

ATLANTIC UNION GLEANNER



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

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"IT IS MORE BLESSED."

GIVE! as the morning that flows out of heaven;
Give! as the waves when their channel is riven;
Give! as the free air and sunshine are given;
Lavishly, utterly, joyfully give.
Not the waste drops of thy cup overflowing,
Not the faint sparks of thy heart ever glowing,
Not a pale bud from the June rose's blowing,
Give as He gave thee, who gave thee to live.

Pour out thy love like the rush of a river
Wasting its waters, forever and ever,
Through the burnt sands that reward not the giver;
Silent or songful, thou nearest the sea.
Scatter thy life as the summer shower's pouring!
What if no bird through the pearl-rain is soaring?
What if no blossom looks upward adoring?
Look to the Life that was lavished for thee!

So the wild wind strews its perfumed caresses,
Evil and thankless the desert it blesses,
Bitter the wave that its soft pinion presses,
Never it ceaseth to whisper and sing.
What if the hard heart give thorns for thy roses?
What if on rocks thy tired bosom reposes?
Sweetest is music with minor-keyed closes,
Fairest the vines that on ruin will cling.

Almost the day of thy giving is over;
Ere from the grass dies the bee-haunted clover,

Thou may'st have vanished from friend and from lover.

What shall thy longing avail in the grave?
Give as the heart gives whose fetters are breaking,
Life, love, and hope, all thy dreams and thy waking.

Soon heaven's river thy soul-fever slaking,
Thou shalt know God and the Gift that he gave.

—Mrs. Rose Terry Cooke.

FUNDS FOR OUR WASHINGTON ENTERPRISES.

WE are now ready to give our people an opportunity to make offerings for suitably establishing the headquarters of this cause in the city of Washington, D. C. The communications that directed us to the capital of our nation clearly pointed out the course we should take to establish our work here. We are to establish a printing-house, a sanitarium, and a school. We are also to make a strong public proclamation of the truth in the city. We are to train workers for all parts of the great harvest-field.

During the Washington council last fall this instruction was placed before the delegates. They looked the location over, and studied the general plans. After a most thorough, deliberate consideration of all the features of the situation, the following decisions were unanimously agreed to:

First, That we look to the proceeds that should come from the Review and Herald assets in Battle Creek for the necessary funds to build and equip the printing-house in Washington.

Second, That we call for \$100,000 with which to provide the General Conference offices, the sanitarium, and the school.

The amount specified is not more than will be needed, but it is more than we who are located in Washington had dared to think of asking for. But the delegates, one and all, looked at the conditions and needs of the work in a most practical and courageous way, and refused to allow a smaller sum to be named. As stated in a former report, this splendid manifestation of confidence, good judgment, and courage lifted a great burden from my heart, and gave me great hope regarding this enterprise.

We now have the various departments pretty well organized, and the general plans quite clearly outlined.

The publishing interests are represented by a legal corporation with a large and wholly denominational constituency, a good board of directors, and experienced officers. Its work is moving along as encouragingly as could be expected under the circumstances. Large facilities are needed,

but they can not be provided at present.

As has been reported recently, the medical work is being looked after. The board of trustees has elected officers, appointed department committees, and begun preparations for opening city treatment rooms, and for building on the Takoma Park site.

A provisional school board has been appointed, and officers elected to develop the school interests. The members of the board are Professor W. T. Bland, W. A. Spicer, J. S. Washburn, A. P. Needham, and A. G. Daniells. The officers elected are: Chairman, A. G. Daniells; Secretary and Treasurer, W. T. Bland; Financial Secretary, J. S. Washburn. Steps have already been taken to secure the services of one of our brethren to act as architect and builder for the school board.

The board of management has agreed on the following division of the \$100,000: For the General Conference building, land, and expenses in moving the headquarters to Washington, \$10,000; for the school land, buildings, furniture, and improvement of land for cultivation, \$30,000; for the sanitarium, land, buildings, and city treatment rooms, \$60,000.

Those who have had experience in establishing school and sanitarium enterprises will say at once that the amounts named for these are not enough. It is not all that will eventually be required if the blessing of God attends the work. But it is all that has been voted, and it is sufficient to start with. We shall thank God for this much.

Now, brethren and sisters, we are prepared to begin operations. Our first step will be to give all our people in the United States an opportunity to make an offering to these enterprises. While the money is beginning to come in, we shall begin preliminary arrangements so that we can proceed to purchase material, and build as soon as we have the means.

Our first great pressing need now is money. The sanitarium and school boards have thought it wise to arrange for Elder J. S. Washburn to take the responsibility of soliciting funds. His whole soul is in this Washington work. The Lord has laid the burden on his heart. He will place the situation in all its phases before our people by articles in our papers, and by correspondence. Brother Washburn will be pleased to answer questions and give information to all.

Please note that all offerings should be sent to the treasurer of the General Conference. Brother Washburn does not wish to receive the money. His duty and burden is to do what he can to solicit the funds. The General Conference treasurer will apply the offerings exactly as requested, and return receipts. An acknowledgment of funds received will be made through the *Review*.

The Lord has commanded us to establish his work at the nation's capital. He knows that we must have means. We believe he will send us what we need. I suppose we have but little realization of what all this means, and the part it will play in the closing scenes of this work. Let us all respond quickly and liberally to this call.

A. G. DANIELLS.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WORK. Central New England Conference.

THE death of our beloved Brother Geo. B. Wheeler has been a sad blow to our conference in many ways, but in a special sense to the religious liberty work. He had spent many years of his life in preparation to meet prominent men in the various churches and organizations in the interests of this most important principle. At the time of his death he was in the midst of an important plan which was designed to be far-reaching. We feel anxious to have his plans carried out just so far as we can under the circumstances. Our brethren and sis-

ters will remember that a short time before his death he asked for another special collection to meet the expenses of sending out letters and reading matter. Some donations came in, but they are not sufficient to meet the demand. His daughter is putting forth her best efforts to get the matter out according to his directions, as fast as possible, but she finds the need of funds immediately. Let us each help some in this matter, and at once.

A. E. PLACE.

AN APPEAL FOR PRAYER.

DEAR READERS OF THE GLEANER: I am thankful for the privilege of writing a word for this dear little paper.

Some time last summer I made an appeal to you for your prayers in behalf of the work in Enfield, and in direct answer to prayer, two sisters accepted the truth and are now keeping God's holy day. God is still working there, and once again I make an appeal to you for united prayer in behalf of a sister who is just stepping out upon God's promises. She is a very spiritual and influential lady and will make a mighty worker for the message. Pray earnestly for her when you read this; for Satan is working hard; but our dear Father is with her, and I know she is going to remain firm and steadfast.

May God richly bless you all, and may we have a greater burden for souls and a greater desire to work while the day lasts; for truly the night is fast drawing near when no man can work.

Since you last heard from me in Enfield, the Lord has called me to Willimantic, where I am teaching the church school. He has greatly blessed me and the work in this place. I expect to return to Enfield when this school term is over. Pray for me, and make the dear sister in Enfield a subject of prayer.

ARTHUR E. SANDERSON.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE ATLANTIC UNION CONFERENCE.

For the Biennial Term Ending December 31, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1902,	\$10.64
Tithe,	13,639.31
Second Tithe,	4,506.15
Annual Offerings,	5,822.54
Weekly Offerings,	5,463.13
Sabbath-school Donations,	6,063.79
Foreign Missions,	1,139.87
Missionary Acre,	193.64
Relief of Schools,	363.35
Haskell Home,	2,958.97
James White Memorial Home,	13.37
South Lancaster Academy,	1,283.83
Missions,	703.92
Personal Accounts,	1,816.39
New York City Mission,	1,634.79
Deposits,	26,619.89
Atlantic Union Gleaner,	1,313.35
A. U. Gleaner Advertising Dept.,	13.17
Miscellaneous Donations,	3,861.85
Australia,	1,687.68
China,	33.39
Tract Societies,	518.58
Skodsborg Sanitarium,	26.40
Scandinavia,	1,543.34
West Indies,	5.00
Washington Removal Fund,	616.00
Southern Publishing Association,	412.84
Review and Herald Pub. Asso.,	111.85
Southern Missions,	70.88
Washington Church,	1,145.75
British Sanitarium,	753.99
Southern Field,	5.00
Interest on Deposits,	4.97
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	\$84,357.62

DISBURSEMENTS.

Mission Board,	\$27,161.03
Deposits,	25,275.35
Washington Church,	1,140.25
South Lancaster Academy,	1,209.58
Missionary Acre,	193.64
Relief of Schools,	363.35
Atlantic Union Gleaner,	3,804.73
New England Gleaner Extra,	53.14
Office Furniture,	408.11
Office Supplies,	30.23
Merchandise,	3.09
Laborers' Wages and Expenses,	15,089.98
General Expense,	1,668.39
Tithe to General Conference,	910.13
Personal Accounts and Missions,	3,979.07
Deposits in New York Bank,	2,163.83
Deposits in Clinton Bank,	110.71
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1904,	793.01
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	\$84,357.62

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

Due from Tract Societies,	\$73.27
Publishing Houses,	6.78
General Conference,	443.39
Individual Accounts,	230.50
Merchandise,	.50
Office Furniture,	408.11
Office Supplies,	30.23
Deposits in New York Bank,	2,163.83
Deposits in Clinton Bank,	110.71
Cash on hand,	793.01
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	\$4,260.33

LIABILITIES.

Due to Publishing Houses,	\$64.70
Tract Societies,	100.00
Mission Board,	1,888.33
South Lancaster Academy,	74.00
Washington Church,	5.50
Scotland Tent Fund,	6.00
A. U. Conference Association,	664.67
Trust Fund Loan Account,	177.30
South Lancaster Printing Co.,	121.95
Sundries,	9.03
A. U. Conference Stock Account,	1,148.85
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	\$4,260.33

GAINS.

First Tithe,	\$13,639.31
Second Tithe,	4,506.15
General Conference Appropriation,	1,125.00
Donations,	226.10
Donations to General Fund,	302.36
Interest,	48.55
New York Harbor Book Sales,	600.40
Discount,	6.46
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	\$20,454.33

LOSSES.

Laborers' Wages and Expenses,	\$15,089.98
General Expense,	1,668.39
Atlantic Union Gleaner,	2,491.38
New England Gleaner Extra,	53.14
Merchandise,	2.59
Present Worth, Jan. 1, 1904,	1,148.85
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	\$20,454.33

W. A. WILCOX, *Treasurer.*

TO THE BROTHERN AND SISTERS OF THE W. VA. CONFERENCE.

WE are all aware that we have a burden to lift in the way of a debt. It is not much if we all lift together; but if left to a few, it would be more than they could bear.

It is only a small matter, if each one by the help of the Lord will do what he can. I do not think there is a brother or sister in the conference

that could not raise three or four dollars in a year if they owed an individual account, especially if they realized that it was necessary to settle it before their name came up in the investigative judgment. The Lord says, "Owe no man anything." Now realizing that if we are translated to heaven without seeing death, we must be without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing, it must occur to all that, as individuals and as a conference, our financial obligations must be met. Therefore, let us make a united effort to be free from debt by Jan. 1, 1905. This we can do, if we all give as the Lord shall prosper us.

I am glad that the debt is being reduced a little already, and now as spring is coming on, work is opening up, and the soil can be tilled, may it not be that the whole thing shall be blotted out, and the workers put back in the field, even before the end of the year?

P. P. AMICK.

OUR MOTTO, "FREEDOM FROM DEBT BY JAN. 1, 1905."

DEAR brethren and sisters of West Virginia, do you not want to sing the song of freedom from debt by Jan. 1, 1905? Time is short, probation will soon close, and the last message of mercy must yet go to all in this State and also to the whole world. I am very sorry that one brother misunderstood me in the article that I wrote for, and which was published in, the GLEANER of January 13. The thought of finding fault or criticizing any one never entered my mind while writing that article, neither is such in my mind now. My motive then, as now, was to encourage our people to get free from debt at the earliest date possible, and then forever remain free from debt.

By mismanagement our conference has become involved in debt. We are sorry for this, but it can not be helped now. Therefore, let us profit

by past experiences and move more cautiously in the future, and thus refuse to bring reproach upon the cause of God by the curse of debt. "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VIII, says, "Let economy be practiced." These words suggest that we should be very careful in the use of our means. The conference itself should not only practice economy, but every member of the church should save every cent he possibly can, that the cause may be helped, the message advanced, and souls rescued from perdition.

O brethren and sisters, let us now press together as never before, that we may receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit for service. The work is the Lord's. We are his servants, and let each of us be so pliable to the will of God that our efforts may prove acceptable in his sight.

As ever your brother for the advancement of the truth.

S. G. CUNNINGHAM,
Balderson, W. Va.

SUNDAY LEGISLATION IN MASSACHUSETTS.

SEVEN bills involving the Sabbath question have already been introduced into the present legislature. Among these bills is one that was introduced by our late Elder G. B. Wheeler asking for a strictly civil Sunday, entirely distinct from any religious character. There is also legislation asked for a more liberal Sunday law, by those who desire recreation in the way of playing golf and baseball when it can be done without disturbing others. It is needless to say that this kind of proposed legislation has stirred the ire of the Sunday-law advocates, and they intend to make the Sunday question an issue in the general election, if they fail in securing the legislation they desire at the hands of our representatives in the present legislature. It will be remembered that last year they worked hard to defeat Speaker

Frothingham's election to the House of Representatives, because of his opposition to the rigid Sunday legislation that they were seeking, but he was elected in spite of their opposition.

It is not difficult to see that old New England, on whose soil the principles of religious liberty were first sown in this country, is going to be the first in departing from these principles.

K. C. RUSSELL.

The FIELD

WEST VIRGINIA.

ELDER W. R. FOGGIN is spending a few weeks at Elk Garden and Rio in the general interest of the cause. At Rio there is a fair outlook for the organization of a church at some future date.

Word from one of our cities in the northern part of the State, brings the glad tidings of a number of new Sabbath-keepers, who, apparently, have learned the truth by reading our literature. We hope to pay these dear souls a visit very soon.

Though there are not so many canvassers in the field just at present as we should like to see, yet, the work is in a very prosperous condition. Besides the State agent, who is now in the field, five others are also thus engaged, while a goodly number of others are contemplating taking up the work at an early date. Two of our canvassers sold one hundred and ninety-nine of our small books within three weeks. Other canvassers are doing equally well. Surely this State is ripe for the book work. Are there not others who wish to enter the field at once? Let us hear from both young men and women. There is splendid territory for all.

Money on the State debt is coming in gradually, but not so rapidly or in so large amounts as we should like to see it. Will not those of our brethren and sisters who have not yet donated

or pledged to this fund take the matter to heart and help the cause of God now, in this hour of need? All can do something—some little, others much.

"In unity there is strength," and in the present conflict we might consistently add, "Freedom from debt by Jan. 1, 1905." Let none excuse themselves from helping at this time with the thought that they did not make the debt, hence are not responsible for it. It is not a question as to *how* the debt was made, but of the *welfare* of the cause that demands our consideration now. Debt retards the work of God, and what true Seventh-day Adventist can stand idly by, hoard up his means, or spend it on himself, rather than put it into the work while souls all about him are perishing for the precious truth?—Not one.

Our tithe for January was a little over \$200. This month it will not be so much; it ought to be more. We should like to ask of that brother or sister, who, perhaps has been appropriating God's holy tithe to himself, in the light of Mal. 3: 8, how do you feel? Think a moment! Suppose, like one of old, after you, perhaps, had done everything else from your "youth up," you should appear before God in judgment and he should say to you, "Yet lackest thou one thing" (Luke 18: 22), and that one thing was your failure to pay tithe, candidly, How would you feel?

War! war! war! Surely the perils of the last days are right upon us. The situation is most threatening in the extreme, yet it is all in fulfilment of prophecy, and should create in the hearts of those who understand the meaning of these things an inspiration to devote themselves and all that they possess to the Lord as never before. Brethren and sisters, let us take warning and safely house ourselves within the walls of God's everlasting truth. Ere long probation will close, and it will then be too late to put our

means into the cause of God. *Now* is the time to give to the Lord and his work.

Do not forget to subscribe for the GLEANER. It is full of good things every week. Send in your subscription at once.

S. G. HUNTINGTON.

NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA.

THE last four weeks have been the worst of the season. It has not been so cold by the thermometer but mild enough for the rain to pour and the streets to become quite muddy. Indeed business of all sorts has stood still except such as actually contributed to the necessities of life. For four Sabbaths and Sundays none have ventured out of their homes, with few exceptions, and holding public services was out of the question. However, last Sabbath we met some of the friends at Portsmouth, and held their delayed quarterly services and annual election of officers. A good spirit came in and all took new courage, and we hope for good to them and the work there. That is the largest company in this section, and their example affects conditions in a marked degree.

While the weather is so bad, we can do little else than hold Bible studies at the homes of the people and distribute literature as the way may open.

We have nothing special to report, but are "confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you [us] will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

M. S. BABCOCK,
MRS. M. S. BABCOCK.

HAVERHILL, MASS.

KNOWING that the GLEANER family would be interested to hear any good news of the kingdom, I thought I would report some of the good things the Lord is doing for us in the little church in Haverhill, that others may

be encouraged and strengthened thereby.

During the summer and fall the spirit of devotion and consecration has been on the increase. I believe much praying has been done. Time after time the truths of God's word have been presented by different ones with searching effect, and the Spirit has manifested itself, and we have had some blessed sittings together and seasons of heart-searching. The result has been an increased appetite for the "bread of life," and renewed strength and desire for service.

This has resulted in the starting of a Life Boat Rest, with meetings Sunday at 2:30 and 7:30 P.M., and Friday evening at 7:30. The Lord has signally blessed this effort, which has now been organized about four weeks, and has increased the interest and attendance, and there are some seekers for truth. He has also manifested his power among us in healing, and the faith of many has been strengthened. Sabbath, February 13, after Brother Calkins had led us in a study of the preexistence of Christ, the meeting was opened for testimony. A sister was present who had come into the meeting suffering from the effects of a fall upon the ice a few days before, which had shaken her up badly, and as the meeting progressed, her sufferings increased till the interest and attention of the meeting was nearly turned to her, and Satan seemed to be gaining a victory. Remembering God's promise, she was invited to come to the altar for prayer, and we gathered around her, claiming the promises and following the instructions of James 5:15, 16. God kept his promises to us, honored our faith, the pain departed, and she arose and glorified God.

The next day, Sunday, at the Life Boat Rest meeting the Spirit came down in wonderful melting power such as had not been witnessed by any one present since the General

Conference in South Lancaster. Two weeks before, another sister had been released from the hand of Satan in answer to prayer, and all were made to rejoice.

Yesterday, Sunday, the Life Boat Rest meeting was a young people's day. Nineteen or twenty young people between the ages of six and sixteen had recitations and songs, as well as several of the older ones, and a very interesting and profitable hour was spent. A number of new faces were seen in our congregation. We are looking for the Lord to send in "such as should be saved," and we are praying that we may be able to point them to the Lamb of God—the Bread of Life, that they may be fed.

If we are living in the time of the latter rain, why should we not "let some drops fall on us"? Pray the Lord of the harvest that he will send reapers, that the precious grain may be gathered from the whitened fields. Pray for us that we may be awake to the times in which we live, and the opportunities and requirements of God's people. We are claiming victory "in his name."

E. W. STONE.

February 22.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA.

SINCE my last report I have moved from my home city to the county seat of Blair County, which is Hollidaysburg. The reason for my moving here was to be in close touch with the churches in this part of the conference. In one hour's time Clearfield, Philipsburg, Huntingdon, and Johnstown churches can be reached from this place. Altoona is only seven miles away, and is easily reached by the electric line. If at any time a minister is needed in your vicinity, please remember that one is near by.

February 12 to 15 I held meetings with the Huntingdon church. While I was there, the quarterly meeting was held, and the election of officers took

place. The church-members are of good courage.

From there I went to Riddlesburg, and had a meeting with the isolated members who came by stage, by carriage, and by railway from Dudley, Sixmile Run, Broadtop City, Saxton, and Riddlesburg. The Lord came very near in the meeting and nearly all partook of the Lord's supper. By holding an effort soon in this vicinity, a church can easily be raised up and organized, with the many isolated Sabbath-keepers that are in these different places.

Last Friday my wife accompanied me to Johnstown, where we held a three days' meeting which was filled with the Spirit of God. The attendance was large. The church is moving forward in all lines of the message, and God's blessings are resting on those in this company that are keeping step with the advancing work.

The Lord is giving fresh courage to all, and soon we hope this district will be thoroughly awake to the importance of the times. May we have your prayers in this great work.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

February 23.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

FRIDAY evening, February 19, I met with the church at Springfield. The meeting was held in the home of Brother J. P. Brown. Several came in, and we had a good meeting.

Sabbath and Sunday were spent with the South Amherst church. Dr. Mary Sanderson was present from Springfield, and Sister Alice Bolter from Enfield, and the Lord gave us all a rich blessing.

Tuesday evening, February 23, was a good meeting for the South Lancaster church. Sister Ruth Dickinson, of South Amherst, had for some time felt impressed to ask for special prayers to be offered in her behalf. She has spent some time at the sanitarium, and had an operation. While

this was as successful as was expected, she was still far from well.

At our prayer-meeting she was present, and Elder Mattson, Elder Gilbert, and the writer, together with all the brethren and sisters present united in prayer, and she experienced a manifestation of the Lord's power. We trust that she may hold fast by faith the good work begun till the full desire of her heart shall be realized.

Sabbath morning, February 27, I was with the South Lancaster church. Professor Griggs gave a very important line of thought applicable to this time.

In the afternoon I spoke to the Worcester church. There was an excellent attendance. In place of the Sabbath-school review, the time was taken in convention work. Several excellent readings on various phases of Sabbath-school work were presented, interspersed with singing. I was much pleased to see the interest manifested. A number of strangers were present at the preaching service, and gave good attention. All seemed cheered and encouraged by the good things obtained in the house of the Lord. The church has a very pleasant and commodious hall at a reasonable rent.

I spent the evening with Brother Lane, the church elder, considering conference committee matters.

A. E. PLACE.

FIELD WORK IN VERMONT.

It has been five weeks since I started out in this work, and as I have not reported since visiting the churches and isolated ones, and think many will be interested to hear from these places, I will try to briefly present some items on the trip thus far. I might state that I am driving from place to place, as it is so much more convenient to reach those far from the railroad, especially when they have no team or are not able to meet me at the stations; and that the team is fur-

nished by a good brother who wished in this way to help the work.

Sister Henry Perry and children, of Charlotte, are the only ones to uphold the light in that place. In Vergennes, where we once had a growing Sabbath-school and church, we find but a few brethren and sisters scattered over the town. This is because of removals and deaths. Brother Needham is greatly missed there. Brother E. M. Ball, Sister Fannie Hare, and Sister Coyers and daughter are the only ones left.

At Middlebury we found Sister Northrup, though in her eighties, yet quite awake to the missionary work. Also Sisters Albee and Selleck and Brother Matthews are of good courage, and each is trying to uphold the light as best he can.

At Salisbury Brother and Sister Yale are the only ones in the place, while in Rutland we have a good church that has just been actively engaged in the special work with the *Signs*. We trust that they, with all the others interested in this message, will continue in the good work till the Lord indicates another line of work.

We called on Brother Jesse Colby and wife, and found them of good courage, though Brother Colby had been sick. At Weston we found four aged ones: Brother Hale, in his eighty-fourth year; Sister Foster, in her eighty-first year; Brother Howe, in his eighty-fifth year; also Sister Howe, all struggling against the wiles of Satan, and we trust that they, with all others, will come off victorious through Christ.

As we passed through Landgrove we called on Sister Harris and her children (Brother Harris not being at home at that hour of the day), and we are impressed with one thought, that the Lord has placed his children in these places to live out the truth before their neighbors, that every place may hear of the message of love and also receive the warning of the near approach of the great day of the Lord.

At South Londonderry we called on Sister Thompson, who is striving faithfully to do what she can according to the talent the Lord has entrusted to her use. From there we went to Manchester Center where Sister Botsford and Brother and Sister E. E. Adams are rejoicing in the hope of eternal life in Christ. Sister Botsford is planning to take up the canvassing work again about the first of April, and Sister Adams also hopes to be able to do something in the way of resident canvassing. Brother and Sister Adams took their stand only a little while ago, and we are glad to see the faith and hope they have in the promises of God.

At East Arlington we found Sister Eastman trying to uphold the standard of righteousness by faith in Christ, and with her little children praying for strength divine, that they may be found faithful when Jesus comes.

In Bennington we found that the brethren and sisters were faithfully at work, canvassing and visiting the interested ones. Brother Clark has had good success there, and we hope to see the work followed up by a worker this coming season, that they all may be cheered by seeing the fruit of patient labor rewarded by jewels made up for the heavenly gathering. In Wilmington we visited Brother Ward and family, and found them attesting to the power of Christ to save from sin; and also Sister Curtiss, now eighty-seven years old; Brother Leonard, in his eighty-first year; and Sister Robinson, all of strong faith in the Word, and working for the salvation of souls. From there we visited Brother and Sister F. J. White, Brethren Bert and Royal Pike, in East Dover, and on to Jamaica where we again came in contact with another of the larger companies.

Space has not allowed of our mentioning the experiences of joy and courage that we had with the people, especially some of the isolated ones who have not seen any of our minis-

ters for some four or five years; or of the personal mention of the members of the larger companies, though just as sincere and earnest, just as needy as those more isolated.

One important fact we note, the isolated ones lean upon the Everlasting Arm instead of trusting to the numbers in a church, and hence we should take knowledge of them, and thus save ourselves from the danger of falling should some one else fall.

Time will not permit us to relate every incident, but we are impressed with one thought; all should seek wisdom from God that we may best represent him, and thus labor to extend his work to every corner of this little State and to all the world.

We have made up a directory of the Vermont people, and of course find some corrections to make as we try to find some on our list. Then, too, after we have passed by some places we hear of some who are not in our list; so if any one finds that he is not mentioned in this report or did not receive a call, it will be explained as above.

Our plans are to continue in this work for some three weeks more, at which time we anticipate that bad traveling may necessitate our taking up other work for a while. We shall try to give another report later as we pass on in the journey.

F. M. DANA.

“TRUST in the Lord, forever trust,
And banish all your fears,
Strength in the Lord Jehovah dwells,
Eternal as his years.”

OH, if the selfish knew how much they lost
What would they not endeavor, not endure,
To imitate, as far as in them lay,
Him who his wisdom and his power employs
In making others happy.—*Cowper.*

“IT is out of the ‘exceeding riches of the grace of God’ that trial comes.”

“TAKE out of our lives the Christian’s hope, and the belief in the near coming of our Saviour, and all else is vanity.”

EDUCATIONAL

OUR ACADEMY AND CHURCH-SCHOOLS

ACADEMY ITEMS.

A PLAN for the distribution of literature has been devised, in which our young people have an excellent opportunity for placing the truth before the people.

A small tract, entitled “The Greatest Event in the History of the World,” has been printed; and a number of our students anticipate going to the neighboring cities and towns distributing it from house to house. The church has adopted the “five-cent-a-week” plan for the payment of all expenses in the line of car fare; this will mean a good experience for those who take up this work and we look for good results. It is their purpose to visit each family, and furnish it with this tract, and then follow up this work week by week, using other tracts after an entrance into the homes is once obtained. We believe that God’s blessing will rest upon this work, and that he will go before us and prepare the way.

Our chapel exercises the past week have consisted chiefly of discussions of several important questions which have been brought before the school. Among these were the following:

“Should the church strive to make its services attractive simply for the purpose of drawing in young people?”

“What is your estimate of the gymnasium or other physical exercise in the way of character building?”

“What place should games occupy in the entertainment of the young?”

These questions were quite fully discussed, and it was interesting to note the opinions of the different students, although all seemed to agree as the discussions drew to a close.

Limited space will not permit going into the details of all of these, but some interesting points were given.

When the question of "games" came up, the idea of manual labor's taking the place of games to some extent, was thought a good one. One young man had what he termed a "sensational idea;" it was that the young men of the school should gather together all the old logs and wood they could find, saw and split them, and then sell wood to the whole place. One suggested that this might prove sensational if it were carried out.

It is expected that we shall have baptism next Sabbath. A baptistry was put in the church a year ago, and a large number of our students were baptized. We are glad to say that about twelve of our fellow students are ready to take this step, and we hope many more will follow.

An interesting and helpful feature of our school work here is the Bible seminar. This is an organization of about twenty of our young men, the majority of whom are preparing themselves for some branch of the Bible work. Meetings are held every Sabbath, Monday, and Thursday evening. The members talk on various subjects of Bible study for about eight minutes. Outsiders have been barred out until just at present. The seminar will hold open meeting once in three weeks on Thursday evening hereafter, and every one is welcome.

We have quite a thrifty Young People's Society here, and hold our meetings on Wednesday evening in the assembly room of the new home. The regular time for holding the meeting was formerly on Sabbath afternoon, but this made the attendance somewhat smaller, and all could not go to the services in the forenoon and afternoon, too, so it was changed. A better attendance is the result, and the programs are enjoyed by all.

During the last quarter the lives of some of the great Reformers have been taken up, and these talks have been very helpful. A week ago one of our members talked to us about China, and being one who is especially inter-

ested in that field and seeing the need of workers there, it was especially impressive to us. This week some good thoughts on religious liberty were given.

G. M. Q.

EDUCATIONAL WORK IN WEST VIRGINIA.

We are glad to report that the educational work in West Virginia, though not being carried on to any great extent, is progressing very well. Quite a little has been done along this line in the past, and many good results have been seen, yet for various reasons the interest has been allowed to die down.

While we now have no organized church schools, yet we believe that the outlook was never more encouraging. Calls are already coming in, and plans are being made for schools to be started next year. We hope, also, that before long an intermediate or State school may be opened.

We now have a family school in Parkersburg. The attendance is, of course, small; but great interest is being shown in the work, and the pupils are making rapid progress. We feel sure that much good will result from this effort.

Considerable attention is also being given to the young people's work. It is the purpose of those in charge to make it a means of education along the lines of present truth. We have but one organized society in the State, yet a correspondence is being opened with young people of other churches, also those who are isolated; by this means, we hope to increase the interest, and inspire all to a closer study of God's word, and to do more aggressive work among their friends and associates.

The society in Parkersburg has a membership of seventeen, and many good results of their work have already been seen. About four hundred of the special *Signs* were sold, and they

are now taking a club of twenty-five to be disposed of each week. About fifty dollars has been pledged by them to be applied on the conference debt.

We are all of good courage, and feel that we have great reason to praise the Lord for the way he has been leading out in this branch of the work.

SADIE E. CLARK.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY

THE COUNCIL OF THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OF THE ATLANTIC UNION CONFERENCE.

At the session of the Atlantic Union Conference held in South Lancaster, Mass., Nov. 6-11, 1903, the medical missionary work was made a department of the Union Conference. A board of nine members was elected to advance the interests of the department.

At the session of the Greater New York Conference, which immediately followed the Atlantic Union Conference, the same arrangement was made for the management of the medical work in the Greater New York Conference, and a board of five members was elected to develop the medical work in that conference.

A joint session of the Atlantic Union and the Greater New York Medical Boards was held in Miller's Hall, Sixty-fifth and Broadway, New York City, N. Y., Feb. 5-8, 1904.

There were present, representing the Atlantic Union Board, Drs. C. C. Nicola, A. J. Read, A. R. Satterlee, G. A. Hare, E. H. M. Sell, Elder J. E. Jayne, Prof. M. D. Mattson, and J. R. Scott. The members of the Greater New York Medical Board present were Dr. Ruth Bryant-Leake, and Brethren O. E. Reinke, J. A. Wood, and Geo. M. Chaffee: absent, Dr. J. P. Vaughn.

There were present by invitation

Elders H. W. Cottrell, W. C. White, A. G. Daniells, A. E. Place, A. O. Burrill, and a number of workers in the Greater New York Conference.

H. W. Cottrell was elected Chairman pro tem, and Dr. A. R. Satterlee Secretary pro tem. Dr. C. O. Prince was elected to a place on the Atlantic Union Conference Medical Board.

Drs. Nicola, Read, Hare, Prince, and Sell, and Elders W. C. White and A. G. Daniells were appointed to act as a Committee on Plans.

At the second meeting there was a general discussion of the duties and relationship of the Board to other committees and boards.

At the third meeting the Committee on Plans submitted the following recommendation:

"Whereas, The territory, the duties, and the relationship of the various medical boards, committees, and trustees in the Atlantic Union Conference have not been clearly outlined, we hereby agree upon the following as an expression of the views of this convention:

"Union Conference Medical Missionary Board,

"1. Territory: The field of the Atlantic Union Conference.

"2. Duties: To aid in advancing all the medical missionary interests in the Atlantic Union Conference.

"3. Relationship: To the Atlantic Union Conference, subordinate, departmental, and administrative; that is to say, the Medical Missionary Board is responsible to the Union Conference for doing the work of the conference in the Medical Missionary Department. To local medical boards, institutions, and enterprises, advisory and cooperative."

At the fourth meeting the Committee on Plans made the following report:

"We recommend, That this branch of our organized work shall be designated as follows: The Medical Missionary Department of the Atlantic Union Conference.

"Whereas, The Medical Missionary Department will require funds to meet the expenses of postage, stationery, traveling, salaries, providing literature, etc., therefore,

"We request the Atlantic Union Conference to provide what may be deemed best from the regular funds, or from special offerings taken for this work.

"We recommend, That a standing committee of four be appointed to provide suitable literature for the medical missionary work of the Atlantic Union Conference."

These resolutions were unanimously adopted.

G. A. Hare, A. J. Read, C. C. Nicola, and W. C. White were named as the Committee on Literature.

At the fifth meeting the Committee on Plans presented the following recommendations:

"Whereas, There is great need on the part of our people, and the world as well, of fuller knowledge of the truths of healthful living; therefore,

"We recommend, That there be inaugurated a vigorous health and temperance educational campaign throughout the Atlantic Union Conference,

"1. By the circulation of an efficient, up-to-date health and temperance literature.

"2. By encouraging those conducting sanitariums, treatment rooms, hygienic restaurants and food stores to continually endeavor to make their work truly educational gospel enterprises.

"3. By aiding in making all our sanitariums, treatment rooms, hygienic restaurants, and food stores centers for the circulation of our health and temperance literature.

"4. By encouraging our physicians and nurses who are doing independent, self-supporting medical missionary work to make their work evangelical, and to be active in circulating our health and temperance reading-matter.

"5. By inviting all our ministers to unite heartily in this campaign by preaching more frequently on health and temperance subjects, and encouraging all our churches to engage in this work.

"6. By holding annual conventions for all our physicians, nurses, and medical missionary workers, where practical questions on all phases of medical missionary work may be considered, and plans for work laid.

"7. By conducting schools of health as opportunities may make it advisable.

"We recommend, That a field worker be appointed to devote his time to the carrying out of the foregoing, and to the advancement of all phases of the medical missionary work; and that the selection of the field worker be left with the officers of the Atlantic Union Conference and this medical board."

The motion to adopt was carried unanimously.

After a recess of fifteen minutes, Dr. Read, in behalf of the Committee on Plans, submitted the following recommendations:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this committee that articles be regularly published in the ATLANTIC UNION GLEANER in the interests of a medical missionary forward movement, calling attention to appropriate articles in the *Good Health*, *Medical Missionary*, *Pacific Health Journal*, and *Life Boat*, also to new books which may be published, as 'Ministry of Healing,' and other suitable books for use in active medical missionary work.

Resolved, That our people be encouraged to utilize these medical missionary and health publications as they may be able in their homes and in doing self-supporting medical missionary work.

Resolved, That provision be made for systematic instruction in medical missionary work, including simple treatments, hygiene, physical culture, and dietetics at all general gatherings

of workers, as at camp-meetings and general meetings.

"*Resolved*, That the local conferences and institutions be invited to consider the advisability of sharing equally the expense of sending out well-trained workers, who shall organize schools of health among the churches, and devote a portion of their time to the sale of health literature in their territory."

After an interesting and profitable discussion of these resolutions, they were adopted.

By invitation, Dr. Sell presented a brief paper regarding the establishment and operation of treatment rooms in our cities. The subject was freely discussed, but no definite recommendations were passed regarding it.

At the sixth meeting, by invitation, W. C. White addressed the council on the subject of the establishment and management of food stores in our cities. This address was followed by a lengthy discussion, and the adoption of the following recommendations:

"*Resolved*, That we suggest to our several Sanitarium Associations in the Atlantic Union Conference that each one make an earnest effort to promote the health food business within the sphere of its influence, by the organization of a food department, under the immediate control of a departmental committee; that the work of these departments shall be,

"1. The sale of sanitarium health foods, by house-to-house canvassers, by traveling salesmen, and by food stores in various places.

"2. The establishment in the most favorable localities of bakeries and restaurants.

"3. The purchase and sale of nut foods, flaked foods, nuts, legumes, dried fruits, and kindred lines of foods.

"*Resolved*, That we suggest to our people who wish such stores established in their vicinity, that they provide the necessary funds for the enterprise by gifts, or loans at a low rate of interest.

"*Resolved*, That we recommend that beginnings be made in a careful and economical way, and that the principal lines of goods be sanitarium health foods, nuts, legumes, dried fruits, bottled fruits, olives, and olive oil, with sample lines of health publications, and nurses' supplies."

It was voted that the Chair appoint a committee of three to nominate a permanent Chairman and Secretary. The Chair appointed Dr. A. J. Read, A. G. Daniells, and Dr. E. H. M. Sell.

At the seventh meeting the following report was rendered by the Committee on Nominations:

For Chairman, Dr. C. C. Nicola; for Secretary and Treasurer, J. R. Scott.

Dr. Nicola gave reasons why he could not agree with the report of the committee to make him Chairman, and moved that the name of Dr. Hare be substituted for his own. Dr. Hare urged that, inasmuch as Dr. Nicola had been a resident of this part of the field for a number of years, and had his institutional work well in hand, he ought to accept the nomination.

After considerable discussion it was voted that the name of Dr. Geo. A. Hare be substituted for that of Dr. C. C. Nicola as Chairman of the Medical Missionary Board.

(All but two members of the council voted for the substitution.)

It was unanimously voted that J. R. Scott act as Secretary and Treasurer.

The following resolution was presented by the Committee on Plans:

"*Whereas*, It is desirable that health literature be provided for use in the Atlantic States, which shall be adapted to the wants of the people in this district, and which shall also serve to advertise our medical institutions in the Eastern States; and,

"*Whereas*, The Review and Herald Publishing Association has the facilities for the publication and circulation of all classes of literature; therefore,

"*Resolved*, That we appoint Brethren G. A. Hare and W. C. White as a committee to confer with the Board of Managers of the Review and Herald regarding its taking the burden of the publication and circulation of health books, tracts, and periodicals."

The resolution was adopted.

At the eighth meeting the committee entered into a free discussion of plans for lightening the burden of debt resting upon our medical institutions, and of the territory which should be considered as being in the special sphere of influence of each of the following medical associations or institutions: New England Sanitarium, Philadelphia Sanitarium, Buffalo Sanitarium, Greater New York Sanitarium Association, Washington (D. C.) Sanitarium Association. After arriving at a general understanding regarding these matters, and agreeing that their further discussion be deferred until a future meeting of the Board, the council adjourned *sine die*.

G. A. HARE, *Chairman*.

J. R. SCOTT, *Secretary*.

A GREAT CITY.

PHILADELPHIA is the third city in America. It has a population larger than any of the following-named States: Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Maine, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wyoming; and is almost equal to the great State of California or Kansas.

Some departments of our work are getting under good headway in this great city. The sanitarium department was set in operation in the city in a humble way about two years ago. Starting the work without capital, except as it was hired, made the task laborious and the growth rather slow. Notwithstanding the difficulties that had to be met under existing conditions, the balance sheet shows that

they have a little more than made expenses, including wages of the employees, which is indeed all that could be expected.

Having now reached a new era in the work, the managers are anxious to place the business as a department of denominational work, and as arrangements are just about completed in a legal way that will make it so, we are all the more anxious to see success attend the efforts to make the enterprise what it should be.

The city workers, the president and treasurer of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Elders A. G. Daniells and W. C. White, Dr. G. A. Hare, of Washington, D. C., and the writer, recently spent a day there, and it was apparent to all that the managers should be supplied with some funds to properly equip the institution, which will assist them to get on a proper business basis, that they may do the work the Lord requires at their hands. At a late hour in the meeting we solicited a few dollars from the brethren who still remained, which amount was paid into the treasury. A list of this is given below, with pledges that Elder Underwood has since secured. They really need several thousand dollars. If you can assist the good work located among the teeming multitude of people in Philadelphia, with a liberal contribution from the funds over which the Lord has made you steward, it will be greatly appreciated. Forward all money to the treasurer, Dr. J. P. Bradford, 1809 Wallace St., Philadelphia, Pa.

The following is a copy of the subscription paper:

"According to the plans adopted by a council of members of the General Conference, Atlantic Union Conference, and Pennsylvania Conference Committees, we, the undersigned, agree to pay the sum opposite to our names for the purpose of reorganizing and equipping the sanitarium work under the Eastern Pennsylvania Con-

ference and New Jersey Conference management in Philadelphia."

R. A. Underwood,	Paid \$50.00
H. W. Cottrell,	Paid 10.00
W. C. White,	Paid 5.00
A. G. Daniells,	Paid 5.00
J. P. Bradford,	Paid 25.00
V. H. Cook,	10.00
W. J. Fitzgerald,	5.00
A. J. Read,	Paid 50.00
M. O. Bradford,	Paid 10.00
J. E. Jayne,	Paid 5.00
W. P. Crayton,	Paid .50
C. D. Christman,	15.00
G. B. Jenkins,	5.00
Nellie B. Underwood,	5.00
Elmer Shoulder,	2.00
G. E. Hartman and wife,	5.00
H. W. COTTRELL.	

NEW ENGLAND SANITARIUM.

SINCE we have not been saying much to the GLEANER people for some time, it might seem as if we had little to say, or else were too busy to say it. We have always to tell you that the Lord is plenteous in goodness to us. His power has been manifested in our family in a marked manner, in the recent past. One of our number being in poor health from an accident sustained months ago, was necessitated to have a surgical operation performed; and as she was recovering, sustained injury by accident again, which made the case worse than in the beginning.

The Lord impressed her that it might be his will to restore her, were she to follow the Scripture injunction, calling upon the elders to pray for her, anointing her with oil. This was done, and the Life-giver imparted new vigor to the broken-down forces, and now she is as well, perhaps, as any member of the sanitarium household.

Her roommate also having become reduced healthwise, even to prostration much of the time, and not being able at any time to perform laborious service, asked that prayer be made in her behalf, which was done on last Friday evening. The loving Father

again showed himself willing and ready to cooperate, and to-day this young sister says she is feeling very much better, and believes that she is going on making improvement. Her day's work in the bath-room equalled the amount done by any of the girls to-day, and her faith and courage are strong, believing that he who created her, is also her restorer, to do better service for him henceforth.

Genevieve Wilson, our missionary at Huntsville, Alabama, writes us of her enjoyment in her new field, believing, like all missionaries, that the greater blessing comes in ministering, rather than in being ministered to. This enjoyment is ours also, not only at home, but in her field, as we are doing our work there by proxy, while we are kept busy here. Her courage is excellent, and our pleasure increased by the knowledge that her services are so acceptable. The call was so urgent that if we could send them relief, even to despatch them a nurse, how thankful they would be. Then to learn that we were to support her there, was evidence enough that the Lord wanted his suffering cause to have this help. May the Father keep her health and good spirits in tune. Our prayers are with her and with the workers in the Master's vineyard, everywhere.

We desire to thank those who relieved our necessities in so material a way by sending us the comfortables. It is pleasant to be remembered, especially by those with whom one's labors have mingled. At this time our thanks are extended to the Meadville, Pa., church, to Miss Mabel Ellis, and Sister Chas. N. Robie, who have been recent donors.

We do not wish to solicit in this connection, taking advantage of any one's generosity if there are other fields in consideration by individuals or societies, but by way of suggestion, for those who may wish to do some simple act of kindness, and are not called out to the definite thing, we

will say in behalf of those who do the ironing in such places as this that ironing-holders are always acceptable. Also I should like to hear from any one who may have a fairly young canary singer to sell at a reasonable price. We believe it would go far towards eliminating depressed spirits (for which many come to us) to listen to the songs of one of God's little creatures, and surely would be a means of calling forth praise from those who are not afflicted.

MRS. LEE S. WHEELER.

THE ENDOWED BED.

THE New England Conference endowed bed, in the New England Sanitarium, has brought many precious blessings to several of our worthy brethren and sisters in this conference. Many letters and testimonies have been received by us from those who have had the use of this bed, and they all with one voice give evidence that these blessings should be continued another year. We are expected to pay the \$250 each year in advance. The date to pay is January 1, but we are still behind on our payment for 1904.

We are also behind on our camp-meeting fund. We know that our brethren and sisters are having many calls for donations, but we trust that these bills may not be allowed to remain behind. If each one of our churches will take hold of this matter at once, the bills can be paid without delay.

A. E. PLACE.

FOR SALE.

A NINE-ROOMED cottage with about one-half acre of land, located at No. 19 Prescott St., South Lancaster, Mass., one block from public school, three minutes' walk from either post-office or South Lancaster Academy, and eight minutes' from railway station. There are growing on the place in good condition, one fall apple, two

winter apple, one Seckel pear, one Bartlett pear, three plum, and five quince-trees, two good grape-vines, and eighteen currant bushes. City water, cemented cellar, good sheds.

Apply to

C. F. BALL, M. D.,
Sanitarium, Melrose, Mass.

The PRINTED PAGE

"Publicly,
and From HOUSE to HOUSE"

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE.

OUR canvassers sometimes strike it rich when least expecting it. Occasionally a worker will go for two or three days without taking orders enough to pay expenses, and then at the close of the week, or the last day, will take enough to give a good week's work. I do not hesitate to say that every canvasser who does faithful work for a month will make an average of sales sufficient to give wages for four good weeks' work.

Two canvassers were working along a road in one of our country districts, taking the houses alternately, and meeting with indifferent success, till, about noon, one of them came to a

house where, after talking a few moments, he was invited to dinner, and had such an opportunity to present his work that he took orders for three morocco bindings and a small book from the housekeeper and farm hands, a total of \$13.50 in one house.

Brother C. F. Mahr, now canvassing for "Coming King" in the Monongahela valley, visited the Pittsburg church two weeks ago, starting for his field Sunday morning. Stopping at Homestead, about eight miles from Pittsburg, he canvassed among the Germans there, taking twenty-two orders for "Coming King" and three orders for "Great Controversy," a total of \$28.75 for the day, besides delivering \$10 worth of orders previously taken.

I wish to call especial attention to the canvassers' institute to be held at Altoona, Pa., March 15-30. This city has been but little canvassed for our books, and, as everything seems to be booming, a very good work ought to be done there. Altoona is a city of forty thousand people, and is a working man's town. A great many of the houses are small ones, and the people will be found easy to reach. The Pennsylvania Railroad shops are located in this city, and these alone

THE BOOK WORK.

Central New England Conference, Week Ending Feb. 19, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
F. W. Stray,	Greenfield, Mass.,	D of A	3	15	2	6.00	3.75	9.75	11.75
Totals,		1 Agent,	3	15	2	\$6.00	\$3.75	\$9.75	\$11.75

Southern New England Conference, Week Ending Feb. 19, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
R. C. Andrews,	Bristol, Conn.,	P&P	5	26	2	5.00	11.00	16.00	
J. W. Sypher,	New Haven, Conn.,	D of A	5	30	9	31.25	8.50	39.75	
J. Alexander,	New Haven, Conn.,	Misc	5	23		10.20		10.20	5.50
Totals,		3 Agents,	15	79	11	\$46.45	\$19.50	\$65.95	\$5.50

Maine Conference, Week Ending Feb. 19, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Minnie Prince,	Portland,	L G			1	3.75		3.75	18.00
John Curtis,	Burleigh,	Misc			24	20.00		20.00	
Totals,		2 Agents,			25	\$23.75		\$23.75	\$18.00

give employment to thousands of skilled mechanics, who are working full time, and receiving regular wages monthly. This will be a splendid opportunity for both new and old canvassers to receive instruction which will be most beneficial and helpful to them, preparing them to give better service than ever given before. The invitation is extended to all who believe they are called into the Lord's service to attend this meeting. I wish every one expecting to come to notify me as soon as possible, so that we may make arrangements for the entertainment of all. Board and lodging will not, it is thought, cost more than \$2 a week. Any information desired, concerning this meeting, will be cheerfully given on application.

THOS. D. GIBSON,
Wilkesburg, Pa.

TWELVE HUNDRED VOLUNTEERS.

WHEN the shepherds on the plains of Judea heard the song of the angels, "Peace on earth, good-will toward men," they were listening to the proclamation of that which is the very es-

sence of Christianity. The gospel of Christ is the gospel of peace, and is designed to bring peace and rest to every troubled heart; yet Christianity is a warfare—an intensely earnest warfare for the dominion in human hearts; and God's children are soldiers, "good soldiers of Jesus Christ." Some idea of what it means to be a good soldier may be gained from the struggle now going on between Russia and Japan. The soldiers of the Czar, and of the Mikado are not losing their interest in the war, nor idling away their time, nor allowing their attention to be taken up with other things, but the war is the all-absorbing theme to them, the greatest thing in the world. Nor are they fearful of the conflict, or seeking to escape the hardships incident to the war, but are eager for the fray.

The daily papers have noted numerous instances where the subjects of these governments, especially of Japan, have given up lucrative positions, or closed out a paying business, in order that they might be free to hasten home to the aid of the mother country. The marines on some of the battleships were very much disap-

pointed that they were not present at the battle at Port Arthur, and demanded of the admiral in command that they should be permitted to engage the enemy at the first opportunity. When I read that I thought, "Oh, if all the soldiers of Jesus were as eager for the fray, as zealous for their cause as that, the warning would soon be given to all the world, and the conflict would be over, the victory won!" As spring is drawing near, those in command of the forces in the conflict in the far East, both at home and at the front, are planning for the most vigorous campaign. Regiment after regiment is being called from its winter quarters, drilled, and equipped, and sent to the front.

What an example is this for the forces engaged in giving the third angel's message to the world through the circulation of our good books, and other literature. Every one knows that with the opening of spring begins the most favorable season of the year for this work, and there is every reason why we should, this spring, inaugurate the most active campaign for the sale of our books that we have ever known. Such a movement will have to take place sometime. Why not begin it now? How much longer may we expect the Lord to wait for us to get ready to do this work? How much longer may we expect the present favorable conditions to continue? Every Seventh-day Adventist knows that it will be but a little while. God is neither dead nor asleep, and he will see that this work is finished when he has said it will be—"in this generation," but in order that we may have the needed experience of being helpers with him in this work, he waits. But surely he can not wait much longer.

I do not believe that God will cast away this body of people and raise up some one else to do the work, but I do believe that many individuals among us will be cast away through failure to use their talents in diffusing

Vermont Conference, Week Ending Feb. 19, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
A. W. Boardman, Wolcott,		S of D	2	17	11	11.00	3.75	14.75	
G. H. Clark, Bennington,		D of A	3	22	5	20.50	18.75	39.25	
Mrs. E. P. Hathaway, Bennington,		L G	2	10	5		1.45	1.45	
Totals,	3 Agents,		7	49	21	\$31.50	\$23.95	\$55.45	

West Virginia Conference, Week Ending Feb. 19, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
F. M. Gardner, Charleston,		H of M	4	19	3	3.75	21.30	25.05	7.05
J. H. Jennings, Charleston,		H of M	4	27	7	9.75	31.67	41.42	16.92
David Haddix, Grafton,		P of J	2	16	9	12.75		12.75	
G. B. Mason, Morgantown,		P H	4	18	34	14.75	4.75	19.50	1.50
Mrs G. B. Mason, Morgantown,		P H	3	9½	8	3.00	2.25	5.25	
Totals,	5 Agents,		17	89½	61	\$44.00	\$59.97	\$103.97	\$25.47

U. C. Totals,	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
14 Agents,	42	232½	120	\$151.70	\$107.17	\$258.87	\$60.72
Totals for corresp. week last year,							
14 Agents,		230	65	\$135.25	\$53.35	\$188.60	\$218.58

the light of truth to others. But this need not be so, for God is no respecter of persons, and "The word is given from the throne of God *'every man to his work, each to do his best.'*" Notice was given in the last issue of the GLEANER of several canvassers' institutes to be held in various conferences in the Atlantic Union, and I wish to call attention to them again. As stated last week, these institutes are designed to open the campaign this season for the sale of our subscription books. Now should not the soldiers of Jesus Christ in the Atlantic Union Conference be as ready, and as enthusiastic in entering upon the spring campaign as are the soldiers of the Czar and of the Mikado? Do they not love their cause as much? and should they not be as eager to enlist, and give their lives to the service of their King?

We do not ask for "regiments," but I do believe that there should be a good strong "company" in each conference who will attend one of these institutes, and get a thorough "drill" for service, then enter the ranks prepared to push the battle to the gates.

Can we not have one hundred volunteers for the canvassing work in each conference this spring? This number is not too large for conferences with a membership of from five hundred to two thousand. We call for volunteers. We want men and women, young and old, who love the truth, and desire to help save souls. The message must go, it will go. There is room for all, and God will use all who go. May we not, this spring, have a practical demonstration of the truth of the statement, "The Lord gave the word: great was the army of those that published it"? Ps. 68:11, margin.

F. E. PAINTER.

"Let us make this year a year of seed sowing, that we may reap a glorious harvest."

MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

SINCE coming to West Virginia about one month ago, my wife and I have been engaged in the canvassing work in Morgantown, taking for our leader the little work entitled, "Our Paradise Home," by Elder S. H. Lane. We find it an excellent seller.

So far as we have seen, the people are very pleasant and easy to meet, ready to buy our books, and not at all prejudiced against our people. They take a book just as quickly knowing it to be an Adventist work as otherwise. Those who know of our people or books speak very highly of them.

We are thoroughly enjoying our work here, and would say if there are any up North who would enter the canvassing work and are holding back on account of the fear of meeting the people, let them come South and work.

Surely the Lord is blessing his canvassing work, and we all enjoy reading the reports of our fellow laborers as recorded in the GLEANER.

G. B. MASON.

THE CANVASSING WORK IN W. VA.

THE prospect for a successful campaign in the canvassing work in this State the coming summer is very encouraging. I have just returned from a trip over the State in company with Brother F. E. Painter. We visited those places where it seemed that we should be likely to get new workers started. Arrangements were made for five to enter the field the last of March or the first of April. Five agents are now devoting all their time to this work, and others are putting in a part of their time. All are meeting with success, and are making good living wages.

For example: One of our average canvassers worked six weeks, beginning January first. The actual time that he worked was one hundred and fifty-nine hours, or nearly twenty

eight-hour days; and he took orders amounting to one hundred fifty-seven dollars and eighty-six cents. This was almost one dollar an hour for the time employed, and three and a half dollars a day for time spent in delivering; this, too, in what is considered the hardest time of the year to sell books.

Now if there are any young ladies in the State who would like to enter this work, we desire to correspond with them, as we hope to start a company in Moundsville or Wheeling soon. We will also try to secure an elderly lady to assist, and keep house for them.

May the Lord help us as a people to sense the responsibilities resting upon us, and improve the opportunities that are afforded us for doing the work that he has committed to our trust.

D. HADDIX.

LOVE FOR THE CANVASSING WORK.

CANVASSERS should remember that the Lord is giving them a special work to do, which, in many cases, is better adapted to their ability than preaching or any other work they might have chosen. Yet this does not hinder them from holding Bible readings with the people, praying with them, or talking to them, and helping them in whatever way the Lord may direct. Love for the work is one of the chief requisites to success in this work. "Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."

Surely the canvasser has many times blessed opportunities for helping and encouraging the people whom he is continually meeting. It is also a source of great encouragement to these workers who are carrying the printed page to hear from many for whom they have labored that these things are true.

□ When the writer decided to labor in the Master's vineyard and entered

the canvassing work, he saw there a field of labor in which he believed by the help of God that he could be more useful than in any other place. He therefore chose this occupation and trusted in the Lord to carry on the work according to his own divine will, remembering the promise, "If ye ask anything according to his will, I will do it." The writer's faith and his test of a willing mind for this work were tried and greatly strengthened. Thus when our Master sees that we have really chosen the work which he delights to give us, we shall surely make a success of it.

The faithful payment of tithes will bring success to many a worker who otherwise might never find it. God, who has promised to rebuke the devourer for the sake of the faithful tithe-payer, will remember his promise and surely fulfil it. He will not fail us in this any more than in any other promise. Entire and positive proof has been given the writer for more than four years of the certain fulfilment of this promise, personally.

Canvassers, take courage. It is easier to sell books now than ever, especially to the people who are really desiring the truth. Let the canvasser remember that God's commandment-keeping people in whom his words abide, may ask what they will and it shall be done unto them. Profane men, who daily take the name of God in vain, into whose presence our workers are sometimes unexpectedly thrown, are often caused to wait for a servant of the Lord to ask a blessing at the table or pray in their presence. All this, and indeed much more, is being done by the Lord for our encouragement, that we may triumph. Let us give praise to the blessed Lord for help in every time of need. J. H. JENNINGS.

THERE is to be a gospel of health convention in Boston, March 19. Get your questions ready. Look for notice next week.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

MAINE.

—Elder Bicknell met with the Shawmut church last Sabbath. He was with the Cliff Island church the preceding Thursday and Friday.

—We are sorry to learn that Elder Basney's health does not improve in his new field, and it may be that he will be unable to continue in the work for any length of time.

—We hear of another new Sabbath-keeper in East Deering, a lady to whom Sister Dexter gave Bible readings. The seed sown is bearing fruit, although at the time the results were not apparent.

—Brother Lamb, who stands alone in the city of Bangor to represent the message for our day, is trying by means of Bible readings and the distribution of literature to reach the people. He is having many trials and needs the prayers of the brethren and sisters.

—Our faithful Bible worker, Sister Cornelia Snow, is having quite a serious time with the wrist of her left hand, on which a bunch came necessitating an operation. We hope the conference will remember her in their prayers, that she may not be obliged to give up the work in which she feels such a deep interest.

E. H. MORTON.

BOSTON FIELD.

—The question of reorganizing our young people's meetings is being favorably considered.

—Elder L. S. Wheeler, of the Melrose sanitarium, will assist in the Boston Chinese mission work Sunday evenings.

—Sister Bessie Irwin, of Dorchester, who has been afflicted for some time, is now being successfully treated at a hospital in Boston.

—Sister M. D. Mattson, the matron of the South Lancaster Academy, is

visiting her son Vincent and other friends in Melrose for a few days.

—Brother John McAllister, of Arlington, has recently undergone a serious surgical operation from which he is rapidly recovering.

—Another baptismal service will be conducted by the Boston church, Sabbath, March 5, at 3 P.M. A number of precious souls will follow their Lord in this sacred rite.

—The Boston Sabbath-school teachers' meeting and gospel workers' training class, which are held every Wednesday evening at 91 Appleton St., Boston, are increasing in interest.

—The Boston Sabbath-school has adopted the custom of conducting the review of the previous lesson instead of the lesson of the day. The review is conducted immediately following the opening of the school.

—The Sunday evening services in Berkeley Hall are increasing in attendance and interest. Sunday, March 6, the subject will be "The Mark of the Beast;" Sunday, March 13, "The Judgment;" and Sunday, March 20, "Modern Spiritualism."

K. C. RUSSELL.

MARRIED.

At the home of Dr. C. C. Nicola, adjoining the Melrose sanitarium, at Melrose, Mass., on January 25, Mr. Frederick A. Tracy and Miss M. Olive Jones, a graduate nurse from the sanitarium, were united in marriage. Our dear brother, Elder G. B. Wheeler, performed the ceremony. Although the wedding was a very quiet one, quite a number of the friends from the sanitarium were present. To add to the pleasure of the event, refreshments were served, and the company united in singing several selections. A number of useful gifts were presented to the bride and groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy have gone to live at 92 Princess St., St. John, N. B., where he has for some time been engaged in gospel work.

We wish them much happiness in their new relation, and a good degree of success in the work of the Lord.

H. C. HARTWELL.



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A BROTHER and sister in Pennsylvania, who have both been seriously ill but are improving, and their daughter who is caring for them, desire the prayers of the GLEANER family. This is giving all an opportunity to visit the sick according to the scriptural meaning of the term.

BOSTON CHURCH.

REMEMBER the baptismal service on Sabbath, March 5, at 3 P.M., in Lorimer Hall, Tremont Temple, and the convention on the "Gospel of Health," at the same place, at 12 M., on Sabbath, March 19.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY OFFERING, SABBATH, MARCH 12.

THE General Conference council last October recommended that a special offering for religious liberty work be taken early in 1904. The first Sabbath in March was the date first set, but to give more time for the announcement, we have set the time on Sabbath, March 12.

In the reorganization of the work on department lines called for in general, union, and State conferences, the time has fully come to develop the department of religious liberty, to enable it to bring out up-to-date literature, and to make an earnest effort to lift up the voice of warning against the influences that are working to bring about the enforcement of Sunday laws. We know that these agencies are

working day and night to mold sentiment and secure control of legislation to enforce the worship of the beast and its image. We shall be surprised at the sudden manifestation of strength on the part of these organized movements one of these days. Now is our time to work. One call for immediate work is supplied by the opportunities in connection with the St. Louis World's Fair.

In order to bring out special literature on the religious liberty issue, and to foster the interests of this work among all the conferences and churches, the General Conference Religious Liberty Department must have funds. Elder Allen Moon, chairman of the departmental committee, has his office in Chicago. The committee is planning an active campaign. If the notice is given out promptly, and all unite in the offering, a good working capital for the year will be given in this one collection, which will take but a few moments' attention from the regular service. Will not ministers and church-elders announce this, and encourage the people to act liberally and unitedly. The offering should be sent through the channel of the local conference treasury.

A. G. DANIELLS.

WANTED immediately a good, reliable Seventh-day Adventist man to run a vegetable wagon and work on a farm. Address Box 23, Acushnet, Bristol Co., Mass.

A BARGAIN.

STEREOPTICON for sale. One of the \$25 outfits sold by the Southern Missionary Society, and so highly recommended in the *Review* of February 11. Has been used only three times. Over fifty slides illustrating the prophecies and various phases of present truth. About half of them are colored slides. The stereopticon gas generator, burners, and slides

cost over \$40. I will sell the same for \$27, as I have no use for it in my present work.

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SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the South Lancaster Academy Corporation will hold its twenty-first annual session at South Lancaster, Mass., beginning March 15, 1904, at 10 A.M., for the purpose of electing officers and a board of trustees for the ensuing year; also to consider the advisability of closing out the stock corporation, and forming a new one that the business may be controlled by the people of the Atlantic Union Conference; and to transact such other business as may properly come before the stockholders.

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Feb. 12, 1904.

IF every lover of present truth in the Atlantic Union Conference should carry this message to some waiting soul during 1904, there might be in 1905 sixteen thousand Sabbath-keepers where there are now only eight thousand, and one hundred and twenty thousand dollars of tithe where we now pay sixty thousand. "Son, go work to-day in my vineyard."

SUNSET CALENDAR FRIDAYS.

Local Mean Time.

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March 4.....	5:53	5:54	5:55
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