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"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

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GOD IS GOOD.

"Praise the Lord; for the Lord is good."
Ps. 135:3.

God is good, the raindrops whisper,
And the breeze takes up the song,
While the brooklet bears the message,
Gladly, as it flows along.

God is good. In glinting sunshine,
Rustling leaf, and springing flower,
Trace the kindness of his purpose,
And the wonder of his power.

God is good. The bright-winged singer
Joyfully the tidings brings,
As to meet the dawning morning,
He mounts up on tireless wings.

Let my soul take up the anthem,
Heard in sea, in wood and dell;
God is love. Oh, never doubt it,
Hasten the good news to tell.

CORNELIA SNOW.

March 29, 1902.

GOD'S CARE FOR THE LOWLY.

THE heart of Christ was ever touched with human woe. It was his tenderness of heart that caused him to come to earth to bring salvation to our world; it was love that led him to step down from his throne, to lay aside his royal robe, and clothe his divinity with humanity. Every voice ought to be proclaiming, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." In the highways, in the byways, the people of God

should be proclaiming the message of truth. Some will hear and be converted; and some will not. In the time of Christ there were many priests that believed on him, but they would not acknowledge him for fear they would be turned out of the synagogues. They feared they would not be popular, and that they would be in disgrace if they followed in the footsteps of Christ. The mission of Christ was to seek and to save that which was lost, and we thank God that there are a few who will take their position upon the commandments of God, even though it places them on the unpopular side.

It requires moral courage to take a position to keep the commandments of the Lord. An opposer of the truth once said that it was only weak-minded people, foolish, ignorant persons, who would turn away from the churches to keep the seventh-day as the Sabbath; but a minister who had embraced the truth, replied, "If you think it takes weak-minded persons, just try it." It takes moral courage, firmness, decision, perseverance, and very much prayer to step out on the unpopular side. We are thankful that we can come to Christ as the poor suffering ones came to Christ in the temple.

Will the Saviour ever turn away to leave you to struggle alone?—No,

But he never told his disciples that they should have no trials, no self-denial to endure, no sacrifices to make. The Master was a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief. "Ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty, might be rich." We thank God that in your poverty, you can call God your Father. Poverty is coming upon this world, and there will be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation. There will be wars and rumors of wars, and the faces of men will gather paleness. You may have to suffer distress, you may go hungry sometimes; but God will not forsake you in your suffering. He will test your faith. We are not to live to please ourselves. We are here to manifest Christ to the world, to represent him and his power to mankind.

We have been hewn as rough stones from the quarry of the world. Will he leave us with our rough edges, leave us to practice close dealing, and to manifest selfishness?—Never. He brings us into his workshop to be hewed and squared, polished and finished, for the heavenly building; for you are to be framed into a holy temple unto the Lord. When the truth is received, the rough

character changes, and worldliness, selfishness, and pride are worked out of the heart. The office of the Holy Spirit is to work the man. It is not our place to work the Holy Spirit. If we are ignorant when brought into the truth, we are not to remain so. Was Christ ignorant? He was the greatest teacher the world ever saw. He chose the unlearned fishermen to be his disciples in order that they might learn of him, and become wise unto salvation. Why was it he did not choose the scribes and the Pharisees?—It was because he could not trust them. He said of them, "In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." Why is it that the Lord does not choose the learned and the popular to-day, and work with the churches?—It is because they follow the same course as did the scribes and the Pharisees. But the greatest Teacher the world ever knew says to you, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I [the Son of the infinite God] will give you rest." But there is something more. He continues "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Christ said, "I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love." Christ is testing us to-day to see if we will be obedient to the law of God as he was, and be fitted up for the society of heavenly angels. God wants a loyal people. Rebellion originated in heaven; but it is not to be found there again. If we are willing to inquire, What is the way of the Lord to do justice and judgment, to seek mercy, and to walk humbly with our God, we shall hear him say, "Child, come up higher." He has builded for us a city, and he is not ashamed to call us brethren. He will gather the strangers and the pilgrims to himself.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

SILENCE.

"But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him." Hab. 2:20.

The silence here spoken of evidently does not mean that we sit down and keep very quiet as a child who must sit still for half an hour because it has disobeyed mama. No, not this, but we must in this time, when God is in his holy temple, willingly walk in his ways, doing his will in all things, not rising up against him by trying to have our own way. We are now in the time of the investigative judgment, the Lord is in his holy temple, indeed.

To rise up against God is to do that which is contrary to his will. It is God's will that we render unto him his own in tithes and offerings. If we withhold these, we are not keeping silence before him for he must bring this against us in judgment, and it is not a quiet matter when two parties meet in a court of justice to have a difference between them settled.

It is God's will just now that relief shall come to our schools by the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons," and those who do not in some way take part in this work, will have an account to settle in the judgment.

It is God's will that all his people should be honest and upright in all their business transactions, keeping their bills paid up, so that they "owe no man anything." The man who engages himself to a conference to sell books on commission and receives the same delivers them and retains the money which justly belongs to the conference, although he may be a minister or licentiate, or whatever he may be, will have a serious matter to settle in the judgment. He will not always be able to keep the matter quiet. God will bring it up in judgment unless by repentance and restitution it is made right.

The man and the woman whom God is calling to some special line of

his work and they allow personal interests to keep them from this work, will also have a case in the heavenly court. The sins of neglect—Oh, how many of them will meet us in the judgment!

The sin of self-exaltation will also be met in court. Poor mortals who have such an exalted idea of their own ability as many have in this world, will not have a quiet time in the judgment.

But what more need we say, every defect of character will meet us in the judgment unless covered by the righteousness of Christ. "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 7:21.

A profession of the Christian name will not avail anything unless the character of God appears in the daily life. May the Lord help his people to so connect with him, and faithfully perform every duty, that they may have a quiet and peaceful time in the judgment when their cases are called. "Let all the earth keep silence before him." J. W. WATT.

THE LIFE IS MORE THAN MEAT.

PEOPLE often say, "One might as well not live at all, as to deprive one's self of all the good things of life." That is what Eve thought. What was the use of living, if she could not have the forbidden fruit? There are not many of us who can throw stones at our common mother. But those same persons are often heard saying, "What is the use of living in this misery?" and too often they put a summary end to their lives. "Is not the life more than meat?" Would it not be far better to deny the appetite, and even eat food not quite so pleasing to the palate, and always be full of life and vigor, able to enjoy everything to the full, than to have pleasure at the table, and misery everywhere else? But this is an extreme statement of

the case. The fact is that the man who is content with the things that God gave to man in Eden, as his bill of fare, gets more positive enjoyment out of the hours that he spends at the table than anybody else in the world possibly can. He alone knows the meaning of the word "delicious." Every morsel of food is a delight to him, for he alone has the "good things" of life. As he eats he thanks God, "who daily loadeth us with benefits." And not by any means the least of the enjoyments of a clean table is the knowledge that there will be no bad taste afterwards.

E. J. WAGGONER.

SECOND-HAND FOOD.

WE naturally shrink from wearing second-hand clothing, not so much because we consider it beneath our dignity to do so, but because we object to what is likely to accompany such clothing.

It is passing strange that while the best elements of society refuse to patronize the second-hand clothing store, they seem so perfectly willing to patronize the butcher shop, which is nothing less than a second-hand food store. The contamination that accompanies the second-hand clothing would affect only the skin, but that which is obtained from the second-hand food store is taken inside the body itself; and just to the extent that it contains disease and waste products, it will taint and contaminate the entire body.

So long as it is possible for us to secure from the lap of nature directly clean grain preparations, luscious fruits, and nutritious nut products, why should we ever for a moment entertain the idea that they can be improved by first feeding them to an ox to assist in building up the tissues of that animal?

So long as we persist in magnifying the virtues of second-hand food, we ought to be equally willing to laud

the peculiar advantages and benefits to be derived from wearing second-hand clothes.

DAVID PAULSON.

The FIELD

FROM ONE OF THE ISOLATED ONES.

SHALL I tell you of some of the work that God gives me to do from day to day? A kind word to speak to the sad ones, a loving smile and kiss for the little ones, a few of the old hymns played and sung for the lonely ones, and a helping hand to those in need. Twice the Master has sent me to those who are in the habit of using strong drink, and the words spoken "in his name" were kindly received. Only a little while to work for Jesus and so much to do. Let us trust him and at length we shall see his face.

MRS. W. L. COFFEE.

Freeport, Maine.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

THE conference committee met in Syracuse a few days ago, and much time was spent in carefully considering how to best extend the medical missionary work in our conference. After careful consideration, the following recommendations were adopted:

1. That A. R. Satterlee, M. D., be invited to connect with the New York Conference as a conference laborer.

2. That property be rented for the establishment of bath and treatment rooms in our conference, where the providence of God shall indicate, and that at least \$1,000 be raised for their equipment.

3. That we encourage suitable persons to go to the Battle Creek Sanitarium to be educated to conduct hygienic restaurants in our large cities.

4. That our young people now attending our academies be encouraged to return to our conference and en-

gage in canvassing, church-school teaching, Bible-reading work, etc.

5. *Whereas*, During March we have not completed the sale of our quota of "Christ's Object Lessons;" therefore,—

Resolved, That we diligently continue this work during April, or till it is accomplished.

The work with "Object Lessons" is moving nicely in the State. We hope to see it continue till our quota is sold. Our canvassers' institute is just opening, and while it is too early to speak of results, we feel sure it will be a great help to the work in the State.

G. B. THOMPSON.

ROCK HALL, MD.

THE work in this place is still onward, and many encouraging things might be said in relation to it.

The quarterly meeting last Sabbath will be a bright spot in the memory of this church to look back upon. Surely the power of God witnessing to the truth, was seen by all present, and the hearts of the older members were made glad to hear the testimonies of the new ones in praise to God for the truth and deliverance from sin.

My experience here has taught me that a good work may be accomplished in all our churches. Worldliness more or less has been creeping in, and the spirit of labor has been dying out. What is needed most now is a revival of the message for our time. Let a course of lectures be given, taking in all the points of our faith, and let our members review once more the lines of prophecy, and I believe that a spirit of labor would come into the hearts of the people, and we would soon see a great work accomplished.

There are those who are connected with the members of the church, and are acquainted more or less with the principles of the truth, who need help. Just a little labor will bring them into

the light. Will not the elders and leaders of the churches all along the line wake up to duty, and take their Bibles and study with their churches the lines of prophecy for our time? If they will do this, the lukewarm one will turn into a warm, working church, and great things will be accomplished.

F. W. MACE.

DANVERS, BEVERLY AND BOSTON.

SABBATH, March 29, Elder Gilbert and the writer met with the Danvers church in the morning and in the afternoon we spoke to the Beverly church. These were good meetings in spite of the hard rain. In the evening we went to Boston, where we held a council with Elder Russell, H. C. Wilcox, our conference agent, and other laborers, Sunday forenoon. The work for Boston and vicinity seems encouraging. The Lord has recently opened the way for the truth to go in a remarkable manner. Of some of these features Elder Russell will doubtless write ere long.

I was especially impressed with a meeting held at Berkley Hall Sunday afternoon. A Mrs. Archer Maloney, a teacher of elocution in Boston who has recently accepted present truth, spoke on the subject of "Religious Liberty." At least one thousand people were present, and the attention and interest of that large audience were held for about one and one half hours. The meeting was a telling victory for the truth. Elder Russell spoke a few minutes at the close.

These meetings are undenominational, and are supported by free-will contributions. It is proving an excellent means of helping to advertise our meetings at "Russell Hall." In the evening I spoke in the latter-named hall. Nearly every seat was filled. A large number were present from the Berkley Hall audience where our meeting was advertised. Elder

Russell is of good courage. The work is opening up in other places, suburbs of Boston, more rapidly than it can be followed up.

Brother Ruggles is getting a good start there with "Object Lessons," having sold over one hundred copies during the past month, besides helping others in the work, and assisting Elder Russell to some extent. Sister Downs, who has taken the drill in the New York Mission; has now joined the work in Boston and vicinity, and the plans are to make the coming tent season an important one for the work there.

Let every one who professes to love this great and precious truth, pray earnestly and talk faith, hope, courage now, and from this time on more and more. The Lord will meet us more than half way.

A. E. PLACE.

THERE IS A BLESSING.

Of all God's promises not one will fail. He said if we would start, "Courage would come as we put the armor on." I find this true as I go out with "Christ's Object Lessons," and no one *could* need courage more than I do. For the first time I can thank God for the *privilege* of canvassing.

Many opportunities are offered to point souls to Jesus, and the few lines read from the book are a sermon of themselves. One of the brethren here has sold a book to the Baptist minister, who gave him a fine testimonial, and hoped he would sell many to his church people.

In one Catholic family, I sold "Best Stories," "Christ Our Saviour," and later a copy of "Object Lessons;" in another, the lady bought a copy of our "Hymns and Tunes." She said she had moved into a Protestant neighborhood, and was looking for a book to play from on Sunday. I left it with a prayer that the words might touch

her heart. One sister here, sent three copies of "Object Lessons" to her aunts in England, so the good work goes on.

In one house where I called, an old lady sat by the fire, sick; when I told her my errand, she said, "I would rather have you tell me how to help this cough." I asked her a few questions, and told her daughter some simple treatments she could give, and left a copy of "Good Health" which illustrated the treatments. I was pleased to learn on a later call that she was improved. People often tell me of their pains, and listen eagerly to principles of healthful living, and simple treatments. In one place I took off my wraps and gave the lady a sweat, which broke up a severe attack of gripp so she was about the house the next day. She had been taking quinine till her head was burning with fever, and then she had chills. She was very grateful and said she should always remember how it was done. How good the Lord is to trust us with such knowledge, and give us opportunity to share it with others.

Last week I was called to Whitman by the serious illness of my brother-in-law, and while there saw several of the Brockton church people. One brother had just delivered three copies of "Object Lessons," and a sister, four copies. One of the latter books went into the library of the First Congregational church of that city. The day the sister called, the lady said, "My class had decided to buy a book for the library of our Sunday-school, and I was just thinking I ought to go out to-day to select one; now this has come right to me, and I am so pleased with it." The book was delivered and paid for right there.

The same sister sold a copy of the book to a teacher in one of the city schools, who liked it so well she asked her if she had anything for children. She wanted a book that her pupils would understand, and that she could

read to them instead of the Bible. The sister sold her a "Gospel Primer," and when she had read that through to the children, she came to learn if she could get a book a little more advanced. This time she bought "Sketches from Bible Child Life." Who can tell what precious seeds may thus be scattered in the hearts of the children. There is a present blessing in going out to the people with "Object Lessons." I know for He has blessed me.

JENNIE R. BATES.

"LET EVERY STROKE TELL."

SUCH is the admonition given to us by the word of the Lord, in regard to the work of "Christ's Object Lessons," and how true the Lord is to his promise to help that every stroke *shall* tell for this work, if we are only willing to yield to him. The past two weeks have been rich with experience in this branch of the work of God, and God has given to us many opportunities to work for him, and thus enabled us to dispose of many of "Christ's Object Lessons."

I felt for some time that I ought to come to Haverhill to do something with the book, and it was evidently the Holy Spirit that made the impression on my mind. Soon after I reached the city one of the ministers inquired after me, having heard that I once spoke at the laying of the cornerstone of a synagogue in the city.

The following evening I attended his prayer-meeting, and he invited me to speak. After that service was over, the people wanted very much to have me speak the next Sunday morning, and some three or four hundred people came to listen to the word of God.

I was afterwards invited to address the Sunday-school, and in the evening I spoke in another church in the city to a packed house, on Jewish Customs and Traditions.

Just before the close of the evening service, at our request, the minister made a public announcement of the

book, and called on me to finish what he left unsaid. A few days later this minister went with me to another minister to deliver a copy of the book, and gave me also quite a list of names to call upon. As a result in a day and a half I took twenty-three orders, delivering more than half of them. I have spoken at other times in these churches since, and the people seem quite interested.

To-night I spoke at a church, and sold four copies after meeting. There are several more appointments awaiting me in different towns and cities to speak in other churches; and I hope with the help of God, as far as possible, to do all I can at these meetings with "Christ's Object Lessons."

It is evident to my mind that as soon as we believe what God says, and go about our Father's business to do the same, the Lord will open doors and avenues wonderfully. Oh, for the Calebs, the Joshuas, the Daniels, the Pauls, and God would do a mighty work through his people.

Come, brethren and sisters, let us do what God says. The message has come back to the East with power. It is rising, too. Brother, sister, are you rising with it? Are you in the channel of light and blessing where God can use you mightily? Have you given yourself wholly to God, so that you can be used by him to his glory? We want to finish up this work, and have it cut short, so as to be ready for the next thing he sends us to do.

May the Lord help and bless us all to fully carry out his specified will, that the fourfold blessing may be realized through each one of us.

F. C. GILBERT.

"A CHINESE Christian lady brought her jewels one morning to her husband, to build an opium-refuge; and when he expressed surprise, she said, 'I have taken Christ for my adornment, and surely that is enough for any Christian woman.'"

TAHITI.

As "THE field is the world," the following extract from a private letter, written by one of our workers in the South Pacific, may be of interest, showing, as it does, under what conditions those labor who go to the dark places of the earth to give the "glad tidings" of salvation.

The writer of the letter, Mrs. M. V. Jones, is a Scotch lady of education and culture, who embraced the truth while we were living in London. She was a member of our family, and one of our Bible workers there for three or four years. After marrying, she and her husband came to Texas to attend the Keene Academy for a short time. At the last General Conference, they were invited to go to the Society Islands, as their knowledge of French would be of value in the work there, and his experience in navigation, just what was needed.

He was mate on a vessel when he embraced the truth from reading, and when his ship reached London, he made his way to the mission and remained with us some months. They have both had a very interesting experience which has well fitted them for the work to which they have given their lives.

"It is about five months now since we arrived here, but it does not seem so long. We are longing for the time when we shall know this language well enough to go out anywhere and meet the people and so help them, for there is great work to be done here, as elsewhere, and we want to go to places where they have never yet heard the truth. Mr. Jones is getting a good many readings now, but has to have an interpreter, and that is never the same as when one can talk directly to the people. So far we have been living in Brother Cady's house while they have been on their plantation in the island of Raiatea, where they are building a school-house and hope to get a school started

soon. Just now they are here for a few weeks seeing about the building of the store and bakery for the sale of our health foods, and so forth. Mr. Jones has been helping build this, and soon they expect to put up a church at a place about fifteen miles off where there has been a company of Sabbath-keepers ever since the 'Pitcairn' first came. There is a great deal of prejudice on this island. In spite of all this we expect many will yet be glad to cast in their lot with those who are accounted as the 'scum and offscouring of the earth.'

"This island (and I understand several others), is only inhabited around the coast, because all the interior is nothing but high, jagged, inaccessible mountains. On these grow an abundance of oranges, plantains, bananas, etc., etc., and whenever the weather is good, the natives go where they can get and carry down on poles over their shoulders loads which they dispose of in the market at a high price. This is by no means a cheap place to live, rent, food and clothing being quite expensive. We are fortunate, however, in having some things in our own garden, and generally have enough bananas to keep us going without buying, also mangoes and avocados, when in season. I suppose you had the latter, as well as bananas and mangoes, in India, so I need not describe them only to say that we think them a splendid substitute for butter, and wish we had them all the year round.

"I expect Sister Spicer has been home for some time, but we have never heard. We read of Miss Burrus' visit to the States and her returning to India with other missionaries. I hope they will stand the climate and enjoy it there as much as she does, so that they can enter into the work with heart and soul. We were very sorry not to see Brother Spicer at the Cleburne camp-meeting, yet we felt we could not leave our work just then without injuring it. Every mail

we have encouraging letters from some of those at Waco, Texas, where we were laboring, which is always refreshing, as you know, and makes one forget all the travail of soul and weariness of body undergone on their account. I think the work generally speaking must go easier in the States than here.

"The people here are very much opposed to women taking an active part in the work where any men are. I suppose they were taught this by the first missionaries. It seems very hard, too, to get them to give up eating meat and keeping pigs. But after all nothing is impossible with the Lord, and we must trust him more and ourselves less. They are full of disease, most of them being pretty nearly covered with sores; then they have a kind of elephantiasis, and there are a few lepers. Yet they are a strong-built people, tall and stout, and look as though they ought to be healthy if they lived right.

"Pray for us and our work here that the Lord will guide us in all we do, and help us to be a blessing to these people who need salvation of spirit, soul and body so much."

MRS. E. D. ROBINSON.

THOSE who are not fully converted to the truth, frequently let their minds run freely upon worldly business, and although they may rest from physical toil upon the Sabbath, their tongues speak out what is in their minds; hence these words concerning cattle, crops, losses, and gains. All this is Sabbath-breaking.—"*Gospel Workers.*"

It is true that the filling of the Spirit involves a separation, a giving up, a going apart, which is keenly bitter to the flesh. The filling of Pentecost is a baptism of fire. But there is joy amid the flames as the bands shrivel, and the limbs are free, and the Son of God walks beside.—*F. B. Meyer.*

EDUCATIONAL

OUR ACADEMY AND
CHURCH-SCHOOLS

OUR WORK FOR "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS."

IN two or three previous papers I have spoken of the work which the school intended to do in getting out with "Christ's Object Lessons." Last Thursday, April 3, the students and teachers entered upon this work to which they have been looking forward. We have been preparing for it for over a week, and each morning in chapel something has been said or done in this direction. The book has been read from and studied—special instruction has been given with reference to canvassing for it. Quite a number of public drills were given to the students in which the methods of presenting the book were shown. During two mornings members of the board who were present told of their experiences in working for the book. These men had all had personal experience in canvassing for the book, and their experiences were not simply interesting but very profitable as they were related to the students.

Wednesday night at six o'clock the students assembled in the dining-room at the Home and a very interesting meeting was held preparatory to the work of Thursday. We have among the students a good number who have had experience in canvassing. General instruction was given. Questions were asked and answered by the students and suggestions made by those of experience. It was indeed a delightful scene—a large company of over one hundred young people with their teachers assembled to consider a work which the Lord had definitely commanded should be done. The spirit of energy and cheerfulness which was manifested in the meeting was truly inspiring.

It is a little too early to speak definitely of the results of the work, as I

am writing this on Friday, the next day after the students have been at work, and I have not yet received their reports. I will, however, next week, tell definitely what has been done, and also give some individual reports of the work. The desire has been expressed by many students that they might go again. It means a great deal, as one can readily see, to change the work and arrange for such a day's campaign for so many people. But it is profitable work.

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP.

IT has been eight or ten years since the Academy was painted, and it is greatly in need of repairs in this direction, not alone because of the looks of the building, but from the economical point of view as well. The students have spoken of this point. We have with us this year a number of students who have done painting, and these have kindly offered to donate all or quite a portion of their time to the painting of the building, if the paint can be purchased.

This matter was brought to the attention of the board, and they voted to do this, and purchase the paint from a fund to be raised by donations. Already something over fifty dollars has been raised on this fund, largely from the members of the board and faculty. The paint will cost two or three times this amount, and our friends who are interested in the keeping up of the property have the opportunity to thus assist in this good work. It certainly seems as though the kind and liberal offer of these young men ought to be responded to. So our friends who are pleased to do so may send to us at once any amount to assist in this matter. The board feel that they do not want to make these repairs and place the school in debt in any way. This is why the fund is raised in this way.

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

BOYS' DORMITORY.

WE are in distressing need of a dormitory for our Academy boys. We have long since known that the best result could not be achieved from our efforts to help the students, while they were scattered throughout various private homes. It is quite apparent to any one who gives the matter a moment's consideration, that proper discipline can not be maintained under such conditions. The board of trustees together with the faculty have for several years been very anxious over the situation. However, we have been powerless to change existing conditions unless we had been willing to contract another debt in the erection of the Home, which in conscience we could not do. So things have gone on until now without the Home.

The Lord has now put the burden of the importance of a home upon the people, to the extent that one lady has contributed to this enterprise \$3,500.00. The admonition of the Saviour is, that we should, before building, sit down and count the cost. In so doing we find we should have in all, five thousand dollars. Will the people of the entire Union Conference rally forces at once, and secure the trifling remnant cash amount of \$1,500.00? Parents, consider that your own child or the child of your neighbor is at the Academy, fitting himself for service in the Master's work, and hence should have every possible advantage given him that he may succeed. This Home should be erected at once, but will not be commenced until the money is in hand. True faith is exercised beforehand rather than behindhand. We want one thousand and five hundred dollars more money in cash by May 1, 1902. Then the Home will be erected at once. Shall we have it? Are there not a goodly number of persons who appreciate the situation, who are able and would esteem it a privilege

to contribute the sum of one hundred dollars each to this enterprise in the interest of our young people and the cause of truth at large? Then there are hundreds who can contribute smaller amounts. The Lord will instruct each one who will ask him how much he should give. Reader, will you inquire of the Lord in regard to duty, and improve the privilege of assisting? The whole school is enthusiastic over this question, and is organized to act faithfully its part in soliciting the desired amount.

Let all contributions be sent by bank draft, post-office money order or by express order addressed to Geo. W. Palmer, A. U. Conference Treasurer, South Lancaster, Mass., who will send you a receipt for the same.

H. W. COTTRELL.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

DURING this past week the Board of Trustees of the Academy has been holding its annual meeting for the election of the faculty and the transaction of such business as would naturally pertain to plans and arrangements for the ensuing year. These meetings were indeed very harmonious and pleasant. All the members of the present faculty were elected to the same work as that which they are now doing, for this coming year—no changes being made in any way.

It is planned to enlarge the work of the commercial department. There is a great dearth of workers in commercial lines among our people. Good stenographers and typewriters are very scarce, and there are several positions open to every competent worker in this direction. The same is true of accountants, bookkeepers and business managers. Too low a standard is accepted for this work. This is undoubtedly one reason why we have financial difficulty and why there are heavy incumbrances resting upon our institutions and work. The school is ordained to employ workers. The

Board of Trustees is expected to see the needs of the cause in any direction pertaining to educational matters and meet its wants, and this is the identical work it is endeavoring to do in this move. We shall endeavor to have a thoroughly equipped practise school for our commercial students, and confidently expect that this move will meet with the hearty cooperation and support of our people, and believe that we shall have a good number of young people enter our school next fall to take this work. We shall speak of it more fully later.

Altogether the board meetings were, as I have indicated, not only pleasant but we feel profitable, and believe that they will result in the further advancement of our work.

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

ACADEMY NOTES.

—Miss Amy Tanner, of Camden, N. J., has come to the school to enter upon its work.

—Our farm work is opening, and this will very soon give a number of young men an excellent opportunity for work.

—Elder Peter M. Howe, a worker in the Michigan Conference, paid the school a very pleasant visit during the past week.

—Prof. Benj. F. Yeoman gave to the members of the board and faculty an informal recital on Wednesday afternoon. The pleasant room and the music produced upon the new instrument were thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

—The auditor, D. B. Parmelee, is still pursuing his work in arranging and getting into definite shape statements, showing the financial condition of the school. We hope to soon have definite and positive reports concerning the financial standing of the Academy.

—From every quarter we are receiving encouraging testimonies of the progress of the "Christ's Object Les-

sons" work. Also we are receiving funds from the sale of these books, and those connected with the school are looking for the time soon to come when the indebtedness of the school will be fully removed.

—On Thursday evening, April 3, the members of the band gave an entertainment in the Academy chapel. They are hardly prepared yet to give a musical entertainment, but they rendered very acceptably three or four selections. The entertainment was largely stereopticon. This entertainment was given to create a fund to purchase music and pay for the rent of the instruments. There was a good attendance and a neat little sum was secured to assist the young men in this work. The entertainment passed off very pleasantly and seemed to be enjoyed by all present.

"It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth."

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THE BOOK WORK.

MAINE CONFERENCE.

THE report from Maine for the week ending March 28, is that one agent, working thirty hours with "Bible Readings," secured eleven orders, value, \$23.00, and sold helps to the amount of \$2.25; another agent, working seventeen hours with "Ladies' Guide," took nine orders, value, \$28.50, and sold helps to the amount of \$11.00.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

WEEK ENDING MAR. 28, 1902.

Name	Place	Ords	Val	Hlps
BIBLE READINGS.				
1 M. A. Vroman, Albany,		22	54.55	31.15
LADIES' GUIDE.				
2 Mrs. John Wight, Gouverneur,		2	6.00	
COMING KING.				
3 Clara M. Coe, Gloversville,		5	6.00	2.75
4 Lilla Caster, Lyons,		3	3.50	
Miscellaneous Orders				
			33.90	
Totals,		4 Agents,	32	\$103.95 \$33.90
Corresp'ng w'k, 1901,		2 Ag'ts	12	22.50 6.75
Time.—No. 1, 40 hrs; 2, 1 hr; 4, 7 hrs. Total, 48 hrs.				
Deliveries.—No. 3, \$1.50; 4, \$3.50.				

PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE.

TWO WEEKS ENDING MAR. 28, 1902.

Name	Place	Ords	Val	Hlps
COMING KING.				
1 C. L. Irons, Erie Co.,		49	49.00	.25
2 Christian Mahr, Sharon,		61	61.00	1.00
3 Susan Andrews, Easton,		13	14.50	
4 Geo. F. B. Unger, Leesport,		2	2.00	.50
5 W.C.Fleischer, McKeesport,		28	28.00	12.75
GREAT CONTROVERSY.				
6 W. H. Zeidler, McKeesport,		6	17.75	21.50
7 E. D. Champlin, Coryville,				2.50
MARVEL OF NATIONS.				
8 Mrs. E. A. Mitcheltree,				
West Middlesex,		2	3.00	1.25
9 Ivor Lawrence, Elton,		11	13.50	24.00
10 J. G. Saunders, Brockport,		5	6.25	29.00
BIBLE READINGS.				
11 O. H. Ward, New Castle,		21	43.50	1.50
12 W. W. Moore, Bakersville,		7	15.50	40.65
Totals,		12 Ag'ts,	205	254.00 134.90

Time.—No. 1, 59 hrs; 2, 68 hrs; 3, 24 hrs; 4, 8 hrs; 5, 32 hrs; 6, 24 hrs; 8, 15 hrs; 9, 67 hrs; 10, 16 hrs; 11, 33, hrs; 12, 29 hrs. Total, 375 hrs.

Deliveries.—No. 2, \$49.15; 4, \$4.25; 5, \$3.50; 6, \$40.50; 7, \$64.00; 8, \$2.75; 9, \$2.75; 11, \$32.25; 12, \$3.75.

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

WEEK ENDING MAR. 28, 1902.

Name	Place	Ords	Val	Hlps
DESIRE OF AGES.				
1 A. G. McBurnie, Fall River,		3	10.50	1.50
2 R. C. Andrews, Nashua, N.H.,		5	17.00	6.50
3 E. W. Stone, Bradford		1	2.50	8.65
4 H. L. White, Grafton,		9	29.50	5.25
5 J. E. Leighton, Groveland,		3	9.50	8.50
6 F. W. Johnston, Haverhill,		2	7.00	9.75
7 P. Van Duren, Clinton,				
STORY OF REDEMPTION.				
8 Mrs. G. Laycock, Worcester,		3	3.25	.50
MARVEL OF NATIONS.				
9 Mrs. J. Wilbur, Westerly, R.I.		3	4.00	
OBJECT LESSONS.				
10 *G. R. Ruggles, Medford,		32	40.00	
11 H.C. Hartwell, Dover, N.H.,		13	16.25	1.00
1 A. G. McBurnie, Fall River,		3	3.75	
6 F. W. Johnston, Haverhill,		2	2.50	
8 Mrs. G. Laycock, Worcester		1	1.25	
12 S. A. Whittier, Whitinsville		17	21.25	4.25
Totals,		12 Agents,	97	\$168.25 \$45.90

Time.—No. 1, 24 hrs; 3, 33 hrs; 4, 37 hrs; 5, 33 hrs; 6, 23 hrs; 7, 8 hrs; 8, 11 hrs; 9, 8 hrs; 11, 16 hrs; 12, 22 hrs. Total, 215 hrs.

Deliveries.—No. 3, \$5.25; 5, \$3.50; 7, \$2.25; 9, \$3.00; 10, \$5.00; 12, \$2.50; Cora A. Spencer, \$4.75

* Three weeks.

"HOW DID YOU LIKE IT?"

I SPENT a portion of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 18-20, in visiting clergymen and prominent church workers with the book, "Christ's Object Lessons." Since then the above question has been repeatedly asked me, also the

following, "Did you have a good time?" and, "What success did you have?" Feeling willing that all my brethren should know my answer to these questions I write a few lines to the GLEANER, with a hope that they may be an encouragement to many.

Did I like it? The saying is, "A change is rest." I felt the need of rest, and in working with the book I had quite a decided change from the routine work which I have followed for years, and in it I found both change and rest, and of course I liked it. In fact from every standpoint I can answer the first question only in the affirmative. Whether in study for my own personal benefit, or in preparation to show it to others, or in the real work of showing it, I have enjoyed every hour spent with the book "Christ's Object Lessons." I am planning to add to my experience and pleasure in this line during the month of April. Thus the first two questions are answered with a decided, "Yes." I had a much better time than I had expected.

"What success?" On this point I do not feel to boast, and have little to boast of except the goodness of the Lord. I started out on the principle that I was to do faithfully with a humble heart what I found to do, and leave the matter of results with Him who is responsible. I visited in New Bedford, ten clergymen. Three were Methodist, one Congregational, one Baptist, three Christian, and one Episcopalian. Two of the Methodist, the Congregational, the Baptist, the Presbyterian, and one of the Christian ministers took the book. All but the Episcopalian spoke again and again in praise of the language, the illustrations, and general make up. The Congregational minister stopped me before I had finished my canvass by saying, "Mr. Place, that is an excellent book, and you may bring me a copy." One of the Methodist ministers, after I had finished my canvass, said (he had spoken several times in

praise as we went along), "Mr. Place, that is what I call an excellent book. It is what I have been looking for for several years. The older I grow in years (he is well advanced in years) and in the service of the Master, the more I see and feel the importance of fundamental spiritual teaching, such as I see is breathed forth in this book and I will be glad to have a copy." Several of these men gave me lists of names of prominent church workers, and good testimonials. Nearly all were at first quite confident that "they did not want any more books," but after seeing a few of the many beautiful features, they demonstrated that they were "wise men" by changing their minds.

The president of the W. C. T. U., a talented lady physician, said, "Y-e-s you may show me your book, but I feel like saving you the waste of your time, for I am through buying books for the present." My reply was, "Doctor, I feel quite confident of your order for *this* book, for so sure as you see what it is, you will do what others have done, just change your mind." I then began my work with a prayer of faith. Before we had finished our first study through the book, she looked up with a smile and said, "I thought I knew that I would not buy a book to-day, but I must have this one. How soon can you deliver it? To-morrow?" "Yes." "Good, I want to use it to-morrow afternoon." I could but thank the Lord that he knew how to get us around at the right time.

After spending over two hours with probably the most popular M. E. clergyman there, though knowing that the author of the book was a Seventh-day Adventist and that it was published by Seventh-day Adventists, and going through the book the second time to discover denominational "heresy," his final decision was that the book was not denominational, and it was an excellent book if it was written by a Seventh-day Adventist, and

"I can heartily recommend it and say 'Amen' to every sentence I have seen in it." "Would you be willing to speak of this book to your people and encourage them to get a copy?" "Certainly, and I will."

Before I left New Bedford, Sister Bradford took her team and went with me to deliver. We found the people ready and willing to receive the book and pay for it. We then went to the office of the *Standard* (the prominent newspaper), and Sister Bradford showed the book to the editor, and the testimonials which I had obtained from clergymen, and he willingly promised to study the book, and write us as good a review of the work as he knew how, and it would cost us nothing.

My work was greatly hindered by finding so many clergymen away from home, especially was this true in the afternoon. Doubtless several more orders would have been obtained had this not been true. I turned over my list of names to the church to follow up the work as they are able.

My personal conclusion is that there are blessings in store for those who engage in this work *now*.

If you have not carefully studied the book, and a good canvass for it, do that before you start. Results will be found better from that standpoint.

A. E. PLACE.

ACTUAL CANVASSING FOR "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS."

I HAVE had eighty copies of the precious volume, "Christ's Object Lessons," sent to me recently, and I am pleased to report that they are "melting away." Besides these I have ordered and paid for ten copies to be sent to another person. This week I have devoted a portion of my time to visiting ministers and others in the interests of the "Christ's Object Lessons" work, besides doing *actual house-to-house work* with the book. I would say to ministers and

others who are delaying with a fearful heart this Heaven-appointed work, "Be strong and of good courage, and do some *actual house-to-house work*, and you will find relief from that weakened sensation in the knees."

The following are two testimonials from the pastor of the First Methodist and Baptist churches in a certain section of the city of Boston, that I obtained in my work this week:

"This certifies that I have examined with care the book, 'Christ's Object Lessons' by Ellen G. White. I believe that to all who desire a clearer insight into the Master's teaching and will give to this book a careful reading, it will prove exceedingly helpful."—*Rev. ———, Pastor First M. E. Church.*

"I have looked over the book, 'Christ's Object Lessons,' sufficiently to satisfy myself that the spirit of the writer is excellent, and the presentation of the parables such as must help and instruct the reader. The work is clear, and the illustrations, which are in the main excellent, will not only attract the interest but aid in the understanding of the teaching of Jesus. The more such books are read and studied in the home the better it will be for the Christian life, and therefore I commend the volume."—*Rev. ———, Pastor First Baptist Church.*

I find that it is not always an easy or pleasant task to obtain the testimonials of ministers. The other day I visited a minister who had formerly been a pastor of a church in Kalamazoo, Mich. To say the least his estimation of the ability of the author of "Christ's Object Lessons" as a religious teacher was not of a character that would aid in selling the book, even had I been able to secure a testimonial from him, although he frankly admitted that he had never read her writings. How true the saying "that a prejudiced person is like a corked bottle, you can not get anything in or out." The Lord gave me

grace to meet this shepherd (?) in the spirit of the Master.

Another minister whom I visited with the book asked me if I was a "pastor in the city." The honor in canvassing for "Christ's Object Lessons" should far exceed the humiliation that a minister may feel because he is conscious that some may think he is forced to engage in selling a one dollar and twenty-five cent book to obtain a livelihood, owing to his limited salary.

K. C. RUSSELL.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE.

THERE IS AN acquaintance of mine who is a very successful canvasser, and I have been studying to discover where-in lies his success. When he comes down the street, he hurries along with a firm step. His head is erect, and his dress is neat and modest. He called at my home the other evening, and I had an interesting visit with him. Speaking of the canvassing work, he said that he thought that failure was due a great many times to the lack of tact, consecration, and cleanliness on the part of the worker. He then read the following from "Gospel Workers," p. 161:

"God requires all who profess to be his chosen people, though they are not teachers of the truth, to be careful to preserve personal cleanliness and purity. We are examples to the world, living epistles known and read of all men. God requires all who profess godliness, and especially those who teach the truth to others, to abstain from all appearance of evil."

Said this brother, "I never think of leaving my home for work without giving my face, neck, and ears a good washing with soap and water, shining my shoes, and seeing that my tie, collar, and cuffs are neat and clean. When I first started canvassing, to economize I wore a celluloid shirt front, collar, and cuffs; but as the weather became warm, and I began to

perspire, my shirt front was like a hot poultice on my breast, and my collar became sticky and clammy. I have now gone back to the good old linen. I feel better, look better, and am not afraid to approach the most aristocratic people. There is nothing that will uplift a worker in the eyes of the people more than a respectable appearance; namely, clean *linen* collar and cuffs, neat tie, shoes shined, teeth washed morning, noon, and evening that the breath may be sweet and inoffensive, clean finger-nails, clothes kept well brushed and pressed, thus enabling the worker to present a tidiness about his person that will win for him respect and confidence in the hearts of the people. This is the *best economy* that a canvasser can practice. It will secure for him many opportunities to sell his book that he could not otherwise obtain. The people will be more willing to listen to him, for they at once recognize in him something superior to the ordinary agent that comes to their door."

Now, brethren, is it not time that we were coming up to the standard of the Lord in this respect, as well as in other lines? The Lord has told us to go into the *highways first* (see "Christ's Object Lessons," p. 230), and to reach this class of people we must be *neatly dressed*. In addition to this, remember that every time a customer picks up a book or a paper left by a canvasser, that person is going to judge the truth by the worker who brought it. Is it not, therefore, doubly important that each one of us should rightly represent the grand truths which have been given us as a people?—*W. S. Cleveland, in the Southern Watchman.*

"BUT if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

THE evils we see in others will not help or save us.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

NEW ENGLAND.

—Elder Place visited South Framingham, Sabbath, April 5, and spoke to the new company of Sabbath-keepers. He is much pleased with the start made in the work there.

—Sister Scribner, who has been during the winter holding Bible readings at South Framingham, Mass., has been successful in bringing out a company of twelve on the platform of the present truth.

—We are glad to report the organization of a new Sabbath-school at South Framingham, Mass., April 5, with a membership of twenty-three. This is largely due to the faithful work of Sister Scribner in Bible work, and Sister Austin in the canvassing work. Several others have begun keeping the Sabbath who were not present at the organization of the school, which will increase the number to upwards of twenty-five.

—Elder F. C. Gilbert has done an excellent work with "Christ's Object Lessons" during the past few days. From Thursday about three o'clock to Friday a little past noon, he sold or took orders for twenty-eight books in a house-to-house canvass. Not one of these was sold to our people. The Lord has opened the way for him in a remarkable manner to bring the book before entire congregations of people not of our faith.

—During Monday and Tuesday, March 31 and April 1, the following persons visited South Lancaster and our institutions located at that place; viz., Elder R. A. Underwood, president of the Pennsylvania Conference; Elder J. E. Jayne, president of the New Jersey Conference; Elder S. M. Cobb, president of the West Virginia Conference; Elder H. C. Basney, president of the Maine Conference; Elder J. W. Watt, president of the Vermont Conference; Wilbur L.

Payne, of Charlemont, Mass.; and S. N. Curtiss, manager of Pacific Press., New York City. Legal and regular meetings of the Academy and Sanitarium were held. All were agreed that the prospects before us grow more encouraging. Later in the week Dr. Miller, originator of the first "gem pans" for making Graham gems, a wealthy physician of New York City, who for years has been deeply interested in our sanitarium work, and who of late is manifesting a material interest in this line, visited the Sanitarium.

A. E. PLACE.

THIS IS THE LAST CALL

TO ATTEND the Boston Sabbath-school and gospel workers' convention that begins, Sabbath, the 12th inst., at 10 A.M., in Deacon Hall, 1651 Washington Street.

We trust that those in our neighboring churches who have been undecided about attending the convention will make their decision to attend at once. Sister Fannie Dickerson will give a paper on "Nature Study," and Sister Carrie Robie will practically demonstrate how to hold the interest of the children. All who can possibly do so, should improve the opportunity of hearing these experienced instructors render their important papers.

Sister Maud Cummins will give a

recitation, and Sister A. E. Durgin will present a paper entitled "How to Awaken a Zeal According to Knowledge." Among other interesting features, there will be a paper on the "Meaning of the Flag," by Sister Stella Archer Maloney; and another paper by Sister Alice Foster on "Week-day Religion."

Professor Griggs, principal of the South Lancaster Academy, will deliver an address on "Christian Education," and Dr. C. C. Nicola will lecture on the subject of "Health-Reform Principles."

The music will also form an interesting feature of the program. The foregoing will give the reader something of an idea of at least, a portion of the program that will be carried out at the convention. Most of all, however, we hope and pray that we may have the presence of the Holy Spirit, for without it the most skillfully prepared papers or the most eloquent addresses will be unavailing.

There will be a question box for the benefit of those who desire to ask questions concerning the Sabbath-school and church work.

We have asked Elder E. E. Miles to speak on the question "How to Get Along without a Preacher." Brother G. R. Ruggles, Brother Geo. Woodward and Sister Genevieve Hastings will present papers on other interesting topics.

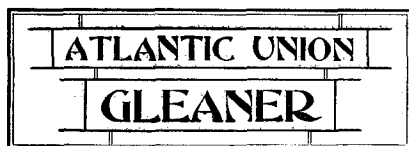
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A THREE months' trial subscription of the GLEANER will be sent to any address for ten cents.

IF our readers find something wanting in the "Printed Page" department, we trust that they will pardon Elder Miles, as we understand that he has been ill the past week, but is now convalescent.

THE quarterly meeting of the South Lancaster church, Sabbath afternoon, April 5, was an occasion of more than usual interest. The services were conducted by Elders H. W. Cottrell and P. M. Howe. The members present who live at too great a distance to attend church regularly were invited to occupy the time before the resident members, and all were pleased to listen to their testimonies of God's goodness to the isolated ones. The home members were reminded that they had a duty to perform in praying for the absent brethren and sisters.

A good feature of the meeting was the reading of letters from those who are too far away from the church where they have their membership to be present even once in three months. A larger number of these had been received than usual, and they awakened memories of past associations which we trust may be renewed from one Sabbath to another in a better land than this.

"BLESSED is that man that maketh the Lord his trust,"

ROANOKE, VA.

MRS. MILLER and myself are canvassing in Roanoke, and the good Lord is giving us success besides many rich experiences. During the two weeks just passed we worked seventy-two hours, and have taken orders to the amount of seventy-five dollars. This shows an average of more than a dollar per hour. We are working with "Great Controversy," "Ladies' Guide," "Coming King," "Steps to Christ," and "Best Stories." I am also handling a club of the *Signs of the Times*.

C. D. MILLER.

SPECIAL TO OUR CHURCHES.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS: We are nearing the tent season, the most important season for our work during the year. We want to turn every stone that can be turned, and use every legitimate effort to make these coming months count for the advancement of our work in this conference. Brother Bidwell, of Bloomfield, Conn., has offered to help us to a new tent for field work. As our tent and camp-meeting fund is behind, this is especially a source of encouragement to us. It has given us hope to try to arrange for four tent companies. If we do this it will be necessary to add one or two laborers to our present force. This will of course increase our pay-roll. I write to ask my brethren and sisters in this conference to make an especially earnest and faithful effort to bring all the tithes into the storehouse, and do what you can in free-will offerings for our local work, and this coming season will be one long to be remembered on account of the blessings that will come to us.

Our tithes now are just barely meeting the demands of our present work, but we ought to take advantage of this summer to enlarge our work, and bring in those who will unite with us

in increasing our financial as well as numerical strength. The prospects in more than one direction are encouraging, and I feel that the Lord has gone out before us to open the way for a great work if we will only have faith and move forward in his counsel. Let every one say to his neighbor and brother, "Be of good courage." Who will help to increase the efficiency of this noble conference?

A. E. PLACE.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

WE are pleased to announce that a date has been arranged for another lecture to be delivered in Berkley Hall, corner Berkley and Tremont streets, for the patriotic society of Boston, Mass., at 2:30 P.M., Sunday, the 15th inst., by the writer, on "Our Nation's Peril."

This will afford us a most excellent opportunity of speaking on the principles of patriotism to a large audience of intelligent listeners.

Since we have the privilege of speaking at this time the lecture can come in as a part of our convention program.

Those desiring to attend this lecture should come early if they desire seats.

K. C. RUSSELL.

HEALTH FOODS.

Edward W. Coates, 249 W. 15th St., New York City, is agent for the Sanitas Nut Foods, and Battle Creek Sanitarium Health Foods, also New York agent for Ko-nut, a pure vegetable substitute for animal fats, and all kinds of Nuts, Dried Vegetables and Fruits, also dealer in special Health-food Flour, (wholewheat), etc. Freight paid a limited distance on orders of \$5 and upward.

WANTED.—A young man to care for my horse, and do some gardening. Mrs. E. J. Hall, 25 Prescott St., So. Lancaster, Mass.