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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

OUR DEBTS

THE large liabilities that have accumulated in our denomination came in for considerable consideration in our recent Council at Des Moines. During the last few years our debts have increased enormously. These debts exist principally in connection with our institutions. Many of our larger churches carry rather high liabilities, and a good number of our conferences, legal associations, and tract societies are considerably involved; but the most serious situation is that of the debts incurred in the maintenance and operation of our colleges, sanitariums, and publishing houses.

I shall not attempt to give figures indicating the present standing of any specific field or institution in this connection. It is not my purpose to sound a pessimistic note or to give undue alarm, but I do feel that it is proper for us, as an entire people, to give very earnest consideration to this particular feature of our work.

A few years ago the General Conference appointed a rating commission. This rating commission made a most careful investigation of the standing of all our conferences and institutions, making it possible for a report to be submitted that very clearly indicates the classification of our institutions as to their financial standing. It is true that there are conferences and institutions that are placed in class A, but the fact that a large number of them are in class B, C, or D, and even D-, indicating a very serious financial situation and yet operating at a loss, calls for very earnest and general consideration in every part of the field in or-

der to head in the right direction in our financial policy.

It is not my purpose to enter into explanations or to attempt to give reasons for the rapid increase of our liabilities during the recent past. I am certain that the strange, abnormal times through which we have passed since 1914 have been difficult in every line of industry throughout the world. Many great enterprises and institutions have failed financially. This, no doubt, has had some effect upon our work, and has led to a less stable and uncertain policy in the matter of investment. At the same time, every one connected with the interests of this cause is actuated with the thought that time is short, and that a seemingly insurmountable task is to be accomplished in a short time. Great pressure is brought to bear in every department of our work in an effort to meet the needs of the cause quickly and hasten the accomplishment of the great thing we have to do.

It is the conviction of our brethren who bear special responsibilities in this work throughout the field that we should give very definite attention to two things at this time: First, we should bring a halt to the incurring of debts or increasing of our liabilities in every line of work. Second, we should put in operation a movement for decreasing our present liabilities. This matter was given most earnest study at the Autumn Council and plans were started there to be carried out throughout the field. I shall not enter definitely into plans for our field in this connection. It is my purpose only to introduce this topic about which you will hear much in the future. Plans will be submitted and appeals will come to you for cooperation in the endeavors that will be made bearing upon the

two points mentioned above. I know from what I have heard from our people on many occasions that plans of this sort will be welcomed and entered into heartily. We cannot step aside from pressing on with all lines of work now in progress; we cannot stop our work in order to pay debts; but we should stop increasing our indebtedness, and place in operation a work, from now on, that will gradually decrease rather than increase it.

As these plans are brought to your attention, we ask that you will give them most careful study and hearty cooperation. The Atlantic Union Conference Committee with Brethren Montgomery, Shaw, Irwin, and Conard of Washington, is giving very earnest study to this matter, at South Lancaster, Massachusetts, during the present week, and we expect that plans will be submitted pertaining to our own fields and institutions as a result of this study. We ask for your earnest prayers and assistance in this endeavor.

E. K. SLADE.

LEST WE FORGET

A FEW weeks ago you were intensely interested in soliciting money for missions, and as you visited from home to home you were pleased to see your funds increased, until now you have more than reached your individual goal.

At the beginning of our campaign this year, we tried to impress upon each solicitor the fact that the Ingathering campaign could be made a real soul-saving agency. We are confident that our solicitors went into the field with a determination to give the message wherever opportunity presented itself. Your heart rejoiced whenever you saw an individual who expressed a real in-

terest in God's work, and who desired a better understanding of Bible truths.

Have you carried out the resolutions that flitted through your mind at the time you had the interview with these interested ones? The writer knows by experience that it is easy to put off from day to day these important duties.

For your encouragement, I would like to say that at least two churches in our Union already have new members as a result of this year's campaign.

The Buffalo-German church prayed earnestly that they might have success in finding souls, as well as in receiving liberal donations. Their efforts have been rewarded, for the last report showed that their church had received the largest amount of money per capita of any church in our Union; and the best part of all is that two new Sabbath keepers are joining them regularly in each Sabbath service.

The Albany, New York, church reports one already baptized, and four others keeping the Sabbath.

Sixty-three interested families are being followed up by the members of the Rochester, New York, church.

The writer would appreciate any reports of churches or individuals who have had success in winning souls as a direct result of Harvest Ingathering this year.

F. D. WELLS.

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THE COLPORTEURS' INSTITUTE

"THERE is no limit to the usefulness of the one who, putting self aside, makes room for the working of the Holy Spirit upon his heart, and lives a life wholly consecrated to God." *Christian Service*, p. 254.

The time has arrived when once more we enter into our series of institutes. This is the period when men and women can prepare in a very definite way for service in the Master's vineyard. The colporteur work affords an opportunity to be of real service. Men and women of entire, whole-hearted consecration are needed.

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GREATER NEW YORK

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New York, N. Y.

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J. I. Foster, Sec. & Treas.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER DEPARTMENT

Secretary, F. E. Wood

YOUR WATCH

"In the last days," as the apostle Paul wrote, "perilous times shall come." The Saviour had already foretold a time when nation would rise against nation and terrible results would overshadow the lives of those who lived to see those days. Paul, no doubt, fully believed that such grave and serious conditions would truly develop as the Saviour said. Nevertheless, he was more deeply concerned when he wrote to Timothy, about a time when there would be grave peril menacing the spiritual life of every one living and waiting for the coming of our Lord.

Surely, no time answers the description Paul gave better than these very days in which we are living. We are confronted on every hand with a deplorable laxity, spiritually and morally. And, as it to help aggravate this irreligious tendency, many are actively engaged in destroying or attempting to destroy the confidence of others in God's Holy Word.

For years, a vast majority of the civilized world has looked with simple faith to the Word of God as a spiritual and moral stabilizer. Judges and lawyers have looked upon God's law as a standard. Our first American schools were founded for the express purpose of teaching the Scriptures. It was the love for this blessed Book which impelled the pioneers to forsake their native land and seek a home in the great, forbidding wilderness of America.

Today, on this very soil where they so faithfully endeavored to serve God and establish His Word, many have turned from the simple faith they set forth. Learned professors, and even min-

isters of the gospel, are relegating this sacred Guide, either wholly or in part, to a place among many other antique works of old masters. It is often classed with the many notable records of mythology. "The Christ myth," "the myth of the flood" are terms not infrequently used.

We almost pause to reflect and consider our authority before taking a stand against men who, apparently, are so much our superiors in wisdom. Then we remember the words of the Psalmist, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom," and again the admonition of Paul, "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God."

There is no better time to learn the Scriptures than in youth,— "from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." These were Paul's words to Timothy, but should they not apply to every member of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Society? Those who study the Morning Watch verses regularly will surely find support in these days of spiritual weakness. Not only will they be able to avoid following perverse doctrines, but will be constrained to live closer to Jesus Christ daily.

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SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GREATER NEW YORK CONFERENCE

BELIEVING that a simpler and more economical form of conference organization can be brought about, and believing that this is necessary for the more efficient conduct of God's work during 1925, the Greater New York Conference Executive Committee has recommended the calling of a special session of the Greater New York Conference on Sunday, December 21, 1924, at 10 a. m., at the Temple, 120th Street and Lenox Avenue, New York City.

In compliance with this recommendation we are hereby publishing the official call for this special session of the conference. Each regular organized church of the conference is entitled to one delegate for the church organization without regard to members, and one additional delegate for each twenty members.

The delegates should be selected without delay and their names sent in to the conference office.

It is expected at this special session of the Greater New York Conference to recommend a revision of the Conference Constitution and By-laws.

CARLYLE B. HAYNES, *President*.
JOHN I. FOSTER, *Secretary*.

HUNTING FOR SOMEBODY

SOMEBODY must be found before January 1, 1925, or very soon after. If it is not you that is hunted, find out who it is and help find him.

There are many boys and girls, young men and women somewhere in the territory of the Greater New York Conference who live so far away from a Missionary Volunteer Society that they cannot attend. They may be able to go to church, but the church has no Missionary Volunteer Society. They are the ones we are hunting.

Plans are being laid to bring the Junior and Senior Missionary Volunteer Society to the isolated ones on January 1, 1925. Here is what I want you to do. Write on a plain post card the *name*, *age*, and *address* of every young

person of the age eleven to thirty-five, inclusive, in the territory of the Greater New York Conference who is unable to attend any Missionary Volunteer Society and who wants to become a member of either the Junior or Senior Conference Missionary Volunteer Society, which will be organized January 1, 1925. Mail the post card to F. R. Wood, Room 1103, 120 West 42nd Street, New York, N. Y.

F. R. WOOD.

SWEDISH NEW YORK JUNIOR MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SOCIETY

WOULD you like to know what our Juniors did during the month of October? Well, now listen—they sold and distributed 780 magazines and 48 books, did 175 hours of Christian help work, and collected \$185.63 for Harvest Ingathering. Isn't that splendid? It is so encouraging to know all are active, reporting members. Pray for us that we may continue this good work.

Greetings and best wishes to all Missionary Volunteers.

FREDA KLUSMANN.

ITEMS OF SPECIAL MENTION

It has been decided to hold another Watch Night Service at the Temple to close the year 1924. This will be held, of course, on Wednesday night, December 31, beginning at 8 o'clock. A special committee has been appointed to prepare a program for this service. All those who recall the remarkable blessings which the Lord sent to us in connection with the Watch Night Service of 1923 will plan now definitely to be in attendance at this service closing the year 1924. Reports will be made there and plans will be announced which will be of interest to every member of the conference.

The theatre meetings which are being conducted by Elder L. K. Dickson, pastor of the Temple, at the Casino Theatre, 39th Street and Broadway, New York City, are having a most encouraging attendance and already there seem to be prospects of a splendid in-

terest being created by the meetings. We bespeak for these meetings the earnest prayers of all God's people.

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To those who are faithful in their observance of the Morning Watch there is a sure reward. Those who are not, I would urge to acquire the habit of daily turning to the Word of God. Let us say like David, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

RICHARD E. WILLIAMS.

NEW YORK

Union Springs, N. Y.

J. K. Jones, *President*

J. E. Osterblom, *Sec.-Treas.*

BAPTISM AT ALBANY

SEVERAL from the Amsterdam and Schenectady churches were present at Albany, Sabbath, November 16, to witness the baptism of four converts to the truth of the third angel's message. The Albany members gave their visitors a cordial welcome, and all greatly rejoiced in the reclaiming of these precious souls.

Among them was Mrs. Marion Hamman, who lives at Salem, a few miles south of Albany. This sister was found by Sister Emma Hicks of the Albany church, a colporteur doing Harvest Ingathering work. Mrs. Hamman was observing the Sabbath, and had become so conversant with the fundamentals of the message that she required but little instruction to prepare her for baptism. Two years previous she had purchased "Great Controversy" from a student earning a scholarship for Washington Missionary College, by the name of Brown. In the precious volume she found her Saviour and the wondrous message of the soon-coming Lord. It was a great day in her life when she crossed the threshold of the remnant church.

Another candidate was Brother Wittemyer of Schenectady, an old employee of the great General Electric Works in that city. He retains his position, and is witnessing before the thousands in the Works to the Bible Sabbath.

Mrs. Harold Richards, of Amsterdam, also gave her life to the message. A year ago Sister Richards began keeping the Sabbath when she was teaching school in southern New York. Later, she became the wife of an earnest Sabbath keeper, who now is happy with a consecrated companion by his side.

Brother Lape of Albany, a carpenter contractor, has shaped his business to the Lord's requirements, and is happy in Jesus.

It was a great day of praise to the Lord for His boundless mercy. Others are soon to follow.

L. H. KING.

PROMPTNESS BANNER

Presented To Our Utica Church

BOTH promptness and patience are recognized as virtues and it seems very clear that our Utica members can lay claim to both.

When our 1924 Harvest Ingathering campaign was launched, our Utica church entered into it with a spirit which brought victory in a remarkably short time. They were first in reaching their normal goal of \$10 per member and accordingly entitled to the conference banner for PROMPTNESS.

Not wishing to take time off for celebrations until our conference goal was reached, they readily agreed to wait and have waited very patiently for over two months.

Finally, last Sabbath, November 15, it was my great privilege to present our conference PROMPTNESS banner to Elder Capman who led out in a strong way with the members of his flock.

In addition to the banner, it fell to my happy lot to also present twelve Golden Jubilee honor ribbons which surely is a good number for a church of forty-four members. Some very good records were made. Miss Bamber raised \$300, Sister Clemons \$250, Sister Tucker \$200, Sister Hockman \$192, Sister Collins \$150, Sister Capman \$100, and Sister Moorehead \$100.

This, added to the smaller amounts, places Utica second highest on our list of fifty-five

churches with a per capita of \$26.70.

Surely the Lord has been richly blessing Elder Capman and our faithful people in Utica and the entire district.

P. BOHNER,

Home Missionary Secretary.

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A NUMBER of church members have made inquiries about the bill that is to be introduced into Congress, stating that when they solicit signatures for the petition, those whom they solicit ask to see the bill. We call your attention to the special issue of *Present Truth* No. 108. In it will be found the entire bill. This *Present Truth* should be given to every person whose signature is solicited on the petition. Churches or individuals should send their orders to the tract society for a supply for their members. The price is \$7.50 a thousand or 85 cents a hundred. We are getting many calls for the petition blanks, and will be glad to send out as many as you can use. If you have a copy of the blank, however, do not wait and send to the office for further copies, but have some typist run off a few extra for you, and keep the good work going. When your sheets are full, they should be sent to the Senator or Representative from your district. Congress has now convened for the short session. Be sure to send the petitions as quickly as possible. *Do not send them to the office.*

Order *Sabbath School Quarterlies*, Picture Rolls, Memory Verse cards, and other Sabbath school supplies now, to avoid possible disappointment a little later when the supply is exhausted. We would also remind you again of the wall calendars, Morning Watch Calendars, and to take advantage of the special holiday bargain book sale, circulars of which have been sent out.

We are grateful to all our people for the generous response that has come on the Week of Sacrifice call for foreign missions, and while we do not yet know just how much was received

throughout the conference, we have reason to believe that the offering was much larger than any we have yet received, and will be of great help in promoting the work in the foreign fields.

We are glad to welcome our old veteran, Percy Griffis, back into the ranks of colporteurs again. Brother Griffis is not old in years, but has rendered valuable service for a number of years. During the past year he has been engaged in other work but is back on the firing line once more. Let us remember our brother and the other members of our faithful band of workers.

Let none think that the time for doing Harvest Ingathering work is past. If you have not already had a part in it this year, there is still opportunity for you. We have been glad to receive some good letters, relating experiences in this work, from our isolated brethren scattered over the conference. The experiences received are worth more than the money we get, brethren, and so let us each do our level best. It will make us stronger men and women.

A conference workers' meeting was held in the Rochester church the week of November 10, which proved very profitable. The Spirit of the Lord was felt in a marked manner, as ways and means of conducting the Lord's work in this conference were considered. The workers returned to their fields with a greater determination to press the battle to the gates.

NEW ENGLAND

55 South Main St., Rochester, N. H.
D. U. Hale, President
V. H. Hanscom, Sec.-Treas.

EVANGELISTIC COLPORTEUR WORK IN NEW ENGLAND

THE colporteurs are still enjoying many pleasant experiences in the field. Brother Gibson writes:

"While calling on some of the leading people of Old Town, Me., I found considerable difficulty in gaining an entrance to the homes. After trying for some time I

succeeded in gaining an entrance and canvassing a lady for 'Patriarchs and Prophets'. This lady said that she would order one if she thought that she would read it. After trying various ways to arouse her interest to the buying point, I mentioned something about the 'Nature of Man,' and immediately she wanted to know what I believed about it, and I was obliged to tell her. She had told me a few minutes before that she had begun to doubt the Bible; when I got through telling her what I believed she asked me, with tears in her eyes, to come over next Monday and give her and her mother a Bible study on 'Where are the Dead.'"

There are many honest souls who are looking for light on these various Bible subjects. Are there not others who feel a burden for the colporteur work, who have not yet accepted the call? Our institute began December 1st at Worcester, Massachusetts, in the Seventh-day Adventist church, corner Highland and West Streets. It is held in joint session with Massachusetts and Southern New England and continues through the Week of Prayer. Let any one at the eleventh hour, who feels that he would like to become a soldier in this army of the Lord, come to the institute and receive the help and instruction which will give him a greater desire to have a definite part in the closing message.

A. M. BARNHARDT.

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**WEEK OF PRAYER
APPOINTMENTS**

At our joint conference workers' and committee meeting it was voted that I spend the Week of Prayer in Aroostook County. I shall be in Dyer Brook, Friday, December 5, and will meet with our believers there each day until Monday, December 8. Then beginning Monday, December 8, I plan to meet with the Westfield church each night during the week. Let each member living in the surrounding territory make a special effort to be out to the service on the Sabbath.

H. P. GRAM.

MASSACHUSETTS

South Lancaster, Mass.
W. C. Moffett, President
J. E. Edwards, Sec.-Treas.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

SURELY our hearts were encouraged in a recent visit to the home of an Advent Christian pastor. I had often passed his chapel in Palmer, but little did I realize then that some day its pastor would be an attendant at our church. Such is the case and he is rejoicing in the beautiful light of the Sabbath question. He not only expresses his delight in having found the truth, but with it says that he never enjoyed a better Christian experience. I believe this to be true to that text of Scripture found in Ezekiel 20:12, 20, in which it is taught that the Sabbath is a sign of sanctification. Surely this message has a saving and sanctifying power.

This pastor has now been keeping the Sabbath for some time and last Sunday preached a sermon on the Sabbath question to his congregation. I had the pleasure of studying the Sabbath question with him for two nights previous to this occasion. He well knows what it means to take such a stand and preach such truths in an Advent Christian church, but he is rejoicing in the light of this glorious message and I believe that he will some day find his place in this great movement.

I have asked this pastor, C. H. Crocker, to tell his experience on Sabbath, November 29, in the Springfield church and I thought that I would leave for another article the subject of his talk; namely, "How this Sabbath Truth Came to Me."

S. E. NORTON.

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MORNING WATCH CALENDAR

THE Morning Watch Calendar has proven a great help to our young people, and is an inspiration to parents and the ministry to get in closer touch with the young people in our midst.

Elder F. C. Gilbert writes in a letter to the Massachusetts

Tract Society, dated November 26, 1924:

"I felt I wanted to do something to help and encourage the young people this year in their study of the Word of God and in observing the Morning Watch. I wanted to assure them that it is possible to receive help and benefit from the Morning Watch study; and so at the beginning of the year I decided that I would learn every text of the Morning Watch Scriptures this year. I have been able, with multitudinous cares, to keep my word, and have learned to repeat from memory every verse given in the Morning Watch this year. I find that it takes but little time to do this, yet what a help and benefit it is to add to one's knowledge 365 texts (this year it is 366) in a year, in addition to other Scripture knowledge.

"I am up to date also with reading the Bible through this year, and I plan to keep this up right along.

"May God bless our young people and make them strong in the Word and in the work of God."

Price 5c—de luxe 15c. Send to your friends a New Year's greeting.

MASSACHUSETTS TRACT SOCIETY.

SO. NEW ENGLAND

51 Whitmore St., Hartford, Conn.
E. L. Cardey, President
J. I. Cassell, Sec.-Treas.

NEW LONDON

ON Friday and Sabbath, November 14 and 15, we were glad to meet again with the believers in the New London District. Nearly all the members were at the Friday night meeting in New London. Sabbath morning the Lord came near in the meeting at the place of worship, and nearly all renewed their consecration to the Lord and to the finishing of His work in the world. We are glad to see an interest in this church in working for those not of our faith. Some new faces were present. Brother Baker, the local elder of the church, is doing well in leading the people in the spiritual life.

By invitation of some of the believers in Norwich, we attended a specially appointed meeting in that city in the afternoon. Believers or their friends had come in from the surrounding country, and we were very glad to meet over twenty adults in their little hall that afternoon. The Lord blessed the preaching of the Word, and a ready response for consecration was manifested on the part of nearly all present.

The entire New London section needs the services of a consecrated, experienced minister, and we are hoping that one may be found for this section of our field.

E. L. CARDEY.

N. E. SANITARIUM AND HOSPITAL

NEWS NOTES

THROUGH the good offices of Brother J. H. Tinney, our church school superintendent, the services of Miss Shoup, of South Lancaster, Mass., were secured, pending arrangements for a teacher to take permanent charge of our church school following the sudden death of Miss Bergman; so there was a break of only a couple of days in the work of the school. Mrs. Herbert A. Nelson, formerly Miss Ruth Nichols, a teacher of several years of successful church school work, is now in charge of the school, and teacher and pupils are again a happy family.

Mrs. Bergman requests me to extend, through the GLEANER, her appreciation of the many kindnesses shown to her during the brief illness, death, and funeral of her daughter. She wishes to thank those who furnished the beautiful flowers for the occasion.

The friends of Miss Bergman will be interested to know that she was laid to rest in the beautiful Stoneham cemetery in a lot owned by the sanitarium, to which place a score of automobiles carried a large number of friends who thus paid their last tribute of respect. It is also a source of satisfaction to report that all the expenses incident to the death

and burial have been fully taken care of and are not to fall as an obligation upon Mrs. Bergman; and that, in addition to this, an offering was taken in the sanitarium church for Mrs. Bergman on the Sabbath following the funeral, to which over \$100 was contributed.

Guests of the sanitarium were reminded of the recurrence of Thanksgiving day in the dining room service by specially prepared menu cards. The traditional Thanksgiving birds were in evidence on the tables, to be greeted with a smile but not to be eaten, while the fruits of the season: pumpkins, squashes, and other products of the earth were in evidence as tokens of an abundant harvest. The dining room attendants, dressed in antique Puritan style, added to the pleasing effect of the occasion. A lively and interesting program was rendered in the gymnasium in the evening, with a large attendance of guests and members of the family. On Friday evening the church school children rendered a beautiful and appropriate Thanksgiving program at the regular Friday evening chapel service.

The sanitarium is enjoying an unusually good patronage for this season of the year.

Dr. G. K. Abbott, who is taking a couple of months' post graduate work in Boston, is making his home at the sanitarium. We have greatly enjoyed and appreciated frequent talks and lectures given by him. Dr. Abbott has accepted an invitation to take charge of the Washington Sanitarium, as Dr. Miller leaves for China.

The sanitarium family has recently enjoyed a brief visit by Prof. M. E. Cady. He gave a very interesting chapel talk one morning while he was with us.

A. T. ROBINSON.

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FAITHFUL use of the spare moments will make any person well educated in time. If you cannot spare more than twenty minutes a day, arrange with Fireside Correspondence School for a set of lessons, and begin at once.

ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE

THIS week we had for our guest Professor M. E. Cady, field secretary of Education for the General Conference. He gave several talks to the Home students at their worship hour, Tuesday morning he spoke in chapel on the subject of "True Education". "The Social Life" of our young people formed the basis of his remarks Wednesday morning. We extend to Professor Cady a cordial invitation to visit us again.

Last week Brother C. O. Perkins spent a few days with us. We were glad to hear him speak once more in worship. Miss Lucinda Donaldson and Miss Dorothy Morgan were our guests at the Home for Thanksgiving vacation.

Speaking of Thanksgiving, our vacation began Wednesday after chapel, and a number of our students left for home. For those who remained, a program and social evening was planned by the students and entertainment committee. The numbers presented by the students of the Normal Department were especially appreciated.

Thursday our matron, Mrs. M. Quantock, and our cook, Mr. George Skaling, did their best to provide for us a good Thanksgiving dinner. The dining room was prettily decorated with evergreen, pumpkins, and green and yellow crepe paper. Everything was done that could be done to make the occasion as enjoyable and as homelike as possible, and we appreciate the effort put forth by those in charge to make it so. We were very happy to have Professor and Mrs. B. F. Maculan and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. Tinsley, come in and take dinner with us.

Thanksgiving is a time when our "Sunshine Band" takes an active part in searching out those in need and in sharing with them the happiness and blessing that has come their way. Several

BOOK WORK, WEEK ENDING NOV. 22, 1924

New York, J. E. Whelpley, Field Secretary					New England, A. M. Barnhardt, Field Secretary						
Name	Place	Bk	Hrs	Total	Del.	Name	Place	Bk	Hrs	Total	Del.
E. D. Champlin, Canastota		GC	43	112 40		*A. M. Yeaton, Laconia, N. H.		BR	51	115 50	76 75
A. R. Evans, Binghamton		PP	35	70 70	32 75	*A. L. Griffis, Oakland, Me.		OD	46	104 00	
Mrs. J. F. Swarthout, Penin Yan		PP	27	17 75	70 00	*O. W. Gibbon, Old Town, Me.		PP	44	67 50	86 00
J. F. Swarthout, Penn Yan		PP	24	12 00	36 00	*F. B. Oaks, Portland, Me.		BR	34	111 00	
E. Hicks, Albany		BR	18	43 75	1 00	Mr. and Mrs. Rolf, Lewiston, Me.		OD	27	8 85	13 35
P. R. Griffis, Batavia		BR	15	46 50		Miss M. Whitten, No. Deering, Me.		PP	26	51 00	16 50
E. C. France, Freeport		WCS	14	22 70	22 70	*D. A. Piper, Northwood, N. H.		WCS		12 00	12 00
W. Watson, Troy		BR	13	36 00	173 00						
Mrs. M. E. Anderson, Albany		BR	11	12 75	16 50	8 Colporteurs			228	469 85	204 60
*J. H. Deeley, Skaneateles		PP	45	63 25	31 50	*Two weeks.					
*Mrs. Chandler, Buffalo		MAG	41	20 40	20 40						
Mrs. E. A. Coon, Albany		MAG		150 00	150 00						
Mrs. J. Pohlman, Jamestown		WCS		25 00	25 00						
Orlow Cooper, Forestville		WCS		24 70	24 70						
14 Colporteurs			286	657 90	603 55						
*Two weeks.											
Massachusetts, T. M. Butler, Field Secretary					Southern New England, B. M. Preston, Field Secretary						
F. G. Mower, Plymouth		BR	41	36 85	15 85	Mrs. A. Blomstedt, Hartford		MAG		112 50	112 50
Mrs. F. G. Mower, Plymouth		BR	41	54 90	19 60	N. W. Chapman, W. Hartford		OD	28	33 50	
J. A. Akerstrom			38	10 51	10 51	Annie Henderson, E. Hartford		PP	22	28 00	
E. M. Carpenter, Fall River		OD	27	13 60	6 25	S. Lombard, Windsor Locks		OD	30	159 75	
A. H. Kenney, Templeton		GC	21	14 25		Miss Ethel Meek, Providence		MAG		35 00	35 00
Mrs. C. Beckwith, Leominster		PP	20	9 25		Edith Simkin, E. Hartford		PP	33	77 50	50
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baskets of food were brought to chapel Wednesday morning by the students, and turned over to the Band to dispose of as they saw fit.

Among the many things we are thankful for, is the hospitality of our friends in the village. Many of our home students and faculty members were invited out to dinner Thanksgiving day, thus giving them the real home touch that one misses and longs for on such occasions.

Tuesday evening, before going home for the vacation, the girls of the Home planned a surprise for our matron, Mrs. Mae Quantock. A good program was given in the girls' parlor and she was presented with a beautiful blue silk umbrella, conveying our very best wishes for her, found in the following quotation: "May there be just enough clouds in your sky to give you a beautiful sunset."

Sabbath morning Elder W. C. Moffett and Elder V. O. Panches spoke to us at the eleven o'clock service. Both brought encouraging reports from the Fall Council, and solicited our prayers for the Colporteurs' Institute to be held at Worcester this week.

Elder F. D. Wells spoke to the students Friday evening. Among the many good things said was a quotation found in "Desire of Ages" page 301,—"If we possess the humility of our Master, we shall rise above the slights, the rebuffs, and the annoyances to which we are daily exposed, and they will cease to cast a gloom over the spirit. The highest evidence of nobility in a Christian is self-control. He who under abuse or cruelty fails to maintain a calm and trustful spirit, robs God of His right to reveal in him His own perfection of character. Lowliness of heart is the strength that gives victory to the followers of Christ; it is the token of their connection with the courts above."

One of our strong factors in the spiritual uplift of our school is the Prayer Band held every Friday evening. The invitation is given to all those who need help and to all those who are willing to give help to remain for a few moments at the close of our regular students' meeting. Here requests for prayer are made for relatives, friends, and students. Prayers requesting victory over personal defects of character form

a part of our program, and time is given for reports of direct answers to prayer. Sometimes as many as forty direct answers to prayer have been received. Professor B. F. Machlan takes a personal interest in this band and meets regularly with it as its leader. We are glad for the marked degree of earnestness that characterizes our student body in general this year, and we trust that God will greatly bless us as we enter upon this coming Week of Prayer.

VIOLET E. MORGAN.

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This magazine as an interpreter of the times will keep you fully informed concerning the way in which current events are fulfilling divine prophecy. By reason of the very character of *The Watchman* and the fact that it is attractively printed and illustrated in colors, it seems to be a common thing for non-Adventist members of families to read it readily. If you have not already received one of the credit checks from your Book and Bible House, send your subscription and remittance of \$1.25 and the secretary will fill out the credit check for you to accompany your subscription.

The editorial plans for 1925 include many important features that will be of great value to every reader. The publishers are very anxious to give the truth the largest possible circulation through this Message Magazine during the coming year. This

credit check arrangement will allow you to send the magazine to any one you choose, if you are already a subscriber. What would make a nice Holiday gift to a friend or relative than a year's subscription to this Fall Message Magazine? The publishers will also send a Season's Greeting card in colors, with your name as donor, in a beautiful art envelope to any for whom you may subscribe as a Holiday gift.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

At a Conference Executive Committee meeting held on Wednesday, November 26, which was attended by Elders Montgomery and Meyers from the General Conference, and Elders Slade, Saunders, and Brother Kilgore from the Union Conference, in addition to the regular committee members, it was decided to call a special session of the Greater New York Conference to canvass the possibility of a revision of the conference constitution looking toward a simpler and more efficient organization. We believe this will be pleasing to the members of the churches in the Greater New York Conference, inasmuch as the chief thought that we have in mind is to affect economies in conference administration.

This special session of the conference has been called to meet Sunday, December 21, at 10 a. m., at the Temple, 120th Street and Lenox Avenue. The churches in the conference should immediately take steps to select delegates to represent them at this conference session. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the church organization and an additional delegate for each twenty members. These delegates should be selected at once, and their names reported to the conference office.

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There is no limit to the usefulness of such individuals.

While at the Fall Council, we were privileged to hear of the marvelous workings of the Holy Spirit in the hearts. To a large

degree these experiences centered around our literature work. God is marvelously working with His faithful colporteurs. Some favors were submitted to us that should make us think.

Europe is adding 10,000 members a year. Why? To a great extent because of the special efforts of our people in the sale of literature. This is being done in the midst of persecution and most bitter opposition. Here is an experience of three colporteurs:

One of them was arrested and locked up in jail for two weeks. The others hastened away and canvassed. At the end of the two weeks the first one was released. He wanted to know what the other two had been doing during this time. They answered, "We have been doing the work of three." Soon another was locked up, and the remaining two went out and worked hard to do the work of three. Men who do this, have their hearts in the work. It is such zeal as this that carries the work forward. Today they have twice as many colporteurs in that field as they had a year ago.

In Europe we have 1,200 colporteurs, while in America there are but 600. Europe has one colporteur to every 75 members. America but one to every 151 members, or two in Europe to one in America. In the Atlantic Union we have one to every 101 members. Our average stands high in the general average but the time has come when something definite should be done.

As our institutes open there should be many new recruits in attendance. Our institute this year bids fair to be the best and largest we have ever held. The first will be a tri-conference meeting. Massachusetts, Southern New England, and New England have combined to hold a joint meeting. This gathering will be held during the Week of Prayer at our church in Worcester, corner of Highland and West Streets. Our colporteurs are being blessed of the Lord, and our work is going forward. We are praying that this may be a spiritual gathering.

V. O. PUNCHES