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

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## A PRESENT HELPER.

"Casting all your anxiety upon him because he careth for you." 1 Pet. 5:7, R. V.

ARE there troubles in our pathway?

Do life's trials press us sore?

Do we sometimes feel forsaken?

Let us think what Jesus bore.

Jesus, ever loving Saviour,

Ever present, faithful Friend,

How his promises assure us

He'll go with us to the end!

Promises so true and faithful,

Never, *never* will they fail

While we cling with trusting to him,

In his name we will prevail.

Let us cast aside our sadness,

Drop our burdens at his feet,

Trusting in his mighty power

That in him we are complete.

In his name we will go forward,

For the victory now is near,

And the time when in the glory

Of his Father, he'll appear.

Then with rapturous joy we'll greet him,

King of kings and Lord of lords,

Come to save his humble people

Who have kept his Father's words.

MRS. H. M. WILKINSON.

West Townsend, Mass.

## GOD'S PLAN FOR HIS PEOPLE.

WHEN the sanctuary was to be built, and its furnishings made, the Lord directed Moses, saying, "Look that thou make them after their pattern, which was showed thee in the mount." Moses was full of zeal to do

God's work. The most talented, skilful men were at his command to carry out his suggestions; and yet it was not given to him to make a bell, a pomegranite, a tassel, a fringe, a curtain, or any vessel of the sanctuary, except according to the pattern shown him as God's ideal. God called him into the mount, and revealed to him the heavenly things. The Lord covered him in order that he might see God and live, and behold the things that God would have made according to the pattern. Forty days he was in direct communion with God; and when he descended the mount, his face shone with glory, and he was ready to give directions as to how the sanctuary should be made.

It is in neglecting to follow the exact directions of the word of God that many err. They turn away from God's plans, to follow their own ideas. Christ himself declared, "The Son of man can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do; for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise." So utterly was he emptied of self that he made no plans for himself. He accepted God's plan for him, and day by day the Father unfolded his plans. If Jesus was so wholly dependent, declaring, "I do nothing of myself," how much more should we depend

upon God for constant instruction, so that our lives might be the simple working out of God's will. O, that failing, erring mortals would be content to seek wisdom from God, and be entirely submissive in working out his directions, in exemplifying his character! If ever mortals needed to send to heaven an earnest cry, "Lord, show me thy way; teach me the way of the Lord," it is now. Only those will have a fitness for the mansions above who give to God full and implicit obedience. God knows that we should not appreciate his rarest gifts if we were not perfectly submissive to his will. And in keeping the way of the Lord there is great reward. We shall be tempted by the adversary of souls to deviate from God's way, to neglect to search the Scriptures in order that we may find out whether we are walking in the sparks of our own kindling, or in the light which God has given us. O, that we may be vessels unto honor, prepared for the Master's use! O, that the work of the grace of God may so go forward in our hearts that we come to see the matchless charms that are revealed in Jesus. Whatever may be our temperament, we are to form a character after the Divine Pattern; we have no excuse for retaining the mold and superscription of our own

nature; for Christ has died that we may have his mold and superscription. We can not retain self, and yet be filled with the fulness of God. We must be emptied of self. Heaven is gained only through the renunciation of self, and the receiving of the mind of Christ.

We should ask ourselves, For what are we living and working? and what will be the outcome of it all? We need the religion of Jesus Christ daily; for everything we do or say comes under the notice of God. "We are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men." What we are at heart, we reveal in life. Our thoughts, our words, our actions, are the result of what we are; and our influence is a savor of life unto life, or of death unto death, according to whether we abide in Christ or not. In the judgment we shall be brought face to face with those whom we have had opportunity to help by directing them, through choice words of counsel, into right, safe paths. If we have a daily connection with God, we shall have a living, abiding interest in the saving of the souls of men, and our influence will be a savor of life unto life.†

Let no one rob God of the service he requires. Half-hearted service is of no value. Have we not tried our own way again and again, and found it was but foolishness? In following our independent judgment, have we not virtually said, "Lord, I want not thy way, for it does not please me; I want my own way; and if I can not do as I please, I will not serve thee"? How many have let go of Christ, to follow their own plans? Did Christ, the Majesty of heaven, have his way? Behold him in travail of soul in Gethsemane, praying to his Father. What forced those blood-drops of agony from his holy brow? O, the sins of the whole world were upon him! It was separation from the Father's love that forced from his pale, quivering lips the cry, "Father, if it be possible,

let this cup pass from me." Three times was the prayer offered, but was followed by, "Nevertheless, not my will, but thine, O God, be done." This must be our attitude: "Not my will, but thine, O God, be done." This is true conversion.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

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THE OFFERING IN BEHALF OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHING  
ASSOCIATION.

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I wish to call attention to the recommendation passed at the Washington council to take a special offering the first Sabbath in February, for the International Publishing Association of College View. This action has been referred to recently in the *Review*; but I feel that the special attention of our people throughout this country should be called to this important matter.

Every one should clearly understand that the International Publishing Association has been formed for the purpose of giving great impetus to the circulation of German and Scandinavian literature in the United States. We have heard over and over again from our German and Scandinavian brethren of the vast population of these nationalities in this country, and we have been importuned many times to put forth greater efforts in their behalf.

For years efforts have been made to place German and Scandinavian ministers and Bible workers in the field to work for these nationalities. Some headway has been made, yet we are all aware that but little has been accomplished compared with what must be done. We know that the press is one of the mightiest and most economical factors in the world for the dissemination of thought.

After looking the matter over carefully, it has been agreed by all, that, if we ever reach the vast German and Scandinavian population of the United States, we shall have to do far more

than we ever have in the circulation of literature in these languages. This has led to the organization of the International Publishing Association.

In order for this association to work effectively, it is necessary to procure facilities. It is believed that six thousand dollars will put the association in shape to do a large, efficient work in this line. The offering to be taken the first Sabbath in February is to raise this amount. Provision was made in the recommendation that should there be any surplus, it would be applied to the work in Washington.

We most sincerely hope that the six thousand dollars needed by the association will be raised. We believe it is due our German and Scandinavian brethren. For many years they have been giving of their means very liberally to promote the work among the English-speaking people in this country. We have never before launched any large special enterprise in America for these nationalities. As we think of the many thousands of dollars they have devoted to the work among the English people, we feel that now the amount that they require to advance their work should be freely and promptly given by our churches as a suitable expression of our appreciation of the help they have so cheerfully rendered to us.

A. G. DANIELLS.

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CONTRIBUTION TO THE FOREIGN PUBLISHING ESTABLISHMENT.

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SABBATH, February 6, is the day appointed on which to take up a collection for the purpose of establishing the foreign work on a firm basis. It is expected that all our churches throughout the country will contribute liberally towards this work. We have no doubt but that this will be done. We know, dear brethren, that you have always had a great interest in the foreign work. You are the very persons who caused the first tracts, papers, and books in these languages

to be printed; and since you have seen the work rise in this country, and spread to other lands, until it has reached large proportions, I am sure your interest in this great work has not abated.

The only foreign publishing house of Seventh-day Adventists in the United States is now located at College View, Nebraska. This is in the very heart of this great commonwealth. This publishing house must deal rich blessings to the foreign element in this great land. I do not believe that our people will let this institution that has been established in their midst fail of success. We can not think that this will be done. It will, however, be necessary for all to lift, and lift together, in order to help the International Publishing Association in its present need.

The association has purchased a building in College View, but they have found it necessary to repair it and also to enlarge it. A furnace, a gasoline engine, a dynamo, and some other necessary machinery has been put in. This has cost more than we at first thought it would, but so far we have paid all our bills. In a few days a printing-press costing about two thousand eight hundred dollars will be put into the building. We have also purchased from the Review and Herald Publishing Company, of Battle Creek, Mich., their stock of foreign publications and books. Between one and two thousand dollars will have to be paid on this stock by the first of March. We also have the insurance to pay on the building, machinery, and stock. You can easily see that some one will have to contribute liberally. I believe that all our people ought to do this. Our foreign people have lifted in every plan you have presented before them. They will continue to do so. It will, nevertheless, cheer them wonderfully if you will now help in that which pertains to their work. The money we have so far used has been furnished

by our foreign brethren. They have taken hold of this work nobly, and they will continue to lift with heart and hand until the work is done.

If you will give us a little help, we shall rejoice, and go forward with courage. The students in the college are receiving benefits by the publishing plant here. Some are learning type setting, others are folding and wrapping papers. There is also a German stenographer connected with the plant. A class in German stenography will be organized, and soon we will have many to render us service in this line.

I hope that none will think it a mistake that this plant has been founded here at College View, because it is not. Sister White has expressed herself in favor of the move. We have taken all her books that have been published in the foreign languages. You will hereafter receive these books from us. If you pay your money, you are really the ones who are putting these books out before the people.

We have to have various men to carry on different lines of work. This is an expense until we get started. Your gifts are very much needed just now. Remember the International Publishing Association the first Sabbath in February.

F. H. WESTPHAL.

#### THE PRODIGAL SON.

"Joy will be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth."

THE fire burns dimly with uncertain light,  
And casts a softened glow around the room  
Where an old couple sit till into night,  
Alone in silence, mid the deepening gloom.  
The wooden clock, pond'rous, and old, and  
high,  
Measures the moments with as steady beat  
As in those golden days, long since gone by,  
When echoed there the sound of little  
feet.

Faithful has been that clock through sun  
and rain,—

It lingered not when days were fair and  
bright.

Nor hastened through long days of grief  
and pain,

But marked through every change time's  
steady flight.

It sounded loud the hour when Hugh was  
born,

It told the time he first lisped mother's  
name;

And when dear May by death was rudely  
torn

From by his side, it ticked on just the same.

It told the time when mother at the gate

Watched Hugh to school in the bright  
morning sun,

And bade him hasten on, and not be late,

And to return as soon as school was done.

It softly ticked when he with fever hung

'Twiixt life and death many an anxious day;

Its solemn tones of awfulness were rung,

Sadly, when he began to go astray.

At last it sounded forth that dreadful time

When, through this wicked world, alone  
to roam,

Away from friends, in guilt and sin and  
crime,

He left that dearest spot on earth,—left  
home.

And since that time it's marked the streaks  
of white

Come into mother's hair, and on her brow

The lines, and watched from father's eye  
the light

And fire of youth die out till now,

And on this night they sit beside the blaze

Alone, in silence, thinking of the one

Whose young life gladdened theirs in other  
days,

And longing to once more behold their  
son;

When suddenly the door flies open wide,

A form steps in, and by the glimmering  
light

They see that Hugh is standing by their  
side,

With anxious face, and wet with dews of  
night.

"Father, mother, can you forgive me now?  
I've sinned! and can you love me now as

then

Before I went away?" And on his brow

A parent's kiss is pressed;—the clock  
strikes ten.

Dear wanderer, who from Father's house  
hast strayed,

And art not worthy to be called a son,

Return, thou art forgiven; be not afraid,

Ha-ten, retrace thy steps ere day is done.

Thy Father will rejoice that thou art found,

And give thee rest from thy wrong, sin-  
ful way;

The timepiece of eternity will sound

Thy glad return. O come, be saved  
to-day!

EVA A. JENKS.

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## MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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### OUR LITERATURE.

"THE publications sent forth from our printing houses are to prepare a people to meet God. Throughout the world they are to do the same work that was done by John the Baptist for the Jewish nation. By startling messages of warning, God's prophet awakened men from worldly dreaming." "And in a large degree through our publishing houses is to be accomplished the work of that other angel who comes down from heaven with great power, and who lightens the earth with his glory."—*"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VII. pp. 139 and 140.*

Does the value of our publications rest with due weight upon our hearts? We say we believe that the coming of the Lord is very near, and a people must soon be prepared to meet God, yet we allow opportunities to pass that might be improved by placing reading matter in the hands of the people.

Our publishing houses can not send out their publications unless some one becomes interested in the circulation of said publications, and will purchase and use them. As a people we have in the past, by organized effort, circulated a large amount of literature and much good has been accomplished in this way. However, we stand face to face with the fact today that we are not doing a tithe of what ought to be done in this line of work. There are many of the rank and file of our people who are doing practically nothing in the circulation of our literature. These same persons might spend some time each week in their own neighborhood doing successful work in canvassing for books containing present truth.

We have long been looking for the

world to be lightened with the glory of the angel of Revelation 18. Now the testimony comes to us saying that this work is to be done largely by the circulation of our literature. The Lord designed that this whole people should become interested in the canvassing work, and that all should have some part in placing the printed page in the hands of those who know not the present truth.

Through the power of the press many are to be awakened from their worldly dreaming to the awful fact that they should prepare to meet God. But in order for this to be done, the people of God must first awaken to the great responsibility that rests upon them as persons to whom God has in mercy entrusted such great light. If we as a people could realize that indeed we are in the most solemn hour of this world's history, and that soon, very soon, it will be forever too late for poor sinners to repent and be saved, we would certainly bestir ourselves, and use every means at our command to reach the precious, perishing souls about us.

In the distribution of our literature we have an open door of salvation through which all classes can act a part in giving the light to the world. During the present campaign with the *Signs*, some of our small children have gone out and sold large numbers of the paper. One very small boy in a small village sold four copies in a very short time. We are thankful to God for the growing interest shown by our people in this line of work, but much more will doubtless be done when all who believe the truth get such a burden for souls that every day they will seek for an opportunity to do something for God and his truth.

Calls are made for persons to enter the regular canvassing work and become self-supporting missionaries, and but very few respond to the calls. Brethren, this is not as the Lord would have it, for he has said there

should be one hundred where there is now one.

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." Isa. 60:1. If our literature is to act such an important part in giving to the world the light of God, then one way that we are to fulfil this scripture is to arise and carry this reading matter to those around us, and thus place in their hands that which will lead them to the Saviour of men for salvation. Of course we must go with the salvation of God in our own hearts and shining out in every act of life, or God can not use us as effectually as he desires. May the Lord help us all to arise and work for souls as we have never worked before.

J. W. WATT.

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### THE BETTER WAY.

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IN no better way can we manifest our interest in the progress of this world-wide message than by supporting it. And this can be done more effectually by the weekly offering than by waiting to make one large gift at the end of the year. As a rule, those who give weekly find themselves able to give more than they dared think of doing when all was given at one time. The interest rises with the gifts, and the prayers always accompany the intelligent interest. Try it. The year 1904 should close with the best record for mission work in this denomination. We are nearing the end, and our work must be done quickly. More workers must be sent out. Old fields must be strengthened and enlarged, and unentered ones must not be neglected longer. What do we say? Now is the time to begin to give, if 1904 is to be the banner year for missions in your experience. He who is able to supply all your need will open ways which you least expected for you to earn money for his cause, and you will have the blessed privilege of

sharing in the reward with the workers at the front, when the Master comes. The joy of giving the gospel to the benighted souls of heathen lands, is alone worth all the sacrifice our giving may cost.

ESTELLA HOUSER.

#### A MACEDONIAN CALL.

HAVING spent a little over eight months in the South, I thought it might be well to tell the readers of the GLEANER something about the southern people and their needs. While canvassing and doing Bible work, I visited hundreds of homes in Alabama, Tennessee, and Georgia, and was able to place nearly two hundred books in the hands of the people, some of whom were deeply interested in the message presented to them.

It is truly, as stated by Sister White, a most needy field as well as the most neglected. The people are hospitable, and willing to buy books when their means will permit. There is a great dearth of reading matter, very many homes being entirely destitute of anything in the line of papers or books, many not even having a Bible. I can furnish hundreds of names of persons who would prize reading matter. In mailing papers, it is better not to send the *Review*, as it is too far advanced for them.

A person who is consecrated and has good health, can make a good living. Times are good at present. There were abundant crops last year. Mining and other industries are active. The country where I was, had not been worked until the people were enlightened upon the truth, and had rejected it. In Jackson County, Alabama, there were only two places where any of our publications had been taken before I went there. It has a little over thirty thousand inhabitants. Religion is held in high esteem, but it needs the power of the gospel to lift them up. A person who understands the truth for this time,

and can clearly present it, will find willing listeners. Yet the people move slowly, and it requires patience. The promise of God is that there is to be a revival of the work in the southern field, which gives hope of better days to come.

The vastness of the field is little comprehended by the people of the North, nor its needs. Lying almost at our door, these nine States contain a population of nearly fifteen million people. In this vast field there are very few laborers. Alabama contains over one million, nine hundred and eight thousand inhabitants, and has only two ministers, and not more than half a dozen canvassers. In this State are about two hundred and fifty Sabbath-keepers, who are mostly poor. Florida has more than five hundred thousand people, and last summer had not an ordained minister in the field. South Carolina has about one and one-half million people with only two churches and two ministers. Not a single canvasser reports from this State. Georgia, the empire State of the South with more than two million people, has only a handful of believers with two ministers. The few canvassers in that State report fair success. The large State of Louisiana has three ministers and a few canvassers who do very well. Mississippi has four workers among the colored people and four white ministers, among whom are Elders R. S. Owen and H. W. Pierce, of Vermont, and Walter Blake, of Quebec. In North Carolina there is quite a corps of canvassers who are having good success. The good work is making progress in this State.

Kentucky and Tennessee are two large and populous States, divided into two conferences, the Cumberland and Tennessee River. The work in these conferences is mostly in Tennessee. The Cumberland Conference has about three hundred members with five ministers, among whom is W. C. Wales, formerly of Vermont. A small

body of canvassers are doing well, while the Tennessee River Conference is making an aggressive fight. In these two conferences are our institutions, the Southern Publishing House, at Nashville, Tenn., and the Southern Training School and Lone Mountain Sanitarium at Graysville, Tenn. A good work is being done by them, although they are yet struggling to become established so as to be the power they are designed to be in the work of giving the message. The Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us," is sounding loudly from this field. Truly, the fields are white for the harvest here.

It is true that there are obstacles to meet in the language, customs, and manner of living, of the people, but Jesus left the light and glory of heaven, and came to this dark world where few received him, to bring salvation to a lost race. The Spirit of God has said that to those who "go to do good the means will be furnished," and precious promises are given as to support and success in the work. Isa. 61:4-7.

I came North on account of my health, but intend to go back as soon as convenient. If I can induce any one to enter that field, I shall be glad to do so. Dear reader, does the Macedonian cry come to you? If so, will you heed it? "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." Dan. 12:3.

S. A. HOLDEN,

*West Townshend, Vt.*

ARE you in need of strength? Reverently and believingly claim the power of the Mighty God, and reckon that it is yours; and go forth to any work to which he may call you, believing that you are adequately equipped. You will not know what power you have till you begin to use it.—*F. B. Meyer.*

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## The FIELD

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### VIRGINIA.

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JANUARY 6 to 12 was spent in Newport News, Norfolk, and Portsmouth. Elder Herrell was with me part of the time. We visited quite a number in Portsmouth, and held meeting with them on Sabbath afternoon. Conditions exist here that need to be adjusted before the work can move forward with that harmony and union that the Scriptures point out. We trust that all will soon be settled in God's way. We met with the Norfolk church in the morning on the Sabbath and held the quarterly meeting with them; also the election and ordination of officers took place. We had a good meeting.

We spoke to Newport News church No. 2, on Sunday night. We also visited several families in Hampton.

On our way to Alexandria we held one meeting with the Richmond church, which was well attended.

We came to Alexandria and met with them on Wednesday night, January 13, in their prayer service. On the Sabbath we met with the Arlington church in the morning, and held the regular quarterly meeting with the Alexandria church in the afternoon. Several families from Arlington have recently moved to Richmond County. This leaves only a few behind, but we are glad to note that they have arranged to hold regular services, and do all they can to hold up the light of truth in that place. The church at Alexandria is of good courage, and we had a most excellent meeting. These brethren have been benefited by the labors of some of the brethren from the General Conference office during the past few months, and their presence has been greatly appreciated.

While in this vicinity, we visited Falls Church, near Washington, where

Brother W. E. Ross, recently from Colorado, now resides. Brother Ross is interested in starting some meetings in Falls Church, and we hope that we can do so at an early date.

The weather in Virginia has been very cold the past month, a number of times the thermometer hovering around the zero point. This has made it bad for meetings in all parts of the State.

We trust our brethren will take advantage of the present opportunity to circulate our literature in all parts of the State. If the people can not get around much, it will be a good time to read. Let us do all in our power to get our literature into the hands of the people. Pray for the work in the "Old Dominion."

R. D. HOTTEL.

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It has been some time since I reported through the GLEANER, but my time has been fully occupied in the work at different places in this State. I have labored at Manassas, Tackett Mills, Fredericksburg, Culpeper, and Mt. Williams.

There are persons at each of these places rejoicing in the truth, though they seldom see one of our ministers or hear the truth preached.

At Manassas, a few accepted the message in the tent effort last fall, and are still endeavoring to live up to the light, though they are somewhat scattered.

The meetings at Tackett Mills were well attended, and many made a start to live a better life; but the weather was so unfavorable that we could not fully develop the work at that time. They hope to have meetings held there when the weather may be more favorable for the work in such country places.

I held two week-of-prayer services with the friends in and near Fredericksburg.

I had not been to Culpeper for over two years, but was glad to find a few clinging to the truth that they

heard in 1901, in the tent meetings held at that place.

I am now holding meetings at Mt. Williams, and the attendance and interest are good, notwithstanding the cold weather, snow, and ice, which make it difficult to get around. I am holding services every night at the church, and am doing all that I can in house-to-house work among the people. I hope to see some accept the truth for these last days.

At all of these places I have tried to get the brethren and sisters to see the importance of all branches of the message, and have taken orders for periodicals, sold and distributed tracts, books, special *Signs*, etc. When I talk to some of the people on health reform I am sorry to hear them say, "We can not afford to use the health foods and drinks, for they are too expensive;" and to know that they are telling the truth in so saying. May the Lord help all our people to get in line for the final march to the kingdom. My courage in the Lord is good. Pray for the work in this field.

B. F. PURDHAM.

Jan. 21, 1904.

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### CUMBERLAND, MD.

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A BRIEF report from this place will, no doubt, be of interest to the readers of the GLEANER. Our company here is about three and a half months old. As a result of a tent effort last summer, there are ten Sabbath-keepers here at present, and a Sabbath-school of twenty-one members. We have met great opposition from the Catholics, and also Protestants, for in principle they are the same. More than two-thirds of the city are Catholics. Yet, with all this opposition, the work is prospering, and others are accepting the truth.

This little company has paid almost thirty dollars in tithes, and has distributed three thousand five hundred tracts, and takes six *Sabbath-school Workers*. We have ordered a club

of ten *Signs*, for which we have seven regular subscribers and hope to secure three more before our club reaches us. We are gradually increasing our work in all its different departments. At the close of the last quarter we sent \$3.40 to foreign missions, and \$1.35 to the Haskell Home, and some cash remains in our Sabbath-school treasury. Our missionary society has almost five dollars in the treasury after paying for the tracts. We owe not a cent; our motto is cash.

Our next effort will be to raise our proportion of the amount of the General Conference debt assumed by the Atlantic Union Conference. I am exceedingly anxious to see the work of the Lord out of debt. I am glad to say that all the debts on "Christ's Object Lessons" have been paid, so far as I know, and the money paid in on all but six books, and this will soon be paid; and the six counties ceded to the Chesapeake Conference will be clear of debt to the West Virginia Conference. We can say, Thanks be unto the Lord for success.

J. A. TRAUGH.

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#### PITTSBURG, PA.

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IN harmony with a call issued by the conference president, all the ministers, Bible workers, a goodly number of canvassers, and representatives from the churches in the vicinity of Pittsburgh, met with the conference committee to consider plans for the advancement of the third angel's message in the Western Pennsylvania Conference.

The first meeting of the council convened at 105 Brushton Avenue, at 10 A.M., Wednesday, January 14. Elder I. N. Williams read a part of the one hundred and seventh Psalm and made some appropriate remarks, after which Elder H. C. Basney led in prayer, followed by a prayer and praise service in which nearly all present took part. Elder E. J. Dryer then took the chair and the writer was

chosen secretary. Elder Dryer addressed the assembled workers, stating in a general way some of the needs of the work as gleaned from a tour among the churches. This brought on a lively discussion of plans, in which nearly every one present participated.

The council held two meetings each week day until Sunday, January 17. The discussions, full and free, savored throughout of the Spirit of Christ, so that oneness of mind characterized the entire session of the council, and the committee on plans had nothing to do except to formulate the conclusions reached into recommendations, which passed without a dissenting voice.

Each day's work began with a devotional service in which the spirit of peace and thanksgiving were especially manifest, and each day's program was completed by a sermon at 7:30 P.M., except on Saturday night. The different ministers present took turns in occupying the desk. The words of faith and hope were much appreciated by all, and little by little the neighbors began to come also. Elders Longacre and Basney are carrying on a series of meetings in this place, and we trust that some souls will be brought to an experimental knowledge of present truth.

Sabbath day Elders Dryer and Williams spoke to the people at the regular meeting-place of the Pittsburgh church. At the close of this service an invitation was extended to those who wished to dedicate or reconsecrate themselves to God, and about twenty, mostly young people, responded, and the meeting closed with the testimony of victory. The same day Elder Schwartz, Brother F. C. Myers, and the writer enjoyed a good meeting with the company at McKeesport. These souls came to a knowledge of the truth through the tent effort last summer conducted by Elders Baierle and Schwartz.

The meeting of the local young

people's society, which preceded the sermon on Sunday night, is also worthy of special mention. The practical thoughts presented by these young friends upon the subject of "How to Overcome" clearly indicate that the Lord has here in preparation many developing minds and voices who will soon join the burden-bearers of to-day in sounding the loud cry of the message.

With renewed hope and courage we separated at the close of our good meeting in Pittsburg to go to our several fields of labor, to push the triumphs of the cross until providence calls us to meet again, either in this world or upon the sea of glass.

C. F. McVAGH.

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#### NEWBURYPORT, MASS.

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OUR little band in Newburyport has been so grateful of late for its showers of blessings, that it must tell the GLEANER family in order that they may rejoice with us. It is only a little illustration of our loving Father's mysterious way of performing his wonders of grace. For some time a spirit of unity had been abounding in our little church; but we longed for additions—for fruit.

For years, Sister Pendleton had very kindly opened her hospitable home for our Sabbath services, and God has surely rewarded her loving ministries to us ward.

For some time she was alone in the truth, though her family had always been loyal to the cause their mother loved. Yet apparently they had no thought of entering the fold themselves. A few years ago, her only daughter decided to cast in her lot with our pilgrim band. She has ever remained true, and quietly lived the truth in her little family. This summer and fall the glorious fruit of her Christian life appeared in the marvelous conversion of her husband, whose growth in the Christian life is remarkable. He would tell you, and truly,

that God had done great things for him. His earnestness puts us older ones to shame.

On the same Sabbath that this brother, Mr. Walton, gave his first testimony, a further joyful surprise awaited us. Just before our Sabbath services began, Mrs. Walton told us that her brother, George Pendleton, had given in his notice to his employer that he would work for him no more on the seventh day. We were glad indeed; still we were greatly surprised when he came in leading his little boy. Before our church service began, he handed a roll of bills, his tithe, to our treasurer. Worthy example! Let us all be as faithful.

As might be expected, the prayer-meeting which followed was one long to be remembered. One could well afford to suffer many years on this poor, old, sin-cursed earth for the privilege of such a meeting. The humble, broken testimony of the two brothers brought tears of joy to all eyes. They took their stand fearlessly in the face of probable loss of position and possible poverty. God surely honors such faith. One of them did lose a good position. But the following Sabbath his ringing testimony had no note of fear. He said, "Well, I have lost my position because I am keeping God's commandments, but I hardly think I could lose it in a better cause."

The crowning day came when these two dear ones were buried with their Lord in baptism in the old Merrimack River. Another joyful feature is that the young wife of Brother Pendleton gladly journeys with her husband in this narrow, yet peaceful and heavenward-bound path. We have these two united families as precious additions to our little flock, and we trust that the end is not yet. These new disciples are so anxious for others. At this writing, several strangers have been drawn to our meetings, and seem much interested.

Brother B. F. Channel, leader of the

Beverly church, has conducted some exceedingly interesting meetings in our church of late, in which these strangers, among them a converted Catholic, have taken an active part, and seem deeply impressed.

Now, dear friends, you will pray for Newburyport, will you not?

CARRIE E. ROBBIE.

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## The PRINTED PAGE

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

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### " MAKE THE BOOK TALK LOUDER."

THE hour has struck for greater things in the canvassing work. Success is just ahead. How are we going to reach it? Not by moaning over difficulties in the way. Surmount them. The greatest difficulty in the way is often an imperfect knowledge of the book presented. We must be master of the situation in anything that we undertake, if we expect to succeed. Get every strong point there is in favor of the book into your head, then get it out in the very best language possible. Quote the most beautiful thoughts, and thus you will "be making the book talk louder."

I wish every canvasser could realize that the presenting of a good and beautiful book to an individual is something after the order of presenting a bouquet of flowers to one we love. Care will be taken that every flower shows up to the very best advantage; that the different colors are arranged so that they blend beautifully; that every flower to a petal is perfect, and that none are wilted, crushed, or mangled. If these precautions are taken, the beautiful bouquet will be accepted, and will be appreciated. So it is in presenting a book to one whom you love, and hope to win for the kingdom. Study the book carefully. Collect in your mind all the beautiful gems of thought it contains. Study how you can arrange them and place them in the very best

settings. Do not mangle or crush them. It's the human mangling that makes the gospel distasteful to so many. If the same principle is applied in presenting books as is applied in presenting bouquets, there will be many more accepted, and many more hearts will be made glad and be won for this truth.

The following is a good letter from a dear brother who has recently entered the canvassing work and has made a success of it. Read it carefully, then stop and think a minuce.

"Your letter of recent date is at hand. Since my former letter was written, things have changed somewhat, and that is the reason that I am answering your letter at so early a date. We are all at home at present, and are enjoying health, except mother, although she is improving and probably will be able to do the work by the time E— goes to Scranton, which will be on Monday next. My delivery does not come until a little later.

"G1— and I are busy at present harvesting ice. We have two ice-houses to fill besides our own. I can tell you that I would rather canvass than cut ice. Since I came home, I have started a new canvasser, and it is one whom I did not have the least idea would enter the work this winter. One day at the dinner table mother asked G1— how he would like to go back to Scranton in my place. Not waiting for him to answer, I told him that if he wanted to take up canvassing, I would do his work at home, and to my surprise he accepted. I will go to Scranton and deliver my books, and after that you may look for some good reports from G1—. It will certainly be a good thing for him as he tried canvassing in White Mills, and did not like it very well. I think that with D— and E— to encourage him, he will get along all right. G— promised to try it again after Christmas. I wish that she could go out and take two or three orders, I



think then that she would be of good courage.

"I suppose that you are grieved to think of my stopping so soon; but I want to tell you that while I am stopping, I am going to prepare for a larger book, perhaps 'Desire of Ages.' The day before I came home I borrowed Brother Phillips' prospectus of 'Desire of Ages' and showed it in one house, but did not know the first thing about the book, yet the good book sold itself, and of course all that I could do was to write the order down on a piece of paper. Perhaps after a time it will again come Gleaner's turn to stay at home, and then I probably will take up the book that I have spoken of. I will give the book and the canvass a thorough study, and by so doing may be able to make the book talk louder.

"I have done all of this without asking your advice, perhaps you may think it of little importance. Please write me and say what you think of the step taken; be plain about it, too.

"Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

"Your brother in the work,  
"\_\_\_\_\_."

The Lord has taught this brother that if he is to succeed in this work of spreading the printed page, he must quit talking discouragement to himself, and talk encouragement to others. He has learned that the whole duty and responsibility of enlisting new recruits for the canvassing work does not rest entirely upon the field secretary. And I wish to state candidly, right here, that unless those who are already in the work cooperate with the field secretary in this matter of gaining new recruits for the canvassing work, the latter will be able to accomplish but very little.

I want to say to every canvasser that the records of your work are being closely inspected from week to week by those who are contemplating entering the work. How important that good records be made. There

are those engaged in the work who are not strong physically, and are not able to put in full time; and full-time reports are not expected from such. But those who are in good health and possess full powers of mind and body, should not rest satisfied with reporting

three or four hours for a day's work. Those who have made canvassing a business should make it a rule to give their business their full time and attention. Success will not be yours unless you do. Not one of us could ever hope to succeed at any business

THE BOOK WORK.

New York Conference. Week Ending Jan. 8, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Sarah L. Delano,		P H			12	3.00		3.00	
J. E. Harrington,		S of D		3	3	3.00	1.25	4.25	
Totals,	2 Agents,			3	15	\$6.00	\$1.25	\$7.25	

Vermont Conference, Week Ending Jan. 15, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
G. H. Clark, Bennington,		H of M	5	29	12	16.25	9.80	26.05	
Totals,	1 Agent,		5	29	12	\$16.25	\$9.80	\$26.05	

Maine Conference, Week Ending Jan. 15, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. E. Gerald, Portland,		C O L			16	20.00	22.50	42.50	
Totals,	1 Agent,				16	\$20.00	\$22.50	\$42.50	

Central New England Conference, Week Ending Jan. 15, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
*Mrs. L. E. Browne, Newtonville,		O of A	5	25	3	10.50	2.75	13.25	
Totals,	1 Agent,		5	25	3	\$10.50	\$2.75	\$13.25	

\*Two weeks.

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending Jan. 15, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
J. A. K. Lichty, Allentown,		P F	5	42	10	41.75		41.75	
Henry High, Reading,		P H	4	26	40	10.00		10.00	2.50
H. J. Albright, Reading,		P H	5	29	35	14.25		14.25	2.75
W. T. Hilgert, Philadelphia,		Misc					6.12	6.12	8.87
Totals,	4 Agents,		14	97	85	\$66.00	\$6.12	\$72.12	\$14.12

Western Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending Jan. 15, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. H. Zeidler, Allegheny Co.,		G C	3	11	5	12.00	4.25	16.25	5.25
W. C. Fleisher, Turtle Creek,		G C	2	11	6	17.50	8.90	26.40	
Gertie Link, Duquesne Hts.,		H M	1	5	2	3.00	1.50	4.50	20.25
C. F. Mahr, Charleroi,		C K	5	18	16	16.00	.75	16.75	3.00
Totals,	4 Agents,		11	45	29	\$48.50	\$15.40	\$63.90	\$29.50

U. C. Totals Jan. 15,	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
11 Agents,	35	196	145	\$161.25	\$26.57	\$217.82	\$48.02
Totals for corresp. week last year,							
15 Agents,		245	80	\$169.00	\$102.50	\$271.50	\$119.25

or enterprise of any kind unless we would determine to give it our best efforts and all our time and attention. This is the Lord's work, and it needs the very best effort we can give it.

Another very important lesson this brother has learned, and that is, that he can make the book talk louder by making a thorough study of the printed canvass and of the book itself. It does not matter if we do not talk so loud ourselves. In fact it is a great deal better if we talk in a low, confidential manner. But we want to let the book talk just as loud as it can. There is nothing that we need to be ashamed of in our books or any of our literature, for we have the best that is published because it contains the truth.

Now, dear brethren, this is not said to rebuke any one, or to hold any one up as a model, but there are points here that are worth remembering. Let us get a grip on them,—hold them fast and make them a part of ourselves. Let us clinch them in the chambers of our mind and soul, and then the very principles will be seen working out through our hands, our feet, and the very expressions on our faces. Let us everlastingly remember that success lies within us. The Lord has placed it there in easy reach. Divine aid is only promised in those things that are entirely beyond human power.

In replying to the above letter. I said I wish I might receive a hundred such letters where I now receive only one. The plan is all right and nothing is unimportant that shows an interest and bespeaks cooperation in the Lord's work. If this act of interest and cooperation would be repeated by every canvasser in the field, we would soon have a hundred canvassers where there is now but one. Then there would be canvassers to send to the destitute South, and the regions beyond. We should never rest satisfied till every local conference in the Atlantic Union Conference is well

manned with canvassers, and then they can become training schools from which trained evangelistic canvassers may be sent out to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people.

F. F. FRY,  
*Field Secretary E. Pa. Conf.*

#### VERMONT, TAKE NOTICE!

I WOULD once more call attention to the fact that our work on "Object Lessons" is not yet completed. Let us not slacken our hand in a noble work. Let us keep the ball rolling as long as God would have these books sold.

When a copy of "Object Lessons" is placed in a home to remain, that family has received a precious treasure, a ray of heavenly light that will lead souls to God.

J. W. WATT.

#### GLEANINGS FROM OUR EXCHANGES.

"It is not always a long or elaborate canvass that is needed, but confidence in God, in the book, and in your success."

"I am more and more impressed that it is not *in us* to sell books, but when we give the Lord a chance, the work is easy. If he so blesses our feeble efforts in placing our books in the hands of the people, may we not expect sometime to see souls saved as the result? Let us all take courage and work faithfully, for truly God is preparing the hearts of the people to receive this final message."

A first day's work with our literature resulted as follows: "I went to four places and sold three *Signs* and three 'Object Lessons.' I tell you I came home praising the Lord."

"The science of canvassing; that is, hunting out men, and making a personal appeal to them, is not something new. Did you ever think that God himself has canvassed and re-canvassed this territory many times since the fall? Listen to what he says: 'I sought for a man among

them that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me.'"

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

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### MAINE.

—Our hearts are made glad by the news that Sister White is planning to visit Portland the coming summer. We feel sure that this will result in good to the cause in the East.

—Sister Minnie Prince expects to return to Portland soon to deliver books for which she took orders some time ago. We hope she will continue in the canvassing field.

—Elder Bicknell is having some interesting experiences among the churches. The general feeling is that one and all should "put on the whole armor," and go forth to win souls to Christ.

—The final balancing of the Maine Tract Society books for the year, shows it free from debt and with a fairly good stock of books on hand. This is largely due to the cooperation of the local tract societies and canvassers in paying their bills promptly.

—Nearly all the local tract societies in Maine begin the new year free from debt. This is encouraging and does not mean that they have done no business with the Maine Tract Society during the past year. The books show that the business has been as good as that during any previous year.

E. H. M.

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### VERMONT.

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—Brother F. M. Dana left Burlington the 20th inst., for a several weeks' trip over the State, in the interest of the various lines of conference and tract society work.

—Please look at the address label on your GLEANER and see if you are one of the twenty-one persons in Vermont whose subscription has expired.

If you are, we trust that you will send fifty cents for another year's subscription very soon.

—The annual offering from this conference to date, amounts to \$434.62. This is considerably larger than it was last year. We are thankful to the Lord for the prosperity that enables us to give this amount towards the fifty thousand dollars asked for by the Mission Board.

—We have a new supply of "The Eastern Question," B. S. L. 144, and we trust our people will give this valuable tract a wide circulation. We will also have the new tracts, A. G. L. 80 and 81. These are excellent temperance tracts, and should be widely circulated in this conference while there is so much being done and said for and against the present license law.

E. W. THURBER.

#### NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

MOST encouraging reports have been received from our company of workers in inland China. Watch for these in the *Review*. The Lord has gone before the workers in a remarkable manner, and opportunities for service press in on every hand. The sick crowd around their doors, asking for help. So many have come that it was necessary to station a boy at the door to keep them from crowding into the house. They have asked for a place to treat their sick. Our response will show whether we mean to hasten the message throughout that vast empire, with its four hundred million people. Our physicians are the only ones in all the province of Honan, where there are twenty-two million people.

The sad news from Africa of the death of our dear Brother J. H. Watson is another signal to advance. It is one more tie to draw us into service for the Master in the Dark Continent. Only eternity will reveal what his few brief months of labor have accom-

plished for Africa's sons; and even now while he rests, his works continue. That one has fallen means that others must gather up the standard and press farther in to the thick of the battle. We can not afford to sound the word of retreat, but must hasten until all in that land of heathen darkness have heard the warning message. The ministry of intercession is one in which we all can engage, and in these trying hours our missionaries need to be remembered personally before the Father, that their work may be effectual, and their lives preserved. Let 1904 be a year of prayer for our missionaries and their work.

#### MISSION BOARD.

WE are in receipt of a copy of a letter sent to the churches in the Southern New England Conference by the conference secretary, Brother D. K. Royer, which states that their tract society is now in full working order. It has in stock a full line of tracts, and is prepared to fill orders promptly. It also carries nearly all of our books, and is making special terms on some slightly damaged volumes. If you are an isolated member of the Southern New England Tract Society, you may obtain further information by addressing D. K. Royer, 61 Whitmore St., Hartford, Conn.

#### REMEMBER

That the Boston field annual Sabbath-school and gospel workers' convention begins Sabbath, January 30, at 10:30 A.M., in Gilbert Hall, Tremont Temple. If you have not decided to attend, do so, even at this eleventh hour.

K. C. RUSSELL.

Do you want peace? Reverently and trustfully claim his peace, who is the Prince of Peace; and know that it is yours, in the depths of your soul, though the surface of your life be still swept by storms.—*F. B. Meyer.*

WANTED.—One hundred Seventh-day Adventist men to cut chemical wood by the cord. There will be work for three years or more. For particulars address T. H. Irons, Port Allegany, Pa.

WANTED.—Situation for a Seventh-day Adventist man (30 years) in the country. Willing to do almost any kind of work. Address C. Campbell, 212 West 19th St., New York City.

WANTED.—A boy from fourteen to eighteen years of age, to work on a farm the coming summer. Must be an Adventist, willing to work. I shall be pleased to correspond with such a boy desiring a good home with Sabbath-school privileges. Address Solomon Brown, Pricetown, Berks Co., Pa.

#### SUNSET CALENDAR FRIDAYS.

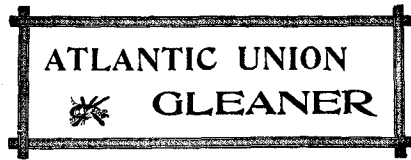
##### Local Mean Time.

1904.	Boston.	N. Y. and Phila.	Washington.
Jan. 1.....	4:38	4:42	4:47
Jan. 8.....	4:44	4:49	4:54
Jan. 15.....	4:51	4:56	5:01
Jan. 22.....	5:00	5:04	5:08
Jan. 29.....	5:08	5:12	5:16

#### OBITUARY NOTICES

LILLIE.—Died at her home in Randolph, Vt., Jan. 13, 1904, from a shock of paralysis, Sister Mary Jane Lillie, age 66 years. She had known of the truth for several years, but did not fully accept it till the camp-meeting last fall at Randolph. Her home was about one mile from the camp-ground; but she was able to walk the distance nearly every day, although she had not been able to walk so far for a number of years. She rejoiced in the truth, and looked forward with joy to the coming of Christ. The writer called to see her a short time before her death. Her courage was good, and she said, "I do not know why this should come upon me, but the Lord knows best." She was so very weak, that this was about all she said. She was not a member of any church, but expected to join the Seventh-day Adventist church of Northfield, Vt., if death had not come so suddenly. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Fraser Metzger, minister of the Christian Church.

A. D. LADEAU.



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## NOTICE.

THE Atlantic Union Conference Sanitarium Committee are herein called to assemble Feb. 5 to 8, 1904, at New York City; the place of meeting being Miller's Hall, in the Miller Building, corner Broadway and Sixty-fifth Street. The object of the meeting is to organize the committee, and formulate plans for aggressive work throughout the Union Conference during the year.

The following are some of the questions that should be considered: The relation of the committee to the Union Conference, to the local conferences and their medical committees, and to institutions and enterprises in the Atlantic Union. How to provide funds required by the committee to carry forward its work. Literature, and how to secure it. How to aid by friendly cooperation, physicians and nurses who are carrying on independent, self-supporting work. The most effective way to educate our churches in health principles, including simple treatments. The establishment and management of city treatment rooms, and hygienic restaurants. The establishment and management of food factories and stores. The financial question as related to each interest.

Many other topics may be introduced by the different members of the committee.

The committee is comprised of the following-named persons: DOCTORS C. C. NICOLA, A. J. READ, A. R. SAT-

TERLEE, Brother J. R. SCOTT, Elder M. D. MATTSON, Dr. GEO. A. HARE, Elder J. E. JAYNE, and Dr. E. H. M. SELL.

We trust every member of the committee will be present the entire period, and will be prepared to do work with the different churches on Sabbath. The president of the General Conference will be in attendance.

The Greater New York Conference invited the council there, and will care for those in attendance.

The first meeting will be at 10 A.M., February 5.

H. W. COTTRELL.

## A FREE-WILL OFFERING.

THERE are millions of German, Swedish, and Danish-Norwegian people in the United States, for whom, comparatively speaking, very little has been done to enlighten them with the special truth for this generation. An effort is now being put forth to accomplish the work that should be done for these nationalities, by establishing in this country an International Publishing Association. The plant will be located at College View, Nebraska.

These brethren have responded liberally to the efforts put forth for the establishment of enterprises for English-speaking people; and now, in their time of need, we are asked to join them in securing by free contribution six thousand dollars to assist in establishing and equipping their publishing house.

The General Conference Committee has agreed with the local management of this new corporation, and has published a request that a free-will offering be taken in all the churches, Sabbath, Feb. 6, 1904, in the interest of this special work. Let us see that notice is given of this matter in each church, and that some emphasis is placed upon its importance, that a liberal offering may be received.

"Therefore all things whatsoever

ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

H. W. COTTRELL.

## "A LIVING SACRIFICE."

WE are not called upon as Christians to take the life of animals or men, to present an acceptable sacrifice to God; but it *must* be a *living* sacrifice. Life means *activity* and *growth*. Death is the opposite. Growth in this message, as well as the growth of the message, means a continual sacrifice.

Another occasion of a general character presents itself to all the lovers of this message to give of their means to help carry the message of God to the world in this generation, on Sabbath, February 6. This call is to equip a plant at College View, Nebraska, to assist our brethren in publishing the truth in the Scandinavian and German languages for people of these nationalities in the United States. We are asked to contribute on that day six thousand dollars for this purpose.

All our people want to have a part in this; so let all the good people in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference join all the believers elsewhere in making good this amount. We need not be afraid that too much will be raised. If over six thousand dollars is given that day, the surplus will be applied on the denominational institutions to be erected in Washington, D. C., this coming year. May God lead us to give a *sacrifice* for his work at this time.

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

## WANTED.

FOURTEEN copies of "Patriarchs and Prophets" are needed at once by the nurses of the first year Bible class at the New England Sanitarium. Any one who will contribute a copy post-paid should send the same to Elder Lee S. Wheeler, Sanitarium, Melrose, Mass.