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

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

### Meeting Mrs. Bob Fitz Simmons

I returned from the West Friday morning, after having quite an eventful trip in some respects across the continent, and I thought you would be glad to get a few items of interest.

Brother Pulver informs me this morning that comparing the tithing receipts of the Columbia Union for the first three months of 1918, against those of the first three months of 1917, that we have a 40%, if not a 50%, increase.

I had a good letter from Doctor Morgan this morning in which he states that he is receiving a very heavy run of engagements for concerts out West, but that he would like to pull up and travel with me in the Union, attending camp-meetings and studying the truth together.

After leaving College View, Nebraska, I pulled out of Chicago, 10 A. M., Baltimore and Ohio train, Thursday morning, May 3. A very well dressed lady took a seat in the coach on the opposite side of the aisle. I noticed her, but was very tired, and did not pay very much attention to her. However, the train, which was running fifty miles an hour out of the yards, suddenly came to a dead stand still within a train's length. The passengers were thrown violently forward against the seats ahead, and all threw up their windows to see what the trouble was. I ran to the rear of the car and opened the vestibule door to look out.

The lady from the opposite side of the aisle followed me, and in a way pushed me aside in order to look out to see what was the accident. It happened there were two children, one four years old and the other eighteen months, gathering coal; and when the four-year old saw the train coming, she ran away, leaving the baby about a foot within the rails. The engineer threw on all the brakes, but was not quick enough to save the child from being struck. The cow-catcher picked the child up and threw it to the side of the track, leaving it unharmed.

Of course, there was some hubbub in the coach, but I took out my Bible and began to read. After reading an hour or

so, I fell asleep, sleeping an hour or hour and a half. When I wakened up, I began reading again, and in about an hour or so fell fast asleep the second time. It was 2:30 when I awoke, and then I began to eat my lunch. The lady across the way asked me if she might read my paper, which I had put aside, as there were some big headlines which attracted her attention, and they read: "Billy Sunday a Liar, a Hypocrite, and a Literary Thief." After I had finished my lunch, the lady handed the paper back to me, saying, "I know Billy Sunday very well, and was interested to see what it said." She said that by invitation she had been a guest at his big ranch on Hood River, and she had been on the platform with him when he spoke to the public. I noticed that the lady had on a diamond ring which I would judge was worth about \$2,000, and some other rings with big stones. She said she always called Billy Sunday's attention to the necessity of himself and his wife dressing so as to rightly represent his preaching.

So a conversation struck up between us. Then after a while she told me that she herself was an evangelist. I replied I was one myself, being an Adventist, who believed in the soon coming of Jesus Christ. This seemed to interest her, and after a while she pulled out her card and handed it to me. To my surprise her name was Mrs. Bob Fitz Simmons, widow of the famous prize fighter.

Then she came over and sat down beside me in the seat, and we talked two or three hours together as the train rolled on to Akron, Ohio, where she was going. She told me the story of her life, travels, conversion, and the conversion of her husband. She said that when her husband first met her, she was singing Grand Opera in London and Paris, having been born in Marseille. At the time of her wedding, he gave her \$175,000 worth of jewels.

Her husband, as you remember, died in October 1917. The papers were full of it. She told me that about eighteen months before his death, he got to drinking quite heavily. She told him she would not stand for it; she had never been brought up that way in her own home, and she would leave him. And she did. She then became very despond-

ent and discouraged. She went to a hotel in Los Angeles, where she attempted to commit suicide. She showed me great gashes in her hands where she had tried to let out the blood.

While engaged in a further attempt to commit suicide, a rap came at her door, and the house matron entered. She said that she was one of God's own children. She immediately ran to Mrs. Bob Fitz Simmons, and said, "My dear girl, what are you trying to do? Don't you know that Jesus loves you?" She replied, "No, I do not know anything about Jesus." "Well," said the matron, "the Bible is full of promises. Don't you know what the Bible says?" She replied, "No, I never read the Bible. I was brought up a Catholic."

Then the house matron began to quote several promises from the New Testament, and she said they entered her heart in such power and force that immediately she felt assured of God's love, and her soul filled up with such a peace and joy that it seemed as if the whole world had changed to her. They took her to a hospital and cared for her, and while there the house matron read the Bible to her every day. Then she took it up, and became a very devoted student of it. In fact, while we sat there on the train, she quoted passage after passage with which I was perfectly familiar.

Immediately upon her recovery, she gave herself to work for the fallen. She sold her jewelry; took the money and opened a home in San Francisco for men whom she had gotten out of the penitentiary on parole. At present there are 120 men in this house. She opened in Los Angeles another home for girls, and at the present time there are 50 girls in this home, and in another in San Francisco there are 47; and she has also opened a home for illegitimate babies. The home opened for fallen girls in Butte, Montana, at the present time has 600 inmates, although lately there have been as many as 900. In all, she has opened up six homes on the Pacific Coast. Then she told me of the testimonials she has from governors of the different states, and from United States Senator Johnson, of California.

She was asked many times regarding her relation to Bob, and replied by say-

ing she was willing to go back to him any time he quit drinking, and she was willing to be a true wife to him. On one occasion when she was lecturing, he came to the same hotel for accommodations, as he was on the stage, but seeing her name on the register, he left. However, she kept on praying, and had special seasons of prayer for his conversion.

Finally, one week she was in Portland, Oregon, and was speaking in the Y. M. C. A. to a large audience of men. He was in the city, and hearing of her lecture, he came to the meeting, but she did not see him enter. After she had told the story of her conversion and some of the experiences of others for whom she had labored, she wound up by saying, "Now, perhaps you will ask me what are my relations to Bob? Well," she said, "I want to tell you I love him just as much as I ever did. I am willing to go back and be a true wife to him, but you know he doesn't want me."

And to her surprise, who should rise up in the audience but Bob himself, the tears rolling down his face, and he said:

"My dear girl, I do want you. I love you just as much as I ever did;" and with a broken heart, he came up to the altar and gave his heart to God, and the last two months before he died, labored with her in evangelistic work.

Well, this is the story as she told it to me, and she informed me she was going to be in Washington the following Wednesday. I told her I was located in Washington, having been there 13 years. Then she wanted to know if I would like to have her speak for me in Washington. I told her, of course, that I was not connected with a large church, but would try to see that an audience was obtained for her at the Seventh-day Adventist Memorial Church next Sunday night. Elders Harter and Philipps have agreed to this, and I have written her at the La Salle, in Chicago, telling her that this much of an audience was open to her.

I thought if she accepted the invitation, I would like to take her out to the Sanitarium for a day, and let her at least come to a sensible realization that there are such a people as Seventh-day Adventists.

Of course, coming through such a life as she had, I naturally would have expected worldly ways, but I found her very humble. At one time she never wore a dress which cost less than \$2,000, traveled with two maids, in a parlor car, but now she said, "Look at me traveling in this coach this way, but God has taken all the pride out of my heart."

I thought that the readers of the VISITOR would be glad to get acquainted with one whom God has so marvelously saved from a worldly life to one of devoted service.

B. G. WILKINSON.

## WEST PENNSYLVANIA

7155 Mt. Vernon St., Pittsburgh, Pa.  
F. H. Robbins, Pres. - J. S. Neely, Sec.

### Camp-Meeting

As my work has been changed from West Pennsylvania to the Ohio Conference, some people may wonder who is looking after the conference work in West Pennsylvania. I wish to say that Elder B. G. Wilkinson is doing all in his power to secure a man to take the presidency of the West Pennsylvania Conference as soon as possible. I have not as yet resigned my position in West Pennsylvania, and will not do so until someone comes to take charge of the field. I will do my best to keep in touch with the work throughout the conference by correspondence although I am in Ohio. I will be there in person to assist in holding camp-meeting. Definite plans are being laid for the camp-meeting which is to be held in Homestead Park, June 20 to 30. This promises to be one of the best camp-meetings ever held in West Pennsylvania. I trust that our brethren and sisters in the northern part of the conference will not think it too far to come. Ancient Israel went much further three times every year to their annual feasts. As they journeyed to and from those gatherings they praised God for His wonderful goodness and mercy to them. We all realize that we are near the close of probation and no one can afford to miss this camp-meeting. Many of our young men have been called into the war. How much would they be willing to sacrifice to have this privilege? Not one of us have any assurance that we will ever have the privilege of attending another meeting like this. The question comes to each one of us, "Have we done, and are we doing, all that we can to fit us to meet our Saviour when He comes?" Joel 2:16 applies to our time. "Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say Spare thy people, O Lord." If we do not heed this admonition, what excuse will we have?

I trust that all will send in at once orders for rooms, tents, and apartments in the large tent. The apartments in the large tent will be lower in price than single tents 12 by 14 in size. Send all orders to J. S. Neely, 7155 Mt. Vernon Street, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

F. H. ROBBINS.

## EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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

### News Notes

The owner of a large factory near Harrisburg, who employs several of our brethren, has purchased a quantity of our literature and has attended the meetings at the Chestnut Street Auditorium. He made the statement that he would very much like to take a course in Bible study and Elder Nutter is arranging to study with him.

He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and a few days ago his minister paid him a visit. He noticed our literature scattered about the room, and knowing that it was Seventh-day Adventist literature, he said, "I would not read that stuff if I were you." The man replied: "What is the matter? are you ashamed of the truth?"

We know that the same spirit attends our truth-filled literature, as the living preacher. What a privilege it is to place such splendid reading in the homes of the people.

Brother Barritt spent Sabbath, April 27, with the Sayre Church. One thousand Temperance Instructors were ordered to help pay off the debt.

Brother Mack is now located in Sayre, and the church appreciate his help very much.

Elder Detwiler is holding a series of meetings in the opera house at Elkland. Since the tent effort last summer, the ministers of this place have done all they could to influence the people against the truth, but Elder Detwiler is sticking to his job, and many are coming out to his meetings.

The young people of Harrisburg have gathered in over \$80.00 with the Temperance Instructor in just two weeks.

Mrs. Nutter sold 102 papers in about two hours outside the railroad shops during pay time.

Now is the time to work with the Temperance Instructors. Do your bit.

There is a splendid interest being manifested in connection with the Harrisburg effort. Last Sunday night a goodly number heard Elder Nutter on the Sabbath and its change.

Mrs. Kimmel of Washington, D. C., is

visiting her daughter, Florence, one of our Bible workers in Philadelphia.

Our colored brethren and sisters in Philadelphia are planning to sell the Temperance Instructor and give the profits to the building fund. God is blessing this church, and what they need now is a nice church home.

### CHESAPEAKE

2901 Brighton St., Baltimore, Md.  
A. S. Booth, Pres. Emma Newcomer, Sec.

### Wedding Bells

A very pleasant wedding service was conducted April 18, at the home of Brother Fred Fairchild, of Cumberland, Md.

The contracting parties were Mr. Harry W. Anderson, of Mount Vernon, Ohio, and Miss Lillie May Beall, of Cumberland, Md., with Mr. Samuel Fairchild, and Miss Margaret Smith of Cumberland, Md., acting respectfully as best man and brides-maid. Following the service, the parties and invited guests, were served with refreshments, after which a waiting automobile bore them away to the train, for a short visit in Wheeling, later to make their home in Mount Vernon, Ohio.

The Cumberland Church will greatly miss Sister Beall Anderson, as also her many friends, all of which join in wishing them every helpful blessing.

Elder FRED FAIRCHILD.

### News Notes

The Sabbath School which had been disorganized at Glenburnie for some time is being re-organized under the direction of Elder A. S. Booth, our conference president.

We are glad to welcome Mrs. F. E. Hankins and her three children, Vertis, Beatrice and Vera stop over in Baltimore to see us on their way to Ohio. It will be remembered Brother Hankins was our field secretary for some time, and is now doing successful work in Virginia.

Brother M. S. Pettibone, our home missionary secretary and field secretary, called at the office for a short time the other day on a business trip. Both branches of the work are moving along nicely and we are expecting a number of colporteurs in the field in addition to what we already have, as soon as school closes.

Elder Shadel and Elder Kellogg will hold an effort in Hagerstown. There will be one or two other tent efforts, the places and leaders not yet fully decided. Reports will be given later.

Miss Beulah Wagner has had to resign her place in the Bible Work because of the physical condition of her mother.

Mrs. Laura Yingling who has been doing Bible work for the past year and one-half has also given up the work because of her home duties and the care of her little son, Esta. We are sorry to give them up, and will have to supply their places with others. Several have made application.

It has been decided to hold a tent effort in Baltimore this summer by Elder Booth.

The place for the camp-meeting has not yet been decided.

Elders Wierts and Strachan are each expecting to hold tent efforts in Baltimore.

### WEST VIRGINIA

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

### Camp-meeting

Camp-meeting time is here again. Ours will be held at Sistersville, W. Va., June 6 to 16 inclusive. We were cheated out of the blessings of this annual gathering last year because of infantile paralysis. This year we are trying to get ahead of the summer ailments, and are planning to make this the best camp-meeting ever held in West Virginia.

The General Conference was a wonderful meeting. The power of God was manifested and great blessings were received by His people. Copious showers of the "latter rain" were given and we are sure that the hour has struck for the final out-pouring of the Holy Spirit and the finishing of the work. Dear reader, don't allow anything to keep you away from this meeting this year. The Spirit of Prophecy says; "Let all who possibly can, attend these yearly gatherings. All should feel that God requires this of them. If they do not avail themselves of the privileges which He has provided for them to become strong in Him and in the power of His grace, they will grow weaker and weaker, and have less and less desire to consecrate all to Him. Come, brethren and sisters, to these sacred convocation meetings, to find Jesus. He will come up to the feast; He will be present, and will do for you that which you need most to have done. Your farms should not be considered of greater value than the higher interests of the soul." Vol. 2, page 600.

"These camp-meetings are of importance. They cost something. The ser-

vants of God are wearing out their lives to help the people, while many of them appear as if they did not want help. For fear of losing a little of this world's gain, some let these precious privileges come and go as though they were of but very little importance." Vol. 2, page 601.

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

Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. You need every ray of light. You need to become qualified to give a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. You cannot afford to lose one such privilege." Vol. 6, page 39.

The services will be held in our large tents. Bring the children with you. Rooms can be secured for from \$2.00 to \$4.00 for the ten days. Send in your name at once and how much room you will need. Great blessings will be received, and you cannot afford to miss them. The end is very near. Perilous times are upon us and we all need the blessings of this meeting. Our dining tent will be run on the cafeteria plan and meals served just as low in price as we possibly can make them.

We shall open our effort in Sistersville May 12 and close it with camp-meeting. Remember us in your prayers.

T. B. WESTBROOK.

### Notice

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Seventh-day Adventist Book Society will be held on the camp ground in Sistersville, W. Va., at ten o'clock on the eleventh day of June, 1918. At this meeting all business will be transacted that can properly come before an annual meeting. T. B. WESTBROOK President.

JENNIE BURDICK, Secretary.

### News Notes

Our Sabbath School offering for the quarter ending March 30 was the largest for any quarter in the history of our conference.

April 27 Elder Westbrook met with the Charleston Church and held quarterly meeting with them.

Elder Westbrook met with the Huntington Church Sabbath, May 4. An excellent spirit was manifest and all re-consecrated themselves to the Lord. Eight souls were received into membership. Six by baptism and two on profession of faith.

Brother and Sister Rulkoetter have accepted a call to labor in the Minnesota Conference and are planning on leaving West Virginia Monday, May 27.

## VIRGINIA

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

### More about Camp-meeting

We wish to call the attention of our people once more to the camp-meeting to be held in Richmond, May 24 to June 2. The opening meeting will be held Friday night at eight o'clock.

Those attending from out of the city should take the Main Street car going west and get off at Meadow Street and walk three blocks south to the camp grounds, which is on the corner of Meadow and Beverly. Visitors arriving at Elba Station will take the Laurel Street car and transfer at Main Street going west to Meadow.

The camp will be pitched on a grassy plot and the living tents will be pitched convenient to shade. 12x14 tents floored can be rented for \$3.00 for the season. Cots and chairs can be rented at reasonable rates. Campers will need to bring everything else.

The camp is in the most thickly settled section of the city, where furnished rooms can be secured within easy reach of the camp grounds and at reasonable rates. A cafeteria will be provided. Those desiring tents or rooms should write immediately upon reading this to W. H. Jones, 12 W. Main St., Richmond, Va.  
W. C. MOFFETT.

## OHIO

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

### Council is Called

At the last General Conference there were many transfers of workers, and as perhaps all know that Elder E. K. Slade, president of the Ohio Conference, has accepted the presidency of the West Michigan Conference. I am certain that the people of Ohio will be sorry to see Elder Slade go to another field, as he has been here six years and has done efficient work. I am sure that we all join in wishing him success in his new field, and our prayers will go with him.

As I have taken the presidency of this conference, I believe that the people of

Ohio will give me their support and co-operation. I have received many letters from our people in various parts of the conference extending a hearty welcome to me and expressing their loyalty to the cause of God. I appreciate the good spirit of the Ohio people and their promises to co-operate in the advancement of the Third Angel's Message.

There will be a council meeting of the workers held in the academy building May 22 and 23. All conference workers are invited to attend this meeting and those who have wives to bring them with them. It is desired that all Bible workers be present at this meeting. Letters have been sent to each member of the Conference Executive Committee and also to all the workers notifying them of the time of this meeting. Should anyone not have received the letter sent to him from the office please accept this notification and be present at the meeting, as definite plans will be laid for tent efforts, and also for the summer's work. At that time the place will be chosen as to where we shall hold our next camp-meeting. I trust that nothing will prevent our workers from all being with us.

F. H. ROBBINS.

## SPECIAL

### Now is the Time to Work

We wish that we could say something that would result in setting every believer in this great advent movement to work. We are deeply grateful to God for the ever increasing activities of our people, but everything is moving with such rapidity today that it behooves us to double and redouble our activities. "Come into line" is the command of our great leader. No truly converted man or woman can be idle in these times. "Go work today in my vineyard" never sounded with such definiteness as it does today. No one can evade the responsibility by professing ignorance or lack of facilities with which to work. There is work for all and along the very simplest lines.

Directly across the lawn from our office is the Review and Herald Publishing house, a great denominational munitions plant. Here the employees are hard at work and the presses are running night and day to supply books large and small, periodicals, pamphlets, and tracts, so that our people at the front shall have guns and shells. A great offensive is on and the Third Angel's Message expects every man to do his duty.

Are you devoting a part of your time to the great work of winning souls to Jesus Christ? Are you helping to scatter the printed page like the leaves of autumn? Now is the time. The hour has struck.

If you have never engaged actively in this work, won't you please order a club of the "Present Truth" and distribute them regularly each week to your friends and neighbors? Follow this with the "Signs" weekly. Then as you get acquainted with the people introduce the small books, magazines, and tracts. The way will open for you to give Bible studies. We would urge that you take up without delay this blessed soul winning ministry. You will know the joy of such service if you consecrate yourself wholly to God, and become a channel for His blessing to flow to others.

God has said, "Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit." Isa. 27:6. We shall be glad to hear personally from all who will take hold of this great work. Let me suggest that you begin right by faithfully reporting all work done. This is more important than many allow.

"Have you so deep an appreciation of the sacrifice made on Calvary that you are willing to make every other interest subordinate to the work of saving souls? The same intensity of desire to save sinners that marked the life of the Saviour marks the life of His true follower. The Christian has no desire to live for self. He delights to consecrate all that he has and is to the Master's service. He is moved by an inexpressible desire to win souls to Christ. Those who have nothing of this desire might better be concerned for their own salvation. Let them pray for the spirit of service." "Testimonies for the Church." Vol. 7, p. 10.

This paragraph will bear very close study.

"Look all around you, find someone in need;

Help somebody today.

Though it be little, a neighborly deed,

Help somebody today.

"Help somebody today, somebody along life's way.

Let sorrows be ended, the friendless befriended;

Oh, help somebody today."

F. W. PAAP.

## A Letter

Another letter from the soldier boy referred to in the "Visitor" May 2. It is so encouraging that we are attaching it here to his first letter.

"Dear Mrs. Clough:

"I have received your letter, "The Life Boat," and the book entitled, "Pastor Hsi" and I am very glad to receive them. I have enjoyed reading "The Life Boat" and now I am reading the book and I enjoy it as far as I have gone.

"I am letting the boys read "The Life

Boat" and they think it is funny that a Christian Journal containing true Christian stories, which are interesting to read, should contain better stories than their dime novels which are ruining their lives.

"Sunday was the very first sermon which I enjoyed, and now I am glad to be on the Lord's side and I am going to be a follower of Him. I never want to go against the Lord or use His name in vain again.

"I enjoy sitting down an hour reading my new Bible, studying it and praying, and I hope others will enjoy it as much as I have."

(The soldier boys appreciate our literature, therefore do not let it lie around, but mail it to someone.)

## Academy Organizations

The Mount Vernon College Ministerial Band has just closed the most successful year in the history of its work. Never before were the members of the band so willing to take part as they have been this year.

Aside from other reports given, two Bible readings were given weekly in the city by members of the band. A good interest was manifested in these meetings, which were always well attended.

The meetings of the band held each Sabbath morning have proved a blessing and a benefit not only to the speaker, but to the audience. Instruction and constructive criticism by members of the faculty was given to the speakers who are beginners in preaching the message. The object of these meetings is to prepare young men that they might become more efficient in giving the gospel to those who know it not. The members have been faithful in attending these meetings, thereby showing their interest in the Lord's work.

The band has carried on many public meetings during the year. This has given us real practical experience in every phase of public work and we have enjoyed the confidence and good will of the people in every community in which we have labored.

The spiritual condition was very marked this year which resulted in the success referred to in this and other reports in the Visitor this week.

We certainly thank the Lord for His many blessings to us during the past year, and for a part in His great work and we ask an interest in your prayers that the seed we have sown may spring forth and bear fruit. CLYDE NEWMAYER, Pres.

"The nearer one gets to God, the nearer will he find himself getting to men."

## Report of Ministerial Band Work at Mission

Our work at the Mission has been very much benefited by the assistance of members of the Ministerial Band during the past four and a half months. During this time eight or ten Sunday night meetings have been conducted by the band, with an average attendance of about 20 or 25. These meetings have not only been beneficial to those attending them but they have proven a great help to the young men themselves to have had this practical experience.

Quite a number of our prayer meetings have also been conducted by workers of the Ministerial Band. This association with the Mission work has been of the most practical nature; bringing the young men into close contact with many different members of the Mission, and often having to answer questions on problems that come into our regular church work.

The Sabbath School work which is the strongest factor in our mission activities, offers to these young workers special opportunities in teaching, reviewing, managing etc., in this branch of the work. These very excellent opportunities the members of the band have not been at all slack in embracing.

The Mission with its average attendance of from 40 to 50, not only regular members, but many outsiders as well offer an exceptional opportunity for the development of these future workers, for not only do they get a training in senior, but also in our intermediate and kindergarten departmental work as well.

The earnest effort put forth by the members of the Ministerial Band has been most heartily appreciated by those attending the meetings.

In the kingdom of God alone will we know the extent of these faithful efforts and their far-reaching results in soul saving. HARRY S. WEAVER, Leader.

## Ohio State Sanatorium Meetings

One of the most successful branches of the work carried on by the Ministerial Band this year was the meetings held in the auditorium of the Ohio State Sanatorium. Never before in the history of our band has the interest been greater. Although we were not allowed to give the fundamental points of our doctrine, yet we were able at all times to present them the truth and an interest has been aroused there which has caused them to search their Bibles and give more attention to their own spiritual welfare. At different times many tracts and large numbers of the Present Truth Series have been given away. We have great reason to believe that the seed sown will

some day spring forth and bear fruit. So it is with regret that the Ministerial Band looks toward the end of school, knowing that their meetings also must be discontinued. Nevertheless we are glad that God is not slack concerning His promises and that He will yield the increase. EARL F. HACKMAN.

## Prison Meetings

It has been my privilege to have the burden of the work at the State Farm, to labor among the prisoners, during the past quarter. The Lord has blessed us and we are thankful for the opportunity of sowing seeds beside all waters.

When we first began meetings here, only seven or eight prisoners attended. Our highest attendance so far has been 23-33 including our workers. We hope some may have fallen upon good ground and thus spring up into eternal life. Pray for this branch of our Ministerial Band.

Following is our report for the quarter:

Meetings held	7
Total attendance	163
Total no. workers	57
Tracts and magazines given away	46

Three New Testaments and a copy of "Ministry of Healing" were also given them.

In closing I wish to thank the members of the Bible Workers' Band and others for their co-operation in favoring us with special music at nearly every meeting.

JAS. E. LIPPART.

## Sunday School

Among the different places where the band has been conducting ministerial work, the State Sanatorium Sunday School has given copious opportunity for allowing our lights to shine; and Mr. James, Mr. Kraft, and Mr. Newmeyer have taught classes in their school since Brother Weaver, on account of physical debility, resigned. We tried to have well prepared lessons, and the members of the classes were always anxious to receive them.

We will soon abandon our places of efforts as the school year is at a close, but we know that the Lord has not only blessed us but the many that have heard us. G. W. JAMES.

## Quarterly Report

The mailing and home missionary report for the closing quarter is one that is very encouraging. This part of the Ministerial Band was organized at the beginning of this school year and during this time there have been more than two thousand papers and magazines given

away, besides letters written and books lent or sold. The following is an itemized report of the work done the last quarter of the school year:

Letters written	18
Letters received	6
Missionary visits	50
Cottage meetings	58
Papers and magazines sold	128
Papers & magazines given away	1528
Books sold	42
Books lent or given away	16
Tracts mailed	270
Hours of Christian help work	50
Tithe paid to church treas.	\$60.10

JOHN BEE.

### Report of the Bible Workers' Band

The young ladies of the Bible Workers' Band meet every Sabbath morning for an hour's study of the Bible. There are about thirty members, who are all willing to take an active part in whatever may be asked of them.

Each Sabbath one or more members give readings on some appointed subject. The reading is usually prepared as it would be were it to be given to a stranger. This affords an opportunity for each member to have the experience of giving a reading.

Several of our members, who can, go to the city and do missionary work such as giving readings and visiting the sick. At the present there are three readings given weekly. We also have two mailing bands which are sending out fifty-five papers each week. A letter is written once a month to the persons receiving these papers. Seventy-five copies of Present Truth are being sent out.

The work this year was conducted under the leadership of Miss Anna Schmidt the first quarter, and Miss Madge Miller the second and third quarters.

We are sure that the Lord will bless our work and we are all praying that there will be many souls saved in His kingdom through our sincere efforts. Will you not help us with your prayers?

The following is a report of the work done during the last two months.

Letters written	93
Letters received	17
Missionary visits (personal work)	42
Bible readings and cottage meetings held	15
Subscriptions taken for periodicals	1
Papers and magazines mailed, lent, and given	575
Books sold	1
Books lent and given	7
Tracts mailed, lent, and given	35
Hours of Christian help work	37
Articles of clothing given	2
Treatments given	4

HAZEL GRIGGS, SEC.

### Canvassers' Reports

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Orders	Value	Helps	Total	Del	
<b>East Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 3, 1918</b>										
C. F. Booth, York Co.		BR	5	49	9	37 00	2 00	39 00	145 00	
W. P. Hess, Berks Co.		BR	5	47	22	94 00		94 00	16 00	
J. L. Gearhart, Lebanon Co.		BR	5	47	11	46 00	16 00	62 00	181 30	
Sol. Diehl, Union Co.		SP	5	47	17	22 25		22 25		
Geo. Caine, Perry Co.		BR	5	47	14	64 00	7 60	71 60	15 90	
M. M. Sterner, Schuylkill Co.		BR	5	40	3	13 00		13 00	152 00	
Wm. Frizzell, West Pittston		BR	5	37	37	185 00		185 00		
R. W. Garrett, Luzerne Co.		BR	4	33	18	103 00		103 00		
E. S. Tolliver, Luzerne Co.		OD	3	18	1	2 50		2 50	79 73	
H. G. Lewis, Wilkes Barre		BR	3	17	10	21 85		21 85	27 35	
G. B. Jenkins, Berks Co.		BR	6	15	2	9 00	3 25	12 25	3 25	
R. Muhlig, Coatesville		WC	1	2	7	3 50		3 50	3 50	
Misc.						171 25		171 25		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12 Agents</b>			<b>52</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>772 35</b>	<b>28 85</b>	<b>801 20</b>	<b>624 03</b>
<b>West Virginia, Week Ending May 3, 1918</b>										
Ivor Lawrence, Hampshire Co.		BR	9	79	18	77 00	4 85	81 85	50 50	
Daisy Rollins, Cabell Co.		BR	4	25	3	20 00		20 00		
John Fahrner, Lewis Co.		BR	5	41	4	16 00	12 65	28 65	75 50	
B. P. Wright, Logan Co.		BR	4	40					275 00	
W. T. Dishman, Kanawha Co.		OD	5	38	14	30 00	10 40	40 40	75 00	
Wm. A. Galloway, Mercer Co.		OD	4	30	13	23 00	1 70	24 70	70	
Frank Detwiler, Ritchie Co.		OD	1	7					69 90	
Frank Bentz, Ritchie Co.		OD	5	34					188 05	
Louise Russell, Clarksburg		OD	4	17	4	12 00	50	12 50	31 50	
H. J. Fisher, Wyoming Co.		Misc.	4	27		84 94		84 94	84 94	
N. D. Fisher, Wyoming Co.		Misc.	5	42		104 25		104 25	104 25	
L. D. Reed, Wyoming Co.		Misc.	5	21		35 45		35 45	35 45	
S. G. Bertolet, Mingo Co.		BF	5	40	47	98 50	11 55	110 05	7 10	
C. B. Moser, Mingo Co.		BF	5	42	35	75 50	10 15	85 65	4 20	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14 Agents</b>					<b>576 64</b>	<b>51 80</b>	<b>628 44</b>	<b>1002 09</b>	
<b>Ohio One Week Ending May 3, 1918</b>										
E. C. Alexander, Brown Co.		BR	5	54	24	109 00	9 80	118 80	9 55	
M. B. Ingersoll, Jackson		BR	5	50	18	74 00	6 40	80 40	3 55	
Geo. Harvey, Trumbull Co.		BR	5	41	18	82 00	6 25	88 25	10 00	
Fred Hannah, Guernsey Co.		OD	5	40	34	70 00		70 00		
H. C. Nelson, Springfield		OD	5	39	6	12 00	7 80	19 80	41 35	
Alfreda Larsen, Clermont		OD	4	30	18	41 00	6 55	47 55	2 55	
F. Brandstetter, Cincinnati		BR	5	28	13	30 00	7 00	37 00	19 00	
D. McCarthy, Cincinnati		OD	5	27	18	39 00	3 50	42 50	28 00	
O. E. Taylor, Marion Co.		PPF	5	27	11	29 50	75	30 25	8 25	
W. H. Smith, Marion Co.		PPF	3	24	8	20 00	1 50	21 50		
Mrs. E. Y. Smith, Fremont		OD	2	11	3	7 00	5 25	12 25	14 00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11 Agents</b>			<b>53</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>513 50</b>	<b>54 80</b>	<b>568 30</b>	<b>136 25</b>
<b>District of Columbia, Week Ending May 3, 1918</b>										
D. P. Corbett, Loudoun Co.		BR	2	18					66 85	
S. L. Christie, Montgomery Co.		OD	6	30	49	98 00		98 00	72 00	
W. D. Culveyhouse and L. B. Huffaker, Charles Co.		OD	18	162	59	157 40	5 15	162 55		
Earl Wilcox, Montgomery Co.		OD			112	225 00		225 00	225 00	
Chas. Dunham, Washington, D. C.		OD		55	44	83 55	4 45	88 00	51 20	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6 Agents</b>			<b>26</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>563 95</b>	<b>9 60</b>	<b>573 55</b>	<b>415 05</b>
<b>Virginia, Week Ending May 3, 1918</b>										
Clyde Stevens, Isle of White		OD	5	45	39	87 00			87 00	
R. E. Pleasants, Amherst Co.		OD	4	36	20	57 00			57 00	
E. H. Dye, Pulaski Co.		OD	5	29	23	55 00	14 00		69 00	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3 Agents</b>			<b>14</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>199 00</b>	<b>14 00</b>	<b>213 00</b>	

West Pennsylvania, Week Ending May 3, 1918

Mrs. M. L. Bateman, Johnstown	HM	3	17	41	109	50	23	00	132	50
D. J. Hoover, Fayette Co.	OD	5	18	31	70	00			70	00
E. W. Chisholm, Wilson Run	BR	5	48	12	61	00	5	00	66	00
A. E. Holst, Homer City	BR	5	34	12	50	00	2	25	52	25
A. Brownlie, Pittsburgh	SD	4	44	32	48	75	33	70	82	45
Mrs. E. W. Chisholm, Beswindale	BR	5	31	9	42	00	6	00	48	00
J. Manuel, Paradise	BR	5	36	5	20	00	8	65	28	65
Geo. McKnight, Waynesburg	OD	4	39	79					170	85
Geo. H. Gates, Warren	OD	1	8	28					62	25
Marie Stoker, Johnstown	HM	2	12						45	47
A. Brownlee, McKeesport	SD	3	29	6	9	25	20	60	29	85
<b>Totals</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>Agents</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>20</b>
					<b>509</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>92</b>		

New Jersey, Week Ending May 3, 1918

W. A. McElphatrick, Gloucester	OD	5	34	41	88	00	20	80	108	80
John Zimmerly, Gloucester	OD	6	35	21	45	00	6	50	51	50
P. Broeckel, Salem	OD	5	34	17	39	00	4	50	43	50
James Wild, Gloucester	OD	4	26	17	35	00	1	75	36	75
James Wild, Cumberland	BFL	8	46	6	12	00	2	50	14	50
<b>Totals</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>Agents</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>05</b>
					<b>255</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>50</b>		

Chesapeake, Week Ending May 3, 1918

J. E. Jones, Sussex Co., Del.	BR	3	29	13	58	00	22	10	80	10
C. R. Hare, Somerset Co., Md.	OD	5	40	31	72	00	2	00	740	0
Mabel D. Witt, Kent Co., Md.	OD	1	7						19	10
Mrs. J. Vanzant, Kent Co., Md.	OD	2	8						44	60
<b>Totals</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>Agents</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>10</b>
					<b>154</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>70</b>		

New Jersey, Week Ending April 26, 1918

Ph. Broeckel, Cumberland	OD	8	63	21	43	00	5	25	48	25
J. Zimmerly, Gloucester	OD	3	17	24	48	00	8	75	56	75
Jas. Wilds, Cumberland	BEL	5	26	8	16	00	4	75	20	75
Mrs. Jenssen, Paterson	BR			5	20	00	5	50	25	50
<b>Totals</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>Agents</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
					<b>151</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>90</b>		

Grand Totals: Agents 68 Value of Orders \$3511 94 Deliveries \$2947 44

Mount Vernon Academy

We were pleased to have Brother Ray Spencer, a former student here and now a laborer in the West Pennsylvania Conference, speak in chapel last Thursday morning.

Elder and Mrs. F. H. Robbins of the West Pennsylvania Conference arrived in Ohio last week, where Elder Robbins will act as president of the Ohio Conference. They drove through in their machine and brought with them some of our former students for a few days' visit; Mr. J. S. Neely, secretary of the West Pennsylvania Tract Society, and wife, and Mr. Ray Spencer.

Mr. Joseph Beach, a former student, and church school teacher in Columbus, spent the week end at the academy.

Miss Marie Smith has finished her school work for this year and was visiting relatives and friends at Mount Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Carter visited

Camp Sherman last week in the interest of Mr. Carter's brother.

Several young men who attended school here in past years are in training at Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio. We receive good reports from them as a result of their loyalty to God.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Zedaker of New Bedford, Pa., accompanied by Mrs. W. H. Black, of Youngstown, Ohio, visited Miss Gladys Zedaker last week. They all went to Camp Sherman on Sunday to visit Gladys' brother, Leonard.

Last Sabbath Elder E. K. Slade preached his farewell sermon to the Mount Vernon Church. We shall miss Elder Slade from our midst, but our prayers for his success in his new field of labor go with him.

Mr. Otto Hershberger, educational secretary for Ohio, occupied the chapel period last Tuesday. He brought some very encouraging reports from the field concerning our school.

The printing office force had a pleasant

surprise for Mr. A. I. Baker on his birthday anniversary, May 7. The famous orchestra of this department entertained, refreshments were served and a copy of "Counsels to Teachers" was presented to Mr. Baker.

The Junior-Senior picnic was held at the Glens, May 5. All enjoyed the day, but the chaperon was minus his collar and tie because a cow grazing nearby claimed them for her part of the refreshments.

Last Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Miller entertained the Junior Class in honor of Edmund's birthday, by taking them for a hay ride. They went to the riverside, where refreshments were served.

Mr. Ernest Lutz spoke to the prisoners at the State Farm last Wednesday evening. His subject was "The Two Ways."

Mr. Earl Hackman had charge of the services for the patients at the State Sanatorium last Sunday night. The "World War" was the subject of his theme.

Last week a collection was taken among the students and faculty for a flag for the school, which will be erected soon.

Last Sabbath afternoon Elder N. S. Ashton baptized nine young people in the Christian Church baptistry.

Miss Wilma Walter of Fond du Lac, Wis., is visiting friends here.

Brother C. V. Leach of Washington, D. C., was present at the last meeting of the Canvassers' Band.

After the Conflict, Rest

After the toil and strife of earth,  
The joy and peace of heaven:  
After the suffering and pain,  
Eternal life is given.

After the weary waiting time,  
Tho glad fruition day;  
Forever with our Lord to be,  
Our tears all wiped away.

After the last brave battle's fought,  
And the last victory won,  
We'll reign with Christ in realms of light  
Far brighter than the sun.

After the conflict, rest, sweet rest,  
Such as earth never knew;  
O 'twill be joy through endless years,  
To all the tried and true.

—MARY E. MOUNT.

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 (Hearts lift up in prayer)  
 Angels strong and mighty  
 Round you everywhere.

Forward then, ye workers,  
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 With the magazine that tells  
 Of the coming King of kings.

### OBITUARIES

**WILT.**—Minnie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Wilt, was born in Garrett County, Md., in 1887, and died March 11, 1918. Minnie had been an invalid from babyhood, and was a patient life-long sufferer.

Words of comfort and hope were spoken by the writer to a full house of relatives and friends from John 10:10.

FRED M. FAIRCHILD.

**BRANCH.**—Lillian, wife of John Branch, was born in Richmond, Va., February 27, 1871, and died in Philadelphia, Pa., May 4, 1918, aged 47 years, 2 months, and 7 days. Sister Branch united with the Seventh-day Adventist Church six years ago and was a faithful worker until her health failed her in November, 1917. She fell asleep in the blessed hope of a soon coming Saviour. She leaves a husband, one sister, two brothers, together with many other relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from 2 Sam. 14:14.

LESLIE MUNTZ.

**TAYLOR.**—Edward died on February 22, 1918, aged 67 years. He made his home with relatives in Merchantville, N. J., the last two years because of ill health. Brother Taylor was a charter member of the Woodbury Church, having accepted the truth under the labors of Elder George W. Spies, and always proved faithful. The funeral services were conducted by a Baptist minister of Merchantville, and the body was taken to Fernwood Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa., for burial. He leaves a wife and other relatives to mourn their loss.  
 (Signed) SISTER F. G. TALMAN.

**KEMMERER.**—Burnett Marcus was born December 9, 1916, in Powder Valley, Lehigh County and died April 28, 1918, aged 1 year, 4 months, and 19 days. Brother and Sister Kemmerer mourn, but not without hope. This experience has made the resurrection of greater interest to them.  
 C. S. BAUM.

**PIEFER.**—Jessie was born February 19, 1885, and died February 19, 1918, aged 33 years. Sister Piefer was baptized and united with the Danville Church at the time that church was organized. She leaves a husband and four children, two boys and two girls, to mourn. She died under an operation.  
 C. S. BAUM.

**DETLEFS.**—Edward G. was born near Hamburg, Germany, on March 25, 1850, and died at his home in Towanda, Pa., February 7, 1918. He was an earnest and sincere Christian; "faithful unto death," and I am comforted with the thought that a crown of life awaits him.

(Signed) REBA F. DETLEFS.

### Eastern Pennsylvania Conference

Notice is hereby given that the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and the Pennsylvania Tract and Missionary Society, Inc., will hold their business session in connection with the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference camp-meeting, June 13 to 23, 1918, at Emmanuel Grove, near Allentown, Pa. The first business session of the Pennsylvania Tract and Missionary Society will be held at 9:30 A. M., Monday, June 17.

D. A. PARSONS, Pres.

W. B. MOHR, Sec.

"Only by constant renunciation of self and dependence on Christ can we walk safely."

"The joy of seeing souls redeemed, souls eternally saved, is the reward of all that put their feet in the footprints of Him who said, 'Follow Me.'"

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Amount Required	\$50000 00
Pledges	
District of Columbia	7016 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

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**WANTED.**—One experienced lady book-keeper, also domestic help for the culinary, laundry, and various domestic departments. Address Washington Sanitarium, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

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