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

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SATISFIED.

OH! He wakes me from my dreaming
To behold him face to face;
And he saves and keeps me ever
With the fulness of his grace.
And he does not keep me waiting
Till I reach the home above,
But he satisfies me daily
With the sweetness of his love.

In the stillness and the darkness,
When no human friend is near.
Of he comes to soothe and comfort—
Wipes away the falling tear.
And he never disappoints me
When I seek the quiet place;
But he spreads a royal banquet,
And reveals his smiling face.

Though my way leads o'er the hilltops
With the sunshine beaming fair,
And the rarest flowers, nodding,
Breathe a welcome everywhere;
Or adown the lonely valley
With the shadows falling drear,
Still he satisfies me fully,
For I feel his presence near.

—O. E. Hart, in *N. Y. Observer*.

CHRIST'S REPRESENTATIVES.

MUCH work remains to be done in proclaiming the third angel's message. Notwithstanding the great needs of the cause, there are many workers who are content to do but little for the Master, in comparison with what he has done for them. Why, oh, why, is man willing to remain so inactive, so helpless, when he could be accom-

plishing a great work in saving souls? The Saviour is asking us, "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" We should engage in his service, however great a sacrifice this may at first appear. Poor, deluded souls must be aroused from the fatal lethargy of sin. The power of sin over them must be broken, else it will grow stronger and stronger, and at last result in their ruin.

Every one who is truly converted has the spirit of service. When Christ is indeed formed within, the hope of glory, his Holy Spirit works through the human agent to save other souls for whom he has died.

God invites his workers to call upon him for help, and he promises to hear and answer them. As they take up the cross, fully resolved to do what they can, he gives them strength to bear the burden. Why do we not enlist the help of Omnipotence? In these precious days of probation, let every laborer reach forth the hand in faith for the help and strength that will enable him to be a strong worker in the Lord's vineyard. Let him pray for soundness of judgment and for heavenly wisdom. God is a mighty Helper. He will sustain every laborer who trusts in him. He is a sure, tried Anchor, holding his children fast to himself amidst every storm of

opposition, every tempest of trial and adversity. When the heavens seem dark, when the strength seems to fail, he will give light and confidence to all who believe in him. To every troubled heart he will speak peace.

The Lord hears and answers prayer. He lays upon us no burden greater than we can bear in his strength and by his grace. In every time of need he is a present help. Oh, that we might have faith to ask him for strength according to our great need! Faith is the hand by which we grasp the hand of the mighty Helper. God's promises are sure. Why should we not take him at his word?

"Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer."

Will not the Lord be pleased to let the light of his countenance shine upon us? Oh, that his arm of power might be revealed!

Faith is "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." But I fear that with many of us, our faith does not reach any farther than our sight. Let no one allow his strength to be wasted by vain conflicts, or his heart wearied and saddened because of unanswered desires. Amidst the fiercest conflicts there is rest for every weary soul who trusts in Christ. To those who are afflicted with either physical or spiritual mal-

adies, Jesus is saying, "Wilt thou be made whole?" He is ready and willing to do great things for those who trust in him. With tenderness and pity he is looking upon his children. He offers help to those who, doing the best they can, plead for capabilities that will enable them to do more for him.

Oh, that I could impress the members of the church of Christ with the importance of using aright the talents that have been entrusted to them! Oh, that I could make them see what an influence for good they might exert if they would use their powers to God's glory!

We should not allow indifference or carelessness to mar our actions, for Satan is an untiring foe. Paul says, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." Of us is required the fullest consecration, the most earnest devotion. The world is to be warned. The masses of the people will not heed God's solemn warning; nevertheless, his message must be proclaimed to "every nation, and kindred, and tongue."

The greatest work, the noblest effort, in which man can engage is to point his fellow men to the Lamb of God. Oh, let us urge the importance of this work with greater earnestness than we have manifested in the past! Let our church-members begin to work. Let them reveal Christ in every thought, word, and act. If they represent him aright, they will receive the reward of life eternal and a home in heaven. ELLEN G. WHITE.

SHOULD we carry a gold watch when a less expensive one would do? How far should we intensify our culture? Should children receive skilled training in music and painting when the parent is thereby largely prevented from giving to missions? How far shall we deprive ourselves of concerts, of lectures, of excursions?—H. W. Luce, in *Student Volunteer*.

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

SOME OTHER DAY.

THERE are wonderful things we are going to do,

Some other day;

And harbors we hope to drift into,

Some other day.

With folded hands, and oars that trail,

We watch and wait for a favoring gale

To fill the folds of an idle sail,

Some other day.

We know we must toil if ever we win,

Some other day;

But we say to ourselves, There's time to begin

Some other day;

And so, deferring, we loiter on,

Until at last we find withdrawn

The strength of the hope we leaned upon,

Some other day.

And when we are old, and our race is run,

Some other day,

We fret for the things that might have been done

Some other day.

We trace the track that led us where

The beckoning hand of a grim despair

Forced us to by-ways wild and bare.

Some other day.

—Selected.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

WHY do we not have more of the old-time missionary meetings in our respective churches? Twenty years ago almost every Seventh-day Adventist company of believers held a missionary meeting each week. Experiences were related, plans were studied, papers were wrapped and mailed, etc. It has seemed to the writer that in recent years, as we have dropped out old methods and tried so-called up-to-date plans, we have not accomplished as much in getting the truth before the people as in former years.

Shall we not seek for the old paths, and walk therein? God is ready to bless his people with a rich measure of his Holy Spirit if they will only cut loose from the world, and work for him. If each member of the

church will do something each week to get the light of truth before those who know it not, then the missionary meetings will be full of interest; for every one will have an actual experience to relate.

Every church of Seventh-day Adventists should take a club of the *Signs of the Times*, and use it in missionary work. There are those in every company who can sell some of our good books, if they will only make the effort. There are those who can write missionary letters, if they only get about it and do it.

There is work for each one to do. By putting forth individual effort to save the perishing souls about us, we shall bring the blessing of God into our own individual hearts; and the angels of God will delight to accompany us on our way day by day. Then when we attend a missionary meeting, we shall have a missionary testimony to bear; and it will be full of the Spirit and power of God. A working church will be a living church, no dead, formal, cold services there.

How can any one remain idle in such a time as this when all heaven is astir, and the "Holy Spirit is waiting our demand and reception"? Oh, could we realize that *soon, very soon*, probation will close, and the destiny of every soul will be sealed, how earnestly we would work to save our fellow men! No one that remains idle now can hope for salvation. All must in some way connect with the work, or go into darkness and be lost.

Dear reader, what are you doing for the Lord? Do you feel clear that you are doing all the Lord would have you do for the advancement of his precious cause? Oh, that we may see the old-time spirit of missionary labor resting down upon this people! Then shall we again enjoy the old-time missionary meeting. "Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light."

May the Lord help us to have our

spiritual eyes anointed with the Holy Ghost, that we may see.

J. W. WATT.

IS THE MASTER CALLING YOU?

ANOTHER holiday season is past, and a new year has come to us. What record shall be made in the books of heaven, of your work and mine, during 1903? The answer to this question must be made by each one individually.

In view of the nearness of Christ's coming—in *this* generation—in view of the great truths which God has revealed to us; in view of the great, sinful world; in view of the ignorance of these precious truths by some who even profess Christ; in view of the impending judgment, shall we not arise and go about our "Father's business?"

If Christ himself should visit you and ask you if you could not do this work or that for him; if you could not take a message from him to such a person, or in his stead go to relieve suffering or want in such a home, do you not think you would gladly comply?

But does he not visit you by his Spirit again and again, and say, "My brother, my sister, will you not go and do this for me?" "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Many opportunities are open before us to work for the Master in this new year. Shall we not improve them?

The first one of the new tracts prepared by the General Conference Committee is now ready. It is entitled, "We Would See Jesus," and treats on the second advent. This, and the others to follow, ought to be scattered like the leaves of autumn. This is one kind of work the Master is calling on us *now* to do for *him*.

Then there is the work with our pioneer periodicals, the *Signs* and the *Sentinel*. One or the other of these

is adapted to all classes—laboring men, business men, professional men.

Many have felt disappointed because the *Sentinel* was made a monthly, as it was too large and too expensive for individual and church-missionary-society use. Now it is a weekly again, and every church ought to have a club to circulate among business and professional men—those who are leaders in public thought and molders of opinion.

There is also a work which some one ought to take up in every church, and that is, the securing of subscriptions from all our own people for the *Review*. *Every Seventh-day Adventist* should have it regularly. Where individuals are too poor to pay for it, a fund should be raised by other members to pay for the paper for such persons.

The circulation of our larger publications by our regular canvassers is another important work, and hundreds of new ones should be enlisted. Some have sold books during the holidays, intending to take up some other work after the first of January. But does the Master relieve us so easily and so quickly from doing his work? Are there not many, many souls yet to be warned in your vicinity, and is not the need as great in January as in December?

A recent communication from Sister White says, "The canvassing work is to be revived" and "carried forward with increasing success." Thank the Lord for these encouraging words. In the same communication are these words, "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." Should not these words stir our hearts, and cause us to take up work of some kind for the Master?

To-day the Master is calling to those for whom he gave his life, asking them "Who will go and carry my message of love and salvation to a

dying world?" Who will respond to his call and enlist? Those who do this will find that the "love of Christ will touch and transform them, making them willing for his sake to do and dare."

S. N. CURTISS.

The FIELD

WASHINGTON, D. C.

SINCE my last report to the ATLANTIC UNION GLEANER, we have seen many indications that the Lord has a deep interest in this work, and yet that there is just before us a startling, a terrible experience that will test the faith of God's people to the very utmost. At times the way seems absolutely closed up, not a ray of light; or some obstacle looms up in our path, and seems to throw its terrible shadow over all the sunlight and threaten complete overthrow; but he who sets his face like a flint, and trusts right on through the darkness, will find the sweetest, tenderest light break through the darkness and flood heaven and earth with the glory of eternal hope. The obstacle will prove only a step up to a higher and more divine life. In our work in Washington we say truly, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and he that hath begun a good work will perform it to the day of Jesus Christ.

On Sunday, January 4, I gave an address before the Secular League of Washington. My subject was the United States in Prophecy. The address was forty-five minutes in length, followed by an hour's open discussion, and then I had fifteen minutes to reply. I have never felt more free, and never felt a greater desire to help those who are groping in the darkness. The criticisms were all in a very friendly spirit, though there were apparently only unbelievers in the Bible and Christianity in the league, which contains some prominent, highly edu-

cated people. They seem to regard Seventh-day Adventists as the best, the freest religious denomination in existence. The Lord seemed to give a special victory at the last. Several inquired where my church was, and promised to come. One old gentleman, with a very warm grasp of the hand, said, "Hold to the old Book. You are right! It is our only hope after all." Others expressed a sorrow that they could not still hold the faith of earlier years. I may write this experience up more fully some later day. I am sure out of this company men will yet see the truth, and walk in its light.

In the *Washington Times* of January 8, Dr. H. K. Carroll, who was the government church statistician in 1890 and who has compiled church statistics every year since that time, gives the following figures as to the rate of increase of the churches, during the year 1902:

Adventists,	11.5 per cent.
Christian Science,	5.5 " "
United Brethren,	4 " "
Lutherans,	2.8 " "
Reformed,	2.3 " "
Congregationalists,	2 " "
Disciples of Christ,	2 " "
Presbyterians,	1.9 " "
Methodists,	1.7 " "
Catholics,	1.3 " "
Baptists,	1.1 " "

These figures are most encouraging to us. They show that in spite of all the unpopularity and the difficulty in keeping the Sabbath, we have grown more than twice as rapidly as any other religious denomination in this country. We know that our work is rapidly coming to the front, that it is the only hope of this lost world which is struggling vainly with problems that can only be settled by the third angel's message. We thank the Lord that here in Washington he is opening the way that our work may come to the front.

We trust that all have read the

Review of January 13, and are prepared to help financially the work in Washington in this crisis. The fund already has a good start in the *Review*, considering that the donations were from the Battle Creek church, which has recently suffered such a terrible loss. Surely the Atlantic Union Conference, of whose territory this city is a part, will gladly do more for Washington than any other conference in this country. A payment of \$2,500 is to be met January 29, and beyond that \$9,900 to be paid as soon as possible. We trust all will send cash contributions to Geo. W. Palmer, secretary of this conference, South Lancaster, Mass., and a fund will be opened in the *GLEANER* for this most important purpose.

Our appeal follows:

WASHINGTON'S APPEAL TO EVERY
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST IN
THE UNITED STATES.

Washington, D. C., is the capital of the United States and all Seventh-day Adventists realize, to a certain extent at least, the vital importance of having our work rightly represented where our national life centers.

For many years we have known by the positive statement of inspired prophecy that this nation which has stood in the past for political and religious liberty, would turn back to Egyptian darkness and bondage, to a tyranny and despotism, worse than that of the Middle Ages. In years past we have seen many indications that the great crisis was approaching. Of late there has been a lull, an ominous quiet—the hush before the storm, and our people have lost much of the interest they once felt in "the United States in prophecy." But the enemy has not slept. Silently while we have slumbered the mighty forces of evil have been wheeling into position, fortifying their camps and preparing to strike the final blow when the moment shall have arrived, and we know it is very near.

Near the close of the last session of Congress a strong attempt was made to pass a stringent Sunday law for the District of Columbia.

I had the privilege of appearing before the commissioners of the District to oppose this measure in a public hearing. The head commissioner of the District of Columbia is committed to this Sunday legislation. The ministers of the city urged the passage of the law strongly, but there was strong opposition by the Jews, the Secular Society and others, and it was evident that for the time the strong local opposition had killed the proposed law. But this effort has been renewed for the present session of Congress, and must finally succeed locally and nationally.

One thing however is clear. The local influence here does have an effect on congressional legislation, both district and national.

Local laws for the District of Columbia are made by the national Congress. There is here no other law-making body. Consequently when a law is made for the District it is a precedent for the same law, the same principle, to be applied to the whole nation. Sunday-law advocates realize this and for years have been seeking to get Congress to pass a district law which would be an entering wedge, a precedent for a national Sunday law.

Here in Washington we must have a strong church that shall be as a city set on a hill—a light shining brilliantly, showing the dangers and pointing the right way, and acting at least as a living witness to the eternal truth. The Lord will not permit the last terrible step in the fulfilment of his warning prophecy, he will not bring the work to a close in this country and in the world, until his truth is rightly represented here before men who shape the destiny of this nation.

Satan knows the value of this local influence on the national life. Here in this city the Roman Church is mighty, everywhere, influential in the

government itself; in the departments and in the press—has her marble churches, her colleges and her universities. Here Spiritualism is surprisingly strong, aggressive, and bold. Washington is honey-combed with Romanism, Spiritualism and other delusions more modern and, if possible, more dangerous. The enemy is here before us, strongly entrenched. Here, as in no other city, Seventh-day Adventists need a respectable, comfortable house of worship, so situated that we can reach the men that make Washington what it is.

For several years we have had a small church building in Northeast Washington, practically out of reach of the Washington that is Washington; that is, the Northwest part of the city.

There were conditions in this church organization that made it impossible, and increasingly so, to reach those who make this city what it is. A recent report by Elder H. W. Cottrell in the *Review* has made the present position clear to all who have read it.

Following their own convictions and the advice of the General Conference Committee represented by two of its members, a good number formed a new church, meeting for a time in our tent, then in a small hall. October 19, it was first publicly stated that the time had come for us to plan to build or buy a church.

This church, which has been fully described, suddenly came into sight, and on November 1, thirteen days after the matter was first mentioned, it was purchased ready furnished, and November 8, we held our first meeting in the new church. Over \$600 has been raised in Washington and in all about \$1,500 subscribed. The church has now seventy members, but nearly all are poor. But they are willing to sacrifice, to do their utmost to secure this place that is so wonderfully situated and suited for the work that must be done here at the very heart of the nation's life. To this

place men in the highest positions, of the mightiest influence, can be invited. It will be an ideal place for our work till the end of time. It is a very modest, but comfortable and pleasant church.

Several years ago Sister White suggested that a memorial church be built in Washington, that is a church toward which all our people should contribute, as was done when the Tabernacle was built in Battle Creek. But the conditions were such then, and have been for years, that it could not be done. Just as soon as we were ready, the Lord provided a most suitable place ready built and furnished for our immediate use. And it seems that this church has been waiting for us a year. It was once offered for \$30,000, but is now sold to us for \$12,900—a direct providence of God. Now we will do all in our power here, but we most earnestly appeal to every Seventh-day Adventist in the United States to send us help. If every member of the church, young and old, in this country would contribute twenty-five cents, the church would be clear of debt at once. But as we fear all will not do this, we ask if there are not many who will contribute at once, any amount from \$1,000 down.

This may be sent direct to us or through your local church elder or conference secretary. Instead of making a payment of only \$2,500 at the end of ninety days, we desire to pay the whole amount. This can be most easily done if all will help, as we fully believe the Lord will lead them to do. Send if possible immediately, so that the interest, which is now \$1.81 per day, may be reduced.

It would be a glorious thing if Washington could have a place of worship free from debt and a representative church prepared to do a representative work. Just now the Lord is greatly blessing us in the work here. I am certain the great consummation, the glorious coming of

the King, can not take place until the work is rightly represented here in Washington. And this direct providence indicates to me that the Lord is about to close up his work here in the nation and in all the world. May all realize the duty and the glorious privilege of having a part in this work which is so soon to triumph. It will be a blessing to all to have an actual interest in the work in the national capital.

This Appeal has the authority and approval of the president of our local conference, the Chesapeake, Elder O. O. Farnsworth; the president of the Atlantic Union Conference, Elder H. W. Cottrell, and of Mrs. E. G. White, all of whom are personal subscribers to this fund. The General Conference Committee at their late council in Battle Creek endorsed this Appeal. See the copy of resolutions passed to this effect in the article "Help for Washington" by the President of the General Conference in the *Review and Herald* of January 13. A fund has opened up for this purpose in the *Review* and will be also in local papers. We believe that all our people will respond generously. We shall be glad to receive cash payments, and also subscriptions for a longer time. The pastor of the church will be very glad to furnish subscription papers to those who will act as our agents.

Washington belongs to the nation and the work here belongs, as in no other city in the United States, to every Seventh-day Adventist in this country, and logically calls for the support, financial and otherwise of every believer in the third angel's message.

As a business matter alone, this property is a wonderful bargain and will increase in value to the end of time.

As our fathers pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor to build up and to free this nation—shall we not gladly accept this God-given opportunity to let the light of

the last saving truth (the truth that makes free eternally) shine here and thus to all the nation and all the world. What a testimony to the reality and power of the faith we profess if the church here, free from debt, can go forth to do a representative and an aggressive work on this high mountain top.

You are interested in this matter, help now, and thus hasten the coming of the King. Nothing has ever more clearly shown me the imminent nearness of the great day than the resurrection and the new life that is coming into our work in Washington with this clear providence leading toward the great things he is about to do for his people.

J. S. WASHBURN,
Pastor of Church.

WEEK OF PRAYER IN PENNSYLVANIA.

I SPENT a few days at Meadville and other points the forepart of the week of prayer, and the last two or three days at Erie. The companies I visited were small, but there was a most excellent spirit in all the meetings.

The last Sabbath was a good day in Erie. A spirit of consecration for service was the key-note of the meeting. Before the meeting closed, the entire membership that were present, with some others, adopted as their motto for 1903 the following: "By the grace of God and the power of the truth one or more souls shall be won to Christ and the truth as it is in Jesus by me personally, and us collectively, in 1903. To this end we accept the sacred trusts of truth committed to our hands by God, and consecrate our talents to his service."

Suggestions were made as to the best plans of work. Personal canvassing from house to house, as in the days of the apostles (See Acts 20:20), was endorsed. The *Signs*, "Object Lessons," and the small tracts suggested by the General Conference,

were favored as among the best mediums by which the light could be scattered at present in this house-to-house work. Already those who entered most heartily into the spirit of consecrated service are seeing evidences of the power of God at work for themselves and for those for whom they are laboring.

Similar suggestions have been made to all our churches in Pennsylvania. It is not an unreasonable thing to work for, yea, believe for, that every believing Seventh-day Adventist in the State of Pennsylvania should, in God, lead a soul to Christ and the truth in 1903.

Shall we "arise and shine"? The light has come. The proverb that "the days are prolonged" *should cease*. God says, "Say unto them the days are at hand, and the effect [or fulfilment] of every vision." See Eze. 12:22, 23. Now is the time to put on the whole armor.

Everything but truth and souls *sanctified* by the truth will pass away. Fires, storms, and destruction will sweep away all else. Time and talent invested in souls will be saved. May God lead on his mighty hosts unto victory.

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

DURING the week of prayer and for the annual and quarterly meetings, I have been very busy with the churches in Bradford, Wayne, and Columbia counties, and at Wilkesbarre and Scranton, and am glad to report that our dear people, as a rule, are willing to work and anxious to make an advance move on the enemy's ranks. Yet there are a few who cry, "form," "form," at the week-of-prayer services, and almost everything else that is done in an orderly, God-appointed manner, just as though we could have life and active labor without a visible form.

But it will not be long until all opposers of God's organisms, whether

physical or spiritual, unless they hasten to repent and get converted, will have their own God-given physical forms disorganized in the lake of fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for the work of our God is onward.

If those who have accepted sacred responsibilities as officers of our dear churches for 1903 will realize their very sacred duty before our chief Commander, and will by precept and example lead the churches as divisions of God's great army against the enemy's ranks in well-organized effort to get our good books, tracts, and periodicals before the people, then this year will realize a mighty advance move, and great victories for the third angel's message. Courage in the Lord, my brethren, the work will soon triumph.

S. S. SHROCK.

VERMONT.

Brownington and North Wolcott.

SINCE my last report I have visited the Brownington church. The ordinances were celebrated on the Sabbath. The annual election of officers was held. C. F. Worthen was chosen elder, and A. E. Taylor, deacon.

At North Wolcott the quarterly meeting was an interesting occasion. Some of the young people took part in the ordinances for the first time.

Our church school at North Wolcott is now in progress, the attendance is not so large as we had hoped it would be; but the work is started, and we hope for an increase in the membership of the school soon. Let all the people awake upon the subject of church schools, and make a strong effort to carry out the instruction the Lord has given.

J. W. WATT.

LINNEUS, AROOSTOOK CO., ME.

DURING the past year, although crippled by disease, I have realized the guiding hand of the Lord; and

now I am glad to state that my health is restored, and my heart rejoices that I am able to work, trying to glean sheaves for the Master. The week of prayer we spent with the Blaine and Washburn churches. The Lord came very near, although few were present. Our people are scattered, and can not get together as well in winter as in summer.

We came to this place January 1, and have been visiting from house to house, holding meetings and distributing tracts, and selling "Christ's Object Lessons." Some are interested to know what the Bible teaches in reference to the threefold message of Rev. 14:6-12, and are searching the Scriptures daily to see if these things are so. May God help them to obey.

J. B. GOODRICH.

Jan. 13, 1903.

TAFTSVILLE, VT.

Report of Busy Bee Society.

THIS society was organized Sept. 22, 1902.

Amount of money received, \$3.76.

Number of officers, 4.

Amount of work done: Clothes collected, quilt made, apples dried, pumpkin dried, a barrel filled and sent to Newport News, Va.

Sixty-five cents were spent for cotton for the quilt.

The society is soon to send a barrel to a school in North Carolina.

MARY BARROWS, Sec.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

THE week of prayer has proved a great blessing to our people in this conference, and has seemed to give a new impetus to the work here, for which we praise the Lord. The old-time missionary spirit is reviving, and our people are again carrying the message in printed form from house to house, seeking the lost ones, and pointing them to a Saviour's love. I am praying that every church and

every individual may catch this spirit, and so become "laborers together with God."

Including the week of prayer and a few days previous, I visited three churches—Morgantown, Grafton, and Kanawha, and at each place we all shared in the rich blessing of God. The Spirit of God came in at Morgantown, and lives and property were consecrated to God. Four promising, earnest, young men fully consecrated themselves to the work of the Lord, and are now planning to enter our school at South Lancaster, or elsewhere, next September to prepare for the work. These young men are in responsible positions, getting from \$4.00 to \$6.00 a day, excepting one, and he is getting \$2.00 a day. The cause needs such young men of push and activity. One sister at Morgantown was moved to give to the cause a city lot, held at \$900. It will be sold as soon as consistent, and the money used directly in the advancement of the message. The offerings of this church were very good.

Grafton was the next place we visited, December 19 to 23, and truly the Lord came very near to us there. This is only a small church of about ten members; but their offerings were over \$70; \$32 annual offerings, and \$40 to the Material Fund for "Christ's Object Lessons." Besides this one brother gave to the cause a house and lot in the city, valued at \$1,200. This will be sold as soon as consistent, and the money will be used to carry the message to those in heathen blindness. But besides this, hearts were won to the truth. One man, the head of a family, whose wife and daughter were in the truth, decided to take a firm stand for God and the truth the evening of the 23rd; and the 24th I baptized him and two others in the waters of Valley River.

This brother was in the employ of the railway company; and when he refused to work on the Sabbath, he was discharged; but he suffered it

with no word of complaint, and after about two days they sent for him, and he took up his work again, having proved to the company, and the world, his loyalty to the truth.

Leaving Grafton I came to Kanawha December 24 on the evening train; but my train was an hour and a quarter late, and was too late for meeting that evening. The church had been having their meetings regularly each evening, Brother Buckland, from Mt. Vernon, Ohio, being present to assist them. We took up the work Thursday, the 25th ult., and from then till Sunday evening continued the week-of-prayer work. As the time for the quarterly meeting was so near at hand, by request of the church, we held the quarterly meeting Sabbath and Sunday.

The tithes and offerings were very good, and all seemed desirous to take up the work anew, and in the strength and power of God to go forward. I was pleased to meet Brethren E. J. Bee, and R. A. Midkiff at this meeting. This closed the week-of-prayer meetings, but it brought many blessings to many hearts.

Elder Foggin visited the Walker and Gibson churches, and reports good work among them.

Elder Lair was with the Parkersburg church, and Elder Rule was with the Mason City church; and both report progress and advancement. I reached Parkersburg December 29, and worked in the office till January 1. I then left for Mason City, where I found Brother and Sister Rule. I spoke that evening to the church, and left the next morning for Cullodin, reaching there just in time for the meeting Friday evening. I spent Sabbath, Sunday, and Monday there, with the church, and shared with them the blessing of God.

Tuesday, January 5, I came to Charleston, and am now holding meetings here, but can not tell yet what the result of my labor here will be. We have no church at Charles-

ton. There are three here who are in the truth, at least two of them are, but the third knows only little of the truth. My effort here is for those in sin and darkness.

S. M. COBB.

VERMONT TITHE REPORT.

	Nov.	Dec.
Bordoville Church,	\$100.00	
Burlington "	37.25	31.75
Charleston "	250.00	
Hartland "		22.62
Jamaica "	22.84	81.43
Johnson "	8.50	
Morrisville "		15.00
Northfield "	87.29	8.00
Richford "		5.00
Rutland "	4.00	
Warren "		10.00
Windham "		57.98
Individuals,	34.39	39.36
Totals,	\$544.27	\$271.14

The November report was sent in in December, but has not appeared. Owing to my absence from the office, the December report is late.

F. M. DANA, *Treas.*

[The November report never "appeared" to us.—ED.]

BOSTON FIELD.

SABBATH, January 3, was a very busy and profitable day for the Boston church. The officers of the church were duly elected for the ensuing year and the ordinances were celebrated. The following persons were elected to their respective positions: Elder and treasurer, Brother Geo. Woodward; deacons, Brethren Freeman Marshall and John McAllister; clerk, Brother W. S. Randall; deaconesses, Sisters Diana Woodward and Hattie S. Stratton.

A gentleman who had been somewhat opposed to the ordinance of humility was in attendance, and was deeply affected by it. He expressed himself as regretting his objectionable

attitude towards this divine rite. This experience should remove from all that timidity that is sometimes felt by Sabbath-keepers with reference to having those in attendance who may not be favorable to the ordinances. We need never fear for the influence that may be the result of any of the institutions of the gospel.

Evening after the Sabbath I left for Lowell remaining until Monday, the 5th inst. My visit there, although brief, was a most pleasant and we trust profitable one.

The grace and Christian fortitude manifested by one who has recently embraced the truth in the face of bitter opposition was a most pronounced illustration that there are those of whom it can indeed be said, "Here is the patience of the saints."

Sabbath, January 3, we were pleased to have with us at the Boston service, Elder Place, Dr. Nicola, and Sister Nina Case.

The service was devoted to a consideration of the *Life Boat* work, and as the result nearly all present signified their willingness to enlist in the circulation of this paper. One of the many things that were said in favor of the paper, was that it was a most excellent medium in introducing our work to the people; for, unlike our other periodicals, it contains nothing doctrinal, and it serves in opening the way to reach the people on different phases of the message. Suffice it to say that before the meeting closed it was arranged to meet and organize for a vigorous campaign. Our prayer is that there may be an earnest effort put forth by our people in this field in the circulation of this paper.

Thursday evening, the 15th inst., a special service was held in the Tremont Temple building in the interest of the *Life Boat* work. The attendance was good and a lively interest was manifested in the enterprise. The meeting opened with a short prayer service. It was emphasized by the leader that the great secret of

success in the Lord's work is earnest prayer.

Sister Nina Case occupied a portion of the time in giving an interesting account of what had been done and what could be accomplished with the *Life Boat*. Among the many points that were presented, was how the Lord had blessed those who had engaged in the work of circulating the paper. Several instances were cited how the Lord had used to advantage those who seemed to be almost devoid of talent, and as the result of their experience in the work they are becoming efficient laborers in the work of God.

The feature that was presented of paramount interest and importance was the effectiveness of this medium in rescuing souls from sin. It was largely attributed to the fact that this paper was absolutely non-sectarian, and hence produces no prejudice like many other papers; and too it opens the way for our other papers and literature. The two hundred papers that were on hand were quickly disposed of to those who are going to enlist in the work, and one thousand copies have been ordered.

The superintendent of the Staniford Street mission, who begun the observance of the Sabbath several months ago, has decided to fully identify himself with the truth, and unite with the church. The mission will hereafter be conducted after the plan of the Chicago and Philadelphia missions, thus making it largely self-sustaining. It should be a great source of encouragement to our people to know that we have a mission being conducted by us in a city like Boston.

We hope that our brethren and sisters will not neglect to pray that this may be a powerful factor in reaching souls. It is not only designed to simply get sinners to accept of salvation, but a service will be held to instruct those who are reached in the doctrines of the gospel. More will

be said later regarding this line of work.

K. C. RUSSELL.

EDUCATIONAL

OUR ACADEMY AND
CHURCH-SCHOOLS

USE OF CHRISTIAN PRIVILEGES.

A Chapel Talk.

I WANT to talk with you a little while this morning concerning your religious duties in a place of this kind. What I shall say pertaining to your religious duties here is true to your religious duties everywhere. Religion is exactly like every other element of our character, it is a matter of growth, of development.

God has given to us certain Christian privileges that are designed by him for building us up in this religious experience. First and foremost of these privileges is the study of his word. It is impossible for any one to grow religiously unless there is a constant study of the word of God. I do not mean by that a cursory reading. I mean a searching into the hidden truths of the word of God—a spirit of investigation, a spirit of thoughtful study, a spirit of comparing scripture with scripture—and that is the spirit that is the one thing needed in the development of Christian life. None of us need to expect to grow spiritually unless we feed upon spiritual food, and the food which we are to feed upon is the Bread of eternal life—it is the words of God.

Then God has given us next, I think, our associations one with another as a means of helping us. God designs that Christians should be lights in the world—that they should be as cities set upon a hill which can not be hid. You can not hide a city set on a hill in the night time.

The apostle Paul says that the Christian is to be an epistle—a letter—to be known and read of all men. The world at large will not read the

Bible, and it is the design of God that his people shall be living the word of God, so that it shall be shining forth from them. We are our brothers' keepers. But we are so liable to forget, and think that we are not responsible for anything outside of ourselves. But the Lord clearly teaches in his word exactly the opposite—that we are responsible. He expects us to bear responsibility.

The next means of our Christian influence, our Christian health and our Christian life is the meetings, the gatherings together of those of like Christian faith. And it is to this question that I wish particularly to address your attention for a few moments. You are here preparing to do work for the Lord. Nearly all of you have some aim, either very clear and definite, or at least an indefinite aim. You are expecting to enter the ministry, to be a teacher, a colporter, a canvasser. You have some line of work marked out for yourself connected with this cause, with this truth; and now I want to tell you, as I have told you so often before, that the one preparation above all preparations which you are to hold in mind is the getting of a deep religious experience. How can you do the work of God unless the Spirit of God is within you? How can you lead souls to Christ unless you yourself have known the way to Christ? There are trials, there are difficulties, there are many dangers and pitfalls in the way of every one as they march toward heaven; and only those who have learned to avoid these dangers, and go around these pitfalls, can do the most effective work in bringing souls to him.

Now God expects you to improve all these opportunities for the building up of strong, noble characters for Christ. He holds you responsible for these characters, he holds you responsible for these opportunities. You are young, you are full of life, energy, and buoyancy of spirit; and this en-

ergy and buoyancy of spirit is very likely to make you lightly esteem the privileges and responsibilities which God has here given you. And this is exactly what you want to guard against.

The apostle Paul gave very clear and definite instructions with reference to this matter of meetings. He said that we are not to forget the assembling of ourselves together. Throughout all time, and under all circumstances, those who have a faith in God are to assemble themselves together, and to talk over the faith that they possess in God, and encourage one another in the divine way; and he adds that they are to be more particular in assembling themselves together as they see the day of Christ's coming approaching. Why?—Because, at that particular time, the adversary of all good is going about full of anger, full of determination, seeking those whom he may destroy. And those who are to battle against him must meet together and talk over the ways in which they are going to stand against him. This is the work that is set before every Christian; and, young people, you need not expect to be prepared to do the work of God and lightly esteem these responsibilities, for God has given them as a means of helping you in your divine life.

The Sabbath-school is to be regarded by every one as of the greatest importance. The Sabbath-school lessons are to be learned because they are a means of helping one in this divine way. I want to read to you just a little that the spirit of prophecy has said concerning these matters. "The Sabbath-school affords to parents and students a precious opportunity for the study of God's word." But, some one says, I can study God's word in my room. Some one says, I have some very good reading that I want to follow at that time. I remember a remark that was once made by one of my teachers,

while I was in college, to a young man, and it has a world of truth in it to every young man and woman. This young man did not want to come to prayers. He said that he believed he could get a great deal more good by remaining away from prayers, and having private devotions in his room. The professor said, "Young man, whenever there is a gathering of God's people for prayer, for helping one another, it is your duty, and the duty of every one who believes God, to be present at that gathering and get the help and strength that is there for you; and you have a mistaken idea of what constitutes duty when you think that you should stay away from prayers to conduct your own private devotions. There is other time for private devotions." There is a principle in that. When God sets for us a duty, we should walk in that duty, and he will care for the rest.

"The Sabbath-school should be one of the greatest instrumentalities, and the most effectual in bringing souls to Christ. Our Sabbath-school workers need to be especially imbued with the Spirit of Christ." "Our Sabbath-schools are nothing less than Bible societies, and in the sacred work of teaching the truths of God's word, they can accomplish far more than they have hitherto accomplished." "One thing is certain, there is too little of the spirit of love among Seventh-day Adventists, both in church and Sabbath-school work." Too lightly regarded, too lightly appreciated; and, young people, you are expecting to prepare yourselves to go out and raise up churches, you are expecting to prepare yourselves to go out and help churches and train churches; but you can not get this preparation, and neglect these plain instructions and commands of God. "The Sabbath-school worker should be a laborer together with God, cooperating with Christ. Do not be content with a lifeless, formal religion. The object of the Sabbath-school

work should be the ingathering of souls." "Christian teachers and students are responsible to God for the gracious privileges which they enjoy." Whether they improve them or not they are responsible in the sight of earth and heaven.

Here is a little more along this same line. "Religious privileges have been too much neglected by those who are employed in our work. None should engage in the work of God who treat these privileges with indifference." Now, if you are expecting to engage in the work of God, you must not treat these privileges with indifference; "for all such connect with evil angels and are a cloud of darkness, a hindrance to others." You can not neglect these privileges and be children of light. "And not only should the prayer-meeting be faithfully attended, but as often as once each week a praise meeting should be held." "Some have made a serious mistake in neglecting to attend the public worship of God. The privileges of divine service will be as beneficial to them as to others, and are fully as essential."

There is very much more that might be said, that might be read, concerning this matter, but it seems to me that enough has been said to clearly point out the fact that God holds you responsible in your Christian life for the faithful performance of these Christian duties. They are a help to others, they are a help to yourselves, and build you up for the duties which God has for each of you.

May God help us in the use of these Christian privileges that he has given us, in the study of his word, in associating with one another, and may we each be a help to one another in the divine way.

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

"THINE to work as well as pray,
Clearing thorny wrongs away,
Plucking up the weeds of sin,
Letting heaven's warm sunshine in."

SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

SABBATH-SCHOOL : READING CIRCLE
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION.

For the instruction and encouragement of the brethren and sisters of Norridgewock, Shawmut, and Cornville, Me., a three days' general meeting was held at the first-named place.

On Sabbath afternoon, January 10, the time was very profitably spent in a Sabbath-school convention. While nothing new was brought out in the three papers presented, yet these and the discussion that followed, served to renew the interest of the people in this very important branch of the Lord's work.

"General Suggestions for Sabbath-school Work" was the title of the paper prepared and read by Brother Davis, of Cornville. In the discussion following this interesting paper, it was truthfully said that the field given to Sabbath-school superintendents and workers to cultivate, is a broad and very important one; and that in order to make their work wholly successful, the workers must seek for and receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Their minds will then be impressed to use the very best methods, and follow the best plans.

It is true that the Sabbath-school is the nursery of the church—a place where the lambs of God are to be fed; and yet, if the Sabbath-school workers fail to secure the cooperation of the parents of the youth and children, to a great degree the purpose of the Sabbath-school will be a failure. Parents, let us arouse to a sense of our responsibility. Interest the children *at home* in the study of the lesson.

Elder Bicknell said that many times the confidence of children in the officers and teachers is destroyed by the unfavorable criticisms of parents. Parents, do not in the presence of your children criticize your superin-

tendent and teachers. Do not criticize at all. Do all in your power to hold up the hands of the ones whom you place in responsible positions in the Sabbath-school.

"How to Secure a More Thorough Study of the Sabbath-school Lessons" would no longer be a difficulty if the suggestions in E. C. Taylor's paper were followed. Not to mention the soul-food that the study of the Sabbath-school lesson furnishes, the thorough knowledge of the lesson on the part of one member of the class week by week is a powerful example, and will surely stimulate to study the other members of the class.

What a sad spectacle to see a teacher excusing himself before his class for ignorance of the lesson! No wonder that the members of his class show no disposition to study. Let the teacher then *study* to show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Brother Adams told the convention in his paper that the Sabbath-school is organized for missionary work both at home and abroad. In their interest for the salvation of the souls of friends and neighbors, the members of the school will invite them to attend the study of the holy Scriptures. The work abroad is helped by the donations of the school. We were surprised to learn that some schools in our conference are appropriating nearly all, and one school all, of the quarter's donations for local supplies. This should not be.

Elder Bicknell suggested that instead of paying for the Sabbath-school quarterlies from the donations, each member be required to purchase his own. This is not to be done in an arbitrary way; but we believe that if the superintendent will keep fresh before his school the needs in other lands, each member will gladly do all in his power to help swell the contribution.

Helpful remarks and suggestions

were made by Elder P. B. Osborne and Sister Bicknell.

H. H. DEXTER.

THE OBJECT OF THE SABBATH-SCHOOL.

TO KNOW the object of the Sabbath-school we need to understand the meaning of the words. God's idea of the word *Sabbath* is creative rest, each day of the week looking to the Sabbath as completing the round of weekly work. Man, as God made him in his image, was to follow God in ways of action, so God said unto them, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over" it.

This reveals the living, active principle in the Sabbath: *Replenish*, increase or give life; *subdue*, arrange or shape the life; *have dominion*, control or direction of life. This is the real object and meaning of the Sabbath as related to the individual soul-need. When we combine with this the idea of *school*—a place to give knowledge or cause to know, we find the Sabbath-school is a time and place where the individual soul should be given life, and control of life should be made clear; that it should be *of* God, *like* God, and *for* God.

Life came by the living word, a musical word; hence all life had its origin in the sweet, subdued tones of music, awe, reverence, quiet activity, the idea of noiseless living, except as produced in grateful song to the One who is its author.

We sometimes hear it said, "That child is so full of life, he must scream, he must do this noisy thing or burst. He is so active, so lively, he must give vent to it some way." All true, but here is where the beauty of Sabbath-school work comes in, each week-day's work looking forward to the Sabbath for its completion, directing all this life and energy and noise into a subdued, quiet, full-toned praise to God, the giver of life. Hence the real object of Sabbath-school work is to so

complete the working of life and energy in each soul that all the powers of mind, soul, and body shall continue to be as their Creator made them, subdued and controlled, sweet music to him who gave them being.

These noisy, disorderly, uncontrolled demonstrations of life, are the results of sin; and should not be seen or permitted in Sabbath-school without correction, whether in old or young.

Let us fasten in our minds and lives the true idea of Sabbath-school work,—the giving, shaping and controlling of life, that the bursting forth of new life from God may return to him in the musical praise of voice, and a quiet, well-ordered life.

F. C. BEE.

The PRINTED PAGE

"Publicly, and from HOUSE to HOUSE"

ENCOURAGING INCIDENTS.

I TAKE the liberty of copying the following extracts from letters written by two of our canvassing evangelists. They show some of the bright spots frequently found in the canvassers' experience. He who enters heartily into this work, and is inclined to look on the bright side of things, will find much more sunshine than clouds; and even the clouds have a silver lining.

"I have had another very good week in the country. Took seven orders for 'Patriarchs and Prophets,' and delivered one day out of the five.

"I was caught in the rain one day, and stopped in a pumping house attached to the county home while it was raining. I had a copy of 'Heralds' in my grip which had been used some, and canvassed the engineer with it. He offered to buy it at full price; but not wishing to take advantage of him, I told him I would bring him a new one, but he insisted on taking that one on sight.

"On Thursday I was out at a little

town called Haddonville, and while canvassing a family was told that the man of the house was at work about half a mile away. I was impressed to hunt him up, although it was near sundown, and I was four miles from home where I had an appointment early next morning. I found him all right, and canvassed him; and although he at first said he would not take a copy of the book, in fifteen minutes I had taken his order for a library binding, and received pay in advance.

"T. D. GIBSON."

"I had taken an order for 'Christ's Object Lessons' from a lady; and when I went to deliver it, I found only the husband at home, and he was very much under the influence of liquor. Before rapping at the door I breathed a silent prayer to the Lord to make

the delivery a success; but when I saw who answered my summons, and was told that the wife was not at home I felt somewhat crestfallen. But I was greatly surprised as I was leaving the place to hear a call from the front part of the house. Looking in that direction, to my joy I beheld the lady of the house herself at an upper window with the money in her hand. I drew near, and was informed that she was expecting me, and had hidden from her husband so he could not hinder her taking the book. She told me where to put the book so he would not find it, and the money was dropped to me from the second-story window. I hope this experience will encourage some one else to have more faith in God, as it has me. He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all

that we can ask or think, and has promised to help us in the work.

"W. J. HACKETT."

Such experiences mean much to the workers who are daily going from house to house searching out the Lord's precious jewels, for they are an evidence that God is working with them, and they often come at just the time needed to give a tired canvasser fresh courage and inspiration to continue on in his good work.

We shall be glad to have all our canvassers write encouraging incidents met with in their work, and tell of the joy and happiness found in working for the Master. We are sure all who are in the work have such experiences, and it will do others good to read them. This kind of reporting is a duty which canvassers owe to the cause, and to those who are interested in their work; and this duty most canvassers have been slow to perform. But God says it should be done, "These reports should find a place in our papers, for they are far-reaching in their influence. They will be as sweet fragrance in the church, a savor of life unto life."—*Manual for Canvassers, p. 39.* Who will respond?

F. E. PAINTER.

THE BOOK WORK.

Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending January 9, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. J. Heckman, Johnstown,	D of A			3			2.00	2.00	4.75
T. D. Gibson, Uniontown,	P & P			15	5	11.25	3.75	15.00	2.00
*W. H. Zeidler, McKeesport,	G C			34	6	16.25	15.00	31.25	41.25
Mrs. T. D. Gibson, Uniontown,	L G			2	1	3.00		3.00	9.50
Mrs. E. W. Kirker, Greensburg,	L G			4	2	6.00		6.00	
Ivor Lawrence, Johnstown,	D & R			14	7	16.75	2.25	19.00	
W. T. Hilgert, Chester,	B R				1	1.00	7.75	8.75	
W. H. Dredge, McKeesport,	H of M			33	9	12.25	.75	13.00	1.50
Alvin H. Osman, Johnstown,	M of N			2			3.50	3.50	4.50
Totals,	9 Agents,			107	31	\$66.50	\$35.00	\$101.50	\$63.50

*Two weeks.

New England Conference, Week Ending January 9, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
J. E. Leighton, Beverly,	D of A			31	1	3.50	2.25	5.75	7.25
J. E. Leighton, Beverly,	O L				9	11.25		11.25	
Mrs. C. E. MacDonald, Wor'r,	H of M								1.75
Totals,	2 Agents,			31	10	\$14.75	\$2.25	\$17.00	\$9.00

Maine Conference, Week Ending January 9, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Cornelia Snow, Westbrook,	C O L				4	5.00		5.00	\$39.00
Mrs. H. H. Dexter, Deering Ctr,	B R				2	4.00	3.00	7.00	
Totals,	2 Agents.				6	\$9.00	\$3.00	\$12.00	\$39.00

Union Conference Totals,	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
13 Agents,		138	47	\$90.25	\$40.25	\$130.50	\$111.50

VERMONT CANVASSERS.

PERHAPS some are wondering where the Vermont canvassers' report is these past two or three weeks. We are making a statement of the matter that none place the fault in the wrong place. Our canvassers are for the past few weeks getting up wood-piles, and, we suppose, making good preparation in their home duties to give the work their best attention in the course of a few weeks. We are glad to welcome even those that can not give all their time in the field work.

As we have met with some interested in the work, we are hopeful of a larger corps of canvassers this coming season, and we trust that every brother

and sister will exercise all his energy to the glory of God—the advancement of his message to “every kindred, tongue, and people.” Let all pray for those that are interested in this work, and when possible lend a helping hand, give a word of encouragement, and thus aid those who have trying days and circumstances in a work of so much importance.

F. M. DANA.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

BOSTON FIELD.

—Dr. Mary Sanderson was in the city last week.

—Brother H. C. Wilcox was with us again last Sabbath.

—Sister M. A. Scribner spent a few days here last week.

—A new Sabbath-keeper from Lexington was with us last Sabbath.

—Elder G. B. Wheeler and his daughter Dolly were in the city last week.

—Elder Place attended the Everett quarterly meeting last Sabbath, the 17th inst.

—Sister Mamie Clark, of New Haven, Conn., made a short visit to Melrose last week.

—Sister Nina Case has spoken at the Staniford Street mission twice during her visit here.

—Sister S. A. Hanley attended the Boston meeting last Sabbath, and is enjoying the best of health.

—Brother I. M. Martin, of the Sanitarium, will return to Vermont, his native State, where he will engage in the sale of health literature.

—Sister Tessie Moonie lectured Sunday, the 4th inst., in Berkley Hall, on The Convent, to a large audience, and their interest was manifested in a tangible way; for at the close of the service she received offerings from different ones aggregating \$50.

—A training class for gospel workers will be held every Thursday, at 7 p. m. in Tremont Temple, for the benefit of all who desire to work in any line in teaching the truth to others. The regular class will be preceded each evening by a prayer service for one hour.

K. C. RUSSELL.

ACADEMY NOTES.

—Our mid-year examinations are now in progress. Grades for first term will be granted within a few days.

—Miss Florence Bolter, who has been in school this year, has been called to her home, as her parents are about to move West.

—The class of 1903 has organized the past week, with fifteen members. Mr. Frank A. Page was elected president; Miss Lula I. Tarbell, vice-president; and Miss Irene Cady, secretary.

—We owe to God's kind care for us, the saving of our Home from destruction by fire last Tuesday evening. Through an accident a lamp was overturned in one of the rooms. Prompt action on the part of those in the building in using the extinguishers which were at hand prevented the spread of the fire, and only slight damage was done.

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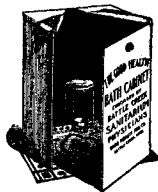
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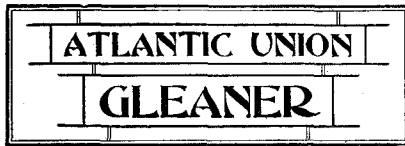
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