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

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PRESIDENT'S QUADRENNIAL REPORT

As a conference we have great reason to be grateful to God for his manifest blessings upon our work as seen in the encouraging prosperity and success that has attended our efforts during this last quadrennial period.

While on the map we appear to have a rather large territory, there is a large region in the north central part of the State known as the Adirondack section, which is to a great extent a wild, undeveloped country with small, scattered villages and settlements in certain parts of it. Here we have no churches. Our membership is found in a group of churches in the Albany district, and in a long band of churches beginning with Binghamton on the south, extending north to Syracuse and Oswego, sweeping around the eastern edge of Lake Ontario up to the border of Canada at Ogdensburg, then east to Bangor, and from there down through the heart of the Adirondacks to North Creek. Some of this territory is well supplied with railroads, but there are many places that do not have the most favorable railroad accommodations.

In the nearly three and one-half years that I have been connected with this field I have found it to consist of as faithful and

loyal a people as any with whom I have been privileged to meet. Our churches are not composed of many members with large means, but the support of the work in our field comes from people in ordinary circumstances, not in large sums, but in the faithful, systematic payment of tithes and offerings in small amounts. Knowing these facts, the excellent growth in our tithes and offerings during the last four years is a strong testimony to the consecrated efforts of our people. Our conference membership in 1916 was 872, and at the close of 1919 it is nearly 1,100, a net gain of about 228.

The tithe in 1916 was, in round numbers, \$15,500; in 1917, about \$19,000; in 1918, \$26,500; and this year we are expecting that it will go close to \$30,000. While it may fall a little short of this, still we are glad to see our annual tithe nearly double what it was four years ago.

Our mission offerings have made a similar increase. In 1916 they were \$9,000; in 1917, \$10,700; in 1918, nearly \$15,000; and this year, while we have not been altogether pleased with our showing in the comparative reports that have been sent out, yet we fully expect to come out even on the twenty-five-cent-a-week fund by the end of the year, and it looks as though we shall show an increase in our yearly mission offerings of thirty-five or forty per cent more than they were four years ago.

The Harvest Ingathering work during the past four years shows an interesting growth. In the fall of 1916 Elder Gilbert and I made a tour of the conference in twenty-one days, and visited every church. That year we received \$1,853, and were much encouraged. The next year, having a home missionary secretary, I paid very little attention to the Harvest Ingathering campaign, leaving it almost entirely to the home missionary department to develop, and we received in 1917, \$1,511. In 1918 we received \$2,685. This year we turned all our working force into the effort, and up to November 1 had taken in \$3,392. We expect that this will be increased to \$4,500 or \$5,000 by the end of the year. This will be an increase of about three hundred per cent this year over what it was during the early part of this quadrennial period. We are coming to think, if God continues to hold in check the winds of strife a little longer, that we have not begun to realize the possibilities which are wrapped up in the Harvest Ingathering work.

The various departments of our work are in a healthy, growing condition. The book work made an excellent showing in 1916 and 1917, but following this there was, unfortunately, a succession of changes in field agents, and as a result the book work suffered. We now have a growing work in this department, and have been encouraged to see our reports climbing up again. Brother

Weller, our field secretary, has been putting forth faithful, consecrated efforts to which the Lord has added his blessing.

We shall not enter into detail in speaking of the Sabbath school, Missionary Volunteer, and educational departments, but each shows an encouraging growth.

While at the present time we have no home missionary secretary, we have been fortunate in being able to make some valuable additions to our laboring force. At camp meeting we divided our conference into five districts, each with a district superintendent. The results of this have been very encouraging. The excellent results of the Harvest In-gathering work this year may be largely attributed to the placing of responsibility upon a group of earnest workers, each faithfully endeavoring to arouse the churches in his district to active service. We have in mind the launching of a strong home missionary campaign by all our workers after the close of this conference to the first of the year, to be followed by a number of evangelistic efforts during the winter.

There is a good spirit of confidence and cooperation among our workers and our people. This is evidenced by the attitude of our church members toward a recent action of the conference committee to move the conference office from Rome to Utica. Cards and letters were sent to all our church elders to be read the following Sabbath. As a result we received an almost unanimous vote of approval. About five hundred twenty-five signed cards were returned, which is a larger expression than we could get at a camp meeting, for we seldom have as many as five hundred present at any one time, and fully one third

of these are children. Of these five hundred twenty-five adult members who voted on this question, less than a dozen expressed themselves as unfavorable outside the Rome church, who naturally felt reluctant to see the office moved.

We see the storm clouds rising on every side. We are conscious of the hopeless condition of humanity all around us. Our hearts beat in sympathy with the sorrowing hearts in all lands where war and confusion of political upheavals have brought bereavement, famine, and untold suffering. As we see these things we feel impelled to redouble our efforts to finish the work in our own little corner, and to contribute what we can toward the finishing of the work of God in all the earth, that the Master may come to banish sin and trouble, and to set up his everlasting kingdom of peace.

H. C. HARTWELL.

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COLPORTEURS' INSTITUTE

THE Western New York Conference is going to unite with us in conducting a colporteurs' institute January 9-19. The Syracuse church has very kindly invited us to hold this institute in the church at 817 South Avenue. This is the most central point for a union institute of both conferences that could be found.

It has been thought that there will be many advantages in uniting the two conferences for a meeting of this kind. It is always an inspiration to have a good attendance at such a meeting, and by carrying out this plan the number of regular and prospective colporteurs will be about double what it would be otherwise. Then we shall have double the amount of help. Among those who will be present to give spiritual and practical instruction will be Brother

E. E. Franklin, Union field secretary; Brother O. C. Weller, Eastern New York field secretary; the field secretary from Western New York; Brother D. A. Bailey, of the Review and Herald New York branch; the secretary and treasurer of each conference and tract society; Elder K. C. Russell; and the writer.

It has been arranged to meet the expenses of the meeting as follows: All regular colporteurs will be given their board, room, and car-fare. Recruits will be furnished their board and room, and their car-fare will be refunded when they have sold and delivered two hundred dollars' worth of books. Each conference will arrange for the expense of its own workers. A dining-room will be conducted in the basement of the church, where meals will be served. Rooms will be secured in private homes near the church.

The field secretaries of both conferences are to act as an entertainment committee, and, in order to know how many rooms to provide, those coming from Eastern New York should notify Brother Weller at the conference office at once.

If any of our people would like to assist with the expense of this meeting by furnishing potatoes, apples, beans, butter, vegetables of any kind, etc., they are invited to send them so that they will reach the church between January 7 and 9. Such provisions should be shipped to Mr. O. C. Weller, care of S. D. A. church, 817 South Avenue, Syracuse, N. Y.

We have all been glad to see the colporteur work gaining in our conference during the past few months. We are looking for a good-sized company to attend the institute from our conference. But we are impressed that many

ought to be present who will not attend. There are many to whom the Lord has been speaking who lack the courage to step out and give themselves to this work. Reader, if you have ever felt impressed that God would have you engage in the work of scattering the printed page, will you not pray earnestly over the matter and then follow your honest convictions even though it may seem to require a sacrifice? And then plan definitely to attend the institute. Do not wait until it is over, for then you will lose the instruction in Christian salesmanship which will be invaluable to you in taking up the work. Those who engage in any branch of the Lord's work require a training if they are to make a real success of it.

H. C. HARTWELL.

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ITEMS

ELDER E. K. SLADE and Brother C. L. Kilgore met with the conference committee at a recent meeting held at Utica. Their counsel was much appreciated.

We have the promise of the help of Doctor D. H. Kress in our conference all through the month of February. A series of general meetings is being arranged. In addition to conducting these, the churches throughout the field will be visited as far as the time will permit, and special meetings will be held with them.

Brother J. C. Oswald made a visit to the office last week. He reports that the Binghamton church has recently ordered a club of one hundred twelve weekly *Signs* to use in missionary work. There is an encouraging spirit of activity taking possession of this church the past few months.

The Albany church is distributing weekly four hundred fifty copies of the *Signs*. Elder

Vandeman reports that the work in Albany is moving forward encouragingly. The Sunday night meetings are being well attended.

Sister Mabel Peterson, of Battle Creek, and her sister, Miss Clara Fuller, the Rome church-school teacher, are visiting their home at Canton. Their brother, James, one of our South Lancaster students, is also spending the holidays with his parents.

Brother E. E. Franklin spent the week of prayer visiting some of our churches in company with Brother Weller. He also made a visit to our office.

Elder and Mrs. Hartwell spent one day last week visiting the company at Leonardsville to counsel with them in regard to their church school and other features of the work.

Several more orders have been received from the Sabbath-school secretaries for more bonds to use in connection with the thirteenth Sabbath offering.

The Sunday night meetings in the Syracuse church conducted by Brother King are being well attended. An encouraging number are becoming seriously interested in the truths that are being presented.

MASSACHUSETTS

South Lancaster, Mass.

ATTENTION

Colporteurs' Institute

THE colporteurs' institute will be held January 2-12 in the Worcester church. Take a car at the Worcester railroad station to city hall, change there for a Boynton Street car, getting off at the church, corner of Highland and West Streets.

Dear brethren and sisters, if the Lord is speaking to you, listen; if he calls, come with us. Surrender all and enter active service

for God. You can make no mistake in venturing out on the Lord's promises, for they are sure. So do not wait, but enlist in the colporteur army and say, "Here am I; send me."

Write today, so we may make arrangements for your entertainment.

D. P. WALDO,

974 Main St., Worcester, Mass.

WESTERN NEW YORK

60 Grand Ave., Rochester, N. Y.

WELLSVILLE GENERAL MEETING

ACCORDING to appointment, the Wellsville general meeting was held December 11-14. The first service was held in the church at which the reading for the week of prayer was read.

The remaining services of the general meeting were held in the Odd Fellows' Hall. This was an ideal place in some respects to hold meetings. The dining-room facilities were very convenient. An abundance of food was supplied, chiefly by the members of the Wellsville church, for all who were in attendance.

Besides the members of the Wellsville church, there were in attendance a goodly number from the Hornell church. It was an inspiration to all to meet and observe the consecration of those who have recently embraced the truth, through the faithful labors of Brother and Sister Joseph Capman and Joseph Shultz. Already between fifteen and twenty have taken their stand for the message.

The meetings were both instructive and practical, and we believe that all were revived and confirmed in the great truths for God's people in these serious times. The earnest labors of Doctor D. H. Kress and Professor L. O. Machlan were greatly appreciated at this meeting.

During the meeting the following list of officers for the Wells-ville church were duly elected: Church officers: Elders, Joseph Capman, Geo. Simkin; deacon, Brother Whitter; deaconesses, Sisters Witter and Ahrens; treasurer, Doctor Gilbert; assistant treasurer, Sister Capman; clerk, Sister Shirey; missionary secretary, Sister Oliver; organist, Sister Matteson.

Sabbath school: Superintendent, Joseph Capman; assistant superintendent; Brother Shirey; secretary, Sister Simkin; assistant secretary, Sister Shirey; organist, Sister Matteson.

Young People's Society: Leader, Sister Capman; assistant leader, Doctor Gilbert; secretary, Ena Simkin.

Church trustees, George Simkin, D. Witter, Sister Gilbert.

Monday evening, December 15, Doctor Kress and the writer spent in Olean, and held a service at the home of Sister Raub. The believers in Olean are rejoicing that Doctor W. B. Eldridge and family have returned to Olean, as they will prove a great help in developing the work of the Lord there.

Tuesday, December 16-17, we visited the Fernwood Academy. It was a satisfaction to find the building warm and comfortable despite the exceedingly cold weather that prevailed during our visit. Both faculty and students are of good courage, and the prospects are bright for one of the most successful school years that has ever been held at Fernwood.

In the afternoon of December 17 we held a service in Salamanca, at which a goodly number were in attendance.

K. C. RUSSELL.

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"HONESTY paints the only true road to take."

NO. NEW ENGLAND

136 North Main St., Concord, N. H.

TO OUR SABBATH SCHOOL MEMBERS

IN speaking of our Sabbath school work Sister White has said: "This is one of the important branches of the work, and should not be left to chance, or to haphazard management. . . . But it is not enough to have the Sabbath school move like well-regulated machinery. There should be practical workers; the teachers should be of that class who have a living connection with God, who have an appetite for study themselves, who will give time and moral earnestness to their work, and who will not be satisfied unless they see something accomplished."

Bigger things than ever are expected of us these days. We must get under the burden now and lift with all our power in raising our part of the new per capita goal. Twenty-five cents a week, you know, is our part. Can we do it? "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power," is the promise we must claim now. Never was there a time more important.

This statement from "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. IX, page 55, was brought to my attention: "Unmistakable evidences point to the nearness of the end. The way must be prepared for the coming of the Prince of Peace. Let not our church members complain because they are so often called upon to give. What is it that makes the frequent calls a necessity? Is it not the rapid increase of missionary enterprises? . . . Shall we forget that we are laborers together with God? From every church, prayers should ascend to God for an increase of devotion and liberality. My brethren and sisters, do not plead for

retrenchment in evangelical work. So long as there are souls to save, our interest in the work of soul saving is to know no abating. The church cannot abridge her task without denying her Master. Not all can go as missionaries to foreign lands, but all can give of their means for the carrying forward of foreign missions."

You have all had the "Mission Quarterly," and I know your heart has been touched as you have read the different reports. The need of proper homes for our missionaries is great. You will hear more about the conditions under which our workers have to live in a letter just sent to your superintendent which is to be read to the school. We all want to help better these conditions, and now is our opportunity. This thirteenth Sabbath school offering goes for that purpose. Shall we not try to do a little better than last time on this last Sabbath of 1919? "Some can bring large gifts to the Lord's treasury; others can bring only mites; but every gift brought in sincerity is accepted by the Lord."

Just a word about the perfect record card with both seals. We should not let down at all on this matter of studying the Sabbath-school lesson every day. It has been a great blessing in many homes to both the parents and children.

Yesterday we received the first paper on the "Training Course" questions. It is an excellent paper, and comes from the superintendent of the Laconia Sabbath school. Who will be the next?

We solicit your prayers for the success of the Sabbath school work. Let us take for our watchword, "Onward, ever onward," until the earth has been encircled with the message of the third angel. VIOLET E. MORGAN.

DOVER, N. H.

THE little company at Dover met at the home of Brother and Sister A. Stevens beginning with the work of prayer, December 6. In our Sabbath school lesson we learned that it is more blessed to give than to receive. We also learned that Christ was a gift, but only to those who give themselves wholly and unreservedly to him. After Sabbath school nearly every one testified for the Master, and we wondered if we were counting our many blessings.

The last Sabbath of the week of prayer twelve of us met at the home of the writer. We first held our Sabbath school. The lesson of the Lord's ownership was studied, and we learned that man is being tested now just as much as he was in the garden of Eden, and that Christ owns us all and all that we have belongs to him. Then followed a testimony meeting in which nearly all took part.

It was suggested that we try to raise a club of *Signs* during the week of prayer. I am thankful to say that we raised our club and one subscription over, besides raising enough to put one copy in the Dover library for one year.

MRS. E. J. ABBOTT.

SO. NEW ENGLAND

51 Whitmore St., Hartford, Conn.

ITEMS

SEND in your orders early for the new Home Missionary Calendar for 1920. Price, twenty-five cents each.

Sister E. E. Covey, of Portland, Maine, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Gerald, for a few weeks.

Brother and Sister C. H. Gerald, of Hartford, are the happy parents of a baby girl, Marjorie Aileen, born December 13.

We are sorry to learn that Brother Stephen C. Peckham, of Quonochontaug, R. I., recently had a severe shock. We solicit the prayers of our brethren and sisters in his behalf.

We are glad to welcome Sister Viola Faith Appleby back to our ranks again as one of our faithful colporteurs. After the institute in Worcester, she will take up aggressive work in Providence.

Elder Robinson attended the workers' institute in Lewiston, Maine, last week. We are promised the services of Elder Carr, president of the Maine Conference, at a similar institute to be held in our conference soon.

We have received many good reports from the leaders of the meetings during the week of prayer, showing a great revival among our churches, and a greater earnestness and consecration for service. As we see the end approaching we should make every week a week of prayer and consecration.

We are receiving many interesting reports from our faithful colporteurs who are facing the cold weather and hard experiences of winter in placing our message-filled literature in the homes of the people. These faithful workers need our earnest prayers and support.

Brother Harold Thomas, who is attending Lancaster Junior College, is spending the Christmas vacation canvassing near his home in Rhode Island. Brother Thomas earned a scholarship last summer, and we are glad to welcome him back into the field during his vacation.

Brother Gram has returned to his work again after a much-needed vacation following an operation at the sanitarium. We are glad to report that, under the arduous and faithful labors of

Brother Gram, the colporteur work in Southern New England has advanced and prospered, and we expect to see even greater things accomplished.

About twenty of our workers are planning to attend the joint colporteurs' institute of the Massachusetts and Southern New England Conferences, to be held in Worcester, Mass., January 2 to 12. Elder Robinson will also be in attendance during a part of the time. We believe this important institute will mark the beginning of a new era in the colporteur work in these conferences. All those who are planning to attend who have not yet sent in their names to the office or to Brother Gram, should do so at once that plans may be made for the accommodation of all.

MAINE

75 Grant St., Portland, Me.

FAREWELL

As I leave for my new field of labor in the city of Buffalo, I greatly desire to bid farewell to my dear brethren and sisters in the State of Maine whom I have learned to love so well. I have truly enjoyed my work in this conference with you all, and have appreciated your cooperation very much.

The last three years of labor here have been spent in the cities of Lewiston and Bath, and since the work has started in these two cities the dear Lord has truly blessed. All will be encouraged to know that, due to the blessing of the Lord and the combined efforts of all the workers in these two cities, supported by the faithful efforts of the church members, some progress has been made. A goodly number have been added to the faith, the tithes and offerings increased, and

two beautiful church buildings now stand as memorials to God's truth with a good church school conducted in each. The increase in tithes and offerings is most encouraging. The figures are as follows: The combined tithes and offerings of Lewiston and Bath for the three years previous to the beginning of the work in these places were \$2,565, and for the last three years the tithes and offerings have been \$12,210. This is an increase of \$9,645. Aside from the increase of tithes and offerings the additional sum of \$10,500 has been raised to buy, build, and equip the church buildings.

As we bid good-by to this field, I earnestly request your prayers for the Lord's guiding and ever-present Spirit to be with me. I shall always remember you and the work in Maine in my prayers.

A. E. SANDERSON.

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A GIFT SUGGESTION

It is hardly necessary to remind you that we are rapidly approaching the popular season of the year. While we, as a people, do not regard the Christmas festival as does the world at large, yet, as you know, there is no period of the year when the spirit of giving is so prevalent as then, and it is our privilege to take advantage of this unusual opportunity to scatter our attractively prepared literature.

We have a little suggestion for you in this connection, but first notice the good thought on this matter of giving in the following paragraph:

"How much better to follow the example of the wise men than to make our gifts to those who, perhaps, have no need of them, obeying the mere dictates of worldly custom. While the Saviour is not visible on earth today, yet we

can make a Christmas offering to him just as truly as did the wise men. We can do this by giving to advance the work which the Master committed to his people to accomplish, and which he is carrying forward to certain victory."

Now the suggestion. You have, during the past weeks or months, given a copy of a magazine or paper, now and then, to a neighbor or friend or relative. And you have been glad to observe a real interest in one or more cases. Why not send something like the *Signs Magazine* to them regularly? The influence of such a gift would extend through the whole year. The *Signs Magazine* for 1920 will be printed on a better and much more pleasing grade of paper than that used in 1919. Its price remains the same, \$1.50, but its quality improves. As "a magazine with the message" it will be more attractive, more appealing, and more effective than ever. We know of nothing better to place in the hands of those who want to know the real meaning of world conditions.

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ARE you going to get a gift book for completing the Testimonies Reading Course this year? Miss Orthea Eaton, of the Columbia Union Conference, drew the first gift book. Hundreds of other Missionary Volunteers should complete this course. See what our leaders say about the Testimonies in the "Testimonies Reading Course" Missionary Volunteer leaflet series No. 65, price one and one-half cent.

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WALL CALENDAR FOR SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST HOMES

MANY expressions have come to our office indicating a desire on the part of our people to be furnished with a wall calendar. In harmony

with this desire and carrying out the recommendation of the General Conference Council held in Boulder, Colo., a few weeks ago, we have prepared such a calendar, which is now in the hands of the publishers. We shall be ready to fill orders at an early date.

SPECIAL FEATURES OF THE CALENDAR

1. Size, 12 x 18 inches.
2. Days of week in good-sized type, which can be readily seen across a large room.
3. Sabbath indicated by shaded type at the end of the week.
4. Prayer and missionary meetings indicated by shaded type.
5. Annual offerings and special campaign days properly indicated.
6. The home missionary program month by month throughout the year is appropriately illustrated on each page. Some of these illustrations have been especially prepared for this calendar.
7. The front cover of the calendar is in three colors; other pages, two colors.

Several other features, such as the sunset period, special mission fields for consideration and prayer at family worship, and Seventh-day Adventist statistics, will be found helpful and interesting.

We have received to date, before any announcement has been made in our papers other than the publication of the recommendation of the Fall Council, orders for more than seven thousand copies. We are getting out a fifteen thousand edition.

Order through your tract society. The price is only twenty-five cents. L. V. LEACH.

OBITUARY NOTICES

ECKERT.—Died following a serious operation at the Mountain Clinic, Olean, New York, December 14, 1919, Mrs. Frances Eckert in the fifty-fifth year of her age. She accepted the third angel's message some fifteen years ago, and united with the Salamanca church of Seventh-day Adventists, where she continued a faithful member. She leaves two daughters and a son to mourn their loss. Sister Eckert was of an exceptionally patient and kind disposition. She was beloved by all who knew her. The funeral services were held in East

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January 9-19, 1920

Greater New York, Brooklyn, N. Y.
January 16-26, 1920

A SHORT course in Bible study and Christian salesmanship will be especially arranged for those contemplating the colporteur work. Special courtesies offered. Write the field missionary secretary in your conference and arrange with him for your attendance.

DECIDE NOW TO JOIN THE FORCES FOR SERVICE IN 1920. "THE WORLD'S NEED IS OUR CALL TO SERVICE."

THE JUNIOR COLLEGE

DEDICATION OF MISSION FLAG

THE dedication of a mission service flag, which was presented to the college by the foreign mission band of the Missionary Volunteer society, made a unique program held in the college chapel Monday morning, December 15.

The flag was presented by the leader of the band, Brother L. H.

Gardiner, and was accepted by our president, Doctor M. E. Olsen. The flag is made of royal purple and white, the school colors. The monogram, "L. J. C.," was placed in the center of the white field immediately surrounded by five Greek crosses in gold, representing teachers and students who have died in foreign mission service, and one hundred thirty-one purple crosses, representing those who have gone from this institution as foreign missionaries.

Elder J. K. Jones, president of the Massachusetts Conference, gave the scripture reading. Prayer was offered by Elder S. N. Haskell, one of the founders of Lancaster Junior College.

Doctor Olsen in his speech of acceptance said among other things:

"This ceremony brings before us a phase of our work which is not only of supreme importance, but which is, in a sense, the one outstanding feature of this institution. We exist as a junior college in order to train workers, and it is our ambition to send our best trained graduates where the need is greatest. The mission field, which is the greatest problem confronting Christianity today, rightfully claims the best that this school can give. This beautiful and meaningful flag which is presented to the school this morning records some precious history taken out of the heart pages of the life of this institution."

Professor J. L. Shaw, secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, gave the dedication address, saying in part: "In our increased determination to finish the work among the foreign nations, we are planning on a gift of two million dollars in 1920. But it is not means that we need so much as men and women of consecrated vision, who in this unparalleled

hour of the world's need are ready to say, 'Here am I; send me.'

"We would not present to you a life of ease and comfort and self-pleasure. There are difficulties, hardships, and privations. Garibaldi, the Italian patriot, calling for volunteers to save his country, said: 'Young man, I have nothing to offer you but cold, hunger, and rags; let him who loves his country follow me.' Thousands of Italy's youth, the flower of the nation, followed him and laid down their lives for their homeland. Can we do less? What shall be the reply of the flower of Christian manhood today?"

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ITEMS

MRS. W. R. ANDREWS is visiting her daughters for a few days.

Doctor M. E. Olsen spent the week-end at the New England Sanitarium, visiting his mother, who is very ill.

The concert given by the college band on Thursday evening was a complete success. In spite of the fact that many of the students had left that afternoon for their homes, the chapel was well filled with an appreciative audience.

Our school family is greatly reduced, as the majority of the students are spending the Christmas holidays at their homes. We wish all of the students a very pleasant and profitable vacation. Do not forget that school opens again on December 30, 1919.

We are glad to report that Miss Madalene King is recovering from her operation. She, with her mother and little brother, spent Sabbath and Sunday at the college on their way to Elmira, N. Y. Miss King expects to return to us after the Christmas vacation, and take up her school work again.

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"THE effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."