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

The Tabernacle at Charleston

As we finish the fifth week of our tabernacle meetings at Charleston, it is a pleasure to report that the interest is deep and wide-spread. At this writing thirty-one have signed the covenant. At the morning meeting, Sabbath, February 8, some twenty new ones were out. It was a blessed meeting. Elder Washburn said that in his thirty-five years of ministry he had never quite seen anything like it. As God's people clean up their hearts from sin and surrender wholly to His work; He will bless them.

I regret that I must leave for two weeks to attend to Union affairs,—two School Board meetings, five conventions, one Conference Workers' meeting and a Columbia Union Committee meeting. We shall dedicate, February 20, the new college building and free from debt.

All lines of work in the Union have gone away ahead for 1918. I shall have a few words to write about it later.

B. G. WILKINSON.

District Conference Home Missionary Convention

The third local Conference Home Missionary Convention in the Union was held in the District Conference, January 20 and 21. The meetings, which were held in the M Street Church in Washington, were well attended by the workers in the conference and also a goodly number of the church missionary secretaries throughout the conference.

The entire program for setting our churches to work in soulwinning endeavor was given thorough study. The papers and discussions by those present gave evidence of a developing vision which was most encouraging. In these discussions prominence was given to the definite work of training the members of our churches for greater efficiency in personal work for others. We recognize that ample provision has been made for the churches in this Home Missionary

program so far as organization is concerned, but when this is accomplished the real work is just begun. How to train our people for service and have them do the work which lies nearest them is the real task before us. Careful study along these lines occupied no small place in this convention.

We were especially favored in having Elder Daniells with us some of the time. His timely counsel on the importance of the Home Missionary movement in our denominational program, and some of the real essentials for its success, were highly appreciated.

Brother R. C. Taylor has recently taken up the responsibilities of the Home Missionary department in the District Conference. He is working among the churches enthusiastically, and we feel confident that greater things are in store for this conference. Our churches in Washington City really constitute the main body of the conference and considerable difficulty has been encountered in developing the home missionary program on account of the location, and other conditions which prevail in this capital city.

The brethren are feeling very hopeful for the results which will develop during the present year, and we fully expect, that with the blessing of God resting upon our feeble efforts, we will soon see our dear people in the churches, as a united army, sounding the Loud Cry of the Third Angel's Message.

H. K. CHRISTMAN.

A Worthy Example

That there is coming into our ranks a greater oneness is evidenced by our willingness to cooperate in the movement of carrying this gospel message to the world. At the Baltimore Workers' Institute, held recently, the great importance of presenting a united front to the enemy was emphasized. The great interest that has been shown by the Chesapeake Conference in home missionary work is indicative of what must be the attitude of all our churches toward this phase of giving the Third Angel's Message to the world.

The education of the children through the medium of the church school was

shown to be the highest kind of home missionary work. There is no part of missionary work in which a church can engage that deserves more thought and attention. It is one medium which should be instrumental in binding a church closer together, and if looked upon rightly it will serve to engender a wholesome spirit of missionary endeavor that will mean the salvation of many souls that otherwise will soon drift away and be eternally lost.

At the close of the Institute, the Committee met, and the following recommendations on the educational work in the Chesapeake Conference were passed:

"We recommend that each conference worker cooperate with the superintendent of the Educational Department in the conference to carry out the plans for visiting each home in the interest of education, and that this same cooperation be given each department secretary in the conference.

"VOTED: that we send the Union Conference Educational Secretary the names of prospective church school teachers, encouraging them to take up work during the summer at the Summer school.

"VOTED: that we encourage the establishment of church schools wherever there is a sufficient number of children, and that the school be supported by the Home Missionary work of the church."

These recommendations show the Chesapeake Conference to be awake to the needs of the church in regard to the schools. May this be true in every conference.

A. W. WERLINE.

Of Special Interest to Women

The great war has torn nearly 4,000,000 of the select men of the nation from their established places in their communities. Those left at home to run the business of the nation were confronted with the problem of supplying the vacant places with live, thinking human beings from some source. What shall we do, was the cry raised from myriad quarters the first year of the war.

WOMEN DOING LARGE SHARE OF WORLD'S WORK

"Necessity is the mother of invention" said the man who sleeps 'neath the plain marble slab in the "City of Benevolence." The leaders of the nation looked across the Atlantic to countries which had met this situation. They found that sacrificing women had stepped into the places formerly occupied by men. But can America's women do it? Go where you will among the great civilized nations of earth today,—you will find women doing a great part of the world's work. On a recent trip to the capitol city, a woman sold me a ticket, and a woman's voice called my train. As I rode out of the yards, a woman iced the train, while women on either side could be seen wiping windows, and cleaning cars. Women lowered and lifted the gates at the crossings. A woman checked my baggage, and as we rode home, a traffic policewoman told us when we might cross the street, and a loyal, sacrificing little woman greeted me when the door opened at home.

MAKE SUCCESSFUL COLPORTEURS

Women have over and over again proved themselves able to sell our literature. A young lady eighteen years of age, sold \$254 worth of literature within thirty miles of the city of Washington in her first week's work. She holds the record for the Chesapeake Conference this summer, if not in the history of its work. One young woman to my knowledge has worked her way through school for a period of seven years, and now sells at the rate of \$5 per hour.

The Testimonies have declared that women could succeed in this work as the following quotation will show, "Missionary work - introducing our publications into families, conversing and praying with and for them - is a work that will educate men and women to do pastoral labor." Manual for Canvassers, page 42.

The Bible says: "The Lord giveth the word: the women that publish the tidings are a great host." Psalms 68: 11. R. V.

WHY NEGLECTED

Why have we neglected this important phase of our work so long when women are a success in it, when they are ready to sacrifice even more than men as a rule, when 70 per cent of our constituency is composed of sisters? I will venture to suggest the following reasons:

1. We, as field men, have been and are loaded down to the water's edge in caring for men who take up this work, which has not permitted us to give the thought and attention this phase of our work demands to make it a success.

2. There is a certain natural hesitancy on the part of men in training these work-

ers in the field, which is so necessary to the making of good successful colporteurs, be they men or women. Many questions that puzzle our sisters most in the work never get to us, because of the impropriety of asking them of men. Then, too, we could not answer them if we were asked. An experienced woman in the work, who has succeeded over a period of years only could do it.

OUR CITIES CHALLENGE US

Here we are in the Columbia Union with 25,000,000 people to warn with a constituency of more than 10,000 and on the average barely 100 colporteurs in the field. Our great cities stand silent practically, as far as our colporteur work is concerned. Why should not the streets of these great centers echo and re-echo with the voices of well-trained lady colporteurs, who can gain an entrance many times where we fail.

I believe that this is now our day of opportunity. We should take advantage of the liberal attitude of mind toward ladies' work, and bring into existence an organization that will double our force of colporteurs.

UNION ACTS

The Columbia Union Executive Committee, after giving this important subject due consideration, decided that this is the time to act, and have appointed a young woman, Miss Hazel V. Leach, who has had ten years experience in the colporteur work, to be assistant secretary to the publishing department in the Union. For seven consecutive years she has, summer after summer, earned her way through school by canvassing for our literature. She has canvassed through two winters, and is a graduate of Mount Vernon College.

A GREAT FUTURE

We bespeak for this phase of our work a great future. Already there has been a tremendous response on the part of our sisters. Just as rapidly as a sufficient number of our sisters volunteer for this work, our conferences plan to appoint lady assistants to care especially for their interests, giving them the special instruction and help needed. We would in this connection again call your attention to the institute in your conference. Plan to attend this training school and receive a preparation for this important line of evangelistic service.

C. V. LEACH.

"Even if the whole world seems to forsake you, go right on; you owe it to yourself."

"When we are alone we have our thoughts to watch; in the family, our tempers; and in company, our tongues.

School Building Dedication

February 1 at Newport News the dedicatory service of the new school building was held. This church has to their credit the finest church school building in the state of Virginia. It is the result of a labor of love on the part of those interested in Christian education. Much of the work has been done by men after what is generally known as working hours, some even continuing their efforts until midnight in order that a building might be provided where their children could be instructed in the things of God. The building is equipped with sanitary toilet and cloak room, and is a credit to the church. School-room equipment is already up to the seventy-five per cent mark of this year's requirement with every prospect of reaching the 100 per cent mark before long.

The dedicatory address was given by the pastor, Elder Farley, who emphasized the need of Christian training for Seventh-day Adventist children. The afternoon session was a continuation of the work of setting forth the needs just now confronting our children and youth. Miss Eloise Williams gave an inspiring talk to the children, after which the audience was favored with a song by the church school pupils. Elder Bidwell was to have spoken in the afternoon, but he kindly gave the time to the writer who showed the awakened interest that is being manifested by the Columbia Union and local conferences in supporting the elementary school work. We closed the service, believing that the day had been very profitably spent, and that the school here has a bright future before it.

A. W. WERLINE.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Indiana, Pa.

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

Re-Dedication at Clearfield

It was my privilege, in company with Elder I. D. Richardson, to be present on Sabbath, January 18, at the service in which the church building at Clearfield, Pa., was re-dedicated, free from debt. When the church was built twelve years ago, a mortgage was placed upon the property, and the little company of believers there have struggled against very discouraging circumstances till the last dollar has been paid, and they desire to present again to the Lord their neat little church building, free from the blemish of debt. This was done in a very earnest prayer by Elder Richardson, after which the writer burned the mortgage in the presence of the church. We believe the Lord will continue to bless the believers in Clearfield, and we hope soon to see the

church much strengthened by new members.

I have also visited the churches at Galeton, Raymond, Coudersport, Shinglehouse and Bradford during the past few weeks. Plans are being laid and carried out for aggressive work in these fields. We trust that our brethren and sisters throughout the conference will remember these and other churches in this section in their prayers. B. F. KNEBLAND.

News Notes

As the date for the West Pennsylvania Colporteur's Institute has been given wrong, I here call attention to the correct date and place,—Erie, Pa., March 13 to 22. Directions for reaching there will appear in the "Visitor" at a later date.

Brother A. E. Holst is moving his family to Sharon, Pa., where he will assist Brother Spencer in his evangelistic efforts there by doing Bible work. More families are becoming interested every week. The Sabbath School already has an attendance of thirty-two.

Brother J. S. Neely is giving Bible Readings to three families in Indiana, and they have expressed themselves very favorably toward the truth. We hope this will prove to be a nucleus for a church in Indiana.

On a recent Friday night in Pittsburgh, Brother R. M. Spencer gave a Bible study, which was attended by twenty young people. One man questioned him for two hours regarding all the points of our faith. After the Bible study, another young man thanked Brother Spencer with tears in his eyes for the instruction that he had received; for, he said, "This is the truth, and I have never heard it before." The following Sunday night, several of these young people came to hear the Sabbath question at the Pittsburg Church. The Lord is touching many hearts with the truth at this time.

OHIO

Box 8, Mount Vernon, Ohio
F. H. Robbins, Pres. H. D. Holtom, Sec.

Columbus and Springfield Colored Work

During the past year I have been located in Columbus, Ohio, and although the enemy has striven hard to defeat the work here, and every inch of ground gained has been gained against great odds, yet through the mercy of God we

can look upon a year of progress. When we located here a year ago, the church had a membership of ten, now we have twenty-five. Our tithe for the year 1917 was \$168.10, for 1918, \$352.15, an increase of \$184.05. The Harvest Ingathering for 1917 was \$32, 1918, \$82.69, a gain of \$50.69. For Sabbath School offerings in 1917, \$55.80; 1918, \$84.36, a gain of \$28.56. For church expense in 1917, \$85.90, 1918, \$966.29 a gain of \$880.39. Our total gain in all offerings was \$1,147.54. We also, through the blessing of God, have been able to secure a comfortable house of worship during the past year and the future prospects of the work are encouraging.

Recently I have also been given the oversight of the Springfield Colored Church, which for the past two years has been without a pastor. However, they have proven loyal and their report shows that they have endeavored to do their part for the finishing of the work. Their report follows:

	1917	1918	gain
Tithe	\$703.99	\$856.20	\$152.21
H. Ingathering	\$61.00	\$110.72	\$49.72
S. School	\$196.20	\$228.87	\$32.67
C. Expense	\$173.67	\$178.13	\$4.46
Total gains	\$293.94		

The colored work in Ohio is yet in its infancy, but is showing a steady and marked growth. A year ago there were only two colored workers, now there are five, and the calls are still coming from new fields for workers. We truly thank God for His goodness and solicit your prayers for the colored work.

J. E. Cox.

News Notes

Brother E. R. Numbers, the Home Missionary secretary of the Ohio Conference, assisted by Brother E. F. Hackman have been spending a few days in Mt. Vernon organizing the church for work.

The city has been districted and about 1000 homes will be visited each week with Present Truth. The Ministerial and Bible Workers' Bands will assist in this work.

They also occupied the chapel hour Monday and Tuesday in the interest of the Magazine work. As a result of the meeting about 30 students are planning to sell magazines this coming summer.

Brother Shidler spent last week at the office preparing for the coming Canvasser's Institute.

Brother Franks returned from a trip in the field last Tuesday and reports good success. Remember the colporteur in your prayers.

Brethren Cassell, Holtom, Hershberger, and Elder Robbins left Tuesday night for Washington where they will attend several conventions. Brethren Shidler and Franks left for the Bookmen's Convention Sunday morning.

The meetings that were held in Columbus by Elder Robbins have closed and he reports a good interest there. The attendance at all times was good and a rousing interest has been shown from the first. Five have taken their stand for the truth and many are interested as a result of these meetings.

Brother T. H. Barritt, the Singing Evangelist of the conference left for Paulding, Ohio, last Sunday, where he will lead the music in the effort conducted by Brother Shellhaas and Doctor Teters.

WEST VIRGINIA

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

News Notes

Elder Wilkinson left Charleston for Washington Monday morning. Elder Westbrook is speaking at the tabernacle this week.

Mrs. Westbrook returned Sunday from a trip among the churches and left Wednesday for Washington to attend the Educational Convention, which convened February 13-16.

Mrs. Dr. Cochran, formally Miss Jessie Bailey of Huntington, has returned from California and is spending a few months with her parents.

We are glad to welcome Miss Butker back to the office again after an absence of several months.

ATTENTION!

Sabbath School teachers and officers. The March Sabbath School Worker is here with the monthly outline on "The Training Course." If you have not already ordered your text books, do not delay one moment longer. An experienced worker recently stated that when he saw one of these books was written by J. R. Miller, he ordered at once, for he counted those written by this author among his most valuable books. The price of the two books is 60 cents. Order from the office.

Brother McElphatrick was a pleasant caller at the office recently enroute for the canvassing field.

Elder and Mrs. Westbrook and Elder Christman spent Sabbath with the Huntington Church, an all day meeting was held in the interest of the Educational and Home Missionary work. Plans were also laid for the erection of a new church building. It is hoped that the new church with a commodious school room will be ready by September.

The auditing board met at Charleston last Tuesday.

Elder Christman spent last week in our conference visiting Huntington, Charleston, Parkersburg, Clarksburg, Fairmont and Morgantown. Definite plans were laid in each place for advance moves along Home Missionary lines.

The interest in the Tabernacle meetings at Charleston is on the increase. Sunday night, February 2, Dr. Wilkinson delivered a powerful lecture on the Seal of God, and the Mark of the Beast to a very attentive audience, which was practically the largest since the meetings began.

CHESAPEAKE

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

News Notes

Brother G. Medary has been able to secure the church at Blythedale, Md., and will begin a series of meetings next Sunday night. He is much encouraged with the interest in that section of Cecil County, and we bespeak for him in your prayers.

Elder A. S. Booth reports the largest attendance last Sunday night that he has yet had in the theater. Some of the city officials were in attendance, and among them was the Mayor of the city. There is quite an interest.

We were pleased to have Brother Atkinson call at the office yesterday. He says the interest among the colored people in Wilmington is growing, and there was scarcely standing room in the little chapel last Sunday night.

Elder Muntz writes they are having a good interest in Dover, Del., and he is much encouraged.

The president and secretary of the conference attended the convention held in Takoma Park last week for the benefit of the secretaries of the conferences and also for the Educational work. They will also attend, for at least a part of the time, the Bookmen's Convention. Brother J. W. Siler will also attend the latter convention.

Let all remember the European Fund Offering on February 22. This is a worthy cause, and all should donate liberally to help our suffering brethren and sisters.

Miss Beulah C. Wagner, and Clifford Patten were united in marriage January 8, at the home of the bride, 1222 Sergeant St., Baltimore, Md., by Elder J. H. Wierst. These young people are devoted Christians and active workers in the Baltimore No. 1 Church. Brother Patten came to Baltimore about a year ago from Battle Creek, Michigan. We wish them the blessings of heaven in their journey through life.

Brother E. G. Franklin spent last Sabbath with the church at Smithsburg. He will go to Rock Hall for the coming Sabbath. Brother and Sister Franklin will doubtless be leaving Baltimore before very long to answer the call from the General Conference.

Brother J. G. Whitaker, one of our colporteurs, has gone to his former home in North Carolina, with the hope that his health will improve in the higher and drier climate. He expects to return in time to attend the Colporteur's Institute the latter part of March. We ask our friends to remember Brother Whitaker in prayer.

Sister L. J. Hilton is having a very pleasant visit with her mother, whom she had not seen for about two years, in Shenandoah, Pa. We trust her rest will do her a great deal of good, and that she will come back with new vigor to enter upon her labors in Baltimore again.

VIRGINIA

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

Gleanings from the Institute

We are glad to have with us so many new faces at our institute this year. The prospects are bright for a good number to enter the canvassing field this year in Virginia.

Brother C. V. Leach, Miss Hazel Leach, Brother Carr, who has charge of the medical instruction, Elder F. W. Paap, and Brother W. R. Walters are taking part in the institute work.

The colporteurs are also taking part in the Workers' Meeting, and enjoying the feast of good things had at this time.

A cafeteria is being run for the benefit of the visiting brethren and is located near the church. Sister F. E. Hankins and H. A. Wright are in charge of this work.

The meetings conducted by Brother Carr of the Washington Sanitarium, teaching our colporteurs the use of simple

home remedies, are very instructive and well attended.

Mrs. M. J. Chapman, and Mrs. Davis of Baltimore are attending this institute.

We are glad to welcome Brother S. N. Wilmer back from the Kentucky Conference. He plans to take up work again in the southwestern part of Virginia.

NEW JERSEY

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

A Glimpse at the Departmental Work in New Jersey

It goes without question that the loyal people in the New Jersey Conference are much interested in the work being done in our various departments. This has been substantially proven by the splendid support that has been given this work during the past year. Though nothing really spectacular has been accomplished, yet decided and most encouraging advances were made in 1918. Let us glance for a moment at the work in the departments.

OUR SABBATH SCHOOLS

The Sabbath Schools of the conference now number thirty-six, with a constantly increasing membership of approximately 1300. And the real spirit of progress among these 1300 people is manifested, not only by their larger contributions to missions, but by a general spiritual awakening to bring their membership up to a more promising point. Two schools are already on the Conference Honor Roll.

Our offerings to missions during 1918 amounted to \$8236.38, or nearly \$2100 in excess of 1917, and well over our goal for the year of \$7500. Building on these past results, we are quite sure that by December 31, 1919, our Sabbath School membership may have increased to 1500, and our offerings for the current year amount to \$10,000. How about it? Are you planning to sit passively at one side while the others put forth the effort that shall bring these results to pass; or, by a reasonable service, will you help forward the Sabbath School work whenever possible?

THE MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

In our twenty well organized Young People's Societies, there are something over three hundred members, better than three-fourths of whom are reporting members. This may not seem so much of an increase over a year ago, but we object to reporting things which do not exist. Our Young People are doing some excellent work, and setting a rounding pace for the older members; but there is still abundant room for advancement.

All parts of our 1917 goal are being vigorously pushed. The Reading Courses, Morning Watch, and Standard of Attainment, are becoming especially popular. Over 1500 Morning Watch calendars have been circulated. Our young people secured some \$1200 Harvest Ingathering funds, and over \$400 Armenian Relief. No one is doing, by any means, his best, and none of our lines of activity is yet fully developed; but we dedicate ourselves to do greater things this year than we have yet attained.

BY WAY OF EDUCATION

Fully two hundred of our New Jersey young people are now enjoying the privileges of a Christian education. In our ten church schools are enrolled 170 pupils, fifteen of whom are finishing the eighth grade. The standards for these elementary grades are being steadily raised, and the results are becoming more satisfactory each year. Some thirty-five of our youth are in our colleges, academies, and sanitariums, preparing for efficient service. Thus it is evident, that sentiment in favor of more strenuous training for our young people is becoming stronger throughout the conference.

We believe that these encouraging results will spur on every devoted member in our conference to redouble his energy to forward the work; and we do hope that those less active, will awake and rise from the dead, that Christ may in deed give them light. These three most vital departments demand something really worth while from every one. Give us a lift.

L. D. WARREN.

News Notes

Sisters Gilbert and McClure made a pleasant visit to the office last week. We enjoyed their call and trust they will stop in soon again and see us.

Over 1500 Morning Watch calendars have been sold in the New Jersey Conference for 1919. The highest order sent in for any previous year was 1000. Some gain!

The churches at Elizabeth and Plainfield were visited last Sabbath (February 8) by Elder Heckman. He spoke at each place and all agreed they were glad to have him with them.

Sabbath, January 25, was a happy day at the Newark Church, when six of the children were baptized by Elder Baum.

Brother Warren visited the church schools in Newark and Jersey City last Friday; and spent Sabbath with the Jersey City Churches in the interest of the Sabbath School and Young People's work.

The Trenton Church enjoyed a visit from Elder Detweiler of Patterson on Sabbath, February 8. He spoke on "The New Earth" and everybody appreciated his sermon.

Mrs. Champion of the Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) Church, whose home is in Laceyville, Penna., was a visitor last week with Elder and Mrs. Heckman.

Brother Clark visited the churches at Paulsboro and Swedesboro last Sabbath in the interest of his department, the Home Missionary Work.

Brother Lloyd, treasurer of the Camden Church, called at the office last week. We were glad to see him and hope he will call again.

Brother Holman is speaking Sunday nights at the Cape May Court House Church. He is also assisting in the work of completing their place of worship, and the members there appreciate his efforts very much.

The Burlington Church was visited last Sabbath by Brother Kirk, state field secretary from Trenton.

Brother Rambo's studies with the Woodbury Church are being enjoyed very much by the members there.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

422 W. L. & T. Bldg.

R. E. Harter, Pres. R. C. Taylor, Sec.

Haynes Evangelistic Meetings

The interest in the Haynes Evangelistic Meetings being held on Sunday afternoons at the Shubert-Garrick Theater and on Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings at the Memorial Church, continue very encouraging.

We had looked for a falling away of the interest after the two lectures on "The Christian Sabbath" and "Who Changed the Sabbath," but, while the attendance did drop quite materially for those two meetings, last Sunday's subject, "Heaven, Hell, and Purgatory, brought out one of the largest crowds we have had. We estimate that fully 900 people heard the lecture in the afternoon, and Memorial Church was packed in the evening to hear "Where are Our Dead?" The questions brought in at the Question and Answer service following the lecture, indicated a lively interest and appreciation of the subject.

Last Sabbath Elder Haynes took the Sabbath service at Memorial Church, having invited all who had decided to keep the Sabbath or who had heard the Sabbath truths to attend. Several new Sabbath-keepers were present at the service.

Our workers who are visiting and following up the names received at the meetings, report many more who are deeply interested and excellent prospects. Reports also come in continually of definite stands being taken for the message.

One young man who has been working at the Navy Yard has accepted the message, was unable to continue with his work, and has already entered Washington Missionary College. He is also studying the canvass for "Great Controversy" and plans to canvass during his spare hours, and full time after the close of school.

One intelligent young lady, a nurse by profession, after three studies by Brother Chaney in addition to the meetings, has taken a stand for the Sabbath and is making an effort to interest some other young ladies who are living in the same home with her.

Another young lady, formerly a school teacher, is now keeping the Sabbath and, when Brother George presented the colporteur work to her, said that she had been praying that the Lord would show her what to do and she felt that the colporteur work was just what she had been looking for, and the Lord had sent him in answer to her prayers. She is now studying the canvass for "Great Controversy" and plans to enter the canvassing work at once.

Many others are taking a definite stand or are well on the way. The testing time is at hand for them and they are standing the tests admirably. Your prayers are solicited that they may be steadfast for the right and enter the fold.

R. C. TAYLOR.

News Notes

We are now endeavoring to get all our churches fully organized for aggressive Home Missionary work according to the plan outlined at our Home Missionary Convention.

In connection with the Medical Missionary and Bible lines of our Home Missionary work, we believe that some concentrated educational plan is essential. We are recommending the use of Professor Lewis's Fireside Correspondence Courses in "Home Nursing" and "How to Give a Bible Study," which can be used in classes to excellent advantage at a very nominal cost to each member, and are of real, practical value in learning how to work in these branches.

The Arlington Church is getting down to the business of organizing for solid team work. Brother Hvale has been, by invitation of the citizens of the neighboring village of Barcroft, Va., holding

series of Sunday night meetings in the Barcroft Community Hall. A favorable interest is evident and the Arlington believers are anxious to see the campaign finish strong with some fruits in which they have had a part.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

News Notes

Our Colporteurs' Institute will be held at Fleetwood, Pa., February 27 to March 8. Fleetwood is situated north of Reading, on the P. & R. railroad, also the Allentown and Reading trolley line.

We invite all who have a burden for this branch of the work to come and have a feast of spiritual food with us for ten days. In connection with our regular instructions and training, we will study some of Sister White's books, especially "Great Controversy." We are also glad to tell you we will have a trained nurse with us to give instructions in first aid work. These instructions will consist of treatments for common ailments that are found among the people of today, and will be most profitable in the work of the colporteur. C. E. Reichenbaugh, Shillington, Pa.

The company of believers at Lancaster have disposed of their church property. The building was a private dwelling house until it was remodeled into a suitable place for services. It served the purpose for a number of years, but it has become necessary to dispose of it and move elsewhere. A suitable hall has been secured in the center of the city.

Sister Bessie Acton, our Conference Sabbath School, Educational, and Young People's Secretary, attended a convention at Takoma Park last week in the interest of the educational work.

Sunday evening, February 9, Elder D. A. Parsons visited the effort that is being conducted by Elder Charles Baierle in one of the largest theaters in Lancaster, and brings the report that over 1400 people were in attendance. So promising are the prospects of these meetings, that extra help must be sent Brother Baierle.

Dr. Replogle, one of our missionaries from Argentine, South America, stopped in Philadelphia for a few days the past week just before his return to his distant field of labor. His stereopticon lecture at the West Church upon the work in South America was greatly enjoyed by all.

Canvassers' Reports

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	DAYS	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 7, 1919									
Benjamin Bell, Philadelphia		GC	5	39	28	118 00	1 30	119 30	30
Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	4	33	11	47 00		47 00	20 00
Sol. Diehl, Union Co.		OD	3	26	3	7 50	50	8 00	
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		BR	4	25	5	24 00	2 05	26 05	125 55
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co.		BR	1	9	4	16 00		16 00	
G. B. Jenkins, Berks Co.		BR	4	8	2	10 00	1 75	11 75	25
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		BF	3	10			3 90	3 90	3 55
Mrs. Park Drake, Northampton		WC	3	6	13	6 50	4 00	10 50	6 00
M. Hollenbaugh		OD				4 00	32 50	36 50	36 50
F. W. Holland, Philadelphia		BR			5	24 00		24 00	
R. W. Garret			24		201	1206 00		1206 00	350 00
Totals	11 Agents		51	156	272	1463 00	46 00	1509 00	542 15
New Jersey, Week Ending February 7, 1919									
F. A. Brownell		BR	4	18	11	57 00	8 90	65 90	8 90
Andrew Hansen		BR	5	28	14	54 50	11 25	65 75	42 00
Norman Hays		BR	5	29	25	110 50		110 50	
Mrs. J. W. Jenssen		BR	5	28	5	20 00	3 05	23 05	24 20
Fred Krall		OD	4	26	6	15 00	2 75	17 75	5 25
Esther M. Lull			8	69			31 00	31 00	
Julius Matson		BR	5	32	13	68 00	5 85	73 85	5 50
Clifford L. Moore		BR	5	34	3	14 00	6 25	20 25	63 25
Mr. & Mrs. Westerhoff		OD	5	28	15	37 50	26 25	63 75	26 25
E. C. Wrigley		OD	4	19	19	55 50	3 00	58 50	48 50
Fred Zimmerly		BR	5	39	17	75 50	7 75	83 25	11 75
Totals	11 Agents		55	351	128	507 50	106 05	613 55	235 60
Chesapeake, Week Ending February 7, 1919									
J. E. Jones, Dorchester Co., Md.		BR	5	31	7	29 00	4 25	33 25	93 90
O. C. Weller, Charles Town, W. Va.		BR	9	41	44	197 00	5 20	202 20	98 70
W. E. Strother, Martinsburg W. Va.		OD	5	40	25	59 00	16 70	75 70	130 50
W. Swope, Washington Co., Md.		OD	4	12	7	17 50	4 96	22 46	1 56
Totals	4 Agents		23	124	83	302 50	31 11	333 61	324 66
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 7, 1919									
Geo. Buttermore, Westmoreland Co.		OD	5	35	32	97 00	11 70	108 70	80 25
Harry G. Lee, Mifflin Co.		BR	5	30	11	50 00	38 00	88 00	
Geo. E. Missbaugh, Butler Co.		DR	6	30	15	65 00	11 15	76 15	
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.		OD	4	8	13	42 50		42 50	
R. C. Lewis, Pittsburg		OD	5	26	8	27 00	6 00	33 00	174 00
E. W. Chisholm, Oil City		BR	3	14					129 00
Totals	6 Agents		28	143	79	281 50	66 85	348 35	383 25
Ohio, One Week Ending February 7, 1919									
John Manuel, New Phila.		BR	5	36	12	52 00	1 30	53 30	24 21
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.		OD	5	33	6	15 00		15 00	46 35
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Van Wert		OD	5	33	13	26 00	8 00	34 00	33 75
M. B. Ingersoll, Sandusky		OD	5	29	16	45 00	1 50	46 50	1 50
Mr. & Mrs. R. Shank, Richland Co.		OD	5	24	28	76 00	1 25	77 25	3 75
E. C. Alexander, Cincinnati		BR	5	29	4	20 00	4 90	24 90	41 85
Geo. Harvey, Stark Co.		BR	5	23	1	4 00	7 10	11 10	12 00
Geo. A. Keppler, Hamilton		OD	4	18	10	25 00		25 00	
Mrs. G. Pinnicks, Zanesville		OD	5	26	2	5 00	4 30	9 30	19 40
Glenn Pinnicks, Zanesville		BR	5	17	3	13 00		13 00	
Ed. Searles, Crawford Co.		OD	2	12	3	7 50	1 50	9 00	26 50
Totals	11 Agents		51	280	98	288 50	29 85	318 35	209 51
West Virginia, Week Ending February 7, 1919									
F. Bentz, Charleston		GC	5	15	3	13 00	13 55	26 55	39 50
W. T. Dishman, Fayette Co.		OD	4	29	18	46 00	65 85	111 85	18 55
C. E. Will, Fayette Co.		PPF	5	36	14	35 00	30 35	65 35	36 65
Roscoe Bee, Ritchie Co.		OD	2	13					68 05
Ivor Lawrence, Garrett, Md.		BR	3	24	8	35 00		35 00	67 00
Totals	5 Agents		19	117	62	129 00	109 75	238 75	229 75

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending January 31, 1919

John LeRoy, Beaver Falls	BR	7	56	47	221	00		221	00	1	00		
Anna Leroy, Beaver Falls	BR	9	70	44	197	00	16	00	213	00	7	50	
Harry G. Lee, Mifflin Co.	BR	5	36	12	52	00	51	25	103	25			
Geo. Buttermore, Westmoreland Co.	OD	5	41	25	73	50	22	00	95	50	149	55	
A. Brownlee, Pittsburgh	SD	5	43		50	25	32	60	82	85	62	45	
J. A. Heaton, Huntingdon Co.	PG	4	28	12	52	00	4	00	56	00	38	50	
Geo. Missbaugh, Butler	DR	11	57	13	58	00	25	45	83	45			
T. S. Hull, Blacklick	OD	4	31	20	52	00	1	75	53	75	1	75	
Edward Brady, Pittsburgh	OD	4	19	16	60	00			60	00			
Millie Smith, Pittsburgh	OD	4	20	19	33	00	8	10	41	10	5	70	
R. C. Lewis, Pittsburgh	OD	4	19	9	28	50		75	29	25	12	00	
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	OD	4	11	8	20	00			20	00	29	50	
Alice Thurman, Pittsburgh	OD	3	15	38	42	50	7	50	50	00	9	00	
E. W. Chisholm, Franklin	BR	2	7	2	8	00			8	00			
Misc.					7	85			7	85	5	35	
Totals	15 Agents		71	53	265	955	60	169	40	1125	00	322	30
Grand Totals	63 Agents					3927	60			2247	22		

Interesting reports from two of our Sabbath Schools have just come in regarding the "Mission trees" that they used on the last thirteenth Sabbath.

At Wade, each member of the Sabbath School has brought his offering in a small colored cornucopia to hang upon the tree. Each class was represented by a different color. For each dollar given by the Senior class, a gilt star was added, while blue stars represented the quarters given by the children. A gilt cross representing the goal of \$120 was reserved until after the offering was taken. As the goal was passed, it was placed in its position of honor at the top of the tree with much rejoicing. Here we have a membership of 28.

At Stroudsburg, the children had been busy gathering up offerings to fill bags that their donkeys carried for them to the Mission tree. Here a sister had a number of electric bulbs of different colors that were lent for the occasion, making the tree that was dedicated to the Lord's work very beautiful. The mission exercises at both places were full of interest and have encouraged the members to more earnest work in giving the Third Angel's Message quickly.

Brother Benjamin Bell, our new recruit in the colporteur work, is doing splendid work in Philadelphia, selling "Great Controversy."

Are you interested in selling our publications? If so, write C. E. Reichenbaugh, Shillington, Pa.

Last week the churches at Honesdale, Carbondale, and Wilkes-Barre were visited by Elder Parsons and Brother Gauker. A rousing discourse and stereopticon lecture was presented by Elder Parsons at each meeting and was much appreciated by the splendid attendance at each.

The prospects for a meeting at Honesdale were not very promising when the

brethren arrived, as the power plant in the city had burned down. After a diligent search, an apparatus in which gasoline was used was secured to operate the stereopticon and the lecture was given as advertised.

You can obtain from the tract society office a beautiful assortment of Scripture Text Post Cards for 15 cents a dozen.

MT. VERNON ACADEMY

Mr. W. Leonard Zedaker of Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio, was given a seven days' furlough, during which time he visited his home, and on his return to camp, he stopped at the academy to visit his sister Gladys.

Two of the oratory students, Messrs. Raymond Kraft and Edmond Miller, favored us with recitations in chapel last Thursday.

Mr. Richard Hall, who had been ill for some time, went home last week, with his uncle and friend, who spent a few days here.

Mr. A. E. King left on Tuesday, February 11, for Washington to attend the meetings.

We were pleased to have Brethren E. Numbers and E. F. Hackman talk to the students in the chapel last week Monday and Tuesday.

The debate referred to in the last issue of the VISITOR continued for six nights and the students were permitted to attend each night. The propositions were, "The ten commands are the law of God and are binding on Christians today," and "The seventh-day of the week, commonly called Saturday, is the Christian Sabbath." Elder N. S. Ashton affirmed and Mr. McVay denied. The interest was good, and while the question was not put to a vote of the people we know Mr. McVay is wrong, and we pity his

willing blindness. The leading men of the town, such as judges and business men, claim that Elder N. S. Ashton gave the clearest exposition of the Bible they have ever heard.

Miss Bond, who has assisted in the Bible Work in connection with Elder F. H. Robbins' city efforts, spent several days at the home of Brother T. H. Barritt.

Miss Helen Gunkle, a former student, visited friends at the academy several days. She, too, has been assisting Elder Robbins.

The Senior Class of Mount Vernon Academy composed of fourteen members organized on February 11, and the following officers were chosen: Miss Emma Silber, President; Mr. James E. Lippart, Vice President; Mr. Clyde A. Newmyer, Secretary; Miss Ethel M. Bell, Treasurer. CLYDE NEWMYER, Sec.

Shenandoah Valley Academy

The quarantine which held the students in for several weeks has now been lifted.

School was dismissed for two days in respect to Brother Thomas I. Zirkle, a faithful member of the board, who died on January 28.

Elder Moffett spoke at the Friday evening and at the Sabbath services, February 1. Many of the students came forward in consecration at the Sabbath service.

A new Underwood typewriter has been secured for the typewriting class.

Brother G. H. Clarke, a returned missionary from Africa, stopped at the school for two days. He gave two interesting talks on African life and the progress of the colporteur work, illustrating his lectures with curios. His son, John Clark, is in school here.

Professor John Z. Hottel stopped at the academy while at home to attend the funeral of his uncle, Mr. Zirkle.

Two new cows have been secured for the academy.

The February number of the Student Echo is now off the press. The circulation manager says new subscriptions are rolling in every week. Wonder if yours is among them? Price, fifty cents per year.

The bands of the Student Union are working steadily, and the hands of the steam gauge in the chapel that register the pressure of work done, are moving steadily around.

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Professor H. M. Forshee left on Sunday, February 7, to attend the Board Meeting at Richmond. Important matters in regard to the academy will be considered.

At the Missionary Volunteer Society on February 1 the Correspondence Band gave a very interesting program and report of work done.

Miss Anna Watkins, the leader, states that eight replies have been received recently to letters mailed by the band.

The Bible Workers' Band conducted the Missionary Volunteer Society on February 8. Special features were talks on the importance of the Bible work, special music and a scene in which the Bible worker was at work giving a study. Because of the quarantine the Bible workers have not had freedom to work until the present date. Miss Rogers, the leader, plans to have the Bible workers work in connection with the ministerial efforts of the Ministerial Band.

The first recital of the Music Department this school year was held February 9. Every student of the department had a part in the program, making in all about twenty numbers. Miss Rogers, the director, is well pleased with the progress of the music students. Mr. Morris Robinson has a young, but growing class studying violin. The Music Department is the largest this year of any in the history of the school. They are much in need of another piano.

The boys entertained the girls at the chapel on Saturday evening February 1. In return for their brave endeavors the girls contributed \$3.70 to be applied on the goal of the Student Union.

Washington Missionary College

Monday morning at the chapel hour, the Students' Association presented a beautiful flag to the school. Many ap-

preciative speeches were given in honor of Professor Machlan and the work he has done in connection with the building of Columbia Hall. At the close of the program the school sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

The boys of North Hall entertained the students in the dining room Saturday evening.

Elder Daniells gave a most interesting address at the Sabbath morning service concerning his personal experiences with the work of Sister White.

A Colporteurs' Band has been organized with Mr. Beamesderfer as leader.

Professor Albert Werline, Educational Secretary of the Columbia Union Conference, occupied the chapel hour Tuesday morning. He presented the need of the field for church schools and church school teachers, and emphasized the value of our Normal Department.

On Wednesday evening the first stereopticon lecture was given in Columbia Hall, by Dr. George Wharton James. His subject was, "Dogs and Horses in the War." Many interesting pictures were shown, and everyone felt like treating these dumb animals better when Dr. James concluded his interesting lecture. The wall at the rear of the rostrum is painted a light color so that pictures may be thrown on it without the use of a special screen.

Many new classes are now started at the beginning of the second semester. Among these are the following: Book-keeping, International Law, Denominational History, and Solid Geometry.

The balcony in Columbia Hall is now completed and on several occasions has been filled.

A new system has been installed in all the buildings on the campus to simplify the duties of the night watchman. There is a key in each building to turn a special clock every hour.

Hon. J. C. Bartholf, of Wisconsin, manager of a chautauqua circuit in the South, gave an interesting lecture in the new chapel Wednesday evening, on "The Law of Love in the War on Rum."

Sabbath afternoon Dr. Logenstein, a Presbyterian missionary from China, gave a very interesting account of his work there.

Professor Machlan has just returned from a trip to South Lancaster.

Miss Julia Callier accidentally received a serious cut on her arm.

Professor and Mrs. L. C. Caviness held a reunion at their home Sunday evening for all former students of Union College.

A new class has been organized for speed work in shorthand. One record made was 203 words a minute. This class is taking up "Denominational Dictation and Reporting," written by Professor Foote.

The chorus is now holding rehearsals twice a week. The cantata, "The Incarnation," will be given February 27.

With only four and one-half months of practice on the typewriter, Miss Mildred Warner made a record of forty-seven words a minute for ten minutes. The test was given under the strict International Typewriting Contest Rules. Miss Warner is the first student this year to earn the beautiful "Certificate of Proficiency in Typewriting."

Advertisements

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

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