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Another Baptism

Tabernacle, Charleston, W. Va.

This week the tabernacle at Charleston is being taken down. Naturally this causes regrets of many who throughout the weeks have found it their first home in the truth. Sabbath, May 10, I had the privilege of baptising 12 more in the swollen waters of the Kanawha River.

Up to date, this means that we have taken into the church from the tabernacle effort 40 new members. A new class of 10 to 15 is developing and, getting ready for membership. At the time of this writing 109 have signed the covenant to keep the seventh day Sabbath, to obey the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

Brother Smith, the musician of twenty-two years' standing, who has appointments in the suburb of Charleston, related last Monday night at a Home Missionary Rally of the new converts, that in filling an appointment in the suburb, a leading minister of the city of Charleston came there to hold special meetings, and one of his first prominent announcements was the sad news that the Seventh-day Adventists had torn Charleston all to pieces. Brother Smith further stated that in another suburb, a church of another denomination of about 30 members, who had followed the reports of the advancements in the newspapers, was on the point of coming over bodily into the truth. We feel glad for these signs, indications and results. The people of West Virginia are warm-hearted, generous, and liberal minded. The mountain history of the past in this state, however, has caused a considerable part of the population to be very backward in religious matters, in fact, those of our ministers who have labored in many states north and south in the country, think that West Virginia in this respect is the most difficult state in which to make results permanent. For that reason they hold that after twenty-five years of preaching in West Virginia, we have today only about three hundred church members. We trust that the fifty

or more new church members already in sight from the Charleston effort will be so imbued with the spirit of God that they will become a prominent factor for the advancement of the truth amidst that generous hearted people.

The brethren have purchased a new lot worth \$3,500. The lot is in such a splendid location, that already we could sell it again for an advance of \$500. A good substantial offer has been made for the old church building and the old lot, so that there is no reason now why things should not move forward for the reestablishment of the work in Charleston in a new location and on a strong basis.

Last Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday I spent all day from morning till night sometimes in company with Sister Welch, sometimes in company with Elder Washburn, sometimes alone into about thirty or thirty-five homes of those who believe the Sabbath and are keeping it, and are thinking strongly of church membership. It seems difficult among new converts in West Virginia to establish the church going habit, but we praise the Lord that at the last few Sabbath meetings we had seen out from 30 to 40 of the new converts regularly. With the proper follow up of the work in Charleston, it would look as though the number of converts may run up to any extent. We hardly dare venture an estimation. We have to come by these words and thank our dear brethren throughout the field, who have been praying for the tabernacle effort and who have given us your sympathetic expressions. The hour has come for the work to go into our large cities in a decisive way. The day is past for doing the work of God in a corner. A new era has come; let us all pray and labor and hope.

B. G. WILKINSON.

Among the Colored Churches

On leaving Washington, D. C., the last of February, the writer stopped over Sabbath, March 1, at Pittsburgh, Pa., where Elder Durrant is doing a growing work and laying plans for a strong church school from the start.

On reaching Detroit, Mich., I found the church there, which is under the lead-

ership of Elder Buckner, building up the tithes and offerings, and laying up money to build a church. They have already purchased a nice lot on the West side of the city, which is well located for a church building.

From here I went to see how the several churches in Ohio were progressing, and found the church in Cleveland, where Brother H. A. Rosin is laboring zealously, doing well, not only in building up the tithes and offerings, but raising steady amounts of money to pay off their church debt. They secured a fine and well located property last fall for their church and moved into it at once, which has added much to the standing and growth of the work in that great city.

Next I met with Brother J. E. Cox of Columbus, where I spent Sabbath, and then went Sunday to visit the church at Springfield, Ohio. Brother Cox has a charge of these two churches, and is putting new activity in them along right lines. The members at Springfield were negotiating for a suitable property for a church, and doubtless have secured it by now.

At the great border city, Cincinnati, where Brother R. R. Roberts has been located since last fall, the message is given a hearing, and the church is gaining rapidly in membership, tithes and offerings.

On returning to Detroit by way of Chicago, Ill., I spent Sunday, March 23, in the city of Indianapolis, Ind., where the truth has made rapid strides under the active leadership of Elder J. M. Campbell, along its several lines. They have secured a most convenient church, nicely located for worship, and are partially in possession of the same, expecting to get full charge of it about the first of May.

April 3, the writer took his journey toward the National Capital by way of the East. I visited the church at Boston, Mass., where Brother C. W. Yearwood is quietly and seriously building up a good work. They are about 50 strong, and have a nice little church building which is paid for, with a lot large enough to enlarge or build a new building, so they are getting together some money to that end. While there, I went to South Lancaster and Melrose. At the academy I saw

Brother Banfield who leaves school this year, and who has been called to labor in West Virginia.

From Boston I came down to that great city of New York, where I spent the second Sabbath and Sunday in April, with the two churches. Elder J. K. Humphrey who has been in Brooklyn and New York City for more than a dozen years, has been able, by the grace of God, to build up the largest colored congregations in the United States, and look after other churches besides. The church has more than 500 members, who are raising thousands of dollars in tithes and offerings, not to mention what they are bringing in for the church expenses and local work.

The Brooklyn Church has Brother C. E. Griffith helping it. He has been here since December last, and is doing well. The church is raising money, and is seeking to get a real good church building for the advancement of the work.

The following Sabbath I met with the Philadelphia, Pa., Church, where Brother Oswald and wife have built up a strong and active church out of its former decay. The church has been turned over to Elder R. L. Bradford, who is already there, and who has set himself, by the power of God, to do a work there that will be growing and lasting.

On departing from the Quaker City, the writer came to Washington, where he has been for several weeks attending various meetings of the General Department and Spring Council. But our work here must not be overlooked. Elder G. P. Rodgers, who has charge of the Ephesus Church, which is located at Sixth and N Streets, N. W., has done astonishingly well for the past fifteen months he has been in this city. He has made several needed changes in their nice large church building, added many good members to the congregation, built up the tithes and offerings, raised a good sum on the church debt, besides taking care of the church school and local expenses for repairs and so on.

The first church, where Elder F. H. Seeney is laboring, is making substantial progress along the vital lines of the message. They are now spending several thousand dollars in putting their church in better shape.

Sabbath and Sunday, May 10 and 11, I had the good fortune to meet with the growing church at Richmond, Va. Elder J. B. Mallore is in charge of the church there, and has somewhat the oversight of the work of the state. The President called a meeting of the Mission Committee, and plans for future work were laid.

It should be remarked that real growth has been made in our work throughout the whole country. The membership in

all our churches has gone up from 3,500 as shown in Elder Stephenson's report for 1917, to more than 4,700 in 1918. The tithes and mission offerings for 1918, were: Tithes more than \$90,00; offerings more than \$45,000. About \$30,000 of the \$45,000 reported for missions were collected through the Sabbath Schools, and besides this, there were raised more than \$20,000 for local expenses, including church building money. And along with this thousands of dollars worth of literature have been sold and given away.

In our Northern churches we are raising 25 cents per week per member, as the other churches for missions, and in the South our churches, that know it, have gladly accepted the request to bring up this year to 20 cents per week per member instead of the 10 cents of previous years.

I trust that my people and our brethren generally will not forget the Negro Collection to be taken October 11 next for Oakwood Junior College, and the work of the Department in general. Let every one try to make it at least nothing less than a Dollar Day. More will be said concerning this collection later.

And here, before closing, I desire to thank the Union and local conference presidents and other officers in whose confines I have recently been, and all others, where I have not, and have been, for their friendly support of the work among my people, which have come under their care, assuring them that my highest interest and greatest desire is to build up and establish my needy people in this only saving message.

Trusting that we shall ever keep in mind these words of the Prince of teachers: "Because you have done it unto the least of these My brethren, you have done it unto Me." W. H. GREEN.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

Indiana, Pa.

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

Clearfield Report

We are glad to be able to report the onward march of the message in our little mountain town of Clearfield, in which a small company of twelve have struggled along for a time without any regular help from the conference; but they have been faithful, and have paid for a nice little chapel with a seating capacity of one hundred. The Lord is now crowning them with success for their faithfulness, both financially and spiritually.

Seven of the members went out with the "Signs of the Times" magazine one Sunday morning, in company with Brother Manry, the conference Home Mission-

ary Secretary, and gathered from the Gentiles money to the amount of \$26.57. The Clearfield Company is putting out 350 papers every Sunday. They always return with faces aglow, and with many good experiences to relate.

Our Sunday night meetings are well attended. Two signed the covenant at the close of the meeting Sunday night. Many more are interested, and yet we haven't touched the city with the ends of our fingers as it were. Two-thirds of the city lies across the Susquehanna River, and in this part we have done nothing; so by the close of the year, with the blessings of God, we expect to see a harvest of souls. Truly the fields are great and white unto harvest, but the laborers are few.

The medical end of our work is opening homes and hearts where we would not otherwise be able to enter. One of our young sisters, who has just accepted the truth, and who was very skeptical toward our system of treatments, fell down stairs and sprained her instep very badly. After some persuasion she permitted a treatment to be administered after the sprain was more than twenty-four hours old, and she was not able to bear weight upon it. After one simple treatment of God's ordering, the next morning she was able to put on her shoe, and go out in the Master's vineyard to scatter the pages of truth. Many other like experiences could be mentioned if time and space would permit. We are of good courage in the Lord and solicit the prayers of God's people for the work in this part of the field.

G. W. LAWRENCE.

Sabbath School Notes

An unusually large number of pupils in our Sabbath Schools, 338, have received Perfect Attendance cards for the first quarter of 1919; and four members of the Dubois Sabbath School received the book marks given for perfect yearly attendance.

Four schools,—Erie, Galeton, Mt. Jewett, and Sharon, report perfect attendance for the quarter; and those having an attendance of 90 per cent or above are Mt. Braddock, Allegheny No. 1 and Dubois.

Sharon, the youngest church in the conference, reports the largest Sabbath School offering, which is an average of 30 cents per member. On the whole our schools show a decided gain in attendance and offerings over the last few quarters.

Brother Holst reports a splendid interest continuing in Sharon. The church now numbers thirty-two, and another class will be ready shortly after camp-meeting.

Five from the Sharon Church are now engaged in the canvassing work. This new church is doing excellent work.

Brother R. M. Spencer is now located in New Castle, and has a Sabbath School organized. We hope to see a strong church built about this nucleus within another year.

CHESAPEAKE

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

News Notes

All who will take time to look at the report of the colporteurs for the past week will be pleased to see such a good report again.

The testimonial of those who come to the office is, "I love the work dearly, and wish I could spend more time at it." They are finding people in the city and out of the city who are just longing for the truth, and are delighted to receive their books.

Elder F. W. Paap spent last Sabbath with the church in Baltimore and preached a timely sermon, which was greatly appreciated.

Ten persons expressed themselves as being ready for baptism as a result of the meetings being held in Wilmington. Others are considering the matter very seriously, and some who had begun the observance of the Sabbath and would have united with the church have gone to other states.

Elder C. E. Andross reports a splendid attendance in Rock Hall, where he is holding a series of meetings. He says their average attendance is about one hundred and fifty. The church is greatly encouraged, and we trust the results will be good.

Elder Leslie Muntz called at the office today to Council with Elder Booth in regard to tent meetings for the summer. He is getting urgent appeals from the southern part of Delaware, from both colored and white people for a strong tent effort this summer. About sixteen years ago he and Elder Seeney held meetings in that section, and people who heard them then are anxious that they shall come back now and teach them this message.

The Baltimore No. 1 Church is laying plans for the erection of a church school building, on the lot in the rear of the church. This ground is owned by the church, and we hope to have a good school this winter.

Mr. W. G. Canion and family met with a very sad automobile accident last week while on their way from their home in Glenburnie to Baltimore. The steering gear refused to work properly and the car plunged into an iron telephone pole, completely wrecking the car. Mrs. Canion and a friend of the family are lying in the hospital, the former with broken limbs and fractured skull, and the latter with broken collar and shoulder bones, but it is now expected that both will recover. Little Willoughby, about nine years old was thrown from the car also, striking the front of his head on the curb. He received injuries which resulted in his death two and one-half hours afterward. He was buried at the Glenburnie cemetery last Friday afternoon, Elder Booth officiating at the funeral. Our sympathies go out to this bereaved family in their afflictions.

WEST VIRGINIA

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

The Harvest is Great

Therefore said He unto them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He would send forth laborers into His harvest". Luke 10:2. These words were spoken by the Saviour nearly two thousand years ago, and, of course, applied at that time, yet we have many reasons to believe that they have special application just now. We have never found people so anxious to purchase our truth filled books as at the present time. Just think of our workers going out to work into thinly settled country territory and making such records as they are.

Brother Mansell's report for week ending May 10 was \$348 for 47 hours. In his letter, which accompanied this report he says in part:

"Dear Brother McHenry:—I am so glad I have this privilege of being a hunter and have the blessing of God to encourage my efforts. Souls are eager for the truth. In some territory I find Superintendents of Sunday schools who want their books at once, also many teachers and some preachers. I got nearly 47 orders last week. Have been asked to speak at the school house near here. I will use Isa. 5:3, I think.

"It has been very rainy here and the hills are high, but God is blessing us and gives us strength and courage."

W. C. Fisher who is laboring with his father, N. D. Fisher, in Wyoming County, one day last week made 11 calls and took 11 orders. Is not this the day of opportunity? The following is a letter from his father. "Dear Brother McHenry:—Read again Jer. 16:16. I found a family

on top of the mountain elevation twenty-five thousand feet and sold them a \$5 Bible Readings." Some climb, but the Lord is my rod and my staff. And, on the mountain top I read the twenty-third Psalm, and was blessed by our Lord's promise and His spirit.

"I wish I may trod the rugged and rocky way here, knowing if I follow faithfully, some day I will trod the king's highway. Isaiah 39:8. Whenever the way seems long and dreary, let us remember it is not one step longer than what is best for us. Pray that I may go where He leads me."

Many other letters of interest received during the past week, but space will not permit to give them. One thing let us ever remember the Lord has said, "Where there is now one canvasser in the field there should be one hundred. Will you dear reader, enlist today and be one who will help to swell the loud cry?

JOHN MCHENRY.

News Notes

Elder Westbrook spoke in the Parkersburg Church Sabbath, May 17, and left Sunday morning for Huntington, where he spoke in the Odd Fellows Hall in the evening.

A Conference Committee meeting was held in Charleston, May 20.

Brother Taylor and wife left Parkersburg Friday, May 16, for Mount Vernon.

Brethren Kraft and Miller from Mount Vernon, Ohio, arrived in Charleston Tuesday evening. From there they will go to their field of labor on Elk River.

The following invitation is being sent to every member in our conference, "You are cordially invited to attend your nearest Sabbath School on Rally Day, June 7, 1919. Come in the morning and spend the day together. Bring Bibles, Song book and lunch." An excellent program will be rendered in every Sabbath School in our conference. We trust that every member will respond at this time.

Miss Hazel Leach from Washington is in Parkersburg, organizing the ladies' department of the book work. Miss Clara Wood from Bartlet, Ohio, has been asked to take charge of this department. They will leave this week for Huntington and Charleston to do some recruiting.

Brother Carl Peterson, who has just recently moved from Montana, is located in Greenbrier County. He expects to begin canvassing in about ten days.

Cards are being sent to every member in our conference, stating prices and important information in regard to our camp-meeting June 12-22. If for some

reason you have not received yours, write to the office at once.

Brother Mitchell from Kanawha Station will take up the colporteur work this week. His field of labor will be in the vicinity of Point Pleasant.

The 1919-1920 Missionary Volunteer Reading Course books we believe are the best yet. They will be displayed at camp-meeting. Every Senior and Junior young person in our conference should plan to enroll in this important course. There are also two splendid books for the Primary children. Remember there is a reduction on these books when bought at camp-meeting, so come prepared to take a set home with you.

Brother McElphatrick has just finished his work in the city of Grafton, and will soon be moving to other territory.

One Sabbath School Superintendent writes in that his school will reach their quarterly goal by camp-meeting time. This is fine. We hope that other schools will take notice.

We trust that every one in our conference will read the article on page 134 of the June "Sabbath School Worker" entitled "Hattie Hunt at Camp-meeting." We sincerely hope that if Hattie Hunt should come to our camp-meeting she will have a different report to render.

Brother Dishman who has been laboring in Huntington since institute will soon be moving his headquarters to Williamson, W. Va.

Brother Moser was a pleasant caller at the office one day last week enroute to his field of labor in Madison, W. Va.

Splendid Home Missionary instruction will be given at our camp-meeting and we sincerely hope that every secretary in our conference will be present.

Another splendid report has reached the office from Brethren Mansell and Bertolet who are canvassing in Lincoln County.

"The object of a camp-meeting is to lead all to separate from business, cares, and burdens, and devote a few days exclusively to seeking the Lord. All should feel that God requires this of them." Testimonies for the Church. Vol. 2, pages 600, 601.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

Home Missionary Work

During the past week Brother W. B. Mohr and the writer made a visit to many of the churches in the interest of Home Missionary Work, also organizing the churches and arranging for definite work to be done. The churches visited were, Danville, Northumberland, Williamsport, Roaring Branch, Sayre, Lake Ariel, Stroudsburg, Scranton, and Wilkes-Barre. At these meetings leaders were elected for the different bands and every church member was mustered into service. Every company visited requested a supply of literature for display at their church service. This will bring before the members the splendid ammunition that can be used in their efforts. We are very much encouraged over the outlook and feel that our brethren and sisters are arousing to the great work outlined for this time.

H. G. Gauker, Home Miss. Sec.

News Notes

The following experience was sent us from one of our faithful sisters, and we feel it would be an encouragement to pass it on to others: "Today a man called at my home, taking orders for a book entitled 'World Peace' for \$2.50. I informed him I was not interested in the book, as I had one under the same title which sells for 25 cents. He asked if he could see the book. I showed it to him and explained different points of interest to him, also bringing in the true Sabbath. He was deeply impressed, and bought the book. He said he would rather give \$5 for it than 25 cents for any other book he had seen on the subject. I gave him some 'Signs' to read and trust that with God's blessing he may read himself into the truth." Surely this good experience is an example of what a word spoken in due season may accomplish. God will bless those who improve every opportunity to present our truth-filled literature.

Miss Acton has been visiting the Lake Ariel, Honesdale, and Lebanon church schools. These schools have now closed for the year.

A little chart on the front of the Wilkes Barre Church is displayed, showing the amount collected thus far on their church building fund. They are working very zealously for a church building and up to the present time they have over \$3,000.

Two more books have just been issued. These are small 25 cent books entitled "The World's Destiny" by G. W. Reaser, and "Bible Prophecies Unfolding" by Carlyle B. Haynes. These are splendid books for the times in which we are living and should be widely circulated.

Recently a letter was received by the Present Truth in the Review and Herald Association from a man in Williamsport, requesting a few copies of Present Truth on Spiritualism. He informed them that the leading men of the city were attending these spiritualistic seances and that not only lawyers and doctors, but protestant ministers, were interested in this belief. The brethren and sisters at Williamsport are taking up the circulation of Present Truth now and are distributing about 800 copies every week. They are very much encouraged and are looking forward to great results from their labors. Not only is Spiritualism gaining a foothold in Williamsport, but in many other places in the world, and the time is ripe for the circulation of other literature on this subject. The book "Spiritualism Versus Christianity" by Elder Haynes is a timely book and should be widely circulated. The members at Williamsport are also contemplating a large sale of this book.

Sunshine and spring breezes helped to make Sunday, May 18, a red letter day for two of our church schools, Ariel and Lebanon. A year of successful work in the schoolroom was crowned by the little gatherings of parents and children at their church school picnics.

At Ariel the day was spent by the lake, where an interesting program was rendered. The Lebanon church met in the roomy orchard at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Yeagley, four miles from the city.

With this week all of the East Pennsylvania church schools will be closed. Splendid reports have come from all, and we feel that God has richly blessed in the efforts put forth to train the children for Him.

Elder D. A. Parsons has just returned from a spring council that was in session at Takoma Park, and informs us that our camp-meeting date has been changed to August 21-31. This will be more convenient for those who have children attending public schools, as school does not open until the close of camp-meeting. It is time now to lay your definite plans to attend these meetings. We are looking forward to rich blessings at that time and trust you will be there to share in them.

NEW JERSEY

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

Referring to the annual feasts of Ancient Israel, it is said in Testimonies For The Church, Volume 6, Page 40:

"With those who lived at a distance from the tabernacle, more than a month of every year must have been occupied in attendance upon these holy convocations. The Lord saw that these gatherings were necessary for the spiritual life of His people. They needed to turn away from their worldly cares to commune with God, and to contemplate unseen realities.

"If the children of Israel needed the benefit of these holy convocations in their time, how much more do we need them in these last days of peril and conflict! And if the people of the world then needed the light which God had committed to His church, how much more do they need it now!

"This is a time for every one to come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty. The forces of the enemy are strengthening, and as a people we are misrepresented. We desire the people to become acquainted with our doctrines and work. We want them to know what we are, and what we believe. We must find our way to their hearts. Let the army of the Lord be on the ground to represent the work and the cause of God. Do not plead an excuse. The Lord has need of you. He does not do His work without the co-operation of the human agent. Go to the camp-meeting, even though you have to make a sacrifice to do so. Go with a will to work. And make every effort to induce your friends to go, not in your place, but to go with you, to stand on the Lord's side, and obey His commandments. Help those who are interested to attend, if necessary providing them with food and lodging. Angels who are commissioned to minister to those who are heirs of salvation will accompany you. God will do great things for His people. He will bless every effort to honor His cause and advance His work."

As previously stated, the camp-meeting will be held in Trenton this year. It is none too early to begin laying definite plans to attend. The management will endeavor to keep expenses as low as possible. Living tents, 12 by 14, can be rented for the season at \$2.50, and tents 14 by 14 or 12 by 16 at \$2.75. Flooring will be supplied at the lowest possible rate. Kindly place your order for tents at an early date with Miss Cora Felker, 200 Columbus Ave., Trenton, N. J., stating whether or not you desire flooring. Rooms will be secured for those who order them at reasonable rates. A cafeteria

will be conducted on the ground by Elder G. W. Holman. Remember the date, June 26 to July 6. W. C. MOFFETT.

News Notes

Brother H. F. Kirk and family left last week for Washington, where he has been called to act as Union Field Missionary Secretary. We have enjoyed their short stay among us, and are sorry to lose them from this conference, but trust the Lord will bless them in their new field of labor.

Brother J. W. Chrisman, our new field secretary, is with us again, and is at present helping Brother J. W. Johnson to get started in the colporteur work near Trenton. We wish for Brother Johnson every success.

Miss Felker has just returned from Washington, where she has placed a large order for camp-meeting books and supplies.

Our people will no doubt be interested to know how the "Peace" Campaign is progressing among the churches. The following figures will show the number of books used by each church up to May 20:

Annandale	148
Bridgeton	200
Burlington	51
Camden	1025
Cape May C. H.	35
Dover	10
Elizabeth	145
Franklin	100
Hackensack	28
Jericho	205
Jersey City No. 1	50
Jersey City No. 2	50
Jersey City German	80
Jersey City Swed.	25
Newark	1100
Newark colored	50
Paterson	512
Pleasantville	150
Ramah	100
Trenton	777
Woodbury	225

Individual orders have not been included in this report because they were not ordered through the church missionary society.

We have been promised as General Conference help for the coming camp-meeting, Elder M. C. Wilcox, Editor of the Review, Elder C. S. Longacre, Elder J. L. Shaw, and Elder F. H. Robbins, President of the Columbia Union.

VIRGINIA

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

News Notes

Our primary department of New Market have now a room in the new building. The color scheme of green and white is indeed restful to the eyes. The teacher and her pupils have been working hard to bring the school up to the standard. They have reached the 100 per cent equipment goal.

The M. V. Society of our academy decided to set a new goal for missionary activities. The working members of to-day will be the first ones called to the field.

Rileyville church school closed last month. A fitting program had been prepared by the teacher and young people. The little village was well represented, and all listened with interest to the selections rendered. Miss Roberta Ellis has returned to her home in Richmond. This school has had a very trying experience during the past winter. The school was closed three times on account of the influenza, but our little company were all spared.

Miss Williams spent several days with the Stanley school. Their school was the largest in the conference. Though several weeks were lost during the siege, many of the grades were able to finish their work. Miss Painter was elected as the leader of the M. V. Society. Everywhere our youth are responding to the call, and preparing for service.

At a recent meeting of the school board of Norfolk, plans were laid for a church school for the coming year. It was voted that the school be up to the standard in every way. Our system of education is not at fault, but when churches do not accept this standard, then their grade of work is not always the highest, and patrons are inclined to criticize the system, rather than those who fail to carry out the system.

The General Conference has decided to have a Sabbath School Rally on June 7, but as our camp-meeting will be in session on that day, it has been decided to change the date to July 5. Literature in the interest of the Rally will soon be on the way.

Miss Williams attended Sabbath School at Lacey Spring and at Harrisonburg. Will all isolated members who have been preparing for the Standard of Attainment examination, please send in their names and addresses to Miss Williams? Let all M. V. members make good use of the remaining weeks in which to prepare for the test.

Let all our Missionary Volunteers be sure and bring their Bibles and a copy of Christ in Song, to camp-meeting.

The primary department of our academy held their closing exercises Saturday evening, May 17.

Isolated members wishing to take the Standard or Attainment test, may plan to do so at camp-meeting.

The new perfect attendance cards have been received at the office. There is a seal for those who have not been tardy, and another for those who have studied the Sabbath School lesson every day throughout the quarter. Let us all begin now to form good habits, that next quarter we may send out many of these cards.

Our Richmond School No. 2, has reached the 100 per cent equipment goal. Considering the fact that the church members are buying their church, and as this is their first year of school with heavy expenses, we feel that all have indeed done their part, to equip their school.

OHIO

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

A Farewell to the Ohio Conference and Workers

On the Train Passing through Iowa, May 14.

After three years' connection with the Ohio Conference and association with the workers, which have been among the most pleasant in all my ministry, I am on my way west to connect with the Western Oregon Conference.

At the General Conference in San Francisco a year ago, I felt a drawing to the West, and the present move is the outcome.

My associations in the executive committee under both Elder Slade and Elder Robbins will always be pleasant memories; and the personal touch with all my ministering brethren causes me to love them the more as I remember it. I am

Canvassers' Reports

NAME	PLACE	BOOK	DAYS	HOURS	ORDERS	VALUE	HELPS	TOTAL	DEL
Ohio, One Week Ending May, 16 1919									
E. C. Alexander, Cincinnati	BR	4	30	3		17 00	11 10	28 10	28 75
W. E. Bickett, Cincinnati	OD	5	31	35		104 25		104 25	
R. C. Gabin, Galion	OD	5	41	8		24 00	11 80	35 80	24 80
Geo. Harvey, Stark Co.	BR	4	36	15		64 00		64 00	
Fred Hannah, Wayne Co.	OD	5	47	6		15 00	50	15 50	39 95
M. B. Ingersoll, Coshocton Co.	BR	5	51	33		154 00		154 00	
Geo. A. Keppler, Butler Co.	PG	4	26	3		12 00		12 00	48 00
Robert Kline, Perry Co.	BR	5	51	43		200 00	3 35	203 35	2 60
W. A. Mayer, Cincinnati	BR	5	43	42		195 00	15	195 15	11 15
John Manuel, Tuscarawas Co.	BR	3	24	3		16 00	2 10	18 10	
Chas. Nettlelon, Columbus	OD	2	17			37 00		37 00	
Glenn Pinnicks, Muskingum Co.	BR	1	9						31 00
Francis F. Swan, Warren Co.	OD	4	38	19		49 50	7 25	56 75	
W. C. Starkey, Washington Co.	BR	4	44	21		89 00	13 35	102 35	
Wm. H. Siegfried, Hamilton Co.	BR	5	31	16		73 00		73 00	
O. E. Taylor, Athens Co.	OD	5	51	24		61 00	1 85	62 85	1 85
Chas. C. Thomas, Trumbull CO.	OD	3	8	1		3 50		3 50	20 50
C. H. Wolcott, Toledo	OD	4	34	2		5 00		5 00	17 50
F. E. Wagner, Kenmore	OD	5	25	20		57 00	13 65	70 65	14 30
G. W. Yingling, Portage Co.	BR	2	13	4		16 00	10 90	26 90	3 40
C. S. Zehold, Dayton	GC	3	19	10		44 00		44 00	
Mrs. Chas. Carter, Wood Co.	GC	5	38	13		61 00	13 50	74 50	10 10
Mrs. M. C. Marietta, Columbus	OD	4	19	3		7 50	1 70	9 20	1 70
Myrtle McPeak, Columbus	OD	4	32	9		25 50	5 50	31 00	31 70
Mrs. W. C. Starkey, Wash. Co.	BR	3	19	14		62 00		62 00	
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Allen Co.	OD	5	40	14		38 50	25 05	63 55	6 05
Daisy Wheeler, Wood Co.	GC	5	35	14		60 00	10 10	70 10	
Mrs. C. H. Wolcott, Toledo	OD	4	29	15		39 50	1 00	40 50	
Mrs. C. L. Zedaker, Youngstown	OD	3	15	7		39 50	2 50	42 00	
Totals	28 Agents		116	896	398	1569 75	135 35	1705 10	293 35

Chesapeake, One Week Ending May 16, 1919

J. E. Jones, Wicomico Co., Md.	BR	5	37	15		66 00	32 20	98 20	8 75
Mrs. Braschler, Towson, Md.	OD	5	33	40		118 00		118 00	
N. O. Shaffer, Pikesville, Md.	OD	4	30	30		109 00	2 75	111 75	
Edna Heller, Martinsburg, W. Va.	GC	5	33	8		34 00	2 55	36 55	1 00
E. M. Barber, Frederick Co. Md. D.	GC	4	35	16		68 00	15 95	83 95	
R. Sampson, Frederick Co., Md.	GC	4	36	16		65 00	4 25	69 25	3 95
L. R. Babylon, Westminster, Md.	OD	5	44	15		37 50		37 50	
R. W. Babylon, Westminster, Md.	OD	5	48	26		71 00		71 00	
W. E. Barney, Berkley Co., W. Va.	OD	3	24	17		49 50		49 50	
Chas. St. Leicester, Denton, Md.	GC	4	37	3		82 00	2 75	84 75	28 00
A. Pinkney, Denton, Md.	GC	3	25	7		30 00	3 75	33 75	30 00
Benj. Mackall, Calvert Co.	CK	3	10	5		16 00		16 00	
Lue Ellen Bell, Somerset Co., Md.	GC	5	42	13		53 00	3 50	56 50	
N. M. Bell, Somerset Co., Md.	GC	5	58	17		78 00		76 00	
Ada B. Thomas, Wilmington, Del.	CK		16	9		18 00		18 00	
Ethel Cradle, Wilmington, Del.	CK	4	16	9		23 00	2 00	25 00	
Julia Cooper, Baltimore	OD	6	38	41		120 00	12 00	132 00	12 50
E. Baddie, Baltimore	BR	2	8	8		36 00		36 00	
Beatrice E. Cole, Baltimore	PS		4	5		1 25		1 25	2 50
Mrs. Maud Butter, Baltimore	CK	7							59 50
Martha Booth, Baltimore	CK								37 50
Nena Chase, Baltimore	CK	5	19	6		13 00		13 00	10 00
Mary Queen, Baltimore	BF	5	22	17		42 50		42 50	3 25
Lillian B. Robinson, Baltimore	BR	4	21	27		118 00		118 00	2 70
William Fitzhugh, Baltimore	PS	1	6	6		6 00	3 00	6 00	6 98
D. W. Johns, Baltimore	OD	6	20	6		15 00	9 70	24 70	17 00
J. V. Russell, Baltimore	OD	3	5				10 00	10 00	10 00
Mamie E. Lee, Baltimore	CK	2	15	4		9 50		9 50	
Blanche Russell, Baltimore	BF	2	4				6 25	6 25	11 00
Grace Pinkney, Baltimore	BR	3	9	13		59 00	1 00	60 00	
Totals	30 Agents		108	718	381	1338 25	111 65	1449 90	224 73

New Jersey, Week Ending May 16, 1919

Wm. F. Schmidt		4				46 25		46 25	56 20
Andrew Hansen, Newton	OD	4	24	10		29 00	16 15	45 15	2 10
Fred Zimmerly, Ocean County	DR	5	31	7		28 00	5 25	33 25	
John Zimmerly, Tom's River	DR	5	35	4		16 00	5 25	21 25	5 25
E. C. Feltman, Salem	OD	5	30	9		23 50	75	24 25	80 75
Esther Lull, Waterford		4	32	21			7 75	7 75	
Wm. Vahrenkamp, Warren Co.	BR	5	31	15		72 00		72 00	
E. C. Feltman, Salem	OD	4	27	8		20 80	2 00	22 80	
E. G. Wrigley, Salem	OD	4	27	14		39 00	1 75	40 75	
Totals	8 Agents		40	237	88	274 55	38 90	313 45	144 30

West Virginia, Week Ending May 16, 1919

J. W. Brando, Dunmore	BR	35	12	55 00	11 25	66 25	3 30
N. S. Marriot, Pocahontas	BR	5	42	15 65 00	13 25	78 25	8 60
C. E. Will, Wetzel Co.	OD	5	28	25 64 50	16 05	80 55	67 40
J. R. Medlin, Wood Co.	COL	5	29	4 8 00	23 20	31 20	18 30
S. G. Bertolet, Lincoln Co.	BR	5	36	20 95 00	7 75	102 75	4 00
Ernest Mansell, Lincoln Co.	BR	5	47	89 425 00	24 00	449 00	
W. C. Fisher, Wyoming Co.	BR	5	25	32 150 00	3 40	153 40	
N. D. Fisher, Wyoming Co.	BR	4	23	20 97 00	27 10	124 10	3 05
Roscoe Bee, Gilmer Co.	OD	4	40	17 47 50	12 50	60 00	1 50
Frank Bentz, Mercer Co.	GC	2	13	5 23 00	7 40	30 40	19 30
Frank Detwiler, Mercer Co.	GC	2	13	6 26 00	17 15	43 15	4 30
W. A. McElphatrick, Taylor Co.	OD	3	15	4 10 00	5 25	15 25	225 40
E. L. Quinn, Harrison Co.	BR	4	33	15 72 00	2 20	74 20	50
Ivor Lawrence, Allegheny Co.	BR	4	42	14 64 00	43 00	107 00	43 00
Totals	14 Agents	55	421	323 1202 00	213 50	1415 50	398 65

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 19, 1919

Geo. Missbaugh, Butler Co.	DR	5	36	20 89 00	13 40	102 40	
H. L. Patterson, Mercer Co.	OD	5	33	28 84 00		84 00	
E. H. Grapp, Beechview	GC	5	38	15 70 00	5 10	75 10	9 50
J. G. Hadlock, Mercer Co.	OD	4	19	19 53 50	3 50	57 00	2 00
Geo. Buttermore, Westmoreland Co.	OD	5	39	16 43 00	11 50	54 50	99 05
A. H. Snyder, Brookville	OD	5	29	19 47 50	2 75	50 25	
M. A. Carter, Pittsburg	OD	2	12	17 49 40		49 40	
Emma Terrette, Dubois	OD	5	35	12 34 00	6 80	40 80	5 05
C. M. Brown, Johnstown	BR	5	31	6 28 00	4 60	32 60	11 75
Homer Whitting, Jefferson Co.	OD	5	31	10 25 00	5 00	30 00	5 10
J. A. Hughey, Brookville	OD	5	38	9 24 00	6 00	30 00	
Mrs. J. A. Hughey, Jefferson Co.	OD	3	20	7 20 50	3 00	23 50	3 00
Lillian Stuart, Wilkinsburg	OD	3	19	5 12 50		13 00	
Archie Brownlie, Pittsburg	SP	9	72	26 50	36 00	62 50	47 35
Totals	14 Agents	66	452	183 606 90	98 15	705 05	182 80

Virginia, Week Ending May 16, 1919

S. N. Wilmer, Washington Co.	OD	5	40	67 179 50		179 50	
Iva Raymond, Norfolk Co.	GC	5	25	31 131 00	10 50	141 50	
R. E. Pleasants, Amherst Co.	OD	5	40	48 138 00	2 30	140 30	
Elizabeth White, Roanoke Co.	OD	5	27	24 65 00		65 00	
Mrs. Edna E. Conwell, Norfolk Co.	OD	4	9		7 25	7 25	45 75
Pearl Engel, Nottoway Co.	OD	4	21	13 34 50	3 55	38 05	9 30
Orpah Smith, Nelson Co.	BR	4	20	8 31 00	2 10	33 10	
E. L. Williams, Pittsylvania Co.	OD	6	55				457 00
John H. Ware, Page Co.	OD	4	27				190 00
Totals	9 Agents	42	264	191 579 00	25 70	604 70	706 05

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 16, 1919

A. F. Baumer, Lehigh Co.	BR	3	12		4 25	4 25	32 00
Benjamin Bell, Philadelphia	GC	4	12				17 15
Paul Brown, Berks Co.	OD	4	26	13 37 50		37 50	4 50
Solomon Diehl, Union Co.	OD	4	34	5 14 50	6 40	20 90	
Wm. Frizzell, Cumberland Co.	BR	4	22	17 70 00		70 00	
J. L. Gearhart, Lancaster Co.	BR	5	40	15 64 00	9 00	73 00	24 00
Wm. P. Hess, Berks Co.	BR	2	16				322 00
Arthur Hill, Lehigh Co.	OD	4	25	6 16 00	2 75	18 75	32 25
G. B. Jenkins, Berks Co.	BR	5	21	11 55 00	3 00	58 00	8 00
H. G. Lewis, Luzerne Co.	BR	5	31	12 55 00	6 40	61 40	66 50
Totals	10 Agents	40	249	79 312 00	31 80	343 80	506 40

District of Columbia, Month Ending April, 1919

R. V. Beal	GC	80	38	196 00		196 00	150 00
L. R. Grant	BR	20	38	186 00		186 00	30 00
O. J. Brady	BR	25	25	128 00		128 00	95 00
E. R. Corder	OD	50	74	145 00		145 00	
Mark Hagman	BR	15	120	600 00		600 00	200 00
Chas. Beamsderfer	BR	22	200	500 00		500 00	75 00
J. A. Guild	GC	19	30	148 00		148 00	50 00
Paul Shakespere	BR	7	10	48 00	5 00	53 00	36 00
O. S. Harrall	BFL	103	93	228 00	13 50	241 50	67 00
Beacher Walters	BR	30	25	125 00		125 00	58 00
A. Colporteur	GC	100	80	1163 82		1163 82	1000 82
G. C. Wyman	BR	140	30	183 00		183 00	23 00
W. A. Vanyorhis	BR	10	11	52 00		52 00	26 00
Julian C. Gant	BR	20	30	140 00		140 00	20 00
C. A. Carter	BR	21	19	78 00		78 00	48 00
Lorel Crawford	GC	6	6	65 00		65 00	
L. Fritz	GC	20	21	84 00		84 00	16 50
Fannie Bunnell	WP	10	175	50 00		50 00	50 00
R. A. Wright		10	55	15 60		15 60	26 60
Hattie Pierce	GC	5	6	22 00		22 00	22 50
J. W. Monday	GC	8	5	22 00		22 00	6 00
Ralph Russell	BR	10	10	77 00	25 00	102 00	6 00
Total	22 Agents	643	1400	4256 42	43 50	4299 92	2000 42

grateful for the privilege of the columns of the "Visitor" for this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to you all, and not forgetting my happy acquaintances and the many kindnesses of the workers in the conference headquarters.

The Lord has blessed my labors in Toledo. Taking up the work there in the midst of the greatest crisis in the history of that church, progress has marked every step of the way for the whole three years of our work there. In tithes and offerings, in the work of the Harvest Gathering, in missionary activities, and in souls, the Lord has signally bestowed His blessing; and my heart goes out in very thankfulness to the many of my brethren and sisters, who, as Aarons and Hurs have stayed up my hands and helped and encouraged in all my work. The past two years have seen a great seed-sowing with the printed page, and as I lay down the work, there are signs everywhere of a coming harvest. May the Lord wonderfully bless in the reaping of it.

I am looking forward with great pleasure to the ministry in Western Oregon, and, looking just a little farther, to a finished work, and greetings in the kingdom of God.

A. R. BELL.

A Good Opportunity

Lieut. Wm. Allis, of the famous 37th Division, writes from the Lakeside Hospital the following:

Wanted — Male nurses from the age of 18-50. Lieut. Allis is at the head of about 25 men nurses, and being a Seventh-day Adventist himself, he is desirous of giving Adventists the chance of having a good experience and also get in touch with souls, as the opportunities that a great hospital have are many in this line. He has two brothers of the faith with him now and is looking for more. The work is clean and not hard, as all the manual work is done by negro porters. He wishes to have anyone who is thinking of taking this course to send him his name and address and also his nearest wire station in case of an opening, and then he could let him know at once when he could use him. The salary is to start with \$55 a month with board. Class work is optional. They also can use students that would like to work there during their vacations. If you are interested, write to Lieut. Allis, The Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.

E. HACKMAN.

News Notes

Brother W. A. Mayer, one of our new colporteurs who is working in Cincinnati, has met with excellent results from the start. His first two weeks' work show a

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sale of over \$375 worth of books. In the last two weeks we have had eight new workers enter the field, and all are doing well.

The report appearing in the VISITOR this week is the largest ever sent in from Ohio for one week's work. It shows a sale of \$1,668.10 worth of truth laden literature. When the students all get to work, of which there will be about twenty, besides a number of others who are joining the forces of the "regulars," we should see some pretty good reports from the Buckeye State.

Brother Kline, one of our student colporteurs, arranged to get his examinations a little early, and left for the field a week before the close of school. His first report shows a sale of over two hundred dollars worth of books. Our books are selling better now than ever before in the history of our work. It is indeed high time to be putting forth our utmost effort in their circulation while everything is so favorable, for we know such times will not long continue.

Brother Ingersoll, one of our faithful workers, after making a one hundred per cent delivery Monday, delivering \$156 worth of books, hurried right back to the field Tuesday, and by Thursday night had \$100 worth of books sold, when he was obliged to leave to meet his wife whom he had not seen for two months, and whom he was expecting to arrive that night. Instead of getting to meet her as he expected, he was disappointed to find a letter from her stating that on account of sickness she couldn't come till later. He did not give up to his feelings, and

excuse himself from returning to the field on Friday, as it would necessarily be a short day, but returning immediately, he was rewarded with \$30 worth of orders for the day's work. Preseverance wins.

MT. VERNON ACADEMY

The school is now closed and the students have gone home or to their fields of labor. We are glad to be able to report that nearly half of our students will be in the colporteur work this summer.

Miss Lola Baker of Lima, Ohio, has come to cook for the academy family.

Elder Howard Detwiler of Paterson, N. J., is here, looking for a place to locate. He will be our Bible teacher next year.

Mr. Ralph Bush of Williamstown, West Virginia, has come to join the printing office force.

The printing office force will consist of Mr. A. I. Baker as manager, Messrs. Paul Johnson, Eugene Chapin, Harold Shultz, and Ralph Bush.

Advertisements

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

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Nature's Lessons

As we look upon the fields of green,
 In the quiet month of May,
 And behold how trees and bushes
 Have exchanged their robes of gray

For a dress of brighter color,
 Which proves life in every limb,
 This should constantly remind us
 Of the debt we owed to Him.

Who sustained us through the winter,
 Looked upon us every hour,
 And has kept us from temptation
 By His spirit's mighty power.

In the constantly unfolding
 Of the buds of flowers and leaves,
 Where is wisdom plainly written,
 By the pattern which God weaves,

When He clothes the hills in verdure
 And the earth awakes with song,
 Every feathered throat proclaiming,—
 "Frosts are o'er and winter gone."

So this cheering proclamation
 To our lives, so filled with care,
 Should new hope and courage bring us,
 Send us to the Lord in prayer;

Asking that to us be given
 Also hearts of grateful praise
 For the freedom love has brought us,
 Keeping us from devious ways.

—Maggie G. Richardson.

Important Notice

All the rooms in the academy are taken for the Ohio camp-meeting. Anyone desiring rooms or tents now, write to Brother H. D. Holtom, Box 8, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.