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

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## FAITHFUL PROMISES.

ISA. 41:10.

STANDING at the portal  
Of the opening year,  
Words of comfort meet us,  
Hushing every fear.  
Spoken through the silence  
By our Father's voice,  
Tender, strong, and faithful,  
Making us rejoice.  
I, the Lord, am with thee,  
Be thou not afraid!  
I will help and strengthen,  
Be thou not dismayed!  
Yea, I will uphold thee  
With my own right hand;  
Thou art called and chosen  
In my sight to stand.  
For the year before us,  
Oh what rich supplies!  
For the poor and needy  
Living streams shall rise;  
For the sad and sinful  
Shall his grace abound;  
For the faint and feeble  
Perfect strength be found.  
He will never fail us,  
He will not forsake;  
His eternal covenant  
He will never break!  
Resting on his promise,  
What have we to fear?  
God is all-sufficient  
For the coming year.

—Frances Ridley Havergal.

"BEHOLD, I come quickly: hold  
that fast which thou hast, that no man  
take thy crown."

## GOD LOVETH A CHEERFUL GIVER.

LIBERALITY is one of the directions of the Holy Spirit, and when the professed people of God withhold from the Lord his own in gifts and offerings, they meet with spiritual loss. The Lord can not reward a stinted offering. Says the apostle, "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

God has made men his almoners, copartners with himself in the great work of advancing his kingdom on the earth; but they may pursue the course pursued by the unfaithful servant, and by so doing lose the most precious privileges ever granted to men. For thousands of years God has worked through human agencies, but at his will he can drop out the selfish, the money-loving, and the covetous. He is not dependent on our means, and he will not be restricted by the human agent. He can carry on his own work though we act no part in it. But who

among us would be pleased to have the Lord do this?

It were better not to give at all than to give grudgingly; for if we impart of our means when we have not the spirit to give freely, we mock God. Let us bear in mind that we are dealing with One upon whom we depend for every blessing, One who reads every thought of the heart, every purpose of the mind.

The apostle Paul had a special work to present before his Corinthian brethren. There was a famine in Jerusalem, and the disciples, "every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judea." They presented the need to the churches, expecting to receive a small sum for the relief of the needy saints; and in prayer they presented before the Lord the necessity. But the Macedonian brethren, moved by the Spirit of God, first made an entire consecration of themselves to God, and then gave all that they had. They felt it a privilege thus to give expression to their trust in God. The Macedonian brethren were poor, but they did not have to be urged to give. They rejoiced that they had opportunity to contribute of their means. Of themselves they came forward and made the offering, in their Christlike simplicity, their integrity and love for

their brethren, denying themselves of food and clothing in cases where they had no money. And when the apostles would have restrained them, they importuned them to receive the contribution, and carry it to the afflicted saints.

This self-denial and self-sacrifice far exceeded Paul's expectations, and he was filled with thanksgiving; and taking courage by this example, by epistle he exhorted Titus to stir up the church in Corinth to the same good works. "Moreover, brethren," he wrote to the Corinthians, "we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; how that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God. Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also. Therefore, as ye abound in everything in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also."

This movement on the part of the Macedonians was inspired of God to arouse in the Corinthian church the spirit of liberality. Paul sought to uproot the plant of selfishness from the hearts of his brethren; for the character can not be complete in Christ when self-love and covetousness are retained. The love of Christ in their hearts would lead them to help their brethren in their necessities. By pointing them to the sacrifice Christ had made in their behalf, he sought to arouse their love. "I speak not by commandment," he said, "but by occasion of the forwardness of others,

and to prove the sincerity of your love. For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

Here is the apostle's mighty argument. It is not the commandment of Paul, but of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Son of God had left his riches and honor and glory, and clothed his divinity with humanity, that humanity might take hold of divinity, and become a partaker of the divine nature. He came not to live in the palaces of kings, to live without care or labor and be supplied with all the conveniences which human nature naturally craves. The world never saw its Lord wealthy. In the council of heaven he had chosen to stand in the ranks of the poor and oppressed, to take his place with the humble worker, and learn the trade of his earthly parent. He came to the world to be a reconstructor of character, and he brought into all his work the perfection which he desired to bring into the character he was transforming by his divine power. Nor did he shun the social life of his countrymen. That all might become acquainted with God manifest in the flesh, he mingled with every class of society, and was called the friend of sinners. In himself Christ possessed an absolute right to all things, but he gave himself to a life of poverty that man might be rich in heavenly treasure. Commander in the heavenly courts, he took the lowest place on earth. Rich, yet for our sake he became poor. Though he was in the form of God, he "thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

How great was the gift of God to man, and how like our God to make it! With a liberality that can never

be exceeded he gave, that he might save the rebellious sons of men and bring them to see his purpose and discern his love. Will you, by your gifts and offerings, show that you think nothing too good for Him who "gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life"? The man who truly loves God will not offer to him lip service merely. He will bring to the treasury his gifts and offerings, that laborers may be sent forth to sow the precious seed.

For a little time the Lord allows man to be his steward, that he may test his character. In that time man decides his eternal destiny. If he works in opposition to the will of God, he can not belong to the royal family. The silver and the gold, which were not his, but the Lord's, he has misapplied. The day of probation granted him he has abused, and he receives the reward of the unfaithful servant.

Evidence of the work of grace in the heart is given when we do good to all men as we have opportunity. The proof of our love is given in a Christlike spirit, a willingness to impart the good things God has given us, a readiness to practice self-denial and self-sacrifice in order to advance the cause of God and suffering humanity. Never should we pass by the object that calls for our liberality. We reveal that we have passed from death unto life when we act as faithful stewards of God's grace. God has given us his goods; he has given us his pledged word that if we are faithful in our stewardship, we shall lay up in heaven treasures that are imperishable.

Men and women need to understand that the means they are handling are not their own. "Ye are not your own," the apostle says, "for ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." To withhold our offerings will not be for our own interest or for the glory of God. The Lord

will use all who will give themselves to be used. But he requires heart service. "My son," he says, "give me thine heart." When the heart is given to God, our talents, our energy, our possessions, all we have and are, will be devoted to his service.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

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## MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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### OUR DISTANT WORKER.

WE of the Vermont Conference must not forget that we have a field worker now in Edinburg, Scotland, a city of 425,000. Elder Westworth writes of the needs of the field, and feels that a wide field is before him. Let us remember him and his family when we pray, neither let us forget how God witnessed to this step by the power of his Spirit when at our recent camp-meeting it was decided that we send a worker to a distant field. The Lord desires the message to go to all the world speedily, I am thankful that our conference can have a part in sending the light to other parts of the world.

Our home field needs more laborers, let us be faithful in tithes and offerings, that other workers may soon be added to our numbers,

J. W. WATT.

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### SPECIAL NOTICE.

It has been decided by the officers of the General Conference to recommend that these tracts be scattered one at a time in their natural order. First, "We Would See Jesus;" second, "The Signs of the Times;" third, "The Gospel Remedy for Present-day Isms: Spiritualism, Hypnotism, Christian Scientism, and Higher Criticism;" fourth, "What do These Things Mean?" This suggestion need not interfere with any other arrangements or methods which may be already organized, or which may

be better suited to local conditions; but we think that the tracts are likely to accomplish more good if our brethren will order a good quantity of the first and carry it to the people, and then order the second, and so on until the four are distributed. In next week's *Review* the first tract will appear in full. Do not fail to read it. It will surely revive your own soul, and stir up within you a great desire to carry it to others. All these are sixteen-page tracts. Price one cent each.

May God bless you all in this effort; and we pray that the "old-time" spirit in tract distribution may be revived and multiplied.

E. R. PALMER.

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### WHAT A TRACT DID.

IN 1785 Dr. Coke gave a tract to a family in Virginia. The family numbered fourteen, and that tract was the instrumentality used in the conversion of the whole family.

A tract distributor, passing through a sparsely settled country district in Canada, gave away many tracts. One of them, entitled "Repent or Perish," was found floating in the Frazer River. A man saw it, took it out, dried it, read it, and by it was converted to God.

A preacher invited a man to attend meeting. The man refused, but he consented to take a tract. A few weeks afterward that same man stood up in meeting and confessed that that tract had led him to Jesus.

During the secession war of America a chaplain was passing through a hospital, and he left in an empty bed a tract which was a copy of the hymn, "Will You Go?" The soldier came to his bed, picked it up and read the title, and dropped it. A second time he picked it up and read,

"We are traveling home to the heaven above;

Will you go?"

and then threw it down again. Soon

afterward he picked it up again and read it through. Then, after deliberating over the matter in his quiet hours, he finally wrote on it, "By the grace of God I will go," and signed his name. Some months later he was killed in battle in Virginia, but he was saved by the tract.

It is often the case that a man who will not enter a church or listen to the preaching of the gospel, will read, when alone, a tract or a paper which may be more effectual for his salvation than a sermon.

There are many cases where a tract has been the instrumentality which has restored from despair a precious soul. Passing through Switzerland, a tract distributor presented a tract to a man in a town notorious for gambling. On his return, some days later, he met the man, who exclaimed, "I thank you for saving my soul and body." He then explained that on that day when he received the tract, he had lost heavily in gambling, and was contemplating suicide, but the tract arrested his attention, and led him to Christ.

Instances of this sort could be multiplied, for these little printed missives have been known to prevent crimes, to save lives, to heal the broken-hearted, and to bring discouraged, disheartened, and despairing ones to Jesus. We never know, nor can we realize, the good we are doing in distributing tracts.

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### A FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENT Concerning the Tract Campaign.

UNDOUBTEDLY, all our brethren have read from week to week the announcements and notices in the *Review and Herald* concerning a special tract campaign during the coming winter.

The tracts are now ready. God has blessed the efforts of his servants to place the vital truths for this time vividly before the people in these simple, inexpensive tracts; and now

only one thing is needed. We need sixty thousand people in the United States to circulate at least one hundred of these tracts each. Some will be able to circulate more. One brother has expressed his determination to put in motion agencies which will scatter one hundred thousand. A few can do a great work like this, many can circulate a large number, and every one can circulate a few.

E. R. PALMER.

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#### ARGENTINA, S. A.

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OUR readers probably noticed a report in the *Review* of December 30 from N. Z. Town of a cyclone that partially destroyed the school building at Entre Rios, which the brethren there had labored so long and faithfully to complete.

Brother and Sister Town are both from the Atlantic Union Conference, and were formerly students at the South Lancaster Academy. Later they were connected with the work in the New York Conference. Hoping to awaken an interest in the work in the Argentine Republic, we copy from an exchange a report written by Dr. R. H. Habenicht.

"The field here is truly a very needy one. Thousands neither read nor write and are in almost complete heathenism,—the Catholic church has done its work. They are for the most part glad to learn, and will make great sacrifice for the sake of learning. Many are almost slaves to the more educated, who keep them thus for the sake of gain. The field is ripe for the harvest; and if we had a hundred young men and women prepared to enter the field, what a harvest we could gather in a little time. The State encourages education and will pay fifty dollars per month to any one who conducts a school of fifty students. We can draw this amount at our school.

"A nice, well-to-do family, some three hundred miles south of our

school, the head of which was a strong Catholic, heard of it and sent two daughters. We did what we could for them. The older one was converted and accepted the truth. They wrote home about the school and my medical work, and the one wanted to be a nurse. An enemy wrote about me to one of the papers, and the father saw it and determined to investigate and see if a man who would operate on and kill people was teaching his girls. So he and his wife came to see us at our camp-meeting, as the girls had gone with us to the meeting, with the result that the other daughter and the father and mother were baptized last Sabbath. Our school has been much blessed. Ten bright young students are now taking a short course with us here at the meeting, and are doing good work. They will make it possible for us to enter eight new provinces. They expect to start out next Monday. But, if we only had two hundred instead of ten,—we have one hundred and fifty million Spanish speaking people to prepare for service. The work here is not easy. I have ridden thirty miles in a heavy wagon, changing horses on the way, or in a heavy cart, on dark nights, with no fences to follow. Our only guides were the glimmering stars.

"It has been very dry here for several years, and times are hard; but good rains have come at last and prospects now seem good. With the rain, however, came a misfortune to the school. A fearful cyclone unroofed all the buildings except my room, broke doors and windows in general, and some of the wall. We are now repairing the damages, which amounted to about two thousand dollars. Many houses in the neighborhood were completely destroyed, and some lives were lost. Our work is moving well and we expect great things this year. The River Plata Conference consists of Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay, with an area

larger than that part of the United States lying east of the Mississippi, and with many millions of people.

"The country here makes one think of Iowa, going north from Jefferson on the Milwaukee, only there is much more of it. Here we can go hundreds of miles over such country. One railroad has three hundred and seventy-five miles of track without a curve and without a grade or cut of more than three feet. We wish for some of our things which we left in the States, as the same things bought here would cost terribly. For instance: A fair organ costs two hundred and fifty or three hundred dollars. I wish we could get hold of a good, secondhand organ."

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#### SHALL THE MESSAGE REACH THE ARMY AND NAVY?

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MILITARY life is not conducive to spirituality. Is not this a special reason why we should rise up and take them the gospel? Furthermore in the troublous times that are just ahead of us, we will find it wonderfully to our advantage to have leading army officials understand about our position, our principles, and our work. With this in view, we have written personal letters and sent copies of *The Life Boat* to every one of the one hundred and twenty-five military posts in the United States, and also to leading military officers, and Y. M. C. A. secretaries who are connected with the army-and-navy work.

The best evidence that the Lord has gone before us in this move is the host of appreciative responses that we have received from prominent military men, from the adjutant general's office, in Washington, D. C., down to the chaplains of the smallest military stations.

The commanding officers of some military posts say that they can use to good advantage as many as a hundred copies of *The Life Boat*, each month. Will you assist us to

raise a fund to defray this expense? God will surely hold us responsible if we do not follow up immediately these most providential openings.

The work will undoubtedly develop in a few months, as large, and as interesting a correspondence as our prison work has done, and this will be an additional expense. But in what other way can we give them the whole truth?

We desire the names and addresses of your friends and relatives who are serving in the army and navy, so that we may interest them in this work. Will you pray that God will direct in the opening up of this needy field to the truth?

DAVID PAULSON, M. D.

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## The FIELD

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### A GLAD DAY.

SABBATH, December 27, was a blessed occasion for our church in the Bronx, New York City. The ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated in the forenoon, at which time opportunity was given for those who wished, to join the church.

It was an impressive sight as thirteen persons arranged themselves across the front of our little hall, seven of whom, as a result of the labors of Elder Edwards and our Bible workers, were baptized the previous Sunday, and one united by profession of faith. Five united by transfer of membership. Others are ready for baptism and only delay, in hope that other members of their families who are interested will unite with them.

This was an occasion of rejoicing to our little company, and brought to mind the "glad day," soon to come, when the people of the Lord shall gather around the great white throne.

The week of prayer has been especially helpful, and "more consecrated service" seems to be the watchword of all.

W. B. WALTERS, *Clerk.*

### VERMONT.

Lowell, Westfield, and North Wolcott.

DECEMBER 5, I started for Lowell and Westfield to try to start a series of meetings in one of these places, as our people living in that vicinity thought there was some interest there among those not of our faith.

On Sunday, December 7, by invitation of the pastor, I spoke twice in the Congregational church at Lowell, but the way did not open for the meetings to continue.

However, I was invited to give Bible readings in the homes of two families of his people, which I did the following week, and found one family fully convinced on the Sabbath question. We hope they will soon obey.

Sunday, December 14, Elder Wallace the Methodist pastor who preaches at both Lowell and Westfield, invited me to speak in his church in Westfield, and was very willing indeed that a series of meetings should be held in his church at that place, but his membership did not feel the same way, hence we could not continue the services. Sunday, December 21, Elder Wallace invited me to speak in his church at Lowell, which I did, and found his people there more friendly toward the truth than they were at Westfield; but it did not seem consistent just now to continue the meetings.

I am now at my home at North Wolcott, assisting the brethren what I can in getting the church school started.

I became much interested in Elder Wallace, as he is very favorable to our views. He has taken the *Signs of the Times* in past years, and at present is taking the *Review and Herald*. He seems to be seeking for truth, and willing to receive light. He has been a successful minister in the M. E. Church for many years, an able speaker, and an earnest worker, a man fifty years of age,

strong and well, and able to do hard work still. Brethren, pray for this man, that the Lord may move upon him to obey the whole truth.

During the week of prayer I had the privilege of meeting with the brethren at the following places, Westfield, North Hyde Park, Morrisville, and North Wolcott. At all these places a good spiritual interest was manifested, and we have reason to believe that the same good spirit prevailed throughout the entire State of Vermont.

J. W. WATT.

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### BUFFALO, N. Y.

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THE general meeting held here Sabbath and Sunday, December 20 and 21, was well attended. The brethren and sisters came in from the surrounding country. The best of all was the presence of the Holy Spirit. We realized, "Lo, I am with you." On the Sabbath Elder Spicer spoke in the morning, followed by a good social meeting, in which one gentleman took his stand to keep the Sabbath. We had been laboring for his conversion for many months. When his wife, who was absent on account of sickness, heard of it, she was so overjoyed that she wept freely. She is a happy woman.

In the afternoon Brother Thompson spoke, and at the conclusion of his remarks Brother B. E. Connerly was ordained to the gospel ministry. The Spirit witnessed to the work done. Brother Connerly and wife have labored nearly two years in this city. Their faithfulness has brought several to the message, and many more are interested, some of whom are about to begin to observe the Sabbath.

Perhaps some of the readers would like to know more about the manner of their work. When they began labor, their experience was very limited in everything but slum work. Soon they discontinued this, and be-

gan with a club of one hundred *Signs*, selling it and holding cottage meetings. A club of *Life Boats* was added, then a club of *Sentinels* and a club of *Good Healths*. On Sabbath they had the care of the two churches and Sabbath-schools in the city, and encouraged the members to work with them. The *Signs* club grew to two or three hundred. Later they took up "Christ's Object Lessons" work and disposed of about one hundred copies. Besides this they sold other of our publications. Week by week the churches came to think more and more of them; and when the Mission Board called them to go to Porto Rico, it seemed as though they could not be spared from the work in this city.

At the close of the Sabbath, Elder Thompson left for home, being summoned by a telegram to the side of his wife who has been feeble for a long time. A number of the congregation went with two candidates to the Baptist chapel where Brother Connerly baptized two. The evening after the Sabbath was filled with cottage meetings.

Sunday Brother Spicer spoke to the congregation, and after an hour's intermission, read the week-of-prayer selection. This was followed by an experience meeting in which four more promised to keep the Sabbath. It was a remarkable time. The donations for the work in Porto Rico amounted to about thirty dollars.

Thus closes another good religious gathering. While we are sorry to have such workers leave us, we are glad to have them to contribute to the regions beyond. Until others are brought in, I will have to do what I can to carry forward the work dropped by them, together with all the other duties which constantly come in.

I might say that the church on the East Side meet each Sabbath at 10 A.M. in the Odd-Fellows' Temple, corner of Williams and Jefferson Streets, while the church on the West

Side have moved to 476 Rhode Island Street, where they meet at 2:15 P.M. The Sanitarium at 868 Niagara Street is doing well. We daily thank God for what he is doing in this great city.

A. O. BURRILL.

#### THE BOSTON FIELD.

ONE of the confessions at our week-of-prayer service in Boston was a forcible illustration of the contrast between one of our schools and other denominational schools. The confession revealed the fact that the person was disappointed with our school at ———, because things were plain and devoid of display, but, notwithstanding, she was captivated with the truths of the gospel that she learned there. To satisfy her desire for what she considered an ideal boarding-school, where things were run on a more elaborate and grander scale, she sought and found the school of her fancied choice. As the days wore by, and the Sabbath of the Lord recurred, that she had learned to revere and observe at our plain and unpretentious school, she found that instead of the spiritual prayer service on Friday evening it was devoted to amusements. It was then she first began to long for a school with its quiet Christian spirit instead of a boarding-school with its spacious and elegantly furnished rooms devoid of the sweet and heavenly influence for which her heart was yearning. She still hoped that when Sunday came she might receive a spiritual reviving as the result of the sermon; but, alas! she was doomed to another disappointment, for it did not contain that food which satisfies the hungry soul. There still remained another service, the young people's prayer-meeting, Wednesday evening, at which she hoped to receive the spiritual strength she so much longed for; but again she obtained no relief. Suffice it to say, that the plain, modest school with its

Christian influence is to her now preferable to the other. The fact that we are not satisfied with these things that are only an empty show ought to be a source of comfort to us; for should we find satisfaction in them, it would be an evidence that we were still strangers to the true Founder of Christian education.

Since the holidays are now in the past, we are planning to engage in the distribution of tracts on the envelope plan that was recommended at the last session of the New England Conference. Our hope is that both old and young will take hold of this work willingly. The statement made by Sister White in her first article in the week-of-prayer readings should be remembered by us all. It says, "Wait not for others to urge you to action. In the fear of God go forward without delay, bearing in mind your individual responsibility to him who gave his life for you. Act as if you heard Christ calling upon you personally to do your utmost in his service. Look not to see who else is ready." Again, in Psalms 110:3, the Lord says, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power."

By the time this goes into print our election of church officers for 1903 will have taken place, and our first quarterly meeting will have been held.

K. C. RUSSELL.

"THE Father forgetteth none,  
Though many his children be:  
Not one can be overlooked;  
Be sure that his smile is for thee.  
The poorest is dear to him,  
He hears when the little ones call;  
And at last, when the home is reached,  
You will see there is room for all."

WHEN we are converted our desire for ease and elegance will be changed.  
—Mrs. E. G. White.

"LOVE's secret is to be always doing things for God, and not to mind because they are such very little things."

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## MEDICAL MISSIONARY

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### WEEK OF PRAYER AT THE NEW ENGLAND SANITARIUM.

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THE week of prayer for 1902 has been a very refreshing season at the Sanitarium, and one of the best in the history of the institution. Elder K. C. Russell has been holding Bible studies with the nurses' classes and the family for some weeks, which have been a good preparation for the week of prayer. The interest shown in these meetings by the family has been unusually good.

The regular classes for the week were suspended, and the meetings held in the evenings in their stead, so that the greatest possible number could attend, and not only was nearly the entire family represented at each meeting, but the earnest spirit of prayer in which the workers freely joined, as well as the refreshing testimonies which followed the meetings, showed that the Spirit of the Lord was at work in the family.

The nurses' classes this year are made up of an exceptionally fine class of young people, and they seem, without exception, to have consecrated their lives to the service of the Master. This gives great courage to the leaders in the work, as we know the Lord will use the sanitarium work to the glory of his name, and the advancement of his cause, if the workers are fully consecrated to his service.

The meetings were all held in a public room, readily accessible to the guests, and they were all well attended by patients, several of whom seemed to have gained new impressions of our people, and to have had their interests aroused in our work; and we trust that much good seed has been sown among them as a result of this week of prayer.

The Sanitarium has been passing through some severe trials in connec-

tion with the coal famine, and other discouraging influences, and the entire family feel their need of a firm trust and confidence in the Lord, who doeth all things well.

We trust that the brethren and sisters everywhere are praying that the Lord may continue his blessing upon our work, and that it may be a strong arm of the message in the East. The family as a whole is of excellent courage, and ready to labor earnestly to do its part in accomplishing this result.

C. C. NICOLA, M. D.

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### PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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THE restaurant work has been entered upon in Philadelphia, and bids fair to become an efficient ally in spreading the message among the so-called "better element" of the city's population. Having been in operation five weeks, it has made friends of almost all its patrons from the start. We have established it on a cooperative basis, having formed an association for the carrying on of the restaurant and mission work under the same control. The membership consists of all those who are engaged in the work of these two enterprises, together with those who by loan or gift aid in its establishment and conduct.

We believe the work is a part of God's message for this time, and do not desire that it shall serve as a means of personal profit to any one (other than is warranted by the phrase, "The laborer is worthy of his hire") any more than any other phase of gospel ministering. We can not (and would not if we could) pay large salaries, and if the Master of the vineyard gives us profits, these are to be devoted to philanthropic and missionary work in Philadelphia. As this work grows, we shall need a number of consecrated workers who are qualified to help in the kitchen and dining-room of the restaurant, 1017 Walnut Street, or in the gospel help mission, at 210 North Second Street.

The arrival from Chicago last week of Miss Nina Case, who is visiting the large cities in the interests of the *Life Boat* work, has brought a much needed impetus to our church in the matter of practical missionary effort.

A rally was held at the mission last Saturday night which was largely attended by our own and outside people. Elder Fitzgerald, Elder Robinson, Dr. Read, Miss Case, and others, took active part in the exercises.

The first day's effort at selling the *Life Boat* by members of the church was a marvelous success, eight hundred copies, all we had, being disposed of. We are glad that the winter is not going by without a determined effort being made to do something for the poor outcasts and the suffering ones of this great city. We need help, though, real earnest helpers who have the burden to go right to these needy ones and bring courage and hope.

With this new enterprise established, and in view of the environment and limitations that bind so many of our people here, and prevent them from engaging in this "ministry of service," we feel burdened because some lack the real, hearty, helpful cooperation; but we are not discouraged. The Lord has greatly blessed us here in Philadelphia. He has added many souls to the church in the recent years. The mission work has been established and prospered, the sanitarium work has been established and is on a creditable basis, and the restaurant work is now on the way to become a permanent thing, with the prospect within the near future of having a church building and school room which, when realized, will present a situation in which all the branches of our work and the principles for which we stand, shall creditably and visibly be set forth. These things, however, without a consistent and consecrated people would be but valueless; so the prayer and effort of us all should be for that personal exemplification of

the principles, and a life that will reflect and intensify the influence, of our institutions, which will make them a real power for good and for the rapid advancement of our glorious work.

W. L. WINNER.

Jan. 1, 1903.

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## The PRINTED PAGE

"Publicly,  
and from **HOUSE to HOUSE**"

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### CIRCULATE THE BOOKS.

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DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS: The new year is just before us, and plans should be laid for earnest, persevering effort in the Master's service. There is much to be done to advance the work of God. I have been instructed that the canvassing work is to be revived, and that it is to be carried forward with increasing success. It is the Lord's work, and a blessing will attend those who engage in it with earnestness and diligence.

I thank my heavenly Father for the interest that my brethren and sisters have taken in the circulation of "Christ's Object Lessons." By the sale of this book great good has been accomplished, and the work should be continued. But the efforts of our people should not be confined to this one book. The work of the Lord includes more than one line of service. "Christ's Object Lessons" is to live and do its appointed work, but not all the thought and effort of God's people are to be given to its circulation. The larger books, "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Great Controversy," and "Desire of Ages," should be sold everywhere. These books contain truth for this time,—truth that is to be proclaimed in all parts of the world. Nothing is to hinder their sale.

The effort to circulate "Christ's Object Lessons" has demonstrated what can be done in the canvassing field. This effort is a never-to-be-forgotten lesson on how to canvass in

the prayerful, trustful way that brings success.

Many more of our larger books might have been sold if church-members had been awake to the importance of the truths these books contain, and had realized their responsibility to circulate them. My brethren and sisters, will you not make an effort to circulate these books? and will you not bring into this effort the enthusiasm that you brought into the effort to sell "Christ's Object Lessons"? In selling "Object Lessons," many have learned how to handle the larger books. They have obtained an experience that has prepared them to enter the canvassing field.

Sister White is not the originator of these books. They contain the instruction that during her life-work God has been giving her. They contain the precious, comforting light that God has graciously given his servant to be given to the world. From their pages this light is to shine into the hearts of men and women, leading them to the Saviour. The Lord has declared that these books are to be scattered throughout the world. There is in them truth which to the receiver is a savor of life unto life. They are silent witnesses for God. In the past they have been the means in his hands of convicting and converting many souls. Many have read them with eager expectation, and, by reading them, have been led to see the efficacy of Christ's atonement, and to trust in its power. They have been led to commit the keeping of their souls to their Creator, waiting and hoping for the coming of the Saviour to take his loved ones to their eternal home. In the future, these books are to make the gospel plain to many others, revealing to them the way of salvation.

The Lord has sent his people much instruction, line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little. Little heed is given to the Bible, and the Lord has given a lesser

light to lead men and women to the greater light. Oh, how much good would be accomplished if the books containing this light were read with a determination to carry out the principles they contain! There would be a thousandfold greater vigilance, a thousandfold more self-denial and resolute effort. And many more would now be rejoicing in the light of present truth.

My brethren and sisters, work earnestly to circulate these books. Put your hearts into this work, and the blessing of God will be with you. Go forth in faith, as you go praying that God will prepare hearts to receive the light. Be pleasant and courteous. Show by a consistent course that you are true Christians. Walk and work in the light of heaven, and your path will be as the path of the just, shining more and more unto the perfect day.

Take the books to business men, to teachers of the gospel, whose minds have not been called to the special truths for this time. The message is to be given "in the highways,"—to men who take an active part in the world's work, to the teachers and leaders of the people. Thousands can be reached in the most simple, humble way. The most intellectual, those who are looked upon as the world's most gifted men and women, are often refreshed by the simple words of one who loves God, and who can speak of that love as naturally as the worldling speaks of the things that interest him most deeply. Often the words well prepared and studied have but little influence. But the true, honest expression of a son or daughter of God, spoken in natural simplicity, has power to open the door to hearts that have long been closed against Christ and his love.

ELLEN G. WHITE.

(To be continued.)

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"A FEW books sold in a neighborhood help to sell other books."



## THE BOOK WORK.

## Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending December 19, 1902.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. J. Heckman, Johnstown,		D of A		15	1	3.50		3.50	84.50
T. D. Gibson, New Salem,		P & P			4	9.50	19.50	29.00	10.25
W. J. Hackett, Johnstown,		P & P					7.00	7.00	28.75
W. W. Moore, Donegal,		P & P		12			2.75	2.75	37.75
Ivor Lawrence, Johnstown,		D & R		18	3	4.25	3.50	7.75	3.50
W. T. Hilgert, Philadelphia,		D & R		4			17.75	17.75	
W. C. Fleisher, McKeesport,		G C		32	3	8.00	18.50	26.50	121.75
Mrs. E. W. Kirker, Greensburg,		L G		7	4	12.50	.50	13.00	58.00
Alvin H. Osman, Johnstown,		M of N		27	6	8.50	7.15	15.65	
Andrew Ness, Everson,		C K			2	2.00	2.25	4.25	23.25
Mary E. Diener, Allentown.		B S		7	1	.75		.75	8.25
Totals,	11 Agents,			122	24	\$49.00	\$78.30	\$127.30	\$376.00

## Week Ending December 26, 1902.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. J. Heckman, Johnstown,		D of A		21					38.50
T. D. Gibson, Uniontown,		P & P		16			15.00	15.00	10.75
W. J. Hackett, Johnstown,		P & P		15			1.00	1.00	10.00
*W. H. Zeidler, McKeesport,		G C		40	3	8.25	12.50	20.75	69.00
W. K. Achenbach, Reaning,		D & R		11	3	3.00		3.00	34.00
Ivor Lawrence, Johnstown,		D & R		10	1	2.25		2.25	21.75
Mrs. E. W. Kirker, Hecla,		L G		2	1	3.75	.75	4.50	8.00
Mrs. T. D. Gibson, Uniontown,		L G					1.75	1.75	21.50
Mrs. Mitcheltree, W. Mid'l's'x,		M of N					.50	.50	6.50
Alvin H. Osman, Elk Run,		M of N		10	8	11.00	5.00	16.00	12.50
L. H. Yothers, Wooddale,		H of M		32					125.00
Andrew Ness, Moyer,		C K		21	4	4.00	2.00	6.00	3.75
Mrs. B. Dickens, Eldredville,		C O L					11.45	11.45	3.75
Totals,	14 Agents,			178	20	\$32.25	\$49.95	\$82.20	\$365.00

\* Two weeks.

## New York Conference, Week Ending December 26, 1902.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
B. B. Noftsger, Utica,		Misc			79	47.75		47.75	
A. E. Holst, Jamestown,		Misc				18.50		18.50	60.00
Ada B. Noftsger, Utica,		B R							140.00
A. R. Woodard, Stockton,		B R		16	4	9.00		9.00	
Totals,	4 Agents,			16	83	\$75.25		\$75.25	\$200.00

## Maine Conference, Week Ending December 19, 1902.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Mrs. H. H. Dexter, Deering,		B R			2	4.00	3.00	7.00	
W. E. Gerald, Portland,		C O L		12	14	17.50	11.50	29.00	
Totals,	2 Agents.			12	16	\$21.50	\$14.50	\$36.00	

## Vermont Conference, Week Ending December 26, 1902.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
A. W. Boardman, Walden and Danville,									71.00
Rubie Roscoe, Jericho and Burlington,									9.25
Mrs. W. J. Smith, Claremont, N. H.,									22.75
Totals,	3 Agents,								\$103.00

Union Conference Totals,	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
34 Agents,		328	143	\$207.30	\$113.45	\$320.75	\$1,044.00

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

## BOSTON FIELD.

—Brother W. S. Randall has been experiencing a severe attack of rheumatism.

—Miss Olive Jones left last week for her home in Cambridge, Md., to spend her vacation.

—Miss Alfreda Webber has returned to her home in Trenton, N. J., for a visit.

—Brother R. T. Woodward is suffering as the result of a severe fall that he had several weeks ago.

—Sister Roxanna Miller, who is now engaged in teaching school at Hampton, Conn., spent a few days last week in this city.

—Elders Cottrell and Place, and Brother Tucker were at the Melrose Sanitarium January 1, attending a board meeting.

—The Boston Sabbath-school has elected the following named persons to their respective offices: Superintendent, Vere S. Richards; assistant superintendent, Genevieve Hastings; secretary, Frances Smith; assistant secretary, Isabelle Dunscombe.

K. C. RUSSELL.

## ACADEMY NOTES.

—School reopened Wednesday morning, December 31, with quite a full attendance. All have now returned and are hard at their work.

—Mr. Clifton Rosin, of Wilmington, Del., and Mr. Fred Lee have been enrolled this week and have taken up the work with us.

—Mr. Kenneth Gould, of Virginia, who was in attendance at the Academy several years ago, has spent a few days with us the past week.

—Mr. J. M. E. Stranger, who has spent the past two years in school here, left this week to enter the Sani-

tarium nurses' training class at Battle Creek.

—Our monthly tests will be delayed two weeks this month on account of our vacation's coming in the middle of the month and the first half of our present year closing January 20. At this time the mid-year examinations will be given and grades granted for the work of the first term.

—Mr. Guy L. Leighton, class 1902, who has been engaged in church-school work at Cliff Island, Maine, has been spending the past few days with his parents and friends here. He reports a successful school with much of the blessing of the Lord in his work. He returned to his work Monday, January 5.

## OBITUARY NOTICES

**MANNING.**—Died at Townsend, Mass., Dec. 3, 1902, Mrs. Sarah Manning, aged ninety years, nine months, and eleven days.

The deceased accepted the truths of the third angel's message under the labors of Elder D. A. Robinson, and loved it to the last. She had a special interest in the colored people of the South, and made several donations to the work for them. Our aged sister was a constant reader of the *Signs and Review* for more than twenty years, and almost every time I called to see her, she would say, "What should I do if it was not for my good reading?" She rests in hope of a part in the first resurrection when Jesus comes to raise his own to life and immortality.

MRS. LUCIA A. BLOOD.

**MESERVE.**—Died at the home of her daughter in Lowell, Mass., Oct. 19, 1902, Mrs. Lucretia C. Meserve, aged ninety-five years, six months, and twenty-four days, probably older than any other Sabbath-keeper in the New England Conference. She was baptized at the Nashua camp-meeting when over eighty years of age, though she has kept the Sabbath for twenty years. Our aged sister died of no particular disease, but simply faded away, being up and dressed every day till the day of her death, and died sitting in her chair. She just fell asleep with the glorious hope of meeting her Lord in the first resurrection. The deceased was ever ready and willing to give to the cause of God. Words of comfort were spoken at

the funeral by Elder G. E. Fifield. We trust God will sustain the daughter in her loneliness, as she has never before been separated from her mother.

E. MITCHELL.

## NEW JERSEY, NOTICE.

THE first annual session of the New Jersey Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Abrahamson College, on Seventh Street, between Market and Cooper Streets, in Camden, N. J., January 14 to 19, 1903.

Churches are entitled to representation as follows: One delegate for each church, and one additional delegate for every ten members in the church.

We hope many will attend the conference who are not delegates. Its work will be of such interest and importance to those in this State, that we are confident none who come will be disappointed, but will feel themselves well repaid for the effort and expense required.

The conference is so small that no church should fail to send a good representation.

Those who expect to attend should write to Brother A. R. Bell, 419 Pine St., Camden, N. J. He will have charge of securing accommodations, and should know as soon as possible for whom he is to provide.

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### Local Mean Time.

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Jan. 2 .....	4:38	4:43	4:49
Jan. 9 .....	4:45	4:50	4:55
Jan. 16 .....	4:52	4:57	5:02
Jan. 23 .....	5:01	5:05	5:10
Jan. 30 .....	5:10	5:14	5:18

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A TRIAL subscription to the GLEANER will be sent to any address until April 1 for ten cents.

ELDER W. A. WESTWORTH, of Scotland, made request of Brother H. W. Cottrell for money to supply seating furniture for a tent in which to hold religious services; and the New England Conference Committee has kindly supplied the money to meet the demand.

#### FINANCIAL POLICY.

THE conference committees of the New England, Greater New York, and Chesapeake Conferences, have, by unanimous vote, approved of the financial policy recently adopted by the General Conference Committee. There is no doubt but what the seven remaining conference committees in the Atlantic Union Conference, will likewise approve of the action of the General Conference Committee, at their earliest convenience.

The New England Conference has been practicing the cash policy for several years, which has been of great encouragement to its people.

All systems will in the end come to naught, except the cash system. Jesus said, "Which of you intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish." Is not *faith*

that will secure money beforehand, more acceptable to the Lord, than a supposed faith, strolling along away behindhand?

H. W. COTTRELL.

#### THE SIGNS.

BEGINNING with the first issue of January, 1903, the club price of the *Signs of the Times* will be ninety cents per copy per year. This does not apply to papers that have already been ordered.

#### ADDRESS.

UNTIL further notice, the address of Elder and Mrs. C. H. Edwards will be Apponaug, R. I.

#### OUR GREAT LOSS.

THE Battle Creek *Daily Moon* of Dec. 31, 1902, contains the following particulars concerning the destruction of the Review and Herald building which has for so many years stood as a witness to the advancement of the message. The *Moon* states that three hundred thousand dollars went up in flames, and the insurance amounted to only one hundred thousand. New policies had been written and signed, increasing the amount of insurance fifty thousand dollars after Jan. 1, 1903; but the fire came too early for anything to be realized from these papers.

It is believed that the fire was caused by defective wiring, as it broke out on the Washington Street side of the building, in or near the dynamo room, and was first discovered by men at work in the book room on the second floor. They made an effort to drag down one of the reels of fire hose in the building and play it on the flames, but they soon had to abandon their work, and flee down the fire escapes, as the stairway was a roaring furnace. They all reached the ground in safety. This copy of the *Moon* did not state at what hour the fire oc-

curred; but we learn from other sources that it was about 7:30 P.M., and only a few persons were in the building, or there might have been serious accidents if not loss of life.

Chief Weeks of the fire department sent the men and apparatus from stations one two and three, but the water pressure was insufficient to save the building, which burned fiercely; and so hot were the flames that no fire lines were needed until the blaze was nearly over. It was hardly possible to come nearer to the fire than the fountain in the middle of the park, and the people were driven back almost to the steps of the tabernacle across the street.

Sparks filled the air, and some of them floated for half a mile. The flames were plainly seen in Marshall. The fact that the wind was in the west made it possible for the fire companies to save the building across Washington Street containing the bank, the offices of the General Conference and Mission Board, the rooms where the books and tracts are stored, the lists are kept, etc. Had this building burned, the loss would have been much greater.

The small stores on the east of the building were saved by volunteer firemen with small lines of hose.

The book plates being in fire-proof vaults, it is hoped that they may be uninjured.

The pressroom contained nine cylinder presses, six "Miehles," and one "Century" being recently purchased. There was also considerable other new machinery in the building.

It is estimated that from two hundred and fifty to three hundred people will be thrown out of employment in the midst of winter.

WANTED.—Work of any kind, either together or in different places, where we can keep the Sabbath.

DAVID CORKHAM,  
NELLIE CORKHAM.

Mill Village, N. H.