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

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THE THRESHOLD OF THE NEW YEAR.

We are standing on the threshold, we are
in the opened door,
We are treading on a border land we have
never trod before;
Another year is opening, and another year
is gone,
We have passed the darkness of the night;
we are in the early morn;
We have left the fields behind us o'er which
we scattered seed;
We pass into the future which none of us
can read.
The corn among the weeds, the stones, the
surface mold,
May yield a partial harvest; we hope for
sixty-fold.
Then hasten to fresh labor, to reap, to
thrash, and sow,
Then bid the new year welcome, and let the
old year go—
Then gather all your vigor, press forward in
the fight,
And let this be your motto, "For God, and
for the right."

—Selected.

OUR FAILURE TO FULFIL THE SAV- IOUR'S COMMISSION.

"THEN opened he their under-
standing, that they might understand
the Scriptures, and said unto them,
Thus it is written, and thus it be-
hooved Christ to suffer, and to rise
from the dead the third day: and
that repentance and remission of sins
should be preached in his name

among all nations, beginning at Jeru-
salem. And ye are witnesses of these
things. And, behold, I send the
promise of my Father upon you: but
tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until
ye be endued with power from on
high. And he led them out as far as
to Bethany, and he lifted up his
hands, and blessed them. And it
came to pass, while he blessed them,
he was parted from them, and carried
up into heaven. And they worshiped
him, and returned to Jerusalem with
great joy: and were continually in the
temple, praising and blessing God."

What has prevented this promise
of the gospel from being fulfilled in
all who believe in Christ? Why has
not the truth of the living God filled
the hearts of the church-members
with power, that it may be carried to
all nations, kindreds, tongues, and
people? Why has not the plan of
divine benevolence, with its saving,
restoring qualities, brought a much
larger number to the standard of loy-
alty to God? The reason is the un-
faithfulness of those who have a
knowledge of the truth. They have
not fulfilled the commission given
them by Christ. They have not
taken the truth to those who are in
the darkness of error. Their selfish-
ness has placed the candlestick under
a bushel.

The condition of the world to-day
is represented by the condition of the
world in Noah's day. Then, we read,
the earth also was corrupt before God,
and the earth was filled with violence.
"And God looked upon the earth,
and, behold, it was corrupt; for all
flesh had corrupted his way upon the
earth." "God saw that the wicked-
ness of man was great in the earth,
and that every imagination of the
thoughts of his heart was only evil
continually. And it repented the
Lord that he had made man on the
earth, and it grieved him to his heart.
. . . And God said unto Noah,
The end of all flesh is come before
me; for the earth is filled with vio-
lence through them; and, behold, I
will destroy them with the earth.
. . . Behold I, even I, do bring a
flood of waters upon the earth, to de-
stroy all flesh, wherein is the breath
of life, from under heaven; and
everything that is in the earth shall
die. But with thee will I establish
my covenant; and thou shalt come
into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and
thy wife, and thy sons' wives with
thee."

The forms of wickedness existing
in Noah's day are current in the
world to-day. God's word declares:
"As the days of Noah were, so shall
also the coming of the Son of man

be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

Noah was given a message to give to the antediluvians. But they scorned his warning. So to-day the message that God has sent to be given to the world will be rejected. But this message must be given. The people are to make every other interest secondary to its proclamation.

Every provision has been made for the salvation of the fallen race. All power has been given to him who offered himself as a sacrifice for the redemption of every son and daughter of Adam. "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

Christ came to this world and stood before men with the hoarded love of eternity. The whole ocean of divine love was flowing forth from its great center. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit were working in behalf of man. Every power in the heavenly universe was put into activity to carry forward the plan of redemption. The cross of Calvary was erected, and while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. The just suffered for the unjust, that he might become the justifier of all who believe in him. He took human nature upon himself, that he might be a partaker with us in all our temptations. He clothed his divinity with humanity, that by enduring the agony of the cross, he might make his soul an offering for sin.

Christ died to save a selfish world from the pure consequences of selfishness. He has opened his heart in love and pity and sympathy for the whole world. He invites fallen beings to come to him and receive full and free forgiveness. His character

stands before the heavenly universe free from every taint of selfishness. He has made a complete sacrifice to bring men and women that benevolence that dwells in his own heart. He has sent his Holy Spirit to impress the mind and heart, to lead men to love their fellow men as Christ has loved them.

Infinite benevolence is pouring out all its treasures for the saving of souls from sin, that man may be made one with God. God calls upon human agencies to cooperate with him in the carrying out of his great purpose. The Lord has given to his people the privilege of carrying forward in the earth the work which he did while here. He calls upon us to cooperate with him in restoring and saving our fellow men. Christ desires, by the fulness of his power, so to strengthen his church that the whole world will be encircled with an atmosphere of grace.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

"DENYING THE LORD THAT BOUGHT THEM."

THE world of religious thought has again been agitated by the utterances of Dr. Lyman Abbott in a sermon preached by him to the Harvard students, Sunday night, December 18, in which he said: "I no longer believe in a great first cause. My God is a great and ever-present force which is manifest in all the activities of man, and all the workings of nature." "We used to think of God," he said, "as an absentee God, the only expression of whom was in the Bible. Now that modern thought has demolished the Bible as an infallible expression of God, the world of Christianity has turned to an ever-present God that finds expression in something within the understanding of all people."

This then is the "void," the "abyss," toward which all higher criticism is irresistibly tending. This is the goal, the end, where their path

is lost in "outer darkness." Here they are left like "wandering stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever," "having no hope and without God in the world." "Even denying the Lord that bought them," as the inspired penman was moved to write, "and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways, by reason of whom the truth shall be evil spoken of."

The leaven of skepticism has done its work; the way has been prepared; and now the great deceiver assures himself that the time has arrived when such a bold denial of God, though somewhat shocking to some at first, will be accepted by the "many" as only what they have been working out all this time in modern theology, but did not recognize. That many had long felt it, but waited for the right voice to lead them, has been apparent in the utterances that have quickly followed Dr. Abbott's bold confession. Here are some of them:

Rev. Minot J. Savage, New York: "We Unitarians have been preaching this sort of thing year in and year out."

Rev. Dr. Perrin, Universalist, Brookline, Mass.: "I can not see anything so amazing in Dr. Lyman Abbott's remarks to Harvard students. What he has said is simply what has been the stock in trade of Universalists for the last fifty years. The surprising thing to us is that what he has said should be as much discussed as though his ideas on the subject were new."

Dr. Mabie, secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Union: "May not God be a great and ever-present force, and also have enough left of himself to be the great 'first cause' of the universe?"

Rev. W. I. Sweet, Congregational, Everett, Mass.: "I think the remarks of Dr. Abbott were not fully understood. . . . No clergyman ever represented God as having a personal being."

Rev. Chas. H. Stackpole, Methodist, Melrose, Mass.: "I should not say that it was heretical. . . . It does not seem much at variance with modern theology."

Rev. B. L. York, of Medford, Mass., said: "Some of the older men might be jarred by these views, but most of us young men, I think, accept the liberal views of Dr. Abbott in the spirit in which they are spoken. I believe with him that God's truth is older and larger than the Bible."

The true source of all this pantheistic, atheistic sentiment, is the "seducing spirits," (1 Tim. 4:1) and this phase is represented in Scripture as the extreme development of false teaching which will bring upon its advocates "swift destruction." The boldness of its appearance indicates that the time is near for the marvelous working of Satan, and for the loud cry of the third angel's message which is to call out of this great Babylon those who are not defiled, before its destruction comes. There are such even among the ministers, who are standing up to save their flocks and their cause from the peril that is now beginning to be realized by them. How thankful we should be that through the spirit of prophecy we have been forewarned and saved from the condition that these men of other religious bodies now find themselves in.

LEE S. WHEELER.

THE LORD WILL PROVIDE.

WHILE we were on the "Medic," returning from Australia, an incident occurred which showed the care the Lord has for his small creatures. We were running up the African coast, having crossed the equator two or three days before.

One day when we were nearly one hundred miles from land several small birds, and some butterflies, having been driven out to sea by the force of a gale, came on our ship for refuge.

A pair of doves and some sparrows were among the number.

Just before night a small hawk approached. As he came over the rail, a small bird dropped from his back and fluttered across the deck. It seemed a most peculiar combination. It would seem that the little bird, finding his strength nearly gone, had in some way got onto the hawk's back, and clung there as his only hope of safety. The hawk, too, was probably too tired to object to carrying his small passenger, so had flown on and finally landed safely on our ship. Certainly in this case common danger had made uncommon friends.

We could but feel that the Lord who took such care of his small creatures would also care for us whom he had died to save.

ALFRED A. ROBIE.

ANSWER TO A QUESTION.

A FRIEND asks whether a man can be saved if he makes no public profession of religion. It depends altogether upon the light he has had. I suppose those Philistines that made a new cart, and took two milch kine, and put the ark on the cart, and also made five golden emerods, and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines, and sent it back, were accepted of God. See 1 Samuel 6. But when David tried to walk in the light of those Philistines, he was not accepted. So God expects people to do according to the light they have, and there may be individuals who never made a public profession of religion, who are as devoted to the cause of God, as some who have made a profession, and God accepts them according to the light they have had.

S. N. HASKELL.

"Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward."

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

USED BY THE SPIRIT.

THERE are many in the Maine Conference who feel at the beginning of this new year that they desire to give themselves wholly to God to be used to his glory. That he does work through individuals according to their faith and consecration is evident.

Several months ago three sisters in Skowhegan started a Friday evening prayer-meeting, and by faith claimed the promise. Outsiders began to come in, and were greatly blessed, and expressed a desire to know more of Bible truths, and a Bible class every Tuesday evening was started, and has been well attended. One gentleman has commenced to keep the Sabbath, and another one said in meeting, "I know the seventh day is the right one to keep, and I shall keep it as soon as I can." One lady said she had learned more in coming to the Bible readings than she had ever before learned about the Bible. These sisters are moving forward in humble faith and constant prayer, and their hearts are filled to overflowing with praise to God. They were impressed to visit the jail. At first the prisoners were indifferent, but in answer to prayer God touched their hearts, and they eagerly received copies of the *Life Boat*, and expressed their pleasure after reading them.

A sister belonging to the Portland church canvassed for her quota of "Christ's Object Lessons," and sold a book to a lady in Deering. She followed up the work with tracts and papers, and as the lady was in poor health, suggested that she would call and read to her if she desired. Soon after, the lady called on the sister, and asked her to come to her house one evening in a week and teach a Bible class. The study began with

the International Sunday-school Lessons and the book of Genesis. The class numbers five, and sometimes six, members, and the greatest interest is manifested. At the last meeting one of the ladies asked the sister if she would be offended if a personal question was asked. The teacher said, "No," and the following question was propounded: "Will you please tell us why you keep Saturday instead of Sunday as the Sabbath?" Thus God has opened the way in a remarkable manner, in direct answer to prayer, for extended work on our message. The lady who bought the copy of "Object Lessons" has bought three more copies of the book to give away.

A lady to whom much reading matter has been sent from the Maine Tract Society office, writes: "You ask what I think about the Sabbath question. Surely, the seventh day is the blessed day that the Master kept, and I think ere long I shall be situated so as to keep it."

These are but a few of the many experiences which are making hearts rejoice in our conference. Shall we not see more of this consecrated personal work for souls? God is watching and testing his people. His hand is directing his cause. The work may take new phases, but it will not be retarded. One can chase a thousand, and two can put ten thousand to flight. Let us take hold of God's power.

E. H. MORTON.

ELDER K. C. RUSSELL wrote December 29: "We have been having some lively times here in our religious liberty work, as you will see from the *Review* and the Washington papers." A mass meeting in the interests of the work was held December 28, in Pythian Temple, Ninth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. A meeting will be held at the same place on Sunday evening, January 8, in which the subject considered will be "The United States in Prophecy."

The FIELD

VERMONT.

DURING the week of prayer I was with the following churches: North Wolcott, Morrisville, Johnson, and Bordoville. At all these places those in attendance at the services held, were deeply impressed with the necessity of consecrating all to God and working for him in the future with zeal and energy. Surely, the time has come for a forward movement among this people.

At Bordoville, December 17 and 18, the quarterly meeting and annual election of officers were held. This church, once strong in membership, has for some years been weak in numbers because of removals and death. Recently a few families of our people have moved into that vicinity, and thus the work is strengthened. Brother William Tatro was chosen elder of the church, and Brother M. T. Dow, deacon.

"OBJECT LESSONS" WORK.

I am sorry to say that the sale of this book during the month of December has not been so great as we had hoped it would be. The writer has tried to do something in this line, and has succeeded in disposing of some books. I am fully persuaded that a little effort on the part of all our Vermont people would soon see our one thousand copies that we were to sell, sold. Why not do as we did in the beginning of this work—each one order a number of books and pay for them, and sell them as we have opportunity? Thus the school would have its money soon, and we should have the books and a blessing on our part.

THIRD SABBATH DONATION.

The third Sabbath of December was the time for the annual offering for the general work, and, of course, we should expect because of this that

the donation for our home work would be small. We hope that the third Sabbath in January will witness a good donation for the work in Vermont. In this, as well as in all other plans, we need the cooperation of church-elders and other church officers, as it is an impossibility for conference officers to carry out any plan without said cooperation.

FOLLOW-UP WORK.

Now that a good work has been begun in the distribution of literature, the work should not be allowed to drop, but should be followed up sharp. The persons who have had the *Signs*, *Southern Watchman*, *Life and Health*, etc., should be asked to give their subscriptions for six months or a year. One man not of our faith asked a few days ago if he might not have the privilege of subscribing for the *Review and Herald*. I am fully aware of the fact, brethren, that we are often times far too timid about approaching those not of our faith with the request that they buy and read our literature. The fact is that many souls are longing for something better than they are getting from the popular churches of the land. Such souls will appreciate the privilege of reading good literature. Let us give it to them in some way.

J. W. WATT.

THE BOSTON WORK.

THE mid-week noon meeting at the Bromfield Street Methodist Church was largely attended last week by business men and others, and a most encouraging interest was manifested in all that was said.

The statements of Dr. Lyman Abbott before the Harvard students affirming his disbelief in a "first great cause" and that his idea of God is "an ever-present force that underlies all nature," came out in the Boston papers just at the right time to strengthen public interest in my subject: "Present-day Ideas of God,

Contrasted with the Faith of Patriarchs and Prophets." It shows that the God of prophecy can be relied on to inspire us in planning and advertising our subjects beforehand, as much as to guide us at the hour when we are speaking.

At the noon meetings I speak for half an hour, and while finishing this part of my remarks have the collection and written questions taken up. The next fifteen minutes is devoted to answering questions, and in this we plan to have some questions handed in among the others in answer to which we make the climax of truth. We then devote some time to special requests for prayer and social meetings. Tracts and papers are distributed free at these meetings, and books are offered for sale. Do not forget to pray for the work in Boston.

Sister Tessie Mooney has returned to Boston for the winter, leaving some in the truth as a result of her work among her Catholic friends in the Canadian field.

Elder D. A. Ball and his wife, of the New York State Conference, and Prof. Roy F. Cottrell and his wife, of South Lancaster Academy, spent Sabbath and Sunday in the Boston field. Elder Ball preached on Sabbath to the sanitarium and Boston churches.

Dr. C. C. Nicola and his wife, with their little daughter, Hazel, spent Christmas time with Professor Griggs and his family at the Academy at South Lancaster.

LEE S. WHEELER.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

We had good weather for our meetings at Keene, N. H. The first meeting was held Friday night, and there were two meetings on the Sabbath. At each of these, Brother and Sister Wilber's rooms were well filled. Sunday night I spoke in the "Universalist Hall," and at the close, went with Brother Ernest Farnsworth to his home at Walpole, a ride of ten miles,

with the mercury at zero. I spent Monday with the friends there. This was my first visit to Walpole, and while I had a cold ride, I received a warm reception on my arrival, and had a very pleasant visit.

Friday, December 9, I arrived once more at the hospitable home of Brother N. L. Robie, Kensington, N. H. I was much pleased to meet there his son Alfred and family, lately returned from Australia. They stood their long sea voyage well, and seem anxious to get to work at something that will help to advance the message, as soon as they are rested a little. They have already done some work with our literature, and Sister Robie had something planned in the line of health and temperance work with the W. C. T. U., at Kensington. May our prayers ascend to the end that the Lord will open the way before them, and make them of great use to his cause in this conference.

We had a blessed day Sabbath with the Newburyport church. Our people came in from Kensington and Hampton Falls, and the Lord blessed in the special reading for the day, and in all our services, and all seemed to be encouraged and strengthened.

Between three and four days during the week of prayer I was with the Springfield church. Meetings were held daily during the week. The annual offering taken Sabbath, December 17, was over twenty-six dollars, and several did not come prepared with the money that day, hence we expect it was somewhat increased later. There is a good spirit manifested in this church. Brother and Sister Walen, who moved there from Gloucester, Mass., to take up the Health Food work, are proving a help to the work there. He has recently opened a food store in a good part of the city, and is planning on food demonstrations at the store each week. The store is located at No. 16 Pynchon Street. This, with the work of Dr. Sanderson, we trust will ere long

bring our health and temperance and sanitarium work well before the people of that city.

Through the interest and effort of a Methodist brother, who became interested in our work while the camp-meeting was at Springfield in 1901, I had an invitation to speak in the St. James M. E. Church, on North Main Street, Sunday morning. The Lord blessed in the service, and I could not have asked for better attention or interest. Several at the close thanked me most heartily for "the precious truth" which I had brought to them, which had "set them to thinking on a new line." May the Lord's Spirit lead them to "search the Scriptures."

December 23 and 24 I spoke three times to the little company at Fiskdale, Mass. This is the company of which I wrote some time ago. The meetings were well attended, and a real interest was manifested in the study of the sanctuary question. I think that at least seven or eight are keeping the Sabbath, and reaching after more light from the word of God. The mother, who for so long time has labored and prayed alone, as it were, for her children, was made to rejoice Sabbath afternoon as we finished the organization of a Sabbath-school numbering fifteen members, and one or two others promised to come when they could. Brethren, do not forget to ask God's rich blessing upon these dear souls just opening their eyes upon the great and precious messages for this generation.

The dearest, sweetest joys that this life affords are to be found in telling these gracious truths to those who seem hungry for them.

On my return to South Lancaster, I find that the week of prayer has been one of blessing to this church. Some of the students from the academy are doing excellent work in Clinton and Fitchburg. In Fitchburg they are cooperating with Sister Clark, who has had excellent success in her Bible work. A Sabbath-school

has been organized at the latter place, and lectures are being given Sundays by the students referred to. God is blessing his workers and his work. All may have some part in the work, and in the blessing.

A. E. PLACE.

VERMONT.

THE Vermont Legislature finished its work December 10. It was favored in the beginning with a three days' convention held by two leading representatives of the National Reform Association. It was plainly evident that their convention was almost a failure. Their first two meetings were adjourned from the appointed place, after waiting more than an hour for the doors to be opened, and were attended by about a dozen people. The last evening they secured the representative's hall in the State-house, but it was a sorry spectacle—only about fifty persons were present, scattered around in a seating capacity of six hundred. Not more than a dozen of the two hundred and seventy-five legislators were present.

An amendment to a bill regulating the open season for shooting deer (prohibiting shooting on Sunday) was passed by the House, but was killed by a decided majority in the Senate. But another bill, near the close of the session, was "railroaded" through both houses, and became a law, increasing the fine from \$10 to \$50 for shooting game on Sunday. Fishing was included in the bill when introduced, but was eliminated before it went through. One senator assured me that the bill did not have "a ghost of a chance," that the Senate was in no mood for that kind of legislation.

We were greatly handicapped for want of proper literature, not only for the members of the legislature but for all the people throughout the State, at such a time when all were having their attention directed by the trend of events to the very thing we so

much desire to show—the third angel's message.

While in Washington County, I held meetings in Montpelier and with the churches of Barre and Northfield. A good interest to hear was manifested at the schoolhouses in two sections in Northfield, and the brethren in that vicinity are encouraged by another soul's embracing present truth. Also in Montpelier two have begun the observance of the Sabbath, and others are deeply interested. We were importuned to remain and continue the work at Northfield and Montpelier, but our previous arrangement for Bennington during the winter prevented.

I was with the Rutland church during the week of prayer. Meetings were held in two sections daily, and all our people were encouraged by the intensely interesting readings, especially the reports from the foreign fields. Their annual offerings amount to nearly \$50. There is another new Sabbath-keeper here also.

I am now in Bennington which will be my address till further notice.

T. H. PURDON.

Bennington, Dec. 19, 1904.

MAINE.

It has been some time since I have reported for the GLEANER, but I will now do so, hoping my many friends will consider it a personal letter to them. The Lord has blessed me healthwise, as well as spiritually. To him be all the praise.

Since camp-meeting I have labored at Blaine, Mars Hill, Dyer Brook, and Washburn. I have also visited Caribou, Westfield, and Woodland.

During the week of prayer, we were at Washburn and Caribou. We held meetings every day, and had the readings. The Lord came very near by his Spirit, and no one who has been associated with the message could listen to those readings without having his soul stirred within him.

Brethren, do we believe that this message must go to all the world in this generation? Then if we do, let us show our faith by our works. Present ourselves and all we have, for service. When my thoughts revert to the past in 1864 when I first embraced the message, believing with all my heart that it must go to all the world, my heart leaps with joy, and my lips praise him, that such rapid progress is being made, and the culmination of our hope is so near.

"Not long shall we wait for that sinless clime

For now we are nearing the end of time,
Soon the Lord will come with his Bride in white

To take us home where there 'll be no night.
Will you go to that sun-bright clime?"

J. B. GOODRICH.

CUMBERLAND, MD.

I HAVE many grand experiences to write to my good old friend, the GLEANER, and my friend may pass them on to his friends, the readers.

The week of prayer will be long to be remembered by me, and other churches I was privileged to visit during that precious season of seeking the Lord. In some of our meetings, I was reminded of the history of the 1844 movement, when they studied and prayed a greater part of the night. One meeting, especially, lasted about two hours, and when dismissed the people did not like to go home. It reminded me of Peter's experience at the transfiguration—he wanted to live there, and so it was in this meeting. Our meeting lasted until about midnight, and finally all left for home, praising the Lord. Other meetings were of the same character, and in different instances our meeting continued until late in the night. Praise the Lord, the early rain is falling, brethren, and the latter rain will soon overtake us, and then all will soon be over.

But I noticed that some did not re-

ceive this experience. Brethren, it is time for us to be *alarmed*. *The Lord is soon coming*, and the time is here for the Lord to finish his work. Oh, the earnest appeals I heard made to the Lord that he would consecrate souls to his service! It made my heart rejoice.

This week of prayer, I think, will mark a new era in this message for this people. Hearts have been stirred to take a new hold upon God, and to allow God to take a new hold upon them. This is a move in the right direction. *My soul* has been watered afresh, and with more energy than ever I want to push this work, under God, to the end. Watch, work, and pray.

J. A. TRAUGH.

THE WORK IN CHELSEA, MASS.

DURING the past month, I have had good success in the work on the ships, and about thirty dollars' worth of our bound books have been sent into Europe. We hear of good results from this work.

One of the brethren has been working with me distributing the *Signs* and other literature, especially in Chelsea where more than three hundred families have been visited. Nearly half of those who have read the *Signs* are glad to receive other literature. The demand for effective house-to-house work was never greater. There is much skepticism and doubt. Hundreds and thousands do not attend any church. Some of our meetings are held at the homes of non-professors, and there has been marked evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the manner in which the Scriptures have been unfolded, thanks to the prayers of friends in Boston and Lancaster.

The First-day Adventist minister of Chelsea has preached three sermons against our work, and the place is quite stirred over it. He preached the same old story, that Christ is the

end of the law to them that believe, that Rome had no part in changing the Sabbath from the seventh to the first day of the week, and that the law and the prophets were until John, but after that grace and peace.

We are distributing about three hundred copies of "Rome's Challenge," and every evening is filled with Bible work from house to house. We are anxious to see souls saved and the work established according to the will of God.

Pray for the halting ones, that they may choose wisely while it is the accepted time, and pray for us, that we may handle the word with godly fear, and that our strength fail not.

J. L. JOHNSON.

ONE MISSIONARY EXERCISE.

I WISH to let you know what one portion of the Windham (Vt.) church did with the missionary exercise that was printed in the *Review* of December 1. There are only eight adults in this company, but they determined to have the exercise on Sabbath, December 24. A few of the children of those not of our faith were interested and learned their parts, so that we were able to have nearly the whole of the program. The collection on Sabbath amounted to \$2.23.

In the evening, at a Christmas-tree gathering where about one-half of the adults present were not Sabbathkeepers, the children repeated a portion of their parts, taking up another collection, at which every one present contributed. It amounted to \$1.77, making \$4.00 given to missions. We are satisfied that our contribution was materially increased by the use of the missionary exercise.

I wish to relate an incident that occurred in connection with this Christmas exercise. The teacher of the public school wanted to keep school on the Sabbath, and when she announced her purpose to keep school on the preceding Sabbath, these out-

siders' children told her they could not come, because they were going to attend the Adventist meeting on that day. The children are now regular pupils in our Sabbath-school.

S. A. HOLDEN.

South Windham, Vt.

EDUCATIONAL

OUR ACADEMY AND CHURCH-SCHOOLS

MY CONFESSION.

AS ONE directly interested in the advancement of our school work, I have naturally had a deep interest in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." Every year since the book was published I have had something to do in its sale, but never until this year have I taken this work up in a thorough and earnest manner.

For some time previous to the week of prayer more or less instruction was given to the students of the South Lancaster Academy concerning this book. During part of the week of prayer our school was closed, and the majority of the students and teachers went out into the surrounding towns and country to dispose of the book. For my own part, I determined to take up the sale of this book in just as energetic a way as possible. I did this, and the days when I was canvassing for the book from house to house were among the very brightest of all my Christian experience. I had many pleasant and profitable talks with people concerning religious themes.

I have always disliked the canvassing work, not but that I felt that it was one of God's special means of reaching the people with truth, but I have felt that I was perfectly willing that others should do this line of work, while I pursued some other. I do not now feel that it is my duty to change my line of work; but I have found something in the canvassing work which I had never found

before, which has shown me that there is a blessing for those who engage in it, which is of inestimable value. I have now determined that I shall hereafter have more to do in carrying the light of truth to people in their own homes than I have done in the past.

As I have thought these matters over, I have exclaimed to myself more than once, Why are we so slow to believe what the Lord has said concerning the blessings and benefits in the "Christ's Object Lessons" work, and indeed in all forms of personal work for souls? I believe that I have learned some favorable lessons from this experience, which others of our people may learn, and this is the only motive prompting me to thus speak of the experience. "O taste and see that the Lord is good."

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

HOW WE GREETED THE NEW YEAR.

WE have now entered upon another new year with its advantages, possibilities and responsibilities. The week of prayer was a season of refreshing to us as a school, and the spirit of this prayer week is continuing with us.

There is a language that can be read and understood by every living person—and that is a life. Go where we may, our relation to God will be read in our lives. Paul says that we are living epistles, known and read of all men.

At the close of last Sabbath, as the sun was sinking below the western horizon, ushering in another week, and with it another year, according to the Lord's reckoning, the young men of the academy met for vespers, as usual. As we looked over the past year, and saw how little we had done for God and for humanity, we felt as never before our unworthiness. But there was a certain ring in the testimonies given, not of discouragement, but of courage. We are profiting from

our mistakes, making them stepping-stones to success.

Since my connection with this school, I have never seen manifested such a set, firm determination to improve every opportunity for advancement in the Lord's cause. It was a voluntary consecration meeting. There was nothing said or done to stir up an excitement, but the love of God constrained us; out of the abundance of the heart the mouth spoke. The Lord was very near to us and strengthened us for our future service.

May all who read this join us in this onward march, for we are sure of victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

CHAS. F. ULRICH.

THE WORK WITH "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS."

THERE is one of our denominational schools which has never gone into debt. The Washington Training College was opened November 30 without the burden of one cent of indebtedness. Surely this is encouraging, and we believe that all our people would be glad to see every educational institution in our possession enjoying the same liberty.

The spirit of prophecy, which led in the establishment of our headquarters in this city, and has thus far moved upon the hearts of our people to provide funds to build up the work here free from debt, has ordained the means by which all our educational institutions may be set free. Those who obeyed God in the removal of our headquarters from Battle Creek, Mich., to Washington, D. C., have proved that he was able, ready, and willing to provide funds to do his work.

Many times we have been told by the spirit of prophecy that our people should continue the work of selling "Christ's Object Lessons," not only to pay the debts of all our schools, but to provide means for aggressive educational work. Wonderful has been

the blessing received by those who have taken part in this work. Now at the beginning of the new year, will not all of our conference presidents, our laborers, and church-elders, and especially the officers and teachers of our schools, unite to revive and push forward this blessed work?

We shall be glad to hear from every one who is interested in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." In order to facilitate this work, the General Conference Committee has requested Elder M. E. Cady, of Healdsburg, Cal., to act as assistant secretary of the Relief of the Schools Committee. He will be in close touch with Elder W. C. White, the chairman of this committee. We believe that all our people will unite most earnestly with Brother Cady, as he takes up this work; and we in Washington will cooperate in every way possible in the revival and the continuation of this work so well begun.

We earnestly call upon all who have had any experience in selling "Christ's Object Lessons" to take up the work again with renewed hope and faith; and are there not many others who will find a new and a blessed experience this winter in this missionary campaign? Read the book yourselves once more, and you will decide that there is no more important department of our present missionary campaign than the selling of "Christ's Object Lessons." Order at once through your tract societies.

J. S. WASHBURN.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER IN A CHURCH SCHOOL.

AS THE week of prayer for 1904 closes, we can but feel that it has been a great blessing to the Rock Hall church school.

Each morning during the week, the children listened with interest to a reading, as it was read and explained to them. At the end of each reading, the children expressed themselves by

each telling what thought he wanted to remember. Almost every child had gained at least one good, helpful thought.

In the article by Elder E. W. Farnsworth, a number of the children liked this sentence: "Every faculty of our mind and body must be given to this work." It was so good and so many liked it, that it was written for the children on the board, and the next sentence also: "Our money should be devoted to the same purpose." After this was placed upon the board, it was read carefully to the children, and then they were asked how many believed it, and every one answered in the affirmative by holding up his hand. Then the question was asked, how many would give unto the Lord just what that sentence asked for, and every child in the room stood up in answer to the question.

The children have put into practical use the second part of their quotation: "Our money should be devoted to the same purpose;" for about two weeks ago a box was placed on my desk in which was to be dropped all the pennies which the children could save, and thus they would not spend them foolishly. To-day it was opened, and was found to contain one dollar and sixty-one cents. This, together with the collection of our Young People's Society next Sunday night, is to be sent to help the work in India.

The children so much desired to sell *Life and Health* that one hundred and twenty-five copies were ordered, and they have disposed of over seventy-five copies in a very short time. Many of the children who sold these papers, gave to the missionary work what they earned.

We certainly have cause to rejoice that the Lord, not only has blessed our school during this week of prayer, but is giving us many blessings this year in our work.

LULA I. TARBELL.

Rock Hall, Md., Dec. 23, 1904.

The PRINTED PAGE

"Publicly, and from HOUSE to HOUSE."

THE FINISHING OF A GOOD WORK.

THAT the Lord is not pleased with a slow, indifferent, halting, procrastinating spirit among his people, is plainly set forth in the following scripture: "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." Luke 9:62. This plain figure of speech savors of nothing else but a moving straight forward in the cause of God. We are constantly in danger of allowing something to come in our pathway to hinder us and turn us back from our appointed work. Even a looking back, the Lord says will unfit us for the kingdom.

There has no work ever been set before us that so fully demands our attention at the present time, and for which there should be a mighty pressing together and pressing forward, as the work of closing out the "Christ's Object Lessons" THAT YET REMAIN TO BE SOLD IN OUR MIDST. The finishing of this work, that should have been finished long ago, is certainly worthy of our time, talent, and attention now, till it IS finished. There is always a sense of satisfaction realized when a good work is finished, and we have been cheated out of this blessing long enough, so let every one put a shoulder to the wheel till it is done, and then we can all join in singing the jubilee song of freedom. We can really feel no sense of satisfaction when the work is done and the burden of debt is finally raised, if we carry no part of the responsibility or burden.

The sum total of the debt that rested upon our educational institutions was apportioned out to the individual members of this whole denomination, making each individual responsible for the payment of a part

of it. According to the allotment of the quota when this movement first began, each member became responsible for the sale of six copies of "Christ's Object Lessons," which would amount in money to \$7.50 to be applied on the debt. Now, dear brethren and sisters, the time has surely come when we will all be willing to break away from this arrangement, and do all we possibly can toward closing up this work, whether we already have sold six, a dozen, or a hundred. Some have received books promising to sell them, and have allowed dust to accumulate upon them, and have kept hidden from the eyes of the people a volume that brings joy and comfort and inspiration wherever it goes. This is not as it should be, and we all feel sure that the right thing to do is to place those books in the hands of the people at once, and start the money in the right channel toward the institution to which it belongs. Those who have not yet sold their quota should wake up to the fact that a forward movement in this line is being set in operation, and unless all are willing to fall in line and help, they will lose a blessing that will never again be theirs to attain.

The book, "Christ's Object Lessons," has been sent out on a good mission, and we do not need to be ashamed to tell the people about the educational feature of its mission. In my work of promoting its sale, I have often told the people that I knew a school that was helped to the amount of over \$49,000 and another to the amount of \$33,000, and it was worth all the effort I put forth to sell the book, to see how surprised the people would be that a book like that could be the means of doing such a grand and good work.

Now I wish to assure every one who reads these lines that they will be given an opportunity to have a part in this work, and if they have already sold their original quota, we

can assure them that it will be pleasing to the Lord if they will look around to find some aged brother or sister or some afflicted one who was unable to sell his or her quota, and help these persons dispose of their number.

It is my plan to visit the various churches and companies with a ready stock of books with which to supply all who want to join in the good work. If I miss any isolated brethren or sisters, I will ask them to write to me, or to the Pennsylvania Tract Society, 1809 Wallace St., Philadelphia, Pa., in reference to being supplied with books. The King's business demands haste, and what we do we should do quickly, and for this reason I will have copies with me so that work can be begun immediately. May all God's people be willing in the day of his power.

FRANK F. FRY,
Field Sec'y E. Pa. Conf.

A SIGN OF THE LAST DAYS.

BROTHER KENISTON writes relative to the canvassing work, these significant words: "The canvassing work is in one respect much more heart-sinking than it was a dozen years ago. Such total indifference to the future and carelessness about the only things of true value, I never before met. While working with the *Signs*, only a small proportion of the people I met had any care for the future, whereas when I was canvassing here [Gardiner] fourteen years ago, there were but very few in proportion who appeared to be so far off as the greater part of them now appear. Satan has stolen a march on us poor slumbering, ease-loving, selfish canvassers, and now we have a much harder work before us than if we had kept at it during the past dozen years. I do not see how I can ever go ahead, except by the special providence of God. I desire the united prayers of God's people that the work may prosper. I can not draw back after hav-

THE BOOK WORK.

West Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending December 16, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Mrs. T. D. Gibson, Brushton,		L G	3	7			5.50	5.50	11.00
T. D. Gibson, Hazelwood,		P & P	3	21	6	17.50	1.50	19.00	26.50
E. E. Peters, Washington,		H of M		23	1	1.50	11.90	13.40	
*Ivor Lawrence, Elmore,		Misc	11	74	25	15.75	42.00	57.75	
Totals,	4 Agents,		17	165	32	\$34.75	\$60.90	\$95.65	\$37.50

*Four weeks.

Week Ending December 23.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Lucilla M. Guild Titusville,		B R							23.25
Mrs. T. D. Gibson, Brushton,		LG	3	8			1.50	1.50	15.50
T. D. Gibson, Hazelwood,		P & P	3	14			3.00	3.00	50.25
L. W. Lyberger, Hooversville,		C K	2	12		6.00	4.00	10.00	
E. E. Peters, Washington,		H of M					2.00	2.00	48.00
J. G. Saunders, Brockport,		S of R			5	5.75	10.96	16.71	
*F. C. Wilcox, Washington,		Misc			78	151.80		151.80	
*L. B. Trowbridge, Pittsburg,		D of A				17.50	27.39	44.89	34.89
Totals,	8 Agents,		18	24	83	\$181.05	48.85	\$229.90	\$172.39

*Two weeks.

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending December 16, 1904

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
J. R. Ebersole, Harrisburg,		D & R	4	26	9	10.50		10.50	
F. F. Fry, Waynesboro,		C O L	1	20					73.05
C. Eitel, Newbury,		B S	8	46	10	5.00		5.00	1.00
G. W. Holman, Marietta,		P H	5	31	82	20.50		20.50	26.75
J. H. Krum, Ephrata,		Misc	10			14.85		14.85	
Totals,	5 Agents,		28	123	101	\$50.85		\$50.58	\$100.80

Week Ending December 23.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
J. R. Ebersole, Harrisburg,		D & R	4	21	9	10.25		10.25	24.00
Mary Thomas, Catawissa,		C O L	1	7	3	3.75	6.25	10.00	
A. H. Osman, Wiconisco,		C K							33.00
Lillie Minier, Scranton,		C K	4	15	3	3.00	1.65	4.65	5.00
Harry Minier, Scranton,		D & R	5	27	2	2.25	1.50	3.75	24.25
Minnie Minier, Scranton,		C K	3	5			1.00	1.00	6.75
G. W. Holman, Washingtonboro		P H	4	28	64	16.00		16.00	23.50
W. T. Hilgert, Philadelphia,		Misc				26.35		26.35	51.05
Totals,	8 Agents,		21	103	81	\$61.60	\$10.40	\$72.00	\$167.55

West Virginia Conference, Two Weeks Ending December 23, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
J. H. Jennings, Thurmond,		C K	9	60	16	16.00	41.40	57.40	27.00
James Johnson, Thurmond,		C K	10	60	59	61.00	12.00	73.00	28.50
LeRoy Knott, Hinton,		G C	7	47	45	89.25	9.50	98.75	82.50
G. B. Mason, Fairmont,		Misc	2				15.90	15.90	9.25
J. F. Mead, Kanawna Station,		H of M	5	10	7	10.50	2.25	12.75	
J. A. McCullough, Keyser,		H of M	3	15	9	13.50	.45	13.95	4.50
Totals,	6 Agents,		36	192	136	\$190.25	\$81.50	\$271.75	\$151.75

Maine Conference, Week Ending December 16, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Abbie Webber,									
Madison, Skowhegan,	C O L,	C K			25	21.55	5.90	27.45	
Minnie L. Prince, Bath,		Misc					16.25	16.25	
Edna Low, Shawmut,		P H			12	3.75		3.75	
Mrs. A. E. Gerald, Belgrade		Misc			8	3.00		3.00	
E. L. Furbish, Eliot,		S of D			10	10.00		10.00	
H. G. Brown, Washburn,		Misc			7	3.50		3.50	
E. A. Boothman, Milo,		H of M			28	36.00		36.00	
Totals,	7 Agents,				90	\$77.80	\$22.15	\$99.95	

Week Ending December 23.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Abbie Webber, Skowhegan		C K			22	12.50	7.70	20.20	
E. A. Boothman, Milo, Henderson,		C K			21	26.25	25.00	51.25	123.00
Totals,	2 Agents,				43	\$38.75	\$32.70	\$71.45	\$123.00

New York Conference, Week Ending December 16, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
F. A. Evans,		C K		41	14	14.00	1.75	15.75	19.50
Mrs. C. H. Sharpe,		C K		36	14	15.00	2.00	17.00	
D. W. Allen,		H of M		18	5	7.50	7.25	14.75	
Mrs. C. K. Beaman,		H of M		14			1.00	1.00	
J. H. Deeley,		G C		24	4	9.00	3.25	12.25	
Walter A. Erb,		P H		10	14	4.25		4.25	3.50
Mrs. Mary M. Abbey,		B R			22	11.00		11.00	2.50
Totals,	7 Agents,			143	73	\$60.75	\$15.25	\$76.00	\$25.50

Week Ending December 23.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Walter A. Erb,		P H		12					39.00
Mrs. Peter Keller,		S of D				11.00		11.00	57.00
Totals,	2 Agents,			12		\$11.00		\$11.00	\$90.00

Virginia Conference, Week Ending December 16, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Ida Klein, Berea,		B S		6	1	.50		.50	7.10
W. H. Zeidler, Richmond,			4½			20.25		20.25	
Mrs. Annie Henry, Riverton,				2			.70	.70	
Mrs. A. C. Neff, Woodstock,		C K		15	12	11.75		11.75	
Totals,	4 Agents,		4½	23	13	\$32.50	\$.70	\$33.20	\$7.10

Vermont Conference, Two Weeks Ending December 23, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
A. W. Boardman,									79.00
Rubie Roscoe, Essex									
Junction, Burlington,	C O L	2			3	1.25	4.25	5.50	9.25
Totals,	2 Agents,		2		1	\$1.25	\$4.25	\$5.50	\$88.25

ing given myself to the Lord for life."

The Lord is evidently allowing Brother Keniston to be tried and tempted. Just at this time he needs especially the prayers of the people in Maine, and elsewhere, that he may not withdraw his consecration, but go forward, clothed in the power of the Spirit. We shall doubtless receive reports from Brother Keniston in the future that will show how God is working for him in answer to prayer.

E. H. MORTON.

WESTERLY, R. I.

As I am always interested in reading the experiences of our canvassers, I thought it would encourage some one if I should relate my little experience with "Christ's Object Lessons." I think it is an easy book to sell if you take the Lord with you when you go. I sold a book at each of the first two places I visited.

The other day it was very bad walking, I had been making calls, selling and distributing the special number of the *Signs*. It was evening, and I was very tired, but I could not rest. The Lord impressed me to call on a young lady and show her "Christ's Object Lessons." So I told the Lord if he would go with me and speak for me, I would go. I took two books along, and asked the Lord all the way to prepare her heart to receive the message I had for her. I showed her the book and told her my mission in selling it.

She looked at it and said, "Oh, Mrs. E. G. White wrote *that* book. I do love to read her writings. I notice she always has a piece in the *Signs* which you have brought me." She asked me the price, and on learning it, said, "That will make such a nice, cheap present for my friend, Eliza. She likes to read good books." Then she continued, "I wish I had time to read it myself, but it is only about a week before Christmas, and I shall not have time." I kept praying that

she would take another for herself, and told her I wished she could read the book, for she would miss much if she did not. I said, "I have one more copy of the book with me, if you would like to have it," and she took it.

When I reached home, I thanked the Lord for what he had done. I know I could have done nothing in my own strength. The Lord is ever ready and willing to hear our prayers.

MRS. J. E. WILBUR.

GOD IS WORKING.

I NEVER saw the canvassing work go with such rapid speed. Many are interested in my books. I never felt so much impressed by the Spirit and power of God to carry the message as I do now. The people all receive me into their homes with kindness, and say, "God bless you in your work." My soul is filled with joy and praise to God. I feel as never before that there is a message in our books that God wants the people to have. He is calling for more canvassers to enter the field. Shall he call in vain? The time is short.

In the strength of the Lord let us labor and pray;

Let us watch as a winner of souls,
That bright stars may be ours in that glorious day

When his praise like the sea billow rolls.

ABBIE WEBBER.

FOREIGN PAPERS.

OUR International Publishing Association, at College View, Neb., has a few sets of the November issues of the German, Danish, and Swedish papers which should be circulated at once. Our subscribers pronounce them to be the best religious numbers ever issued. Order a set for your German, Danish, or Swedish neighbor. A set will be mailed to any address for ten cents.

Address the publishers or your tract society.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

WEST VIRGINIA.

—Elder S. G. Huntington, who has been ill for a few days, is up again and attending to business.

—Elder Purdham spent last week at Elk Garden, visiting and holding

meetings with the brethren and sisters there. He reports a good interest.

—The writer spent last Sabbath with the church at Mason City, and found them all of good courage, and still holding up the light of present truth.

—The brethren in the South still report good success in the canvassing work. If you are looking for good

Central New England Conference, Week Ending December 16, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
G. H. Clark, Pittsfield, Mass.,		C K	4	27	9	11.25	5.50	16.75	8.50
D. A. Piper, Concord, N. H.,		S of D	3		1	1.00		1.00	16.25
W. W. Rice, N. Hampton, N. H.,		B R	4	19	7	18.50	3.00	21.50	
*C. E. Mattison, Brookline,		L of C	10	66	19	31.75	26.70	58.45	
Totals,	4 Agents,		21	112	36	\$62.50	\$35.20	\$97.70	\$24.75

*Two weeks.

Week Ending December 23.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
G. H. Clark, Pittsfield, Mass.,		C K	5	14	9	11.25	12.45	23.70	83.00
C. E. Mattison, Boston, Mass.,		L of C	5	36	3	4.75	9.85	14.60	
Wm. W. Rice, N. Hampton, N. H.,		B R	3	9	1	2.50		2.50	
F. S. Hartwell, Greenfield,		H of M	4	17			4.25	4.25	41.50
Totals,	4 Agents,		17	76	13	\$18.50	\$26.55	\$45.05	\$124.50

Southern New England Conference, Week Ending December 16, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
R. C. Andrews,	Manchester, Conn.,	S of D		27	9	9.00	12.50	21.50	
Totals,	1 Agent,			27	9	\$9.00	\$12.50	\$21.50	

Week Ending December 23.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
R. C. Andrews, Manchester,		S of D			10	10.00	3.25	13.25	86.31
" " "		C O L			4	5.00		5.00	
J. Osterbloom, Rockville, Conn.,		S of D			1	1.00	2.50	3.50	33.00
Wm. G. Wheatly, New Haven,		H of M		30	10	15.00	5.25	20.25	
*M. J. Fritz, Middletown, Conn.,		G C	34		43	106.00		106.00	128.25
Totals,	4 Agents,		34	30	68	\$137.00	\$11.00	\$148.00	\$247.56

*Four weeks.

U. C. Totals December 16,	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
32 Agents,	70½	553	354	\$328.15	\$146.70	\$474.85	\$195.65
Totals for corresp. week last year,							
31 Agents,	77	314	128	\$191.25	\$103.20	\$304.75	\$606.60

U. T. Totals December 23	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
36 Agents,	128	447	425	\$639.40	\$215.25	\$851.65	\$1,165.00
Totals for corresp. week last year,							
32 Agents,	63	273	52	\$115.50	\$100.71	\$216.21	\$744.96

territory in the canvassing field, read the report of West Virginia.

—Brother Andrew Wright, his wife, son, and grandson were in Parkersburg a few days ago on their way to Tallyho, Wood County, where they expect to visit relatives during the holidays.

—The annual offerings seem to be coming in rather slowly. Will all who have not already sent them in, please forward all collections to the office at once, so that they can be forwarded on to the proper place.

—The Parkersburg Sabbath-school gave their children's day exercises on last Sabbath, regardless of the inclemency of the weather. It was largely attended, and proved a grand success. Let the good work of encouraging the children go on.

—Brother W. L. Logan, of White Oak, Ritchie County, passed through Parkersburg last week, and gave the office a pleasant call. He showed his appreciation of the truth which he has recently accepted by leaving with us in tithes and offerings fifty-five dollars. This is a good way to show our faith in the third angel's message.

P. W. PROVINCE, *Secretary*.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

—Mr. Charles Brown, of the New England Sanitarium, is visiting friends in Hartford.

—Sister Phillips, of Hartford, spent Sabbath and Sunday at the home of Brother D. K. Royer, in New York.

—Miss Mary E. L. Cady is spending a few days in Hartford with her sister, Irene J. Cady. From there she will go to Washington, D. C., to visit her parents.

—The Hartford church were wonderfully blessed during the week of prayer. Meetings were held each day at the home of different members, and while all were not able to attend the meetings, those that did attend

felt the presence of the Lord with them. Our annual offering this year was nearly three times as large as it was one year ago, it being \$196.10.

—From orders received in this office, we know that the canvassers in Southern New England are working, but they fail to report. We judge from this that the success is not attending their efforts that they would like to have. This is all the more reason why they should send in their reports, for then the readers of the GLEANER will know better who, in the canvassing field, need their prayers. We should be glad to receive reports from all our canvassers.

—The following is a quotation from a letter received from one of the young ladies in our conference, showing with what interest the special *Signs* is received by some: "I have not been doing any more work with the *Signs*, for I could not get the time; but I have enjoyed the little I did do. If we do our work in faith, there is promise that it shall not return unto us void; what we plant, and He waters, shall increase a hundred-fold. One man to whom I sold a set is keeper of a small tobacco and newspaper store. When I delivered the second copy, he spoke enthusiastically of our paper, and told me how much interested his wife became in it. At my third call, he informed me that he had lent one of the papers to a young woman, whose address he gave me, and said he thought if I called I could secure her subscription, that he had advised her to that effect. On delivering the last paper, I observed the *first* paper of the set lying on his counter, and looking much worn. The storekeeper informed me that, a night or two before, some man had come into the store, picked up the paper, and then becoming interested in it, had read until time to go home. It seemed rather strange to see one of *our* papers in such surroundings, but who can tell how much good that one set has done? May it prove to the

saving of some soul. I have not yet had opportunity to call on this young woman, but intend to soon."

IRENE J. CADY.

MISSION NOTES.

—Brother T. H. Westphal reports a safe arrival in Chile. He has already begun a series of meetings in Spanish and German.

—Brother H. H. Dexter and family had a pleasant voyage across the Atlantic, *en route* to France. On Sunday evening Brother Dexter spoke to an audience of fifty in the second cabin.

—Brother Barlow, who is conducting a school in Simultala, India, has eighteen boys in his school, and others desire to attend. They come in from surrounding villages, some of them a distance of twenty miles.

—Our first party of missionaries for India reported from Port Said, Egypt, December 1. They were looking forward to the time of their arrival in Calcutta, about December 18, and wrote that they were beginning to call India home.

—A company of workers has recently located in Singapore, Malay Peninsula. Brother G. F. Jones, who worked so successfully in the island fields, has charge of the company. While *en route*, they stopped at New Guinea and New Britain. Of the latter place, Brother Jones wrote:

"Work ought to be begun at once. Real, living faith, must be exercised by the workers who go among these cannibal tribes. New Britain offers an experience for our workers, among treacherous and hideous savages, that would exceed any experience of faith previously written by missionaries of other denominations, inasmuch as we hold the *very message* with which we can not fear to go anywhere. Only a few coastal tribes have been reached by the Catholics and Wesleyans. Twenty miles into the interior the country has not been entered by any

one. I believe there are hundreds of our people willing to hazard their lives among savages of the worst type. What an infusion of new life would flow through every one of our churches, should these forbidding fields be entered now.

"I would deem it a privilege for the Christian experience and pleasure it would give, to go with the Lord into the bush among these untamed people. But I trust others of our brethren will soon have this happiness, while we continue our journey to our appointed field in the Indies."

ESTELLA HOUSER.

THE WONDERFUL YOSEMITE VALLEY.

THOSE who have visited this one of the most famous of Nature's wonderlands say that "the half has never been told," but, by aid of pen and camera, some of the beauties and glories of this wonderful valley and its no less wonderful cataracts will be depicted in some most readable articles by Mr. C. M. Snow in the *Youth's Instructor*.

"Her rough and rugged rocks that rear
Their hoary heads high in the air
In wild fantastic forms,"

are found in all their grandeur in the Yosemite.

The first article appears in the paper of January 3, and others will follow from week to week.

All young people will be interested in the good things in the *Instructor*. If you are not familiar with it, send for sample copy and announcement for 1905. The subscription price is seventy-five cents a year. Order of your tract society, or of

YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR,
222 N. Capitol St., Washington, D. C.

FINISHED.

At this date (November 30) nearly every copy of the 400,000 gospel series of the *Signs of the Times* has been ordered. As the publishers believe our

people would prefer to spend their future time in following up the work already begun, they have decided not to print more, but have begun hunting up such unused packages as may be lying in tract society depositories. Concerning follow-up work, we would suggest the following:

1. Secure subscriptions wherever possible. The regular visits of a journal like the *Signs of the Times*, *Southern Watchman*, or *Life and Health*, for a year, may enlighten a whole family. The prospectus for 1905, given on the last pages of the fourth special *Signs*, will help you.

2. The four new tracts; viz., "Heralds of His Coming," "Way-marks to the Holy City," "The Gospel Message for To-day," and "Who Changed the Sabbath?" will enable you to answer many of the inquiries arising as a result of former visits.

3. And then there are the following small books especially adapted to home work:

"Christ's Object Lessons,"
"Story of Joseph,"
"Education,"
"Mount of Blessing,"
"Things Foretold,"
"Steps to Christ,"
"Cobblestones,"
"Power for Witnessing,"
"Thoughts on Daniel" (paper),
"Thoughts on Revelation" (paper),
"Great Nations of To-day,"
"Sunshine at Home,"
"Vegetarian Cook Book."

If we all do as faithful work in following up interests already created as we have in the circulation of our periodicals, a great victory will be gained. Let us do it.

H. H. HALL,
Sec. Gen. Conf. Pub. Committee.

PROVISIONS AND BEDDING WANTED.

WE are requested to call attention to the needs of the Nashville Sanitarium and Training School for Missionary Nurses.

This institution is one that is being established by the Southern Union Conference, and is going through the trials of its pioneer experience. Scarcity of means and unusually straightened circumstances make it a matter of much consideration to those who are in position to render assistance.

If there are those of our brethren and sisters who are in position to donate provisions such as apples, potatoes, dried or canned goods, or bedding, it will be of very material help to this enterprise. Full information can be secured by addressing as below. If possible, shipments should be made prepaid.

Address, Nashville Sanitarium, Church and Vine Streets, Nashville, Tennessee.

THE Vermont tithe report came too late to find a place in "The Field" department, but we give it on page fifteen.

OBITUARY NOTICES

ADAMS.—Died at Westfield, Me., November 23, 1904, of bowel trouble, Neva May Adams, second daughter of John and Hope Adams, aged 7 years, 3 months, and 17 days. She was a loving child, and is missed by a large circle of friends, but we mourn not as those without hope: "For if Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." Remarks by the writer from 1 Cor. 15:26.

J. B. GOODRICH.

Neva sleeps; but soon to waken
In the morning, bright and clear.
From the grave she'll soon be taken,
Clothed with immortality.

Then with Christ she'll be forever,
Nevermore to suffer pain.
Hush! my heart, this awful throbbing,
Jesus comes, he comes to reign.

Then in heaven, with joy immortal,
We shall see our Neva dear,
If we're faithful overcomers;
Never falter, never fear.

Help us, Lord, to trust thee ever;
Keep us by thy saving power;
Lead us closer, ever nearer,
In this dark and trying hour.

MRS. J. B. GOODRICH.

A LARGE number of the GLEANER subscriptions expired with the year, and we had intended to discontinue the paper to all who failed to renew, but we do not wish to cut off any who want the paper, and, therefore, we are waiting one week longer, to give them another opportunity to renew. The date of the expiration of each subscription appears on the label every week, and yet the receivers claim that they do not know when their subscription expires. In the same way many of us receive the blessings of Heaven, and never consider our indebtedness to God.

We are especially grateful to those of our conference secretaries and canvassing agents who from week to week during the past year have faithfully contributed items, extracts from letters, words of counsel and encouragement to the workers, etc., thus endeavoring to make the GLEANER what a union conference paper should be—a union of conference papers. In order that they may understand how their work meets the approval of our readers, we quote from two letters received since our last issue. A sister in the Southern New England Conference says: "There are three things I hope always to have while on this earth, the Bible, the *Review*, and the GLEANER, and I do not believe I can backslide or grow cold in the service if I read them. May the Lord continue to bless the GLEANER, and through its inspiration enable us from week to week to be refreshed with a feast of good things."

A brother in Vermont sends this Christmas message:

"December 25, 1904.

"DEAR EDITOR: I wish to ask your pardon for not sending pay for the GLEANER before, and I thank you most sincerely for sending it right along. I have been busy and short of funds. Sickness in my own and my neighbors' families has taken my mind, and I have kept neglecting it.

I could not possibly get along without the GLEANER or the *Review*. We should soon fall behind if we did not have these helps. You will please find enclosed one dollar, which will pay to March 17, 1906. Do not ever stop the paper until you hear I am dead or Christ shall come.

"Yours in the blessed hope."

VERMONT TITHE FOR DECEMBER, 1904.

Bordoville church,	\$4.32
Burlington "	15.44
Charleston "	21.17
Hartland "	14.30
Jamaica "	45.50
Johnson "	5.00
Morrisville "	22.20
Northfield "	3.00
Troy "	5.02
Weston "	1.77
Wolcott "	7.75
Individuals,	10.50

Total, \$155.97

F. M. DANA,

Secretary and Treasurer.

THE January number of *Life and Health* has come to our table in a very neat cover, but the cut on the first page so appeals to one's sympathetic nature that he feels like laying the magazine away and never looking inside. Do not, however, allow this to deter you from looking at the contents, for you will find them better

than one would suppose from a glance at this picture, and if you follow your first impulse, you will lose much interesting and helpful reading. The price of the magazine is only fifty cents a year, and you will want your subscription to begin with the January number. Order of your tract society.

SUNSET CALENDAR FRIDAYS.

Local Mean Time.

1905.	Boston.	N. Y. and Phila.	Washington.
January 6...	4:43	4:48	4:53
January 13...	4:50	4:55	5:00
January 20...	4:59	5:03	5:08
January 27...	5:07	5:11	5:15

UNEMPLOYED MEN AND WOMEN

It will pay you to read every word of the following unsolicited letter from one of our salesmen.—

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.

During the past few months I have been canvassing more or less in Battle Creek for the Magic Pocket Vaporizer, and have found that well-directed efforts meet with success. One prominent business man remarked, "It is the best selling thing I ever saw, because everybody wants it."

I find little difficulty in getting recommendations from influential people, having secured half a dozen testimonials from among the clergy of this city. The canvasser needs but little capital in selling this instrument, as deliveries are made as fast as opportunity affords, and in this way he will find his influence constantly increasing. A splendid opportunity is also afforded to do missionary work among the suffering, and the canvasser can make good wages besides.

I predict a large sale for the Magic Pocket Vaporizer.

WM. ARNOLD.

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South Lancaster, Mass.,

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As we enter upon another year, we have been favored with an unusual number of contributions, several of which will appear next week. They indicate that a new life has been infused into the people during the week of prayer, and we hope it may continue through the year.

OUR aged brother, T. B. Stewart, treasurer of the Hartford church, quietly fell asleep on the morning of December 29, and was buried on the afternoon of January 1. May the God of all comfort, who has ever been with them, especially sustain Sister Stewart at this time.

ELDER D. A. BALL and his wife recently visited his daughter, Mrs. Roy F. Cottrell, of South Lancaster. On Sabbath, December 31, the church at this place was favored with a discourse by Elder Ball on the subject of election, showing that it is character names which are recorded in the book of life.

THE opening of the new year has brought a sad experience to the friends in New England. Late in the evening of January 1, a fire was discovered in the New England Sanitarium, and notwithstanding all the efforts made to extinguish the flames, it is estimated that two-thirds of the structure was consumed. The stone building, dining-room, laundry, and stable were saved. The patients and helpers all escaped.

THE banner subscriber to the GLEANER is Mrs. Sarah Bowers, of East Freedom, Pa. Her subscription was paid to Jan. 14, 1905, and on Dec. 26, 1904, without waiting to be reminded that her subscription had nearly expired, she wrote enclosing one dollar to renew it to Jan. 14, 1907. It would save the office much work, and the conference considerable expense, if all would note the date on their labels and promptly renew.

WEST VIRGINIA.

By the time this article is read by our brethren and sisters, the auditing board, which has been called to meet January 4, will have finished its work.

The annual settlement with laborers and the balancing of accounts at the end of the year, always means an additional outlay of means. In view of this, we wish to request that our people be prompt in sending in their tithes and pledges, that the conference may not be embarrassed for means. We thank you most cordially for your cooperation and response through the year now in the past, but as time passes on, new responsibilities devolve upon us. Let us, therefore, with renewed courage do better in the year 1905 than in 1904. Our annual statement, showing the standing of the conference, will be out early in January.

S. G. HUNTINGTON.

December 30, 1904.

BOSTON MISSIONARY DAY.

SABBATH, January 7, has been appointed as missionary day for the Boston church.

The ordinary Sabbath services will be omitted, and the program given in the *Review* for December 24, somewhat enlarged, will be followed.

The exercises will begin at 1:30 P.M.

This will, we trust, be a season of joy and blessing, and we hope that all

our people in Boston and vicinity will plan to attend. Be prepared to bring an encouraging report of missionary work done in your neighborhood.

LEE S. WHEELER.

NEW JERSEY.

UNDER date of December 21, Elder Jayne wrote to Brother W. A. Wilcox as follows: "Day before yesterday the conference office furniture and goods, also the effects belonging to Sister Rambo, were loaded upon a large sled and started to Swedesboro. When about half way there, while going through the town of Westville, the team stalled upon the railroad track. An express train struck the load. Neither the driver nor the horses were injured.

"The typewriter, bookcases, standing desk, table, roll-top desk, cabinet files, and Sister Rambo's furniture were utterly destroyed, and with our stock of bound books, tracts, letters, bills, receipts, statements, office utensils, and stationery were scattered for blocks through the village. . . . I am of the opinion that our loss will be about \$400 in addition to the loss upon Sister Rambo's personal property."

The New Jersey friends have our sympathy in their misfortune.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

ARE you thinking of coming South? If so, I should be glad to correspond with you in regard to South Carolina, and especially if you are thinking of canvassing.

The majority of the counties in the State have never been entered by a canvasser for our books. So little has been done anywhere that we consider the entire State virgin soil. Good water, mild climate, either high or low altitude.

If you like to work for the Lord in a needy field, correspond with the undersigned.

C. F. DART, *State Agent.*
Campobello, S. C.