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

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GOD'S FURNACE.

ISA. 48:20.

My God a furnace hath of fire,
Its chambers all with flame aglow,
'Tis fanned in love, and not in ire,
And on the coals he oft doth blow;
A furnace kindled with his breath;
Cruel, and keen, and sharp as death.

Why doth he thus his fires prepare,
And fan them till they fiercely burn,
To scathe us with their angry glare,
Whichever way we move or turn?
That he may plunge his people in,
And cleanse them throughly from their sin.

He treats us as the goldsmith treats
The ruddy gold he prizeth well,
Who makes it pass through savage heats,
And melts it in his crucible;
And this he does because he knows
'Tis destined for a monarch's brows.

God's fires burn up the seeds of ill
Which lurk within the secret heart;
God's fires melt down the hardest will,
And sever dross and gold apart;
Through all the spirit's depths they run,
Until their cleansing work is done.

Oft at white heat the furnace stands,
Ready the evil to consume,
To shrivel up sin's strongest bands,
With fires as fierce as those of doom;
For some he heats it seven times more
Than he has heated it before.

But in the furnace fires so keen,
God doth not leave us all alone,
And though his presence is not seen,
There walks beside us his dear Son,
Who comforts us and doth sustain,
And takes from suffering half its pain.

And when his fires have wrought their aim
And sullen hardness all is gone,
God takes us from the burning flame,
To place us on his anvil stone,
And there with patience wondrous kind,
He molds and shapes us to his mind.

We shrink indeed from all the pain,
The furnace blast, the hammer's blow,
We pray to 'scape them, but in vain,
For God knows well it must be so;
That if we would be clean and pure,
The searching flame we must endure.

We need the frequent hammer's stroke,
One blow doth not accomplish all,
It is not thus that hearts are broke,
Oft and again the sledge must fall;
And 'tis our fault that we require
God's anvil and God's furnace fire.

But let us thank him for the pain
That separates the gold from dross,
That purges us from soil and stain,
E'en though it be at our sore loss;
Why should we quail, when God desires
To make us perfect through his fires?

—Charles D. Bell.

THE SIGNAL OF ADVANCE.

It is an eternal law of Jehovah that he who accepts the truth that the world needs is to make it his first work to proclaim this truth. But who is there that makes the burden of perishing sinners his own? As I look upon the professed people of God, and see their unwillingness to serve him, my heart is filled with a pain that I can not express. How few are heart to heart with God in his solemn,

closing work. There are thousands to be warned, yet how few consecrate themselves wholly to the work, willing to be or do anything if only they may win souls to Christ. Jesus died to save the world. In humility, in lowliness, in unselfishness, he worked and is working for sinners. But many of those who ought to cooperate with him are self-sufficient and indifferent.

Among God's people to-day there is a fearful lack of the sympathy that should be felt for souls unsaved. We talk of Christian missions. The sound of our voices is heard; but do we feel Christ's tender heart-longing for those outside the fold? And unless our hearts beat in union with the heart of Christ, how can we understand the sacredness and importance of the work to which we are called by the words, "Watch for . . . souls, as they that must give an account"?

God is waiting for men and women to awake to their responsibilities. He is waiting for them to link themselves with him. Let them mark the signal of advance, and no longer be laggards in working out the will of the Lord.

Do we realize how large a number in the world are watching our movements? From quarters where we least expect, will come voices urging us forward in the work of giving to

the world the last message of mercy. Ministers and people, wake up! Be quick to recognize and seize every opportunity and advantage offered in the turning of the wheel of providence. God and Christ and the heavenly angels are working with intense activity to hold in check the fierceness of Satan's wrath, that God's plans may not be thwarted. God lives and reigns. He is conducting the affairs of the universe. Let his soldiers move forward to victory. Let there be perfect unity in their ranks. Let them press the battle to the gates. As a mighty Conqueror, the Lord will work for them.

Let the gospel message ring through our churches, summoning them to universal action. Let the members of the church have increased faith, gaining zeal from their unseen, heavenly allies, from a knowledge of their exhaustive resources, from the greatness of the enterprise in which they are engaged, and from the power of their Leader. Those who place themselves under God's control, to be led and guided by him, will catch the steady tread of events ordained by him to take place. Inspired with the Spirit of him who gave his life for the life of the world, they will no longer stand still in impotency, pointing to what they can not do. Putting on the armor of heaven, they will go forth to the warfare, willing to do and dare for God, knowing that his omnipotence will supply their need.

The apostles carried a weight of responsibility to enlarge their sphere of labor, to proclaim the gospel in the regions beyond. From their example we learn that there are to be no idlers in the Lord's vineyard. His servants are constantly to enlarge the circle of their efforts. Constantly they are to do more, *never less*. The Lord's work is to widen and broaden until it encircles the world.

After making a missionary tour, Paul and Barnabas retraced their steps, visiting the churches they had

raised up, and selecting men to unite with them in the work. Thus God's servants are to labor to-day, selecting and training worthy young men as co-laborers. God help us to sanctify ourselves, that by our example others may be sanctified, enabled to do successful work in winning souls to Christ.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

A NEW LEAF.

HE came to my desk with a quivering lip,—
The lesson was done.—

"Dear teacher, I want a new leaf," said he,
I have spoiled this one."

In place of the leaf so stained and blotted
I gave him a new one all unspotted,
And into his sad eyes smiled,—

"Do better, now, my child."

I went to the throne with a quivering soul,—
The old year was done,—

"Dear Father, hast thou a new leaf for me?
I have spoiled this one."

He took the old leaf, stained and blotted,
And gave me a new one, all unspotted,
And into my sad heart smiled,—

"Do better, now, my child."

—Selected.

A RELIGION IN THEORY ONLY.

TO KNEEL down and say, "Our Father," and then get up and live an orphaned life; to stand and say, "I believe in God the Father Almighty," and then to go fretting and fearing, saying with a thousand tongues, "I believe in the love of God, but it is only in heaven; I believe in the power of God, but it stoppeth short at the stars; I believe in the providence of God, but it is limited to the saints in Scripture; I believe that the Lord reigneth,—only with reference to some far-off time with which we have nothing to do;" that is more insulting to our heavenly Father, more harmful to the world, more cheating to ourselves than to have no God at all.
—Mark Guy Pearse.

"THE quiet, consistent, godly life is a living epistle, known and read of all men."

"LOOSE THE BANDS OF WICKEDNESS."

AN appeal has just reached me through the editors of the *Life Boat* in behalf of a boy who is serving a sentence in a reformatory here in New England. His time soon expires, and he is anxious for an opportunity to lead an honest and upright life. This young man, who will be nearly twenty when his term expires in March, was left without father or mother or other friends who would give him the kindness and help which every boy needs. As a consequence he drifted, and finally into the reformatory. He is a bright, active, healthy, young man, and is very anxious to make a new start in life in an entirely new place, entirely away from his old associates. Is there not some Adventist family who could give this young man a good home on a farm where he could have the benefit of Christian influences and personal help? If any of the readers of the *GLEANER* would like to know more of this young man with a view to giving him a home and helping him to get a new start on the upward road, I would be glad to hear from them, and can put them in correspondence with him.

C. C. NICOLA.

Sanitarium, Melrose, Mass.

SUFFER, if you must; but do not quarrel with the dear Lord's appointments for you. Only try, if you are to suffer, to do it splendidly. That's the only way to take up a pleasure or a pain.—*Phillips Brooks.*

"WHATEVER may be our occupation, we are to be missionaries, having for our chief aim the winning of souls to Christ. If this is not our interest, we rob God of influence, of time, of money, and effort. In withholding our heart's service from the Lord, we fail to benefit our fellow-man, and thus rob God of the glory that would flow to him through the conversion of others."

The FIELD

VERMONT.

DURING the week of prayer I had the privilege of meeting with the Bordoville, Johnson, Morrisville, and North Wolcott churches. At all these places there seemed to be a spirit of genuine consecration to God and his work. I am thankful to know that there is an awakening among this people, and that the old-time missionary spirit is reviving, not only in the churches named above, but all through our ranks as a people.

Our Vermont brethren and sisters have taken hold of the *Signs* work with earnestness, and we hope that this winter a large amount of literature will be placed in the hands of the people of Vermont. Why should it not be so? There is no reason why it may not be so.

The stirring appeals that are continually coming to us from the pen of Sister White should move us to action if anything can do so.

Almost home, and a world to warn, who can keep quiet now? Let our efforts in every way, be greater the coming year than ever in the past. Let our donations to the foreign work show that we believe the end is near, and that we have a message for the world. Perishing souls everywhere need the light which God has given us, shall we do all in our power to send them rays of light and power?

J. W. WATT.

THE SPECIAL "SIGNS" CAMPAIGN IN NORTH PHILADELPHIA.

THE North Philadelphia church entered vigorously upon the circulation of the special issue of the *Signs*. Thirty-four hundred were ordered for its sixty-nine members, besides thirteen hundred others for two members. At the present writing, these have

nearly all been sold. Even the most conservative have taken a liberal share, and have had no trouble in selling them.

After the young people's meeting Sabbath afternoons, the members have gone out, two together, and disposed of several hundred copies on the business streets. Last Saturday night nearly five hundred copies were sold. The same territory was canvassed this week, with equally good success. We have found this an excellent way to earn money for the annual offering and other offerings which are asked for at this season of the year.

This begins to seem like the time when the truth, or printed page, is being scattered like the leaves of autumn. We pray that some harvest may result from this sowing of the seed.

W. J. FITZGERALD.

VIRGINIA.

ON our way from Norfolk to Danville we stopped with two isolated families. The first was Brother C. W. Pease, who moved to our State from Oklahoma nearly two years ago, and lives near Emporia. He is endeavoring to sow the seeds of truth through the printed page and by a living example, and we trust that God will bless his efforts to the good of souls.

Sister Clara Pease, his daughter, who was engaged in the canvassing work during the past summer in Richmond, is teaching her brothers and sister in a home school this winter, and is getting along nicely. She expects to reenter the canvassing field again in the spring.

The next place where we stopped was near Chase City, with Brother G. V. Wood and family. Brother Wood moved to our State about a year ago from North Carolina, but has just recently removed to near the above place. He is seeking country surroundings for the sake of the children.

Sister Wood teaches the children in

the home, and they are doing all they can to circulate our literature, and are having success. While we were there, they gave us an order for a number of the special *Signs*.

From this place we went to Danville, where we spent the Sabbath and part of Sunday, December 12 and 13, speaking for them four times besides conducting the first service of the week of prayer.

This church has been in difficulty, not seeming to know their duty in the payment of tithes, and their relation to the conference. The Lord gave freedom in setting before them the message from its rise to the close of the conflict,—the gathering out from all nations and conditions a people perfectly united and of one mind and judgment, to stand clothed with an armor from the head to the feet, moving in exact order like a company of soldiers. Nothing can bring about this unity and order but the full acceptance of the message in its entirety. If we take *one step* in severing our connection with the body of Christ in the earth, we cut ourselves off from the privileges, instructions, and blessings that come to each one from the Living Head through his recognized and organized body in the earth, and the inevitable result will be an entire separation from the truths for these last days, and our eternal ruin.

The church seemed greatly encouraged and testified most fervently to the power of the truth, and a determination to walk in all the light and order of God. We pray that they may hold on faithful to the end.

R. D. HOTTEL.

RUTLAND, VT.

THE Rutland church has begun the missionary campaign in earnest, having ordered fourteen hundred of the special Capital and Labor *Signs* for distribution, also sixty-six sets of the "Family Bible Teacher." Those selling the *Signs* are full of courage,

and others will take up the work as fast as more *Signs* arrive.

One sister who has never had any experience in canvassing sold forty-five in three or four hours. She says, "I just had to hand them out; they sold themselves." An old sister of seventy-five or more received fifty cents for the six she sold in her home.

The week of prayer began very encouragingly, and all desire a nearer connection with Christ, our Redeemer. Elder Purdon is at home at this time, as he is too ill with rheumatism and grip to be laboring elsewhere.

Brother G. H. Clark is again in the canvassing field and gives most encouraging reports.

Sister Marion Greenwood is canvassing here in the city for our holiday books, and is doing well.

Sister Eva A. Jenks is doing Bible work, and a number are much interested in the readings given.

Mrs. Justina Goddard, of Brattleboro, died at the home of Elder Purdon, December 3, of hemorrhage of the bowels. Sister Goddard had been living in Elder Purdon's family for the last six months or more. Coming there without any knowledge of the truth, and only a superficial knowledge of Christianity, she became interested and grew more and more in love with the principles of Bible religion and accepted Christ as her Saviour. She died in the knowledge and love of the soon coming of our Lord and the truths of the third angel's message. This is only another evidence of God's overruling power.

L. C. B.

GUYANDOTTE, W. VA.

ON my way home from the session of the conference at Parkersburg, I stopped at Mason City where there is a little company of our people. After my talk at the meeting, a good testimony was given by all. I hope this little flock will hold up Christ to the world by their daily life.

At Greenwood, where Mrs. Rule was waiting my return, I held two meetings, speaking on the soon coming of the Lord. Many hearts were made tender, and all wanted me to come again. Some of them said the Bible looked like a new book.

It is the truth that the people want, and that truth must be in us. Then we will give light in this dark world, and souls will accept the truth. It is time for all to shine. If all our people possessed the same spirit that characterized the early disciples as recorded in Acts 2:42-47, and heeded the instruction found in Malachi 3:8-10, the work would soon close, and our Lord would return. May all study the Word.

C. B. RULE.

EVERETT, BOSTON, STOUGHTON, AND NEW BEDFORD.

ON Friday, December 4, I reached Everett, to meet with the church over the Sabbath, and to celebrate the ordinances. We had a precious season together, and all present wished that the day would soon come when the Master would return, and make us to sit down with him in person in the kingdom. It was encouraging to hear of Brother Palmer's experiences in the work. We rejoice to know that the Lord is blessing him in this work, which has been carried on so faithfully these number of years, and may much good yet be accomplished in this branch of the Lord's cause.

In the afternoon of Sabbath, December 5, I came to Boston, and the Lord blessed the message of Elder Russell in appealing to the people to be faithful to God in their tithes and offerings. A very precious testimony meeting followed, and at the close the entire congregation arose and expressed their determination to be loyal and true to all of God's precepts concerning this branch of the message.

On Sunday evening, December 6, by invitation, I spoke to a large con-

gregation of colored people in Boston. The Spirit of the Lord came near, as the truth was presented concerning the condition of the church in these last days in following the traditions of men instead of the commandments of God, and many hearty Amens were heard all over the congregation, as many of the truths for this time were presented. They voted to have me come back and give them another talk in January.

By previous appointment, I went to Stoughton, Mass., December 9 and 10, and spoke five times in the two days. As the truths concerning the coming of the Lord, the law of God, and the acceptance of all of the word of God, in order to prepare for the return of our Lord were presented, many a heart praised the Lord for the light and truth brought to them. Quite a few were much agitated over the Sabbath question, and as the truth of the Sabbath was presented to these, they were deeply impressed with its importance, and we pray that God will move upon them to obey.

December 12 I reached New Bedford, and in the evening, with the elder of the church, we interviewed the Y. M. C. A. secretary of the city. We had a very profitable season together for about an hour, talking over some points of present truth; and ere we left, he expressed himself as desirous to have a few talks later in the season. We believe the Lord will give us a good opening in this city.

Sabbath and Sunday we met with the church, and we were pleased to have Elder Haskell with us Sabbath forenoon. His stirring words did us all good; and after the week-of-prayer reading, the testimonies which were borne, indicated that all wished to draw nearer to God, to make the most of this season of prayer, to be better fitted to work for souls.

F. C. GILBERT.

"WHAT a man is, has greater influence than what he says."

SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

SABBATH-SCHOOL : READING CIRCLE
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

THE IMPORTANCE AND METHODS OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.*

IN order to speak intelligently of the importance of a thing, one must have an understanding of the thing and its use in the world. To be able to outline the methods of its appliance, one needs a knowledge of the benefit it is designed to accomplish. What, then, is our young people's work?—It is that of which life consists—of which life continues eternally. It begins with the beginning of life, and that is growth. As soon as we are born into the world, we begin to grow, and we continue to grow.

The shoot springs forth from the earth, the bud opens in growth, to what?—Unto perfection. Its culmination is perfection—perfection of blossom, perfection of fruit, perfection of stature, perfection of attainment.

In the case of the child, the Lord says he should grow "unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." He has said that every plant, and every tree with seed therein should contribute to the physical growth, and every word of God to the growth of the mind, or spiritual growth. We see, then, that an importance of the highest, deepest, broadest kind is attached to attaining to "the perfect man,"—to the full measure of the stature of Christ.

It is written of the child Jesus that he "grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was with him." "And Jesus increased in wisdom, and favor with God and man." In that grace he grew, as he requires every other child to grow, "strong in spirit," or mind,

*Read at a recent Sabbath-school convention held in Philadelphia.

and increased in wisdom. That is how he attained to the full measure of his greatness, how he accomplished the redemption of this world, how he possessed power to restore lost righteousness and life to poor, fallen man.

The work of every child or young person is to attain this growth day by day, hour by hour, moment by moment. This growth is character building, and it never ceases while life lasts. It must grow into the beauty of holiness, which is life, or it will grow into deformity and death.

Oh! how important is this work of every young life! There is not an imagination, not a thought, not a word; not an act but that is material put into the character structure. A house is only built by adding thereto continually the needed material. The stature of the perfect man is only attained by constantly increasing in the knowledge of that one perfect Man, Christ Jesus. If we ever know the Lord, or see him as he is, we must be like him, and have him reflected in ourselves, for "without holiness no man shall see the Lord."

Every one who enters "Paradise regained," must attain to the height from whence Adam fell. That height is having the mind and will so surrendered to the will of God that one will be strong to follow God's way and will whatever may oppose.

Since it is so important that perfection be attained, the methods of reaching it must also be important. First our Lord says, "Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me."

Nothing is so much needed by all of our young people as the diligent, daily searching of the word of God. It is there, and only there, that they will find the food by which to grow. The bread of life, the water of life, is there in the life of the Lord Jesus. He says, The words which I speak unto you are life. Those words conquered the great enemy of all righteousness

and life, and every young person needs first and most of all these same words, if he would not be overcome by this same enemy. Every one should spend an hour daily in diligent study of his Bible.

Study to show thyself approved unto God is the next method. How many of our young people begin the day with full purpose to do and say and think so as to meet their Saviour's approval, remembering that their every act and word shows to the world around them whether it would meet God's approval or not?

Put off the old man and put ye on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness is another method of paramount importance.

"Freely ye have received, freely give," is a method which will greatly assist in carrying out the former one.

If our young people would consider the multiplied blessings with which their lives are filled, and spend two or three hours each week in visiting those of their own age, who do not know the tender love of Christian parents and friends, the comforts and pleasures of Christian homes, the holy words of love from our God, the way he would have us live, of the home he is preparing for those who love righteousness, and of his coming again to the earth to redeem from it all who are made pure and holy, and imparting to them in kind and friendly ways their store of knowledge; they would themselves be helped, and would help others to be conformed into the image of the Lord.

"Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith," is the method, which, if carried into any young life daily, will cause it to grow up into him; for by beholding we become changed into the same likeness.

Walking with God is another method. Oh! that our young people would walk daily with him who brings the glory of the morning, who whispers his thoughts in the exquisite texture

and color of the flowers, speaks his loving care in the great variety and excellence of the fruits and grains which he has caused the earth to bring forth for our sustenance, and listen to his words of love and life till they were drawn out of self and the petty frivolities that bind them to nothingness, and would learn of him whom to know aright is life eternal—thus going on unto perfection.

L. A. FRANCIS.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY

BURLINGTON, VT.

THINKING our brethren would be pleased to hear from the work of the treatment parlors again, I take pleasure in giving a few items this week. You will note that we have chosen the term "treatment parlors" thinking it would be an appropriate term inasmuch as we have such a fine location, and the building is so suggestive of the name.

The physicians of the city are, as a rule, quite friendly to this work, some having sent us patients for treatment, and one now taking treatment himself. Then, too, we have two men of the best class in the city taking treatment here, and they are so well pleased that they are giving us a very liberal advertising thus far.

We had not completed our work of preparation when we were asked to give treatment, thus indicating the response of the people to this work.

As to financial items, we are sure you will be interested to know that we have received \$309 in donations, and have about \$60 in pledges, which we expect will be paid about the first of January. When the matter of starting this work was under consideration, we thought we had counted the cost according to the admonition of the Lord; but we have found that in this work, like most all others, there are

many little items which come in as a necessity to make the equipment sufficient to do the work to the best advantage. We have been greatly blessed in the way of special favors from the business men, and have received some donations in the way of quilts, pillow-slips, towels, etc., and shall be pleased to acknowledge the receipt of more, if you desire to aid in this work. But to finish the equipment according to our plans, it took more funds than we have received, and so just now we report the expenditures to start this work more than the receipts, but we trust that the work will soon be in a good, earning condition, so as to refund this overdraft.

But, brethren, there is something just as important to consider in this work as the financial part. Many are the admonitions of the Lord against running any line of work into "commercialism," and hence should we not look at this matter from the real object for which it was started, and for which our prayers should ascend—the presentation of Jesus to the needy of whatever class or condition we may find humanity when ministering to their needs? This granted, we should consider this line of work as the "right arm of the message," as termed by the Spirit, and seek to maintain it to the best of our ability.

You will readily see that in starting this work, we have to work up a "trade." To pay financial needs while we are doing this, will require continual support on your part, and hence we solicit your cooperation in the way of donations to this work, so that it may be carried on to a better advantage. When a treatment is given, how easy to think that it is a dollar earned, and forget the spiritual part of the work. But, brethren, let us all remember this is a missionary work, the same as every other branch of our "missions," and aid it in the same way. We are told that "workers for Christ are never to think, much less to speak, of failure in their work," and

this being the conference work, your work, shall we not work with the one purpose of doing everything to meet the approbation of Christ, the Faithful?

So we repeat, as in our former letters, that this line of work is yet in need of your support, and we trust that we shall be blessed by receiving your hearty cooperation, and that you all will receive the richest blessing working for your Saviour.

We would suggest that if any desire to aid, and have to buy the pillow-slips or other material "ready-made," the money would go farther if sent direct to us, instead of paying the postage on the articles sent. Anything that you may have on hand, that you wish to send, would be different. Also we would suggest that monies should be sent to the office, while other donations may be sent direct to the house, 308 Main Street.

Awaiting any response that you may wish to make, and praying the blessing of the Lord upon you richly, I am

Sincerely yours,

F. M. DANA.

SORROW.

THE flowers live by the tears that fall
From the sad face of the skies,
And life would have no joy at all
Were there no watery eyes.

Love thou thy sorrow: grief shall bring
Its own excuse in after years:—
The rainbow!—see how fair a thing
God hath built up from tears.

—Henry Septimus Sutton.

"BLESSED is the man who attends to his own business; for he will seldom be perplexed with the cares of his neighbors, or be crushed under the weight of the government."

"MAKE it a rule never to utter one word of doubt or discouragement. You can do much to brighten the life of others and strengthen their efforts, by words of hope and holy cheer."

The PRINTED PAGE

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

THOUGHTS FROM A CANVASSER'S DIARY.

THE canvasser, we know full well,
Who goeth forth our books to sell,
Needs most the prayers of those who pray
That God will guide him every day,
And keep him in the narrow way.

The pioneer, to clear the ground,
And plant the seed, if may be found
Some honest heart in all the land
Who would not build on shifting sand,
But will abide by God's command.

He works, not just for worldly gain,
For such rewards are counted vain,
Weighed against the final treasure,
God will give in fullest measure
Unto all who do his pleasure.

And now while days and months fly past,
The faithful still are holding fast;
Some others, though, have weary grown;
Preferring rather ease and home,
They from their Master's work have flown.

We meet with trials by the way;
Our beds have oft been only hay;
To barns and sheds we oft do hie,
And one, we know, all night did lie
Between two friendly shocks of rye.

But, brethren dear, the time has come
When God's great work must quick be done;
So let us work now day by day,
And as we work, O let us pray
That from the truth we may not stray.

When you, dear friends, lie down at night
On nice, soft beds, in homes so bright,
Pray for the agents far away
In search of some good place to stay,
Until shall dawn another day.

—A. J. Waters, in the *Southern Watchman*.

GOOD SOLDIERS.

PAUL's letters to Timothy contain much instruction that is very appropriate for the Christian canvasser to-day. In some respects the work done by these faithful servants of God, was similar to the work of those who to-day go to the homes of the people and talk to them of the truths of the Bible, and place in their hands the literature which will lead them deeper in their search for the treasures of God's word. They not only taught the people in

public services on the Sabbath, but much of their time was spent in instructing them personally in their own homes.

This work was continued from city to city, and from town to town, in the face of hardship and trial, and the bitterest opposition; and with dangers threatening them on every hand. Yet in the midst of it all, these workers were full of courage and confidence, knowing that God was with them, and that their work would triumph. They did not expect an easy time, and so were not discouraged when difficulties were met; yet they did expect success.

Paul, writing from his prison in Rome to the youthful Timothy, exhorted him to "endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ;" and to encourage him, he pointed to his own example of steadfastness and courage in the words, "I have fought a good fight."

It is in the way hardship is endured in time of war that the soldier proves his loyalty to him who has "chosen him to be a soldier," and it is our faithfulness to the work during that part of the year when the work seems to drag hardest, and there is more hardship involved in it, that proves the canvasser's love for, and loyalty to, the cause he advocates.

Almost any one can stick to the work when the weather is mild and pleasant, and every one is in good humor, and the work goes easy; but when the mercury begins to drop, and the snow to drift, and the cold winds to blow, it is the real worker—the "good soldier," who will keep the battle going, and stay in the front rank where there is plenty of good fighting to be found.

We have now come to the time of year which will test the mettle of which our canvassers are made, yet we trust that there will be no deserters, but that every man in the ranks will prove himself a "good soldier of Jesus Christ."

While it is true that for the next month or two some features of our work may appear less pleasant than at other times, yet it is really not so disagreeable as we sometimes anticipate. While it is cold outside, it is usually warm enough in most of the homes we visit, and if we move a little faster between houses, we will not be apt to suffer much from the cold.

Satan may endeavor to lead us to give up the work by offering a nice, warm job for the winter, but we hope every canvasser in the Atlantic Union Conference will firmly say, "None of these things move me." We shall look for a report from each worker every week.

F. E. PAINTER.

THE CANVASSING WORK IN VERMONT.

WE are very anxious to see a greater number of canvassers in the field in our State. The conference committee stand ready to do anything in their power to assist in this line of work. I often ask myself the question, Why are there so few persons in the State of Vermont who are willing to enter this line of work? In an advance sheet of the forthcoming "Testimonies for the Church" Vol. VIII, I read, "I have been instructed that the canvassing work is to be revived, and that it is to be carried forward with increasing success." The servant of the Lord has received the above instructions, and we know the canvassing work will come up. Somebody will enter the field, and will have success.

Again, I read, "Canvassers can reach a class that can be reached in no other way. From family to family they carry the message of truth. Let them sing and pray with those who become interested in the truths they present. Let them speak in families the word of life. They may expect success, for canvassers who go forth in the spirit of the Master have the companionship of heavenly angels."

Again, "My brethren and sisters, remember that one day you will stand before the Lord of all the earth, to answer for the deeds done in the body. Then your work will appear as it really is. The vineyard is large, and the Lord is calling for laborers. Do not allow anything to keep you from the work of soul-saving. The canvassing work is a most successful way of saving souls. Will you try it?"

Dear reader, as you read the above words, will you try to realize that this invitation to enter the canvassing field is not from the president of your conference, neither from the State agent, neither from Sister White, but from the Lord of heaven? Will those in Vermont who have ability to enter the field heed this voice from the Lord now? or will they delay until some one who is not now in the truth shall embrace the same, and step into the place in this work which the Lord would be pleased to have filled now by those who know the truth?

But you may say, How shall I know whether the Lord would have me canvass or not? Seek him daily with all your heart, until duty is made plain to your mind. The Lord will hear prayer. Angels of heaven are waiting to go with those who with humble, trusting hearts will enter this line of work.

J. W. WATT.

AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.

PERHAPS many of our canvassers are wondering how they are going to bridge over the two months immediately following the holidays, as it is the prevailing idea that not very much can be done in the way of selling books during that period of the year. This is evidently a wrong impression, as orders can be taken now for the January and February deliveries. In my work of helping beginners to get started, I have taken orders myself to be delivered then, and I know it can be done.

The faithful canvasser, who has taken up this work because of his love for souls, will not relinquish his efforts, nor experience a lack of interest in the work at this time, any more than during the period just before Christmas. Let all whom the Lord has blessed in the canvassing work before Christmas, remember that he will also be their helper at any period of the year. Many will be surprised to know how many will order books for January and

February if those dates are mentioned. Let not those who are engaged in the work at present abandon the work, but put forth a special effort to have good deliveries for January and February.

To those who have been thinking of taking up the work, but have not yet started, I have this proposition to make: After January I will go two full weeks with any one who has never had any experience in the canvassing

THE BOOK WORK.

Western Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending Dec. 11, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. J. Heckman, Johnstown,		D of A	3	15½	2	10.50	11.25	21.75	5.50
L. B. Trowbridge, Pittsburg,		D of A	5	15	2	7.00	7.35	14.35	7.35
Mrs. J. T. Long, Franklin,		P & P	4	21	1	2.25	3.75	6.00	
W. W. Moore, Jamestown,		B R	5	28	4	9.50	51.75	61.25	
J. L. Zimmerman, Johnstown,		B R	3	22	5	12.00	.75	12.75	7.75
W. C. Fleisher, McKeesport,		G C	3	16	9	26.50	10.35	37.35	
W. H. Zeidler, McKeesport,		G C	4	15	7	20.50	4.75	25.25	12.25
Mrs. T. D. Gibson, Brushton,		H H B		30	2	9.00	15.15	34.25	14.00
Maud O. Rudolph, Allegheny,		H of M	2	10	1	1.50	3.50	5.00	
F. Daughenbaugh, Huntingdon,		H of M	1	2½			5.75	5.75	
L. M. Guild, Plum,		H of M	4	15	2	2.50	10.75	13.25	
Christian Appleton, E. Liberty,		C K		40	10	10.00	13.25	23.25	
Mrs. Keighton, Pittsburg,		B. S	2		6	4.50		4.50	
G. B. Mason, Franklin,		O P H	4	19	29	13.25		13.25	
Totals,	14 Agents,		40	279	80	\$129.00	\$148.95	\$277.95	\$46.85

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending Dec. 11, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Elsie M. Swingle, Scranton,		H of M	5	25	8	11.50	5.50	17.00	20.50
Daisy B. Ott, Scranton,		H of M	5	12½	2	3.00	.50	3.50	17.25
S. H. Swingle, Scranton,		H of M	4	13½	2	2.75	2.25	5.00	20.25
A. W. Barratt, Plymouth,		H of M	4	15	12	9.00		9.00	
*J. A. K. Lichty, Allentown,		H of M	5	38	4	5.50	8.05	13.55	6.85
W. K. Achenbach, Mohns Store,		M of N	3	12	3	4.50		4.50	2.50
Mrs. C. A. Prescott, Dauphin,		Misc					11.75	11.75	
Mrs. F. W. Osgood, Ariel,		Misc					1.75	1.75	1.25
H. J. Albright, Reading,		Misc	5	21			7.25	7.25	6.00
Allison Barlet, Mohns Store,		Misc	5	31	33		10.25	10.25	15.25
David Summers, Reading,		Misc	5	22	14		4.50	4.50	4.75
Totals,	11 Agents,		41	170	78	\$36.25	\$51.80	\$88.05	\$94.60

*Two weeks.

Vermont Conference, Week Ending December 11, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Rubie Roscoe, Barre,				11	27	15.25	5.00	5.00	
M. E. Greenwood, Rutland,								15.25	
C. H. Porter, Newport,		C O L	4	23	4	5.00	3.00	8.00	
G. H. Clark, Bennington,		H of M	5	35	16	20.25	9.75	30.00	
Totals,	4 Agents,		9	69	47	\$40.50	\$17.75	\$58.25	

work, to give instruction, to do all I can to help get a successful start, besides giving the benefit of all the orders I take during that time. This offer applies equally to those who have had only a limited experience and to those who have had no experience at all. Please address replies to this article to me at Liverpool, Pa. I will be obliged to go with the one who is first to make his desires known, and with the rest in their turn. Good

territory will be selected where the Lord seems to direct. Let many press in and gain an experience in this good work, for the Lord will surely be with us to bless and help. Who will be the first to reply, and say, "Here am I, send me"?

F. F. FRY,

Field Sec'y E. Pa. Conf.

"AFFLICTION is the expression of paternal love."

Southern New England Conference, Week Ending Dec. 11, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
E. W. Fraits, Hartford, Conn.,	Misc		2	12½		4.00		4.00	15.50
Totals,	1 Agent,		2	12½		\$4.00		\$4.00	\$15.50

Central New England Conference, Week Ending Dec. 11, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
John W. Hartwell, Holyoke,	D of A		3	14	2	7.00	4.25	11.25	
Mrs. E. S. Chase, Manchester,	B R		6	22	5	12.50	3.00	15.50	
E. Mitchell, No. Tewksbury,	P L		2	9	6	6.00	2.50	8.50	
Totals,	3 Agents,		11	45	13	\$25.50	\$ 9.75	\$35.25	

New York Conference, Week Ending Dec. 11, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
May Carlyon,	S of D			29	24	24.00	.75	24.75	4.75
J. E. Harrington,	S of D			14	16	16.00	1.25	17.25	
Mrs. Mary M. Abbey,	P H				6	2.25		2.25	
S. H. Lane,	P H				100	25.00		25.00	
Mrs. B. Tracy,	P H				6	1.50	1.50	3.00	
S. L. Delano,	P H				5	1.25	1.75	3.00	
A. R. Evans,	H of M				2	4.00	2.75	6.75	16.00
L. B. Loomis,	C K				2	3.00	4.50	7.50	
Totals,	8 Agents,			43	161	\$77.00	12.50	\$89.50	\$20.75

Maine Conference, Week Ending December 11, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
*W. E. Gerald, Westbrook,	C O L				23	28.75	34.75	63.50	
Totals,	1 Agent,				23	\$28.75	\$34.75	\$63.50	

*Two weeks.

West Virginia Conference, Week Ending Dec. 11, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
J. B. Clark, Charleston,	H of M		7	57	13	19.25	50.00	69.25	5.50
Totals,	1 Agent,		7	57	13	\$19.25	\$50.00	\$69.25	5.50

Union Conference Totals	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
43 Agents,	110	675½	419	\$360.25	\$325.50	\$685.75	\$183.20
Totals for corresp. week last year,							
24 Agents,		315	272	\$293.45	\$125.55	\$419.00	\$230.85

ITEMS OF INTEREST

WEST VIRGINIA.

—During the week of prayer more than half our churches were visited by a conference laborer.

—Reports that have already begun to come in show that the week of prayer was well observed by our people throughout the conference, and that a most precious time was enjoyed by all.

—Brother W. E. Arnett, assisted by efficient help, will open up bath and treatment rooms in Parkersburg, January 1, 1904. The work of preparation is going on now, and all necessary arrangements will be fully completed by the appointed time.

—Elder J. E. Jayne, auditor of the Atlantic Union Conference, will finish his work here shortly, and return to his home in Paterson, N. J.

—In harmony with a resolution presented at our recent conference, territory in Maryland, heretofore embraced in the West Virginia Conference, and three counties off the extreme eastern part of West Virginia, have been ceded to the Chesapeake Conference, to take effect January 1, 1904.

—Our canvassing work is moving along very nicely. We have but few canvassers in the field at present, but those who are thus engaged, are doing good work. The outlook for reinforcements in this line of the work is encouraging.

—By a unanimous vote of the delegates at our recent conference the conference paper, *The West Virginia Review*, was discontinued, and the GLEANER substituted in its stead. Those who were subscribers to the *Review* and whose subscriptions had not expired, will receive the GLEANER for the remainder of their time.

—We invite our brethren through-

out the conference who were not subscribers to the *Review*, or whose subscription had expired, to subscribe now for the GLEANER. Send all subscriptions to the West Virginia Tract Society, 1200 Seventh St., Parkersburg, W. Va.

S. G. HUNTINGTON,
Conference President.

VERMONT.

—In another column will be found an article concerning our treatment rooms.

—Brother F. S. Porter made us a call the 15th inst., as he was on his way back to Jamaica, after a five months' trip in the West.

—The Lord willing, we will have for the next issue of the GLEANER a report of the tithes and donations since our last report.

—As the *Sabbath-school Worker* is about to be republished, we recommend it for the use of each of our schools, either in clubs or to individuals, as they may prefer.

—We should be pleased to receive orders for Sabbath-school quarterlies very soon, so that all may get the benefit of the lessons for the whole quarter. When sending for but one or two copies, please send cash with order, as they are only five cents a copy, and it saves a great deal of book-keeping if our people do this.

—We are glad to be able to say that we have ordered for Vermont, four thousand one hundred and seventy-seven copies of the special *Signs*, to date. We are pleased to note the interest that is being taken in the canvassing work, and that so many have signified a desire to do something in this line of the work. If all who have done so, engage in active field work, the outlook for the distribution of our literature is very encouraging.

—As this is our last opportunity to speak through the columns of the GLEANER this year, we ask in advance,

that our church clerks, treasurers, and librarians, and Sabbath-school secretaries send in their reports promptly at the close of the quarter. The Sabbath-school secretaries should send their reports to Sister Lizzie A. Stone, Randolph, Vt., and hand their donations to the church treasurer, who will forward the same to the conference treasurer. Where the Sabbath-school is not connected with any church, the donations may be sent with the reports to Sister Stone.

E. W. THURBER.

BOSTON FIELD.

WITH the exception of Sabbath and Sunday, four services have been conducted daily where the week-of-prayer readings have been presented, and up to this writing (Friday, December 18), favorable reports have been received from the leaders.

The writer attended the week-of-prayer service, Thursday evening, the 17th inst., with the West Newton church, which was held at the home of Sister Redmond, at Newton Highlands. The blessing of the Lord attended this meeting.

The attendance and interest at our Sunday evening services in Berkeley Hall, corner of Tremont and Berkeley Streets, are increasing. Sunday evening, the 27th inst., the theme will be, "The Great Anti-Christ, The Great Tribulation, and What They Mean to Us."

Sunday, January 9, "The GENERATION of Christ's Coming Foretold, but NOT the Day and Hour." We trust that our people in and about Boston will urge those whom they can to attend these services.

The hygienic restaurant at 55 Boylston Street, has recently been purchased by Brother Coffin and the Martin brothers. It is the desire of these brethren to conduct this restaurant in accordance with the instructions given in the spirit of prophecy.

Sister Wm. Taylor, of Medford, has

been cured of a severe attack of pneumonia by God's blessing upon the application of water treatment under the direction of C. C. Nicola, M. D.

K. C. RUSSELL.

OBITUARY NOTICES

McCoy.—Died at the hospital, Olean, N. Y., Dec. 16, 1903, Ida McCoy, aged 29 years. Sister Ida gave her heart to God nine years ago, shortly after a series of services conducted by Elders Hibbard and Mattson, at Indian Creek, Pa. She united with the church then organized, known as the Seventh-day Adventist church, of Eldred, Pa., of which church she remained a member until her death. Soon after her conversion she entered the Battle Creek Sanitarium, and completed a course of training as a missionary nurse. Both at the sanitarium and elsewhere she gave her strength and skill conscientiously and unselfishly for the good of others. The physicians who came in contact with her were quick to recognize her nobility of character, and were unstinted in their commendation of her faithful work. She wrought out in her life Col. 3:23, 24, "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."

Several attended the funeral who owed the prolongation of their lives to her careful nursing. While we can not understand why such things are permitted, we are sure that the God she served has all power and "doeth all things well."

For the comfort of those who mourn without being able to understand the workings of the divine mind, we quote the following beautiful words of faith:

"O weary heart, God loves thee,
And thou dost love him too;
For good, then, is this sorrow
He sendeth unto you.

"Our Father knows the wherefore;
We can not even spell;
We can but know his writing,
And feel that all is well;

"Aye, doubly well, if only
Thy will with his can blend;
If thou canst trust entirely
Thy wisest, truest Friend."

She nursed a typhoid case in Eldred to convalescence and then came down with the dread disease herself. In the Olean hospital she battled for life thirteen weeks, until

death ended her sufferings and she sleeps in Jesus.

The funeral was conducted from the Methodist church in Eldred, December 18, by the writer and Elder I. N. Williams, assisted by the pastor and choir of the Methodist church. She sleeps in the Eldred cemetery, and the dear ones mourn, but not as do others who have no hope.

C. F. McVAGH.

SUNSET CALENDAR FRIDAYS.

Local Mean Time.

1903.	Boston.	N. Y. and Phila.	Washington.
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

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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.

WANTED.—A single man, competent to take charge of a laundry. Must come well recommended.

Address New England Sanitarium, Melrose, Mass.

A CALL has been received from Henry Tonjes, 21 Morton Street, New York, N. Y., for periodicals. Brother Tonjes is librarian of the New York church No. 2, and these papers are wanted for use in missionary work. Send only clean papers, and prepay the postage.

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IN a letter to the office Brother J. A. Strickland, Montego Bay, Jamaica, says: "The work in this part of the field is onward. The approaching week of prayer is being looked forward to by the brethren here with great expectations that it will be a season of sincere seeking the Lord, of heart searching, and true repentance.

"The Jamaica Conference convenes in Kingston January 1 to 6.

"The brethren here are bravely endeavoring to overcome the effects of the recent hurricane, and their efforts are being blessed."

IN a letter to the office written at Stuart, Iowa, December 14, Elder Luther Warren says, "I trust the good blessing of God is with you all, and hope that the blessings of this week will mark a long step in our journey. My courage never was better. The Lord is good." Elder Warren renewed his subscription to the GLEANER, that he may still keep in touch with the progress of the work in the Atlantic Union Conference.

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THE address of Elder H. J. Farman is Bakersfield, Vt.

By the way the donations to the Scotland tent are coming in, it would appear that the good people in the Atlantic Union Conference think they had little for which to be thankful on Thanksgiving day. The first donation of five dollars was received from the Vermont Conference, which is already supporting a laborer in that field. This reminds one of, "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meat, but it tendeth to poverty."

If the fast which the Lord has chosen is "to deal thy bread to the hungry," why may not the thanksgiving which he approves be of a similar kind? Are we to suppose that it is simply literal bread which is intended? or is imparting the bread of life to perishing souls included? Who will prove God, and see their "light break forth as the morning," and their "health spring forth speedily" as the result of contributing to this good work?

A RETROSPECT.

This number completes volume two of our paper, and it may be well to spend a few moments in recalling important events of the past two years in connection with our work. Two years ago if any one had told us that in the next two years we should witness the burning of the Battle Creek

Sanitarium and hospital, the erection of the present institution in their place, the destruction of the Review and Herald building, and the removal of the headquarters of the work to Washington, also the death of Elder Uriah Smith, for so many years the esteemed editor of our church paper, we should have called him a sensationalist; but these events have succeeded one another at intervals, and the work has moved on apparently without interruption.

Perhaps no less important, though less startling, events have occurred in the Atlantic Union Conference. Among these might be named the removal of the New England Sanitarium to Melrose, the opening of the medical missionary work in Philadelphia, Buffalo, and Burlington, the securing and paying for a church in Washington, and the building of the boys' dormitory for our academy. The organizing of two new conferences, the ceding of the District of Columbia to the General Conference, and the change that has been made in the boundary lines of the New York, Greater New York, Chesapeake, and West Virginia conferences may also be worth a passing notice, as marking the progress of the work, while we glance rapidly down the history of these years.

And what is the lesson for us to learn from these events? Do they not indicate that God is surely cutting his work short in righteousness? Perhaps nothing could show this fact more clearly than the increase of crime around us, and the distress and perplexity caused by the various "unions" throughout the land. The latest development along this line is a strike of the Livery Drivers Union in Chicago, so that funerals have to be postponed because no "driver" is allowed on the funeral carriages.

If we have reached the time when Satan will not permit the dead, martyrs excepted, to have a burial, it would seem that the power of darkness must be divided against

themselves, and can not hold out much longer. May not the people of God rejoice in the thought that now is their salvation nearer than when they believed? The poor, old world surely can not continue much longer with the present state of affairs, and now is the most opportune time to tell the people the meaning of these things, as many are doing by circulating the special *Signs* and other literature.

Speaking of "unions," we are reminded that we are a Union Conference and this is a Union Conference paper, and certainly no union organization ought to be more united than one established for the purpose of executing God's work in the earth. Then this paper ought to have the hearty support of every local conference president and secretary and worker, throughout the Union. Frequent and brief reports from every worker should find their way to its columns,—not long reports, for life is short, and the paper is small. But if we report often, we will not need to make the reports long. If you have enjoyed a good experience, then pass it on for others to enjoy. Let us hear of the progress of the work in all lines.

We are indeed grateful to the faithful ones who have contributed so much toward making this paper what it ought to be, and we trust that none of these will become weary in well-doing. But the paper is not yet an ideal union conference sheet, and we are sure that you would like to have your paper better in 1904 than it has been in the previous years. It lies in your power to make it better; for, like an echo, it returns to you the words you send forth. Shall we not begin at once to work to this end by sending in reports of the meetings during the week of prayer, and the campaign with the special *Signs* for the first paper in 1904?

Lest we too far transgress the rule of brevity, we simply add, "A blessed New Year to one and all."