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CONFESSION.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9.

I AM so weary and so weak to-night, dear Saviour.

So tired of striving and so sick of sin, That were I worthy of a place in thy fair dwelling,

I'd ask that I just now might enter in.

Here let me kneel in sorrowful contrition, And lean my head against thy wounded side,

And see thy hands and feet all torn and bleeding

And whisper to myself, "For me he died."

And I have grieved him since; oh, shame to say it,

Such base ingratitude, it seemeth to me now;

How could I pierce again the heart that loved me?

And bind the thorns again upon that brow.

I did not mean it, Lord ! some sudden gust of passion,

Some snare the tempter laid with wily art, Entrapped my careless feet, and ere I knew it,

- My path and thine were lying wide apart. And as I turned, my wayward steps retracing,
- I met his eyes, so full of grief and love. It broke my heart, oh, careless soul, how
- couldst thou So wrong his kindness, and so faithless
- prove?

And falling at his feet, I plead for pardon, A mid such bitter tears of grief and shame; While he had only words of comfort for me,

Not one reproach, not one just word of blame.

Thou knowest I love thee, Lord ! though in my weakness,

Tempted and tried, thy love I often grieve, Thou knowest I love thee; stay thou ever near me,

That from thy heart my heart may strength receive.

Strength to o'ercome, to conquer every failing That mars my life, or makes it incomplete; Strength that shall keep me safe from sin

and wandering, Faithful and pure, forever at thy feet.

-Selected.

CHRISTIAN PERFECTION.

"SIMON PETER, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with rience for himself. No one can deus through the righteousness of God, and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

If all could appreciate this great blessing, what an advantage it would be to them? We can obtain like precious faith with Peter and those who were his companions, only through one source,-the righteousness of Christ, who as a sin-bearer stood at the head of humanity, overcoming in our behalf, that we might overcome in his strength. "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

If man could appreciate this great blessing, what an advantage it would ceeding great and precious promises :

of being a laborer together with God in the saving of his soul. Receiving and believing is his part of the contract. He is to receive Christ as his personal Saviour, and is to continue to believe in him. This means abiding in Christ, showing in him, at all times and under all circumstances, a faith that is a representation of his character-a faith that works by love, and purifies the soul from all defilement. Christ is the author of this faith, and he demands that it be constantly exercised. Thus we receive a continuous supply of grace.

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Each person must obtain an expepend for salvation on the experience or practice of any other man. We must each become acquainted with Christ in order properly to represent him to the world. "His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue." None of us need excuse our hasty temper, our misshapen characters, our selfishness, envy, jealousy, or any impurity of soul, body, or spirit. God has called us to glory and virtue. We are to obey the call.

"Whereby are given unto us exbe to him ! He is given the privilege that by these ye might be partakers of . the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." How can we escape the power of one who was once an exalted angel in the heavenly courts? He was a being full of beauty and personal charm, blessed with a powerful intellect. Because of his exaltation he thought himself equal with God. He rebelled against his Creator, and by his rebellion he led astray some of all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, the heavenly angels. With these he was cast out of heaven, and then he set up a kingdom of his own, determined that he would allure the world to his apostate banner. How can we discern his false theories and resist his temptations ?--- Only through the individual experience gained by receiving a knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord. Without divine aid we could not possibly escape the temptations and snares that Satan has prepared to deceive human minds.

In his prayer to the Father, Christ said, "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." We must learn of Christ. We must know what he is to those he has We must realize that ransomed. through belief in him it is our privilege to be partakers of the divine nature, and so escape the corruption that is in the world through lust. Then we are cleansed from all sin, all defects of character. We need not retain one sinful propensity. Christ is the sin-bearer; John pointed the people to him, saying, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." And Paul declared, "You hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the who eat the heavenly bread will have For the amusements we avoid we flesh and of the mind; and were by eternal life. God has given us every shall keep the supreme jubilee. For

nature the children of wrath, even as others. But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath guickened us together with Christ, . . . and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Tesus."

Christ says to us. "Come unto me. and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." We are ever to learn of Christ. Yoked up with him in perfect restraint, we are to be learners during our whole lifetime. Then we are indeed "laborers together with God." We can be acceptable teachers only as we learn Christ's meekness and lowliness. Constantly we must learn more and more regarding these attributes. As we partake of the divine nature, hereditary and cultivated tendencies to wrong are cut away from the character, and we are made a living power for good. Ever learning of the divine Teacher, daily partaking of his nature, we cooperate with God in overcoming Satan's temptations. God works, and man works, that man may be one with Christ as Christ is one with God. Then we sit together with Christ in heavenly places. The mind rests with peace and assurance in Jesus. The Saviour declares, "He that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. In him there is inexhaustible fulness. As we follow on to know the Lord, we shall lead souls to the living Word. With us they will know that his going forth is prepared as the morning.

Why, then, do we not have more of the Holy Spirit ?---Because we do not abide in Christ; because we do not eat his flesh and drink his blood. All

facility, every grace. He has provided the riches of heaven's treasure, and it is our privilege to draw continually from this capital. But we do not avail ourselves of this privilege. Vanity, evil thinking, and evil speaking keep us powerless and inefficient. Self is cherished, petted, exalted; and therefore we can not work out our own salvation in harmony with God's will.

The service of Christ demands prompt obedience. We are to walk as he walked, following closely in his footsteps, manifesting his meekness and lowliness. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" "He that saith he abideth in him, ought himself also so to walk even as he walked." The service of Christ is pure and elevated. The path he traveled is not one of self-pleasing, selfgratification. He speaks to his children, saying, " If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." The price of heaven is submission to Christ. The way to heaven is obedience to the command, Deny thyself, take up thy cross, and follow me. As Jesus journeyed, so we must journey. The path he followed, we must follow; for that path leads to the mansions he is preparing for us.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

LOSS AND GAIN.

ALL our lives long we shall be bound to restrain our soul, and keep it low; but what then? For the books we now forbear to read we shall one day be endued with wisdom and knowledge. For the music we will not listen to we shall join in the song of the redeemed. For the pictures from which we turn we shall gaze unabashed on the Beatific Vision. For the companionship we shun we shall be welcomed into angelic society and the communion of triumphant saints.

abide, and forevermore abide, in the nearer together, and brought us nearer rapture of heaven.-Christina Ros. setti.

The FIELD

LYNCHBURG, VA.

SINCE my last report I have labored most of the time in Lynchburg, and the Lord has blessed the work. We have regular services in our church on Sabbath and Sunday and Sunday night, also Wednesday night. I have also preached several times in West Lynchburg by request of those who became interested at the camp-meeting there the past summer. I am doing all I can in house-to-house work, selling some of our good books, and working in every way I can to follow up the work in this part of the field.

Dec. 6, 1902, I baptized two persons in the Christian church baptistry, which was kindly furnished us for the occasion. Three others now desire baptism as soon as we can arrange for it. Two others have recently cominenced keeping the Sabbath, and others are deeply interested.

There is much earnest work to be done here, and may the dear Lord give wisdom and grace sufficient for it, that many dear souls may yet be gathered out of this part of the field. I am of good courage in the cause of truth, and want to fill some humble place in the good work till it is finished, and the laborers come "rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them." B. F. PURDHAM.

LOWELL, MASS.

THE new year, 1903, was entered upon by the Lowell church with a feeling of unity and a desire and determination to work, that has not been manifested to so great a degree as it now is. This I attribute to the weekof-prayer meetings. While we have that we should not report with a feelalways been united, yet these meetings ing of pride in our hearts.

all the pleasures we miss we shall have bound us as church-members the Lord.

> Last Sunday, January 4, we were cheered by the presence of Elder Russell from the Boston field. Sabbath afternoon Rev. A. E. Kenvon, the pastor of the Chelmsford Street Free Baptist church, spoke to us in our hall, and Sunday morning Elder Russell occupied his pulpit in exchange. Brother Russell spoke upon "The Triumphs of Faith," using 1 John 5:4 as his text. After the sermon a number of the congregation expressed their appreciation in very cordial language. One of the deacons with tears running down his cheeks told how it helped him. Another one said, "Brother Mitchell, I did not suppose that a Seventh-day Adventist minister could go into that pulpit and preach such a good sermon without hitting us with the seven last plagues." Others thanked him with tears in their eyes, one lady, especially, told how about a year ago she lost her boy, and she said she lost her faith also; but that sermon had given her new strength. We felt to praise God for this opportunity of spreading the gospel. The people in the churches are hungry for the Word.

> In the afternoon Brother Russell administered the ordinances, after which followed the annual business meeting of the church and tract so-The following officers were ciety. chosen: Leader, Mrs. E. Mitchell; clerk and treasurer, Mrs. W. Nicholls; librarian, Mrs. R. L. Clark; secretary of gospel workers, Mrs. F. E. Lucas.

> In the tract society meeting some of the sisters said that they did not see the use of reporting the work done during the quarter. Elder Russell brought out the point that it would encourage others, especially the isolated ones, and would help stir up others to press the battle more vigorously; but he emphasized the fact

In the evening he spoke to the church at my home. The Spirit of God was present, and some who came in from the outside were affected. Opportunities are being given which if not improved now may never be repeated. May God grant that the year 1903 may see a greater work done than ever before.

EDWARD MITCHELL.

COUDERSPORT, PA.

SINCE the general meeting at Philadelphia, I visited my parents' home in Canada for a few days. I was received very cordially by the friends of my boyhood, and by invitation of the pastor occupied the Methodist pulpit the Sunday night I was there. I had the privilege of distributing considerable literature and answering numerous questions concerning our faith during my brief visit.

At Philadelphia it was recommended that I join Elder Baierle in an effort in Potter County. After considering the circumstances, we decided to wait until the holiday excitement was past, and I returned home and spent the week of prayer with the Scranton church. The Spirit of God through the readings made a decided impression upon all who attended, and reconsecration for service was the burden of almost every testimony. I was pleased to see the lively interest on the part of those who have lately taken a firm stand for the third angel's message.

Recently a Passionist priest conducted a mission for non-Catholics in the cathedral in Scranton. The meetings were largely attended, and at their close a considerable number of non-Catholics joined the inquiry class to learn more of the Catholic church. Thousands of pages of literature were given away. In answer to a question on the subject of the Sabbath, the priest said that the Seventh-day Adventists were the only consistent Protestants that he knew.

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Brother Baierle and myself arrived in Coudersport the evening of January 6. The Lord opened the way for us to secure a good central hall, and gave us full control. Our first service will be held Friday evening, January 9. We ask the united daily prayers of God's people for wisdom to meet the responsibilities here.

C. F. McVagh.

RHODE ISLAND.

THE week of prayer spent with the brethren and sisters in Rhode Island will be one long remembered by the The first three days were writer. spent with the church at Pawtucket, and the few who live at Attleboro. It was a precious season to all. Every one caught the real spirit of the messages of God; and a deeper consecration seemed to be the desire of Some who had been every one. neglectful in giving to the Lord his own in tithes and offerings, confessed this, and decided in the future not to hinder God's cause.

The next three days were spent at Providence. The meetings here were indeed blessed and refreshing. The Spirit of the Lord was present with power, and hearts were melted by the testimonies borne, and the truths presented in the readings. Some who were in doubt and perplexity received much light from the Lord, and thus victories were gained for the truth. Since then I learn that some have already joined the church, and others expect to unite soon.

On my way to Peacedale I stopped at Greenwood; and the few hours spent in the home of Brother and Sister Stone in speaking together of the glorious prospect awaiting God's people of soon seeing the blessed Lord Jesus, were indeed very precious.

By the time we reached Peacedale, there was such a hard snow-storm prevailing, that it was impossible to have a meeting that evening. How-

the few who were at the home of interested in this work, as it should be Brother Tefft.

Friday and Sabbath were days of blessing, especially the Sabbath day. The Lord came near and refreshed hearts; and nearly all present determined by God's grace to continue in this blessed truth, till the Master appear, which it is apparent to all must be only a little while.

From here I went to Slocum, where we had one meeting on Sunday. On account of the hard traveling and the people living very much scattered, there was not a very good attendance. But we found those present of good courage, and rejoicing in the Lord.

On Sunday evening I left for Westerly, at the request of the president of the conference, where there seems to be quite an interest to hear the truth. The Baptist church of the city had been secured for two evenings; and on Tuesday there were nearly one hundred and fifty persons present to hear the word of God. The Lord gave freedom in presenting the truth; and the hearty responses from the people indicated that there are hungry souls in this city, who long for the messages of God. It certainly does seem as though a goodly number could be brought into the truth in this place by a little effort; and we hope the day is not distant when this may be done.

Personally the writer enjoyed much freedom in the Lord, and the blessed presence of the Spirit of God. What a glorious and exalted privilege it is to have a part in this closing work of the gospel! God is putting his hand to this work, and we all want to keep up with its rapid progress.

The Lord has done great things for us in the past few months in connection with "Practical Lessons from the Experience of Israel for the Church of To-day," for which we thank him. There have been nearly a thousand copies disposed of, and many people are much interested in it. We hope the morning of the 24th, holding a ever, we had a blessed good time with our people everywhere will become meeting each day, and preaching at

remembered that from its proceeds we are endeavoring to raise a fund with which to do mission work for the Tews.

May God keep us all faithful till Jesus comes, and then give us a glorious victory.

F. C. GILBERT.

EAST BUFFALO, N. Y.

WE are following up the labors of Brother and Sister Connerly. Last Friday at four o'clock, at one appointment, one lady decided to start that evening, with the first Sabbath of 1903, to observe the Bible Sabbath. At 7:30 P.M., at a second reading, the parents both started with the new year. The next day they with their children were at the services keeping their first Sabbath. We were much encouraged to see others present who but recently began to observe the Sabbath. Others are much interested in cottage meetings.

WEST BUFFALO.

AT 2:15 P.M., we met on this side, and three united with the church-a father, mother, and young lady daughter. These are the fruits of Sister Millington's Bible work. Others who are keeping the Sabbath are considering the subject of baptism. One joined by letter. The church officers were elected and ordained.

The little sanitarium, at 868 Niagara Street is having all it can do with the present force of workers. We need more workers, men and women who are ready to do and dare for Christ.

A. O. BURRILL.

WALKER AND GIBSON, W. VA.

I HAVE just returned from Walker and Gibson where I spent the week of prayer. We came to Walker December 19, and remained there until

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very bad, and we had but few in attendance.

The readings were highly appreciated, and we believe much good was accomplished here. We tried to set before this little company the importance of liberality, and of becoming actively engaged in working for the salvation of their friends and neighbors. They promised to do what they could, and we then left them and started for Gibson.

This church is small, and its members are badly scattered, some of them living six or seven miles from the place where we held our meetings. The weather continued very unfavorable, so we did much house-to-house work. The brethren all seemed to be in good courage, and we trust the time may come soon when they can erect a house of worship. They manifested a willingness to assist in the work by giving of the means God had entrusted to their care.

We have reasons to hope that this church will deal justly with God in bringing all their tithe and offerings into his house, and thereby receive the blessing promised them in Malachi 3.

We now expect to enter the canvassing work, as decided by the conuntil spring.

May the Lord bless his people, and reposed in them.

W. R. FOGGIN.

THE EVERETT MISSION.

ANOTHER year of successful work in the Everett Mission has been completed. This branch of the work which was started six years ago by C. E. Palmer, has steadily grown until it occupies an important place in the Master's cause.

It is with glad hearts that we see, as we visit the people, a ready response and interest in this work,

night. The weather and roads were which brings its workers in connec- She said she would rather bury them tion with the better classes, and is also a great source of comfort and help to the poor and needy.

> find something that is true and genuine; and more than we realize, are knowing to the condition of the world and the church of to-day.

One instance comes to mind of a nice young business man, a professed invalid who belonged to the Baptist Christian, who had become tired and disgusted with helping the churches; but on hearing of this work, he took pleasure in giving it his support. He and his family are now enjoying Bible studies, which are held regularly at his home. Thus this work opens up many opportunities for giving the message to the people.

Thinking it may be interesting to some of the readers of the GLEANER to know what this branch of the work is like, and to hear of some of the peculiar cases that come to our notice, I will mention a few which represent but a small part of the suffering about us.

who, through an accident, lost the use of his limbs, being obliged to sit in a chair, dependent on some one to take care of him, and with no prospect of ever walking again. As a result of ference committee, and remain there visits and a connection with this work, he has become a Sabbath-keeper.

A visit was made to the home of may they all prove true to the trust one poor woman, whose husband died as a result of a fall while at work, and left her with a baby and two other children, the oldest being about six years old. She is dependent on charity for everything. When shown into her apartments they were so filled with smoke it was hard to breathe; but we soon learned that she was given only a small quantity of soft marked that she would get some cotcoal once a month, and in order to make it last that time, was obliged to close the drafts too soon, keeping the smoke in to save the heat. After her husband's death the authorities threatened to put the children in a home.

than have them taken away. By laboring with her, and asking her to trust in the Lord, the way opened People are hungry, and anxious to whereby she could keep her family together. Since that time she gave her heart to the Lord, and he has answered her prayers and helped her; now she is happy.

> There is an interesting case of an church. Through our visits and the reading of the Signs, she has given her heart to the Lord, and commenced to keep the Sabbath. She keeps the papers and tracts on her table, and when her friends come in, gives them a copy, and talks to them about the Sabbath.

> There is another case of a man about seventy-six years old, and nearly blind; having an invalid wife who has heart complaint and can not be left alone, also one daughter. This man was once worth \$50,000, but has lost it all by being in business with dishonest men.

A year ago last November he was One case is that of a gentleman run over by a team, and came near being killed. In December he was warned out of his tenement on fortyeight hours' notice. He moved a part of his things on Saturday and spent Sunday in his new quarters with no heat but what was produced by a little oil stove. These hardships they endured in the dead of winter. Much of his furniture was broken in moving so he was not willing to pay for the job until the jobber should repair the broken articles. This he would not do, but took them and put them in a storehouse, where the owner would be obliged to pay \$12 per year, which we gave them. December 24, we gave his wife a dollar, when she reton to finish a quilt, for they had not enough to keep them warm.

> They borrowed money to live on, and mortgaged the furniture, and not being able to pay the interest, the things were to be sold at auction,

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which would take everything they had. On getting their consent to see some of their relatives, a worker went and told them of their condition. They were very much surprised, and said the last time they saw them, they were driving with their span of horses.

The relatives furnished the money to pay the mortgage of sixty dollars. The niece said she would pay the rent, and the daughter would furnish their groceries.

Any one can imagine a family in a starving, suffering condition being made independent in so short a time, and provided with a good home.

The one of whom I will now tell you is a young lady, though bright and intelligent, yet she is not a stranger to sorrow. Two years since she lost the use of her limbs, and has not been able to walk a step since. She has seen some lonely hours, as her mother has been obliged to go out washing to earn their living, leaving her alone through the day, and sometimes without food.

In all this she is resigned to her condition, and says she would rather be as she is and know the Lord, than have the use of her limbs, and be as she was before.

These instances give one but a small idea of what the poor are en-Their sufferings in many during. cases are beyond description, especially during these hard times, many not being able to get anything with which to keep a fire.

The Lord has not only blessed the work, but has provided us with workers. The canvassing work is a very encouraging feature, as is also that branch which looks up the needy and A nurse has lately been added sick. to our list of workers, and her services are very much appreciated.

The openings for Bible readings have steadily increased, until it be-

as a band of workers, we are of good courage and trusting in the Lord.

We believe that God answers prayer, and we are thankful that he is leading out in this work. May God's people unite their prayers with ours for the success of the cause in this part of the field.

A. M. Downs.

KEATING SUMMIT, PA.

WE held our quarterly meeting in the union church at this place January 3 and 4, and though the weather was very bad and few were out, we had a good meeting. All seemed to take hold of the promises with renewed courage.

C. W. SEWELL.

EDUCATIONAL

OUR ACADEMY AND CHURCH-SCHOOLS

"CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS" WORK AND THE SHAKING TIME. A Chapel Talk.

I WANT to talk to you this morning about the work of "Christ's Object Lessons." I want you to see how each one of you should be interested in this work, and I want to take for a text the prayer of Daniel, which I have read to you. There are other prayers that stand out as quite its equal in my estimation, and they are the prayers of Moses. When the children of Israel had sinned so grievously against God, and his anger had waxed hot against them to destroy them, Moses prayed that he would blot out his name from among the people instead of blotting out the nation; he took this position because he loved the people, and because it would make God's name a byword among all the nations.

came necessary for a Bible worker to to the king, in the kingdom of Babylon, now. Yesterday I received a letter connect with us. Many homes are and Babylon was the greatest of earth's from one of our church-school teachnow having the privilege of hearing kingdoms. In the image which Dan- ers, whom many of you know; and the truth. Our work is onward, and, iel saw, the kingdom of Babylon was she said that her work was hindered

represented by the head of gold; the next was silver; the next, brass; the next, iron; and the last, iron mixed with clay. So there was a degeneracy in this image. Daniel stood at the head of the great kingdom represented by gold, and so he had quite the greatest honor that the world has ever had to give. And yet he loved the people and work of God. By reading the book of the prophet Jeremiah, he learned that the people of God should at the end of seventy years return to rebuild Jerusalem and the Great though he was in temple. power, yet he loved God's people in bondage and classed himself as one of them. He prayed to God, as I have read to you from the ninth chapter, making a confession of his sin and the sin of his people and beseeching him to let his anger and his fury be turned away, and his face shine upon his sanctuary. Daniel and Moses loved the work and the people of God more than they did their own lives or any position which could be accorded them. Do you and I do the same thing? Do you and I have that love for God, for the people of God, and God's institutions which is superior to every other thought and ambition in our lives. If we want the experience of Daniel, of Moses, and of all the worthies of all time, it must be gotten in exactly the same way that they got it. God is the same today that he was in their time. And God calls upon you and me to have the same care, the same interest, the same love for the people and work of God that these men had.

Now, we live in the shaking time. The spirit of prophecy has been telling us for years that we would come to a shaking time when those who were not grounded in the love of God would cease to class themselves with Daniel was the greatest man next God's people. We are in this time

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because of the differences among the members of the church. And this is a too common occurrence. It is an evidence of this shaking time. In ter over, May God help us to see South Africa one of the teachers in the college there has gotten some new ideas concerning his religious faith, has left the work of the school, and many of the church in Cape Town have gone with him. In Holland a large number of people have gone off with some ism. And so I might go on, enumerating case after case of this departing, this going away from the truth of God as it is in his Word.

Now this does not shake my faith in God and the cause of truth, but makes it more firm. It brings a sense of responsibility, and calls to my mind the truth that unless I am rooted and grounded in the cause of truth, in the love of the truth. I too will be cast out-you too will be cast out. It simply means that we must follow out the commands of God, as they have been given to us, if we stand at this time.

God has given to us a particular work, to relieve his institutions from debt, and to increase our love for them as a part of his work in the earth. He has given us something to do in this matter that we may be coworkers with him, and he calls upon us to do it in the sale of this book, "Christ's Object Lessons." I want you to ask yourselves if you have been doing all that you possibly could this year in forwarding this work for the relief of the indebtedness which has been resting upon the cause of truth. I have been asking myself this question. The word of God is true, and if we do not take an interest regarding this matter, we will lose our interest regarding the work at large. God never calls upon his people to do a work except it is for their good, and to save them from the dangers of their time, and so it is now with "Christ's Object Lessons." He wants us to be firm in the truth that we may not be shaken out. It makes

us coworkers with him, and it brings a responsibility upon each individual.

May God help us to look this matwhether we are in the truth or not.

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

MEDICAL 🛹 MISSIONARY

THE NEW ENGLAND SANITARIUM.

FRIDAY afternoon, January 2, I reached the above-named institution in time to speak to the family at the service which is held each Friday We had another good evening. meeting Sabbath day, and again Sunday evening with the patients in the parlor. It was a pleasant introductory experience to me in coming into this institution for a stay of a few weeks. The sanitarium had a New Year's present of several new patients, and others have kept coming till nearly every available room in the building is filled. Quite a number of the helpers have been moved to the cottages to give room for patients. Other guests are expected daily. If this continues a day or two longer, we must open one of the cottages for living principles of righteousness patients.

Last Monday night we had a meeting for all members of the family, which will not soon be forgotten. Doctor Nicola made introductory remarks, and then read to us the following extracts from a testimony recently sent to him from Sister White which was much appreciated, especially at this time:

"The Lord in his providence has opened the way for his workers to take an advance step in New England -a field where much special work should be done. Through the mani- pressed his desires and expectations fest providence of God, the brethren there have been enabled to arrange to change the location of the sanitarium from South Lancaster to Melrose, a place much nearer Boston, and yet far enough removed from that ing failures.

city to give patients the most favorable surroundings for recovery to The transfer of the New health. England Sanitarium to this place, so convenient to the city of Boston, is in God's providence. When the Lord sets his hand to prepare the way before us, God forbid that any should stand back, questioning the wisdom of going forward, or refusing to give encouragement and help.

"The removal of the New England Sanitarium from South Lancaster to Melrose has been presented to me as being directed by the Lord. The buildings are of a character to recommend our medical missionary work, which is to be carried forward, not only in Boston, but in many other unworked cities in New England. The Melrose property is such that conveniences can be provided that will draw to that sanitarium persons not of our faith. The aristocratic as well as the common people will visit that institution to avail themselves of the advantages offered for restoration to health.

"Let all who are connected with the New England Sanitarium labor to make it a model institution, where the shall prevail."

None can appreciate these words from the servant of the Lord with their five-times repeated testimony of God's approval as fully as those who have been bearing burdens and responsibilities connected with this sanitarium during the past few weeks. A new hope and courage has come into the life of every one here; and following the reading, we united in singing, " Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

After the reading, the writer exfor the spiritual character of all connected with the institution, emphasizing the last paragraph of the above testimony. Upon this basis may we hope for success in spite of all seem-

Elder Russell, who for a time has been teaching the Bible classes here, spoke of his deep interest in this work, and hope for its success. Brother Lee, who has just taken the position of treasurer made vacant by the resignation of our well-beloved Brother Wilcox, spoke feelingly of his impressions when the call first came to him to take the position. For years he had been connected with the Pennsylvania Conference and Tract Society as secretary and treasurer. It seemed almost impossible for him to break away from his work there; but from the first he felt an impression that it was the Lord's will that he should come here. The meeting all through was indeed a source of inspiration and encouragement, and we thanked God and took courage.

I have not been here long enough to get acquainted with all the helpers so as to know their condition individually, but I have already, more than once, had occasion to thank the Lord for the good spirit I have seen manifested—the spirit to sacrifice, when necessary, personal comforts that the work may succeed. I believe the desire generally is as Sister White has said to, "make this a model institution." It is a source of encouragement to think that this is possible.

It may be of interest to some for me to give you the prominent features of my daily program, as it will show some of the opportunities here for work in spiritual lines.

The helpers have their breakfast ready at 6:30 A.M. While they eat, I read about fifteen minutes to them. This is followed by singing and prayer. At 7:45 we have worship in the parlor for the patients who are able to come in. Four lessons in Bible are given to the nurses' class each week. Friday evening the entire family, so far as possible, meet for a short preaching service, followed by a social meeting. The patients are invited to all our services, and some express pleasure in coming in.

The Sabbath-school is held at 10:30 A.M., and preaching service or Bible study follows. Another short service is held at the close of the Sabbath. Sunday evening a short sermon is given to the patients in the parlor.

I have found it much easier to approach and talk with the patients than expected. They seem ready and T glad to talk about our sanitarium principles, not only as presented and worked out here, but in other institutions throughout the world. This line naturally leads, or opens the way, to other phases of our work as a people. and I can but believe that the Lord will give us souls who will yet be true to this great message as the result of improving opportunities in this sanitarium. I find that the lives of the helpers and nurses produce a deep impression upon many.

We have now three patients here from Kingston, Jamaica, two of whom are somewhat acquainted with Elder Richardson, and speak highly of him.

While here I am also giving some careful thought to the work in our conference. I believe the spirit of unity and consecration are the great elements of character needed to-day to make the work move with power. May God help us to make the prayer of Christ a part of our spirit and life; viz., "That they all may be one . . . that the world may believe."

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CIRCULATE THE BOOKS. (Concluded.)

LET no one think that he is at liberty to fold his hands and do nothing. That any one can be saved in indolence and inactivity is an utter impossibility. Think of what Christ accomplished during his earthly ministry. How earnest, how untiring, were his efforts! He allowed nothing to turn him aside from the work given him. Are we following in his footsteps? He gave up all to carry out God's plan of mercy for the fallen race. In the fulfilment of the purpose of heaven, he became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. He had had no communion with sin, had known nothing of it; but he came to this world, and took upon his sinless soul the guilt of sinful man, that sinners might stand justified before God. He grappled with temptation, overcoming in our behalf. The Son of God, pure and unsullied, bore the penalty of transgression, and received the stroke of death that brought deliverance to the race

It was Christ's joy to help those in need of help, to seek the lost, to rescue the perishing, to lift up the bowed

THE BOOK WORK.

A. E. PLACE.

Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending January 2, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. J. Heckman, Jol	hnstown,	D of A					.75	.75	.75
T. D. Gibson, Unior	ntown,	Р&Р		23	1	3.00	15.25	18.25	11.25
W. H. Zeidler, McK	Leesport,	G C		7					11.25
Ivor Lawrence, John	nstown,	D & R		15			5.50	5.50	3.00
Mrs. M. B. Colcord,	Potter C	o., LG		9	3	10.50	3.65	14.15	
Alvin H. Osman, Jo	hnstown,	M of N		17	9	13.00	10.00	23.00	9.55
W. H. Dredge, Vers	sailles,	H of M		26	10	13.50	1.50	15.00	
W. T. Hilgert, Phila	adelphia,	ΒR		9			28.75	28.75	9.50
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down, to heal the sick, to speak words they themselves will be comforted. of sympathy and consolation to the sorrowing and the distressed. The more fully we are imbued with his Spirit, the more earnestly we shall work for those around us; and the more we do for others, the greater will be our love for the work, and the greater our delight in following the Our hearts will be filled Master. with the love of God; and with earnestness and convincing power we shall speak of the crucified Saviour.

I ask those to whom the light of truth has come: What are you going to do during the year that is just opening? Will you stop to quarrel with one another, to weaken and destroy the faith of humanity in humanity? or will you devote your time to strengthening the things that remain, that are ready to die? As our people engage in earnest work for the Master, complaints will cease to be heard. Many will be roused from the despondency that is ruining them body and soul. As they work for others, they will have much that is helpful to speak of when they assemble to worship God. The testimonies they bear will not be dark and gloomy, but full of joy and courage. Instead of thinking and talking about the faults of their brethren and sisters, and about their own trials, they will think and talk of the love of Christ, and will strive earnestly to become more efficient workers for him.

Many are sad and discouraged, weak in faith and trust. Let them do something to help some one more needy than themselves, and they will grow strong in God's strength. Let them engage in the good work of selling our books. Thus they will help others, and the experience gained will give them the assurance that they are God's helping hand. As they plead with the Lord to help them, he will guide them to those who are seeking for the light. Christ will be close beside them, teaching them what to say and do. By comforting others,

I ask you, dear Christian workers, to do what you can to circulate the books that the Lord has said should the drunkard and the tobacco devotee be sown broadcast throughout the from the habits which debase them world. Do your best to place them till they are below the level of the in the homes of as many as possible. Think of how great a work can be done if a large number of believers will unite in an effort to place before the people, by the circulation of these books, the light that the Lord has said should be given them. Under divine guidance, go forward in the work, and look to the Lord for aid. The Holy Spirit will attend you. Angels of heaven • will accompany you, preparing the way.

If you have neglected the sowing time, if you have allowed God-given opportunities to pass unimproved, if you have given yourselves up to selfpleasing, will you not now repent, before it is forever too late, and strive to redeem the time? The obligation to use your talents in the Master's service rests heavily upon you. Come to the Lord, and make an entire surrender of all to him. You can not afford to lose one day. Take up your neglected work. Put away your querulous unbelief, your envy and evil thinking, and go to work, in humble faith, and with earnest prayer to the Lord to pardon' you for your years of unconsecration. Ask the Lord for help. If you seek him earnestly, with the whole heart, you will find him, and he will strengthen and bless you.

In your work you will meet with those who are fighting against appetite. Speak words that will strengthen and encourage them. Do not let Satan quench the last spark of hope in their hearts. Of the erring, trembling one, struggling with evil, Christ says, "Let him come to me;" and He places His hands underneath him, and lifts him up. The work that he did, you, as his evangelists, can do as you go from place to place. canvassing work is to be revived, and

will be won to him who gave his life that men and women might stand on God's side. Draw with God to win beasts that perish.

The Lord calls for many more to engage in the canvassing work in the year 1903. For Christ's sake, my brethren and sisters, make the most of the hours of the new year to place the precious light of present truth before the people. The Angel of the covenant is empowering his servants to carry the truth to all parts of the world. He has sent forth his angels with the message of mercy; but, as if they did not speed on their way fast enough to satisfy his heart of yearning love, he lays on every member of his church the responsibility of proclaiming this message. "Let him that heareth say, Come." Every member of the church is to show his lovalty by inviting the thirsty to drink of the water of life. A chain of living witnesses is to carry the invitation to the world. Will you act your part in this great work?

Jesus is calling for many missionaries, for men and women who will consecrate themselves to God, willing to spend and be spent in his service. Oh, can we not remember that there is a world to labor for? Shall we not move forward step by step, letting God use us as his helping hand? Shall we not place ourselves on the altar of service? Then the love of Christ will touch and transform us, making us willing for his sake to do and dare. MRS. E. G. WHITE.

Dec. 6, 1902.

GOOD NEWS.

FROM the latest testimony issued concerning the canvassing work (Dec. 6, 1902) I quote the following:

"I have been instructed that the Labor in faith, expecting that souls that it is to be carried forward

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Lord's work, and a blessing will attend those who engage in it with earnestness and diligence."

I count that good news to every one who has the cause of God at heart, our publications; especially to our field. faithful "canvassing evangelists."

The canvassing work is to be carried forward with "increasing success." I do not believe that means merely that a larger number will be engaged in this work, and so the work as a whole will be more prosperous. It does mean that no doubt, but it also means that a greater measure of success will attend the efforts that are put forth by each individual in the work. Not only so, but that success is to continue to increase. This does not leave much room for the idea which has so often been expressed, that the canvassing work is about finished because we are becoming so well known, and there is so much prejudice against our work that the people will not buy our books. I do not believe that the statement quoted above is limited to any point this side of the close of probation.

So long as there are souls unenlightened by the message of truth, so long there will be need for the circulation of the printed page, and so long the blessing of God will attend the efforts is upon that blessing that our success depends more than upon any outward circumstances or conditions. This is shown by the last sentence of the statement quoted: "It is the Lord's work, and a blessing will attend those who engage in it with earnestness and diligence."

That is just as true during the months of January and February as at any other time of the year. Many canvassers have imbibed the idea that our best endeavors, and all through because people have spent so much

with *increasing success*. It is the for other reasons too numerous to mention, there is not much use trying to sell books during the winter months. But reason, revelation, and experience alike testify that this is one of the bugbears with which Satan tries to and is interested in the circulation of frighten our canvassers out of the

> An examination of the canvassers' record shows that for the time employed during the months of January, February, and March the average sales per hour are about as good as at any time of the year. The following is the record of six of our canvassers for January, February, and March of the year 1902, which is the only year for which I have complete records at hand. In each case I give only the totals for the three months:

	Days.	Hours.	Value,	Av. per ho	Av. per da
W. C. Fleischer,	27	178	\$196.25	\$1.10	\$7.26
J. Q. Herrington,	15	92	120.00	1.30	8.00
lvor Lawrence,	29	227	223.15	.98	7.00
W. H. Zeidler,	35	199	216.75	1.09	6.19
O. H. Ward,	55	238	354.75	1.44	6.45
C. F. Mahr,	59	348	305.05	.87	5 17

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Certainly no one would get the impression from these figures that it is necessary for the canvasser to take a vacation, or change his occupation for the winter because he can not make expenses at canvassing.

Most of our Pennsylvania canvassof those engaged in that work, and it ers in the past have demonstrated that they are in the work to stay by continuing their work right through the winter months, and God has blessed their efforts.

We trust that this year will prove no exception, and that as we enter upon the campaign for 1903 we shall see every man in his place, each determined to do his best. Shall we not, dear fellow workers, demonstrate that we have a message that is worthy of the coming year carry forward this money for Christmas, and because good work with hearts filled with the weather is cold and the people need faith, courage, and enthusiasm, and who engage in it with earnestness more money for clothing and fuel, and with the love of Jesus for souls that and diligence."

are perishing in their sins, and who need the message of mercy we have to give? If we do this, Jesus and heavenly angels will be with us, and success will attend our efforts, and precious souls will be saved to shine eternally in the kingdom of God.

F. E. PAINTER.

THE CANVASSING WORK IN VERMONT.

Some weeks ago the writer asked for the name and address of all persons in Vermont who were sufficiently interested in the sale of our books to make an effort to sell some of them. Two letters have been received. We are thankful for the two; but where are the four hundred and ninety-eight Seventh-day Adventists in Vermont that have not responded? Of course we did not expect a reply from all Seventh-day Adventists in the State; but shall we conclude that aside from the State agent and three or four regular canvassers, there are only two persons in the State who are willing to make an effort to sell some of our good books?

We desire now to make another request. If the canvassing work is a success in the State, we should hold a canvassers' institute once a year. We desire to have such an institute sometime within the next few months. If there are a few souls in the State who are willing to spend a part or all of their time in selling our publications, we would be pleased to have such persons correspond with either myself, at North Wolcott, Vt., or A. E. Taylor, Brownington, Vt., at once.

A special testimony from Sister White on the canvassing work has just reached us in which she says, "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

Brethren, the Lord has spoken, will we heed his voice? I am thankful to know that the canvassing work is to be revived. Some one will engage in the canvassing work, and the books will be sold. Does this mean that Vermont shall be canvassed by Vermonters? or shall we be compelled to call in workers from other conferences to canvass our territory?

Again, the testimony says: "A blessing will attend those who engage in it with earnestness and diligence." Earnestness and diligence are required in any branch of God's work. What a perverted idea of the exalted character of God's work one must have who would dare to enter the work of God in any line and be indifferent and negligent!

Brethren and sisters of Vermont, the Lord extends to us one more invitation to arise and engage in the circulation of the books containing present truth. Who will respond to the call of our kind heavenly Father, and enter the field to assist in this grand and noble work?

Again, the same testimony says." The larger books, 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' 'Great Controversy,' and 'Desire of Ages' should be sold everywhere." These books contain truth for this time. Shall they be circulated in Vermont? Shall we hear soon from a number in the State who have felt impressed that it is duty for them to enter the canvassing field? May the Lord impress hearts.

I. W. WATT.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

ACADEMY NOTES.

---We now have enrolled 161 this year and our attendance at present is 143.

-One new student has joined our numbers this week, Master John Bolan, of Erie, Pa., having taken up work with us. --Miss Helen Sandberg, who with her mother came here from Brooklyn, N. Y., has found it necessary to discontinue her work in the school.

-Mrs. Eva Turney-Jenks, a member of the class of 1900, with her husband and child, has been visiting friends in the place the past week.

---Work in our broom shop is prospering. We have just received from Oklahoma a shipment of nearly ten tons of corn. About twenty young men are now engaged in the shop work.

-A number of interesting and instructive talks have been given us at the chapel period during the past week. One of these on our duty just now in connection with "Christ's Object Lessons" is given in another column.

-Last Sabbath afternoon more than a dozen young men in school met with Elder Cottrell and some of the teachers, and talked over their plans of work for next summer, and decided that their summer's work begin at once here working for "Object Lessons."

OBITUARY NOTICES

HAIBON.—Died at her home in Danvers, Mass., on Sunday, December 28, Sister Mary A. Haibon. This sister has been a devoted, true, and earnest Christian nearly all her life, having given her heart to God when quite young. In 1877 when the tent was pitched in Danvers, she heard the message of present truth, and gladly accepted it with all her heart. Since that time, till the day of her death, there never was an instant that she had the least shadow of a doubt in this precious truth. She loved it dearly; it was her life, her meat, and her drink.

She was a great lover of the word of God, and longed to have every one else believe it. Her place in church was always filled, whether in storm or in sunshine-Every opportunity she had of doing some deed for the Master she always esteemed it a pleasure and privilege.

For several months she had not been feeling very well; so she decided to go to the sanitarium at Melrose. While here she seemed to improve; and no doubt if she could have remained there, she might have been alive to-day. It has been reported that physicians at the hospital where she was taken, said that her life would have been prolonged, had she stayed at the sanitarium.

The funeral services were held at her own home; and though none of her brethren and sisters were permitted to gather at the house to the funeral, God raised up some person at the funeral, who gave to the friends assembled her reason for her hope, as she had told it often to him. Thus nothing was done against the truth, but for it.

On Sunday evening, January 3, a memorial service was held at the Danvers church, a number of the Beverly church being present, as well as some outside friends. Several practical thoughts for the people present were drawn from the words of Balaam : "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his." She died in the bright and glorious hope of seeing her Saviour at the first resurrection.

F. C. GILBERT.

ANOTHER FAITHFUL ONE FALLEN IN DEATH.

SISTER MARY ANN PECK, of Wolcott, Vt., died at the home of her son, W. W. Peck, of Morrisville, Vt., Dec. 30, 1902.

Sister Peck embraced present truth fiftythree years ago, and all these years has faithfully lived the same before her friends, who respected her very highly as a devout Christian lady. She leaves two sons, three daughters in-law, and five grandchildren to mourn her loss.

Three times within the year 1902, the writer has been called to preach at the funeral of those who have been long in the way of truth. Thus the old veterans of the cause are falling in death, and younger hands must carry forward the work of the Lord. May the Lord help the younger members of his family to gird on the armor and go forward with courage.

Funeral sermon by the writer from Rev. 14:13. J. W. WATT.

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ELDER H. W. COTTRELL left South Lancaster January 12, to attend the first annual session of the New Jersey Conference, at Camden, N. J., January 14 to 19. From there he goes to Rome, N. Y., to be present at the forty-first annual session of the New York Conference, which is to be held January 19 to 26.

GENERAL MEETINGS FOR R. I.

NO PREVENTING providence the following general meetings will be held in the interests of our brethren and sisters and the work which we love in Rhode Island:

Attleboro, Providence, and Pawtucket and vicinity, to meet at Pawtucket, beginning Friday night, January 30, and continuing to Sunday night February 1.

Greenfield, Peacedale, and Slocum, at Slocum, February 6 to 8; Westerly February 13 to 15.

Elder K. C. Russell will attend the Pawtucket and Slocum meetings, and possibly the Westerly meeting also. Elder Gilbert will attend the meeting at Westerly. The meetings at Westerly will embrace our people at that place, also Niantic and Ashaway.

The same general plans will be followed in these meetings, as fully as possible, that have been followed in previous meetings of this kind. Our Hopkins, of Duncan.

people are urged to bring their lunch both Sabbath and Sunday that the entire day may be given as uninterruptedly to the seeking of God and the study of our work as a people and our relations to it, and plans for its advancement, as possible.

Please let all who are within reach of these appointments begin to plan at once to attend if possible, even though it be by a real sacrifice. Much is hanging upon our course just now. May the Lord make these meetings a source of great blessing to this conference is my prayer.

A. E. PLACE.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the South Lancaster Academy Corporation will hold its twentieth annual session at South Lancaster, Massachusetts, Feb. 9 and 10, 1903, for the purpose of electing officers and a board of trustees for the ensuing year, and to transact such other business as may properly come before the stockholders. The first meeting will be February 9, at 4 P.M.

> HAMPTON W. COTTRELL, WILBUR L. PAYNE, ALBERT E. PLACE, RUFUS A. UNDERWOOD, GEORGE B. THOMPSON. JOHN W. WATT, ORVIL O. FARNSWORTH, HENRY C. BASNEY, J. EDWARD JAYNE, Trustees.

Jan. 11, 1903.

MARRIED.

IN Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 17, 1902, Brother Adolph Steiner and Sister Minnie Stewart. Officiating minister, Elder B. F. Purdham.

IN Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 7, 1902, by Elder B. F. Purdham, Mr. Daniel Miller, of Pleasants, and Miss Lula

NOTICE, EVERETT.

I AM pleased to announce that, the Lord willing, Elder Place will meet with the Everett church, on the 17th inst. The Sabbath-school will be at 2 P.M., and the preaching service at 3 o'clock. The ordinances will be celebrated at this time.

C. E. PALMER, Elder.

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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