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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 ARTICLES

Dear Fellow-Workers in the Atlantic Union Conference:

Just this brief line to the believers and readers of the GLEANER throughout the Atlantic Union proviconference. Since in the dence of God it seems to be my duty to continue my responsibilities in this field, I look with a great deal of interest upon the future of our work here, and feel to express my appreciation to the brethren and sisters throughout the field for their splendid cooperation and good results in various lines of the work during the past four years. I have never la-bored in a field where a deeper interest is shown and a more ready cooperation given.

As indicated by the reports submitted at our recent conference, it would seem that the Lord has prospered in all lines of our work. Our tithes have been greatly in-The evangelistic creased. work and the home missionary work throughout the field have taken The on greater strength. The work of Christian education in our college, the academies and the church schools has been thoroughly organized and made much more effective. A great improvement has been made in our medical work. Our interest and endeavors for forwarding the message in foreign fields indicate decided advancement.

In all this, and in the distribution of our literature, we have reasons to be grateful for what has been accomplished, and I especially appreciate the good response that is being made throughout the field in all these endeavors.

I wish to invite the same faithful cooperation, and even an increase of activity and strength in all plans for our future work. As I join my brethren in a new term in this Union conference, I do so with some sense, I believe, of the importance of the work and the significance of the hour. I can not think for a moment that it will be in keeping with the requirements of this time for us to take steps backward or lessen our efforts and weaken our work in any degree. We must plan for bigger and better things, and hope and believe for greater help from heaven.

It is sometimes said that we are becoming too strenuous, and that the pressure is too great at times. Perhaps there are occasions when it may seem that we are overdoing things a bit in zeal and pressure, but I am sure that our leaders and workers throughout the field have a desire that everyone shall be awakened to the opportunities of this hour and made to realize that we are a favored people in having committed to us the task of doing what is required to complete the Gospel plan.

It is a wonderful opportunity, and may we during this year, and this coming four-year term in the Atlantic Union conference, measure up to our opportunities and responsibilities most faithfully.

I greatly appreciate the encouraging words which are coming in to the office from our brethren and sisters throughout the field. My prayer is that the Lord will bind us all together more closely by the tender ties of brotherly love. And while we are engaged in the important work committed to our hands, may we not at the same time be prepared for the blessed relationships that may be ours in the kingdom.

Sincerely your brother, E. K. SLADE.

CHURCHES ARE TO BECOME TRAINING CENTERS

"THE strength of an army is measured largely by the efficiency of the men in the ranks.." Vol. IX, p. 116.

"The church of Christ is organized for service. Its watchword is Ministry. Its members are soldiers, to be trained for conflict under the Captain of their salvation. Christian ministers, physicians, teachers, have a broader work than many have recognized. They are not only to minister to the people, but to teach them to minister." *Ministry of Healing*, p. 148.

"Every member should be engaged in some line of service for the Master." *Ib.* 149. "Many would work if they knew how to begin."

'Every church should be a Christian training school for workers. Its members should be taught how to give Bible readings, how to conduct and teach Sabbath-school classes, how best to help the poor and to care for the sick, how to work for the uncon-verted. There should be schools of health, cooking schools, and classes in various lines of Christian help work. There should not only be teaching, but actual work under experienced instructors." Ib. 149.

"Ministers should impress upon the people the necessity of individual effort. No church can flourish unless its members are workers. . . Every member of the body should feel that the salvation of his own soul depends upon his own individual effort." Vol. II, p. 120. We believe our church elders

We believe our church elders and leaders will want to take advantage of a new opportunity that will help in carrying out the injunctions found in the above statements, by purchasing a new book

just issued by the Home Missionary Department of the General Conference, entitled, "Lessons for Home Missionary Institutes in Churches." It contains lessons that can be used by leaders in conducting classes in the following:

Instruction For Church Officers, five lessons.

Instruction in Successful Methods of Giving Bible Readings, seven lessons.

Medical Missionary and Christian Help Work, seven lessons.

Home-Foreign Problem, three lessons.

Literature Ministry, two lessons.

These lessons are arranged in such a way and are so complete that anyone who is apt to teach can carry on an interesting class in any one of the above subjects.

Recently the writer was much interested in the program of one of our churches in this Union. Immediately after the morning service, a goodly number of ladies gathered in one corner of the church, where the Bible worker conducted a class in "How to Give Bible Readings." The writer had occasion to go down stairs, and there he found a company of men intensely studying plans and methods of conducting a series of evangelistic meetings. This church is rapidly becoming a training center, training men and women for efficient service.

The price of the above book is \$1.00, and should be ordered through the Home Missionary Department.

F. D. WELLS.

GREATER NEW YORK 120 West 42d Street C. B. Haynes, President

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS Delivered March 12, 1924

THE experience which I have had with presidential addresses heretofore has not been such as to make them attractive to me. Until now I have been among the listeners, and have never before prepared such an address. They 1 become still less attractive,

find, when compelled to prepare one

Notwithstanding the fact, however, that I am fully aware of the attitude toward such addresses on the part of those who must listen, I am convinced that such an address may be made useful if it can be made to sketch in brief outline the whole work of the conference, the outstanding developments of that work, and the main features of growth and progress during the period of the conference term. I am also of the opinion that it should contain the president's recommendations regarding the future development of the work, based upon as careful and detailed an analysis as he has been able to make.

I invite your attention, therefore, to the chief features of our work during the last two years.

Revivals

Foremost among these I place the deepening of the spiritual life of the people. The movement towards this end has been most marked among our churches. Both in 1922 and 1923 there were revivals led by Elder A. G. Daniells. The revival which closed the year 1923 was, in many respects, the most remarkable meeting I have ever attended, and its influence remains with us as a steady, un-diminished constant force. This revival spirit has been carried into the churches and is exercising a most beneficial, strengthening and encouraging effect upon our activities and enterprises. all Tt is my firm opinion and my urgent recommendation that this good work be continued and strengthened in all our churches and their various activities during the next biennial term.

Foreign Missions

This deeper spiritual work has had a notable affect on our endeavors for foreign missions, increasing the amount of our gifts for this purpose to a remarkable degree. For the first time in the history of the conference the mission goal of sixty-cents-a-week and the Harvest Ingathering goal were reached last year. The procampaign exceeded any other

conference in the denomination. During the two years of the biennial term this conference has turned over to the General Conference the sum of \$288,435.71; and to the Atlantic Union conference the sum of \$28,557.65. This is \$19,984.38 more than was paid to the General Conference, and \$2,492.29 more than was paid to the Union during the preceding biennial term.

New Churches

Three new churches have been organized in this field during the past eight months, and have delegates present to apply for admission into the sisterhood -ofchurches comprising this conference. These are the Italian New York church, the Second Harlem church, and the 61st Street Mission church.

Several new church buildings have been acquired or constructed, or the construction started during the biennial term. The German New York church has completed the construction of a \$63,000 property; the Negro Brooklyn church has purchased a \$35,000 property; the Second Harlem church has purchased a \$82,000 property, and the Swedish New York church has started the construction of a building of which the estimated costis \$40,000.

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Educational Work

The school work in the conference has had a most encouraging growth during the two years. Greater New York Academy, teaching 12 grades, now has an enrolment of 114 students; Harlem Academy, 11 grades, 181 students; Ridgewood church school, 8 grades, 42 students; and Middletown church school, 9 grades, 27 students.

One of the most encouraging factors in the life of this conference is the large body of strong, bright young people and children who are in training in our schools. In establishing these schools I am convinced we have done one of the best things the conference has ever done. I am also convinced that the method of supporting and maintaining these schools, which meets with the approval of the educational men connected with the General Conference Educational Department, is the best which has been tried anywhere, and in exact harmony with the instruction given by the gift of prophecy. I strongly recom-mend that it be continued, and I strongly recomalso that it be further strengthened by making plans for a material increase in the student income.

Unfortunately the General Conference has withdrawn the help it formerly gave to Harlem Academy, throwing on this local conference a load too great for it to bear, and creating a most serious situation: for the solution of which we will need to appeal to both the Atlantic Union and the General conferences. This important school for colored children and youth has grown to such a size that outside help must be obtained for it if it is to meet the needs of the field.

A Conference Spirit

Among the most striking and helpful developments of the past year has been the growth of a conference spirit. We have become better acquainted with each other in the churches; and with this better acquaintance has come an appreciation of each other's burdens and problems. The result has been a genuine spirit of sympathy and a marked development

of unity, harmony and team work. Contributing much to this desired end has been the regular workers' meetings, monthly started fifteen months ago, the three conference rallies which were held in 1923, the night school, the monthly meeting of the Ministerial Association, and the revivals. Two years ago we were a rather loosely held collection of churches; today we are a closely knit conference.

The Executive Committee

The conference executive committee, which directs the work in this field during the interim between conference sessions has especially exemplified this conference spirit of unity and harmony. In many respects this committee is an unusual body. This is composed of representatives of each of the territorial and language divisions of the conference. A good description of its organization and method of operation will be found Goodspeed's translation of in Romans 12:4-11:

"For just as there are many parts united in our human bodies, and the parts do not all have the same function, so, many as we are, we form one body through union with Christ, and we are individually parts of one another. We have gifts that differ with the favor that God has shown us, whether it is that of preaching, differing with the measure of our faith, or of practical service, differing in the field of service, or the teacher who exercises his gift in teaching the speaker, in his exhortation, the giver of charity, with generosity, the office-holder, with devotion, the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. Your love must be genuine. You must hate what is wrong, and hold to what is right. Be effectionate in your love for the brotherhood, eager to show one another honor, not wanting in devotion, but on fire with the Spirit.'

Team Work

What others call a "bloc," and view with alarm, we call team work and ask God for grace to maintain.

On our committee during the past year there have been from 15 to 20 very different persons, and under the blessing of God they have been from an extraordinary exhibition of how to do what never before has been done in this conference, by the simple method of working together for one object. It is a story of extraordinary loyalty and fine self-sacrifice.

Every question that comes up is settled, of course, as the majority wills; and no one member's vote has more power than the vote of any other member. Everybody listens to everybody else. This is not a group of people with no minds of their own, as some have mistakenly thought. Each has his opinions, very strong opinions sometimes, and he fights for them to the last ditch. But when that last ditch has been reached, with the majority still against him, he leaves his lost cause in that ditch, turns his back on it, and fights just as hard for what the others wish as he fought for what he wanted himself. With that kind of team work it should be no surprise that God helps men to work wonders.

There is only one basis of team work on a large committee such as ours; that is, an agreement in advance that the majority shall rule, and that the loser shall accept every decision, and work to make it a success without sulking or hanging back.

Some member presents an idea. He is full of enthusiasm about it. He urges it with all vigor. It meets opposition. Everyone is forced to think about it, to search their minds for facts, to measure their ideas along side the ones somebody else presents. Out of this discussion, es-

Out of this discussion, especially when we take all to God in prayer, there emerges the best thought, the cream as it were, not merely of one member, but of all the members. Each one adds something to it. It wins the support of the majority. Then those of us who are in the minority simply put aside our opinions and accept the verdict of the majority.

The members of the committee do not differ in purpose. In this we are united,—the advancement of the cause of God. The things concerning which differences are likely to arise are the details as to how the thing shall be done. And on these we want to get together and work together, 'To accomplish this we have learned there are a few things which we must do, and do sincerely and wholeheartedly.

We must be willing to have the majority rule. We must not sulk when the majority goes against us. We must never say, "I told We must not hold post you so." mortems over failures, except to the extent of trying to avoid them in the future. We must be modest in victory, and cheerful in defeat. We must never try to get in alone against the decision of our brethren. When we have fought for our ideas until we are beaten, then we must work for the ideas that beat ours. And we must not take refuge in alibis if we make mistakes. That seems to be the creed underlying our team work.

In this way we get the best from each of the twenty minds comprising the committee,—the cream of their ideas. And the sum of twenty "bests" is superior to any one mind, unless it is a supremely great mind. There are no supremely great minds on the committee. It contains no geniuses. We are only intelligent human beings. But by using the best each of us has to offer, God has been pleased to accomplish his will in Greater New York.

In fact I think I can safely say that it has been because the members of the committee have been so willing to learn and do the will of God, that so many of the abundant blessings of heaven have been received. The deepening of spiritual life has been experienced, not only by the people, but also by their pastors and leaders. T have never before worked with men with whom it has been a greater joy or pleasure to work. There has been a genuine spirit of good fellowship, abiding friend-ship, and sympathy pervading the association of workers in this field.

Departments Discontinued

It has been a source of real regret to us that an insufficiency of operating funds has made it necessary to discontinue the

H o m e Missionary, Sabbath School, and Subscription Book Departments, as well as to make severe cuts in the remaining departments, and in all of the divisions. Liberal financial help from both the General and Atlantic Union conferences is the only thing which prevented the necessity of further cuts which would have resulted in real disaster.

In view of the gigantic load which must always be carried here, too much money raised in this field is taken out of this field. It was the recognition of this fact by our brethren of the General and Atlantic Union conferences, that led them to replace a liberal part of it. I am convinced, however, that this matter will not be properly or satisfactorily adjusted until the uncertain basis upon which it now rests,—that of the success or lack of success of an appeal for appropriations \mathbf{from} the General and the Atlantic Union conference,-has been changed to a more stable and uniform basis. It will then be possible for us to form some estimate of what the conference income is likely to be year by year.

Investments

The members of our churches are beginning to learn and take advantage of the plan, making possible the investment of their surplus funds in the corporation. The report of the treasurer of the corporation will disclose that they have already deposited nearly a quarter of a million dollars with us.

This is a mutually satisfactory and helpful arrangement, and one which should be continued. The best and safest place for the money of Seventh-day Adventists is in this cause.

Location of Office Changed

it of A little more than a year ago, at only slightly additional expense, the conference office was moved this to the Times Square district, making it more accessible to all our people. This was a right move, real greatly strengthening and facilitating the work of the conference, increasing our book sales, speeding the up the distribution of supplies,

and has met with widespread satisfaction.

Recommendations

Among the things which I believe should be recommended are the following:

The maintenance and deepening of the spiritual life of the conference, carrying this into every phase and activity of our churches and schools.

The adoption of an efficient plan for increasing our student income.

The assumption by our pastors in their churches of the duties and promotion work of the Home Missionary, and Sabbath-school work.

A strong, carefully planned campaign to get everyone of our church members into the Sabbath School.

The better training of our Sabbath-school teachers.

The maintenance and strengthening of our efforts to enlist every member in definite home missionary activity.

Clothing the home missionary work with its proper importance by giving it a place on the program of the Sabbath service, at least to the extent of the pastor obtaining at that time a full report of the missionary activities of his people.

The continuance of the conference rallies, preceding big conference campaigns, such as Big Week and Harvest Ingathering, and at the close of the year.

An increase in salary for ministers sufficient to make it possible for them to meet the unusual living costs of New York City.

The creation of a fund to provide necessary books, periodicals and reading matter for our ministers, for which their salaries do not provide, and which are necessary for efficiency and development.

Elimination of Indebtedness

While I consider all these recommendations important, there are two others upon which I desire to concentrate attention as of supreme importance.

Evangelism in this conference is being slowly strangled to death by the necessity of maintaining our large property holdings and meeting the enormous carrying charges of indebtedness thereon. On this we are now paying nearly \$2,000 a month interest alone, which does not reduce our indebtedness one dollar. I believe the time has come when we must definitely and strongly attack this indebtedness and either reduce it to a point where it can be easily carried, or preferably, wipe it entirely out of existence.

A campaign for this purpose should be launched at once, and I know it can succeed. I am of the opinion that all our liabilities should be pooled and all our members enlisted in an effort to wipe them out in a conference campaign. This campaign should be thoroughly organized, officered, and directed, with such conference, church, group and individual goals, together with such charts, devices, credits and re-porting as will create and maintain interest, enthusiasm and determination. It should be strongly continued until its objective is realized, and every church is free from debt. This should be done. It can be done. It will be done. Only as it is done can we in New York devote our energies and means to our real work of evangelization.

The whole strength of the conference should be devoted to this purpose, and at once. Just as soon as we made the foreign mission goal a conference matter and united our endeavors to reach it, leaving the idea of each church or division as an independent and separate unit, the goal was We united as a conferreached. ence on the Big Week campaign. So did we also on the Harvest Ingathering campaign, making both a success. In foreign mission interests we are a solid unit. I appeal for a pooling of our indebtedness, and a united confer-ence attack to wipe it out.

Conference Evangelism

The remaining recommendation on which I would concentrate attention is a conference evangelistic campaign. I have already said that in the interests of foreign missions we act together. But in evangelism we break up into divisions and churches. We are an army with a great fortress to attack,—the fortress of this modern Babylon called New York. But we have not been united in our attack. Little segments of the army have gone their own way and made their own attacks at different points of the city, each segment having no concern for what the other segments are doing, and without any concerted plan. And as a consequence we are meeting with defeat.

I call for a concerted attack, with a well defined plan of campaign, in which the whole conference shall unite. I am prepared to submit detailed plans for such a campaign to the proper committee.

And now, in closing, I gladly turn over to the delegates, the executive authority of this conference vested in me since it was laid down by Elder J. E. Jayne. I was chosen to bear it only to this time. It now rests upon you. The burden was unsought and very heavy. My previous training did not fit me for it, and I have not carried it strongly or well. My my personal inclinations and whole training point in an-other direction. God himself has guarded his cause from serious harm from my mistakes and kept his work from being marred. It is a relief now to turn this responsibility back to you, and I do so with the sincere prayer that God will guide you in all the plans for the future of his work in this great metropolitan and cosmopolitan field.

CARLYLE B. HAYNES.

SO. NEW ENGLAND 51 Whitmore St., Hartford, Conn. E. L. Cardey, President

PROVIDENCE

ON Sabbath day, February 23, we had one of the best general meetings at the Providence tabernacle that I have ever attended. Members of the Pawtucket, Peacedale, Slocum and Swedish churches met with the Providence church. The Lord was with his people on this day and blessed. Elders Gilbert and Cardey and

other local workers were present. In the afternoon the need of a new church building for the city of Providence was brought before the brethren. The work in this city is growing rapidly; new members are being added to the church. After the tabernacle meetings are over a church building will be an absolute necessity, inasmuch as at present time we have no church building in the city of Providence. For years the few believers in this city have worshipped in a small church building just over the city line in Cranston. The work has much outgrown building; besides, the work this demands a more central location.

A modern church building plain but substantial with a seating capacity of about 500 is what is needed. This will cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000.00. For some time we have been praying earnestly for funds, as we wish to build as soon as the frost is out of the ground and have the building ready to dedicate by next fall. When the above need was brought before the brethren assembled at the general meeting, and a call was made by the writer for pledges there was the most remarkable response that the writer ever experienced. The spirit of liberality swept over the audience and the sum of \$12,690.00 was pledged. This is a little over half the amount which is needed. Everyone rejoiced! Great spiritual blessings came down upon the people. Truly "spiritual pros-perity is closely bound up with Christian liberality.'

Providence will have the new church building, God willing. The need is great. Here is an important city with nearly five hundred thousand souls in and around the city. A large part of the population of Rhode Island is within a radius of twelve miles. Surely God's eye is upon this important field and his blessing is upon the work here. The interest is splendid and many new souls are taking their stand for this precious message.

Brethren and sisters of the GLEANER family, pray for the work here. We need your any one in reading the above would like to help toward raising the money for this new building, God will bless you in doing so. Help is greatly needed in raising the balance of the \$25,000. We do not plan to have any debt on God's house when it is dedicated.

God greatly blessed Elder Gilbert's labors with us. He preached five times,—Friday night, Sabbath, Sunday afternoon and night and Monday night. Elder Cardey, our conference president, gave a very cheering and lifting message on the Sabbath which encouraged all our hearts.

In closing this report I wish to. add that on the Sabbath of February 16, the new company in South Rehoboth were organized into a Sabbath School of Thirtythree members. We have a men's class, a lady's class, young people's class and children's class. Pray for this new Sabbath School. This is the result thus far of the Thursday night meetings which the writer has been conducting in this place. We feel to praise God for all of his blessings and we take courage and desire and purpose to press forward.

A. E. SANDERSON.

THE SABBATH SCHOOLS

The work for the year 1923 was performed with high aims and the thought of leading and keeping our people in close communion with their Lord. During the year 1924 still greater effort, still more earnest prayers must ascend to heaven, yet greater faithfulness, more time spent in Christian work, more liberal gifts; in fact there must be less of self and more of Him who gave all that we might have life eternal, if we are to make this new year one that will surpass the previous one in spiritual attainments.

Already the thirteenth Sabbath approaches us with rapid strides, and the questions that confront us are: Are we ready for it? Are we prepared? Have we been sav-

ing for it? "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in

prayers. Do not forget us. If store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." I Cor. 16:2. We pay our sixty cents week by week, but the thirteenth Sabbath offering comes once in three months, and for that special event we should save in advance. If all would do this we would have a far larger offering than we do.

Because of the effort made in behalf of the weekly goal we sometimes lose out when it comes to the thirteenth offering; this should not be, for the general department depends on this offering as an overflow; and this quarter this will go to the field where we have been giving,-to needy India. The writer has for the past year followed the above method of saving nickels, dimes and quarters in a little bank, and finds that when the day for opening it comes there is much more for the cause than if she had waited and given at the last moment. Try it and see if you do not agree.

MABEL A. PORTER.

NEW ENGLAND 55 South Main St., Rochester, N. H. D. U. Hale, President

KEENE INSTITUTE

A CHURCH officers' institute will be held in Keene, April 11-13, for the New Hampsire district. The elders, missionary secretaries and missionary leaders of the following churches and companies are asked to attend: Concord, Manchester, Laconia, Townshend, Brattleboro, Bellows Falls, Ja-Claremont, maica. Lebanon, Washington, Wilton and Keene.

This institute will be the third of its kind held this season in our conference. These gatherings of our leaders from the districts have been a source of special help to those attending, and we would urge that all these named officers from the above churches put forth a strong endeavor to be present.

It is expected that Elders Slade, Saunders and Wells from the Union conference will be present with our local workers at this meeting. Come and bring your H. P. GRAM, note-hooks. Home Missionary Secretary.

ITEMS

Colporteurs' Institute! Rochester, New Hampshire, March 21-30. If you have been planning to enter the Lord's work, now is the time to start. Excellent help is expected from both the General and Union conferences.

One afternoon last week the workers in the New England conference office enjoyed an oldfashioned sleigh-ride to the home of Sister H. E. Coffin, in Berwick, Maine, where supper was served and a pleasant evening spent.

Missionary Volunteer Week, March 15-22! Shall we not make a special effort for our young people in all the churches in our conference at this time?

Church officers in our New Hampshire district are looking forward to the church officers' institute to be held at Keene, April 11-13.

Students at Pine Tree Academy gladly welcome these spring-like days. They are looking forward to the time when the school enrolment will have been doubled, which, judging by present indi-cations will be in the near future.

Brother Cornelius Pearl arrived in Manchester, New Hampshire, from New York City, last week. He will have charge of our New Hampshire district.

Elder O. D. Cardey of Rochester, New York, is expected to take up his work in Portland, Maine, sometime this month. We are pleased to welcome these two new workers to our field.

NEW YORK Union Springs, N. Y. J. K. Jones, President

HOW MUCH SHALL I GIVE ON THE THIRTEENTH SABBATH, MARCH 29?

It is the plan of the General Conference Sabbath-school Department that each Thirteenth Sabbath our offerings should go to some specific mission field. The offering to be taken Sabbath, March 29, goes to India. This country is a land of moral darkness. Millions there bow down to idols of wood and stone. It is the

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Incompared and the deadly foes of the second in its work. It means a lot to ask our brethren to labor in that field, when there are so many fields where the message is accepted more readily. What we do in India must be done soon. It must be done before this heathen land enters upon war and revolution that will doubtless break out some day. We should nobly stand by our dear missionaries over there, working away under that hot tropical sun which breaks men down.

Is it too much to ask that all of our church members who are earning an income to plan to give at least \$2.00 each on the Thirday, teenth Sabbath offering March 29, for our work in India? It ought to be a big day with us, and our offerings should be liberal ones. It may be there is some brother or sister among our peo-

ple who would like to give an es- the sleeping and unsuspecting pubpecially large offering. If so, I feel confident it will be spent in a good cause. Let the children bring a dollar or more, thus encouraging the boys and girls to sacrifice for missions. By placing all on the altar now, we are laying up treasure in heaven.

I trust the good people of New York all through our Sabbath Schools will not forget India Sabbath, March 29. What is given Sabbath School through the that day becomes part on а of the sixty-cent-week fund, and each church will receive credit for it. Most of our churches are behind on this fund, so the more we give on the Thirteenth Sabbath, the more we are doing to help along the sixty-cent-a-week und for foreign missions.

J. K. Jones.

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"SIGNS EXTRAS" CAMPAIGN

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EVENTS of great importance are transpiring and from all indications the end is very near. It is therefore high time for us to rouse

lic.

We are told that the final movements will be rapid ones; consequently, what we intend to do must be done quickly. Soon our opportunity will be forever gone. Are we making the most of it or are we dreaming that there is still plenty of time, only to be bitterly disappointed in a little while from now?

Only the other night we read the following significant words on page 231 of Vol. 9: "The night of trial is nearly spent. Satan is bringing in his masterly power because he knoweth that his time is short. The chastisement of God is upon the world to call all who know the truth to hide in the cleft of the Rock, and view the glory of The truth must not be God. muffled now. Plain statements must be made. Unvarnished truth must be spoken in leaflets and pamphlets and these must be scattered like the leaves of autumn.'

We are pleased that our Albany, Elmira and Jamestown-English

churches do not believe in muffling the truth, for they are carrying the straight message into 3,000 homes weekly; while our Binghamton, Corning and Olean churches also are visiting hun-dreds of homes. But there is need and room for every church to get promptly into action. Organize for effective missionary work with these eight "Signs Extras." Turn on the light in the part of the vineyard the Lord holds you responsible for. Let's go and grow.

Lend more books. Only 420 books were lent and given away last month by our 2,243 members. Most of us have many books. Why not let them deliver their messages important your to friends and neighbors? Start a little circulating library of your This will open the way for own. missionary visits, Bible readings and the winning of souls. Increase the usefulness of your books; make them a real blessing.

F. Bohner. * * UNION SPRINGS ACADEMY NOTES

We need two more copies of Volume V of the *Testimonies* for our library. If any of our friends have extra copies they would like to donate, we shall much appreciate hearing from them at once; for the books are needed for use in connection with one of the classes.

Our Good English Week proved a great success. Each morning in chapel some phase of the subject was presented by the students of the English department, and Saturday evening a very interesting program was rendered. We all desire to improve our speech, not only in acquiring correctness of pronunciation and grammatical construction, but also in purging it of slang.

We have succeeded at last in grinding our own entire-wheat flour, and in using it for bread. We have been baking all of our bread for several weeks, but only recently have we been able to use flour made from our own wheat. We believe that this is wholesome, and we know that it is much more

economical than buying our flour. It seems quite an unusual thing for us to eat bread which is entirely the product of our ' own farm and kitchen.

Thursday morning, Feb. 28, Miss Ruth Sarber, our teacher of Domestic Science, occupied the chapel hour with a very interesting and instructive lecture on Dietetics, emphasizing the proper diet, and urging the use of graham and whole-wheat bread, rather than white. White bread, she said, is often classed among the "foodless foods."

We have taken several progressive steps in our school recently. One of these is the fitting up of our chapel with shades so that we can give stereopticon lectures at the chapel hour. Each Monday morning we plan a lecture on some topic. Last week the first lecture of the series was delivered on the Life of George Washington. On Monday, March 3, Miss Orr lectured on the Care of the Teeth, at which time samples of three well-known brands of tooth paste were distributed. The following Monday, Quimby will lecture on "A Mrs. Literary Ramble Through England." The slides in each case are furnished free of charge by the State Department of Education at Albany, and we will use the stereopticon machine purchased with part of the fund raised by our students from friends of the school last CLAUDE A. SHULL. year.

ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE

THE tonsil clinic which was held Friday, March 7, in the Hydrotherapy rooms was conducted by Dr. W. C. Dunscombe, assisted by Dr. Virgil, Fischer, both from the sanitatium. Several of the students availed themselves of this splendid opportunity and all of the patients who had their tonsils removed are getting along nicely.

Thursday evening in the chapel Mr. John E. Pember, a lecturer connected with the *Boston Herald*, delivered an address about King Tutankhamen and the wonderful archaeological discoveries which

have recently been brought to view over in Egypt.

Miss Morgan had the great pleasure of a visit from her father and sister Dorothy last week. We sincerely hope that they were favorably impressed with our pretty little village and that they will come to visit us again sometime in the future.

Good English Week was a great success at the College. Professor Clapp was the leading figure in the campaign to improve our speech. Large, attractive posters held prominent places in the most conspicuous parts of the building. On Monday morning two leaders, Miss Pauline Conway and Mr. Robert Eldridge, were appointed to head an error contest between the boys and the girls. They were to report all the mistakes or slang which they heard from those of the opposite side of the house. On Friday, when Professor Clapp read the results, the girls had reported one hundred sixty-one errors against the boys and the boys had reported only sixty-three against the girls. Several students gave two-minute speeches concerning the words which are most commonly misused, such as lie, lay, etc.

Miss Morgan, our expressions teacher, closed the program for the week by reminding. S of a few expressions popular among the students such as "getting by," "everybody does fit," etc.; and showed with illustrations the harmful impressions they leave on our minds. We are sure that everyone has profited by this week, and we know that the students will continue to endeavor to improve their English.

Professor C. H. Schowe spoke to the students Friday evening, and Elder R. Beckner occupied the pulpit Sabbath morning. ESTHER CARR.

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