00
W. E. Saunders, Lee Co.	OD	4	24	12	28 00	1 50	29 50		
Hugh Land, Rockingham Co.	OD	4	31	9	19 00		19 00		98 00
Clyde Stevens, Isle of White	OD	3	29						144 00
J. H. Ware, Warren Co.	OD	3	29						98 00
Totals	10 Agents		60	395	385	\$982 00	17 25	999 25	431 50

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 10, 1918									
E. W. Chisholm, Westover	BR	5	55	28	133 00	7 00	140 00		6 00
Mrs. M. L. Bateman, Holsopple	HM	4	26	35	93 50	11 00	104 50		
A. Brownlie, Pittsburgh	SD	5	49		47 00	54 75	101 75		58 00
F. Price, Boggs	BR	4	26	17	73 00	5 35	78 35		4 50
Mrs. E. W. Chisholm, Westover	BR	4	31	14	70 00	3 50	73 50		
Mrs. F. Price, Boggs	BR	4	26	14	58 00	6 50	64 50		2 25
J. Manuel, Reynoldsville	BR	5	35	10	44 00	13 30	57 30		3 80
A. H. Snyder, Brockwayville	BR			11	47 00	4 50	51 50		
A. E. Holst, Homer City	BR	5	35	9	40 00	6 80	46 80		11 80
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	OD	6	15	18	37 00		37 00		6 50
Geo. McKnight, Wilkinsburg	OD	3	15	11	27 00		27 00		21 50
Millie Smith, Pittsburg	OD	6	20	21	28 00	1 60	29 60		3 30
Mrs. A. Thurman, Pittsburgh	OD	2	3	13	2 59	4 00	6 50		3 50
Mrs. G. C. Buttermore, Balsinger	OD	1	6						13 00
Totals	14 Agents		54	342	201	700 00	118 30	818 30	134 15

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 10, 1918									
Sol. Diehl, Union Co.	SP	5	47	18	23 25		23 25		
W. P. Hess, Berks Co.	BR	5	41	15	63 00		63 00		129 00
M. M. Sterner, Carbon Co.	BR	4	40	17	79 00	3 00	82 00		19 00
W. C. Rahn, Wayne Co.	WCS	5	40	70	53 00		53 00		6 50
C. F. Booth, York Co.	BR	4	39	9	38 00	1 70	39 70		5 70
R. W. Garrett, Luzerne Co.	BR	4	39	4	24 00		24 00		235 00
J. L. Gearhart, Lebanon Co.	BR	4	35	14	58 00	6 00	64 00		
G. B. Jenkins, Berks Co.	BR	5	34	13	61 00	8 75	69 75		2 50
C. F. Durr, Phila.	GC	5	30	8	32 00	11 95	43 95		
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne	BR	4	26	22	69 50		69 50		12 75
Geo. Caine, Perry Co.	BR	2	25	1	4 00		4 00		124 85
W. C. Rahn, Wayne Co.	WCS	3	24	47	25 75		25 75		24 50
E. J. Kesselmyer, Lebanon Co.	BR	2	22						349 00
Misc.					33 00		33 00		
Totals	13 Agents		52	442	238	563 50	31 40	594 90	908 80

West Virginia, Week Ending May 10, 1918									
Ivor Lawrence, Hampshire Co.	BR	4	34	10	43 00	50	43 50		32 35
John Fahrner, Weston	BR	5	41	12	50 00	9 30	59 30		10 75
C. E. Will, McMechan Co.	PPF	5	47	12	30 00	12 35	42 35		32 50
W. T. Dishman, Kanawha Co.	OD	4	24	43	89 00	13 20	102 20		6 00
Roscoe Bee, Ritchie Co.	OD	2	9	5	11 00		11 00		
Frank Bentz, Ritchie Co.	OD	4	37	3	7 00	85	7 85		64 65
Frank Detwiler, Ritchie Co.	OD	4	31	25	60 00	13 00	73 00		
C. B. Moser, Mingo Co.	BF	5	38	36	75 50	23 35	98 85		6 45
S. G. Bertolet, Mingo Co.	BF	5	39	34	75 50	17 75	93 25		6 38
N. D. Fisher, Wyoming Co.	Misc.	3	23		57 30		57 30		57 30
Dale Reed, Wyoming Co.	Misc.	2	12		13 15		13 15		13 15
H. J. Fisher, Wyoming Co.	Misc.	3	19		50 10		50 10		50 10
Totals	12 Agents		46	354	180	561 55	90 30	651 85	281 63

Ohio One Week Ending May 10, 1918

W. H. Smith, Marion Co.	PPF	5	47	14	36 00	3 40	39 40	69 50
M. B. Ingersoll, Jackson Co.	BR	5	44	13	55 00	9 35	64 35	10 20
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Fremont	OD	5	34	11	24 00	3 75	27 75	12 75
Geo. Harvey, Trumbull Co.	BR	4	30	10	22 00	2 00	24 00	
F. E. Wagner, Barberton	OD	9	59	41	90 00	1 50	91 50	87 00
O. E. Taylor, Marion Co.	PPF	4	29	12	32 00	1 75	33 75	15 25
C. R. Dotson, Harrison Co.	OD	4	28	26	56 00	1 70	57 70	1 70
Alfrida Larsen, Clermont	OD	4	27	13	30 00	5 70	35 70	1 70
D. McCarthy, Cincinnati	OD	5	27	30	60 00	4 00	64 00	22 00
Robert Kline, Knox Co.	BR	2	25	1	5 00	7 25	12 25	287 25
S. G. Bertolet, Newark	WW	2	24		32 25		32 25	32 25
E. C. Alexander, Brown Co.	BR	2	22			50	50	206 75
E. Hackman, Knox Co.		2	20		17 75		17 75	17 75
Geo. Carter, Knox Co.		2	20		17 75		17 75	17 75

Totals 14 Agents 55 436 171 477 75 40 90 518 65 781 85

Chesapeake, Week Ending May 10, 1918

J. E. Jones, Dorchester Co., Md	BR	5	46	10	40 00	12 05	52 05	246 32
C. R. Hare, Somerset Co., Md.	OD	5	38	35	81 00	25	81 25	
Mabel D. Witt, Kent Co., Md.	OD	5	27	8	16 00	9 25	25 25	2 95
Mrs. J. Vanzant, Kent Co., Md.	OD	5	27	14	28 00	9 65	37 65	2 85

Totals 4 Agents 20 138 67 165 00 31 20 196 20 252 12

New Jersey, Week Ending May 10, 1918

W. A. McElphatrick Gloucester	OD	5	31	33	68 00	13 25	81 25	8 50
Ph. Broeckel, Salem	OD	5	35	19	42 00	3 00	45 00	3 00

Totals 2 Agents 10 66 52 110 00 16 25 126 25 11 50

Grand Totals: Agents 69 Value of Orders \$3559 80 Deliveries \$2801 55

great Liberty Loan drives that are on, the Lord is placing many of our books in New Jersey homes. We look for much better reports in the future.

Brother Warren met last Sabbath with the Burlington and Camden Churches, in the interest of the Sabbath Schools and other phases of the work.

We are glad to welcome Brethren McElphatrick and Hays of West Virginia to the canvassing work in this field. In his first fifty hours work after reaching New Jersey, Brother McElphatrick sold \$188 worth of books.

We were glad to have Elder D. A. Parsons of the East Pennsylvania Conference call at our office one day last week.

Elder J. W. Hirlinger of Washington, D. C., spent Sabbath and Sunday last in Trenton. He spoke to the Trenton Church on Sabbath, and called at the office on Sunday with a friendly word of counsel for us.

The following new workers have arrived, or will soon arrive, to take up permanent work in this conference: Pastors O. O. Bernstein, C. S. Baum, R. L. Shoemaker; Brethren J. A. Svenson and G. F. Theiss; Misses Jessie Weiss, Ada Madison, and Emma Mallett.

Pastor G. E. Langdon has been called

from his work in this field to take up work in Vancouver, British Columbia.

We have succeeded in securing the same grounds on Greenwood Ave., Trenton, as were occupied last year, and the 1918 camp-meeting will be held at this place. Date June 27 to July 7. We expect this to be the best camp-meeting ever held in New Jersey.

Did you know that the new Reading Course books are out? And every one says they are the best that have ever been issued. These books can be obtained at camp-meeting, the Senior set selling there for \$2.75, the Junior set for \$2.45.

There are twenty-one Sabbath Schools on our Honor Roll for the first quarter of 1918, with a per capita offering of more than one dollar for the quarter. The list follows:—

School	Mem.	Offgs.	Per Capita
Washington	4	\$10.89	\$2.72
Newark German	12	30.93	2.58
Jersey City German	40	101.77	2.54
Paterson German	30	69.36	2.31
Burlington	52	119.74	2.30
Jersey City No. 1	44	88.66	2.02
Hackensack	16	31.75	1.98
Camden	68	125.86	1.85
Woodbury	17	30.26	1.78
Perth Amboy	8	13.66	1.71
Newark Boh. Slav.	34	52.69	1.55
Ramah	36	52.81	1.47

Newark English	114	156.46	1.37
Paterson English	81	103.56	1.28
Jersey City No. 2	64	81.32	1.27
Vineland	39	49.25	1.26
Trenton	105	130.06	1.24
Hammonton	4	4.75	1.19
Elizabeth	27	30.06	1.11
Cape May C. H.	39	41.55	1.07
Newark Colored	22	23.04	1.05

The offerings of all the Sabbath Schools of the conference during this time, were \$1,632.67, of which \$488.50 was given on the Thirteenth Sabbath. Our goal for the second quarter is \$1,800. Are you with us on this lead proposition?

Sabbath, April 27, the Trenton Church was favored by the presence of Elder C. B. Haynes, who stopped over to visit with relatives on his return from General Conference. His sermon in the morning was greatly appreciated by all who heard it, and it should prove to be an encouragement in the Christian life in that Christ, who died for us, by His daily life among men was tempted in all points like as we are and through His connection with the Father did not allow those human desires to bring forth sin. In the afternoon he talked to the church on our relationship to the government, and brought out many points which showed that we should gladly give full allegiance to this government which has done so much for us.

OHIO

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News Notes

Two experiences of recent occurrence illustrate anew how the Lord is sending His angels before the God-fearing colporteurs, preparing the way for them. When Brother Franks and the colporteur with whom he was working at the time returned to the place where they had previously arranged to spend the night, they found the table most bountifully spread with tastily prepared foods, to which they were invited. The people manifested their hospitality in many other ways also, and a very pleasant evening was spent conversing upon the present conditions in the world and their Biblical significance. The family very readily gave their order for a book when they saw that it dealt with the theme of their conversation, and they were deeply moved as the brethren had worship with them before retiring.

Providentially, the next morning they were delayed an hour in getting started on account of a rain, and a huckster called at the home before they left. The lady told him about their guests for the night, and this man in turn repeated the story at every home where he called. He took

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the route the colporteurs had planned for, so they found the people ready to receive them wherever they went, and they secured an order at nearly every home in the neighborhood.

Brother McCarthy when calling at a certain home was met by a lady who, upon inviting him in, showed plainly that she thought she recognized him. Believing her to be mistaken, Brother McCarthy suggested that she had probably thought him to be another. She replied, "No, you are the man I have been looking for. You are selling a book. I saw you in a dream last night, and your book has a message from heaven for me, and I want it." As he began showing her the book, she recognized it as one she had seen in her dream. Such experiences as this are what endear the work to the heart of the colporteurs, and cause them to leave their families and loved ones, and labor earnestly through all kinds of weather, and in the most difficult places. "And yet there is room."

Sister Goldie Hixon assisted in the tract society office during the absence of Brother J. I. Cassell, who left for Washington Sunday to purchase stock for camp-meeting.

Brother M. B. Ingersoll, writing from Jackson County, Ohio, relates the following experience in his colporteur work. He says, "I have been having some good experiences this week and would tell you about some of them if I had the time. However, I must mention at least one of them. Last Wednesday I was tramping along a lonely country road, when suddenly I noticed a lane running to the left, so thought I had better go and see what was at the other end of it. Twenty min-

utes later found me comfortably seated on a rickety old chair in a small cottage on the side of a hill. What was I doing there? I was trying to interest a woman and her family in a copy of "Bible Readings for the Home Circle." The family consisted of two small boys and a maniac daughter. I was getting along nicely with my canvass, when suddenly I got a good hard "biff" on the side of my head with a book. The daughter had decided that they had seen enough of me and wanted to drive me out. I went in due time, but carried away an order for a copy of my book in the half leather binding. We also had prayer together."

Three new tracts just off the press, sample copies of which were received at the office recently. One entitled "Your Mother," by Agnes Lewis Caviness; "The Christian Home," by M. E. Kern; "Our Young People and Their Work," by M. E. Kern. While these are small publications, a copy of each in every home will have a molding influence on the entire conference constituency.

Shenandoah Valley Academy

The wall for the canning factory is laid. People are sowing tomato seed now in order that tomatoes may be raised for the factory. There will be plenty of work at that time.

Miss Edith Giddings, a nurse from Washington, visited her cousin, Miss Vesta Clymer, for a few days.

The Ministerial Band held meetings last Sunday night at Hamburg and Liberty. At each place there was a good attendance.

Instead of having the Young People's meeting in the afternoon, the members met, and wrote 35 missionary letters. Along with each letter a pamphlet on the "Fall of Jerusalem" was sent. We believe in sowing the seed beside all waters.

Some of our good friends having automobiles took a number to some of the near-by towns in order that we could sell "The Fall of Jerusalem" and "World War." We took in over forty dollars. We use the proceeds to help our school along. While we could not all go, still we feel the Lord blesses those who must stay by the "stuff."

Our school year is now closed. The Commencement exercises took place in the chapel from May 18-20.

Elder Kime was a pleasant visitor at the academy over Sabbath and Sunday. We all enjoyed his timely words, and they gave us an inspiration to consecrate our lives anew.

Mr. H. L. Hankins, the canvassing agent for Virginia, visited the academy. He was accompanied by Harry Wright, from Harrisonburg.

When the students of a school co-operate with the teachers, and become interested in its welfare it is going to succeed; for it is the students that help make the school what it really is.

Last year the students of the academy began to show a student spirit and that spirit has become so contagious that it has not only come over and into this school year, but bids fair to go on for years to come or till our work as a people is finished.

The Students' Union, which is only two years old, has done excellent work. This year, through this Union, the chapel has been re-seated with chairs in place of the desks, and also quite a number of books that will bring the library to the required standard have been purchased. In order to help do this, the young ladies have made handkerchiefs, which sell faster than the orders can be filled. While the young men cannot crochet the edges on these handkerchiefs, still they have a part in them by buying the thread with which to do it. At the present time over one hundred handkerchiefs have been made, and we have the goods bought for a hundred more.

Miss Anna Watkins, the matron, spent Sabbath and Sunday at Winchester, visiting some of the people to whom she gave Bible readings last summer, when she was with the tent effort.

Think of This

How do these orders impress you as big fillers in the orders last week?

39,500 assorted copies of "Present Truth," for Natal, South Africa.

17,000 assorted copies, from Bloemfontein, South Africa.

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