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

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

To BE thy loyal child, dear Lord,
Tell me, what does it mean?
To take thy name upon my lips?
Of wondrous things to dream?
To read the Word when time permits,
And often kneel to pray?
To speak of all thy gifts to me,
When men their homage pay?
Yet still to take the blessings given,
And pass from day to day,
My neighbor hard beset and tried
Upon life's lonely way?
Too burdened with my many plans
For gain or high renown,
To reach a helping hand to him
Whom I see sinking down?
Ah no, not this will stand the test
Of thine all-seeing eye.
My idols, shattered by my hand,
All at thy feet must lie.
The yoke of old, that thou hast borne,
Means service full and free,
Forsaking selfish aims
To seek and truly follow thee.
And yet, thy cheering words remain
To make the dark path bright;
“My yoke will ever easy be
And all my burden light.”

CORNELIA SNOW.

THE LIVING WORD.

“AND beside this,” the apostle continues, “giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance;

and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.” As man works on the plan of addition, adding grace to grace, God works on the plan of multiplication. Peter declares, “Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, according as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.”

“For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” But a profession of faith without corresponding works is nothing. “He that lacketh these things is blind, and can not see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.” This is a description of a professed Christian who lives a life of sin. He grieves the Lord Jesus, and puts him to open shame because he manifests a character after the similitude of Satan. He retains the same objectionable traits of character that he had before he claimed to have received Christ. Indulging his corrupt tendencies, he forgets to be a doer of the Word. He does not eat the flesh

nor drink the blood of the Son of God. He does not practice Christ's words nor do his works.

Then comes the conclusion: “Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” This is the life insurance policy that every one may have. “Wherefore,” the apostle says, “I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance.” For a man to be effectually saved, the truth of the Word must be inwrought in the soul. It is a power that works inwardly to bless the soul of the receiver, and outwardly to bless the souls of others. Take the Word just as it reads, and be a doer of it. The Holy Spirit works with the consecrated soul who searches the Scriptures.

Now, just now, is our great opportunity to study the word of life. The hearts of many in this world are hungering for the bread of life and thirsting for the water of salvation. They

desire to know the Scriptures; they desire to know what the word of God says to them. The Holy Spirit is impressing their hearts, drawing them to the Bread of life. They see everything around them changing. They come to hear the Word just as it reads. They desire to build upon a firm foundation; and therefore Christians are counseled to be always ready to give a reason of the hope that is in them, with meekness and fear.

A clear, faithful testimony must be borne by every shepherd of the flock of God. The state of the heart is to be our first concern. "With the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Mere speech is nothing. Preaching the Word, and then working contrary to that Word, makes it of none effect. Lip knowledge, forms and ceremonies, are of little value if Christ does not abide in the soul. We are to watch for souls as they that must give an account. We are to sanctify the Lord God in our hearts. Then we shall be men and women of faith and prayer and power. There is a great work to be done. The heart must be faithfully sentinelled, else pride and rebellion will bear rule within. Evils without will awaken evils within, and the soul will wander in its own home-made fog, all the time charging upon some one else the result of its own unchristian course of action.

The living Word must dwell in us richly, else we can never sanctify the Lord God in our hearts. We must live by the Word, and take self in hand, closely examining ourselves to see whether we love God, or are bound up in our own conceit. Every heart that is not subdued by grace is treacherous, and will lead to ruin.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

"CAST thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."

LONDON SANITARIUM.

It is apparent to all who have given the subject any thought, that sanitarium work should be established in Great Britain. We have no sanitarium in all that country. When the delegates, who were sent from America to Europe last spring in the interest of the different departments of our work, were attending the London meeting, we were requested to consider the advisability of appropriating \$20,000 for the establishment of a sanitarium in London, or in that section of the British Empire. The question was considered before a council composed of the several brethren from America, and the brethren in charge of, and engaged in, the work in Great Britain.

After carefully weighing the subject, viewing it from every quarter, realizing the financial obligations already resting upon the denomination, as the result of a credit system, it was decided to be the part of wisdom not to grant the request to appropriate \$20,000, and thus involve the denomination deeper in debt. It was decided that it would be in the wisdom of God and in harmony with his word, to first secure the money by general solicitation, and then to make the necessary appropriation. To do this would be in harmony with the mind of the Saviour, hence it must succeed. "Which of you intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish." Luke 14: 28-30.

Our people in Great Britain are few in number; hence are financially weak. It was decided at the council above referred to, that to secure the necessary amount of money, the friends in Britain should provide one

third the sum required, and that the matter be set before the people of America with the request that we raise two dollars for each dollar raised by them, with the understanding that the extreme limit of the investment should not exceed \$30,000.

The brethren in London have informed the General Conference that they have found a property well adapted to sanitarium work, with all the necessary buildings on it, which can be purchased at a greatly reduced price if taken at an early date. It is situated seventeen miles from Westminster Bridge, London. So you see it is within touch of the world's metropolis.

This property can be secured for approximately \$15,000, which is very much below the amount we expected such a property would cost in that country. The English representatives have been at work for some time past securing their one-third proportion of the proposed cost of the property. We should secure at once \$10,000, and have it in hand ready to forward to them by the last of February, 1903, so that they may be able to secure this property before it passes into other hands.

Are there not many people in the Atlantic Union Conference who will be pleased to contribute liberally to this gospel enterprise, and thus assist in establishing this department of the work of the third angel's message in the Old World where the teeming millions of people are? Sabbath, February 7, has been set apart by the General Conference Committee, to receive contributions in all our churches in America for this noble enterprise. Now brethren and sisters and friends, will not each one in our Union Conference act his part in this undertaking, and thus come behind in no gift? Where there is union there is strength. If any can give a large sum, and the Spirit of the Lord suggests that you do so, "quench not the Spirit." If prompted by the Spirit to

give the "mite," though it may not mean all to you that it did to the widow of old, do that.

I hope we shall have a liberal contribution from all over our field.

H. W. COTTRELL.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

WHEN this number of the GLEANER reaches the reader, the matter will have been decided whether the capital city of the last great nation on earth shall have a memorial of the last great message of truth from heaven. Although at this date (January 28) we have but half of the amount needed; yet I am absolutely certain that when February 2, the day of the payment of the \$2,500 comes, we shall be able to meet it without difficulty. We wish to thank the friends in the Atlantic Union Conference for their help, and now we have just fairly begun the work of paying for the church. Nine thousand nine hundred dollars remains to be paid. This must be done as soon as possible. If the Washington church could be free from debt in a few weeks, it would give us a standing in the capital that would be most valuable to our work. If *all* will now unitedly take hold to do even a very little, we shall in a few weeks be clear of debt, ready to do the work the Lord is preparing for us.

For three Sundays we have been speaking at the new church on the great conflict now raging between capital and labor which is to increase till the end, also on the great liquor traffic and monopoly. Our attendance, in spite of the most unfavorable weather, has been encouraging. Last Sunday two Congressmen were present and seemed deeply interested. They will come again.

The husband of one of the members in the church, is one of the best reporters in Washington, and he often reports our meetings for the Washington *Times*, one of the principal

Washington papers. This has been a great help to us. The Lord is certainly preparing to do a great work here, and we believe it not only to be the privilege, but the duty, of every one to "Come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

We earnestly request that every worker in the conference, also every church elder act as an agent for this memorial church until the church is clear of debt. I will gladly supply subscription lists and our "Appeal" to every one who will volunteer to help. The New York, Pennsylvania, and Chesapeake Conferences have been supplied with subscription lists and "Appeals" through the conference secretaries; or rather the secretaries of these conferences have received these papers with the request that they be sent out immediately to all workers and local church elders. I believe that this has been done and that all are at work. If all will do this, the work will be finished in a few days, and we shall be free to do the work here which crowds and presses upon us.

Washington must yet become a great center for our work. The laws of the nation go out from this city. The law of the King of the universe must be published fully here, in the lives of his people, to the country and to the world. There will be those here of the very highest position who will receive the truth and publish it to the ends of the earth. Men of wealth will be brought into the truth who will materially help the work. All that is invested here will yield, and that soon, financial returns. For the little invested here one hundred-fold will be realized in dollars and cents. The time will come, and that soon, when, for this reason and for many others, all who invest money in this work will have reason to be thankful that they realized and responded to the opportunity; yes, all will be glad they have assisted to place our

message in a position where it can do the work which must be done here.

There must be a strong, a powerful influence exerted, to counteract the tremendous current that is so mightily beating against the bulwarks of honesty and of liberty of conscience. Here tremendous interests are contending even now in the last death struggle. Here the mighty truth of the message of righteousness and loyalty to the King of truth must have a strong foothold that in the seething whirl, she may stand firmly, unwaveringly holding aloft the light that shall shine in the gross darkness to the nation and the world till the day shall dawn. For the truth's sake, for the sake of souls that may be eternally saved by the far-reaching influence of the glorious light, HELP NOW.

J. S. WASHBURN.

THE "SIGNS OF THE TIMES" IN VERMONT.

I HAVE just received a subscription list from the Pacific Press, showing the number of copies of the *Signs* taken in Vermont, one hundred and twenty-six in all. Fifty of these are taken in clubs for missionary purposes. We note the fact that half of the churches in the State take a club of this paper. Every church and company in the State should have a club of the *Signs* to use in their work. This paper is our missionary paper, and by the blessing of God it has been the means of bringing many souls into the truth. Will we not renew our interest in this line of work?

I note that quite a large per cent of the single subscriptions in the State are by those not of our faith. If these persons have been visited and their subscriptions obtained, then others can be obtained in like manner; therefore, let us continue this good work. How good the Lord is to us to open up so many ways by which we can work for him!

J. W. WATT.

A SPLIT AMONG ADVENTISTS.

A TITLE similar to the above recently headed a despatch in one of the New York City daily papers, and I said, "Surely! Why should there not be a split among them?" Back in the days of the apostles, there came a time when the believers at Jerusalem split up—"were all scattered abroad,"—and they "went everywhere preaching the word."

If such a split as this shall come to Seventh-day Adventists, what blessings it will bring. We need not wait for persecution to make such splitting up necessary; but *now*, in this favorable time, let our force of workers be split up and sent to the great, needy fields outside of the United States.

Already this has been begun, and with a strong, steady outflow of workers and means to the distant whitening fields, while at home others quickly step in to fill the depleted ranks, we need not stop to worry long over newspaper reports of "splits" or factions or schisms.

We "are doing a great work," and "can not come down." "Why should the work cease" while we leave it for the things which the Sanballats may suggest?

Let us follow Romans 16:17, and then see to it that as individuals "there is none occasion of stumbling" in us.

S. N. CURTISS.

APPEAL TO THE YOUNG.

As I read the reports of the different States, and see the crying need of canvassers, my old heart is stirred up to appeal to the dear brethren and sisters who are young and able-bodied to give their life and heart to God and to his work. It is the most blessed work in which any one can engage.

I want to tell you a little of what God did with me when canvassing. The first that I ever canvassed was for "Sunshine." It was sent to me

just a week before Christmas. I went the next day and took orders. The next book for which I canvassed, was "Breakfast, Dinner, and Supper." The Lord helped me to sell sixty of those books in this town of only about two hundred inhabitants. While working with "Patriarchs and Prophets," the Lord helped me to take seven orders in nine hours, and I could make more money at that work than any other. For the "Marvel of Nations" I took thirteen orders in one day.

Now I will tell you the secret of success. I used to pray to the Lord who seeth in secret, believing that he would reward me openly. He will do just what he has promised to do for those who love and work for him. This is what he did for me, and he will do the same for all who believe on him; for God is no respecter of persons.

Dear brethren and sisters of the Atlantic Union Conference, please let an old man almost eighty-three years old, and unable to labor except by writing, ask you once more to give the remainder of your life to God and his work, that this message may go to the uttermost parts of the earth, that the King of kings may come and put a stop to the awfully wicked work that is carried on in the world to-day.

I realize that I am almost through with this life, and my prayer has been that the Lord would make my last days my best days in his service. I praise his holy name for what he did for me in the week of prayer. I wrote seven letters, made three visits, and loaned and gave away over two thousand pages of literature besides some papers. As long as the Lord gives me eyesight so that I can write, I shall try to encourage younger men and women to give themselves wholly to God and his work, that this work may close up in this generation. I believe it will. My prayer to God is that his people may arise and shine; for our light is surely come. Let us

glory in the Lord our maker, and go forward. He is with us to the end.

C. HALE.

The FIELD

NEW JERSEY AND NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE.

THE New Jersey Conference held its first annual session at Camden, January 14 to 18, 1903, forty-one delegates being in attendance, together with quite a goodly number of other persons. The Spirit of the Lord was present and directed in all the affairs of the session. The usual routine business of the session was done with despatch, thus much time was devoted to the consideration of aggressive work. The laborers, together with the people of the conference, are of good cheer, and are ready to enter advanced movements. The State with its 1,900,000 inhabitants affords an excellent opportunity for extending the definite message into unoccupied sections. There are in the State, two cities with a population of over 50,000, and one hundred and forty-five towns with a population of over 1,000.

There has been an increase of fifty-eight in church membership during the conference year. There are in this conference thousands of people of various nationalities, with a large German population in the northern part of the State.

Our church membership in this conference is three hundred and eighty-six, with fourteen churches, three ordained ministers, and two licentiates. What we need in this field, as well as throughout all the densely populated, eastern country, are men, and means for their support, in order that the work may be accomplished that the Lord has seen fit should rest upon us.

Elder J. E. Jayne was again elected

president of the conference, and Mrs. J. W. Rambo was chosen secretary and treasurer.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

The forty-first annual session of the New York Conference was held at Rome, January 19 to 26, 1903. The churches throughout the conference were well represented by delegates, considering the season of the year the meetings were held. All the ministers and other conference employees were in attendance, except two or three of the aged ministers whose health is impaired with the infirmity of age, and for these tried soldiers of the cross, prayers were offered daily.

Elder Haskell was present and gave a Bible study each day, which was highly appreciated by the people. E. E. Miles, S. N. Curtiss, and F. C. Gilbert were present a portion of the time in their different interests. The Spirit of the Lord was present from the first and took the lead, so the business meetings were very harmonious. The various departments of the work were carefully considered in their turn.

The conference is working on the last half of its quota of the "Christ's Object Lessons" book, and a decision was reached by it to close off the entire sale if possible, by April 1, 1903. There was an encouraging report presented of the sanitarium work in Buffalo, one interesting feature of which was that they are endeavoring to carry on this department on a cash basis.

They are doing good work in the way of church schools. Efforts were made to revive the general canvassing work. The value of the leading periodicals of the denomination, such as the *Review and Herald*, *Signs of the Times*, and *Sentinel of Christian Liberty*, were considered by the delegates, and measures taken to greatly increase their circulation.

The conference voted to support one or more of its workers in foreign

fields, when two of its best workers offered themselves for service in other countries. It was decided to furnish a tent to Elder W. A. Westworth, of Scotland.

Although the New York Conference has passed its forty-first milestone, there are many large cities in the State whose people have not yet been warned of the soon-coming King. This is a noble people, and a fruitful field, if only proper efforts could be put forth to shed abroad the rays of divine truth.

The third angel's message was presented at the conference in clear and distinct terms. The Lord blessed those with freedom whom he called to act a public part in the presentation of his word.

Elder G. B. Thompson was re-elected president of the conference.

H. W. COTTRELL.

COUDERSPORT, PA.

AFTER two weeks' effort and persistent advertising, we have, under God, succeeded in arousing quite a substantial interest in the meetings here. We have appreciated much the hearty cooperation of the faithful few who, before we came, held up the principles of truth in this vicinity. This is as it should be. We are laborers together, and must unitedly press the battle wherever God's providences indicate and efforts are put forth. During my absence at Eldred, Elder Baierle conducted the meetings alone. Coudersport is a place of probably four thousand inhabitants, and the county seat of Potter County.

Our experience has led us to believe that, by the time the work has closed in the larger cities, it will be practically impossible to enter the smaller cities and towns. In places of from one to ten thousand inhabitants local pride and social influence are more noticeable and general, and the boycott of the powers that be is more effective against "the intruder,"

than in larger places. We must press the work in the great centers of population, but in our planning we must not neglect the smaller places.

By the time this reaches the GLEANER readers, we shall be presenting the testing truths. Pray definitely for Brother Baierle and myself and the dear people that God's will may be done and the truth rightly presented and accepted by the honest.

C. F. MCVAGH.

READING, MASS.

IT has been my pleasure for the last two months or more to meet with a few of God's dear children at the home of Sister Giles in this town, where a tent effort was held a number of years ago. A few dear ones then took their stand for God and present truth. These few have stood out against the errors that have surrounded them on every hand all these years, and have prayed that a place might be opened up for meeting and for prayer, and that help might come.

At last their prayers are answered, and ten or more meet together on every Sabbath day to worship Him who hath delivered them from the power of darkness, and hath translated them into the kingdom of his dear Son. It is a great pleasure for the writer to meet with them from Sabbath to Sabbath, and study the lessons in the Psalms, and hold Bible readings with them. They are a praying company, and a company all of one mind and one accord.

Will the dear GLEANER family remember us in their prayers at the throne of grace, that our faith fail not, and that the great Shepherd of the little flocks scattered abroad through the earth may be with us and abide with us forever, and that souls may be called out of the darkness that surrounds them in this town. Finally may we be gathered together in one great company in that glorious morning so near at hand, when we shall

meet our brethren and sisters from every nation and kindred and tongue and people.

J. A. BILLS.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

THERE has been some effort made at different times to reach the people of this city without much success. But having the work at heart, and longing to see some saved in this place, I have begun in a different way from what has been done.

The first of this month I secured rooms, and have fitted them up for hygienic dining-rooms. The 19th of January I gave my opening dinner. About forty responded to the invitations; and all with one accord said that they were well fed.

I have done but little advertising, but a goodly number have been in. We have a cozy reception-room, and a nice library with a number of our publications and periodicals for the people to read while they wait. We are reaching the best people of the city in this way, and we hope to interest them in all the truth.

This is the dullest season of the year, and it will take time to build up the work; but I am encouraged day by day, and I know the Lord is leading. It is marvelous how the way has been opened. We are only anxious that souls may be saved in some way, and we will be satisfied.

ELLEN V. VANCE.

Jan. 25, 1903.

ELDRED, PA.

SABBATH, January 8, I met with the Eldred church in quarterly meeting, and enjoyed a precious privilege at the place where the light of truth came to me, and with those with whom I first associated in church fellowship. Although the church is now few in numbers, they are of good courage, and are determined by God's help to keep the light burning there.

They rejoice that so many who have gone from them are engaged publicly in the spread of the last warning message in other fields.

Nearly all who were physically able were out to the meeting together with representatives of the Duke Center and Port Allegany churches, and Brother V. H. Cook, who has lately removed to Williamsport to fill Brother Lee's place as conference secretary. Brother Cook, who has been elder of the church for a number of years, was granted a letter to the Williamsport church; and officers for the ensuing year were elected.

C. F. MCVAGH.

KEENE, N. H.

THE Lord has been giving us some useful and most happy lessons of late, for which we praise his holy name, and take courage. Last Sabbath another family came to us for spiritual help, because they felt that their feet were in the swift-running current of sin, which would soon bring ruin and death if they were not rescued. This family has been passing "through the waters." Only two weeks before, the lady came so near death that she felt herself slipping away, and she said, "O mama, pray for me." Her husband came to our door, and said, "Pray for my wife. If God spares her life, she will serve him." Her life was spared, and last Sabbath we had a sweet experience in bringing them as a family to Jesus,—husband, wife, and children, for forgiveness and acceptance.

The mother was the first in yielding, and it seemed as though she could hardly wait, she was so anxious for herself; and then she began asking her husband. Their little boy, about six or seven years old, caught the spirit, and urged his papa to come. He put both his little hands up to his face, and wept as though he understood the struggle, and the

father did yield. We pray that the conversion will be such that they may indeed be new creatures in Christ Jesus.

Last night at our prayer-meeting a lady who had never given her heart to the Lord, said, "I do certainly want to be a Christian and have all my sins forgiven and taken away." So again we had the precious privilege of bringing a lost soul to the throne of grace for pardon.

In my report in the GLEANER of December 3 I gave an account of a lady who called at my home, and with whom I had an interesting conversation about the Sabbath. Some who read that article may be pleased to hear that I have received a letter from her from Pennsylvania. I will give a few extracts from it, that you may all pray God to bring her to present truth.

"I have your kind letter and am glad to know that you have thought of me, and have cared enough to write to me. Yes, I have read the tracts, and enjoyed them very much; but am sorry that it is not real clear to my mind. I know I have not given the Sabbath question the study you expected that I would. I am just going to wait for God to show me where I am wrong. At the present time I really do not care for any thing else but God, and our relations to him. Society, parties, and having gaieties,—are hollow nothings to me. I desire to know the will of God and be as wax in his hand, that he may work in and through me to will and do of his own good pleasure."

The Lord is working with, and for her. Let us all pray God that she may learn to love and obey just what he says in his blessed word, for this will bring her quickly close to God.

I read a little incident some time ago that impressed me much, and I feel led to repeat it. Perhaps it may help some one as it did me.

"A general superintendent of a certain railway telegraphed to a man

not to turn a certain bridge until a special train had passed; many people waited, and waited, anxious to pass over; but the word had been given, and the man remained firm. Finally a man said, 'You can quickly turn the bridge, and all will be right before the train can reach us.' He had only opened it up, when the train came dashing by, crushing into the depths below where lives were lost. The man who did not *obey* the word of the superintendent, lost his mind; and for years, until his death, kept crying this one dreadful cry, 'If I only had.' 'If I only had.' 'If I only had obeyed,' these lives would not have been lost."

I pray that we will let God so rule, and reign in us, that we may never have that most bitter cry in our hearts,—if I only had obeyed God these results would not have come,—but may we so listen to his voice, through his word, and by his *Spirit now*, that we may have confidence, and not be ashamed, before him at his coming. ELLA M. WILBER.

REPORT OF TITHE RECEIPTS FOR N. E. CONFERENCE.
Year Ending Dec. 31, 1902.

Name of Church.	No. Mem.	Tithes.	Av. per Mem.
NEW HAMPSHIRE.			
Amherst,	9	\$82.19	\$9.13
Keene,	15	178.74	11.92
Nashua,	14	198.58	14.18
New Ipswich,	21	248.19	11.82
Short Falls,	12	46.73	3.89
Washington,	38	120.62	3.17
MASSACHUSETTS.			
Amesbury Co.,		92.10	
Beverly,	32	339.82	10.62
Boston,	112	684.08	6.11
Brockton,	7	190.40	27.20
Charlemont,	19	169.55	8.92
Danvers,	35	428.41	12.24
Everett,	13	45.02	3.46
Haverhill,	24	82.58	3.44
Leominster,	18	21.72	1.21
Lowell,	20	203.32	10.17
Lynn,	61	81.19	1.33
New Bedford and Dartmouth,	47	418.81	8.91
Newburyport.	20	52.88	2.64

South Amherst,	20	78.61	3.93
South Lancaster,	226	3,070.92	13.59
South Yarmouth,	5	25.30	5.06
So. Framingham Co.,		25.67	
Springfield,	19	352.06	18.53
Vineyard Haven Co.,		26.57	
Worcester,	40	632.10	15.80
West Newton,		57.37	
RHODE ISLAND.			
Green Hill,	15	117.50	7.83
Greenwood,	20	131.03	6.55
Niantic,	25	378.69	15.15
Pawtucket,	22	249.47	11.34
Peacedale,	23	137.77	5.99
Providence,	20	98.56	4.93
Slocumville,	41	315.57	7.70
CONNECTICUT.			
East Canaan,	20	264.61	13.23
Hartford,	24	726.78	30.28
Hartford Swedish,	16	55.30	3.46
Hebron,	10	82.72	8.27
New Haven,	21	179.71	8.56
New London,	13	140.75	10.83
Norwichtown,	34	582.49	17.13
Willimantic,	37	557.14	15.06
Individuals,		1,150.03	
Totals,	1,168	\$13,121.65	\$11.23

BOSTON FIELD.

THERE is one thing that seems exceedingly gratifying in this field since the week of prayer; and that is, a spirit of labor for souls.

At a recent Sabbath service in Boston a request was made for all who desired to do so, to remain to an after service, where we were to consider a phase of gospel work; and nearly, if not quite two thirds of the congregation remained. We shall continue to pray that not only a part, but the entire church may speedily join the recruits for service in the closing conflict between truth and error.

At the different recruiting stations for the United States army and in other places, we observe notices posted in conspicuous places plainly stating the kind of an examination each recruit must pass in order to be accepted into our country's service. They must be free from disease, are required to be a certain height, weigh so much, and must be between certain ages. But praise the Lord

that he does not require any examination when he receives recruits into his army. It makes no difference how young or how old. His height is not questioned, even though he be no taller than Zaccheus, and his weight is not considered. That is, physically speaking, there are no tests that he must be subject to in order to be accepted into the Christian warfare.

But God has a standard, however, by which he examines recruits who enter his service. It is a moral standard involving the character of the recruit; and the standard is nothing short of the life of Christ.

The Lord has promised to supply all that we need to make us successful soldiers in the "good fight of faith," for we shall be "complete in him." He is "all in all." The Christian's armor is Christ from the girdle of truth to the sword of the Spirit: Girdle of truth, "I am the way, the truth, and the life;" "breastplate of righteousness," "the Lord our righteousness," "Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness;" "preparation of the gospel of peace," "for he is our peace;" "shield of faith," "looking unto Jesus the author [beginner] and finisher of our faith;" "helmet of salvation," "the Lord is my light and my salvation;" "sword of the Spirit," "and his name is called the word of God."

K. C. RUSSELL.

SOUTH FRAMINGHAM, MASS.

IT has been several weeks since a report has appeared in the GLEANER from South Framingham, but the work of the Lord is still going on here, and souls are being brought to a knowledge of the truth. The interest here is deepening, and there have never been so many openings for work as there are at the present time. We are becoming better acquainted with the people, and they have more confidence in the work. Some have sent

unless he esteems his mother above every other woman; and if he has a sister he exercises the greatest thought and care for her. No other young man will make a good husband. I have often thought of the words of General Grant. At one time he was at a party at which there were several ladies. After a time the ladies all left the room. One of the men present said that he had a story he wanted to tell now that the ladies had all left the room. General Grant said, "I will not hear the story that can not be told in the presence of ladies." Young men, if you have that standard, it will lift you in the esteem of high heaven and of all mankind as well.

It is a proper thing that young people should love each other; it is a proper thing that young people should be engaged; it is a proper thing that young people should marry. But the trouble with the whole question is this idle talk, which so naturally goes with this matter of love; and it is this cheap gossip which removes the sweetness and sacredness from love. The earnest Christian young man and woman will raise the standard of their thoughts and conversation above it.

Says the spirit of prophecy, "Keep in check anything like favoritism, attachments and courting. Not one thread of this is to be interwoven with their school work. No frivolity should be tolerated, and if they [some students] are determined to have their own way, they should return to their own homes that they might be under the guardianship of their own parents." "Those who have been in the habit of telling what they see or hear need to be converted on this point."

I have here simply read some brief extracts concerning what the Lord has said regarding these matters. I feel that this is a serious matter. I want you to take it as a serious matter. Your character depends upon

the way in which you look at these questions. Look upon them in the light of what I have said to you, and read to you, and you will find that sweetness of life, of character, springing up in your life that will make you a light wherever you go. We have to cultivate our taste. We can talk of things that are helpful; we can avoid all this spirit of flirtation that is going on in the world; we can stand as rocks amid the moral degradation that is around us.

Restrain your affections, hold your affections, there is time enough yet. The spirit of the Lord has clearly indicated that students should not form attachments while they are in school. Leave these matters until you have reached the age at which you can act wisely, and let us control ourselves while here. This is a point that I earnestly urge. It is the one point of all, not only in our schools, but in the world at large. Many of our churches are going to wreck because they do not recognize this point. Little boys and little girls are forming these attachments.

Young men and young women should not have serious thoughts of marriage until they have the means of making a home. Look at the ridiculousness of it; a young man asks a young woman to marry him when he can not support himself. I say that a young man should have come to the years of accountability, and have the means of supporting himself, before he asks a young woman to marry him. If I were a young woman I would not think much of the young man who asked me to help support him. This is pure sentimentalism; it is not built upon the foundation that will be the means of making a home in the future. The marriage institution is one of the institutions that has come to us from the garden of Eden.

I have talked plainly. You would naturally expect one in my position to talk in this way. Young people, I

am not talking upon this basis at all. I am not trying to get you to obey the regulations of the school. I am not worried about them. You can obey the regulations of the school or go home. That is not the point in the matter. I am talking upon the point of making men and women of real worth and usefulness in life. I want to tell you that frivolity, and lightness of talk in all these matters will just as surely take from your life the seriousness that God wants you to have; and it is the very thing that will hinder you from developing into true men and women. Look at these matters seriously. You can educate yourselves to think and talk and act along lines that will bring you untold happiness. Drink from the pure streams, do not drink from the muddy streams. Select pure books, good companions, and you will find yourself lifted up and made better by the very effort that you put forth, and that air of modesty, that air of purity will surround you, each one of you, as a barrier that can not be broken through. May God help us all, help me, help you; to see what we ought to do that we may become earnest, conscientious workers for him.

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

ACADEMY NOTES.

-- Professor Griggs has been attending the teacher's convention at Rome, N. Y., during a part of the past week.

-- The classes in botany and chemistry formed at the commencement of the second term are now nicely started in their work.

-- Miss Mary Cady, Miss May Ross, and Mr. H. P. Smith, of the Melrose Sanitarium, have recently visited friends in town.

-- The chorus drill was held on

Wednesday evening last week, instead of Thursday, on account of Professor Griggs' leaving Thursday.

—Several of the young people went to the Gospel Mission in Clinton the evening after the Sabbath, and conducted the regular evening meeting.

—Our Young People's Society is engaged in active missionary work this winter. Several attend the services of the Leominster church each week, and assist in the Sabbath-school and services. Others are holding Bible readings in the vicinity. Quite a number are giving their time to the distribution of invitations to the Sunday evening meetings which are being held in the church.

—Our singing work this year is being conducted on a substantial basis, the young people and friends in the place have formed an organization, the South Lancaster Amateur Musical Club, under whose direction the work is carried on. The present officers are: President, H. M. Lee; Vice-President, C. B. Haynes; Secretary, Nettie I. Porch; Assistant Secretary, Marian Jenkins. These, with three others, constitute the executive board. Professor Griggs is musical director. The membership of the club is now about eighty. All seem to be much interested in the work, and progress is being made in the chorus drill. The club expect to give the cantata "Ruth" within a few weeks.

BOSTON FIELD.

—Elder A. E. Place spoke to the Boston church last Sabbath.

—Brother H. H. Stacy, of South Lancaster, spent Sunday, the 25th ult., in this field.

—Brother Edward Mitchell, of Lowell, Mass., attended the Sabbath service in Boston the 24th ult.

—Brother Paul Mason and wife, of South Lancaster, recently spent a few days in Boston and Melrose.

—The writer attended the Pawtucket general meeting last Sabbath, in company with Brother H. C. Wilcox.

—Misses Ross and Cady, of the New England Sanitarium, are spending a few days this week at South Lancaster.

—Miss Florence Tate spent last Sabbath and Sunday with her relatives in the city, as she was enroute for her home in Maine.

—Remember that Elder R. A. Underwood, president of the Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, is to speak Sabbath, the 7th of February, at 3 P.M., in Gilbert Hall, Tremont Temple. Let there be a general rally.

—A lively interest is being taken in the training class for gospel workers, which is to be held in room C., Tremont Temple. The thought was emphasized at the last class that worldly honor and pecuniary gain should not be the motive of any worker, but the honor of Christ and the salvation of souls.

K. C. RUSSELL.

THE BOOK WORK.

Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending January 23, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. J. Heckman, Johnstown,		D of A		5			2.25	2.25	6.50
W. H. Zeidler, McKeesport,		G C		22	7	21.50	11.25	32.75	3.00
T. D. Gibson, Uniontown,		P & P		17	5	11.25	6.50	17.75	4.00
W. W. Moore, Somerset,		P & P		17	2	4.50	33.05	37.55	
Ivor Lawrence, Johnstown,		D & R		11	2	3.25	1.75	5.00	2.00
Mrs. E. W. Kirker, Greensburg,		L G		7	4	12.00		12.00	16.25
Mrs. T. D. Gibson, Uniontown,		L G				1	4.50	4.50	2.00
Alvin H. Osman, Johnstown,		M of N		2			2.00	2.00	11.15
L. H. Yothers, Apollo,		H of M		45	17	25.00	9.50	34.50	56.00
W. H. Dredge, McKeesport,		H of M		35	9	12.75	4.50	17.25	1.50
Andrew Ness, Scottsdale,		C K		27	7	7.00	2.50	9.50	3.00
*C. F. Mahr, Lancaster,		C K		47	29	29.00	4.75	33.75	20.50
W. T. Hilgert, Philadelphia,		L B					1.45	1.45	
Sue M. Andrews, Reading,		C O L			7	8.75		8.75	
Totals,	14 Agents,			235	90	\$139.50	\$79.50	\$219.00	\$125.90

*Four weeks.

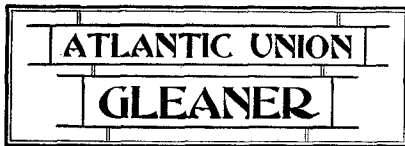
New England Conference, Week Ending January 23, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
E. Mitchell, Reading,		D of A		26	3	8.50	15.25	23.75	
J. E. Leighton, Reading,		D of A		31	2	7.75	2.75	10.50	35.00
Totals,	2 Agents,			57	5	\$16.25	\$18.00	\$34.25	\$35.00

Maine Conference, Week Ending January 23, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. E. Gerald, Portland,		C O L		18	8	11.25	2.50	13.75	
Totals,	1 Agent,			18	8	\$11.25	\$2.50	\$13.75	

Union Conference Totals,	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
17 Agents,		310	103	\$165.00	\$100.00	\$267.00	\$160.90



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A TRIAL subscription to the GLEANER will be sent to any address until April 29 for ten cents.

A NOTICE appeared in the *Review and Herald* of January 20 that the General Conference had "decided to call for a Sabbath offering to be taken in all our churches in America, Sabbath, February 7," for the purchase of a sanitarium in England. We trust that no church will neglect this offering. If any failed to read Elder Daniell's article in the *Review* entitled "A Sanitarium for Great Britain," please do so at once.

HELP JUST NOW.

APPEALS come from Washington, D. C., and England *just now* for help. Every Seventh-day Adventist in America ought to have some interest in a tangible way in the church at Washington. Every conference in the United States should feel that they have helped to provide a place where these Representatives in Congress can go and hear this last call of mercy under the third angel's message. Will not all our brethren and sisters in Pennsylvania *do something*, if it is not a large amount, and do it *at once*?

Then there is a call for help across the waters for the sanitarium in England. This is a worthy object upon which to bestow our help at this time. The appeals and reasons for our aid at this time for this worthy enterprise have been fully set forth in the *Review* and elsewhere. If we do our

duty "God is able to make *all grace abound* toward you, that we come behind in no good work."

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the South Lancaster Academy Corporation will hold its twentieth annual session at South Lancaster, Massachusetts, Feb. 9 and 10, 1903, for the purpose of electing officers and a board of trustees for the ensuing year, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the stockholders. The first meeting will be February 9, at 4 P.M.

HAMPTON W. COTTRELL.
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ALBERT E. PLACE,
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GEORGE B. THOMPSON,
JOHN W. WATT,
ORVIL O. FARNSWORTH,
HENRY C. BASNEY,
J. EDWARD JAYNE.

Jan. 11, 1903.

TO THE FRONT.

ON page seventeen of "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VII, we find these words: "The battle-cry is sounding along the line. Let every soldier of the cross push to the front, not in self-sufficiency but in meekness and lowliness, and with firm faith in God."

What does God want every one of us to do? — Push to the front! If all God's people will heed this testimony what a mighty work will soon be accomplished in the earth!

At present the Lord would have us all push to the front in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons," and remain in the front ranks until the debts on our schools are wiped out. Brethren and sisters of Vermont, shall we rally once more, and push this work forward? I believe the

blessing of God will attend every effort made in humility and faith to sell this precious book, and souls will be saved as a result of the work.

Volume seven of the Testimonies brings to us most valuable instruction, showing plainly that we are very near the end of all things earthly, also showing that all who are saved when the Lord comes will be actively engaged in his work while probation lasts. Not a man or a woman who is physically able to do anything at all, can remain indifferent and idle now, and expect to go through to the kingdom of God with his people.

It is often very easy to sell copies of "Object Lessons." A short time ago the writer, after giving a Bible study in the home of one not of our faith, asked the lady of the house to look at "Christ's Object Lessons," which she did, and in a few minutes said she would like one. When the book was delivered, a few days later, she seemed very much pleased to receive it.

We greatly desire to see this work go forward in Vermont. Will our church elders and librarians in the State assist us in this work by urging their respective church-members to once more make a special effort on the sale of this book? The books can be sold if a proper effort is made.

Let us all make this work a special subject of prayer, asking the Lord daily for wisdom and help that we may be able to meet the mind of the Lord in this matter. It is the mind of the Lord that Vermont should sell her quota of these books, and all God's demands are enabling. Let us arise and do the work.

J. W. WATT.

SUNSET CALENDAR FRIDAYS.

Local Mean Time.

1903.	Boston.	N. Y. and Phila.	Washington.
Feb. 6.....	5:19	5:23	5:26
Feb. 13.....	5:28	5:31	5:34
Feb. 20.....	5:37	5:40	5:42
Feb. 27.....	5:46	5:48	5:50