

The Testimonies Should be in the Library of Every Family.
Are They in Yours?

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Parents' Meetings

The following is a paper read at the Teachers' Institute held in Ravenna, Ohio, January 24-27, 1918.

This subject is one worthy of much consideration. The success of the teacher depends, in a large measure, upon his relationship with the parents of his pupils. I believe that the parents' meeting is the one way in which this relationship can be made most agreeable on the part of both teacher and parent.

Co-operation is essential for good education. Parents should be made to feel that they are a part of the school. An occasional visit from one of the patrons serves as a stimulus to the pupils. Children love best those things in which their parents take an interest, and if we would desire them to have a liking for school and their books, we must first seek the advice and counsel of the patrons. Teachers should as far as possible make the visit of a patron agreeable and pleasant and be willing and ready at all times to accept advice and well-meant criticism.

In calling a parents' meeting, I first announce the date at school in due time, and to make sure that they have been notified I send a personal invitation with the children to their parents, asking them to be present. Pupils sometimes entertain the idea that their case is to be the one in question and prefer that their parents be not present. In such case they will not tell their parents of the meeting. However, the personal invitation will overcome this obstacle. The true object of the parents' meeting is not so much to discuss the general conduct of the pupils, but rather to discuss some educational principles which would be for the uplift and upbuilding of the school. At a recent parents' meeting which I called, we adopted the following resolutions unanimously: (1) That patrons should give their hearty support to the teacher and not let local factions or quarrels disturb the school. (2) That patrons should visit the school occasionally and should if possible, go when specially invited by the teacher. (3) That pa-

trons should pay little attention to the ordinary school tales of the children. (4) That patrons should support the board and the teacher in their efforts to maintain a good school. (5) That patrons should send their children to school on time every day, if possible. The value of Manual Training in the church school was discussed pro and con, finally deciding that a class should be organized at once. A sewing class was organized and one of the patrons appointed as teacher. Several other subjects of minor importance were discussed and acted upon.

When I read the Testimonies and note the qualifications of a teacher and the duty of parents to their children, fellow teachers, it makes me feel that there is something lacking—makes me feel that I am not doing my part in supplying the link in the chain that links the life of the child with that of its parent. There is only one way in which you or I can supply that link and that is to have a good understanding of child nature and work shoulder to shoulder with the parents.

If interest is lacking in your school, talk with the parents about it. If the children are indifferent, tell the parents about it. If improvements are needed in your school, speak to the parents about it. Note the difference. What do you say fellow-teachers, let's plan for a few parents' meetings in the future and help supply that missing link in the chain that links the life of the child with that of its parent.

JOSEPH P. BEACH.

The Teacher's Preparation of the Lesson and the Importance of Lesson Plans

The following is a paper read at the Teachers' Institute held in Ravenna, Ohio, January 24-27, 1918.

The best teachers do not reach the place where they do not have to prepare for the lesson. They must plan to make it interesting for their pupils.

First, teachers should realize their responsibility in making impressions upon the children which time will never efface. This has been well expressed by Daniel Webster.

If we work upon marble, it will perish;

if we work upon brass, time will efface it, if we rear temples, they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon human minds, if we imbue them with principles, with the just fear of God and love of our fellowmen, we engrave on those tablets something which will brighten to all eternity.

Thus with a sense of the responsibility, teachers should study their pupils. What have been their opportunities? What are their peculiar talents? What are their motives? What do they want to do? No teacher can succeed in meeting school problems who does not come to know these facts about his pupils.

After thoroughly acquainting yourself with the real lives of your pupils, adapt lessons to their special needs. But before you can impart to others you must have a thorough knowledge of the subject yourself. The lesson should be taken up step by step, presenting such motives that will cause the children to realize their value.

Therefore it becomes necessary to have a lesson plan. Teachers should have an aim, some definite result to accomplish, then with all their zeal, work toward their goal. Collect supplementary material and make a list of illustrations which will make the lesson impressive. Children appreciate these and they will cause them to retain the vital points of the lesson much longer than just mere facts. Then it is well to provide opportunities for motor expression from the children, by the use of their hands and voices the lesson becomes more vivid to them.

Summaries are essential. The children cannot remember all the details, therefore the main points should be collected at the close of each lesson, grouped together and new thoughts added in such a way as to make the lesson most effectual.

In the assignment of the new lesson, teachers should be acquainted with the advance work and drop such thoughts that will arouse the pupils' interest to search for themselves. When the children's interest is awakened, enthusiasm knows no bounds.

The preparation of the lesson completed, it is well to ask yourself the fol-

lowing questions: Are my questions clear and concise? Will the lesson hold the children's attention? Will it cause thought? And is the sequence good?

The importance of the lesson plan cannot be over emphasized; whether you have ten minute recitations or fifty minute recitations, do you believe you can accomplish as much without knowing what you are going to do in that ten or fifty minutes as you can if you know what you are going to do? The teacher who goes before his class without a definite plan as to what he expects to accomplish in that ten minutes or that fifty minutes, is pretty sure to accomplish less than he should. We do not build houses or erect buildings or lay railroads, or indeed attempt any material task of consequence without plans and specifications. Then why should you who are engaged in a much more important work—the molding of characters—neglect the needful preparation? Do not risk results by going into the classroom without a definite plan covering what you expect to accomplish by day, by week, or by term.

LENA LANE.

WEST VIRGINIA

Third & Juliana Sts., Parkersburg.
T. B. Westbrook, Pres.
Jennie Burdick, Sec.

Parkersburg

Our second baptismal service was held in Parkersburg Sabbath, March 23. Six more precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism, and one other was taken into the church on profession of faith, having previously been baptized. This makes twenty-two from our tabernacle effort in Parkersburg and a number of others are keeping the Sabbath, and we shall probably have to hold another baptismal service on our return from General Conference.

We enjoyed much of the blessing of God at our Quarterly meeting also and were delighted to see the spirit with which the new ones entered into the ordinances of the Lord's House. It was something entirely new for our new ones to participate in the ordinance of humility and the way in which we conduct the service generally. We could easily see the fulfillment of the words of Jesus when He said, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

We are glad to report that Elder Adkins is having success thus far in his effort at Elizabeth. The ministers have formed a committee to defeat his work, but the people are getting their eyes open and the churches are practically deserted. There is a large attendance every night and a number of very prominent men have requested him to come and have special prayer with them, helping them to know

what God requires of them that they may be saved. We solicit the prayers of the Visitor family that God will overrule in this enmity of the ministers of the town and give our truth great success in gathering into the fold such as shall be saved.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

News Notes

Elder Westbrook visited the churches at Morgantown and Clarksburg last week and reports good meetings at both places.

Elder and Mrs. Westbrook left Parkersburg Sunday, March 24, to attend the General Conference at San Francisco.

Elder T. B. Westbrook spent several days last week at Elkins and Glady, attending to some items of business.

Did you order a set of the Testimonies on special Testimonies' day, March 23? If not, why not? If you cannot take the whole set, order volumes 6 to 9 anyway and study the messages of the True Witness to the Laodicean Church. Hand in your order at once please, and thus keep pace with the advance movements throughout the Union.

Just now is the opportune time to circulate the tract "The Fall of Jerusalem, What it means to the world." Price for single copy, 5 cents, in lots of twenty-five or more a 40 per cent discount is given. Cannot your church take a number of these and circulate them everywhere?

CHESAPEAKE

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Emma Newcomer, Sec.

News Notes

Owing to the courtesy of the Baltimore No. 3 Church, Elder M. C. Strachan, their pastor, is permitted to attend the General Conference. He left Baltimore March 21.

Mrs. Frazier and daughter, Miss Louise, who have been canvassing for small books in Virginia have returned to Baltimore. They report most excellent results in their work. Their highest record was 144 of 25 cent books in one day. Miss Louise is working for a scholarship in one of our schools. We feel sure she will succeed.

Professor S. M. Butler spoke to the Baltimore No. 1 Church last Sabbath in the absence of their pastor who is attending the General Conference.

Elder J. H. Wierds, pastor of the Baltimore No. 2 Church (German) baptized six persons in the baptistry of the Baltimore No. 1 Church last Sabbath. He and his wife have been working very hard during the past few months and their labors have been thus rewarded.

Elder G. A. Stevens spent last Sabbath with the Martinsburg Church at which time the quarterly services were held.

Elder S. T. Shadel is taking up work with the church in Hagerstown again. The church is being organized into bands and we are looking for good results to follow the efforts that have been put forth in that city the past few months.

Brother G. Medairy and wife have returned to Salisbury to spend some time with the little company there.

Brother O. C. Weller is moving to Charleston, W. Va., this week.

Mrs. J. O. Miller will move to Takoma Park Wednesday of this week. The conference office will be continued in its present location for the next two months at least.

Miss Mabel Witt, who had been teaching in the church school in Wilmington, is now in the canvassing work and writes that she is enjoying her work very much. She is working with Mrs. J. Vanzant in Kent County, Md.

Brother J. E. Jones writes, "The husband of one lady refused to allow her to take the copy of "Bible Readings" she had ordered because the price was so high. I gave him a brief canvass for small books, and delivered to him on the spot, "Best Stories," "World War," and "Shadow of the Bottle" all in cloth, value \$1.85.

Sister Frazier reports that the book, "Shadow of the Bottle" takes very well in the camps. She feels that book influenced the officers of one camp to grant her and her daughter a permit to sell their literature in the camp.

If you have not yet seen the splendid "Temperance Instructor" you will want to see it. Let every church in the conference order a good supply and get these in the hands of the people and let them see the real reasons for advocating true temperance. The price is ten cents as of old, and the discount is the same as formerly in quantity lots.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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D. A. Parsons, Pres. W. B. Mohr, Sec.

Dedication of the Blossburg Church

A pleasant service was much enjoyed by the churches in Tioga County on Sabbath afternoon, March 2, when the Blossburg Seventh-day Adventist Church was dedicated free of debt. This newly built, neatly furnished church will stand as a memorial of God's Sabbath, "a light amid moral darkness," a testimony of the searching truths for this serious time.

Three years ago the truths of the Three Angels' messages were practically unknown in Blossburg. No one observed the holy Sabbath. In the summer of this same year through the consecrated efforts of a tent company with Elder F. A. Harter in charge, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dunkinson and the writer, a company of twenty believers was organized. For one year we continued our meetings in a hall. We all felt the need of a house of worship in order to give permanency to our work, since we were much opposed and this opposition was very bitter from the Protestant denominations.

Through the sacrifices and united efforts of our new company, some donating labor, while others made liberal donations of money, we began to build. With some assistance from our established churches, we finished and neatly furnished, and dedicated free from debt this beautiful church.

We now have an organized church of thirty-two members and a Sabbath School of about fifty members. Last year the Blossburg Church solicited the large amount of \$300 in the Ingathering Campaign. The church is very active in the distribution of the "Present Truth" inasmuch that one pastor said he could not go into a house in Blossburg among his parishioners without finding Seventh-day Adventist literature.

The dedicatory service was in charge of Elder D. A. Parsons. Brother Barritt conducted the musical part of the program.
H. J. DETWILER.

News Notes

The following are a few good experiences our colporteurs are having out in the field.

Brother H. G. Lewis writes: "Had a good experience this week. I was canvassing two ladies and they were sure that all they needed was the Bible. During the conversation the woman remarked that she had read the thirteenth chapter of Revelation a great deal about the beast and the lamb with the two horns. When I finished my canvass, she said she

didn't care for the book, so I spoke to her about the thirteenth chapter of Revelation and the number of the beast. I asked her if she wanted to have a little study on it, so I took the prospectus and she took her Bible and when we had studied a little while, she said, "Bring me the half-leather "Bible Readings." Before leaving I asked her if she didn't want to change the binding and she said yes, bring me the best. So we see that the Lord opens the way where it seems to be closed.

Brother Matthew Sterner, who is canvassing territory that he had just finished also writes of his good experiences.

"The beginning of last week I felt somewhat discouraged, but I prayed and worked and finally called at a certain home, and to my surprise a minister answered. After showing a portion of my book, he asked if I were the agent who stayed over night with one of his church members the night before. After mentioning the name I said, "Yes." Then the minister invited me in and gave me his order, also a written recommendation telling all his church members to buy the book for the betterment of their homes. This minister has charge of four churches of the Reformed denomination."

Elders Parsons, Washburn, Schwedrat, Gauterau and Miss Acton are delegates to the General Conference now in session.

Brother Reichenbaugh and Brother Barritt spent last Sabbath with the Fleetwood and Reading Churches. Orders for ten full sets of Testimonies were received.

Every Adventist family should have a full set of the Testimonies. Earn them by selling our magazines. Profit on 85 magazines will secure you a full set in cloth.

Brother T. H. Barritt visited the company at Wade during the week. Quite a number ordered a supply of the new tract "Fall of Jerusalem."

Brother and Sister Mohr, and Miss Joy Murphy spent the week end with relatives in Trenton, N. J.

Mrs. Clara Slater of Pottsville is attending the General Conference now being held in San Francisco.

Orders are rolling in for cottages. Have you ordered yours? Camp-meeting is to be at Emmanuel Grove again, June 13-23.

Brother H. G. Gauker and wife of

Phoenixville, were callers at the office this week. We are always glad to have our workers and members pay us a visit.

Magazine workers are needed in all our large cities and towns. Never will one have a more opportune time than now to spread the truth. Write T. H. Barritt at conference office for particulars. Instruction given free.

Elder V. Nutter commences a series of meetings April 7 in the city of Harrisburg. Brother T. H. Barritt is assisting him and will visit our people in their homes in the interest of the Home Missionary work during the day time. He is planning to work Carlisle, Mifflin, York, Lancaster, and Lebanon during the next few weeks.

Brother C. E. Reichenbaugh, who has been attending the Students' Institute at Washington Missionary College, stopped at the office on his way to Mohnton. He reports fifteen students planning to take up the work in East Pennsylvania this summer.

We are glad to welcome Miss Sadie Keefer of Danyille as a member of our colporteur force. She is planning on selling "Our Day."

Brother E. E. Messinger, the local elder of the Sellersville Church, has been called into service. Brother F. Hankins of North Wales will take charge of this little company. Brother Messinger's efforts have been very successful in looking after this company, and his absence will be felt by all.

SPECIAL**What One Sister Did**

All through our ranks there are persons who could preach the Third Angel's Message in a quiet and effective way by taking up the sale of our ever-improving "Signs Magazine." Some time ago a sister sold the "Signs of the Times Magazine" in a large mining town in Montana. Not long afterwards a letter, accompanied by \$15 came from a gentleman there, the amount to be applied, he wrote, to the work in some needy field. He stated that he had never knowingly seen a Seventh-day Adventist except this lady. He is now keeping the Sabbath, has influenced several others to join with him, and in his letter offered to support personally an effort in that city until the work could get a start. It was all a result of his buying a copy of the "Signs Magazine," and later getting hold of the "Signs Weekly" copies and giving his subscription.

What Others Can Do

Instances might be multiplied illustrating the influence of the "Signs Magazine." Taking for granted that many would take up the work of selling the magazine were a little help given, it is the purpose of this little article, and succeeding ones, to pass on points to help those at work, and those who wish to begin.

Many want to do something to help the cause (and themselves), but never get started. When God told the children of Israel to cross the Jordan, He required a test of faith. The waters did not recede until the priests actually stepped into the river. Unless we start, God does not have opportunity to fulfill His promise. Let us step out, and give Him a chance to do something with us and for us.

We need the work—the work needs us. "Really, I am taking up this work from a somewhat selfish standpoint," said an influential sister as she left a magazine class with a supply of magazines. "I feel that I am drying up spiritually, and need to get to work; so I am making a beginning."

Order twenty-five or fifty copies of the current number, get in mind and heart the contents of the magazine, pray earnestly, and start. Go with a purpose of helping some one, and you will not be disappointed.

Perhaps, Sister, you feel that you cannot talk freely enough to engage in this work. Just listen to another sister's experience:

"In the first place, I am not very much gifted with a free use of speech. But I find that is no hindrance in selling papers, as one to make a success in the business wants to know when to talk, and when to keep silent and let the paper do its own talking; and while the paper is doing the talking, we do the praying." Go out with confidence and faith in Him whose work this is, and you will be blessed and made a blessing. Write to your tract society secretary for the new "Signs Magazine" canvasses (short ones), and other helps.

Don't forget to ask the interested for subscriptions at \$1.50 a year. Sixty cents commission to you on yearly subscriptions; 35 cents to you on a subscription (90 cents) for six months. All orders for magazines should be routed through your tract society office. Magazine prices: 5 to 40 copies, 8 cents each; 50 or more, 7 cents each.

Could You Do It?

If you were required to set down a clear outline of the history of our denomination, and were not permitted to consult any books or people before going ahead with your task, could you do it? Could you?

Suppose a stranger, interested in the truth, should ask you concerning the beginnings of the Seventh-day Adventist denomination, the principles which lay at its foundation, the scope of its work, and why you are a member of it. Could you give a clear answer, or would you say,

"I really cannot tell you anything about the history of my church. I am an Adventist, as were my people before me; but as to the origin of the denomination, I fear I am not well posted, and am unable to tell you."

No Missionary Volunteer should be satisfied until he has made a special study of our Denominational History, which study is a part of the Standard of Attainment plan. Why not form a Study Class in your society now, and resolve that you will be prepared for the Denominational History examination, which comes in May?

The Missionary Volunteer Department has prepared a leaflet of one hundred twenty-five Study Questions on this subject, based on the book, "The Great Second Advent Movement," and giving references for finding the correct answers to each question. The May examination will be based upon this leaflet. If you master the information called for in it, you will pass the test, without fail. Secure the leaflets from your tract society, or from the missionary volunteer secretary of your conference. You have two months and a half in which to prepare.

Begin today, without delay,
To prepare for the test
That comes in May!

Everybody Interested

The Special Conservation Number of the May *Watchman* is now ready and it does credit to the cause it represents. Conservation is the one absorbing subject of the times to win the war, and the Third Angel's Message is so forcefully presented that it leaves but little room for argument, yet without offense. The beautiful illustrations and articles are such as to appeal strongly to all classes of individuals. The cover design, printed in three colors and entitled "The Spirit of 1918," is most striking and in keeping with the whole. This issue should have a wide circulation in our cities. The edition will be limited to 100,000.

The Taking of Jerusalem

During the past four months "The Watchman Magazine" has been throwing much light on the situation of Jerusalem. In the January issue which was published in December, the first article appeared entitled, "Will the Turks lose

Jerusalem." The second article appeared in the February issue entitled, "Will the Jews Return," and in the March number this was followed by an editorial entitled, "The Jewish Nation." In the April "Watchman" appears another article on "The Taking of Jerusalem." Jerusalem is a very timely and interesting subject and there are many people in the world today who would give a thoughtful reading to the magazine if the article in the April magazine was called to their attention. Such articles as this one and "Will Russia Disappear from the Map" which also appears in the April "Watchman" are just what people are looking for and will cause them to appreciate the truths contained in our publications.

Making Brick Without Straw

That is really what a Missionary Volunteer Society is undertaking to do, when it endeavors to carry on its work successfully without the necessary helps. Have you secured a set of the Missionary Volunteer Outline Maps, for use in your society? Once each month during the year 1918, there will be a Mission Study Program for our societies appearing in the "Gazette." Maps are very necessary to make these programs instructive and interesting. A Missionary Meeting without a map is "a meeting hung in mid-air."

Our societies cannot afford to do without maps. Order of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, Takoma Park, D. C. Price, seventy-five cents for a set of seven.

These sets cannot be broken; so do not send for a single map, but purchase a full set. You will need every one before the year is over.

Sabbath School Lesson Pamphlets in Foreign Languages

The Sabbath School lessons for the second quarter of 1918 are studies in the book of Daniel and can be supplied in pamphlet form in Armenian, Italian, Polish, Roumanian, Russian and Serbian at 10 cents a copy. What a splendid opportunity this offers us to place these studies of this important prophecy in the hands of interested ones who can read only in one of these languages. Order through your tract society. Pacific Press Publishing Association, Brookfield, Illinois.

"One of the strongest numbers for the principles of religious liberty"—is the verdict of those who are circulating the second quarter *Liberty Magazine*. What are you doing in your district to supply business and professional people?

What are You Doing for Your Foreign-Speaking Neighbors?

How about the Bohemians, the Hungarians, the Italians, the French, the Jews? In most of our large cities there are colonies of one or more of these nationalities, and they are scattered through all the large manufacturing cities. In the providence of God, these foreigners have been brought to our doors, thus permitting us who cannot go to other lands to do foreign mission work at home. A quarterly magazine is issued in each of the languages mentioned above, called the *Signs of the Times* (except the Jewish magazine which is called the *Messenger*). These are all attractive in appearance, well illustrated, and full of the truth for this time. Each is prepared by an editor who knows what will appeal to those of his own nationality. You can get 25 copies in any language, or in assorted languages for \$1.75 postpaid, or 50 copies for \$3.00. Will you not "do your bit" in behalf of those who are looking for the light in your vicinity and who read only in a foreign tongue? Order through your tract society. Pacific Press Publishing Association, Brookfield, Illinois.

Present Truth, No. 28

This number prepared by Elder G. B. Thompson will be ready to mail April 1. Its theme, Prophecy Fulfilled and Fulfilling, is treated so as to clearly establish the following five fundamental Bible truths:—

(1) That all Bible prophecies concerning ancient cities, nations, and peoples have been accurately fulfilled.

(2) That the evidence is overwhelming, viewed even from the fulfillment of prophecy alone, that the Bible is indeed the inspired Word of God.

(3) That fulfilled prophecy gives full assurance that all those prophecies that are unfulfilled will come to pass as predicted.

(4) That at least ten great lines of prophecy, already fulfilled in part, terminate in "the time of the end," the day in which we live.

(5) That the great day of God is at hand.

This number of Present Truth will strongly supplement the first three issues of this year, and inspire confidence in all other issues of Present Truth dealing more minutely with any prophetic theme, through its treatment of the subject of Bible prophecy as "the more sure word" God has sent for man's knowledge in the time of the end. It will be helpful to all whether they have read previous numbers of Present Truth or not.

To Those Having Friends in the British Isles

A biweekly, 16 page missionary paper is published by our people in England entitled "Present Truth." During the coming twelve months this journal will run a series of special articles in each issue bearing on the leading points of our faith, and the believers in the British Isles are working hard to increase its circulation among those not of our faith. It was felt that many of our people in the United States and Canada who have friends and relatives in the British Isles would be glad to take advantage of the opportunity thus offered of getting the truth before these people by having the paper sent to their friends from the English office of publication. A year's subscription is \$1.04, half year 52 cents. Send postal order to M. N. Campbell, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, and the orders will be sent on to England. Do it now.

M. N. CAMPBELL, President British Union Conference.

A Momentous Moment

President Wilson, Dr. Butler of Columbia University and other speakers and writers of their caliber, say that we are living in the most momentous "moment" or "hour" in the world's history. "The clock of time is about to strike," "A supreme moment of history has come," "Upon this moment of time hangs all eternity," "Most portentous hour of all history," "Dazed perplexity," "A world in ferment," they say. Elder A. G. Daniells makes use of these utterances in his resume of the political, economic, and sociological conditions now prevailing throughout the world. It is in the form of a particularly good article entitled "The Bolshevik Epidemic," and may be found in the May "Signs" Magazine. One of those kind that establishes confidence in the message, you know. If read by your neighbors it is bound to exert a sobering influence." C. N. L.

Can You Account for it?

Although our magazines now sell for 15 cents, something like 10,000 more a month are being printed and sold than at the same time last year, when the price was but 10 cents. We think at least one reason for this is seen in the May issue, which has just come from the press. A hastily scanning of its attractive pages shows several very fine articles. One by Elder Daniells entitled "The Bolshevik Epidemic," and another by Professor Geo. W. Rine, captioned, "Voices from the Great Beyond," struck us as being

particularly good and timely. You will make no mistake if you order some for use in your community. C. N. L.

Hoping for a Hope

A man dying of thirst stands before a fountain.

"Have you drank?"

"No! but I hope I shall wish to drink."

"Do you wish to drink?"

"No! but I hope I shall wish to drink."

"Do you see that you are just ready to die for want of water?"

"No! but I hope I shall see it."

Why does he not drink? Because he has no desire to. Why, then, does he stand there? Because he hopes to have such a desire! But if the promptings of a dying agony, and the sweet gushing streams before him, leave him without that desire, what does his life amount to?

So stand we, poor sinners, by the fountain of life. We look at the waters, and at those who are drinking, and look at the invitation, "Whosoever will," and then stand there still and hope we shall drink. What is such a good hope for? Why not take the water of life freely? This hoping for a hope is often the devil's opiate for a partially awakened sinner. The direction of God is, Lay hold of the hope set before you.—*Bible Training School*.

An Ancient Image

In the United States Mint at Philadelphia there is a relic that is much prized. It is a coin that was manufactured at least two thousand years ago in the ancient Philadelphia of Asia Minor, to which one of the messages to the seven churches in Revelation was directed. Old as this coin is, the inscription upon it has never been effaced. On the one side may be seen a rude figure of the goddess Diana, and the inscription, "Diana, Friend of the Philadelphians." On the reverse side there is an artistic design with the word, "Demos," meaning, "The People." One may well express surprise that, though hoary with age, the inscription is so legible.

The heart of man is such a coin, but it has not fared so well. Originally we bore the image of God, and it was clear, beautiful and new. No mint ever did its work so well as He. But the hand of sin has been laid on this coin, and wellnigh obliterated the delicate handwriting of God upon it. But He can put that same image back into the heart again, and make it exactly as it was. It is wonderful how He can take men dead in sin and restore them to what they would have been, had they never fallen. By His grace we may come into a state of knowledge, righteousness and true holiness.—Young.

Bible Training School.

"Blessed are the Pure in Heart; for they Shall See God."

The Jews were so exacting in regard to ceremonial purity that their regulations were extremely burdensome. Their minds were occupied with rules and restrictions and the fear of outward defilement, and they did not perceive the stain that selfishness and malice impart to the soul.

Jesus does not mention this ceremonial purity as one of the conditions of entering into His kingdom, but points out the need of purity of heart. The wisdom that is from above is "first pure." Into the city of God there will enter nothing that defiles. All who are to be dwellers there, will here have become pure in heart. In one who is learning of Jesus, there will be manifest a growing distaste for careless manners, unseemly language, and coarse thought. When Christ abides in the heart, there will be purity and refinement of thought and manner.

—The Mount of Blessing.

"In this world a man is likely to get what he gives. Men's hearts are like a whispering gallery to you. If you speak softly a gentle whisper comes back; if you scold you get scolded. With the measure you mete it is measured to you again."

Mount Vernon Academy

Another Good Report from the Mount Vernon Academy Ministerial Band

The Mount Vernon Academy Ministerial Band has another good report to make for the quarter that has just closed. We feel that we have advanced in the work of God and that we have been given a greater vision of what God wants His workers to be. The leader of each phase of the band's work will report what has been done in his circle of labor.

At the beginning of this quarter the executive committee with advisory members from the band and the faculty of the school felt that in order to help the constituency of the band to become better acquainted with the principles of public speaking, sermon construction, and the use of the Testimonies, etc., it would be well to have an auxiliary meeting every other Saturday evening. These meetings have been a help to the young men. Professor H. A. Miller gave a good outlined discussion on the object and purpose of public speaking as related to our work of soul saving. Elder Ashton spoke on the need of studying the Testimonies and how we should use them. This auxiliary meeting is also used for the transaction

Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Virginia, Week Ending March 22, 1918									
W. A. Toler, Elizabeth Co.		OD	5	32	50	114 00		114 00	
Orion Lawrence, Gloucester Co.		OD	5	36	47	111 00		111 00	
H. A. Wright, Rockingham Co.		BR	3	18	24	105 00	25	105 25	
Luther Williams, Gloucester Co.		OD	4	31	37	105 00		105 00	
Clyde Stevens, Isle of White		OD	5	44	46	102 00	25	102 25	
R. E. Pleasants, Amherst Co.		OD	4	32	28	73 00		73 00	
F. C. Butler Jr., Elizabeth Co.		OD	5	26	35	73 00		73 00	
E. H. Dye, Montgomery Co.		OD	10	70	34	99 00	4 00	103 00	
Hugh Land, Rockingham Co.		OD	3	17	17	48 00	25	48 25	
S. N. Wilmer, Culpeper Co.		OD	4	22	10	27 00		27 00	
Mrs. J. E. Thompson, Ne'pt. News		CK	4	13	12	26 50	25	26 75	
W. E. Saunders, Culpeper Co.		OD	3	19	8	16 00		16 00	
Mary L. Frazier, Newport News		WCS	13	40	1032				257 00
Totals	13 Agents		68	400	1380	899 50	5 00	904 50	257 00

East Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 22, 1918.									
W. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	5	46	20	86 00		86 00	12 00
J. L. Gearhart, Lebanon Co.		BR	5	42	10	40 00	7 75	47 75	
S. J. Mack, Northumberland Co.		BR	5	41	26	120 00		120 00	
Wm. Frizzell, Taylor		BR	5	40	26	131 00		131 00	
R. W. Garrett, Taylor		BR	5	40	21	124 00		124 00	
M. M. Sterner, Pottsville		BR	4	36	13	53 00	1 25	54 25	17 25
H. G. Lewis, Wilkes Barre		BR	5	34	36	53 30		53 50	18 00
C. F. Durr, Phila.		GC	5	29	8	34 00	3 45	37 45	3 45
Sol. Diehl, Union Co.		SP	3	28	12	16 50	5 85	22 35	
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		OD	4	26	24	51 00	18 40	69 40	
C. F. Booth, York Co.		BR	5	11	8	24 00		24 00	292 00
Totals	11 Agents		51	373	204	732 80	36 70	769 50	342 70

Ohio, One Week Ending March 22, 1918									
Chas. Carter, Bowling Green		BR	5	48	22	101 00	10 80	111 80	7 10
Fred Hannah, Barnsville		OD	5	44	27	57 00	5 75	62 75	2 50
M. B. Ingersoll, Jackson Co.		OD	5	40	46	104 00	4 25	104 25	85
O. E. Taylor, Columbus		PPF	5	40	26	68 50	8 45	76 95	10 75
H. C. Nelson, Springfield		OD	6	34	9	22 00	5 85	27 85	2 00
W. H. Smith, Marion Co.		OD	5	33	36	77 00	3 00	80 00	4 00
F. E. Wagner, Barberton		OD	9	60	35	77 00	3 95	90 95	35 00
D. McCarthy, Cincinnati		BR	5	28	23	101 00	12 50	113 50	20 50
Robert Kline, Mount Vernon		BR	3	27	6	25 00	17 50	42 50	15 50
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Fremont		OD	4	25	8	16 00	3 50	19 50	3 50
E. C. Alexander, Winchester		BR	2	16	2	10 00	12 75	22 75	15 75
C. B. Graham, Bowling Green		BR	2	13	2	9 00	1 00	10 00	2 00
Totals	12 Agents		51	408	242	663 50	89 30	762 80	119 45

West Virginia, Week Ending March 22, 1918									
B. P. Wright, Logan Co.		BR	5	30	24	109 00	12 15	121 15	4 50
J. S. Seal, Cumberland		BR	4	17	17	72 00	5 75	77 75	2 25
Thurman Metcalf, Cumberland		BR		14	4	19 00	85	19 85	40 50
John Fahrner, Lewis Co.		BR	3	17	3	12 00	5 10	17 10	8 10
Ivor Lawrence, Hampshire Co.		BR	2	19	1	4 00	5 00	9 00	5 00
Norman Haye, Cumberland		BR	4		17	73 00	1 40	74 40	1 40
C. G. Mays, Logan Co.		BR			8				30 45
W. T. Dishman, Kanawha Co.		OD	2	18	14	31 00	10 75	41 75	3 90
Alanzo Ward, Kanawha Co.		OD	2	14	7	17 00	2 10	19 10	2 10
Louise Russel, Clarksburg					4				26 00
Frank Bentz, Ritchie Co.		OD	4	38	16	42 00	4 25	46 25	2 70
W. A. McElphatrick, Cumberland		COL	5	30	28	42 00	16 05	58 05	1 45
C. E. Will, Marshall Co.		PPF	5	46	9	23 50	18 30	41 80	19 15
N. D. Fisher, Mercer		Misc.	5	26		33 81		33 81	33 81
H. J. Fisher, Mercer Co.		Misc.	3	13		25 50		25 50	25 50
Totals	15 Agents					503 81	81 70	585 55	206 81

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending March 22, 1918									
E. W. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.		BR	5	43	13	60 00	12 50	72 50	
Mrs. E. W. Chisholm, Clearfield Co.		BR	5	35	6	30 00	7 00	37 00	5 00
J. Manuel, Jefferson Co.		BR	4	36	8	38 00	8 70	46 70	

D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	OD	2	3	6	28 00		28 00	
Geo. H. Gates, Warren Co.	OD	4	33	17	36 00		36 00	
A. H. Snyder, Clearfield Co.	BR	5	31	7	36 00	1 00	37 00	
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.	BR	4	17					121 60
A. Brownlie, Allegheny Co.	SD	5	41	16	23 50	30 40	53 90	22 10
J. Mary Stocker, Cambria Co.	HM	4	13	8	21 50	4 25	25 75	2 50
Mrs. M. L. Bateman, Cambria	HM	5	28	27	65 00	10 50	75 50	
Geo. McKnight, Green Co.	OD	5	34	16	36 00	5 75	41 75	7 50
R. C. Lewis, Allegheny	OD	6	28	28	68 00		68 00	
Alice Thurman, Allegheny Co.	OD	2	8	9		4 50	4 50	
L. M. Yohe, Allegheny	WW			25		12 50	12 50	13 50
Millie Smith, Allegheny Co.	OD	3	7	14	16 00	5 25	21 25	21 25
A. E. Holst, Indiana Co.	BR	4	24	5	22 00	8 55	30 55	13 55
Totals 15 Agents					63 379 205 \$480 00	\$110 90	590 90	206 40

Chesapeake, Week Ending March 22, 1918

J. E. Jones, Caroline Co. Md.	BR	5	39	11	44 00	20 80	64 80	6 30
O. C. Weller, Brunswick, Md.	BR	4	20	8	33 00	4 95	37 95	66 85
S. T. Shadel, Brunswick, Md.	BR	1	8		5 00	1 70	6 70	116 15
Mabel D. Witt, Chestertown	OD	4	15	11	23 00	1 25	24 25	1 25
Mrs. J. Vanzant, Chesterton, Md.	OD	4	18	15	30 00	11 75	41 75	
Misc., Wilmington, Del.		2	3	3	10 00	50	10 50	10 50

Totals 5 Agents 20 103 48 .145 00 40 95 185.95 201 05

Grand Totals: Agents 71 Value of Orders \$3424 61 Deliveries \$1333 41

of all regular business, leaving the Sabbath meeting free for the discussion of Biblical topics.

Our regular Sabbath meeting has been an encouragement to all. The speakers have been filled with the Spirit of the subjects on which they spoke and those who listened have more than once been impressed. We are thankful that it is our privilege to prepare for God's work which is fast closing. We long to be in the field doing more active service for Him who sacrificed all to redeem us.

EARNEST L. LUTZ.

The Missionary Report for the past quarter is one that encourages us. We only desire that the work done by the individual members of the band shall result in souls saved to embellish the triumph of our Redeemer. The following is an itemized report of the work done.

Letters written	48
Letters received	17
Missionary visits	50
Cottage meetings	31
Subscription to periodicals	1
Papers and magazines sold	175
Papers given away	369
Books sold	13
Books lent or given away	26
Tracts mailed	185
Hours of Christian help work	13
Treatments given	4
Tithe paid to church treas.	\$141.37

JOHN BEE.

The State Sanatorium Meetings

In the last two years the Ministerial Band of Mount Vernon Academy has been holding meetings in the Auditorium of the State Sanatorium. This does not only give our young men practice, but it

will mean a harvest of souls. Already we can see the results of our work. These meetings are held every other Sunday night as the different ministers down town have the other Sunday night. Our average attendance is about ninety, and our highest attendance has been one hundred and ten. In this institution are gathered people of all denominations and this gives us an experience of meeting those of different faiths. Already they are enquiring about our views on the war and several have come over to the academy church on Sabbath, and even others have stated that they believe the truth. Two of our young men, Brother Kraft and Brother James, have charge of two classes there on Sundays and this gives a fine opportunity of weaving in our own truth with their lessons.

Such things as this inspires us as young men preparing for a place in the Lord's work, and encourages us to do a more consecrated service for Him. Pray for us in this important work that God has opened up to us.

EARL HACKMAN.

Prison Meetings

The meetings which were conducted this last quarter were of much interest. These meetings were held by the members of the Ministerial Band at the Prison-quarters of the State Sanatorium.

Different subjects were presented from time to time and were much appreciated by the prisoners at the State farm. There were times when the boys at the farm were moved to tears because of the love of God being told to them. At many meetings several of the men raised their hand for prayer when asked.

Thirteen meetings were carried on. During the cold weather not one meeting was missed. There were twenty-five

Present Truth series given away, also nine Watchman and ten song books.

The average attendance was about twelve at each meeting. Sometimes as many as twenty-five were present.

GEORGE J. RAPP.

News Notes

Messrs. Eugene Weaver and Ernest Archibald spent the week end at their homes in Galion and Columbus, Ohio, respectively.

Mr. J. George Wolf, of Pittsburg, Pa., one of our former students, spent several days here last week to answer his call to service. He left for Camp Sherman in Chillicothe, Ohio, last week.

Miss Malena Williams was called home to bid her brother farewell, who has been called to service.

Mr. Lindsey Fairchild, a former student here was a visitor at the academy last week.

Mrs. O. J. Gibson and her little son arrived in Mount Vernon on Sunday morning, March 24.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Graham returned from their visit in Michigan on Thursday and left Mount Vernon Friday night for General Conference. The student body accompanied them to the station after the prayer meeting.

The Missions Bands had charge of the young people's meeting Sabbath afternoon, March 23. A very interesting program was prepared.

Miss Mabel Tracey, a church school pupil, met with an automobile accident last week and was badly bruised.

Miss Beatrice Holquist of Norwich, Pa., came to us last week as a new student. We welcome her in our midst. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Helen Holquist, who will spend several weeks at the M. and S. Sanitarium for treatment.

The May Life and Health magazine comes to us filled with excellent advice. It is decidedly a Parent's Number. Every Seventh-day Adventist father and mother could read it with profit.

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OBITUARIES

GRAY.—Mrs. Mary Jefferson, was born in Brunswick County, Va., July 8, 1849, and died in Richmond, Va., at her daughter's home, Mrs. Chas. Hughes, March 17, 1918, being 68 years, 6 months, and 9 days old.

Sister Gray is survived by one son and two daughters, the husband having preceded her in death several years ago. The son's home is in California. The daughters, Mrs. Chas. Hughes and Mrs. C. H. Archer are both residents of Richmond.

Sister Gray was a member of the Richmond No. 1 Church and lived a consistent Christian life, saying just a few months before she died that she was ready to meet her Saviour. She was laid to rest in a most beautiful spot in River View Cemetery, there to await the voice of her dear Saviour to call her forth to receive the crown, and gift of immortal life.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer, who took for his text Isa. 57: 1, 2.

L. O. GORDON.

IRVIN.—Mrs. Ida Viola Hill, died March 15, 1918, at her home in Jersey Shore. Sister Irvin was born June 26, 1868. About twenty-eight years ago, through the consecrated efforts of Elder K. C. Russell, she accepted the faith to which she faithfully adhered until the time of her death. She is survived by her two sons and her husband with many relatives, who are looking for the soon return of the Life Giver.

H. J. DETWILER.

Strive onward, friend, and you will eventually realize the well-earned fruits of working hard and waiting long.

Christ is Coming

The long dark night of sin is almost over;
The morning light is breaking through the gloom,

The Saviour soon is coming in His glory,
His saints are soon to triumph o'er the tomb.

Like to a light that shineth in dark places,
The wonderful, prophetic Word of God,
Is shedding forth its beams upon the pathway,

That holy pilgrims have for ages trod.

The way-marks pointing to our Father's kingdom,

Have one by one been passed upon the way,

Till now we stand upon the very threshold
Of that long-looked-for, happy coming day.

O, joy! O, peace! O, rest! O, life eternal!
O, may that blessed gift be given me,

When Jesus comes to gather home His loved ones,

And mortal puts on immortality.

MARY E. MOUNT.

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FOR SALE.—Modern bungalow located three minutes' walk from the academy. Address Mrs. E. R. Brown, R. No. 1, Mount Vernon, Ohio.

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Pledges	
District of Columbia	7616 00
Ohio	15374 00
New Jersey	6343 60
East Pennsylvania	8276 14
Virginia	750 00
West Pennsylvania	5415 25
West Virginia	1584
Chesapeake	722 66
Amount Pledged	45482 15
Cash Paid	30,744 00

Camp-Meeting Dates

Virginia	May 24-June 2
West Virginia	June 6-16
East Pennsylvania	" 13-22
West	" 20-30
Ohio	Aug. 15-25
Chesapeake	September 7-17
District of Columbia	Sept. 13-21
New Jersey	June 27-July 7

She Was Comforted

He was but a mere boy, 17. With about 1,000 others he went down on the ill-fated "Invincible" and was lost. His mother is one of those countless grief-burdened souls who daily jam English theatres and halls where spiritualistic seances are being held. In breathless silence she heard her boy described. "My boy," she cried. "He wishes to communicate with his mother," the medium said.

The complete story is told in a May "Signs Magazine" article by Professor G. W. Rine. And there are other equally interesting stories in this most illuminating article. Look for them under the title, "Voices from the Great Beyond." We recommend this fine May number for missionary use. C. N. L.