

ATLANTIC UNION GLENNER



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

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A NARROW PLACE.

O SOUL that's filled with discontent,
Shouldst thou lament
Because thy life in narrow bounds is pent?
The land was small where Jesus dwelt,
Yet he ne'er felt
That God with him had thus unwisely dealt.
But rather in his narrow place
He set his face
To do God's will—and there redeemed the
race!
So, soul, learn this: thou hast a part
Just where thou art,
Which, if thou'lt do, will surely bless some
heart.
And not so much where thou dost dwell
As whether well
Thy work thou dost, at last thy fate will tell.
—Rev. William P. Finney.

OUR BATTLE WITH EVIL.

THE will of man is aggressive, and is constantly striving to bend all things to its purposes. If it is enlisted on the side of God and right, the fruits of the Spirit will appear in the life; and God has appointed glory, honor, and peace to every man that worketh good.

When Satan is permitted to mold the will, he uses it to accomplish his ends. He often works under cover as an angel of light. He has synagogues for worship, and an immense number of followers. But with all his high

professions, he is at enmity with God. He instigates theories of unbelief, and stirs up the human heart to war against the word of God. With persistent, persevering effort, he seeks to inspire men with his own energies of hate and antagonism to God, and to array them in opposition to the institutions and requirements of Heaven and the operations of the Holy Spirit. He enlists under his standard all evil agencies, and brings them into the battle-field under his generalship to oppose evil against good.

It is Satan's work to dethrone God from the heart, and to mold human nature into his own image of moral deformity. He stirs up the evil propensities, awakening unholy passions and ambitions. He says, "All this power, these honors, and riches, and sinful pleasures, will I give thee;" but his conditions are that integrity shall be yielded, conscience blunted. Thus he degrades the human faculties, and brings them into captivity to sin.

God calls upon men to oppose the powers of evil. He says: "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin; but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your mem-

bers as instruments of righteousness unto God."

The Christian life is a warfare. But "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." In this conflict of righteousness against unrighteousness, we can be successful only by divine aid. Our finite will must be brought into submission to the will of the Infinite: the human will must be blended with the divine. This will bring the Holy Spirit to our aid; and every conquest will tend to the recovery of God's purchased possession, to the restoration of his image in the soul.

The Lord Jesus acts through the Holy Spirit; for it is his representative. Through it he infuses spiritual life into the soul, quickening its energies for good, cleansing from moral defilement, and giving it a fitness for his kingdom. Jesus has large blessings to bestow, rich gifts to distribute among men. He is the wonderful Counselor, infinite in wisdom and strength; and if we will acknowledge the power of his Spirit, and submit to be molded by it, we shall stand complete in him. What a thought is this! In Christ "dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are

complete in him." Never will the human heart know happiness until it is submitted to be molded by the Spirit of God. The Spirit conforms the renewed soul to the model, Jesus Christ. Through its influence, enmity against God is changed into faith and love, and pride into humility. The soul perceives the beauty of truth, and Christ is honored in excellence and perfection of character. As these changes are effected, angels break out in rapturous song, and God and Christ rejoice over souls fashioned after the divine similitude.

It is by contemplating Christ, by exercising faith in him, by experiencing for ourselves his saving grace, that we are qualified to present him to the world. When the soul is renovated through the truth and brought into harmony with God, the Lord will accept us as workers together with himself, for the salvation of others. Jesus will be our theme; his love burning upon the altar of our hearts, will reach the hearts of the people. The truth will be presented, not as a cold, lifeless theory, but as a living force to change the life. But the power is of God through his Holy Spirit, which works effectually on hearts and minds. When Jesus left to his disciples the work which he had begun, he charged them: "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." And he promised, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." And the disciples "continued with one accord in prayer and supplication," waiting for the fulfilment of the promise.

We should pray as earnestly for the descent of the Holy Spirit as the disciples prayed on the day of Pentecost. If they needed it at that time, we need it more to-day. All manner of false doctrines, heresies, and deceptions are misleading the minds of men; and

without the Spirit's aid, our efforts to present divine truth will be in vain.

We are living in the time of the Holy Spirit's power. It is seeking to diffuse itself through the agency of humanity, thus increasing its influence in the world. For if any man drinks of the water of life, it will be in him "a well of water springing up into everlasting life;" and the blessing will not be confined to himself, but will be shared by others.

On occasions when the Holy Spirit has manifested its power among our churches or in our schools, some have given it a mere formal acknowledgment; others have met it with unbelief and resistance; and still others have given the heavenly Guest a confined range, limiting its power and its operations. It has been looked upon as an element to be restricted, controlled. The Spirit of God has unconfined range of the heavenly universe; and it is not the province of finite human minds to limit its power or prescribe its operations. Let no one pronounce judgment upon the Holy Spirit; for it will pronounce judgment upon those who do this.

To reject the Holy Spirit, through whose power we conquer the forces of evil, is the sin that surpasses all others; for it cuts us off from the source of our power,—from Christ and communion with him. When there is a manifest awakening in church or school, and it is evident that the Holy Spirit is working, the first intimation of the heavenly influence should be honored. Let the routine of study or work be secondary, and let every one cooperate with the divine agency, with hearty thanksgiving that God has visited his people.

The warfare between good and evil has not grown less fierce than it was in the days of the Saviour. The path to heaven is no smoother now than it was then. All our sins must be put away. Every darling indulgence that hinders our religious life must be cut off. The right eye or the right hand

must be sacrificed, if it causes us to offend. Are we willing to renounce our own wisdom, and to receive the kingdom of heaven as a little child? Are we willing to part with our self-righteousness? Are we willing to sacrifice the approbation of men? The prize of eternal life is of infinite value. Are we willing to welcome the Holy Spirit's aid, and cooperate with it, putting forth efforts and making sacrifices proportionate to the value of the object to be obtained?

The exhortation of the Spirit of God is of peculiar force at this time: "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

"LET church-members, during the week, act their part faithfully, and on the Sabbath relate their experience. The meetings will then be as meat in due season, bringing to all present new life and fresh vigor."

"THE triumph of Christian faith is to suffer, and be strong; to submit, and thus conquer; to be killed all the day long, and yet to live; to bear the cross, and thus win the crown of immortal glory."

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

PLANS OF WORK, AND THE TEST OF TRUE RELIGION.

THE highest type of religion is effectual service for Christ. Inactivity is the bane of body and soul. "Do nothing" is the devil's favorite text. "Go, *work to-day* in my vineyard," is Heaven's high and urgent commission.

To know how to work to the best advantage, and acquire the best results, is the highest attainment and qualification of any man. He who cultivates and strives for these attainments in this life, has Heaven's highest approbation, provided such service and talents are consecrated to the glory of God. The Lord wants us to put to use all our ingenuity in devising plans whereby every member of the church may be led to cooperate with Christ in the great mission field.

Unless you have found a better plan of work, I would suggest that each church give the following simple but effectual plan a good trial. Let each missionary society adopt it, and report results. It is the plan we are putting in operation in the Pittsburg and Allegheny churches. We have tried it before, and know of no better plan. It is a plan that sends every church-member into the field as a precious seed-sower, and gives each something to do.

Our missionary society in the church makes itself responsible for a large supply of the four new tracts just issued. These four tracts are used as pioneers to open the way and are to be followed with stronger doctrinal subjects discussed in other tracts, if the interest demands such food.

The librarian puts ten tracts upon the same subject into as many envelopes, and hands this number to each church-member. We call this tract number one, in order to system-

atize the work. The envelope explains all about the mission of the tract it bears, so little is left for the worker to do but simply call the person to the door, and state this fact as he or she hands the mistress of the house the envelope. This enables each church-member to place ten tracts in ten homes the first week.

The second week the librarian hands each church-member ten other tracts in envelopes which we will call tract number two. With these ten tracts they each go to the ten homes where tract number one was placed and call for it, and hand them each tract number two in exchange, provided the mistress of the house desires further reading. Then take tract number one to ten new homes. This will give each church-member twenty families to supply with tracts each week. This is about as many families as any one church-member ought to attempt to supply in order to do the work comfortably and effectually, and not make it burdensome for the librarian. Accordingly tract number one will have to be recalled at the end of the third week, and go on the retired list until a new district of twenty homes is worked on the same plan again. Quite often, however, the affections of the reader capture it before it gets home, and it is sold to him. Always thank the Lord for this.

The third week the librarian hands out ten tracts of number three, provided the ten first homes are still open for reading matter, and tract number three is exchanged for tract number two, and tract number two is exchanged for tract number one.

By the time four or five numbers have been handed out to the same family for investigation, their interest for or against the tracts will assert itself in a tangible way. This will enable you to discriminate who is an honest seeker after light and truth, and who is not. The number of interested ones usually dwindles down

to two or one out of twenty families and sometimes none, provided you take the houses on a street just as they come without missing one. But do not become discouraged. This is the Lord's way of finding the honest, and giving the disinterested ones the offer of mercy and the note of warning, so that all will be without excuse in the great day of reckoning.

This plan will open many avenues to the church for aggressive missionary work in other lines. Persons who become interested will call for Bible readings in their homes. This, in turn, will afford the studious and intelligent church-members an opportunity to develop their talent and aptitude for a larger work. It is by embracing the daily opportunities, performing the little things, that we are kept from becoming fruitless and withered.

Another virtue of this plan of work is that it affords an excellent opportunity to sell "Christ's Object Lessons" and other books, as well as our papers and magazines. After you have called several times at a house, and have secured the interest and confidence of the inmates, it is an easy matter to introduce a copy of "Christ's Object Lessons," and take an order. You can rest assured that every copy put into the home of an interested family will do a telling work. The door has been opened, the ice broken, and the souls are delivered into your hands to guide along at your pleasure, as Elisha led the Assyrian hosts.

After a district of twenty houses has been thoroughly worked, and the jewels sifted out by an individual, then, without delay, let him work a new district of twenty houses on the same plan. In order to carry out this plan successfully, the officers of the church or missionary society must divide the territory or city into as many districts as there are workers, and have each worker stay in his or her district until it is thoroughly worked.

If every church in every conference

would thus work the specific territory surrounding her, the whole, wide field at home would soon be covered. This very work the churches must do as a whole before they have complied with Christ's commission: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." I recently saw a new translation of this text which transposed the word *all*, and it struck me with force and much meaning. It read thus: "Go ye *all* into the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." The best translation I have yet seen is Christ's way of translating it—translate it into your experience, and make the Word flesh. This do, and thou shalt glorify God and be renewed thyself.

Let me close with a statement from God. May his entreaty touch some heart. "Souls are perishing out of Christ, and those who profess to be Christ's disciples are letting them die. Our brethren have talents entrusted to them for the very work of saving souls; but some have bound these up in a napkin and buried them in the earth. How much do such idlers resemble the angel who is represented as flying in the midst of heaven, proclaiming the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus? What manner of entreaty can be brought to bear upon the idlers that will arouse them to go to work for the Master? What can we say to the slothful church-member to make him realize the necessity of unearthing his talent and putting it out to the exchangers? There will be no idler, no slothful one, found inside the kingdom of heaven. O that God would set this matter in all its importance before the sleeping churches! O that Zion would arise and put on her beautiful garments! O that she would shine!" —"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VI, p. 434.

C. S. LONGACRE.

P. S.—Dear reader and subscriber, will you please have the non-subscriber read these articles from week

to week, and if possible secure his subscription to the GLEANER? A reward for such.

C. S. L.

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE, PLEASE NOTICE.

ARE there any of our churches or members of churches in this conference now holding copies of "Christ's Object Lessons" who desire assistance in selling them? If so, please write me at once, and let me know how many copies you have, and what you are willing to allow per copy for selling. The book is proving to be a good help to our canvassers, and while I have felt very anxious that each church should dispose of these books themselves on account of the great blessing that would come to them through the work, yet I feel deeply anxious that the last copy of our quota may be sold before I leave for General Conference, and some of our canvassers are willing to take hold and help finish the work; but we sincerely hope each one who still holds any of these books will make a special effort to sell them at once, and then report. If you can not sell them at once, can you not arrange to send the pay for those not yet paid for, that the account may be settled?

THE MATERIAL FUND.

We also feel anxious to finish our portion of the fund for the cost of making the books which we have received. You will notice by the GLEANER that the amount due from this conference is nearly paid. At our general meetings our people have taken hold real well on this line, and some of our scattered brethren and sisters have sent in donations. Are there not others who could make a donation *now*, and close this work also? There is still opportunity for the New England Conference to give the first note of the "jubilee song." Shall we improve the opportunity? *If you can pay but a few cents, do that; for all great things are made of the littles.*

Pay all money to your church treasurer, or send to the New England Tract Society, So. Lancaster, Mass., with directions how it should be appropriated.

I have greatly appreciated the interest and spirit of sacrifice that has been manifested by our dear brethren and sisters along these lines at our general meetings. Some have felt that the calls for money are numerous, so much so that it is at times almost discouraging, but it should not discourage any. The entire plan of salvation was laid in pure sacrifice, and since its first inception the calls upon Christ and all heaven have been not only numerous but constant, and the Lord inspired his prophet to write, "I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the Lord, *keep not silence, and give him no rest . . . till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.*" Isa. 62: 6, 7.

While at one of the general meetings, we were cheered by the following testimony, "Yes, the calls to help are coming often, but I expect they will come still more often. They do not come any too often for our good. Every time I respond to these calls, even though I give but little, it brings a blessing into my poor soul; and I feel that it means a little more advancement of the Master's work in the earth; and we are anxious to see the work closed up and go home to be with the Lord." David testifies, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power." Is this not the day of power for Satan and his hosts? and is it not the day of God's power for and with his people? Let all the people say, "*Amen, and amen.*"

A. E. PLACE.

TO PREACH the gospel to the heathen—*is it the amusement or is it the business of the church of Christ?* Is it true that the devil himself marvels at our unfaithfulness? Does

Satan wonder at his own success? How long shall he be allowed to triumph?—*J. H. Horsburg.*

The FIELD

CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE.

AS THE GLEANER makes its regular visits to our home, we are reminded of the rapid passing of time. And as the signs are being so clearly set before us, it seems as though the Lord was making a special call to the world to get ready. This is making it a favorable time to bring the truth before many. I was very forcibly reminded of this at the last place I visited. I found the whole neighborhood stirred up on account of the situation in the East. There the warcloud looks dark, and only as the angels shall hold the winds can war be averted. Where the "message" has been given in the past the people are watching the events, and God is impressing hearts to come out of the valley of decision.

At Fords Store I found the people had been moved upon by the Spirit of God; and as the Spirit bore witness to the truth proclaimed, several decided to take their stand for life.

While some of the workers are reporting their meetings, I wish to speak as a whole of some very encouraging features in the work. While there are, and have been, many battles to fight, we are trying to get to the place revealed to John in the opening of the first seal where the white horse (the Spirit of God) bore its rider on conquering and to conquer.

The early disciples received the power before they went out by first being emptied of self. There has been a good spirit of devotion and unity among the workers in the conference during the past year. The Lord has been our strength and song, and has also become our salvation. Amid all the difficulties, the work has

moved steadily along. The past winter has been the worst I ever saw for holding meetings. Nearly every Sunday since last September has been stormy, so the workers have had to meet many discouraging times.

But notwithstanding all this, the Spirit of God has been so manifest, that there has been a steady gathering in of souls, so that since the first of January thirty have united with the church, making about one hundred and seventy who have united with the church since the first of last April, or in eleven months. While we review the work, it is not to number Israel, but to recount the mercies of God. To him be all the praise; for he has done the work, and not feeble man. We can count it a blessed privilege to labor together with him, and have the blessed experience of seeing souls rejoicing in the light of truth with sins forgiven.

But while we have seen a good work done the past year, we are not satisfied. Much more might have been done if all had done "What they could." We are looking and planning for a stronger and greater work to be done the coming year. Some of the churches are getting into a place where they can be of greater help than ever. They are working to save souls, and God is blessing them in this work. As the ministers are so few, we must depend largely on the individual members to carry the message to the thousands around them. Let every member feel that he is called of God to help forward the truth.

We are planning for an aggressive work this summer. We need one new large tent and some small ones. There has also been a call for a camp-meeting in the spring. We have decided to hold such a meeting if the brethren and sisters wish it enough to pay for it. So we are going to lay the matter before you, and let you decide whether we have such a meeting or not. If we shall have a camp-

meeting, we will need to raise on the camp- and tent-meeting fund at least six hundred and fifty dollars. The first money that comes in will go toward purchasing tent outfits. Then all above the two hundred and fifty we can use toward running a camp-meeting.

Now we hope there will be a quick response, so we can know what we are to do. We do not propose to run in debt in order to hold a camp-meeting. If our brethren send in the money, and thus show they wish such a meeting, we shall we glad to do all we can to meet their wishes. Let every church take action in the matter, and let us know your mind on the subject. Yours in the work,

O. O. FARNSWORTH.

March 4, 1903.

CAMBRIDGE, MARYLAND.

It has been some time since I have reported through the paper. Notwithstanding my silence, I have been busy at work in the Master's vineyard.

I came here to take the place of Elder V. H. Lucas, who had been called to another field of labor. This is a young church, organized last April, and the members are just buying a chapel and fitting it up for a place of worship, thus bringing in many discouragements to be met. It took us some time to find our bearings; but after laying a foundation to work by, we have been working out the problem before us.

There were some in the church that did not want to come into harmony with the principles of the message as taught in the Bible; and these were disfellowshipped and dropped from the records. I think there should be much wisdom used in taking in members; and that they should be taught in all the principles of the message. This would save much labor, worry, and trouble.

We have nearly overcome the money question, having paid nearly all out-

standing bills. The church and some of our friends have responded nobly to our call. Our people generally are poor; and great care should be taken on the part of those who lead out in building churches, etc., not to bring too heavy burdens on the people.

Last Sabbath was a good day for the church. We talked to them in relation to the family of God, the love he had shown by providing for them in so many ways, and pointed to the bright future before them if they will always trust him and move forward in harmony with his teachings. All responded, thanking God for his love and care. After this seven were taken into the church and two more will follow soon.

Our courage is good; but it does seem very sad to have to spend so much time and strength in straightening up things which ought not to have been. There are lessons for us to learn. Only in God can we learn them; for he is our great Teacher. Pray for us.

F. W. MACE.

March 1, 1903.

NEW IPSWICH, N. H.

AS I READ our good little paper from week to week, I feel like writing words of appreciation to those who labor so hard to get it out. I sometimes think it might be a good paper to pass on to outsiders, and indeed I know of some who like to read it.

Recently as I was riding down the hill to our post-office I saw our aged Sister E. coming out from her home, cane in hand, making her way slowly through the deep snow, with papers in both hands, *Review*, *GLEANER*, *Life Boat*, and *Watchman*. I helped her into my sleigh, and she told me she was carrying the papers to an aged lady who keeps a little store on the corner. She is not of our faith, but has this winter taken great pains to circulate our papers to her customers. My little daughter carried her

a bundle of *Life Boats*, and she had them loaned out to the people very quickly. One Friday my little girl got our papers from the post-office, and as she stepped into this woman's store on an errand, the woman asked permission to look at the *Review*. It being granted, my daughter on coming away forgot the paper. The next day being Sabbath, I felt the loss of my paper deeply, as I could not go to meeting; yet I prayed that my loss might be gain to some one else. We called for it later, and she, dear soul, had passed it out to a lady who is here from California, and wanted some of our papers. I never saw that week's *Review*. I speak of this to show how the Lord's truth is going. The world must have this message.

I prize the "Chapel Talks" very much, and the "Academy Notes" that keep us in touch with our good school. I feel that the power of the Lord has been present to heal, and also to avert those epidemic diseases which would retard the work of the school, and work hardship to all concerned. I notice that in Cornell University they are having typhoid fever which has sent eight hundred students to their homes, and many deaths have occurred. May the Lord help our students to learn how to care for the temple of their bodies, so as to resist disease, and claim the promise of Ps. 91:6.

We of the New Ipswich church, especially the West Wilton branch, on account of sickness among the members, have not been able to meet together through the winter. But, praise the Lord, no deaths have occurred and the sick are better. Our Sabbath-school has now resumed again. We hope we may each learn the lesson from our sickness which the Lord wants to teach us, and be more consecrated to his service.

Personally, I have much to praise God for, though it has seemed but very little that I could do to help on the good cause. I am very much iso-

lated, especially winters. I have been helping a poor neighbor to clothe her needy family; have distributed papers and obtained two subscriptions for the *Life Boat*. My little girl sold a few copies. I have had three copies of "Object Lessons" on hand for a long time. It seemed that there was no one to buy them, although I showed the book to quite a number. Lately as I was having some work done by a dressmaker, I showed her the book, and she bought a copy. For this I praise the Lord, and am praying that the two remaining copies may soon be in the hands of the people doing good. Courage, dear ones, in the Lord. May each one do his part, small though it be, and be prepared for the "well done" of the Master.

MRS. P. A. FISH.

NORTH WOLCOTT, VERMONT.

A SABBATH-SCHOOL institute was held at North Wolcott, February 28 and March 1. The attendance and interest were good. Our people in Vermont feel that the institute work is a good work. Sister Naomi Worthen, the field secretary of our Sabbath-school department, is at present making a tour through the State holding institutes with the churches. She feels encouraged with the results thus far.

For the past two or three months we have had reason to feel thankful to God for the outside interest shown here in North Wolcott. When we have preaching services the house is well filled, and a number seem really interested to hear the main points of our faith. What the result will be we can not tell. The interest seems to grow more and more since our church school was started. One family not of our faith have sent their daughter right along from the first day of the school, taking her out of the public school to send her to our school. May the Lord help his people to awaken everywhere to the importance of the church-school work.

J. W. WATT.

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

"Christ's Object Lessons," Material Fund.

AMOUNT of fund previously reported,	\$1,056.64
Amount received since above report,	
Mrs. S. A. Mason,	\$1.00
J. B. Green,	4.00
Mrs. N. M. Green,	4.00
W. Blackburn,	2.00
Mrs. Blackburn,	1.00
H. S. Priest,	.50
J. E. Wilbur,	3.00
Mrs. Wilbur,	1.00
Geo. La Munyon,	3.00
Wilfred Collins,	.50
Winfred Collins,	.50
N. L. George,	.50
A Friend,	2.00
L. E. Wilkinson,	2.50
A Friend,	1.00
D. W. Johnson,	10.00
East Canaan church,	.50
Mrs. H. O. Waldron,	1.00
G. R. Hoar,	1.00
R. M. Frink,	5.00
R. R. Rasmussen,	2.00
J. W. Warner,	5.00
Mrs. S. D. Stone,	1.00
Miss Gertrude Stone,	1.00
	53.00
Total,	\$1,109.64
H. B. TUCKER, <i>Treasurer.</i>	

WASHINGTON CHURCH.

THE following donations for the Washington, D. C., church have been received at this office:

W. A. WILCOX,

Treas. A. U. Conference.

Previously acknowledged,	\$431.47
Edgar F. Cole,	1.00
Mrs. A. M. Davis,	1.00
East Canaan church,	1.00
Mrs. F. H. Dibble,	1.00
Mrs. R. B. Kimpton,	1.00
J. L. Hakes,	1.00
S. A. Whittier,	.36
Miss Carrie S. Haskins,	5.00
Miss M. J. Sevrens,	.25
Miss Dora Luce,	1.00
	53.00
	\$444.08

EDUCATIONAL

OUR ACADEMY AND
CHURCH-SCHOOLS

AMBITIONS.*

I HAVE been deeply impressed of late in reading the recent Testimony, in which we find a statement like this, that in the near future we are going to see people from every walk of life go out to give this message. That children also will be moved to follow—even children—that the Spirit of God will come upon them in such a degree that they will be just forced to go out and proclaim the message. In reading that testimony, I felt deeply impressed with the fact that we are now right on the very verge of eternity, in the very closing moments of probationary time. That being true, how earnestly we should devote our life-work to God. Renew your covenant with him from morning to morning and evening to evening, and see that nothing stands in the way between you and your God, and go forward, always doing just what the Lord would have you to do.

You will never be happier in this world than when you are laboring for somebody else. You can never enjoy anything more, if you are really a Christian, than to just get right down and help some poor soul, showing him into the light. That is the purpose of your educational work—to be able to do that work, to get down and help them to rise and get up to the place where they belong.

The presence of these bright young faces is evidence to me that you are not satisfied. Now there are very many paradoxes, and one of them is that we should always be content, and that we never should be satisfied. What I mean by your not being satisfied, is that you are not satisfied with your present attainments and qualifi-

*A chapel talk given to the students during the recent meeting of the trustees of the South Lancaster Academy.

cations for the work of life. It is not wrong or sinful to have the ambition to be great, to seek for glory and honor. These are set before us in the Bible by God himself, and the aspirations for greatness, for glory, and honor have been planted in the bosom of every soul. The only wrong thing in seeking greatness or glory or honor is in the purpose for which we seek it. Lucifer sought it; but his seeking was prompted by selfishness, self-seeking, to glorify himself without rendering service; and as a result he will ultimately come to nought,—utter destruction. He inspired the same ambition in Adam and Eve, and promised them that if they would follow the path on which he had started they should become heirs of God. The path that man started on was in the same line, and wrong came as the consequence; but I say again that it is legitimate and right for every one of us to seek to make all out of ourselves that it is possible, and all that God would possibly have us be; and this is an attainment that is far beyond the expectation of most of us. The apostle Paul, I believe, had the correct thought when he said, "Forgetting those things which are behind, . . . I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

We condemn Lucifer for his ambition; but I want to say to you, dear friends, every one of you—these young women and young men—that the Lord is willing to gratify and satisfy every one that is willing to do service for him in the work of uplifting others. I say, he is willing to gratify the very ambition which Lucifer sought. Now perhaps you never thought of that. I will give you one text, and that is enough. John says, "Now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that when he shall appear we shall be like him." What was it that Lucifer sought?—He said, "I will be like the most High." You see he sought it in

the wrong way; it was not in service. So I trust that every one present will seek through the channel of service,—genuine service for the good of all,—the ambition to be like the most High.

David, after looking over the experiences of life, when he saw the prosperity of certain classes for a time, said, "My steps had well-nigh slipped" "until I went into the sanctuary of God: then understood I their end." He said, "I shall be satisfied when I awake in thy likeness." Like God! that is just what Lucifer sought for. I hope that every young man and young woman here will not be satisfied with to-day's service. Let to-morrow's service be rendered better, and let everything that we do here be done better than anything before, and when we go out in a few months to distribute literature, or to engage in sanitarium work, or it may be in the lowly field of domestic work, unseen and unknown of men; let it be the ambition of every one, every day, to render service in such a way that it will be the very best service possible for you to render. This done, God will finally crown your life record with his approval, and this will make you satisfied when you awake with his likeness.

I am glad to see you here this morning. I am glad to see an older class of students. I am glad that the time is coming when you will not be here, when you will be out in the field doing the work to which, I trust, God has called you. When you go out, you may have a hard task. It may be you will be called upon to do the humblest work. Take hold of it; do it the best you can; make that work so honorable that the work itself, and the position, will be sought by others because you have filled it in a way that has brought credit to the work and to yourself; and if you do this, you will never want for something to do. There will be more places calling for you than you can fill. The ambition of your soul will

be filled as you go along day by day doing your service to the best of your ability.

May God bless you and make you successful, not only while you are here, but as you go out in the future.

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

"THE command, 'Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect,' would never have been given if every provision had not been made whereby we could obey the requirement,—be as perfect in our sphere as God is in his."

THE BOOK WORK.

Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending February 27, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
L. B. Trowbridge,	Pittsburg,	D of A		13		12.00	5.15	17.15	
W. J. Hackett,	Johnstown,	P & P		10					4.75
T. D. Gibson,	Uniontown,	P & P		23	7	16.25	.75	17.00	.40
W. H. Zeidler,	McKeesport,	G C		22	5	14.25	6.00	20.25	18.50
Mrs E W Kirker,	Greensburg,	L G		17	2	6.00		6.00	6.00
Mrs. T. D. Gibson,	Uniontown,	L G		22	3	9.00		9.00	4.50
T. O. Saxton,	Indiana,	D & R		26	14	39.75	2.25	42.50	
*Ivor Lawrence,	Saxton,	D & R		14	4	6.00	3.00	9.00	6.75
Lucetta M. Guild,	Titusville,	H of M		20	2	4.50	2.00	6.50	6.00
L. H. Yothers,	Vandergrift,	H of M		37	17	24.25	8.15	32.40	23.00
Andrew Ness,	Moyer,	C K		31	3	3.00	8.75	11.75	10.00
W. T. Hilgert,	Philadelphia,	C O L		8	3	3.75	2.90	6.65	
Totals,	12 Agents,			243	60	\$138.75	\$38.95	\$177.70	\$80.00

*Three weeks.

New England Conference, Week Ending February 27, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
E. Mitchell,	Reading,	D of A		17	2	7.00	3.75	10.75	.75
J. E. Leighton,	Salem,	D of A		38	7	23.50	9.00	32.50	7.75
Totals,	2 Agents,			55	9	\$30.50	\$12.75	\$43.25	\$8.50

New York Conference Week Ending February 27, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
B. B. Noftsger,	Utica,	H of M		46	15	18.75	8.25	27.00	
Ada B. Noftsger,	Utica,	B R							2.50
G. F. Evans,		G C		64	12	31.00	4.00	35.00	
A. E. Holst,	Jamestown,	Misc				15.00		15.00	30.00
Mrs. F. N. Johnson,		C K							4.50
Totals,	5 Agents,			110	27	\$64.75	\$12.25	\$77.00	\$37.00

Union Conference Totals,	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
19 Agents,		408	96	\$234.00	\$63.95	\$297.95	\$125.50

WEST VIRGINIA.

THE secretary of the West Virginia Tract Society sends the following "total value" of orders taken by canvassers in that conference during the months of January and February, 1903:

J. H. Jennings,	\$95.83
J. C. Paden,	78.00
Roy Hoover,	17.01
David Haddix,	61.75
S. M. Cobb,	11.00
Wm. Burgess,	11.48
Amelia A. Clark,	4.26
Total,	\$279.33

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CANVASSERS' INSTITUTES

In the New England Conference.

A CANVASSERS' institute will be held at the South Lancaster Academy, beginning April 1, and continuing for two weeks, for the benefit of students and others who desire to engage in the work this spring. Instruction will be given by the Atlantic Union Conference Publishing Agent, Elder E. E. Miles, and the writer.

Another institute of the most practical kind, combining study and actual canvassing in the field, will be held the last part of May and the first of June in some place where the canvassers can continue the work during the summer and fall. Further information will be given later in regard to the time and place at which this institute is to be conducted. We wish to correspond with those who have a burden for this most important work and are determined to make thorough preparation for it, those who are making a success in what they are now engaged, and will never rest content with anything short of real success in this branch of the Lord's work. In a recent testimony we are told that the canvassing work is to be revived, and that it is to be carried forward with increasing success.

"The larger books, 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' 'Great Controversy,' and 'Desire of Ages' should be sold everywhere." "*Nothing is to hinder their sale.*" "*The Lord has declared that these books are to be scattered throughout the world.*" Note the extent of this work, as the Lord has declared it, and the assurance of *increasing success*, also the positive statement that "*nothing is to hinder their sale.*" What more could be said to inspire us with confidence and faith in the success of the work. Labor troubles, poor crops, obstacles of

every sort—nothing can bar the way to the progress of this work.

"The Lord calls for many more to engage in the canvassing work in the year 1903." Who will respond to the call, and improve the opportunities now offered for preparation?

H. C. WILCOX,
N. E. Conf. Agent.

"THERE is no case of need for which some one is not responsible."

ITEMS OF INTEREST

ACADEMY NOTES.

—H. P. Waldo recently spent a few days at his home in Hebron, Conn.

—H. L. Shoup, C. F. Ulrich, and W. A. Howe, with Elder Mattson, attended a hearing on Sunday legislation at the State-house in Boston, Wednesday, March 4.

—Mr. Floyd Keyes, of Colorado, a nephew of Mrs. H. W. Cottrell, and Mr. H. K. Humphrey, a colored minister of the Baptists who has just come into the truth through the work of Elder Franke in New York, have joined our number.

—We are sorry to lose from our midst several who have been in attendance at school this year. Miss Lucy Ralphs and Mr. Chas. F. Marker, of Brooklyn, have left us for California; Miss Bernice Smith has returned to her home in Norwich, Conn.; and Mr. Arthur E. Sanderson has gone to his home in Enfield, Mass.

—Sabbath, February 28, was a good day for us. Elder Wheeler spoke to us upon the subject of baptism, after which eight young people were buried with their Lord. All these have joined the South Lancaster church. Surely all who witnessed this service, and who had part in the building of our baptistry, felt more than repaid for what they did. But this is not the end. We want these occasions often.

VERMONT.

—Brother and Sister Cady made a visit to friends in Vergennes the past week. After being so long confined by his business, it will be a much needed vacation for him.

—Elder T. H. Purdon made us a call at the office the past week. He contemplates finishing the work in Barre and Graniteville, preparatory to taking up the tent work in the spring.

—Brother F. S. Porter has been making a visit to friends in Burlington the past few days. He reports that his daughter is not very well this winter. May the Lord spare her cheerful life if it be his will.

—We are pleased to note that our people are thinking of the needs of the conference by sending in their pledges toward the new tent which we hope to purchase in the early summer. If there are any who would be pleased to pledge or donate toward this work, we shall be glad to receive it at an early date at the office.

—Hearts are being stirred by the truths from the Word. Will you not help them to Jesus by a letter, personal visit, or a tract or book on the important issues of the day? "The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And *let him that heareth say, Come.*" Brother, sister, do you see an opportunity to do something for Jesus? "Work, for the night is coming," when we can not work. Let not that day come unawares.

—The friends and relatives of Ralph Dow, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Dow, of the Burlington church, were saddened to hear of his being drowned while skating on the lake Tuesday afternoon between five and six o'clock. Darkness coming on so soon it was not possible to do much that night. After clearing away some of the ice, the body was found in about thirty-five feet of water the next morning at 11:30. His class and teacher, many of the schoolmates, neighbors, and friends

gathered at the church Thursday at 2 P.M., where the funeral was held. The beautiful flowers were a tribute of the esteem in which he was held. He was sixteen years of age, a faithful attendant to his mother who has not been well for the past year, and will be greatly missed by her. Remarks were made by the writer from Eccl. 9:10. The burial was at Lake View Cemetery.

F. M. DANA.

March 6, 1903.

THIS WILL INTEREST YOU.

THE Correspondence School for Nurses, connected with the Sanitarium Medical Missionary Training School, will begin a new class the first of April, 1903. Lessons are sent weekly to students who are unable to leave home duties in order to take a regular course at one of our sanitariums. This is the fifth year this work has been carried on, and hundreds are availing themselves of it. Our pupils during the year of 1902 nearly doubled in number those of any previous year. Studies in eleven subjects are given, among which Christian help work and care and treatment of the sick are prominent. Our lessons have recently been rewritten and enlarged and are in every way improved.

The tuition fee is five dollars, which barely covers the cost of sending out the lessons, correcting the replies, and returning the reports to the pupil. The text books required for this work are furnished at actual cost price. We shall organize a new class in April, which will continue one year. By taking double lessons some students finish in six months. We shall be glad to hear from all who are interested. A descriptive circular giving full particulars, also testimonials from those who have taken the course, will be sent free on application. Address: Correspondence Department Sanitarium Training School, Battle Creek, Michigan.

OBITUARY NOTICES

MEADE.—Mrs. Nancy A. Meade died at her home, Parkersburg, W. Va., at 8 A.M., February 24, of catarrh of the bowels. She was born in Traugh Creek Valley, Pa., Feb. 15, 1827, and thus was 76 years and 9 days of age at the time of her death. At eighteen years of age she came to Parkersburg, and here was her home nearly all her life. A consistent Christian from girlhood, she was a member of the Baptist Church till 1888. At this time with her husband, one son and two daughters, she heard and accepted the Seventh-day Adventist faith. These truths she cherished, and they were a comfort to her during her last two years of ill health. For eighteen months her weakness caused by general decline in old age was such that we knew she might not get well. She was often found wrapped in meditation and prayer. She was ever conscientious, and often admonished her friends and loved ones to a more consecrated life, to insure a meeting at the resurrection of the just.

The deceased had two sons and three daughters, also five grandchildren, all of whom survive, hers being the first death in the family. One daughter, wife of Elder J. W. Stone, Franklin, Ky., and an invalid son, suffering from dropsy of the heart, were absent from the funeral. The services were conducted at the Methodist Protestant church by Elder John W. Lair, assisted by Reverend Smith, pastor of the church. Amid many sorrowing friends and relatives we there listened to a discourse from Num. 23:10, last paragraph, and kindred texts: We laid her to rest in the Odd-Fellows' Cemetery.

MRS. O'DELL FLETCHER.

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ON Sunday, March 8, Elder H. W. Cottrell, accompanied by Elder L. R. Conradi, left South Lancaster en route to the General Conference, Oakland, Cal. It is expected that they will make a short stay in Battle Creek on the way.

THE South Lancaster church was favored March 7 with a discourse from Elder L. R. Conradi, who took for his text Rom. 10:13-15, and endeavored to impress upon all, especially the youth, the importance of devoting their lives to the work of carrying the gospel to all the world.

THE sad news reached South Lancaster March 5, of the death, at Battle Creek, Mich., of Sister Eva Maynard-Palmer, wife of Brother E. R. Palmer. The deceased was from the State of Vermont, and formerly attended the South Lancaster Academy. She leaves a family of four little ones to mourn the care of a fond mother.

THE following from Elder A. T. Robinson, written on the steamship "Sonoma," Pacific Ocean, February 28, will be of interest to the many friends of Elder and Mrs. Robinson in our midst:

"After an absence of a few months over eleven years, during which time we have experienced about forty thousand miles of ocean travel, we find ourselves once more nearing the shores of the home land. Mrs. Robinson, our daughter Gladys, and myself, help to compose a party of eight

who are expecting to arrive in San Francisco on Tuesday, March 3.

"We are returning to the States on account of the failing health of Mrs. Robinson, who is suffering from an affection of the lungs. She has been urged by the doctors of the Sydney, N. S. W., Sanitarium to go to Colorado, where we expect to make our home for a time."

ANOTHER PIONEER FALLEN.

THE sudden death of Elder Uriah Smith at Battle Creek, Mich., on Friday afternoon, March 6, will cast a shade of gloom over every Seventh-day Adventist home where his writings have been for so many years read and appreciated.

While on his way to the editorial room of the *Review and Herald* about eleven o'clock on Friday morning, he had an apoplectic shock, and sank upon the tabernacle lawn. Dr. Morse was summoned from the Sanitarium, but he never recovered consciousness, and died at his home about 1:30 P.M.

He was born at West Wilton, N. H., May 2, 1832, and thus was nearly seventy-one years of age. In 1852 he became connected with the editorial work of the *Review and Herald*, and maintained this connection for more than fifty years.

In 1855 the publishing house was moved to Battle Creek, Mich., and he accompanied it, making that city his home during the remainder of his life. Here on June 7, 1857, he was married to Miss Harriet N. Stevens, of Iowa, formerly from Maine, who survives him. The deceased also leaves four sons and one daughter, and two brothers, Samuel and John Smith, who reside at West Wilton, N. H.

For a person of his education and ability he was exceedingly retiring, and all felt at home in his smiling presence, which will be greatly missed by our people in Battle Creek, who have known him so long and so well.

In his death a warning note sounds to us all to be ready for the final summons, whether it be to sleep in the grave, or to behold the sign of the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven to gather his waiting children home.

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