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STEP BY STEP.

STEP by step, and never halting, But with purpose firm and true Onward to the goal I'd journey,

Guide me, Saviour, safely through. Thou art all my strength and comfort

In thy loving care I rest, When the stormy waves surround me,

I will hide me on thy breast. Peaceful, then, when resting wholly On the everlasting arms:

Sure the refuge, and the shadow Covers from all false alarms.

Oh, how safe to rest in Jesus,

Trusting wholly in his grace,

Hoping that we soon shall see him, And behold his lovely face!

ABBIE WEBBER.

Clinton, Me.

ELEMENTS OF SUCCESS.

For a healthy young man, stern, severe exercise is strengthening to the whole system. And it is an essential preparation for the difficult work of the physician. Without such exercise the mind can not be kept in working order. It becomes inactive, unable to put forth the sharp, quick action that will give scope to its powers. Unless he changes, the youth with such a mind will never, never become what God designed he should be. He has established so many resting places that his mind has become like a stagnant pool. The atmoswith moral miasma.

Study the Lord's plan in regard to Adam. He was created pure, holy, and healthy; and he was given something to do. He was placed in the garden of Eden "to dress and to keep it." He was not to be idle; he must work.

created should work. Upon this their happiness depends. Healthy young men and women have no need of cricket, ball-playing, or any kind of ing the whole living machinery. And amusement just for the gratification of self to pass away the time. There are useful things to be done by every one of God's created intelligences. Some one needs from you something that will help him. No one in the Lord's great domain of creation was made to be a drone. Our happiness increases and our powers develop as we engage in useful employment.

Action gives power. Entire harmony pervades the universe of God. All the heavenly beings are in constant activity, and the Lord Jesus, in his life-work, has given an example for every one. He went about "doing good." God has established the law of obedient action. Silent but ceaseless, the objects of his creation do their appointed work. The ocean is in constant motion. The springing becomes self-reliant. If a youth has

phere surrounding him is /charged grass, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven, does its errand, clothing the fields with beauty. The leaves are stirred to motion, and yet no hand is seen to touch them. The sun, moon, and stars are useful and glorious in fulfilling their mission.

At all times the machinery of the body continues its work. Day by day God ordained that the beings he the heart throbs, doing its regular, appointed task, unceasingly forcing its crimson current to all parts of the body. Action, action is seen pervadman, his mind and body created in God's own similitude, must be active in order to fill his appointed place. He is not to be idle. Idleness is sin.

> The young man who is seeking a preparation for usefulness needs to lay the foundation himself by acquiring through hard, diligent labor, the means for prosecuting his designs. If the young men around him have allowed their parents to carry the burden of their education, let him say, I will never do that. I will, by using my physical and mental powers combined, make of myself all that it is possible.

No man is properly prepared to enter upon a medical course until he has learned to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow. When he can do this, he to account in useful toil, it is a mistake for parents to give him money to

medical course. No man is excusable for being without financial ability. Of many a man it may be said, he is kind, amiable, generous, a good man and a Christian, but he is not qualified to manage his own business. So far as the proper outlay of means is concerned, he is a mere child. He has not been educated by his parents to understand and practice the principles of self-support. Such a man is not fitted to become a minister or a physician. The churches everywhere are suffering through the neglect of parents to train their children to bear hard, stern responsibilities.

use freely in taking a ministerial or a

Let your motives and your aspirations be pure. In every business transaction be rigidly honest. However you may be tempted, never deceive or prevaricate. At times a natural impulse may tempt you to vary from the straightforward path of honesty, but do not yield to this impulse. If in any matter you make a statement as to what you will do, and afterward find that you have favored others to your own loss, do not vary one hair's breadth from principle. Carry out your agreement. By seeking to change your plans, you would show that you could not be depended on. And if you should draw back in small transactions, you would draw back in larger ones. Under such circumstances, some are tempted to deceive, saying, I was not understood. My words have been taken to mean more than I intended. But they meant just what they said, but lost the good impulse, and then wanted to draw back from their agreement, lest it prove a loss to them.

Let the youth set up well-defined landmarks, by which they may be governed in emergencies. When a crisis comes that demands active, wellstrong, practical mind; where difficult gates. Every individual who loves

physical strength that he has not put work is to be done, where every stroke must tell, where perplexities will arise which can be met only by wisdom from on high, then the youth who have learned to overcome difficulties by earnest labor can respond to the call for workers, saying, "Here am I; send me." Isa. 6:8. Let the hearts of young men and young women be as clear as crystal. Let not their thoughts be trivial, but sanctified by virtue and holiness. If their thoughts are made pure by the sanctification of the Spirit, their lives will be elevated and ennobled.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

SYSTEMATIC EFFORT FOR 1904.

Do you read from week to week the stirring reports from our missionaries in foreign fields? Have you noticed with what zeal and earnestness the message is being extended into all lands? Does not the very reading of these things fill you with a burning desire to have a part in this great closing work? Would you not even like for every member of your family to have a personal experience in sending this gospel into the regions beyond? You may not be able to go to the distant fields yourself, but you may have your representative there; you may have a part in this work according to your ability and your willingness. The Lord has set his hand to this work, and it will be finished. Upon some he has placed the burden to go, while upon others he extends the privilege of assisting those who do go. Thus all may have a part.

The giving of the closing gospel message to all the world in this generation, puts into the hands of every believer the grandest opportunity to engage in the most important work ever committed to this world. But it is not a spasmodic effort; that accomplishes but little in any line. The servants of God must now put on the whole argoverned physical powers and a clear, mor, and press the battle to the very

God's truth, and who understands it for this time, has a definite, specific work to do, and this he will continue in until it is accomplished ; it will be the one great ambition of his life. And he who misses the opportunity eventually loses all.

Let every one consider these facts in all seriousness, and begin at once to make plans for earnest, systematic effort during 1904. The Lord will certainly bless all such work. A good way to do this is to adopt and faithfully carry out the ten-cent-a-week plan of contributions to foreign mis-Many rich experiences have sions. come to those who have adopted this plan; and the amount received by the Mission Board during the year just closing from this source alone, has amounted to almost twenty thousand dollars.

Now, at the beginning of the new year, is a splendid opportunity for others to join this company of systematic givers. We wish every Seventhday Adventist might be induced to see the great importance of this work. If they did, the carrying of the message to all lands would be blessed with an additional fund of more than a quarter of a million dollars.

Let your good resolves for 1904 include this one of our weekly offerings, and the Lord will surely bless the efforts.

> W. T. BLAND. Asst. Treas. Mission Board.

"IT was no path of flowers, Through this dark world of ours,

Beloved of the Father, thou didst tread; And shall we, in dismay,

Shrink from the narrow way,

When clouds and darkness are around it spread ?"

"Rouse to some work of high and holy love, And thou an angel's happiness shalt know."

In the future world when life and labors are reviewed, I think that we shall thank God most of all for his humblings .- F. R. Havergal.

The **FIELD**

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND.

It is now a year since we arrived in this field, and as we look back at the varied experiences through which the providence of God has brought us, as we consider the changes that have been worked among us, and recognize the wise leadings of the Father above, we can but thank him, and praise his name for all his wondrous mercy and love.

At first everything was strange, and the ways of the people being so different from what we had before been accustomed to, it seemed as if we must be in the wrong place. Large towns and cities all about us with never a knowledge of the message that is life, a perfect contentment filling their minds, satisfied with the record of their fathers, the Covenanters, ridiculing the idea that any good in the form of religion could come from the States, it really seemed as if our efforts were in vain. But the God of heaven had said, Go to "*all* the world," and this was a part of it, so we made up our minds that here the Master had honest souls, and our business was to work, his part was to take care of the results. How often we get the idea that results are our part, when he has promised to attend to that.

But the way is opening up,—not in leaps and bounds, but slowly, sometimes we think, tediously, for the Scotch will not take a step till they have weighed every step, fought every inch, considered the cost, and-then they stand.

year ago there was but one place have the pound rate, so that we have where there were any lights to hold up to sell the papers weekly. the truth, now we have companies in see is an average of one hundred pafour cities, and there are also canvass-

his wife and family and rents, we know that means a year's work. I sometimes think that, while this requires more faith, after all it is the way. They stay at work, can not run away, you see. They use first one book, then another, thus they do lasting work, and souls are interested, the way is prepared for the preacher, and without a preacher the canvasser does the work himself, and the Master sees, and gives souls for their hire. This an order of two thousand special numwe see demonstrated here. We rec- bers, and a weekly sale of five hunommend this way to the faithful can- dred, I wonder how long it would take vasser in the Atlantic Union Confer- the work to be finished, if all the ableence.

us is that here the labor unions are the papers is a small fraction over very strong, and when a man accepts the truth it means that he must stop work as a general thing. He must do us. something. What shall it be ?---Gen- led, and for the entire year we have at erally canvassing. Thus we have least sixty per cent. gain on the prebeen able to do as much, perhaps vious record. This comes mostly more, than any field in the world in from hard working canvassers. But proportion to our size in the book the Master knew we needed it. work. Fully seventy-five per cent. of Mission Board was straining every our wage-earning adults are in one nerve to send us the amount promised branch or another of the work. This for our work here. This, however, helps to spread the light and hasten they were unable to do, and had not the coming of our Master. Hail, the Lord worked, we would have had blessed day !

While reading the reports concerning the special number of the Signs, I "The silver and gold is mine," saith have been pleased to see the energy that seems to have marked that work, and as I considered it, I have thought that a few facts about our special Christmas number of the paper here, and writes that now there are some the Present Truth, might be of inter- stepping out, and ere long we shall est. We have here in the British Un- have to have another baptism, as there ion Conference about one thousand are about fifteen waiting. Here in members. We expect to put out one hundred thousand of this number. This means that many sold from house We praise the Lord that while a to house, for in this country we do not This you pers a member. At the same rate the dained minister, one licentiate, two ers in several other towns. Here we United States would sell five million. brethren and one sister engaged in

a time, so that when a canvasser takes (about twenty to twenty-five thousand) and so get used to it, and that helps.

Here in Scotland with a membership of perhaps seventy-five, we have already ordered of this Christmas number fifteen thousand, and hope to do more than that. This means two hundred for every man, woman, and child, old and young-all told. But the message must go. As I think of one brother here, a poor cripple, not more than about four feet high, with bodied ones worked as hard as he Another thing that has favored does. And, by the way, the profit on one cent each.

> Financially the Lord has been with The last quarter the tithe doub-The But there were souls to be to stop. gathered in, and so we were supplied. the Lord. As a result of the tent work in Kirkcaldy about thirty souls were garnered in. Brother Ritchie, who is still there, has a good interest, Edinburgh-the modern Athens-the hand of the Lord is seen. During the past week, two more dear souls have stepped into the way of the commandments. So our company is growing.

We have now in the field one orhave to rent our houses for a year at But then we sell them every week the Bible work. We are all ready is the reason why we call for another tent for this field. One speaker and a Bible worker who will act as tent master, will do us finely. We do not ask any more, but if we can get another tent and an extra \$100 for the seating (we have to get chairs here as lumber is too high to cut it up and not have permanent seats); if some one has an organ that will do better service by daily use, drawing people to the meet. ings, than it does idling away its time in a parlor, we believe that we can keep quiet and not call again for a while at least. But it is not the least comforting feature, being away from home and friends and those who are so dear to us in the Lord's work, to know that there are hearts beating in sympathy with us while we are away, and that are ready to help us lift the banner of truth.

So we appeal to those at home, and believe we shall have a ready response. We shall be glad to write any particulars that may be called for, and to acknowledge any help that may be furnished. Donations may be sent to Brother W. A. Wilcox at South Lancaster for the tent, which we hope to My address is 7 Max-20th of May. well Street, Edinburgh, Scotland.

Pray for us, brethren, that the word of God may have free course, and that the happy day may be hastened when we shall all be gathered home where from all portions of the harvest-field shall be brought sheaves to the glory of the Master.

WM. A. WESTWORTH.

Dec. 14, 1903.

NEW IPSWICH, N. H.

DEAR GLEANER FRIENDS: I get much help from the reports in the GLEANER from those whose hearts God has moved to "sow beside all So I feel constrained to waters." add my little report to its columns, thinking that some weary pilgrim

to do full work all the time, and this may gain a grain of comfort and cour- difficulties, I have been unable to go age from its perusal.

> I praise the Lord that he has helped me to dispose of two more copies of "Object Lessons" and that he has given me strength to sell over sixty copies of the Life Boat, and to give away thirty to those unable to pay. I also took twelve yearly subscriptions.

> At first I had little courage in the work. But the Lord increased my faith and hope, and I was able to sell one copy to the Catholic priest, and also to enter two saloons where I sold two copies.

Since the special Signs were out I have sold eleven copies in our nearest village. I also called upon a man who has been ill a long time. He was in the Advent experience in 1844, and believes it all a fraud. He told me that he did not believe in the Bible or Jesus Christ. Then I said. "You have thrown away your only means of salvation." Although he talked excitedly and blasphemously, yet the Lord helped me to calmly tell him some Bible truth, and he quieted down and bought a copy of the paper. I left with a prayer in my heart that have made and ready for use here the God may open the eyes of his understanding.

> The Lord gives me some opportunities to see the good seed others have dropped along the way. A few weeks ago, while caring for a sick neighbor, I saw the little boy of five years searching the house for what he called his "God book" for his grandpa to read to him. I was interested to see a book by that name, and found it to be our "Gospel Primer." The family are no-law Adventists, but are friendly to our views. I have loaned them reading matter which is received kindly.

I also feel a burden for the Finlanders who are coming in among us. There are over a score of Finnish families living in an adjoining town. I ordered a few copies of our Finnish paper, but owing to sickness and other

over the hills with these light-bearers as yet. I intend to sell the papers and try to get subscriptions. These people are planning to build themselves a church. How I wish there was some good, faithful laborer to go among them with the message for these last days, and gather fruit unto life eternal. Pray, dear ones, that the Lord of the harvest may send laborers into this corner of his harvest-field.

I can do but little, yet the Lord is good to me. I praise him that he has provided a way that my oldest daughter may attend the South Lancaster Academy. I feel that it is very important that we as a people educate our children in our own schools.

May the Lord bless our little paper, and may each of us do the part in the work which the Lord appoints to us, and be saved.

MRS. P. A. FISH.

RUTLAND, VT.

In our last report we stated how courageously we were starting out in the Signs campaign. Sickness and death have come into our midst and partially suspended the work, and those who might otherwise be out with Signs are detained caring for the sick.

The week of prayer was sadly interrupted by the sudden death of the young daughter of our dear Sister Paige. Mildred, aged eight years, died December 16, of appendicitis, after a double operation. She was a beautiful child of more than ordinary intelligence, our brightest and best loved Sabbath-school scholar in the primary department.

She knew that she could not live, and called her father to her bedside, repeated the fourth commandment to him, begging him to promise to investigate the "truth," and go to meeting with mama and Wendell (her brother) on Sabbaths. This he promised to do, and as he laid his darling away, laid aside the prejudice against the Seventh-day Adventist people and the truths they hold sacred.

The sweet, Christian life of this dear child will long be remembered by all our members, and we trust that out of the affliction light and love may come to the father in whom the little daughter delighted.

The funeral services were held Sabbath afternoon, December 19, and were conducted by Rev. John Duffield, pastor of the local M. E. church, and Elder T. H. Purdon.

Through the sorrow which has come to us, we are led to realize more than ever the frailty of life, and our need of constant preparation, that when the call comes to the next one of our church, he or she may be as well prepared to lay down the armor as was this dear child.

L. C. B.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

IT has been some time since I have reported through the columns of the GLEANER. Having received several letters asking if I am working, and why I do not report, I will answer that I am working; in fact, I never worked harder. I am well and happy in my work, and the Lord is with me and is adding his blessing, which is best of all.

You will remember that at our last camp-meeting the conference was divided, and it was recommended that I should work in the Southern New England Conference, and make the city of New Haven my field of labor. Accordingly I left Westerly, R. I., where I had been laboring through the summer and came to this city October I had heard so much about the 7. place and the work here, that I must confess it was with a heavy heart that I came; in fact, I did not want to come, but I was told that I could not be clear before God if I did not come here. So I came, and I am very glad

to sleep till the resurrection morn, he that I did. I do not find it any harder field to work than other places. Really, brethren, I do not find any hard fields. The people everywhere are hungry for the truth, the glorious position where he made three dollars message that God has given to us, and I am sure it is a joy and a privilege to give it to them.

> I found the little church somewhat discouraged. They had their services in a private house, and only four or five came out to meeting. I sought the Lord earnestly for help and wisdom, and went to work with a will. The Lord heard and answered praver, and came in by his Spirit, and we had a real revival. The church has become encouraged and filled with a spirit of labor, and as far as I know perfect harmony prevails now among the people.

> After a few weeks people began to come to our meetings, and we found that our rooms were too small to accommodate them. Then I began to look for a hall, and through a man towhom I was giving readings, we secured a good hall at a very reasonable rate, in a central location, in the best part of the city. This seemed to be a real inspiration to the church.

> Dear Brother and Sister Leighton have been a great help to me, and although he is a very busy man, they go to many of the Bible readings with me, and they are ready to help in every move that is made to advance the work. Sister Leighton has done a good work with the tracts, and we have a good interest here. Several in the church are now using the tracts to interest their neighbors. I have all the Bible work that I can do. That and my visiting and going out with tracts, keep me very busy.

The results of our work are ten new Sabbath-keepers, five men and five women. These men are all business men, and it has made quite a stir We have had among the people. some of the most remarkable answers to prayer, and some truly wonderful conversions. I do praise God that circumstances, to step right out and

there is power in the gospel to convert sinful men and transform them into the image of our Lord.

There was one man who had a nice a day. He had a family on his hands, and nothing in sight with which to support them. But I had been teaching them that the seventh day was the Sabbath, and he and his wife believed it, and wanted to keep it, so I advised him to leave his position and trust God for another. This took some faith, but I believe we have reached a time when we must have faith. It was several days before they had faith enough to do this. He said the devil frightened him so trying to make him believe that his family would starve or freeze to death, that he fairly shook in his shoes. But finally his faith grew, so that he was able to step out, he and his wife, and take God at his word. I never saw such implicit trust and faith in God manifested before, and the dear Lord honored it by answering prayer. He is a capable business man, a book-keeper and stenographer. He advertised in the Review and Herald, and before a week passed, he had six or eight good positions offered him where he could keep the Sabbath. Then he had so many, he did not know which one to choose.

These places were all outside of the conference, and in the mean time his faith had grown, and he had become interested in the work here, and thought he would like to stay right here and work for his friends, that they too might see the truth. We took it to the Lord in prayer, and before night he had a place where he has made three dollars and thirty-five cents a day, and works only five hours instead of ten. I have written this, in order to encourage some other dear soul to step out and trust God. I believe when we go out and teach people this truth and they believe it, that we should also teach them, under all

obey it, and have the faith of Jesus. arose from his knees a changed man,

the habit of smoking, had smoked cigars for years, and they have had a hard struggle to give it up. One man had to leave his work one day about meeting, and in every meeting there is eleven o'clock. The men were smok a shout of victory over some temptaing all around him, and he could not tion that has been overcome through stand it. He went home and pleaded faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. with the Lord to give him the victory over his awful habit, and the Lord answered his prayer and delivered him, so that the next day he went back to work all right, with his heart full of praise to God.

Another man, said he was never so tempted in his life. Four times in one day he left his work to go and get a cigar, but every time he called on and when the Lord works, he is on the Lord for help, and so overcame from time to time, until at last the Lord gave him complete victory over the vile habit.

One man began the observance of the Sabbath, and for two or three weeks used his tobacco. I was praying the Lord to convict him of the sin of using it. One Sabbath in the service, he seemed to be in terrible distress of mind and wept, and when he arose to speak, he said that he was a miserable man, and was getting farther and farther away from God. I knew what the trouble was, and that it was a desperate case. I asked, "Have you confessed your sins to the Lord ?" He said, "Yes, but he won't accept Then I said, "There is some me." reason. Is it God's fault?" and he said, "Oh, no." Then I asked, "Is there anything that you will not give up for Christ?" There was a desperate struggle, and he said, "I will give up everything." Then I said, "Will you bow down here with me before the Lord and tell him so, and ask him to accept you ?" He said, "Yes," and we knelt down, and I prayed. Then he made a full surrender of all, will continue their work in connection and asked the Lord to accept him, and he was not left in doubt any longer. He knew that he was accepted, and we all knew it, and he

Four of these men were addicted to having complete victory over his tobacco habit, and has had no trouble with it since.

> I have established a weekly prayer-We had a most blessed time during the week of prayer, and the blessing of the Lord is still with us, and our meetings grow better and better as the days go by.

> Now, brethren and sisters, do not get the idea that there are no battles to fight, for the devil is not dead yet, and he is right here in New Haven; hand, too, and there is a battle. But we have a great Saviour, and he has given us the victory every time. We go on our way praising God for the trials and for the experiences we have, saying, "Lo, this is our God," and "we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation," We ask all the GLEANER family to pray for us.

> > MRS. M. A. SCRIBNER.

MARRIED.

AT the home of Doctor C. C. Nicola, the sanitarium, Melrose, Mass., on Saturday evening, January 2, Charles P. Frye and Miss Minnie E. Klingerman were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Elder M. D. Mattson, of South Lancaster. The commodious rooms at the doctor's were well filled with friends and relatives. There were several valuable and useful presents from patients and classmates, expressive of the high esteem in which they were held. Mr. Frye is the steward at the sanitarium, and Mrs. Frye is a member of the graduated class of nurses, 1903. They with the sanitarium.

W. F. B. W.

" KEEP yourselves from idols."

EDUCATIONAL OUR ACADEMY AND CHURCH-SCHOOLS

CHANGES IN THE FACULTY OF THE SOUTH LANCASIER ACADEMY.

MANY of the readers of the GLEANER know that important changes have taken place in the faculty of the South Lancaster Academy. Miss Fannie M. Dickerson, who for years has been connected with the academy as teacher of science, and for between three and four years as preceptress of the ladies' home, has been called by the General Conference Committee to take up the work of editing the Youth's Instructor. Miss Janet Haskell, who has been teaching in the academy for between two and three years, has been elected to take the work of greceptress of the home. Dr. Lucinda A. Marsh, who has been connected with the Melrose sanitarium, will carry on Miss Dickerson's classes in the school. This does not mean the employing of more teachers, but an adjustment of the work. Dr. Marsh is the only one who actually comes into the school to supply the place of Miss Dickerson in the class work.

It must be understood by all who know Miss Dickerson and her work here, that it is with great regret that she has been released for this new line of work. While we can not understand all the ways in which God leads, yet we can be confident that he leads.

The students, while deeply regretting the changes that are made, manifest a very kind and willing spirit to cooperate with the brethren who have charge of the general work, and are giving Miss Haskell and Dr. Marsh in their new responsibilities their help and hearty support.

We find that we need the help of our brethren and sisters in the matter of these changes. This can be given to us by their prayers, for we have a

prayer-hearing and a prayer-answer- ces in the way of plumbing, heating, bid her "Godspeed," as she takes up ing God, and this God has said through his servant that he has a special care over his schools, as they are prisoners of hope. Those who have special charge of the work feel somewhat perplexed, yet they are not in the least cast down, but are full of hope and confidence that the work is the Lord's, and he will carry it on to complete victory, and we hope that this faculty, some of whom abode permachange will only hasten this day of victory.

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

DEDICATORY ADDRESS.

I ESTEEM it a privilege to join you to-night in a service of songs of praise, short addresses, and of prayer, and thus dedicate this edifice to the Lord for a home for young people while they are preparing themselves for greater usefulness in the cause of God.

"The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts." Haggai 2:9.

This statement was made of the ancient temple of the Lord, and doubtless had reference to the grandeur of that structure, for the people did not spare their means, but they actually made a personal sacrifice to complete the work they had undertaken, and the Lord assured them that he would give them peace in that place. I am convinced that this scripture may have a spiritual application to our work in this place, and to us. The former house that has stood for years upon this plat of ground and was used as a home for academy students was outgrown a few years since by the natural outgrowth of the school, when other an invitation to go to Washington, arrangements were made to meet the demand, but finally proved to be only temporary. The former home is now absorbed in this latter house, and although it is a very plain structure, yet faithful work, and is held in high esit is fitted up with modern convenien- teem by all, yet, I am sure you will

lighting, and fire escapes. There can be no glory attached to this simple result of the erection of this home than of the former one, because of its capacity to accommodate a larger number of students.

Through the influence of a godly nently in the home, and all of whom were in it a greater or less portion of their time, working with and for the vou in behalf of the Board of Trustees, students' spiritual welfare, many young people have given their lives to the Lord, and found the promised peace; some of whom are in various parts of the world, and God has given to each his work. We see greater glory to be achieved, in the spiritual sense, from the latter house. "And in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts." He gives peace, that it may be borne by willing hearts, under Christ, to others, and to this end we dedicate this structure to the Lord, and recommit the guiding of our lives to him.

Other students who are here will unquestionably hear the voice of the Lord, saying, "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee." This call has come to many persons in the various walks of life during our short history as a denomination.

During the short history of twentyone years of this Academy, this call has come to various members of the faculty, as it now has to Miss Dickerson, who is preceptress of the home, as well as a teacher in the academy, for the Lord is no respecter of persons. All are aware that she has accepted D. C., to edit the denominational Youth's Instructor. Although she has been a member of the faculty in this academy for years, and has done

her new work, and enters perhaps a broader field of usefulness. May we structure, but we do believe greater not speak with the same confidence glory will be rendered the Lord as the and assurance that those who take up the work laid down by Miss Dickerson, will be given a hearty welcome, and a "Godspeed." These providences are the fruits of the work accomplished as the result of the dedication of this and other buildings to the Lord.

> We are glad to be able to state to that although the home with its conveniences has cost us ten thousand dollars, the money is provided, and thus we dedicate it free from denominational debt. For this I am sure all are thankful to the Lord.

> > H. W. COTTRELL.

SELLING SPECIAL "SIGNS."

I AM glad to be able to report good success in the work of selling the special Capital and Labor number of the Signs. It has been my first experience in this line of work, and had not God been with me, I should have failed.

The promise that he has made to send an angel by the side of the canvasser to "prepare the hearts of the people " came to my mind, and gave me courage just when I needed it, and I know he was with me and helped me, or I should never have sold any papers.

Nearly all of our papers have been sold on the streets in Worcester, Clinton, and Fitchburg, four of us taking a street, two on each side.

Not all of the people to whom I presented the Signs were interested in it. But it is very encouraging when occasionally we meet one who is hungering and thirsting for just the truth which the paper contains.

One incident impressed me that I should not pass by people when I was inclined to do so, as they might be just the ones who needed the truth.

standing still, something said to me very plainly, " Do not pass that man, go and sell him a paper." And as I kept on without stopping, the same words were repeated to me several times. Then I turned back and presented the paper to him. He was very much interested, and said he had never seen anything like it, and should read it carefully. He took the paper gladly, paid me ten cents, and would take no change. We always ask God to lead us to people who should have I think he said he was an Italian. He the paper, and I am sure he led me to this man.

I have now sold sixty-five papers, and am glad that I have had the privilege of carrying the truth to so many people in this way, and I have received a rich blessing and experience, with which I would not part.

It is my prayer that some soul may be brought to God and his truth through every paper that has been circulated. This work must stir up the people, and bring Christ's coming nearer, and what a blessed thought it is that we may all have a part in the work in some way. May our kind heavenly Father let his richest blessing rest on the canvassers, and put it into the hearts of many more to go into the work where they are so greatly needed.

M. E. W.

For a long time before I went out with the Signs, I had been thinking about it, and wondering how I could sell a paper. I never had success in canvassing, and finally came to the conclusion that it was out of my line.

When the missionary campaign began, I thought I must have a part in that if I would be a good soldier for Christ; but that consisted almost entirely in distributing literature, so what was I to do?

One evening one of my schoolmates told me that she, with several others, was going to Worcester the next Saturday evening, and urged me to go. with which to purchase them. It is

As I was passing a man who was I considered the matter, and decided that the Lord could sell papers, if I could not : so, after asking him to go with me, I purchased twenty copies of the Signs, and went with the company.

> I had feared that I would not think of anything to say, as I had not much time to study the paper; but I suddenly found myself talking to one after another of the men standing idle on the sidewalk, at a rate that astonished me.

I met one foreigner that evening. was neat-looking, and seemed very much interested in the general appearance of the paper, but he could not read English. "Have you no paper in Italian?" he asked earnestly. I was sorry that I had to answer, " No;" and right there I was more deeply impressed than ever before with the great need of other nationalities for the truth in their languages. Here was a man who seemed to be hungering and thirsting for the truth, and I had nothing to give him that he could understand.

I have not space to relate all the incidents of the evening; but I returned that night feeling wiser and happier for having had a little part in the work of God, though I sold but fifteen papers.

I wish I could say something that would encourage some other hesitating one to take courage and go forward to do something for the Lord; for truly "the harvest is great, and the laborers are few," and what we do will surely help a little.

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LIBRARY FUND.

A CALL was made in the GLEANER for a small donation to the academy library. As yet no response has been made to this call. There are important books which are needed, and will be of help to the school, that can not be had unless mony can be provided

the policy of the school not to run in debt, but rather to make calls from time to time to our people to meet the needs of this, their school. Ten dollars are immediately wanted to meet the need for this fund. It is not necessary that one person should contribute all this amount, as small donations, from twenty-five cents to two dollars, from our people will soon raise the required amount.

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

FURNISHINGS FOR SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY.

Altoona, Pa., four comforters; Lowell, Mass., two comforters ; Mrs. L. A. Buss, Springfield, Mass., one comforter.

MEDICAL 🛹 MISSIONARY

NEW ENGLAND SANITARIUM.

THE week of prayer was a season of refreshing to many of the sanitarium family, and as a consequence, the missionary spirit was awakened in our hearts. It became a definite thing that we want a little larger part in the Lord's work than we have had heretofore. Our annual offering amounted to \$126.02, therefore we concluded that if we could do this once a year, we might, perhaps, support a missionary in another field by our own continuous offerings. One of our medical staff offers himself if the Lord opens the way for him in the field for which he has a burden.

Believing that we are to be a light to the Gentiles, we are familiarizing ourselves with their needs, as far as possible, by a study of the lands where our work has made an entrance. Though the time we have to devote to this purpose is brief, being at our half-hour noonday meetings, we find the calls so many, and the fields so destitute, we are more convinced than ever that it is high time that we divide our blessings in the home field, in order that others may have their share.

We are assured that the Master is blessing the seed sown in our own midst. Three are keeping the Sabbath who had not yielded to the influences of the truth until coming here recently.

Those who have been with the institution in the past, will be interested to know the whereabouts of Harry Taylor, a former patient who became imbued with hygienic principles as taught by our people. Though not identified with us upon the Sabbath truth, he has entered the American Medical Missionary College to receive a training, expecting to use a fortune which he inherits in advancing the principles which he shall learn.

We were made glad this evening (Sunday) by the arrival of Elder E. E. Miles with a party of ten young people from the South Lancaster Academy who are interested in the sanitarium work, some having been members of the family heretofore.

Mr. Fred Lee has been spending his vacation week with his father. The sanitarium family were pleased to have him with them again.

Our work is onward generally. Good courage prevails.

MRS. LEE S. WHEELER.

POWER OF HABIT.

THE subject of the sermon at the sanitarium last Sabbath, given by the chaplain, Elder L. S. Wheeler, was the "Power of Habit." The text is found in Luke 16:11: "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much : and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much."

He brought out the thought that taken. each one is a bundle of habits, the kind being his own choice. Whatever we practice our eyes, tongue, hands. and feet to do, we will do without Difficulties must be met. hought as to just how we are doing it, fronted with unceasing perseverance,

A pianist will be looking out of the window while harmonious sounds will respond to the touch of his fingers. A penman will make every detailed curve and line necessary to the work of good study by every one in this kind of writing, and not think of the little curves, all because, by repetition, he has acquired the habit of performing these actions.

So the acts we do every day become easier to do, until we do them without thought, be they good acts or bad acts. And the habits we acquire write their signs upon the countenance, cheerful or gloomy, innocent or guilty, kind or hardhearted. How important, then, that we form good habits while young!

W. F. B. W.

The PRINTED PAGE " Publicly, and from HOUSE to HOUSE',

THE STANDARD FOR CANVASSERS.

THE Lord himself has set the standard to which his workers are to attain. The standard for those engaged in that department of the work relating to the circulation of our literature is just as elevated as for those engaged in the ministry. Many of our canvassers have felt that this was not recognized by our people in general, and it is probably true that it is not. But this is not nearly so important as it is for the canvasser himself to recognize it, and act accordingly. When this is done by those in this branch of the work, it will not be long before the people will see it too.

On page 16 of the "Canvassers' Manual" I find this statement:

"The work of the colporteur is elevating, and will prove a success if he is honest, earnest, and patient, steadily pursuing the work he has under-His heart must be in the work. He must rise early and work industriously, putting to proper use the faculties God has given him. If con-

they will be overcome. The worker may continually be forming a symmetrical character."

This statement is worthy of careful service. The work is elevating. To whom?-First, to the canvasser himself, in the enlargement and development of his own powers of mind and heart, in the greater blessing and better Christian experience he enjoys while thus working for others, and in many other ways. Many a brother or sister has said to me, "The best experience I ever had, the greatest blessing I ever enjoyed, was when I was engaged in the canvassing work."

Second, it will elevate the people for whom he is working, and in whose hands he is placing the books which will lead them into the fulness of the knowledge of the truth, and of the light and power of the gospel. This is the real object of the work, and of the gospel, to elevate humanity, to lift them out of their old, selfish ways into a higher and nobler life.

This will be the result of the canvasser's work if,---the conditions are plain and simple,---" if he is honest," with the people, with the tract society, with himself, with the Lord; if he is "earnest," if he is in this work not to make money but for the good he can do, and determined to be a blessing to some one every day; "and patient, steadily pursuing the work he has undertaken," with his heart in the work, rising early, and working industriously, cultivating the faculties God has given him, not fearing difficulties, but meeting them boldly and overcoming them, and in all this "continually forming a symmetrical character." This tells something of the standard God desires us to reach, and it can be reached by all if they will; and to those who do reach it, and become that kind of workmen, success is assured.

We trust that the next few months will demonstrate that every canvasser in the Atlantic Union Conference is

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that kind of a worker, that they are in this work to stay, and determined to do their best, and "will not rest satisfied unless constantly improving."

We have need of courage as we enter upon the work of the new year, and there is every reason why we should be of good courage, for He who has always been the help of his people in all ages has promised to be with us. Shall we not, dear workers, begin the year with every man in the ranks, and without any deserter to discourage others by his example, but all go forward "with a long pull, and a strong pull, and a pull all together "?

I desire, and shall be more than pleased, to have every canvasser in the Atlantic Union Conference write me a personal letter, telling me of your experience in the work, your courage at the present time, and your plans for the future. I wish to hear from all, but especially from those who are working in conferences where there is not a State agent.

With best wishes to all for a happy and prosperous New Year, I am

Yours for better, more earnest work, F. E. PAINTER.

Wilkinsburg, Pa.

WHAT WE BELIEVE AND WHY.

An active worker among our young people said not long ago, "Our young people do not know what we believe nor why." This referred to the principles of Bible truth which Seventhday Adventists believe and teach, and was spoken of their children.

If this is true, and it undoubtedly is, then it is high time that some vigorous effort was made to encourage these young people to study these important truths. Most helpful to this end, are the articles by Elder G. B. Thompson now appearing in the *Youth's Instructor*.

The subjects of the Second Coming of Christ, the Millennium, the Home of the Saved, the Kingdom, the Judgment, the Prophecies, the Sabbath,

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Western	Pennsylvania	Con	iference,	Week	Ending	Dec.	18,	1003.

Name Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	; Helps	Total	Del'd
W. J. Heckman, Johnstown,	D of A	2	2					3.75
W. H. Zeidler, Homestead,	GC	5	21	5	11.75	4.00	15.75	24.75
J. L. Zimmerman, Johnstown,	ΒR	4	26	5	11.00	4.50	15.50	.75
Mrs. E. W. Kirker, Westmorel	a'd, L G	4	10	4	12.00	3.75	15.75	20.25
F. Daughenbaugh, Huntingdon	,H of M	2	5					19.25
G.B. Mason, Venango Co.,	РН	2	7	12	5.00	1.50	6.50	
Ivor Lawrence, Cambria Co.,	Misc				21.50		21.50	8.75
Totals, 7 Agents	,	19	71	26	\$61.25	\$13.75	\$75.00	\$77.50

Week Ending Dec. 25.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	s Total	Del'd
Mrs.L.B. Trowbrid	dge,Pittsbur	g,D of A	4	14	8	33.00	18.55	51.55	30.55
W. J. Heckman,	Johnstown,	D of A	3	9					27.25
Mrs. T. D. Gibson	, Pittsburg,	ННВ	3	5	1	4.50	4.00	8.50	21.00
W. C. Fleisher, M	IcKeesport,	G C	5	24		•	5.50	5.50	55.50
W. H. Zeidler, He	omestead,	G C	4	13	2	4.50	4.50	9.00	9.00
Mrs. E.A. Mitchel	tree,Mercer (Co., Misc							5.00
Mrs. J. T. Long,	Franklin,	Р&Р					1.00	1.00	5.25
T. O. Saxton, Ind	liana Co.,	' P & P	2	17					118.00
Mrs. Christine Ap	pleton, Pitts	sb'g,C K	2	8			3.75	3.75	23.25
J. L. Zimmerman,	Johnstown,	ΒR	2	9	1	2.00	.75	2.75	
W. W. Moore, Ca	ambria Co.,	ΒR	5	31			1.00	1.00	104.10
S. M. Ford, Erie,		ΒR					2.50	2.50	44.25
Lucetta M. Guild,	Titusville.	H of M	1	7					32.75
F. Daughenbaugh	,Huntingdor	h,H of M	1	3					5.65
Mable Hiees, Cra	wford Co.,	ВS	2	3	2	1.50		1.50	1.50
G. B. Mason, Fran	nklin,	РН							22.00
J. G. Saunders, C.	learfield Co.	, Misc				6.50	13.25	19.75	35.75
John Kally, Clear	field Co.,	G P							25.00
Ivor Lawrence, C	ambria Co.,	Misc				10.25		10.25	23.00
Totals,	19 Agents,		34	143	14	\$62.25	\$54.80	\$117.05	\$588.80

Central New England Conference, Week Ending Dec. 18, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
F. W. Stray, Sh	elburne Falls,	D of A							65.00
John W. Hartw	ell, Holyoke,	D of A	4	19	1	2.50	12.00	14.50	
Mrs.E.S. Chase,	New Boston,N	.н.,В R	2	5	5	12.50	4.50	17.00	
Totals,	3 Agents,		6	24	6	\$15.00	\$16.50	\$31.50	\$65.00
		Week	Endi	ng De	c. 25	• ,			
Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
F. W. Stray, Ho	lyoke, Mass.,	H of M	3	11	5	6.25	2.25	8.50	14.00
Totals,	1 Agent,		3	11	5	\$6.25	\$2.25	\$8.50	\$14.00

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New	York Co	nference,	Week	End	ing	Dec.	18, 190	3.	
Name	Place	Book D	ays H	rs Or	ds	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
May Carlyon,		РН		6	8	2.00	5.40	7.40	7.00
Claude L. Wiltsie,		РН		2	8	7.00		7.00	16.00
Totals,	2 Agents			6 3	6	\$9.00	\$5.40	\$14.40	\$23.00
		Week E	nding	Dec.	25.				
Name	Place	Book L	Days H	rs O	rds	Value	Helps	To+al	Del'd
Mrs. Andrew Cobl),	BR		1	.0	20.00	10.00	30.00	
Mrs. Mary M. Abb	bey,	COL			5	6.25		6.25	6.25
Ray Bliss,	•	РН			7	2.00		2.00	1.00
S. L. Delano,		РН			2	.75	.50	1.25	
Totals,	4 Agents,			2	+ \$	29.00	\$10.50	\$39.50	\$7.25

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

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
*J. A. K. Lichty, A	Allentown,	D of A	1	1	1	3.50	2.50	6.00	42.30
David Summers, R	Reading,	D & R	4	22	5	8.25	4.75	13.00	3.00
Daisy B. Ott, Scrat	nton,	H of M	5	8	1	1.25		1.25	5.75
*Mary Penwarden,	Luzerne,	H of M	4	17					11.50
H. J. Albright, Rea	lding,	H of M	5	29	5	9.00	7.00	16.00	4.00
S. H. Swingle, Scr	anton,	H of M	5	14	2	2.75	2.25	5.00	9.75
Elsie M. Swingle,	Scranton,	H of M	5	16			1.50	1.50	17.25
A. W. Barratt, Ply	mouth,	H of M	• 4	24	8	12.00		12.00	19.50
J. F. Phillips, Scra	nton,	СК			6	6.00	8.75	14.00	30.00
*W. T. Hilgert, Ph	niladelphia,	Misc					14.10	14.10	16.35
Mrs. B. Dickens, S	ullivan Co.	,							33.75
Allison Barlett, Re	ading,	Misc	4	30			13.75	13.75	16.75
Addie A. Swingle,	Ariel,	Misc					8.70	8.70	5.70
Totals,	13 Agents;		37	161	28	\$42.75	\$62.55	\$105.30	\$215.60
*Two weeks.									

Week Ending Dec. 25.

Name Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Elsie M. Swingle, Scranton,	H of M	4	17	· 4	5.50	3.50	9.00	23.75
S. H. Swingle, Scranton,	H of M	3	17	3	4.00	4.25	8.25	26.25
Daisy B. Ott, Scranton,	H of M	2	9					19.00
A. W. Barratt, Plymouth,	H of M	4	16	2	3.00		3.00	
R. F. Davis, Brandonville,	H of M				, 5.50	4.75	10.25	6.25
Allison Barlett, Reading,	H of M	4	18			11.75	11.75	12.25
W. T. Hilgert, Philadelphia,	Misc	5	20			8.91	8.91	6.41
Totals, 7 Agen	ts,	22	97	9	\$18.00	\$33.16	\$51.16	\$93.91

Southern New England Conference, Week Ending Dec. 18, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords Value	Helps Total	Del'c
E. W. Fraits, Hart	ford, Conn.,	Misc	5	17			32.00
Geo. Eliason, Hart	ford. Conn.,	Misc	5	35	20.50	20.50	8.00
R. C. Andrews, No	orfo <mark>lk,</mark> Conn.	, Misc	5				45.00
Totals,	3 Agents	3,	15	52	\$20.50	\$20.50	\$85.00
		Week	Endi	ng De	ec. 25.		
Name .	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords Value	Helps Total	Del'c
E. W. Fraits, Hart	ford, Conn.,	Misc	4	22			41.00
Totals,	1 Agent,		4	22		· · ·	\$41.00

Maine Conference, Week Ending Dec. 18, 1903.

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Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Oids	Valu	e He	lps 1	otal	Del'c
lips,	ΒR							-	149.25
Eliot,	Misc				6.00	I.		6.00	
Norway,	Misc			32			1	0.30	
Portland,					36.75	5.	00 4	1.75	
4 Agents,	,			32	\$42.75	\$5.	00 \$5	8.05	\$149.25
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week last y	vear,								
		359	221	\$189.7	0 \$11	0.35	\$285.6	35	\$742.0 ₅
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c. 25	Days	Hrs.	Ords	s Va	lue I	Ielps	Total		Deliver'd
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eek last ye	ar,								
		194	103	\$1 0	7.50 ;	\$49.95	\$157.4	5	\$668.00
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the End of the Wicked—in fact all the distinctive points of Bible truth will be taken up.

Parents who wish their children to grow up *in* the truth instead of *out* of it, should see that they are thoroughly instructed in the Bible; and this series, together with the many other articles of great interest to the young now being printed in the *Instructor*, will help to solve the question of how the winter evenings can be profitably and pleasantly occupied. These studies, too, may result in establishing your children in the truth.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

MAINE.

—Sister Minnie Prince is spending the holidays with friends in Worcester, Mass.

-Brother Gerald has begun canvassing Portland for "Home Hand Book," and other health publications.

-Brother John Easler, of Aroostook County, has bought a farm in Richmond, Maine. He will be a great help to the church in that place.

—We hear that Sister May Haines has arrived safely in Los Angeles, California. She will no doubt be glad to hear from her friends in Maine.

-Sister Sadie Bellows, of Portland, has sold two hundred or more of the special number of the Signs of the Times, and was much blessed in the work.

—The Blaine church sent all of its Sabbath-school donations to the foreign missions last quarter. This is worthy of notice as a step in the right direction.

-The Maine Tract Society has recently received a letter from a Congregational minister who expresses the thought that he has long been dissatisfied on the Sabbath question, and inquires for light relative to certain arguments presented to him against the seventh day.

E. H. MORTON.

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ISSUED WEEKLY By the Atlantic Union Conference Of Seventh-day Adventists South Lancaster, Mass. (Official Organ)

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THE newly erected boys' dormitory at the South Lancaster Academy was dedicated on the evening of December 28. The address given by Elder Cottrell on this occasion will be found in another column.

THE Southern Watchman reports that Elder and Mrs. S. N. Haskell are living in the office of the Southern Publishing Association, and Elder George I. Butler is boarding with them.

THURSDAY evening, December 31, the South Lancaster church was favored with an address by Brother A. D. Gilbert, who is traveling in the East in the interest of the work with the *Signs*. Several subscriptions were secured for the paper.

BROTHER LOUIS PASSEBOIS and family, our pioneer workers in Egypt, have returned to America, and at this writing are the guests of Mrs. Passebois' brother, Dr. C. O. Prince, of South Lancaster.

THE church at Cheswold, Delaware, has our sympathy in its great loss. All these fires, storms, winds, and destructive elements cause one to look forward with a deeper longing for the coming of the Prince of Peace.

IN writing from Graysville, Tenn., to renew his subscription, Brother W. W. Williams, says: "Pray for the work in this southern field. We not only need your prayers, but financial help from our brethren in the North."

ATLANTIC UNION GLEANER

THE Sabbath School Worker has again appeared among us, looking refreshed and invigorated by its "two years' leave of absence," and as if it might do better work in Sabbathschool than before. Terms, in clubs of two or more, twenty five cents a copy; single subscriptions, thirty-five cents.

A NUMBER of the young ladies who are attending the South Lancaster Academy have recently disposed of several hundred copies of the special *Signs*, by selling them on the streets. At our request two of these young sisters have written out a report of their work, which will be found in our "Educational" department this week. These are of interest as showing the missionary spirit existing in the school at the present time.

A BROTHER in renewing his subscription to the GLEANER writes : "We had a very precious time during the week of prayer. There are only five of us, but the main one, the Lord, was present. We had four visitors during the week. Brother Wm. T. Hilgert, of Philadelphia, was with us on the opening Sabbath, and celebrated the ordinances.

"We have sold about one hundred and fifty copies of the Capital and Labor *Signs*. Since the week of prayer, sickness and bad weather have hindered us somewhat, but I believe all are encouraged.

"I did not mean to write so much when I started, but I am interested in the work the Lord is helping us to do, and thought you might be interested, too."

Certainly we are interested, and believe that all the readers of the GLEANER will be glad to hear of your work with the *Signs*. We would like to report that every Sabbath-keeper in the Atlantic Union Conference had sold thirty copies of these *Signs*, and was of good courage to continue in the work.

CHESWOLD, DEL.

THE Seventh-day Adventist church here was totally destroyed by fire (except a few seats) on December 30, about 7:30 P.M. None of our people lived nearer than a half mile of the church, and by the time the neighbors could bring us word, the building was burned down.

We feel very grateful to the neighbors who aided in getting things out of the building, and are very thankful that the Lord has let nothing worse happen to us in our unworthy condition.

Now we desire to rebuild at once; for we can not get along without a place of worship, and if any one would like to assist us they can send their donations to Mrs. Hester Seeney, Librarian, Cheswold, Delaware.

Yours in the Master's cause,

FRED H. SEENEY.

NOTICE.

ELDER C. H. EDWARDS being elected president of the Greater New Vork Conference at its recent session, subject to his release from a similar position in the Southern New England Conference, Elder G. E. Langdon was chosen president of the Southern New England Conference by the executive committee of that conference, in counsel with the Atlantic Union Conference Committee. He is now located at 61 Whitmore St., Hartford, Conn., at the headquarters of the Southern New England Confer-All matters pertaining to conence. ference management should be addressed to him.

H. W. Cottrell.

SUNSET	CALENDAR	FRIDAYS.
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Jan. 1	4:38	4:42	4:47
Jan. 8	4:44	4:49	4:54
Jan. 15	* 4:51	4:56	5:01
Jan. 22	5:00	5:04	5:08
Jan. 29		5:12	5:16