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

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HOPE ON.

THERE was never a day so misty and gray
That the blue was not somewhere above it;
There is never a mountain top ever so bleak
That some little flower does not love it.

There was never a night so dreary and dark
That the stars were not somewhere shining;

There is never a cloud so heavy and black
That it has not a silver lining.

There is never a waiting time, weary and long,

That will not sometime have an ending.
The most beautiful part of the landscape is where

The sunshine and shadows are blending.

Into every life some shadows will fall,
But Heaven sends the sunshine of love;
Through the rifts in the clouds we may, if we will,
See the beautiful blue above.

Then let us hope on, though the way be long,

And the darkness be gathering fast,
For the turn in the road is a little way on
Where the home lights will greet us at last.

—Morning Star.

FREEDOM FROM DEBT.

WILL not each president and conference committee in each conference in the Atlantic Union Conference inaugurate a more complete system for the *immediate* sale of the book, “Christ’s Object Lessons,” by ear-

nestly encouraging every one to bear a part in this great movement to liberate our Union educational institution from debt within the next few weeks? Let this plan not be a system of plans but of *doing*. The entire debt may be *anceled* by May 1, 1902, if we enter upon the task with one mind,—to accomplish it. But we have no time to delay. The Lord calls to service. The King’s business requires haste.

Let us note that our educational institutions were established in the early days of the denomination, when the believers were *all* poor and *few* in number, hence debts were naturally incurred. Our fathers and mothers *labored, and sacrificed* to establish these institutions that children might be the better fitted to act their part in the closing work of the gospel. Is it not altogether fitting that those of us who had so little part to act in founding them, come up nobly to their deliverance from the bondage of debt? Through these institutions there is being accomplished a great work in fitting our children to act a noble part in the Master’s cause.

Let us, one and all, old and young, RISE as one man, to the financial freedom of our schools through the sale of the book, “Christ’s Object Lessons,” which was given for that purpose. We have increased our debt, lost time

and blessings by not having done our duty a year ago; so let us delay no longer. “They helped every one his neighbor; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage.”

For the encouragement of other conferences in the Atlantic Union Conference, I will state that the New England Conference has placed her last order, and has almost completed the sale of her quota, having yet to sell but thirteen hundred and eighteen books; and all the conference employees, together with as many of the rank and file of the people as will join the band of workers, are now actually engaged in disposing of the little remnant.

There are many ways to accomplish this work, but *plans unexecuted* will never bring the desired end. If there are those who have means, but on account of old age, ill health, office work, or for any other reason, can not enter the field as *salesmen*, there is another way the Lord has provided for them, for each should act his part.

I knew one man who was too aged to act as a regular salesman, who bought outright two hundred copies of the book, and at once arranged with two different salesmen to dispose of one hundred each on commission. I have know several score of persons throughout this Union Conference who bought from fifty to one hun-

dred copies each, paid for them, and have since sold them to others. Where there is a *will* there is certainly a way.

There may be found those who are strong physically, and filled with heavenly zeal to act a part, but who can give but little of their time, because of financial circumstances. Let those who are *stewards of the Lord* over a little means, be broad-minded and generous-hearted, and supply such with a few books to sell on commission, and thus each will act his part.

I am anxious to see every conference in this Union have its quota sold by May 1. Come, brethren and sisters, and let us enter unitedly into this work and in the name of the Lord accomplish it. I am with you in spirit and in letter, for the carrying out of what I have advocated in this article. "Thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?"

"Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord."

H. W. COTTRELL.

ANOTHER HEARING.

THERE was another interesting hearing conducted at the State House in Boston, Mass., Friday, February 21. This bill was introduced by the religious element who are ever appealing to the puny arm of flesh for the support of the carnal institution of a Sunday sabbath.

Among those present who were of influence in the interests of Sunday legislation were Mrs. Stephenson, the president of the Massachusetts W. C. T. U. Association, and Miss McEntire, the president of the Boston Association of W. C. T. Unions.

One of Boston's prominent attorneys was secured by the Sunday folks to introduce the bill before the committee. The proposed legislation is for the purpose of prohibiting theaters from conducting Sunday concerts unless they are strictly sacred, and causing all proceeds from such concerts

to be used for religious and charitable purposes.

It was plain to be seen from the first, that the committee were not at all in sympathy with the proposed bill.

The point that was discussed more than any other at this hearing, was how to determine between a sacred and profane concert. A minister who spoke in favor of the bill with more zeal than knowledge, frankly admitted that the question of what was and what was not sacred was a very difficult one to decide. He further said in effect that the theater was a competitor of the church.

Opportunity was given those who desired to speak in opposition to the bill, and the time was improved by several of our people speaking, among whom was Elder G. B. Wheeler. Each speaker endeavored to make plain the principle of a total separation of the church and the state.

It was shown by the opposition that an immoral concert was just as bad on one day as another, and that the Lord and the person who is born again are only able to determine what is sacred, and even the converted soul can decide that for himself only.

It was clearly seen, by the attitude of those in favor of this bill, that the spirit of religious intolerance is growing.

The question may arise in the minds of some of the readers, as it has in the minds of some with whom the writer has conversed, Why do you spend time in opposing these bills along the line of religious legislation if you know that they will succeed in enforcing the mark of the beast according to the third angel's message? The answer is simply this, we hope as we have an opportunity to speak before these hearings from time to time, to be able to say something that will cause the precious gospel to shine forth upon this question, that those who are prominent in this work may be brought to a knowledge of the truth, or at least be left without excuse.

K. C. RUSSELL.

FOR no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church. For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones." Eph. 5:29, 30.

"Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you? . . . Therefore glorify God in your body." 1 Cor. 6:19, 20.

"I beseech you . . . by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, well-pleasing to God, which is your spiritual worship." Rom. 12:1, R.V. [margin].

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." 1 Cor. 10:31. That is, that the glory of God may be manifested to men.

Since we are commanded by the word of the Lord to eat and drink to the glory of God, it is evident that we ought to seek wisdom from God in order that we may be instructed how to live according to the Divine will in the matter of our daily eating and drinking.

Holy Scripture is not silent on this theme; consequently our search will not be in vain if we seek teaching and guidance in this from the written Word. It is also expedient for us that we allow our minds to be open to receive useful knowledge from other reliable sources, which may help us to treat our bodies in a proper way.

A poor, afflicted woman, who had received no education in her early days, looked unto God in faith, and he healed her instantaneously of an incurable malady. A few weeks afterwards she was troubled with a disordered digestion, the natural result of indiscreet eating. Being advised by the friend who had been instrumental in her marvelous healing to eat brown bread, and renounce indigestible foods, she replied with astonishment, "I never take means now."

Food convenient for us builds up

the body, whilst the drugs which are usually administered to the sick often produce evil results. Consequently they are not prescribed by the pure word of God for people who are out of health.

Our God desires us to cherish and nourish our bodies, which are his; therefore we ought to learn how to feed, and use, and work our bodies. We ought also to act conscientiously according to knowledge. "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17), is just as true of bodily habits as it is of the heart.

Refusing to heed and obey the promptings of the Spirit concerning daily food is a source of many minor sicknesses among Christian people, which can not be removed through prayer—being the natural consequence of unforsaken sin—until the disobedience which is the source of the malady is humbly acknowledged unto God, confessed, and renounced. —*Selected.*

BREVITIES OF HEALTH.

THE most successful time to cure a disease is before it begins.

We have departed from the natural simplicity of our forefathers, and are therefore compelled to leave behind us the natural strength of constitution which they possessed.

Fiery spices create a thirst that the town pump can not satisfy; thus the kitchen becomes a vestibule to the saloon, and the cook goes in partnership with the undertaker.

Resorting to the use of stimulants to secure strength is like placing a mortgage on one's property. It provides ready cash for the present, but sooner or later the mortgage must be foreclosed.

There is a school that many a child enters at infancy, and from which he is not graduated until death, and that is the school of bad habits. He acquires them early, and adheres to them

until late. The diploma that he gets in this school is ill health, and chronic invalidism.

Would you not be very much surprised to find a boy going to bed at night ignorant, and waking up in the morning a college professor? It is likewise inconsistent to entertain the notion that there is some way by which humanity can secure health without sowing for it.

DAVID PAULSON.

A SAD RECORD.

THAT the world is becoming more and more devoted to the service of sin, is greatly emphasized by the terrible record of events published in the papers of the present time. After reading a long article, in which was given in brief many occurrences that were the direct results of drunkenness in the United States during this last Christmas week, I felt impressed to make a condensed summary of them, which is as follows:

Killed by others,	88
Suicides,	12
Death by accident,	4
Death from drinking,	7
Total deaths,	111

Serious if not fatal injury to others by shooting, stabbing or otherwise, fifty-three, besides those mentioned in one instance as "many," where number was not given.

Serious self-inflicted injury, three.

This does not give the many hundred cases of "drunks" in the lock-ups, nor the cases of starvation, suffering and distress of human beings experienced during the same time. Such a record as this during the week given up to the celebration of a so-called "Christian festival," in a so-called "Christian nation," shows to an observing mind the fallacy of such theories, and confirms the truth of the warning messages from God's word for these, the last days.

"Now the works of the flesh are

manifest, which are these: . . . envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like. Gal. 5:19-21.

D. B. PARMELEE.

The FIELD

VERMONT.

ABOUT six weeks ago, I went to Taftsville, Vt., to look after some matters pertaining to the church school at that place. While I was there, an urgent request was made by those not of our faith for meetings to be held in the town hall in Taftsville, which is three miles from the location of our school. Our first service was held January 24, and the meetings continued until February 22. The attendance and interest was good from the first service to the last one held.

Eight persons were baptized and thirteen united with the church, though not all of these were new converts to the faith. Some were children of Sabbath-keepers. Others who received baptism at the time of the camp-meeting had not united with the church. Six persons accepted the Sabbath, five of whom united with the church. Others are deeply interested, and will attend the Sabbath-school. We shall hope for them to take a stand for the truth soon.

Eleven years ago Brother Geo. Williams and family, with others, heard and accepted the truth in the same hall in which this series of meetings was held.

Twenty-one years ago, when the writer began preaching this message in the State of Maryland, we could go into a new field, and in a few weeks bring out a company of Sabbath-keepers, organize them into a Sabbath-school, and in a few months, perhaps, organize a church. This experience at Taftsville is more like the experiences of former years than anything I have found in the East.

We have similar calls coming to us

from different parts of the State by those not of our faith, more than we can fill. One man has offered to pay all the expenses of a series of meetings if we will come to his place. At another place, where one Sabbath sermon was preached in the early part of the winter, the people are still anxiously waiting to hear more about the truth.

Brethren, what does this mean? Surely the Lord is coming soon, and is preparing the hearts of many people to accept the message.

May the Lord help all his servants to humble themselves before him, so that he can use them to bring to others the light of life. Praise, honor, and glory be unto him that liveth forever and ever. "Praise ye the Lord."

J. W. WATT.

NEW YORK CHURCH NO. 2.

ELDER E. E. FRANKE commenced holding midweek meetings in this church, located at 279 W. Eleventh Street, on Wednesday evening, February 5, and is creating a strong interest in this part of the city. On last Wednesday evening, February 12, the meeting was well attended by strangers who were much interested in the subject presented.—"Christ's Kingdom on This Earth."

The following points were dwelt upon by Elder Franke; viz., "The surrender of the kingdom to Satan by Adam," "Israel governed by God until the reign of Zedekiah," "The kingdom overturned by Medo-Persia, Grecia, and Rome," Ezek. 21: 25, 27; 17: 1-21. "The throne of the Lord removed from this world until Christ comes," "Satan's ownership of the kingdoms of this world shown by his temptation of Christ" (Luke 4: 1-13), "Christ receives the kingdom and the throne of his father David at the end of this world." Dan. 7: 13, 14; Luke 1: 33, 34.

In response to an invitation, those present asked questions, which were

answered after the discourse. We hope these meetings will redound to God's honor and glory, and that souls will be saved in his kingdom as a result.

JOHN C. HENNESSY.

PEACEDALE, R. I.

ELDER EDWARDS and the writer reached Peacedale for the special meetings advertised in the GLEANER; but one of the worst snow-storms which have visited that section in years, came about the same time we did, and continued all Friday afternoon and night, and all day Sabbath. On some of the cross roads the snow reached a depth of six feet, and in one cut it was between ten and fifteen feet deep. This made it impossible for the churches to unite, as we had expected and hoped. Only those living in the village were able to get to the church till Sunday afternoon. This was a source of disappointment to us all.

Notwithstanding the storm, seven meetings were held besides the Sabbath-school. We started in with that wonderful scripture, "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God." How we may see and trust the Lord, the importance of the messages he has given us at this time, the progress attending the work done, and the deceptions which are multiplying in these last days, were the themes studied. One service was devoted to the consideration of the different departments of our conference and tract society work, our relations to the Atlantic Union Conference, the necessity of sustaining the UNION GLEANER, and of making donations to the tent and camp-meeting fund, and the endowed bed fund. We had a profitable season, and were much encouraged by the interest manifested by all present in the advancement of the work.

Before coming to this conference I had often heard of "conservative New

England." I have now visited over thirty churches, and as yet I have not met the "conservatism." On the other hand, the welcome given to me by all the churches thus far, the interest manifested in all lines which mean advancement for the message, have been all, yes, more, than I would ask. This has inspired me with courage, and a conviction that the New England Conference may rightfully be called progressive rather than "conservative."

The blessing which the Lord pronounced and promised to the "two or three," was ours all through our meetings, and we could truthfully say with Peter, "Lord, it is good for us to be here."

We shared the hospitality of Brother James Teft's home. We were pleased to meet his brother Eugene whose home is in Wright, Michigan, and who has been for a time visiting at Peacedale. While visiting his relatives and friends, he has also been doing a good work for the Peacedale church, which is greatly appreciated. Elder Edwards held a closing meeting Monday night.

A. E. PLACE.

DOVER, N. H.

SINCE Brother Gilbert's departure for Brooklyn, we have made a change in the place of our public services, and are now centrally located in a cozy little hall on the main street of the city. Though we have been there but four weeks, the interest is larger than before, with a constant increase in attendance. Just at present Sunday is our busy day. We are holding services in the morning in a school-house about four miles out of Dover, where the people seem much interested in the special truths for this time, then we have our regular afternoon and evening services in Dover.

The demand for Bible work is constantly increasing, and there is plenty of opportunity for making family calls.

Several new ones are persuaded that we are teaching the truth, and we trust that ere long they will step out on the side of the commandments.

By the way, there is a query which we desire to make to the GLEANER readers. Can not something be done to encourage mechanics and other classes of workmen to take hold of the truth? It is true that the just shall live by faith, but a few rays of tangible hope are a powerful stimulant to any one's faith. Is this foolishness? or is it a practical, serious question? It is one of the questions that has frequently been asked us, and we would be glad if some one with an extended experience would answer it. Perhaps the solution will come when Pentecost is repeated, and we have all things in common; if so, may God hasten the day, for we love these people, and long to see them brought into the fold of Christ.

Let the GLEANER readers remember the work in Dover in their prayers.

H. C. HARTWELL.

WILL YOU HELP?

WE feel very anxious that Maine shall take hold of the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" with more earnestness and zeal. We wish to ask if there are not those in the conference who are willing to pay something to have their books sold for them. We know of several young men who will try to sell these books if they will be allowed a commission. We think fifty cents on a book would be a fair percentage, but if there are those who are willing to pay but thirty cents, we shall be glad to hear from them. This will be a good investment. Write to us what you are willing to do. There are some in Maine who pledged to take a certain number of books and have not met their agreement. We shall be glad to hear from them also. We ask our librarians to take up this work with their churches, and see if something can not be done. God is testing his people.

E. H. MORTON.

BOSTON FIELD.

LAST Sabbath the service in Boston was conducted in the interests of the "Forward Movement" question.

Sister Mary B. Nicola, M.D., of the South Lancaster Sanitarium, was present and made some interesting and encouraging remarks in behalf of this new undertaking. Among the things she emphasized, was the solemn responsibility that rests upon the wife and mother in the selection of food and its preparation, for the use of improper food and poor cooking are some of the chief ways in which the foundation for intemperance is laid. Another was that a person could do more effective service upon a plain and wholesome diet than upon one consisting of meats, tea, coffee, etc. The case of a college professor was cited who preferred to remain in his room, and partake of a meal consisting of simple fruits, etc., than to patronize a restaurant.

After several others had spoken in hearty approval of health reform, an expression was taken as to how many would enjoy the study of the lessons of the "Forward Movement" that will be given from week to week, to which nearly all present responded.

Sister Maud Cummins, a professional nurse, has consented to assist us here in this noble undertaking.

Brother G. R. Ruggles has been demonstrating what can be done in a more systematic canvass for "Christ's Object Lessons" in this field, and the result thus far has been encouraging. He has taken forty-one orders for the book during the past two weeks. The plan that he follows in his canvass may appear later in the GLEANER.

Our people here have felt keenly the terrible misfortune that has befallen our people in the burning of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, and are trying to learn the lesson that God wishes to teach us in this manifestation of his providence, for "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God." It has been suggested

that the Lord might have permitted this calamity to emphasize the importance of the principles that have been taught these many years at the Sanitarium, being carried more extensively to those who sit in darkness. It is certain that the Lord desires the principles that this institution has stood for, to become more widely known, regardless of what lesson he designs to teach us by this fire.

There was one thing in connection with it that even the world recognized, and that was the miraculous escape of the large number of inmates of the institution at the time of the burning. The Boston *Globe* says on this point, "It is almost miraculous that the four hundred sleeping patients escaped with their lives."

K. C. RUSSELL.

KEENE, N. H.

THE Lord is working for his people. At our regular weekly prayer service last night, there were fifteen present, ten Sabbath-keepers, two members of the Baptist church, and three unconverted persons. We had a very spiritual meeting, twelve taking active part.

W. A. WILBER.

INDIA.

A LETTER recently received from Miss Burrus, tells of her safe arrival in India. She and her company stopped a few days in London, and in Paris, with the brethren there, then sailed from Marseilles to Bombay, where they were met by Brother Ellery Robinson and wife, who have spent part of their time for the past three years in Bombay and vicinity. Two of the young ladies, Miss Kellogg and Miss Orr, were left at this place to work with them. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson expect to sail from India in April on a much-needed furlough.

Miss Burrus and Miss Whiteis are to return to Chandernagore, to go on with the work begun before Miss Burrus came to America. Brother and

Sister Quantock have been canvassing in Southern India and Ceylon, but were expected to soon return and again take charge of the work at Karmatar, which has for a few months been under the direction of Miss Whiteis and Miss Knight, the latter teaching English in the school of the Home. She speaks of the work for the children as being very interesting and encouraging. Miss Whiteis has had her hands full in working for the sick and suffering in the many native villages surrounding them there.

An institute was just going to be held in Calcutta, for the benefit of some new ones who had lately taken hold of the truth and wished to start out in the work. All the workers, so far as consistent, were to attend. Brother Robinson of Bombay was expected to be there to assist.

The new workers have taken hold of the work with good courage, and thus infused new courage into the hearts of those who have been longer there. Do not forget the workers in these distant fields, but remember them in your prayers, for they work under greater disadvantages than you can realize. The same God watches over them that cares for us, and it cheers their hearts to know that prayers are ascending to him in their behalf.

MRS. E. D. ROBINSON.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

At the home of Elder A. H. Clark and wife of New Haven, Conn., on the evening of February 24, there was a pleasant gathering of friends and acquaintances to witness the marriage of their son, A. J. Clark, who is engaged in the Bible work in Springfield, Mass., to Miss Mintha S. Luce, who has of late been engaged in the same line of work at Barre, Vt. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

The presents were many, and of such a nature that they will be useful

in their home, which will be at 61 Queen St., Springfield, Mass., where they will be pleased to receive calls from their friends after March first.

A. H. CLARK.

EDUCATIONAL

OUR ACADEMY AND CHURCH-SCHOOLS

CHRISTIAN HELP WORK.

MENTION was made last week in the Academy Notes of the fact that the young people were doing quite a little in the direction of Christian help work. Feeling that the friends of the school would be interested to know something of this work, I have asked for a few reports of what is being done. Below are given some of these.

"One Friday morning we went to visit a poor family in Clinton. Their home was a mere hovel. Everything outside and inside was dirty and uninviting. Litter was scattered on the greasy floor of the kitchen, and the other room was not in a much better condition. We had not been there long when we offered to help the mother, who was not very well, as we thought she needed help.

"Having permission we went to work, believing that by our humble efforts we could best open their hearts to receive the gospel of cleanliness as well as of godliness. We did our best for the short time we had, and soon things were in a better condition.

"Their two little boys were dirty, ragged, and so thinly clad that the mother kept them in the house all winter. We learned that an organ had been willed to the family by a relative, and by playing and singing, we soon won the confidence of the little boys.

"That afternoon we made some little blouses and collected clothing. The next day we gave them a bath, put on clean clothes, and brought them to Sabbath-school. The mother's heart was touched, and now instead of bringing the children here, a distance of three miles, we have a little

Sabbath-school in their home. Other children come in, and last Sabbath we had an attendance of fourteen. Next Sabbath we expect to have more. The organ is a great help in singing.

"We are gratified to see the improvement in the home from time to time. They are making an effort to be clean. We know that God is answering our prayers by working in the home, and blessing the Sabbath-school. At the end of the term, we hope to see an entire change in their hearts as well as their surroundings. This has been our first experience in Christian help work. We have not told it all. It has made us so happy, that we wish it might be an inspiration to others to do the same."

"One of the families which I visited, was very poor. The husband, a drunkard, had deserted his wife and seven children. The youngest being little over a year old, and the oldest only twelve, there was no one who could work out to help support the family except the mother.

"The youngest two girls did not have anything to wear only ragged dresses, and were barefooted when I first went there. I will not take the time to describe their poverty, as it is beyond my description.

"With the help of other students, I collected enough clothing so that they are quite comfortable at present. I also had four dollars and seventy-five cents given me to buy shoes and other articles that they needed.

"Last Sabbath we had a little meeting in which the mother and children showed remarkable interest. I was much gratified to note the improvement in the appearance of the house. Before leaving I gave them some literature.

"This was my first experience in this line of work, and I hope to see every young person interested in this work for the Master."

"In company with some of the students, I visited a poor family that was destitute of nearly all of the supposed necessities of life.

"The children, four in all, were in rags, and the first thing that met my eyes upon entering the room, was the baby, wrapped in a few rags, not even enough to protect it from cold, eating a crust of bread.

"The children were all without shoes or stockings, but by taking a collection, we were enabled to buy shoes, while friends made the clothes most needed.

"On our second visit, we found that the children's father, not being in good health, was out of work, and that his wife would begin work the following week. It was indeed a sad sight to see the children, in their rags, around the kitchen stove, waiting for what might happen.

"I could not help feeling condemned when I thought of the privileges that were mine to enjoy, when those about me were suffering for what I could give them.

"Christ has said, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'"

"One of the most pleasing things that I have met in the work is the ease with which the children may be won. We were working in a basement one sunny afternoon, and soon a dozen little ones crowded around the low window. The little children in the home clung to us very closely, and when we started to leave, we found that one little tot of four was crying silently. She wished to go home with us, but her little face brightened when we promised to come again. She was delighted when we suggested that she should go to the corner with us, and she stood there waving her hand as we passed out of sight."

"We visited a poor home in Clinton, though it was not so destitute as some. The worst trouble was the way they lived. I will try to describe the place where they lived. To get there we were compelled to climb over what you might call a dump;

coming to the steps we went up a long, broken staircase to the third floor of a flat, and walking a little distance back an aisle, we came to three small rooms where a family of six lived. The mother is a widow, and has for the last ten years worked in the Clinton mills to support her four children and aged mother.

"This mother like many others goes away early in the morning, stays away all day, and comes home at night, and does the work of the family.

"The face of one of the little boys was badly hurt. We gave it treatment for a week, meanwhile carrying papers to them to read. They seem very grateful for what we have done. The children always look for a *Little Friend* when we come, and we hope in our visits a helpful word may be dropped, or from our actions they may be lifted up to a higher aim in life."

"I never realized in what extreme poverty people can live until I saw for myself a family struggling under real poverty. It was a bitter cold day when I started out to deliver some clothing that was to be given to a family who lived on what is known as 'The Acre.' I found them after a short search living down-stairs in what they called the basement. I entered, and this is the sight that met my eyes: There were five children; they were scantily clothed, having no shoes and stockings upon their feet; they were all very young, ranging from six months to eight years of age. The mother told me afterward that the children had not been outdoors all winter because they had no shoes. Think what a child's life must be never getting the fresh air from December to April!

"When we went in they were having dinner, which consisted of a hard piece of bread to be divided among six. This is no exaggeration. Not being able to see them crunch dry bread, my friend and I went to the store and bought some food. When we came back, the mother was dress-

ing the children in the clothes we had brought; it was good to hear the delighted cries of the children when they put the warm clothes on, and saw the fruit which we had bought for them. Now this was a family worthy of our help, the father was out shoveling snow to earn bread, while the mother walked through that fierce storm of wind and snow to the mill, but found no work."

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

ACADEMY NOTES.

—Elder Miles has recently given us two or three stirring talks on the canvassing work.

—The work in the broom-shop is going along very pleasantly. Our friends who will purchase brooms of the school will not only get good brooms but will help in this good enterprise.

—Brother J. H. Pomeroy, of Blackville, S. C. recently paid the school a visit. One morning during the chapel hour he gave a very interesting account of the colored school which he is conducting at his home.

—On Tuesday last the school was closed for the afternoon and the majority of the students went for a sleigh-ride. Three large four-horse teams were provided and a delightful ride was taken for several miles up and down hill. The students seemed to enjoy it thoroughly.

—The Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Band gave a very delightful and profitable entertainment in the Home dining-room Thursday evening, February 27. A large number of friends were in from the village. The entertainment was not only enjoyable, but thoroughly helpful.

"CHRIST'S life was a constant revelation of positive truth."

A MAN'S power depends upon the positive truth revealed in his life.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY

IMPORTANCE OF COOKERY.

SOME are called to what are looked upon as humble duties—it may be, to cook. But the science of cooking is not a small matter. The skillful preparation of food is one of the most essential arts, standing above music, teaching, or dressmaking. By this I do not mean to discount music, teaching, or dressmaking, for they are essential. But more important still is the art of preparing food so that it is both healthful and appetizing. This art should be regarded as the most valuable of all the arts, because it is so closely connected with life. It should receive more attention; for in order to make good blood, the system requires good food. The foundation of that which keeps people in health is the medical missionary work of good cooking. Often health-reform is made health-deform by the unpalatable preparation of food. The lack of knowledge regarding healthful cookery must be remedied before health-reform is a success.

Good cooks are few. Many, many mothers need to take lessons in cooking, that they may set before the family well-prepared, neatly served food.

Before children take lessons on the organ or the piano, they should be given lessons in cooking. The work of learning to cook need not exclude music, but to learn music is of less importance than to learn how to prepare food that is wholesome and appetizing.

Connected with our sanitariums and schools, there should be cooking-schools, where instruction is given on the proper preparation of food. In all our schools there should be those who are fitted to educate the students, both men and women, in

the art of cooking. Women especially should learn how to cook.

It is a sin to place poorly prepared food on the table, because the matter of eating concerns the well-being of the entire system. The Lord desires his people to appreciate the necessity of having food prepared in such a way that it will not make sour stomachs, and in consequence, sour tempers. Let us remember there is practical religion in a loaf of good bread.

Let not the work of cooking be looked upon as a sort of slavery. What would become of those in our world if all who are engaged in cooking should give up their work with the flimsy excuse that it is not sufficiently dignified? Cooking may be regarded as less desirable than other lines of work, but in reality it is a science above all other sciences. Thus God regards the preparation of healthful food. He places a high estimate on those who do faithful service in preparing wholesome, palatable food. The one who understands the art of properly preparing food, and who uses this knowledge, is worthy of higher commendation than those engaged in any other line of work. This talent should be regarded as equal in value to ten talents; for its right use has much to do with keeping the human organism in health. Because so inseparably connected with life and health, it is the most valuable of all gifts.—*Mrs. E. G. White, taken from Exchange.*

THE ENDOWED BED.

THE following are testimonials from individuals who have occupied the endowed bed at the New England Sanitarium:

“Having applied for and received the help I so much needed at the Sanitarium through the instrumentality of the endowed bed, I am truly thankful to the dear Lord for such a people and place. I have enjoyed the kindest attention and most thoughtful care

from all with whom I have come in contact. My heart is full of gratitude for the same, and I hope some time to help you myself in a substantial way, making it possible for others to be benefited as I have been.”

“It is one of the finest places I was ever in. It was so homelike that one who entered there could feel as if he was at home. I noticed that every thing was done by the attendants and nurses to have every one comfortable and happy. I appreciate the kindness that was shown to me in my condition; for if I had remained at home, I should not have had the care and attention that I received there. My health was never better than it is now, and I have no trouble with my eyes. Some of my friends have told me since I came home that they never expected that I would be able to see again. So the Sanitarium speaks for itself. I praise God to-day for the benefit I received while there, and I hope every one will assist in carrying on the work, as it is a worthy object. I speak of it everywhere I go.”

The PRINTED PAGE

“Publicly, and from **HOUSE to HOUSE**”

THE BOOK WORK.

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

WEEK ENDING FEB. 21, 1902.

Name	Place	Ords	Val	Hips
DESIRE OF AGES.				
1 M. O. Bradford, Fall River,		1	\$3.50	\$.75
2 J. E. Leighton, Haverhill,		1	2.50	14.50
3 E. W. Stone, Haverhill,		3	7.50	4.10
4 F. W. Johnston, Haverhill,		7	21.50	9.20
5 R. C. Andrews, Nashua, N.H.,		6	20.00	6.00
6 G.R. Clark, W Concord, N.H.,		2	7.00	5.00
7 A. G. McBurnie, Fall River,		1	3.50	1.50
8 H. P. Waldo, Fitchburg,		1	3.50	
9 Sarah A. Street, Boston,		1	3.50	6.50
STORY OF REDEMPTION.				
10 Mrs. G. Laycock, Worcester,		2	2.50	
OBJECT LESSONS.				
11 P. P. Lane, Worcester,		2	2.50	4.75
12 G. R. Ruggles, Medford,		26	32.50	2.85
7 A. G. McBurnie, Fall River,		3	3.75	
Totals,	12 Agents,	56	\$113.75	\$5.15

Time.—No. 1, 2 hrs; 2, 28 hrs; 3, 30 hrs; 4, 23 hrs; 5, 31 hrs; 6, 25 hrs; 7, 23 hrs; 8, 2 hrs; 9, 15 hrs; 10, 3 hrs; 11, 14 hrs; 12, 29 hrs. Total, 210 hrs.

Deliveries.—No. 2, \$17; 3, \$18.50; 5, \$51.25; 7, \$48; 8, \$6; 9, \$7; 11, \$2; 12, \$5; Miss Cora A. Spencer, \$9.25.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

WEEK ENDING FEB. 21, 1902.

Name	Place	Ords	Val	Hlps
MARVEL OF NATIONS.				
1 Anna Woernley, Perry,		5	6.50	5.50
2 Elmer Wilbur, Kirkville,		2	2.50	2.25
BIBLE READINGS.				
3 Mrs. Ada B. Noftsger,		1	2.50	1.00
4 Mrs. A. Cobb, S. Russell,		16	36.75	10.50
GREAT CONTROVERSY.				
5 D. A. Artlip, Hornellsville,		5	15.25	
OBJECT LESSONS.				
6 B. B. Noftsger, Utica,		5	6.25	
Miscellaneous Orders			19.25	
Totals,	6 Agents,	34	\$89.00	\$19.25
Corresp'ng w'k, 1901,	3 Ag'ts	18	29.25	6.50

Time.—No. 2, 22 hrs; 2, 4 hr; 4, 18 hrs; 5, 11 hrs; 6, 11 hrs. Total, 66 hrs.

Deliveries.—No. 1, \$2.25; 3, \$10.00; 4, \$5.00; Clara M. Coe, \$2.

PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE.

WEEK ENDING FEB. 14, 1902.

Name	Place	Ords	Val	Hlps
BIBLE READINGS.				
1 O. H. Ward, New Castle,		13	31.50	
GREAT CONTROVERSY.				
2 W. H. Zeidler, Belle Vernon,		2	4.50	4.25
3 C. L. Irons, Erie,		1		1.00
PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS.				
4 J. Q. Herrington, Elliot,		4	10.50	5.50
COMING KING.				
5 Christian Mahr, Sharon,		12	12.00	.25
HERALDS OF THE MORNING.				
6 Amanda Koons, Tamnqua,		2	2.75	7.00
7 J. W. Bateman, Alverton,		8	11.25	2.00
Totals,	7 Ag'ts,	42	72.50	20.00

Time.—No. 1, 20 hr; 2, 4 hrs; 3, 6 hrs; 4, 11 hrs; 6, 16 hrs; 7, 24 hrs. Total, 81 hrs.

Deliveries.—No. 1, \$31.50; 2, \$4.50; 5, \$19.00.

MAINE CONFERENCE.

REPORTS received from Maine for the week ending February 21, show that one agent took eight orders for the "Marvel of Nations," value \$11.00; another agent took eight orders for "Christ's Object Lessons," value \$10.00, and sold helps amounting to \$3.15. Maine's harvest time will come later, when the snow is not so deep.

INSTITUTES.

I PICK up a little handful of exchanges. The first announces three canvassers' institutes for Missouri, conveniently located, and each to last two weeks, board and lodging free. The next tells of a special course for canvassers in Union College, Neb.,

with an allowance made for board and railroad fare. Another announces instruction for canvassers in Emmanuel Missionary College, and a three-weeks' institute at Berrien Springs, Mich. Next in order comes to hand the *Missionary Visitor*, calling for canvassers to attend a ten-days' institute at Newberg, Oregon. Coming back east the *Bulletin* notices Iowa's combined canvassers' and teachers' institute, with an attendance of twenty-three (and more expected), and in the Ohio paper we find an allusion to an institute in progress at Columbus. Another exchange speaks of a canvassers' school in Dakota of three or four months' duration, where they expected an attendance of at least fifty.

And now I have in hand a little book which says, "Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works," and before me lies a letter written by one of our own good tract society secretaries, whose experience dates back into the days of thorough class drills, such as we are not having in these days, and he says, "My soul is burdened over some of these things. Now is certainly the training time for next season's work. It seems to me we ought to do some training of the workers together, in energetic, old-timed manner. The workers need drilling, need to dig for the rock foundation."

Pennsylvania is planning for an institute, a good one. It is altogether probable that we shall have instruction of a special nature for canvassers in South Lancaster Academy very soon, and New York State will hold several general meetings, at which canvassers will be enlisted, and canvassing companies will be formed, with competent leaders. But is this all there is in sight for the building up of this important branch of work in all this great Union Conference, with its ten local conferences and its 25,000,000 souls? Is there not an alarming indifference on our part? How can we rest so easily, with a third part of the popula-

tion of these United States to warn, or to educate in the ways of truth and righteousness? Is there a better way to reach the people than through the efforts of the canvasser? The Lord says there is not. Then must there not be an enormous increase in the number of our agents? And must not the efficiency of every worker be increased? Brethren, please think and act, and act "while it is called to-day."

E. E. MILES.

P. S.—Since writing the above, I have received word that Vermont is to have an institute, April 22 to May 8. Good! Are there not some more happy surprises in store for us, to come out soon?

E. E. M.

P. S. No. 2.—Yes, later still, word comes that the New York conference committee and State agent have decided to have a three or four weeks' institute, to which some of their old canvassers, as well as new ones, will be invited, to prepare to sell our larger books. Their other institutes will be held just the same, as announced above. Who has the next surprise for us? Prospects are growing brighter.

E. E. M.

NEW YORK.

PRESIDENT THOMPSON, writing about the meeting of their conference committee and State directors, held in Syracuse, February 27, says they had a nice counsel together and a good meeting; that all entered into the work to do what they can and to sell all the books they can; and that they are doing all they know how, to wake up our people, and to get each one to sense the responsibility that is resting upon him.

Elder Thompson adds, "The Lord is working for his people, and if we seek him, he will give the success that we all desire to see."

The following recommendations were passed by the council:

"Recognizing our responsibility to sell our quota of 'Christ's Object Les-

sons,' and realizing that in this work our conference is far behind; we therefore recommend,—

"1. That immediate and persistent efforts be put forth by all the members of our churches to do this work, continuing until the task has been accomplished.

"2. That the district directors take up this work in their districts, and see that it is carried forward with unabated vigor till the work is finished, being assisted by the conference president, secretary and State agent.

"3. That the elder and other church officers, being the chosen and recognized leaders of the flock, be earnestly requested to cooperate with the conference officers in each church, by organizing the church into a band of workers, assisting in districting the territory, and leading out in the sale of the book; that this be done at once, commencing March 1, and continuing until the church's quota is sold.

"4. That all conference employees be asked to devote the entire month of March to this work, and longer if necessary; that all interests now being carried on, be so arranged for that they may be looked after evenings and on Sabbaths and Sundays."

This program well carried out certainly must be effective, and we would recommend it to the serious consideration of other of our conferences.

E. E. M.

TAKING CARE OF RECRUITS.

THE New York Conference is to have three or four general meetings, covering nearly the entire State, and three or four canvassing companies. Brother B. B. Noftger, their State agent, writes thus under date of February 23:

"Our general meetings will each last a week or ten days. They will follow each other in quick succession. It is my intention to have the leaders of the companies located before the meetings begin. Two are already located.

"I want the canvassers to go direct from these meetings to their fields, and receive further instruction from the leaders. I am almost persuaded that this plan will get more workers into the field than would a general institute.

"As soon as the meetings are over, I shall go from one company to another, and spend my time with beginners first, and then with others, if I have time. You see our plan. I shall spare no effort to have it succeed. To be sure it may not, at present, though I see no reason why the plan will not work. Enough have already promised to go to make four in each company.

"It may be necessary for us to pay the leaders for a few days' work with each company, or rather a day or two with each beginner; but we can stand it, I believe."

The foregoing commends itself to my mind as a good, common-sense method, under the circumstances: although a month's solid drill in a well-equipped institute, devoted to study and field practice, the favorable hours of the day being devoted to canvassing, would doubtless be better, unless the company leaders are apt to teach, and have the knowledge, disposition, and liberty to magnify their office. We trust that none of these essentials will be wanting in these New York companies.

Are there not valuable features in this plan that may be utilized in other fields?

E. E. M.

ECHOES FROM THE BATTLE.

[THIS clipping we take from *Field Echoes*, the Michigan State paper. The writer's name was not given. E. E. M.]

One week of the time for selling "Christ's Object Lessons" is in the past. There are many, many hearts that are glad for the light, which has come to them in that precious book

and from personal contact with the warm hearts of those who have carried it to them. There are many homes in which the light of gospel peace and love has shone for the first time. There are hundreds of faithful souls who have returned from the battle with rejoicing, having found the promised victory, and its attendant blessing. And there is rejoicing among the angels at the way the Lord's people have responded to the call of his Spirit, and, with faith in his promise, with courage in him, and with a willing heart, the gift of his love, have entered the ranks of his loyal soldiers, taking part in the conflict that they may share in the jubilee song of freedom.

Here at Berrien Springs there has been a notable victory for God. Without forcing, without urging or any other influence being used but the gentle wooing of the Spirit of God, every teacher, student, and church member gladly, yes eagerly, took his stand to do his share of the work. The church sent at once for a full quota of books for every Seventh-day Adventist in the place, and all united with one accord to sell them. The result was that about three-fourths of the five hundred (our quota) were sold within two days, and those the worst days of the winter. But few of these were sold here in the village, where the interest in the school would influence them to buy, as the village had previously been canvassed, but we divided up into companies, and went by sleigh, on the train, or afoot to the surrounding towns, ten, twenty, and even thirty miles away, and, in spite of the blizzard that was raging, put in faithful work visiting the people in their homes, praying with them, and trying to point them to Jesus, and he sold the books.

I wish every brother and sister in this State could have been in the experience meeting held when all had returned. There was a most triumphant note of praise for the victory; not because we had done anything,

but because we had seen the salvation of God in a wonderful way.

One dear old French Canadian brother, over fifty years old, who can not read or write, rose with the jubilee song on his lips, and told his experience. Not being able to read to others from the book, he had poor success the first day. That night he retired early and awoke very early the next morning. He felt that he had met defeat the day before, and must have a different experience; so, from three o'clock until six, he wrestled with the Lord in prayer, and then taking his book started out. As he came to a house, he told his business and then, handing them the book, told them how God had saved his soul, and that the book contained the good news that brought salvation to him. During the day he sold and took orders for eleven books. This is but a sample of the experiences told at that meeting.

The effort has not stopped with the experience of the two days. That gave all a taste of victory, and all are determined to keep at it until the victory is complete.

My brother, my sister, are you sharing the triumph of God's work for this time? Is your prayer-meeting filled with good earnest experiences of victory for God? Let not one excuse himself at this time, for this is the testing time.

Take hold of the work right now, and your own soul will be watered, your neighbors will be blessed, and the school will be helped to do its work.

Do not go out just to canvass, but to show forth the Life that is in you, and let the book be presented as a hope to the discouraged one, a light to the lost one, a path to the weary one, and an easy yoke to the burdened one. Thus the Spirit will sell the book for you.

Are you trying God's plan for his people now?

WORDS OF CHEER.

BROTHER C. HALE, of Vermont, favors us with the following words of good cheer with permission to publish:

"I have been reading Elder A. G. Daniells' letter to you and your remarks to it. You can't begin to think how it stirs my poor old heart to hear this blessed talk of canvassing for 'Christ's Object Lessons.' If I were only young, how I should like to go out and canvass for it.

"I once canvassed, some years ago, and the Lord helped me to get orders. I used to pray to him in secret to go before me and prepare the hearts of the people to sign for the book. One day I took seven orders in nine hours for 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' and another time I took twelve orders for 'Marvel of Nations.' I never canvassed but two days but what I took an order.

The Lord has helped me, as old as I am (eighty-three years old) to buy six of those most excellent 'Christ's Object Lesson' books. I gave one to each of my children; the other I loan to my neighbors. I hope the Lord will help them to see the truth as it is. One of them came in and had quite a talk with me to-night. I saw tears in his eyes as I read the glorious word of God to him. I loaned him the *Review and Herald* to read. He has been reading Sister White's

'Early Writings.' They think it is a grand book. I have some hopes of that family.

"Others are reading the *Sentinel of Christian Liberty*, and I send the *Signs of the Times* to some every week. I wish there could be some Holy Ghost preaching here in this town. It does seem to me that there would be some that would obey the truth—as much as they have read of our literature. There are not many in the town but that have read more or less of it. The Lord has caused me to give it to them in love to Jesus my Saviour. I leave it all with him. He doeth all things well. I glory in his holy name. He is my all and in all. My heart and prayers are with you in the work. God bless all the laborers in the vineyard, is my prayer day by day."

E. E. M.

THE *Missionary Worker* (London) states that the opening exercises of their Missionary College were held January 6. Many of our readers know that Prof. H. R. Salisbury and wife went from Battle Creek to London to take charge of this school, which is another milestone in the progress of the work in England. As its name indicates, it is designed to be a training school for missionaries.

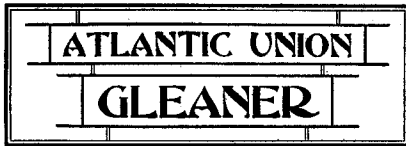
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THE South Lancaster friends were favored the past week with a call from Elder K. C. Russell.

THE proceeds from the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" in Iowa amount to \$8,000.00. Is Iowa taking the lead in this work?

OUR veteran canvasser, Brother R. C. Andrews, wrote from Nashua, N. H., February 24, "I am thankful to report the continued favor of a loving Father, who has specially helped me in many ways the past few weeks. I am of good courage in the work, and am very pleasantly situated at present."

A LETTER from Brother Amos L. Burdick says, "I want to be on the move soon, although I know I have not done much this winter: but it has to be good walking for a man like me to get around. I am seventy-six years old, though I am quite young. Praise the Lord." As a man thinketh, so is he.

THE latest report from the British field is very encouraging. It reads, "Recently seven persons were baptized at Bath, fifteen at Swansea, nine at Cardiff, seven at Liverpool, and just now we receive the report that twenty-two were baptized at Southampton." England is supposed to be a hard field, but there is nothing hard for the Lord.

OUR missionary workers will be glad to know that the tract entitled

"Present Truth" has been reprinted in English. It is also the last issue of the Danish and Swedish libraries. It is one of the best tracts published by our people; thirty-two pages; price 2 cents. Order of your State tract society.

THURSDAY, February 13, the stockholders of the Seventh-day Adventist Publishing Association, elected four persons to fill vacancies on its board of trustees. The board now stands as follows: A. G. Daniells, for three years; C. D. Rhodes, three years; I. H. Evans, two years; S. H. Lane, two years; U. Smith, one year; W. W. Prescott, one year.

THOSE of our people who fail to take the *Review and Herald* lose much. Besides the many excellent articles which every number contains, we notice in the last issue reports from the West Indies, French-Spanish Field, Arkansas, South Dakota, British Field, Chicago, Natal, Indiana, Guadalajara, and Ontario. There is also an account of the fire in Battle Creek, and of the work that the people in the Lake Union Conference are doing with "Christ's Object Lessons." It gives the sad information that Elder U. Smith, who for so many years has been the faithful editor of the paper, was unable on account of illness to perform his editorial work, but he was rapidly improving. It further states that W. W. Prescott has been added to the editorial staff of the paper. How can you be content without our church organ?

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ONLY a few copies of the midwinter *Good Health* are left. No second edition will be printed. It has a new cover design which is very presentable. The contents are just what is wanted at this season of the year. Send your order to your tract society at once. Price 5 cents per copy in lots of ten or more.

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If you wish to take advantage of this offer, please order at once, as we understand it extends only to the middle of March.

NOTICE TO NONRESIDENT MEMBERS OF SOUTH LANCASTER CHURCH.

THE Lord has been blessing the South Lancaster church for the past few weeks. Two or three Sabbaths since, the hour for the regular church service was devoted to the reading of the Second Sabbath Missionary Reading and a general praise service. This service was enjoyed by all, and the Lord came near to us.

The church has also held some business meetings at which our records have been examined. We find that there are quite a number on our church roll who of late are not sending us very regular reports of their spiritual health and strength. We wish you could all be with us at our quarterly meeting the first Sabbath in April; but if you can not, will you not write us a letter, recounting some of the blessings of the Lord to you, and telling us how you stand in your relations with him? We urge you all to do this. Address them to the clerk. Don't put this off until to-morrow, do it to-day.

PAUL C. MASON, *Clerk.*