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

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RELIANCE ON GOD.

If thou hast ever felt that all on earth
Is transient and unstable, that the hopes
Which man reposes on his brother man
Are oft but broken reeds; if thou hast seen
That life itself "is but a vapor," sprung
From time's up-heaving ocean, decked, per-
haps,

With here and there a rainbow, but full soon
To be dissolved and mingled with the vast
And fathomless expanse that rolls its waves
On every side around thee; if thy heart
Has deeply felt all this, and thus has learned
That earth has no security—then go
And place thy trust in God.

Yea, then rely

In faith on him, and thou shalt never find
Hope disappointed, or reliance vain.

—Casket.

WHAT WILL YOUR REWARD BE?

"My reward is with me, to give
every man according as his work
shall be."

GREAT good has been accomplished
to our schools by the sale of "Christ's
Object Lessons." Our brethren and
sisters have testified to rich experi-
ences and blessings gained in per-
sonal work, and, best of all, precious
souls have been led to Christ and his
truth for this time by the sale of this
book.

All our brethren and sisters ac-
knowledge that this is so, yet only
about one-half of the debts of the

schools has been raised by the plan
so clearly outlined by the Spirit of
God. With a plan that was heaven-
born, and every effort in its execution
blessed of God, we are led to ask,
Why has not the sale of "Christ's Ob-
ject Lessons" cleared the schools of
this denomination from debt ere this?
This is a question that we should all
study. If God has ever called upon
a people to unite in accomplishing a
work, it has been the work of clear-
ing our schools from debt by the sale
of this book.

It was at first thought by our
brethren in charge of plans to accom-
plish the sale of this book and clear
the schools from debt, that, if all our
people would sell six books, the debts
would be lifted, and our schools could
sing the song of jubilee. Our breth-
ren generally assented to this idea,
and all were urged to sell the "quota
of six books for each member of the
church."

A few, among the many, have sold
more than the six books. These
have generally settled down with the
feeling that they have done their full
share of this noble work. Another
class worked till they had sold just
six books, and then, with a feeling
that they had done their duty in this,
sat down to rest. While a much
larger class than either of these felt

that it would be a good thing to sell
the books, but for some reason have
failed to put forth special efforts, and
have sold only one or more books.
There is yet another class, that num-
ber not a few in some conferences,
that have never sold a book. This
class feel little or no responsibility in
the matter.

With this state of things, which is
the actual condition in most localities,
what can be done to cause the work
so nobly begun to be finished and our
schools all set free?

If we see our schools realize the
purpose of God in the sale of this
book, we must first have clearly in
mind the *divine plan* for the sale of
this book, and the work it was de-
signed to accomplish. In an advance
sheet from "Testimonies for the
Church," Vol. VIII, soon to be pub-
lished, under the heading "The Fu-
ture Use of 'Object Lessons,'" we
have clearly stated the divine purpose
in giving this book to our schools. I
quote, from this: "The use which
should be made of 'Object Lessons'
in the future has been made clear to
me, and I must write to my brethren
in regard to it. Letters have been
received from our canvassing agents,
in which they say that they think it
would be a good plan for 'Object
Lessons' to be handled as a regul-

subscription book as soon as the relief-of-the-schools campaign is finished. . . .

"As my son read me one of these letters, the thought came to me, 'Here is an opportunity for me to get out of debt. Is not this the right thing to do?' . . . Then I sent to heaven the prayer, 'Lord, teach me to speak right words.' Quickly the answer came. In an instant the light given me at the first regarding 'Object Lessons' flashed into my mind, and the instruction then given was repeated. I seemed to hear the words: 'God signified that this book should be given to our schools, to be to them a continual blessing. Would you exchange his plan for human devising? This book is to be treated as a sacred offering made to God; and as his plan regarding it is unselfishly carried out, the result will be wholly satisfactory.'

"The plan for the circulation of 'Object Lessons' is not of human devising; it is God's plan. He signified that this book should be a gift to our schools. Thus far it has done its work, and God has set his approval on the self-sacrificing efforts of his people. Shall we mar his plan?—No, no! Until the Lord shall come, and our present system of school work shall be ended by our entering the higher school, 'Christ's Object Lessons' is to stand as a gift to our educational institutions."

Let all the people say to this, "Amen." To my mind such definite instruction in regard to the future work of this book clears up several points. One that stands clearest, is that as long as our educational institutions are in need of funds to aid them in their work, "Christ's Object Lessons" is to be a source of revenue, to the end of this world.

Another thought suggested by this instruction is clear to me; namely, that God has never placed a limit of any specified number of books to be sold by a conference, church, or indi-

vidual, as their, or his "quota." But to the end of time the needs and opportunities of the educational work are the measure of the self-sacrifice and personal effort God calls conferences, churches, and individuals to make in behalf of the sale of this book. And further, this includes the measure of the value of the souls that will be saved as the result of the personal efforts made to sell this book; for I read in this same Testimony, "Many will shine in the kingdom of God whose conversion was the result of the efforts of our brethren and sisters to sell 'Object Lessons.'"

I do not wish to criticize any plan that it has been thought best to recommend, such as a specified "quota" for each church-member. So far as I have read what the spirit of prophecy has said about the sale of this book, I have never seen a statement that recommended the "quota" plan. This plan may have served a good purpose in the beginning of the work with this book, but if it is made the ideal measure of our efforts, the plan itself will defeat the purpose of God.

It is clear from the instruction given that God's purpose in the sale and circulation of this book is as broad as the needs of the educational work, also it is an important means in the salvation of many souls. With this thought in view, who will say when he has sold six books, "My duty is done"? What church, or conference will say, "We are released from the sale of 'Christ's Object Lessons'" when the number of books has been sold equaling six books for each church-member?

God has a specific number of souls that somebody will be the means of bringing to Christ. What conference, church, or individual that may have improved its opportunities, or abilities to the extent of bringing to Christ a certain number of souls, perchance its "quota," would say, "I am through," as long as there was a soul to be saved?—Not one. So it seems

to me in this work with "Christ's Object Lessons," if we have sold six or more books, we should *keep on* as individuals, churches, and conferences, till the Lord gives us our release at the coming of Christ. If we have not sold six books, we certainly ought to pray for courage and strength to do the work God has asked us to do, and do it quickly, for "the King's business requires haste." He is soon coming, and he will reward every man "according as his work shall be."

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

The FIELD

IN THE AROOSTOOK.

AS THE readers of the GLEANER know, I am up in Aroostook County at the present time. Our general meeting at East Washburn is now in the past, exerting its influence, which we have strong reason to believe will be of a permanent character.

Elders J. B. Goodrich and S. J. Hersum, of Maine, and W. R. Andrews, of New Brunswick, were present and assisted in the meetings. The good Spirit drew very near at times, and many witnesses bore testimony to its presence and their determination to surrender all to God. Many times we heard the expression, "This seems like an old-fashioned meeting." Two-horse teams drove up to the church with sleds filled with people. I counted twenty-two in one team.

All the members of the conference committee except one were present, and plans of work were formulated for the coming season. It was thought advisable to make a good, strong tent effort at Caribou the coming summer if a suitable place for the tent could be secured. There was also a prevailing sentiment that an annual camp-meeting should follow this effort. This of course is at one extreme end of the conference; but as one of our annual camp-meetings had never been held

in this part of the State, it was voted that if favorable railroad rates could be secured, the camp-meeting should be held at Caribou.

We were all glad to see Elder Goodrich giving such strong evidence of returning health. Elder Hersum's testimony was strong and well received; it had been some years since he was in this part of the State, and as this had been the scene of many early conflicts for the truth, it was an enjoyable time both for him and the people. Elder Andrews brought youthful vigor and enthusiasm into the meeting, which was appreciated, and all together it was a most refreshing time.

I expect to hold meetings at Blaine and Dyer Brook before leaving this county.

P. F. BICKNELL.

VERMONT.

Burlington, Taftsville, and Shedsville.

I HAD the privilege of visiting Burlington recently. The annual election of the church officers had been held the Sabbath before. F. M. Dana was chosen elder for this year, and H. F. Litchfield, deacon. These brethren were ordained to their respective offices.

The treatment-room work in Burlington is starting off well, and bids fair to prove successful. Some of the best citizens in the city are among its patrons, one of the leading doctors having sent his wife and others for treatment. Some who came have become interested in the message. This is the real object in view in starting this line of work, that we may reach a class that can not be reached in any other way.

At Taftsville the school work is moving along nicely although Satan has tried hard to hinder the work at this place; but God has given victory thus far, and to him shall praise be given.

I am now at Shedsville trying to help those not of our faith. The audi-

ences are not large, but we hope for some fruit. One lady is ready to keep the Sabbath if her husband would step out with her, but as yet he does not have the courage to do so. The work is the Lord's, and we can but sow the seeds of truth, and leave results with him.

J. W. WATT.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

ANOTHER blessed annual week of prayer is in the past; and the annual and quarterly meetings with the churches are rapidly passing. At Kingston six dear souls united with the church. Four of these have previously been reported baptized; but the other two, a man and his wife, are new Sabbath-keepers. At Pottersville one united with the church.

Yesterday, January 9, we spent a blessed Sabbath with the Ariel church. Sabbath, January 16, I expect to be at Bloomsburg, and the following Sabbath at Scranton. January 30 I hope to be at Hawley.

As I visit the churches, and work for our good periodicals, I find serious objections to the GLEANER—not with its faithful editor or with those who write for the paper, but that it contains so very few reports from us ministers. My dear fellow workers, do we not honestly owe our dear people who so faithfully sustain us with prayers, hospitality, and means, a little, yes much, more in this line?

Yours in good health, courage, and hope in God.

S. S. SHROCK.

BAKERSFIELD, VT.

It will be of interest to the GLEANER family to learn of the prosperity attending those who are selling the special number of the *Signs*.

A brother writes December 30, "I had quite good success to-day, and sold twenty-two copies. I think I could have sold more if I had had

them. I had a good experience talking with the people, and found them quite anxious to know what these things mean. One lady seemed extremely anxious to hear. She wanted to hear the good, old gospel that Paul termed 'the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth.'"

Another writes, "I have sold all my *Signs*." I think he had about one hundred and twenty. So the good seed is being sown, and individuals are being blessed, both the sowers and the readers.

It was in this way that the midnight cry of 1844 went with such power. The wise virgins arose as in one body, trimmed their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. Some took whole townships, going from house to house distributing literature, reading and praying with the people, telling them of the soon coming of Christ, and exhorting them to repentance. This aroused the whole country to a condition of expectancy. Read the experience of the midnight cry in "Rise and Progress of Seventh-day Adventists."

I have heard one of the pioneers in that message say that in the summer of 1844 there was such an interest in many places to hear of the coming of Christ that the people left their hayfields, and gathered into the church at midday till there was not standing room in the church. Then the church windows were raised, and the people gathered in great numbers about the church. The news of an Adventist preacher in the community would draw a congregation at any hour of the day or evening. In other places a terribly bitter spirit was aroused, but in either case the message was preached.

We are told by the spirit of prophecy that a greater power is to attend the third angel's message than that which attended the first message. Why should we not, then, as a people arise, trim our lamps, go forth with the printed page everywhere, and tell

the people of the near coming of Christ, and the blessedness of being ready to meet him? This would create a call for the living preacher, and how soon the glorious work of proclaiming the gospel message to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, would be accomplished?

I wonder sometimes if our people do not get tired of being urged to go into the work. Yet it is the only thing that can be done to arouse them to duty. Why not, as faithful children, hear the call, and go forth with the Master sowing the seed, and soon the harvest will come!

H. J. FARMAN.

RUTLAND, VT.

LIKE precious jewels buried in rubbish are many good and honest hearts, waiting to be searched out, and called from the false doctrines and traditions that have been accumulating for centuries. This work is being accomplished by God's people under the great threefold message.

Among those in Rutland who are interested in the truth for this time, are some of the best members of the different churches in the place, souls who seem to be living in hourly communion with God, persons who are an inspiration to those who meet them. As we come together for our Bible studies, we feel that the Lord is surely in the place. And I do pray that his Holy Spirit may so give wisdom in presenting the truth, and so impress it on hearts, that souls may be sealed for the kingdom.

My mother is engaged in the canvassing work in this place. When she meets persons whom she thinks may be interested in the message, I call and leave tracts, etc.; thus we work together. Some of my most interested readers were found in this way.

I find the series of twenty-eight Bible readings, published in Tennessee, very helpful in my work. Could not many busy housewives set apart an

afternoon a week to scatter these among their neighbors? The low price at which they are sold places them within the reach of all; tired mothers would find the change and the walk in the open air a physical rest, and the effort put forth for others would bring a blessing that the enemy would be glad to have the cares of this world prevent them from receiving.

EVA A. JENKS.

AMONG THE FINNS IN NEW ISPWICH,
N. H.

FOR more than three weeks I had been waiting for the day to come when I might take the Finnish papers to the representatives of this nationality who live among our hills and valleys. At last the right time came, as it always comes to those who "wait upon the Lord." My husband offered to go with me, as he understood the route better than I did.

We found the people eager for reading matter in their own language, and I did not have nearly enough papers to supply them. One man, after buying the Finnish paper, wished for more; and getting a glimpse of a *Life Boat* in my bag, he bought that, attracted by the pictures, of which they are very fond.

There are many children among them, averaging five to a house. These children are bright, and are learning our language. At one house I found a group of seven children having a school, the one in charge being a girl twelve years old. They had catalogues and advertising pamphlets, and one picture-book in their tongue. I showed them the "Story of Joseph" which I had with me. They were delighted, and if the book had been in their language, I could have sold it. However, I sold two of these books on this trip. An old Irish lady who is teaching English to some of the children, bought one of them to use in her work.

At one house a little child had just met its death by being scalded. We were glad to leave the little paper, knowing that they would find words of comfort in its pages, pointing them to Him who "carried our sorrows." After our supply of papers was gone, we still had calls for them, and some wished to subscribe. It makes us realize how great the needs of the people are for truth, divine truth. Pray for us that we may be able to follow up this work, and that souls may be saved in the kingdom of God.

MRS. P. A. FISH.

BUSY BEES' MISSIONARY SOCIETY.
Quarterly Report for the Quarter Ending
Dec. 31, 1903.

THE Busy Bees' Missionary Society of the Hartland church has met regularly every week except when storms prevented.

The first meeting of the month is devoted to the doing up of papers and tracts to be sent by mail. Twenty-six packages were sent.

One barrel of clothing has been sent to Newport News, Va., also one box of apples and two barrels have been sent to Barre, Vt. Thirty-one pounds of apple have been dried and are ready to be sent to the most needy field.

One quilt has been pieced and tacked ready for the South Lancaster Academy home. Two sheets, one bedspread, and one pair pillow-cases, have been donated to the home.

Turkey feathers were given to the society, from which thirty-two dusters have been made. Nine of these have been sold for seventy cents.

The treasury now has \$4.59. A web of cotton is to be bought and made into sheets and pillow-cases to be sent where they are most needed.

GRACE WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

A CHILD said of reverence, "It is keeping quiet before God."—*Exchange*.

The PRINTED PAGE

"Publicly,
and from HOUSE to HOUSE"

"BLUE MONDAY."

I DO not know where the term at the head of this article had its origin, but it seems to have a special significance to a certain class of canvassers, and perhaps almost every canvasser has at some time in his experience had the impression that Monday was rather "blue." Doubtless some still have that impression, and as a result they frequently fail to begin their week's work before Tuesday or even later. So it may be proper to consider the questions: What are the causes which produce "blue Monday"? and What is the remedy for it? Does the cause consist in more unfavorable conditions on that day than on other days of the week? Is it really more difficult to sell books on Monday than during the rest of the week?

Doubtless these questions will bring before the minds of many canvassers visions of wash-tubs, clothes-lines, bottles of "bluing," and other things that are supposed to contribute to the terrors of "blue Monday;" but I am sure that every thoughtful canvasser will admit that these things do not really constitute any very serious obstacles to our work. I know "wash-day" sometimes does affect the amiability of those who have the washing to do, and strangers are not apt to be very welcome on that day; but a smile and a pleasant remark are usually all that is required to gain admittance, and a favorable hearing, especially if the impression is given that you only expect to stay a very few minutes, and that you do not consider yourself too good to go right into the laundry and talk to them while the work is going on. Many a book has been sold over the wash-tub. An examination of almost any canvasser's

record will show that about as good results are obtained on Monday as on any other day. The "bluing" does not do any harm to the canvasser's work unless it gets into his heart. When that happens, almost everything looks blue. Then trivial things will be magnified to wondrous proportions, and it will not be difficult to find some conscience-quieting excuse for remaining at home.

Another element that may seem to enter into the composition of "blue Monday" is the feeling of antipathy many persons experience toward the work of going to the homes of the people to attempt to sell such an article as a book. Often this feeling seems to be intensified after being out of the field over Sabbath and Sunday.

Every canvasser knows that all that is necessary to dispel it for the time being, is to get to work. It usually disappears as soon as the first house is entered. This shows that it is, like nearly everything else that tends to produce the blues, wholly a production of the imagination, and can be dispelled by a proper course of reasoning, and by cultivating the habit of viewing everything in a hopeful, cheerful way. This will be found to be a remedy for most of the canvasser's imaginary difficulties, and will go far towards overcoming his real ones. Another substantial remedy is to form the habit of beginning work bright and early Monday morning. If the canvasser will determine that of all the days of the week nothing will be allowed to keep him out of the field on Monday, that he will put forth every effort to make that the best day of the entire week, he will find that the work will go better all the rest of the week, and will be much more enjoyed.

Add to these things a living faith in God's power to help, the consciousness that it is our privilege to enjoy constantly the sunshine of the Saviour's love, together with the disposition to always look for the bright side of every experience, and there will not

be room for the "blues," and every canvasser will speedily drop "blue Monday" from the calendar.

F. E. PAINTER.

MCKEESPORT, PA.

It has been quite a long time since I have written anything for the GLEANER, and as I have been from time to time reading reports and experiences of others in the work, I feel like adding my testimony.

God has dealt wonderfully with me during the past year, in every way. I feel very grateful to him for his tender mercy towards me, and I purpose to do much more this year than ever before. My experience in the blessed work is growing brighter day by day. Through all the trials and difficulties that come across my pathway in this truth, I can say, as did Paul, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." 2 Cor. 12:9, 10.

At times when I go from door to door with my grip in hand, meeting the various opinions of the people regarding the Bible, I wonder where they are who can say with Paul, "My grace is sufficient for thee;" and how many there are who can say, "I take pleasure in infirmities, in necessities," etc. I tell you it means more to live like Paul than we have ever realized; and when we come to the place which he had reached in his experience, we will perhaps say and realize greater things than even he did, because we have a greater work to do than he had, in proclaiming this third and last angel's message to a dying world.

Oh, that God would impress upon the youth in this message who have especially decided to be workers in

his vineyard to step out and work in winning souls to the last message, by selling our books and other publications containing the message for today! The harvest must be reaped. Rev. 14:14-16. At Christ's coming, the seed will have been sown and multiplied in bringing forth fruit for this harvest, which will be the fruit of the earth, for which Christ has long been waiting. How much sooner would the harvest be reaped if we realized how great are our responsibilities who know this message, and are, as it were, living with ease, caring not whether others are saved.

Brethren and sisters. God will never save us if we do not have a burden to save our neighbors, and do not live the truth of this message as we know it. Jesus says, "By their fruits ye shall know them."

There is more to Christianity than simply professing to be a Christian. In the lives of those who live out their profession, the world will see the power of God manifested to the extent that they will be instrumental in winning other souls to the blessed hope that fadeth not away. Now is the time to work, for the night will soon come when no man can work, and I am sure we as a people who are looking for Christ's coming, all want to have some stars in our crowns as the result of souls saved through our instrumentality.

I praise God for the privilege of being a humble canvasser, and by God's help I endeavor to press onward and do all I can to spread this message. Then I can say again, as did Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 Tim. 4:7, 8.

May God help us in these few last years to put on the whole armor of God, and fight a good fight, and come

off victorious with a large army on the side of victory; for what joy there will be in heaven when we shall see the work of our own hands, and talk of the goodness of our God, and stand on the sea of glass singing the song of victory, and having the harps of God in our hands making melody to him who has brought us to this long-desired haven of rest! I am glad for this blessed hope. May God help us all to work and live to this end, that we may enter in through the gates

into the city. So shall we ever be with the Lord.

W. C. FLEISHER.

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THE BOOK WORK.

Vermont Conference, Week Ending Jan. 8, 1904.

| Name | Place | Book | Days | Hrs | Ords | Value | Helps | Total | Del'd |
|--------------------------|----------|--------|------|-----|------|--------|--------|---------|-------|
| G. H. Clark, Bennington, | | H of M | 5 | 25 | 7 | 9.50 | 3.25 | 13.75 | |
| Totals, | 1 Agent, | | 5 | 25 | 7 | \$9.50 | \$3.25 | \$12.75 | |

West Virginia Conference, Week Ending Jan. 8, 1904.

| Name | Place | Book | Days | Hrs | Ords | Value | Helps | Total | Del'd |
|--------------------------|-----------|--------|------|-----|------|---------|-------|---------|---------|
| J. B. Clark, Charleston, | | H of M | 4 | 28 | 8 | 13.75 | | 13.75 | |
| David Haddix, Trafton, | | P of P | 4 | 32 | | | | | 55.00 |
| Totals, | 2 Agents, | | 8 | 60 | 8 | \$13.75 | | \$13.75 | \$55.00 |

Central New England Conference, Week Ending Jan. 8, 1904.

| Name | Place | Book | Days | Hrs | Ords | Value | Helps | Total | Del'd |
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| F. W. Stray, South Hadley, | | H of M | 2 | 8 | 1 | 1.25 | 2.00 | 3.25 | |
| Totals, | 1 Agent, | | 2 | 8 | 1 | \$1.25 | \$2.00 | \$3.25 | |

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending Jan. 8, 1904.

| Name | Place | Book | Days | Hrs | Ords | Value | Helps | Total | Del'd |
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| J. A. K. Lichty, Allentown, | | D of A | | | | | | | 21.10 |
| M. E. Diener, Allentown, | | Misc | | | | | | | 11.15 |
| W. T. Hilgert, Philadelphia, | | Misc | | | | | 3.43 | 3.43 | 2.96 |
| Totals, | 3 Agents, | | | | | | \$3.43 | \$3.43 | \$35.21 |

Western Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending Jan. 8, 1904.

| Name | Place | Book | Days | Hrs | Ords | Value | Helps | Total | Del'd |
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| W. C. Fleisher, McKeesport, | | G C | 2 | 8 | 2 | 5.75 | 9.75 | 15.50 | 1.00 |
| W. H. Zeidler, Mifflin, | | G C | 3 | 11 | 3 | 6.75 | 6.50 | 13.25 | |
| D. Bowmau, Pittsburg, | | H of M | 3 | 4 | | | | | .50 |
| C. F. Mahr, Charleroi, | | C K | 2 | 6 | 6 | 6.00 | 1.00 | 7.00 | |
| Totals, | 4 Agents, | | 10 | 29 | 11 | \$18.50 | \$17.25 | \$35.75 | \$1.50 |

| U. C. Totals Jan. 8, | Days | Hrs | Ords | Value | Helps | Total | Deliver'd |
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| 11 Agents, | 25 | 122 | 27 | \$43.00 | \$25.93 | \$68.93 | \$91.71 |
| Totals for corresp. week last year, | | | | | | | |
| 13 Agents, | | 138 | 47 | \$90.25 | \$40.25 | \$130.50 | \$111.50 |

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

BOSTON FIELD.

—Brother H. T. Cross has returned from Maine to labor in this field.

—Brother Benjamin Nielsen is now employed at the Melrose sanitarium as watchman.

—Brother H. H. Stacy, of South Lancaster, recently spent several days in Boston and vicinity.

—Sister Grace Clifford, of Portland, Me., recently visited friends in Boston and vicinity.

—Elder L. S. Wheeler spoke at the Staniford Street mission, Tuesday evening, the 12th inst.

—The writer spoke to the company in West Newton at the house of Sister

Leana Brown, Thursday evening, the 14th inst.

—Brother W. R. Uchtmann is meeting with success in his Bible work in Cambridge, and is also devoting a portion of his time to selling the special *Signs*.

—Do not forget to write out your questions on the Sabbath-school or any other line of church work, for the Boston convention, Sabbath and Sunday, the 30th and 31st insts.

—The Sunday evening services in Berkeley Hall have been fairly well attended during the bad weather that has prevailed. We expect to speak soon upon the Sabbath question.

K. C. RUSSELL.

OBITUARY NOTICES

STURDEVANT.—Our beloved and faithful sister, Sarah Jane Sturdevant, saw the light of the third angel's message about seven years ago, and joyfully walked in its bright beams till the day of her death.

For the last two years she has been a great sufferer from a gathering in her neck, which finally, in the form of acute bronchitis, caused her death. She not only bore her afflictions with patience, but in perfect triumph, and praised God in the midst of intense suffering.

In the evening of December 31 she called her children who were present to her bedside, once more to hear their united prayers, and then joined them in singing that blessed old hymn, "Crown Him Lord of All." Early on New Year's morning she fell peacefully asleep in Jesus, having reached the age of threescore and eight years. She leaves a husband, six children, and five grandchildren to mourn their loss.

On Jan. 4, 1904, we laid her to rest in the Laceyville cemetery, where the voice of Jesus will awaken her when he comes in glory to claim his own.

S. S. SHROCK.

SUNSET CALENDAR FRIDAYS.

Local Mean Time.

| 1904. | Boston. | N. Y. and Phila. | Washington. |
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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..... | 5:08 | 5:12 | 5:16 |



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THE unusually severe weather during the past few weeks has been unfavorable for the canvassing work, and the reports are correspondingly small.

ELDER COTTRELL left South Lancaster January 13 to attend the second annual session of the New Jersey Conference, at Trenton, N. J., January 14 to 17 inclusive.

If any of our readers who desire to become foreign missionaries will read "Work Among the Finns," in another column, they may learn how to be one without leaving home and endangering their lives in deadly climates.

APPOINTMENT.

NO PROVIDENCE preventing, I will spend Sabbath and Sunday, January 23 and 24, with the New Bedford church. If the weather and roads are favorable, I hope that arrangements will be made for meetings on both days.

A. E. PLACE.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

ON account of the repeated calls made for workers in the southern field, we have come to Kentucky to work in advancing the third angel's message. We need tracts for free distribution and will be very grateful for any sent to us post-paid. Especially we need the fervent prayer of the righteous as this availeth much,

and our desire is to see precious souls brought into the kingdom, thereby hastening the coming of our dear Lord and Master. Address

CHARLES H. REIMERS,
416 Dayton Ave., Dayton, Ky.

ATTENTION.

A CALL has been made in Vermont through the church elders to know who will attend a canvassers' institute in the spring. We are waiting patiently to hear from those who will attend.

J. W. WATT.

AN AFRICAN MISSIONARY.

BROTHER WESTWORTH writes from Scotland of a sister who has had years of experience in Nyassaland, the field just entered by us:

"Now a word about Sister E., the deaconess of whom I wrote in my last letter, and of whom you suggest that she might wish to return to Africa to work. Strange to say, not a week before your good letter came, she had said to me that she was very desirous of going back to Africa, and now that she has the truth, wants to go more than ever. She asked me what the chances were for that to be done.

"I had promised to write about it, and only waited for an opportunity so to do. She has now kept the Sabbath for about two months, and has been superseded in her work by another, so that now she is without work and something must be done for her. She is at present spending three afternoons a week at my home, studying the truth. She sees it, and accepts it, but is now working with the idea of knowing how to give it. As I said, she has had ten years' experience in Africa. She speaks, in fact can preach in, the Mang'anji and also the Yao. The first follows from the mouth of the Zambesi to Tanganyika, and well east and west of this. The second from the full length of Lake Nyassa to the coast and the Blantyre District. She

is ready to be used wherever the Lord can use her, and providence directs. Will you please let me know as soon as you can what to advise her?

"She is a lady of good family, is well up on the Word, and can be very useful, I am sure. She could do work with us here, as she is well acquainted with this place. In fact, this waiting period, she has worked like a Trojan, and I think I can safely say she has brought as many, if not more, to the services, than any one else here. I spoke yesterday in an established church as the result of her endeavor, and to-morrow make final arrangements to address a large temperance meeting from the same source. Is it asking too much of the Board at this time to have her services? She has already waited a long time."

Although we were unable to set this sister at work at once, yet we certainly should have her services in Africa this coming year. It is a great gift offered us when a consecrated worker comes with a knowledge of languages requiring years of expensive work to acquire. Ought there not to be a revival in our mission campaign, so that we shall not have to defer action in such cases? As we pray the Lord of the harvest to raise up laborers, let us not forget this sister whom he has prepared for service and so graciously given us.

MISSION BOARD.

WANTED.—Situation for a Seventh-day Adventist man (30 years) in the country. Willing to do almost any kind of work. Address C. Campbell, 212 West 19th St., New York City.

WANTED.—A boy from fourteen to eighteen years of age, to work on a farm the coming summer. Must be an Adventist, willing to work. I shall be pleased to correspond with such a boy desiring a good home with Sabbath-school privileges. Address Solomon Brown, Pricetown, Berks Co., Pa.