

# ATLANTIC UNION GLEASNER



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

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## PILGRIM, COURAGE!

O PILGRIM, heavy-laden,  
With foes on every hand,  
Let not thy courage falter,  
Thy strength doth God command;  
Though darkness doth surround thee,  
Thy Lord shall be thy light;  
The future's veil he lifteth,  
When there shall be no night.

O pilgrim, ne'er grow weary,  
Nor murmur 'neath thy load,  
Before thee lies the city,  
Where naught can e'er corrode;  
Its walls are all of jasper,  
Its streets transparent gold,  
There mansions now await thee—  
The half has ne'er been told.

The praise of thy Redeemer,  
Now sing with heart and song  
He'll come in glory splendor,  
He will not tarry long;  
Then, pilgrim, filled with courage,  
Press onward joyfully,  
Soon shalt thou from the burdens,  
Eternally be free.

C. H. KESLAKE.

## ROBBING GOD.

I HAVE been shown that many of our people are robbing the Lord in tithes and in offerings, and as the result his work is greatly hindered. The curse of God will rest upon those who are living upon God's bounties and yet close their hearts and do nothing or next to nothing to advance his cause. Brethren and sis-

ters, how can the beneficent Father continue to make you his stewards, furnishing you with means to use for him, when you grasp it all, selfishly claiming that it is yours?

Instead of rendering to God the means he has placed in their hands, many invest it in more land. This evil is growing with our brethren. They had before all they could well care for, but the love of money or a desire to be counted as well off as their neighbors, leads them to bury their means in the world, and withhold from God his just dues. Can we be surprised if they are not prospered? if God does not bless their crops, and they are disappointed? Could our brethren remember that God can bless twenty acres of land, and make them as productive as one hundred, they would not continue to bury themselves up in lands, but would let their means flow into the treasury.

The Lord is coming. Let every one show his faith by his works. Faith in Christ's near advent is dying out of the churches, and selfishness is causing them to rob God to serve their own personal interests. When Christ is abiding in us, we shall be self-denying like him.

Listen to the counsel of the Lord: "Bring ye all the tithes into the store-

house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith," "if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruit of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field." "And all nations shall call you blessed; for ye shall be a delightsome land."

Are you not willing to accept the promises which the Lord here makes, and to put selfishness from you, and begin to work earnestly to advance his cause?

If you would do good with your means, do it at once lest Satan get it in his hands, and thus hinder the work of God. Many times when the Lord has opened the way for brethren to handle their means to advance his cause, the agents of Satan have presented some enterprise by which they were positive the brethren could double their means. They take the bait; their money is invested, and the cause, and frequently themselves, never receive a dollar.

Brethren, remember the cause, and when you have means at your command lay up for yourselves a good foundation against the time to come, that you may lay hold on eternal life.

Jesus for your sakes became poor, that you through his poverty might be made rich in heavenly treasure. What will you give for Jesus, who has given all for you?—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

## The FIELD

### VERMONT TITHE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER.

Barre church,	\$5.70
Burlington "	26.91
Charleston "	22.00
Jamaica "	53.58
Johnson "	13.23
Morrisville "	25.00
Richford "	18.50
Rutland "	68.32
Vergennes "	32.47
Individuals,	9.20

Total, \$274.91

E. W. THURBER, *Asst. Treas.*

### A BEGINNING IN SPAIN.

AFTER spending a year in our college, Brethren Frank and Walter Bond went to Spain, and were the first to carry the message to that field. In a letter just received they tell with joy of the beginning already made. A Baptist minister and his family have begun to keep the Sabbath and joined them in their work. "A week ago Friday evening a lady called on us, and while here we studied Daniel seven with her, showing her how Rome had sought to change the law of God. She saw the point at once, and decided to obey the Lord. She has kept two Sabbaths. There are several others who seem ready to obey." They have also started a school for boys with nineteen already enrolled. We rejoice with them in this hopeful beginning of the spread of the third angel's message in that country, which during the Dark Ages was foremost in putting to torture and death those who were true to God.—*H. R. Salisbury, in the Missionary Worker.*

## EDUCATIONAL

### OUR ACADEMY AND CHURCH-SCHOOLS

#### OUR SCHOOLS.

I THOUGHT this morning that I would take up some of the common objections against the spirit of prophecy, take them up from the standpoint of the Bible. We have no other standpoint than the Bible.

One objection is that the Testimonies get old; that is, the Testimonies given several years ago are not fitting now, and because no personal testimony comes directly to the point at the present time, there is no testimony that fits that very thing. That is one objection.

There is another objection that is frequently urged, that not all of Sister White's writings are inspired, that she sometimes expresses her own opinion. Another objection is that the spirit of prophecy, or the instrument that God uses, is influenced by others. Others write letters, or say something, that influences her to say things that would not be said if there was not an influence. Another objection is that there is a contradiction.

Now there is nothing new under the sun, and what exist as objections at the present time have existed before, and what we might think was an objection, is often a confirmation of the Testimonies.

Now, if God speaks, it never gets old. If that were not so, it would do away with all the Bible except two books which are written for the last days. These two books are Daniel and the Revelation, which were written for the last days. Then this would do away with all the rest of the Bible, and especially would it do away with the sayings of Christ, because he never said anything, never did anything, but what was called forth by some circumstance. The books of the Old Testament would be done

away with. The epistles were written to those living two thousand years ago.

The Bible teaches that when God speaks, he speaks in a way that his language will always apply. There is no such thing as God's getting out of date. I will read a few texts upon this point. Turn to the first chapter of Ecclesiastes and the ninth to eleventh verses: "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be, and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there anything whereof it may be said, 'See, this is new?' It hath been already of old time, which was before us. There is no remembrance of former things; neither shall there be any remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after." Every generation lives the experience of the generation before. God is the same God; the devil is the same devil; and human nature is the same human nature. This is the same thing over and over.

Turn to the third chapter of Ecclesiastes and the fourteenth verse, "I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be forever: nothing can be put to it, nor anything taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him. That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past." Now this is the testimony of Solomon concerning it.

Now turn with me to another text, 2 Chronicles 21. These words that I am about to read were spoken to Jehoram, a wicked king. The twelfth verse is one that I wish to read, "And there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus saith the Lord God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah." Now you notice the marginal rendering of the word *writing*—"Which was writ before his death." Elijah

never died, but this testimony which came to Jehoram was written two years before his translation. That is precisely the same way with the spirit of prophecy in these last days.

I have kept the Sabbath for the last fifty years, and during the time I have been acquainted with the spirit of prophecy, I have been surprised often to see that expressions Sister White has used years ago, which apparently have gone out of date since then, have all been brought around and been fulfilled. Now I am not saying something that is imagined. The very first testimony that was given is being fulfilled now. We are, as a people, being brought to the very point at which we started; and if you want to know some of those old testimonies, you get "Early Writings," and read them.

It took Israel only eleven days to reach Kadesh-barnea, which was on the borders of Canaan, but it took them thirty-eight years to get into Canaan. We came to the borders of Canaan years ago when the Lord told us to take our children out of the public schools. Some of us did, and we had schools of our own. We were brought to the borders of Canaan, and the Lord wanted our children taken out of the public schools to be educated according to God's original plan, but we did not know enough to do it. So the children were allowed to grow up in ignorance. The schools are to supplement the wants that should have been provided for in the families. We have come around now to where the Lord is saying to his people in a special testimony, take your children from the public schools.

S. N. HASKELL.

#### CHURCH SCHOOLS.

"SATAN has used the most ingenious methods to weave his plans and principles into the systems of education, and thus gain a strong hold on the minds of the children and youth. We

are under solemn, sacred covenant to God to bring up our children for him and not for the world."—"*Testimonies for the Church*," Vol. VI, page 127.

Much has been said in the past on the subject of Christian education. Still there are many children of Seventh-day Adventists who are allowed to go to the public schools. Is this pleasing to the Lord? Satan having woven his principles into the worldly systems of education, under whose influence do we place our children when we send them to worldly schools?

Much good has been accomplished by the education obtained in the worldly schools, and we would not say aught against the good thus accomplished.

Much good has been accomplished by the popular churches in the land, and we are glad for the good they have done; but we as a people can not go hand in hand with these churches, because they have not the whole truth. They all have some truth, but have not kept pace with the increasing light that God has been pleased to give to the world at this time. There is no question in my mind but that we should be a distinct people, and give a message to the world with reference to the coming of the Lord. But there seems to be quite a question in the minds of many of our people whether they will separate their children from the public schools, judging from the fact that year after year passes, and the children are still kept in these schools.

We are under solemn covenant to educate our children for the Lord. Why do we not get about it, and fulfill our covenant with God? We are very near the close of this message, yet we slumber on. Shall we allow a few hundred dollars in money or our likes and dislikes, to keep us from doing what the Lord says should be done for our children? Is the Lord in earnest with us? Does he mean what he says? Are our children in as

great danger as the Lord has said they are? In the past, when God has spoken to his people and they have failed to heed his voice, it has brought leanness to the soul. If by neglecting to make the proper effort to give our children a Christian education, one of them should be lost, how then should we feel?

Awake, my brethren, awake to the importance of this great question. If you are not where your children can be placed in one of our schools, plead with the Lord to open up the way for you, and then step into the opening he shall make for you.

In this conference (Vermont) not half of the children of our people are in our schools. I feel deeply over this matter. The Lord has spoken. He speaks in love. He speaks because he knows what is best for us and our children. "All his biddings are enablings." Let us trust him, and go forward to do his will in all things.

J. W. WATT.

#### THE INFLUENCE OF GREEK EDUCATION.

THE power of every country depends largely upon its educational system; Israel's power depended upon its system of education. Beginning with the educational system of Egypt, the home of the first civilized nation, we can trace the same down to the present day.

We read in the Bible, "The Lord hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt." The word *Egypt* means darkness. As we trace the system, we find that it had human reason as its basis. True worship of God depends upon faith; and to-day, as always, we find that faith is opposed to reason. The ancients looked upon Egypt as a school of wisdom. The Greeks borrowed their learning from the Egyptians. Such men as Plato and Solon received quite a part of their education from this source.

To-day the writings of Plato are studied. They are nearly as universal in the schools as the Bible, in the home; to every nation, Plato is of the same nationality. Plato is regarded as the master mind of that system of education; so if we can find the principles of his teachings, we can see if the same are in the schools to-day.

Philosophy is the account which the human mind gives to itself of the constitution of the world and all pertaining thereto. In ancient Greece, as well as to-day, we see men trying to find a reason why things are as they are. One writer says, "Working in its own field, science made the discovery of how God made the world." But we, through faith, believe that the worlds were made by the word of God.

One of the underlying principles of their whole system, was that of harmony. Greece was one of the most beautiful countries, so it was quite natural for them to worship the beautiful, but it was worshiped apart from God. We see the same thing to-day,—beauty of form, thought, and nature are admired, but only the outward beauty.

Human reason was the basis of Plato's system, and it is the foundation of the philosophy of to-day; it is impossible to send children to a school of the world, and have them come out unharmed by these theories; for even in the primary schools they are told of Pluto, Ceres, and other Greek gods which give them wrong ideas of, and little esteem for, God's word.

The philosophy, or reason, of Plato is in every school, and it is directly opposed to the Bible. Human reason is taken instead of simple faith; and when one tries to find out the reason for everything, God is left out of the question.

Schools in which true principles are taught should be attended by every child of Christian parents. The strength of a people may be said to

depend upon its educational system, for who is to carry on God's work if the young are not educated to do it?

MARY PECKHAM.

#### FURNISHINGS FOR SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY.

Titusville, Pa., two large rugs, two comforters; South Lancaster church: Mrs. W. A. Wilcox, one comforter; Mrs. J. R. Israel, one rug; Mrs. J. B. Mason, one rug; Norwich church, \$5.00. A box is reported, received without name, containing two comforters, two pillows, four pillow-slips, and two towels.

## The PRINTED PAGE

"Publicly, and from HOUSE to HOUSE,"

### ORDERS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY DELIVERY.

ALL orders for books to be delivered before Christmas have doubtless been sent in before this; or, if not, they should be at once.

And now comes the question, How shall the canvasser spend his time from now until the date of delivery?

This question may be, and has been, answered in more than one way. Some canvassers consider it the most

### THE BOOK WORK.

#### Maine Conference, Week Ending November 27, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
*Minnie L. Prince,	Portland,	L G		27	9	30.50	3.50	34.00	
*C. R. Chandler,	So. Gardiner,	G C		97	10	42.00	20.00	62.00	
Totals,	2 Agents,			124	19	\$72.50	\$23.50	\$96.00	

\*Two weeks.

#### Vermont Conference, Week Ending Nov. 27, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Rubie Roscoe,	Barre,	C O L	4	22	3	3.75			
"	"	P & P			3	5.75	6.40	15.90	1.25
C. H. Porter,	Newport,	C O L	3	18	2	2.50	1.25	3.57	
G. H. Clark,	Bennington,	H of M	5	25	14	17.50	9.00	26.50	
Totals,	3 Agents,		12	65	22	\$29.50	\$16.65	\$46.15	\$1.25

#### Central New England Conference, Week Ending Nov. 27, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
*F. W. Stray,	Holyoke, Mass.,	D of A	7	22	2	7.00	10.25	17.25	
John W. Hartwell,	Holyoke,	D of A	3	7	2	7.75	3.75	11.50	
A. E. Sanderson,	Enfield,	M of N				16.00	8.00	24.00	
Totals,	3 Agents,		10	29	4	\$30.75	\$22.00	\$52.75	

\*Two weeks.

#### New York Conference, Week Ending Nov. 27, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Olive LaFave,		S of D		91	26	26.00	55.00	81.00	
Claude L. Wiltsie,		P H		20	29	8.25	.25	8.50	10.00
E. Holcomb,		P H			21	5.50		5.50	4.25
Clinton J. Coon,		P H		12	14	3.25		3.25	
Totals,	4 Agents,			123	90	\$43.00	\$55.25	\$98.25	\$14.25

profitable way to drop the large book altogether for the few remaining weeks, and push the sale of the smaller publications, having a stock on hand to sell direct, believing that the increased demand for them just at this time indicates the wisdom of this course.

Others consider it preferable to begin at once, as soon as the order for the holiday delivery has been sent off, to work hard for the January delivery, and at the same time sell all the small books possible. In my opinion this is much the best plan, and will com-

mend itself to the thoughtful worker. Every canvasser wants to start the new year with a good delivery in the first month, and the time to get the orders for that delivery is before the holidays. It is comparatively easy to get orders for the middle or last of January just now, and if the time is diligently improved, a good list of subscribers can be obtained during the few remaining weeks of this month.

During holiday week, and immediately following, when the people begin to feel how much money they have

spent for things that were unnecessary, if not positively harmful, it will not be quite so easy to take orders for January, and the delivery will have to be placed farther ahead. During that time people who can not be induced to order books for January, will order them readily for delivery a month later, because they think that by that time they will have recovered from their holiday extravagance. By working in this way, a very fair subscription list may be obtained for the two most difficult months of the year. Then we should remember that there is always a permanent, safe class of buyers who are not affected to any degree by the circumstances mentioned, who can be found everywhere. They know good books, and they read them, and want their children to read them, and are always ready to add a really valuable work to their collection. The hearts of many of these people, as well as others in all classes of society, are hungering for the truth for this time, and they will gladly welcome our good books which present it so clearly when they are brought to their attention in an earnest, tactful way.

Dear workers, we need to study our field and the people in it, and every circumstance that can have a bearing on our work; and then apply ourselves earnestly, prayerfully to the work of reaching every honest soul in our territory with the third angel's message. If we will do this, God will bless our efforts, so that we will be successful every month in the year, and we will be rewarded by seeing souls saved in the kingdom of God.

F. E. PAINTER.

"CHARACTER is made up of the thoughts and actions of the daily life. If a man expects to have a brick house, he does not build it of wood. So if we wish to have the character of Christ, we must not build up a structure from material that is not Christ-like."

#### Southern New England Conference, Week Ending Nov. 27, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
R. C. Andrews, Torrington, Ct.,		Misc	3	20		27.00		27.00	
E. W. Fraits,		Misc	2	10		9.25		9.25	
Totals,	2 Agents,		5	30		\$36.25		\$36.25	

#### Western Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending Nov. 27, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. J. Heckman,		D of A				6.00		6.00	
L. B. Trowbridge,		D of A				22.50	9.90	32.40	
T. O. Saxton,		P & P				20.25		20.25	
J. Q. Herrington,		P & P				8.00	6.75	14.75	76.25
W. H. Zeidler,		G C				2.25	7.75	10.00	7.25
W. W. Moore,		B R				5.00	27.50	32.50	
John Zimmerman,		B R				4.00	.90	4.90	2.90
E. A. Mitcheltree,		D & R				2.00		2.00	2.00
Mrs. T. D. Gibson,		L G				3.00	11.00	14.00	
Mrs. E. W. Kirker,		L G				12.50	3.00	15.50	3.50
D. Bowman,		H of M					.50	.50	
F. Daughenbaugh,		H of M				1.50	3.45	4.95	1.70
C. F. Mahr,		C K				11.00	3.50	14.50	6.75
Totals,	13 Agents,					\$98.00	\$74.25	\$172.25	\$100.35

#### Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending Nov. 27, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
A. W. Barratt,		H of M				13.50		13.50	
J. A. K. Lichty,		H of M				11.50	6.30	17.80	
Daisy B. Ott,		H of M				10.25	1.50	11.75	2.25
S. H. Swingle,		H of M				4.50	8.00	12.00	3.00
Elsie M. Swingle,		H of M				6.00	6.50	12.50	10.50
*Mary Penwarden,		H of M				3.00	6.75	-9.75	8.50
Juletta Swanberry,		B S							2.75
J. F. Phillips,		C K				17.00	4.75	21.75	
W. T. Hilgert,		G C					5.89	5.89	
Totals,	9 Agents,					\$65.25	\$39.69	\$104.94	\$27.00

\*Three weeks.

Union Conference Totals	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
35 Agents,	27	371	135	\$375.25	\$231.34	\$606.59	\$142.85
Totals for corresp. week last year,							
36 Agents,		510	250	\$400.60	\$163.45	\$564.05	\$158.60

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**ITEMS OF INTEREST**


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**MAINE.**

—Sister Marion Preble is still in Vermont.

—Elder Goodrich reports a good interest in Blaine.

—Sister Manson is visiting friends in Lewiston. We hope she may conclude to enter the canvassing work.

Sister Snow is finding many interested ones who attended the special meetings in Portland last summer.

—Sister Maud Macomber will remain in Maine for a time, at least. She has been having good success as a nurse.

—The special number of the *Signs of the Times* is selling well. We have plenty of them on hand at the office. Send in your orders.

—Elder Basney's family have been delayed in going to Pittsburg by the illness of Sister Macomber. They will probably start December 8.

—The week of prayer promises to be an interesting and profitable occasion for our churches. We shall expect to see a revival of the missionary spirit in connection with it.

E. H. M.

**VERMONT.**

—Brother C. H. Drown, of Stowe, was with the Burlington church last Sabbath.

—Sister C. A. Needham and daughter Hattie were in Burlington over Sabbath and Sunday.

—When you are planning for Christmas presents, do not forget our many good, denominational books.

—We should be glad to receive reports from those who have been selling the Capital and Labor *Signs*, telling of their experiences in this line of the work.

—We have now a supply of the special *Signs* at the office, and we can

fill small orders from here, thus saving time in getting the papers into circulation.

—Brother G. H. Clark writes from Bennington, "Thirty-three orders in two and one-half days. Praise the Lord." It is encouraging to receive such reports from our workers.

—Brother A. W. Boardman has been making a tour of the northern part of the State in the interests of the work, and reports that he had an enjoyable trip, and that the Lord was with him and blessed in the work.

—We trust that all our people in the State will devote as much attention as possible to the week-of-prayer services, that this year we may have the best of these seasons we have ever known. This should be so, since we are so rapidly approaching the end of all earthly gatherings.

E. W. THURBER.

**BOSTON FIELD.**

—Regular services will be held at 91 Appleton Street, every Friday evening.

—Brother F. J. Godby will give hydropathic treatments at 91 Appleton St., Boston.

—A brother who is not a regular canvasser went out a few hours on Thanksgiving day, and sold one hundred copies of the special number of the *Signs*.

—Sister George Hyde, who embraced the truth this summer in Malden, left for North Carolina, Monday, the 30th ult. Our prayer is that she may have a safe and pleasant journey.

—Sister Edith McDonald, who accepted the truth in Malden the past season, and who is now attending the South Lancaster Academy, recently visited her home in Everett, and attended the Sabbath services in Malden the 28th ult.

—Sister Mary Schaffer and her daughter Julia, who went to Colorado for the former's health last spring, are now in Los Angeles, Cal., at the home

of Sister Bessie Bentham, who is also a member of the Boston church of Seventh-day Adventists.

—On account of the writer's commencing a series of meetings in Berkeley Hall, Boston, the services which he has been conducting in the G. A. R. Hall, 100 Pleasant St., Malden, will be continued by Elder L. S. Wheeler, assisted by a band of helpers from the sanitarium.

—Wednesday, the 2nd inst., a number of the sisters from the Boston and West Newton churches met at the home of Sister E. M. Bailey, 20 Allen Place, West Newton, where they enjoyed a social interview and also did Dorcas work for those in need, by repairing clothing. In the evening the writer spoke to a goodly number of interested listeners at the residence of one of West Newton's citizens.

—The week-of-prayer services for the Boston field will be held as follows: Sabbaths, in Gilbert Hall, Tremont Temple, Boston, at 3 P. M.; and in Grand Army Hall, Malden, at 11:30 A. M. Sunday, the 13th inst., at 12 M., 72 Wyoming Ave., Melrose, Mass. The readings will also be given every evening during the week at 95 Sawyer Ave., Dorchester; 338 Beacon St., Somerville; and at 34 Park St., Malden. In addition to these services there will be a service every afternoon during the week, at 2:30 P. M., in Room C, Tremont Temple. K. C. RUSSELL.

Do you want to get some valuable help in the Sabbath-school lessons for the present quarter? May not a copy of "Practical Lessons from the Experience of Israel for the Church of To-day," by F. C. Gilbert, be of practical help to you? It throws much light on the history and experiences of the children of Israel for the people of God to-day. Prices are \$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.00. Address, New England Tract Society, South Lancaster, Mass.

## IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON.

EVERY American, young or old, is interested in the capital of the nation, and now that the home of the *Youth's Instructor* is in Washington, right on the edge of the Capitol grounds and overlooking them, it is safe to expect that in the columns of the paper will appear articles describing these points of national importance and interest.

So, during 1904, there will be published a series of very finely illustrated articles on points of interest in and around the nation's capital.

A few of many such places are: The Capitol and Its Grounds, The Congressional Library, The Smithsonian Institute, The National Museum, The Zoological Gardens, Mount Vernon—the Home of General Washington, Arlington—the National Cemetery, and The Soldiers' Home.

Better than ever will be the *Instructor* for 1904, and it ought to be read by every one of our young people.

For seventy-five cents, a new subscriber gets the paper every week during 1904, and in addition the publishers will send *free* the last seven issues of 1903 which contain the first articles in several very interesting series. Address, *Youth's Instructor*, 222 North Capitol Street, Washington, D. C.

## THOUGHT.

IN these times when there is so much being said and written about Hypnotism, Mind-reading, Christian Science, and all forms of mind power, it is fortunate that one of our people has been impressed with the importance of these questions, and has written a book upon "Thought, Its Origin and Power," in which the most important mental conditions are portrayed; invaluable instructions given to guide the reader in a proper conception of the divine purpose in bestowing upon man a wonderful power through the mental forces; excellent

directions offered for the proper care and training of the mind; the discernment between the right and the wrong uses of the power of the mind over one's own body, and the exerting of influences over others. Many heretofore perplexing and uncomprehended conditions in the thought-life are made plain, and the reader placed in possession of important facts that will encourage him to appropriate his birthright, and to properly apply it in the direction of his own life and administering to the happiness of his fellowmen.

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REMEMBER that the paper bearing date December 23 will be the last number of the GLEANER printed in 1903.

ALL lone Sabbath-keepers who have not received the "Readings" for the week of prayer should write at once to their State tract society office, and secure a copy.

NOT a report from a worker has been received for the paper this week. This is the first time in its history that such a thing has occurred. It is supposed that all the workers are spending their spare moments selling special *Signs*, so that they have no time to report. We shall hope to hear soon from this line of work.

#### WEEK OF PRAYER NOTICE.

THE Lord willing, I expect to spend part of my time during the week of prayer with the churches of New Bedford, Mass., and Athol, Mass. On Sabbath, December 12, I hope to be with the church at New Bedford; and Sabbath, December 19, I expect to meet with the Athol church. Let us all begin to seek God earnestly for a baptism of the Holy Spirit, that we may receive a revelation of sin as God would have us see it, in order that we may be in a condition to enjoy a greater revelation of the righteousness in Jesus Christ, to do the special work he desires to have us do. Let us each one individually petition God that this week of prayer may be the

best experience of our lives. We are living in a time when we need greater power to accomplish the greater work God has to be completed in this world.

F. C. GILBERT.

#### NORTH WARREN, PA.

I WISH to call attention again to our general meeting to be held at North Warren, December 16 to 20. We trust there will be a general rally to that meeting from our neighboring churches. I wish to especially mention that those who come are requested to bring some bedding, as there is only a small church there, and they will not be able to furnish enough bedding for all who will doubtless come.

Let there be a large attendance at this meeting, the last of our general meetings this season.

E. J. DRYER.

#### ONE MORE APPEAL.

A SPLENDID work has been done and is being done with the Capital and Labor number of the *Signs of the Times*. The Pacific Press reports that orders for nearly four hundred thousand copies have already been received (November 30), and that they are still coming in at the rate of about twenty-five thousand a day.

But we now wish to make an appeal in behalf of the *regular issues*. The *Signs* has been designated as our "pioneer missionary paper," and it is stated that "our papers are doing a greater work than the living preacher can do." This being the case, an earnest effort should be made to secure subscribers for the regular issues. The "follow-up plan" which has been used so successfully in other lines of business, should be adopted in our work. The Capital and Labor number is a splendid "entering wedge." Now this should be followed up by a thorough, systematic canvass for regular subscribers.

We are glad to know that a wave of enthusiasm is sweeping over our people in the matter of circulating our literature. Never before has there been such an awakening. We believe this is due largely to the splendid missionary conventions recently held. Now let us keep the ball rolling. Not only should thorough work be done with our periodicals, but our tracts, pamphlets, and trade books should have due attention. *Now, just now*, is the time to work. It will soon be too late.

Write at once to your tract society for further information.

C. H. JONES.

#### MAINE NOTICE.

A GENERAL meeting will be held at East Washburn, Me., January 7 to 11, inclusive. We trust that there will be a good attendance at this meeting.

P. F. BICKNELL.

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H. H. HALL.

#### SUNSET CALENDAR FRIDAYS.

Local Mean Time.

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Dec. 4.....	4:28	4:33	4:38
Dec. 11.....	4:28	4:33	4:38
Dec. 18.....	4:29	4:34	4:40
Dec. 25.....	4:32	4:37	4:43