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PRAYER AND ITS ANSWER.

- UNANSWERED yet! the prayers your lips have pleaded
- In agony of heart these many years?
- Does faith begin to fail? Is hope departing? And think you all in vain those falling
- tears ? Say not, the Father hath not heard your prayer,
- You shall have your desire-sometimesomewhere.
- Unanswered yet! though when you first presented
- This one petition at the Father's throne, It seemed you could not wait the time of asking,
- So urgent was your heart to make it known:
- Though years have passed since then, do not despair,
- The Lord will answer you-sometimesomewhere.
- Unanswered yet! Nay, do not say ungranted;
- Perhaps your work is not yet wholly done. The work began when your first prayer was uttered.
- And God will finish what he has begun. If you will keep the incense burning there, His glory you shall see-sometime--somewhere.
- Unanswered yet! Faith can not be unanswered;
- Her feet are firmly planted on the rock; Amid the wildest storms she stands undaunted.
- Nor quails before the loudest thunder shock.

She knows Omnipotence has heard the prayer,

And cries, "It shall be done "--sometime -somewhere.

-Robert Browning.

ADVICE TO OUR YOUTH.

THE world is flooded with books that might better be consumed than circulated. Books upon Indian warfare and similar topics, published and circulated as a money-making scheme, might better never be read. The heart-sickening relation of crimes and atrocities has a bewitching power over many youth, exciting in them the desire to bring themselves into notice by the most wicked deeds. many works more strictly historical whose influence is little better. The enormities, the cruelties, the licentious practices, portrayed in these writings, have acted as leaven in many minds, leading to the commission of similar is doing a fearful work in weakening acts. Books that delineate the Satanic the mind and corrupting the heart. practices of human beings are giving None are so confirmed in right prinpublicity to evil works. The horrible ciples as to be secure from temptation. details of crime and misery need not All this trashy reading should be to be lived over again, and none who resolutely discarded. believe the truth for this time should act a part in perpetuating their memory.

Love stories and frivolous, exciting tales constitute another class of books the inspiration of the Scriptures as that is a curse to every reader. The their suitableness to the nurture of author may attach a good moral, and the new life in the soul."

all through his work may weave religious sentiments; yet in most cases Satan is but clothed in angel robes, the more effectually to deceive and allure. The mind is affected in a great degree by that upon which it feeds. The readers of frivolous, exciting tales become unfitted for the duties lying before them. They live an unreal life, and have no desire to search the Scriptures, to feed upon the heavenly manna. The mind is enfeebled, and loses its power to contemplate the great problems of duty and destiny.

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I have been instructed that the youth are exposed to the greatest peril There are from improper reading. Satan is constantly leading both the young and those of mature age to be charmed with worthless stories. Could a large share of the books published be consumed, a plague would be stayed that

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

" THERE is nothing which so proves

FIELD The

VERMONT.

Shedsville, Taftsville, North Wolcott, Brownington, and Hardwick.

SINCE my last report I have labored at the above places. A three weeks' meeting at Shedsville resulted in a goodly number becoming convinced of the truth, but no one seemed to have courage to step out and obey. We hope some of them will yet do so.

Some years ago, the writer held a series of meetings in a small town in Misscuri with no visible results, but ten years later the seed sown brought forth fruit.

At Taftsville the brethren are of good courage, and are striving to make a success of the school work. А school board meeting was held and plans were laid for the coming year. The spring term will begin the last week in April.

There is still some interest among those not of our faith at North Wolcott. We usually have a good attendance at the public services, and hope to see others accept the truth.

The Brownington church had not received a visit for a long time. We were glad to find all of good courage and ready to do what they could to advance the message.

Last Sabbath we met with a little company of believers at Hardwick. A young man has very recently embraced the truth at that place. His wife accepted the truth last fall, and was baptized and united with the North Wolcott church, as this was the church nearest to them. A short Brother Cottrell visited the Jamestown, time ago Brother Howard, of Deering, Maine, came to Hardwick and went ley churches. to Brother Hall's to board. While there he held Bible studies evenings, and now Brother Hall is well settled in the truth. One of the physicians of Hardwick is interested in the truth and is reading our literature. We for the coming of the Lord. hope to see him take a stand soon. spent part of two days with Elder united with us in keeping the com-

Our literature will give light to the H. W. Carr's school, which he has on people if we only place it in their hands.

The work in Vermont moves slowly twenty. but steadily forward, and souls are embracing the truth one after another. No great number in any one place, but a few here and there are deciding for God and eternity.

J. W. WATT.

NEW YORK.

BROTHER AND SISTER CONNERLY, who have now been in Porto Rico fifteen months, have felt that they must have a little printing outfit which will cost some \$300 with which to get out matter for the people of that island. Their purse was too small to furnish it. They appealed to the Mission Board, but their treasury had been drawn upon until it could not respond with the full amount. The president, however, encouraged the enterprise by saying that the Mission Board would furnish \$50, provided the remainder could be raised.

One member of the Mission Board, Elder H. W. Cottrell, accepted an invitation to come to western New York. Elder and Sister Connerly's former want to see the message going to all home, and place the matter before the brethren. He spent two days each at Rochester, Buffalo, and Newfane. At these meetings enough was pledged, with what had been sent in, to insure the purchase. Already sufficient money has been forwarded to the treasurer of the Mission Board, so that the desired printing outfit will at once be purchased.

Besides the above-named churches, Randolph, Salamanca, and West Val-

At all these places he had an earnest warning for the hearers, calling their attention to the fact that we are in the midst of the shaking time, and showing them what to do to be ready

his farm. He has enlarged his home, and so can accommodate about We were highly gratified with what we saw. The school is worthy of the assistance of our people. Its capacity should be enlarged so that it will accommodate fifty the coming year. The Lord has been calling the students to him. At the services the students showed how he was working for them.

Although I had known Brother Cottrell since he was a boy, I had never been privileged to labor with him before. I enjoyed being with him at all these places, and the straight testimony which he bore was meat in due season.

The gift of the Mission Board and what individuals have sent to Elder Connerly will make over three hundred dollars. The willingness of God's people to help these workers will greatly cheer them as they work with these supplies. The children in Buffalo were among the first to begin to plan to buy the outfit, and have been saving their pennies to send for this purpose.

This is a willing people, and they parts of the world.

A. O. BURRILL.

WEST VIRGINIA.

I LEFT home for Elk Garden, and other points in the eastern part of the State, February 8, and remained at Elk Garden two weeks holding twelve meetings, although the weather was cold and stormy almost the whole time. Several had become discouraged and had gone back into the world, but the most of them seemed to take fresh courage, and we trust that all of these precious souls will again be numbered with those who are battling for eternal life.

One man, who had formerly been We connected with the Dunkard church,

Jesus, and others are very favorably the error of the wicked. It was inimpressed, so we hope and pray that more prosperous times await this little company, and we know this is true if all make the complete surrender to the Lord that is required. This company have all, we think, promised to assist what they can in seeing our indebtedness liquidated the present time to attend the Boston service. vear.

We arrived at Rio, in Hampshire County, on the morning of the 26th ult., and found the little company in this place seemingly of good courage. I expect to remain here and labor among them, publicly and from house to house, until about the 18th of this month. I shall then return to Elk Garden, stopping on my way at Keyser, to hold our quarterly meeting, and from there I shall start for Glady, in Randolph County, calling at Elkins to visit the few scattered ones in and near that place.

I expect to remain at Glady long enough to fully set before them the message with all its kindred truths, so I shall in all-probability be there until May.

May the Lord richly bless the faithful ones in this conference and elsewhere, is my prayer.

W. R. FOGGIN.

BROCKTON AND BOSTON.

FRIDAY afternoon, the 26th ult., my daughter and I went to Brockton. We spent a few hours at the home of Sister Southworth before leaving for the evening service that was held at the residence of Sister Holmes. Ι was pleased to meet Brother Lays, the elder of the Brockton church, at this service. The Lord blessed in the study of his word.

Sabbath morning we met in the Brockton W. C. T. U. hall where we held a preaching service and an experience meeting. We spoke from 2 Pet. 3:17, 18, emphasizing the importance of being watchful in these enth-day Adventists. May God help a teachers' meeting instead.

deed gratifying to listen in the experience meeting to the expressions of confidence in God as a prayer-answering God. Some of our people in Brockton have had remarkable experiences in answer to prayer.

We returned in the afternoon in We spoke on Christ's and our ambassadorship. It was shown how Christ came to this world to refute in his life the claims of Satan that the Father was arbitrary and tyrannical, by living a life of meekness and gentleness before men. The thought was emphasized that those who manifest in their lives a spirit other than the one that Christ did, are not true ambassadors.

K. C. RUSSELL.

RUTLAND, VT.

THE work here is onward. God is for us, and who can be against us? Another precious soul has decided to walk in the way of the Lord, and keep all of the commandments. The Lord is gathering his jewels from the heaps of sin, and fitting them to shine in his they had been keeping the Sabbath kingdom. Praise his name. Another sister with whom I held readings is now in Melrose, and I hear that she is a devoted Sabbath-keeper. How thankful we should be that Jesus has given us a part to act in this closing message in fitting a people to stand when he comes.

While God is at work, Satan works also, and makes it as hard as he can for those who carry the light, and for her daughter, who are cousins of ours, those who ought to see it. The pas- and they are much interested. Antors of some of the churches are busy other lady came in last Sabbath, and visiting the members of their flocks she became much interested, and we and warning them against our doctrines. Letters have been written, Canright's tracts against us have been circulated, and long journeys Brother Adams' every Wednesday have been taken, to warn some dear evening, and a Bible reading on Frifriend of the awful delusions of Sev- day evening, but now we are to have

mandments of God and the faith of perilous times lest we be led away by them to see the light. May he work with power as when our Saviour was on earth, that truth may triumph in every honest heart, and the prince of this world may be cast out. "Pray without ceasing."

EVA A. JENKS.

MANCHESTER CENTER, VT.

I HAVE been in this place fifteen months keeping house in a small family. I thought that I should get some time to canvass, but have not, so the first of April, the Lord permitting, I shall leave here to get ready to canvass.

Last November I received a letter from Elder T. H. Purdon stating that there was a Mr. and Mrs. Adams in this place keeping the Sabbath, and he wished me to go to see them. I had been praying that there might be some Sabbath-keeper sent here or brought into the truth, and had promised the Lord that if he would do this, I would go into the canvassing work, if they would help me. I was made to rejoice and praise God that he had answered my prayer.

I went to see them, and found that three or four weeks and were very earnest and sincere. We started a Sabbath-school at their house, also a sunset meeting. Brother Elmer Adams is the superintendent, and his wife, Sister Ida Adams, is secretary and treasurer, and we take turns in being teacher. For the last two weeks we have had our Sabbath-school and meeting with a widow lady and hope they all may receive the truth of the gospel and be saved, also many others. We have a prayer-meeting at

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Pray for the work here, that many may be added to our number of those that shall be saved. We realize that we are living in the very last days, and that we must be up and doing, for the time will soon come when we can work no more, because darkness will cover the earth, and gross darkness the people. May God help us to press together, and work as we never have worked before, trusting God for all things.

MRS. S. C. BOTSFORD.

CHURCH NO. 1, NEW YORK CITY.

DURING the past months little has been heard of church No. 1, although it has made many efforts to advance the work within its borders. In looking over the membership, there is no doubt but that the Lord has been with us and blessed our labors. It is only through the strength and power with which he has blessed us that we have been enabled to send this special message to encourage our coworkers in other places, to proclaim to the ungodly that the end is near at hand, and to admonish them to forego their wickedness, and partake of the truth which we are offering that will lead them to life everlasting.

We have been making much headway in our primary department of the Sabbath-school. This branch of the church, as all know, is where the foundation of truth is taught to the little ones. It is a pleasure to note the desire of the children to be present and learn the Scriptures as taught by us. They are at all times interested in the hymns at the opening and closing of the session.

We have a Young People's Society, and are making new additions to i'. The members of the society are becoming interested in the work they are doing, many of them using every effort to fit themselves to labor among the unrighteous and to bring them to the knowledge of the truth.

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so lay out the work for its members, that each one would feel that the good to be accomplished devolved upon him or her individually. The in East Berkshire with some promise forming of committees or societies for the carrying on of the Christian labors of a church is important to its success. This was very fully illustrated at a recent meeting, when one of our members suggested the appointing of a committee to be known as the " Christian Help Society." The suggestion was acted upon immediately, the committee was appointed, the name was adopted, branches were established, each baving a leader; and to-day the Christian help society, though young, is doing a good work, and strangers are cordially invited and welcomed to its meetings.

Church No. 1 has been fortunate since the New Year in having the tenets of our religion explained to her members by the leading ministers, speakers, and teachers of the truth as taught by our people.

At the close of the old year the Lord saw fit to take from our number, Sister Ervilla H. Hill by death. She labors and experiences of my brethren had been ill for many weeks, and a patient sufferer, with her faith fastened on the Lord in the hope of his soon coming.

MRS. F. W. CRUM, Clerk.

BAKERSFIELD, VT.

A FEW words from this field may be of interest to the GLEANER family. A little over two months ago I moved here and began work, in answer to what seemed to be a real call from the Lord.

For some years there were those who had said they would be glad to hear the message, but when the opportunity came, only a few gave any attention to the word preached.

A mother and daughter of real worth have decided to follow the Lord, and I hope that another daughter will take her stand for the truth. A church to be successful should But, as of old, so now, Satan is angry pledged; then I sent for the special

with those who choose to follow their Saviour.

At present I am holding meetings of an interest. Pray for the work in this place.

H. J. FARMAN.

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LOWELL, ME.

As I READ in the GLEANER of the and sisters, I often feel impelled to report my own feeble labors; but they are so small and futile I have hereto-Now I beg you will fore refrained. all excuse me for intruding where more noble efforts might find space.

When I returned home from campmeeting last fall, I promised the Lord that I would tell the people around me that Jesus was soon coming. There are only two here that say they believe in keeping the Sabbath, so I am practically alone; for one of these believers has so much opposition that she can only keep the Sabbath in a secret way, and the other I see about once a year. Every chance that I had I told my neighbors, as I had promised, and warned all who would be warned to forsake their sins by righteousness.

I first sent to the Washington church fund the five dollars I had

Signs. I mailed about twenty to friends and acquaintances. The remaining thirteen I gave to my immediate neigh-Sister A. A. Jepson, of China, bors. Me., was so very kind as to mail me her Reviews, after she read them, for some three or four months. I either mailed them to readers' or gave them as I saw a chance. Brother Frazee, of Burlington, also sent me his Reviews, and I have disposed of the most of those as I did of the others. I had quite a package of tracts, and I have put them in where the way There was a lumber camp opened. near me in the fall where a number liked the reading, and some of them came to the house, and I not only gave them papers and tracts, but I lent some of Sister White's larger works.

December thirtieth I sent five dollars tithes and one dollar for annual offering. I sent about seventy-five names of persons to the Cliff Island church for them to send reading matter to people in this vicinity. Thev sent it as I directed, and I have heard from it over and over again, without the people's suspecting that I had any hand in its coming to them. So I heard their true opinion; and that was always good. They wanted more, but they are like the multitude that followed our Saviour when he increased the food supply; they are so intent on the "loaves and fishes" that they can not afford anything for the heavenly bread. So if they read our literature, we must give it to them. I have one hundred more names ready for the Cliff Island church, when they decide to have them sent. The sister to whom I sent last is now sick at the Melrose sanitarium.

There is no minister of any denomination within ten miles of this place, a few d and when any one dies, the poor who are not able to send away for a connect speaker, come for me to speak words more th of comfort to them. One of my poor pleased neighbors died not long since, and I again.

usually willing to go; for I am not fitted by nature for public speaking; but this time I told the Lord that I would go if he would speak for me. I read the story of Lazarus, and my mouth was filled. Praise the Lord, I told the truth without being abashed. Afterward, as usual, the tempter tried to make me believe I did not do right; but since that one of the hearers has come to me, and let me know that the truth impressed him deeply, and he has asked me to organize a Sundayschool to teach his children, so they will not be brought up "such heathen as they are now." I promised to start a school as soon as the winter is gone.

I was somewhat discouraged before this, because my efforts seemed to bring forth no results. I am now of good courage, and have started a reading rack to be put up in the Grange Hall here in town. Sister A. J. Brooks, of Bath, Me., sends me her *Signs*; I have some of the last ones to fill it at first, a few *Life Boats*, and a few other papers, but later I should be obliged if some of the kind brethren and sisters would send me a few at a time of their clean copies of *Signs*, etc, to help fill it for the grangers.

I have bought one "Great Controversy" and given it for a birthday present to one of my friends who is a leading worker among the grangers. She promised to read it. I am a widow obliged to earn my own living, so my mite is small, yet the Lord has signally blessed me.

L. J. CABEL.

IN VERMONT.

It has been my privilege to spend a few days with the friends at Taftsville. Here are some with whom my connection in church work began more than twenty years ago. I was pleased to meet these old friends again. This church has passed

I had thirty-three of them. went to attend the funeral. I am not through some trials, but peace and about twenty to friends and usually willing to go; for I am not fit- harmony prevail among them.

An excellent interest was manifested as I spoke to them of how careful God had been to point out the events to take place in connection with the overthrow of ancient Babylon, that the people of God should not make any mistake in choosing sides in that conflict, their future treatment being in a large measure dependent upon their course in that warfare, using this prophecy and its fulfilment as an encouragement to us in the conflict that is before us, to increase our faith in the prophecies that apply to this time. A good audience also greeted us to hear of the Southern field and its needs.

Sabbath, February 19, I met with the friends at Shedsville. A talk upon what is assured as the result of the sacrifice made in man's behalf, comparing the rewards in store for us with the trials we have here, and the object of these trials, was well received. The enemy is pressing hard upon some in this place, and they need our prayers that a way of escape may be provided. Elder Watt has just closed an effort here, in which quite an interest was reported. It seems as if at a more favorable time further work should be done for this people.

Sabbath, February 27, I was at Windham where a talk upon the present war in the East, and the position given to it in prophecy, was well received.

This has been a very pleasant trip to me, and I have enjoyed much of the blessing of God. It has been manifested in more ways than one. Of one I would speak especially: I started on foot, but ways were provided without solicitation for me to ride a large part of the way. Often have I been led to exclaim, "Truly God is good to Israel."

S. A. HOLDEN.

"EACH new hold above means a cord snapped beneath."

BROTHER S. A. HOLDEN writes that derstood! father of Brother W. C. Walston, of such as will change the whole study little hope of his recovery. Walston is eighty-six years old, and is a veteran in the cause, having embraced the truth some thirty years ago.

EDUCATIONAL

OUR ACADEMY AND CHURCH-SCHOOLS

TO DEATH.

- Dread Death, O awful Shadow! thou art here.
- And once again hast snapped life's brittle
- thread: Our hearts do bleed; our eyes shed a con.

stant tear: Again a soul is numbered with the dead,

'And sleepeth in the grave, his last cold bed.

Bitterest grief and wildest pain doth swell The heart; and none but troubled sleep the head

Of him that mourns shall know; pray, who can tell

In words such anguish, who portray this last farewell?

But see! amidst the gloom a cheering light Shines brighter and more bright, e'en as a star

Grows brighter still as deeper grows the night,

And soothes the soul with radiance from afar !

In hour of grief what shines so brightly ?---Ah

It is the Christ, the Son of Man, and he Whose holy beauty death hath failed to mar, With cooling touch bids pain and darkness flee:

He speaks, "Ye who are heavy-laden, come to me."

REUBEN GREEN.

A FEW OF NATURE'S LAWS. A StuJy in Physics.

EVERY day, yes, every moment, we are in contact with the materials and forces of nature, yet seldom do we think of the wonderful laws governing them. Scientists have spent years and life-times in studying the workings of

New discoveries, new Brother J. G. Walston, of Athens, Vt., theories, are constantly being made, Cape Town, South Africa, is suffering of science. To illustrate : For many from senile gangrene, and there is years it has been held that the atom Brother is the smallest particle of matter, but recent discoverers have claimed that the ion is still smaller, thus entirely changing those sciences which have to do with the construction of matter, as chemistry and physics. They say that an entirely new set of text-books will have to be published.

> Physics is the study of the physical properties of matter and one of the most wonderful of these laws is gravitation.

> Apples had fallen for hundreds of years, yet it was through this very means that Sir Isaac Newton discovered that every particle of matter in the universe has an attraction for every other particle. Another writer calls gravitation "the muscle and tendon of the universe by which its mass is held together and its huge limbs are wielded." This is as far as the scientist can go. What this power is, is the wonder of all philosophers. but we know what it is, because we read, " Upholding all things by the word of his power." Therefore this attraction is the power of God.

We see the effects of this law all around us. As we pick up an object and notice how heavy or light, it is nothing more or less than the effect of gravity. Everything has weight. If we drop an object, we know that it will fall to the earth, due to the attraction of the earth's center for bodies on its surface. But one of the most wonderful of the effects of this law is the holding of all heavenly bodies in place. How is it that the millions of worlds whirling through space never clash into each other? Tt is the first law of motion that bodies when started in motion, continue in a straight line unless turned from it by some stronger force.

these laws, but how little are they un- that were held concerning the earth : truths of the Bible through various

that it was flat, held on a man's shoulder, on an elephant's back, or something of the kind. But centuries ago revelation had disclosed the truth that. "He hangeth the earth upon nothing." It is this power of God, this law of gravitation that holds the earth in its position.

Scientists tell us that if the earth were any larger the sun could not hold it in its present orbit, or if it weighed less it would smash into the sun. The Creator understood all this, and is represented as an apothecary weighing and measuring all elements and parts of the universe. "Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with a span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance." It was many years before scientists discovered that air has weight, but the Bible teaches that when the foundations of the earth were laid the Lord also made a " weight for the winds." How infinite such a Designer l

Two of the laws governing gravitation have been discovered by scientists; we do not know how many more there really are. The first of these is, that attraction varies directly as the mass. In other words, if a body were twice as large as it is, there would be twice as much to pull, and therefore the power of attraction would be increased two-fold. A man on the earth weighing one hundred and fifty pounds, would weigh a ton and a half on the sun, because the sun is so much larger than the earth, therefore the power of gravity is greater.

If we separate the particles we decrease the pull, hence the second law; this attraction varies inversely as the square of the distance. It is said that absence deepens friendship, but things of a material basis are affected in the opposite direction.

At its best science can only give us We all know of the various theories a glimpse of the great fundamental

through a study of the works of him who upholdeth all things. Science only reechoes and reaffirms the revelation of the Bible.

By knowing God we come to a knowledge of his works; an ignorance of God must produce an ignorance of his works and a stagnation in science. By studying his works we see God in them if he is in us. Therefore, first we should know God for ourselves, and then study his works if we would know more of these wonderful laws governing nature.

EDNA FARNSWORTH.

WILLIMANTIC CHURCH SCHOOL.

I HAVE been thinking perhaps you would be glad to hear from this part of God's great harvest-field, and to know of his goodness that is being realized here. Truly the Lord is good to us so unworthy as we are.

The last of October I was taken sick with serious liver trouble and nervous prostration, and for eight long weeks I suffered indescribable pain. All was done for me that could be done as far as medical aid was concerned. I had a council of doctors, and they thought that there was no hope of my recovery.

I had been sick more or less (more than less, however) for the past eight or ten years, and had often been impressed to comply with Jas. 5:14-16, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins they shall be forgiven him."

I had always thought that that promise was too great for me; it would do for others. But yielding to the desire of my mother, I decided to obey; and Elders Cottrell and Place were called, who complied with the The dear Lord was ple, saith your God." above texts.

facts and examples. These are gained true to his promise, and I arose from my bed and walked to the diningroom. Before this I could not even be raised up in bed or turn from one side to the other without excruciating pain.

> The diseases were healed, but for some wise purpose the Lord did not see fit to give me back full strength; but it has been wonderful how I have gained strength of body and nerve, and am gaining each day.

> I do praise the dear Lord for what he has done and is doing for me today. It is my earnest desire that my life may be a monument of praise to him and his great power each day. He desires us to be in health, and we can truly serve God better with a strong body than with a weak, sickly one. I can truly say with Job, "I had heard of thee by the hearing of the ear; but now mine eye seeth thee." When we get a glimpse of Jesus and his goodness and longsuffering to us his children, it gives us still another experience of Job's; and that is, repentance.

I hope that these lines may be the means in God's hands of increasing the faith of some one who is in need of healing, either of body or soul; for it is the same Lord who healeth all our diseases and forgiveth all our iniquities. Ps. 103:3.

For a time my sickness seemed to retard the church-school work here, but the Lord worked for us in that monia, a predisposing cause, and the also, and sent to our aid Brother A. E. Sanderson, of Enfield, Mass., until I should be able to take up my work again. We feel to praise him for this goodness, too, that the work may not be hindered. The children are having a good experience in the canvassing work. Selling the Signs and Bible Training School, and distributing tracts and Our Little Friend.

EDITH L. CHAMBERLIN, Willimantic, Conn., R. F. D. 2.

" COMFORT ye, comfort ye my peo-

MEDICAL 🛹 MISSIONARY

PNEUMONIA.

THIS is the season of the year when every one should be on his guard against pneumonia. During the late winter this disease is especially active in its destruction of human life, and no other acute disease can claim so many victims as pneumonia. It is second only to the great white plague of consumption in its ravages. Tuberculosis, pneumonia, and cancer are the three great generals of the arch enemy, Death, and they are responsible for the destruction of one-half the human family. Pneumonia chooses for its victims especially young children and aged people, but no class of individuals is exempt, even those who are apparently most robust are often its victims; hence it is important that we should be especially on guard at this season of the year. This is one of the diseases where "An ounce of prevention is worth" more than "a pound of cure," for while the disease deals so relentlessly with its victims, it can usually be avoided by proper Hence the most important care. treatment of this malady is its prevention.

There are two causes for pneuexciting or immediate cause. The immediate cause is generally due to an exposure or chilling of the body. For instance, an individual who, perchance, is working in an 'overheated office or perspiring in a crowded assembly room, goes out without an overcoat or other protection, and on his way home becomes thoroughly Possibly he may meet a chilled. friend on the corner, or be obliged to wait for a street car until he finds that he is chilled through and through. Such "chilling" does not refer to the simple pinching of the ears and nose,

or a numbing of the finger-tips, but the whole body becomes chilled, and creepy sensations run up and down the spine. Nature in her effort to save the bodily heat crowds the blood internally. The lungs become congested. So much heat is lost that the vitality of the blood cells and tissue cells is reduced to such an extent, that they can no longer destroy the disease germs which are lurking about the lungs, and an inflammation of these organs quickly follows. This in brief is a common origin of pneumonia. never be overclothed. wear is better than hea ter, where one is mostly or cotton is preferable t garments, because th moisture; but when steps out-of-doors an o be added. If the day be left open. If, hower is no use in wasting trying to warm up all o requires energy to proc

How may it be prevented ?---In the first place avoid the chilling. In order to do this a proper regulation of the clothing is of the utmost importance. The danger comes from a too sudden change in temperature. Hence, it is as important to avoid becoming too warm indoors as becoming too cold out-of-doors. Many people overclothe themselves in winter by wearing heavy woolen undergarments, sometimes reinforced several times, in addition to heavy outer garments, which are worn during their stay in heated rooms. As a consequence, the skin is constantly superheated and moist with perspiration. In this relaxed condition the blood vessels of the skin can no longer adjust themselves to changes in temperature; so that when such an individual, in the security of his much clothing, steps out without the trouble of slipping on an overcoat, the sudden fall in temperature which is increased by the evaporation from the skin carries away a large amount of heat, and he is quickly chilled. On the other hand, when garments are worn which are well adapted to the high indoor temperature, they are altogether inadequate to protect the body from the chilling winds which may be encountered outside, without the addition of an extra protection. Consequently, it is well worth while to be bothered with an overcoat and rubbers, even on days when we have the promise of a spring thaw. The body should

Light underwear is better than heavy even in winter, where one is mostly inside. Linen or cotton is preferable to heavy woolen garments, because they retain less moisture; but when the individual steps out-of-doors an overcoat should be added. If the day is warm, it may be left open. If, however, a cold wind is encountered, the coat should be snugly buttoned up to the chin. There is no use in wasting bodily heat in trying to warm up all out-of-doors. It requires energy to produce heat in the body, and this energy can be more profitably expended in brain and muscle work than in trying to modify the temperature of a winter wind.

While it is important to avoid the immediate causes of pneumonia referred to, it is also important to avoid the low state of vitality, which generally exists and predisposes the individual to the disease. Good blood and strong vitality will withstand disease germs of every kind, and it is important that every individual should develop to the highest extent these vital defenses. A heavy meat diet which is commonly used in the winter, fills the system with poisons, renders the blood less active and pure, and predisposes to inflammation. The diet should be plain and nutritious, and composed chiefly of fruits, legumes, and nuts. Tea, coffee, cocoa, condiments, rich pastries, all tend to debilitate. The lungs should be kept well and healthy by exercising them freely in the open air. Most important of all, the skin should be kept active by a warm bath with soap at least once a week. A large amount of poisons is given off by the pores of the skin. Short, cold applications applied to the skin every morning, as spray or sponge bath, keep the blood vessels toned up, and so accustomed to changes in temperature that they can readily adjust themselves to the changes in the air, and thus prevent a great loss of heat.

To summarize, the most important

treatment in pneumonia is prevention. This is accomplished by avoiding strong drafts in heated rooms, by properly protecting the body from chilling when changing to the cold winter atmosphere; and, lastly, protecting the body against disease germs, by maintaining the highest possible vitality of the whole system, especially the activity of the skin.

C. C. NICOLA, M. D.

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"Publicly, HOUSE to HOUSE"

CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE.

IT has been decided that there will be a canvassers' institute held in Pottsville, Pa., May 24 to June 3, for the benefit of those in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference who desire to take training and receive special instruction in selling our literature.

A special invitation is given to all who have never received any instruction in this line, but are anxious to use their God-given talents and ability in this direction, to be present at this institute. Those who have had only a limited experience in the canvassing work and desire to improve, are also encouraged to be present.

All who read this notice and come under the above classes, and decide to attend the institute and take the special training, will be allowed five per cent. extra on all books sold till car fare is paid to the institute and from the institute to territory. There will be an allowance of \$1.25 made to those taking the training, toward defraying expenses of board and room during the ten days of the institute. These allowances will be made only on condition that those taking the training will continue in the work after the institute, and do faithful work in the territory assigned them.

The presence of as many of the old and experienced canvassers as find it possible to attend is desired. There is an abundance of good terri-

tory in this county (Schuylkill) and those who could come to any one of these nearby towns like, Hazelton, Mohonoy City, or Tamauqua, and work it thoroughly with one of our good books before the institute begins, I would advise to do so. You would then be near by to attend the institute and help us make it a success, and at the same time encourage the beginners.

We desire that this institute may be a profitable and successful one. The field secretary alone can not make it a success. There must be consecrated young people, men and women old and young, who are willing to enter this work and lead it to a glorious triumph. The canvassing work needs those who thoroughly believe in special training for a special work, and are willing to take such training before attempting or expecting success in it. All who come to this institute will receive practical training and instruction on the particular book desired to be sold.

To those who have had no experience as yet in the canvassing work I would say, This is an easy field in which to begin. The people are cordial and receive you pleasantly into their homes. I will try to make it a point to go with the new ones (who are usually timid) for the first calls, and I will promise you interesting and pleasant talks with the people.

Any desiring further information in reference to the institute may address me at Box 614, Williamsport, Pa.

> F. F. Fry, Field Sec. E. Pa. Conf.

VIRGINIA. The Canvassing Work.

It is impossible to estimate by the finite mind the importance of the canvassing work, for we shall never see in this life the full results of the labor put forth in this branch of the Lord's

part in any department of the work, we can know from what the Lord has told us by his Spirit something of the importance and final results of the efforts put forth by the faithful canvasser

We are told that, "The canvassing work, if properly conducted, is missionary work of the highest order;" that, "All who consecrate themselves to God to work as canvassers are giving the last message of warning to the world;" that, "He has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books;" that, "The publications will do a far greater work than can be accomplished even by the ministry of the word;" that, "Where there is one canvasser in the field, there should be one hundred;" that, "The work to be done is great; the world is asleep, and the churches know not the time of their visitation. How can they best learn the truth?-Through the efforts of the canvasser;" that, "The canvassing work should never languish."

But this work has been languishing among us, and the precious rays of light contained in the books and other publications have been kept from the people because we have not gone forth to this appointed work of the Lord. Evidently Satan knew the result that would be accomplished by the canvassing work, and has no doubt brought about the circumstances and conditions that have scattered the forces and crippled this department of the work of the Lord. Much haphazard work has been done, debts have been incurred, discouragement and defeat are seen all along the line. Is this as it should be? We answer emphatically, No.

In order that success attend this branch of the work there must be a call to the work by the Lord. When light and instruction comes to us work. However, if we are children through God's appointed agencies and like to attend, but who are hindered of faith, and we must all be to have a our hearts are stirred by the Spirit of for any reason, and will write us, fully

God, every soul will know if God has called him to this work. If so, respond to the call. Many who have left the field he is calling back to this "God calls the canvassers work. back to their work. He calls for volunteers who will put all their energies and enlightenment into the work, helping where there is opportunity. The Master calls for every one to do the part given him according to his ability. Who will respond to the call?"

Then there must be a fitness-a preparation for this work. We should not expect that success would attend our efforts even in a worldly enterprise, unless we had received a proper course of instruction that would qualify us to some degree to enter upon it. "Canvassers are to be educated and trained to do the work required in selling the books upon present truth which the people need." "Let inexperienced persons be connected with experienced workers, that they may learn how to work." "The Lord imparts a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will cooperate with divine power. . . . And all the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as they put their armor on."

We are planning to hold a canvassers' institute in this State this spring, some time in May, if that time suits all around, and we wish to ascertain at once the number who are likely to attend such an institute. Our workers, churches, and individuals have been notified to look over the field and report to us the number who will likely attend, for this will be important to know in order to plan for the time and place of the institute. Brother F. E. Painter, the Atlantic Union canvassing agent, will be present and conduct the institute. The course of instruction will be such as will fit the individual for successful work in the field. If there are those who would stating the difficulties that stand in the way, we may be able to help remove them. Write us fully and as soon as possible.

> Yours for the Master, R. D. HOTTEL.

THE CANVASSING WORK IN THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN N. E. CONFERENCES.

THE unusual severity of the winter has kept quite a number from active work in the canvassing field, but success has attended the efforts of the few who have continued in the work, and now that the dull season following the holidays and the cold weather are past, we desire to make a vigorous campaign in the circulation of our literature.

The canvassers' institute to be held at South Lancaster Academy, April 3 to 17, will afford an opportunity for thorough preparation for the work, and should be improved, if possible, by all who wish to fit themselves for effective work in the field. The Atlantic Union Conference canvassing agent, Brother F. E. Painter, will be present to give instruction, which will be most practical and valuable because of his long and successful experience in the work.

We have been looking for the message to go with greater rapidity and power in the East, but it is evident that it must be done largely by the circulation of our literature.

In "Manual for Canvassers," pages 5 and 6, we read: "God has ordained the canvassing work as a means of presenting before the people the light contained in our books." "*This is the very work the Lord desires his people to do at this time.*" "We can not too highly estimate this work; for were it not for the efforts of the canvasser, many would never hear the warning."

On page 67 of the same work, we read: "The Lord designs that the light he has given on the Scriptures shall shine forth in clear, bright rays, and it is the duty of our canvassers to put forth a strong, united effort that God's designs may be accomplished. A great and important work is before us. The enemy of souls realizes this, and he is using every means in his power to lead canvassers to take up some other line of work. This order of things should be changed. God calls the canvassers back to their work. He calls for volunteers who will put all their energies and enlightenment into the work."

The Lord gives assurance of success to those who respond to the call and fulfil the conditions he has given.

I should like to hear from those who feel an interest and have a burden to engage in this line of work, and especially those who desire to attend the institute at South Lancaster, Mass. Address

H. C. WILCOX, 61 Whitmore St., Hartford, Conn.

VERMONT CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE.

REMEMBER the canvassers' institute to be held at North Wolcott, April 25 to May 5. Brother F. E. Painter, the Atlantic Union Conference canvassing agent, has written that he will be with us during the entire time of the institute.

THE BOOK WORK.

Western Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending Feb. 19, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
*J. Q. Herringto	n, Pittsburg,	P & P	2	10	4	9.50	6.00	15.00	
W. H. Zeidler, M	IcKeesport,	P & P	3	13	5	12.00	2.25	14.25	20.00
J. J. McClure, T	itusville,	D & R	4	25	1	4.50	3.00	7.50	
*J. L. Zimmerma	un, Johnstown,	ΒR	7	30	8	21.50	8.25	29.75	13.50
Chas. Peden, Jol	hnstown,	ΒR	3	6	1	3.00		3.00	13.00
Mrs. E. W. Kirk	er, Greensburg,	LG	1	2	1	3.00		3.00	3.00
C. F. Mahr, Cha	rleroi,	СК	6	29	29	29.00	7.50	36.50	32.50
Totals,	7 Agents,		26	115	49	\$82.00	\$27.00	\$109.00	\$82.00
*Two weeks	5.					**,			

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending Feb. 19, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Elsie M. Swingle,	Scranton,	H of M	4	21 1/2	6	9.00	7.00	16.00	5.75
Glen D. Swingle,	Scranton,	H of M	4	21 1/2	3	4.50	5.50	10.00	3.50
Daisy B. Ott, Scra	inton,	H of M	4	16	5	7.00	4.50	11.50	1.00
H. K. High, Schu	ylkill Have	n,H of M	5	32	42	62.25	2,75	65.00	7.50
Alvin H. Osman,	Lykens,	H of M	1	3			1.75	1.75	22.25
W. T. Hilgert, Ph	iladelphia,								4.31
Totals,	6 Agent	s,	18	94	56	\$82.75	\$21.50	\$104.25	\$44.31

Central New England Conference, Week Ending Feb. 26, 1904.

Name	Place Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
F. W. Stray, Green	field, Mass., D of A	4	18	2	6.00	6.00	12 00	
Totals,	1 Agent,	4	18	2	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$12.00	

Southern New England Conference, Week Ending Feb. 26, 1904.

Name Place Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
R. C. Andrews, Bristol, Conn., P&P	4	22	2	5.75	12.25	18.00	
J. W.Sypher, New Haven, Conn., D of A	4	25	7	25.25	13.50	38.75	2.00
J. Alexander, New Haven, Conn., Misc	5	19		11.50		11.50	6.00
Totals, 3 Agents,	12	66	9	\$42.50	\$25.75	\$68.25	\$8.00

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We hope to see a good number prepared to enter the field and take bath and Sunday in Portland. She is an active part in spreading the truth this summer. A more noble work we can not find than this work of placing the silent messengers of truth in the homes of the people, that light and blessings may gladden many hearts.

J. W. WATT.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

MAINE.

Folsom, California.

-Sister Worthen spent last Sab working hard in the interests of the Cliff Island school.

-The Cliff Island church school is prospering so that the church is beginning to talk of building an addition to the school-building.

-Brother Leydecker, of Mars Hill, has sold his farm, and in case he decides to move away, the Blaine church will feel that they have lost a faithful worker.

-Sister Cabel, of East Lowell, -Brother and Sister Jeffs, of writes that there is a call in that place Aroostook County, have moved to for ministerial and other help to teach the people about God. She thinks of

Maine Conference, Week Ending Feb. 26, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Minnie Prince	Portland,	LG			8	24.00		24.00	1.50
W. E. Gerald,	Westbrook,	COL	3	6	2	2.50	13.00	15.50	
Totals,	2 Agents,		3	6	10	\$26.50	13.00	\$39.50	\$1.50

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Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
A. W. Boardman.	Wolcott,	S of D	4	25	13	11.00	4.00	17.00	
G. H. Clark, Benn	nington,	D of A	5	36	2	8.50	23.00	31.50	
Mrs.E.P.Hathawa	y, Benning	ton, L G			1	3.50	.80	4.30	
Totals,	3 Agent	.s,	9	61	16	\$25.00	\$27.80	\$52.80	

West Virginia Conference, Week Ending Feb. 26, 1904.

Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Grafton,	P of J	5	25	10	11.25		11.25	
, Charleston,	H of M	2	13	2	2.75	12.65	15.40	4.50
	H of M	4	23	3	3.75	20.68	24.43	3.08
Iorgantown,	РН	5	26	45	21.00	3.75	24.75	.50
son, Morganto	wn, PH	4	20	12	4.25	7.75	12.00	.75
Parkersb'g, C	OL, LG	3	$6\frac{1}{2}$	2	5.00	.10	5.10	5.00
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New York Conference, Week Ending Feb. 26, 1904.

starting a Sunday-school when the weather becomes more favorable.

-Sister Webber writes a very cheering letter relating her experiences in the cavassing work. She finds many interested souls. Every indication is that people are ready now to hear the message for our day as they have never been in the past. All we need is consecrated workers, filled with the Spirit of the living God. E. H. MORTON.

-It has been decided to hold the Boston Young People's meeting at 91 Appleton Street, at 11 A. M., each Sabbath. If it is held on the Sabbath, it will cost only one fare to attend both this and our regular Sabbath service in Gilbert Hall, and the walk from one meeting to the other will afford an excellent exercise between the services. Let there be a full attendance. K. C. RUSSELL.

WANTED. - An experienced man on farm for the season or one year. State wages expected in first letter. Address

D. W. BOLTER,

Enfield, Mass.

OBITUARY NOTICES

LAWRIE.—George C. Lawrie died in Phil^{*} adelphia, January 30, 1904, of blood poison^{*} ing, resulting from an infection in a slight scratch on his hand. Brother Lawrie was a vigorous young man of 28 years. He had never made any profession of religion until near the close of September, 1903, when he began to attend tent meetings which the writer was conducting in this city. He at once enthusiastically embraced "present truth," and most devoutly and earnestly sought for light and walked in all that shone upon his pathway. He seemed to learn more of the message in the very brief period of four months than many do in a period of many years. His earnest and whole souled manner won the affection and esteem of all the members of the North Philadelphia church who were permitted to mingle in fellowship with him during the few weeks of his Christian life. We all anticipated years of devoted service and usefulness on his part, in connection with the cause of Christ which he so earnestly But the compassionate heavenly espoused. Father, who knows best, permitted our hopes concerning the work on earth to be blasted, and our dear brother fell asleep with a bright hope for a part in the first resurrection. A widow and three small children are most severely bereaved. But while they and the church sorrow, it is sorrow cheered by the most assuring hope.

W. J. FITZGERALD.

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ELDER COTTRELL returned home last Friday from a two weeks' trip to western New York.

JUDGE ARTHUR, of Battle Creek, Mich., is at South Lancaster this week in the interests of the work.

SICKNESS and death are on every hand. A message was received at South Lancaster on Sunday morning that Sister Emily W. Payne, mother of Brother W. L. Payne, of Charlemont, Mass., who is well known to many of our readers, had fallen asleep in Jesus. Sister Payne had been waiting nearly half a century for the coming of the Son of Man, and it will now be to her but a moment till he shall appear in all his glory.

AT the advice of his physician, Brother J. E. Leighton, recently left South Lancaster for Hilderbran, N. C., in quest of health, leaving Mrs. Leighton and the younger children here. Last week the startling intelligence came that their oldest son, Lee, had died of pneumonia at Bellevue Hospital, New York City, where he went a few weeks since to enter upon hospital work with a view to becoming a physician. The remains were brought to South Lancaster, and the funeral was held in the church last Sabbath.

The poem "To Death," found in another column, was written by a friend of this young man, and we print it for the consolation it offers to

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all who mourn. May the God of-all comfort be especially near to this afflicted family.

VERMONT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

THE Vermont Conference Committee will meet at Burlington, March 20 and 21, to lay plans for the summer's work

Any one having suggestions for the committee will please write them out, and send them to the writer before the above date.

We shall be glad of any suggestions that any of our people in the State may feel disposed to send us with reference to any part of the work.

We are all brethren, working in one common cause, all equally interested, each one a part of the great whole. Let us be workers together with God.

> J. W. WATT, North Wolcott, Vt.

BOSTON GOSPEL OF HEALTH CONVENTION.

AFTER this issue of the GLEANER reaches you it will be only a little over one week before the Gospel of Health Convention is held in Gilbert Hall, Tremont Temple. The convention will open at 12 M., the 19th inst.

A most complete and interesting program has been arranged by our sanitarium workers for this occasion. The following are a few of the interesting features: An address by C. C. Nicola, M. D., superintendent, "The Medical Missionary Church;" Mary B. Nicola, M. D., "Health and Temperance Extension ;" C. F. Ball, M. D., "How to Have a Sanitarium at Home;" Music; Discussion of Papers; Practical experience of Nurses. There will also be a paper by Pastor L. S. Wheeler, the chaplain of the sanita- ings the best of any way that we have rium.

Do not forget to write out your questions, and hand them in at the beginning of the convention.

K. C. RUSSELL.

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

SHALL we run five tents this season in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference? We had thought that we should conduct efforts as follows: Two in Philadelphia, with Elder W. J. Fitzgerald in charge of one in the northern part of the city, and Elder M. Lukens in charge of one in the western part of the city; Elder S. S. Shrock in charge of an effort in or near Wilkesbarre; Elder J. H. Schilling in charge of an effort in Lancaster; and Elder W. H. Smith in charge of the fifth tent meeting.

We have three tents suitable to put into the field. The tent used by Elder Lukens in West Philadelphia last season was torn to shreds in a storm last September. The tent used by Elder Smith last season is so badly worn that it is unsuitable to use the present season. It is so rotted by wear that it is liable to go to pieces at any moment.

We have \$7.20 in our tent fund. Tents are much higner than last year. It will take \$350 to put two good tents into the field. We have about six hundred Sabbath-keepers in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, old and young all together. We can not order these tents unless we have the money to pay for them. I appeal to the officers of our churches, and to every one in the church, Shall we send out these tents this season?

Calls for means to help many enterprises are pressing and important. We have about four million people to whom to carry this message in Eastern Pennsylvania, and the ministry of the word by the lips of God's messengers is God's ordained means to largely accomplish this. We can reach the people through tent meetever yet tried. Shall we order the tents? If so, we must have \$350. What is your answer? Let us know soon.

R. A. UNDERWOOD.