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

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NOT AS I WILL.

BLINDFOLDED and alone I stand,
With unknown thresholds on each hand;
The darkness deepens as I grope,
Afraid to fear, afraid to hope;
Yet this one thing I learn to know
Each day more surely as I go,
That doors are opened, ways are made,
Burdens are lifted or are laid,
By some great law unseen and still,
Unfathomed purpose to fulfil.

"Not as I will."

Blindfolded and alone I wait.
Loss seems too bitter, gain too late;
Too heavy burdens in the load,
And too few helpers on the road;
And joy is weak; and grief is strong,
And years and days so long, so long;
Yet this one thing I learn to know
Each day more surely as I go,—
That I am glad the good and ill
By changeless law are ordered still,
"Not as I will."

"Not as I will!" the sound grows sweet
Each time my lips the words repeat.
"Not as I will," the darkness feels
More safe than light, when this thought
steals

Like whispered voice to calm and bless
All unrest and all loneliness.
"Not as I will," because the One
Who loved us first and best has gone
Before us on the road, and still
For us must all his love fulfil—

"Not as we will."

—Helen Hunt Jackson.

"THERE is no service like his who
serves because he loves."

THE FAITH NEEDED.

OH that the Lord would lead us to
feel as we have never felt before! If
you knew that you had but one hour
more of probation, you would change
your course. You would not dare to
stand in the position you are to-day.
And yet you do not know that you
will live one day longer. You can
not call one hour your own. We
know not how soon death may feel
for our heart-strings. We know not
how soon the ax will be laid at the
root of the tree, and the sentence go
forth, "Cut it down; why cumbereth
it the ground?" Will you pass on in
your sinful state, with envy and jeal-
ousy and hatred in your hearts? If
you think you can lay down the oar,
and still make your way up stream,
you mistake. It is only by earnest
effort that you can stem the current.

How many there are as weak as
water who might have a never-failing
source of strength. Heaven is ready
to impart to us, that we may be
mighty in God, and attain to the full
stature of men and women in Christ
Jesus. What increase of spiritual
power have you gained during the
last year? Who among us have
gained one precious attainment after
another, until envy, pride, malice,
jealousy, and selfishness have been

swept away, and only the graces of
the Spirit remain,—meekness, for-
bearance, gentleness, charity? God
will help us if we take hold of the
help he has provided.

These words are true, and you
need them. Oh that you would
arouse, and wrench your souls from
the grasp of the enemy! Oh that
you would engage in the battle of life
in earnest, putting on the whole
armor of God that you may war suc-
cessfully! Satan is already weaving
his net about you. He does not wait
for his prey to be brought to him.
He goes about as a roaring lion, seek-
ing whom he may devour. But does
he always roar?—No; when it serves
his purpose, he sinks his voice to the
softest whisper, and, wrapped in gar-
ments of light, appears as an angel
from heaven. Men have so little
knowledge of his wiles, so little un-
derstanding of the mystery of iniquity,
that he outgenerals them almost
every time.

Many who have lived under the
blazing light of truth act as if they
had nothing to do. God calls upon
every one of you to take up life's
burdens, to engage in the warfare as
you have never done before. You
who love to speak of the faults of
others, arouse, and look into your own
hearts. Take your Bibles, and go to

God in earnest prayer. Ask him to teach you to know yourself, to understand your weakness, your sins and follies, in the light of eternity. Ask him to show you yourself as you stand in the sight of heaven. This is an individual work. Every man is to build over against his own house. You have nothing to do with the sins of others, but you have much to do with yourself. In humility send your petition to God, and do not rest day nor night until you can say, Hear what the Lord hath done for me,—until you can bear a living testimony, and tell of victories won.

Jacob wrestled with the angel all night before he gained the victory. When morning broke, the angel said, "Let me go, for the day breaketh." But Jacob answered. "I will not let thee go, except thou bless me." Then his prayer was answered. "Thy name shall be called no more Jacob," said the angel, "but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed." We need the perseverance of Jacob, and the unyielding faith of Elijah. Time after time Elijah sent his servant to see if the cloud was rising, but no cloud was to be seen. At last, after seven times, the servant returned with the word, "There ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand." Did Elijah stand back and say, I will not receive this evidence; I will wait till the heavens gather blackness?—No. He said, It is time for us to be going. He ventured all upon that token from God, and sent his messenger before him to tell Ahab that there was the sound of abundance of rain.

It is such faith as this that we need, faith that will take hold, and will not let go. Inspiration tells us that Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are. Heaven heard his prayer. He prayed that rain might cease, and there was no rain. Again he prayed for rain, and rain was sent. And why should not the Lord be entreated in behalf of his

people to-day? Oh that the Lord would imbue us with his Spirit! Oh that the curtain might be rolled back that we might understand the mystery of godliness!

God calls upon you to put all your strength into the work. You will have to render an account for the good you might have done had you been standing in the right position. It is time you were coworkers with Christ and the heavenly angels. Will you awake? There are souls among you who need your help. Have you felt a burden to bring them to the cross? Bear in mind that just the degree of love you have for God you will reveal for your brethren, and for souls who are lost and undone, out of Christ.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

AN APPEAL FOR PHILADELPHIA.

EVERY true Christian gladly gives his all to the cause of his Redeemer. As the needs of the work of spreading the light of "present truth" appeal to him, he freely invests his life energies, his moral influence, and whatever financial assistance lies within his power.

The watchmen on the walls should always feel free to call for material to strengthen any weak points in the walls; being assured that the people will quickly furnish everything necessary. The great cities in the Pennsylvania Conference present to us most appealing needs. Perhaps the chief obstacle which confronts our churches in large cities is the difficulty in obtaining suitable meeting places.

Philadelphia, the third city in point of population, in the United States, presents a very urgent need in this regard. Since the camp-meeting held here in June, 1900, there has been brought into the truth a good, active congregation in the western part of the city. Providence has favored this church with a very suitable meet-

ing-house, free of rent. This has greatly aided the work in West Philadelphia. This meeting-house has already been used by our people about two and a half years; and the prospect looks favorable for us to have the free use of it for considerable time to come.

The congregation which has for many years been in the northern and most populous portion of the city, has never been so fortunate. It can do no better at the present time than to meet in a hall used for lodge meetings and various other purposes not compatible with the sacred truth for which our services stand. During all these years this church has stood firmly and fought valiantly in this great city for the message we all love. The need of a meeting place owned by Seventh-day Adventists, has long been keenly felt. For two years the church has been putting forth strong endeavors to raise sufficient money for this purpose. It has recently resolved to renew and increase its efforts in this direction. In following out this resolve, after careful counsel and prayerful thought, an agreement has been signed for a property.

The North church feels that the plan it has entered upon is the safest and best course it could choose at the present time. It would be glad to have what is usually called a church, but it does not feel that it is able to undertake to carry such a burden. It has, therefore, entered upon a much more economical plan for providing what it feels will prove a very satisfactory meeting room.

A dwelling-house on a good corner, well located, has been purchased. All partitions are to be removed from the lower floor. This will give a meeting room, about twenty by sixty feet, which will seat comfortably about two hundred and twenty-five people. The second and third floors will serve as a residence for the minister and his family of workers who

will be engaged in the work in that part of the city.

The purchasing price of the property is \$6,000. We paid \$500 when the agreement was signed, and are to pay \$500 more June 17, at which time we gain title to, and possession of, the property. We are to pay \$250 Jan. 1, 1904. It will require about \$500 to make alterations and furnish the church meeting room, which should be done before fall. The greater portion of the next payment of \$500 has already been raised, but there must be raised somewhere from \$800 to \$1,000 between now and the end of the present year. And it would be very fortunate if much more could be raised, so as to pay off a considerable portion of the purchasing price in June or soon thereafter. The North church has determined to put forth heroic efforts to raise the largest amount possible. But it feels that, in view of the fact that it is surrounded by many hundred thousands of people, it is only right to make an earnest appeal to the churches in the eastern half of the conference, asking for some help from every member of these churches. We appeal only to the churches in the eastern half, for we feel that the church in Pittsburg should receive assistance from the churches in the western half.

Some time ago the conference appealed for one hundred people who would give \$25 each; one hundred who would give \$15 each; and one hundred who would give \$10 each, thinking that this would raise \$5,000 to aid the churches in Philadelphia and Pittsburg to obtain suitable meeting-houses. For some reason only a few hundred dollars has been paid into that fund, and the greater portion so far paid in has come from the churches in the western half of the conference, and will go to Pittsburg. Now are there not many brethren and sisters who desire to see the work established upon a better basis in the great city of Philadelphia, and

who will gladly send to the Pennsylvania Tract Society either ten, fifteen, or twenty-five dollars, as suggested by the conference committee, sometime during the month of May, or the early part of June? I might say that the ministers and workers in the conference have nearly all set a good example and have forwarded their donations. We sincerely hope also that those who may not be able to send ten dollars or more, will give what they can. Will not several hundred believers in "present truth" send in from one to five dollars each? The children and others who can not send as much as one dollar, can send in the nickels, dimes, quarters and half dollars; and the little ones may send the pennies. Can we not expect that every lover of the third angel's message in the eastern half of the Pennsylvania Conference will do something to aid the believers in this great city of more than fifteen hundred thousand human souls to obtain a modest meeting place? This is a call which comes from a great and needy center of population right at our very doors. We are sure all will feel it a blessed opportunity to help give the light to this great multitude.

Let Sabbath, May 2, be a special collection day when every believer in "present truth," both old and young, shall give either a cash offering or a pledge to be paid on or before, Sabbath, June 6.

Finally, my brethren and sisters, it is my earnest prayer that God will put it in your hearts to aid your struggling brethren and sisters in Philadelphia in this their time of need and opportunity.

Faithfully your brother for the advancement of the message,

WM. J. FITZGERALD.

THE above statements and appeal by Elder W. J. Fitzgerald concerning the work in Philadelphia, asking our dear people in the eastern half of

Pennsylvania to respond to the call for aid in establishing a permanent place of worship in the northern part of Philadelphia, should receive more than a passing notice.

The city of Philadelphia has a vast population, and extends over a whole county about fifteen miles in length. It has been seen for some time that no one point in the city could be made the rallying place to reach the whole city. The city is divided into three natural divisions,—north, west, and south. We now have a church organized in the northern part, where the brethren are making a strong effort to secure a permanent place of meeting and a house which can be rented to the workers in the city. There is also the West Philadelphia church, which providence has favored with the free use of a suitable church. Later on a third church will be organized in the southern part of the city.

At this General Conference, and in recent Testimonies from Sister White, we are appealed to to lose no time in pushing the work in the great cities in the eastern part of the United States. Our brethren in Philadelphia now need our help.

We have asked our brethren to assist the brethren in Washington. We are glad that a considerable number have responded. Now let every one have some part in this enterprise of making a home for the workers in Philadelphia, and a meeting place as well. There may be some who would be glad to help the church in Pittsburg, but let those in the eastern part help especially now in Philadelphia. All can do something. We appeal to your love and loyalty to this cause. We ask for the honor of Christ and for the sake of perishing souls. If you can not pay the cash, arrange to make a pledge to be paid on or before, Sabbath, June 6. On Sabbath, May 2, a collection will be taken up in all our churches in eastern Pennsylvania. Those in the western half who desire to do so, may help also. May God

bless the gifts and the givers.

If \$2,000 is raised at this time, the rent of the upper part of the building will meet the interest, taxes, and insurance on the building. The church can meet the remainder, a portion at a time, without difficulty.

We are planning for two tent companies in Philadelphia during the present season. May God make his people willing in the day of opportunity and power, to save the perishing. It is proper to state that other congregations in the city have similar places for worship—such as is proposed by the arrangement noted above—and they have proven much more satisfactory than to build a church with a large debt upon it. The conference committee have approved of the plan the brethren have adopted in this matter.

Let all, adults and children, have some part in this blessed work of giving and praying for the work in Philadelphia. Send your offerings and pledges to the Pennsylvania Tract Society, Box 614, Williamsport, Pa.

R. A. UNDERWOOD, *Pres.*

THE NECESSITY OF PAYING TITHE WEEKLY.

WHEN God created this great world he did it in a systematic manner. In seven days he made everything that we, his children, are here to enjoy as long as we live, and this including the Sabbath day,—

“Day of all the week the best,
Emblem of eternal rest.”

We are therefore to praise God by tangible service, by doing all in our power to advance the glory of his name. God imparts his gifts to us, that we may also give, and thus make known his character to the world.

God taught the Israelites to devote a tithe of all their income to the service of the sanctuary; and in the giving of the tithe they supported the ministry of the gospel; and God expects no less from us than he expected from his people at that time. The

great work for the salvation of souls must be carried forward. In the tithe, with gifts and offerings, he intends that the ministry of the gospel shall be sustained. He claims the tenth as his own; and it should ever be regarded as a sacred reserve to be placed in his treasury for the benefit of his cause.

It is therefore proof enough that God in his great wisdom has set an example for us to follow, and that we should have a system in our living, and giving. Every church-member should feel under obligation to consecrate his tithe to God, and as far as possible it is the better plan to pay tithe weekly. Rendering unto God our portion in this manner, it is not missed; but every time a payment lapses it is harder to make up the deficiency; and the second, third, and fourth weeks may be passed, and we become discouraged, and feel that it is almost impossible to make up our loss. Remember, however, that all offerings are to be given willingly, with the heart. The Lord takes no pleasure in service grudgingly performed. Paul says, “Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give: not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.”

How often has it been said to me, I can not pay tithe, I have no income. Let me say, my dear friends, that every one who earns or receives any money at all, can pay a tithe. Again, they have said, I could pay ten or fifteen cents per week, but what would that amount to? Let me tell you what it would mean. If fifty people in Greater New York churches who do not pay tithe would start at once by paying ten cents per week, at the end of the year it would amount to \$260; at fifteen cents per week, it would mean \$390; and if fifty should pay twenty-five cents per week for the year, it would amount to \$650, or sufficient to pay all the ministers and workers for one month.

My dear people, God has given us all that we possess, all that he asks of us is a little in return. To those who have thought small amounts of no avail in helping the work, let me say, Begin to-day with a payment of ten, fifteen, or twenty-five cents per week, if this is the amount of your tithe. It will please your heavenly Father; it will make you happy; it will encourage your treasurer; it will help sustain the work; it will enrich the conference treasury; and, in fine, all ministers and workers will receive promptly the money they earn in spreading the gospel and working for the salvation of souls. “Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”

E. H. HALL,

Treasurer Greater New York Conference.

ENDURANCE.

How much the heart may bear and yet not break!

How much the flesh may suffer, and not die!

I question much if any pain or ache
Of soul or body brings our end more nigh.
Death chooses his own time; till that is sworn

All evils may be borne.

We see a sorrow rising in our way,
And try to flee the approaching ill;
We seek some small escape; we weep and pray;

And when the blow falls, then our hearts
are still;

Not that the pain is of its sharpness shorn.
But that it can be borne.

Behold, we live through all things,—famine,
thirst,

Bereavement, pain; all grief and misery,
All woe and sorrow; life inflicts its worst
On soul and body,—but we do not die.

Though we be sick, and tired, and faint,
and worn,

Lo, all things can be borne.

—E. A. Akers.

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

OBJECTIONS TO TAKING UP THE WORK WITH "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS."

"AND Moses said unto the Lord, O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. And the Lord said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the Lord? Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say." Ex. 4:10-12.

"I AM NO BOOK AGENT; I CAN'T SELL BOOKS."

This is another common objection. Having decided that they can not, there are some who settle themselves back, and do not even try to see whether they can or not. They see obstacles that do exist, and that do not exist. The real reason is that, like the class mentioned in the former article, they do not want to. It is the same feeling that inspired Moses, that led him to answer the Lord as in the texts quoted at the beginning, and even after being assured by the Lord that he would teach him what to say, to still try to beg off. We read in Ex. 4:14, however, that the Lord was not pleased. "And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses." Will not his anger be kindled against those who, having been given the definite work to do with "Christ's Object Lessons," hold back and still say, "I can't"? It is the same spirit that the Israelites showed when the ten spies brought an evil report of the land of Canaan. When the great walled cities, the strong nations, and the gigantic people, were presented to their minds, they were ready to give up, and even attempted to stone Caleb and Joshua, the men of faith, and said,

"Would God we had died in the wilderness." They all did.

The Lord is testing his people now. It is not driving out seven nations "more and mightier than we," that is the task before us; but just now it is whether we will each take hold and sell six or more books to relieve the indebtedness of our schools. Thank the Lord, there are some who have done this. But there are others who are not standing the test any better than did the Israelites; who see nothing but the obstacles, and forget God's precious promises of help. Will the Lord be any better pleased with them than with his people of old? It is not a severe test he has placed upon his people now. It is only the matter of a little self-sacrifice—the taking of a little time. If we do not stand this test, will we endure the severe ones to come in the future? "If thou hast run with footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? And if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?" Jer. 12:5.

Testimonies from those who have thought they could not sell books, but were willing to try, and found their task an easy one, are numerous. We will give one:

"I have never had anything so sweet as this work; and I feel that it is the salvation of the denomination.

"I did not take much interest in this work at first, not until we had a meeting at Bethel. Then I thought I would try it, and see what I could do. I want to say right here that I am a poor salesman. My boys at home have always said to me, 'Father, if you buy a horse, you will surely have him until he dies.' And so I had not much hope of making a success in selling the book, but I thought I would try.

"When I got home, I called the brethren of the Antigo church together while this thing was fresh in my mind,

to see what they would say. After presenting the plan, one brother began to argue that the taxes were so high this year that we could not do much. He said that he had canvassed three weeks for 'Christ's Object Lessons,' and had sold only one book. This kind of talk discouraged the brethren. I decided to try this work myself. The first man I met kept me waiting until after three o'clock in the afternoon. Then I thought that it was so near night that I might just as well go home, and start out again the next morning. But I did not think it right to surrender this way, so I went to work, and by five o'clock I had twenty-two orders. I hurried from one place to another as rapidly as I could. I took orders so fast that I feared I would not leave much of an impression on the minds of the people with regard to the value of the book. And when I got home I thought it all over, and decided that when I delivered the orders, I would stay with the people until they knew something about the book. While delivering twenty-two book orders, I sold eighteen more. This work is better than preaching."

It will be seen from the above that in spite of his lack of confidence in his ability, this brother could sell books. I have in mind a brother in the New Jersey Conference who did not believe he could sell books. At least he would have to go to a neighborhood where he was not known; for his neighbors were so prejudiced that they would not buy a book of an Adventist. Something interfered to prevent him from going to the "regions beyond," and he was obliged to "begin at Jerusalem;" that is, among his nearest neighbors. Within the week he had sold more than his quota, and one of the most prejudiced neighbors bought one. I have also in mind a sister who declared she "couldn't possibly sell one." But she tried, and at odd times within a week, had sold seven.

The Lord will not take "I can't"

as an excuse from us any more than he would from Moses. Hear what he says: "God will make the movement for the help of our schools a success if it is made in a free, willing spirit, as to the Lord."

J. W. RAMBO.

THE FAITH THAT WORKS.

"FOR the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work." Mark 13:34.

I have been much impressed recently with the thought that God has a work, not for a chosen few, but for every one of his followers. The third angel's message is to be given to the world, and the work completed in this generation.

It is very evident that the fields are white already to harvest, but the laborers are few because a false impression has gotten hold of many of God's people. They have formed the idea that only a few are qualified to engage in the work. It does not enter into the thoughts of many people that they have a part in the matter. It is the devil's work to keep us from the blessed privilege of laboring for lost souls.

There is a lack of faith on the part of many of God's children. Unbelief is as much an enemy to the Christian, as it is to the unconverted. It will keep back the blessing now as much as it did in the days of Christ. We read that in one place Christ could not do many mighty works because of their unbelief. If Christ could not do this, how can we expect to accomplish anything if the people of God are unbelieving? Where there is strong faith and confidence in God, a mighty work is always done.

In Hebrews we read that without faith it is impossible to please God. "For he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek

him." God blesses those who "diligently seek him." Let us diligently seek him now; let us have great faith; and let our expectation be from God.

Moody says, "When I was a boy, in the spring of the year, when the snow had melted away on the New England hills where I lived, I used to take a certain kind of glass and hold it up to the warm rays of the sun. These would strike on it, and I would set the woods on fire. Faith is the glass that brings the fire of God out of heaven. It was faith that drew the fire down on Carmel, and burned up Elijah's offering. We have the same God to-day, and the same faith."

But the Lord will revive his work now; and we shall be able to set the world on fire if each believer has a strong and simple faith. Listen to the description of what was accomplished by men and women of faith as recorded in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews:

"Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again; and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: and others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: they were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; of whom the world was not worthy; they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing

for us, that they without us should not be made perfect."

Surely no child of God can read these words without being stirred. Brethren, our God still lives.

A Highland chief of the M'Gregor clan fell wounded at the battle of Sheriff-Muir. Seeing their leader fall, the clan wavered, and gave the foe an advantage. The old chieftain, perceiving this, raised himself on his elbow, while the blood streamed from his wounds, and cried out, "I am not dead, my children; I am looking at you to see you do your duty." This roused them to new energy and almost superhuman effort. So, when our strength fails and our hearts sink within us, the Captain of our salvation cries: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

MORRIS LUKENS.

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SUTTON, VERMONT.

I WOULD like to tell you what we have been doing during the last quarter. Our church has a membership of thirty. Seven of these live so far away as practically to be members only in name. Of the twenty-three members, eight attend very irregularly. Some are in poor health; some live a long way from church; and some are discouraged. Our clerk and treasurer reports \$28.54 received during the quarter; the librarian, \$22.00; our Sabbath-school \$4.50. Ten books have been donated by individuals to our library. A large number of periodicals and pages of books and tracts have been distributed. Some who are not of our faith are interested, and two families are keeping the Sabbath.

We find much to encourage us as we labor for the Lord, and can say like Caleb, we are well able to overcome. A few of us can meet every

Sabbath. We have a good Sabbath-school, a good missionary society, and good meetings. For all these blessings we praise the Lord, while waiting for that blessed hope and the coming of our Lord.

ELMIRA M. DODGE.

The FIELD

NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

THE Lord is blessing his people at our quarterly meetings. The churches in northeastern Pennsylvania are looking forward to a successful canvassers' institute and a very blessed camp-meeting soon to be enjoyed at Wilkesbarre, which will fit us all for better service in the cause of our God.

Last Sabbath and Sunday were good days for the Ariel church which the brethren will never forget. We had a long, hard pull of it; but the Lord crowned our efforts with giving perfect unity and harmony—blessed qualities which the Ariel church never before enjoyed. If each one will now watch that no root of bitterness springing up trouble them, then they will always enjoy this unity. We also enjoyed the privilege of burying two dear young men with their Lord by baptism, one of whom expects to be at the Wilkesbarre institute, and fit himself for the canvassing work.

This week I am holding meetings with the South Canaan church where a few souls are interested.

S. S. SHROCK.

April 23, 1903.

BOSTON FIELD.

THE attendance at the Boston field Sabbath-school and gospel workers' convention that was held the 18th and 19th insts., was the largest we have ever had in this field. We feared in holding the convention in Melrose on Sunday, that the attendance would be small; but we were

pleased to welcome a large company

The papers and addresses that were rendered were well calculated to awaken in all a greater earnestness in the service of the Lord. The keynote that was resounded in nearly every address was that of individual work for individuals.

Representatives were in attendance from the following named churches: Lynn, Everett, Lowell, Beverly, Danvers, Brockton, and South Framingham.

Valuable help was rendered by the following visiting brethren and sisters: Elders Mattson, Fifield, Gilbert, and Prof. Frederick Griggs, also Mrs. M. A. Scribner, Mrs. W. M. Lee, the State secretary of the Pennsylvania Sabbath-school association, and Sister Carrie Robie.

Sunday a large number of the delegates improved the opportunity of visiting the Melrose Sanitarium between the forenoon and afternoon meetings, and partaking of a hygienic dinner that seemed to be greatly appreciated by all.

One of the interesting features of the Sunday afternoon program was a symposium of addresses by the sanitarium doctors. Various lines of Christian help work were presented by Dr. Ball. The work of the nurses and others inside of the institution was discussed by Dr. Clara Beckner, and following this address a brief history of the sanitarium was given by Dr. Mary B. Nicola, which involved a number of interesting experiences of those who had been helped and cured at the sanitarium both physically and spiritually.

The delegates were pleased with the doctor's reference to the encouraging testimony from the Lord emphasizing the fact that the removing of the sanitarium from South Lancaster to Melrose was in the providence of God, and that the truthfulness of it had already been verified, not only in the fact that it is an admirable location, but also financially; for the interest

on the indebtedness of the institution is less than the amount paid on rent of outside buildings while the sanitarium was at South Lancaster.

The convention closed with a most interesting lecture by Prof. Frederick Griggs on "Reformation in Education."

K. C. RUSSELL.

RUTLAND, VT.

THE quarterly meeting and ordinances of the Lord's house were postponed until April 11, that Elder Purdon might be with us. As we had no quarterly meeting in January, Elder Purdon being away, the election of officers for the year came at this time.

A good attendance and letters from absent members cheered our hearts, and all felt that God was with us. Two sisters went forward in baptism, both having recently embraced the truths of the third angel's message, and both joined the Rutland church.

The church school began its third term April 13, with the addition of two more pupils, a sister having come here to live that her children might have the benefit of the church school.

L. C. BALL.

SOUTH FRAMINGHAM AND BOSTON, MASS.

LAST Sunday, April 19, another opportunity was providentially given for speaking to the patriotic people in Boston, on the subject, "The Boycott, Its Origin, Development, and Results." About seven hundred people were present, and the audience listened for over an hour to the truths from the word of God, as well as to the experiences of history, and how the boycott has been used in days gone by both by Rome and so-called Protestantism. The Spirit of the Lord was present to impress the hearts of the people with the importance of knowing what true Protestantism is in

these latter days, and keeping free from the trades' unions and labor organizations, in order that they might not become entangled with the terrible boycott, which Rome and a backslidden Protestantism will yet inflict upon the world.

During the lecture the memorable supreme court decision of Feb. 29, 1892, was touched upon, and some of the results which have followed since. The chairman and many of the congregation expressed great surprise that such things had actually been transpiring during the past decade, and so few people knew much of anything about the matter. He invited me to devote another afternoon exclusively to this decision, and its meaning to the future well-being of the land. In other words, it was giving us an invitation to give them a talk on the image to the beast. We thank God that the Spirit of the Lord is moving upon hearts everywhere to want to know more of the word of God for these latter days, that the honest souls may find the precious message of truth, and be freed from Babylon in every form.

Yesterday, in company with Elder Mattson and Brother Carl Haynes, of the Academy, we met with the South Framingham company, where Sister Scribner has been laboring for a year or more. The Lord has abundantly blessed her efforts in giving her a number of souls, and the call had recently come that they desired a church organization. This was brought about yesterday, and the Holy Spirit was present, and witnessed to the timeliness as well as the appropriateness of the occasion. After giving a talk on the ordinances, a social meeting followed; and the earnestness of those who spoke, indicated they loved this truth. There is something so blessed about the third angel's message that, when it is received in the hearts of the people, it has the same ring everywhere. Thank God for the unity there is in present truth.

During the day three persons were baptized. We then proceeded to organize the church, fifteen persons forming the organization. There are some twelve or fifteen more yet to join, and they expect to do so in a short time. A full corps of officers was elected, the elder and deacon being set apart by the laying on of hands and prayer.

After the organization was perfected, the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated, and the season was indeed precious and refreshing. May the Holy Ghost who was present with the people yesterday continue to abide with them, that this church may be a light in a dark place, and be as a guiding star to lighten many souls to the haven of eternal rest.

In my work among the churches of the different denominations, I find an increased interest, hundreds of people are becoming interested in the precious truths of God's word for these last days, and many are anxiously inquiring for more light and more instruction. We feel to rejoice that the Lord has given us these open doors, and made it possible that so many avenues can be made to bring the truth to the people.

F. C. GILBERT.

April 26, 1903.

OUR SCOTLAND LETTER.

THINKING that there are points that will be of interest to you, we give portions of a letter dated April 9, from Elder Westworth, of Edinburgh. After stating that they have had a general meeting, he says:

"We closed this meeting last Sunday night, and looking back can see that the Lord has been with us and that his hand was the guiding power. We were fortunate in having good help with us: Elder Olsen, the president of this Union Conference; Elder Andross, president of the North England Conference; and Elder J. O. Corliss, who is now in the North

England Conference. Our business went off nicely, and we were enabled to lay plans for some good strong work for the coming year. We now have in this field, besides myself, six workers, one of them a woman. But oh! that is so few as you think of the immense amount of work to be done. That means that each one can have as many people as there are in Vermont twice over. The brethren have asked me to take charge of the field for the coming year, so I ask your special prayers that the Spirit of God may direct me and lead the way to great things in the advancement of his work.

"We are expecting to have another worker here in May, Brother Ritchie, from Wisconsin; and then there is also booked for this country, Elder Watson, of the Colorado Conference. So we hope to be able to advance the work more than ever before. Our canvassing work is also showing the blessing of God. We have not a large force, and the winter has such short days that it is hard to do much; but the reports show that we are leading the Union in that line, and each two weeks show about \$350. We are waiting for the long days that are coming so rapidly. In the summer time, at the longest days, the sun does not set till nine o'clock, and then there is a long twilight till half past ten o'clock. Thus the canvassers can put in long hours, and our mark is set for not less than \$400 per week. One thing is evident, and that is that the workers are at it all the time. They make it their business.

"I have noticed your financial reports in the GLEANER, and the Lord is indeed blessing for the willingness to support the work in the fields beyond; and I am sure that they will be able to do the more as they manifest a willingness to enlarge their borders."

Elder Westworth indicates that he contemplates calling upon Vermont, or some wealthy place, for more help for that field; and may the Lord pre-

pare the workers, not alone for that place, but for "all the field" in the broad sense of the word.

F. M. DANA.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY

A WEEK'S BILL OF FARE.

Lesson VI.

TUESDAY DINNER.

Cream of Corn Soup with

Granola Dumpling.

Nut Roasted Potatoes. Cold Slaughter.

Nut Gluten Croquettes.

Bread. Oranges. Canned Strawberries.

White Sponge Cake.

RECIPES.

Granola Dumplings.—Take two cups nut milk and heat to boiling, then mix together and stir in one cup zwieback crumbs or granola, one cup white flour and one-fourth teaspoonful salt. Remove from the stove, and when cool fold in the beaten yolks of two eggs, and lastly fold in the stiffly beaten whites. Drop in spoonfuls into boiling hot soup and cook in a double boiler one-half hour.

Nut Roasted Potatoes.—Select rather small potatoes, pare, and place in a pan. Cover with a salted nut milk made of one-fourth cup nut butter dissolved in each quart of water used. Place in the oven and bake until potatoes are tender, covering toward the last if necessary.

Nut Gluten Croquettes.—One-half cup Wesson oil, corn oil, or ko-nut, one cup brown flour, one and one-half quarts water, six eggs, beaten, three cups gluten (20 per cent), one-half pound protose, zwieback crumbs to make of right consistency, salt and sage to taste. Place flour and oil in a frying pan and when well heated, add water to make a good gravy, then add and mix thoroughly in the other ingredients, taking care to make the croquettes *as soft as possible*. Form into balls or roll and bake in an oiled pan, brushing with beaten egg and

cream when partly done. Brown nicely, and serve with or without gravy and a sprig of parsley.

White Sponge Cake.—(Angel food). Whites of eleven or twelve strictly fresh eggs (on ice), one cup flour, one and one-half cups sugar, one tablespoonful lemon juice, one teaspoonful vanilla extract. Sift flour and sugar together five times or more, and set on ice for a while. Having *everything in readiness* and all materials and utensils as cold as possible, commence beating the egg whites, soon add the lemon juice, and when the whites are moderately stiff, while beating right along, gradually add the flour and sugar mixture and vanilla, and pour *at once* into the cake tin and place in a moderate oven. The tin should be *free from grease* and have sides higher than the cake when fully risen. Keeping the oven closed, do not remove the cake until browned on both top and bottom (about twenty minutes), then carefully turn upside down over a bread board (slightly elevating one side of the cake for escape of steam), until it falls out of itself. If the cake is to be kept any time at all, ice it to prevent loss of moisture.

F. O. RAYMOND.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

ACADEMY NOTES.

—Professor Griggs left Monday night for New York City and Battle Creek.

—Brother D. B. Parmelee has just returned from a short business trip to Hartford, Conn.

—Mr. Vere Richards, of Boston, has come to take up office work with us, doing the stenographic work for the remainder of the year.

—The activities incident to the close of the school year are already being felt. We ask the prayers of our friends that the last month's work may

be what it should be, and make a fitting close to this good year's experiences.

VERMONT.

—One brother walked about forty miles to attend the institute which is being held at Burlington.

—If possible, we will give you a report in next week's issue of the conference committee meeting, which we understand will be held at Burlington, April 28 to 30.

—Do you wish to see the work done that the Lord may come to take you home? Do all that you can with his help to hasten that day by working in the spirit of Eccl. 9:10, first part; John 9:4; Luke 14:21.

—We have sold thirty-one "Christ's Object Lessons" this month so far, and trust that we shall sell many more soon, as we are having calls for more books. May the Lord lead us till the work is done to meet his approbation.

—One of our societies reports good results from work done through the use of a reading rack, and states that a young lady who attends a high school in an adjoining town took a *Life Boat* and gave it to one of her schoolmates, who likes it so well that she is getting up a club for the paper. Keep on in the work, and Jesus will be pleased to bless both the work and the workers.

—Brother Boardman reports that the term of school recently held at North Wolcott was very successful, and that they expect the next term to open about the first week in May. Our school at Rutland also reports good work. We trust there will be unity and cooperation in these schools, and also that there may yet be more schools started to meet the needs of the children who belong to the Lord.

F. M. DANA.

"Ask not what to-morrow will be: to-morrow's *need* will bring with it to-morrow's *God*. Trust and be still."

The PRINTED PAGE

"Publicly,
and from HOUSE to HOUSE"

VERMONT CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE.

WE are under good headway in the study of the books and also in studying principles and methods of working. Brother H. C. Wilcox of the New England Conference is a great help to us, and we trust that his efforts will be greatly blessed by the Lord. We know this is his work, and are trying each day to follow the instruction that we have received, and are receiving, in the meetings.

Brethren A. E. Taylor, of Brown-
ington, Argyle M. Taylor, of Canada,
C. H. Porter, of Jamaica, A. W.
Boardman, of Wolcott, and A. E.
Loveland, of Johnson, Sisters Katie
Loveland, of Johnson, late of the
Bible training school of New York
City, Mrs. R. T. Foster, of Johnson,
and Rubie Roscoe, of Jericho, now
canvassing in Burlington, are in at-
tendance.

Bible study, Testimony study, book
study, and general instruction are
taken up each day, and we expect
field work, practical drill, will be
taken up Monday, the 27th, in Bur-
lington where the institute is held.

We are glad to note that our insti-
tute is larger than it has been before
for the past few years, also another
encouraging feature is that our breth-
ren and sisters are grasping by faith
the instruction that we are to take up
the larger books. In response to
that message we have one on "Great
Controversy," one on "Patriarchs
and Prophets," and three on "De-
sire of Ages," while we have two
others that will work in Vermont who
are not fully decided as to the book,
but probably will take one of the
large books named above. Also we
are having good instruction on the
work for "Christ's Object Lessons,"
which we trust will be taken up with
these books.

THE BOOK WORK.

Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending April 17, 1903.

| Name | Place | Book | Days | Hrs | Ords | Value | Helps | Total | Del'd |
|-------------------------------|------------|---------|------|-----|------|----------|---------|----------|----------|
| T. D. Gibson, Uniontown, | | P & P | | 22 | 5 | 11.75 | 8.75 | 20.50 | 4.00 |
| *W. H. Zeidler, Braddock, | | G C | | 71 | 13 | 29.50 | 14.50 | 44.00 | 53.50 |
| †T. O. Saxton, Blairsville, | | D & R | | 46 | 10 | 18.00 | 8.00 | 26.00 | 4.25 |
| E. W. Kirker, Emitstown, | | L G | | 12 | 3 | 10.00 | .75 | 10.75 | .75 |
| Mrs. T. D. Gibson, Uniontown, | | L G | | 14 | 5 | 15.50 | | 15.50 | 16.50 |
| Mrs. T. D. Gibson, Uniontown, | | H H B | | 1 | 1 | 4.50 | | 4.50 | |
| F. A. Evans, Roulette, | | M the M | | 36 | 5 | 17.35 | 12.00 | 29.35 | |
| †Ivor Lawrence, Six Mile Run, | | M of N | | 31 | 3 | 2.25 | 1.55 | 3.80 | 39.20 |
| Mary E. Diener, Allentown, | | H of M | | 8 | 1 | 1.50 | 1.00 | 2.50 | |
| Duiguid Bowman, Washing'n, | | H of M | | 12 | 14 | 20.75 | 1.50 | 22.25 | |
| Lydia Ulrich, Washington, | | H of M | | 8 | 7 | 10.50 | 2.75 | 13.25 | |
| Maud O. Rudolph, Washing'n, | | H of M | | | 10 | 14.75 | .75 | 15.50 | |
| Flora S. Ortiz, Johnstown, | | | | 3 | | | 1.25 | 1.25 | |
| W. T. Hilgert, Philadelphia, | | | | | | | 5.80 | 5.80 | |
| Totals, | 13 Agents, | | | 264 | 77 | \$156.25 | \$58.60 | \$214.85 | \$118.20 |

*Three weeks. †Two weeks. ‡Two weeks.

New England Conference, Week Ending April 17, 1903.

| Name | Place | Book | Days | Hrs | Ords | Value | Helps | Total | Del'd |
|---------------------------------|----------|-------|------|-----|------|--------|---------|---------|-------|
| R. C. Andrews, Torrington, Ct., | | P & P | | 26 | 4 | 9.75 | 13.75 | 23.50 | |
| Totals, | 1 Agent, | | | 26 | 4 | \$9.75 | \$13.75 | \$23.50 | |

Vermont Conference, Week Ending April 17, 1903.

| Name | Place | Book | Days | Hrs | Ords | Value | Helps | Total | Del'd |
|--|-----------|-------|------|-----|------|--------|--------|---------|-------|
| Rubie Roscoe, Burlington, | | C O L | | 14 | 1 | 1.25 | 3.50 | 4.75 | |
| A. E. Loveland, Eden and Hyde Park, | | C O L | | 14 | 2 | 2.50 | 2.80 | 5.30 | |
| Totals, | 2 Agents, | | | 28 | 3 | \$3.75 | \$6.30 | \$10.05 | |

New York Conference, Week Ending April 17, 1903.

| Name | Place | Book | Days | Hrs | Ords | Value | Helps | Total | Del'd |
|-----------------|-----------|--------|------|-----|------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| J. H. Deeley, | | G C | | 6 | | | | | 14.50 |
| *G. F. Evans, | | G C | | 57 | 12 | 35.75 | 27.25 | 63.00 | |
| A. R. Evans, | | H of M | | 24 | 14 | 21.00 | 5.25 | 26.25 | 3.75 |
| B. B. Noftsgar, | | H of M | | 24 | 4 | 5.00 | 1.50 | 6.50 | |
| Totals, | 4 Agents, | | | 111 | 30 | \$61.75 | \$34.00 | \$95.75 | \$18.25 |

*Two weeks.

West Virginia Conference, for Two Months.

| Name | Place | Book | Days | Hrs | Ords | Value | Helps | Total | Del'd |
|----------------|-----------|------|------|-----|------|----------|----------|----------|-------|
| J. H. Jenneys, | | | | | | 182.40 | 120.80 | 303.20 | |
| J. C. Paden, | | | | | | 19.75 | | 19.75 | |
| Totals, | 2 Agents. | | | | | \$202.15 | \$120.80 | \$322.95 | |

| Union Conference Totals, | Days | Hrs | Ords | Value | Helps | Total | Deliver'd |
|--------------------------|------|-----|------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 22 Agents, | | 429 | 114 | \$433.65 | \$233.45 | \$667.10 | \$136.45 |

We understand that Brother Erwin Thurber is soon to take up "Desire of Ages" in Vermont, so from these promising workers we hope to see a good work done. Brethren pray that the Spirit of the Lord may have free use of the workers; for we are told that we are not to use the Holy Spirit, but that the Holy Spirit is to use us, also that this may be true we are to have a daily conversion. May God's blessing attend the work that "those in darkness" may have the light brought to them and soon make their choice for truth and righteousness.

F. M. DANA.

WHO SHOULD COME.

ANNOUNCEMENT will soon be made through the GLEANER of the arrangements for the entertainment of those who attend the canvassers' institute at Wilkesbarre, beginning May 18. It is earnestly hoped that each church in the eastern half of the State will not fail to send at least one representative to this meeting. The eastern part of the State needs more canvassers. It ought to have them. It *can* have them if the churches will take this matter up in earnest, and encourage suitable persons to attend this institute and prepare for active service. This opportunity ought not to be allowed to pass by unimproved.

Care should be exercised in selecting men and women for this line of work. Those who are good for nothing else, and have made a success of nothing else, are not the ones wanted. The following extracts from "Manuel for Canvassers" show what kind of persons should come to this institute and enter the work: "Christ calls for young men who will volunteer to carry the truth to the world. Men of spiritual stamina are wanted, men who are able to find work close at hand because they are looking for it, . . . men whose hearts are warm with Christian love, and whose hands are eager to go

about their Master's work." "Men and women are wanted now who are as true to duty as the needle to the pole,—men and women who will work without having their way smoothed and every obstacle removed."

"Young men are wanted who are men of understanding, who appreciate the intellectual faculties God has given them, and who cultivate those faculties with the utmost care. . . . A resolute purpose, sanctified by the grace of Christ will accomplish wonders."

"Men should be at work who are willing to be taught as to the best way of approaching individuals and families." "Those of the best talent and ability, who will take hold of the work understandingly and systematically, and carry it forward with persevering energy, are the ones who should be selected." "Persons of uncouth manners are not fitted for this work. Men and women who possess tact, good address, keen foresight and discriminating minds, *and who feel the value of souls*, are the ones who can be successful."

I am sure that among the eighteen hundred Sabbath-keepers in this State there must be many persons who possess the qualifications here described. God is certainly calling many of these persons to enter the missionary field as "canvassing evangelists;" for he says that "where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one hundred."

No more favorable opportunity will ever be offered to enter the work than just now. Difficulties will arise in the future of which we know nothing as yet. So let us arise and go to work while still it is day; for soon it will be too late. "Let none disappoint the Master when he comes seeking for fruit by presenting nothing but leaves."

F. E. PAINTER.

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OBITUARY NOTICES

MCCLUER.—Alexander McCluer died March 8, 1903, aged 87 years and 7 months.

Brother McCluer was a charter member and deacon of the First Seventh-day Adventist church of Meadville, Pa. For many years he had been a minister of the Seventh-day Baptist Church. At a tent effort held in Meadville during the summer of 1898, by Brethren K. C. Russell and Lee S. Wheeler, hearing for the first time the truths of the third angel's message, he gladly accepted the same; and though, on account of a fall and the infirmities of old age, he was not permitted to meet with us to worship, he remained faithful to all the light received. Enjoying the "blessed hope," he loved to sing songs of praise, one especial favorite being,

"Jesus all the day long
Is my joy and my song,

Oh that all his salvation might see;

He hath loved me I cried,

He hath suffered and died

To redeem such a rebel as me."

His voice is hushed and he sleeps to awaken when the voice of the Life-giver shall call him forth to join the glad song of the redeemed.

MRS. H. BRADBURY.

REDMOND.—Died at Newton Highlands, Mass., April 8, Ruth Redmond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Redmond, aged 2 years and 7 months. Little Ruth was a beautiful and a lovable child. Even in her infancy she knew and loved her Saviour, and often used to pray to him for his blessing upon those she loved. While playing with a match she had found on the floor, her clothes and hair became ignited, and she inhaled the flames, dying almost instantly. She was in a room alone at the time, and five minutes before her death she had been throwing kisses out of the window to her mother who was in the garden close by. Sister Redmond noticing the light of the flame, ran to the house, and in the effort to extinguish the fire was very severely burned herself. She is now sick, as the result. Unless the Lord heals her, it will be long, we fear, before she can use one of her hands at all.

She was unable to go to the grave with her little darling, but had to stay at home while they took her from the house to the beautiful spot where she rests till the Saviour shall awaken her. It is a terrible affliction that this sister is called to pass through. May God's Spirit make the sorrow of that dear family our own, and let us all earnestly pray that the dear Father will sustain them, and bless even this sorrow to their good. Words of hope and comfort were spoken by the writer from Isa. 40:11.

G. E. FIFIELD.



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THE new book by Mrs. White, entitled "Education," is unusually attractive in appearance. It is dedicated to "Parents, teachers, and students, all pupils in earth's preparatory school." You will surely want a copy in your family. Price \$1.25. Have your librarian order one for you from the State secretary.

NOTICE.

THE fourth annual session of the Chesapeake Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, will be held in Baltimore, Md., May 11 to 18, for the purpose of electing the officers for the coming year, and transacting such other business as should be brought before the conference.

O. O. FARNSWORTH, *President.*

CAMP-MEETING AND CONFERENCE. For the Pennsylvania Conference.

JUNE 4-14, is the date, and Wilkesbarre, Pa., is the place where this important meeting will be held this year. But a few weeks and the time of this annual gathering of our conference will be here.

All the churches in the State should elect delegates at once. Each church is entitled to one delegate regardless of numbers, and one delegate for each fifteen members, hence a church with thirty members would be entitled to three delegates.

The location in Wilkesbarre places the camp-meeting in the northeastern part of the State. We hope that a

large number of our people will attend this important meeting. We have the assurance of excellent help from the General Conference at this meeting besides the local help of the Atlantic Union and State conferences.

No pains will be spared to make this meeting a feast of good things to all that may attend. We shall have tents to rent, and all the usual arrangements for the comfort of the camp will be made.

Dr. Bradford and wife of the Philadelphia Sanitarium will have charge of the dining tent.

We expect that the usual one-third reduction of rates on the railroad will be secured. V. H. Cook, secretary of the conference, will soon give notice of rates and full particulars.

No pains will be spared by those in charge of the young people's and children's meetings to make this meeting a great blessing to the young. Parents should bring their children to the meeting as far as consistent. The time is drawing near when we are to move from this world to a better country. Now is the golden hour to make a preparation to exchange worlds.

We ask that the officers of the church bring before the church the importance of the meeting. We should all pray, believe, and work for its glorious success, and if possible be present to share in its blessings.

R. A. UNDERWOOD,
President.

VIRGINIA, TAKE NOTICE.

THE Virginia Conference Executive Committee will meet at New Market, Virginia, May 15-20, 1903, to transact such business as may properly come before it and to plan for the work in this conference till its annual camp-meeting and conference session some time in August. At the same time and place we expect to hold a local meeting which all our laborers are expected to attend, and especially

those of our people in the Valley; and an invitation is extended to all who can to be present at this time that they may assist with their presence and counsel in the plans for the work in this conference. If there are those who have requests or matters to bring before the committee, and who can not be present, they should write out their request and send it to A. M. Neff, New Market, Virginia, secretary of the conference, and it will have our careful attention. As this meeting will only be local in connection with the meeting of the committee it is not expected that any one from abroad will be present, but the laborers of the State will occupy the time in giving daily general instruction of importance and preaching services will be held each night. The first service will be held Friday, May 15, at 8 P. M. There will be no reduced rates over the railroads to the meeting other than any one can get at any time. Important matters will receive attention at this time, and we trust that all will remember the work and workers in their prayers that God may guide in all that is done.

If there are those who desire any of our publications, to take with them back home, and will write to the secretary of this department, A. M. Neff, New Market, Virginia, he will see that such supplies as are desired are on hand.

R. D. HOTTEL,
Chairman of Committee.

WANTED.—A Seventh-day Adventist woman to take care of a family of five; four children whose ages range from six to twelve. Address E. T. Cousins, 617 North Main St., Leominster, Mass.

SUNSET CALENDAR FRIDAYS. Local Mean Time.

| 1903. | Boston. | N. Y. and Phila. | Washington. |
|-------------|---------|------------------|-------------|
| May 1..... | 6:58 | 6:54 | 6:51 |
| May 8..... | 7:06 | 7:02 | 6:58 |
| May 15..... | 7:13 | 7:09 | 7:04 |
| May 22..... | 7:20 | 7:15 | 7:10 |
| May 29..... | 7:26 | 7:21 | 7:16 |