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

Superintendents' Convention

A very interesting and instructive convention was held at Takoma Park, February 13-16, when all the educational and young people's secretaries met together to discuss their plans and problems pertaining to the advancement of the work in the Columbia Union.

Miss Peck, who has general supervision of all church schools, was present during the greater part of the convention. She has had a wide and varied experience in connection with church school work, and her willingness to enter so heartily into the various discussions that came up was greatly appreciated by all.

Every paper read was filled with instructive material pertaining to our work, and the discussions that followed were entered into with a spirit that showed a living interest in the matters presented.

Professor Howell's paper on "Manuals as a Basis for Promotion," was filled with statements showing the importance of emphasizing this work in elementary schools, and we are aiming in the Columbia Union to cooperate with the General Department in seeing that such essential things as woodwork, sewing, and cooking are given the attention their importance demands.

Professor O. M. John, of the General Department, gave an interesting demonstration of how a little laboratory equipment of a scientific nature will add much toward stimulating a desire in the mind of the child to further investigate the things of nature about him. The thoughts presented were not lost to those present.

Another matter which received due recognition at this convention, was given in a paper on the "Standardization of our Church Schools." A standard of efficiency had been worked out previous to the convention, and in the discussion which followed its presentation, improvements were suggested, and later incorporated in the standard. This standard

will become a measuring rod to test the efficiency of every school in the Columbia Union along every line that makes for substantial progress.

Last but far from least, we will mention the Round Table, in which many problems of a difficult nature were brought out and discussed. Mrs. Chaney, head of the Normal Department of Washington Missionary College was present, and occupied the seat of honor at the head of the table. The question of our Summer School adapting its course of study to the present pressing needs of the field was thoroughly discussed, and a hearty spirit of cooperation engendered between the college and the field. This is as it should be, for the field and the school are really one in thought and purpose. Mrs. Chaney's long experience and close connection with educational work enabled her to render valuable suggestions and criticisms during the discussions.

Professor M. E. Kern, General Secretary of the Volunteer Department, was present on one occasion, and gave an interesting paper on our educational campaign. This touched so closely on the Young People's work that all the secretaries present at the convention met in Professor Kern's office for a day's discussion of the difficulties connected with our Young People's work. At this time Miss Ella Iden, of the Volunteer Department, read a paper on the "Junior Organization in our Schools." Some very helpful suggestions and items of interest were brought out.

Everyone present felt that the convention was a success, and returned home feeling that our educational problem is a gigantic one, worthy of our most earnest endeavors, but hopeful that through prayer and perseverance, the great task in connection with our elementary schools can be accomplished.

A. W. WERLINE.

Self-Denial Week

The Columbia Union Conference Committee has given very careful consideration to the needs of the Medical Missionary Department, and taken the following action:

"Whereas, we are instructed that the Medical Missionary Work should be a part of the work of every church in our land, and further that in every city where we have a church, there is need of a place where treatment can be given, and

"Whereas, we are nearing the end of this earth's history, and the different lines of God's work are to be carried forward with much more self-sacrifice than has yet been manifested, and

"Whereas, the establishing of the Medical Missionary Work with all other departments on these broader lines will require additional funds, be it—

RESOLVED, (a) That we begin at once laying broad plans to carry out the Lord's program.

(b) That we ascertain what churches and cities are ready to begin this work.

(c) That we undertake to raise a fund to help equip such treatment rooms as shall, after full counsel, be started, as well as to provide for such additional expense as may be incurred in providing for schools of health in all our churches, visiting nurses, etc.

(d) That we plan a special self-denial week, arranging a full program to be presented in all our churches on Sabbath, March 15, and that we make the week March 15-22 the time for this big self-denial drive.

(e) That we make this a strong, united effort, and that while all funds raised shall be forwarded to the Union Treasury, their disbursement shall be according to receipts from the different local conferences in the Union.

We surely have reached the time when every Seventh-day Adventist should qualify to make the most of the opportunities for giving this message in the strongest, quickest way. "Henceforth medical missionary work is to be carried forward with an earnestness with which it has never yet been carried. This work is the door through which the truth is to find entrance to the large cities." Vol. 9, page 167.

"Whether in foreign missions or in the home field, all missionaries, both men and women, will gain much more ready access to the people, and will find their usefulness greatly increased if they are able to minister to the sick." Ministry

of Healing, pp. 145-146.

We desire to begin a strong campaign to train all our people for this service. A program has already been prepared, and will be presented in all our churches, March 15. This date has been set for our big self-denial drive. We trust every believer will cooperate to make this a great success. "The medical missionary work is the gospel in illustration." This is what the world is looking for today.

Medical Missionary Work is yet in its infancy. The meaning of genuine medical missionary work is known but by few. Why? Because the Saviour's plan of work has not been followed." Medical Evangelistic Library, No. 4, page 7.

Shall we not now help remedy the situation and make it possible for every believer to learn the great secret—How to combine the medical missionary work with the evangelical work in soul-winning service?

F. W. PAAP.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

422 W. L. & T. Bldg.

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

Activities At Ephesus Church

Elder G. P. Rodgers reports an ever-increasing interest in his Sunday evening meetings at Ephesus Church, and excellent progress in all lines. He gave a stereopticon lecture one week ago to an audience numbering about 400, the largest attendance entertained thus far in the series. Last Sunday evening a Temperance Program was given, Elder C. S. Longacre being the principal speaker. Special music and recitations were other attractive features. The seating capacity of the church, about 500, was very nearly exhausted, and a good rousing meeting was had.

The large pipe organ has been removed from the loft in the rear of the church and placed down in front. It has also been equipped with a water motor, affording about all that can be desired for a musical instrument in the church.

The steam-heated pool has also at last been installed, and a baptismal service is scheduled for next Sunday evening, when 30 dear souls who have been awaiting this ordinance for several weeks will submit to burial in the watery grave and formally put off the old man and rise to newness of life in Christ.

The \$1,000 rally for the church debt is booked for the following Sunday evening, and evidence points to a successful campaign. Elder Rodgers spoke last Sunday evening at Baltimore, and the collection, amounting to \$60, was voted as a contribution to the rally. The Ephesus members are working hard and the Lord is blessing their efforts.

Some are having excellent experiences in disposing of the 1,000 "World in Perplexity" secured by the church for the campaign, and others are soliciting donations with enthusiasm and success.

The Home Missionary organization is being perfected as rapidly as possible, and results are being seen in this line as well as in many other lines of development.

R. C. TAYLOR.

Progress of the Haynes Meetings

It was thought that the Haynes Evangelistic Meetings at the Shubert-Garrick Theater would discontinue after last Sunday when our lease expired, but the interest is continuing so favorable that it has been decided to renew the lease and continue for another four weeks.

The attendance last Sunday was very good, and a collection of \$168.29 was received, notwithstanding that William Jennings Bryan was holding a large meeting at Liberty Hut at the same time, and the beautiful day induced many to remain in the sunshine instead of attending afternoon services anywhere. The subject discussed was that of "Church Support and Robbery," bringing out in detail the tithing system as ordained by God, before a considerable and representative audience of the citizens of Washington.

Next Sunday the meeting will be held at the Poli Theater, the subject announced being "The Return of the Jews." This is a live issue at present, especially in Washington, there being many Hebrews here, and a good interest is already stirred in advance of the meeting.

The week-night meetings at the church continue to draw a capacity audience at nearly every service, the interest continuing steady and earnest.

Our workers are following up a list of 300 names, mailing them Present Truth each week and visiting them as fast as possible with our limited forces. At our Workers' Meeting Monday the list was considered and 52 names were reported as very favorable prospects. There are many others who have not yet been visited and sounded out, and several who are attending every meeting but have not yet turned in their names for literature, so the outlook for a bountiful harvest is bright. Your prayers are solicited for the continued working of the Spirit upon the hearts of these precious souls, that the Word spoken may be watered and bear fruit an hundred-fold.

R. C. TAYLOR.

News Notes

Brother Mace spoke at Capitol Hill Church last Sabbath, as a layman, on the Laymen's Movement. He injected his usual amount of enthusiasm and clearness

into the meeting and a valuable impetus was felt in the Home Missionary spirit of the church.

We are sorry to lose Elder D. A. Rees who has labored faithfully in this conference for the past four years. Brother Rees has accepted a call to the West Pennsylvania Conference to labor in the city of Pittsburgh. He goes with the best of wishes and Godspeed of all who have become acquainted with him during his labors here.

The First Church is now on the home stretch in its campaign to raise \$2,100 for much needed improvements on their church building on Eighth Street, between F and G Streets, Northeast. A plan using band organization has been employed in the campaign with excellent results.

Elder Carlyle B. Haynes spoke at Memorial Church last Sabbath morning on "Christians and Dress." Several prospective converts were present, and together with many of our own members, were benefited by the instruction given.

Sister Littleton of Capitol Hill Church is exemplifying the possibilities of the intensive territory cultivation plan, as advocated by the Home Missionary Department. She took one block in her vicinity, covering it with "Signs" one week; each week since, she has covered it with an issue of Present Truth, leaving also a printed announcement of the Haynes Meetings for the week, with an invitation to attend. Last week she started out with some "Signs," planning to visit 50 homes in the block and sell the papers. She found so lively an interest in her message that she was unable to reach more than 10 homes, giving proper attention to each case, two of these were not at home, so she really made only eight visits in the territory. In that time she sold ten "Signs," took two subscriptions for that paper, gave one Bible study, and arranged for one cottage meeting. She has made only a beginning in her territory but has found many apparently honest and interested souls. She plans to give that block her attention throughout this year. Thus it is that we find those waiting for the truth at our very doors. Is it not indeed time that we should "Arise, and shine" before them the glorious Gospel light that means so much to us?

"He who runs from God in the morning will scarcely find him the rest of the day."—John Bunyan.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

News Notes

March 2 Elder D. A. Parsons was called to Washington to attend a meeting of the College Board.

Elder F. D. Gauterau who is looking after the churches of Tioga County, has just returned from Virginia after shipping his household goods. He plans to settle in Wellsboro.

A fine corps of colporteurs is attending the institute at Fleetwood, and Brother Reichenbaugh, our field secretary, feels very much encouraged over the future. The Lord is blessing the meetings in a marked manner and many feel the presence of His Spirit. There seems to be a new interest manifested in the handling of "Great Controversy," and we are looking forward to many volumes of this timely book being distributed during the coming year.

Miss Bessie Acton, the conference Sabbath School Secretary, is on a two weeks' tour through the field, visiting in the interest of her departments.

Miss Joy Murphy, the office stenographer, has gone to the New Jersey office to assist for a week. They have been unable to get help there for some time and as a result they are working day and night.

Mrs. W. B. Mohr has recently undergone an operation at the Washington Sanitarium and is now reported as improving rapidly.

Present Truth can be obtained through the tract society in a bound volume of thirty-six issues for fifty cents. This is convenient to have on hand in preparing talks and getting other valuable information on doctrinal subjects and should be in every home in the conference. Send your order to the tract society.

Our Goal, Every Member of the Church in the Sabbath School and Every Member of the Sabbath School in the Church.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA HONOR ROLL

The following Sabbath Schools have a membership equal to or exceeding their church membership: Carbondale, Danville, Elkland, Hawley, Mifflintown, Norristown, Plainfield, Philadelphia Serbian, Sellersville, Stroudsburg, Wade, York.

NEW JERSEY

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

News Notes

Owing to his recent illness, Elder O. O. Bernstein has been unable to take charge of the Sunday evening meetings in Jersey City for the past few weeks. We sincerely pray he will soon be well and strong enough to resume direction of his work there.

Brother G. H. Clark, Home Missionary, visited the Vineland and Woodbury Churches last Sabbath.

Last Sabbath, Trenton Church enjoyed the preaching of Elder J. L. Shaw, of Washington, D. C., who also conducted services in the Camden Church in the afternoon.

Paterson still marches onward! This Church has taken upon themselves a systematic distribution of 700 Present Truth each week. Elder H. J. Detwiler writes that last Sabbath fully twenty new faces were present in the congregation.

Elder H. K. Christman, of Washington, D. C., made a pleasant call at the conference office last Thursday.

Brother L. D. Warren visited the Elizabeth and Plainfield Churches last week, to boost the Sabbath School work. Very interesting meetings were held at both places.

It's nearly done! Brother G. W. Holman, who has been preaching in Cape May Court House on Sunday nights, reports that the people there are looking forward with much encouragement to holding their meetings in the Cape May Court House Church Building that is on its way to early completion.

Elder G. F. Theiss, our German worker in Newark, is planning to hold a series of meetings there in the very near future.

Elder W. H. Heckman, who visited Burlington Church last Sabbath morning, accompanied Elder J. L. Shaw in his visit to the Camden Church in the afternoon.

"In turning from God's word to feed on the writings of uninspired men, the mind becomes dwarfed and cheapened."—Id., page 41.

CHESAPEAKE

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

Theater Effort in Wilmington

Evangelist A. S. Booth has been conducting a series of Sunday night meetings in the Queen Theater in Wilmington, Del. This is the second city in size in the Chesapeake Conference and has a population of ninety or one hundred thousand. The theater is the largest in the city.

There has been a very determined opposition on the part of the religious leaders of the city from the very first, but instead of hindering the work it has served to more widely advertise the meetings. Newspaper articles were written by a prominent minister before the first meeting was held, warning the people against what was supposed to be Seventh-day Adventists. Some of the church leaders tried to influence the owner of the theater to close the doors to the meetings. This he flatly refused to do. The city officials were waited upon and asked to interfere, even going so far as to state that this Mr. Booth was not an ordained minister, and had no right to hold such meetings.

Some of these zealous religionists have gone before our workers and asked business men to not allow window cards to be placed in their windows. But these efforts have not brought the desired effect. The hand of the Lord is in this movement and there is no power on earth that can stop it.

The theater seats two thousand people. The first Sunday night it was filled and several hundred people were turned away. The attendance has ranged from seventeen hundred to two thousand each Sunday night. The offerings have been exceptionally good, and for the seven nights have averaged a little more than \$75 per night.

A number of influential men have been attending the services, among them being the mayor, a prominent judge, and some of the councilmen.

When the first call was made for names of interested ones, three hundred and fifteen passed in their cards, asking for literature on the subject presented. A call was made, asking those who believe that the coming of the Lord is near to arise to their feet and at least fifteen hundred arose. The same evening when the unconverted were asked to give their hearts to the Lord, at least one hundred stood.

Last Sunday night witnessed another large congregation. The offering was \$79. A call was made for those who believed the message of the evening to stand, and

our own people, scattered through the congregation, said, they saw no one who did not arise to his feet.

The Sabbath question will be taken up next Sunday night. We earnestly solicit the prayers of our people for these services and these interested people.

Emma S. Newcomer.

OHIO

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

Columbus

Since the series of meetings held in Columbus by Elder Robbins, the church in this city has arranged to visit two thousand homes with the Present Truth. The responsibility of this campaign will be divided between the eleven bands into which the church has been formed. Each band has been headed by a strong leader and has its definite territory in which it will operate. This campaign will be continued for about twelve weeks. This means that each home will be visited twelve times before new territory is selected. The present Truth readers will be carried through to the Sabbath. The interest will then be followed by other personal work.

In connection with this campaign Elder C. F. Ulrich is holding Sunday night meetings which are well attended. As the church engages in house to house labor they will invite their readers to these lectures and thus by the combined labors of the living preacher and the printed page we are looking for good results in Ohio's capitol city.

E. R. NUMBERS.

E. F. HACKMAN.

Paulding Effort

Brother Shellhaas, Brother Barritt, Miss Bond and Dr. Teters are in the midst of an effort in Paulding, the county seat of Paulding County. The small theatre which was first secured in which to hold the meetings soon became too small. The attendance was so large from the beginning that it was necessary to move into larger quarters. Many of the people including leading business men, requested that the Grand Opera House be engaged, and this has now been secured. The crowds are increasing from night to night. The whole place is stirred, including the surrounding country, and God is surely blessing Brother Shellhaas in the presentation of the message.

The music rendered by Brother Barritt and Miss Bond has been a great help, and we feel that the musical department recently established in connection with

the evangelistic efforts of the conference, has been a great blessing and should be encouraged.

We are entering upon the testing truths, and desire the prayers of the readers of the Visitor that God will continue to bless, and that a company will be raised up in Paulding. Dr. D. S. TETERS.

Nesw Notes

"World Peace in the Light of Prophecy" is the title of the new book which takes the place of the book "After the War, What?" and will be given as a premium instead of the above named book, as announced in the columns of the "Review" some time ago. In a letter just received from the Review and Herald, they announce that this book will be off the press in a few days and we hope to have stock on hand within thirty days. Retail price is 25 cents. Kindly place your order with the Ohio Tract Society.

We have a few "Acts of the Apostles" cloth binding, which we sell at 85 cents per copy, post paid, while they last.

Have you obtained a copy of Elder Haskel's book, "The Cross and Its Shadow?" Price \$2. We have an excess stock on hand that we sell at \$1 post paid.

By the time this reaches the readers of the Visitor, the Colporteurs' Institute at Cleveland will have begun and the prospects are that there will be a large attendance.

Camp-meeting will be held in Mount Vernon again this year. The date is August 14 to 24.

At a recent meeting of the Ohio Executive Committee, it was voted to ask Elder W. H. Heckman of New Jersey to take the presidency of the Ohio Conference. Elder Robbins will take up his duties as president of the Columbia Union Conference the first of May.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Indiana, Pa.

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

News Notes

The outlook for the work in the West Pennsylvania Conference is very encouraging in every way. While thousands of laborers in all lines are being laid off, our brethren are favored. The tithe for January showed an increase over January 1918 of about \$2,000.

Elder D. A. Rees of Washington, D. C., has accepted the call from the West Pennsylvania Conference to labor in Pittsburg. Elder Rees spoke at the Pittsburg No. 1 Church last Sabbath, and began a series of Sunday night meetings last Sunday evening.

Elder H. A. Weaver, superintendent of the Altoona District, sends us announcements of his opening meeting in the Commerce Auditorium in Altoona. Meetings will continue every Sunday and Wednesday evening. We believe this to be the beginning of better days for the work in Altoona.

Elder W. F. Schwartz, superintendent of the Erie District, reports a splendid interest in the Sunday night meetings in Erie.

Elders Kneeland and West have opened a series of meetings at Millport, near Shinglehouse.

Elder Richardson recently visited the new church at Sharon, and reports a good interest in the Sunday night meetings with new ones constantly being added to the list of believers. The church is doing nicely.

Sister Myrtle Bateman, who is engaged in Bible work in Tyrone, reports a splendid interest among her many Bible readers. We trust that by another conference session we may see Tyrone listed among the churches of our conference.

Elder J. P. Gaede reports still another class for baptism. Allegheny Nos. 1 and 2 Churches steadily grow.

Recently Elder and Sister Richardson spent the Sabbath with Pittsburg No. 2 Church. The church, which, when built, was supposed to be large enough for some time to come, was crowded to its capacity. Elder Durrant proposes to hold a large tent effort the coming summer.

All of our ministers are now engaged in aggressive efforts. Let us remember them in our prayers, and render to the Lord His own in tithes and offerings that we may see still others set at work.

We are pleased to report that the new college building at Washington, known as Columbia Hall, was recently dedicated, free from debt, as a gift to Washington Missionary College from the Columbia Union Conference.

Elder I. D. Richardson was in Mount Vernon last week, attending a board meeting.

Brethren Neely, Manry and Butler were in Washington recently, attending conventions.

Bound volumes of Present Truth can now be had which contain all the numbers printed from 1-36, excepting Nos. 25 and 27, which numbers, however, were revised and reissued as Nos. 33 and 35. They are securely bound in manila covers, and will be furnished for only 50 cents, postpaid.

In a previous issue we made the announcement that the "Marked Bible" could be sold for 9 cents each. We wish to correct that and say that we will make a flat rate of 10 cents per copy on any number.

We would suggest that all checks and money orders for tithes and mission funds of any description should be made out to the West Pennsylvania Conference. In payment for books or periodicals, kindly make checks payable to the West Pennsylvania Tract Society.

Encouraging reports come in from our churches, and of those which have reported it was found that for the month of January more work was accomplished than during the first three months of last year. Surely the Lord is working upon the hearts of His people. Now while the nations have comparative peace our churches should be very diligent in spreading the truth.

A Home Missionary Convention was conducted at Johnstown February 28 to March 2 by Elder and Sister Richardson, and the Home Missionary Secretary. It is hoped that each church member will so plan his work that next week will be campaign week.

WEST VIRGINIA

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

Real Conversion. Have You Experienced It?

The Saviour said, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Now since we must be converted before we can enter heaven, it behooves us to know what conversion is and whether we have been converted or not.

What is real conversion?

"Real conversion is a decided change of feelings and motives; it is a virtual taking leave of worldly connections, a hastening from their spiritual atmosphere, a withdrawing from the controlling power of their thoughts, opinions, and influences. The separation causes pain and bitterness to both parties. It is the variance which Christ declares that He came to bring. But the converted will feel a continual longing desire that their friends shall forsake all for Christ, knowing that unless they do, there will be a final and eternal separation. The true Christian cannot while with unbelieving friends, be light, and trifling. The value of the souls for whom Christ died, is too great. Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 5, page 82, par. 5.

What is said of the life of one who is truly converted?

"The truly converted soul is illuminated from on high, and Christ is in that soul 'a well of water springing up into everlasting life.' His words, his motives, his actions, may be misinterpreted and falsified, but he does not mind it, because he has greater interests at stake. He does not consider present convenience; he is not ambitious for display; he does not crave the praise of men. His hope is in heaven, and he keeps straight on, with his eye fixed on Jesus. He does right because it is right, and because only those who do right will have an entrance into the kingdom of God. He is kind and humble, and thoughtful of others' happiness. He never says, 'Am I my brother's keeper?' but he loves his neighbor as himself. His manner is not harsh and dictatorial, like that of the godless; but he reflects light from heaven upon men. He is a true, bold soldier of the cross of Christ, holding forth the word of life. As he gains an influence, prejudice against him dies away, his piety is acknowledged, and his Bible principles are respected.

"Thus it is with every one who is truly converted." Vol. 5, page 569.

We have further been instructed that "No outward observances can take the place of simple faith and entire renunciation of self. But no man can empty himself of self. We can only consent for Christ to accomplish the work. Then the language of a soul will be, Lord, take my heart; for I cannot give it. It is Thy property. Keep it pure, for I cannot keep it for Thee. Save me in spite of myself, my weak, unchristlike self. Mold me, fashion me, raise me into a pure and holy atmosphere, where the rich current of Thy love can flow through my soul.

"It is not only at the beginning of the Christian life that this renunciation of self is to be made. At every advanced step heavenward it is to be renewed. All our good works are dependent on a power

outside of ourselves. Therefore there needs to be a constant reaching out of the heart after God, a continual, earnest, heart-breaking confession of sin and humbling of the soul before Him. Only by constant renunciation of self and dependence on Christ can we walk safely.

"At every advanced step in Christian experience our repentance will deepen." Christ Object Lessons, pages 159, 160.

Dear reader let us examine our own hearts and life in the light of this instruction to see whether we meet the requirements of one who is truly converted.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

News Notes

Elder Westbrook and Brother Taylor spent Sabbath with the Clarksburg Company. Plans are now underway for the securing of a lot for the building of a new church.

The Sabbath School Convention planned for Morgantown, March 15, has been postponed one week. It is hoped that all isolated members will plan to be present on March 22. This will be an all day meeting so bring your lunch.

Seven members of the Parkersburg Church recently finished the Senior Standard of Attainment Course. The new class has started and are doing nicely.

Elder B. G. Wilkinson spent Sabbath and Sunday at Charleston, where he had the pleasure of speaking again to those who have recently taken their stand for the truth.

Elder U. D. Pickard, who has been assisting in the tabernacle effort at Charleston, is planning to open a series of meetings near Romney, W. Va., this week.

Miss Nelle Mead, who has been laboring in Fairmont, will leave this week to assist in the follow up work of the tabernacle meetings in Charleston.

Miss Mable Gage, who has been engaged in Bible work in Clarksburg, has been transferred to Fairmont to assist Elder Westcott in his theatre meetings.

VIRGINIA

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

Richmond

"Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection" . . . expresses the sentiment of the Richmond No. 1 Church. Realizing that no individual or church will attain to that "perfection" who has debts hanging over them that might be paid, this church a year ago determined, with the help of God, to clear up the indebtedness on their church building.

The church went to work with courage and energy and this longstanding debt of nearly \$2000 was half way wiped out last year. Now we are going after this dishonoring stigma again and expect to have the debt entirely obliterated this coming year, this attaining to, "perfection" on that score.

In connection with this work the church is divided into bands with leaders, doing a systematic work with Present Truth, putting out over the city 1000 copies each week. Who can measure the results of these 1000 sermons going into 1000 homes and being read by perhaps 5000 people each week?

I am satisfied that not only will our debt be lifted, but new life and spiritual power will come into our church and in the very near future there will be a demand for a larger house of worship.

May the Lord help us to "go on unto perfection," not only in church building operation, but the building of character unto "perfection."

L. O. GORDON.

News Notes

Elder L. O. Gordon is spending a few weeks visiting his relatives at Traer, Iowa.

Brother F. E. Hankins spent a few days at the Shenandoah Valley Academy recently. He reports about twenty of the students as desirous of entering the canvassing work this summer.

Brother F. C. Butler called at the office this week on his way to Spotylvania County where he will canvass. After the institute at Richmond he spent a few weeks at his home in Newport News.

Mr. Tiney, of Massachusetts, is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. R. F. Farley of Norfolk, Va.

Elder R. F. Farley has been confined to his home recently on account of a severe cold.

Dr. and Mrs. Woolgar of Takoma Park and Miss Niles of Ohio spent a few days visiting in Richmond this week.

At the workers' meeting it was voted to hold the camp-meeting at Lynchburg, May 29 to June 8. Begin now to plan to attend.

Brethren F. E. Hankins and Homer Kirk visited the Shenandoah Valley Academy last week, organizing a colporteurs' band.

Canvassers' Reports

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	DAYS	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL
Virginia, Week Ending February 28, 1919									
E. L. Williams, Pittsylvania Co.	OD	10	70	117	335	50	25	335 75	
Robert McGhee, Franklin Co.	OD	5	45	49	122	50		122 50	
Elizabeth White, Roanoke Co.	OD	5	23	35	107	50		107 50	
R. N. Vandergrift, Washington Co.	OD	3	16	36	96	00		96 00	
R. E. Pleasants, Bedford Co.	OD	3	18	30	80	00	5 00	85 00	
John H. Ware, Page Co.	OD	4	29	24	61	00	4 00	65 00	
S. N. Wilmer, Washington Co.	OD	2	15	22	59	00		59 00	
J. V. Faison, Page Co.	OD	4	34	22	55	00		55 00	
Mrs. E. E. Conwell, Norfolk	OLR	4	12		35	30		35 30	35 30
A. Wolter, Norfolk Co.	GC	2	9	6	26	00		26 00	
Willie Butts, Dinwiddie Co.	OD	1							17 50
Totals	11 Agents		43	271	341	977 80	9 25	987 05	52 80
New Jersey, Week Ending February 28, 1919									
George Blinn, Trenton	BR	5	30	10	42	00	3 00	45 00	3 00
Allen Boynton Jr., Westfield	BR	3	16	7	28	00	3 00	31 00	3 00
Mr. & Mrs. F. A. Brownell Camden	BR	9	69	50	240	00	33 33	273 33	31 25
John F. Clarke Trenton	BR	10	55	15	62	00	20 00	82 00	20 00
Norman Haye, Pt. Pleasant		5	21	21	88	50		88 50	
Julius Matson, Westfield	BR	3	14	2	10	00	5 25	15 25	5 25
C. L. Moore, Plainfield	BR	4	25	5	20	00	5 75	25 75	17 75
E. G. Wrigley, Salem	OD	10	63	37	103	50	4 50	108 50	169 65
Wm. F. Schmidt, Newark	Misc.	2	12		43	00		43 00	26 50
Otto Westerhoff, Passaic Co.	BR	5	37	23	81	50	8 25	89 75	53 25
Fred Zimmerly, Westfield	BR	5	25	13	60	00	6 50	66 50	6 50
Totals	11 Agents		61	367	183	777 50	90 08	868 58	336 15
West Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 28, 1919									
Geo. Buttermore, Westmoreland Co.	OD	10	84	48	142	00	57 15	199 15	212 40
John Hughey, Mercer Co.	WCS	9	57		104	00		104 00	23 00
Harry G. Lee, Mifflin Co.	BR	5	35	9	38	00	39 00	77 00	
Archie Brownlie, Pittsburg		5	49		67	70		67 70	60 15
Geo. E. Missbaugh, Butler Co.	BR	5	21	10	44	00	6 90	50 90	
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	OD	5	14	11	33	50		33 50	30 00
Mrs. Alice Thurman, Pittsburgh	OD	5	10	19	30	00	1 00	31 00	9 50
Millie Smith, Pittsburgh	OD	3	9	5	12	00	2 85	14 85	16 05
Emma Donahue, Wall			20		18	20		18 20	
Totals	9 Agents		47	299	102	489 40	106 90	596 30	351 10
Chesapeake, Week Ending February 28, 1919									
J. E. Jones, Wicomico Co., Md.	BR	5	33	15	62	00	19 05	81 05	4 00
G. A. Stevens, Dover, Del.	BR		20	19	87	00		87 00	
W. E. Strother, Martinsburg W. Va.	OD	4	31	18	49	50	4 85	54 35	3 85
Julia Z. Cooper, Baltimore, Md.	OD	2	9	2	5	00		5 00	
E. G. Franklin, Baltimore	WC						37 50	37 50	37 50
Totals	5 Agents		11	93	54	203 50	61 40	264 90	42 35
Ohio, One Week Ending February 28, 1919									
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.	OD	5	42	13	32	50		32 50	
Mrs. G. Pinnicks, Muskingum Co.	OD	5	31	9	15	00	28 95	43 95	18 45
M. B. Ingersoll, Huron Co.	OD	4	26	7	17	50		17 50	25 50
Geo. A. Keppler, Hamilton	OD	5	21	8	20	00		20 00	
Mr. & Mrs. R. Shank, Richland Co.	OD	5	19	23	60	50	50	61 00	30 50
E. C. Alexander, Cincinnati	BR	2	17				1 10	1 10	103 70
Geo. Harvey, Stark Co.	BR	2	17	1	4	00	1 25	5 25	28 30
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Van Wert	OD	2	15	4	9	00	2 80	11 80	31 95
Mrs. L. W. Patrick, Massillon	CK	2	13	1	1	50	13 10	14 60	
Totals	9 Agents		32	201	66	160 00	47 70	206 60	238 40
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending February 28, 1919									
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co.	BR	5	38	14	63	00	3 50	66 50	
Mrs. Anna Gearhart, Berks Co.	Mag.	2	12				12 90	12 90	12 90
F. W. Holland, Philadelphia	BR	5		10	48	00		48 00	
G. B. Jenkins, Berks Co.	BR	5	18	6	28	00	50	28 50	9 50
M. Hollenbaugh	WC								10 75
Sol. Diehl, Union Co.	OD	3	24	3	7	50	1 00	8 50	
R. M. McAllister, Philadelphia	OD	1	4	1	2	50		2 50	
Totals	7 Agents		21	96	34	149 00	17 90	166 90	33 15

Virginia, Week Ending February 21, 1919

R. E. Pleasants, Amherst Co.	OD 4	33	42	118 00	118 00	25 75
Elizabeth White, Roanoke Co.	OD 5	18	22	62 00	62 00	
Pearl Engel, Nottoway Co.	OD 1	1		50	50	25
Totals	3 Agents	10	52	64 180 00	50 180 50	26 00
Grand Totals	45 Agents	Value Orders	2937 20	Deliveries	1079 95	

Elder R. D. Hottel is suffering with a cold that has settled in the bony cavities of the skull, and may find it necessary to undergo an operation.

Elder W. E. Bidwell is conducting a series of meetings in the Newport News Church.

Elder and Mrs. W. C. Moffett, Brother and Sister F. E. Hankins, W. H. Jones, and Miss Eliose Williams attended the various conventions and constituency meetings at Washington.

Brother Harry Wright is starting the new canvassers in south west Virginia.

Miss Alice Gray, who has been teaching the home school at Doswell, has been obliged to give up the work there on account of her health and has returned to Rileyville.

We have a good supply of Morning Watch Calendars on hand at the office. Price 5 cents each.

Miss S. J. Young, who during the past summer assisted in the colored tent effort in Richmond, after a serious illness of several months' duration, passed away at her home in Portsmouth. She died in the blessed hope of a soon coming Saviour.

The church school of Richmond, has completed the 100 per cent equipment goal, which was set for the school year of 1918-1919. Which school will be next?

The home school at Doswell, has sent in \$5 for the Armenian work.

Sabbath School offerings: 1915, \$1501.75; 1916, \$2014.05; 1917, \$2507.59; 1918, \$3838.99. Total for four years, \$9862.38.

Our school attendance is increasing. Newport News reports eight new pupils; Stanley, three; Richmond, eight. Nearly all of the schools have made up the time and the work lost, during the influenza.

Thirty-five Perfect Attendance cards are being mailed to those who have not

been late or absent, during the last quarter of 1918. Let us try and double this number, this present quarter.

Are all the Sabbath Schools using the goal device sent to them last month? Let us all do our part, to help the missionary in his travels.

A widow desires to find a home for a winsome seven year old girl. Full information can be obtained from the Virginia Conference, 12 W. Main St., Richmond, Va.

OBITUARIES

QUILLIN.—Bernard Elwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Quillin, was born near Killbuck, Ohio, July 25, 1896, and died at the Mount Vernon Hospital, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, of the Spanish Influenza, February 15, 1919. He is survived by his parents and three brothers. He was in ill health for more than two years prior to his death, and passed to rest, rejoicing in the hope of the first resurrection, when Jesus shall come to gather His faithful ones home. About three hours before his death, amidst the most intense agony, he broke out singing his favorite hymn, "There will be no dark valley when Jesus comes." Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to a church filled with relatives and friends, but we sorrowed not as others which have no hope.

CHARLES F. ULRICH.

Important Notice

The publishers have thought best to change the name of the forth-coming book "After the War, What?" and it will therefore, appear under the title "Peace, In the Light of Bible Prophecy." Orders have already been received for practically the whole of the first edition, and all such will be filled with the book under the new name.

"Peace, In the Light of Bible Prophecy" will be ready March 1 to 10, and promises to be one of the finest books that has yet been issued in the World's Crisis Series. It is appropriately and profusely illustrated, and has been written as a symposium by Elders Daniells, Haines, Thompson, and others. A glance at the following chapter headings and subheadings will at once reveal the fact

that it is an important book, issued just in time to meet a serious situation in the world's fast changing events.

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Sabbath Thoughts

May they help us to appreciate more the beautiful sunlit Sabbath God has granted us in mid-winter.

Sabbath stillness sweet engulfs me,

Sabbath sunlight gilds my door.

Footsteps of the minist'ring angels,

Stir the fringes of my floor.

O'er the high dome of my ceiling,

Clouds paint pictures thin and rare

'Till I almost see the glory

Of the Highest, shining there.

Through the leafless trees come whispers,

Of the resurrection morn,

When wee buds will burst in beauty,

And their barren boughs adorn.

To my soul yon whistling redbird

Speaks in sweetest language clear,

"Look ye! Look ye! God is glory,

God is love, and God is here!"

Sings a little brook beside me,

Rippling on in murmurs plain,

"That I might be here in winter

God sent down the latter rain."

Hear, my heart, these songs of nature,

That through Sabbath stillness ring.

Cast the dead leaves from thy branches,

Ready for eternal spring.

Hear these songs, and heed their message.

Speaks Jehovah not in vain.

And to every soul who listens,

God sends down the latter rain.

—E. M. Templeton.

Students' Sabbath School

"The Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad." At the beginning of our quarter, December 14, the teachers set goals for their respective classes—the total goal for the entire school aggregating \$176.41. In eight Sabbaths we more than reached that. Then the goal was set for \$250. Our last Sabbath's

report brought it up to \$265.84. Thus the total amount raised for missions \$265.84, makes an average of 18 cents a week per member. Our membership is 120 and we have had an average attendance of 115 during the quarter. We are going to issue forty-six perfect attendance cards. JAS. E. LIPPART, Sec.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvie Gibson, who have been on furlough for a year, left Mount Vernon February 13, and sailed on the twentieth for China.

The dormitory girls gave a reception for the boys on Saturday night, February 22. A good patriotic program was rendered, and refreshments were served. The guests were also permitted to visit the girls' rooms.

Mr. O. S. Hershberger spoke in chapel on February 26. His appeal to the students was for church school teachers. M. V. A. is well represented in the Ohio Conference in this line of work.

M. V. A. was favored last week with visitors. The Conference Committee, School Board, and Teachers' Institute all met here.

Brother E. A. Manry, Home Missionary and Educational Secretary, of the West Pennsylvania Conference spoke in chapel on February 28; also Elder W. F. Schwartz of Erie, Pa. They related some interesting experiences of the canvassing work.

We were glad to listen to Elder I. D. Richardson, President of the West Pennsylvania Conference, on February 27.

Professor C. C. Pulver spoke in the Friday evening prayer meeting and received a good response in the testimony meeting which followed.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Christman of Hamburg, Pa., visited relatives in Academia last week.

Mrs. Chaney of the Normal Department of Washington Missionary College spoke in Young People's meeting last week. She and Mr. Hershberger had an interesting experience in connection with the seat of honor. Ask them about it.

The senior class entertained the church school teachers at dinner on March 2. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all.

Miss Edna Shinglston's brother and sister called last week to take her to Cleveland for treatment.

New officers were elected for the last quarter for the various organizations of the school.

NOTICE

We wish to again call your attention to the song written by Professor H. A. Miller, "Won't You Give Your Heart to Jesus?" The proceeds from the sale of this song will be turned over to the Sabbath School. There are a number of copies still on hand, and we shall be glad to receive your order. Single copies 15 cents, 10 or more, special rates. Address H. A. Miller, c-o Academy, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

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