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

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NO TIME TO PRAY.

NO TIME to pray!

Oh, who so fraught with earthly care
As not to give to humble prayer
Some part of day?

No time to pray!

What heart so clean, so pure within,
That needeth not some check from sin,
Needs not to pray?

No time to pray!

'Mid each day's danger, what retreat
More needful than the mercy-seat?
Who need not pray?

No time to pray!

Then sure your record falleth short;
Excuse will fail you as resort,
On that last day.

What thought more drear,

Than that our God his face should hide,
And say through all life's swelling tide,
No time to hear!

—Selected.

CHRIST THE PROPITIATION FOR OUR SINS.

AFTER Adam and Eve had sinned, they were under bondage to the law. Because of their transgression they were sentenced to suffer death, the penalty of sin. But Christ, the propitiation for our sins, declared: “I will stand in Adam's place. I will take upon myself the penalty of his sin. He shall have another trial. I will secure for him a probation. He shall

have the privileges and the opportunities of a free man, and be allowed to exercise his God-given power of choice. I will postpone the day of his arraignment for trial. He shall be bound over to appear at the bar of God in the judgment.”

For thirty-three years the Only Begotten of the Father dwelt among the children of men. He who knew no sin bore the burden of our guilt. During these years he finished the great work he came to accomplish. He became the propitiation for the sins of every one who believes on him. For our sake the Innocent is pronounced guilty, while through his merits the guilty are pronounced innocent.

OUR ONLY HOPE.

God's law has lost none of its force. In his sight sin is still a hateful thing. Because we have sinned, we must personally bear the condemnation of the law, unless some one else, one in whom no taint of sin can be found, will bear the condemnation in our behalf. Without a substitute, we have no hope of pardon and salvation.

Although the sinner can not himself in any way evade the charge of disloyalty to God's law, he may by faith accept Christ as his personal Saviour, his suretyship, and be pardoned. “If we say that we have no

sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” “And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world.”

WALKING IN NEWNESS OF LIFE.

“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin.

“Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death

hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. . . . For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

JUSTIFIED BY FAITH.

Sinners are committed for trial. They must answer to the charge of transgressing God's law. Their only hope is to accept Christ, their Substitute. He has redeemed the fallen race from the curse of the law, having been made sin—a curse—for mankind. Nothing but his grace is sufficient to free the transgressor from bondage. And by the grace of Christ all who are obedient to God's commandments are made free.

"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God." "Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

"SATAN is constantly at work, with intense energy and under a thousand disguises, to misrepresent the character and government of God."

A PLEASANT DAY FOR OLD AND YOUNG.

THE elevated railway company remembered Brother Palmer this year as usual, and granted him fresh-air tickets to give the poor and sick a free ride.

On Tuesday morning, August 4, at half past nine, a goodly number of old and young, parents and children, gathered at different stations along the way, started for the well-known Norumbega Park, in Auburndale, on the Charles River.

All seemed delighted at the thought of the long ride, which took us through a portion of the country noted for its beautiful scenery, and the pleasure awaiting us in the park.

Two families especially appealed to us and touched our hearts with pity. One was a poor old man nearly eighty years old and almost blind. His home having been darkened and his life made sad by the death of his companion, he came out with his daughter to get a little sunshine. The daughter also feels very sad and lonely, and thinks that nothing can fill the place so suddenly made vacant by the hand of death.

The other was a poor woman having a salary of five dollars a week, and being obliged to hire a house-keeper, pay rent and car fare from this, as well as support one sick child. She was granted the day off by the proprietor of a large store in Boston, and given pay for full time, that she might share the pleasures of this outing.

This park is very beautifully arranged, and on entering the grounds, an attractive and artistic scenery met our eyes. Everything showed that no expense or time had been spared to make this place a delight to pleasure seekers.

We were all impressed with the variety of attractive features. Those which seemed to interest every one were the zoological garden, Indian

colony, and the two lakes for boating. The younger part of the company were especially pleased with the camel and donkey rides around the park.

Soon we came to the bears confined in an enclosure, the backside of which was made of rocks piled a number of feet high. In this, near the ground, was an opening which led into their den. In the center of the remaining space was a tank of water; and as we came near, three very large bears attracted our attention. Two black bears and one grizzly were taking their morning bath, and playing with one another. We spent some time watching them play and try to duck one another in the water, and then chase one another into their den. They seemed very friendly when we offered them food, reaching their paws through the iron bars, and taking it from our hands. All agreed that this was one of the best sights of the day.

There were about forty different kinds of animals, as well as some parrots and other kinds of birds which occupied a good share of our time. A large family of monkeys made it interesting for the children, as they played and chased one another about, seeming to appreciate being fed by their visitors, as did all the other animals.

As we passed along, we came to the lion, the king of beasts, who made his presence known by continued roaring. He was separated from the lioness on account of the young cubs, and this was his way of showing his disapproval. It seemed as if we could hardly realize the possibility of an animal of his size making such a terrific noise, so deep, strong, and powerful were its tones. Immediately we decided that we would not care to encounter one of these in the woods.

Soon it came time to think about lunch; and as we gathered together, we found an abundant supply had been provided for all, which every one

thoroughly enjoyed. After lunch we again viewed the grounds, and paid another visit to the animals.

Some of the party then enjoyed the swings, others listened to a selection on the piano, which was beautifully rendered after a nickle had been dropped in the slot.

Just at the close of the day, we all gathered together and listened to some very nice singing and playing by a company of young people. It was decided that we had had enough for one day, and that a thoroughly good time had been enjoyed by all. A car was then taken for the home trip, with the feeling that the one object of all this was to bring happiness and pleasure to some of the poor and unfortunate, whose lives are filled with misery and suffering.

How often a kind word, a bright smile, or an act of kindness has comforted some poor sufferer. We can not know what our humble services may do; but let us, like our Master, minister with loving hands to the poor and needy, drawing them heavenward by realizing God's infinite love for us all.

A. M. DOWNS.

WASTING HIS TIME.

THERE is often deep philosophy in the sayings of childhood. The other night a little four-year-old told the Lord in her prayer that she knew that Satan was trying to get her to do wrong all the time, and she wanted the Lord to help her to waste his time. The trouble is that the devil's time is not wasted as much as it ought to be. Older people know by sad experience only too well that very often his time, from his standpoint, is very well spent. But God can frustrate his every effort. The one who hides in the Lord is safe, and the enemy is only wasting his time in trying to carry the fortress by assault.—*Present Truth.*

MURMURERS are short of memory and short of sight.

The FIELD

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

THE twentieth annual session of the Virginia Conference was held in connection with the camp-meeting at Wellington, Virginia, July 31 to August 10, 1903.

There were present twelve delegates at large and thirty delegates representing ten churches.

The president gave a brief review of the work during the past year, and made some suggestions for future, progressive work. The ministers and laborers gave brief reports of their work since the last session of the conference.

The secretary's report was read as follows: Number of churches in the conference, 14; number of churches organized during the year, 3; number of organized companies in the conference, 2; membership of the conference, 334; membership of the organized churches not yet admitted into the conference, 39; total increase of membership, 9; there have been in active service during the year four ministers, besides nine ministers and laborers a part of the time. Time reported by laborers, 383 weeks; sermons preached, 953; Bible readings held, 256; other meetings, 353; baptized, 55; added to the church, 50; Sabbath-schools organized, 1. There are in the conference nine church buildings. Three new churches were admitted into the fellowship of the conference; viz., Lynchburg, Newport News, and News Ferry.

The treasurer, O. F. Dart, presented the following report for the year ending June 30, 1903:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand July 1, 1902,	\$619.11
Donations from all sources,	38.40
Total amount of tithe,	2,165.99
From Atlantic Union Conference, Lee S. Wheeler's acc't,	582.81

Tent fund,	154.58
Donations to and by ministers,	291.93
Nurses, medical missionary fund,	144.00
For tract society department,	134.31
Sale of cots,	7.30
Receipts from camp-meeting, 1902,	176.77
On personal accounts,	13.78
From J. P. Neff,	66.00
Christiania Publishing House,	12.25
Haskell Home,	18.91
Southern field,	5.00
Missionary Acre,	8.20
Berrien Springs,	.90
Foreign missions,	132.08
Sabbath-school donation,	89.13
First-day offerings,	63.31
English sanitarium,	15.65
Australian mission,	29.52
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	\$4,769.93

EXPENDITURES.

Laborers' wages,	\$2,533.99
" expenses,	656.86
Tents, M. B. Gregory,	208.00
Tract Society, F. Nydell,	1.78
Camp-meeting expenses, 1902,	202.12
" " advanced,	
1903,	100.00
State Sabbath-school secretary's expenses,	3.31
Tract society debt,	137.81
Freight, etc.,	9.32
Paid C. D. Zirkle, for labor,	34.51
To A. U. Conference, donations and offerings,	374.95
To A. U. Conference, tithe,	225.01
For chairs,	16.00
Cash on hand June 30, 1903,	266.27
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	\$4,769.93

On motion of O. F. Dart, the Chair was empowered to appoint the usual committees, which were announced as follows:

On Nominations: A. M. Neff, F. L. Whitehead, Peter Hafenmayr.

On Credentials and Licenses: A. C. Neff, H. W. Cottrell, H. W. Herrell.

On Plans and Recommendations: B. F. Purdham, O. F. Dart, Lee S.

Wheeler, O. O. Farnsworth, A. M. Neff.

On Auditing: O. F. Dart, Peter Hafenmayr, G. W. Roat, R. T. Fultz, Fred Nydell, D. W. Goodrich.

On Religious Exercises: Lee S. Wheeler, A. C. Neff, B. F. Purdham.

The Committee on Plans and Recommendations presented the following:

1. *Resolved*, That we express our appreciation and thanks to the General Conference for the assistance granted us in response to our appeal to them for help in our dire need; and as this token of their interest in us has brought courage to our hearts, we do hereby pledge ourselves to renewed activity in spreading the message in the Old Dominion, and all the world, and pray that God's richest blessing may rest upon the General Conference and the work in all the world.

2. *Resolved*, That we request the publishing house to cede back to us our subscription-book territory, that we, being on the field, may push a safe and vigorous book campaign.

3. *We recommend*, That a new set of books be opened for the tract and missionary department, and that the old accounts be collected as soon as possible.

4. *We recommend*, That the State treasurer close his books and make his report promptly at the close of each quarter; namely, September 30, December 31, March 31, and June 30.

5. *We recommend*, That the secretary of the conference be authorized to supply all the church organizations in the conference with envelopes for tithes, first-day offerings, Haskell Home, current expenses, tent fund, and other special donations to be collected in our churches, and the church treasurer place these envelopes so as to be accessible to the church-members.

6. *We recommend*, That each church appoint one or more of its members to audit the treasurer's

books each quarter, and that suitable blanks be prepared which shall be filled out and signed by the said auditor, or auditors; these blanks to show the total amount of money collected to the various funds, also a statement to each member of the church (whether he has paid tithe or not) of the amount he has given to these funds.

7. *We recommend*, That missionary report blanks be supplied by the missionary secretary to all churches and companies, and our people encouraged to report work done to librarian, and the librarian report quarterly to conference missionary secretary, and reports be filed.

8. *We recommend*, That when the conference treasurer's books are audited, the local church treasurer's books be placed in the hands of the auditor.

9. *Whereas*, God has said that if there is one work more important than another it is that of getting our publications before the people; therefore,

Resolved, That we urge our people to be zealously active in selling and loaning books, and in distributing tracts and papers, and that we ask our laborers to instruct and encourage them in this work.

10. *Resolved*, That we urge our president, ministers, church-elders, and others to be on the lookout for suitable persons to enter the canvassing work, and to use every proper effort to induce them to take up the work.

11. *We recommend*, That the needs of our mission fields be kept before the Sabbath-school as an incentive to more liberal contributions.

12. *Resolved*, That the plans for the home department of the Sabbath-school work be pushed as vigorously as possible throughout the field.

13. *Resolved*, That we renew our determination to dispose of the remainder of our quota of "Object Lessons."

14. *Resolved*, That our church

officers keep constantly before the several churches the importance of the ten-cent-a-week offering for the foreign missionary work.

15. *Resolved*, That we urge every family to subscribe for the *Review*, *GLEANER*, and as many of the other publications as consistent.

16. *Resolved*, That we take steps toward establishing a denominational sanitarium in our conference.

17. *Resolved*, That more attention be given to the church-school work in this conference.

18. *Resolved*, That we rally to the support of the General Conference in its commendable effort to raise the appropriation fund of \$205,000 for missions in 1903.

19. *We recommend*, That the next camp-meeting be held at Stanleyton, Va., if thought best at that time by the executive committee.

20. *We recommend*, That the church elect the officers for its Sabbath-school.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses submitted the following report:

For Credentials, R. D. Hottel, A. C. Neff, H. W. Herrell, B. F. Purdham, T. H. Painter, and M. S. Wooding.

For Missionary Credentials, Miss T. Marie Mohr, Mrs. Jane Wooding, and Rebecca Clayborne.

That all further applications be referred to the conference committee.

The Committee on Nominations presented the following report, which was adopted:

For President, R. D. Hottel; Secretary, A. M. Neff; Treasurer, O. F. Dart; Secretary Missionary and Sabbath-school departments, A. M. Neff; Executive Committee, R. D. Hottel, A. C. Neff, H. W. Herrell, F. L. Whitehead, W. F. Davis; Delegate to the Atlantic Union Conference, R. D. Hottel.

A. M. NEFF, *Secretary*.

"EVERY care is an invitation to prayer."

PORTLAND.

At the Gospel Tent the truth is onward. The Sabbath question, by special request, has been considered the past week, and a deep and lasting impression is evidently made. Many have lingered after the services, and expressed themselves as fully determined to obey God, and keep his commandments, including the fourth. The Bible statement that nothing can be done against the truth, but for the truth, is being confirmed in this effort. The public attack made at the beginning of this effort, is now resulting in giving us many friends, who are expressing themselves as thoroughly disgusted with a man who would oppose such a wonderful truth as Elder Franke is proclaiming from night to night.

We trust that in the large gathering of our people soon to take place in Portland, an added impetus may be given to the work at the Gospel Tent. If each one comes imbued with the Spirit of the great Master, Portland will become a different city, and eternity alone will reveal the results of such a gathering.

P. F. BICKNELL.

PORT ALLEGANY, PA.

OUR work here has been much interfered with by rainy and cold weather. The people have manifested a lively interest, and anything like a fair evening always assures a good congregation. The Spirit of Truth has been at work on the hearts of the people, and some have decided to obey all God's commandments. Quite a number of others are still in the valley of decision. If the weather still continues unsettled, we have made arrangements to transfer our meetings from the tent to the opera-house until September 1.

We have much appreciated the help of Elders Dryer and Williams during the last week. They also vis-

ited the new company at Coudersport, and during their stay there one more took a definite stand for the truth.

The Coudersport church is greatly in need of a modest building in which to carry on the work, and we ask your prayers that the way may be opened to obtain the need. We hope during the rest of the effort to have the cooperation and help of Sister Bolles. We are of good courage in the Lord.

C. F. McVAGH.

W. R. WETMORE.

BRONX, N. Y.

I KNOW there are many who are watching the UNION GLEANER for a report from this church and the work here, just as earnestly as we look for a good word from other places.

Sabbath, August 8, was a good day for us, and brought good cheer and the blessing of God to many hearts, because there were souls garnered for the Lord.

At the beginning of the service, which is held in the tent, at the corner of Boston Avenue and One Hundred and Sixty-fourth Street, six happy souls, four of whom were baptized two weeks before, came forward and received the right-hand of fellowship and the charge for membership in our church.

One of these is a man who was brought up in the Catholic Church, and whom we believe can do much in the cause of truth, as he speaks seven languages. Another is a sister whom our dear Sister Neale, now in Oregon, was almost wholly instrumental in bringing to the truth. It has been beautiful to watch the growth of this child of God. Her native home is Switzerland, and as she has seen the light of truth, the errors and darkness of the old world are left behind.

After the charge given to these new members and to the church in their behalf, Elder Edwards took for his text Eph. 3:16-18, and dwelt especially on the importance of having

Christ dwelling in the heart, appealing earnestly to all, in view of the work before us and the nearness of the personal coming of Christ, to make a full surrender of every thought to the Lord.

He showed how the "beast" of Revelation 13 is having the wound healed, and how through the powers and organizations of the day, that condition when "no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast," will soon be brought about, and really is in some parts of our land to-day.

But we look forward to that time when we shall all be gathered "from the east and from the west, and from the north, and from the south, and shall sit down in the kingdom of God."

Next Sabbath, August 15, we expect to have Professor Griggs, of South Lancaster Academy, with us and have a union meeting of all the churches of Greater New York.

Pray for the work here; for we need much of the power and Spirit of God.

A. G. EDWARDS.

RANDOLPH, VT.

SINCE our last report, the Lord's work has made some progress here, although not what we had hoped for or could have reasonably expected under other circumstances. Soon after our meetings began, the electric light plant gave out, leaving the streets and houses in darkness. This condition continues, and doubtless will continue for some time yet. Then the cold, rainy weather, came on, and following this a summer school for teachers, of two weeks, with several entertainments, that naturally enough fell on the nights of our meetings. But notwithstanding all this, we have reason to praise the Lord for his goodness to us, giving us some interested hearers and occasionally good congregations. Several persons are inquiring about the Sabbath; and

they tell us that many of the towns people believe we have the truth on that question. Pray for us. Our company consists of W. E. Fortune and his wife, Sister Naomi Worthen, the writer, and his daughter.

We think we have learned one lesson from the summer's experience; namely, if you are going to follow a tent meeting with a camp-meeting, do not announce the coming camp-meeting till the tent meeting is at a close or nearly so, because the people will wait to see the greatest thing.

Yesterday was a good day for us; in the afternoon a good congregation came to hear on Our Country in Prophecy; and in the evening, on the Sabbath Institution. All, or nearly all, gave evidence of being interested in those subjects. To-night the Change of the Sabbath will be the theme.

H. J. FARMAN.

KEENE, N. H.

It has been some months since I have reported the work in Keene, through our dear GLEANER.

Last week Elder Place told you about the church, and I want to say for it that we were all greatly strengthened and encouraged by his words of council and instruction by more constant, patient *living*, and looking for Jesus' coming.

To some extent, with Job, I feel that "my days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle;" but I praise the Lord, that his fatherly love is weaving in the loom of his will and wisdom a garment of perfect righteousness, "without one thread of human invention," for his trusting children. My constant prayer is that in the moments, hours, and days, as the thread of life is being woven, it may be full of loving service, whether in the temporal, or spiritual affairs of life.

Because of severe sickness in our family, I have held only a few Bible readings; but as the sick ones are

better, I spent some time last week, visiting, and canvassing in new territory. I found several who were interested. In a little over two hours, I sold eight of our books. This made me thank the Lord, and take courage. One family has just moved here from Syracuse, N. Y., and wants readings soon.

Since my last report, God sent me a most precious experience, which I will relate: The W. C. T. U. held a meeting, or convention, here at the Second Congregational church. The topic for consideration was "Sabbath Observance." One of the leading workers came to my home, and asked me to give a Bible reading at the meeting on "How to Keep the Sabbath." She said, "We know that you keep the seventh day, but we want you to give what the Bible says about how to keep the Sabbath."

A very interesting program had been prepared; but the most of the time was devoted to the Bible reading, and as I gave the texts, different ones would read; for several had brought their Bibles.

I will mention a few points made in the reading. We read first that there is *now* a Sabbath, or rest for the people of God (Heb. 4:9); that the Sabbath was made after six creative days: and that the seventh day was blessed and sanctified for man at this time, by Jesus, the Son of man. Gen. 2:1, 2; Mark 2:27, 28. If Jesus made the Sabbath, then he has a right to teach us how to keep it. Jesus attended church, not occasionally, but it was his custom to do so (Luke 4:16); not for the purpose of studying the fashions, or spending a few social moments with a favorite friend, but to read the Scriptures. Jesus with his disciples ate on the Sabbath day; not a great feast did they prepare, but just a simple meal (Luke 6:1), for he has said, "Not doing thine own ways, or finding thine own pleasure." Jesus with his disciples went through the corn on the Sabbath day; so we may

take our children for a walk, and from the created, point them to the love of the Creator; for he has said (Deut. 6:7, 8) that we should teach our children *diligently*, "when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou *walkest* by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." As Jesus did we can do—comfort and love the sick and minister to their needs on the Sabbath day (Luke 13:10-17), and by so doing, honor him, both in spirit and letter, who said, "The Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath."

The Spirit of the Lord was present, and made a deep impression. The president arose, and said, "I feel that we should by vote express our thanks and appreciation for this most earnest and helpful Bible reading, and from this time the Sabbath will be a greater blessing to me than it has been before." To this every one responded, and I felt to leave it all to him who knows the hearts of all. This is still an important field of labor, and I am sure God has other honest souls that will be gathered from Keene.

We crave to be remembered in all your prayers.

ELLA M. WILBER.

MCKEESPORT, PA.

AFTER some delay in the arrival of our new tent from Battle Creek, we succeeded in obtaining the most central spot in the city for its location, and began meetings Tuesday evening, July 21. The attendance at first was not very large, but has steadily increased till our forty-by-seventy-foot tent is well crowded every night. The same people are in attendance regularly, and manifest a deep interest in the word spoken.

Questions, both verbal and written, have been crowding in from every side, and the Lord has greatly blessed in the answering of all. A hungering for more truth has been created in the hearts of many; and while not a word has been said concerning the Sabbath,

many hearts are troubled over the matter, and desire to hear upon the question at once. One gentleman has already begun the observance of the Sabbath, and we look for several others to follow soon. We expect to give a series of discourses upon the Sabbath question beginning next Sunday evening, July 16, when more will be said about results.

We realize in our hearts something of the preciousness of the truth we represent, and earnestly long for others to enjoy the same blessedness. May God grant that Christ be seen in every discourse and his name alone be glorified through all.

We desire the prayers of every consecrated heart that the saving truth of this message develop a people in this vicinity who shall stand as living testimonies of its real power.

Two more noble souls who have been greatly troubled over the Sabbath question have just made a complete surrender, and will obey the command. May the good work go on.

CHAS. BAIERLE.

WEST PHILADELPHIA TENT.

SINCE reading Elder Lukens' report of the work here, I am sure that your prayers have been ascending to the throne of grace that God's name may be honored and glorified in this place.

The rains during the past week did not seriously affect our congregations, which have been good from the beginning of the meetings. Several were heard to remark that they could not think of remaining away because of the inclemency of the weather. The Presbyterians are holding two tent efforts near us, but are having difficulty in securing audiences. After the presentation of the Sabbath question, there was a slight falling away in attendance, but new people are coming in every evening; and this week we have had larger congregations, and more liberal donations, than at any previous time. The minister

whom Elder Lukens mentioned is still attending,—when our meetings do not conflict with his own services,—and seems thoroughly convinced of the truth so far as he has heard it.

Some of the ministers in this vicinity have become alarmed for fear of losing their members, and have sent them letters containing nicely spun theories, with the request that they should not be shown to any one at the tent. As a fulfilment of God's word, they were not able to do anything against the truth, but for it; and this plan of Satan's has been the instrument in God's hand of bringing several to a decision in favor of the truth.

Opportunity was given for any one to ask questions upon any subject in the Bible, and at first few availed themselves of the opportunity; but as the interest increases the questions multiply, until we now have from ten to fifteen each evening. The questions are intensely interesting, as they bring out additional light. Requests have been made for subjects to be presented which have not yet been reached, and it is with pleasure that we look upon the eager and expectant faces as the questions are answered and future subjects are announced.

Last Sunday night the question was asked if Elder Lukens would "be willing to meet a reverend gentleman in public debate on the Sabbath question." He quietly replied that if one scripture could be produced in favor of Sunday-keeping, it would convince him; and if it could not be found, there was no need of a debate. A gentleman in the congregation asked him to wait a few moments for the scripture to be given. As no scripture was offered, another man in the audience requested that the same opportunity be given the following evening. This request was granted, and after another failure to produce the much desired scriptural authority, it was stated that one week of time would be given.

Last Sabbath was indeed a good day for the church, and we were glad that so many new ones met with us. A goodly number are keeping the Sabbath, and several others are seriously weighing the truth against their positions. We earnestly solicit your prayers in their behalf; that the truth as it is in Jesus with his blessed and unfailing promises, may overbalance all that the world can offer.

NELLIE B. UNDERWOOD.

KINGSTON, PA.

WE are very glad to report that the good work is still moving forward in this place. Not less than twelve substantial souls are now rejoicing in the light of present truth. Among these are some of the most prominent people in the place. We have good hope that others will obey soon.

We had intended the latter part of the season to cross the river and pitch in Wilkesbarre, but the interest here is such that we do not feel free to leave it. We still crave an interest in the prayers of the saints.

S. S. SHROCK.

NED ASHTON.

August 14, 1903.

WEST WILTON, N. H.

I HAD planned to visit the tent company at Westerly, R. I., Friday, Sabbath, and Sunday, August 14 to 16, but a telephone message called me to West Wilton, to attend the funeral of our aged sister, Louisa Tarbell, Friday at 2 P.M.

So I wrote to the scattered brethren and sisters in that vicinity, and appointed to spend Sabbath with that church. Only two weeks had elapsed since I had two evening meetings there, but it did not seem to be a burden to them, as they have had very little ministerial help for a long time. The house was crowded at the funeral.

In the evening we had a Bible study

at Sister Frye's house. Sabbath was a beautiful day, and we had a good attendance at our meeting in the schoolhouse.

I was pleased to see Brother and Sister Benjamin Wilkinson, also Lewis Wilkinson and his two boys from Ashby. Sister Wilkinson is crippled by age and infirmity, but she said with interest, "I couldn't stay at home, for I wanted to be at the meeting, and I knew the Lord would keep me, and I didn't get tired a bit."

The Lord did keep her indeed, and gave her and us all a blessing worth coming for. He will keep and bless all who make a sacrifice to meet with him in the assembly of his people.

A. E. PLACE.

The PRINTED PAGE

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

WANTED—NINETY-NINE CANVASSERS.

"FROM the light given me I know that where there is one canvasser there should be one hundred."

"I have been instructed that the canvassing work is to be revived and that it is to be carried forward with increasing success."

The first quotation states clearly what *should be*, and the second states what *is to be*. Now is the time when this should be realized. Now the conditions are most favorable. Business prosperity is such as to enable the people to buy our books, and the best season of the year is before us. Brethren and sisters in all of our churches, I urge you to consider carefully the Lord's call to you, to take up the work without delay, as given in the following quotations from a very recent Testimony:

"The canvassing work should *no longer be neglected*."

"The publications are to go forth to all places. Canvassing campaigns are to be organized for the sale of our literature, that the world may be enlightened as to what is just before us."

"Canvasser-evangelists are needed to hunt and fish for souls. *The canvassing work should now be earnestly and decidedly taken up.*"

"O, that *thousands more of our people* had a realization of the time in which we are living, and of the work to be done in field service, in house-to-house labor."

"Do not allow anything to keep you from the work of soul-saving. The canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls."

"Let our canvassers know that it is for the advancement of Christ's kingdom that they are laboring. He will teach them as they go forth to their God-appointed work to warn the world of a soon-coming judgment.

"Accompanied by the power of persuasion, the power of prayer, the power of the love of God, the evangel-

ist's work will not, can not be without fruit."

"Think of the interest that the Father and the Son have in this work. As the Father loves the Son, so the Son loves those that are his, those who work as he worked to save perishing souls. None need feel that they are powerless, for Christ declares, 'All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.' He has promised that he will give this power to his workers. His power is to become their power."

"They may expect success, for theirs is the promise, 'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.'"

"Canvassers who go forth in the Spirit of the Master have the companionship of heavenly beings."

"Time is short; the enemy will make every effort to magnify in our

THE BOOK WORK.

Maine Conference, Week Ending August 7, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Abbie Webber, Skowhegan,		C O L			33	47.00	6.75	53.75	
W. E. Gerald, So. Portland,		C O L			15	18.75	10.00	28.75	
Totals,	2 Agents,				48	\$65.75	\$16.75	\$82.50	

Western Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending August 7, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Mrs. L. B. Trowbridge, Pittsb'g,		D of A	3	6	3	10.50	4.80	15.30	27.80
W. J. Heckman, Johnstown,		D of A					4.75	4.75	
T. O. Saxton, Arcadia,		P & P	3	18	5	12.75	4.75	17.50	4.50
W. H. Zeidler, McKeesport,		G C			25	12.00		12.00	75.75
J. J. McClune, Sharon,		D & R	3	18	4	12.75		12.75	
F. C. Myers, Johnstown,		B R							43.50
*Ivor Lawrence, Johnstown,		M of N	7	44	2	3.00	2.00	5.00	35.50
Totals,	7 Agents,		16	111	14	\$51.00	\$16.30	\$67.30	\$187.05

*Three weeks.

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending August 7, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
J. A. K. Lichty, Allentown,		D of A	4	18	4	13.75	10.25	24.00	5.00
W. T. Hilgert, Philadelphia,		G C	3	10	4	9.00	4.08	13.08	2.25
D. W. Allen, Sayer,		H of M	5	21	16	14.50	6.50	21.00	3.50
L. H. Yothers, Sayer,		H of M	5	17	3	4.25	3.50	7.75	
J. F. Phillips, Scranton,		C K					20.00	20.00	
C. F. Mahr, York,		C K	5	20	13	13.00	1.50	14.50	1.50
Totals,	6 Agents,		22	86	40	\$54.50	\$45.83	\$100.33	\$12.25

minds matters of lesser consequence, and lead us to regard lightly the *very work that needs most to be done.*"

We need faithful workers to take up the sale of our large books that present the testing truths of the message. Many of the members in our churches can engage successfully in the sale of "Steps to Christ" and other small publications, and gain a rich experience while sowing seed that will surely bear fruit, and prepare the way for further work.

I know from recent personal experience that "Steps to Christ" can be sold very easily. I will be glad to hear from all who desire to respond to the Lord's call for canvassers.

H. C. WILCOX,

New England Conference Agent.

CANVASSING WORK.

We are glad to be able to announce that Brother Edwin R. Palmer will be in attendance at our camp-meeting in the interests of the book work. With his long and varied experience in this line, both in the United States and in foreign lands, we may expect a re-

vival of the old-time missionary spirit in the distribution of our literature. If there are any who can cut loose from their present cares and engage in this line of work, an especial effort should be made to do so.

The last call is going forth, and who will say, "Lord, 'Here am I, send me.'" "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord." We can not slack our hand now. Maine must be warned, so let every one come determined to get a better fitting that we may successfully carry the message to our neighbors and friends.

MRS. P. F. BICKNELL.

THE CANVASSING WORK IN NEW HAVEN.

I AM very glad to state that the canvassing work in this place has been thus far successful. On my arrival here two weeks ago I was greeted with the statement that canvassing for reading matter in this city would meet with little success, from the fact that there are several large libraries here which afford an abundant supply of free reading. Feeling confident that the literature which I handle is weigh-

tier than that contained in the libraries. I decided to let no such statements trouble me, but to go forward, knowing that the work is the Lord's.

One very kind and sympathetic gentleman advised me to give it up and canvass for something else. He was a doctor, and made a kind of patent medicine, which if I took and canvassed for in place of these books, would insure me abundant success, and would not be out of harmony with divine will. I assured him of my faith in God as the provider of all the necessaries, if we will be faithful; and that I did not intend to quit my present work till my time was expired.

There are many to-day like this Christian gentleman whom the enemy has placed to turn God's children from the right path like Mr. Worldly-wise-man and Christian in Bunyan's vision; but if our eyes are single, looking only to the "spread of this gospel," and not to the getting of money, we will not be sidetracked. God help us to be wide-awake to the enemy's plots.

"The fields are ripe and ready to harvest; pray ye that the Lord will send 'consecrated' workers into his vineyard."

D. E. BLAKE.

New England Conference, Week Ending August 7, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
C. E. Mattison,	Bloomfield, Ct,	D of A	4	23	3	9.50	8.00	17.50	16.00
Cora A. Spencer,	Worcester,	D of A	1	5	5	17.50	1.50	19.00	
D. E. Blake,	New Haven, Ct,	D of A	5	32	9	31.50	.75	32.25	
Mr. and Mrs. G.B. Mason,	Marlboro, N. H.,	S of D	2		4	4.00	9.25	13.25	
Totals,	5 Agents,		12	60	21	\$62.50	\$19.50	\$82.00	\$16.00

New York Conference, Week Ending August 7, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Mrs. Andrew Cobb,		B R			1	2.00		2.00	
" "		L G			1	2.00		2.00	
Effa G. Gilbert,		L G		13	3	9.75	16.50	26.25	
G. F. Evans,		G C		34	11	28.50	7.00	35.50	
Miscellaneous sales,						23.50		23.50	
Totals,	4 Agents,			47	16	\$65.75	\$23.50	\$89.25	

Union Conference Totals	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
24 Agents,	50	304	139	\$299.50	\$121.88	\$421.38	\$215.30
Totals for corresp. week last year,							
25 Agents,	466	132	\$231.50	\$137.87	\$369.37	\$314.05	

ITEMS OF INTEREST

MAINE.

—Sister Abbie Webber writes us cheering words about her canvassing work. She says that the Lord is preparing hearts, and that she finds the people willing to read and to buy books concerning the soon-coming of our King.

—The assurance from our brethren and sisters all over the conference that their prayers are ascending to God that his blessing may rest upon the work in Portland, is a source of encouragement and strength to those connected with it.

—The Portland church will hold

their Sabbath meetings for a time at the Gospel Tent on Steven's Avenue, opposite Presumpscot Park. Services at 2:30 P.M.; Sabbath-school at 1:30 P.M.

—Any desiring to rent tents or secure rooms at the Maine camp-meeting should immediately write to Elder P. F. Bicknell. We expect that Brother B. F. Davis will have this matter in charge; and, if so, all communications will be turned over into his hands.

—Next week we will give notice of railroad rates secured, which will be about the same as last year.

E. H. MORTON.

OBITUARY NOTICES

SMITH.—Died at Gardner, Maine, Feb. 20, 1903, from overwork and a general breaking down in health, Brother Edward Smith, aged 64 years. Brother Smith accepted the third angel's message about eight years ago under the labors of Elder M. G. Huffman. He was one of the charter members of the Augusta church, and was chosen its deacon, which office he faithfully held until his death. He left a loving wife who mourns her loss, but not as those without hope.

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep,
From which none ever wake to weep."

V. A. MULLIKEN.

TARBELL.—Died at West Wilton, N. H., August 12, 1903, of paralysis, peritonitis, and age, Louisa Farnsworth Tarbell, in her eighty-fifth year. Sister Tarbell accepted the first angel's message and later the third, and united with the New Ipswich, N. H., church, where she remained a much loved member to the time of her death. I visited her about two weeks before she died, and while she could with difficulty talk with me on account of a shock of paralysis, her tear-dimmed eyes, quivering lips, and general animation as I talked to her of the closing work of God and the soon-coming of the Saviour, spoke volumes her tongue could not utter. I saw she had not forgotten her experience of '44.

As I quoted the precious promise, "For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come and will not tarry," she smiled through her tears and looking toward heaven exclaimed, "Yes, yes, I believe it, I believe it." How precious is the Christian's hope to these aged pilgrims. They will be

satisfied when with sight immortal they behold their Lord "for whom they have waited so long."

Brief remarks were made by the writer at the funeral, August 14.

A. E. PLACE.

"THERE is a chord
That all responsive sounds in every human heart,
However wild and varied be the lot of man below—
The low, soft note of sorrow—
And it owns the claim of universal brotherhood."

THIS WILL INTEREST YOU.

THE Correspondence School for Nurses connected with the Sanitarium Medical Missionary Training School will begin a new class the first of October, 1903. Lessons are sent weekly to students who are unable to leave home duties in order to take a regular course at one of our sanitariums. This is the fifth year this work has been in progress, and hundreds are availing themselves of it. Our pupils during the year of 1902 nearly doubled in number those of any previous year. Studies in eleven subjects are given, among which Christian help work, and care and treatment of the sick are prominent. Our lessons have recently been rewritten and enlarged, and are in every way improved.

The tuition fee is five dollars for the entire course. This amount is to cover the cost of sending out lessons, correcting the replies, and returning

the reports to the pupils. The few text-books required for this work are furnished at actual cost price. We shall organize a new class in October, which will continue one year. By taking double lessons some students finish in six months. We shall be glad to hear from all who are interested. A descriptive circular giving full particulars, also testimonials from those who have taken the course, will be sent free on application. Address, Correspondence Department Sanitarium Training School, Battle Creek, Michigan.

SUNSET CALENDAR FRIDAYS.

Local Mean Time.

1903.	Boston.	N. Y. and Phila.	Washington.
August 7...	7:13	7:10	7:06
August 14..	7:04	7:01	6:58
August 21..	6:53	6:51	6:48
August 28..	6:43	6:41	6:39

CLUB OFFERS.

NO. 3.

BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL, GLEANER,	.25 <u>.50</u>
By taking both, you save	<u>.75</u>
Cost of both per year,	<u>.15</u> <u>.60</u>

NO. 4.

SENTINEL OF CHRISTIAN LIBERTY, GLEANER,	\$1.00 <u>.50</u>
By taking both, you save	<u>1.50</u>
Cost of both per year,	<u>.25</u> <u>\$1.25</u>

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GLAD TIDINGS GOSPEL TENT.

AS THERE is considerable inquiry as to location, and best method of reaching the tent, I will give the following information, which will be correct for our camp-meeting also: From the Union Station take a Belt Line electric car via Bradleys. These cars pass the tent or camp-ground.

From Deering Junction take a Belt Line electric car for Union Station. These cars also pass the tent. From Preble Street Station take electric car for Deering Center. It is but three minutes' walk from here to the tent.

Those arriving at the Grand Trunk Station, or any of the steamboat landings take any electric car, and get a transfer to the Belt Line, via Bradleys.

Those coming in to Portland from Old Orchard or Brunswick on electric cars should transfer to the Belt Line. The tent meeting is and the camp-meeting will be on the Belt Line.

P. F. BICKNELL.

NEW ENGLAND CAMP-MEETING NOTICE.

SEVERAL have written to secure rooms on the camp-ground and want to know the prospects for getting a room. To all such we are glad to say that we expect the number of rooms available to be ample for all who come at price stated in my letter—one dollar for each person for the meeting where two occupy the same room. If only one occupies a room the charge will be one dollar and fifty cents.

I am thankful to find a real camp-meeting enthusiasm being manifested. Let the good work go on. Come without fail. It will be a great mistake to miss our camp-meeting this year.

Some have asked about reduced rates on railroads to the meeting. The only concessions yet in sight or promised, are those stated in last week's GLEANER.

A. E. PLACE.

VERMONT CAMP-MEETING.

ROUND-TRIP tickets for the Vermont camp-meeting over the St. Johnsbury and Lake Champlain R. R.

VIA CAMBRIDGE JUNCTION.

Swanton,	\$4.55
Fairfield,	4.15
E. Fairfield,	3.95
Johnson,	3.90
Hyde Park,	4.10
Morrisville,	4.20

VIA WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.

Wolcott,	4.45
E. Hardwick,	4.15
Hardwick,	4.25
Walden,	3.80

On the Boston & Maine Railway:

VIA WHITE RIVER JUNCTION.

Newport,	4.55
Coventry,	4.40
Derby Line,	4.80
Barton Landing,	4.25
Barton,	4.10
Sutton,	3.75
W. Burke,	3.70
Lyndonville,	3.45
St. Johnsbury,	3.20
Wells River,	2.60
Bradford,	2.35

VIA WINDSOR.

Claremont Junction,	2.25
Bellows Falls,	2.90
Brattleboro,	3.40

T. H. PURDON.

CAMP-MEETING ITEMS.

THE New England Sanitarium has promised to furnish us a cook for our coming meeting.

Brother D. M. Hull, manager of the New England Sanitarium Food Company, has been secured to take charge of the grocery, and will provide our camp with good wholesome food.

We are planning to have one hour each day devoted to convention work, which will embrace the reading of papers on important themes, followed by general discussion. This was a feature of deep interest and great

blessing at our workers' meeting in June.

The copies of the *Bible Training School* for advertising our camp-meeting will unavoidably be later than we had expected; but we hope our people will be faithful in circulating them; as,

1. They will give the people some good facts about Seventh-day Adventists.

2. They will advertise our meeting.

3. They will advertise our literature; and

4. They may bring salvation to souls.

One small church writes, "I expect fourteen will come to camp-meeting from our church." Good! make it twenty, if possible.

A. E. PLACE.

MAINE CONFERENCE.

THE annual session of the Maine Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in connection with the camp-meeting at Portland, September 3 to 13. The first meeting will be held, Friday, September 4, at 9:00 A.M. The churches should elect delegates that can attend this first meeting if possible.

P. F. BICKNELL, *Pres.*

IN a letter to the office Elder H. W. Cottrell writes from Academia, Ohio: "We had a grand meeting at Virginia. Fifteen hundred people were out to the Sunday meeting, and there was the best of attention given to the word spoken.

"I now find myself here at camp-meeting among an overwhelming number of friends. There are about seven hundred of our people in attendance.

"I will be at Vermont soon, and at the New England meeting from the first if I can."

"BLESSING is the language of heaven, a language that we may study with great joy and great profit."

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SEE important notices on previous page.

IN harmony with the instruction which has appeared in the GLEANER of late that no one can afford to remain away from camp-meeting, it has been decided to omit the paper the first week in September, that the office workers may have opportunity to attend the meeting. We mention this in order that all who have appointments and notices for the paper may send them in time for the next issue.

It may be well to state in this connection that the Monday morning's mail each week is the latest one that is sure to be in time for the paper that is mailed on Wednesday. Last week an appointment and notice came late, and as it seemed important that they should be sent out that week, a supplement was printed; but this involves additional expense, and it is better to have all copy on hand Monday morning at the latest.

MAINE CAMP-MEETING.

AGAIN we are brought near the time of our annual meeting, and the question has to be decided whether we will attend or remain at home. Now this is a matter that can be decided with but little thought, and a wrong conclusion derived, or we can earnestly seek for divine instruction, and far different results be attained. If ever a holy convocation was neces-

sary, it must be in the perilous times now upon us. The line of demarkation between the church and the world is fast disappearing, and the only safety is in the reception of the Holy Spirit; and only obedience to its teaching, can strengthen an individual sufficiently to enable him to stand at this time. Now the question should be calmly considered, Can I afford to miss an opportunity to meet with God's people, and together seek for that wisdom and strength necessary to represent the kingdom of God aright?

Our meeting this year will be of more than usual importance. We are to hold it in our largest city, which is in accord with the instruction given relative to camp-meeting work. It will follow the effort now being made in the city by Elder Franke. The city is already stirred with the proclamation of the truth; many have already expressed themselves convinced that Seventh-day Adventists have the Bible to sustain their faith. Now what we need to do is to come up to this annual meeting earnestly seeking God, not only with reference to ourselves, but that the seed that has been sown, may bring forth an abundant harvest.

Elder Daniells, the president of the General Conference, has promised to be with us. His knowledge of the progress of the message to the world at large will be a treat to listen to.

Elder Cottrell, president of the Atlantic Union Conference, will also be present, and lend his valuable council. Elder E. E. Franke will continue his evening lectures right through the camp-meeting, and we trust the sanitarium and school work will be represented, but above all the presence of the Lord is to be desired.

Now we trust that it will not be merely with the desire to get a blessing that any will attend; but let us come up bringing the blessing with us, that all who come upon the encampment who know not God and

his truth, may recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit. May God direct each one that right decisions may be arrived at, and the fulness of God's presence enjoyed.

P. F. BICKNELL.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NOTICE.

ARRANGEMENTS have been made to hold a general meeting for the churches in northwestern Pennsylvania at McLallen Corners, September 10 to 14. McLallen Corners is a pleasant little country place, five miles from Edinboro, Mill Village, and Cambridge Springs. The meetings will be held in a forty-foot tent.

We anticipate an unusually large attendance; for we have heard from several churches. As but few of our brethren and sisters in that part of the State were able to attend the State camp-meeting at Kingston, because of its great distance, we deemed it advisable to hold a special summer general meeting for that section of the conference where there are several churches close together. We trust that every one who possibly can, will plan to be at that meeting.

We appointed the time for September 10 to 14, to enable Elder Underwood to attend. We are sure that all will be pleased to see him, and that his services will be much appreciated. We also expect Elder Williams, and Brother T. D. Gibson, our field secretary, to be present.

Those who come by rail can come either to Mill Village or Cambridge Springs, or by trolley to Edinboro, where teams will meet the people and convey them to the place of meeting. Teams will be stabled at reasonable rates. Every one should bring bedding and a straw tick. Arrangements will be made for doing some cooking. There will be three meetings a day. Those who are coming, will please write to me soon. Address 246 West Twenty-third Street, Erie, Pa.

E. J. DRYER.