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

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THE CONSECRATED WILL.

Laid on thine altar, O my Lord divine,
Accept my gift this day for Jesus' sake;
I have no jewels to adorn thy shrine,
Nor any world-famed sacrifice to make;
But here I bring within my trembling hand
This will of mine—a thing that seemeth
small,
And only thou, dear Lord, canst understand
How, when I yield thee this, I yield
mine all.

Hidden therein, thy searching eye can see
Struggles of passion, visions of delight,
All that I love, or am, or hope to be—
Deep loves, fond hopes, and longings
infinite.

It hath been wet with tears and dimmed
with sighs,
Clenched in my grasp till beauty it hath
none.

Now from thy footstool, where it vanquished
lies,
The prayer ascendeth, “May thy will be
done.”

Take it, O Father, ere my courage fail,
And merge it so in thine own will that
e'en

If in some desperate hour my cries prevail,
And thou give back thy gift, it may have
been

So changed and purified, so fair have grown,
So one with thee, so filled with peace
divine;

I may not know or feel it as my own,
But gaining back my will, may find it
thine.

—Anon.

“UNION with Christ means the dispensing of his blessings.”

GOD'S ESTIMATE OF SERVICE.

CHRIST gave the parable of the householder that murmurers might not receive sympathy on account of their supposed grievances. Grumblers will always find something to grumble at. Their hearts need to be purified. If the hearts of those first called had been purified, they would have seen only liberality in the action of the householder. Those who are in the service of Christ must have faith in him. The men and women who watch for something in their brethren and sisters of which they can make capital demonstrate before the heavenly universe that to them the goodness of God is an occasion of murmuring.

The disposition to find fault and complain too often finds place among professed Christians. They may be first in enduring hardship, privation, and trial, but the spirit they indulge is unchristlike, and renders them untrustworthy. They think they are entitled to a large reward because of the work they do. Thus it was with the Jews. They depended for reward on the long years of service they had given, believing that a certain amount of work must receive a certain remuneration, and that therefore they would be more highly rewarded than those who had done less.

The gift of God is eternal life on condition of entire obedience. But we should not think selfishly of the reward we are to receive. Of ourselves we have nothing. Our time, our talents, our capabilities, are all entrusted to us by the Lord, to be used in his service, and thus returned to him.

God has given to every man his work. In temporal and spiritual things we are to work for him. Never are we to boast of our endowments. “Ye are not your own; for ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.” The apostle Paul reached the point where faith in God's word had become assurance. He wrote to Timothy, “Watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.” This is the battle cry of one who had been faithful with his Lord's goods, and who was waiting to receive the benediction, “Well done, good and faithful

servant; . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

In the book of Malachi God specifies the reward to be given to those who are faithful. All nations will see the power of God exercised in behalf of those whom he can safely bless as his chosen ones. "I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes," he declares, "and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field. . . . And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightful land."

There is another class, who complain of God. "Your words have been stout against me," he says. "Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance, and that we have walked mournfully before the Lord of hosts? And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered." These weigh God's actions in human scales. Their words are stout against him, as they strive to vindicate themselves. By their words and actions they dishonor God, and create an atmosphere of evil about their souls.

In strong contrast to the murmurers are the ones of whom God says, "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another; and the Lord harkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not." The Lord has a people on the earth, and his working with them reveals the supernatural results that are seen when the human will is under the control of the will of God. Of them he says,

"Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

"Many be called, but few chosen." The Lord's invitation continues from early morning till the last hour of the day. But many who accept his invitation possess only the theory of the truth. They have not that faith which works by love and purifies the soul. They think they are entitled to large wages because of their service. They claim to have served God all their lives, as did the Jews; but they reveal a spirit that is querulous and faultfinding. Thus they show that there is no connection between God and their souls. The indulgence of this spirit of exaltation makes those who might have been first last. They will be placed last because self has not been hid with Christ in God. We are not to esteem our work as worthy of large recognition. God will reward us in accordance with the spirit that has characterized our work.

This parable does not excuse those who, after hearing the truth, assent to it, saying, "That is all true," and then fail to comply with it. These refuse to walk in the light, because by so doing they would displease their friends or disturb their own satisfied condition of self-righteousness. The parable does not teach that the Lord will vindicate those who, because they wish their own time and their own way, refuse the first call to work. When the householder went to the market and found men unhired, he said, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" And the reply was, "Because no man hath hired us." None of those called later in the day were there in the morning. They had not refused the call. Those who refuse and afterward repent, do well to repent; but it is not safe to trifle with the first call of mercy. God will not be trifled with.

The Lord requires that sacred fire

be used in his service. We are to bear the message of the divine householder to our fellow men. This will impress hearts. In whatever part of the Lord's vineyard men and women are working, they need closely to examine their own hearts.

If they are inclined to exalt themselves and disparage others, their hearts need to be changed, till they shall no longer place their own estimate upon their own work and the work of others.

We need a spirit of love and of true dependence upon God. When we have implicit faith in him who is truth, we shall realize that worry and anxiety are unnecessary.

Whatever work we do, we are to do it for Christ. There are many kinds of temporal work to be done for God. An unbeliever would do this work mechanically, for the wages he receives. He does not know the joy of cooperation with the Master worker. There is no spirituality in the work of him who serves self. Common motives, common aspirations, common inspirations, a desire to be thought clever by men, rule his life. Such a one may receive praise from men, but not from God. Those who are truly united with Christ do not work for the wages they receive. Laborers together with God, they do not strive to exalt self.

In the last great day decisions will be made that will be a surprise to many. Human judgment will have no place in the decisions then made. Christ can and will judge every case; for all judgment has been committed to him by the Father. He will estimate service by that which is invisible to men. The most secret things lie open to his all-seeing eye. When the Judge of all men shall make his investigation, many of those whom human estimation has placed first will be placed last, and those who have been put in the lowest place by men will be taken out of the ranks and made first. MRS. E. G. WHITE.

"TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH,"**VOL. VII**

should be in every home in the land where the third angel's message is known. I have read these Testimonies given by the Spirit of the Lord as they have come to this people for the past twenty-nine years; but this one seems to stir my soul, as I read the precious instruction given therein. When Number 29 came to us years ago, the chapter on the "Judgment" stirred many of us deeply; but Vol. VII is food to the soul indeed. Let us notice a few expressions: On page 97 we read, "We are living in the very close of this earth's history," again, on page 103, "We are on the verge of the eternal world." How cheering it is to know that we are so near home! Oh, blessed home for the weary, tired pilgrim! How sweet will be that heavenly rest! Jesus, our Saviour, will be with his people never again to be separated from them by sin. Again, on page 33 we read, "Already many are receiving the Holy Spirit, and no longer will the way be blocked by listless indifference."

My brother, my sister, have you received the Holy Spirit? Do you know by daily experience that the Spirit of God is with you? Are you by its power gaining victories day by day? Are you by the Holy Ghost manifesting the gentleness and love of Christ in all your words and actions? The life of Jesus in your daily life will show that you have the Holy Spirit, if so be that you have received it in the fulness that God desires to give it to you.

As a people we have been looking forward for many years to the latter rain, or special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. How many are receiving it? If one person receives the Holy Spirit, another may receive the same if he or she shall meet the requirement of God,—a full surrender of self, a yielding daily and hourly to God's will, making no reserve.

Again, we read on page 211, "Our greatest need is faith in God." This is certainly true. If we had real faith in God, when he sends his people a Testimony, we would not rest satisfied day or night until we had secured the message and studied the same. Then we would make it our first work in life to see to it that our actions were in harmony with the light given.

If there is a family of Seventh-day Adventists in Vermont who have not yet secured this Testimony, I would plead with you to put forth an earnest effort to obtain the book and study it. God in love is sending us just the spiritual help that we all need; and shall we fail to read and know what the Lord would say to us? May the Lord help us to awake out of sleep.

J. W. WATT.

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

GATHERING, OR SCATTERING? WHICH?

It is written, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." Matt. 12:30. Are you gathering with Christ? Are you working for his interest? Are you making any effort to gather souls into his kingdom? If you are not, it is a clear evidence that you are scattering abroad, according to Christ's own words.

To scatter abroad means to undo the work of Christ, to tear it down, and hinder its progress. Have you any evidence that you are gathering with Christ? Are you sure you have been a strength and a blessing to the cause, and that the cause is further advanced because of your connection and identity with it? If you are not gathering with Christ, if you are doing nothing, he tells you in just as plain language as can possibly be told, that you are scattering his work abroad which he has already gathered

together, that you are a hindrance to its progress. As for me I would rather not have been born than meet the awful record in the judgment and find that I was a stumbling-block, a dead weight, a drone, and had partially undone and scattered abroad the work of Christ, instead of having been a strength, a help, and a blessing. Brethren, there is no getting around this solemn conclusion. No one need deceive himself now by thinking he can be a do-nothing Christian and live forever with Christ in glory. My heart is made solemn as I look upon the many ease-loving Christians, and think of their sad, sad disappointment in the judgment day.

"He that is not with me is against me." There are two sides to stand on in this world, and only two, and upon one of these two sides we must and will stand. This is inevitable; for there is no neutral ground. You will fix your destiny either by your choice or your refusal. If you make it a matter of choice, you can choose to stand either for Christ or against him; but if you are indifferent, and refuse to make a decision, that very indifference places you at once upon the wrong side. Brother, sister, where are you standing?

One who speaks with authority recently said that the Spirit of God is now putting this question to every individual soul: "Who will stand upon the Lord's side?" That question as it is now put in its different phases before the whole world, and answered under the conviction of the Spirit by every individual person in this whole world, will separate the sheep from the goats, the wheat from the tares. "Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not." As the question is now put to you, are you allowing the devil to lull you to sleep and to stupefy your sensibilities to all spiritual and eternal interests? O, may God awaken a tender chord in

your soul, and speak to your heart in trumpet tones before it is forever too late! O may he bring you to the stern realization that, unless you gather with Christ now, you will be eternally separated from him!

Your and my duty toward God and humanity is clearly outlined for us at this time. The good Lord is telling us that in this matter of "Christ's Object Lessons," "He is testing his people and his institutions, to see if they will work together, and be of one mind in self-denial and self-sacrifice." This has been to many a Goliath in their experience. Day after day this Goliath has been challenging and defying the armies of the living God. How long shall we let this champion defy us? How long shall we bear this reproach? Are we, too, afraid to put our faith into operation? Must God also send a little child into our midst, and through childlike faith and trust put all Israel to shame? How much virtue is there in claiming "righteousness by faith" when your "faith" is afraid to operate for fear of defeat?

Brethren, let us put on the whole armor of God, and "let no man's heart fail because of" the work God has given us to do, but let us hasten and perform it; and then raise the song of jubilee triumphant, for Zion's sake.

C. S. LONGACRE.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE LORD has helped us beyond our expectation on the payments on the church debt. In order to make the payment of \$4,500, February 2, with interest to that date, a little over \$1,500 was loaned to us by friends without interest. With the exception of Sundays, when no mail is delivered in Washington, we have received money every day since the above date; and thus we were enabled to pay back all the loans in three weeks.

On March 3 we received a check

for the amount we have several times asked for in the GLEANER, yet hardly dared to hope to receive from one person—one thousand dollars—from a sister in St. Louis, Mo., who had previously sent five hundred dollars to the *Review* fund for the Washington memorial church. This makes one thousand five hundred dollars from one person, who is a perfect stranger to me and all other members of the Washington church. We feel assured that it was sent directly from the Lord, and believe that there are others who read this report who will be impressed to do as much according to their ability as this sister has done. We have paid up to March 3, six thousand two hundred dollars with interest to date, and still have \$6,700 to pay before the church is clear from debt. This amount bears interest at five and one-half per cent, amounting to \$1.01 each day.

We have quite a good sum in hand toward another payment, which will be made as soon as we have \$500. In all since February 2, \$3,111.31 has been sent to me.

We trust all have read the appeal by Mrs. E. G. White for this "memorial for God," in the GLEANER of March 4. It sets the matter before all of our people in a very clear and striking way. We are most thankful that God has set his seal upon this work as his own. We believe that now, more than ever, all will regard it as a privilege to invest means in this memorial church for the capital, and that in a few weeks we shall be able to rededicate the church to our own work absolutely free from all debt.

Below is given a partial list of names, and gifts toward this purpose sent directly to me by friends who are not members of the Washington Seventh-day Adventist church. Other names will appear later:

Hattie H. Weller,	\$1,000.00
Dr. and Mrs. Capehart,	225.00
A friend per H.W. Cottrell,	100.00
William Hurlock,	100.00

David E. Bell,	1.00
V. H. Lucas,	1.00
D. S. Haley,	1.00
J. T. Rausane,	1.00
T. M. Bradford,	1.00
G. W. Hickey,	1.00
Mrs. Anna Hammar,	1.00
Mrs. Joseph B. Springer,	1.00
Charles F. Miller,	5.00
J. D. Hildreth,	.50
W. C. Wright,	.50
E. R. Matthews,	.50
Mrs. Anna Lodge,	.50
Joseph B. Springer,	.50
Mrs. F. C. Rasin,	.50
Samuel J. Bradford,	.25
Mrs. Anna Haley,	.25
Miss Lula Viagafski,	.25
Clifford Swope,	.03
Little Faust,	.10
Brother Crawford,	.50
Brother Faust,	1.00
Sister Faust,	1.00
Josephine House,	3.50
J. C. Smith,	1.00
Mrs. A. Schaube,	.50
Arthur Folsom,	4.00
A friend,	1.00

Total, \$1,454.38

The above donations have not been previously reported in the lists of any of our papers. We trust all the readers of this paper will remember that the GLEANER receives and forwards funds for the purpose above indicated. We trust this list will continue till every cent is paid, and the church is clear and free.

J. S. WASHBURN.

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THE JUBILEE CHOIR.

Are You Ready to Join?

[UNDER the above heading we will publish from week to week the names of churches throughout the Atlantic Union Conference that report having disposed of their quota of "Object Lessons."

The canvassing agent of the New

England Conference has furnished the names of a few churches, which we give below, with an article from Brother Longacre naming two churches in Pennsylvania.—Ed.]

NAMES OF CHURCHES.

1. Nashua, N. H.
2. Beverly, Mass.
3. Brockton, Mass.
4. Springfield, Mass.
5. Worcester, Mass.
6. Pawtucket, R. I.
7. East Canaan, Conn.
8. Hartford, Conn.
9. Willimantic, Conn.
10. Greensburg, Pa.
11. Connellsville, Pa.

It is with pleasure that I furnish the above names, and I hope soon to see the name of every church in this list. A few hours of earnest work on the part of each church-member will place every name there. Then why not put the shoulder to the wheel, and lift the whole load out of the rut at once. "Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able." Will you be full of faith and courage like Caleb and Joshua? or like the ten faithless spies will you magnify the obstacles in your way as an excuse for not working? Our actions are the highest proof of the genuineness of our faith; for "by works was faith made perfect."

Let every church that has disposed of her quota of "Christ's Object Lessons" report to this department of the GLEANER. Will every church librarian cooperate with us in this work? Let all the forces in the church rally to accomplish Heaven's appointed work. Cooperation alone will bring success. Keep your eye on this department, and help to make it interesting and practical. Send in your experience, if it is a good one. Pray for the triumph of the message, and your triumph with it.

C. S. LONGACRE.

"THE church-members are not to expect a sermon every Sabbath."

The FIELD

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND.

THE knowledge that my brethren on the other side of the water are so ready to help us lift, is no small encouragement as we meet conditions strange and trying. I am indeed made happy to note the wave of missionary endeavor that is sweeping over our people in the States, and my only hope is that it may rise higher and higher till the Lord shall come and end the work in power.

WM. A. WESTWORTH.

THE WORK IN NEW YORK CITY.

THE work in this city is progressing in a phenomenal way. Hundreds are interested as a result of the work in Carnegie Lyceum. Never have I seen such an interest in this city as exists at the present time. The straight testimony is bearing its fruit. Many have already begun the observance of the Sabbath, and we expect a large addition to our churches as a result of these meetings.

We intend to pitch a tent in this city about the 15th of June, to ripen off the work begun in the halls. Our meetings in Genealogical Hall, held every Thursday night, are attended by large, intelligent audiences, and we have nothing but good to report.

We thank the Lord for the success thus far, and ask the brethren and sisters to pray for the work in New York City.

E. E. FRANKE.

ELK GARDEN, W. VA., AND HAGERSTOWN, MD.

SINCE my last report of labor in Charleston, W. Va., I have visited Elk Garden, and continued meetings there for eight days. During my labors here, we enjoyed much of God's blessing, and much good was accomplished in the name of the Lord. I

left the church hopeful and of good courage.

From here I went to Hagerstown, Md. The church had announced meetings to begin the evening of my arrival, and to continue during my stay. The following Sunday evening I was invited by the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of the city, to preach in the Zion Mission in his place. I accepted the invitation, and he was present. He then urged that I speak in the Y. M. C. A. rooms on Washington Street each night during the week. To this I consented, holding meetings there throughout the week.

During the week I went to the Y. M. C. A. rooms, and had a long talk with the secretary, spending one afternoon with him. By his request I told him all about the Sabbath and the law, as well as the change of the Sabbath; and by his urgent request I explained to him the thirteenth and fourteenth chapters of Revelation, pointing out to him the union of church and state, with all of its sad results, and the part this nation is to act in the closing conflict as it unites with the religious element.

He saw it all clearly, and said, "These thoughts are new to me; but if these things are so I am ready to obey God, let the consequences be what they may." He said further, "I am not seeking position, influence, or reputation, but only to do the will of God; and if it is right to keep Saturday for the Sabbath, I am ready to commence next Sabbath."

He then asked if we did not have some book that would help him in his studies upon this great question. I assured him that we had, and brought him "Bible Readings." He took it to his private room with the promise to study and obey. He is a man of wide influence, and about forty-five years old. Others are also almost persuaded to obey, and I feel sure that they will soon.

The church at Hagerstown is filled with the spirit of labor, and is plan-

ning a systematic effort for the people of the city.

I leave to-day (March 9) for Parkersburg.

S. M. COBB.

ALEXANDRIA, VA.

WHILE the work does not move along as quickly, perhaps, as we would like to see it, yet we have many things for which to praise the Lord. Our Sunday night services are well attended, considering the unfavorable weather we have been having. We have only had one clear Sunday so far in this year. Quite a number of new faces are seen in the audience the past two weeks.

The little church here though small in numbers is growing in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. They all seem to be of one mind, therefore peace rules in our midst. We feel to praise the Lord for this. All are taking hold with a will to advance the tract campaign of these special tracts.

Brother J. W. Landes and wife, formerly of Battle Creek, Mich., leave this place to-morrow the 12th inst. for Escondido, California. Brother Landes is the local elder of the church here, and will be very much missed by all; but that which is our loss, will be others' gain. We wish them a safe and pleasant journey.

H. W. HERRELL.

March 10, 1903.

POTTER COUNTY, PA.

SINCE coming to this place nearly nine weeks ago, the Lord has greatly blessed the effort put forth in his name, and a goodly number have become obedient to the faith.

Potter County, of which Coudersport is the county seat, is one of the oldest missionary fields of the East, and is the birthplace of the work in Pennsylvania. Elder James White, and Mrs. E. G. White were among

the first laborers here, and the result of their work is still apparent in many places. Some rather unpleasant circumstances were followed by unfaithful men, but the message could not die, for it was of God. Upon my first visit to this county, ten years ago, the devil used much of this to divert the minds of the people from the real thing; but I had learned that God alone can care for his own, and so gladly resigned all to him. The evil has been outlived by the few faithful souls resulting from the work then, and confidence is greatly restored.

Coudersport itself was entered nearly twenty-seven years ago by Elders Whitney and Robinson. Their efforts resulted in several beginning the observance of the Sabbath, one family of whom have remained faithful throughout these years almost entirely alone. Their earnest prayers for help were heard. The effort began, and more than fifteen promised to obey. Our Sabbath services have been largely attended since the presentation of the Sabbath truth, and we look for a greater work to be accomplished in the near future.

The Baptist pastor preached against our work two weeks ago, which offered us a splendid opportunity for development of additional truths, which added considerably to the general interest. A prominent lawyer tried his hand in the matter a few nights later by asking questions publicly. Scripture replies were given again, causing the truth to shine the brighter. How good it is to see the Lord at work! How precious such a message that cares for itself without human support! How marvelously it will triumph, and we with it, if we allow its sanctifying influence to mold us after the heavenly pattern!

Just now the Baptist, Methodist, and Presbyterian churches, have combined in revival services, a noted evangelist has been hired for the occasion, but God will have his way in all.

We still desire the prayers of God's people, that the work be not marred by human hands.

CHAS. BAIERLE.

KATY, WEST VA.

WE came to this place and began our meetings in a schoolhouse on the evening of February 23, and have lost no time since. We are now in the midst of the Sabbath question, and are having a very good attendance, and considerable interest is being manifested by some.

This is a country place and the very rainy weather and muddy roads prevent many from attending regularly, which is a great hindrance to their getting an understanding of all parts of the message.

This difficulty we are trying to remedy by distributing our literature freely and visiting what we can from house to house. We feel assured that our labor will bring forth fruit when the Spirit of the Lord attends it; so we labor on in good courage.

W. R. FOGGIN.

PORTSMOUTH, VA.

It has been some time since I reported to the GLEANER. I am not conducting any aggressive efforts, as we have not the funds to do so, and my time seems needed in other directions. There is no other laborer at present in these seaport cities—Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Newport News,—except Sister Mohr, a sanitarium nurse who is having good success in the last named city. I am holding three meetings each week with the Newport News church, and Mrs. Wheeler conducts the Sabbath meetings at Norfolk. I am also giving instruction in Bible work to three sisters each week. The remainder of my time is largely taken up in visiting and work with the papers.

The Presbyterian ministers recently discussed "The Seventh-day Advent-

ist Movement," at one of their meetings. I attended the meeting, and was given ten minutes to speak. The paper which was there read and discussed, was afterward, with some of its worst statements left out, published in two of the leading city papers.

The same papers published a much longer article for me in review. The editors of both the papers, after the publication of my article, seemed interested to learn more about the Sabbath, and sought conversation with me. One of them told me that the publication of the matter had done much for our work, and that another editor of the same paper who is a prominent Baptist, said he liked the spirit of my reply.

Sunday, March 22, I have been requested by the secretary to speak at the naval Y. M. C. A.

What is needed here, if I view the situation correctly, is one or two missionary workers to give Bible readings and do mission work with *Life Boats, Signs, etc.*

LEE S. WHEELER.

209 Second Street, March 12, 1903.

WORK AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE IN NEW YORK CITY.

THE work among the colored people in this city is onward. Very many are interested at the present time. I am now preaching every Tuesday and Thursday night, and on Sabbath afternoon, in a hall on One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Street, right in the midst of the colored population of this city. The attendance is good. Besides these meetings I am holding Bible readings at seven different homes. Last Sabbath we held the first Sabbath-school in this part of the city with an attendance of about twenty grown people and fifteen children.

Brother J. K. Humphreys, the colored Baptist minister who accepted the truth here, is now at South Lancaster Academy, where we trust he

will receive such instruction as will speedily qualify him for work among his own people in this great city.

Last Monday night Brother E. E. Franke, baptized three persons, among them two colored persons who united with the colored church number one. There are several others who have begun the observance of the Sabbath and will be ready for baptism soon. If some person would donate a tent we should be glad to pitch it in the colored portion of the city, and we are satisfied that much good would be accomplished.

J. H. CARROLL.

HEMLOCK HOLLOW, PA.

THE Lord is blessing in the good work here. I have mostly dwelt on Christ as Creator, Sinbearer, and High Priest; the Sanctuary, and the Law. By the second Sabbath that I was here we had six new Sabbath-keepers. Among these are the minister of the place and his devoted wife. The interest is growing. Last evening I gave the first discourse on the Sabbath. Some raw March winds are blowing in the spiritual realm!

Faithful, sensible Christian help work by the few believers living in these parts, and some Bible work done by Sister Jessie Weiss, were the seed-sowing of which we are now gathering the sheaves.

Last Sabbath we had a blessed Sabbath meeting with twenty-four present, two teams having driven over from the Lake Ariel church. It was a very muddy drive, but God rewarded the brethren's labor of love by blessing their souls. We need your prayers, brethren.

S. S. SHROCK.

March 11, 1903.

"THE greatest help that can be given our people is to teach them to work for God, and to depend on him, not on the ministers."

SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

SABBATH-SCHOOL: READING CIRCLE
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

SUTTON, VI.

SABBATH, March 7, a Sabbath-school institute was held at Sutton. There was a good attendance of members of the church in this place, and some were present from other schools.

The following subjects were presented:

"How Can We Secure a More Thorough Study of the Sabbath-school Lesson?"

"The Missionary Work our School Should Do at Home and Abroad."

"What Can the Sabbath-school Do Toward Training Our Young People for Service?"

In the discussion of the first subject mentioned, it was shown that this must be a personal matter. Recommendations and suggestions will do no good, unless an application is made by individuals, each one for himself studying more thoroughly the word of God.

Several testified to blessings received by *daily* study of the Sabbath-school lesson. Some have followed this practice for years, and always speak in its favor.

"Acquaint now thyself with him [God], and be at peace," was the text which introduced an interesting line of thought brought out in the form of a Bible study. Acquaintance with God brings peace, and as it is through his Word and the ministration of the Spirit that we become acquainted with him, how very important that we make a daily, diligent study of that Word.

Very interesting and helpful thoughts were brought out in the papers and talks on "Missionary Work," and "Training Our Young People for This Service."

Other subjects were prepared, and a meeting was appointed for the next

day; but on account of the thaw which came that night, it was thought best to postpone this until such time as the school can again meet, and finish the institute by themselves.

One feature of the Sutton Sabbath-school worthy of mention is the weekly teachers' meeting. The fact that the members of a school are so widely scattered that they can not get together during the week, need not hinder this meeting from being held; for even a few minutes on the Sabbath spent in the study of the lesson, and in counsel concerning the work, may prove a great blessing to the school.

May the Holy Spirit be continually the teacher in this school, that Christ may be exalted, and believers still be added to their number.

NAOMI L. WORTHEN,
Field Secretary.

HOW TO SECURE A BETTER ATTENDANCE AT THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.*

PERHAPS no subject has so engrossed the minds and hearts of those interested in Sabbath-school work as the subject under consideration, and upon its solution the very *life* of the church depends. I say the life of the church advisedly, for the Sabbath-school has been called, "the church at study," and we believe this is God's design.

"The Bible lessons taught in our schools are of far greater importance than many now discern." If this is true, and God is giving fresh light all the time, how can we hope to keep pace with the message if we neglect the study of these lessons?

How often do we see the school opened with only a few persons present. Then, as the exercises go on, others come in, many being only in time for class study, thus missing the opening exercises and the review.

*Paper read at a Sabbath-school convention held in the First Seventh-day Adventist church in New York City, Jan. 24, 1903.

Punctuality in the cause of God is a lesson many have yet to learn.

The review should be the most interesting part of the session. Some one should be selected a week in advance who will give it prayerful study, bringing out fresh thoughts with an enthusiasm and earnestness which will command attention. From "Testimonies on Sabbath-school Work" we learn that the Sabbath-school is not a place for controversy; it is not the place to make differences of opinion manifest. Jesus' words, "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light," are literally true of us. "The public schools have of late years greatly improved their methods of teaching. Object lessons, pictures, and blackboards are used to make difficult lessons clear to the mind. Just so may present truth be simplified and made intensely interesting to the active minds of the children."

We hear much about the duties of officers and teachers. We are told that if the superintendent and teachers are only consecrated, the Sabbath-school *must* be a success. Let me say, No amount of consecration on the part of officers and teachers will make the school a successful branch of the church without the hearty co-operation of the church itself.

How shall we increase our attendance?—Let our first effort be with the church. I have sometimes thought that a committee might be appointed whose duty it should be to make a loving effort to lead those who do not attend the Sabbath-school to see the importance of doing so. Those among us who have been isolated Sabbath-keepers know best how to appreciate these privileges; for we have known what it is to be deprived of them. I heard a brother say once that those who came to the eleven o'clock service were just *an hour and a half late*; for the church service commenced when the Sabbath-school opened. We are longing for the time when the en-

tire church will assemble at the Sabbath-school hour for study. Individual effort must be made to bring strangers into our schools; but let the *beginning* be at *Jerusalem*.

The Scripture says, "*Gather the children;*" and this would be a beautiful work for our dear young people. Can you not seek out some child, and if necessary go and bring that child to Sabbath-school every Sabbath? Said a child worker, "We have to go *after* the children every Sabbath, as the parents are either too indifferent or too busy to pay any attention to them." The result of this is a thriving Sabbath-school and who can measure the influence those children carry into their homes?

To you who have felt no burden for the work, let me earnestly say, Take hold, and *lift!* Do not leave the responsibility of the work upon a *few*. Prove by your attendance that you have a real heart interest in the matter. "Bear ye *one another's burdens*, and so fulfil the law of Christ."

CARRIE W. ALLEN.

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CHURCH-SCHOOLS

OUR WORDS.*

I AM very glad to be here this morning, and I do not know that I could talk with you about a more important subject, one which would do us greater good, than the one to which our minds have been called—our words.

I was thinking about the experience of Moses. You will remember that Moses started to the promised land; but like a great many others he failed to enter in. The reason is given in the book of Psalms that he spoke unadvisedly with his lips. If he had not done this, Moses would never

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

have died, he would have gone into the promised land and been translated. He missed all that—missed translation—simply because he spoke with his lips in a manner that was not proper. God is no respecter of persons, and if he dealt with Moses like that, he will deal so with us.

The way to speak right is to have the heart right. You will not speak right as long as the source of your speech is impure. You can not get pure water out of a muddy fountain. The heart is the source of our words. The only way we can have our words right is to have our hearts cleansed from sin. I have been thinking of two texts. One is in the seventh chapter of Matthew, the first and second verses, "Judge not that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged [that is other people will judge you with such judgment as you use]; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." Other men will measure out to you such measure as you use with them. The other text is in the second chapter of Romans and the first and second verses "Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things." In other words, we will have to travel over the same road that we lead others over. I want to choose the right kind of a road. I do not want to take anybody over a road that I do not want to go over myself. Just as surely as we take a person over a certain road, some time in our experience we will have to travel the same road. That is not an arbitrary decree with the Lord. He has to do that in order to save us. Let us be careful about what road we travel over—the road that we take others over. Let us be careful about our words. By and by when the Lord will translate people from off this earth, he will have a people whose words are right. He is

fitting up his people now. I hope that the importance of this subject will sink down deep into our hearts and that the source from whence our words come may be cleansed, by the Spirit of God.

I am glad for the good school that you are having. The eyes of all the people of this Union Conference are upon this school, and I believe that the heavenly intelligences are interested in the Academy. I believe that the Lord has a special care over this work here; that the angels of God are commissioned to visit this place and assist in this work; that the angels are here, and will influence our lives. We want to make the very most of the opportunities which we have here. We want to so shape our lives that we will make a success in life. True success in life may seem like failure. You take Moses, and looking at his life from a worldly standpoint, he made a failure. He might have been a king and sat upon a throne; but he gave up all that for a part with the people of God. He died without a funeral. Moses made a success in life from the Lord's standpoint, and we may do the same. The only way that we can make a success in life is to give our lives to God. The results will not be seen here, but over in the kingdom of God. I trust that this may be the experience of every one.

G. B. THOMPSON.

ACADEMY NOTES.

—Master Julian Dibbell, of Westboro, Mass., has taken up work with us.

—Mrs. A. E. Crandall is here with her daughter. Miss Crandall is rapidly recovering from her illness.

—Our young people are still carrying on meetings in the Gospel Mission in Clinton, Saturday evenings. Several people from the mission are now regular attendants at our Sunday evening services.

—A great change is being made in the surroundings of our Academy building by the taking down of the sanitarium building. The work is rapidly progressing.

—Last Sabbath was another good day for the South Lancaster church, and especially for the Academy. Seven more young people, all students, were baptized. God is silently, but certainly, working with us.

—Sunday morning, March 8, Elder Conradi gave the students a most interesting talk upon some of the qualifications necessary for gospel work. After the talk, he met quite a number of the students, and answered questions which they wished to ask him.

—A number of young men have been spending Fridays, and such other time as they have to spare, in selling *Life Boats* and other papers. They have met with good success in their work, not only in the number of papers sold, but in the opportunities afforded for telling the people of the truth.

The PRINTED PAGE

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PENNSYLVANIA CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE.

RECENT developments in the work, and the way our people are situated throughout the State, seem to indicate that it will be necessary, or at least best, for us to hold three short canvassers' institutes in this conference this Spring. Accordingly, although arrangements concerning them are not yet completed, I wish to make the following announcements:

The first institute will be held in Washington, in the southwestern corner of the State, April 8-17. The next one will be at Titusville, in the northwestern part, April 21 to May 1. Then one will be held in the east, just previous to the camp-meeting, at Wilkesbarre, May 18 to June 1.

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An extra commission of five per cent. on book sales will be allowed to all persons attending these institutes to cover their traveling expenses to the institute, and returning to their field of labor.

Arrangements will be made to entertain those who attend in the best and cheapest way possible. Announcements will be made concerning this later.

As usual one half of each day during the institute will be devoted to active work in the field. In this way those who attended the institute at Johnstown last year sold enough books to more than cover their expenses. I am sure the same result will follow now; for heaven's blessing and cooperation, upon which our success depends, is offered us just as freely this year as last; and the outward conditions are also just as favorable.

Some of these institutes will be easily accessible to all our people in this State, and we earnestly hope that all those who ever expect to have part in this branch of the work will plan to attend the institute nearest at hand, and then help to swell the ranks of the army of workers who are to give the last message of mercy to the world "in this generation."

If you expect to attend any of these institutes, please write at once to

F. E. PAINTER,

9 Hazlett St., Allegheny, Pa.

VERMONT CANVISSERS' INSTITUTE.

No DOUBT a goodly number are anxious to learn about our canvassers' institute which is to be held April 22 to May 4. Arrangements have been made to hold it at Burlington, Vt., 190 N. Winooski Avenue. We expect to have class study each day in the forenoon and practice giving the canvass of the different books we are to handle; and then in the afternoon take up the real work of canvassing in the city.

We hope to have the best institute

ever held in Vermont, since we are to have as instructors old and experienced workers; and, too, having received precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, urging us to at once, prepare ourselves and enter the work, we should confidently expect that missing "ninety and nine" to flock to this most important drill.

We expect Elder E. E. Miles, Brother Wilcox, the New England

Conference agent, Elder J. W. Watt, and Brother F. M. Dana as instructors. Arrangements will be made to have the expense as small as possible for the agents, that there may be no excuse for their absence.

Now, brethren and sisters of Vermont, do you not think it will pay us to make a desperate effort, if need be, to tear away from our attractive home cares, and prepare ourselves for active service in the Lord's work?

THE BOOK WORK.

Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending March 6, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. J. Heckman, Johnstown,		D of A			4		1.00	1.00	8.00
W. J. Hackett, Johnstown,		P & P		23		6.50	6.50	13.00	5.50
T. D. Gibson, Uniontown,		P & P		23	3	6.75	18.50	25.25	22.00
W. C. Fleisher, McKeesport,		G C		19	9	22.00	8.75	30.75	3.25
W. H. Zeidler, McKeesport,		G C		31	5	13.50	13.75	27.25	42.75
T. O. Saxton, Hortons,		D & R		27	11	37.00	12.00	49.00	56.00
W. T. Hilgert, Philadelphia,		B R		10	1	2.00	2.11	4.11	1.00
F. A. Evans, Coudersport,		M the M		35		3.75	3.00	6.75	
Ivor Lawrence, Six Mile Run,		M of N		41	67	97.00	7.00	104.00	8.25
L. H. Yothers, Vandergrift,		H of M		30	8	11.50	9.00	20.50	
Andrew Ness, Moyer,		C K		24	5	5.00	4.75	9.75	2.00
John A. Kimmel, Ellwood City,		P F		32	10	42.50			
Totals,	12 Agents,			295	123	\$247.50	\$86.36	\$333.86	\$148.75

New England Conference, Week Ending March 6, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
E. Mitchell, Reading,		D of A		18	3	8.50	6.75	15.25	48.25
J. E. Leighton, Salem,		C O L			2	2.50	5.35	7.85	17.35
Mrs. G. Laycock, Worcester,		P & P		10	2	4.50	3.00	7.50	
R. C. Andrews, Salisbury,		P & P		25	8	21.50	16.75	38.25	20.50
Totals,	4 Agents,			53	15	\$37.00	\$31.85	\$68.85	\$86.10

Maine Conference, Week Ending March 6, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Marion E. Greenwood,		C O L			23	28.75	10.50	39.25	
Totals,	1 Agent,				23	\$28.75	\$10.50	\$39.25	

New York Conference Week Ending March 6, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
B. B. Noftsgar, Utica,		H of M		13	4	5.00	3.75	8.75	
Mrs. Andrew Cobb,		B R		32	4	15.00	16.50	31.50	
G. F. Evans,		G C		33	7	17.50	3.50	21.00	13.75
Totals,	3 Agents,			78	15	\$37.50	\$23.75	\$61.25	\$13.75

Union Conference Totals,	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
20 Agents,		426	176	\$350.75	\$152.46	\$503.21	\$248.00

There is true happiness in the path of duty, and it will infuse new life into our veins if we go forth with earnest endeavor doing what we can to uplift and enlighten those around us.

You have doubtless read that excellent article for volunteers in the GLEANER of March 4. Can we not here in Vermont exhibit some of the bravery in the battle of right which our fathers showed in fighting for liberty and their country?

We would repeat, Come all who possibly can to our drill for service. You will not have a better opportunity to prepare for this noble work, and great will be the reward when our toils are over.

A. E. TAYLOR,
Brownington, Vt.

NOTICE.

THE March *Advocate* will be placed in the hands of between forty and fifty thousand public school-teachers. The large edition called for an unusual amount of work. The presses in the *Advocate* printing office have been running day and night. Some may not have received their papers as early in the month as they expected. Do not become worried if this is the case; for every order will be filled, although the size of the edition necessitates some delay in mailing.

The publishers wish to express their hearty appreciation of the kindness of the friends of the *Advocate* and of Christian education in this effort to spread the truth. We will be much better prepared to handle the next big edition, as we have just received a gift of a large press.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

MAINE.

—Elder Bicknell started for General Conference March 12. We all wish him a pleasant journey.

—We are sorry to learn of the illness of Brother Randall Umerhind, of Richmond.

—The pledges are coming in rapidly for the proposed effort in Portland. We hope nothing will prevent the coming of Elder Franke to Maine.

—The tract work is still on the increase in the State, and we see with it a revival of spirituality on the part of the workers.

—We would remind those who agreed to take and dispose of a definite number of "Christ's Object Lessons" that our quota is not much more than half filled, and we must make an earnest effort to do our duty in this respect. Who will respond by sending in orders at once? This is the Lord's work, and woe will be to those who neglect it.

E. H. MORTON.

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THE trials of life are God's workmen, to remove the impurities and roughness from our character.—
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OBITUARY NOTICES

KENDALL.—Died at his home in Short Falls, N. H., Feb. 27, 1903, C. Elmer Kendall, aged 38 years, 1 month, and 27 days. After an illness of one month, death resulted from a relapse of measles. For many years our dear brother has been a faithful worker in the Master's service wherever duty called. He embraced the Sabbath when very young, and he devoted his life to the cause of truth and right. At the time of his death he was elder of the Short Falls church. He leaves a wife, a daughter, a mother, a brother, and a sister, besides a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. He was loved by all who knew him. Words of comfort were spoken by Rev. E. B. Tetley (Free Baptist). The interment was in the family lot at New Rye.

GEO. R. CLARK.

WAY.—Died at the home of his father in Woodbury, Vt., March 7, of consumption, Brother Arthur Way, aged 21 years. Arthur was brought up in the truth. He was a great sufferer, but was resigned to the will of the Lord. He leaves a father, mother, and one sister, with other relatives to mourn his loss.

Although the roads were in a very bad condition there was a good audience present to listen to a funeral discourse by the writer from 1 Cor. 15 : 22, 23. We sorrow not without hope.

J. W. WATT.

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E. E. FRANKE.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SOLD "OBJECT LESSONS."

DURING the last six months of 1902, an effort was made to have a copy of "Patriarchs and Prophets" placed in the hands of the Sunday-school officers and teachers who were studying the International series of lessons. The lessons for that period were on Old Testament history and no better "help" could be found than this important book. Not as much was accomplished as ought to have been, but quite a good many books were sold.

Many of our people were engaged in working with "Object Lessons," and that work could not, of course, be neglected. Since that time it is supposed that nearly all have disposed of their quota of "Object Lessons," and now another opportunity is offered.

The International Sunday-school lessons for the last six months of this year are again on Old Testament history, beginning where the other series ended. These lessons, with very few exceptions, are quite fully covered by the subject matter of "Patriarchs and Prophets." What a wealth of help-

ful suggestions these Sunday-school workers would find in this book, both for themselves and for their classes.

Do not you feel an interest as well as an obligation to do something toward bringing this book to the attention of such persons in your vicinity?

To those who have sold their quota of "Object Lessons" and are now ready for the "next" thing, we suggest the idea of following up their work by soliciting from all who have bought "Object Lessons" an order for "Patriarchs and Prophets." Our canvassers report that it is a very easy matter to sell another book by the same author to those who have purchased or read "Object Lessons."

"Patriarchs and Prophets" is a book especially adapted to these times, since it so fully answers the unscriptural, yet widely accepted theories, of evolution and higher criticism.

A little booklet of "Helpful Hints" has been prepared, in which is given the lesson topic and the scripture references for each Sunday from July to December inclusive. Then references are made to the pages in "Patriarchs and Prophets" where the same subject is treated. For the first lesson, quite a full selection from the book is reprinted, thus illustrating its helpfulness in the study of the lesson.

These "Hints" will be supplied through your State tract society or by Pacific Press Publishing Co., and one copy should be delivered with every copy of "Patriarchs and Prophets" sold, and its use explained. Extra copies for use in soliciting orders will also be furnished *gratis*.

Will not our people take advantage of this favorable opportunity, and place this book so filled with precious truth in the hands of thousands of these Sunday-school workers during the time these lessons are being studied?

S. N. CURTISS.

"God is waiting for men and women to awake to their responsibilities."

APPOINTMENT.

A GENERAL meeting will be held at the Danvers church, March 20-22, for the benefit of those living in that vicinity. The first meeting will be held Friday evening, and the Sabbath meeting will be at 10:30 A. M.

Elder Russell, Dr. C. C. Nicola, and Prof. F. Griggs are expected to give instruction. This will be an important meeting, and we trust that each service may be well attended.

A. E. PLACE.

APPOINTMENT.

THE church in Buffalo has arranged for a two days' meeting, Sabbath and Sunday, April 4, 5, beginning *each* day at 10:00 A. M., with intermission for dinner, and closing near sundown. The place of meeting is the Odd-Fellows Temple, corner of Jefferson and Williams Streets. The church extend a general invitation to all in the surrounding country. We have invited as helpers Brethren Carr, Hicks, and Ballou. It is the time for the regular quarterly meeting. There will be opportunity for baptism.

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March 13.....	6:02	6:03	6:04
March 20.....	6:11	6:11	6:11
March 27.....	6:19	6:18	6:18