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A Wonderful Book

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What a Book! Vast and wide as the world, rooted in the abysses of creation, and towering up behind the blue secrets of heaven. Sunrise and sunset, promise and fulfillment, birth and death, the whole drama of humanity, all in this book.—*Heinrich Heine.*

In the Bible there is more that finds me than I have experienced in all other books put together; the words of the Bible find me at greater depths of my being; and whatever finds me brings with it an irresistible evidence of its having proceeded from the Holy Spirit.—*Samuel Taylor Coleridge.*

The Bible is worth all other books ever printed.—*Patrick Henry.*

John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States and son of the second president, spoke of his practice in the reading of the Bible thus:

"I have for many years made a practice of reading through the Bible once a year. My custom is to read four or five chapters every morning immediately after rising. It employs about an hour of my time, and seems to me the most suitable manner of beginning the day."—*John Quincy Adams.*

Dear fellow believers in the advent message, does the Bible mean as much to you as it meant to these men? It ought to mean more. We belong to the remnant church, and those that go through to the Kingdom are to be "without fault" before God. And now we are to give God's message to the world "in all its beauty and glory." We cannot do that unless it is all beautiful and glorious to us.

For three terrible weeks Captain Eddie Rickenbacker and other survivors of a wrecked plane listened to the daily reading of a water-soaked pocket Testament, as they drifted helpless on a raft in the Pacific Ocean, and it influenced their lives. That little book is now a prized possession of the Freehold New Jersey Library. And now every life raft and life boat of the United States Navy and merchant marine carries a New Testament in a waterproof packet, along with its life-saving equipment. The Bible is a life-saving book. Is it that to you?

For your soul's sake, make a more vigorous effort to obtain spiritual knowledge during 1945. Aside

from the daily study of the Sabbath school lesson, take up one of the three other plans mentioned in the Autumn Council recommendation on systematic Bible study:—(1) The Character Classics promoted by the Missionary Volunteer Department; (2) personal study of the great fundamentals of the advent message; or (3) reading the Bible through by course.

In reading the Bible through, you can read anywhere and check off the chapters as read by using a Senior and Junior Bible Year leaflet, which is to be distributed in all the churches. "Desire the sincere milk of the Word that ye may grow thereby." 1 Peter 2:2.

Ministerial Classification

Not long ago a new Selective Service classification regulation was issued, 622.41, under which a number of our ministers in Class IV-D have found themselves transferred to Class IV-A. As they have consulted me with reference to this I have advised them that this was in accordance with regulations and there was nothing to do about it.

However, now, as of December 9, 1944, regulation 622.41 itself has been amended to read:

622.41. Class IV-A: *Man deferred by reason of age.* In Class IV-A shall be placed or retained every registrant who has attained the thirty-eighth anniversary of the day of his birth, other than (1) a registrant who is eligible for classification in Class I-C, Class IV-D, or Class IV-B; or (2) a registrant who after being classified in Class IV-E is assigned to and is performing work of national importance under civilian direction.

I am advised by Selective Service headquarters that the procedure to be followed by a minister who has recently been transferred from IV-D to IV-A is to apply for reinstatement in Class IV-D under 622.41 as amended.

CARLYLE B. HAYNES

King's Heralds Album

IN response to many requests from Voice of Prophecy listeners, an album of four 10-inch records of favorite King's Heralds selections has been prepared for playing on home phonographs. The selections included are: "Jesus Is Coming Again," "My Mother's Old Bible," "I Need the Prayers," "Rock of Ages," "I've Been Listenin'," "Church in the Wildwood," "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian," "Cling to the Bible," "My Boy," and "In the Garden." The price of the complete album is \$3.75 post-paid. Orders with remittances should be sent to the Voice of Prophecy, Box 55, Los Angeles 53, California; or to G. C. Hoskin, 210 South Clark Street, Chicago 2, Illinois.

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Marion Effort

BROTHER SIEGFRIED LEHNHOFF, who has been holding a series of meetings in Marion, has just visited the office and has given us a very encouraging report.

On Sunday night, December 3, more than 400 people filled the armory to listen to the presentation of the subject, "The Mark of the Beast." The plan of admitting persons only upon presentation of a special ticket worked to advantage. The offering amounted to \$67.74 and, in addition, about \$15 worth of books were sold. Several hundred have sent in their names for literature. Brother Lehnhoff and Miss Pauline Flint have been kept busy visiting the interested people. Already some are attending the Sabbath meetings in the church.

The Marion Church is now installing a baptistry which will be used for the baptisms to take place

early in January. Brother Lehnhoff will close his armory meetings on December 17 but will begin a second series in the church building the first of January.

We are greatly encouraged over this good report from Marion and look forward to the day when our membership in this city will be greatly increased as a result of the earnest work which Brother Lehnhoff has done. E. F. WILLETT

Sabbath School "Helps"

THE Sabbath school lessons for the second quarter of 1945 will cover the book of Ephesians, and we have information to the effect that a booklet will be printed which will consider especially the book of Ephesians. The booklet will contain 96 pages, will be bound in strong paper, and the retail price will be 35 cents. The publication will contain much helpful material on the study of the lessons on Ephesians for the second quarter of 1945, and we suggest that you place your orders early with the Book and Bible House.

ANOL GRUNDSET

Encouraging Activities

ELDER CALVIN OSBORN recently has sent us some very interesting information which we are sharing with the readers of the VISITOR.

In Piqua, a city of almost 20,000, Elder Osborn has been conducting an evangelistic campaign in the armory. There is a good interest, and baptisms will be held early in the new year.

This series of meetings will close some time this month, but will be renewed early in January in the new church building which has been purchased recently by our Piqua members. The new church property is centrally located in the best section of the city and the address is 508 North College Street. Closely associated with Elder Osborn have been Brother Chester Spangler and Brother Cecil Paden. We know that as a result of these meetings there will be a material increase in the Piqua Church membership.

In Dayton a new heating system for both the church building and the church school has recently been installed. This will greatly add to the comfort of both buildings. In Springfield the church is diligently working on the remodeling of basement rooms which have been much needed there for

various divisions of the Sabbath school and church. In New Carlisle the members have redecorated their building and installed a new furnace. This was greatly needed and the building is now attractive and very comfortable.

It is indeed encouraging to find our churches throughout the field taking pride in their church structures—remodeling, repairing, redecorating, and making the buildings representative of our great message. E. F. WILLETT

Evangelism in Defiance, Ohio

ON September 17 Brother E. F. Herzel and the writer opened a series of meetings in Defiance, a city of 10,000 population in northwestern Ohio. The attendance was justifiable at first, but when the people realized what denomination was sponsoring the meetings, many ceased attending.

Opposition from the ministers of the city has been open and often radical. One of them is the author of books against Adventists, among which "The Sabbath and the Lord's Day" is the most outstanding. In that book the writer

quotes extensively from D. M. Canright, and throughout its contents the book has the same invective attitude as Canright. At least six revivals were in progress at one time, with others before and since.

But despite this opposition, there are some who are under the conviction of the truth. Some already have begun to keep the Sabbath and attend Sabbath school. We are having studies with others. An old gentleman 87 years old began to keep the Sabbath faithfully four years ago as the result of reading his Bible and the *Present Truth*.

Our church in Defiance is the smallest in the district, and it appears that there will be fruitage from the meetings to add to the believers. We appreciate the prayers of our people.

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Transfer of Workers

SOME time ago Elder and Mrs. L. L. Philpott accepted the invitation of the West Pennsylvania Conference to join the corps of workers in that field. By the time this is published the Philpott family will be located in Johnstown where Elder Philpott will be in charge of the Johnstown-Allentown district of churches.

Elder Philpott has served the West Virginia Conference in a very acceptable and faithful fashion for the past 13 years. During that period of service he has endeared himself to the members of the many churches he served and has likewise brought a fine number of new converts into the message.

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Colporteur Evangelist Training School

PLANS are being made for larger service in the Ohio field to make 1945 a year of successful soul winning through colporteur evangelism. There are 20 counties without even a church company and 10 counties with no believers whatsoever.

Why not lay plans to join our honored band in God's needy vineyard and help hasten the soon coming of our Saviour? Valuable instruction for making the coming year one of successful literature evangelism can be yours if you will attend the Colporteur Evangelist Training School to be held at the Akron Number One Church, 272 W. Market Street, Akron, Ohio, December 31 to January 6.

Let us mail you a program or answer your questions regarding this coming training school. For particulars write

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It was, therefore, very fitting that both the Cumberland and Frostburg Churches should pay tribute and honor to the Philpott family at two social gatherings recently held in that district. Elder Philpott has been a valuable counselor on the Conference committee for the past three years and has rendered efficient service as camp superintendent at the time of the annual gathering. It is with regret that the workers and members of the West Virginia Conference see this fine family depart from our midst. We are confident that the blessing of God will attend them in their new field and that their ministry will prove fruitful.

The Conference committee has requested Elder and Mrs. L. V. Finster to assume the leadership of the Cumberland-Frostburg district, made vacant by the departure of Elder Philpott. Brother and Sister Finster are veteran workers who have spent the majority of their years of service in foreign mission endeavor. The Huntington Church has been greatly blessed by their strong leadership for nearly three years. We believe that they will bring strength to their new field of labor and the inspiration to their church members which has been evident wherever they have labored.

This very day it has been our privilege to welcome Brother and Sister D. S. Thurston to West Virginia where they will assume the leadership of the Huntington Church. Brother Thurston comes to us from southern California where he has had an excellent experience laboring as a district leader and minister and also in connection with large evangelistic campaigns conducted in the various conferences on the west coast. Brother and Sister Thurston possess outstanding musical talent which they have dedicated to the Lord, and we are confident that as they combine their efforts with those of Elder K. H. Wood, Jr. their joint efforts to carry on a strong evangelistic program will be blessed by God. To Brother and Sister Thurston and their little daughter we say, "Welcome to West Virginia."

We are also happy to announce that Brother and Sister Carl Anderson will be moving their belongings to Parkersburg by December 18 and that Brother Anderson will be able to assume full responsibility of the various departments by the beginning of the new year. Thus again we shall

have our entire field efficiently manned by able workers.

In these days when the world is groping in the dark for a solution to its many ills and problems, shall we not as workers and laymen join hands prayerfully in contemplation of the mighty task God has committed to us as His ambassadors? We are deeply grateful for the splendid cooperation of the various churches in this conference and believe that with heaven's blessing the future is bright for a mighty soul-saving endeavor.

W. B. HILL

WEST PENNSYLVANIA

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Free From Debt

ONLY a few days of this year remain. Only a few days until the business of the year 1944 will be closed forever. Only a few days left to accomplish and realize the plans we had for this year.

Before the hours of 1944 become history let us make sure that the record will be just what we desire the future to behold. Within our grasp is the possibility of seizing the prize of "Freedom from Debt," but this will slip if it is not secured during the remaining hours of this year.

It is certain that God will pour out His blessings in double portion if our conference organizations are free of the stain of debt. Have you done all you know you should to raise this debt? Will you not prayerfully consider this opportunity and respond to the impressions of His Spirit?

Let everyone do his part in releasing the Conference from debt and rejoice in a task well done.

M. E. LOEWEN

Church Officers' Council

ELECTIONS have been held in the churches. New officers have been elected in some cases. In other churches former officers have been continued in service.

In each instance there is a desire on the part of the one who has accepted a position to render the most satisfactory service for the coming year. It is beneficial to meet together and study the prob-

lems facing the church and how they may best be met.

The West Pennsylvania Conference Committee has voted to hold a *two-day council for church officers December 30 and 31 in Pittsburgh at the first Church, corner of Race and Sterrett Streets*. All officers are invited to attend.

At this meeting special study will be given the problems confronting the Home Missionary leaders and secretaries. Ministers of the Columbia Union and the General Conference will be present to give counsel and assistance. Special travel arrangements are being made for the church elders, home missionary leaders, and home missionary secretaries. If you are elected to any of these offices for 1945, see your pastor or district leader for full information regarding your attendance.

Important plans for 1945 and valuable suggestions for the work of the church will be studied. We are planning for you to be with us.

M. E. LOEWEN

Transfer of Workers

THE church of God upon earth as it has been organized by Him is able to carry on a well-rounded program of activity. God in His wisdom supplies leaders of various gifts and talents to promote His work, and in His wisdom He finds it expedient to call workers to the leadership of churches where they are able to accomplish His will. While the human heart sorrows at the parting of friends, yet God does supply Christian workers that enable His work to be built up according to His will.

Elder and Mrs. F. S. Fowler have accepted a call for evangelism in the New Jersey Conference. During his ten years of service in the West Pennsylvania Conference his consecrated efforts have been greatly blessed of God and his ministry has endeared him to the hearts of many. May God continue to bless his ministry in other fields.

The West Pennsylvania Conference is fortunate in securing the services of Elder and Mrs. L. L. Philpott of West Virginia. Elder Philpott has given 13 years of service there and has enjoyed the blessing of God upon His labors. He has built up the spiritual interests of the church in a strong way wherever he has served and has labored long and faithfully that the church might be strengthened in a material way. Elder Phil-

pott's record of souls won under the blessing of God demonstrates the fruitfulness of his ministry. Elder Philpott has accepted the call as leader of district No. 3 and is already located in his district, having assumed the duties of these churches as of December 1. It is certain that the work will progress as the members rally to the cause under this strong and experienced leadership. We heartily welcome Elder and Mrs. Philpott to the West Pennsylvania Conference.

Brother and Sister Carl Anderson have given faithful service to the Lord since taking up their duties in the ministry. Brother Anderson has shown good leadership and management in the churches under his care and has won a place in the hearts of our people. He has been offered an opportunity to take up departmental work and, feeling that this is a call from the Lord, Brother and Sister Anderson have decided to respond to the needs of West Virginia.

Brother and Sister Stuart Jayne, who have been laboring in this conference since graduation from Washington Missionary College, have recently been working with Elder J. R. Johnson in an effort in Greenville. Their devotion to duty and their sincerity and earnestness have recommended them to the officers of the Conference. Brother Jayne has been asked to take the leadership of district No. 5. Brother and Sister Jayne will take up their work in this northern field the latter part of December. We are happy that the Lord has called them to this increased responsibility, and we know that under divine leadership the work of God will progress until that day of the consummation of all our hopes when Christ shall appear to gather His faithful ones to Him.

M. E. LOEWEN

Young People!!

A MEETING for all young people and those interested in youth will be held January 20, 1945 in Warren, Pennsylvania. Elder A. W. Peterson of the General Conference and Elder C. P. Sorensen of the Columbia Union have promised to be present. An all-day program is being prepared. Watch for an announcement of the location of the meeting. Plan to be in Warren January 20 for this interesting and vital meeting for our youth.

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Make wills and legacies in favor of the Potomac Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists.

Organizing Pulaski Church

SABBATH, November 18, was a memorable occasion for our faithful believers in the southwestern part of the Potomac Conference. At that time a new church of 36 members was organized in the city of Pulaski, Virginia.

Immediately following camp meeting, Evangelist E. F. Koch secured a most desirable lot for tent meetings in Pulaski, which is the county seat of one of many counties in the southwestern part of the state of Virginia where we had, at the time, no Sabbath school or church organization. Brethren H. T. French and R. F. Correia and their faithful companions, and Brother and Sister Thomas Stottemyer (now deceased), were associated with Elder Koch in the Pulaski campaign.

The meetings were well attended from the very beginning, and a splendid interest was developed. Twenty-six have since been baptized. It was impossible to secure a hall or any kind of auditorium in the city in which to conduct the meetings after the tent was taken down. A large storeroom, centrally located, was finally secured and converted into a regular meeting hall, and the interest created through the tent meetings has been transferred to this new meeting place. An attractive sign, "Proph-

ecy Speaks Auditorium," in beautifully carved letters, is displayed on the main street of the city in front of the new meeting place.

After the first of the year, a new series of evangelistic meetings will be conducted by Elder Koch in the newly provided "Prophecy Speaks Auditorium." A new radio station will begin to function in Pulaski about January 1, over which Elder Koch will broadcast his soul-stirring prophetic messages from the Bible for these momentous times.

The interest in Pulaski continues to grow and Elder Koch with his associated workers and newly organized church group hopes to secure a suitable centrally located church building lot soon upon which to erect another memorial for the third angel's message in the "Old Dominion" state. We earnestly request the prayers of our people throughout the Conference for the continued success of the evangelistic meetings in Pulaski.

H. J. DETWILER

Lay Preachers in Action

(Each week one experience as related at our recent lay preachers' institute will appear in this column.)

God Leads

BROTHER PAUL JACK, who recently moved into a dark county, had the opportunity to speak this message to the lady who purchased his home in Vienna. As a result of this visit, she is very interested in the truth and is attending our church services.

J. ERNEST EDWARDS

Training Classes

THE third and fourth training classes in how to give Bible studies and to be soul winners for Christ have now been completed in Norfolk and Portsmouth. Miss Mary Walsh, our Columbia Union Bible Instructor, has led out in the class sessions and also in the field experience given to the members of both of these large classes. An organization was perfected to follow up the interest and to continue the holding of cottage meetings. In Norfolk Miss Crump will head the Bible workers' class and Sister Frizzell will teach the denominational history class. In Portsmouth Sister Burns has been requested by the church to supervise the large group of lay Bible

Potomac Colporteur Evangelist Training School

DURING these eventful times many Adventists know that they should be engaged in soul-winning work. If you feel that the Lord would have you do colporteur evangelistic work, you should attend the Gospel Sales School that will be held at Washington, D. C., January 14-20.

For more information write to—

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workers, and Sister Watkins has been asked to teach the denominational history class.

We know that many souls will rejoice in the Kingdom as the result of the work done by the trained laity of these two churches.

J. E. EDWARDS

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Something New

THE *Morning Watch* for 1945 has already enjoyed in our field the largest sale yet, and we are glad to say that the publishing house has ordered an extra 50,000 of the regular edition to take care of the increased sales of the *Morning Watch* for the coming year.

Along with the *Morning Watch* calendar for 1945 is a new book which is closely associated with the

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Colporteur Training School

Six million judgment-bound souls in East Pennsylvania can never be reached by the minister alone. Those who feel the call of God can prepare for an active soul-saving ministry by attending the coming Gospel Sales School, January 7-14, at the Temple Church, 18th and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

"The canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls. Will you not try it?"—*"Colporteur Evangelist,"* p. 33.

Make all arrangements for attending with—

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daily blessings that it brings. This new book, entitled "*Mysteries Unveiled*," which is soon to come from the press, will contain a stimulating commentary on the texts used in the *Morning Watch* for 1945.

Dr. Lynn Wood, who is the author of this new book, is connected with the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Washington and has crystalized his wealth of experience in this new companion book to the *Morning Watch*. In this new book will be found 365 brief stimulating essays on the matchless plan of salvation. The mysteries of the character, mercy, justice, and redeeming love of God are brought out in this new volume in such a manner as to deeply inspire and spiritualize every home in which it is found. The publishers inform us that this book will contain about 300 pages and, bound in cloth, it may be had for the very small sum of \$1—or if you choose to obtain a de luxe gift edition which will be enclosed in a rich red box, this may be obtained for only \$1.50.

Place your order today through the Chesapeake Book and Bible House.

H. W. BRICKER

A Forward Step

THE Chesapeake Book and Bible House has put its right foot forward in an endeavor to increase not only the sales between its office and the churches but also to make possible a more flourishing feeling of brotherly love between this office and the churches and a greater feeling of unity among the churches.

We have gone to a considerable amount of expense and effort to construct five large wooden book-cases for book displays. And then, because no car could be found large enough to carry these, we searched and found a small station wagon for a very reasonable price and this is the equipment that Brother Curry and I have been using for the past several weeks in visiting the different churches in our field.

Each one of the above book-cases will hold about 100 average size books. This means that we can carry almost 500 books in these cases. We carry a good stock of Bibles in separate containers and lay them out on flat tables for display. This makes it possible for many of our members who are

unable to come to camp meeting to see a large display of our books right in their home church and, since we have been offering special, reduced prices, it gives our church members all the benefits of a camp meeting display. So far, we have made eight displays of books in 17 churches, and our total sales to date have reached the sum of \$856.48. As a result of the contacts with the constituency, the colporteur work has hit a high pitch in the Chesapeake Conference. Several new workers have already started and others have pledged their service to the Master. Pray that the Lord will continue to call forth more laborers to work in this most needy field.

Again we want to thank the Lord for making it possible for us to advance his cause to the extent that he has seen fit to bless us.

H. W. BRICKER

From Our Men in Service

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Prof. H. T. Terry to India, and he hopes to leave soon. Any who have sons or husbands in India, Burma, or West China, also please communicate with us and give us their latest addresses and any other information that you deem essential.

CHRIS P. SORENSON

Our Work for the Blind

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year we have often seen our prayers answered. We are not satisfied merely to entertain, to bring cheer and comfort, even to encourage the blind to higher and purer planes of living. All this we know our literature is accomplishing, but it is the full acceptance of the faith for which we pray and which interests us most. We are frequently cheered by the knowledge that our prayers have been answered. Here is a quotation from a letter that is typical of many we receive from time to time. This is from a blind man, a minister of the gospel, connected with a church in a large city.

"The fact still persists that I am so disappointed in my church, and this thing weighs on my mind constantly. I am an ordained minister in the Missionary Baptist Church, but it has become so worldly that I am afraid God will remove its candlesticks if it doesn't repent. I cannot believe that people who indulge in cards, theaters, and dancing are saved, and so I

have wondered why I was making such little headway in the gospel, and why it is that I don't get more joy out of my religion. Last Monday I picked up the last number of the *Christian Record* and started from the beginning to read it through. All was going well until I came to this month's installment of Mrs. Andross's book, "*Life's Greatest Things*." You remember the illustration she gave of the ship as it was piloted through the Panama Canal, how the captain turned everything over to the special pilot and relinquished all responsibility. That started me to thinking and I asked the Father that if I turned everything over to Him, could I depend on Him to take the responsibility. Then this thought came to me—how can I preach a message that I do not believe? As a minister, in fact I am a stronger believer in the faith of the Seventh-day Adventist people than anyone knows, and I would like to have you send me some good, strong, doctrinal literature of your faith."

We are praying that this good man, with many, many more who are becoming convinced of the faith, will finally accept it wholeheartedly, and we are praying, too, that others who have already severed family and church ties to accept the tenets and faith of the remnant church may, by God's grace and help, remain faithful.

We are asking for cooperation from all our churches. This is a missionary work. In every city and community of considerable size there are blind people. Here is a splendid opportunity to do some much needed work. Many of these blind people are thoughtful, well educated people, but they

are alone, locked in perpetual night. We earnestly beg our people to search out these blind folk, pray with them, give them Bible studies, and send to the *Christian Record*, 3705 South 48th Street, Lincoln 6, Nebraska, the names

of all who might be interested in receiving our literature, if their names are not already on our mailing lists. We wish we could send the *Christian Record* into every home where there are blind people able to read embossed printing.

From Our Men . . . 

 **in the Service**

FROM time to time parents and wives of servicemen share with us personal correspondence which is oftentimes even more inspirational and informative than that which is sent directly to us. Monday's mail brought two quotations from as many letters from a member of the Sligo Church, but whose parents are members of the Hatboro Church in East Pennsylvania.

"I had just given first aid to a fellow when a few yards away another wounded soldier called 'Medic.' I started over there but never made it. A German 105 mm. shell landed very close to me and the concussion from the exploding shell threw me several feet. I don't quite know how I landed as I was stunned by shock, but my left knee must have hit hard on a rock as that is where I have pain. I naturally ache all over because of the concussion and I have severe headaches, but that's to be expected. Here is where the miracle comes in. How come I didn't get any wounds from the fragments—it bursted so close? Well, your guess is as good as mine—prayer."

After a period of hospitalization he is no doubt back with his original medical unit. Here is a paragraph from another of his letters.

"I talked with a fellow last night for two hours in our slit trench. He believed there was a God, but had never attended church. I related the life of Christ to him I also told him that I pray several times a day. He was surprised and wanted to know what to say. I then told him to close his eyes and I would pray. The fellow was very much impressed. I hope to talk to him again tonight."

Some months ago the General Conference asked Elder R. L. Benton, one of our union full-time camp pastors, to go to England and help our British brethren contact our boys from the States who are over there. About two months ago we furnished Elder Benton, just prior to his departure to England, with the names and addresses of all the men with a New York APO number whom we had reason to believe were in England. We have just received word that he has to date made contact with four Columbia Union men and he reports that they are all well and of good courage. They are as follows:

Robert W. Finke, Lakewood, Ohio; Cpl. Dale H. Conner, West Virginia; Lt. Marion F. Schester, Dayton, Ohio; T/5 John Ludenslauger, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

In this connection we would appreciate it if our people who have sons or husbands in the service in England would make sure that we have their latest addresses here at the Union office so that we can keep in touch with Elder Benton; and as he goes from one camp to another and one unit to another he will try to make contact.

The general Conference is likewise sending
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A GROUP OF BLIND PEOPLE READING THE "CHRISTIAN RECORD"

THE LITERATURE MINISTRY

"This is the work the Lord would have His people do at this time."—"C. E.," p. 5.

REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 2, 1944

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WEST PENNSYLVANIA

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Richard Lange	37	80.40	60.85
Fred Cermak	36	142.85	92.80
Ella Hillyer	36	59.25	59.25
Maggie Jackson	36	46.25	46.25
M. L. Howard	30	91.85	40.35
Myrtle Justice	23	63.40	12.25
Ella Hillyer	20		66.00
Selton Cobb	6	52.50	63.00
E. S. Campbell	35	24.50	24.50
Eldora Miles	12	39.00	
David S. Reid	12	2.50	13.00
Lloyd Lener	11	72.25	20.50
Davis Hall	4	11.95	11.95
<i>Magazine Workers—</i>			
C. R. Vaughn	38	149.00	149.00
Mrs. A. L. Pangborn	11	115.75	94.05
Emma Hershelman	23	89.00	89.00
Mrs. Agnes Bonda	18	60.90	32.60
Amelia Reitingler	21	52.95	59.95
Mrs. A. L. Pangborn	16	49.20	49.20
Lillian Keenan	12	25.10	25.10
Mrs. Alice Ruffin	8	26.85	26.85
Della Grace	18	21.25	21.25
Alice Ruffin	29	17.50	17.50
Eldora Miles	5	12.50	12.50
Lula Crowder	30	16.00	16.00
Totals	612	1626.45	1206.40

NEW JERSEY

CARL DORNBERG, P.D.S.

J. Ledonna	33	222.85	154.25
C. Hager	40	151.60	68.95
Mrs. Earl Harris	30	157.50	52.20
Mrs. H. Cherry	4	12.00	12.00
John Liming	19	22.15	22.15
E. Dudley	33	169.65	94.25
Ray Simons	27	255.60	129.90
S. P. Walker	37	97.85	97.45
E. Dudley	21	164.20	31.95
U. Bracy	33	66.60	50.00
John Craig	31	70.10	36.55
Frances Henri	18	56.95	44.70
Mrs. M. W. Johnson	17	49.50	50.20
J. R. Britt	19	166.50	109.30
<i>Magazine Workers—</i>			
Part-time workers	40	65.00	65.00
Mrs. Vonderschmidt	25	25.00	25.00
Emily Nelson	9	12.55	12.55
Mrs. C. D. Powell	32	68.20	106.90
Mrs. Capewell	35	54.75	34.50
Totals	503	1888.55	1197.80

WEST VIRGINIA

JOHN H. CREIGHTON, P.D.S.

E. G. Belcher	40	66.80	17.80
Willard Knight	35	95.05	77.50
R. L. Terry	34	3.60	15.20
Thomas R. Carlton	30	92.37	95.50
Steve Pantill	22	64.60	48.70
<i>Magazine Workers—</i>			
Mrs. N. Terry	20	7.50	7.75
Nora Ratcliff	19	66.35	66.35
Mrs. N. Terry	17	.75	.75
Fannie E. Hood	5	12.30	12.30
Hazel Bolen	5	11.35	11.35
Edna Reiner	14	14.45	14.45
Lorena Wurschum		7.80	7.80
Totals	227	442.92	375.45

CHESAPEAKE

JAMES E. CURRY, P.D.S.

L. Jones	46	112.85	112.85
William Henson	41	130.60	109.00
L. Best	32	177.55	82.80
William Ridley	27	94.80	31.60
F. Cummings	34	135.75	56.25
E. Bryan	10	34.75	34.75
Part-time worker	5	27.50	12.50
<i>Magazine Workers—</i>			
M. Johnson	30	62.40	62.40
D. Bookhart	30	40.80	40.80
D. Price	25	55.00	55.00
M. Holland	25	30.00	30.00
S. Williams	25	21.30	21.30
S. Haywood	25	14.80	14.80
Mrs. Cheatham	15	30.00	30.00
B. Russell	10	5.00	5.00
Part-time worker	5	1.25	1.25
Totals	385	974.35	700.30

POTOMAC

W. H. ATHERLY, P.D.S.

NAME	HRS.	ORD.	DEL'D
Katherine Baker	34	231.40	20.30
M. A. Jenkins	31	43.20	30.40
Mary Reid	27	86.10	96.10
J. G. Vasko	22	88.60	95.40
W. M. Wilson	16	30.75	
G. R. Tutt	40	71.65	40.45
Shelton Kilby	35	85.80	93.60
William Woodford	28	22.30	10.00
Margaret Jenkins	27	61.30	32.70
W. M. Wilson	24	40.45	18.00
E. E. Gavers	42	44.50	154.50
Arnold Blevins	36	115.00	
Marvin Oliff	32	106.15	13.25
J. E. Gould	31	28.15	31.30
Lillian Callender	31	13.55	11.25
Floyd Williams	29	37.05	19.05
Walter Young	23	58.50	60.75
H. C. Wilcox	23	56.50	12.50
R. E. Townsend	20	10.45	35.00
Ivy Chenault	19	61.50	18.00
W. Raymond Ricks	14	117.50	124.50
Hazel Ricks	11	14.00	28.50
Alma Tracy	3	18.35	7.50
Lillian Callender	97	11.05	3.00
Marina Fricc	35	97.00	40.50
Laertes Gillis	28	21.30	20.30
M. Montgomery	27	87.25	19.00
William Reedy	19		
Ella Robinson	13	86.25	28.00
Hazel Ricks	13	30.75	17.25
W. Raymond Ricks	8	63.00	129.50
Anonymous	6	44.50	6.50
<i>Magazine Workers—</i>			
Mary Speidel	14	8.50	
Ena-Beth Nielsen	25	39.05	30.05
Laura J. Cummings	2	11.95	11.95
Hortense Robinson	36	100.00	100.00
Carrie Walker	18	25.00	25.00
A colporteur	10	25.00	25.00
Part-time workers	5	10.00	10.00
Margaret Youngberg	3	6.75	6.75
A worker	3	9.00	9.00
Mrs. Pauline Tutt	35	40.00	40.00
Panzey Corbin	4	6.70	6.70
Totals	1037	2374.30	1557.05

OHIO

F. E. THUMWOOD, P.D.S.

R. Waldron	57	557.90	202.00
C. McCampbell	46	113.25	111.75
David Washington	42	99.30	47.35
Erwin Ruth	40	178.30	82.30
R. A. Wuttke	40	135.75	123.75
S. E. Curry	38	137.00	36.25
W. C. Scales	38	31.50	
A. Clark McClurg	37	180.30	132.60
Marie Zimmerman	36	111.35	111.35
James Alford	35	51.40	51.40
George W. Sisson	30	102.80	92.50
Harold Quick	14	27.24	27.24
Marion F. Wilson	10		
Robert Kinney	6	10.25	10.25
Frank Brandstetter	60	143.00	97.00
McDonald Moore	95	104.60	
C. C. Brown	36	130.60	128.20
J. A. Neff	28	70.15	9.90
James Stewart	28	21.35	21.35
Mr. Lauszus	25	20.00	20.00
Beulah Brunton	22	38.40	6.00
Herman Schelies	22	32.50	6.50
Part-time workers	20	80.00	45.00
Mrs. Harvorsen	20	60.00	45.00
E. C. Alexander	20	27.35	36.75
A worker	20		450.00
Mrs. Dickinson	16	52.00	
M. Sulen	16	46.50	
Mrs. French	15	30.70	
Fred Goodman	12	36.00	
Mr. & Mrs. Lackey	11	15.60	40.40
Mrs. Thumwood	10		137.50
F. E. Thumwood	10		110.00
Allan Glander	7	13.75	13.75
Mary Matthews	4	14.00	
Allan Glander	4	6.50	
Louis Schutter			26.25
<i>Magazine Workers—</i>			
R. A. Dodds	40	60.55	60.55
B. Fride	39	113.00	113.00
E. Daarud	37	92.75	92.75
E. O. Collins	36	92.11	92.11
Edith Hanvey	26	51.75	30.30
L. Julien	25	79.15	61.95
J. Sandweiss	23	12.07	12.07
J. Sandweiss	23		
Maisie Heise	20	86.20	62.30
Ida Westerkamp	17	31.35	31.35

OHIO (Continued)

F. E. THUMWOOD, P.D.S.

NAME	HRS.	ORD.	DEL'D
K. C. Munson	16	53.35	53.35
Mrs. H. C. Lilley	8	178.60	178.60
C. H. Diehl	5		
M. Miller	4	23.90	23.90
K. C. Munson	3	51.20	51.20
Mrs. C. Warner	3	11.45	11.45
<i>Magazine Workers—</i>			
Mrs. F. C. Gee	22	31.25	31.25
Mrs. E. Kemerer	12	25.50	25.50
Mt. Ver. Ch. School	10	4.50	4.50
Part-time workers	10	15.00	15.00
A worker	5	10.50	10.50
Totals	1354	3703.47	3183.97

EAST PENNSYLVANIA

L. A. WARD, P.D.S.

R. Guinyard	39	94.30	93.00
Ralph Paules	39	195.40	103.85
M. L. Haas	35	120.20	116.60
George Baldwin	69	180.60	180.60
William T. Smith	32	63.00	
George D. Yoder	30	124.80	37.80
Elwood Achenbach	26	95.55	83.65
O. C. Weller	21	95.60	85.30
Mrs. E. L. Miller	4		
Luke Price		301.15	109.05
Dee Trautmann	40	556.60	
Kathryn Hamm	35	46.20	34.40
Mrs. M. Martin	65	41.20	21.16
Lewis H. Wagner	33	73.60	60.45
M. S. Smith	26	74.00	13.50
Mrs. Alice Parkins	24	54.00	
Mrs. Phil Shirley	21	250.15	67.25
M. D. Hollenbaugh	20	29.90	1.05
Mrs. Daisy Jones	19	106.15	36.00
Dee Trautmann	18		1305.20
W. B. Parkins	17	28.00	6.00
Mrs. Viola Siegel	15	21.55	60.20
A worker	15	30.25	
Mrs. A. Holland	10	13.50	3.50
A worker	8	15.00	6.25
<i>Magazine Workers—</i>			
R. O. Schroeder	40	114.30	114.30
C. S. Miller	31	74.95	74.95
Mrs. A. Hampton	20	22.50	22.50
Mrs. C. R. Wright	15	20.00	20.00
Mrs. E. M. Hamm	10	11.25	11.25
Totals	777	2853.70	2667.81

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ASSIGNMENTS FOR FIFTY-SECOND WEEK

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Gem Thought

All heaven is waiting for men and women through whom God can reveal the power of Christianity.—A. A. 600.

SUNSET CALENDAR

	Dec. 22	Dec. 29
Baltimore, Md.	5:45	5:51
Cleveland, Ohio	4:59	5:06
Columbus, Ohio	5:05	5:12
Cumberland, Md.	5:54	5:60
Parkersburg, W. Va.	5:56	6:03
Philadelphia, Pa.	5:34	5:41
Pittsburgh, Pa.	5:53	6:00
Richmond, Va.	5:53	5:59
Toledo, Ohio	5:07	5:14
Trenton, N. J.	5:36	5:40
Washington, D. C.	5:47	5:53

Our Work for the Blind

WITH most of the ailments to which the human race is heir, there is always the buoyant hope of better days to come. But the blind are those to whom hope brings no healing of their wounds. They sit alone in darkness at noontide, resigned for the most



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part to their fate. They are not a dejected, forlorn, disheartened, or insignificant people. They act and move and think and love just as you and I. They have their ambitions, their aspirations, their achievements,

just as you and I. Yet to them must go out a constant flow of sympathy, of material aid, of moral and spiritual help from all sighted people whose hearts can be touched with the afflictions of their fellow man.

It is estimated that there are 200,000 sightless people in the United States, and the present war is adding thousands more to that list. It is with the spiritual welfare of this sightless army that the Christian Record Benevolent Association, Inc. is especially concerned, though we are pleased to help, at least in a minor way, with their social and material problems. Our principal project, as you may know, is the issuance of inspirational and religious literature in embossed type. Aside from the physical necessities of life, the next greatest boon is perhaps good literature. This is doubly true in the case of the blind. Good literature brings to them cheer, comfort, inspiration, education, and, in the case of the *Christian Record*, the added blessing of the truth of the everlasting gospel.

The Lord is blessing our efforts for the blind in a remarkable way. Our field representatives have never been so successful before, both in winning the hearts of the blind in their respective territories, and in receiving substantial financial help from the public. We have been able to sup-

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ply some funds to worthy causes other than the immediate expense of the *Christian Record* maintenance. I may add that all of our money comes from people not of our faith, and none of it comes from the blind people themselves. All our service is entirely free to the blind. We never ask our own people for money, and we never ask the blind people for a penny for the maintenance of our work.

In addition to our service of furnishing our braille periodicals to the blind free of charge, we are offering a certain number of scholarships in our colleges to worthy, promising blind young people. This year the association is defraying all expenses of six blind youth in four of our senior colleges. We feel that whenever we have a little money over and above what our publications demand, we could not find a more promising and more worthy cause than to invest it in a few clean, intelligent, ambitious, sightless boys and girls.

However, our major work is to publish Seventh-day Adventist literature in braille for the blind. Our parent journal is, as you know, the *Christian Record*. This is a 56-page monthly magazine, printed in two different embossed types to accommodate the largest possible number of readers. It has by far a larger circulation than any other religious journal now published for the blind in the United States. We are trying to make it a household word wherever

there are blind people. We print three other journals, one containing our Sabbath school lessons; another, the *Expositor*, which is wholly denominational in its teaching, and a fourth, the *Children's Friend*, for small blind children. All of these journals have had a splendid growth in circulation during the past year. We issue more non-commercial literature in embossed type than is issued by any other printing house for the blind in the United States.



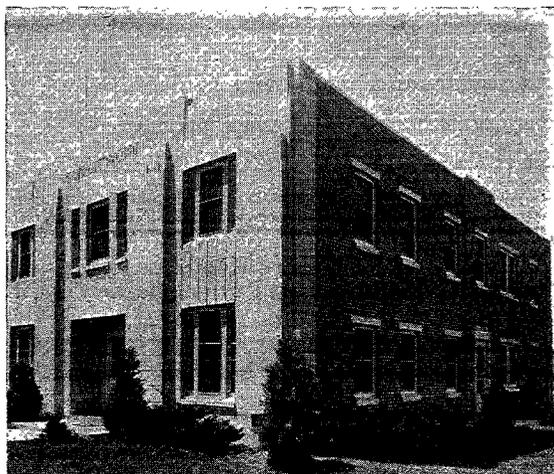
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The *Expositor*, which is carrying the Voice of Prophecy Bible correspondence lessons, has a national circulation, and these convincing lessons are much appreciated by our readers. Many of them are faithfully filling out the question blanks and returning them to us for grading and correction, and hundreds of others who are unable to obtain help in filling out the blanks, are nevertheless studying and appreciating the lessons.

In addition to these journals, the association maintains a large free circulating library in braille of some seven hundred volumes. These books are practically all transcriptions of our own denominational publications. There is a great demand for these books, which are sent to the blind in all parts of the country, and may be kept for a period of thirty days before their return to our library. The books are in constant circulation and we always have a waiting list for such books as "*Steps to Christ*," "*Patriarchs and Prophets*," "*Great Controversy*," "*Desire of Ages*," and many others of our best books.

The question that is most often asked us by our own people is, "Are any of the blind people accepting the truth?" Constantly we are praying the Lord to send conviction to the honest in heart of our readers, and especially during the past

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