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411 Cedar St. Washington, D. C. B. G. Wilkinson, Pres - C. C. Pulver, Sec.

Tabernacle Meeting at Charleston

As so many of our brethren throughout the Columbia Union Conference are interested in the work in Charleston as done in the tabernacle. I will sum up the report in one breath by saying that up to date one hundred and two have signed the covenant.

By signing the covenant we mean a definite understanding that they will expect to keep the Sabbath from sunset Friday night to sunset Saturday night. A large number of these have already received instruction on other lines, and next Sabbath we expect to baptize between twenty and thirty. A fuller report of this will be given later.

In the history of the work in West Virginia it has always been true that a good number of those who first came out went back. We sincerely hope this will not be true in Charleston, but we cannot expect too much. The First-day Adventist minister who accepted the truth has already gone out canvassing in West Virginia. Another gentleman, who was employed as a Regional Worker for a big tobacco trust, a fine brother, accepted the truth and also his wife and boy. He gave up his position, and has moved to Nachez Miss., where he is sure he can live out this truth according to his desires in another line of employment. Thus twelve of the new converts have already moved away.

So deep was the interest occasioned by the newspaper work, that one lady came from Normal, Kentucky, near Cincinnati, in order to sign the covenant. A prominent doctor, his wife, sister, and two children have accepted the truth. Another brother, a musician of twenty-two years standing and practice, well known and a beautiful singer, has fully accepted the truth with his wife and family. This brother pledged \$440 toward the new lot and new church building.

Upon his visit to Charleston three weeks ago, Elder T. B. Westbrook, President of the West Virginia Conference

was so pressed in spirit over the situation that he called upon the church to secure a new location, as the present church building is away out from the center of the city, and besides being in a difficult location, is too small even now to accommodate the church members. Under the direction and counsel of Elder Westbrook, the brethren there drew up a contract for a new lot, costing \$3,500. Everybody feels this is a move in the providence of God. Thus as God opens up the work before us, we should plant His truth in new localities and provide for memorials of stronger representation as the pillar of fire by night, and the cloud by day moves on before the people of God. The cost of the new lot alone represents very nearly the cost of the old lot and old church building put together, so the brethren in the city of Charleston are undertaking a new and heavy enterprise; yet an enterprise which the great finger of God was indicating should be done.

After the first weeks of my connection with the tabernacle, my Union duties called me away. The main burden of the work has rested upon Elder J. S. Washburn, with Elder T. B. Westbrook and myself running in from time to time to give counsel and a few days' lift. Elder Washburn has worked to the limit of his strength. God has greatly blessed him. In fact, the main credit for carrying forward the work up to now, undoubtedly should be accorded to Elder Washburn. Let us ask that all our brethren support him with their prayers and material help, that he may go forward successfully the remaining days in connection with this effort in Charleston.

B. G. WILKINSON.

New Converts of Tabernacle Baptised

Sabbath, April 19, I had the privilege of baptising before a large crowd assembled on its banks, twenty-five of the new converts from the tabernacle effort in the Kanawha River.

In the morning God's spirit was graciously in the meeting when thirty of the new converts were received into church membership.

Today a labor leader in the city gave his heart to God in my room, threw away his tobacco, signed the covenant to begin the observance of next Sabbath, and gave me \$25 for the new church building. This makes 103 signers of the covenant.

B. G Wilkinson.

VIRGINIA

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

Camp-Meeting

"It is important that the members of our churches should attend our campmeetings. The enemies of truth are many; and because our numbers are few, we should present as strong a front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls you to number one in the ranks of truth.

"Some will say, 'It is expensive to travel, and it would be better for us to save the money, and give it for the advancement of the work where it is so much needed.' Do not reason in this way; God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of His people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people.

"Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. You need every ray of light. You need to become qualified to give a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. You cannot afford to lose one such privilege." Vol. 6 p. 38.

The above quotation from the Testimonies clearly defines our duty, and let no one make excuse to stay away from our annual camp-meeting to be held in Lynchburg, May 29 to June 8.

There will be present at this meeting our new conference President, Elder J. A. Leland. Elder W. C. Moffett will also be with us at that time to bid farewell to the brethren who may be present.

Begin planning now—Pray over it and the Lord will open the way.

Notice

We are still behind two or three hundred dollars to meet our final payments on the new dormitory erected on the grounds of the Shenandoah Valley Academy, near New Market, Virginia.

We make this last call for these pledges to be paid and the amount to be sent in to the office or handed to your church treasurer. Will not each one give this matter his special and prompt attention? We want every cent to be paid before the close of school in May. If there are those who have not paid anything on this new dormitory, would you not esteem it a privilege to have something invested in this enterprise for training our young people for service for the Master? Send any donation to W. H. Jones, 12 West Main Street, Richmond, Virginia. R. D. HOTTEL, Chairman, Building Committee.

News Notes

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held in Richmond, April 18, Elder F. H. Robbins requested the release of President, Elder W. C. Moffett, that he might accept the call of the New Jersey Conference to become its president. It was voted to grant the request, and to fill the vacancy, Elder J. A. Leland of East Pennsylvania was elected as President.

Elder L. O. Gordon has returned to Richmond after spending several weeks at Lacey Spring, where he has been holding meetings.

CHESAPEAKE

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

News Notes

Elder A. S. Booth spent last Sabbath with the church at Fords Store, Md. This church has been working hard on their church debt, and they are making good progress.

The colporteurs' report is very interesting this week. Their total sales for the week, twenty-four persons reporting, amounts to \$1453.27. We expect, in a few weeks, to see our sales amount to \$2,000 per week. Let us pray for these faithful brethren and sisters who are sacrificing so much to get into this grand work. Many more hearts are there, and it will be only a little time until we expect to see our list doubled.

Elder Booth reports a wonderful mesting in Wilmington last Sunday night. Although the attendance was not so large, owing to the Easter exercises in many of the churches, about one hundred persons declared publicly their intentions to keep the Sabbath of the Lord. The attendance was about 900.

We are sorry to report the death of Mrs. Jane Vincent. Sister Vincent was eighty years old, and her death was due to general debility. She was a resident of Baltimore.

Brother Ernest Lloyd and Brother H. K. Christman were with the Baltimore No. 1 Church Wednesday night in the interest of the Home Missionary work. Brother M. S. Pettibone, our Home Missionary Secretary for the conference, was here and was with them in this meeting.

Brother J. W. Siler is having his hands full these days, getting the new workers into the field, and trying to attend the institute that is being held in Takoma Park.

Miss A. C. Dewers is assisting Miss Edna Heller for a few days in Martinsburg. Sister Heller is a member of the Wilmington Church.

Of the twenty-four colporteurs in the field last week, fourteen are from our colored church here in the city. These are a very representative class of people, and their hearts are stirred with the message. They are happy in their work, and already one of the sisters has been instrumental in getting three persons to attend church on Sabbaths.

One of the young men had been a member of the young people's club of the church. This club meets frequently for a social time. He told them at one meeting they could stay in Baltimore and have a good time if they wanted to, but he was going out to give this message to the people, and he is now in Talbot County, and reports \$60 for 12 hours work.

Our colored church is leading all the churches in the conference in this book work at the present time. Let the members of the other churches rouse to the fact that they, too, need to be out, sowing the seed, and we will soon have an abundant harvest of souls.

Brother J. E. Jones could not get out to his field last week because of the ser ious illness of his mother, and for that reason his report is so much smaller than usual.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Indiana, Pa.

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

Notice to Our Colporteurs

You have probably noticed that the colporteurs are listed on the weekly report according to the amount of their orders. The one who reports the greatest amount is placed at the head of the list. Notice has been taken, however, that it would not be fair to have placed at the head of the list the names of those who have failed to report weekly, and have sent in two or more reports in one week to be added together. Hereafter, these names will be placed at the bottom of the reports.

We would urge that each of you get in your report by Tuesday of each week. Otherwise, it is too late to appear in the Visitor, and has to wait until the next week.

News Notes

Plans were laid last week for Home Missionary, Medical Missionary and Sabbath School Conventions throughout the southern part of the conference. Mt. Braddock Church is the first on the list for May 11 to 17. It is desired that all of the members will plan to attend.

Large interests are springing up in various parts of the conference. Two new tents have been ordered for the summer's work. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send more workers and means to support them. Every corner is being cut to save sufficient means to finance at least four strong tent efforts this summer.

The end of all things is near. No doubt but what we are in the sealing time. Have you been careless or holding back the Lord's tithe? If so, send it into the Lord's treasury, that the work be not hindered.

The past quarter's reports from our Sabbath Schools have come in quite promptly, and indicate excellent work in many instances.

The financial report from the Union shows that faithful work is being done by our Sabbath Schools in giving for missions, as the West Pennsylvania Conference has gone over the General Conference Goal of twenty-five cents per member, per week, for foreign missions, by \$326.80 for the first quarter. No doubt but what our Sabbath Schools have raised a large part of this. Let us continue to lift, and a little harder if possible, and see if we can not keep this good record throughout the year.

The Sabbath School goals are, Every church member plus the children, members of the Sabbath School; and at least fifteen cents a week per church member. How does your school stand? Let us all take a deep interest.

Look for the Sabbath School notes in the West Pennsylvania Conference news items from week to week.

OHIO

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

News Notes

Mr. J. I. Cassell motored to Columbus last week on business.

We have enjoyed visits recently from Elder Thompson, Brethren Lloyd, Rasmussen, and Hooper.

Mr. O. S. Hershberger spent Sabbath in Zanesville.

Another Home Missionary Convention was held Sabbath and Sunday in Youngstown. Brother Numbers, assisted by Brethren E. F. Hackman and T. H. Barritt, was in charge.

Professor V. D. Hagmann has accepted a call to head the Science Department of Adelphian Academy at Holly, Michigan.

Adelphian Academy is a thriving school and has some \$1200 to \$1500 worth of Laboratory equipment including an X-ray machine.

Mr. Hagmann graduated from Mount Vernon College in 1914, and taught the Normal Training school for nearly three years at Mount Vernon. Mrs. Hagmann will also be remembered by our readers as she was editor of the Visitor for two years.

We wish these young people success for their new work as they leave our conference.

Brother Shidler returned to the office on an early train Wednesday morning, after spending some time in the southern part of the state. He brought back an enthusiastic report from the field. The colporteurs are all doing well in their work, and their sales are increasing weekly. He said that he never saw our books sell more readily; or the people so eager to purchase anything purporting to give an explanation of our times. This is our day of opportunity for placing our truth-filled volumes in the hands of the people.

In recent weeks we have had many additions to the colporteur army, till now there are twenty enrolled in the list of the regulars. The colporteur, are making an effort to get their reports up to \$1500 a week before the students enter the field, so the report of this week approximating the \$1300 mark looks encouragingly near the goal. Don't forget to pray for these self-sacrificing workers.

NEW JERSEY

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

News Notes

Elder W. C. Moffett, our new Conference President, is spending a few days in Trenton looking for a place to locate. He expects to bring his family the first of May.

Elder Heckman and Brother Kirk were in Washington last week attending conventions.

We sincerely hope that all those who are interested in the Sabbath School work will be making all possible preparations for a successful soul-winning program, on Sabbath School Rally Day, June 2. All necessary material, through the Sabbath School Worker and otherwise, will be provided. And we believe that our people throughout the conference will work and pray for great advancement in this branch of the work, in point of membership and spiritual things.

We are now able to fill orders for the new 1919 Year Book. With this you have a complete directory of all of our ministers, Bible workers, missionaries, etc., etc., besides all the publishing houses, educational institutions and sanitariums. It contains much valuable information for workers and home workers.

A campaign in behalf of the circulation of "World Peace" has been inaugurated in the New Jersey Conference, and we hope all our people will be prepared to do their part toward the circulation of this book. Twenty-five hundred have already been sold.

THE CONQUERING QUARTETTE

- -HOPE,
- -COURAGE,
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WEST VIRGINIA

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

Parkersburg Sabbath School Convention

An interesting and profitable Sabbath School Convention was held in the church at Parkersburg, W. Va., April 19. The day was beautiful and many came for the all day session. A few members of the Kanawha Sabbath School were present.

Thirty minutes were given to the study of the day's lesson. Following this the convention was opened with timely remarks by Mrs. T. B. Westbrook, who gave a brief sketch of the rise and progress of the Sabbath School work, speaking especially of the splendid system of organization which is now perfected throughout the Sabbath School world. She said that she believed that this was as God would have it, but that His people should realize that even a school might have all this, and yet lack the great essential for which our Sabbath Schools were launched.that is the salvation of our boys and girls. In closing, she appealed to the officers and teachers to do their part towards making Parkersburg Sabbath School a real winner of souls.

Some excellent papers were read by several, and in the discussions which followed, many points were emphasized and made very plain as to our duty and work in the Sabbath School.

At the noon hour a basket lunch was partaken of and after a short intermission the convention work was resumed, and practically every line of the Sabbath School work was brought to our attention.

It seemed a good foundation was laid for successful work from now on in the Parkersburg Sabbath School, and it is one of the schools that is going to fall in line.

We see how necessary it is that teachers be trained for Sabbath School class work. The daily study of the Sabbath School lesson was a very important paper. We must have these truths of God's word laid by in store for future use. We must study to show ourselves approved unto God. Parents must wake up to their duty and teach by precept and example. Teach the lesson daily to the younger members of the family, for it is written, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my pathway. Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee."

The question, box was an interesting feature of the convention. Many questions were answered which were very helpful.

A vote of thanks was given to Mrs. Westbrook for her helpful suggestions. The convention closed with a hearty good will to all and all seemed determined with the Lord's help to do better work in the future. Mrs. Hattie Robinson.

News Notes

Dr. B. G. Wilkinson received 30 new members into church fellowship at Charleston Sabbath, April 19. Twenty-five of these by baptism, and five on profession of faith. Many others are keeping the Sabbath and another baptismal service will be held in the near future.

An important conference committee meeting was held in Charleston Saturday night, April 19.

Word comes from Elder Pickard at Rio, W. Va., that he has organized a Sabbath School and a Senior Young People's Society. We believe this is a move in the right direction. Why should not these new young people be taught from the beginning of their Christian experience the splendid plans which this denomination has for our children and youth. We trust that other workers will do the same.

Elder Westbrook has been on the sick list for several days, but has recovered sufficiently to be at his work again.

Two new Young People's Societies have been organized in Charleston, W. Va. Sister Edna Embleton is leader of the Senior, and Sister Louise E. Bauer will lead in the Junior work. Huntington has also organized a Junior Society with Miss Inez Chambers as leader.

Sister Jessie Welsh of Charleston was a pleasant caller at the home of Elder and Mrs. Westbrook last week.

Brother G. W. Ellers, who is assisting Elder Westcott in Fairmont, was in Parkersburg last week on conference business.

Elder W. L. Adkins and family are having a second attack of the "flu."

Elder Westcott stopped at the office Friday enroute to the committee meeting which was held in Charleston.

You should send in your name at once for either a room or tent for camp-meeting which convenes June 12-22. Let nothing keep you away from this important meeting. Further notices will appear later.

Mrs. Ella Hahn of Cumberland, Md., who underwent an operation at the Washington Sanitarium recently, is reported as making a good recovery.

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Some of the interesting articles in the "Review and Herald" of April 30 will be "The League of Nations and its Relation to Christianity;" "An Important Discussion of Denominational Finance," by Elder R. A. Uunderwood; "The Day of Miracles in the Publishing Department," by Elder W. W. Eastman. This subject will give a line of divine providences seen in the colporteur work, and many other interesting articles. Are you taking the "Review?" If not, you will miss these good articles from week to week.

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Philadelphia German Work

The German meetings in Schuyler Hall having drawn to a close, our people in Eastern Pennsylvania will be pleased to learn more about this effort.

God works even in adverse circumstances. Nothing on the program of the nations or individuals surprises Him. He has destined to save souls out of every tongue and people and His purpose stands and He does all His pleasure.

Elder O. F. Schwedrat conducted the season's first public meeting in the German Language Sunday, September 15. Right from the beginning of the effort a splendid attendance was noticeable, which increased and reached its climax on the evening of December 15, when Spiritualism was presented. Every available seat was occupied while the gallery, stairs and rostrum were overcrowded.

The German public manifested a deep interest in these meetings and many intelligent people attended. We observed that newspaper advertising is a divine agency to draw especially the men to listen to the prophecies. Appropriate stereopticon slides and also the music of the choir conducted by Elder Schwedrat were much appreciated.

The Lord helped us in getting in touch with our audience right from the start and through the testing truths the attendance kept up. When on April 6 the series of lectures closed, the Spirit of God had spoken very directly to many present.

The following Sunday evening a baptismal service was conducted by Elder Schwedrat in the West Church. Eleven souls were buried in the watery grave by baptism while another sister joins on profession of faith. The harvest is not fully garnered and we are glad to know that a good number are still looking forward to taking this step in the very near future.

The church gratefully acknowledges

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the goodness of the Lord in this effort; we prayed that God would bless by adding men to our numbers and we have not been disappointed. We were encouraged by witnessing victories in answer to prayer in which the church took an active part. We earnestly solicit the petitions of our people in behalf of the German work in this great city.

Louise C. Kleuser.

News Notes

There has just been purchased 125 family tents and the book tent for our conference camp-meeting equipment. These will be shipped in May in time for our camp-meeting, which will be held about July 10. The time and place of the meeting will be announced in the next issue of the VISITIOR

Brother C. C. Pulver, the Columbia Union Conference Auditor, is at the office this week auditing the conference and tract society books.

Elder Heckman, of the New Jersey Conference, paid the Allentown Church a visit last week. They appreciated his visit very much, and enjoyed his timely talk.

Mrs. S. L. Fickes and daughter Elizabeth, of Harrisburg, are spending some time with her sister in Brookfield, Ill. Sister Fickes is the mother of Mrs. Scharffenburg, who is now in China.

Professor Ashton, Principal of the Mount Vernon Academy, spoke at the North Philadelphia Church last Sabbath. His sermon was greatly enjoyed by all.

Our colporteurs are having many good experiences, and the Lord is blessing in their work. Brother H. G. Lewis, of

Wilkes-Barre, writes: "The Lord is good. He opens the way for our work. Thursday I was at a home where I took an order for a half leather binding of "Bible Readings," and the lady told me if I went across the street, not to pay any attention if an elderly lady came to the door. I knocked and no one answered, so I finished the street, and when I came back in the afternoon I was impressed to try again, so I knocked. The elderly lady came to the door, and I asked for the younger woman, and started to canvass. Her husband became interested, and bought for cash a-"Bible Readings" in full leather. The woman told me she wouldn't have given me the order, so you see how the Lord will bring books into homes." We are always glad to hear from our colporteurs of these encouraging experiences.

Washington Missionary College

Many visitors were at the college last week. Last Thursday evening the faculty and students gave them a reception in the gymnasium, followed by a short musical program in the chapel. The members of the senior class assisted in serving the refreshments, during which time music was furnished by the orchestra.

Elder W. W. Prescott, who has recently returned from China, addressed the Sligo Church Sabbath morning. Every seat was occupied, both on the main floor and in the balcony. This was another occasion when everyone was truly thankful for the spacious auditorium in Columbia Hall.

A Canvassers' Institute is being conducted at the college under the direction of the field secretaries of the Columbia Union.

Several members of the Journalism class recently took a trip through the Review and Herald building. The editorial department furnished an interesting part of the trip, for they have been studying the different phases of editorial work this year in their class work.

Professor E. F. Albertsworth entertained a number of the students of his various classes at his home Sunday evening.

About twenty-five of the students attended the Easter services at the Monastery Sunday.

Mrs. Frances Perce-Stratton, the musical director, has been ill with influenza the past week. It is hoped that she will be out in a few days.

The chorus is practising "The Building of the Ship" to give as the closing musical number of the year during commencement week. During Mrs. Stratton's illness, Professor Walton John has been conducting it.

OBITUARIES

SHOWALTER.-Sarah Showalter was born April 1, 1839, in the state of Ohio, and departed this life April 6, 1919. She lived to the age of 80 years. The last few years of her life she suffered much, but was full of hope, patiently awaiting the time when she could sleep in Jesus. She united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church twenty years ago. We believe she will come forth in the first resurrection in response to the voice of her master, whom she endeavored in life to faithfully follow. Rev. 14:13 was the text Sister Showalter gave the writer a few days before her death as a basis for his remarks. We laid her away in the beautiful Glendale Cemetery in Akron, Ohio, to await the voice of the Life-giver.

F. H. HENDERSON.

MANUEL.—Mrs. John Manuel departed this life March 28, 1919. In care for her father in his recent illness her health failed. Hoping to regain it she was taken to the Sanitarium at Mount Vernon, Ohio, but she gradually became weaker, until she peacefully fell asleep in Jesus. Sister Manuel was a graduate nurse of Battle Creek Sanitarium. The little church at New Philadelphia will miss her, for she was faithful to this message and an active worker in the church. She sleeps the blessed sleep in Jesus, and we have faith to believe she will come forth in the first resurrection.

F. H. HENDERSON.

Sister Jessie Carter, formerly Sister Jessie Sewell, died suddenly at her parents' home in Rock Hall, Md., April 7, at 3:15 P. M. Sister Carter was born February 14, 1896. Her devoted Christian life won the respect and admiration of many friends. She was baptized at the age of eighteen. February 25, 1918, she was married to Brother Millard Carter. This last winter Sister Carter, contracted influenza and never seemed to have fully recovered her strength. and heart failure caused her sudden death which was such a shock to all. The funeral services, conducted by the writer, were held at the Rock Hall S. D. A. Church, Wednesday afternoon, April 9. Deepest sympathy is especially extended to her bereaved husband and parents and six brothers in this hour of their sorrow. Sister Carter also leaves many other relatives and friends to deeply mourn their loss, but we know that the great Life-giver will soon come to redeem his own, and with the beloved deciples we would say, "even so, come Lord C. E. ANDROSS. Jesus."

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