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

### Another Report from the Tabernacle Effort

We are pleased to state that the latest word given to us from the tabernacle effort at Charleston is that fifty-five have signed the covenant and the work is still going forward. B. G. WILKINSON.

### Charleston West Virginia Tabernacle

Six weeks ago after many hindrances and long delays, the tabernacle services were opened in Charleston, West Virginia. Elder T. B. Westbrook, the President of the conference, had labored hard and long against great odds to get everything in readiness for a strong evangelistic effort in behalf of this capitol city.

Elder B. G. Wilkinson, President of the Columbia Union Conference, was called upon to carry the preaching end. Right at the time the tabernacle meetings opened there were at least six other revival meetings started. These were planned as counter attractions. Their influence was decidedly felt and seen at the start in the very limited attendance at the tabernacle. But the workers appointed a season of fasting and prayer for help. The Lord heard, and soon the people came in large numbers and listened attentively to the message for the hour.

There was much opposition and many obstacles to overcome, but the Lord gave the victory. In their desperation and determination to win the day, the brethren adopted some out of the ordinary methods. These gripped the hearts of some who otherwise might have been inattentive. The interest is holding up, and while Elder Wilkinson has left, Elders Westbrook and J. S. Washburn are holding the fort. This wire has just been received:

"Charleston, W. Va. February 18, 1919.  
T. B. Westbrook

Forty-one genuine names on covenant, many others keeping Sabbath. Mr. and Mrs. Harmon have signed, Dr. and Mrs. Sarver acknowledge Sabbath. Greatly interested attendance keeps up well. Splendid testimony meeting tonight. Larger baptismal class. Big harvest in sight. Send twelve red Controversy, only two left. Courage never better. People want to see you and Doctor Wilkinson."

Among these dear people turning to the light and heading the last great call are men and women of influence. Shall we not all pray that God will hold His servants steady and manifest His power mightily in the salvation of many precious souls in Charleston?

F. W. PAAP.

### Great Possibilities in the First Medical Call

Today is the day of great things. If we read the prophecies aright we have before us a great time of peace and prosperity. It is true that there are to a certain extent men idle just now. But this is a transitory period. The world is shifting from the war basis to a peace basis, and that necessarily brings dislocation. The United States' record of exports coupled with many other signs in the business world, to which I might call your attention, plainly tell us that the hour is come for God's people to lift and to give.

While this is a time of peace and prosperity, we will and ought to expect great possibilities for the work of the message. It will on the other hand be a great snare to the people of God. Many will fall beneath its allurements; many will be overtaken with the passion for wealth; and swayed by these carnal tendencies, they will fail to discharge the trust reposed in them and fail to give great means in this hour.

The Baptists have started on a big campaign,—the raising of \$6,000,000 for general work; the Congregationalists have started out to raise \$5,000,000; the Disciples of Christ have just completed raising \$6,300,000; the Presbyterians have set before them the task of raising \$13,000,000; but the Methodists intend

that their kites shall fly higher than all these other kites in that they propose to raise for home and foreign missions the sum of \$85,000,000. We, therefore, bespeak for all our brethren to whom shall come the call for the Self-Sacrifice Week in the Columbia Union Conference program their hearty support.

B. G. WILKINSON.

### Omens of a Great Year

Seventy-five people in the Ohio Conference have signified their desire to attend the institute in Cleveland, March 6-15.

Seventy students joined the canvassers band at the academy recently. When the doors of Mount Vernon swing open in May, the prospects are that the largest student Colporteur Army will march out, in the History of the school. The field welcomes you.

A short time ago Brother J. W. Siler, W. B. Walters, and the writer visited five churches in the Chesapeake Conference. Never in my experience have our brethren and sisters responded so wholeheartedly to an appeal to leave the ordinary work of life and join the army of Book Evangelists. Ninety individuals gave us their names and addresses saying, "The Lord willing I will attend the training school for colporteurs and go out in that blessed work."

C. V. LEACH.

## CHESAPEAKE

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

### News Notes

Another very interesting meeting was held in Wilmington last Sunday night. Three hundred names were secured of persons who desire literature on the subjects presented. The offerings for the seven nights have averaged about \$75.60.

Elder G. A. Stevens reports quite an interest in Dover and vicinity, and he is expecting to begin a public effort in Dover in the very near future.

Brother O. C. Weller, one of our faithful colporteurs, who has accepted a call to take the Field Agency of the Eastern New York Conference, and will leave for his new field of labor sometime in March, stopped at the office on his return from the Bookmen's Convention in Washington. We are sorry to lose Brother Weller from our field, but if he can train ten men to do the work he is doing and has done in the past, he will be filling a much larger place, and we wish him God-speed.

Brother M. S. Pettibone, our Home Missionary Secretary, and Brother J. W. Siler, our Field Missionary Secretary, also stopped at the office for a short time on their return from the meetings in Washington.

Miss Louise Pettibone, who has been working at the Sanitarium in Washington, returned to her home in Queenstown, for a time at least.

As the new book, "World Peace" is not yet ready for circulation, we would advise our brethren and sisters to make good use of the time in the circulation of "World in Perplexity" and "World's Crisis." We have these books in stock and would be glad to fill orders promptly for the same.

We also have a good supply of the "Return of Our Lord" and "Other Side of Death." These books, with "Paradise Home," and "His Glorious Appearing" make a splendid set for the library of any one. What will you do to help enlighten your neighbors?

Good reports are coming from the Hagerstown Church. There is a very marked increase in the attendance, and they are engaging very actively in work to reduce their debt. Brother J. W. Siler is in charge of this church.

The Fords Store Church is doing nicely, and have gone a long way already, under the leadership of Brother Pettibone, towards the reduction of their debt.

We are glad to report to our conference that for the more than 60,000 copies of the Present Truth ordered by the Columbia Union Conference more than 21,000 were ordered by the members of the Chesapeake Conference. Let the good work go on, and let every church take an active interest in the circulation of this splendid little messenger of truth. People of the world appreciate it, and are paying considerable for its free circulation. Let us not let them appreciate it more than we do. If you have not had any of these papers order them at once. You will be surprised to know how easy it is to dispose of them.

## Canvassers' Reports

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	DAYS	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL.
West Virginia, Week Ending February 21, 1919									
I. Lawrence, Allegheny Co.		BR	7	57	9	99 00		99 00	68 00
W. A. Gallaway, Mercer Co.		OD	5	47	63	151 00		151 00	
B. P. Wright, Charleston		BR	8	48	39	172 00	31 60	203 60	18 50
J. R. Medlin, Parkersburg		COL	2	10		4 50	2 00	6 50	5 00
C. E. Will, Gauley Bridge		OD	10	98	13	33 50	69 45	102 95	163 00
Roscoe Bee, Gilmer Co.		OD	4	30	16	47 00	8 10	55 10	3 00
Frank Bentz, Charleston		GC	4	16	3	12 00	11 15	23 15	64 25
W. T. Dishman, Fayette Co.		OD	5	38	3	7 50	35 90	43 40	35 40
W. A. McElphatrick, Taylor Co.		OD	5	27	27	72 50	12 65	85 15	75
Totals	9 Agents		50	371	173	599 00	170 85	769 85	357 90
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 21, 1919									
Archie Brownlie, Pittsburg				48		102 00		102 00	61 00
J. A. Heaton, Huntingdon Co.		PG	5	25	18	77 00	5 25	82 25	
Harry G. Lee, Mifflin Co.		BR	4	40	12	50 00	26 50	76 50	213 25
R. C. Lewis, Pittsburg		OD	3	18	13	48 50	1 25	49 75	
John LeRoy, Beaver Falls		BR	4	39	8	34 00	2 00	36 00	4 50
Mrs. Anna LeRoy, Beaver Falls		BR	4	25	7	28 00		28 00	16 00
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.		OD	4	12	10	27 00	50	27 50	31 50
Geo. E. Missbaugh, Butler Co.		BR	6	41	3	14 00	4 35	18 35	720 00
Mrs. Alice Thurman, Pittsburgh		OD	3	11	20	7 50		7 50	17 00
Totals	9 Agents		33	259	91	388 00	39 85	427 85	1063 25
New Jersey, Week Ending February 21, 1919									
George Blinn		BR	3	18	11	75 00		75 00	100 00
Andrew Hansen		BR	4	16	12	32 50	6 95	39 45	6 45
Norman Haye		BR	3	14	13	43 00		43 00	
J. W. Jussen		BR	3	3	3	19 00	3 95	22 95	11 95
Esther M. Lull			7	53			15 10	15 10	15 10
Julius Matson		BR	3	22	5	21 00	8 50	31 50	8 50
C. L. Moore		BR	5	32	7	30 00	1 50	31 50	1 50
Wm. Vahrenkamp		BR	4	27	13	64 00		64 00	
Fred Zimmerly		BR	5	34	9	37 00	5 50	42 50	5 50
Totals	9 Agents		34	219	73	321 50	41 50	365 00	149 00
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 21, 1919									
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co.		BR	4	35	13	57 00	2 75	59 75	
Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	5	33	12	52 00		52 00	20 00
H. G. Lewis, Wilkes Barre		BR	9	54	14	64 00	36 05	100 05	111 85
Benjamin Bell, Philadelphia		GC	4	38	17	71 00	15	71 15	62 25
G. B. Jenkins, Berks Co.		BR	3	9	2	9 00	3 50	12 50	31 00
Sol. Diehl, Union Co.		OD	4	39	10	25 00	12 50	37 50	
Mrs. Park Drake, Northampton		OD	3	8	1	2 50	6 00	8 50	11 25
R. M. McAllister, Philadelphia		OD	1		3	7 50	75	8 25	5 50
Totals	8 Agents		33	226	72	288 00	61 70	349 70	241 85
Ohio, One Week Ending February 21, 1919									
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.		OD	5	12	12	30 00		30 00	22 00
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Van Wert		OD	5	35	15	37 00	8 85	45 85	35 05
Ed. Searles, Bucyrus		OD	5	29	17	44 50	9 50	54 00	14 50
E. C. Alexander, Cincinnati		BR	4	28	8	37 00	5 10	42 10	7 70
Glenn Pinnicks, Maskingum Co.		BR	4	26	22		1 70	1 70	91 60
Mrs. G. Pinnicks, Muskingum Co.		OD	2	5					3 70
Geo. A. Keppler, Hamilton		OD	4	25	13	32 50		32 50	57 50
O. E. Taylor, Athens Co.		OD	4	24	6	18 00		18 00	5 00
M. B. Ingersoll, Erie Co.		OD	5	24	8	20 00	25	20 25	35 25
Mr. & Mrs. R. Shank, Richland Co.		OD	4	22	13	36 50	1 50	38 00	44 50
John Manuel, New Phila.		BR	2	19	4	19 00	5 45	24 45	13 45
Totals	12 Agents		44	281	118	274 00	32 35	306 35	330 25
Chesapeake, Week Ending February 21, 1919									
J. E. Jones, Wicomico Co., Md.		BR	5	36	13	55 00	20 10	75 10	1 00
W. E. Strother, Martinsburg W. Va.		OD	5	40	16	42 00	6 00	48 00	114 75
W. Swope, Washington Co., Md.		OD	3	5	3	7 50	2 00	9 50	25
Julia Z. Cooper, Baltimore, Md.		OD							27 00
Charles St. Leicester, Baltimore, Md.				10			10 50		6 50
Totals	5 Agents		13	91	32	104 50	38 60	132 60	149 50
Grand Totals 42 Agents									
		Value Orders		1975 00		Deliveries		2291 75	

## OHIO

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F. H. Robbins, Pres. H. D. Holtom, Sec.

## Columbus

The Columbus Church recently closed a very successful series of meetings, conducted by Elder F. H. Robbins and his corps of workers. Night after night the church was filled and many standing. At one time 160 were standing and about that many were turned away. The people hung upon every word delivered by the speaker and the expressions made after the service gave evidence that the message went to the heart. The Columbus Church has never experienced such good and steady attendances.

The beautiful slides brought home with force the truth for the hour, thus the message was received through two senses, sight and hearing. One may forget what is said, but never what he has seen.

At the closing service the subject of the change of the Sabbath was presented, and upon the call for those that believed what was presented was the truth and would take their stand to manifest it by rising, five rose to their feet, signifying that they will henceforth keep God's holy law.

Brother Barritt assisted by Sisters Bond and Greunke were real factors in making the song services a grand success, and we wish Brother Robbins and his co-workers God's speed as they continue these meetings in other churches.

The interest continues good. Last Sunday night I presented the subject "Is the Kaiser the beast of Rev. 13?" to a full house composed of about three-fourths strangers. At no time during the meetings were our people in the majority excepting on the Sabbath. It certainly was encouraging to shake hands with so many strangers and to hear the words of commendation upon the message of the hour. It is remarkable, when it is considered that these people know that they are attending a Seventh-day Adventist Church. It is comparatively easy to get an audience in a hall or a tent when the people do not know who is conducting it, but it is another proposition to get the same kind of an audience in a Seventh-day Adventist Church, for this reason we are very much encouraged as we note the good attendance from week to week.

We believe there are many souls that will take their stand for the truth in this place, and we are going forth with courage in the Lord, "For we shall reap if we faint not."

CHARLES F. ULRICH.

## The Last Call

By the time this paper is in the hands of the readers, preparations will be in progress at Cleveland to receive what promises to be the largest, and we hope the best delegation of colporteurs and colporteur recruits ever assembled in the state. Besides receiving word of their favorable decision from the greater number of those listed as prospectives, word has also arrived from a number of others, with whom we had no communication, of their decision to enter the colporteur work

and be present at the institute, and assist in the final "home drive" of the message.

Many letters have been received also from others of our earnest-hearted brethren and sisters from various quarters of the state, expressing their interest in the plan to locate a colporteur family in every county, and after making an appeal in behalf of their county, extended an invitation to the colporteur family who may come to make their home their own. If there are others of this class, you may yet get someone to come to your section by addressing the writer at Cleveland in care of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Corner Fifty-fifth and Hough Streets.

There may be others at this eleventh hour who may feel impelled to respond to the call of the Lord to join this army of men and women who are banding themselves together through the help of the omnipotent One to hasten forward with the message that is to terminate in the "Loud Cry," but who will not have opportunity to get word to the writer before they must leave for the institute. If such are genuine Seventh-day Adventists, and have no object in view other than to lend their services to the Master for the forwarding of the message for this time, they need not fear but what provision will be made for their entertainment, but others need not apply. Pray for us during the time of the institute (March 6-15) that those who go forth into the field may be of the sort that will be truly representative of the message in word and deed, and that they may go forth valiantly to do exploits for the Master.

M. W. SHIDLER.

## Lima

It gives me great pleasure to report the work in Lima, and to have been connected with Brother Shellhaas in the effort. The Lord surely blest the work in that city. Eleven souls have been added to the church and several more are keeping the Sabbath and awaiting baptism. The church is in good spiritual condition and the members are working faithfully, doing effectual home missionary work.

Last Sabbath, it was the privilege of the writer, accompanied by Brother Shellhaas, Brother Barritt and Miss Bond to meet with these people, and a good meeting was enjoyed by all. A lot has been secured in a good location and a new church will be erected early this spring. The work is onward, and we look for great things from Lima in the future.

DR. D. S. TETERS.

An interesting institute conducted for the church school teachers of Ohio and West Pennsylvania has just closed. A full report will be given next week.

## VIRGINIA

12 W. Main St., Richmond

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

## Dedication of School Building in Newport News, Virginia

If you could have stood near the little chapel in Newport News, Va., on Thursday and Friday, January 30 and 31, you would have been convinced that something of an unusual nature was about to occur. The sisters were hurrying to and fro with scrub pails, mops, and dust cloths. Their dresses were covered with long aprons, and their sleeves were rolled up. On their faces was a look of haste, but yet of eager anticipation. The brethren were busy carrying folding chairs from a nearby Christian (Disciple) Church. Even the children were busy. Youthful energy was being bestowed unstintingly on rakes, and brooms and shovels as the yard neared "apple-pie" order. On Thursday evening one could have heard the stroke of the hammer and the rasp of the saw until nearly mid-night as the brethren were putting on the finishing touches. Then late on the preparation day, the sisters were seen coming from all directions, bringing baskets filled with food. Finally the delivery wagon from the florist's drove up and left several beautiful palms.

Why all this busy activity? On the Sabbath some of the brethren from the other churches in the Tidewater District were coming for a visit to the church; and the new church school building was to be solemnly dedicated to the Lord.

It was indeed a joyous occasion as with smiling faces brethren and sisters met and exchanged greetings. The Newport News Church has a state wide reputation for its hospitality and unity, and this day it did not fall behind its reputation. Several remarked to the writer, "I felt at home as soon as I stepped in the door."

After Sabbath School, the company re-assembled for the dedication. Elder Moffett, President of the conference, was to have delivered the dedicatory address, but was unable to be present because of a funeral in another part of the state. So the privilege devolved on the writer. There were present, Elder W. E. Bidwell, who is now holding a series of meetings with the church; Professor Werline, Union Educational Secretary, and Sister Eloise Williams, Local Conference Educational Superintendent.

As the building was offered to the Lord, all united in reconsecrating their all to God for service. The school building represents self-sacrifice and hard work both on the part of the local church members, and on the part of the Adventist

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brethren temporarily located in this city. The church especially appreciates the labors of Brother Frank Paul from High Point, N. C., Brother Arthur Payne, from Massachusetts, and Brother H. A. Farley, from Philadelphia, Pa.

The school room was pronounced by the educational superintendent to be the most attractive and suitable in the state. It is twenty-one feet square, and is built adjoining the rear of the church building. It is lighted by six large windows on the sides. The interior is plastered and tinted with calcimine. An abundant black board space is furnished—one hundred twenty square feet. Electric lights have been installed to permit the use of room for prayer and missionary meetings.

All are thankful to the Lord for His blessings on the work in this important field. We trust that He, from whom all blessings flow, will continue His presence and blessing, and save many more here who are yet out of the ark of safety.

R. F. FARLEY.

### News Notes

Elder W. C. Moffett spent last week in Washington attending committee meetings.

Brethren F. E. Hankins and W. H. Jones attended the Bookmen's Convention held in Washington, February 17 to 24.

H. A. Wright is acting as Assistant Field Secretary for a few weeks, helping Brother Hankins get the new men placed in the field.

Miss Eloise Williams attended the Educational and Missionary Volunteer Conventions held in Washington recently, and on her return home stopped over at Doswell to visit the home school there.

The pupils of the Richmond No. 1 church school raised over \$20 for the Armenian Relief Fund.

### WEST VIRGINIA

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

### Colporteurs' Institute

In "Gospel Workers" page 73 we read, "The work of the Christian laborer is not light and unimportant. He has a high vocation from which his whole future life must take its mold and coloring. He who gives himself to so sacred a work should bend all his energies to its accomplishment. Those who desire to give themselves to the work of God should receive an education and training for this work, that they may be able to engage in it intelligently. . . . Opportunities and privileges are granted them for improvement and they should make every effort in their power to learn how to do the work of God acceptably."

Our institute to be held at Parkersburg, March 20-29, will give every one desiring to engage in this branch of the Lord's work as well as those already engaged, an opportunity to become an intelligent worker for the Master. At this meeting will be considered every phase of the colporteur work that all may get a thorough training as how to sell our truth-filled books which will bring many precious souls to a full knowledge of the truth, thus preparing them for the great day of God. We will also have with us a trained nurse who will spend one and one half hours each day, giving instructions in simple treatments, so that as we travel along we may be a blessing to the people physically as well as spiritually.

To all who feel that God is calling them to this important line of work, and that desire to join the strong army of colporteurs that is being recruited in the West Virginia Conference, board and lodging will be provided free during the institute and when you have sold and paid for \$100 worth of books, your car fare to and from the institute will be refunded.

Let every member of the conference pray earnestly that the hearts of our young men and women will be impressed with the importance of attending this gathering and taking up the work.

Will those who desire to attend this institute correspond with the writer at once that proper arrangement may be made, as time is short.

JOHN MCHENRY, *Field Miss. Sec.*

### News Note

Elder and Mrs. Westbrook met with the Clarksburg Church, Sabbath, February 22, and found a good attendance and excellent spirit prevailing.

The report comes from Elder Westcott, who is laboring in Fairmont, that several new ones have taken their stand for the truth.

The last report from the tabernacle effort in Charleston was that 41 substantial people had signed the covenant and a number of others were keeping the Sabbath.

The camp-meeting date for West Virginia has been set for June 12 to 22 inclusive. It is none too early to begin preparation to attend this important gathering. The place has not been definitely settled as yet. Further announcements will appear later.

Sabbath School conventions will be held as follows: Fairmont, March 8; Morgantown, March 15; Clarksburg, March 29. These will be all day meetings so let all bring their lunch and plan to spend the day together.

### NEW JERSEY

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

### News Notes

Elder C. S. Baum of Newark made a pleasant call at the conference office last week. He gives an encouraging report from the Newark Church. They are doing systematic missionary work with the Present Truth.

We wish to call the attention of all the mothers and Junior Missionary Volunteer Leaders of the conference, to the Primary Reading Course. This is the book, "Little Stories for Little People," similar to "Cloverfield," and sells for 85 cents. Those who have made use of the book for their children declare it to be the finest thing of the sort that has yet appeared. Order at once for your children.

Those from our office who attended the conventions in Washington, report a very profitable time.

We have received word from the Publishing House for Foreign books, that "Steps to Christ" is now ready for circulation, in the Armenian language. "World's Hope" in the Hungarian language is also ready for circulation. This book is bound in paper, and sells for 25 cents, with a 50 per cent discount in lots.

After having a supply of "Marked Bible" ordered for more than two months, we are glad to announce that this supply has been received, and we are in position to fill all orders promptly. These are selling much more rapidly than we expected, so if you wish a supply, better order at once.

Brother Merritt Macpherson, who has assisted in the office for three weeks, has returned to his home in Newark.

We feel sure that all our people are praying for our colporteurs in the field, as the reports show that many books are being circulated throughout the conference. Watch our reports from week to week in this paper.

"Desire of Ages" and "Steps to Christ" will be used as helps with the Sabbath School Lessons for next quarter. We have on hand a supply of these books in red leather, as well as cloth, and shall be glad to fill orders promptly.