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"THEY REHEARSED ALL THINGS THAT GOD HAD DONE WITH THEM"

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

New Plans in the Columbia Union

A short, double convention was held in the city of Pittsburg, December 7-12. It was opened up December 7, with the Workers' Institute for the West Pennsylvania Conference. It was followed by a combined meeting of the Columbia Union Conference Committee and the Home Missionary Department of the Union.

The readers of the VISITOR will be glad to learn of the prospering hand of God which has attended the work for 1918 in the Columbia Union. The Book Department confidently expects the book sales to approximate a quarter of a million dollars,—as much as was sold by all the denomination in the year 1900. The Home Missionary Department will show results in its work this year nearly double that of 1917. The plans of the Educational Department are the most progressive, and the most promising ever voted upon in any Union Conference, while for Foreign Missions we will raise for 1918 something like \$35,000 more than we did in 1917. There will be a corresponding increase in our tithe receipts.

In this double convention larger plans were laid for the progress of the work in 1919. All the workers are of good courage. One line of work which received unusual emphasis was the Medical. The great influenza, which many people look upon as being one of the seven last plagues, has brought our denomination into greater prominence than ever before. Would space permit, we could tell of many homes now opened, which formerly were closed by prejudice. We could tell of hundreds and hundreds of calls on the part of the people for the treatments given by Seventh-day Adventists, which were speedily recognized as the most successful in handling the influenza.

Therefore at this meeting we took measures to organize for larger medical instruction of our workers and people everywhere; and I am satisfied as these measures come more largely before our brethren, they will recognize the great value in them and join us in this great campaign. Everywhere the Lord is

awakening consciences. Our medical work in the future is destined to make a stronger impression upon the minds of the people than it ever has in the past.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Right Reading to Direct the Current of our Thoughts

The days which lie immediately ahead of us will be full of great changes, and also of critical decision. We will need all the counsel we can obtain that we may know how to direct our steps aright. And we must have right counsel.

God has set watchmen on the walls of Zion. They will not hold their peace, but will warn us of approaching events. Christ sees the plans that are being laid in the councils of Satan. Through His messenger He will declare when the cloud is to advance. The messengers have trumpets through which they make their announcements. The oldest and best known trumpet among us is the "Review and Herald." This paper, which has always been valuable, will be so, in an unusual sense this coming year. If we are interested to have our friends and loved ones gain eternal life, we should co-operate in the endeavor to get them to read the "Review and Herald." Of all papers or magazines this weekly messenger comes the nearest to the Bible in giving the proper mould to our thoughts, and inspiring us in the onward journey to the heavenly Canaan.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Signs of the Times Campaign

In this year of strenuous events when the thoughts of man are reaching out everywhere to pierce the darkness, we are privileged as a people to be able to offer them a lamp, or the light of truth. To this end the Signs Weekly have decided to begin a campaign through the months of January and February in the circulation of that excellent paper, and have fixed the goal throughout North America at one hundred thousand copies. It is desired that the campaign start in all our churches January 25.

We would call the attention of our brethren to this excellent proposition,

and would bespeak for the circular letters, which will be sent to all the churches calling attention to the campaign, if it is possible, that these be given earnest attention. Let all respond to this appeal, and do what they can to bring by this means the light of truth before our neighbors and friends.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Those Tabernacle Meetings

So many have been asking of late concerning the tabernacle meetings in Charleston, West Virginia, that I feel that I must reply and say, that owing to the influenza, we were hindered in starting. The Lord willing, however, we expect to open up Sunday night, January 5. The tabernacle has been built, and stands about 140 feet long by 54 feet wide. Brother Westbrook says it looks good to him. This probably will be the first meeting of this nature ever held in the denomination. Brother Westbrook built the tabernacle in Parkersburg where he conducted in it a series of meetings. In this meeting in Charleston, however, he and I expect to double teams, and fill the columns of the newspapers throughout West Virginia as the Lord gives us utterance.

As this article will appear in the beginning of the new year, I wish to take this opportunity to thank our dear brethren throughout the Columbia Union Conference for their prayerful and liberal support of all the lines of Christian endeavor which we have attempted to carry on the past year within this territory. In a previous article I gave the figures which proved that a splendid advance had been made in 1918 along all lines. We are confidently expecting the year 1919 to be the greatest in our history. God is near with His holy angels, and He fills us with a divine optimism. We feel grateful for the loyal support, and prayerful and consecrated cooperation which our brethren throughout all this territory have given.

B. G. WILKINSON.

REMEMBER

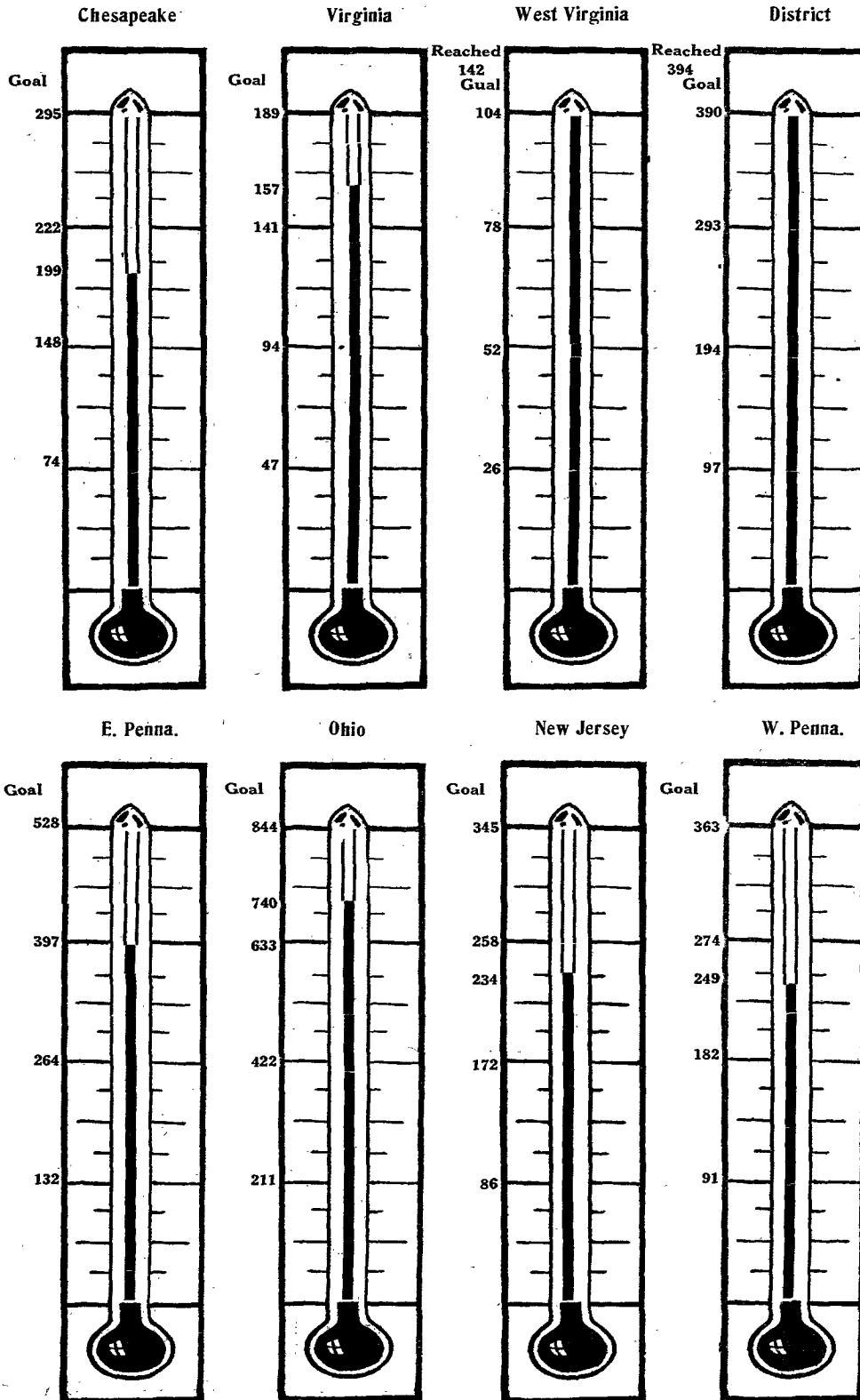
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Review and Herald Campaign

Columbia Union Goal 3058



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| Goal list for Columbia Union in Subscriptions | 3058 |
| Number of Subscribers reported to Nov. 30, 1918 | 2513 |
| " " " short of the Goal | 545 |

Is Your Name Included Among The Missing Subscribers?

Review Day

January 11, 1919

At the recent Home Missionary Conventions held in College View and Pittsburgh, very definite plans were laid to place the "Review and Herald" in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist, and in harmony with resolutions passed, January 11, 1919, has been set apart as a Special Review Day, when the matter will be presented in our churches throughout the Columbia Union, and definite steps taken to have the home of every believer visited weekly by the "Review" during the coming year.

We feel that the accomplishment of this ideal constitutes an essential part of the success of the movement to enlist the talent of our people in finishing the work of God. Then, too, we must not over-look the fact that its regular visits in the homes of our people give an added inspiration to the spiritual life, thus helping to keep the "love of the truth" burning in the hearts of the believers.

Recognizing the importance of launching this special campaign in behalf of the "Review and Herald," the Columbia Union Committee took the following action at a recent meeting:—

Whereas, the General Conference Home Missionary Convention recently held at College View recommended that the months of December and January be set apart for a special campaign to place the "Review and Herald" in the home of every English reading believer,

We recommend that each conference in the Columbia Union join in this campaign, and to make the campaign most successful,

We recommend that each minister be urged to call attention to the "Review" in the churches where they labor and make a strong effort to place it in the home of every English reading believer.

In connection with this important action a few words from the pen of Sister White will help us to appreciate the value and need of the "Review" as a stimulating influence in our spiritual life. "Our people should make greater efforts to extend the circulation of the 'Review.' If our brethren and sisters would only manifest greater earnestness and put forth more preserving efforts to accomplish this, it would be done. EVERY FAMILY SHOULD HAVE THIS PAPER Those who consent to do without the 'Review and Herald' lose much. Through its pages, Christ may speak to them in warnings, in reproofs and counsel, which would change the current of their thoughts and be to them as the bread of life." Test. Vol. 4, p. 599.

Special material is being prepared and sent to all our churches in the Columbia Union to be presented on the special Review Day, and we trust that every believer who is not a reader and a subscriber for the "Review" will take advantage of this excellent opportunity to join the Review family. If you are not enjoying its weekly visits, send your subscription to your tract society with \$2.50, and if the subscription is sent to the publishers before January 31, 1919, you will receive the paper for fourteen months. This special concession is made to all who will enter their subscription during the campaign season.

The accompanying comparative chart will show how many "Review" subscribers there are in your con-

ference. Are you, brother, sister, one of the mission subscribers? If so, why not forward your subscription now?

H. K. CHRISTMAN,
Home Miss. Sec.

Secretaries Convention

Then convened at Takoma Park, November 18-21, a convention of the Field Missionary Secretaries of the Columbia Union. Every secretary and assistant was on hand for the opening meeting. We were favored by having with us Elders Daniels, Wilkinson, Town, Eastman and Palmer.

Dr. Wilkinson gave the convention a strong spiritual mold of his uplifting talks at the 9 o'clock hour.

Elder Daniels talked to us on the subject, "The Relationship of Our Definite Line of Work,—Evangelistic Colporteurage to the finishing of the work in the Columbia Union." Elder Daniels stated in brief: "The relation of evangelistic colporteurage to the finishing of the work in the Columbia Union is essentially the same as in every other part of the world. This line of work cannot be separated from the great work. If you should endeavor to separate it from the work of God at this time, the finishing of His work would soon collapse; and if it should be dropped by the general organization, we would suffer an irreparable loss—a loss too great to be estimated or stated in terms.

"Your work is inseparably connected with God's closing work. This evangelistic colporteur work—who can stop it? If you were to stop it you would stop the wheels of progress in this cause. It is the big drive wheel of the movement."

Over \$200,000.

When we figured up our sales for the eleven months ending November 30, we rejoiced that we had already passed our goal we had set for the year 1918, by more than \$25,000. This mark looked high one year ago, but with the special blessing of the Lord resting upon each conference plan to do a better year's work than 1917, we have easily reached it.

\$300,000 Goal—1919.

The evening of the 20th we took up the question of goals for the new year. All agreed that we should plan for as great a gain in 1919 as we had made this year over 1917, which will approximately amount to \$70,000. Taking a survey of our annual sales the four years just closing, we find that we have made a strong gradual growth.

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| 1915 | \$100,000.00 |
| 1916 | \$133,000.00 |
| 1917 | \$166,000.00 |
| 1918 | \$240,000.00 |

While we have made the largest sale this year in the history of Union Conferences, we are but touching the possibilities before us with the tips of our fingers. We have placed in the hands of each individual in our territory this year only one cent's worth of literature. We could place our total sales this year in the city of Philadelphia and then have only one large book in every sixth home. The generals of our local conferences were not content to set goals that would aggregate less than \$300,000 for 1919, and under God's blessing we will reach it.

Enthusiastic Meeting.

The convention as a whole was an enthusiastic meeting. The men worked from 9 in the morning until 10 at night. All turned their faces homeward with renewed courage and the spirit expressed in the following verse:

Determined to conquer, we never will yield,
We have a message, the Columbia is our field.
Soon our Saviour will appear, we'll proclaim it from far and near,
In the books we are selling for Jehovah.

C. V. LEACH.

Lessons

Life is a brief space of time between two great eternities and as we travel along, experiences come to us that bring home to our hearts the lessons our great Disciplinarian sees that we need.

Many were the practical lessons I learned while in the field, our Union Conference Big Week last July. I wish to mention two or three that to some may appear as being minor in importance, but to me come in the major class in view of the fact that these points involve questions that concern all our colporteurs more or less.

We had just gotten nicely started in our work, when at the close of our canvass our prospective customer would say: "I think that I have that book. Yes, I think I have it. Let me see?" From the book case, a trunk, or a closet would come a copy of that efficient and able minister, "Mr. Bible Readings." As this experience was repeated many times that first half day, we became very much concerned about the outcome of our "Big Week." Then the trail of the colporteur who had placed these preachers was very fresh, it having been only ten months since he had made his delivery.

"What shall we do?" was the question Elder Eastman and the writer asked of each other. Stick to it was our decision, and this is what we learned or relearned:

(1) After asking the Lord to direct the minds of those responsible for placing you, go where they send you and stick to it. We left it to the Field Secretary to select our territory.

(2) We learned that territory can be successfully recon canvassed with the same book. The two of us taking more than \$1,100 worth of orders for "Bible Readings" between the Sunday evening and the Friday evening of one week.

(3) That resident canvassing is an ideal toward which we should work. We are losing much in this work because we are not systematically following up the interest we create the first time over a territory. It would give me real pleasure to meet the people again next year that I met in July.

We invite the evangelistic colporteurs of our territory to give thought and study to this subject of resident canvassing. Bring to the institute in your conference, or place before the writer the results of your thought and study upon this subject. Why it is, or why it is not practical, as you see it.

C. V. LEACH,

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NEW JERSEY

200 Columbus Ave. Trenton
W. H. Heckman, Pres. Cora Felker, Sec.

Message of the Conference President to the Young People of New Jersey, January 4, 1919

I wish to express my keen appreciation of the zeal and earnestness of the young people of this conference, as shown by the good reports which are, from quarter to quarter, received from them. Though results of the fourth quarter's work are not yet available, yet a splendid showing is being made by the young people who are thus far putting forth organized effort.

Both your conference secretary and myself believe that a number of points in your 1918 goal will be reached. Your desire to raise your quota toward the budget for South India, has been most praiseworthy. The door of opportunity swings open, on this first Sabbath of 1919, to make that year the most active and fruitful of all your experience. Let your slogan be, "A year of genuine service."

The Number Training for Service Grows

It is especially satisfying to see so many of the youth from New Jersey attending our higher schools. These young people, above twenty in number, are embracing the possibilities open to them, and are preparing themselves for missionary service in one capacity or another. Our youth must be brought to realize that within them lies the power to help finish this world-wide work which we have undertaken, and must put themselves in readiness today for the duties and privileges that will come to them tomorrow. To this end, you will find quite indispensable, at least a few years' training in a Christian school.

Our Immediate Surroundings the Great Field of Endeavor

Yet there are many opportunities for service at our very doors, which all of you, whatever your qualifications, may well engage in, to your own upbuilding and that of the cause. A campaign is being planned and will soon be launched, for doubling the membership of our conference. We are confident that this can be accomplished in a very short time, if we concentrate our efforts and prayers upon this one objective.

There is a Niche for You to Fill

While all the time and energies of every conference worker will, of course, be directed toward this end, yet it lies within the reach of every individual church member, by a sober consecration to this one aim, to help make our hopes a reality within the year 1919. With this end in view, can we not make this New Year's

resolution: "I resolve that, during the year now beginning, I shall, by the help of the Master, win one soul to Christ?"

What the Prayer List Might Do

A little leaflet is being prepared with a prayer list,—the names of those for whom we shall especially labor and pray this year. Our young people also must, at the same time, double their membership; and no greater missionary work can be begun than to concentrate our endeavors and desires upon the winning of those who are nearest to us. A mother, a brother, a cousin, or friend, may by your devotion be won to Christ. Yet we must not only pray, but work as well, and make the new year full of true application to our purpose.

We May Take Part in Coming Events

You cannot afford to twiddle your thumbs in passive contemplation of what little has been accomplished in the past. The year 1919 is pregnant with possibilities of events to transpire, that shall rock the world. In the attitude of the minds of men today, and in the facilities now within our grasp, are cogent promises that, during this year, the cause of God will make unprecedented advancement.

Before our youth is outlined the part which they may play in these events. Are you prepared to seize these opportunities, and to devote your time and your capabilities to the Master's service?

"The work of the world must be done by few;

God asks that a part shall be done by you."

W. H. HECKMAN.

WEST VIRGINIA

Third & Juliana Sts., Parkersburg
T. B. Westbrook, Pres. L. B. Taylor, Sec.

News Notes

Sister May Bokey of Morgantown Church collected over \$51 on the Harvest Ingathering last week. When we realize that she is the mother of three children, the oldest no more than four years, we think she did remarkably well.

Elder Westbrook has been very busy in Charleston for some little time getting the tabernacle in readiness for the meetings which opened January 5.

Elder Westcott's meetings are well attended at the Dixie Theater in Fairmont.

We sympathize with Brother and Sister Clarence Byrd of Kanawha Station, for the grim reaper has taken from them their little one. The burial took place December 14 at Kanawha.

The "Review and Herald" subscriptions continue to come in to the office. Do not delay if your subscription is not already in.

All Home Missionary Secretaries should be very busy at this time of the year, seeing that every family in their church has the "Review." Then every officer will need the "Church Officer's Gazette." Many of your "Sabbath School Worker," "Signs," "Liberty," "Life and Health" clubs expire, also the "Instructors" and "Little Friends." The successful Home Missionary Secretary makes a personal call at every home and sees that our people are supplied with these periodicals for 1919.

Miss Zoella Kelly of Pittsburgh has come among us to assist in the office work.

Mrs. T. B. Westbrook and Paul have both been ill for several days, but both are feeling quite well again.

Brother Wright, one of our colporteurs, was called home by telegram on account of the serious illness of his wife.

Mr. N. D. Fisher, who has had wonderful success canvassing, is on a short vacation to friends and relatives in the West, and will return to the field about the middle of January.

If you desire a good Sabbath School lesson, get one of the pocket edition of Psalms at the tract society office for 5 cents, and you can study it at your leisure.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

News Notes

A request has been sent to all church treasurers in the conference to send the report with remittance immediately the last of December. If all comply with this request, a final report of the Harvest Ingathering Campaign for 1918 will appear in next week's issue of the Visitor. The figures at that time will reveal the actual cash turned into the church treasurers and the same amount credited to the church at the conference offices. Be sure and look for this report. Many churches have gone beyond their expectations.

A few weeks ago our home missionary secretary sent out to the churches in our conference circulars giving a special offer for the "Review and Herald". Below is a letter received from the elder of the church at Mifflin, Pa.:

"My dear Brother:

I am returning to you under separate cover the letters or circulars to be handed

to the members of our church regarding the special offer for the "Review and Herald," our church paper. I am glad to say that every one is getting this paper. So I return to you the notices, as you may be able to use them somewhere else.

Your brother in the closing message,
Harry G. Lee."

We wish others of the local elders could send in to the office such a message. Yes, the good old "Review and Herald" should be in every Seventh-day Adventist home throughout the conference. A special campaign will be launched within a few days, and I trust that all who are not subscribers of this church organ will avail themselves of the opportunity and do so during this special time.

The "Review" for 1919 will be better than ever before. It will be a weekly 32 page truth-filled paper. Unless we read the "Review and Herald," we will be unable to keep pace with this great worldwide movement.

The children in the Lebanon church school have been having interesting experiences with the Harvert Ingathering work. Within two weeks they gathered in \$31.19. This is their first effort and emphasizes the value of church school training.

The West Philadelphia Sabbath School is rejoicing over its offerings to missions during the past year. The record shows a gain of over \$600 above 1917. A splendid program was rendered on the thirteenth Sabbath, and the special offering amounted to \$200.

Thirteen Sabbath Schools in the East Pennsylvania Conference are on the Honor Roll at the close of the year. These have a membership equal to or above the church membership, plus the kindergarten and primary departments.

Brother Reichenbaugh visited the office last week after several days of illness, and reports some recruits for his department. They are, Sister Park Drake, who has been reporting splendid work for the past few weeks; Sister Bartlett of Reading, who is now preparing with her canvass for "Our Day". Brother Benj. Bell of the West Philadelphia Church, and Brother George Effs of the Philadelphia Colored Church, are both getting their needed preparation, and no doubt reports from these brethren and sisters will soon appear.

About a week ago a sad letter came to the office telling of the serious illness of Brother Hess's eldest daughter. We are glad to say now that she is well once more and rejoices over the goodness of the Lord.

December 28 Elder Parsons visited the Sellersville Church.

CHESAPEAKE

1901 Rosedale St. Baltimore, Md.
A. S. Booth, Pres. Emma Newcomer, Sec.

Tide-Water Chesapeake, and Other Visits

Some notice should be given the advancement of the Colored Work in that part of the Old Dominion.

As there was no camp-meeting in the state the past summer for our people, there are being held union meetings in several places among the nearby churches. It was my good fortune to attend the Union-Meeting at Portsmouth, Va., held November 29—December 1, for the Newport News, Norfolk, and Portsmouth Churches, and several companies in that vicinity. Brother R. H. Watkins, the conference minister laboring in those parts worked up a good attendance of our people. In view of these solemn times, every one seems to be glad of the pointed instruction given them from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy, and pledged anew their loyalty and devotion to the whole cause, to labor earnestly, to help finish the work without delay.

The Portsmouth Church has purchased a well-located store building on good terms for \$2,000 in which the church school is being taught and Sabbath and other services are being held, after making a few slight changes for the present. Brother Watkins, the one having charge of that work there, is laboring hard to put the work in that section on good footing. He says that the tithes, offerings, and missions funds are coming up nicely. Aside from local workers present, Elder J. S. Washburn, Camp Pastor, was present Sabbath and gave an able, sound, and soul-rousing sermon; Elder Mallory of Richmond came Sunday, and the writer was there at the opening helping. But Sunday evening he left for Richmond, Va., to visit the church there and proceeded to Washington, D. C., and Chesapeake Conference. After a most pleasing visit with Elder M. C. Strachan and others at Baltimore, who has a good church and is conducting a fine school, he spent some time in Dover, Cheswold, and Wilmington, Del., trying, with Elder L. Muntz and Brother E. Atkinson, conference worker, to arouse the believer to a sense of these solemn closing times of this old world and the need of every one being at his post doing his full share of the Lord's finishing work.

Leaving Chesapeake, the writer returned to Washington, D. C., where Elder F. H. Seeney and G. P. Rodgers are holding things together and making substantial progress in the message. Elder Rodgers ran a real successful tent effort the past summer, adding 24 sound and faithful followers of the truth from the same to the cause and church. Indeed he is a safe worker and is holding forth the truth in all of its fullness there, which is putting the work in that great city upon sound spiritual basis. So it is not to be wondered at that the officials of his conference hate to have him leave for the present.

Upon leaving Washington, the writer went to Pittsburg, Pa., to pay a passing visit to the Home Missionary Convention which was in session there from December 7 to 12, together with the West Pennsylvania Workers' Meeting.

The work at Pittsburg for our people is in charge of Elder Durrant, who has been there several years doing excellent work in building up, by the Grace of God, the church there—in spite of the fact that it was severely set back during the two or three years when there was no laborer there, and too, in spite of the many disadvantages and hardships besetting his path.

It should be stated that these four presidents, Elders Morfett, Harter, Booth, and Richardson are wide awake to the advancement of the work among our people in their respective conferences, and may be counted on to not only see that full justice and equity be done to all, but will give it every other encouragement to see it grow and prosper to the glory of God. Also I wish to say that Doctor B. G. Wilkinson, President of the Columbia Union is carrying along with his other heavy and perplexing burdens, the interest and care of our work, to which he is giving encouragement not only in the city of Washington, where our general work is focused, but throughout his entire Union.

And here I wish to thank all for their past and future co-operation.

W. H. GREEN,
Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Our Soldier Boys

Since July 18, I have been visiting the camps in southern Virginia. My field includes Camp Lee, at Petersburg, Camps Stuart, Morrison, Hill and Alexander, at Newport News, Camp Eustis, at Lee Hall, Langley fields, the Aviation Camp and the great Naval Base at Hampton, Fortress Monroe at Old Point Comfort, Camps Lawrence, Farragut, Dewey and Paul Jones at Norfolk, the Navy Yard and Marine Barracks, and the Naval Magazine at Portsmouth, and the Rifle Range at Virginia Beach.

In Camp Lee, one of the most important camps in the United States, we have had from fifteen to twenty church members, and a number of men whose relatives are Seventh-day Adventists, and who are interested in the truth. In all the other camps also, we have a number of men, constantly changing from one camp to another, coming and going out. At the present time, (December 10,) I have fifty names on my list. In Camp Lee, we have had on the Sabbath and at other times, excellent meetings with the boys. Never have I realized more fully the presence of the Holy Spirit, and the blessed Prince of Peace, than in our meetings with our boys in uniform in the camps of War. In the other camps our men have often been able to attend the meetings held in our churches in near-by cities. My work has been largely personal work with our boys in all these camps. In cash and pledges I have secured from our churches for the camp work \$1,798.39.

Nearly all our boys who were really Christians before entering the army, have been very faithful; and the experience has greatly strengthened them in the truth. And some who realized the necessity of taking a firmer stand, have had a brighter religious experience than ever before. They have found their army experience a real

bleasing. Many have found more time for Bible study than before they entered the army. One young man has committed to memory the entire book of Revelation. A good number have been able to do real missionary work with their comrades. I have met with a number who have become deeply interested in the truths of the message through the earnest Christian lives and words of our faithful boys.

Never was an army so well fed, clothed and sheltered, and the health of our men, as a rule has been excellent. A number were sick with the influenza, but I did not learn of a single death among our men in my district. Nearly all our men have served in the Hospital or Medical work, and our great free government has been most considerate in giving non-combatant service, and, as a rule also to those who took a firm stand, freedom on the Sabbath.

Although peace has come, very few at this date, December 10, have been discharged from the army. But we are certain that from this time on, men will be sent back to civil life at a rapid rate, and that our own boys will soon be at home once more. No people on earth have greater reason for thankfulness for the return of peace than Seventh-day Adventists. Shall we forget the tremendous lessons of the war? Peace with victory has come to the allied nations and the United States.

"The Tumult and the shouting dies, The Captains and the Kings depart. Still stands Thine ancient Sacrifice,— An Humble and a Conrite heart.

Lord God of Hosts, Be with us yet, Lest we Forget,—Lest we Forget."

J. S. WASHBURN.

VIRGINIA

12 W. Main St., Richmond
W. C. Moffett, Pres. - W. H. Jones, Sec.

School Directory

Miss Anna Tucker, 2409 Kenington Ave.,
Richmond, Va.
Miss Florence Swan, Richmond, Va. c-o
J. H. Reams.
Mrs. Bennet Ham, Dumbarton, Va.
Mrs. Glenn Bee, 1259-20th St., New-
port News, Va.
Miss Roberta Ellis, Rileyville, Va.
Miss Robbie Sutphin, Republican Grove,
Va.
Miss Myrtle Neff, New Market, Va.
S. V. A.
Miss Mae Painter, Stanley, Va.
Miss Sarah Young, 113 E. Baker St.,
Richmond, Va.
Miss Mary Miles, 2411 Effingham St.,
Portsmouth, Va.
Ernest Watkins, Phoebus, Va.

Besides the children who are in the above named schools there are thirteen students attending Washington Missionary College, and fifty students at our academy at New Market.

This gives a total of nearly 250 Virginia children and youth who are attending our schools. "And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord and great shall be the peace of thy children." Isa. 54:13.

ELOISE WILLIAMS.

Canvassers' Reports

| NAME | PLACE | BOOK | DAYS | HOURS | ORDERS | VALUE | HELPS | TOTAL | DEL. |
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| Ohio, One Week Ending December 27, 1918 | | | | | | | | | |
| O. E. Taylor, Athens Co. | | OD | 5 | 33 | 16 | 41 00 | | 41 00 | 55 85 |
| Fred Hannah, Loudonville | | OD | 5 | 38 | | 16 00 | 4 80 | 20 80 | 23 80 |
| Mrs. Pinnicks, Muskingum Co. | | OD | 2 | 21 | 5 | 10 00 | 1 70 | 11 70 | 18 25 |
| Glenn Pinnicks, Zanesville | | BR | 3 | 27 | 4 | 15 00 | 2 60 | 17 60 | 29 45 |
| E. C. Alexander, Cincinnati | | OD | 5 | 42 | 7 | 32 00 | 19 40 | 51 40 | 20 95 |
| H. O. Kohr, Columbus | | WP | | 36 | | 92 00 | | 92 00 | |
| Geo. Harvey, Stark Co. | | BR | 5 | 34 | | 8 00 | | 8 00 | 43 25 |
| Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Van Wert | | OD | 5 | 32 | 16 | 47 00 | 7 10 | 54 10 | 20 70 |
| Mr. & Mrs. Shank, Richland Co. | | OD | 6 | 27 | 13 | 27 00 | 4 20 | 31 20 | 64 50 |
| Geo. A. Keppler, Hamilton | | OD | 3 | 13 | 8 | 16 00 | | 16 00 | 11 00 |
| R. Kline, Perry | | BR | 5 | 45 | 29 | 133 00 | 9 00 | 142 00 | |
| F. E. Wagner, Kenmore | | OD | 5 | 31 | 10 | 23 00 | 4 00 | 27 00 | 88 00 |
| John Bee, Perry Co. | | BR | 5 | 44 | 32 | 148 00 | | 148 00 | |
| Geo. Carter, Perry Co. | | BR | 5 | 46 | 28 | 139 00 | | 139 00 | |
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| New Jersey, Week Ending December 27, 1918 | | | | | | | | | |
| Allen Boynton, Jr. | | | | | | | | | 93 00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Brownell | | BR | 3 | 13 | 8 | 37 00 | 3 80 | 40 80 | 3 80 |
| Mrs. J. W. Janssen | | BR | 10 | 46 | 4 | 16 00 | 22 80 | 38 80 | 13 35 |
| Fred Krall | | OD | 10 | 58 | 40 | 123 50 | 3 25 | 126 75 | 3 25 |
| Esther Lull | | | 3 | 23 | | | 9 75 | 9 75 | 9 75 |
| C. L. Moore | | BR | 4 | 23 | 6 | 26 00 | 2 75 | 28 75 | 3 75 |
| Wm. Vahrenkamp | | BR | 4 | 19 | 9 | 37 00 | 1 50 | 38 50 | 1 50 |
| Otto Westerhoff | | BR | 3 | 17 | 3 | 12 00 | 2 50 | 14 50 | 2 50 |
| E. G. Wrigley | | OD | 7 | 40 | 29 | 79 50 | 5 25 | 84 75 | 5 25 |
| Fred Zimmerly | | | 2 | 13 | | | | | 126 00 |
| Totals | 11 Agents | | | 46 252 | 99 | 331 00 | 51 60 | 382 00 | 262 15 |
| East Pennsylvania, Two Weeks Ending December 20, 1918 | | | | | | | | | |
| Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co. | | BR | 1 | 12 | | | | | 198 00 |
| H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co. | | BR | 5 | 34 | 19 | 88 00 | 2 00 | 90 00 | 104 00 |
| J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co. | | BR | 5 | 27 | 5 | 22 00 | 2 25 | 24 25 | 49 50 |
| Mrs. Park Drake, Northampton | | WC | | | 20 | 10 00 | | 10 00 | 57 50 |
| Sol. Diehl, Union Co. | | OD | 1 | 10 | | | | | 1 00 |
| Misc. | | | | | | 139 40 | | 139 40 | |
| Totalt | 5 Agents | | | 12 83 | 44 | 259 40 | 4 25 | 263 65 | 410 00 |
| Grand Totals | 31 Agents | | | Value Orders | 1337 40 | Deliveries | 1047 90 | | |

Let us not forget to order our Morning Watch. Victories are won, blessings gained, and character developed when we remember to give our first waking moments to meditation and prayer.

Visiting the Schools.

Two weeks ago I left the office to visit a few of our schools. At Portsmouth 2, I found the work well under way. School is being held in a room partitioned off from that used as a place of meeting. The room is being remodeled, and equipments bought. The teacher spent a few hours selling our 25 cent books and spent \$20 for seats and desks. Friends at Doswell sent them a new blackboard, and plans are being laid to equip the school up to the standard.

Elder Farley and I spent part of a day at the Phoebus school. It is supported by the Newport News No. 2 Church. Many of the pupils come from there every day, for the privilege of attending school. Due to the epidemic, the school has not been in session long. Both of these teachers are graduates of Oakwood Junior Col-

lege, and are doing good work.

Next I visited Stanley, where Miss Mae Painter has the work in charge. Her's is the largest school in the state, and one of the best buildings. Plans are under way to raise a fund for better equipments. With an enrollment of 35 and five more expected, it seems there will soon be a demand for larger quarters and another teacher.

Leaving Stanley I spent a few days at New Market. I found the faculty and students as busy as the proverbial bees. Miss Myrtle Neff has charge of the Primary Department. Before long she will be given a room in the new building, and plans to have the best equipped school in the union.

Our school at Rileyville was the next one visited. Miss Roberta Ellis is teaching there. The school is in the heart of the mountains, which though rough, are grand. Here 23 pupils meet daily for work and play. I have never visited a school where children were more quiet during school hours, though during recess I realized that they were indeed normal boys and girls. Friends have helped them with their equipments, but they are in need of a few things. The sisters have decided to make quilts this winter to raise their equipment fund. Will our sisters help them by sending

pieces? Any material will be used. Address Mrs. J. B. Jenkins, Rileyville, Va.

It has been decided by our Educational Department to encourage every school to place certain equipments in the school this year. We are going to call this our 100 per cent Equipment Goal. It will consist of—

- 1—Seats and desks.
- 2—Good blackboards.
- 3—Set of maps in case.
- 4—A 12-inch globe.
- 5—A dictionary.
- 6—Water cooler or running water.
- 7—A pencil sharpener.

Will not the friends and patrons of our schools co-operate with the teachers in raising funds toward this goal? In buying supplies, I find I get a good discount by buying direct from a large firm, so I will be glad to help any of the schools when they are ready to buy their equipments. Which school will be the first to "go over the top?"

ELOISE WILLIAMS.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Indiana, Pa.

I. D. Richardson Pres. - J. S. Neely, Sec.

Sharon

Sabbath, December 14, was a good day for the company of believers in Sharon. On Friday evening, Elder B. F. Kneeland gave a stirring sermon on the subject, "Why I am a Seventh-day Adventist." Sabbath morning all met at the regular place of worship, the S. D. A. Hall, third floor of the Carver Building, on East State Street, for the week of prayer service, at which time the Lord came very near. In the afternoon, following a sermon on the privileges and duties of church fellowship, all went to the Christian (Disciple) Church, whose doors were kindly opened for the purpose, where an impressive baptismal service was conducted by Elder B. F. Kneeland, assisted by Brethren R. M. Spencer and G. W. Lawrence. At this time six adults followed their Lord into the watery grave. Following the baptism, a church of 15 members was organized, a full corps of officers elected and installed, missionary bands formed, leaders appointed, and territory assigned, so that the new church starts out fully organized for service. Several others are keeping the Sabbath in Sharon, and are now receiving further instruction preparatory to baptism, and a number of other interested ones are earnestly studying the truth at the Bible readings and lectures which are being held. The Sharon Church is the result of the tent effort held last summer by Elder B. F. Kneeland, Brother R. M. Spencer, and their helpers. Brother G. W. Lawrence connected with the effort near its close and remained with Brother Spencer to follow up the interest after the tent was taken down, doing efficient work in gathering in souls. We are glad that the western part of our conference,

which has hitherto been almost without any representatives of the Third Angel's Message, now has a live church prepared to do aggressive work in the great Shenango Valley.

The West Pennsylvania Workers Institute

The Workers' Institute which was held at Pittsburg No. 1 Church, December 6 to 11, was a most timely and profitable occasion for the laborers of the conference who were able to be present. The early morning devotional meetings, conducted by Elder B. G. Wilkinson, were seasons of special blessing. The tremendous issues of the present hour seemed to impress upon all the necessity of earnestly seeking God's blessing by confession of sin and humble supplication at the throne of grace. Wise plans and thorough organization are important, but the presence of the Holy Spirit in the church and in the life of the individual is indispensable.

Among those attending the institute and taking active part in the instruction given were Elders B. G. Wilkinson, F. W. Paap, H. K. Christman, and Professor A. W. Werline. In addition to this we enjoyed the presence and counsel of the Conference Presidents and Home Missionary Secretaries of the Columbia Union, who held a Home Missionary Convention in connection with the Institute. We especially enjoyed the inspiring addresses of Elder A. G. Daniells, who was present the latter part of the meeting.

The keynote of the institute was Consecration, and its motto, "Service by All, for All." Special attention was given to discussion of methods whereby the workers may become more efficient, and the entire membership of the church be enlisted in active service. All seemed convinced that the Home Missionary department of the church is of most vital importance, and the keenest interest was shown in all the plans suggested for building up this line of work. The imperative necessity for finishing our work quickly makes the enlisting and training of the rank and file of our church members most essential. The pastor, church elder, and missionary leader may multiply their efficiency by training others to do the same missionary work they themselves have learned to do.

In view of the terrible results of the great pestilence that is sweeping over our land, and the great awakening that has come to the people regarding the importance of proper care of the body and the value of rational treatment of the sick, there was special emphasis placed on the need of every worker obtaining a practical knowledge and experience in the principles of health reform and the use of simple treatments. This knowledge should be imparted to the leaders and members of the missionary bands, so that we may actually turn our knowledge of health reform into an effective opening wedge for the other truths of the Third Angel's Message.

The Round Table discussions were presided over by Elder I. D. Richardson, and during these hours many thoughts were exchanged that will prove helpful in our future work. Considerable attention was given to

our educational problems, and we trust that we shall soon cease to be the most meagerly supplied with educational facilities of any conference in the Union, and take the place we should hold in the very front rank in our church school work. The workers returned to their fields with renewed courage, feeling that the institute had been a real practical help to them and determined to make the coming year the best of their experience.

B. F. KNEELAND,
Institute Secretary.

The True Position of the Magazine Worker

If you have never taken part in selling a message-filled periodical, you may think of the work as rather unpleasant. Perhaps you may think of the dirty little newspaper boy calling his paper in the early morning, or the poorly dressed woman offering the news for sale at the railway station. Or, when you think of going out to sell papers you may call to mind some untidy vendor of pins, needles, or toilet soap whom you pitied as you dismissed from your door. If you have thought of the sale of our magazines from a purely commercial standpoint, it is not surprising that Satan succeeds in his plan to discourage you and keep you out of the work. If he can cause you to place the work of selling our magazines on the same basis as that of daily newspapers, the popular magazines and other like publications, he has made the work appear so distasteful to you that you will not take it up. This he will do if he can. But we are not to place our work on a par with the newsboy, the peddler, and the shoestrapping man. We are intrusted with a message that should call into use the highest faculties.

Now mark this: The very first work for which the art of printing was used after its discovery, crude though the machinery, was the printing of the Word of God. Prior to that time (the 15th century) the comparatively few believers in God's Word worked for months writing out by hand portions of the scriptures. These they faithfully passed on to whomsoever would receive and read them. Luther, you will remember, while confined in the Wartburg Castle, wrote tracts and pamphlets which the believers circulated throughout Germany so thoroughly that in every village and out of the way place the Bible Truths were taught. History records that Reuchlin, a noted reformer and writer, so appreciated the power of the press that on a mission to Rome he purchased all the Greek and Hebrew manuscripts he could find. This he did with a view of employing them as so many torches to increase in his own country the light already beginning to appear. Ulrich while taking refuge in the castle of Eden-

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berg "composed those works intended to be read and be understood by the people which inspired all the German states with a horror for Rome and with a love of liberty." Such was the influence in those times of the printed pages of Truth.

Our publishing work is now being carried on with the same purpose as was theirs. The Lord today assures us, through His servant, that "Our books and periodicals are God's appointed means of keeping His message continually before the people." The increase in the effectiveness of this agency during the past few years may well stimulate the courage of every believer of this message. We have a publishing organization which is putting into circulation over two million dollars worth of books, periodicals and tracts teaching the Third Angel's Message.

"The World is to receive the light, and many will gain their knowledge of the truth through an evangelizing ministry of the Word in our books and papers." "Our publications should go everywhere. The circulation of our periodicals should be greatly increased. The Third Angel's Message is to be given through gospel literature and through the living teacher."

Those who believe this and are showing their belief by their works are enjoying rich experiences. Those who are out selling our magazines every day are having experiences that verify God's promises. A letter received from one worker tells of her poor success on a certain morning, how then she stopped and told the Lord that she wanted special help. She continued her work and in a few moments had sold nine copies and was then obliged to go home for more. She adds, "This incident so encouraged me that I commenced to pray more and sold 221 copies in a short time, and this in poor territory. Since that experience I have loved more than ever the Word of the blessed Master. Many of my regular customers seem glad to get the magazine each month."

We might give many other experiences to show that those engaged in the sale of our splendid magazines are enjoying the choicest blessings God deals out to His workers. We want you to consider the work from this missionary standpoint and to keep these great possibilities before you, and you are assured by the Lord through the spirit of prophecy that "Those who go forth in the name of the Lord are His Messengers to give to the multitude who are in darkness and error the glad tidings of salvation through Christ in obeying the law of God."

OBITUARIES

CARTMELL.—Anna E., was born at Cataba, Ohio, December 8, 1867, and died in the Washington D. C. Sanitarium, December 4, 1918, aged 50 years, 11 months, and 26 days. Sister Cartmell died of injuries received in an automobile accident which occurred July 7, when her husband and two others were killed. She was very patient during all her suffering, and her great burden was for souls to know about present truth. She was an earnest and faithful worker in the Springfield Church, carrying a burden for the youth. She was very highly esteemed by all the members of the church. She leaves an aged father and mother, and two daughters, besides a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. She was laid to rest in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery near New Moorefield, to await the fulfillment of 1 Thess. 4:16. The writer spoke to a large congregation from Isa. 57:1 and Rev. 14:13.

W. W. MILLER.

DUNLAP.—Robert was born November 10, 1849, and died in Clyde, Ohio, December 6, 1918. His widow, with him faithful in the message, mourns. He sleeps in hope.

A. R. BELL.

CARROLL.—Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Carroll of Coffeyville, Kansas, was born December 19, 1899, and died December 6, 1918, aged 18 years, 11 months and 17 days. She was reared an Adventist from childhood and was baptized at Clinton, Mo., about 8 years ago. She with her parents made their home in Cleveland about 5 years ago, where they resided for 2 years, then went to Coffeyville, Kansas, to make their home there. Mary came to Bucyrus, Ohio, September 28, 1918, and was staying with Edward Searles and family, when she became ill and died. A father, mother, one sister and a brother are left to mourn her death. She was laid to rest in the Monroe Street Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio.

MRS. ANNA BROLLIER.

SEARLES.—Anna, wife of Edward Searles, of Bucyrus, Ohio, was born September 15, 1878, and died December 7, 1918, aged 40 years, 2 months and 22 days. She was married November 21, 1896, and accepted present truth with her husband 20 years ago at Erie, Pa. She was a devoted Christian wife and mother, and a home of sadness remains. Sister Searles was laid to rest in the Monroe Steet Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio. She leaves to mourn their loss a husband and two daughters, Ella Searles of Bucyrus, Ohio, and Mrs. Anna Brollier of Marengo.

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