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

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SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

"EVERY man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee." Deut. 16:17.

"The contributions required of the Hebrews for religious and charitable purposes amounted to fully one-fourth of their income. So heavy a tax upon the resources of the people might be expected to reduce them to poverty; but, on the contrary, the faithful observance of these regulations was one of the conditions of their prosperity."—*"Patriarchs and Prophets," page 527.*

"Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the Lord thy God, . . . and they shall not appear before the Lord empty." Deut. 16:16.

It was not because the Lord needed gifts that these requirements were made; but man needed the benefit of a constant reminder that "All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee." 1 Chron. 29:14. It was to keep their minds from becoming gross and worldly that these regulations were made. When man constantly receives, but never gives, he becomes selfish, and his heart grows hard. He soon draws himself within himself, and loses both spiritual sight and feeling for God and his fellow men. As long as we are human, we shall need every possible help that will strengthen our connection with heavenly things.

We pray every day that God will make us more and more like him; but it is the constant practice of benevolence that develops in us Godlike character. "The Lord requires gifts to be made at stated times, being so arranged that giving will become a

habit, and benevolence will be felt to be a Christian duty. The heart, opened by one gift, is not to have time to become selfishly cold, and to close, before the next gift is bestowed. The stream is to be continually flowing, thus keeping open the channel by acts of benevolence."—*"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. III, page 393.*

"God planned the system of beneficence, in order that man might become, like his Creator, benevolent and unselfish in character, and finally be a partaker with him of the eternal, glorious reward."—*"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IV, page 473.*

The principle of benevolence continues as binding upon men to-day as ever it was. On this point I quote:

"Some will pronounce this one of the rigorous laws binding upon the Hebrews. But this was not a burden to the willing heart that loved God. It was only when their selfish natures were strengthened by withholding, that men lost sight of eternal considerations, and valued their earthly treasures above souls. There are even more urgent necessities upon the Israel of God in these last days than were upon ancient Israel. There is a great and important work to be accomplished in a very short time. God never designed that the law of the tithing system should be of no account among his people; but instead of this, he designed that the spirit of sacrifice should widen and deepen for the closing work."—*"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. III, page 396.*

"If the law required tithes and offerings thousands of years ago, how much more essential are they now! If the rich and poor were to give a sum proportionate to their property in the Jewish economy, it is doubly es-

sential now. . . . It is because church-members neglect to pay their tithes and meet their pledges that our institutions are not free from embarrassment. If all, both rich and poor, would bring their tithes into the storehouse, there would be a sufficient supply of means to release the cause from financial embarrassment, and to nobly carry forward the missionary work in various departments."—*"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IV, page 474.*

"In the days of Israel the tithes and free-will offerings were needed to maintain the ordinances of divine service. Should the people of God give less in this age? The principle laid down by Christ is that our offerings to God should be in proportion to the light and privileges enjoyed. 'Unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him will they ask the more.' . . . The work of the gospel, as it widens, requires greater provision to sustain it than was called for anciently; and this makes the law of tithes and offerings of even more urgent necessity now than under the Hebrew economy."—*"Patriarchs and Prophets," pages 528, 529.*

We need not multiply these statements. Our position would not be strengthened if we did. We wish, however, to emphasize one thought: "Systematic benevolence should not be made systematic compulsion. It is free-will offerings that are acceptable to God."—*"Testimonies for the Church," Vol. III, page 396.* Most heartily do we believe that statement. Even the Lord himself would *compel* no one. The law of all giving, as God announced it, is, "Speak unto the children of Israel that they bring me an

offering; of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering." Ex. 25:2. That is to say, When an individual gives his heart with his offering, that is acceptable. "He shall offer it of his own voluntary will." This is the law of God on the subject of benevolence. Dr. A. J. Gordon once said, "There is little virtue in an offering drawn from a man by a pulpit corkscrew." We believe that the great principles of benevolence expressed in the laws given to Israel still remain. The danger of covetousness still threatens us. When God introduced system into the grace of giving it was because he saw that was the best way for us to give. When he taught his ancient people to pay a second tithe, thus creating a fund from which at any time they might have something at hand from which to draw, it was because he saw that was the best way of giving.

God saw that it was not wise to leave the making of offerings to the impulses of the human heart. All hearts are more deeply moved on certain occasions than on others, and some are more deeply moved than others. God did not leave the amount to be given to impulse, but rather as an expression of gratitude for the amount the individual had received from him. He did not ask the man who had received *one* talent to return to him *ten*.

The whole tithing system is beautiful in its equity. It rests proportionately on every Christian. The pressure on the widow's mite or the orphan's pittance is proportionately no more than on the man who has his thousands. "For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: but . . . that there may be equality." *That* is the beauty of the tithing system. It is equitable, and hence just. It is true it leaves

The FIELD

BUFFALO, N. Y.

LAST Sunday we had the pleasure of baptizing seven more precious souls. There are at least as many more who we expect will be ready for baptism in a few weeks. We have every reason to be thankful to the Lord for the way he has blessed the work in this city the past few months.

We trust that the readers of the GLEANER will pray for us that God will give us grace and wisdom in the future to so conduct the work here that we may see a harvest of souls. Surely "The harvest is ripe, but the laborers are few." We are about to begin our tent work here. We are aware that this most potent means of heralding the truth can be made such here if we as workers are truly consecrated, are properly qualified, and will use the proper tact and methods in pushing the work, while on the other hand, through neglect of these things, we can run through the summer without apparently accomplishing much, if anything. We pray to God for divine wisdom and guidance in our work.

May this be the banner season throughout the conference, and the Union, for an ingathering of souls.

E. J. DRYER,

E. C. TOWNSEND.

June 5, 1908.

the rich man in possession of more than the poor man; but at this point there comes in the whole field of voluntary offerings in which every one is left to decide for himself how large or how small they shall be. According to the gratitude of his heart and his appreciation of what God has done for him, so will a man's offerings be large or small. Voluntary offerings are a test of man's gratitude. Tithes are a test of his honesty toward God.

Again we ask the reader to think seriously of these things.

E. W. FARNSWORTH,

VERMONT CONFERENCE.

TITHE receipts for month ending May 31, 1908:

Barre, \$6.00; Burlington, \$39.01; Hartland, \$51.63; Jamaica, \$48.94; Johnson and Morrisville, \$10.50; Northfield and Braintree, \$12.45; Richford, \$6.00; Rutland, \$69.77; Sharon, \$10.00; Sutton, \$42.41; Wolcott, \$4.15; Individuals, \$1.50. Total, \$302.36.

W. E. FORTUNE, *Treasurer*.

WESTERN NEW YORK.

Quarter ending March 31, 1908.

CHURCH	TITHE	REL. LIB.	AN. OFF.
Auburn,		\$1.00	
Avon,	\$ 6.50		
Bath,	17.00	4.50	
Black Creek,	22.48		
Blockville,	10.00		
Buffalo,	277.12	5.00	98.69
Canandaigua,			
Cattaraugus,	27.00		6.50
Catlin,	27.50		
Colden,			
Collins Ctr.,		4.03	
Corning,	134.25	10.00	5.58
Darien Ctr.,	112.05	6.00	14.25
East Otto,	12.69	4.00	10.00
Ellicottville,	22.00	1.00	
Elmira,	38.32	11.22	25.50
Fredonia,	54.31		4.55
Gorham,			
Gas Springs,	10.67		
Hornell,	18.02		2.35
Jamestown,	115.32	3.82	
Jamestown, Swedish,	17.25		2.78
Jeddo,	90.30	1.33	
Locke,		14.00	
Lockport,	36.28		4.85
Newfane,	80.00		
Nunda,	2.06		
Olean,	19.96	1.60	50
Randolph,	38.04	1.55	
Richburg,	110.33		1.00
Rochester,	90.31	2.50	
Salamanca,	123.04	3.50	
Sinclairville,	41.37	14.00	10.75
Steamburg,	21.00	2.50	
South Pultney,	50.81	2.00	1.25
Wallace,	8.56		3.10
Wellsville,	78.94	8.00	24.62
West Valley,	25.00	2.50	
Individuals,	32.59	1.03	
Totals,	\$1,771.07	\$96.08	\$216.27

DELIGHT M. LANDON, *Treasurer*.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SOUTH-
ERN NEW ENGLAND TRACT
SOCIETY, YEAR ENDING
DEC. 31, 1907.**

RESOURCES.

Inventories:	
Subscription Books,	\$242.77
Trade Books,	170.83
Merchandise,	89.46
General Expense,	41.57
Furniture and Fixtures,	95.00
"Object Lessons,"	19.80
Cash on Hand,	322.60
Accounts Receivable, "C. O. L.,"	77.75
Tract Soc. Accts. Receivable,	108.82
Personal Accts. Receivable,	445.18
Total Resources,	\$1,613.78

LIABILITIES.

Stock,	\$1,408.43
Educational, "C. O. L.,"	133.90
"Ministry of Healing,"	26.36
Tract Soc. Accts. Payable,	21.01
Personal " " "	24.08
Total Liabilities,	\$1,613.78

LOSSES AND GAINS.

LOSSES.	
Freight and Express,	\$41.47
General Expense,	23.72
Postage,	52.89
Fuel and Light,	21.00
Furniture and Fixtures,	5.00
Rent,	69.00
Total Losses,	\$213.08
Net Gain,	275.22
	\$488.30

GAINS.

Subscription Books,	\$212.73
Trade Books,	74.66
Interest and Discount,	28.46
Periodicals,	55.63
Merchandise,	116.82
Total Gains,	\$488.30
Net Worth Jan. 1, 1907,	\$1,133.21
Net Gain during year,	275.22
Present Worth Jan. 1, 1908,	\$1,408.43

O. M. RUSSELL, *Treasurer.*

NEW LONDON, CONN.

THE Lord is surely blessing his work in this city. Friday, May 29, seven earnest souls were baptized by Elder Westworth at Ocean Beach and welcomed into church fellowship. On the Sabbath day following, one other was accepted by letter.

The church is greatly encouraged

by the addition of these members to the little band of workers; and, as the conference laborers are called to other fields, our hearts are cheered by the many expressions of gratitude to God for the work that has been done and the earnestness on the part of all to carry on the work, till all the honest souls are brought to the light of truth. Not one note of discontent is heard because of our being called away; but an earnest desire exists to take just their proper place in the work, and to be used of God to accomplish the results they had anticipated from our efforts with some who are deeply interested.

There are several interesting cases, who in experience are ready to join our ranks, but circumstances seem to hinder.

One for whom we would ask special prayer, is a soldier who has heartily accepted the message, and is keeping the Sabbath as best he can, and has the assurance of God's approval, although he is compelled to be at his post of duty a few hours of the holy time, is, however, able to attend our Sabbath service; and if he knows beyond a doubt that God requires him to give all the time, he says he has trusted too long and firmly to fail now, let the consequences be what they may.

Please pray that just the right course may be taken, and the truth may triumph gloriously.

E. B. D.

MARRIED.—On the evening of May 28, a very pretty, little home wedding took place at the home of Brother James Tefft, at Peacedale, R. I., when his son, J. Arthur Tefft, was united in marriage to Miss Helen Rea, formerly of Auburn, N. Y. Brother and Sister Tefft expect to connect with a tent effort this summer, and we pray the blessing of God to rest upon them as they engage in spreading the light of God's truth to a dying world.

W. A. WESTWORTH.

EDUCATIONAL
OUR ACADEMY AND
CHURCH-SCHOOLS

"THE TWO CROWNS."*

(Concluded.)

AH! a man is great only as he accomplishes great and noble deeds for God and for humanity. He is great only who is identified with a great work and enduring principles. These may constitute the little commonplace duties of life which are the real test of true greatness. Greatness does not consist in abundance of wealth, in abundance of learning, in abundance of outward beauty and ecstasy, nor in abundance of popular praise and worldly honor. All these are gaudy baubles that glisten, and dazzle the eye one moment, and vanish the next. The influence of true greatness can not be buried with man in the tomb, nor does it set with the sun, or fall with kingdoms. What the world applauds as great is all folly and vanity.

When Isaac Watts, England's favorite poet, announced his intention of visiting London, all London made great preparations to give him a wonderful ovation on his arrival. The streets were decorated with bunting, flags, and flowers. Fancy prices were paid for seats and windows in houses along the street where he was to march at the head of a procession, followed by the nobility, dukes, lords, and statesmen of London. A certain lady was exceedingly anxious to get a good view of her favorite poet, and seated herself at a window where he was certain to pass in close proximity. As the procession came up the street with Isaac Watts heading the nobility, the bands playing and flags floating, he passed in front of this lady's window whose favorite poet he was. As he drew near, the lady exclaimed with

* Baccalaureate sermon delivered by Elder C. S. Longacre on May 23, to the graduating class of '08 of South Lancaster Academy. Stenographically reported by R. J. Leo.

great consternation and surprise, "Is that little man with the slouch hat Isaac Watts?" "Yes," replied one, "that is Isaac Watts." "What! is that little, lame, humpback—that cripple in those plain clothes—Isaac Watts?" She had fancied him to be a stately looking gentleman, finely dressed. Isaac Watts overheard her remark, he stopped, turned, and looking up at the window, he quoted to her the following beautiful lines of poetry, as though inspired for the moment:

"Were I so tall as to reach the pole,
Or mete the ocean with my span;
I must be measured by my soul—
The mind's the standard of the man."

After all, the thing that moves the world and commands universal and lasting admiration, is not wealth, pomp and pelf, but brain-power coupled with heart-power. Education separated from character and a noble purpose is as dangerous a possession as an uncaged lion. It is apt to destroy its own master, and to devour others. It is certain to be a menace to the welfare of society and to the common weal.

What the world needs to-day, is not more educated men and women, but a better kind; not more church-members and churches, but a better kind—the kind that will put duty before pleasure, truth before error, honesty before greed, righteousness before sin, and character above learning. Oh! that I might impress upon your minds the intrinsic value and the transcendent beauty of an education set in the mold of the character of Jesus Christ! Such a possession is to be envied above rubies and much fine gold. It gives one a tremendous advantage to meet the stern duties of life. Yet how few appreciate the infinite possibilities of good within their reach, and begin to juggle with their education to satisfy the desires of a selfish heart, and use it for self-aggrandizement by pushing their weaker brother against the wall,

because they know how and can do it by taking advantage of the less fortunate.

A quaint old preacher of the olden days used to put life in the form of a story and liken it unto a man crossing the ocean. He was leaning over the side of the vessel; it was a bright, sunny day, and not a wave broke the surface of the water; just a little ripple here and there kissed the rays of the sun, and the man, as he leaned over the rail of the vessel, was tossing something in the air, something which, when it fell through the sunlight, sparkled with singular radiance and glory; and he watched it eagerly as he tossed it up and caught it as it fell. He tossed it up again and again and again, and it threw out its marvelous light as it fell. At last an onlooker came, and said, "May I ask you what that beautiful thing is that you are tossing up so carelessly?" He replied, "Certainly; look at it, it is a diamond." "Is it of much value?" asked the spectator. "Yes, indeed, of very great value. See the color of it, see the size of it. In fact, all I have in the world is in that diamond. I am going to a new country to seek my fortune, and I have sold everything I have, and have put it into that diamond, so as to get it into a portable shape that I may carry it with me wherever I go." "Then, if it is so valuable, is it not an awful risk you are running in tossing it up so carelessly?" was the next question. "No risk at all. I have been doing this for the last half-hour," said the man. "But there might come a last time," said the onlooker; but the man laughed and threw it up again, and caught it as it fell, and again, and again, and once more, and it flashed and blazed like a brilliant meteor in the sky as it fell the last time. Ah, but this time it is too far out. He reaches as far as he can over the rail of the vessel, but he can not reach far enough. There is a little plash in the ocean. For a moment he stands

aghast and looks at the spot, and then he pulls his hair and cries in despair, "Lost! lost!! lost!!! All I have in the world,—LOST!"

You say, "No man would be so great a fool as that; that story is not true." That story is true, and the young man is here to-day. Over yonder sits the young man. He has invested all the means he has in the world—his time and efforts of years in securing a priceless education. That ocean he is sailing on is time. That vessel he is on is life. That diamond in his hand is his priceless education—his talents and attainments. He is throwing it to the wind. He is juggling with it under a great risk. That young man has buried his talent in the ocean of time. He has bartered it for a mess of pottage to the flesh, the world, and the devil. That person is he or she who has secured a Christian education, and is prostituting that education to low and selfish purposes instead of high and lofty ideals to the glory of God.

I come to you to-day, and ask, "Class of '08, what is that beautiful gem you are holding in your possession?" You say, "It is our Christian education—our attainments." May I ask, "Is it of much value to you?" You say, "Of very great value, indeed. It is worth more than rubies to us. We have invested our means, our time, our efforts of years, and our parents have sacrificed with us in order to secure this possession above all other earthly possessions." Let me ask you now, "What, then, are you going to do with it?" Will you too begin to juggle with it and toss it to the wind? or like the unfaithful steward will you wrap it in a napkin, and go and dig and bury and hide it in the commercial maelstrom of the world, for the world? God forbid! Nay, I believe we can expect nobler and better things from you. Your aspirations are higher and purer. Yea, if you would save that precious diamond, if you would improve it, if you

would increase it, if you would adorn it, consecrate it, and dedicate it this day to the everlasting service and glory of God.

I fancy you ask me, "How can I best use my talent to the glory of God and for my own eternal good?" Go with me and I will show thee! Go with me to the snow-capped mountains of the Himalayas and look with me to the southward, to the eastward, to the northward, and to the westward, and you can still see every morning at the rising of the sun, the curling smoke of a thousand villages in India, in Burma, in China, in Tibet, and Afghanistan, where the name of Christ has not yet been mentioned. Go with me to the heart of Africa, and I can still show you Moffat's vision which led David Livingstone to give his noble heart and life to that needy field. "Though a thousand die," was the great missionary's dying appeal, "let not the millions of Africa be given up to perish." With the millions, yea, hundred of millions of unsaved and unwarned souls in these and other benighted lands, do you ask me what you ought to do? Do you ask me what is the most pressing and most important work that ought to be done?

The greatest question that God ever asked mortal man was, "Whom shall I send, or who will go for us?" This question comes rolling down twenty-six centuries of time, and it comes rolling and thundering into this church to you to-day, and it should receive a response in your hearts at this time, as it never did in human hearts before, and your hearty answer should be: "Here am I, Lord; send me." Your lips have been touched with the living coal from the altar in heaven. You have tasted of the heavenly manna and the waters of the life-giving fountain. "Freely ye have received, freely give." Whether you go to India's coral strand, or Africa's sunny plains, or some other needy land, or if you remain in the homeland, the Master has need of your talents in his

service. This day he asks you to begin at the first round of the ladder in his service, and to climb it round by round until you reach the coronation round, and receive from him who stood at the top of Jacob's ladder the crown of life. The Master needs you because you are young, because you are strong, because you are qualified, because the word of God abides in you and you have overcome the wicked one.

The gates of opportunity are swinging wide open to you in the cause of God, opening avenues into a dozen fields of promise, of adventure, and of fruitfulness. Your only business should be to give heaven's last warning message to a dying and perishing world. Whatever vocation you may choose to follow, it should be secondary and subordinate to the giving of the third angel's message. That is your chief business. The Captain of the Lord's hosts calls upon you as able-bodied, youthful soldiers to enter his ranks and to rally under the banner of truth that is trailing in the dust of the ages, and to plant it in the very camp of the enemy. Push the battle to the gates in the face of every obstacle. You are engaged in a war of six millenniums, but to you comes the honor of rounding up the enemy and fighting the last and crowning battles.

The need of the hour is force of character, and a holy consecration, vitalized with the spirit of enthusiasm to win souls for Christ. Strength, decision, push, and efficiency, baptized with Holy Ghost power, are qualifications that can not be subdued by adverse circumstances.

This is but the beginning of your education, your perplexities, your conflicts and your victories. It is your mission to be a blessing to the world and to leave it better than you found it, with your own cup sweetened. If you wish to succeed you must give your Master no stinted service, nor measure your work by hours. Push and press into the hard and trying

places instead of the easy ones. Remember that there is always room at the top. The times demand men and women who know—who are qualified and efficient in service. God too has placed a high premium upon consecrated talent that is willing to do and to dare for him.

You have a great object for which to live and a high standard to reach. More is expected of you than of any class that ever before graduated from this academy. The accumulated light and blessings of the centuries are focussed upon your pathway. God has stationed you on the brink of the eternal world, face to face with eternal realities. You are to meet your God face to face and must stand before his throne with a flawless character. Before you he has placed golden opportunities for service, purifying and ennobling truths for contemplation, immortal and imperishable themes for erudition, and a heavenly calling worthy of the most earnest engagement of all your capabilities.

The curtain of eternity is about to be lifted. In a few short years, the solemn scenes of the eternal world will stretch before your vision. What you would like to be found doing then, you must choose to do now. To be ready then, means that you must choose to be ready now. It is a solemn thought to me, and I know it must be to you, to realize that with most of you this is your last Sabbath and the last sermon, perhaps, that you will ever hear in this church that has so many hallowed memories to you. It is a sad hour when we are forced to say farewell. Some imagine that to say farewell at the hour of death and part with our friends then is the saddest experience that can take place; but to me the saddest of all experiences is the thought of losing your grip upon this blessed truth. May God keep you from making shipwreck of your faith. And when your life-work is ended, may you be able to say with your beloved Master, to Him who is

able and willing to coronate you with the crown of life: "I have glorified thee on earth; I have finished the work thou gavest me to do . . . I have manifested thy name."

And last and above all, my parting word to you, the "Class of '08," is: Remember to be loyal to your noble motto, now, always, and forevermore—"Freely ye have received, freely give." May heaven's choicest and richest blessing crown your every effort. Now, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be and abide with you all, world without end. Amen.

THE STUDENT BINDERY.

THE year just closed has been a prosperous one for the Student Bindery. We have had a strong force of workers and plenty of work; and we have all been blessed with good health. Contentment and happiness have had well-nigh universal sway, lessons have been well learned, and good progress has been made in all lines of work. Times are hard, but we have had money to pay our bills, and business is coming our way so that we are all right for the summer and fall, and, with the continued blessing of the Lord, we hope to begin our sixth year with more favorable omens than ever.

We are furnishing recruits to the tent work and the canvassing field, and several have been accepted as candidates for the nurses' course in the Washington Sanitarium. We are both sorry and glad to part with these faithful souls. We bid them God-speed, while we welcome others to our midst. Applications are coming in very satisfactorily. Two or three new workers are expected this week. To those who can come now, we would say that summer is the best time to begin; but our doors are always open to those who have the right qualifications and who are willing to work for an education. Full particulars by correspondence, if desired.

Very sincerely,

E. E. MILES.

The PRINTED PAGE

WAITING FOR LIGHT.

ONE of our canvassers met a Methodist minister, and found him not only willing to buy the book, but waiting for some one to bring him some of our good books.

He said one of our sisters had been sending him the *Signs of the Times*. He had about made up his mind to buy some of the books advertised in the paper. But he needed the can-

vasser to give him the description of them, and to show him their importance. This minister is in harmony with a good many of our truths. It is time to give this truth to people who are starving spiritually. Are there not others who will engage in the canvassing work and search for souls?

It will not be long before the last canvass will be given, and the last soul won to the truth. Then it will be too late for any one to gain a blessing in the canvassing field.

A. W. COON, *Field Agent*.

THE BOOK WORK.

Central New England, week ending May 29, 1908.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del't
F. C. Carlson, Quincy, Mass.,		G C	1	10					60.75
A. J. Rice, Lowell, Mass.,		G C	5	16	4	11.00	4.50	15.50	1.10
Manual Simons, Somers, Mass.,	S to C	5	34	15	3.00	2.70	5.70		
D. A. Piper, Pittsfield, N. H.,	S of P	4	9	2	2.00	2.85	4.85	3.85	
Clinton Turner, Hamilton, Mass.,	S of P	3	21½	6	6.50	6.10	12.60		
C. P. Lillie, Haverhill, Mass.,	G C	5	40	7	19.50	3.25	22.75	2.25	
E. H. Watson, Everett, Mass.,	S of P	2	3	3	3.00	.25	3.25	1.00	
W. E. Gerald, Lowell, Mass.,	P L	5	35	7	8.00	35.75	43.75	41.60	
Totals,	8 Agents,		30	168½	44	\$53.00	\$55.40	\$108.40	\$110.55

Maine, week ending May 29, 1908.

Margaret Miller, Waterville,	G C	29½	6	20.50	2.50	23.00	8.00	
Jessie Bishop, Rockland,	G C	28	8	23.00		23.00		
Geo. Skaling, Old Town,	G C	19½	2	5.50	1.20	6.70	.45	
N. N. Witter, "	G C	18½	5	13.75	4.20	17.95		
Arnold Bragan, Portland,	G C	18	4	12.00		12.00		
A. L. Bailey, Eastport,	G C	15	3	8.25		8.25	14.50	
M. R. Bailey, Eastport,	G C	10	2	5.50		5.50	27.00	
Totals,	7 Agents		138½	30	\$ 88.50	\$7.90	\$ 96.40	\$49.95

Vermont, week ending May 29, 1908.

Lorenzo D. Porter, Haverhill,	H M	5	47	14	24.50	5.40	29.90	
R. M. Clayton, Windsor,	G C	5	34	3	8.25	3.35	11.60	
F. J. White, Waterford,	H M	4	26	22	38.50	3.30	41.80	
Inez Slayton, Bradford, Barnet,	G C	5	26	1	2.75	13.75	16.50	
Lucia Doten, "	G C	5	26	1	2.75	13.45	16.20	
Katie Loveland, Lisbon, N. H.,	G C	3	24½	3	11.75	9.00	20.75	
Mrs. L. G. Maranville, Littleton,	G C	5	22½	5	14.75	10.75	25.50	
Mrs. F. J. White, Littleton,	G C	5	16½	4	11.50	3.25	14.25	
Mrs. A. W. Coon, Bradford,	G C	2	12	5	7.50	5.00	12.50	
Rubie Roscoe, Essex Jct.,	G C	2	5½			1.60	1.60	
Totals,	10 Agents,		41	230	60	\$121.75	\$68.85	\$190.60

Greater New York, week ending May 29, 1908.

Robert Lauder, Dutchess,	G C	4	35	16			51.00	
Joseph Revans, "	G C	5	42	17			48.75	
John Mitchell,	G C	5	27	6			18.50	
Edvin Hjertum, Brooklyn,	G C	5	32	19			54.25	
Totals,	4 Agents,		19	136	58		\$172.50	

ITEMS OF INTEREST

MAINE.

—Brother Brown writes of a family in Rome who have recently begun to keep the Sabbath through his efforts and those of their Sabbath-keeping neighbors.

—One of our canvassers writes, "I am going to stay in the work as long as the Lord wants me to stay, if I do not take any orders." That is the right kind of spirit, and that will win out in the end.

—The Milo company are of good courage in the work. In the absence

of a leader they will conduct the meetings themselves, even the sisters taking turns in having charge of the services. We feel sure that this plan will give them rich and valuable experiences.

—Our canvassers, Brother and Sister Authur Bailey and Maurice Bailey, together with Brother Thompson's family who have moved to Eastport, have started an interesting Sabbath-school there. The attendance is from ten to thirteen, and the opening there seems to be a good one for future work.

—A missionary correspondent writes, "I have decided to keep God's commandments as well as I know how,

especially the seventh-day Sabbath. You may put my name on the isolated band list. I shall pay a tenth of all I earn, to help forward God's work in the earth." It is encouraging to see our new Sabbath-keepers "prove God" by doing as he has commanded in regard to tithing.

—Sister Bishop while canvassing in Rockland knocked at one door where there were a number of children. The lady asked her in and listened to the canvass for "Great Controversy" but said she had no money and could not take it. A twelve-year-old girl, who had been eagerly drinking in the truth, stepped forward and said "Mama I am willing to save my money that I spend to see moving pictures." The child was allowed to subscribe for the book.

E. H. MORTON.

Western New York, week ending May 29, 1908.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Totals	Del'd
E. W. Walker, Auburn,		C K	5	35	16	17.00	1.25	18.25	
Mrs. E. W. Walker, Auburn,		C K	3	16	5	5.50	3.35	8.85	
G. B. Stevens, Lewiston,		C K	2	12	18	27.00		27.00	
Wm. Atchison, Lewiston,		C K	4	22	22	29.50	4.95	34.45	
H. S. Merchant, Darien Ctr.,		C K	5	35	18	19.50		19.50	
G. V. Stevens, Lewiston,		C K	2	10	8	12.00		12.00	
Totals,	6 Agents,		21	130	87	\$110.50	\$9.55	\$120.05	

New York, week ending May 29, 1908.

F. S. Jenks, Middle Falls,	G C	5	42	12	33.00		33.00		
J. H. Deeley, Whitehall,	G C	5	42	8	22.00	6.00	28.00	4.10	
H. B. Northrop, Valatie,	G C	5	31	14	45.50		45.50	2.50	
Totals,	3 Agents,		15	115	34	\$100.50	\$6.00	\$106.50	\$6.60

A. U. C. Totals	May 29.	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Delivered
38 Agents,		126	918	313	\$474.25	\$147.70	\$794.45	\$167.10
Totals for corresp. week last year,								
25 Agents,		51	516½	280	\$336.45	\$107.63	\$444.08	\$222.45

THE PAPER WORK.

Central New England, week ending May 29, 1908.

G. V. Wood,	22		105		10.50
W. S. Thomas,	7		26		2.60
Totals,	2 Agents,	29	131		\$13.10

Western New York, week ending May 29, 1908.

Name	Hours	Signs	L & H	Lib	Wat	BTS	Value	Dona
Lottie Lucas,	1		8				.80	
Mrs. A. E. McGee,	4	5	18				2.30	.66
Jennie McDevitt,	9½	15	51				6.50	1.65
J. R. Mercereau,	20	66					6.60	
Florence Tracy,	42	212	246	80			46.60	
Totals,	5 Agents,	76½	298	323	80		\$62.80	\$2.31

New York, week ending May 29, 1908.

L. S. Marden,	4		60		2.10
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WESTERN NEW YORK.

—At the general meeting at Tunessassa seven candidates were baptized on Sunday, in a brook which flows near the school building.

—Sisters Virginia and Martha Metzger, of Little Valley, were visiting friends in Ellicottville and Salamanca last week.

—Elder J. W. Raymond expects to meet with the company at Bath over the Sabbath and Sunday.

—Sabbath-school *Quarterlies* will be mailed this week. Let those who do not have a standing order, send their orders in early, that they may begin with the new quarter.

—We are glad that the paper workers continue to scatter the pages of truth. Faithfulness in this will accomplish that, which perhaps only the judgment will reveal. It is hoped that they will consider it a privilege as well as a duty to send in their reports weekly. This issue contains Florence Tracy's report for six weeks.

—On June 3, quite a number of the neighbors and young people gathered at Earl Carr's home on the farm, near Randolph, to welcome his home com-

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ON account of the Central New England camp-meeting, the GLEANER will be omitted one week, June 24.

THE *Review* contains the sad intelligence that Brother R. L. Price, who one year ago was connected with the work in this office, has fallen a victim to the ravages of yellow fever, at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad. The bereaved family has our deepest sympathy.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND.

AT our last annual conference session, you will remember that the following recommendation was passed: "We recommend the acceptance of the offer of the publishers of the *Watchman* to furnish five thousand copies of the prohibition number of that paper to the W. C. T. U., and other temperance workers, at the price proposed, and that we instruct our president and treasurer to issue a call for a special collection to raise funds for the payment of these papers."

Pursuant to this recommendation, we have decided to issue a call for a special collection to be taken in all of our churches on Sabbath, June 20. We can obtain these five thousand copies of the *Watchman* for the purpose mentioned above, for \$50. This issue voices the mind of our denomination on the temperance question, and should be in the hands of every temperance worker in our conference for wide circulation. Your donation will help to place it there. If all our churches take hold of this matter heartily, and help lift, it will mean only about \$2.50 for each church. Some churches can give more than

this, and others perhaps not so much. We want to see that these papers are paid for promptly, and if we all lift, it will be easily done.

Will not our church-elders and company leaders made special mention of this collection for Sabbath, June 20, in plenty of time that all may prepare for it? Isolated members can send their offering direct to the State treasurer.

O. M. RUSSELL.

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ing. Elder and Mrs. Carr had the pleasure of being with their son a day or so at their former home. Earl expects to begin canvassing next Monday in company with Lloyd Dean.

DELIGHT LANDON, *Secretary.*

AN ITEM OF INTEREST FROM PENNSYLVANIA.

A GLORIOUS victory has been gained for the Altoona church, which is soon to be dedicated free of all indebtedness. The writer is at present closing up the work of the Altoona church improvements, which are as follows: Mortgage lifted, with a few

other debts,	\$400.00
A new shingle roof,	100.00
170 ft. of cement curbing,	116.00
810 ft. of ground excavated,	40.00
Three fences erected,	127.00
Painting church outside and inside, with walls frescoed,	85.00
Laying 258 ft. of brick walk,	88.00
Paid out for labor,	163.75

Total amount, \$1,119.75

All this has been paid, and we hope to dedicate the church in a short time. We feel that God has greatly blessed us, and unto him be all the praise.

There are other churches in this district which are also being blessed. Two new members have been added to the Huntingdon church, and one to the Johnstown church, while in Lock Haven, eleven precious souls have accepted the third angel's message, eight of whom I baptized on May 21, and received ten into church fellowship. The Lock Haven company, which was

raised up last summer, now numbers thirty. They expect to be received into the conference at the coming camp-meeting.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

June 2, 1908.

A DOUBLE WEDDING.

ON Sunday, June 7, at the home of her son, Elder A. J. Clark, Hudson, N. Y., Mrs. M. E. Clark, of Boston, was united in marriage to Mr. W. S. Jenkins, of South Lancaster, Mass., by Elder F. H. DeVinney. Immediately following, Miss Sadie E. Clark, of Washington, D. C., and Mr. H. S. Prener, of New York, stepped beneath the floral arch, and the same rite was performed by her brother.

June fifteenth Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins will locate in Liberty, N. Y., he to assist in tent work, and she to continue her efforts as a Bible worker. Mr. and Mrs. Prener will spend a week in New England, visiting friends, after which they will return to Lansdowne, Md., to continue his labors with the tent company there.

Mr. Prener, having accepted a call from the General Conference to take charge of the work in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, will sail for that place about September 1.

The children of both Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins were present, and all join in wishing each couple joy, happiness, and success in their work.

H. L. S.

OBITUARY NOTICES

PUFFER.—Died in Rutland, Vt., May 14, 1908, Mrs. Etta J. Puffer, aged 36 years. Sister Puffer embraced present truth and was baptized by the writer five years ago. Uniting with the Rutland church, she continued a faithful and devoted member. Stricken with a painful and incurable malady nearly two years ago, she endured her intense suffering with patience and unusual buoyancy of spirit till she fell asleep looking for the blessed hope of a resurrection from the grave when the Lord comes. She leaves a father, husband, and daughter to mourn their loss. Funeral service by the writer. Text, Rev. 21:4. T. H. PURDON.