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

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GENERAL CONFERENCE

GENERAL CONFERENCE PRELIMINARY MEETINGS

A NUMBER of the delegates to the General Conference arrived from the far-away fields a week or ten days before the regular session opened. They were assigned to the quarters they were to occupy during the meeting and had the opportunity for rest

five hundred assembled in the large tent for Sabbath-school and worship. The address was given by Elder Charles Thompson, president of the Northern Union Conference. Tuesday evening Elder R. C. Porter preached. His text: "God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." John 3:17. Salvation is not wrought through condemnation. Satan is

such forgiving love led to such consecration of service that he soon reached the point that he would die rather than deny his loving Lord. Pentecost soon followed. A number of illustrations of Christ's pitying love were noted. This sermon brought a blessed spirit into the growing camp.

Wednesday evening Elder E. W. Farnsworth preached. Text: Matt. 6:24. "No man can serve two masters." It is the law of success that a



VIEW OF SECTION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE
Encampment from Sanitarium. The dining pavilion at extreme left

and recuperation, so much needed before entering upon the taxing duties of the Conference. It should be noted also that the delegates and others from the nearby fields arrived earlier than usual. But everything was in readiness for all who came. The committees on arrangements had done their work well and in ample time. A spirit of promptness and energy was manifest on every hand. It was truly refreshing.

On the Sabbath previous to the opening, a congregation of four or

the "accuser"; his work is not to save, but to destroy. "No one has ever been reclaimed from a wrong position by censure and reproach; but many have been driven from Christ, and led to seal their hearts against conviction."—*"Mount of Blessing."*

When Peter failed under trial Christ did not set him aside. A pitying look touched the heart that was turning from Christ. And after the resurrection, Christ said, "Go and tell my disciples and Peter." And

person should give himself to his undertakings. He can not have his interests divided. As in the text he can not serve God and mammon. "Mammon" is the name of the old Assyrian god for gold. Christ means to say, "Ye can not serve God and gold." And indeed we can not. Mr. Edison was cited as an example of success following a single purpose. In his study of electricity, it has been said that he ate, drank, talked, and dreamed electricity, and to the extent that he himself became a veritable

battery. The keynote of the text is the thought that we should know no second thing in our consecration to God. Our work is the proclamation of the everlasting gospel to the world. It will require of us an unwavering devotion to that one thing to accomplish our purpose. In worldly parlance, it is often said of the one who is succeeding, "He is on his job." We should be on our job. If we want all God has for us, we must surely give all to God. God gives himself to those who give themselves to him. Paul was a man of a single purpose. He said, "This one thing I do." At the very start of his service he distinguished himself. "He conferred not with flesh and blood."

Other meetings were held before the opening of the great Conference. The various committees daily sought God for wisdom and strength for their work. Any one at all susceptible to the influences of God's Spirit could not help but feel that the Lord was preparing a great refreshing for his people.

L. T. NICOLA.

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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Location

TAKOMA PARK is doubtless the best location to be found in the world for the present session of the General Conference. "There is an eternal fitness in things." The General Conference exactly fits its location. It is of convenient access from all parts of the world. It is a beauty spot of the earth. Shade trees abound. The songs of birds may be heard every minute of the day, and at night when all is silent, may be heard the notes of the whip-poor-will.

THE CITY OF TENTS

Nearly seven hundred tents have been pitched. A pavilion 100 x 150 feet is used for the meetings of the Conference and for the regular services of the occasion. A number of additional large tents stand scattered about the grounds for use of special and overflow meetings. The dining

tent is 90 x 120 feet. The appointments for the dining service have never been surpassed nor nearly equaled in connection with our great gatherings. It is intended to accommodate about three thousand people. The tent is floored. Adjoining is a restaurant and grocery.

One cannot but be impressed with the perfect order and system that is everywhere manifest. All the preparations were completed in advance of the rush of the delegates.

ORGANIZATION

Organization is saving the day. This meeting would be unwieldy, and would prove a failure in the end without it. Responsibility has been distributed. The best in men in charge of the different departments is allowed to be manifest. There is no such thing as "one man power" among us. For a number of years our work has been submitted to detail organization in every department. And at such a great gathering as this an object lesson is presented. This is educating. There is a lesson everywhere to be learned. The mechanical work was placed under the supervision of the students at the Seminary. The installing of the plumbing and electric lights was all left in their hands. The work has been well done.

ATTENDANCE

This is the largest meeting ever conducted by Seventh-day Adventists. Over three hundred fifty delegates representing the union conferences in the world are here. Along with these delegates have come hundreds of men and women and youth in lay capacity, with no other object than to receive the blessing of God. The large attendance of young people is worthy of special mention. Our schools have so cultivated the missionary spirit that our young people flock here to receive help in the special line of their fitting up for the work of the Lord. There are people here who have come from the opposite side of

the globe at their own expense to share in the blessings of this great occasion. Many are here who have never before attended a General Conference, although they have been connected with our work for years, have helped to support it, and have not lived at a great distance from the places where such meetings have been held. Some are here whose health would not permit their attendance had not the General Conference made special arrangements for their entertainment while here. Just before the opening it was no unusual thing to hear announced that two coach loads of passengers were just arriving from Texas; two from Chicago, or a train of ten coaches from points west of Chicago. The writer has attended nearly all the General Conferences for the past thirty years, but he knows he has never before seen anything like this.

THE OPENING MEETING

Promptly at the appointed time the thirty-eighth session of the General Conference was opened. It was a very impressive occasion. Our people everywhere should read the full reports appearing in the *Bulletin* and *Review*. Space in this connection will not permit even a mention of many items of the greatest interest. On the platform were seated many of the pioneers of our work. They assisted in the devotional exercises.

The roll call showed scarcely a delegate absent. Six new union conferences and two union mission fields were received into the membership of the Conference. These represent territory in South America, Europe, and Asia. One delegate described the mission field that he represented, as the Balkan States and "what is left of Turkey." It was amusing.

The President's address was somewhat out of the ordinary. He did not greatly encroach upon the departmental reports that had been prepared for consideration during the session, but launched out in a most

impressive way as to the needs of our great evangelistic work. But before doing so, he paused to note the very encouraging evidences of the Lord's prospering care in our work. He said in part:—

"The reports to be rendered at this Conference will all record progress. They will show greater advancement in the last four years than during any similar period of our history. The number of Sabbath-keepers has increased from 97,579 to 114,206, a gain of 16,627. This is one of the largest gains we have ever made in any four-year period.

"The treasurer's report will show a great increase in tithes and offerings. The tithes for the year 1912 exceed those for 1908 by more than \$500,000, a gain of more than fifty per cent. In other words, the increase in the annual tithes during the last four years amounts to more than half the sum we paid in 1908, at the close of sixty-five years of steady growth. The total tithe for 1908 was \$1,101,396.97; the total for 1912 was \$1,653,624.54. Gain, \$552,228.07.

"The increase in offerings to foreign missions is even greater, amounting to practically one hundred per cent. For the year 1908, preceding the last general conference, the offerings to foreign missions were \$308,045.68. The amount contributed during 1912 was \$595,004.76, a gain of \$286,959.08, only \$22,000 less than the total offering for 1908. Thus in 1912 we added to our offerings to missions an amount equal to all we were giving in 1908."

RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED —

In submitting recommendations for the action of the Conference Elder Daniells said:

"1. The development of a stronger and more efficient ministry. A strong ministry means a strong, triumphant religious movement. The call in our movement for strong, earnest, successful preachers is growing more imperative every day.

"2. Place greater importance and value upon evangelical work. The preaching of the gospel is the fundamental part of gospel work. It is that which, more than any other kind of effort, makes disciples and adds to the church such as are being saved.

All other features of gospel work are built upon this.

"3. Stimulate greater activity in home missionary work. In the vicinity of the home of every believer in this message there are men and women to be won to Christ by a good Christian life and by judicious missionary effort.

"Among the many other important questions to come before this Conference for action will be: The improvement of the finances and administration of our institutions."

URGES MORE EARNEST WORK

In closing he said:—

"Having done all that we know how to come into harmony with the Lord's purpose we should with all our hearts pray for the baptism and abiding presence of the Holy Spirit. I feel deeply impressed that this meeting should mark the beginning of more earnest, importunate prayer for the presence and mighty working of the Holy Spirit in all our work."

A SERVICE OF PRAISE

Following the President's address, opportunity was given for delegates to speak briefly as to the things which most appealed to them at the opening of the Conference. It was evident that praise and thanksgiving to God was uppermost in the minds of all who had the privilege of speaking. It was an occasion of special interest. The large pavilion was filled. Eager attention was given as the various speakers were announced.

Elder Loughborough told of his interest in this work and how his experience in it reached back of the time of the organization of the General Conference. He said: "A few days more it will be sixty-one years since I began preaching the third angel's message. In those earlier years I had no thought that God would let me live to be a boy again, but in his providence he has permitted me to live to be over eighty-two years of age. I am living on God's time. Brethren, I am glad to be here." And it was plainly seen that he was glad, and so were all that vast audience of listeners. No one could think for a moment that Elder

Loughborough regretted that he had cast in his lot with this work in its very infancy and feebleness.

Elder Haskell spoke: "The work that began so small and was apparently so feeble, has encircled the earth. I am thankful for what I see here this morning, that so many of the different nations of the earth are represented here. The Sabbath truth has risen like the sun and will never set. As long as eternity lasts, so long will be God's great memorial, and his people will observe it in the kingdom of glory. I praise the Lord for what he has done for me."

Elder A. C. Bourdeau said, among other things: "I feel to thank the Lord for the privilege of meeting with so large a company of believers in present truth. It has been nearly fifty years since I embraced the Sabbath and the present truth. The Lord has greatly blessed me."

Elder L. R. Conradi: "I am grateful to meet with so many of our people. Some thirty thousand are praying for this meeting today in the European Division of our work. Today they do not come to us by the hundreds, but by the thousands. . . . I thank the Lord that whether our faces are black or white, our hearts are touched by the same Holy Spirit, we are cleansed by the same blood of Jesus Christ. We are united by the same love and by the same power, and it is this power that is carrying the truth to the ends of the earth. I am thankful to have a part in this movement. I consecrate myself fully to God and to his service."

Elder I. H. Evans: "I am glad to bring the greetings of the brethren in the Asiatic Division of the General Conference. I hope and pray that this meeting may be the best that has ever been held by our people. It is time that we should put every sin out of our hearts. If our brethren in Japan and China, the Philippines, and the East Indies could be here, they would tell you how much God

has done for them. How the truth we love has made them better men and women, and how they are trying to get ready for the coming of the Lord."

Elder W. T. Knox: "I esteem it a great privilege at this time to express my gratitude for God's wonderful goodness and the many blessings bestowed upon his people and me. . . I am glad that God has gathered out a people from almost every nation, kindred and tongue and people, who today are rejoicing in the present truth. By the eye of faith we can see the close of this work, when every nation shall have had the gospel preached to them for a witness. With others, I trust and believe that this will be the most blessed meeting to all who seek God with all their hearts."

Elder R. W. Muson, of the East Indies, gave a very earnest testimony. Among other statements made, we note the following: "I am glad to be here today. This is my first General Conference. It has been fourteen years since I left the shores of America. To meet many faces I have never before seen is a great privilege. I can testify that my Saviour is able to save to the uttermost all who come unto him."

Elder J. O. Corliss spoke briefly: "Although my hair has grown white in this message, my heart is just as young as it ever was. If there is one purpose in my heart today, it is that I may be faithful to the end. How I long to be with those who shall meet Christ with joy at his appearing."

Elder W. C. White gave praise for the love, mercy, and truth of God. He brought greetings from his mother and family. In closing he said: "Again I say, brethren and sisters, I thank God for the privilege of meeting with you once again."

L. T. NICOLA.

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"CHEER in the heart is like the sun of the morning. It makes the world bright and beautiful."

THE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY MEETINGS AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

NO DOUBT the GLEANER family will be glad to learn something concerning the work in the Religious Liberty Department meetings during the General Conference. A very interesting program has been prepared for each day. The following subjects will be taken up during the next week:—

1. Christian Citizenship and Other National Reform Doctrines.—K. C. Russell, H. W. Cottrell.

2. Religious Liberty Institutes and Campaigns: Their Importance and the Best Methods of Conducting Them.—J. O. Corliss, W. F. Martin, H. A. Weaver.

3. Religious Liberty Work in a Country with an Established Church.—W. T. Bartlett, L. R. Conradi.

4. The Papal Program for America.—A. J. S. Bourdeau.

5. The Federal Council of Churches: (a) What it Means, (b) Our Attitude Toward it.—C. M. Snow, K. C. Russell.

6. The "Standard Bill for One Day of Rest in Seven." Urged by the Federal Council of Churches.—J. E. Jayne, Wm. Healey.

These subjects will be followed with discussions each day. There will also be a Question Box, which will be open each day. The importance of our religious liberty work is emphasized in the fact that over eighty Sunday bills have been introduced so far since the first of the year in the different State legislatures, but through the influence of the Religious Liberty Association, nearly all these bills have been defeated. We are thankful to God that he has given us such glorious victories, and that the hand of oppression has been staid a little longer until the truth can be presented to the people.

I had the privilege of attending a hearing at the legislature in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, recently, where

the Standard Bill of One Day of Rest in Seven was under consideration. I believe the Lord has given us a victory as a result of the hearing, and that the bill will be defeated. I trust that all the friends in the Atlantic Union will pray for the success of our work and the triumph of the truth.

C. S. LONGACRE.

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FIRST EARLY MORNING SERVICE

ELDER E. W. Farnsworth took charge of the first early morning service. This is held at six o'clock. Probably a thousand people were present. Here they were to meet and to commune with God and engage in prayer and testimony. How the songs of praise and devotion brought melody to the soul! It was a very blessed occasion.

A quiet earnestness was noted throughout. The first one to bear testimony was Elder Loughborough. He is the oldest in the faith on the ground. The head of the French work in America, Elder Roth, was next on his feet. He said he was the oldest in the message from Europe. He has kept the Bible Sabbath for the past forty-four years. A sister stated she was seventy-eight years old, and she had come all the way alone from Mt. Vernon, N. Y., to attend these meetings. R. B. CLAPP.

WESTERN NEW YORK

8 East Jefferson St., Salamanca, N. Y.

AT THE CONFERENCE

TO THOSE whose privilege it is to be in attendance at the present session of the General Conference, the occasion is one of deep significance and interest. Four years ago, at the preceding session in this same place, it was not certain to anyone that another General Conference would be held; but the Lord's blessing has attended the work and the hindering elements to the progress of the message have been held at bay. The attendance is said to be much larger than witnessed at

any previous gathering of our people.

We had the pleasure of coming to Washington in company with a number of others from Western New York. This added pleasure to the trip, as well as shortening the journey. Tired and dusty, we arrived at our destination, each one thankful to be here. Every provision for our comfort and convenience that could be provided was found on the campground.

There were six hundred sixteen family tents pitched among the trees in the grove on and about the Seminary grounds, floored, and furnished ready for use two days before the Conference opened, yet the demand has far exceeded the supply, because that many have come without having made previous application.

The first two days of the Conference have brought out the most encouraging reports, exhortations, and instructions which it was ever our privilege to enjoy. The *Bulletin* will have the report of these meetings, but those who are here seem to catch the inspiration deeper and sooner. We are sure that the results of this Conference will mark a new era in our work.

The large pavilion in which the general meetings are held is already filled to overflowing with an earnest people who give faithful attention to the thrilling sermons and reports. Surely the third angel's message is rising to the loud cry, and soon the work will be finished.

The following members of the Western New York Conference were in attendance at the beginning of the Conference: From Avoca, Brother and Sister Derrick Brewer; from Buffalo, Elder T. B. Westbrook, wife and son, Elder and Mrs. Gaede, Sister Prescott, Sister Kling, Sister Wolff, Sister Crandall, Sister Miller, Sister Violetta Bush, Sister Marie Bentz, Sister Durkin and daughter, Brother Weick, and Fred Gollivell; from Burt, Chas. Lindsey, Mrs.

Joseph Worden, Miss Price; from Campville, J. E. Belknap; from Cattaraugus, Brother and Sister Chas. Satterlee; from Collins Center, Lloyd Dean and Miss Ethel Dean; from Elmira, Brother DeL'horbe, Sister Millington, Miss Ruth Cook; from Falconer, Sister Hemenger; from Gasport, Mrs. Flora Hall; from Hornell, Elder and Mrs. Raymond, Sister Schwartz and son, Brother Burness, Anna Woernley, Eugene Horton; and Sister Burlingham; from Jamestown, Elder C. Meleen, Dr. and Mrs. Seymour, Sister Fiske; from Medina, Brother and Sister E. F. Breitsman; from Randolph, Sister Effie Bowen and granddaughter; from Rochester, Brother J. W. Sypher and family, Sister Sackett, Sister Dorsey, Sister Conrad, Sister Senator, Sister Faulkner and son, and Sister McDevitt; from Salamanca, Elder and Mrs. H. W. Carr, Ruland Bowen; from Stockton, Sister Coe and daughter; from Tunesassa, W. L. Brisbin, E. A. Manry, Miss Iva Sumner, Lucile Dunham, and Rosa Printup; from Wellsville, Sister Effa Gilbert; South Lancaster students, Norman Clapp, Marvel Eastman, Louis Ahrens, and Philip Schank — seventy-three in all, and more are expected. RULAND BOWEN.

NEW YORK

317 W. Bloomfield St., Rome, N. Y.

GOVERNEUR

WE are glad to send in another report from Gouverneur.

Mrs. Garton and I have distributed the "Family Bible Teacher" among the people since last November, also held Bible readings. We sold over \$26 worth of the leaflets, and loaned and gave many away.

Quite an interest has been created through reading, and many have acknowledged the truth. We believe there will be a harvest of souls after our meetings which we expect to hold this summer.

We are now at the General Con-

ference, and meeting many old-time friends. Everything seems to be in readiness for the people and the location is beautiful. We shall expect to meet many of our dear people at the camp-meeting at Rome in June, and tell them some of the good things heard at this meeting.

B. M. GARTON.

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ITEMS

PAUL QUIMBY arrived in Rome last week, and has taken up the book work.

Harold Snide went directly from the South Lancaster Academy to the General Conference, and is planning to canvass on his return.

Through an oversight in the last report of canvassing work, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilcox were reported eighty-eight hours instead of forty-eight.

Brother and Sister F. H. DeVinney arrived in New York City from London, England, May 13. Brother DeVinney went directly to Melrose to see his daughter Lucy, who is ill at the N. E. Sanitarium while Sister DeVinney went directly to the General Conference at Washington. Brother DeVinney will also go as soon as possible. It is indeed good to welcome these former collaborators back to the homeland.

Arrangements are being made for the camp-meeting which is so soon to follow the General Conference. It has been located in Rome, as the most central place, and also where the camp could be quickly pitched at the close of the Washington meeting. It is time now to order the tents, and these orders have begun to come in at the office. 14 x 16 for \$3.25 and a 12 x 14 for \$2.75 which includes fly in both cases. We must get the tent orders in as soon as possible to know about the pitching of the tents. Do not delay as soon as you have decided to come. Also let the church elect their delegates right away and forward the names to the office. This

meeting will be important, and to those not permitted to attend the General Conference will be the next best, as fresh news from the field will be given by our brethren as they come to our camp. Brother and Sister DeVinney are planning to be with us all through the meeting.

GREATER NEW YORK

Room 904, 32 Union Square,
New York City

ITEMS

MANY of the members of the Greater New York Conference are in Washington securing the benefits of the General Conference. Among those attending from Greater New York Conference are Elder and Mrs. R. D. Quinn, Elder L. T. Nicola, Dr. and Mrs. E. H. M. Sell, Elder and Mrs. A. V. Cotton and two children, Elder and Mrs. N. P. Nielsen and child, Elder and Mrs. D. N. Wall and child, Elder and Mrs. L. S. Wheeler, Elder Emil Rosenwold, Elder and Mrs. J. K. Humphrey and two children, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Graham and two children, Mr. F. M. Dana, Mr. and Mrs. J. Patzkowski, Mr. and Mrs. Ulp, Mr. H. P. Hansen, Mrs. Kimber and the Misses Kimber, Miss Edmonds, Mrs. A. M. Wein, Mrs. Hutton, Mrs. H. Choffin and daughter, Miss Sena Gjerde, Miss Sarah Crowe, Miss Edith Burnett, Miss Leota Brodie, Mrs. Anna Jensen and two children, Miss Lena Lewis, Mrs. Cornell, Mrs. Emma Sydnor, Mrs. Belle Kershaw, Mrs. J. M. Calvert, Mrs. Jensen, Mrs. Seckles, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Kurtzhals, Miss M. Gaede, Miss Stucke, Miss Anna Hoglund, Miss Augusta Meyer, Miss Bertha Voth, Mr. R. J. Bryant, Elder J. H. Schilling, Mr. R. Immonen, Capt. and Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Symonds, Mrs. Ed. Nelson, Miss Elsie Nummelen, Miss Anna Her-

manson, Miss Hannah Anderson, Miss Hilda Wernstrom, Mrs. Klusman and daughter, Mrs. Fries, Mr. J. Anderson, Mrs. M. L. Lyons and sister Mrs. Etta Hennessy, Miss Ethel Hennessy, Miss Tate, Miss Mattie Tefft, Mrs. K. Wirth, Mrs. C. Kirchner, Mrs. Hannah Matthews and child, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Englehard, Mrs. W. D. and Miss Belle Saunders, Miss Emily McKenzie, Mrs. Marshall, and Mrs. M. W. Smith.

NO. NEW ENGLAND

136 No. Main St., Concord, N. H.

CLAREMONT, N. H.

SABBATH, May 10, was a day of rejoicing for the Claremont, N. H. church. Seven precious souls were buried in baptism in Sugar river, about one mile from the meeting hall. At this occasion was presented a scene very unusual to behold, a father and his four sons—the entire family—all stepping sturdily forward in Christian grace together. The chill of the springtime air only lent impressiveness and blessing to the occasion. The seal of His Holy Spirit was clearly evidenced. Two others were received into fellowship,—one by letter, the other on confession of faith. Thus the membership of this young organization was nearly doubled in one day—the membership increasing from twelve to twenty-two. Others will be added soon. Another entire family of five are moving forward, the husband and father of which just a short time ago was violently opposed to the truth. He has kept the last two Sabbaths.

We are aware of signal blessings from the Lord in the work here, and we bow our heads to God in adoration and praise. These things ought certainly to arouse us to renewed courage and vigor; for God is working in Northern New England.

R. B. CLAPP.

ITEMS

THE first days of the General Conference present an interesting scene. All is activity,—ministers in their shirt-sleeves working hard getting their tents in order, women and children all active getting snugly housed in their cotton homes. Everybody is looking ahead in happy anticipation of the feast of good things God has for us.

A number from Northern New England have arrived, including Elder Stray and family, Elder L. Passebois and wife, of Manchester, N. H.; in fact nearly every laborer in the conference.

A very rare occasion, indeed, is accorded us to meet and greet laborers from all parts of the world. Our hearts are rejoiced and stirred to endeavor anew as we hear the testimonies of our old pioneer laborers.

The camp location is all that can be desired and the weather is perfect.

R. B. CLAPP.

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SUNDAY afternoon at 1:30, May 11, Ernest L. Knight and Wilhelmina L. Ismert were joined together in marriage at the Knights of Malta hall, Claremont, N. H., in the presence of the Sabbath-keeping company of that place. The ceremony was simple and impressive. Mr. and Mrs. Knight go to the General Conference on their wedding trip. The best wishes of their friends go with them in their life of service. The undersigned officiated at the ceremony.

R. B. CLAPP.

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BROTHER E. J. Clark, of Wolcott, Vt., has begun canvassing for the book "Past, Present, and Future," and is doing very well as can be seen from his reports. He has also interested E. H. Harris, his brother-in-law, in the canvassing work, and he expects to begin soon.

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"YE should follow in his steps."

MAINE

75 Grant St., Portland, Me.

ITEMS

MELVIN SHERMAN, of Portland, is very sick at his home with complications arising from pneumonia.

Sister Eliza Morton is suffering much with an affection of the eyes, and is taking treatment at the sanitarium here during the General Conference.

Hundreds of familiar faces are seen here at the Conference, and it is a great pleasure to greet old friends from many parts of the world as well as from the home field.

All regret that Elder Verrill and wife could not come. They expected to, but only a short time ago his father died, and his mother is in very feeble health. He felt it his duty to stay at home to care for her.

Twelve of our Maine people came down in one party, making the trip by boat from Fall River to New York. The party stopped off at Philadelphia a few hours to visit the United States Mint and Independence Hall. Here is kept the old Liberty Bell which rang out freedom to the colonies of the New World in 1776.

A large motto stands above the pulpit platform. It reads "Receive Ye the Holy Spirit." Elder Daniells explained at his evening sermon that this truly represents our greatest need at this time. Soul-winning endeavor is the real basis of our message to the world. Dear brethren and sisters, let us never lose sight of this thought. And it might be added that the basis of soul-winning is love and purity of character.

This is an important gathering. The plans formulated here in harmony with God's Spirit will have much to do in finishing our world-wide work. The end will then come. Every soul should be praying and earnestly seeking the Lord for the manifestation of his power at this meeting. It means much. The Holy

THE BOOK WORK

New York, week ending May 9, 1913

Name	Place	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
Anson L. Griffis		G C						440 00
Mr. & Mrs. E. Wilcox		B R	45	43	129 00		129 00	44 00
Lane H. Coon		H M	45	25	55 00	10 75	65 75	
Herman Brown		H M	37	20	40 00	4 35	44 35	2 00
A. F. Rutherford		P P	23	11	36 05	4 85	40 90	
G. H. Matthews		S P			19 76	15 00	34 76	
P. R. Griffis		D A	24	7	20 00	11 00	31 00	39 15
J. J. Gallagher		D A	27	4	18 00	9 10	27 10	
Asa Whittaker		G A		82	20 50		20 50	20 50
Bertha Wilcox		P G			19 90		19 00	
J. H. Deeley		D A	28	2	6 00	10 30	19 30	6 00
F. Seaman		H M			9 10		9 10	9 10
Mrs. Sam. Baker		Misc.			3 28		3 28	3 28
David Coon		P P F		1	2 00		2 00	
Totals, 14 Agents			229	185	\$372 69	\$65 35	\$443 04	544 03

Greater New York, week ending May 9, 1913

A. Danka, New York	Misc.	16			4 75	4 75		
W. Landgrebe, Masson	P P F	23	15	26 50	2 50	29 00		2 60
P. Mondics, New York	Misc.	10			4 00	4 00		
C. Nagy, New York	Misc.	32			18 90	18 90		
H. Pearl, Masson	P P F	26	25	40 00	6 55	46 55		3 30
G. Vas, New York	Misc.	27			20 34	20 34		
Totals, 6 Agents			134	40	\$66 50	\$57 04	\$123 54	\$5 90

Northern New England, week ending May 9, 1913

D. A. Piper, Concord	P G	25			8 70	8 70		12 70
H. M. Kirtland, Canaan	D A	22	2	9 00	19 15	28 15		8 15
H. Morrill, Manchester	S P	17	2	3 00	1 20	4 20		12 00
E. J. Clark, Craftsbury	P P F	39	35	63 00	4 50	66 50		
Totals, 4 Agents			103	39	\$75 00	\$33 55	\$107 55	\$32 85

Western New York, week ending May 9, 1913

E. A. Jones	B F	47	21	21 50	1 60	23 10		
Mrs. Emily Smith		7			2 50	2 50		
Totals, 2 Agents			44	21	\$21 50	\$4 10	\$25 60	

Massachusetts, week ending May 9, 1913

W. E. Gerald, Arlington	Misc.	125					\$135 00	\$185 30
A. U. C. Totals, May 9, 1913			Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del
28 Agents			635	285	\$540 69	\$159 04	\$834 73	\$768 08
Totals for corresp. week last year								
36 Agents			681	201	\$564 45	\$133 20	\$697 65	\$399 50

THE PAPER WORK

Massachusetts, week ending May 9, 1913

Name	Place	Hrs	Signs	L & H	Misc	Wat	T In	Amount
* A. M. Sherwood, Attleboro		12		161				14 30
Pearl A. McGee, Lowell					212			20 20
Totals, 2 Agents				161	212			\$34 50

* Thirty sold at wholesale rate.

Spirit is here and is only awaiting our demand and reception.

The General Conference is now in session, and most all the Maine workers are in attendance. Following are those who have come: Elder and Mrs. Piper, Alonzo and Albion Piper, Elder and Mrs. E. E. Osborne, Miss Eliza H. Morton, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Howe, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Howe, Miss Marian Howe, Miss

Jennie R. Bates, Miss Pearl Ellis, G. W. Whitney, Mrs. Alice Davis, A. E. Everett, Miss Eva Linscott. Also Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gerald, from South Lancaster.

A. E. EVERETT.

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And master, and make crouch beneath his feet?"

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ITEMS

ELDER EDWARDS was called home from Washington a few days on account of the death of a relative in Hope Valley, R. I.

We are glad to know that Brethren Furnival and Brisbin are planning to canvass in Hartford and vicinity during the summer.

Brother Wm. Wilkinson has just ordered several hundred copies of magazines, which indicates that he is about to begin another canvassing campaign in Rhode Island.

Miss Jennie Smith, who has been canvassing in Hartford, has returned to her home in Norwich to keep house for her father while her mother, Mrs. N. P. Smith, and aunt, Mrs. A. E. Sturtevant, are attending the General Conference.

Southern New England is well represented at the General Conference, there being about fifty present. These are nearly all from the Pawtucket, Providence, New Haven, and Hartford churches. As we meet them from time to time among the three thousand or more of our people in attendance from all parts of the world, their faces show that they are enjoying the good meetings and are encouraged by the excellent reports

that are being given concerning the advancement of the message.

W. E. FORTUNE.

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INSTITUTE, INSTITUTE, INSTITUTE

At the close of the colporteurs institute in the South Lancaster Academy, where about fifty students and two of the teachers manifested their purpose to enter the colporteur work during the summer, we went to Rome, N. Y. to hold an institute there. Here the colporteurs in the field were called in for the study of the most important features of the work, such as prayer, trust in God in time of need, how to gain access to homes, how to properly show the book we are handling and bring out the interesting features in it, how to deliver books and pay for them, etc.

One step taken by the colporteurs present we feel sure will mean much to the work in New York; viz, the signing of a resolution to work forty hours a week barring physical inability. This was done by the young men as a means of strengthening their covenant with God to be faithful in the use of the precious time that is still granted to us to work for God. Perhaps others might profit by such a move.

Elder H. W. Holden was with us all the time, and gave us daily studies in the word of God.

The presence of the Holy Spirit was made manifest, and it made us all feel happier and stronger for being there. May God richly bless the dear self-sacrificing workers as they labor for the salvation of souls. Some of them have been, and are still, severely beset by the enemy, and we earnestly entreat you, dear reader, to remember them all when you bow around the throne.

From Rome we went at once to the Fernwood Intermediate school at Tunesassa, New York, in the Western New York Conference, where we found an institute already in progress.

Here eight colporteurs from the conference met with the students in the school for study of the principles of salesmanship, and seeking God for more of his spirit and power in the life as well as in the work. Here, too, God sent his Representative to bless our hearts.

We were very much pleased to see such a fine class of students assembled for study in this school. We think they will compare favorably with any school in the Union. More of our young people ought to profit from attendance there. A more ideal situation would be hard to find; shut in by the beautiful hills and surrounded by the handiwork of God, with the nearest city twelve miles away, but little of the corrupt influences of the world can reach the students. The benefits of such a location was amply testified to by the exceeding good deportment of the students. Three good meals a day also seemed to agree with them, and make them a happy family. May God bless these dear young people and the faculty of the school, making them a power in the winning of souls for the kingdom.

We are happy to say that the outlook for the colporteurs work in the Union is improving every year, not as fast as we would wish, but slowly. Please don't forget the dear workers as you bow around your family altars before the throne of God, but plead for their protection and spiritual prosperity.

C. J. TOLP.

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