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

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PRESENT WOE AND FUTURE GLADNESS.

THIS poor world is full of sadness,
Here our trust is oft betrayed;
Friends whose love we fondly cherish
Oft in silent graves are laid.

Earth's sad scenes will soon be over;
Strife and discord soon will cease;
Worldly pride, self-exaltation
Will be changed to love and peace.

Oh that joy! my faith doth grasp it,
When the saints of God shall meet,
In the earth, made new and glorious,
Where dear Jesus they will greet.

Dearest Lord, I wait thy coming
And the happy, peaceful reign
Of Messiah in his glory,
When his kingdom he shall claim.

Then shall meet the meek and lowly,
Who through faith have won the prize;
Take their crowns of radiant glory,
Not a tear to dim their eyes.

Hold on, dearest brother, sister,
Keep your armor burnished bright,
Daily seek the Eternal Fountain,
For his ever-flowing light.

LEWIS KINGSLEY.

Dickinson Center, N. Y.

THE MEMORIAL CHURCH, WASHINGTON, D. C.

ON September 23 a payment of one thousand three hundred dollars was made on the memorial church, and only twelve hundred now remains to be paid. This church was purchased November 1, 1902, for \$12,900.

Now that more than nine-tenths of the entire amount has been paid, we feel sure that all who have not yet given, as well as those who have, will unite in one last effort to close up this account before November 1, 1903.

Every State and Territory in the United States; also Canada, British Columbia, the Hawaiian Islands, the West Indies, and England have contributed toward this memorial church. Now let us unite to "finish the work" immediately. Surely a year ought to be long enough in which to establish in the capital city this first memorial of the last message, that the way may be clear for the building of greater memorials of the same work—the office of the Review and Herald Publishing Association, the offices of the headquarters of the General Conference, a school, and a sanitarium.

There may be some one who reads this appeal who will be able and anxious to send the whole amount still due at once. It may be that there are twelve readers of this paper who will send us one hundred dollars each, but probably the larger part of the amount still due will be sent in in smaller sums from the many friends interested.

To those who fear that more than enough will be sent for this purpose, I will say that any surplus above the needs of the memorial church build-

ing will be turned over to the Review and Herald Publishing Association, the Washington Seventh-day Adventist sanitarium, etc. Once more I plead that this first work be finished at once, preparatory to the complete establishment of our work in the nation's capital, a step which by the light of the spirit of prophecy, we know to be the beginning of the end, the immediate forerunner of the pouring out of the Holy Spirit in the latter rain, the finishing of the work, and the coming of the King. Oh, let us hasten, for we are even now many years behind in this work.

In a testimony written July 5, 1903, are these words:

"Our brethren in Washington have been favored in finding properties suitable to use in carrying on various lines of our work. This is a fulfillment of the light given me, that in different sections of the country we should be able to secure, at low prices, properties that could be utilized for our institutional work. In Washington a few months ago a meeting-house, in good condition, and admirably adapted to the needs of our work, was offered for sale at a price much below its first cost, and was purchased by our people there. I am glad that this church is so nearly paid for.

"Again and again the Lord has

presented Washington to me as a place that has been strangely neglected. In looking through my diaries, I have found some things that I wrote more than twelve years ago in regard to the work in Washington, and the necessity of establishing there some memorial for God. The following was written March 12, 1891:

"Nearly the entire day I have been entertaining visitors who desired counsel. Brother Robinson, superintendent of the New York and Washington district, came in company with Brother Wright to consult with me in regard to the advisability of building a church in Washington, D. C., combining a church, a mission home, and a reading-room in one building, to cost probably twenty-five thousand dollars. They proposed to invite our brethren all over the field to give one hundred dollars each toward this enterprise.

"When we were in Washington during the week of prayer, I had made a similar suggestion to Elder Washburn, saying that as the situation appeared to me, important interests should be established in this city. I could see no better way of letting the light shine forth from the very seat of government, the capital of the nation. It seems strange that some memorial of present truth has not been established there before. I advised that a meeting-house be built.

"The brethren of the Washington City church are poor, and while they will do all that they can, they are not able to carry the whole burden. The church must be located in a desirable part of the city. The purchase of a suitable lot and the erection of a plain but large, well-ventilated, and skilfully constructed building—something that will stand as an object lesson of neatness and thoroughness—will require a considerable sum.

"In my diary of 1889—fourteen years ago—I find precious matter in regard to entering new fields. I will quote a few paragraphs:

"The commission given to the disciples is given to us, and to us also is promised the power promised to them,—the power that they received on the day of Pentecost, when, like a rushing, mighty wind, the Holy Ghost came down and filled the room in which they were sitting. Under the influence of this power they went everywhere, preaching the word, and thousands were converted."

"What a work might have been accomplished, if we had done our duty years ago! Can we stand clear in the sight of God, if we now fail of understanding our duty? The Lord calls on us to awake to a realization of the opportunities presented before us to let our light shine in the city of Washington, by establishing there memorials that will hasten forward the proclamation of the third angel's message to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

"Let us take hold of the arm of infinite power. Let us walk humbly before God, but let us be giants in meeting discouragement and difficulty. We must have increased faith. Let us praise God. He is our strength, our shield, and our defense, our front-guard and our rearward.

"Ellen G. White."

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J. S. WASHBURN.

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"O LORD! how happy should we be
If we could cast our care on thee,
If we from self could rest;
And feel at heart that one above,
In perfect wisdom, perfect love,
Is working for the best."

WHAT desolation may even now be hovering over the tabernacle of many a saint, because they will not come out and be separate, because they refuse to be "strangers on the earth as all their fathers were."—Bonar.

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

DAILY WORK.

IN the name of God advancing,
Sow thy seed at morning light:
Cheerily the furrows turning,
Labor on with all thy might.
Look not to the far-off future.
Do the work which nearest lies;
Sow thou must before thou reapest,
Rest at last is labor's prize.

Standing still is dangerous ever,
Toil is meant for Christians now;
Let there be, when evening cometh,
Honest sweat upon thy brow;
And the Master shall come smiling
At the setting of the sun,
Saying, as he pays thy wages,
"Good and faithful one, well done!"
—Translated from the German.

"CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS."

At the recent Vermont camp-meeting the following resolution was passed:

"Recognizing the success that has attended the sale of 'Christ's Object Lessons' elsewhere, and whereas Vermont has not fulfilled her obligations in this work; therefore,

"Resolved, That we urge all our people to renew their efforts to complete the work assigned us, and thus secure the blessing promised."

If the Lord did not show greater perseverance in his work of salvation than we show, we should all be lost. But the Lord, despite our carelessness and dilatory actions, still extends to us mercy and grace. Oh, how good the Lord is!

When this "Object Lessons" work began in Vermont, our churches took hold of the work in good earnest, and for a while, the work went well indeed. Had we continued the work in the same spirit in which we began, we should have sold our quota long ago. The Lord repeatedly said that those who actively engaged in this work should receive a rich blessing, and that angels would go before us, and

prepare the hearts of the people for our work. How strange it is when the Lord speaks to his people in this way concerning a certain work, that they should allow their interest in said work to wane before the last book was sold.

For some months past I have not dared to say much about this matter, for it seemed to me that when it was spoken of, it grated upon the ears of my brethren in Vermont as an unpleasant thing. What is true in Vermont seems to be true in some other conferences. But, brethren, we might just as well face this work squarely as it is. There are still "Object Lessons" to be sold by some one, and the Lord wants them sold. There is still a debt on the South Lancaster school, and the Lord wants it paid. Probation is rapidly closing, and the King's business requires haste. Soon, very soon, it will be too late to work for the salvation of souls. "Christ's Object Lessons" is a book that will do the people good. It will remove prejudice and open the way for future work with other literature.

The fall and early winter is an excellent time to sell books. Shall we not make an effort at once to carry out this resolution passed at our recent conference, and sell several hundred copies of "Christ's Object Lessons" this fall and winter? It can be done if every one will do his part.

We ask our church elders, librarians, and leading brethren throughout the State to talk up this matter in their respective churches, and get all to take up the sale of these books, and make another grand effort to finish the work.

There is nothing that will do us so much good as to work, actually work, for God and the salvation of souls. May the Lord by his Spirit enable us to awake out of sleep, and do our duty faithfully. J. W. WATT.

"HE that overcometh shall inherit all things."

"WORK IN THE CITIES."

WE are told that now is the time to work in the large cities. It is certain that these words mean much to us, and while they fill us with their import, there comes a joy with them that heralds the tidings of the nearer approach of our Lord. Delay shall be no longer. Thank the Lord. Shall the cities be left in Satan's possession? has been asked for a long time now, and authority has been delegated to any in the ranks to see that the work in all its branches is carried forward, to hasten the time of the end.

About ten years ago the work which was progressing in our cities was sidetracked; but this will not be repeated. We have been told that the work would have been closed long ere this, had all been faithful. The situation confronting the work is more difficult, but there is all heaven enlisted in this grand work of redemption. Our Captain has issued the order through his servant, and I am sure there are ninety-nine to take their place alongside of the one now in the field. There are many ways of being enlisted, especially if your presence can not be given. Your Captain will direct you. Go to him.

"Now is the time to work in the cities." I am sure that he desires our time or our money in the large cities to-day; and then when the work has been pushed to the gates, it will be time to labor in the smaller cities, towns, and villages.

I will ask a question: How long would it take for the whole city of Chicago, New York, or Philadelphia to be stirred up and aroused to a sense of the importance of the truth, and the message be preached as a witness, should there be a concentrated effort by God's people in the States wherein these cities are located, and the States adjoining them? We would hear one hundred preaching where there is one to-day. There would be one hundred colporteurs

where there is one, and thousands of dollars where there are cents to-day.

Is this an impossibility?—No; no. Friends, I ask your consideration of these words.

H. G. BUTCHER.

Haddonfield, N. J.

DELAY NO LONGER.

Do we want to go home? Are we getting really homesick? or are we well satisfied with our present surroundings and condition? "For we know that the whole *creation* groaneth and travaileth in pain" to be delivered. And when *we* truly get tired of the sin and misery of this present world, and long for the kingdom of God to come; when we pray for it, and work for it, making every other interest subordinate to this; the gospel message for this time will speedily be sounded to every nation, and the King of glory will appear.

The mystery of God is to be finished. It is to be finished in this generation. Who is to finish it? "If men and women fail to act their part, God will give voices to the stones, and they will proclaim the warning." Let each ask himself, "Am I wholeheartedly engaged in this work? or am I by unkind criticisms casting hindrances in the way of my fellow-workers?"

We are on the borders of the heavenly Caanan. All heaven is astir. Angels are hastening hither and thither in joyful expectation of that glad event of which all the holy prophets have prophesied since the world began. Jesus will gird himself and serve his faithful followers, who will stand overcomers before the throne. For this joy he endured the cross, despising the shame. This joy is soon to be realized. Will you be there? Shall I be there? Do we want our friends there? Do we want the millions now perishing without a knowledge of salvation to be there?

We are in the sealing time. God's

name is being written in the foreheads of his children to mark them for the promised land. Let us arise, and proclaim that name to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. Then we may go home.

EVA A. JENKS.

The FIELD

WEST PHILADELPHIA, PA., TENT.

IN connection with "the loud cry" mentioned in "Early Writings," we read: "A compelling power moved the honest. . . . God was in the work, and every saint, fearless of consequences, followed the convictions of his own conscience, and united with those who were keeping all the commandments of God; and with power they sounded abroad the third message."

Our hearts have been overjoyed as we have seen the manifestations and the results of this compelling power in our tent service this season. Many precious souls have been convinced of the truths embraced in the third message. About twenty-four are observing the Sabbath of the Lord, and not a few are giving it serious consideration.

A medical student, from Canada, and his sister, have been faithful attendants at our service, usually accompanied by their uncle, Dr. Scott, of our city. Dr. Scott is carefully investigating. The student has returned to Canada, to continue medical studies, supplied with our books and tracts designed to convince him more fully regarding points of truth and his obligation to obey. His sister is taking a course in cooking at our sanitarium in this city.

Mr. Cunningham, an old resident and property owner near the tent site, with his wife and several daughters, is observing the true Sabbath. They have supported our meetings from the first. This brother (formerly a Meth-

odist) had just finished reading our good book, "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation," when our tent was pitched near his home, which, of course, prepared him to receive the truth when presented. His obedience has caused him the loss of his position; but this incident will do much to bring the truth into prominence where he was employed for twelve years, among (at present) sixteen hundred men and youth.

Elder Zuber, the evangelical minister who recently accepted the Sabbath, delivered two able discourses for us, in one of which he gave his reasons for keeping the seventh-day Sabbath instead of the first day. He has power as a speaker, and we pray that he may ever use it in preaching the true gospel.

A new experience came to us last Wednesday (September 16), when an unusual storm of rain and wind attacked our tent, and brought destruction to the two half circles and damage to the middle splice. Under the extraordinary strain the rope suspending the block and fall from the second pole, broke, leaving the far end fall and the whole structure, to the unmerciful power of the air. A Presbyterian tent in South Philadelphia sustained much greater damage.

Why we were permitted to suffer this great loss and interruption in our work was not understood at first, especially because of our not having any place to meet until a certain new hall was ready for occupancy in two weeks. Our predicament being made known to Brother Cunningham, he at once offered his personal services, the use of his private storehouse for all our tent equipment, and nearly all the first floor of his house—parlor, dining-room and kitchen—for meeting purposes, until we secure the hall. He expresses himself as feeling honored by the privilege.

We praise our gracious heavenly Father for the special manifestation of his providence in our trying expe-

rience, and for the adversary's defeat in his effort to hinder the Lord's work. The night following the storm, we held meeting, as usual, where the tent had stood, and eighty-five were present. About one hundred attended the Sabbath service held in the house. On Sunday evening, when by special request, the "Mark of the Beast" was presented to many new and interested hearers, one hundred and twenty people were crowded into the three rooms, the hall, and stairway.

On Sunday night, September 6, the people almost spontaneously contributed by pledge \$260 for our building fund. This has since been increased to about \$400, which is to be added to more than \$1,100 previously contributed. We are very confident that many more will offer financial aid as soon as we begin the preparation of our chapel.

We have held a meeting each evening since June 28, except Saturday nights, and one stormy evening. Elder Lukens' preaching has been nightly attended by much of the Lord's blessing and power in converting souls to the truth. He has been assisted in the general work by Brother C. L. Irons, tent-master, Sisters Lukens and Underwood, and the writer.

WILLIAM T. HILGERT.

NEWARK, N. J.

AS I AM compelled to stop my canvassing work in the city of Newark, N. J., owing to failing health, I thought you might like a report of my work here. One year and eight months ago I commenced work in this city, and spent one year of that time in trying to find the best method to get our literature in the homes of the people. Eight months ago I began taking orders for two months' subscriptions to the *Signs*, at publication prices, and delivered them each week myself, thus becoming acquainted with the people, and through that acquaintanceship I have been

able to place quite a number of our books in the homes of the people, as well as over seven thousand copies of the *Signs*.

This persistent effort of placing the *Signs* in the homes has not been without its good results, as there are many people very much interested in the study of the truth, and I know that at least five or six good Bible workers could find plenty of work were it possible to have them here; but I am sorry to report that we have not one such worker to follow up the work that has been started through placing the printed page in the homes of the people.

In the little town of Irvington, a suburb of Newark, the Lord has enabled me to place over seven hundred copies of the *Signs* and about thirty copies of "Bible Readings," also twenty copies of "Christ's Object Lessons," and numerous small books in the last three or four months. This systematic work is not without results. One very encouraging result of this work is seen in the large attendance and deep interest on the part of many at the tent meeting now being held there by Elder J. C. Stevens, thus proving beyond doubt that the canvassing work should be given quite as much attention as the work of the ministry. In fact they should go hand in hand, if we wish the very best results.

I regret very much that I am obliged to abandon the work at this time, but my health is failing so fast that I am compelled to do so. I am praying that God will impress some other workers with the importance of the work in this field.

Your brother in Christ,

W. H. LOOSE.

IRVINGTON, N. J.

THE tent has now been here four weeks. Already the most important points of the message have been presented, and such an interest has been aroused in Irvington as has never been

known before. The Lord has been working mightily to bring these people to a knowledge of his truth.

The great testing truth of the Sabbath was presented over a week ago; and those who heard, and many who have not heard, but have only seen the reports in the papers, are having no rest over this question. People are going to and fro to their minister's house, to their neighbor's house, and asking, "What are we to do about this thing?" Even the little children of the Sunday-schools here are asking their teacher for light on the Sabbath truth. God is impressing upon the hearts of these dear people the importance of their decision upon this matter.

We know of seven who have already started to keep the Sabbath of Jehovah. Others who are now in the valley of decision will, without doubt, follow in the Master's footsteps.

The interest at the tent has increased greatly during the past week. This is the result of two sermons against the Sabbath, preached by a Methodist minister of this place. Since this effort against us, people who did not before know we were here, have come to the tent, and have become interested. The sermon against the truth was published in the *Evening News*, of Newark, N. J. The reply of Elder J. C. Stevens to this sermon was also published, not only in the *News*, but in the *Advertiser*, of Newark, and will be in the Saturday edition of the *Irvington News*. In this way God has sent the truth on the Sabbath to at least one hundred and fifty thousand more persons than it would have reached if our brother, the Methodist minister, had not preached against it. Surely they can do nothing against the truth, but for it. We know God will use these papers to bring others into harmony with his will who could not come to the tent. We are hoping that other ministers here will preach against the Sabbath.

We will continue the tent meetings as long as it is possible. It is even now rather cool for tent meetings, but we have leased a hall in which meetings may be held as long as the interest continues.

We thank God that he is gathering out a company here to stand in his name during the troublous times of these last days. We wish to thank all those who have prayed for us, hoping that those prayers will be continued.

CARL B. HAYNES.

NEW ENGLAND CAMP-MEETING.

THIS meeting was held, according to appointment, on the Chautauqua Assembly Grounds, Montwait, Mass., August 27 to September 7, with a large attendance of our brethren and sisters. From the first a deep interest was manifested in the work before us. A good program had been arranged covering, by papers and sermons, nearly every feature of the message for to-day. This program, with one or two exceptions, was carried out. The reading of papers followed by a free discussion, was a new feature, but was much appreciated.

A deep interest was awakened and held to the close in the young people's and children's meetings. Twenty-two candidates received baptism, two of whom were nearly sixty years of age. Three new churches were received into the conference.

One thousand ninety-four dollars and twenty-five cents were raised in cash and pledges for establishing the work in Washington, D. C. The Sabbath-school collections for foreign missions amounted to fifty-seven dollars and seventy-five cents for two Sabbaths.

The work of Doctors C. C. and Mary B. Nicola in presenting health principles together with practical demonstrations, was warmly received by all, and produced a good impression upon the people from the outside.

The question of dividing the con-

ference territory was quite fully discussed, and it was finally voted to organize the States of Rhode Island and Connecticut into a conference, to be called "The Southern New England Conference," and Elder C. H. Edwards, of New York City, was elected president, on condition that the Greater New York Conference will release him to take the office.

The remaining territory, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, was given the name, "The Central New England Conference," and officers were elected.

While the attendance from the outside was rather small, we had good evidence that the influence of our meetings went far as well as near, and many barriers of prejudice were broken down. The newspapers gave good reports daily of our services. At the close nearly all, if not all, went home feeling that our convention had been a real success, and we look for fruits from its seed-sowing during the coming fall and winter.

It is time for every one who professes to be a part of this message to thank God and take courage, and talk it and live it, and our next convention will show still greater victories.

A. E. PLACE.

MCKEESPORT, PA.

My canvassing record has not appeared regularly the past two months, not that I have in any degree lost my interest in that branch of the message, but rather I have a deeper interest in it than ever. The reason my report has been missing is, that the Western Pennsylvania Conference has placed a tent here under the care of Elders Schwartz and Baierle, and they requested me to act as tent-master.

No doubt all the readers of the GLEANER are interested in the efforts being put forth to get souls converted to the truth, and will rejoice with us when we tell them that God's Holy Spirit is working upon hearts here. Ten or more have declared their in-

tention of keeping the Sabbath. The two sisters that Elder Baierle mentioned gave deep spiritual testimonies of their gratitude to God for having brought to their knowledge the precious truths for this time. A number of others are interested who seem undecided.

Realizing that the work is not of man but of God who has entrusted it to man to execute, we ask an interest in your prayers, that as instruments we may sense our need and dependence on God, so that he may use us to carry on his work to his honor and glory, and that these souls may be thoroughly established in his word.

W. H. ZEIDLER.

NORTH WOLCOTT, VT.

SABBATH, September 19, was a good day for the church in North Wolcott. After a sermon on the importance of working diligently to get the truth before our friends and neighbors, we enjoyed a good social meeting. At the close of this meeting, two persons united with the church, one of them receiving baptism that day, the other having been baptized at camp-meeting. The Lord has given us fifteen additions to this church in about eleven months. One by letter and fourteen by baptism and profession of faith. To his name be all the praise.

The audiences at the evening preaching services are still good, and we hope to see others accepting the truth in the future.

Brethren, pray for the work at this place.

J. W. WATT.

MCLALLEN CORNERS, PA.

We can truly say that the general meeting at McLallen Corners, Pa., was a success in every way. A goodly number of our people were present, representing nearly all the churches in this part of the State. We enjoyed the presence and had the

benefit of the labors of four of our ministers, as well as the field secretary.

The pressure of the work in the field was so great that Brother Williams was obliged to leave early on Sabbath morning, and Brother Longacre after the Sabbath. Brother Underwood arrived on Friday afternoon and remained during the meeting. All appreciated his presence, realizing that this might be the last time that we could be so favored.

The word of the Lord was presented with faithfulness, and the Spirit of God was here to impress it upon hearts. Many souls rejoiced in deliverance from bondage, and went home free in the Lord. Two precious ones followed their Lord in baptism.

Some new recruits enter the canvassing work, and there are hopeful signs that others who have canvassed for our books in years gone by, will again enter the work.

We very much appreciate the expressions of satisfaction which we frequently heard from all our brethren and sisters; and their hearty enjoyment of this little outing will long remain in our minds, as well as their full content with everything that was provided for them, and the way in which they accommodated themselves to the inconveniences which were unavoidable. But best of all was the interest manifested by the people in the vicinity, especially the members of other churches.

When the time drew near for the opening meeting, there came up a thunder-storm which threatened to blow the tent down, and everything inside the tent was so wet that we could not use it. Then came a very cordial invitation for us to use the church, only a few rods away. So the first three meetings were held there.

On Sabbath afternoon and all day Sunday, a great many came and worshiped with us, taking part in the testimony meeting and listening with interest to the straight testimony that

came to them from the pulpit. At the closing meeting the interest manifested warranted the continuance of the meetings during another week; so Brother Dryer and wife and Brother Gibson remained, and as the result I am happy to state that some have decided to obey the truth.

Now all of our people are gone, and the place where the tent stood appears just as it did two weeks ago. But we know for a certainty that the results of this effort will be seen through all eternity.

Brethren and sisters, it is a blessed privilege to work for the Lord, and let us avail ourselves of every opportunity to meet one another in such gatherings; for the day of the Lord is fast approaching, and in these meetings we gain much in the fitting up that we must have in order to meet him in peace. Pray for us who remain here, that we may have wisdom to know how to help these who now are starting in the service of the Lord.

MRS. J. T. LONG.

SPRINGFIELD AND ENFIELD, MASS.

THURSDAY night, September 24, I expected to be at Enfield, on my return from the New York camp-meeting; but my train waited at Albany for a connection from the West, and before I reached Springfield, the last train for Enfield had gone. I went to Marble Street, where Brother and Sister Brown gave me a warm welcome. Later in the evening Dr. Mary Sanderson came in, and the evening proved to be one of pleasure and profit.

Friday forenoon I spent some time with Brother and Sister Haines, whom I found of good courage. In the afternoon I met Brother Frank Merry and wife at Dr. Sanderson's. Sister Merry is spending some time with the doctor taking treatment.

I arrived at Enfield in time for the evening service, which was held in the town hall. The attendance was

small, but we felt that a beginning was made. Sabbath morning six of us met at Brother Bolter's house where we organized a Sabbath-school with Brother Arthur Sanderson as superintendent, and Sister Alice Bolter as secretary and treasurer. This seemed to be a source of encouragement to all. Others will doubtless meet with them later. Our meeting continued three hours in a prayerful searching of the Scriptures. We then dismissed for dinner.

Before we had finished eating, our hearts were made glad by seeing Brother and Sister A. E. Dickinson, from South Hadley, and Brethren Dwight and Walter Dickinson and families, from South Amherst, drive into the yard. Some one said, "We must begin over again," and so we did, and had another meeting which lasted two hours, and the Lord was with us indeed.

Brother and Sister A. E. Dickinson remained over night, and we all had a most pleasant evening in considering the Lord's goodness to us, and his great work in the earth.

Sunday forenoon, with Brother Sanderson, I attended services at the M. E. church. The pastor is studying the message, and seems somewhat interested.

Sunday afternoon I spoke again in the town hall with a much better attendance, notwithstanding it rained all the afternoon. The subject was, "The United States in Prophecy." The attention manifested indicated that an interest had been awakened to hear or read more.

We advertised the book, "Marvel of Nations," and Brother Sanderson is planning to take advantage of the present interest by canvassing for this book.

I was much surprised to see that Brethren Dwight and Walter Dickinson came through the rain from South Amherst to attend this service. The Lord will certainly bless and strengthen his children whose love for

his truth and service leads them to make these sacrifices. This visit has been one of much comfort and encouragement to me. I trust that ere long others will be added to the number here, such as shall be saved.

While at Enfield, I shared the kind hospitalities of Brother and Sister Daniel Bolter. They have been long in the way, and I was pleased to find Brother Bolter's mind exercised concerning his duty to the cause of God. Please notice his request in this paper. May the Lord give special wisdom to all such is my prayer, that they may know and see clearly the path of duty.

A. E. PLACE.

EDUCATIONAL

OUR ACADEMY AND CHURCH-SCHOOLS

TALK BY E. R. PALMER AT THE OPENING OF SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY.*

SEVENTEEN years ago I came into this dear old chapel for the first time. Eleven years ago I went out, and have not seen it since until I came in this morning. I esteem this a very precious privilege. I am glad to see such a large company gathered here, and with bright, earnest faces, ready to face enthusiastically the work of the school year.

This dear old school is surrounded by so many associations it had not occurred to me that any one would be homesick; but it had occurred to me that the teachers would have a hard struggle for the coming two months. It is a very little matter to adjust yourself to peculiar environments for a few months, and when the building is finished, and you join in the dedication, you will enjoy it better because you have had opportunity to help in getting it ready, except perhaps a half dozen, and I hope

*This talk followed the one given by Professor Griggs which was printed last week.

none of you will be among that number. Unfortunately there falls into every school a few good-for-nothings, and these are the thorns in the flesh. I can not pick them out this morning, but let me say to you, "Don't you be one of them." Be the other fellow.

There are burdens to carry in the school work. There are burdens for all of us to carry, and when you are through your school days then there are burdens in the wide world to carry, and when you face the wide world you will put your shoulder to those burdens as you do to-day. If you are able to meet all difficulties, if you are able to lift, if you are able to stand on the right side of every question (and that is usually the side the faculty is on), I will just let you into this secret to guide you through school.—if you are able to stand on the right side of every question, as you go out from the school you will be able to put your shoulder to life's burdens and be good for something. The world is looking for people who are good for something. Why is it that one-half of the world always has more than they can carry, and the other half are always waiting for something to turn up? Why is it?—Because one-half are good for something, and the other half are good for nothing. It is easy enough to be good for nothing. You can be that in a hurry. But do not do it. Stick by the old school.

You are entering upon a new chapter in your life's history, and you are beginning a new, white page this morning. Your whole experience will depend upon how you use that unsoiled page. Now Daniel purposed in his heart. Daniel purposed. He was off away from his home, in a heathen nation. He saw the struggle that was before him, and alone with God and his three companions he purposed that he would not defile himself. Seventeen years ago, when Professor Grainger was visiting this school, in his talk to the students he

made this statement: "In the dawning of every life there arises a star of hope. Whether that star sets over Sodom or Nazareth depends upon our purposes in life." I made note of that on the fly leaf of my Bible and it has run in my mind ever since. Place your feet definitely and firmly upon a God-given purpose to-day, at the beginning of this school year, and do not be turned aside by anything. Never mind what little temptations come in your way. Never mind how you may be tempted to barter away your precious moments. With that purpose definitely before you, keep straight on to the goal and you will all win it. Some of you know what it is to have a purpose, and the working out of that purpose has brought you here. "Whosoever will, may come," and the rest stay away. The will, the purpose, is the great thing you need to get in the school to carry you all the way through.

The discouraged man is a whipped man. It is not easy to defeat a man who can not be defeated. It is that unconquerable purpose that wins. Those who can be conquered will be conquered in life's great struggle, particularly at these closing hours of this struggle, and be assured that you can not spend these hours foolishly, and then go out into the world and do a great work. As you start in this morning so you will continue very likely all through life, and may God grant this morning that you start right.

Two years ago the fourth of this month I was traveling with my little family across the Rocky Mountains. As we neared the summit of the range, a fellow traveler said to me, "My friend, if you will watch on the right side of the train, you will see what is called the Great Divide. It is the crest of the mountain range, and there the stream divides and flows two ways." We traveled a short distance, and we saw the stream. It seemed to come from the sky. It came dashing down the mountain side

toward our train, and when about one hundred yards from us it flowed over a rounding rock, one portion flowing to the west and another toward the northeast. That which flows toward the west empties into the Pacific Ocean, that which flows to the northeast empties into the Hudson Bay—, one portion to the land of sunshine, prosperity, and usefulness, and one portion to the cold regions of the north, to be bound up in uselessness.

This morning you stand at the parting of the waters, the great divide, and whether your life shall enter the channels of usefulness depends upon how you start, it depends upon what your purpose is. You may be giddy to-day, you may be light and trifling, you may go singing and dancing along as you enter upon the realities of life, not realizing what the present things mean, but let me assure you at some moment, all unthought of, you come to the great divide, and you are forced to make the decision what course you will take. You make the decision and your whole course is fixed. Let me urge you to plant your feet on a definite purpose. There is only one thing that is worth working for, and that is the work of God, the closing of this great work. For "in the days of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God shall be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets." And God will call for young men and young women to do the finishing work, and he calls for you. Wesley said, "Give me one hundred men who will fear nothing but God, and hate nothing but sin, and who are determined to know nothing among men save Jesus Christ and him crucified, and I will set the world on fire." My prayers shall go with you all the year, and I shall trust that when the year's work shall close you will go out from the school resolved to do something good and great and definite in the work of the Lord, and may his blessing be with you during the year. And to

those who have not given their hearts to the Lord, let me say that at the beginning of the year is the time for it instead of at the close, and may the Lord help you to take your stand for him at the beginning, and have a good school year.

The PRINTED PAGE

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IMPROVE EVERY OPPORTUNITY.

WHEN Christ sent out his disciples with the proclamation, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand," he told them to be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves," and whenever God's people have been earnest and sincere in their efforts to advance the interests of his kingdom in the earth, the "wisdom that is from above" has been manifested, and its exercise has won many victories for the cause, because those who possessed it have always been ready to step into, and to take advantage of, every opening made by the providence of God. This, of course, has only been true where this wisdom has been coupled with earnest zeal.

If there ever was a people who ought to be ready to take advantage of every favorable opening to spread the truth, it is the people to whom has been committed the solemn, closing message.

The opening for the sale of our literature created by the approaching holiday season, may not be regarded by some as particularly providential; yet it is none the less real, and should be taken advantage of by all our people. This is none too early for the holiday trade to begin. People are already wondering what they can buy for presents to their friends. Why not call their attention to some of our good and attractive books, and suggest that they will make excellent gifts? and why not do it before the people have their money invested in jewelry and other worthless articles?

There are still plenty of our people who have not sold their quota of "Object Lessons." Here is one more good opportunity to dispose of them. There are many people who will welcome the opportunity to buy such a book as that to present to a relative or friend. Then there is the same tempting array of other valuable books, large and small, that we had last year, with some very attractive additions.

I am glad to say that some are already beginning this good work. One bright little girl in Harrisburg, only eleven years old is improving her time after school hours in selling "Gospel Primer" and "Our Paradise Home." She sold one of the latter during the noon hour to-day, and she means to keep it up.

Surely there are many others in this State who are willing to take hold of this work in earnest, and help to gladden many hearts and homes this fall by placing within their reach these books which contain God's everlasting truth.

Word has just come to hand to-day of a number of new workers who are prepared to enter the field as regular canvassers, and we hope that now all of our "canvassing evangelists" will make a special rally to the work, and that this fall will witness the most active campaign our book work has ever known.

The blessed Master stands ready to second by his mighty power every effort that is put forth, so every one should be of good courage, for with such a helper our success is assured.

Do not wait any longer. Delay is dangerous, for the day is rapidly passing away, and soon "the night cometh in which no man can work."

Dearly beloved, let us not permit the benumbing influence of the world to blunt our senses. "Let us not sleep, as do others;" but let us work earnestly while it is day, for soon, very soon, the harvest will be ended, and if we are faithful we will "come with

rejoicing, bringing our sheaves with us," and then we shall know in its fullness what it means to enter into the joy of our Lord. Then we "shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

F. E. PAINTER.

"QUITE A SURPRISE!"

THE other morning while returning from an appointed call, I was debating an important question with myself. It was rainy and disagreeable and the water was dropping from my umbrella at a lively drip. The question at issue was, Should I canvass? or should I step into the Y. M. C. A. reading-room across the street, and enjoy a good magazine till the rain should cease?

I began to think how it would be were I employed at some other line of work. I knew I would have to attend strictly to my business and report for work regularly every morning, regardless of the whims of the weather. With these thoughts in mind I passed by the reading-room, and with a firmer step I moved on to my work, feeling as never before that I was a regular employee of the Master, and what a disgrace it would be for me to be behind time in beginning work.

Almost before I was aware, I found myself awaiting that interesting little crisis when the door would open. In a moment I was speaking to a kind lady, who in a gentle manner informed me that she "could not take time to look." But in pleading the merits of a small book, I gained entrance. With this opportunity, I soon succeeded in deeply interesting her in "Daniel and the Revelation." Her husband's birthday was nigh at hand, and she soon decided that this book in the morocco binding would make an excellent present for him. The date of delivery was agreed upon. She signed her name to the order, and after I thanked her kindly, and was about to depart, she exclaimed, "Well,

THE BOOK WORK.

Western Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending Sept. 18, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
*T. O. Saxton, East Reno,		P & P	4	29	4	9.00	4.25	13.25	85.50
F. C. Myers, Wells Tannery,		B R							29.00
F. Daughenbaugh, Huntingdon,		H of M	3	6	2	2.75	3.25	6.00	8.25
*J. G. Saunders, Brockport,		C O S	8	18	17	22.75	23.69	46.44	
Totals,	4 Agents,		15	53	23	\$34.50	\$31.19	\$65.69	\$122.75

*Two weeks.

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending Sept. 18, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
*J. A. K. Lichty, Allentown,		D of A	8	44	3	9.50	14.40	23.90	43.80
W. T. Hilgert, Philadelphia,		G C	4	14	3	7.25	2.15	9.40	6.65
*F. F. Fry, Steelton,		D & R	5	31	4	8.00	10.50	18.50	10.09
*A. Meecham, Tunkhannock,		L G	6	37	1	3.75	2.25	6.00	
*M. Meecham,		H of M	5	31	3	5.75	1.25	7.00	
J. H. Albright, West Reading,		H of M	2	4					17.40
D. W. Allen, Sayer,		H of M	3	17	2	2.50	4.25	6.75	30.65
Mary E. Diener, Allentown,		G A	2	5	3	1.20	.75	1.95	.80
Totals,	8 Agents,		35	183	19	\$37.95	\$35.55	\$73.50	\$109.30

*Two weeks.

New England Conference, Week Ending Sept. 18, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
E. W. Fraits, So. Manchester, Ct.,		Misc	5	37		19.75		19.75	24.50
R. C. Andrews, Torrington, Ct.,		Misc	5	23		10.50		10.50	
R. H. Randall, Warwick, R I,		S of D		10	2	2.00	5.25	7.25	
Totals,	3 Agents,		10	70	2	32.25	\$5.25	\$37.50	\$24.50

Vermont Conference, Week Ending Sept. 18, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
A. E. Taylor, Brownington,		D of A	4	21	6	18.00	1.75		
" " Brownington,		C O L			4	5.00		24.75	
C. H. Porter, Irasburg,		C O L	5	39	5	6.25	2.35	8.50	
Totals,	2 Agents,		9	60	15	\$29.25	\$4.00	\$33.25	

New York Conference, Week Ending Sept. 18, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Mrs. Andrew Cobb,		B R			13	27.25	25.00	52.25	
M. A. Vroman,		G P		5	32	13.95		13.95	6.10
A. H. Osborn,		G P		7	7	2.50	1.00	3.50	
Totals,	3 Agents,			12	52	\$43.70	\$26.00	\$69.70	\$6.10

Union Conference Totals	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
20 Agents,	69	378	111	\$177.65	\$101.99	\$279.64	\$262.65
Totals for corresp. week last year,		668	345	\$497.82	\$204.75	\$702.52	\$498.35

this is quite a surprise to me. I did not expect that I would sign for a book to-day." "Yes," I replied, "the best things usually come unexpectedly." But she added, "I should think it is quite rainy and disagreeable to be out canvassing on a day like this." I admitted that it was. But said I, "Your postman brings you sweet messages from your friends and loved ones just such days as this, does he not?" She said "Yes." And I added, "I deem the gospel message of so much more importance that this kind of weather is no hindrance in my work."

I left that house feeling that I had gained a victory. It was "quite a surprise" to me to know what can be done when we do not let trifles hinder us in our work. Let us strive to overcome. It is worth while to persevere.

F. F. FRY.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

MAINE.

—We learn that Ralph Cook, of Hartland, Maine, is working at the Melrose sanitarium.

—Sister Jarvis Monroe, from Deering Center, is visiting her mother in New Brunswick.

—Elder Hersum will work for a time at Chebeague Island, from which place a call has come for labor.

—Elder Dexter and wife will remain in the vicinity of Portland for a while, to follow up the interest here.

—Brother Fred Grant, of Biddeford, expects to take up the canvassing work very soon in Farmington and other towns.

—Sister Minnie Prince is now in Portland, and will engage in canvassing neighboring towns during the holidays.

—Sister Marilla Manson is teaching school at Newport. Her mother,

who met with an accident some time ago, is better.

—The Cliff Island church school opens a week from Monday with Sister Naomi Worthen, from Vermont, as teacher. The prospect is encouraging for a successful school.

—Elder Bicknell was called last week to North Jay, to unite Brother Frank A. Page and Jennie Briggs in the bonds of holy matrimony. The young couple have the best wishes of the Maine Conference.

—Sister Jessie Bishop, after a brief visit at Rumford Falls, will go to Moncton, New Brunswick, to attend one of our denominational schools there, to fit herself for active service in the cause of God.

—Sister Bethia Tapley is doing a good work among those not of our faith by means of a Sunday-school which she holds in a hall. She has gathered some thirty or more children together, and instructs them weekly in the truths of the Bible.

E. H. MORTON.

VERMONT.

—Sister Graham, of Buckland, Mass., is visiting in Essex Junction and Underhill.

—Brother Carroll Perry, of Charlotte, has connected with the Roscoe Printing Company, at Jericho.

—Sister Roscoe has been at Northfield, assisting Brother Gilbert Perry in the canvassing work. She has no personal report this week.

—In the last *Sentinel* you have noticed that the matter of "Religion and the Public Schools" is before the people; hence this is a good time to present our literature before all who are thus studying these matters.

—If there are any who have not yet ordered their Sabbath-school lesson quarterlies, we trust they will not lose the first lessons, so we await your orders early in the quarter. Only five cents per quarter.

—By the time this issue reaches you, your attention will be called to the matter of reporting, and we ask each clerk, treasurer, and librarian to remain faithful as in the past; that this part of our work may be kept in good condition.

F. M. DANA.

Burlington, Vt., Sept. 25, 1903.

"It does not matter whether we preach the gospel to a crowd, or tell it to one man away in the woods."

OBITUARY NOTICES

SMITH.—John Spaulding Smith died at West Wilton, N. H., Sept. 10, 1903. He was born Nov. 27, 1825, and was the oldest of three brothers, the late Uriah Smith being the youngest, and Samuel, who survives them, coming next in age. There was also a gifted sister, Annie, who was called in the early days of the message to fill an important place in the work of the *Review* office, and was the author of a number of hymns. Brother Smith was a faithful member of the Seventh-day Adventist church at West Wilton, the old homestead. He was taken severely sick while attending the camp-meeting, and lived only a few days after reaching home. Funeral services were conducted by the writer.

The following words, selected from one of Annie R. Smith's hymns, were spoken over the remains as they were laid to rest near hers:

"He sleeps in Jesus, soon to rise,
When the last trump shall rend the skies,
Then burst the fetters of the tomb
To wake in full immortal bloom."

LEE S. WHEELER.

SUNSET CALENDAR FRIDAYS.

Local Mean Time.

1903.	Boston.	N. Y. and Phila.	Washington.
Oct. 2	5:42	5:42	5:44
Oct. 9	5:30	5:31	5:32
Oct. 16	5:18	5:20	5:22
Oct. 23	5:08	5:10	5:12
Oct. 30	4:58	5:00	5:04

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THOSE who attended the New York camp-meeting report that twenty-two were baptized at the meeting. Elder S. H. Lane was elected president of the conference, and Brother T. E. Bowen remains in the office of secretary and treasurer.

NOTICE.

THE president of each local conference being a member of the Atlantic Union Conference Executive Committee, is a delegate *ex-officio* to the Union Conference session. So beside the president, the local conference is entitled to one delegate for the organization, and one additional delegate for each two hundred and fifty of their conference membership.

H. W. COTTRELL.

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE, ATTENTION!

SINCE the Review and Herald Publishing Association has located at Washington, D. C., the Pacific Press Publishing Company has ceded the Atlantic Union Conference territory to the new organization.

The distance from Washington to our conference being so much greater than it was from New York, it will not be practicable to order books sent by express, as formerly. Therefore, if our agents and those desiring publications will order them in larger quantities, and in time so that all packages may be sent by freight, it will be a saving to all parties con-

cerned. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

H. B. TUCKER,
Sec. and Treas. N. E. Conference.

ON Sunday afternoon, at 2:30, Elder F. C. Gilbert expects to speak at Berkley Hall, Tremont Street, Boston, at the patriotic meeting. Subject, "The Eastern Question; God's Solution of the World's Political Problems." It is hoped that the brethren and sisters will pray for the Spirit of God to attend the meeting, that the truth may reach the hearts of the people.

NOTICE.

THE first meeting of the second biennial session of the Atlantic Union Conference Association will be held at the Seventh-day Adventist church, South Lancaster, Mass., at 9 A.M., Nov. 6, 1903. This meeting is called for the purpose of electing officers and transacting such other business as may legally come before the Association.

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Trustees.

WANTED, AT ONCE!

THE prayers of every reader of the GLEANER, for a man in Enfield, Mass., who is an earnest, devoted Christian, and to whom God is presenting the Sabbath truth in a remarkable way. He will have a great influence if he will come out.

Also there are two ladies here in Enfield who are in the valley of decision. They have had the truth presented to them, and they are just on the point of coming out on the Lord's side.

Dear brethren and sisters, after reading this, will you fall on your

knees and plead with God for these dear souls and the work in Enfield? I can not express in words how the Lord is blessing his work here.

Your brother in Christ,

ARTHUR SANDERSON.

NEW TRACT. "The Eastern Question."

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