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

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THE SABBATH.

SABBATHS, like way-marks, cheer the pilgrim's path,
His progress mark, and keep his rest in view.

In life's bleak winter, they are pleasant days,
Short foretaste of the long, long spring to come.

To every new-born soul, each hallowed morn
Seems like the first, when everything was new.

Time seems an angel come afresh from heaven,
His pinions shedding fragrance as he flies,
And his bright hour-glass running sands of gold.

In everything a smiling God is seen.
On earth his beauty blooms, and in the sun
His glory shines. In objects overlooked
On other days he now arrests the eye.
Not in the deep recesses of his works,
But on their face, he now appears to dwell.
While silence reigns among the works of man,

The works of God have leave to speak his praise
With louder voice, in earth, and air, and sea.
His vital Spirit, like the light, pervades
All nature, breathing round the air of heaven,
And spreading o'er the troubled sea of life
A halcyon calm. Sight were not needed now
To bring him near; for faith performs the work;

In solemn thought surrounds herself with God,

With such transparent vividness she feels
Struck with admiring awe, as if transformed
To sudden vision. Such is oft her power

In God's own house, which, in the absorbing act

Of adoration, or inspiring praise,
She with his glory fills, as once a cloud
Of radiance filled the temple's inner court.

—Carlos Wilcox.

GOD'S HOLY SABBATH.

(Concluded.)

It is much easier to accept sophistry and fables than the truth. But it is a very serious matter for us to endanger our souls and forfeit immortality by worshipping a spurious institution. We can not rely upon man's assertions any more safely than could the Jews upon their false theories in the time of Christ. Men's statements do not make truth falsehood or falsehood truth. We can not with safety build our faith upon a false foundation, and give heed to fables because they have been passed down to us as tradition, even though they are hoary with age. Christ said of the Jews, who were loading down the law of God with the sayings and maxims of the ancient rabbis, “In vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.” These words are addressed to every soul who is doing likewise.

At the creation, God sanctified and blessed the Sabbath. He gave it to his people “to be a sign between me

and them,” he declared, “that they might know that I am the Lord that sanctify them.” If this people had walked in the commandments of God, if they had kept his Sabbath, he would have greatly blessed them. But he declares: “The house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly polluted: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them. . . . Because they despised my judgments, and walked not in my statutes, but polluted my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols.” This was why, after God had established his people in the goodly land of Canaan, they did not go forward from strength to strength, a praise in the earth as God's peculiar people. When the Sabbath interfered with their business, they found it inconvenient to observe it. They did not give up the Sabbath in theory, but they did not keep it according to the fourth commandment.

“I am the Lord your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgments, and do them; and hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may

know that I am the Lord your God. Notwithstanding the children rebelled against me; they walked not in my statutes, neither kept my judgments to do them, which if a man do, he shall even live in them; they polluted my sabbaths: then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness."

Why did the Lord not cut off this rebellious people, that had been blessed with so much light? They provoked him to deal with them in wrath. But the Lord declared: "Nevertheless I withdrew mine hand, and wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted in the sight of the heathen, in whose sight I brought them forth." Every nation upon the earth was watching the people for whom God had done so much. If they had followed him, he would have exalted them, and made them a praise in the earth. They would have been regarded as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinances of their God.

God did not then punish the children of Israel as they deserved: but, "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil." Israel did not repent, and God says: "I lifted up mine hand unto them also in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the heathen, and disperse them through the countries; because they had not executed my judgments, but had despised my statutes, and had polluted my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols."

Those who reverence the commandments of Jehovah will, after the light has been given them in reference to the fourth precept of the decalogue, obey it without questioning the feasibility or convenience of such obedience. God made man in his own image, and then gave him an example of observing the seventh day,

which he sanctified and made holy. He designed that man should worship him upon that day, and engage in no secular pursuits. No one who disregards the fourth commandment, after becoming enlightened in regard to the claims of the Sabbath, can be held guiltless in the sight of God.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.*

THE New England Conference is to-night entering upon the privileges and joys, also the sacred responsibilities and duties of its thirty-third annual session.

In view of the great mercy, and kind providences of God which have been over us constantly since our last camp-meeting, and in view of our favorable surroundings at this time, it seems very fitting indeed to introduce this, our first service in this series of services, with several of the good songs of Zion. It is not the music alone that has stirred our hearts, sweet and thrilling though it has been, its power has been rather in the divinely inspired words which have breathed to us again the great message which has made us a peculiar people—that message for which, if it please God, we will give up home and native land and all worldly honor, that it may be carried, not simply to the boundaries of this conference, but to the ends of the earth.

Our songs have not been a careless selection of melodies. The first note was the one which is so often the last—that old and oft repeated call to all creatures in heaven and earth to give praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. If our praise is sincere and from the heart, and I can but believe it is, what could be more fitting at the very opening of this service? What could mean more for the shaping of all our services, or be a better

* At the camp-meeting, Montwait, Mass., August 27, 1903.

basis for the grand success which we expect this convention will be, than this general expression of praise to God? Praise is comely, and whosoever offereth praise glorifieth God. If our prayers and our lives were more filled with praise to God for his many blessings renewed to us daily and constantly, we would be more happy and more Christlike. I plead that the doxology may in spirit be the keynote of this convention. That each day we may sing it more gladly and enthusiastically till we use it in closing our farewell meeting Monday morning, September 7, and with the divine enthusiasm and blessing of real praise to God go forth to another year of faithful service. It does us good to repeat the exclamations of the Psalmist, "O give thanks unto the Lord for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy." "And let all the people say, Amen."

Another song rendered was a prayer that God would open our eyes to see wondrous things in his law. This convention may prove to be a wonderful fulfilment of this prayer, if coupled with our praise we keep before us this prayer also. The degree of fulfilment which comes to our convention, however, will depend upon us each as individuals.

I will not take time to dwell upon each hymn in our introductory service; but I feel that each one has spoken to our very souls, helping us who have been sleepy in God's service to awake, and put on the beautiful garments of salvation. Would it require any great stretch of faith to see the Lord spreading his robes of righteousness to cover those who are willing and ready to receive them to-night? I say, No indeed. The call to the faint-hearted if such are present, is to be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Our unseen Guest speaks to the backslider, and to the discouraged ones, saying, Step

forward once and for all at this meeting into the work of consecration for a new life of service.

I thank God that I have a heart to welcome these sacred songs, and these Christian singers, yea, and all these dear souls who love the divine truths which bring us together to-night.

With your lips you may not all have joined in the songs, but I trust you have all made melody in your hearts to the Lord. It is his truth which has called us here. We must never forget that we are called to be a special, a peculiar people; we have a special message; and special responsibilities are resting upon us. We are ambassadors of Christ sent with the closing ministry of reconciliation to the world. Our work is to beseech men to be reconciled to God, and thus help to "cut short his work in the earth." Our work means life or death to souls for whom Christ has died. We must not take hold of it with the tips of fingers half cold or lifeless, but with a full, strong hand, warmed by a heart beating with divine love for both God and man.

We are here as delegates and laymen representing the churches and work of our conference. Some have, so to speak, just been born into the great truths we love. Others are here whose hairs have grown grey with service. Some have come from churches where they have had each week the privilege of associating with those of like faith in the prayer-meeting and the Sabbath services. We welcome you with the hope that the results of your home-church blessings may contribute much toward the success of this important gathering.

We welcome our church-elders, deacons, librarians, superintendents, and the teachers in our Sabbath-schools. You have come from positions of responsibility in God's work. We want to feel in these meetings the influence of your experiences in bearing burdens. You may help much

toward making this convention a grand success.

Still another class I wish to give a special welcome—our brethren and sisters who have come from places of isolation. For some time I have felt deeply for those separated from loved ones in the faith. Some of the most precious visits I have enjoyed in this conference, especially of late, have been with this class. Gladly would I meet every such one here to-night. We doubt not that you have known many lonely hours. We know you have many times longed for the society of your brethren and sisters, and the privileges of divine worship with them.

We rejoice with you that your prayers are answered to-night as you enter upon the good things of this meeting, and we trust that your hearts may be cheered and thrilled by touches of God's goodness all through this convention. We welcome the husbands who come here burdened for their wives, and wives for their husbands, and parents for their children. We will expect the power of God to be present to convict and convert our loved ones.

We welcome those, if there be such, who are discouraged and backslidden from God. We will work and pray together, and labor to the end that the joy of God's salvation may be restored to your souls. Nothing should be allowed to crowd from this convention the spirit to labor for souls. We have no business to transact, no resolutions to discuss, no plans to lay that can compare in importance to this personal labor for the discouraged, and the dying. How much better to save a soul than to pass a resolution. No better resolution could be passed here than the resolution, "I will work here for God."

We welcome our young people and the children. We look upon you as we believe the Lord views you—buds and blossoms of promise, tender plants which may be trained into

trees of righteousness. God has used the young in times past as mighty agents in his work. If necessary, out of the mouth of babes he can still ordain praise. As the future of a nation depends upon the character of the young, so the closing struggles of God's work in this and other lands will be felt and borne largely by the young of to-day. We therefore welcome you, young people, to the opportunities of this convention. Special efforts will be put forth for you with the hope and prayer that this convention may mean much in helping you to firmly choose the service of God and to fit you for the battles and victories of life.

We welcome our friends from other churches, and those who may not be connected with any church, who are here to-night or may meet with us from time to time. Our only desire is that each meeting may be of mutual profit and blessing to all. We trust that some may be led to see the Bible as a new book to them. We extend a welcome also to our speakers, the ministers of God who will come to us not simply from various parts of this conference, but from a distance. We will welcome not only their presence but their messages of counsel. We pray that they may come filled with divine power so that they may be able to awaken in all our hearts a deeper conviction for sin, a broader mind to grasp the love of Christ and the needs of his cause, and a stronger determination to make any sacrifice necessary in order that his great work for humanity may be hastened to the ends of the earth.

Each class mentioned has had, and still has, its own temptations and struggles. Each heart comes to this meeting with its own sorrows and joys. To many it has meant a sacrifice to come. We welcome you all to this feast of tabernacles with the strong expectation that our communion here will fit us to go forth to better service in the future.

Last and most important of all, we welcome the great Teacher, and the heavenly ministers—the Lord our Saviour, and his holy angels, whose presence we recognize as with us tonight. We must have them with us in each meeting to the close. Without their presence, no matter how great our attendance, or how perfect our arrangements, our convention will have been a failure; therefore in God's name we will open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts to the divine influence, and from this first service pray that we may all be taught of God, and as a result that this may prove to be the most profitable and the most precious convention in our experience as a people.

A. E. PLACE.

DAILY COUNSEL.

BE not false, unkind, or cruel;
Banish evil words and strife;
Keep thy heart a temple holy;
Love the lovely, aid the lowly;
Thus shall each day be a jewel
Strung upon thy thread of life.

—Selected.

CHARACTER BUILDING.*

CHARACTER is what we are. Reputation is what our fellowmen say of us. Character is within, reputation without. Character is the substance, reputation the shadow, the reflection.

Character comes from within. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Bad characters grow from thoughts and meditations on the object-lessons in sin that so profusely fill this old earth. No one becomes an open murderer without cherishing the seed of hate, and cultivating it down deep in his own heart. The pure and innocent child is schooled in crime through sensational and corrupt object-lessons of a false home-life, vile literature, and the so-called respectable theater. It is a miracle of divine power that any soul can be saved out

*Paper read at a convention held in Rochester, N. Y.

of such conditions. So righteous character grows from the inward workings of the soul. It is the mental contemplation of the eternal God and his works and word, that purifies the soul and fits it for association with the pure surroundings of the eternal worlds.

When God would prepare an Enoch for translation, he takes him by the hand and lets him walk with his Creator. Or an Elijah, he sends him to the vale of Cherith, or the widow's home at Zarephath, or to the desolate solitude of Horeb, and there shut in with God, he drinks in new lessons of righteousness. He takes Abraham from his kindred and his father's house into a sparsely settled land. He sends Joseph to prison, to fit him to endure all the temptations of court life.

He sends Moses into the wilderness forty years to tend sheep, to correct the mistakes of his Egyptian training. The mother's early influence was not enough to perfectly counteract all those years of court training. Forty years of solitude with helpless sheep and lambs, alone with God much of the time, were necessary to fit him for the leadership of the Lord's chosen people. John the Baptist is brought up in the desert with father, mother, and God. He finished the perfecting of his character in Herod's prison. Paul goes to the solitudes of Arabia for three years, to receive the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Master drew his disciples from corrupt surroundings, shut them in with himself, prepared them to receive his Holy Spirit, and finally sent one of them to the lonely isle of Patmos, to receive the finishing touches of divine grace and have revealed to him saving truths for us in these last days.

God asks us to shut our eyes from seeing evil, and stop our ears from hearing of blood. He says to us, "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors

about thee; hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast."

God would have his people keep separate from the world so that his life and Spirit and word can come in and make them grow in righteousness. Thus may one good thought after another from the Lord, be cherished in the heart, and formed into righteous principles, that will bear fruit unto eternal life.

God asks us now to separate ourselves from the world and be shut in with him and his word and his works, that characters may be built out of none but pure material, that will stand the trials of this world, pass unharmed through the scenes of the judgment and the fires of the last day, and shine eternally in his kingdom.

Ought we not with Christian love to do all in our power to surround the little ones here with the atmosphere of heaven, and thus save them from many of the sorrows of sin? In so doing shall we not be building on the sure foundation gold, silver, and precious stones? Will not our characters be made stronger and better by such a course?

The eternal elements that form immortal characters are in God's word and works. By absorbing them daily in study and meditation, as we eat and drink the physical elements that build our bodies, we build characters for an eternity with the angels and holy beings of other worlds—"A good foundation against the time to come, that we may lay hold on eternal life."

MRS. SOPHIE BAUER-BALLOU.

THE first cause of the paralysis that is upon us is a great lack of personal, original study of the Bible.—*Daniells.*

"OUR lives we cut on a curious plan,
Shaping them, as it were, for man;
But God, with better art than we,
Shapes them for eternity."

THE WASHINGTON COUNCIL.

TUESDAY evening, in company with Elder Cottrell, I left South Lancaster for Washington, D. C., to attend the special council of the General Conference Committee, and presidents of conferences of the central and eastern States.

The first meeting was held at the appointed time, 3 P.M., in our memorial church building, on Twelfth Street, N. W.

I believe that could all the dear brethren and sisters who have assisted in paying for this building be here with us, they would unite in saying, "Well done." It is a neat, commodious building in a good locality, and it seems especially providential that we have it, now that the headquarters of our denomination are located here.

Several members of the council have not yet arrived (Thursday afternoon), but the meetings opened on time, and a study of the work before us was begun.

The following is an outline of the subjects to be considered:

1. Union Conference Sessions.
2. Work with "Christ's Object Lessons."
3. The Coming Week of Prayer.
4. Home Missionary Work.
5. Finances.
6. Camp-meetings.
7. Washington Enterprises.
8. Foreign Fields.
9. Education.
10. International Publishing Association, of College View, Nebraska.
11. Church Organization.
12. Our Ministry.

Several subheadings would be inserted, bringing out different phases of each of the above topics to be considered, if space would permit.

The following committees were appointed to study topics, and report to the council later:

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

W. T. Knox, C. W. Flaiz, N. P. Nelson, S. H. Lane, W. T. Bland,

H. H. Burkholder, O. O. Farnsworth, J. M. Rees, R. D. Hottel, J. G. Walker.

HOME FIELD WORK.

I. H. Evans, H. W. Cottrell, J. E. Jayne, F. Griggs, L. A. Hoopes, A. T. Jones, Allen Moon, C. P. Bollman, A. E. Place, L. C. Sheafe, E. R. Palmer, F. E. Painter, A. J. Bristol, D. K. Royer.

FOREIGN WORK.

W. H. Thurston, D. Paulson, P. F. Bicknell, Wm. Covert, A. O. Burrill, G. B. Thompson, W. J. Stone, J. W. Watt, C. H. Edwards, C. A. Burman.

WASHINGTON WORK.

W. W. Prescott, E. T. Russell, R. M. Kilgore, R. C. Porter, R. A. Underwood, S. N. Curtiss, J. S. Washburn, E. J. Dryer, A. P. Needham, J. R. Scott, J. H. Neall, W. A. Spicer.

Next Monday [October 12] has been appointed for our visit to Takoma Park. We will doubtless spend nearly the whole day there looking over the ground and considering plans for the future of the work.

We are pleased to find the newspapers showing a friendly spirit towards us.

We feel assured that during these days of trying counsel here the eyes, hearts, and prayers of many of our brethren and sisters at home will be turned toward this place. We feel deeply the need of God's special guidance just now. May we grasp it by faith is my prayer.

A. E. PLACE.

"MY tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long."

A MINISTER once asked a little boy who had been converted, "Does not the devil tell you that you are not a Christian?"

"Yes, sir, sometimes."

"Well, what do you say to him?"

"I tell him," replied the boy, with something of Luther's spirit, "that whether I am a Christian or not, it is none of his business."—*Selected.*

The FIELD

BALTIMORE, MD.

AFTER six weeks in the tent, I took down the tent for the season, and moved into a hall on the corner of Falls Road and Third Avenue, one square from where we had the tent. What the result of the efforts put forth here this summer will be, eternity alone can reveal. As far as we now can see from the two efforts here, some fifteen have decided to obey the truth. Some of these have not as yet been proved, so we can not tell how they will stand. Many are convinced of the truth, but as there seems to be no way for them to secure work, as the cotton mills, about the only business here, refuse to employ those keeping the Sabbath, many hesitate about stepping out. Some will doubtless go into the country onto the land. Many will probably have to do this from this time on.

Satan is trying in every way to hedge up the way, and has succeeded in making it hard for people to obey the truth. But we are glad the Lord is at the head of the work, and those that trust him will never be forsaken.

Since going into the hall we have had fair audiences, and good interest. God is with us, and I am of good courage in the work.

O. O. FARNSWORTH.

WINDHAM, VT.

OUR quarterly meeting was held October 4 at the home of Brother Willard Moulthrop, sixteen being present. Our church elder, Brother Daniel Wilcox, was with us. A short chapter from the Bible was read, and the thought of Christ being the true vine and we, his followers, the branches was taken up.

Every one took part in the meeting, the older ones with their testimonies all proclaiming God's good-

ness and sparing mercy. Two whose voices have not been given in testimony spoke of Christ's forgiveness of their sins, and their determination to go with God's people, and the children followed with their memory verses. Quit you like men, be strong.

Our Sabbath-school numbers only eight regular members. There is a home school of three members at Saxtons River. A number of our members are in different States, attending other places of worship. The donations for this quarter were \$1.25.

The thought that we were all adrift and apart has been abroad among some of our people. We are not dead, and have no idea of giving up and going back to the world. We are at present taking a club of *Signs*. And many papers are being distributed in different ways.

HATTIE E. HOWE.

POTTERVILLE, PA.

THE Orwell church enjoyed a refreshing season with the Lord at the quarterly meeting held in Potterville, Bradford County, September 26 and 27. Elder Shrock came up from Kingston, Friday, September 25, and joined us, to instruct and encourage in the Lord.

Friday evening Elder Shrock took up the subject of "The Eastern Question" or "The Present Turkish Troubles," using Ezekiel thirty-eight and thirty-nine as a basis, and illustrating it by a map. From the light of God's word shining upon our pathway, we are able to discern the times we are living in, and to say with the apostle Paul "that now it is high time to awake out of sleep. . . . The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light." The same thought was continued Sabbath afternoon and Saturday evening.

We had excellent weather for our meetings. The different Sabbath-

schools of the church were well represented, and four of the absent members reported by letter. The meeting closed after preaching service, Sunday morning, Elder Shrock having to take the afternoon train to reach Kingston for preaching service Sunday evening.

The outside attendance at this meeting was quite poor, but may the Lord bless the seed that was sown, that it may spring up and bear fruit for the heavenly garner.

DAISY B. OTT.

PENNSYLVANIA.

SINCE my last report I have visited the three churches in Wayne County, and then went to Bradford County to hold quarterly meeting with the Potterville church, September 25 to 27. On my way there I stopped three days with a faithful, lone Sabbath-keeper at Mehoopany, holding meetings two evenings in Sister Kleintop's house, and the third evening I was invited into the Presbyterian church where we had a blessed meeting. The people are literally hungry for the word of God.

The next week I spent several days with isolated Sabbath-keepers near Carbondale and held evening meetings in a Baptist church that is standing idle.

The first Sabbath in this month Elder Underwood was with us for the quarterly meeting in Kingston, where his earnest sermons and timely counsel were appreciated by all. We were only sorry that he had to leave us again so soon. On Sunday, the 4th inst., three more dear souls made a covenant with their Lord by baptism.

During the past week I visited the South Canaan church and held the quarterly meeting with them. At this place there is quite an outside interest to hear the truth, and I hope to do some more work here ere long. Yesterday we held quarterly meeting with my home church, at Scranton.

But, because of the high water from the late heavy rains which had entirely disabled the street-car service, and washed away eight or nine bridges in the city, our meeting was quite small.

I find our dear people, as a rule, faithful and in good cheer. The late removal of our denominational headquarters to Washington, D. C., is giving the people new courage and hope for the speedy triumph of the message. But some, I am very sorry to say, are still guilty of robbing God in tithes and offerings.

This week I expect to visit the churches at Kulp and Bloomsburg, in Columbia County. In addition to this church work I am putting in one, two, and sometimes three meetings a week at Kingston. I bless God for health and good courage to labor in his blessed cause that is so soon to triumph gloriously.

S. S. SHROCK.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE.
Tithes Received July 1 to October 1, 1903.

Albion,	\$ 50.10
Allegheny,	104.88
Altoona,	188.48
Austin,	82.00
Bear Lake,	12.60
Bellefonte Company,	8.61
Bradford,	60.83
Clearfield,	
Conneautville,	50.05
Connellsville,	250.00
Corydon,	10.23
Coudersport,	32.53
Duke Center,	22.60
Edinboro,	52.70
Eldred,	34.64
Emporium,	
Erie,	141.01
Greensburg,	206.50
Huntingdon,	61.10
Johnstown,	172.84
Lowville,	17.78
Meadville,	39.14
Midway,	5.17
New Brighton Company,	

North Warren,	89.15
Oakland,	3.65
Oil City,	36.14
Pittsburg,	375.24
Philipsburg,	44.05
Port Allegany,	70.24
Punxsutawney,	15.45
Shingle House,	36.15
Spartansburg,	3.13
Sunderlinville,	30.52
Titusville,	29.96
Union City,	15.45
Uniontown,	22.52
Washington,	69.80
West Pike,	19.42
West Middlesex,	12.35
Individuals,	27.21

\$2,504.22

V. H. Cook, *Treasurer.*

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE.
Tithe Received July 1 to October 1, 1903.

Alba,	\$ 6.50
Allentown,	142.57
Ariel,	46.58
Bloomsburg,	32.75
Cherryflats,	29.70
Chester,	2.00
Easton,	46.43
Fleetwood,	61.33
Hamburg Company,	23.07
Harrisburg,	146.24
Hawley,	69.69
Kulp,	9.10
Lebanon,	98.00
Norristown,	19.06
North Philadelphia,	115.63
Reading,	141.92
Roaring Branch,	102.97
Scranton,	99.17
Shunk,	28.78
South Canaan,	
Sunbury and Northumber-	
land,	53.86
Orwell,	54.91
West Philadelphia,	94.24
Wilkesbarre,	129.67
Williamsport,	319.97
Individuals,	10.92

\$1,885.06

V. H. Cook, *Treasurer.*

EDUCATIONAL

OUR ACADEMY AND CHURCH-SCHOOLS

FURNISHING ROOMS.

THE following letter was received from Sister Smith, of the Norwich, Connecticut, church:

"My dear Miss Dickerson: I brought the subject of helping to furnish the new dormitory before our church. They were pleased to help. Some of them spoke of our church furnishing a room, and having it called 'The Norwich Room.' We have \$15 subscribed, which I will collect and send in a few days. We will tie two comforters. One lady said she would give one pair of sheets. There will be other things given, I think. Can you tell me how much the furniture will cost for a room?"

Are there not other churches in this Atlantic Union Conference who wish to furnish a room? We should be glad to hear from any, and to answer any questions with reference to cost, etc.

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

WANT TO HELP A LITTLE?

I HAVE on hand quite a number of copies of a pamphlet entitled "Christian Schools," made up almost entirely of extracts from the Testimonies on the subject of our children and their education. Every parent and teacher should read this. The price was formerly fifteen cents. These pamphlets will be sold for five cents a copy with one cent additional for postage. All the proceeds will go to the furnishing fund for our new dormitory. Those desiring to help in this way and to secure a copy of this pamphlet, should order at once before the supply is exhausted. Address Frederick Griggs, South Lancaster, Massachusetts.

FURNISHINGS DONATED TO SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY.

MEMBERS of Bordoville, Vt., church, two quilts, one pair pillow-cases, one pair towels, pillows, one rug; Mrs. Mada S. Yelland, one-half dozen tea-spoons, one butter-knife.

CASH DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR FURNISHING FUND SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY.

Previously acknowledged,	\$17.55
C. E. Palmer and wife,	2.00
Duke Center, Pa., church,	2.00
Johnstown, Pa., church,	2.00
Total,	\$23.55

MEDICAL MISSIONARY

THE WORK IN BURLINGTON.

THINKING you would be interested in the development thus far, we make a statement of the amount received and the prospects of the opening, with a view of encouraging you and also presenting before you the needs just now.

Up to this writing, we have received \$258.50 cash for the restaurant and treatment work and have some \$84.00 in pledges due. We are now thinking that we shall be favored with as good a place to locate as we can expect to find. Rents are high, and as we have some pointers to consider in this line of work we submit the same to you, that you may see how the matter appears to us just now.

We are instructed that the rooms should be well lighted, have plenty of sunlight, and experience indicates that rooms well connected are more satisfactory to the nurse giving the several treatments, and also to the one taking them without exposure in going from one room to another.

Then, too, you will see that we

must start this work on a small basis, because we lack the means to start with, yet we can not start without a certain amount for the necessary equipment, and we should also have a working capital. We desire to have a central place, one not too far from the people in the city, one near the car-line, and also one that will have a good appearance and thus give character to the work, instead of taking some hovel that would be unattractive.

From our study thus far we well appreciate the fact that we must have patience to wait the providence of God in the opening; and, too, we must all act as minute-men to grasp an opportunity when it is the right place to start this line of work. We have waited the providence of God and the favor of our people, and now feel that we must act soon in order to have the rooms ready this fall for the winter's work. Everything does not open at once, and we have to watch the development, and do all in our power to cooperate with the circumstances, and as the way indicates, move economically, wisely, and to the best advantage for all considered.

With these items before us, we are pleading that if there are any who would be pleased to send in their offerings, we would much appreciate as early a receipt of the same as your circumstances will permit.

We shall be pleased to report to you any items of interest as the way opens, and extend to you thanks for the favors received thus far and for anything in the future that you may be able to do to advance this work. Send donations to F. M. Dana, Burlington, Vt.

F. M. DANA,
H. F. LITCHFIELD.

Oct. 10, 1903.

"MOSES was as thoroughly yielded to the purpose of God, as the staff which he held in his hand was to his own will."

NEW ENGLAND SANITARIUM.

THOUGH the summer months are gone, and many of the patients have returned to their homes, yet the patronage of the sanitarium is very good. Many letters of inquiry show a good interest in the work of the institution.

Just now is a very interesting time at the New England Sanitarium. Examination time is here, and the graduating nurses are taking their tests, and receiving their marked papers. Much pleasure is mingled with the anxiety when "passed" is the report. Ten young people, with earned diplomas, will no doubt feel better qualified to take up the responsibilities which must come to them as advocates of reform—the gospel of health.

The sanitarium endowed bed is occupied, and others are awaiting its use. Any contributions to its maintenance will be thankfully received. Though small, if that is all one can afford, the donation will be acceptable. Forward to W. M. Lee. This is a most worthy way of bestowing one's goods, as relieving the suffering was the Saviour's mission.

The Lord is blessing the work and workers at the sanitarium. Some difficult cases have been operated upon of late, and all are doing very well indeed. The Lord has manifested special care over the surgical work, guiding the hands of the physicians.

The religious services of the New England Sanitarium are: Helpers' morning worship, 6:45 to 7; patients' worship, 7:45 to 8 o'clock; noon-day meeting for one-half hour; Bible classes, three evenings each week; helpers' prayer and social meeting, Friday evenings; vespers at each end of Sabbath; preaching following Sabbath-school, also Sunday afternoons. The services are planned so that every one in the institution may attend one or more daily.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayland, former patrons of the sanitarium, having

learned the truth while at the institution, and recently obeyed it, were baptized in Tremont Temple, September 26, Elder K. C. Russell officiating.

We trust that the brethren and sisters are remembering the sanitarium family in their prayers, and we solicit the continuance of the same. That a sanctifying influence may go out from this place, a plant of God's planting, is our desire.

MRS. LEE S. WHEELER.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

MAINE.

—Elder S. J. Hersum is holding meetings at Chebeague Island.

—Sister Cornelia Snow is taking a vacation in Aroostook County.

—Brethren Clifford Chandler and Earl Huntingdon are canvassing near Richmond.

—Elder Bicknell is not in attendance at the Washington council, as he did not feel free to leave the work here at the present time.

—The church school at Cliff Island opened October 5, with Miss Naomi L. Worthen in charge. The outlook is good for a large attendance.

—Elders P. F. Bicknell and H. H. Dexter are holding meetings in Hoegg Hall, Deering Center, near where the gospel tent meetings were conducted.

—The Portland treatment rooms, conducted by Brother J. E. Cross, are apparently in a prosperous condition, as the proprietor contemplates moving soon to larger apartments.

—As the New York office is moving its stock to Washington, we are delayed somewhat in filling orders for books, etc., which we do not happen to have in stock. We hope that very soon this difficulty will be obviated.

—We were pleased to receive a call from Brother Howard Osborne the 8th inst. He is convalescent from a severe attack of pleuro-pneumonia.

We trust that he will make rapid recovery among friends, and while breathing the dry atmosphere of central Maine.

E. H. MORTON.

VERMONT.

—We learn that Brother A. W. Boardman has seriously injured one of his eyes, but at this writing there are some hopes of its being saved.

—Brother Frank Page has connected with the Taftsville church school in the place of Sister Naomi Worthen, who has gone to Cliff Island, Me., where she is to open a church school.

—Our church clerks are reporting good quarterly meetings thus far, though we have not heard from them all. We trust each church will sense its work, and work in unity and the Spirit.

—In response to our call, Brother Needham gave us a short visit last Friday in the interest of the work, and he expects to go to Washington, D. C., about the 14th inst., to visit friends and attend the counsel meeting.

—Brother H. F. Litchfield has been with us here in Burlington since last Tuesday, making a general canvass in the interest of the treatment rooms, and we hope to have a good location selected soon and the work started. You will see an article in another column of this paper.

—We have just noticed that there will be a good campaign in the distribution of the special number of the *Signs of the Times* dealing with the capital and labor question and the gospel remedy for both parties, and we trust each church and all the isolated people will take advantage of the opportunity of presenting the paper to them, and make a good missionary effort. Place your order early and make a good preparation.

F. M. DANA.

THE BOOK WORK.

Western Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending October 2, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
L. B. Trowbridge, Pittsburg,		D of A					60.00	60.00	
J. Q. Herrington, Allegheny Co,		P & P	4	21	10	28.50	20.50	49.00	
T. O. Saxton, Gettysburg,		P & P	5	42½	15	34.25	5.00	39.25	2.00
*W. C. Fleisher, Stewart,		G C	6	37	10	25.50	27.25	52.75	
W. H. Zeidler, McKeesport,		D & R		12	6	15.00	4.50	19.50	7.75
C. F. Mahr, Coal Township,		C K	2	8	6	6.00	1.00	7.00	
J. G. Saunders, Brockport,		C C			3	3.00	20.75	23.75	
F. Daughenbaugh, Huntingdon,		H of M	3	6	1	1.50	3.50	5.00	.75
Totals,	8 Agents,		20	127½	51	\$113.75	\$142.50	\$256.25	\$10.50

*Two weeks.

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending October 2, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
J. A. K. Lichty, Allentown,		D of A	5	33	4	13.00	8.50	21.50	9.75
W. T. Hilgert, Philadelphia,		G C	4	14	2	7.25	1.78	9.03	10.28
H. K. High, Reading,		H of M	3	20	5	7.50	9.00	16.50	
J. H. Albright, Reading,		H of M	4	19½	8	11.75	2.00	13.75	
Mary E. Diener, Allentown,		P H	2	4½	8	2.00	.50	2.50	.70
C. F. Mahr, York,		C K							14.75
Totals,	6 Agents,		18	91	27	\$41.50	\$21.78	\$63.28	\$35.53

Central New England Conference, Week Ending October 2, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
F. W. Stray, Shelburne Falls,		D of A	4	15	5	17.25	2.25	19.50	
E. W. Fraits, So. Manchester, Ct.,		Misc	4	31		18.00		18.00	10.75
R. C. Andrews, Winsted, Ct.,		Misc	5	22		11.25		11.25	
Totals,	3 Agents,		13	68	5	46.50	\$2.25	\$48.75	\$10.75

New York Conference, Week Ending October 2, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
G. F. Evans,		G C			7	15.50	9.50	25.00	
A. R. Evans,		H of M		20	4	6.00	4.50	10.50	
Martin Vroman,		G P		12		36.30		36.30	14.75
Totals,	3 Agents,			32	11	\$57.80	\$14.00	\$71.80	\$14.75

Vermont Conference, Week Ending Sept. 25, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
A. E. Taylor, Holland, Morgan,	Charleston,	D of A	3	30					116.20
C. H. Porter, Irasburg,		C O L		40½	2	2.50	2.75	5.25	
G. Perry, Roxbury, Northfield,		S of D	4	10	1	1.00	.25	1.25	
Totals,	3 Agents,		7	80½	3	\$3.50	\$3.00	\$6.50	\$116.20

Week Ending Oct. 2, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Rubie Roscoe, Underhill,		C O L, P & P	2	13	2	4.25	2.75	7.00	
C. H. Porter, Brownington,		C O L	5	33½	2	2.50	1.75	4.25	
Gilbert Perry, Northfield,		S of D	2	7½	1	1.00	1.25	2.25	
M. E. Greenwood, Poultney,		L G			29	88.25	45.00	133.25	
Totals,	4 Agents,		9	54	34	\$96.00	\$50.75	\$146.75	

Maine Conference, Week Ending October 2, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
C. Chandler, Bowdoin,		G C		41	4	12.00	1.50	13.50	
E. Huntington, Bowdoinham,		G C		32	5	11.65	2.90	14.55	
W. E. Gerald, Portland,		C O L				25.00	9.00	34.00	
Totals,	3 Agents,			73	9	\$48.65	\$13.40	\$62.05	

Union Conference Totals	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
27 Agents,	60	445 1/2	137	\$404.20	\$244.68	\$648.88	\$71.53
Totals for corresp. week last year,							
31 Agents,		545	342	\$412.88	\$182.30	\$595.18	\$355.05

SHALL WE SCATTER TRACTS ?

Not long ago on opening a box of books I found a number of tracts which I placed in my coat pocket, supposing they were for distribution. At the first opportunity which came to me during a ride on the trolley to my place of labor for the day, as a voice seemed to speak, Scatter the tracts, there was for a moment a hesitancy, especially as another voice said, Do not be too conspicuous. However, I said to myself, I will; and immediately drew out the bunch of leaflets, passing one to the nearest passenger, who passed it on to the next, as he saw I was preparing to pass another. And so tract followed tract, until each one in the seat had accepted one. Those on the opposite seat were looking on, and two persons from opposite directions came toward me with the hand outstretched for a leaflet. Soon every one in the car was reading.

The curiosity of the conductor was awakened, so he stepped inside, and for a moment looked at one of the leaflets a passenger was reading. Of course I did not slight him as I passed out of the car, but left him one of each, receiving a word of thanks.

After the tracts were read, I saw some of them were folded and stowed away, possibly for some one else to read.

I am sure if the peace and joy that filled my heart in the distribution of those few leaflets was a witness of ap-

proval by the Spirit, there must be a rich blessing in store for all who will do this work with willing hearts. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power. Will you? Will I? Shall the tracts be "scattered like the leaves of autumn"?

R. C. ANDREWS.

FROM OUR READERS.

"I CAN not afford to do without the GLEANER."

"My sister and I appreciate the GLEANER very much."

"I enjoy reading the UNION GLEANER very much, and do not wish to do without it."

"I can not spare this little weekly friend, I love it more and more."

"I should not like to do without it, and look for it as I would for a letter from a friend."

"My subscription for the GLEANER has not yet expired, but you may renew it for one year."

"I do enjoy the GLEANER so much. . . . May God's blessing rest upon you in your work, is my prayer."

"Indeed, I do not want my paper discontinued, I enjoy its weekly visits very much."

"I can not do well without the GLEANER, and I always await the next copy with fond anticipation."

"I like it very much. It is the first thing I read, and I hardly know how to get along without it."

"I like your weekly visits because you tell us of the progress of the cause in the Atlantic Union Confer-

ence. God bless you in your mission."

A sister who renews her own subscription and sends a new one for a year, says: "I am much pleased with the paper, and would miss it very much."

"I shall miss it more than I can say, but circumstances are such that I shall have to do without it, for a while at least."

"Enclosed you will find pay for the GLEANER for two years. Please send it as long as I live. May God bless the little paper."

Another subscriber sends a dollar to renew, saying, "I would rather go with one meal a day than do without the GLEANER."

"I thank you for not stopping the GLEANER. I do not want to be without it. Please find enclosed one dollar in payment for the paper from April 12, 1903, to April 12, 1905."

A sister writes before her subscription has expired, "Enclosed find ten cents for the GLEANER, and I will send ten cents a month for a season, as it is a visitor that I can not spare. Money has been scarce with me."

"We can not do without the GLEANER. Its weekly visits are always looked forward to, and it is read with interest. We feel that we cannot do without the *Review and Herald* and the ATLANTIC GLEANER. The *Review* speaks of the work all over the world, and the GLEANER gives us the home news. May it continue to prosper."

"I wish to thank you for the continued sunshine of the dear GLEANER. It brings food and sunshine to my soul. I never want to be discarded from your list, no, never. The dear, little paper seems like one of our own family, and I pass them on to others who enjoy them with me."

Oh bless thee, bless thee, treacherous World!

That thou dost play so false a part,
And drive, like sheep into the fold,
Our loves into our Saviour's heart.

—Faber.

OBITUARY NOTICES

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

SISTER EMILY RUFF, member of New York church No. 1, Manhattan, died at the home of Brother Geo. W. Hanlon, 2138 Fifth Avenue. Her illness was of long standing, but was not serious enough to keep her from her duties as nurse. This occupation she followed for many years, it being her joy to relieve the sick and suffering. Two weeks ago she was compelled to retire from active service.

Our dear sister was alone in the world, her parents having died many years ago, leaving her among her church friends, and it was her joy and song to be with her brethren and sisters in the Lord, to whom she clung closely. She was a native of Frankfort, Germany; came to Nova Scotia at the age of twenty-four; died at the age of forty-two. She attended prayer-meeting three days before her death, and was a silent sufferer at this meeting. Sister Rogers, of Battle Creek, Mich., and Brother Graham were with her on Sabbath afternoon, when she began to fail rapidly, and died peacefully at 7:10 P. M., Saturday evening.

In looking over her Bible, Sister Knohl found the following poem showing that she trusted in the Saviour at all times. She often made the remark that God would take care of her, and her faith in the Saviour was manifested on the night of the service when seventy-five of her brethren and sisters gathered around the bier to pay their last respects to the sleeping one. The poem reads as follows:

“Teach me, O my Redeemer,
While on life's deep, stormy sea,
To rely upon thy power—
Yea, to rest my all on thee.
Mighty Saviour,
Thou canst every woe restrain.

“In all perils, pain, or sorrow
Be thou, Lord, my shield and stay,
Strengthen me in all temptations,
Lead me in thy holy way.
Everlasting
Is the mercy of the Lord.

“Death's dark river lies between me
And my home beyond the sky;
Yet I'll cross its flow rejoicing,
When I know my Lord is nigh.
Endless glory
Shall the ransomed sing to thee.”

The services were conducted by Elder E. E. Franke, superintendent of Manhattan district, at the home of Brother George W.

Hanlon, on Monday evening, Oct. 5, 1903. Elder Franke spoke briefly on the uncertainty of life and that another example was here given that all should live the righteous life, so that when death comes there need be no fear to meet it. At the last call of the trumpet the dead in Christ will rise to be caught up with him in the air, to be forever with him. This should be the theme of all, to do the work of the Lord while it is yet day; for the night cometh, when no man can work.

The choir of the New York church No. 1 sang three favorite hymns of Sister Ruff's, “Go bury thy sorrow,” “Lonely? no not lonely,” “Safe in the arms of Jesus.”

The burial was at nine o'clock on Tuesday morning in the Lutheran Cemetery on Long Island.

LOUIS KLEBAHN,
Treasurer of Church No. 1.

“THIS is the secret of rest—to cultivate the habit of handing all over to God.”

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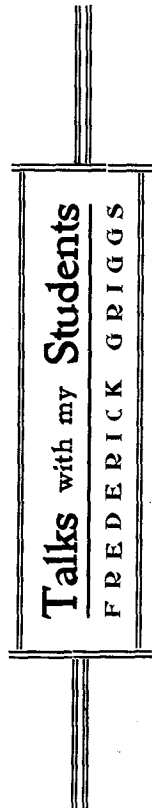
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“SATAN tempts us, to reveal the evil in us; God, to reveal the good.”

METHINKS if God so glorious be,
And deals e'en here so lovingly
With us poor, erring mortals,
How glorious must the mansions be
Where we shall dwell eternally
Within his golden portals.

—Paul Gerhardt.



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FOR the benefit of our contributors, that they may know how the rank and file of the people appreciate hearing from the work throughout the Union Conference, we quote "From Our Readers" this week.

CHURCH-SCHOOL WORK.

THE church school at Rome, N. Y., is in charge of Miss Florence Kidder, of South Lancaster, Mass. The one at Minetto, N. Y., is taught by Miss Ethel Harris, of Melrose, Mass., the intermediate department being in charge of Miss Bessie Jackson, of Syracuse, N. Y.

NOTICE.

THE coming session of the Atlantic Union Conference will continue eight days from November 4 to 11 inclusive.

The executive committee have decided to place the nominal price of \$2.50 on lodging and board for the period. We trust this will be satisfactory to all concerned. If any desire to care for their friends free, this matter will rest alone with them.

We trust all will pray from now until then, that the Lord will give us a great blessing at that time, and thus fit each one of us for greater usefulness in his work in enlightening the people with the message of truth for this generation. A great work rests upon us as a people. Each soul should come up boldly, and do his whole duty.

H. W. COTTRELL.

APPOINTMENTS.

THE Lord willing, I will meet with the church at Reading, Sabbath and Sunday, October 24 and 25. I shall be glad to see a good attendance of all in the church and those surrounding this community.

The following week a general meeting will be held at Shunk, beginning October 28 and closing November 1. Let the brethren rally to this meeting.

We will hold a general meeting and a council of our conference committee at the North Philadelphia church, 1942 North Seventeenth Street, beginning Thursday evening, to continue over Sabbath and Sunday, November 12 to 15. We hope that the Sabbathkeepers in and surrounding Philadelphia will make a special effort to attend this meeting. The council in Washington and the Atlantic Union Conference will have many things of special interest to lay before our brethren for their encouragement and mutual profit. Let all come to this meeting praying for the gift and reception of the Holy Spirit in power.

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

GENERAL MEETING.

THERE will be a general meeting at Shunk, Pa., October 28 to November 1. The meeting will begin on Wednesday evening, October 28. Elder W. H. Smith, and the field secretary of the conference, F. F. Fry, with the writer, will be present to assist in the meetings. We invite all who can do so to attend this meeting.

Elder Smith, with other help, will begin meetings at Cherry Flats, Wednesday night, November 4. Elder Smith will continue these meetings at the Cherry Flats church for some days. We ask our brethren in the vicinity of these meetings to see that they are well advertised in the local papers, and to endeavor in other ways to make the appointment known.

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA MEETINGS.

THERE will be general meetings held in Wright's, McKean county, October 21 to 25, and in Bradford, October 28 to November 1. We trust that there will be a general rally of all the churches and companies in that section of the conference to these meetings.

E. J. DRYER.

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.

H. W. COTTRELL,
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SUNSET CALENDAR FRIDAYS.

Local Mean Time.

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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