

Columbia Union Visitor

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

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Dear Reader: Notice is hereby given to every church leader in the Columbia Union Conference that on Sabbath, May 3, a special program is to be rendered from readings which will appear in the Columbia Union Visitor No. 17, bearing date of April 24.

The readings are important and should be appreciated by all. Do your part to see that this service is carried out in your church in harmony with the vote of the Union Conference Committee February 26-1919.

C. C. Pulver
Secretary.

Through an oversight the word *be* was left out in line 4. It should read, *to be rendered*.

UNION

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

Teachers' Institute at Philadelphia

The teachers of the East Pennsylvania and New Jersey Conferences were together for an institute at Philadelphia, March 28-31. The aim of the Educational Department of the Columbia Union is to get in closer touch with the actual problems that must be met and solved by the teachers in the field. The holding of local institutes is one of the best ways of ac-

complishing this result, as is evidenced by those already held.

Not only are these institutes beneficial to the department, but the teachers are the ones who receive the help needful to them in solving their trying problems. We believe that our church school teachers are deserving of the greatest help we can give them. We want to encourage them to remain loyal to their calling, to feel that they are not isolated, but are a part, and we might say the most important part, of our whole educational system. The church school is the foundation of all our school work. As such it is of vast importance to our denominational work, and worthy of our best efforts to bring up to a higher state of efficiency.

The standards and qualifications of teachers were presented, and not a protest was raised by anyone. Every teacher left with a determination to come up to the denominational standard of certification. This was indeed very encouraging, and showed a loyalty to the cause worthy of commendation.

The program for the institute was arranged by Miss Bessie Acton and Professor L. D. Warren. Some very interesting and instructive papers were presented, and the discussions that followed attested a wholesome interest in the work. In the Round Table discussions many problems of vital importance were brought up, and views exchanged as how best to deal with them. Not one left this Round Table

feeling that the problems of the school room are limited to any one place. Every school has its problems, and the exchange of views as how best to deal with them was highly beneficial to all.

The program was varied somewhat by the provision which had been made for a social hour. Evening after the Sabbath we were royally entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sterner, whose daughter, Ruth, has been engaged in school work in New Jersey. We believe thoroughly in the social hour, and it was the unanimous opinion of all present that a delightful evening had been spent.

Outside help at the institute was furnished by Mrs. Chaney, of the Normal Department of Washington Missionary College, Elder F. W. Paap, Medical Secretary of the Union, and the writer. The interest of our college in elementary work is greatly appreciated by all directly concerned in the upbuilding of the church school. A rising vote of thanks was extended at the close of the institute to Mrs. Chaney for her work. As teachers and workers in the cause of Christian education, we greatly appreciated the kindness of the people of the West Philadelphia Church. The attitude of those present, was shown in a rising vote of appreciation to this church which made possible the holding of the institute here.

The devotional part of the institute was opened by a sermon by Elder Baierle, acting pastor of the West Philadelphia Church. He also conducted the devotional hour Friday morning. His services were appreciated by all.

Sabbath day services were devoted to the Educational and Young People's Work. Elder Heckman, President of the New Jersey Conference, opened the service with a short address on the "Responsibility of the Church toward our Youth and Children." He was followed by Elder Paap and the writer. Elder Paap in the afternoon gave an excellent sermon on the principles of health reform.

The institute closed Sunday evening with a stirring sermon by Elder Parsons, President of the East Pennsylvania Conference, his subject being "Bolshevism in the Light of Prophecy." It was enjoyed by all.

The time is here when greater efforts must be put forth in behalf of Christian education for all our young people, and we are greatly encouraged for the awakened interest everywhere manifested.

A. W. WERLINE.

In good books is one of the best safeguards from evil. Life's first danger has been said to be an empty mind, which, like an unoccupied room, is open for base spirits to enter. The taste for good reading provides a pleasant and elevating preoccupation. —H. W. GROUT.

For Such A Time As This

We recall the event in Biblical history when the people of God were brought face to face with death, and through the leadings of a mysterious providence deliverance was brought to them. Of a truth, Queen Esther had been brought into the kingdom "for such a time as this."

But every event in history has its lesson for succeeding generations. Today the decree of an offended God hangs over the nations of a doomed world. Our people are confronted with the solemn reality of a world in tumult, unrest and distress, all of which tell them in unmistakable language that human probation is about to close. But while the "spirit of God is rapidly being withdrawn from the earth," and the days are fast approaching when His wrath will be poured out, you and I, dear reader, have an individual work to do. We have been brought into the world "for such a time as this."

Speaking of this very time in which we are living, the servant of God said, "Now is the time for the last warning to be given. There is a special power in the presentation of the truth at the present time; but how long will it continue? —Only a little while. If ever there was a crisis, it is now."

"We have no time to lose. The end is near. The passage from place to place to spread the truth will soon be hedged with dangers on the right hand and on the left. Everything will be placed to obstruct the way of the Lord's messengers, so that they will not be able to do that which it is possible for them to do now. We must look our work fairly in the face, and advance as fast as possible in aggressive warfare . . . We have warnings now which we may give, a work now which we may do; but soon it will be more difficult than we can imagine." Vol. 6, pp. 16, 22.

These are solemn words, and are freighted with special significance at this time. So much is happening in the world about us to stir our hearts. The nations are leaguings together for the purpose of establishing world-wide peace, —a vain hope; the religious world is consolidating, a plan of church federation which will isolate the church of God; and at almost angle of viewpoint the student of prophecy is forced to recognize that human society has taken the last step in its rejection of a just God.

Our Home Missionary movement, in its rapid development throughout the ranks of our people, presents limitless opportunities for every one to act some part in the closing drama, the sounding of the Loud Cry of the Third Angel. As in the days of Queen Esther, when the

scepter was handed to her, so today God is waiting and ready to place the scepter of His power in the hands of His people. "When the reproach of indolence and slothfulness shall have been wiped away from the church, the spirit of the Lord will be graciously manifested. Divine power will be revealed. The church will see the providential working of the Lord of hosts. The light of truth will shine forth in clear, strong rays, and as in the time of the apostles, many souls will turn from error to truth. The earth will be lighted with the glory of the Lord." Vol. 9, p. 46.

May the Lord help us individually to lift from our souls "the reproach of indolence and slothfulness," and thus open the channel of blessing which will hasten the finishing of His work.

H. K. CHRISTMAN.

NEW JERSEY

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

News Notes

Most excellent Home Missionary reports are coming in for the month of March from all parts of the conference. Churches which have never reported before, are awaking to a sense of their opportunities; and the outlook is the brightest since this work was started in New Jersey.

We are happy to report that Elder Bernstein is much improved in health, and will be able to take charge of his large theatre meetings again on Sunday evening.

An interesting Thirteenth Sabbath program was given in the Bridgeton Church on March 29, by the younger members of this church. Though this was an innovation in this church, the hopes of the Superintendent were fully realized, and an excellent offering was taken.

Miss Ernestine Miller, of Emanuel Missionary College, has joined the office force of the conference, and her first impressions of New Jersey are very satisfactory. We are sure she will not be disappointed.

On April 26 and 27, an institute will be held in the Trenton Church, under the auspices of the Home Missionary, Missionary Volunteer, and Sabbath School Departments. All our people within a reasonable distance from Trenton are heartily invited to attend this convention.

If you have not already begun the Sabbath School Teachers' Training Course for 1919, you should begin it at once. The two books may be obtained from the tract society for 60 cents. They are in stock.

The triple convention held in Paterson from Friday to Sunday last, was a decided success. The presence of God attended every meeting. The consideration of work in the various departments was dispatched efficiently and well. An attendance of nearly two hundred was maintained throughout the convention, and some ten churches were represented. Elders Heckman, Detweiler, Richard, Matula, and Baum were present, as well as other conference and local workers. All are happy because of the good results of this meeting.

Watch for the splendid Sabbath School report for the quarter, which will appear in an early issue of the "Visitor."

OHIO

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

The two weeks' series of meetings held at Hamilton, closed Sunday night with a good interest. Although the church had borrowed six dozen chairs in addition to the regular seating, several times during the meetings this added seating capacity was hardly sufficient.

The interest was good from the start. At the last meeting several persons stood, in response to a call, thus saying that they were arranging to keep the Sabbath. In addition to this, several homes have been opened for Bible studies and the church is much encouraged.

Brother T. H. Barritt was in charge of the music. A large measure of the success was due to his splendid work. The solos, the illustrated songs, and the abode were much appreciated.

Some time ago it was decided to hold a series of noon day meetings in the best theatre in Hamilton, all churches co-operating. When arrangements were being made for the music, we suggested that we would have a singing evangelist at the Seventh-day Adventist Church for a part of the time and that we were sure he would be glad to help occasionally. They then gave Brother Barritt charge of the music for the first week. After the third meeting, he was asked to take charge as long as he remained in the city. This work helped to allay prejudice and brought us into touch with many good people. The pipe-organist and pianist

of the United Presbyterian Church played for one of the meetings, rendering a piano solo. A leading soprano sang two solos and another lady from St. John's Church sang with Brother Barritt; also a solo. Miss Cora B. Gibson took an active part in meeting the people and arranging for Bible studies in their homes. She is also following up the work with the interested ones, which with the work already in hand, keeps her very busy.

The Lord has blest in many ways, and, no doubt, seed has been sown that will later "spring up and bring forth fruit unto eternal life." The offerings have more than paid the advertising bills and incidental expense. J. J. MARIETTA.

News Notes

Miss Bessie Acton stopped over night in Mount Vernon last week to visit with old friends. She was on her way back to Philadelphia after a vacation at her home in Hicksville.

We are glad to report another new Sabbath School which is just being organized at Wengerlawn.

Brethren Numbers, Cassell, Hershberger, and Hackman, and Sisters Hixon and C. H. Panches were in Toledo attending the Home Missionary Convention.

The Hamilton effort closed April 6, and Brother Barritt returned to his home in Mount Vernon. He reports splendid results and good interests. Nine took their stand to keep the Sabbath, and many others are interested.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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News Notes

A fine large meeting tent has just been added to our camp outfit and Elder Parsons continues his search for small tents, that the committee may be enabled to make a final decision with reference to our camp-meeting. As soon as arrangements are made, notices will be sent to all members of the conference. Many inquiries have been received lately about camp-meeting and the prospects are that the meeting this year will be the largest ever held in this conference.

Elder Parsons and Brother Gauker are attending a Medical Convention at Takoma Park this week. This is a new branch that is rapidly coming up in our Union Conference, of which Elder F. W. Paap is Secretary.

Elder F. D. Gauterau has moved from Wellsboro to Mansfield.

Last week a lady stepped into the office and inquired about books that she could sell. After a brief conversation with her, it was found that she had been visiting her sister in Allentown, who is a Seventh-day Adventist and sells our small books extensively. We showed her the World's Crisis Series books and she left the office with about twenty-one dollars worth of books. Her enthusiasm seemed very high over the information the books contained, and she informed us that it was just what the people should know. This stirs us to the belief that God will finish His work in many different ways, and if we do not have a part in it, we will not share in the reward, for someone else will take our place.

The next issue of the VISITOR will contain a directory of our churches and the time of their meetings. Several requests have come to us for this, and we have finally gathered the information from our church clerks.

Two workers have been added to our list in the conference. They are Brother M. Longo, who will take the place of Brother J. Sansonetti who goes to Greater New York, and Elder Bradford. Brother Longo will look after the Italian work and Elder Bradford the Colored. We regret the loss of Brother and Sister Sansonetti and wish them much of heaven's blessing in their work in that large city. A welcomed hand is outstretched to Brethren Longo and Bradford and their families, and we pray that God will greatly bless them in their efforts for their people in Philadelphia.

A letter dated February has just been received from Brother and Sister Scharffenburg, who are now in China, learning the language in preparation for their work in that large and needy field. They are both of good courage and wish to be remembered to their many friends in this conference.

Do you need a new Bible? Send to the tract society office for a catalogue. If necessary, we shall be glad to assist you in your selection.

"Make our day's work stand for helpfulness bestowed, kind words dropped here and there, for courage imparted. Unless hearts have been cheered, and some one helped to keep the path of duty your day's work has not been complete."

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Indiana, Pa.

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

On the Mount with God

Last Sabbath morning I rose early and, feeling my unworthiness of a place in God's service, feeling my utter helplessness in my own natural state to carry on a work of such a sacred character as that of the message which I have been bearing to others for fifteen years, I resolved to go somewhere in seclusion for meditation, study and prayer.

I had in mind to go into the woods. I motored in the direction of Juniata Gap, a valley running between the mountains near Altoona. In a short time I found myself on the slope of Wopsononock Mountain. Almost unconsciously I kept going up, up, up the steep and rugged road, turning and twisting around the side of the mountain, until I had reached the very top at a place called Lookout Point. The hour being early, the sun was just rising. I looked forth from this high promontory in the direction of the sunrise, and there at my feet stretched miles and miles of some of the most beautiful scenery I have ever witnessed. (I have learned since that it is possible from this point to look into six or seven different counties.)

Mountain ridges in wonderful terraced formation stretched in all directions into the dim distance. There were valleys just beginning to show signs of spring-time life, mountain breezes and songs of wild birds down the mountain side. As I stood amid these sights and sounds, I felt my need of God as seemingly I had never felt it before. There in the distance lay the city of Altoona, the "Mountain City," my field of labor - a city in the center of a population of about 85,000 souls. The people of the city have been reading my advertisements and sermons in the newspapers. Hundreds have been attending my meetings. The testing truths of the message are just now being presented. Families all over the city are asking for visits to be made to them in the interest of Bible truth. My force of workers is negligible and entirely inadequate to meet the demands of the present interest among the people here.

All these weighty responsibilities, together with a sombre consciousness of my own imperfect experience, seemed for awhile to crush me. I was alone with God on the top of that wild mountain. I selected a place on the ragged edge of the mountain, and there plead with God for forgiveness of sin and for His grace to be a better man and more faithful. My attention was called to Exodus 17:8 to 16, and there I read the lesson which the

Lord wanted to give me this morning. I found a comment on this scripture in Vol. 4, page 531, which enabled me to see my present need. It says:

"The prayer that comes forth from an earnest, believing heart is the effectual, fervent prayer that availeth much. God does not always answer our prayers as we expect, for we may not ask what would be for our highest good; but in His infinite love and wisdom He will give us those things which we most need. Happy the minister who has a faithful Aaron and Hur to strengthen his hands when they become weary, and to hold them up by faith and prayer. Such a support is a powerful aid to the servant of Christ in his work, and will often make the cause of truth to triumph gloriously."

That same day I laid my burden before the church at the regular service. I asked the brethren and sisters to hold up my hands by their prayers, while I, too, should seek God for victory at this time. The church unanimously responded to my request. Thus we stand at present waiting for God to give victory in the present effort. The Sunday night following I spoke in the hall on the subject of the change of the Sabbath. God blessed in this as well as in former meetings. As I write this report, souls are deciding to obey the truth. To my present knowledge six are keeping the Sabbath. Seven or eight others are on the point of deciding. Still others are making progress in the study of the truth. The enemy is fighting. The church is happy and praying, and I am amazed and thankful that God's mercy spares me to be used in such a holy work.

H. A. WEAVER.

Excerpts from Newspaper Quotations of Elder Weaver's Altoona Sermons

WHERE ARE THE DEAD?

"There is nothing ambiguous about the manner in which the Bible treats the question of the condition of man in death."

"The proof of the unconsciousness of man in death, according to plain scripture teaching, is quite clear and conclusive from the foregoing references."

"Further discussion would seem almost unnecessary were it not for the almost universal misconception of the whole issue revolving around the meaning of the terms 'soul' and 'spirit.'"

"The component parts of man, as classified by the Bible, are first, spirit; second, body; and third, soul. See I Thess. 5:23. That there is a difference between the body and soul and between the body and spirit all appear to agree. But that there is

a distinction between the soul and spirit some are not ready to concede. However, the scripture record is just as explicit here as in other matters. So we submit Hebrews 4:12 as the answer."

"We are informed by the divine record that at death the spirit returns to God who gave it, and the body returns to the earth as it was. See Eccl. 12:7. Also that the soul shall die. Ezekiel 18:4, 20. We conclude from this that the only thing that goes to heaven is the spirit. Without further investigation many proceed no farther than this point, and assume, without a semblance of proof that the spirit which goes back to God is the spirit of man — a living, intelligent, responsible entity in some sort of ethereal vapory form."

"Of course, this is pure guess work and random theorizing, with no foundation but pagan philosophy and demon teaching, and is seen to be such when we find from the Bible that the spirit which returns to God is not the spirit of man, but is the breath or spirit of God. It was this spirit or breath of God which was given at creation in order that living souls might exist in the world."

"The spirit of God was withdrawn from man by divine decree when sin entered the world, and at death it departs and is re-possessed by Jehovah. That the breath of God is known also as the spirit of life in man is proved by the following statements: 'The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the almighty hath given me life.' Job 33:4. . . . It is not man's spirit but God's spirit. It does not leave the body as an intelligent after-life of man, going to heaven or in hell consciousness. It simply goes back to God as a part of himself, letting the soul of man, as a personality, as an intelligence, fall back into its original nothingness and nowhere. At the resurrection the spirit of God will again be breathed into inanimate dust, and again man shall live."

Elder Richardson just returned from a trip through the northern part of the conference. He reports excellent progress in soul winning by both workers and churches.

Elder Schwartz reports over thirty ready for baptism in the Erie district, and a splendid gain in tithes.

Elder D. A. Rees, pastor of Pittsburg Church No. 1, has had two classes of five each for baptism within a month.

Brother William Robbins reports another nice class ready for baptism at Mt. Braddock.

At Warren, the church elder with others, recently started a prayer meeting down in Warren, which has developed into regular Bible studies. As many as forty have been in attendance.

Elder Weaver's meetings at Altoona continue with good interest. Several are keeping the Sabbath already. No doubt they will have a nice large baptismal class soon.

Brother G. W. Lawrence, who recently went to Clearfield to help the church, reports a full house Sunday nights, and a good attendance on Tuesday nights, with an excellent interest.

Sabbath School Notes

The Altoona Sabbath School set a goal for \$50 for the first quarter and raised \$71. This gave them courage, so they set a larger goal of \$80 for the second quarter.

Dubois Sabbath School believes in goals. They don't seem to be able to get theirs high enough to suit them. Somebody will have to move or Dubois Sabbath School is going to lead the schools of the conference in donations per member. They have already passed the goal of fifteen cents per church member.

The Clearfield Sabbath School, which is one of the poorest financially, went beyond the General Conference goal of fifteen cents per church member last quarter. If they can do it, any other Sabbath School in the conference can if they try. Let us all try.

Our new Sabbath School in Sharon, the baby of the conference, is considerably over the goal.

We purpose to publish in the "Visitor" soon the financial standing of all our Sabbath Schools, so you can see how your school is coming on as compared with others. We want to make nearly all of our twenty-five cents a week from our Sabbath Schools this year if possible. It is easier to give it a little each week than to give it all in a bunch at the end of the year. Giving a little each Sabbath, we don't miss it.

The most signal victories and the most fearful defeats have been on the turn of minutes. God requires promptness of action. Delays are virtually defeats. --Test., Vol. 3 page 500.

VIRGINIA

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

Virginia Camp-meeting

The Virginia camp-meeting will be held this year at Lynchburg, beginning Thursday night, May 29, and closing Sunday night, June 8. Lynchburg is located on two trunk lines Southern and Norfolk and Western Railway, and on the James River Division of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. While it is a bit to one side of the state for our people in the southeast, the committee felt that in view of the many times that the people in the western part of the state have traveled to the far East, it would only be fair to place the camp-meeting at Lynchburg this season.

We wish to urge our people to begin at once making definite plans to attend this meeting. Surely in view of the serious condition of the world the scripture applies here, "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, so much the more when you see the day approaching." Some of our people are already going out with our small books to raise the money with which to pay the camp-meeting expenses, which means a double blessing.

Wholesome food will be served at reasonable prices in the Cafeteria. Our book tent will be supplied with our literature for the convenience of our people, some of this being sold at reduced rates, and we wish to specially urge the parents to bring their children, as a strong effort will be made in behalf of our young people.

In order to encourage camping on the part of our people, we are putting the 12x14 floored tents with flies for only \$3 for the camp-meeting season, and rooms within easy step of the grounds can be secured at reasonable rates. Kindly place your order for tents or rooms with the Conference Secretary, W. H. Jones, 12 W. Main St., Richmond, Va.

As one never knows what the weather conditions may be, we would advise that wraps, overshoes and umbrellas be included in the camp-meeting outfit. Further notice will be made later concerning the ministerial help that will be provided.

W. C. MOFFETT.

The Mountains of Virginia

Last spring at Independence, Va., while Brother E. H. Dye and I were holding a tent meeting, we met W. J. Banks, a Baptist minister, who had been keeping the Sabbath for several months as the result of reading. A number of others united with him later in keeping the Sabbath, but soon went off into fanaticism. Brother Banks attended the tent meet-

ings, and soon saw that we were teaching the truth. At the close of the meetings he told me of a place fifty miles away, where some of his people lived. They were Baptists and had built a church to be open to any one preaching the truth; it had not been turned over to any denomination.

We decided to go there together, and hold a series of meetings, if the people wanted them. After preaching several sermons, the people voted for a series of meetings. After closing at the church, we went to the Mayberry school house, but soon had to close on account of the influenza. We organized a small Sabbath School, and visited them several times during the winter, and found them faithful in the truth.

The middle of March, the writer returned and held about two weeks of meetings at the school house with some interest. Brother Banks came in the day before the organization which took place on Sabbath, March 29. Eleven persons, after carefully studying the different points of faith, united to form the Mayberry Church of Seventh-day Adventists. A full corps of officers were elected; elder and deacon ordained, and the Holy Spirit came in and touched the hearts of all. The next day we met again, and after receiving another member into full fellowship, we celebrated the ordinances of the Lord's house. Others are keeping the Sabbath, which will come in later.

The church is nearly five thousand feet above sea level on top of the Blue Ridge Mountains and is composed of a fine class of people from some of the leading families in this section, and is the farthest west of any Adventist Church in Old Virginia. We go from here to Independence, of which we will write later.

W. E. BIDWELL.

News Notes

Elder W. E. Bidwell reports organization of a church of eleven adults at Mayberry in Patrick County as result of the Lord's blessing on his labors in that place. All of these are new Sabbath keepers and a Sabbath School membership of thirty or forty. Elder Bidwell is now assisting Brother and Sister E. H. Dye in binding off the work at Independence.

At a recent meeting of the Academy Board, practically the entire faculty were re-elected. On Sunday, April 13, the dedication services of the new dormitory were held at the academy.

Elder R. F. Farley is now busy assisting in the installation of electric system, which with the installation of pressure water system, will make the dormitory much safer for our children.

Professor C. C. Pulver spent a few days at the office the past week, auditing the conference and tract society books.

Brother D. W. Percy assisted our Field Secretary for a few days last week in helping some of our new colporteurs with their first delivery.

Already we have sold over 2,000 copies of "World Peace" in Virginia. This new book is in great demand, and we hope that every member of our conference will help us place it in every home possible.

Don't forget camp-meeting: Place, Lynchburg, Va., Date, May 29-June 8.

Our church schools at Newport News has reached the 100 percent equipment goal.

Over 1000 copies of the Temperance Youth's Instructor, have been sold. Most of these were handled by the Missionary Volunteers.

Many of our Missionary Volunteer members are selling our books and papers in order to earn money, that they may attend camp-meeting. One nine year old girl has earned over \$12 for this purpose.

We have just learned that Miss Allen, who has had charge of the home school, at Doswell, has been called home on account of the death of one of her sisters. Two other members of the family are critically ill. We certainly sympathize with Miss Allen, in her sorrow.

Let the Missionary Volunteers plan to finish their reading course books, by camp-meeting time, as the new books will then be ready, and of course you will all want to carry home a set.

Next month the tests for the Standard of Attainment will be given. Let all who have started the course, study that they may be ready to write.

Two new Missionary Volunteer societies have been organized at Ford. The children and young people responded heartily to the plans set before them. Are you a Missionary Volunteer? The Master has called for all to organize for service.

Miss Williams visited the school at Republican Grove. Though some time was lost through the winter term, the children will complete their grades. The church voted to build a school house, to be ready for the fall term.

Canvassers' Reports

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	DAYS	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL.
East Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 4, 1919									
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.		BR	10	69	21	101 00	23 65	124 65	74 80
D. L. Leshner, Berks Co.		BR	2	9	5	20 00		20 00	
Wm. H. Frizzell, Berks Co.		BR	4	28	18	81 00		81 00	
Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	3	30	6	26 00	2 25	28 25	20 25
G. B. Jenkins, Berks Co.		BR	4	14	5	23 00	1 35	24 35	18 35
Solomon Diehl, Union Co.		OD	3	26			1 20	1 20	
Arthur Hill, Lehigh Co.		OD	5	38	25	66 50	3 50	70 00	
Benjamin Bell, Philadelphia		GC	5	43	14	66 00	50	66 50	91 75
Elden Lockwood, Montour Co.		GC	5	48	14	62 00	2 75	64 75	2 75
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co.		BR	5	35	8	32 00	6 75	38 75	
F. W. Holland, Philadelphia		BR			13	55 00		55 00	
Totals	11 Agents		46	340	129	532 50	41 95	574 45	207 90
Ohio, One Week Ending April 4, 1919									
E. C. Alexander, Cincinnati		BR	5	32	7	32 00	8 20	40 20	8 50
C. J. Fritz, Franklin Co.		GC	4	12	5	21 00		21 00	
Fred Hannah, Ashland Co.		OD	4	40	3	7 50	5 00	12 50	27 00
Geo. Harvey, Stark Co.		BR	5	26	4	18 00	1 35	19 35	
M. B. Ingersoll, Coshooton Co.		BR	5	32	9	40 00	1 70	41 70	14 85
Geo. A. Keppler, Hamilton		PG	5	28	10	40 00		40 00	
Glenn Pinnicks, Muskingum Co.		BR	4	29	11	48 00		48 00	4 00
W. C. Starkey, Washington Co.		BR	4	39	26	125 00		125 00	
C. H. Wolcott, Toledo		OD	5	33	14	39 00		39 00	
F. E. Wagner, Kenmore		OD	5	28	22	61 00	9 00	70 00	14 00
Myrtle McPeak, Columbus		OD	5	25	13	33 50	75	34 25	
Mrs. G. Pinnicks, Muskingum Co.		OD	4	23					25 80
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Lima		OD	5	28	8	20 00	13 70	33 70	
Mrs. R. R. Shank, Richland Co.		OD	4	21	7	18 50	25	18 75	18 45
Mrs. C. H. Wolcott, Toledo		OD	5	29	10	24 00	3 25	27 25	3 25
Totals	15 Agents		69	425	149	527 50	43 20	570 70	115 85
West Virginia, Week Ending April 4, 1919									
W. A. McElphatrick, Taylor Co.		OD	5	26					196 85
N. D. Fisher, Wyoming Co.		BR	2	12	6	32 00	25	32 25	25
W. L. Campbell, Wyoming Co.		BR	2	14	9	49 00	50	49 50	50
C. B. Moser, Boone Co.		BR	3	30	26	116 00	7 75	123 75	2 75
J. R. Medlin, Parkersburg		COL	4	15	5	6 00	41 75	47 75	40 45
Frank Bentz, Wood Co.		GC	3	23	15	68 00	11 75	79 75	13 10
Frank Detwiler, Mercer Co.		OD	2	11	16	55 00	6 80	61 80	5 10
N. D. Fisher, Charleston		BR	6	66	35	151 00	33 75	184 75	36 60
Totals	7 Agents		27	197	112	477 00	102 55	579 55	295 60
Virginia, Week Ending April 4, 1919									
E. L. Williams, Pittsylvania Co.		OD	4	48	55	155 50		155 50	
V. L. Hankins, Louisa Co.		OD	4	18	18	54 00		54 00	
J. V. Faison, Page Co.		OD	2	10	14	37 00		37 00	
F. C. Butler, Louisa Co.		OD	2	12	13	34 50		34 50	
Robert McGhee, Roanoke Co.		OD	1	10	15	38 50		38 50	
Carl Parsons, Richmond		WCS	5	40	150	37 50		37 50	
Andrew Wolters, Norfolk Co.		GC	2	5	2	9 00	8 05	17 05	4 50
S. N. Wilmer, Washington Co.		OD	5	15	6	25 00		25 00	202 00
R. N. Vandergrift, Washington Co.		OD	5	15	6	16 00		16 00	178 00
John H. Ware, Page Co.		OD	3	16					107 00
Totals	10 Agents		33	184	279	407 00	8 05	415 05	937 00
New Jersey, Week Ending April 4, 1919									
George Blinn, Hightstown		BR	8	61	21	89 00		89 00	
Allen Boynton Jr., Annandale		BR	4	23	5	20 00	4 25	24 25	34 50
Wm. Fink, Prospect Hts.			2	6					39 00
Andrew Hansen, Sussex Co.		BR	4	26	10	34 00	6 70	40 70	71 80
Julius Matson, Westfield			2	10			25		33 25
C. L. Moore, Highbridge		BR	4	23	4	16 00	1 50	17 50	16 50
E. G. Wrigley, Salem		OD	4	21	20	57 00	2 25	59 25	2 25
Fred Zimmerly, Westfield			2	12					85 00
Totals	8 Agents		30	182	60	216 00	14 95	230 70	282 30

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending April 4, 1919

Geo. Buttermore, Westmoreland Co.	OD	5	33	26	80	00	8	85	88	85	7	25
Archie Brownlie, Pittsburg	SP	5	50	19	31	75	43	39	75	14	49	64
Emma Terrette, Clearfield Co.	OD	6	38	17	43	50	9	15	52	65		
Mrs. E. W. Chisholm, Erie	BR	7	28	8	46	00	3	00	49	00		
J. G. Hadlock, Sharon	OD	4	24	15	42	50	4	50	47	00	50	
E. H. Grapp, Beechview	GC	5	23	7	30	00	5	00	35	00	5	00
C. M. Brown, Apolla	BR	4	24	6	24	00	3	95	27	95	1	25
Mrs. Alice Thurman, Pittsburgh	OD	3	12	8	14	00	6	00	20	00	6	00
E. W. Chisholm, Erie	BR	4	16	2	11	00	2	50	13	50	25	00
Millie Smith, Pittsburgh	OD	5	20	6	9	00	1	70	10	70		
D. J. Hcover, Fayette Co.	OD	4	5	4	10	00		25	10	25	15	00
Homer Whittling, Venango Co.	OD	1	8	3	9	50			9	80		
John LeRoy, Beaver Falls	BR	5	40	2	8	00			8	00	77	89
Totals			13	Agents	58	324	123	359	25	88	29	447
					54	187	53					

Chesapeake, Two Weeks Ending April 4, 1919

W. E. Strother, Martinsburg W. Va.	OD	5	42	11	31	50	1	75	33	25	83	25
J. E. Jones, Cambridge	BR	2	11	3	12	00	5	95	15	95		
D. W. Johns, Baltimore, Md.	OD		30		60	00	91	40	151	40	106	40
Lillian Robinson, Baltimore, Md.	WC	3	16	50					6	25	12	80
Julia Z. Cooper, Baltimore, Md.	OD	1	4	1	2	00			2	00	10	00
W. E. Barney, Kearneysville	OD	1	5		13	50	85	14	35	90	80	
Totals			6	Agents	12	108	65	119	00	99	95	218
					2329	43						
Grand Totals 70 Agents					Value Orders	2638	25	Deliveries	2329	43		

Our school at Portsmouth is doing good work. The teacher and pupils are working hard to build up, and to equip the room as it should be. The room will be enlarged another year.

Miss Williams spent part of the thirteenth Sabbath with the church at Norfolk. A very interesting program was rendered by the children. With the offering of the day, the Sabbath School raised \$112 during the quarter.

While visiting the Portsmouth Church, a Junior Missionary Volunteer Society was organized.

CHESAPEAKE

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News Notes

The best Colporteurs' Institute the Chesapeake Conference has ever held closed Sunday night, after having been in session for ten days. The attendance was very large, and we believe this will be the best year's work that has ever been done in Chesapeake Conference.

The work in Wilmington is onward, and the conference has asked Mrs. Lydia J. Hilton to take up work in Wilmington, as the work there was badly in need of a Bible worker.

Among the peculiarities which should distinguish God's people from the world is their humility and meekness.—Test., Vol. 4, page 226.

Elder Leslie Muntz reports the organization of a Sabbath School for the colored people in Dover, Del., of eighteen members.

Elder Stevens reports good interest in his work, and says he has more calls than he can fill. People throughout Kent County are very much interested.

Brother G. Medairy has secured the use of the church at Blythedale for Sunday night services and will hold them there indefinitely. There are a number of new Sabbathkeepers, and others are intently interested.

Elder Booth spent last Sabbath with the church at Millington.

We are sorry to report the death of Mrs. Millard Carter at Rock Hall, the result of influenza, and later complications. Elder C. E. Andross of Wilmington was called to conduct the funeral service.

At a meeting of the conference committee two weeks ago, it was voted to invite Elder E. F. Collier to come into the Chesapeake Conference to labor. Elder Collier is from Chicago. He has accepted the call and will be here about May 1.

Indifference in the Christian life is a manifest denial of the Saviour.—Test., Vol. 8, page 45.

The great thing in this world is not so much where we are, but in which direction we are moving.—O. W. Holmes,

WEST VIRGINIA

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

News Notes

Elder Westbrook spoke in the Orpheum Theatre at Huntington again last Sunday and reports a large attendance with excellent interest.

Our conference went over the top on our twenty-five-cent-a-week per member goal for the first quarter of this year to the tune of \$120 to the good.

An interesting item in connection with the Young People's meeting in Parkersburg, April 5, was the presentation of seven Senior Standard of Attainment certificates. The society is doing good work, and we feel thankful for the deep interest which is manifested by all the members.

We have just received word of the death of J. G. Bee of Kanawha Station. Elder Westbrook conducted the funeral services Monday afternoon.

Brother Jacob Butker of Huntington was in Pittsburgh last week on a business trip.

Brethren Bentz and Detwiler are now canvassing in Sullivan, W. Va. A deep interest has been created as the result of their work, and they have been offered the opera house in which to conduct a series of meetings.

The following Sabbath School Conventions will be held during the month of April; Parkersburg, April 19, Huntington, April 26. These will be all day meetings, and we trust that all who are living near these places will plan to be in for these special meetings. Bring your lunch and let us spend the day together in studying this important part of our work.

A conference committee meeting was held in Fairmont, April 3.

Washington Missionary College

Dr. Caroline Hilborn, of Akron, Ohio, has been a guest in South Hall for the last few days. She gave an interesting chapel talk Monday morning, and has spoken to the dormitory girls several evenings at the worship hour, telling of her various experiences in the medical work.

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Sunday evening, April 6, the music students gave their first recital. It consisted of vocal and instrumental selections, which were very well given.

Monday morning at the chapel hour, Professor Machlan introduced a young man who had some money which he had difficulty in disposing of. The young man was Mr. Francis Parrish, who presented the Students' Association with two hundred dollars, the proceeds from the chorus "The Incarnation." The Students' Association will apply this money on the building fund.

Mrs. Stratton has been a very energetic worker for the building fund this year. Thursday evening the orchestra will give their annual program, the proceeds of which will also be turned over to the Students' Association. The sale of tickets has already been started, and they are selling rapidly.

Mrs. Adah Morley of Pittsburgh, Pa., after a visit of 6 weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Wright, of New York City, came to Washington, D. C., and spent one week with her son, Walter Morley, at the Washington Missionary College. She enjoyed her visit very much, and thinks the place is most wonderful and beautiful.

MT. VERNON ACADEMY

Elder N. S. Ashton, accompanied by Brother E. J. Stipeck, motored to Zanesville, on April 5, and conducted the quarterly meeting in that church.

Dr. H. W. Miller of the Washington Sanitarium spoke to the students in chapel Friday, and in prayer meeting in the evening. He also addressed the Mount Vernon Church on Sabbath.

Elder W. W. Miller of Springfield, Ohio, stopped at Mount Vernon on April 3 and 4, and conducted the evening worship on Wednesday.

Mr. George Chambers, a former student, spent the week end at the academy.

A recital was given by the music students on the evening of April 5, which was enjoyed by all.

Brother E. R. Numbers spoke in the Young People's Society Sabbath, April 5.

Elder H. K. Christman occupied the chapel hour on Tuesday morning.

Elder G. B. Thompson visited the academy on his way to Toledo.

The chapel hour on Wednesday morning was given to Brother E. R. Numbers.

Instead of the regular chapel exercises on Monday morning, the faculty led the students out for a walk around the lake.

OBITUARIES

We deeply regret to announce the death of Brother Harry Bennewis, February 26 of this year, from the flu. Brother Bennewis was 52 years old, and leaves a wife and two daughters. For the past three years he has been a faithful member of the Philadelphia German Church, and two years of this time he was a deacon. His passing away was a severe shock to both our German brethren and to the conference, for he was a trusted and able helper in our work. Elder O. F. Schwedrat had charge of the funeral services at his home, the writer being present to represent the conference, and took part in the services. There is a day coming, brethren, when Death will be destroyed.

D. A. PARSONS.

WILLIAMS.—William T., died at his home in Newport News, Va., March 5, 1919. He leaves a wife, son and daughter. A week before we laid him away to await the coming of Christ, we took him into church on profession of faith. He died with clear evidence that his sins were forgiven. The funeral service was conducted in the Advent-

ist Church in Newport News by the writer, assisted by Elders W. C. Moffett and Farley.
 W. E. BIDWELL.

BEE.—Joel G., was born July 22, 1843, at Berea, Richie County, W. Va., and died at his home in Kanawha, W. Va., April 6, 1919, age 75 years, 8 months, 14 days. He accepted present truth 40 years ago and held his membership in the Berea Church till death claimed him. He leaves a wife and one daughter. Services conducted by the writer.
 T. B. WESTBROOK.

GROVE.—Lucy Victoria was born at Shanghai, W. Va., March 4, 1887, died April 4, 1919 her age being 32 years and 1 month. She gave her heart to God at the age of 13 and joined the Methodist Church, and in 1915, through the efforts of Elder G. A. Stevens, she was baptized and joined the Martinsburg Church, remaining a faithful follower of the Third Angel's Message until her death. She leaves husband and family, besides many friends to mourn their loss. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from John 10:10, 11. E. G. FRANKLIN.

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The Scriptures are the great agency in the transformation of character.—C. O. L., page 106.