

ATLANTIC UNION GLEASNER



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

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PRAYER FOR HUMILITY.

HUMBLE, Lord, my haughty spirit,
Bid my swelling thoughts subside;
Strip me of my fancied merit:
What have I to do with pride?
Was my Saviour meek and lowly?
And shall such a worm as I,
Weak, and earthly, and unholy,
Dare to lift my head on high?
Teach me, Lord, my true condition;
Bring me childlike to thy knee;
Stripped of every low ambition,
Willing to be led by thee.
Guide me by thy Holy Spirit;
Feed me from thy blessed word:
All my wisdom, all my merit,
Borrowed from thyself, O Lord!
Like a little babe confiding,
Simple, docile, let me be;
Trusting still to thy providing,
Willing to be led by thee.
Thus my all to thee submitting,
I am thine and not my own;
And when earthly hopes are flitting,
Rest secure on God alone.

—Henry Francis Lyte.

NEGLECTING DUTY.

THE Lord says by Jeremiah, "Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord *deceitfully*." Jer. 48:10. One meaning of this word *deceitfully*, as given by Webster, is "*fraudulently*;" and this word means, "in a *fraudulent* manner." The word *fraudulent* is synonymous with *cheating*. The reading in the margin of

Jer. 48:10, for "*deceitfully*" is "*negligently*." One meaning given to this word is, "in a negligent manner." *Negligent* is defined, "apt to neglect," and *neglect* is also defined, "not to treat with due attention; to suffer to pass unimproved." Then those who are engaged in the work of the Lord who permit their time to pass unimproved, are doing work for the Lord *negligently*.

Again; if a person were engaged to work for one of his fellow men and did not improve his time, he would be looked upon as cheating his employer. Just so any one who is employed by a conference or in any other business connected with the cause of God, who does not improve his time, is cheating the conference that employs him, and thereby, indirectly, is defrauding the Lord.

Again; a person who sleeps away three or four hours of his time in the morning, in ordinary circumstances, is violating the fourth commandment. That commandment says, "Six days shalt thou labor." But the person who sleeps away a fourth or a third part of the day, does not labor six days. He is misimproving or misemploying his time. Take the parable of the "*householder*," who went out to hire laborers into his vineyard. He "*went out early*." He found some

who were up, had their breakfast eaten, and were ready for business. They were up as early as the householder.

Again; he went out the third hour, or about nine o'clock in the morning, and he found *some standing idle*. This was not said of the first. But these had come around after he came out the first time. And again he went out about noon, and about 3 P. M., and also about 5 P. M., and he found others standing idle. They had been loitering about, some half, some three-fourths, and some nearly all day. If eternal life were not a gift, these poor sluggards would not have received very much for what they did.

Let us, brethren and sisters, follow the example of the householder, get out early in the morning, and give the Lord full time. The morning hours are the most enjoyable of any of the day. You certainly will find the Householder around early. Think of our Saviour, "Rising up a great while before day," he went out to pray. Mark 1:35. All nature seems to be alive in the early morning. After a good night's rest, when the mind is clear and rested, it is the best time in the day to study and meditate upon the things of God, and not only so, but it has a saving influence upon others. The world takes notice of

such things. May God help every one of us to do his best in improving his time.

S. J. HERSUM.

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

MISSIONARY NOTES FROM MAINE.

A SISTER writes that she called on a lady recently whose mother was so prejudiced against Seventh-day Adventists that she would not stay in the house with one. This lady remarked that she had been reading a book called "The Saints' Inheritance," which was lent her by a lady not a Sabbath-keeper. She said the book thrilled her and that she was quite an Adventist. She then went on to tell of a beautiful dream she had of Christ's coming, and said, "I fell on my knees and exclaimed, 'Lo, this is my Lord, I will rejoice in his salvation.'"

One of our Sabbath-keepers writes: "It is now sixteen months since I began to keep the Sabbath, and I have no reason to regret the step. I have prospered in my business, and to speak the true sentiments of my heart, I am sweetly trusting in Jesus."

Sister Gerald, of Belgrade, writes that she has at length succeeded in getting a reading rack into the new station in that place. Although she lives more than a mile away, she finds time to visit and supply the rack with literature. Since last winter she has sent out over a thousand pages of tracts, and many of them have gone to the leading ministers in the State.

The Sabbath-keeper in Kittery is very enthusiastic in missionary work, and she writes that if our dear people only knew what a blessing there is in distributing tracts, especially in rural districts, they would scatter tracts and papers broadcast. She adds, "No new hat for me this year, and only a few things, and the money saved used for literature and postage. I feel much better doing this, for I know full

well that all earthly things will soon pass away."

The following extract from a letter received at the Maine Tract Society office shows how one judge of a municipal court in Maine regards religious legislation. He says, "I believe that if the church of the living God is what the Bible teaches, and what the church claims to be, there is no reason, excuse, or justification, for civil authorities to intermeddle with such things. I believe that God and his church are competent to take care of themselves. What a man is compelled to do is not a religious observance, and legislation, in my opinion, as a means of or for moral instruction, and for the purpose of increasing the standard of public morals, is worse than useless. If the Spirit of God, the education and influence of the church and its members are not sufficient to lead men to a higher moral excellence and to a knowledge of Christ,—then the church and the clergy better go out of business."

It will be remembered that mention was made in a recent number of the GLEANER of a lady who was formerly a Catholic, and who, knowing that our colporteur once belonged to that church, introduced herself, and in the course of the conversation became interested in our message and requested Bible readings. These have been faithfully given, and Brother Thompson's heart was made glad last week by seeing her take a decided stand for the Sabbath. Her little girl, twelve years old, has also expressed her determination to keep the Sabbath with her mother. This lady is a prominent member of the Methodist church at East Deering, and is very anxious to give the truth to others. She is going to invite some of her neighbors to the next Bible reading, and doubtless will become an active worker.

Robert Ryan, the young fort officer from Portland, who accepted the truth through the efforts of one of our sis-

ters living near the fort, and who went to South Lancaster Academy, is now at his home in the South on a vacation; yet doing valiant service in the army of the Lord. Already one individual has accepted the truth through the Bible readings he is giving, and he thinks another will soon do so.

E. H. MORTON.

The FIELD

WEST PENNSYLVANIA CAMP-MEETING.

THIS camp-meeting was held in the city of DuBois, June 10-24. The camp was located in Electric Park in a pleasant grove, easily reached by the street-cars. A large building on the grounds made a convenient and comfortable place for meetings, the sides being enclosed with canvas walls.

The attendance at this camp-meeting was very encouraging, there being about two hundred of our people in tents and rented rooms. There was a spirit of harmony, earnestness, and love for the truth which were refreshing to see. Burdens were cheerfully borne, and when there was work to be done, there were plenty of volunteers to do it. The meetings were marked with a prompt and general attendance from the beginning to the close.

The president's annual report showed that progress had marked the different departments of the conference during the year. The laborers gave good reports of their work. About one hundred and fifty persons have accepted the truth, of which the larger number have been baptized. Two new churches and six Sabbath-schools have been organized. Three new church buildings have been dedicated, two others are approaching completion, and several have received substantial repairs and improvement. The tithe shows an increase of about \$1,500 over the preceding year, \$11,164.15 having been paid into the

treasury. The total amount contributed to the work in home and foreign fields during the year was nearly \$15 000. Faithful labor performed in the different departments of work has been attended with encouraging results. This is especially true in the religious liberty work, canvassing work, and in the Sabbath schools and young people's societies.

During the first Sabbath and Sunday of the meeting, Elder G. B. Thompson was present, and labored with untiring energy. After his sermon Sabbath afternoon, there was a general move to seek the Lord to consecrate all to this closing message, and a great refreshing was experienced from the presence of the Lord.

The laborers present at this meeting outside the conference workers, were Elder W. A. Colcord, the writer, and Professors J. W. Lawhead and F. Griggs. Elder F. C. Gilbert arrived shortly before the meeting closed. The Lord gave freedom to his servants in the presentation of the truth. A series of Bible studies was given in the early morning meetings on the experience of God's people during the restoration of Jerusalem under Ezra and Nehemiah, which showed plainly our duty at the present hour. Elder Colcord gave a number of Bible studies on the spirit of prophecy, presenting the Bible evidence for faith in this precious gift, and the proof never seemed so full and conclusive.

The conference proceedings passed off harmoniously. Elder C. F. McVagh was again elected president, I. N. Williams, vice-president, and the other officers were nearly all reelected. Resolutions were passed expressing the faith of the brethren and sisters in the spirit of prophecy, their regret that attacks had recently been published and circulated against it, and declaring their confidence in the Testimonies and the General Conference organization. The magazine *Liberty* was recommended by the delegates, and about one hundred subscriptions

were obtained in the meeting. It was also recommended that efforts be put forth to place the *Review and Herald* in every family of Sabbath-keepers in the conference, and that special encouragement be given to men of ability to enter the canvassing work. It was voted that in future the entire amount donated by the Sabbath-schools be given to foreign missions.

Special attention was given to educational work, and the establishment of church schools. We anticipate that the future will show marked advancement in this direction, and in the training of young people for positions of usefulness in the message. Five thousand copies of the educational number of the *Bible Training School* were subscribed for to assist young persons to enter South Lancaster Academy, and about fifty copies of "Christ's Object Lessons" were paid for by the brethren for the same purpose.

The brethren who had charge of the DuBois meeting tried to carefully follow the light the Lord has given us in reference to camp-meetings. A paper was issued each alternate day and circulated among the people of the city, containing reports of the meetings, and inviting the people to attend them. It was inspiring to see how heartily the brethren and sisters took hold of the work of folding and distributing these papers. Advertisements obtained in the city from business men will meet a large share of the expense. There was a good interest manifested by people living in DuBois to hear the truth. Elders McVagh and Schwartz, with other workers, will remain to develop this interest.

The dining tent where food was served on the European plan, was a feature of the meeting much appreciated by the campers. Warm, well-cooked, hygienic food could be thus obtained at very reasonable prices.

The weather was cool and rainy, but we heard no complaint. We be-

lieve the brethren and sisters returned to their homes greatly refreshed from this good meeting. The outlook in the West Pennsylvania Conference is very encouraging. If the brethren will continue earnest in labor, the Lord will do great things for them. Those who had the privilege of attending this camp-meeting as laborers will remember it as one of the most pleasant and profitable meetings they ever attended.

E. W. FARNSWORTH.

EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE.

THE following is the report of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference and camp-meeting, held at Sunbury, May 30 to June 10, 1906.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS IN PART.

We are glad to be able to report some success nearly all along the line of our undertakings. Some points covering the period since our last conference session, or the twelve months ending May 31, 1906, follow:

1. At the time of our last session, our churches numbered twenty-four, with a reported membership of less than nine hundred. Two churches—Lorenton and Wade—with a combined membership of thirty-five, have been organized within the year. A careful inquiry reveals that the total church-membership of our conference at the present time is about one thousand.

2. Five tents were operated in our field last season. Some other public efforts have been conducted. One hundred and one souls have been baptized and have united with our various churches during the twelve months.

3. The tithes for the same period were \$12,341.65, as compared with \$9,158.21 for the corresponding period ending May 31, 1905, or a gain of \$3,181.44.

4. The approximate offerings for the twelve months ending May 31, 1906, were \$2,575, as compared with \$1,866 for the previous corresponding period, or a gain of \$709.

5. The work of distributing our literature has manifested encouraging vigor. A weekly average of six and four-fifths canvassers have been in the field during the year. The total sales for the twelve months ending May 31, 1906, amounted to \$5,514.49, as compared with \$5,143.39 for the previous corresponding period. This shows a gain of \$371.10. The average weekly sales for a canvasser for the period amounted to \$16.55. As the canvassers averaged only about sixteen hours' work a week, the average income was fifty cents an hour for what time was devoted to the work.

6. The Sabbath-school department has been, as usual, a potent factor in the life and work of our churches. The total membership of our schools has increased, and a gain has been made in the offerings to missions. Some activity has been shown in the work of our young people's societies.

7. Within the year a religious liberty department has been provided for; and a secretary has been appointed. Vigorous work has been done, and important steps have been taken in this direction. Conditions in the State of Pennsylvania afford great opportunity for intelligent and effective activity on the part of this department.

8. The medical department of our conference has been active in developing and carrying forward the sanitarium work in Philadelphia. Progress has been made, for which unfeigned gratitude should be expressed. The board of trustees is seeking to direct this department of our conference work in such a manner as to make it count for all it should as a part of the whole great work which we have in hand as a people. May our prayers, our sympathy, and our support be contributed to this end.

9. Some changes have taken place in the personnel of our conference workers within the year. Elders J. H. Schilling and Morris Lukens, and Brother F. F. Fry have gone to other fields. Elder H. Meyer, of Missouri,

and Brother and Sister Langenber, of Nebraska, have entered the work in Philadelphia in behalf of the German population of that city. Elder P. F. Bicknell, of Maine, connected with our conference work in December; but, on account of the condition of his health, he has had to take a furlough for some time. Several young persons have entered the work, and have an encouraging outlook before them.

In conclusion I would say, More consideration should be given by this conference to encouraging young people to prepare for, and enter, the work in its various phases. The cause needs and must have a host of vigorous and consecrated young workers. We should supply our portion.

With courage and faith let us, without wavering, face the forces with which we have to contend. Only a few more strenuous marches made, a few hard battles fought, and then the utter overthrow of the enemy, and the eternal, glorious victory of the loyal children of God.

Let us be faithful.

W. J. FITZGERALD.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA TRACT SOCIETY.

For Nine Months Ending December 31, 1905.

RESOURCES.	
Real Estate,	\$7,500.00
Bills Receivable,	3,733.60
Accounts Receivable:	
Personal,	1,073.70
"Christ's Object Lessons,"	336.82
Society,	225.14
Sabbath-school,	45.68
Office and Church Furniture,	235.31
Merchandise per inventory,	269.32
Postage and Stationery,	15.00
Review & Herald, B. C.,	4.61
Reading R. R. Mileage,	5.52
FUNDS OVERDRAWN.	
Conference Poor,	\$165.95
Camp-meeting Account,	28.53
Tent and Camp-meeting Fund,	31.76
Tent Fund,	73.79
	300.03
Cash on Hand,	31.39
Total,	\$18,777.02

LIABILITIES.	
Bills Payable,	\$10,390.00
"Christ's Object Lessons,"	621.17
West Pennsylvania Conference,	48.19
Review & Herald Publishing Ass'n,	195.13
General Conference,	6.15
Battle Creek Sanitarium,	115.28
Battle Creek Bakery,	1.00
Williamsport Property,	31.25
Accounts Payable:	
Individuals,	7.42
Societies,	4.81
Sabbath-schools,	4.00
"Christ's Object Lessons" Rebate,	2.80
Canvassers' Relief,	42.65
Conference,	232.97
Total,	\$11,703.31
Present Worth,	2,073.71

LOSSES.	
Accounts Previous to 1905,	\$298.85
Accounts 1905,	205.43
Merchandise 1904,	8.40
Rent,	136.00
Postage and Stationery,	67.94
Expense,	80.35
Freight and Express,	17.72
Interest,	64.00
Periodicals,	28.06
Annuities,	71.25
Canvassers' Institute,	5.50
Total,	\$983.50

GAINS.	
Collections on Old Accounts,	\$48.87
Merchandise, 1905,	408.75
Total Loss,	525.88
Total,	\$983.50

STOCK.	
Present Worth April 1, 1905,	\$2,599.59
Loss,	\$525.88
Present Worth, Jan. 1, 1906,	2,073.71
Total,	\$2,599.59

V. H. COOK, Treasurer.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE. Nine Months Ending Dec. 31, 1905.

RECEIPTS.	
Cash on Hand April 1, 1905,	\$145.80
Tithe Received,	8,740.42
Donations,	425.96
On Accounts,	30.98
Total,	\$9,343.16
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Paid Laborers, Salary and Expense,	\$7,826.59
Sundry Expense,	507.10
Atlantic Union Conference Tithe,	776.50
Total,	\$9,110.19
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1906,	232.97
Total,	\$9,343.16

V. H. COOK, Treasurer.

RESOLUTIONS.

Recognizing the fact that our publications have been instrumental in bringing thousands of souls to a knowledge of present truth; and believing that the conditions for successfully carrying forward this work are especially favorable at the present time; therefore,

1. *Be it resolved:*

(a) That a united, enthusiastic effort be put forth to revive the old-time missionary spirit, and that a more thorough organization of the tract society in each church be effected.

(b) That our churches take up a systematic study of our large books like "Great Controversy" and "Daniel and the Revelation."

(c) That we recognize the importance of the work that is being done by our faithful canvassers, and that we persistently endeavor to greatly increase the number of those who will take up the sale of our regular subscription books.

(d) That we indorse the plan of having our canvassers associated in companies.

2. That our church-elders and conference laborers accept the responsibility of placing the *Review and Herald*, *GLEANER*, *Liberty*, and *Life and Health* in every Seventh-day Adventist family in this conference.

3. That every effort be put forth to increase the circulation of the *Signs of the Times*, *Southern Watchman*, and *Christlicher Hausfreund* among those not of our faith.

4. In view of the fact that the contributions for the care of the worthy poor in our conference are inadequate, we recommend that a special offering for this purpose be made in all of our churches at each quarterly meeting.

5. *Resolved*, That in harmony with the action of the Atlantic Union Conference Committee session, held in South Lancaster last November, we urge the active, earnest cooperation of all our churches and church-members throughout the conference in warning

the people against the evils of religious legislation which, in the end, will form the image to the beast.

6. That a fund be raised by the conference to meet the cost of sending the journal *Liberty* to State officials, to the members of our State Legislature, to State judges, and to leading editors and lawyers in the State; and that the conference officers prepare a list of names, as above stated, and forward the same to the *Review & Herald* to be placed upon the *Liberty* subscription list.

7. That in view of the urgent demands of the times, our people throughout the conference be encouraged to extend the circulation of the magazine *Liberty* as widely as possible by securing individual subscriptions to it; by circulating it among their friends and neighbors; and by supplying it to city and county officials, such as mayors, councilmen, judges, and justices of the peace; and to lawyers, business men, and school-teachers.

8. That for officers in our churches only such persons be elected as are in word and deed in harmony with all points of present truth.

9. *We recommend*, That, in harmony with the resolution passed by the General Conference at Oakland, in 1903, our Sabbath-schools set apart the contributions of one or more Sabbaths in each quarter, as may be necessary, for the expenses of the school, all the contributions of the remaining Sabbaths to be given to missions; and that the expense of the State department be paid out of the conference treasury.

Whereas, The conference committee, acting in harmony with the recommendation of the Union Conference, established a department of education and appointed five members of the same; therefore,

10. *Resolved*, That we hereby indorse this action of the committee and establish this department as a fundamental part of the work of this con-

ference, to stimulate educational matters under the direction of the conference committee; and that this department shall consist of five members to be elected by the conference in session assembled.

11. *Resolved*, That earnest efforts be put forth in the establishment and proper maintenance of church schools wherever consistent, and in the matter of getting our young men and women into our training schools.

Whereas, The General Conference educational convention, to be held at College View, Nebraska, June 29 to July 10, is expected to be a meeting of vast importance to all phases of our school work, and

Whereas, The progress of the general work of the conference is greatly affected by our understanding of and attitude toward the question of the education of our children and youth; therefore,

12. *Resolved*, That a suitable person shall be selected by the conference committee and sent to this convention to bring to the department of education in its work such help as may be gained at the convention.

13. *Resolved*, That the work of the campaign on "Christ's Object Lessons" be continued, and that we particularly avail ourselves of the plan to assist young men and women to gain an education at our Union Conference academy by the sale of these books.

14. *Resolved*, That we assist in the maintenance of a fund from which our worthy young people may be helped in gaining an education at our training schools by the sale of the Educational Number of the *Bible Training School*.

15. *Resolved*, That in accordance with the instruction given by the spirit of prophecy, we pay from the tithe of this conference the sum of \$250 toward the salary of a Bible teacher for this coming year in our Union Conference academy.

16. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our deep regret at the publica-

tion and circulation of the tract written by Elder A. T. Jones, recently issued from Battle Creek, attacking the spirit of prophecy, and the general organization and management of our work; that we regard this attack as wholly unjustifiable; and that we hereby declare anew our unswerving faith in, and loyalty to, the gift of the spirit of prophecy which has been connected with the third angel's message from its very beginning; and express our approval of the General Conference organization and our confidence in its present management.

17. That we believe in the American principle of government; namely, that there shall exist an entire separation between religion and the state; and we deplore the rapidly growing tendency on the part of many religious bodies to destroy this principle by urging upon civil officers and rulers the unconstitutional and unchristian principle of forcing religious customs and institutions upon our citizens by law, especially in the matter of Sunday observance.

18. *Resolved*, That we donate a sum not exceeding \$300, or as much thereof as is necessary, to Sister Bertha A. Kurtz, to be used in defraying her expenses to, and maintaining her for one year in India, whither she has gone as a self-supporting missionary.

Resolution No. 16 brought many of the brethren and sisters to their feet in its support, and it was heart-stirring to hear with what confidence some of our older brethren spoke, who accepted the message when it was in its infancy and have devoted their lives to its promulgation.

It is needless to say that the resolution was unanimously adopted by the delegates, but it should also be stated that when the opportunity was offered, the whole congregation approved its adoption without a dissenting voice.

Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows: W. J. Fitzgerald, President; W. H. Smith, Vice-President; V. H. Cook, Secretary and

Treasurer; J. R. Ebersole, Field Secretary; G. W. Spies, Religious Liberty Secretary; Sue M. Andrews, Sabbath-school Secretary. Executive Committee, W. J. Fitzgerald, W. H. Smith, C. D. Christman, M. D., Henry Baumgartner, and G. W. Spies.

Directors for Pennsylvania Tract Society, W. J. Fitzgerald, W. H. Smith, and V. H. Cook.

Educational Committee, Sue M. Andrews, W. H. Smith, G. W. Spies, I. M. Martin, and Nellie B. Underwood.

Credentials were granted as follows: W. J. Fitzgerald, W. H. Smith, S. S. Shrock, Charles Baierle, Henry Meyer, P. F. Bicknell, and J. L. Baker.

Ordination and credentials, G. W. Spies.

Ministerial Licenses, C. E. Hilton and I. M. Martin.

Missionary Credentials, Jessie M. Weiss, Nellie B. Underwood, Sue M. Andrews, Geo. F. B. Unger, V. H. Cook, J. R. Ebersole, H. Langenberg, Mrs. H. Langenberg, C. S. Wiest, C. Baum, John Hughey, Francis Dinsmore, and Elsie Swingle.

W. J. FITZGERALD, *President*,
V. H. COOK *Secretary*.

VERMONT TITHE FOR JUNE, 1906.

Bordoville,	\$2.50
Burlington,	35.02
Charleston,	9.00
Hartland,	30.77
Jamaica,	15.51
Northfield,	15.00
Richford,	17.00
Rutland,	3.30
Sharon,	16.26
Sutton,	1.75
Vergennes,	1.75
Individuals,	17.10
Total,	\$164.96

W. E. FORTUNE, *Treasurer*.

REPORT OF LABOR.

WEDNESDAY, June 27, I went to Cumberland, Maine, and visited

Brother and Sister Gram. Their daughter, Christiania N. Gram, was united in marriage with Walter R. Fogg. These two have united their interests for this life, and it is hoped they may be prepared to unite around the throne of God and spend a happy eternity in the world to come.

Thursday I went to Kittery Point and baptized the isolated sister mentioned by Sister Morton in last week's GLEANER. This sister commenced to keep the Sabbath by studying the Bible. Her husband called her attention to the fact that the seventh day and not the first day of the week was the Bible Sabbath, which, by searching the Scriptures she found to be true, and showed by commencing to keep it that she was willing to obey God. Holy angels witnessed the performance of this rite. After this sister accepted the Sabbath, she felt that she wanted to be a full-fledged commandment keeper; and as she was not satisfied with her former baptism, she decided to be rebaptized.

It is inspiring to see the interest taken by this sister to bring the knowledge of this message to the attention of others by circulating reading matter. Although isolated, yet she feels anxious that others should see and obey the truth.

S. J. HERSUM,
Richmond, Maine.

VIRGINIA.

RECENTLY it was my privilege to hold two very excellent Sabbath meetings with the Lowry church. At the first one a brother had prepared a place in a beautiful grove, and invited in his neighbors to whom we had the privilege of explaining the signs in the earth. Luke 21:11, 25, 26. The best part of this privilege was the fact that there was present one new Sabbath-keeper who had recently begun walking in the light received from books sold by the brother who had prepared the place for the meeting.

About a year and a half before, I met this brother and persuaded him to do some canvassing about his home. At first he was very reluctant to do this, feeling that he was unqualified; but since he began, he has become quite inspired with the idea of devoting his life to that work, and rejoices greatly in seeing one soul enjoying the light of present truth.

June 23, I was at the home of another brother who had sent out written invitations to persons to whom they had sent reading matter and with whom they had visited. As a result, six or more persons were present at the Sabbath meeting to hear the message for the first time, and went away rejoicing in what they heard, purposing to learn more.

Let all the people follow in the same good work, and so hasten on the coming of the Saviour.

As previously reported, I am with Elder M. S. Babcock in Roanoke, where we have an excellent hearing, and a hopeful prospect of souls' being won to the Lord by the Holy Spirit's presence and power. Marked attention and continuous coming of the same ones, indicate their interest. To-night, June 24, the Sabbath will be presented, and we trust there may be united prayer in behalf of the work here, as there was in the days of the apostles. Acts 1:13, 14; 2:1, 42, 46, 47.

Our company of canvassers here are having excellent success. Remember them.

H. J. FARMAN,

*Second Ave. and Tenth St., N. W.,
Roanoke, Va.*

NORTHUMBERLAND, PA.

BELIEVING that our brethren will be interested to hear about the tent meetings here, we will write a few lines concerning them. We held our opening service on Monday, June 18, amid an abundance of rain, with an audience of ten. Each succeeding

service, however, was better attended, until last Sunday night, June 24, we had an attendance of nearly two hundred. Our attendance since then has averaged about forty-five each night.

One of the sad features of our first week's program, and one which was quite unexpected to us, was the death and burial of the husband of Sister Priscilla Allen, of this place. We conducted the funeral, which was a large one, and it served to bring our meetings to the attention of many. The people are kind to us, and the dailies are printing liberal notices for us each day, and our brethren here are taking hold, and helping in various ways, for which we are glad. One young man here kept the Sabbath for the first time last Sabbath.

We realize that we need the prayers of our brethren and sisters throughout the conference, and earnestly ask that you will remember the work here at the throne of grace. Hoping for the prayerful cooperation of our readers, we remain

Yours in the blessed hope,

GEO. W. SPIES,

IRVIN M. MARTIN.

REPORT OF THE JEWISH MISSION.

BROTHER GILBERT is still away from us, yet during his absence we have certainly realized more than ever the mighty power of God. We have felt weak and inefficient, yet God has been with us and wonderfully blessed our efforts. And we are thankful that he will use us, though weak, to be co-workers with him.

The meetings are well attended. We often have as many as fifteen, all intelligent Jews, who listen very attentively. Last Wednesday evening the people were greatly stirred up, and quite an antagonistic spirit was aroused. In talking with them afterwards, we succeeded in quieting them by the help of God, and one man promised to come on Sunday to study the Bible.

Another man, a rabbi, came here one day this last week wanting to learn more of our faith. Some one had given him one of Elder Gilbert's tracts, also a New Testament, and after reading them, he decided to accept Jesus Christ as the Messiah. So we have every reason to thank God for sending us those that are honest in heart and willing to search for the truth.

Several of our pupils in English have promised to study the Bible with us as soon as they know the language well enough.

The work of distributing tracts and New Testaments goes steadily on. Brethren Uchtmann and Sasson have had some very interesting experiences in that line in Chelsea, also around here in Boston. Many receive the tracts thankfully, others get angry and tear them to pieces.

One day, as we were distributing tracts in the Public Gardens, we gave a tract to each of two young men, and after walking a short distance, they came running after us asking for more reading matter. They said they had already read this tract and wanted more. We then invited them to come to the meetings, promising to give them New Testaments.

The sewing school has been well attended until the last week, since the public schools closed, when many of the children have gone to the country for the summer, and others have gone to work.

Dr. Prince gives us one day a week, and we find plenty of patients for him, as there is sickness in nearly every home that we visit. The poor, dear souls are very grateful for what we are able to do for them. As we minister to the needs of the body, we try also to sow the good seed in the hearts of these dear ones for whom Christ died. We all feel that it is a grand work to go about as the Master did, and help those in need, and we thank God that he called us to labor for him among his ancient people.

We seem to be a continual puzzle to them. They do not think we are Christians, and they do not know what we are, as they know we are not Jews. Christianity to them means "Sunday-keeping, persecuting the Jews, and the eating of all manner of abominable things." So we try to show them by our lives that we follow the Master, and we ask all the dear GLEANER family to pray for us that we may indeed not come short of this. And we also ask you to pray that God will send us means and more workers for this great cause.

One of the workers,

J. L. PERSON.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND
CAMP-MEETING.

THIS report of our camp-meeting is delayed a little on account of the press of other work, and yet we feel that we should not omit to testify to the goodness of God and his presence with us at our late gathering at Middletown. The help of our heavenly Father was manifest from the beginning. The weather was delightful as we arranged the camp, and had we been called upon to do so, we could have held our first meeting on Tuesday night. By Wednesday night every arrangement and detail was perfected, and our corps of workers was free to rest throughout Thursday, and to welcome our brethren and sisters as they came on the ground. This condition, we believe, contributed largely to the success of our work.

The representation at the camp was a larger one than that at Willimantic one year ago, and the spirit of energy, courage, and consecration was everywhere felt and seen. The last Sabbath of the meeting witnessed a large outpouring of the Spirit of God in our midst. Ministers and people alike laid aside everything that had hindered in any way their usefulness; hearts were turned to God; consecration for service was renewed; and vic-

tories were gained which caused our hearts to unite in thanksgiving to our heavenly Father for his mercy and long-suffering to us, his erring children. This work of triumph we believe was the result, to some extent at least, of a heart-searching and a straightening up in individual lives all through the previous week. We thank God for the advance step thus taken.

We were favored with the presence and assistance of Elders Ketring and Fitzgerald throughout the season, and for a part of the time, with the help of Elder F. C. Gilbert and Professors Griggs and Cottrell, besides having a full attendance of all our workers in the local field.

The condition of our conference is encouraging, and we press forward with confidence that the coming year will be a successful one, to the praise of God. Our force has been increased from four, one year ago, till at the present time, we enter our tent season with fourteen upon the conference pay roll. During the past fiscal year, our tithe has increased over twenty-five per cent., so that, although we have largely increased our working force, our cash balance is considerably in advance of what it was one year before, and our property has also been increased several hundred dollars. We are thankful to God that we have a good equipment, all paid for, and that we are thus able to press forward unembarrassed by any debt.

During the camp the needs of various enterprises were presented, and donations were received in cash and pledges amounting to the following: for foreign mission work, \$100; for the Jewish mission work, centered in Boston, about \$80; and for the expenses of the home work, outside the regular lines supported by the tithe, \$165.

During the latter part of the meeting, there was considerable interest manifested on the part of the townspeople, and we anticipate that this in-

terest, now being followed up by a tent effort, will bring some souls to the full knowledge of this saving message.

W. A. WESTWORTH.

HAGERSTOWN, MD.

WE are of good courage here. We have just rented the G. A. R. Hall for our meeting Sabbath afternoon. We can also have it at a very reasonable rent any night we want it, that the G. A. R. is not using it. We trust there are souls here to be won to Christ, and that this may be an opening for that work.

EMMA S. NEWCOMER.

PHILIPPI, W. VA.

THINKING that many of our brethren and sisters may feel anxious to see something in the GLEANER from our workers, we will give a brief account of our work near the above place.

Philippi is the county seat of Barbour County, and is situated on the Tygart's Valley River, but our meeting is being held in a rural district among a well-to-do class of farmers.

Our meetings commenced on the evening of June 8, with about fifty in attendance, and the number steadily increased until we had from one hundred to one hundred and fifty.

The weather has been very unfavorable, as it has rained almost every day since we have been here, and we have had a number of very hard storms which threatened the destruction of our pavilion, but all is still in good condition.

The extremely wet weather has greatly hindered the farmers in the cultivation of their crops, and now a fine wheat harvest is beginning, so our attendance for two nights, just passed, has been very much reduced.

In view of this condition of things, we thought it would be wisdom to drop out one or two nights, visit

among the people and give them a chance to rest, as the nights are so short that they can not get more than five or six hours' sleep when attending services.

We presented the Sabbath on last Sunday at eleven o'clock and examined the Sunday claims the following night in the presence of about one hundred and seventy-five persons. The Lord gave us freedom, and we think many saw the truth clearly, and we pray that the Spirit may impress these truths indelibly in the mind of every honest soul.

What the results may be, we can not say, but we will try, by the Lord's help, to discharge our duty and then leave results with the Lord. Paul may sow and Apollos may water, but God alone can give the increase.

We were very much pleased to have Elder E. J. Dryer with us a short time last week, as he was on his way to Charleston to begin his meeting.

Elder P. W. Province, who now is engaged in a tent effort in Murphytown, also made us a call and assisted us while here.

May the Lord bless in the efforts that are now being put forth, and may every brother and sister in the conference help us lift in every way they can, is our most earnest prayer.

W. R. FOGGIN,
DAVID HADDIX.

ROANOKE, VA.

DEAR GLEANER FAMILY: As the summer season again comes to us with its fruits and harvests, I am impressed with the fact, that "The harvest [of souls] truly is great, but the laborers are few."

My last work in the canvassing field was in Lonaconing, Md., last summer, after which I took a short rest and entered the Washington Training College for the school year.

Now school has closed, and it is to me a great pleasure to again join the Lord's army of canvassers, who give

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SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

SABBATH-SCHOOL :
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT OF THE EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE.

For the Year Ending March 31, 1906.

TO THE brethren and sisters of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference we respectfully submit the following:

Since entering upon the duties in connection with the Sabbath-school department of our conference, at the beginning of the second quarter of the conference year, or during the period of nine months in which we have served in this capacity, we have been pleased to note that the record of the Sabbath-school work has been one of continuous advancement, or progress; at least so far as numbers are concerned.

Our record shows that from a membership of seven hundred and fifty-six, distributed among thirty-five schools (five of which were family schools), we have grown until our total membership has reached nine hundred and seventy-two; an increase in the membership, during these nine months, of two hundred and sixteen. Forty-five schools are represented in the total membership, six of which are family schools, besides thirty-five home department members—twenty in the home department of local schools and fifteen belonging to the State home department.

The last reports also show a better average attendance. The average attendance last quarter was seven hundred and eighty-two, fully eighty per cent. of the membership.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total amount of contributions received in the Sabbath-schools since June 30, 1905 (a period of nine months), \$725.97

Amount donated to missions during the same period. 482.81
Total amount of donations to missions for the entire year, minus the expense of the State department, 600.16
Expense of State department, 23.11

From the foregoing, it is quite evident that the Lord has greatly blessed in this department of the work; but these figures do not tell of the spiritual blessings bestowed upon us, nor of the rich experiences gained by those whose hearts were in the work. These facts have been gleaned from the many letters which have been received from those who have really enjoyed their work in connection with the Sabbath-school cause.

It has not been the privilege of the writer to visit any of our schools, and thus gain by personal observation a knowledge of their condition, but as near as we can judge from the communications received, we believe that all are in a flourishing condition; and our prayer is that they may continue to prosper, that with God's blessing and the guidance of the Holy Spirit much earnest work may yet be done to save precious souls for whom Christ died.

SUE M. ANDREWS,
Sabbath-school Secretary.

TEACHING.

THE Saviour said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

This is the great commission under which all gospel work is conducted. It is universal in its application. It includes in its scope every one. It authorizes every one to labor in his sphere for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom, and to prepare men and women for citizenship under the reign of King Immanuel.

Included in this commission are a large class who are teachers in Sab-

bath-school work. That this class is directly authorized of heaven to engage in labor is seen in the fact that the work is to be carried forward by teaching. How to best perform this work is an important question. A variety of answers are given to it as we see the different methods used by teachers in our schools.

There is one class who seem to think that the best way to do it is to stand before the class and preach to them. When asked why they do this way, they will tell you that it is because the pupils do not have the lesson learned. But the reason the class of such a teacher does not learn the lesson is because the members do not expect to be called upon to recite, and having no incentive to study the lesson, they soon fall into the habit of going to the class unprepared, and so sit through the lesson period in a listless manner, receiving but little benefit. The writer recalls an illustration of this when one of this class of teachers changed his method and began to ask the questions. No one hardly could answer, but an interest was soon manifested in the lesson.

Another class simply ask the questions in the lesson sheet in, perhaps, a listless manner. This is better, but is very likely to fail of arousing an enthusiasm in the study of the Word.

Another class combine the questions given with others of their own, thus drawing out what the pupils know, and using this opportunity to aid them in a clearer understanding of the subject by giving additional information, or correcting erroneous views that may be held.

My method the past quarter has been to make a large use of the notes, asking questions and having the answers found in the Bible. Expressions have been made showing that this has been helpful. This latter method will require preparation and thought upon the part of the teacher, but the effort required will be amply repaid. Paul in writing to Timothy

says, Study to show thyself a workman approved of God. Shall we not, fellow teachers, make earnest efforts to do our work in the best manner?

S. A. HOLDEN.

KEENE (N. H.) SABBATH-SCHOOL.

SABBATH, March 3, a vote was taken that we organize a Sabbath-school home department. April 1 we had thirty members, which exceeds the membership of the church Sabbath-school.

As the winter is past, and the weather and roads are more favorable to traveling, several of our home department members meet with us each Sabbath, which proves that the fears of some persons at the time of organization were groundless, that it might lead these members to feel that they were not welcome at the regular Sabbath-school. The effect has seemed to be just the opposite. A faithful weekly study of the lesson at home, has awakened an interest to make more earnest efforts to be present here and receive the benefit of associating with other minds. The facts are, if rules of membership had been strictly enforced before, they more truly belong now. The teachers record their attendance by inserting in their class-books a line just above the line for visitors at the bottom of the page, where the total attendance is recorded.

Our offerings have been quite materially increased by the use of the home department envelopes by its members.

As Brother Fields' family has moved several miles from a railway station, and have no means of conveyance, the officers of the school left it in charge of the assistant superintendent, and met with Brother and Sister Field, on Sabbath, April 28. Some of their neighbors came in and manifested a good interest. Brother Peck and family were present, and the Lord met with and blessed us ac-

ording to his promise. In the meeting which followed, an ungodly man (a student of history) gave close attention as Brother Bee gave a brief study on Daniel 2 and 7.

It is truly a blessed privilege to have a part in a work so fraught with possibilities as that of the Sabbath-school. Our prayer is that the children and youth in all our Sabbath-schools may receive thorough instruction in this great truth, that their lives may be consecrated to God in the days of their youth, and that they may receive the endowment that will enable them to sound the loud cry so soon to be given.

BESSIE M. BEE,
Sabbath-school Secretary.

EDUCATIONAL

OUR ACADEMY AND CHURCH-SCHOOLS

DOES IT PAY?

A NUMBER of years ago, in attending a conference, I met a young married man who had recently come into the truth. This young man had an ardent desire to bring this new-found truth to the knowledge of others. He was enjoying it himself, and he was desirous that others should enjoy it, but he had no education, and he had a wife and one child. He had a trade at which he was working, which brought him in a reasonable income. It was in May that I met him. The next fall, he came to school. He had earned and saved \$75, or about this amount. For five years he has steadily attended the school. He was graduated this year. During this time, they have had another child, but he has been able by frugality and a good, earnest, working spirit to meet all his obligations with the exception of a comparatively small amount which was lent to him from the students' fund. This small amount will be refunded in the course of a few months. During this time, he has become an

excellent student, and has been planning for the work of the ministry. Of course, there has been much self-denial on his part, and on the part of his wife, but he is now qualified to do valiant work for the Master.

I ask if it has paid for this young man to put forth this effort for an education. The answer is obvious. I have not given this illustration for the purpose of praising this young man, even though he be worthy of praise, but to impress upon the minds of scores of our young men and women their possibilities. What has been done can be done, if the same effort is put forth. Let young men and women deny themselves of anything and everything but the bare necessities of life, in order that they may gain such an education as will qualify them for use in the Lord's cause. There may be a tremendous struggle to be passed through in the beginning, but the reward is sure, and it certainly will pay.

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

HARTLAND (VT.) CHURCH SCHOOL OUTING.

Six years ago this spring, the Hartland church school was started, and has continued without any interruption up to the present time. It is a part of the church, and is very closely connected with its life.

When we planned for an outing at the close of school, the church and Sabbath-school responded heartily, and commenced preparation for the same.

The newly-organized Sharon church is situated only sixteen miles away, and in response to our invitation, they replied that they would be pleased to join us in the day's exercises.

The thought of meeting these friends gave added pleasure to our anticipations of the outing, and our church-elder and deacon willingly left their work for a time to do their part in preparation, while the good mothers

in the churches bountifully provided for the physical needs of the company by preparing most appetizing lunches.

The day was just right, and before noon, thirteen of the Sharon friends had joined our company of thirty-eight in a pretty grove near West Hartford.

The program rendered in the afternoon was a most enjoyable one. We were favored with the presence of Elder O. O. Farnsworth, who opened the exercises with appropriate Scripture reading and prayer.

We truly felt that God was near, and as we looked about us, these words which were repeated, expressed our idea of the place:

"This is God's house; the blue sky is its ceiling;

These woods the soft, green carpet for his feet;

These hills his stairs, down which the brook comes stealing

With baby laughter, making earth more sweet."

The music was furnished chiefly by the Sharon friends, who rendered most pleasing selections on the violin and harmonica, and several soul inspiring hymns.

There were recitations by the young people and children of both Sabbath-schools represented, as well as by those in the church school at Hartland, with a few by older ones of both companies. These were listened to with much interest and pleasure.

In his closing remarks, Elder Farnsworth expressed his appreciation of our church school, and we were pleased to hear him say that though this is at present the only school of the kind in the State, its influence is spreading, so that before very long it may be that the *Sharon church school* will invite our company to a similar gathering.

In closing, we would lay before our people in this conference the needs of this school, as also of the new one, doubtless, when it shall be started. God has never failed of providing a teacher for the school; funds have al-

ways been furnished; but the young people are fast growing up. Five of our former students have been in South Lancaster Academy for one, two, or more years. Four more are about ready to go, and where are the children to take their places?

May the burden of this work be placed upon those who should help in some way toward furnishing students for this school.

For myself, I can say that I know that this is God's work, and I am more and more thankful for the privilege of influencing the young lives that are to bear a part in the closing work of God.

NAOMI L. WORTHEN, *Teacher.*

WEST PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL.

"WE are in need of schools where the youth shall be taught that greatness consists in honoring God by revealing his character in daily life."—*Ministry of Healing*, page 440.

Again we read: "What do students carry with them when they leave school? Where are they going? What are they to do? Have they the knowledge that will enable them to teach others? Have they been educated to be true fathers and mothers? Can they stand at the head of a family as wise instructors? The only education worthy of the name is that which leads young men and young women to be Christlike, which fits them to bear responsibilities, fits them to stand at the head of their families. Such an education is not to be acquired by a study of heathen classics."—*Id.*, page 444.

In view of the above, and much more of the same character, from the pen of Sister White, and in view of the fact that at present we have not a school in this conference, the writer has felt a burden to see something done in the line of denominational school work. Surely, the time has come for us as a people to heed the instruction the Lord has given us with

reference to educating our children for service in his cause and work.

When the Lord speaks, his people should hasten to obey. We are all well aware that in the public schools of to-day our children do not receive the training that we desire they should receive. If we meet the mind of the Lord, we shall certainly take steps to provide schools where the message for this time will be taught in its fulness. In the public schools there is at least great danger that the young minds will be led to disbelieve the teaching of the Bible, and to accept the false ideas taught by the worldly teachers of the present day.

"Never should books containing a perversion of truth be placed in the hands of children or youth. Let not our children, in the very process of obtaining an education, receive ideas that will prove to be seeds of sin."—*Ministry of Healing*, page 447.

Our children are in great danger of receiving ideas that will prove their ruin in the end, or such language as the above would not be sent to us directed, as we believe, by the Spirit of God. Brethren and sisters, do we actually believe that the Lord is speaking to us through the spirit of prophecy? If so, why do we not take the matter more seriously with reference to educating our children? Why leave them in the public schools year after year when the Lord has said, "Take them out of the public schools?" Is it not a fact that in all the past history of the world when the Lord has spoken to his people, if they have taken heed to what he has said, they have come out in the end far better than when they have disregarded the instruction given?

"The education begun here will not be completed in this life; it will be going forward through all eternity,—ever progressing, never completed."—*Id.*, page 466.

If the education begun here in this world is to continue throughout eternity, how important it is that the be-

ginning should be after God's order. What a grave responsibility rests upon the people of God to see that a Biblical education is provided for their children, that from childhood they become acquainted with him whose character they are to study during eternity if they are saved in the kingdom of heaven.

We know that in establishing our schools difficulties have to be met, one of which is the financial needs of the school. The writer having given this matter some thought, felt to favor the following plan: To secure a tract of land and divide it up into small farms each, and encourage our people to purchase homes and engage in raising small fruits, garden vegetables, and poultry, and thus be able to support themselves and assist in the support of teachers, etc. Thus we might have a cooperative industrial school, and at the same time the children would be under the influence of their parents. We feel sure that this plan can be made a success if all who are thus brought together are truly consecrated to God and to his service.

We have secured a tract of land in Indiana County, Pa., near the county seat, and now offer it for sale to our brethren at a reasonable price. We are in a good farming district, where fruits can be grown, and where we shall doubtless find a good home market for our products. While we do not favor the idea of having a large company of our people locate together in one place, yet we hope that a sufficient number of families who have children to educate will join us in this enterprise to make the school a success. We shall endeavor to follow the light God has given, and hope to have a school that God himself can sanction and bless.

We must build a schoolhouse for our school, and as none of us who are at present connected with this school enterprise have very much money, we hereby extend to our people through-

out the conference an invitation to assist us financially, if any feel clear to do so. This invitation is given with the sanction of the conference committee. Any assistance given in this time of need will be thankfully received and greatly appreciated, let the sum be large or small. We do not expect to put up a large, expensive building, but simply a plain frame schoolhouse, large enough to meet the demands of the work.

We shall be pleased to correspond with any of our people who are interested in this matter, and who desire information with reference to our plans and work. Address as follows:

J. W. WATT,
R. F. D. 8, Indiana, Pa.

ARIEL CHURCH SCHOOL.

THE church at this place is planning to have a church school again this year. The work done last year was very satisfactory, and it is the desire of all concerned that the coming year shall be still better. As this is the only school of its kind in this part of the State, it has been thought best to extend to neighboring churches the privilege of having the children in a school where the principles of truth are taught. In behalf of this church, I wish to extend this invitation to all who would care to share the school with us.

Arrangements are being made with families near the church whereby a number can obtain board, either for cash or for a small amount of work. The rate of tuition is low. This is an opportunity for those who are not prepared to enter our Union Conference academy, to gain, near their home, such preparation as might be necessary, at a small expense.

I shall be glad to hear from those who are interested or desire further information, at an early date.

A. L. COBB, *Elder*.

"Be ye also patient."

The PRINTED PAGE

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and from **HOUSE to HOUSE**"

REPORT FROM OUR FIELD SECRETARY.

A BRIEF report of the work I have been doing for the past few weeks might not be uninteresting to those who are watching the progress of the canvassing work in this part of the field.

On Sunday, May 20, I went to Baltimore to attend the annual meeting of the Chesapeake Conference. A good interest was taken in the canvassing work by those in attendance, and Brother W. C. Fleisher was elected conference canvassing agent, and we trust will soon be in the field ready to help those who are ready to enter upon the sale of our good books. In view of the fact that this office has been vacant for a number of years in that conference this is a most important and encouraging step in the right direction.

With an ex-State agent of many years' experience, as president, and a good practical book man as State agent, we certainly might be justified in expecting a spirited revival of the canvassing work in the Chesapeake Conference soon. We do expect it, and trust that the brethren in charge of the work will have the whole-hearted cooperation of every man and woman in the conference.

After the close of the Baltimore meeting, I spent a few days at the new Review and Herald publishing house in Takoma Park.

On June 1, I went to the Eastern Pennsylvania camp-meeting at Sunbury. This was an excellent meeting, and the canvassing work was given its due share of consideration. The president and workers in this conference have a deep interest in this branch of the work, and are not afraid to manifest it in a public way when the opportunity offers. Brother J. R. Ebersole was reelected canvassing

agent, and assisted in conducting a canvassing class, which was continued for a few days following the close of camp-meeting. Eight young persons attended this short institute, and we trust will become permanent and successful sellers of our literature. Several others who expected to remain, were taken sick and had to return home. But those who did remain, entered heartily into the studies, and we shall look for their names to be enrolled on the canvassing report each week.

From Sunbury I went to Middletown, Conn., and spent a few days at the Southern New England camp-meeting. Although my stay there was brief, the time was well improved, and several very enthusiastic meetings were held in the interest of the canvassing work. Brother Charles Dyer, who has had a wide experience in the book work, and who has recently come to America from Scotland, where he has spent several years both as canvasser and conference canvassing agent, was elected field secretary for the ensuing conference year. Brother Dyer will have the unqualified support and cooperation of Elder Westworth and the other conference workers, and his energy, enthusiasm, and unflinching good nature are certain to bring very satisfactory results.

After a very pleasant journey from Middletown, Conn., to DuBois, Pa., I had the pleasure of spending a few days with my family at the camp-meeting of my home conference. The canvassing work has always been a live topic at the camp-meetings of this conference, and this one proved no exception to the rule. Brother Gibson, who was reelected State agent, was already holding some enthusiastic canvassers' meetings before I arrived, and these were continued through the remainder of the session.

This meeting is also being followed by a short canvassers' institute with an attendance of nine earnest young men and women. Several others

were present part of the time. Certainly better days are in store for the book work in West Pennsylvania, and we trust throughout the entire Atlantic Union Conference.

F. E. PAINTER.

TO THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

DEAR BRETHREN: Our annual gathering is drawing near, and having had the privilege of being connected with you in the canvassing work and the Sabbath-school department, I desire to ask all members of our conference to make the effort to be present. Let all come prepared by the Spirit of God to help in planning for both these branches of the work, so that the great good God designs these branches should do, may be better accomplished the coming year than ever in the past.

Brother F. E. Painter, our general canvassing agent, expects to be present. I know many will want to hear him speak of the work he loves so well, and that all who come and hear him will receive some of the enthusiasm with which he speaks of this work. There are good indications of a revival of the canvassing work in our State, and I believe that with the hearty cooperation of each one, there will be some stirring times among us.

I have not yet heard what arrangements will be made to give the Sabbath-school department a hearing, but I feel sure this department will be well taken care of by the committee.

May we have a revival of the real Christian spirit of love and true fellowship manifested at our gathering, that will be an impetus for greater work during the coming year, is the prayer of

Your brother in Christian love,
W. H. ZEIDLER.

**GOD HAS AN IMPORTANT TRUTH HE
WISHES MAN TO KNOW.**

I NOTICED the following paragraphs in the *Review and Herald* taken from a few of the papers read at the Lake

THE BOOK WORK.

Union Conference bookman's convention, held at Berrien Springs, Mich., May 5-8:

First. "God has an important truth which he wishes man to know, and that he may impart this knowledge speedily and accurately, he has enabled his people to produce literature which is admirably adapted for this purpose." Never has there been a time in which the truth God wishes man to know, could be put into the homes better than at the present time.

"The marvelous facilities now in use by men have been given to us by the Lord, that we may be enabled to perform concisely and well, the vast work which he has given us to do." Who does the word *us* mean?—It means every Seventh-day Adventist. You notice the word *speedily*. We talk much about Christ's soon coming to this earth. Do we believe it? This message is to be imparted speedily, and it can be done, but we must have the hearty cooperation of every Seventh-day Adventist. The word *accurately*, "with precision, exactness, accuracy," is what will bring the results. I meet many persons that say, "I should like to canvass; I expect to." The desire is there, but they do not put forth the effort. What they want to do is to decide which book to sell. We furnish you a canvasser's own description of whatever book you wish to use in canvassing. It shows you what part of the book to present to the people to get them interested. If you keep on canvassing from house to house, you will be sure to put out the literature.

Second. Few understand the importance of our publications. "Indeed, their value is beyond computation. The truth is taught in a clearer and stronger way in our books than it can be found in any other form, because writers can make stronger work with pen than speakers can make with the spoken word. Thus the pen and the press have become the most potent agencies that we can wield." Since

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending June 22, 1906.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
G. W. Holman, Lancaster,		D & R	3	23	10	12.50	.25	12.75	53.00
*Kate S. Peiffer, Lebanon,		B R	6	34	4	5.00	5.75	10.75	31.25
*H. M. Minier, Sayre,		C O L	7	41	14	17.50	9.25	26.75	
Totals,	3 Agents,		16	98	28	\$35.00	15.25	\$50.25	84.25

*Two weeks.

West Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending June 22, 1906.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Celestia Midkiff, Beaver Falls,		B R	1	2	2	4.00	15.00	19.00	
Mrs. M. J. Dugan, Beaver Falls,		C O L	1	3	3	3.75		3.75	
S. H. Swingle, Oil City.		S of P	10	50	79	79.00	17.75	96.75	
A. W. Coon, Oil City,		S of P	10	43	85	\$5.00	10.00	95.00	
J. S. Glunt, Altoona,		B R	3	6	3	7.50		7.50	27.72
Totals,	5 Agents,		25	104	172	\$179.25	\$42.75	\$222.00	\$27.72

Central New England Conference, Week Ending June 22, 1906.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. W. Rice, West Newbury,		S of P	5	30	10	9.25	15.85	25.10	3.00
W. E. Gerald, Brockton,		P L	5	45	8	8.00	47.25	55.25	70.15
Totals,	2 Agents,		10	75	18	\$17.25	\$63.10	\$70.35	\$73.15

New York Conference, Week Ending June 22, 1906.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Effa Gilbert,		C K		19	11	13.50	3.00	16.50	69.50
E. W. Walker,		C K		22	7	7.50		7.50	
Mrs. E. W. Walker,		C K			4	5.00	.50	5.50	9.60
A. R. Evans,		C K		35	20	27.00	2.50	29.50	
G. F. Evans,		H of M		43	13	30.25		30.25	
Fritz A. Evans,		C O L		49	11	11.05	31.15	42.20	
Totals,	6 Agents,			165	66	\$94.30	\$37.15	\$131.45	\$79.10

Chesapeake Conference, Week Ending June 22, 1906.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Virbrook Nutter, Cumberland,		C O L	3½	18	18	22.50	1.50	24.00	
David W. Percy, Hagerstown,		D of A	4	21	3	9.50	.50	10.00	12.00
Beniah Manuel, Hagerstown,		D of A	4	26	1	3.50	4.75	8.25	7.00
Totals,	3 Agents,		11½	65	22	\$35.50	\$6.75	\$42.25	\$19.00

West Virginia Conference, Week Ending June 22, 1906.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
J. H. Jennings, Pocahontas Co.,		C K	4	22	1	1.00	3.80	4.80	27.80
J. G. Marlatt, Wood Co.,		G C	5	55	21	55.25	10.75	66.00	1.00
J. F. Taylor, Pleasants Co.,		B R	5	19	4	8.50	1.25	9.75	2.50
R. A. Midkiff, Pleasants Co.,		B R	5	34			1.75	1.75	8.75
Mrs. L. L. Marshall, Morgant'n,		HofM	2	2					8.75
Totals,	5 Agents,		21	132	26	\$64.75	\$17.55	\$82.30	\$48.80

Virginia Conference, Week Ending June 22, 1906.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Totals	Del'd	
John Allran, Massies Mill,		B R		34	4	9.25	29.35	38.60	14.50	
G. H. Clark, Newport News,		C K		30	36	39.00	1.00	40.00	18.60	
Jos. F. Ammons, Richmond,		C K		19	9	9.00	2.00	11.00	1.25	
Adolph Schenk, Roanoke,		G C	5	28	27	33.50		33.50		
Harry G. Philips, Roanoke,		D of A	5	27	5	15.00	.50	15.50		
Totals,	5 Agents,			10	138	81	\$105.75	\$32.85	\$138.60	34.35

Vermont Conference, Week Ending June 22, 1906.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
A. W. Boardman, Wheelock,		S of P	3	25	17	17.00	7.50	24.50	
Gilman Gordon,		Montpelier, C K, S of P, L G			2	2.00	4.75	6.75	
*H. F. Litchfield, Caledonia Co., M the M			10	54½	46	137.75		137.75	
Totals,	3 Agents,			13	79½	65	\$156.75	\$12.25	\$169.00

*Two weeks.

U. C. Totals June 22	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
32 Agents,	106½	859½	478	\$688.55	\$227.65	\$916.20	\$336.37
Totals for corresp. week last year,							
31 Agents,	87	670½	254	\$469.75	\$124.45	\$593.20	\$832.63

few understand the importance, I wish to call your attention to these few paragraphs. If you have read them, it will not harm you to consider them again. I want you to see the importance.

Third. This paragraph gives an illustration of what has been done with one book,—that excellent work, "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation," about two hundred thousand copies of which have been sold. "It contains matter amounting to not less than one hundred excellent sermons. It is safe to count that as many as five persons on an average study each copy put into circulation. Figuring upon the basis herein set forth, one million persons have read this one book, and each one of these has had the benefit of one hundred sermons on important gospel truth. Therefore, the aggregate amount of work done through the agency of this one publication is equal to presenting one sermon to one hundred million people. Had the writer of this book preached for a period of twenty-five years, averaging two hundred sermons each year, he would have delivered during such a period five thousand sermons. We

will suppose that his congregations averaged fifty persons during this entire period. In this way he has presented one sermon to two hundred and fifty thousand persons. According to this ratio of comparative labor, he would have to preach for a period of eight hundred years in order to equal the amount of work done through his book."

Wonderful it is. Let us think about it, and let us put forth a far greater effort to extend the circulation of our publications. The warning must be given. Whom shall we send? May we hear the answer, "Here am I; send me." "May the Lord touch our lips with a live coal from off the altar, and prepare us for this closing work."

JOHN R. EBERSOLE,
Elizabethtown, Pa.

OBITUARY NOTICES

LAWMAN.—Died near Kanawha Station, W. Va., May 29, 1906, Miss Clara Lawman, daughter of Brother John Lawman, aged 27 years, 6 months, and 11 days. She leaves a father, a mother, six sisters, two brothers, and other loved ones, who hope to meet her

in that home where "The inhabitants shall not say I am sick." Isa. 33:24. Clara was of a cheerful disposition, and was patient in all her affliction. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Reverend Byrd (Baptist), attended by a large circle of friends and neighbors. Text, 1 Cor. 15:22: "As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

B. F. PURDHAM.

CUNNINGHAM.—Died near Newark, W. Va., May 27, 1906, Miss Clara May Cunningham, daughter of Brother R. A. Cunningham, aged 15 years, 8 months, and 13 days. She was a bright and intelligent girl, and was loved by all who knew her. She loved the truth, and the Christian's hope sustained her in her afflictions, and she died with the assurance that Jesus will soon come to gather his children unto himself. She leaves a father, two sisters, four brothers, a grandmother, and other friends and relatives to mourn the loss of one who will be sadly missed in the home and in the neighborhood. The funeral services were conducted by the writer. Text, Eccl. 12:1: "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth."

B. F. PURDHAM.

GREEN.—Died at the home of her daughter, in Buffalo, N. Y., Mrs. Melissa Green, aged 75 years and 8 days. Paralysis was the cause of death. Early in childhood Sister Green was converted and began to walk in the narrow way. About twenty-five years ago she accepted the Sabbath truth, and became a charter-member of the Seventh-day Adventist church of Jamestown, when it was organized shortly afterward. Hers was a life of fidelity, unswerving in duty, of constant faith and courage. Ever calm, dispassionate, patient, and loving, not once did she loosen her hold of the cable to the anchor within the veil. Perhaps the highest tribute to her memory may be expressed in the few words, "She lived for others." Trusting in Jesus fully, with sweet resignation and remarkable fortitude, she passed away like one falling into peaceful repose. Sister Green was born in Cone-wango, Cattaraugus County, when the country was yet almost a wilderness, where she has a host of friends that attest to her virtues. She leaves a husband, an only child, and two grandsons to mourn. The funeral was held in the M. E. church at Kennedy, N. Y., June 20. The services were conducted by the writer, and words of comfort were directed to sorrowing relatives and friends. The remains were then laid to rest in the village cemetery, awaiting the call of Him who "hath the words of eternal life."

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THE address of Elder B. F. Purdham is, Stanleyton, Va.

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ELDER H. F. KETRING is attending the educational convention at College View, Nebraska.

MR. AND MRS. A. WARE, of South Lancaster, are enjoying a visit from their three daughters, Mrs. Emma Farnsworth, of Washington, N. H., Mrs. Edith White, of Fultonville, N. Y., and Miss Alice Ware, from California.

THE secretary of the Vermont Conference wrote July 1: "Our canvassing report is a little larger than usual, owing to Brother Litchfield's entering the work to clear our office of 'Ladies' Guide' and 'Man the Masterpiece.'"

ALL who desire to have a part in the work will kindly note the requests for prayers coming from the tent laborers, and in connection with those requests will read the following taken from the *Missionary Worker*: "We request all our people throughout the field to pray, both at your family altars and in your weekly prayer-meetings, for the success of these various efforts, mentioning, as far as possible, the laborers by name. This, with the faithful payment of your tithe, is the most effective way of helping forward this glorious message and hastening the coming of Jesus."

THE publishers kindly sent us a sample copy of the Souvenir Edition of the *Signs of the Times*. As we saw the "Burning of San Francisco," in colors on the first page, and the "Relief Map" on the last, with the numerous illustrations between, it seemed to us quite as attractive in appearance as the popular magazines of the day, and we said, "Surely, our people will have no trouble in selling this for ten cents." Being busy just then, we laid the paper away, and it was forgotten.

Some days later, we opened the paper, to glance it through, and became so interested that we took no note of the lapse of time. Noon came; all around us were hastening away to still the cravings of the inner man, but we were not hungry. We were fascinated, spellbound, by the wonderful things the paper contained.

What an opportunity is here afforded us of giving to the world literature, which, though alluring as works of fiction, is true, and can not fail to be helpful in turning their thoughts to the meaning of those things which are coming on the earth. This Souvenir Edition is certainly one of the publications that ought to be scattered like the leaves of autumn. Order through your tract society.

FROM VIRGINIA.

WITH the pleasant summer weather, we are seeing an increasing activity in the canvassing work in Virginia. Our brethren who are thus engaged are also being blessed spiritually. How good it is to be able to write that some are anxious to study the truths which we believe.

Brother G. H. Clark, having finished canvassing Newport News, has moved to Hampton, and will work there until camp-meeting, possibly longer.

Brethren Schenk and Philips are doing good work here in Roanoke.

May we not confidently expect to have one canvasser in each county in

Virginia before long? Let us pray the Master to send forth reapers,

W. H. Z.

NOTICE.

THE churches at Northumberland and Bloomsburg, Pa., will hold their quarterly meeting, the former on Sabbath, July 7, the latter on Sabbath, July 14, 1906. We invite a full attendance of all the members, and any others who may desire to meet with us.

GEORGE W. SPIES.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

THE twenty-third annual session of the Virginia Conference will be held in connection with the camp-meeting at Petersburg, Virginia, July 26 to August 5, 1906. The first meeting will be held on Friday, July 27, at 3 P. M. All delegates should be present at the first meeting.

R. D. HOTTEL, *President*.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE AGENCY.

THE second annual meeting of the membership of the Virginia Conference Agency of Seventh-day Adventists, incorporated, will be held in connection with the annual camp-meeting of the Virginia Conference, at Petersburg, Virginia, July 26 to August 5, 1906. The first meeting will be held on Monday, July 30, at 4 P. M. The delegates in session of the Virginia Conference compose the membership of the agency.

R. D. HOTTEL, *President*.

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to the world "present truth" through the means of the printed page. I am also taking some part in the tent effort here, an account of which appeared in a recent issue of the GLEANER.

Virginia presents a splendid field for the consecrated canvasser, and the work here seems to be onward in every department.

HARRY G. PHILIPS.