

ATLANTIC UNION GLEASNER



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

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ANSWERED PRAYER.

OFF when of God we ask
For fuller, happier life,
He sets us some new task
Involving care and strife:
Is this the boon for which we sought?
Has prayer new trouble on us brought?

This is indeed the boon,
Though strange to us it seems;
We pierce the rock, and soon
The blessing on us streams;
For when we are the most athirst,
Then the clear waters on us burst.

We toil as in a field,
Wherein, to us unknown,
A treasure lies concealed,
Which may be all our own!
And shall we of the toil complain
That speedily will bring such gain?

We dig the wells of life,
And God the waters gives;
We win our way by strife,
Then he within us lives;
And only war could make us meet
For peace so sacred and so sweet.

—T. T. Lynch.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY.

THERE is need of far more childlike sympathy. Addressing his disciples as "little children," Christ said to them, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." By this manifestation of love "shall all men know that ye

are my disciples." This love God now demands his disciples to show for one another. He is greatly dishonored because his professed followers are drawing in selfish lines, closing their hearts to the softening, subduing influence of Christ's Spirit, as if to show love for one another were a species of weakness. Instead of exerting the pure, holy, uplifting influence that dwelt in Christ, many are manifesting Satan's attributes.

My brethren, how long will you be satisfied to imperil your souls by remaining unconverted; unsanctified, unholy? How long are you going to stay as you are? You may have some excellent qualifications; but if you padlock the door of the heart against Christlike love for your brethren, you do not possess the attributes that will give you an entrance into the kingdom of God.

To the church at Ephesus John wrote, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit: "I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: and hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast labored, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast

left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

Why will brethren cherish selfishness and covetousness? Why will they allow the root of bitterness to spring up in their hearts? Would it not be well to take heed to the words of the True Witness, and find out what it is that makes the hearts of brethren as hard as steel toward one another? Shall we not ascertain for ourselves whether we are destitute of love for one another? The Lord is measuring the temple and the worshippers thereof. Will you not heed his warning? He declares, "I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee."

Read the whole of the third chapter of Revelation, and seek to understand the work to be done. Those

whom Christ warns have some excellent qualifications; but these are neutralized by self-love, and self-deception, self-justification for gross neglect to help their brethren in the service of God by encouraging words and deeds. They are being weighed by One who never makes a mistake. He tells the result of actions that show that the love of Christ is not an abiding principle in the soul. The Holy Spirit has come with convincing power to God's people; but though some stir has been made, the work of true conversion has not been perfected. Self has not yet been crucified; and until it is, hardness of heart, lack of love for one another, will be seen. You will hold to your own opinion, you will not bend from your self-exaltation to study the necessities that you should relieve. Men's hearts become like flint when they seek to grasp all for themselves, refusing to relieve the necessities of those who are doing a severe and trying work.

God calls upon you to put away your faculty for seeing the mistakes of others. Turn your attention to your own defects. Your self-righteousness is nauseating to the Lord Jesus. He declares, "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked; I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich: and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye-salve, that thou mayest see."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

"MY work, however small,
No hands can do but mine;
It is God's special call
To me, a voice divine."

The FIELD

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE.

THE first annual session of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference was held in the chapel, 495 Hepburn St., Williamsport, Pa., April 14-20, 1904. A fair delegation from our churches was present. In addition to our conference laborers, Elder Cottrell, president of the Atlantic Union Conference, Professor Griggs, of the South Lancaster Academy, Dr. Read, of the Philadelphia Sanitarium, and the ex-

ecutive committee of the Western Pennsylvania Conference; viz., Elders E. J. Dryer, I. N. Williams, C. F. McVagh, and C. S. Longacre, and Brother T. D. Gibson, were in attendance, all of whom entered heartily into the councils, and rendered us much valuable service.

The question of making the medical missionary and benevolent work a department of the conference, was thoroughly discussed, and the plan adopted, pursuant to which it was unanimously voted to take the Philadelphia Sanitarium under conference control.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES IN SETTLEMENT AND DIVISION.

Cash Balance on Hand June 1, 1903,	\$2,718.71	
Received Donations,	23.50	
" from Laborers in Settlement,	50.75	
Paid Laborers in Settlement,		\$1,097.31
" A. U. C., First Tithe,		397.66
" Eastern Pennsylvania Conference,		649.00
" Western Pennsylvania Conference,		648.99
	\$2,792.96	\$2,792.96

REPORT OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

June 1, 1903, to April 1, 1904.

Balance from Division,	\$649.00	
Received Tithe,	6,977.06	
" Donations,	512.37	
		Total, \$8,138.43
Paid Laborers,	\$6,654.81	
" for Sundry Expenses,	23.45	
" A. U. C., First Tithe,	671.10	
		Total, \$7,346.36
Cash Balance on Hand April 1, 1904,		\$789.07

REPORT OF SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

One-half Balance Penn. Conf. Sabbath-school Department,	\$32.47	
Received Contributions to Missions,	360.27	
" " " Haskell Home,	48.33	
Paid A. U. C. Contributions to Missions,		\$298.84
" " " " Haskell Home,		44.92
" for Sundry Expenses,		97.31
		Total, \$441.07
		\$441.07

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE PENNSYLVANIA TRACT SOCIETY.

For Year Ending Dec. 31, 1903.

RESOURCES.

Merchandise per Inventory,	\$2,133.63
Cash,	317.66
First National Bank,	1,158.35
Office Furniture,	504.15
Church Furniture,	74.50
Real Estate,	7,797.84

Expense per Inventory,	130.20	
Postage per Inventory,	35.00	
German and Swedish "Christ's Object Lessons,"	16.25	
Eastern Pennsylvania Conference,	17.50	
" " Societies,	717.13	
" " Sabbath-schools,	65.23	
" " Personal,	1,054.45	
Western Pennsylvania Conference,	17.50	
" " Societies,	311.47	
" " Sabbath-schools,	15.03	
" " Personal,	1,762.08	
Different Funds Overdrawn,	81.22	
Oxford University Press,	1.59	
		\$16,210.78

LIABILITIES.

Bills Payable,	\$10,929.16	
Tithe,	748.59	
"Christ's Object Lessons,"	572.70	
"Story of Joseph,"	1.39	
Publishing Houses,	1,095.22	
General Funds,	187.75	
Eastern Pennsylvania Societies,	12.16	
" " Funds,	185.12	
" " Personal,	171.68	
Western Pennsylvania Societies,	9.02	
" " Sabbath-schools,	.36	
" " Funds,	542.86	
" " Personal,	20.97	
		\$14,476.98
Present Worth,		\$1,733.80

President's Annual Address.

TO THE EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS ASSEMBLED:

Beloved Delegates, Brethren and Sisters of one common faith in the soon glorious appearing of Jesus Christ, Greeting:

We welcome you, and trust that you have come to this conference praying that this may be a meeting after the order of that memorable conference held at Jerusalem, of which the disciples wrote concerning its decisions, "For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us." So may Heaven's seal be placed upon the decisions of this conference and council.

In view of the division of the territory of the former Pennsylvania Conference, and the organization of two conferences in the State last June, we meet under different circumstances to-day, and in a different relationship to all the Seventh-day Adventist

churches in Pennsylvania, than we ever before met in annual conference. However we may regard the line that has been drawn between the Eastern and Western Pennsylvania Conferences, causing a separation of the workers, and of the churches in a measure, we are glad to know that imaginary lines drawn between States and conferences for convenience and a quicker development of the work committed to us, cause no lines to be drawn between hearts united in one common cause.

The life of our conference, as now organized, is only about ten months. We see evidence of steady growth in this time, although it has not been as rapid as we should desire, or as we hope to see in the future.

Immediately after the Kingston camp-meeting, last June, five tents were placed in the field, manned by one minister and a tent-master each; and in two or three cases, a Bible-

worker assisted. These gospel meetings were continued during the tent season with good results from each effort. Those in charge of each effort will report the results more fully at this conference. These tent meetings, and all the subsequent labors of the workers during the fall and winter, have been in towns or cities where we already had organized churches; therefore, we have not added any new church to the conference since its organization. But one hundred or more new converts have been made during this time, and the greater part of these have already united with the churches, thereby strengthening the churches where the labor has been bestowed.

THE TRACT SOCIETY.

The tract society and book work of both conferences has been conducted in one office, as no division has been made in this department of the conference.

A COMPARISON

of the nine months preceding, and the nine months following, the division of the conference, will be of interest in various lines. Prior to the division, from July 1, 1902, to April 1, 1903, we sold \$8,196.05 worth of books. The amount of sales for the last nine months, beginning July 1, 1903, and extending to April 1, 1904, is \$7,752.78, showing a loss in sales over the nine preceding months in 1902-03, of \$443.27. The sales of the Western Pennsylvania Conference during the last nine months were \$4,247.94, and of the Eastern, \$3,504.84, showing that the Western sales have been \$743.10 more than those in the eastern part of the State. But in view of the fact that nearly all the old agents who had been selling books prior to the division of the conference, were in the western part of the State, and have remained in that field since the division,—the Eastern Conference has reason to commend the efforts of its Field Secretary in his earnest endeavor to develop the canvassing work in the eastern part of the State, which in the

past has been considered a much harder field than the western part of the State, for the sale of our literature.

The tithe received during the same corresponding time prior to the division, in 1902-03, was \$13,070.30. From the combined conferences, from June 1, 1903, to April 1, 1904, the tithe was \$14,122.76, showing an increase from this source of \$1,052.46 over the previous ten months. Of this amount, the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference has paid into its treasury, \$6,977.06, while the Western Pennsylvania Conference has paid in \$7,145.70, showing that the Western Conference has paid in \$168.64 more tithe than we have received in the East.

The donations sent outside of the conference during the ten months prior to the division, were \$5,049.55. During the ten months since the division, there has passed through the office, from both conferences, donations to the general work outside the two conferences, the sum of \$4,195.78. This shows a falling off of \$853.77 during the last ten months. From the Sabbath-schools and the annual offering there was an increase of \$68.13 in the last ten months, over the ten months prior to the division. This shows that the shrinkage from the total amount donated from both conferences to the general work since the division, comes from the tithe and other appropriations of funds now used in the conferences, which becomes necessary by the added expense in operating two conferences instead of one. For the present, one might conclude that there was no advantage in the division of the territory into two conferences. However this may appear at present, the decrease in donations to the general work is less than I had expected, and in a short time will disappear, and in the years to come we shall see the wisdom and advantages of the division.

THE "SIGNS" CANVASS.

In the entire State we sold twenty-

six thousand nine hundred and eight copies of the special number of the *Signs of the Times* on Capital and Labor. Besides this there were about three thousand other copies of the regular issue coming to the State.

OUR MEMBERSHIP.

The Eastern Pennsylvania Conference is reported in the Year Book as having twenty-seven churches and a membership of nine hundred. This, I am confident, is one-third greater than the actual membership of our conference. In looking after the membership of the Williamsport church recently, we found on the church record sixty names as members. Twenty-two of this number are in other places—some are in foreign fields, some in other conferences, and some have ceased to report to the church in any way for several years. So one-third of the members of this church have been removed from the records, either by giving them letters to other churches or by dropping them from the list. One other church in the conference, which is reported as having forty members, has only two or three left, the other members having moved to other States. And by death and other means, the church has been practically removed. Other churches need their church lists revised, that a correct report of the actual membership of the conference may be known.

OUR TERRITORY.

The territory embraced in this conference has thirty-five counties lying in the eastern half of the State, with a population of about four millions of people. We have such large cities as Philadelphia, Harrisburg, the capital of the State, Scranton, Wilkesbarre, Lancaster, and a large number of other cities with a population of ten thousand and over.

Only thirteen of the thirty-five counties in this territory have an organized church of Seventh-day Adventists in their boundaries. One-half the counties which compose the terri-

tory of this conference have never had a Seventh-day Adventist minister preach within their boundary lines; and these counties have as many people in their territory as live in the State of California. This shows something of the large unentered field lying in our conference.

We have only eight churches which own church or chapel buildings in which to hold their services. The remaining number meet in private houses or in rented halls. The churches in Philadelphia are making commendable efforts to secure suitable places of worship. Many of our churches need suitable places of worship. Caution should be exercised, and counsel secured from wise and experienced persons before investments are made or buildings are erected, in order that proper locations may be secured and successful plans may be entered upon, so that debts and embarrassment will not follow the effort to secure a house of worship.

THE MEDICAL WORK.

In the readjustment of the evangelistic and medical work, their relation as a whole to the gospel, is becoming more clearly outlined from the study our brethren in the various conferences have been giving the subject.

At the last session of the Atlantic Union Conference, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, True medical missionary work is an essential feature of the gospel, as set forth in the threefold message of Revelation 14; and

"Whereas, We have been repeatedly counselled by the Spirit that medical missionary work should not be separated from the gospel work of the conference, the church, and the people; therefore,

"We recommend, (1) That the medical missionary work in all its features receive the same fostering care and financial support from the conference organizations, churches, and people

that is given to other branches of our work.

"(2) That this branch of our work be made the medical missionary department of our conference organizations.

"(3) That the real estate and personal property of the medical institutions created and supported by conferences, be held in trust for said conferences by a legal corporation to be created by the conferences, and that the trustees of said corporation have the executive management of the institution belonging to the corporation of which they are trustees."

Those in charge of the medical work at 1809 Wallace Street, Philadelphia, have urged for some time that the conference should take steps to organize the work in harmony with the resolutions passed at the Atlantic Union Conference. But in view of the importance of the step, and the fact that Philadelphia is a great center of medical institutions—the third city in size in the United States—and in view of the character of the work that should be conducted in and near Philadelphia, your conference committee has felt to move slowly; especially as our membership and financial ability is such that we felt that the work, if entered upon by the conference, should be undertaken with and by the counsel of the officers of the Atlantic Union and the General Conference. After two meetings had been held to consider the question, and after considerable correspondence with leading brethren, I arranged for a meeting at Philadelphia, February 9, 1904, to consider the matter more fully. At this meeting, Elder A. G. Daniells, president of the General Conference; Elder H. W. Cottrell, president of the Atlantic Union Conference; Elder W. C. White, Elder J. E. Jayne, Drs. G. A. Hare, A. J. Read, J. P. Bradford, and the majority of the members of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Committee, and others were present.

The work already begun at 1809 Wallace Street, the importance of the field, and the relation the conferences should sustain to the medical work, were carefully studied at this council. After much careful thought, the council recommended, and adopted as its unanimous sentiment, the plan outlined in the article which appeared in the *Review and Herald* later, by the pen of Elder A. G. Daniells, which in substance is as follows:

"The steps to be taken are these: The medical missionary work in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference will be made a department of the regular conference work; the Philadelphia Sanitarium will be taken over by the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference; the property and the immediate management of the institution will be placed in the hands of a legal board of trustees, to be elected annually by the conference delegates; and an earnest effort will be made to raise \$5,000 in donations to place the institution in a position to do better work.

"While it may be expected that the brethren and sisters in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference will donate liberally towards this fund, it was agreed by all present at the council that there were reasons why it would be right to give our people in all parts of the United States an invitation to contribute to the medical missionary work in Philadelphia.

"Furthermore, it is plain to any who will give the conditions careful study, that Philadelphia must be classed with the cities in the East which the spirit of prophecy has repeatedly called our attention to, as demanding the gifts and services of our people throughout the field. It ranks among the largest and most influential cities in the United States. It is the center of a circle of populous cities. Its age, history, factories, and educational institutions all place it in the front ranks.

"Up to the present time but little has been done by our people outside

of the Pennsylvania Conference to establish our work in Philadelphia. Special help has been rendered to other important cities, both in the West and the East, but no general gifts have been made to this city. After reviewing the whole situation, the council agreed upon placing the opportunities and needs of the city before our people, and asking those who may be impressed to do so, to give of their resources to this work. The council requested me to make this statement in the *Review*, and it assigned similar work to others in charge of the work in Pennsylvania.

"A. G. DANIELLS."

By the advice of the council, steps were taken immediately to secure a charter under the name of "The Pennsylvania Sanitarium and Benevolent Association," to carry on the medical work as a department of the conference. The terms of the charter are as follows:

Charter of the Pennsylvania Sanitarium and Benevolent Association.

*In the Court of Common Pleas No. 3
in and for the County of Philadelphia,
of December Term, 1903.
No. 4649.*

TO THE HONORABLE THE JUDGES OF
THE SAID COURT:

Know All Men by These Presents,
That we, the subscribers hereto, seven of whom are citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the purposes and upon the terms and by the name herein stated, under the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to Provide for the Incorporation and Regulation of Certain Corporations," approved the twenty-ninth day of April, Anno Domini, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-four and the several supplements thereto, do therefore set forth and declare for ourselves and our successors, THAT:

First, The name of the Corporation

is the "Pennsylvania Sanitarium and Benevolent Association."

Second, The business of the Corporation is to be transacted in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Third, The purpose for which the Corporation is formed is to maintain a sanitarium and hospital, and treatment rooms where the sick, without respect to age, sex, creed, or nationality, may receive care and treatment with or without pay for the services rendered; to train and qualify persons for said work; to provide homes for the poor, the destitute, and for homeless children; to further by all legitimate agencies a better knowledge of the laws of life and hygiene, the relief of suffering, and the prevention and cure of disease.

Fourth, There is no capital stock, nor are there any shares of stock. The purposes of this Corporation being purely benevolent, charitable, and philanthropic, it is expressly declared that this is a Corporation not for gain, that none of its property, either real or personal, shall ever be used or expended except in carrying into effect the legitimate powers and purposes of its being.

Fifth, The Corporation hereby created shall be entitled and empowered to take and hold, either absolutely or in trust, by gift, purchase, donation, devise or bequest, any property, either real or personal, from any source whatsoever, to be used and applied for the furtherance of the objects herein specified; to require and to receive payments for care and treatment rendered to any persons able to pay for the service rendered, and to procure the endowment of wards and free beds.

Sixth, This Corporation is to exist perpetually.

Seventh, This Corporation shall enjoy all the rights, privileges, and immunities, and exercise all the powers and authority now conferred, or which may hereafter be conferred, by the laws of the Commonwealth of Penn-

sylvania upon Corporations of a similar kind and nature.

Eighth, The yearly income of the Corporation, other than that derived from real estate, shall not exceed the sum of sixty thousand dollars.

Ninth, The names and residences of the subscribers are as follows:

Rufus A. Underwood, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Albert J. Read, M. D., 1809 Wallace St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Charles D. Christman, Wiconisco, Pennsylvania.

J. Edward Jayne, 185 Godwin St., Paterson, N. J.

William J. Fitzgerald, 1942 N. 17th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Joel P. Bradford, 1809 Wallace St., Philadelphia, Pa.

V. Herbert Cook, Williamsport, Pa.

John W. Wilkins, 1914 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Charles H. Keslake, 1111 E. State St., Trenton, N. J.

Tenth, The business of the Corporation is to be managed by a Board of Trustees of nine in number. Their successors shall be chosen at such time and place and in such manner as shall be provided by the By-Laws of this Corporation. The names and residences of those who are chosen Trustees for the first year are as follows:

Rufus A. Underwood, Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Albert J. Read, M. D., 1809 Wallace St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Charles D. Christman, Wiconisco, Pennsylvania.

J. Edward Jayne, 165 Godwin St., Paterson, N. J.

William J. Fitzgerald, 1942 N. 17th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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Eleventh, The members of the

Corporation shall consist of the subscribers, together with such other persons as may from time to time become members, in such manner as shall be prescribed by the By-Laws.

Twelfth, The Corporation shall adopt such By-Laws as may be deemed necessary for the government of the Corporation, provided the same are not repugnant to the Constitution of the United States, or of this State, or of this chapter.

WITNESS our hands and seals this first day of March, A. D. 1904.

Rufus A. Underwood, (Seal)

Albert J. Read, M. D., (Seal)

Charles D. Christman, (Seal)

J. Edward Jayne, (Seal)

William J. Fitzgerald, (Seal)

Joel P. Bradford, M. D., (Seal)

V. Herbert Cook, (Seal)

John W. Wilkins, M. D., (Seal)

Charles H. Keslake, (Seal)

The incorporators have met and adopted the following By-Laws:

By-Laws of the Pennsylvania Sanitarium and Benevolent Association.

ARTICLE I—MEMBERSHIP.

Members of this Corporation shall consist of the incorporators, the Executive Committee of the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the Executive Committee of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the physicians employed by the Corporation, the ordained ministers of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, and twelve other persons who shall be elected annually by the delegates of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference at its regular sessions, and such other persons as may donate \$1,000 or more to the Association shall be members.

ARTICLE II—MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held in connection with the annual meeting of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, by notice in the *Advent Review and Sabbath*

Herald, now published in Washington, D. C., at least two weeks prior to said meeting.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be called by similar notice and a written notice to the members of the Corporation, and authorized by two-thirds of the Board of Trustees, stating time and place of said meeting; the written notice to members to be sent at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting.

SEC. 3. The members present at a duly advertised meeting shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 4. Each voter, whether a member or Trustee, shall have one vote, and only one, on any question.

SEC. 5. When not otherwise especially provided, all votes of the members of this Corporation for the election of Trustees, or deciding other questions, shall be taken *viva voce*.

ARTICLE III—TRUSTEES.

SECTION 1.—The members of this Corporation shall elect annually as herein provided, nine persons, who are members in good and regular standing of the Seventh-day Adventist church, as Trustees of this Corporation, and they shall hold their offices until their successors are duly elected and appear to enter upon their duties.

SEC. 2. The Trustees shall direct all affairs of this Corporation; manage and dispose of all its property as hereinafter specified; and execute all trusts confided to it.

SEC. 3. The Trustees shall elect annually a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The President and Vice-President shall be members of the Board of Trustees; the Secretary and Treasurer may or may not be members of the Board of Trustees.

SEC. 4. A quorum to do business shall consist of not less than five Trustees, provided that the concurrence of five Trustees shall be necessary to pass upon any measure before the Board.

SEC. 5. The Trustees are always

in session, no adjournment ever taking place, and may hold meetings at any time when a quorum is present.

SEC. 6. The Trustees shall provide that the accounts of this corporation shall be audited at least once each fiscal year.

SEC. 7. The Trustees of the Corporation shall employ such persons, agents, and attorneys as are necessary to effectually execute its business, and shall determine their duties and the amount of their compensation.

SEC. 8. Vacancies which may occur by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE IV—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

The duties of the officers of this Corporation shall be such as usually pertain to such officers respectively, and such other duties as the Board of Trustees may prescribe. The President and Secretary, in behalf of said Corporation, when authorized by the Board of Trustees, shall sign all deeds, mortgages, powers of attorney, annuity agreements, or other instruments of writing of similar character and import.

ARTICLE V—AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws may be amended, extended, or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Corporation present at any regular meeting of said members, provided the proposed amendment does not conflict with the Articles of Incorporation of this Association. When it is proposed to change the By-Laws at any special meeting of the members of the Corporation, notice shall be given to this effect in the call for the meeting, and the nature of the proposed amendments shall be stated.

ARTICLE VI—SEAL.

The seal of this Corporation shall be of ordinary size, containing the words, "Incorporated Pennsylvania," and the figures, "1904."

ARTICLE VII—DISSOLUTION.

If at any time this Association, as a Corporation, should be dissolved,

or should otherwise cease to exist, the title of all its property and effects shall at once vest in such legal body as had been or may be organized by the Atlantic Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists to receive the same to carry out the purpose of this Association, and the President and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees last in authority are authorized and empowered, in the name of this Association, to make conveyance of such title by such instrument of writing as may be appropriate and necessary.

The following-named persons were chosen officers of the Board of Trustees: President, R. A. Underwood; Vice-President, W. J. Fitzgerald; Treasurer, Business Manager, and Secretary, V. H. Cook.

There are reasons why the work of the conference would be strengthened in various lines if its headquarters were at Philadelphia instead of at Williamsport. This is a question which should receive careful attention and consideration at this conference. The executive committee of the Western Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists meet with us at this time to make a division of the tract society property and its responsibilities. Soon following this meeting, each conference will be entirely separate in its working capacity. However, the legal Pennsylvania Tract and Missionary Society will have to be kept intact until its obligations and responsibilities are discharged, or a new corporation takes its place. It is proper that the officers should be nominated at this meeting for that legal body, and elected at the proper time in June.

CHANGES.

Nine years ago this spring I came into the Pennsylvania Conference and began labor in the city of Philadelphia. All the ministers then laboring in the State, excepting I. N. Williams and W. H. Smith, have gone to other fields, or through age and feebleness have

ceased the active ministry. Others have come up to take their places. My labors in Pennsylvania will ever be held in pleasant remembrance. I have appreciated the cooperation of my brethren and sisters in labor and sacrifice for the cause of Christ. Your hospitalities have been freely bestowed. I have been with you in periods of rejoicing and in periods of weeping. The greatest joy the servant of Christ in the gospel ministry can have on earth, is to know that his children in the faith walk in the truth. Amid earth's darkest gloom we have the Comforter to brighten the way. Heaven's cheering light pierces the tomb, and scatters the darkness away. Therefore, ye children of our God, be strong in the might of your King. "The joy of the Lord is your strength." This joy and strength can only come through self-denial and service to Christ and for humanity. To this sacred, blessed, and honored service let us here at this conference renew our consecration to serve, and though we may be separated in labor for a season, we shall meet at the dawning of the eternal day.

The various lines of work will be brought before the conference by the delegates and the committees chosen for this work, which will require your earnest, careful consideration and action.

R. A. UNDERWOOD, *President*.

REPORT OF W. J. FITZGERALD.

I am glad to report that God has blessed and prospered the work done in the north section of the city of Philadelphia since our last conference session. The tent effort resulted in winning a considerable number of earnest souls to the truth. Since camp-meeting twenty-five have united with the church for the first time. Twelve other adults are keeping the Sabbath. Some of these will soon be baptized and unite with the church. Besides the adults, about fifteen children have been added to the number attending the services.

A new chapel has been purchased and fitted up, which has proved a blessing to the work. The Lord has greatly prospered in the financing of the matter.

All believers both old and new have had an earnest part in the work. Forty-two hundred copies of the Capital and Labor number of the *Signs* were disposed of by the congregation. Various missionary lines are prospering.

We praise the Lord for his blessing, give all the glory to him, and trust him for the future.

W. J. FITZGERALD.

REPORT OF ELDER S. S. SHROCK.

Last year was one of the most pleasant years of my ministry. Our effort at Kingston, where I was assisted by a Bible worker and a young man, was blessed with twenty-three new Sabbath-keepers, of whom fifteen were baptized and sixteen united with the church. One young man went to our Academy to fit himself for the work of God. Three others, who were Sabbath-keepers before, united with the church.

I had charge of the eight churches in this part of the conference, and have attended most of their quarterly meetings, which were seasons of refreshing and much encouragement to the churches. I have done some work at Carbondale lately, where we have a good prospect of reaping fruit. As a result of the work with the churches, one who kept the Sabbath before united with the church, and three others gave their hearts to God, and are awaiting baptism.

There are many more openings and urgent calls for work in this part of the conference than we can fill. We are all of good courage in the Lord.

S. S. SHROCK.

REPORT OF ELDER MORRIS LUKENS.

The present conference year I have labored largely in the western part of the city of Philadelphia. As the result of our tent effort, and other meet-

ings and Bible readings held, about thirty-two have begun the observance of the Lord's Sabbath. There have been twenty-one additions to the church. Fifteen have been baptized. We sold about one hundred dollars' worth of tracts, books, and other literature. Our donations amounted to \$142.56. The church in the western part of the city, sold three thousand five hundred copies of the special number of the *Signs* on Capital and Labor. The church takes a club of one hundred and twenty-five copies every week.

An effort has been made to secure a church building and property. About two thousand dollars has been donated in cash and pledges for this purpose. The most of this has been paid. A lot has been purchased on Fifty-second Street, between Walnut and Chestnut, for the building. Our annual offerings were \$90. We have raised \$52 on the tent fund.

We expect to conduct a tent effort this season in the western part of the city, and hope to have a church built. We ask your prayers for success.

MORRIS LUKENS.

REPORT OF ELDER J. H. SCHILLING.

At Reading twenty dear souls accepted the truth during last summer's tent effort. Sixteen of this number have been baptized. Four will soon follow in this ordinance. Fourteen new members have been added to the Reading church. This church disposed of two thousand three hundred copies of the special number of the *Signs*. The church has paid into the treasury in tithes \$704.21. The last quarter the amount of tithe was more than double the amount paid the first quarter of the year. The first-day offerings amounted to \$123.14. This is a large increase over the former year.

Through our labors at Lebanon, twelve souls accepted the truth. Eleven of these were baptized and added to the church. The church disposed of one thousand copies of

the special number of the *Signs*. The tithe of this church was \$316.20.

Two have accepted the truth at Allentown, and united with the Allentown church. This church sold about seven hundred copies of the special number of the *Signs*. I believe that this church has been faithful in paying her tithe, which amounted to \$625.86 during the year. She has not done so well in offerings for foreign missions, having only given \$34.72.

The total number accepting the truth in these three places where I have labored is thirty-four. We are much encouraged in this German field, and are looking forward to the effort to be made in the city of Lancaster this coming season, praying that success may attend our efforts.

J. H. SCHILLING.

REPORT OF THE FIELD SECRETARY OF
THE EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CON-
FERENCE.

The following report covers a period reaching from October 1, 1903, to March 31, 1904, and in rendering the same, I have kept in mind the urgent need of aggressive work in the field, and have given a comparatively accurate statement as to what has been accomplished in the field during the last six months.

At the time of assuming charge of the canvassing work in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, I found six agents reporting. All, with the exception of one or two, were working on small books.

The highest number of agents in the field at any one time was fourteen. The average number of reporting agents was seven. The average number of days spent in the field by each agent is eighty-eight. The aggregate number of days spent by all of the agents is six hundred and thirteen. During this time, books were sold to the amount of \$2,316.26. Books were delivered to the amount of \$1,460.93. On account of the failure

of many of the canvassers to send in faithful reports of books delivered, it is evidently true that this report of books delivered is considerably below the amount of books that has actually been delivered.

The average number of hours a day that each agent spent in the field was five. The average amount of sales a day was \$3.78. The average sales by the hour were seventy-seven cents. As most of this work was done during the extremely cold weather, due allowance will be made for its not being a full-time report.

Much time has been spent in the field with the agents, in regular house-to-house canvassing. This afforded an excellent opportunity to study the field, and as a result it has been discovered that there is much territory in Eastern Pennsylvania that is favorable for the introduction of our literature. An institute for the training of new canvassers will be held in Pottsville, May 24 to June 3, which is designed to open up the hard coal district to the canvassing work. Up to date, seven new ones have decided to take the training. One other brother, who has had remarkably good success with the *Signs* and Bibles, will take up books, and will send in his report.

The prospect for a prosperous year in the canvassing work is favorable, and we are all of good courage. Frequent letters from old canvassers have been received, applying for territory, and there seems to be a general revival of the old-time canvassing spirit. An effort is being made to get all satisfactorily located, and plans are being laid for a vigorous campaign in the field during the summer.

The united prayers of this conference assembly and all of God's people, are requested to ascend in behalf of the canvassing work in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. May the Lord help us to plan wisely for the best interests of the faithful canvasser, and when another year shall have passed, may such a report have been

placed on record as will be pleasing to God and a credit to the cause.

F. F. FRY,
Field Secretary E. Pa. Conf.

REPORT OF THE SABBATH-SCHOOL
SECRETARY.

The past year has been one of many blessings to those engaged in the Sabbath-school work. The work of the year has given us a better knowledge of the message, a keener sense of the approaching end, and of the responsibility we bear in relation to the work of God. We realize more fully that the power which is to attend the work of this message should be manifested in our Sabbath-schools, and the Spirit of God has been sought and received, with the result that souls have been saved. Our schools have in part fulfilled their purpose—that of training-schools for workers. It has been most encouraging to see the Spirit of the Great Missionary manifested in a willingness to do any work for the Master. While this has been true of the larger schools where our workers are located, I have especially noticed it in the smaller schools and Home Department members.

According to our late reports, we have forty-two schools with a membership of eight hundred and forty-four. Ten of these schools are family schools. During the year, one school of fifteen members has been added, and the membership of several other schools has been materially increased. The membership of the Home Department is twenty-seven, which is smaller than it was a few months ago, as some of the members have been able to connect with local schools. This number does not include the list of names, numbering fifteen, added to this department during the past two months. The Home Department is an important feature of our work, as it includes the individual and the sister who is standing alone in the truth with a family of small children to rear for the Lord. It provides for

these children, as well as the mother, the privileges of the Sabbath-school, and thus throws about them a barrier against the encroachments of the enemy. A few of the Home Department members have been able to induce their neighbors to join them in the study of the lessons. I have found much pleasure in corresponding with these isolated souls, and it is through this personal correspondence that we keep them in touch with the work at large. While it is a great encouragement to them, it is most cheering to receive their letters which indicate that their hearts are aglow with the message, and that they are recipients of the same blessings bestowed upon our larger companies. There has been but a beginning made in this work, and it will require earnest, persevering effort to more thoroughly establish it. It is our purpose to extend this work to every Sabbath-keeper in the conference, and to this end we are working.

Our old friend—*The Sabbath School Worker*—has been heartily welcomed by most of our schools, and we are now using many more copies than we did of the *Advocate*. We desire to see this in every home, for we know it will be a valuable aid to all of our members.

A few Sabbath-school conventions, where special phases of the work have received attention, have been held in our schools with profit, but not a great deal of time has been devoted to this work.

At the time the Pennsylvania Conference was divided, there were four Young People's Societies in the eastern part of the State. It has been a difficult matter to secure reports regularly from these societies, but the last quarter we have received full reports. During the year, five new societies have been organized in the following places: Philadelphia, Northumberland, Sunbury, Wiconisco, and Newelton. The last named has just been organized, and the others have not

been organized long. These new societies need our special prayers and efforts in their behalf. They are of good courage, and we expect to see them grow strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. The combined membership of our societies is one hundred and five, and we hope to see them grow in numbers as well as in strength. The work has been divinely appointed, and we know that the Lord's blessing will attend it.

There are youth in other places whom we desire to see thus banded together for service. In this work our young people need the sympathy and support of the older ones, and we would at this time bespeak your interest in this work. It is by working for the Lord that our young people will maintain their interest in the truth, and for this reason, we should encourage them to engage in the work. Our societies have done considerable work in various lines during the year. Bible readings have been given, cottage meetings held, visits made in private homes and public institutions, and literature sold and distributed. Some of our members are quite youthful, but they make excellent workers, and it is not in the hearts of the people to turn them away. We thank the Lord for what he has done for us the past year, and profiting by past experiences, press on toward the mark of our high calling in Christ Jesus. It is our prayer that 1904 may be the banner year in both our Sabbath-schools and Young People's Societies.

NELLIE B. UNDERWOOD.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, The Atlantic Union Conference, in following the directions of the spirit of prophecy, and the plan of the General Conference, has recommended that the medical missionary work be made a part of the conference work in the various conferences, and that the same fostering care be bestowed upon this department as upon other departments; and

Whereas, The executive committee of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, in following out the recommendations of the Atlantic Union Conference, has taken steps to place the sanitarium work in the city of Philadelphia under conference management; therefore,

1. *We recommend*, That this conference indorse the action of its executive committee in this matter, and that henceforth the medical work be considered and treated as a department of our conference work.

2. *We recommend*, That the conference and tract society headquarters be removed to Philadelphia.

Whereas, The lists of church-membership, as reported by the various church clerks, do not give the actual church-membership of the conference; therefore,

3. *We recommend*, That the officers of all the churches be instructed to correct the rolls, by arranging with those members who live in connection with other churches, to transfer their membership, and to drop the names of those who, after their cases have been carefully investigated, are found not to sustain a loyal connection with the truth.

4. *We recommend*, That the fiscal year of the conference hereafter end March 31, instead of May 31, as heretofore,

5. That the Pennsylvania Tract and Missionary Society be retained as the legal organization of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

6. That such changes be made in the By-Laws as will be necessary for their adaptation to the needs of the conference work.

7. That we place a man in the field to work among the churches, in order to close out our quota of "Christ's Object Lessons" at as early a date as possible.

8. That \$6 a week for the school year of thirty-six weeks, be paid to our Union Conference Academy, to be applied on teachers' salaries.

9. (a) That our ministers, Bible workers, and field secretary join the people in making a special effort to close out our quota of "Christ's Object Lessons" at the earliest possible date;

(b) That to encourage this effort the conference pay twenty-five cents a book to those who engage in its sale.

(c) That our people be urged to contribute to a fund to be used in paying this commission.

10. That the Secretary of the Sabbath-school Department be Treasurer also of this department.

11. That we renew our devotion to the ten-cent-a-week fund for the support of missions, and that all our people be encouraged to participate in this plan.

12. That tracts to the value of \$5 be furnished by the conference to the ministers for free use in connection with their tent work.

13. That all our churches be urged to make the first Wednesday in each month Benevolent Day, when something shall be laid aside for the conference fund for the relief of needy persons, and that an offering be made on the following Sabbath for this purpose.

Whereas, The headquarters of the conference will be removed from Williamsport; therefore,

14. *We recommend*, That Elder W. H. Smith locate in Williamsport and conduct a series of tent meetings, and thus strengthen the work that remains.

15. That prayerful and earnest attention be given to encourage suitable young persons to prepare for and enter the ministry and canvassing work.

16. That the conference be divided into four districts, and that a minister be placed in local charge of each division, whose duty it shall be to look after the interests of that special field.

17. That all our people be urged to read carefully the last volume of the Testimonies.

Whereas, The *Review and Herald* is the denominational organ, and thus through its columns we are kept in touch with the progress of the work in all parts of the world, and

Whereas, It is a "sentinel" to the believers; therefore,

18. *Resolved*, That we do all in our power to place the paper regularly in each home in the conference.

19. That special efforts be put forth by each one, to place the GLEANER in every home in the conference.

Whereas, Our people have been greatly benefited and encouraged in preceding years by holding general or union meetings following our tent efforts; therefore,

20. *We recommend*, That we plan for such meetings the coming fall.

Whereas, It has been decided to make the medical work a department of the conference, and

Whereas, This department of the work is greatly in need of funds to put it in good working order; therefore,

21. *We recommend*, That all our brethren be invited to donate as liberally as they can to a fund for this purpose: we also further

Recommend, That our medical institutions be run upon a cash basis, and as economically as can consistently be done.

22. That the executive committee have published in pamphlet form the Constitution and By-Laws of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, of the Pennsylvania Tract and Missionary Society, which is the legal organization of the conference, and of the Pennsylvania Sanitarium and Benevolent Association, to the extent of one hundred copies, and that they be supplied to our membership and to the churches in our conference.

Officers.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE.

President, W. J. Fitzgerald; Vice-President, W. H. Smith; Secretary

and Treasurer, V. H. Cook; Executive Committee, W. J. Fitzgerald, W. H. Smith, V. H. Cook, C. D. Christman, S. S. Shrock, Morris Lukens, J. H. Schilling.

PENNSYLVANIA TRACT AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

President, W. J. Fitzgerald; Vice-President, W. H. Smith; Secretary and Treasurer, V. H. Cook; Field Secretary, F. F. Fry.

SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Secretary and Treasurer, Nellie B. Underwood.

PENNSYLVANIA SANITARIUM AND BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

The following are the names of the twelve additional members which, according to the By-Laws, were to be elected at the annual session of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference: W. B. Gruver, James Peterson, Henry Baumgartner, Dr. Braught, M. O. Bradford, D. F. Barton, Herbert Taylor, R. J. Haney, W. T. Hilgert, Chas. H. Warren, A. L. Cobb, Jonas L. Rhoads.

Ministerial credentials were granted to R. A. Underwood, S. S. Shrock, W. H. Smith, W. J. Fitzgerald, Morris Lukens, J. H. Schilling; and a missionary license to Miss Sue M. Andrews, Miss Jessie M. Weiss, Miss Nellie B. Underwood, Brother F. F. Fry, and Brother W. T. Hilgert.

A Protest.

To the Honorable Senator, J. H. Gallinger, Chairman of the Senate Committee in charge of the District of Columbia Sunday Bill:

Whereas, We, as citizens of the United States, assembled in conference at Williamsport, Pa., representing by delegation the Seventh-day Adventist denomination of the State of Pennsylvania, believing the proposed Sunday legislation to be unconstitutional, religious, and dangerous, therefore

Resolved, That we most solemnly protest against the proposed House Bill, No. 11819, "A Bill for an Act to

close certain places of business on Sunday" in the District of Columbia, as an infringement on the inalienable rights and privileges of ourselves and our fellow men.

We protest against the passage of the proposed Sunday bill for the following reasons:

First, We believe it to be *unconstitutional*—in that it violates the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States, by committing Congress to the establishment of a certain form of religion, to the detriment of those who disagree and worship differently, by prohibiting their free exercise thereof; and also in that it is an infringement upon the liberty of conscience. Civil governments are ordained for the purpose of impartially protecting their citizens in following the dictates of conscience, as long as the exercise thereof does not infringe upon the personal and property rights and the civil and social ethics of their fellow men.

Second, We believe it to be *religious* legislation, in view of the fact that Sunday observance was conceived by the Church, and is an established form of worship by a certain class of religionists who are the chief promoters of this bill. It is and always was till now, in this republic, an institution honored by certain churches, and discredited by other churches, without any interference or molestation by the national Congress.

Third, We believe it to be *unjust*, in that it violates the "Bill of Rights," which the several States and judiciary departments regard as self-evident truths; viz., That Congress has no right to enforce by civil law the peculiar tenets and beliefs of one church or any number of churches. No church or sect is to be put on an inequality before the law with any other. This bill certainly exalts and aids the tenets of Sunday observance, and puts a block before the wheels of progress of all who observe some other day, of which there are about one hundred

thousand Seventh-day Adventists, many thousands of Seventh-day Baptists, and many thousand Jews and others.

Fourth, We believe it to be *class* legislation, in that it is partial in its enforcement and in its specifications by designating "An Act to close *certain places* of business on Sunday," to the exemption of other business places. It is unfair and partial because it places the petty business man at a great disadvantage to compete with larger corporations which are exempted in this bill.

Fifth, We believe it to be *dangerous* in its character, in that it establishes a precedent for religious legislation and opens an avenue for persecution by establishing a national, civil court for the trial of supposed heresies.

(Signed)

R. A. UNDERWOOD, *President*.

V. H. COOK, *Secretary*.

Carrying out the resolution passed at the Kingston conference, in 1903, a plan for the final division of the property of the Pennsylvania Tract and Missionary Society was agreed upon, and will be carried into effect as soon as possible. Harmony prevailed, and the plans agreed upon were perfectly satisfactory to all concerned.

Our Western Pennsylvania Conference brethren, under the corporate name of the "West Pennsylvania Conference Association," will locate their office at Corydon, Pa. Brother A. V. Williams has been selected as secretary of their conference, and is now here in Williamsport, assisting in the division of property preparatory to starting their new work under the new organization.

V. H. COOK, *Secretary*.

GLoucester, MASS.

We were favored last Sunday by a visit from Elder Gilbert, and though the attendance at our meetings has been very encouraging, an unusual interest was manifested to hear a

"converted Hebrew." Our audience was about a third larger than any previous one, and all were not able to obtain a seat. We were forcibly impressed with Paul's statement that the Jew hath much advantage every way.

An important point has been reached in our work here, and the plain, straight testimony that was borne by Brother Gilbert was very timely.

There are several who appear to be thinking seriously in regard to the truth, and we believe that ere long the Lord will give us some souls for our hire.

Our courage is good, and we are looking forward to an interesting effort here this summer.

H. C. HARTWELL.

SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

SABBATH-SCHOOL :
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

IMPORTANCE AND SCOPE OF OUR SABBATH-SCHOOLS.*

We have met to-day for the purpose of holding a Sabbath-school institute, or convention. Our object is twofold. First, for mutual benefit as individuals and Sabbath-school workers; and second, for the unification and general advancement of the work throughout the conference.

The Sabbath-school work is indeed an important one, and when compared with other branches of our work, stands second to none. In fact, it is the most important gathering of our people. Most of our churches being without regular pastors, this is their only means of receiving instruction in the word of God. Here both old and young meet to study and acquaint themselves with God's great truth. The study of God's word is the avowed object of the Sabbath-school;

*Opening remarks by the State secretary, at the Sabbath-school institute held at Kanawha, W. Va., Sabbath, April 16.

therefore, no other place affords so excellent an opportunity for thorough, systematic study.

Both parents and children should have a deep interest in this work, which will be manifested in their presence at Sabbath-school each week, as well as in their cooperation in all its work.

The preparation of the lesson is a good indication of the degree of interest manifested by each. It is a practical demonstration that no Sabbath-school attendant can have a living interest in the Sabbath-school and its work, unless he carefully studies each lesson and strictly adheres to the instruction found in the *Sabbath School Worker* and other helps.

In order to succeed, the merchant, the banker, and the professional man, all, not only zealously apply themselves to their work, but study constantly the various phases of it. By this means only can they succeed. Thus should it be in our Sabbath-school work; otherwise we shall fail.

Our schools also have a broader sphere of labor than simply at home. Their influence should reach to the remotest corners of the earth. While our home field should be cared for with the utmost precision, no duty being left undone, yet we should also lift our eyes toward foreign lands, and by our prayers and offerings do all that we can to carry the gospel to those who know it not.

Last year while there was more than \$25,000 which was, we believe, wisely and judiciously used at home, yet there was also more than \$28,000 sent abroad to heathen lands, the result of which can never be estimated or known until the day of God.

Let us, therefore, take up the Sabbath-school work with renewed courage and zeal, and weary not in well-doing.

KATHLEEN HUNTINGTON.

"SET a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips."

EDUCATIONAL

OUR ACADEMY AND
CHURCH-SCHOOLS

A NEW INDUSTRIAL FEATURE OF SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY.

MOST of our people are aware of the erection, in South Lancaster, by Elder E. E. Miles, of a bindery for the manufacture of his vest-pocket dictionary. The building was begun last spring on land purchased of the Academy.

About the close of the school year, he began the work of binding his books in rooms over the printing-office. By the middle of the summer, the building was so far progressed that he was able to begin work in it. The work has been under the direction of Brother L. M. Spear, who had fourteen years' experience with the Review and Herald, at Battle Creek, Michigan, in their bindery department, and accordingly the instruction which he is able to give in this direction should be thorough.

The building is very neat in appearance, and in this sense may be considered an addition to the village. It is thirty by fifty-four feet, three stories high, painted dark red with white trimmings.

One of the main purposes of Elder Miles in the erection of this building, was to provide an opportunity for students to work, and thus assist themselves in attending school, and it is in this sense that we are pleased to regard the bindery and its work as one of the industrial features of the Academy.

He contemplated employing only eight or ten students, but has employed eighteen or twenty during the year. These young people, while doing their regular work in the bindery, have been able to do a good grade of work in school. The majority of them are planning to remain during the summer and attend school another year.

There is an opportunity for a few

more to yet take up the work in the bindery, as Elder Miles has orders ahead for some ten thousand copies of his dictionary. He has had all the time since starting a large number of advance orders, and at times has been crowded to fill them.

We are thankful that this opening has been provided for so many of our young people to attend the Academy and to receive an education in the work of the Lord. It must also be borne in mind that not a slight feature of the education of these young people consists in the thorough work which they are required to do in the manufacture of these books. Physical work of any kind is a great blessing to any one, but to none more than to young men and women who are developing character.

We trust the blessing of God may rest upon the bindery and all connected with it.

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

The PRINTED PAGE

"Publicly,
and from HOUSE to HOUSE"

NORTH WOLCOTT, VT.

UPON my arrival at North Wolcott, Vermont, I found a most hearty welcome, and a company of seven earnest workers assembled to attend the canvassers' institute. We had hoped for a larger attendance, but were thankful to see even that number willing to engage in earnest work for souls, and I am sure that the influence of their faithful labors will result in others' following their example.

Elder Watt, president of the conference, and Brother Boardman, the State agent, were present throughout the entire meeting, and took an active part in giving instruction. The meetings were held in the little church which stands as a monument to the truth in that community, and quite an interest was taken in them by the local brethren and sisters, some of whom attended most of the time.

The time was well improved every day, and all manifested an earnest desire to fit themselves for more efficient service. The instruction was made as practical as possible, so that when the workers enter the field they will know how to do it intelligently and effectively.

A very interesting and helpful feature of the meeting was a series of Bible studies on the subject of the Holy Spirit, conducted each afternoon by Elder Watt. It was shown both from the Bible and from recent Testimonies, that we ought now to be giving more earnest heed to the promise of, and the work of, the Holy Spirit, for we have a great and important work to do, and we will be efficient in this work only as we permit ourselves to be used as the Spirit's instrumentalities.

The first few days of the meeting we were visited by warm, gentle refreshing showers of rain; and then the clouds rolled away, and we were blessed with as pleasant weather as one could wish.

The spirit of hospitality and good-fellowship manifested by the brethren and sisters at North Wolcott, made our stay with them most agreeable, and it was with feelings of genuine regret that we saw the time come to depart.

I feel assured that the workers who attended this meeting will enter the field at once, and that they will do a great and good work this summer. Several of those who attended the institute at South Lancaster Academy have also planned to return to Vermont and canvass during the vacation.

With this force in the field, and others whom Brother Boardman hopes to get started soon, we confidently expect to see the canvassing report from the "Green Mountain State" assuming larger proportions. Doubtless there are many other earnest ones in this conference who will accept the burden of service, and unite with this little band in helping to speedily give

the last warning to those who are in the darkness. The promise of divine help is for all, but will only be experienced by those who will "put the armor on."

F. E. PAINTER.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

WEST VIRGINIA.

—The writer will visit Culloden over next Sabbath, calling at Mason City or Guyandotte on his way.

—Elder P. W. Province held quar-

terly services at Walker on the 23rd ult., at Newark on the 24th ult., and, in company with the writer, at Gibson on the 30th ult.

—We notice that a number are one and two months behind on their coupon pledges to the conference; therefore, since this money is greatly needed to apply on our debt, that it may be reduced as rapidly as possible and our credit be maintained, we urge that all who are behind in this matter pay up as quickly as possible.

—It is observed that a number of local Sabbath-school secretaries have

THE BOOK WORK.

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending April 29, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
David Summers, Lititz,		D & R	3	7	2	4.50		4.50	
Wm. K. Achenback, Lititz,		D & R	2	10			5.00	5.00	12.75
H. K. High, Lansford,		H of M	3		7		15.25	15.25	38.25
H. J. Albright, Lansford,		H of M	3	23			11.00	11.00	24.00
J. A. K. Lichty, W. Catasaqua,		H of M	2	.19	1	1.25		1.25	51.80
W. T. Hilgert, Philadelphia,		Misc					6.89	6.89	7.14
Totals,	6 Agents,		13	59	10	\$5.75	\$38.14	\$43.89	\$133.94

Western Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending April 29, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. H. Zeidler, McKeesport,		P & P	1	5		3.50	.25	3.75	6.50
Ivor Lawrence, Altoona,		D & R	1	7	6	12.00	5.00	17.00	
H. P. Morgan, Washington,			4	22	1	2.25	10.25	12.50	7.50
			5	27	7	14.25	15.25	29.50	7.50
Totals,	3 Agents,		11	61	14	\$32.00	\$30.75	\$62.75	\$21.50

Southern New England Conference, Week Ending April 29, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
R. C. Andrews, Bristol, Conn.,									86.40
R. H. Randall, Warwick, R. I.,	B R					11.00	2.00	13.00	
Totals,	2 Agents,					\$11.00	\$2.00	\$13.00	86.40

Central New England Conference, Week Ending April 29, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
F. A. Lodge, Whitinsville, Mass.,		P & P	4	28	3	8.40	16.65	25.05	
Totals,	1 Agent,		4	28	3	\$8.40	\$16.65	\$25.05	

Maine Conference, Week Ending April 29, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
A. E. Boothman, Skinner,		H of M		36		36.25	6.25	42.50	
M. Leona Goodrich, Skowhegan,		L G	2	12	8	27.50		27.50	
Totals,	2 Agents,		2	48	8	\$63.75	\$6.50	\$70.00	

failed to report to the State secretary for the last quarter; hence must now be left out in Mrs. Huntington's report to Mrs. Plummer, the general secretary. Now this is not as it should be, and we earnestly request that hereafter more prompt attention be given to this matter.

—The conference committee was in session on the 26th ult. In regard to the question of increasing our present force of laborers it was thought best not to do so at present, but to continue as we are until our finances are in better condition. Doubtless one tent effort will be made this summer in some large city—possibly two

—but this is to be determined more fully later. It was also decided to hold a camp-meeting this fall, either at Clarksburg or Grafton, provided suitable grounds can be had at one of these places. Let our people throughout the conference begin now to plan to attend the biennial feast of good things.

S. G. HUNTINGTON.

May 5.

BOSTON FIELD.

—Brother G. R. Ruggles left last week on a business trip to Philadelphia, Pa.

—Brother Elmer Townsend is

visiting his home in Maine, preparatory to leaving for his summer's work in Ohio.

—Sister M. M. Hyde, of Everett, Mass., has returned home from Pine Bluff, North Carolina, where she has been spending the winter months.

—Brother W. R. Uchtmann organized a Sabbath-school on Sabbath, April 30, in the Chapin block, Davis Square, Somerville. The school will be held every Sabbath at 10:30 A. M.

—The baptismal service in the Boston church has been postponed from Sabbath, the 14th inst., to Sabbath, the 21st inst., at 4 P. M., which will be immediately following the Children's Day exercises, that will commence at 1:30 P. M.

—Sister Etta Andrews, who has been spending several weeks at the Melrose sanitarium, where her three little children have been successfully treated, left Wednesday evening, the 4th inst., for Fredericton, N. B., where she will join her husband, Elder Walter Andrews.

—The health food business that is being carried on by Brother D. M. Hull, at 23 Wyoming Ave., Melrose, Mass., is in a prosperous condition, so much so that it has been necessary to secure another horse. It has also been demonstrated that other lines of gospel work can be connected with the business, for over one hundred and twenty books have been sold and a large number of tracts and papers have been distributed. This has principally been done by Brother Hull's soliciting agent, Brother S. N. Fogg. The influence of the work has also helped to secure patronage for the sanitarium.

K. C. RUSSELL.

MAINE.

—We learn that Brother Geo. Lamb's wife, who is at the Melrose sanitarium, is improving rapidly in health.

—Brother Fred Grant has resumed

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West Virginia Conference, Week Ending April 29, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Mrs. S. F. Herring, Morgantown,		G A	5	19	33	11.40		11.40	
G. B. Mason, Fairmont,		P H	4	27	2	.75		.75	35.50
Mrs. G. B. Mason, Fairmont,		P H	3	21					27.40
O'Dell Fletcher, Parkersburg,		C O L	4	9½	2	2.50	10.00	12.50	1.25
Totals,	4 Agents,		16	76½	37	\$14.65	\$10.00	\$24.65	\$64.15

Vermont Conference, Week Ending April 29, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
G. H. Clark, Brattleboro,		P of J	3	11	4	4.95	1.00	5.95	39.75
Totals,	1 Agent,		3	11	4	\$4.95	\$1.00	\$5.95	39.75

New York Conference, Week Ending April 29, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Mrs. Andrew Cobb,		B R		40	6	12.00	33.50	45.50	
Fritz Evans,		G P		28	5	1.75		1.75	
Jabez Deeley,		G C		24	4	9.00	4.75	13.75	
Arthur Coon,		G C		5	3	8.25	1.00	9.25	
A. R. Evans,		H of M		28	5	4.18	9.68	13.86	
G. F. Evans,		H of M		12			3.75	3.75	
Totals,	6 Agents,			137	23	\$35.18	\$52.68	\$87.86	

New Jersey Conference, Week Ending April 29, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. H. Loose, Newark,		B R		25		3.50	3.74	7.24	6.24
J. W. Rambo, Swedesboro,		G A		21	45	12.45	2.75	15.20	6.20
Totals,	2 Agents,			46	45	\$15.95	\$6.49	\$22.44	12.44

U. C. Totals April 29,	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
27 Agents,	49	466½	144	\$191.63	\$163.96	\$355.59	\$358.18
Totals for corresp. week last year,							
23 Agents,	546	331	3	\$605.20	\$151.15	\$756.35	\$103.37



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A NUMBER of articles, several reports, and five obituaries are omitted, because it was impossible to find room for them in this week's paper.

NO FURTHER notice appears this week concerning the camp-meeting of the Central New England Conference, as it seems probable that some radical changes will be made in the plans.

ON the evening of May 8, Elder Cottrell left South Lancaster to attend the session of the Chesapeake Conference, at Ford's Store, Maryland, May 10 to 16. From there he will go to Berrien Springs, Michigan, to attend the first annual session of the corporation known as the Review and Herald Publishing Association, of Washington, D. C., and other meetings that will be held in connection with the biennial session of the Lake Union Conference from May 17 to 27.

NOTICE.

IT is expected that Elder K. C. Russell will speak to the Everett church May 14. Sabbath-school at 10 A. M.; preaching at 11 o'clock.

C. E. PALMER, *Leader.*

BOSTON ANNUAL CHILDRENS' DAY.

THE annual childrens' day exercises in the Boston field will be held Sabbath, May 21, at 1:30 P. M., in Gilbert Hall, Tremont Temple.

A cordial invitation is extended to our neighboring churches and com-

panies of Sabbath-keepers to join us in this service.

It is desired that the companies who will be in attendance have their children come prepared to take part in the exercises, and send their part of the program to Sister G. W. Hastings, 48 Falmouth St., Boston, Mass.

K. C. RUSSELL.

A ROLL OF HONOR ???

THE increasing influence of those who are seeking for more rigid Sunday legislation is indicated by the fact that in the present Massachusetts legislature fourteen bills for more liberal Sunday laws were defeated.

At the hearing it appeared that the committee before whom the greater number of these bills were presented, would render a favorable report, but alas! it was again illustrated in the rendering of this adverse report that popular sentiment and not principle bore sway.

The promoters of Sunday legislation evidently very well understand the kind of arguments that prove the most effective, as will be seen from the following extract concerning the report of the committees before whom these Sunday bills were presented, which appeared in the May number of *The Defender*, the organ of the New England Sabbath Protective League, "It speaks well for the Judiciary and the Probate and Chancery Committees that they reported against such dangerous legislation, and stood almost a unit in opposition to it. We shall be glad to publish their names in the future as deserving well of their constituents."

It will be observed that *The Defender's* roll of honor is for those who support such measures as are pleasing to those who are drunken with the wine of Sunday legislation, but woe to the one who may refuse his support.

It seems as though the most indif-

ferent Seventh-day Adventist would be convinced, as he beholds the rising cloud of Sunday legislation from almost every quarter, that it is now high time that we should awake out of sleep, and sound the warning against the worship of the beast, against his image, and his mark, as never before.

K. C. RUSSELL.

THE CORNVILLE MEETING.

WE would again call attention to the spring meeting, which is to be held at Cornville from May 26 to 30. This will be an important meeting, and we trust that a goodly number will attend. Ample provision will be made for all.

P. F. BICKNELL.

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the canvassing work, and we shall hope to hear good reports from him soon.

—Sister Minnie Griffin, of Cliff Island, who has been at the Melrose sanitarium, has returned much improved in health.

—Sister Leona Goodrich writes that she has secured a good testimonial relative to "Ladies' Guide" from the leading physicians in Skowhegan, and she is still of good courage in the work.

—It is interesting to notice that some of our canvassers are doing regular colporteur work, talking and praying with people, and trying to win them to Christ. They are sending names of interested individuals to the Maine Tract Society, and the work will be followed up by means of tracts, letters, and papers.

—Brother Boothman writes, "I find the people are much interested to know what the Bible says about the condition of things in the world. I think if we could have another good earthquake, I could sell books faster, as nearly all feel as if the end of the world was at hand. Now is the time to sell books, while this sentiment prevails."

E. H. MORTON.