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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

MISSION GIFTS

All our brethren and sisters have no doubt heard of the wonderful reports of the advancement of the message that came to us at the Autumn Council. We were made to realize that the providence of God has flung open doors of opportunity far beyond our ability and financial plans to keep pace with. It was a matter of deep concern that we could not provide the means to answer many of the Macedonian pleas for help.

All realized that some steps must be taken to increase our mission offerings if we are to care for the interests that God has committed to us.

In making appropriations to the mission fields, the General Conference has to pledge a year in advance; otherwise the fields would not be able to plan for their work.

An action was taken at the Council asking all our church members to adopt the same plan in pledging their mission gifts in advance. The month of December has been set aside as the time for bringing this matter to the attention of all our churches and securing the pledges.

We hereby appeal to all our conference officers, ministers, workers, and church officers, to plan definitely for this important work. A uniform pledge card has been adopted for the entire North American field. These cards have been sent to all the conferences. A leaflet entitled, "A Better Plan For Mission Giving" written by our General Conference Treasurer, Elder J. L. Shaw, has also been sent out. This leaflet explains the plan in detail. Let all earnestly consider, in the light of the wonderful opportunities now before us to gather souls for the kingdom of heaven, just what the Lord would

have them do. Not how little, but how much can we return to the Lord, of that which He gives us?

J. L. McElhany.

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MOST ENCOURAGING WORDS FROM THE SANITARIUM

Mr. E. L. Place, our business manager at the Sanitarium, has just mailed me a statement that has been drawn up by a group of patients which is signed by about 20 of our guests. It is so good that I feel that it should be passed on to the readers of the *Gleaner*. The statement is as follows:

"To the officers and employees of the New England Sanitarium and Hospital:

"We, the undersigned, paying guests of the institution, wish to express to the management and attendants our deep appreciation and gratitude for the splendid spirit displayed by them in the treatment of their guests.

"We observe and commend the helpfulness, courtesy, kindness and consideration shown by the attendants in all their contacts with the patients and the religious attitude so prevalent throughout the buildings, which tends to spread to all the occupants themselves and affect them to their betterment spiritually and mentally.

"We also commend the method of treating sickness and disease and are heartily in accord with these ideas.

"We are pleased with the care and detail given to matters even of minute importance in order that no pains be spared to have the patients happy and contented so far as is humanly possible.

"We wish to express our approbation of the fine body of young people connected with the institution, fitting and preparing themselves for a life of service, rather than one of financial remuneration and personal gratification.

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"THERE IS NO CRISIS WITH THE LORD"

"Fear not, for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." 2 Kings 5:16.

Such is the faith our colporteurs have had during the past six months when selling was hard. They have gone to the homes of the people and aroused an interest in the books above all hard times and needs of other things, and God has blessed in this perseverance.

In the Union, during the first ten months, we have made a \$12,000 gain over the same period of last year. Brethren, I think you have done well, and now a time of prosperity is expected for a while, but our hope and dependence for success are in Him who created all things, not in material things and conditions.

We are glad to tell you that we have over two hundred home workers' cases out in the Union, and splendid results and experiences are coming in from those who are working with them.

At last we are getting some resident colporteurs located, and are looking for good results from all of them.

We are looking for a good number of new workers to attend our winter institutes. I hope you, brethren and sisters, who have been impressed by the call will now make the decision.

Are you at your post of duty in this time of crisis while God's work in this world is being rapidly finished? Read the following pertinent statements from the servant of God:

"To every one work has been allotted, and no one can be a substitute for another. Each one has a mission of wonderful importance, which he cannot neglect or ignore, as the fulfilment of it involves the weal of some soul, and the neglect

of it the woe of one for whom Christ died." *Christian Service*, p. 10.

"To every man God has appointed his work; not work in his fields of corn and wheat, but earnest, persevering work for the salvation of souls." *Testimonies*, Vol. 5, p. 381.

"We are fast approaching the end. The printing and circulation of the books and papers that contain the truth for this time are to be our work." *Colporteur Evangelist*, p. 97.

"Hark the voice of Jesus calling.

'Who will go and work today?

Fields are white, the harvest waiting,

Who will bear the sheaves away?'

Loud and long the Master calleth,

Rich reward he offers free:

Who will answer, gladly saying,

'Here am I, O Lord, send me?'"

Do not miss the opportunity to get the benefit of the institute in your local conference, if you plan to take up the work this winter or early spring. We will give you a ten-day course that will, if connected with a consecration to God, make you a real successful colporteur evangelist. Institute dates are as follows:

So. New Eng.—Worcester, Mass.—December 13-23.

New York—Union Springs—December 27-January 5.

Greater New York—Middletown—January 3-13.

Write your field secretary.

H. F. Kirk.

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MOST ENCOURAGING WORDS FROM THE SANITARIUM

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"It is with great pleasure that we are able to express ourselves in this manner, as regarding the institution, and its works, and trust it may be helpful and encouraging to both the high and low officials of the Sanitarium.

"We would suggest that this letter be brought to the attention of any and all who are apt to be interested in its contents."

It is most encouraging to have such words as these spoken concerning the workers in this important institution. The work is not easy at the Sanitarium. There is always an intense program on, and those in places of responsibility, as

well as supervisors and nurses in training, have their hands pretty full, with high pressure on most of the time.

These words indicate the impression made upon the minds of our guests. Shall we not earnestly pray that this good spirit may be felt more and more in this institution? I am sure it is what the Lord desires. We must realize that faithful service, promptness, kindness, and the absence of impatience and hasty, fretful conduct is sure to win its way. We trust that the Sanitarium family will take courage from these splendid words and be determined more than ever to enjoy the fulness of God's blessing in the daily routine of this important institution.

E. K. Slade.

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THE YOUTH'S INSTRUCTOR

In these days when books and periodicals are like the frogs of Egypt spreading over the land, we should give close study to what literature enters our homes. Many books and periodicals that seem not harmful in themselves may be a positive evil. Many of them are unclean and degrading; their effect is not merely to intoxicate and ruin the mind, but to corrupt and destroy the soul. Young people as never before are giving themselves to reading, and unless parents provide some suitable reading matter they will read that which is polluted, enervating and degrading.

Every S. D. A. home should be provided with the *Youth's Instructor*, a most interesting, valuable and uplifting periodical. The purpose and aim of this paper is to impart to our youth that which will make them better men and women. It directs the minds of our youth to high and holy ideals.

Some one has said, "Tell me what you read and I will tell you what you are." Give some young person a yearly subscription to the *Youth's Instructor* and it will bring him joy throughout the year.

The high value of the *Youth's Instructor* in molding the lives of our young people can not be expressed in words, but the fruits will be seen through the eternal ages.

L. F. Passebois.

CUBA IS CALLING

Our hearts rejoice that the next Thirteenth Sabbath Offering overflow is to come to the Inter-American Division. Cuba's three millions of people present a stirring appeal for a most liberal offering on December 29.

There are most earnest calls coming from every quarter of this large island, and our lack of men and means makes it impossible, as yet, to answer many of them. As I have traveled from the west to the farthest eastern end of our field, and from the northern to the southern coasts, my heart has been touched with the great need of perishing humanity. Souls are bound down by superstition and heathen practices almost unbelievable.

Voodooism is prevalent, and it is not at all uncommon for its adherents to secretly sacrifice a child in carrying out these terrible, hellish rites. Immorality reigns, and lust rules thousands. It is said that eighty-five percent of the children are born out of wedlock.

I sat beside a little thatched-roof house in the midst of a banana grove. The walls were made of poles and palm leaves. Inside, two small dark rooms with floors of earth did all they could to house a family of eight. This was the home of a brother recently baptized. In the course of the conversation I asked, "How many children do you have?"

"Twenty-five," was the answer.

Somewhat surprised, I asked "And how many wives?"

"Seven," was the quick reply.

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After the message came to him he gave up all the wives except the first,—the only one to whom he was ever really married,—and is now conforming his life to the blessed truth, and faithfully paying his tithe and offerings.

These souls make true, noble Christians when the Spirit of God touches their hearts, and they are loyal to the gospel which is able to make them new creatures in Christ Jesus.

I wish that our dear believers in the homeland could take a little trip with me and see how the people crowd into private homes to hear the truth. One of our needs is many more church buildings. Some times we are compelled to preach out of doors in order to find standing room for those who are anxiously waiting to hear.

We are praying that God will give us all liberal hearts this coming thirteenth Sabbath that there may be funds to answer these urgent needs.

Down here in the Inter-American field, The harvest is ripe. And wondrous the yield

If the grain can be gathered before it is lost;

And it must be gathered whatever the cost.

By faith we can see souls in most dire need,

And hear them by faith, too, most earnestly plead.

They grope in the darkness of sin's cruel night;

They're groping, my brethren, but long for the light.

They wait for the gospel that saves men from sin

They long through the heavenly gates to pass in.

But they must first hear of a Saviour who died;

And then plunge for cleansing in Calvary's tide.

And so now, my brother, my sister, and friend;

I beg of you give of your means, to the end

That this thirteenth Sabbath passed, others may go;

And give this division a large overflow.

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WEEK OF PRAYER AND ANNUAL OFFERING

By the time this issue of the *Gleaner* reaches our people, the Week of Sacrifice offering will have been taken in our churches, and I trust it has been a liberal one. There never were such golden opportunities for the advancement of our work in foreign fields as face us today, and we rejoice over the fact that the Lord is impressing our people everywhere to be faithful and liberal. It is a sign that we are nearing the end and that the Lord is gathering out a people who are willing to sacrifice for the glory of His name.

The annual Week of Prayer begins December 8 and closes December 15. Brethren and sisters, this is a time when each of us should search our own hearts, and if we are not right, get right with the Lord and our brethren at once, because delay is dangerous. We cannot afford to carry along grudges and criticism, but this week will give us seven full days in which to straighten matters out and to reach up for a higher Christian experience. As you read over, and hear read, these wonderful articles in the *Review*, I trust God will impress every heart with the shortness of time and with the necessity of a real Christian experience at a time like this.

I hope everyone will make an effort to attend the various meetings appointed during this Week of Prayer. I am sure our ministers will do everything humanly possible to hold every meeting that they can and that they stand ready to be of any help within their power. If you need help spiritually, if you have problems that you need to talk over, feel free to call upon our brethren for help, because they stand ready to help you. I am not announcing appointments through the *Gleaner*, because they might be subject to change, but announcements will be made in the different churches, by

the ministers in the different districts, and I will say we will do everything we can to give you all the help possible at this time.

Following the close of the Week of Prayer on Sabbath, December 15, the Annual Offering is to be taken. I well remember that when I was a boy this was the one big offering of the year. Since then, however, we have had other offerings come in, so that the Annual Offering now is merely one of the offerings with others. However, there are still many among us who like the idea of the old Annual Offering and plan definitely at the close of the Week of Prayer to give to this fund. I would suggest that anyone who feels impressed to do this will find a rich blessing in so doing. Possibly there will be a number who did not give at the time of the Week of Sacrifice who would consider it a pleasure to contribute to the Annual Offering.

I trust the Lord will richly bless our good people in all of these sacrifices, and above all that He will give us a full, rich, deep Christian experience during the Week of Prayer, that will abide with us through the coming year.

J. K. Jones.

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JEDDO HOME MISSIONARY AND SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION

Our first convention this winter is in the past. The Lord favored us with excellent weather on November 24. Our Burt and Lockport churches were well represented, and the three churches entered heartily into the program of the day. All of the leading home missionary and Sabbath school items were given careful attention, which undoubtedly will result in stronger work in both departments in the days to come.

Unfortunately Sister Lucas, the superintendent of our Jeddo Sabbath school, could not be with us because of sickness in the family, thus more than the ordinary load fell to the lot of the capable secretary, Sister Hall.

Our Jeddo church not only did nobly in Ingathering again, but also occupies third highest place among our sixty-three Sabbath schools in

mission gifts, having reached the splendid average of 53 cents per member to the end of October. The help rendered by Elders Carr and Bailey, Brother Maris, and all those who presented topics, was greatly appreciated. We look for still better things from these three centers in the future. F. Bohner,

H. M. and S. S. Sec.

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COLPORTEURS' INSTITUTE

We expect a good number of colporteurs at our annual institute to be held at Union Springs, December 27 to January 6. Our work is gathering momentum and a number of men and women are definitely planning to cut loose from worldly business at this time and start in the work of the Lord. But we need twenty-five more men and women than those who have applied—men and women with a deep burden for souls, who will go out and help us lift the world's load. Only a little more time remains.

What will great worldly advantages mean to us after a while? You do not have to be extraordinarily brilliant to do this work. God is working marvelously this year with men and women who are consecrated to Him. Ask yourself this question, say it out loud, "Can He use me?"

Address me at Union Springs, if you feel the call, and let's get at something definite before institute.

W. B. Maris.

Field Secretary.

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A RECENT VISIT TO OUR ALBANY SABBATH SCHOOL

Albany leads not only alphabetically but ranks high in practically every line of good work, and their Sabbath school is no exception. The teachers' meeting before Sabbath school is led by the pastor, Elder Capman, who takes a keen interest in every phase of the Sabbath school. The superintendent, Brother Vandenbergh, is being ably supported by Mrs. Theodore Brown, Ruth Northrop, and Brother Walker in the various divisions.

While they have a high goal, they are in the habit of going way over each Sabbath. Brother Claus, the secretary, read the following interesting figures:

Membership	80
Attendance	66
Daily Lesson Study	49
Offerings	\$43.55

Surely a very good showing. At the end of October our Albany Sabbath school had reached the fine average of 62 cents per member, occupying second highest place among our sixty-three Sabbath schools in the conference. We greatly appreciate their faithfulness and determination to reach out for high standards, which should be a real inspiration to other schools.

F. Bohner,

H. M. and S. S. Sec.

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A GREAT DOOR AND EFFECTUAL IS OPEN

Recently while at a general meeting I heard a prominent young people's worker remark that a very large percentage of people who give their hearts to God do so between the ages of thirteen and twenty. Often we wait too long, and then go to the old, hardened folks who are set in their ways, and attempt to draw all or nearly all of our converts from them. But our friend, the young people's worker, started a new train of thought. As I listened to her talking I thought of the eighty home workers' cases that we have in the field and of the testimonies that are coming in from these workers. They are praying with the mothers, telling Bible stories to the children, giving treatments to the sick, and in a thousand ways becoming a sweet savor of Christ to the people, placing hundreds of books in homes to help mold the minds and motives of the youth, heading off the tide of evil influences in many places.

We used to think that these books could only be sold before Christmas, but our colporteurs have demonstrated to us that the books in these cases are in demand the year round. We plan to train our workers in this line as well as our colporteurs, so that they will become book specialists, calling on homes where there are children, and advising with mothers about the characteristics and needs of each child. We have aimed too high and shot over the heads of many youth. Times have changed. The parents used

to bring the children in. It is different now. Children lead the parents. After the first of the year I hope to hold a few short institutes in different churches where we have a few workers, to lay down some principles of Christian salesmanship that will help save the youth.

If you haven't ordered your home workers' case yet, and are thinking of using your spare time in soul-saving, better write me at once. Remember you earn as you learn.

W. B. Maris,

Field Secretary.

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HOME MISSIONARY REPORTING HONOR ROLL FOR OCTOBER

Church	Per Cent.
Richburg	118
Herkimer	92
Rome	85
Salamanca	84
Canajoharie	82
Wellsville	79
Binghamton	77
Burt	75
Buffalo East Side	72
Canton	71
Union Springs	69
Cortland	67
Niagara Falls	65
Schenectady	63
Utica	62
Watertown	60
Saranac Lake	60
Rochester	58
Jeddo	55
Vienna	53
Buffalo English	52
Fredonia	50
Jamestown English	50
District Reporting Honor Roll	
Utica	60
Rochester	56
Buffalo	54
Elmira	54

We are pleased to submit our best Home Missionary reporting honor roll for 1928. We are especially glad that twenty-three churches, and four entire districts are on this honor roll. It is a real pleasure to have our three largest churches on this honor roll—Buffalo English, Union Springs, and Rochester. Our conference reporting average for October is 45%, which is a gain of 10% over last year. Will you not help us to reach the 50% mark for November by faithfully doing your part?

F. Bohner,

H. M. and S. S. Sec.

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"Loyal character is worth far more than royal blood."

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WEEK OF PRAYER

We have just passed our Week of Sacrifice and now comes the annual Week of Prayer, beginning December 8. While the Bible says "Pray without ceasing," and we realize the need of more earnest heart-searching, secret prayer we know that from actual experience and observation these annual seasons set apart by the General Conference have proved a blessing individually and collectively to us as a people, and we anticipate this year will not be an exception. We especially invite all church members to join in making this a profitable Week of Prayer.

Workers from the office will attempt to follow the following schedule:

Brother G. Dalrymple

Dec. 7-9 Cadys Falls
 Dec. 10 to 11 Randolph
 Dec. 12 Franklin
 Dec. 13-14 Contoocook
 Dec. 15 Concord

Elder F. D. Wells

Dec. 8 Brattleboro, Keene
 Dec. 9 Claremont
 Dec. 10 Lebanon
 Dec. 11 Randolph
 Dec. 12-15 Rutland

Brother B. M. Preston

Dec. 8-11 Gardiner, Richmond,
 and Shawmut

Brother V. C. Townsend

Dec. 8 Concord
 Dec. 15 Camden
 F. D. Wells.

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VICTORY IN SIGHT

By the time this issue of the *Gleaner* reaches the homes of our members, the Northern New England Conference will have well passed the Harvest Ingathering quota of \$10.00 per member, which is the quota set by the General Conference.

While we feel thankful that the blessing of God has made it possible for our total Ingathering funds to hover around the \$12,000 mark by the close of November, of course we want to complete the task of

reaching our \$13,500 conference goal during the month of December.

If every member in our conference could have listened to the stirring reports of the modern miracles being worked in mission lands, as given at the recent Fall Council, not one would come short of turning in at least the \$10.00 quota. Seventh-day Adventists have known no retreat in mission lands, and while the doors are wide open for us to enter let us advance, for *now* is the time to work. Truly "the night cometh when no man can work."

We are now on the last lap of our Harvest Ingathering campaign. Let us all take courage and run the race of victory.

V. C. Townsend.

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AN ENCOURAGING REPORT

The Week of Sacrifice for the school was observed a week earlier than the regular week of November 24 to December 1. A report from Professor Wright gives information that at Pine Tree Academy, 100% participated in this special Week of Sacrifice. The faculty members gladly gave a week's salary. Students, many of whom are working their way, gave the entire amount of their earnings for the week. I understand that a unanimous vote was taken to go without supper and give the amount usually paid for this meal to the Week of Sacrifice. The results were that approximately \$225.00 was given to missions from our school.

Professor Wright in reporting the matter to me says, "It is really too good to keep. When you consider our full goal and quota based on each teacher pledging a full week's salary and each student giving 50 cents, it would total about \$175.00. It certainly is encouraging."

We cannot help feeling that a new era has come to our school. Such experiences as the above bring great satisfaction to those who are carrying the real burden of Pine Tree Academy, for we do want it to be a real missionary school. We predict that Pine Tree Academy will wield a still stronger influence in this conference toward foreign missions. Young men and young wo-

men who receive such a training of sacrifice in school will follow such training in after life.

Fathers, mothers, workers, and friends, let us follow the example given to us by the loyal young people in our school. F. D. Wells.

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"SPARKS" FROM THE HARVEST INGATHERING ANVIL

Elder Gram's district was the first district in our conference to reach the Ingathering goal, and they are still going. *Fine!*

The last Ingathering report showed nearly every district within easy reach of the \$11.54 per capita goal. We expect to be able to report more districts over by the close of another week. How about it, district men?

Word just received from Redding, Pigeon Hill, Woodstock, and Manchester, informs us that they have gone over the top. Portland had passed the \$12.00 mark the last we heard. It certainly will be good news to hear that Portland is over.

The folks in Rutland are now busy with the Ingathering. When we left them a week and a half ago they had only about \$175.00 more to raise. \$135.00 was gathered in one day of field work. Two of our sisters soliciting on a side street in the business section of Rutland gathered \$53.00 in four and a half hours. They went together in all the stores, rather than separately.

Two of our sisters, working the same way in the small town of Caribou, Aroostook County, gathered over \$60.00 in about four hours. The soliciting cards were used, getting the storekeepers to sign their names.

If the business section in your town has not yet been worked, do not miss the opportunity.

A. M. Tuttle, a business man in Rutland, when approached in the interest of the Ingathering very kindly asked, "Is this for the Seventh-day Adventists?" He continued, "I know that you people give more than any other organization. I have been down to your Sanitarium in Melrose. It certainly is a wonderful place, and I did enjoy the interesting talks I used to have with Mr. Botsford, the engineer. I am only too glad to give

you \$5.00." This experience is only typical of many experienced by those who have had an active part in going out and meeting the people. Only the Lord knows the result of some of the short visits that our faithful members have with those who show an interest. Let us all arise as one man to finish this glorious work.

V. C. Townsend.

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MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER

Our annual M. V. Ingathering Jubilee is now in the past. It was certainly an inspiring occasion to see the many young people at this rally. The enthusiasm and consecration manifested by them reveal mighty potentialities that may be used in service for the Master. We thank all of the societies for the excellent parts rendered, and trust that more of these occasions will bring the youth of our field together. There is power in united action, and we need this so we may better face the tasks before us.

Although our Ingathering work is practically drawing to a close, we bring to the youth another call for service. Local authorities in Greater New York have granted us the privilege of conducting a soliciting campaign with the cans. The time granted to us is December 12-24. At this time of the year when all respond to the spirit of giving, let us concentrate our efforts and once more lift heavily for missions. As long as opportunities are ours, our efforts may well continue. There may be those who have not yet made their complete Ingathering goal; this is their golden opportunity to reach the full aim. Again, others may for some reason or other have held back soliciting; what better opportunity might be desired for them? Missionary Volunteers, let us again do our part and stand by our great mission program to the full extent of all of our privileges.

Sabbath School

It is inspiring to note that a large group of Sabbath school officers have been taking the Training Course. We now observe a real interest where such efforts have not been put forth previously. We trust there will be a large number completing the courses, but more than this, that the good accrued, will mean better leadership for our schools. All who are applying themselves to these studies testify that they are worth while. Now let those who have studied complete the course and receive a certificate for the effort. December 21 completes the final study; then follows the review lesson. See the December *Worker*, page 372.

Louise C. Kleuser.

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SPECIAL MEETINGS AT ATHOL

Mrs. Schnetzler and I started special meetings in the Athol church on November 16, and held a service every evening till November 24. Elders L. F. Passebois and D. J. C. Barrett spent two days each with us and gave some valuable instruction to the church.

The services were to help the members attain to a higher life in Christ, to get rid of all known sin and go forward in their personal experience. The result sought for was accomplished and I believe souls will be saved because of the new experience they received. The members were visited and we came into a closer fellowship with the brothers and sisters as we visited and prayed with them in their homes.

Several outsiders attended the meetings and were much interested. Brother and Sister Wilkinson have been busy giving Bible readings in the homes of interested families in Orange and Waterville and these interested people came to the meetings.

An opportunity was given for the members to testify every night which they appreciated very much. Too much preaching has a deadly effect upon the people. We believe

the best tonic for our churches is work and then an opportunity to tell their experience. The Athol church is carrying a very heavy load in educating their children. This little church of about forty active members is supporting two school teachers and has raised over \$700 Ingathering. Brother and Sister Mann at the ages of 78 and 90 were out evenings and their testimonies gave life to the meetings. The young people are very active and children from the ages of six to fifteen testified of the saving grace of the Lord.

I believe these ten-day meetings in the churches will result in much good. May we all seek God for a closer walk with our Saviour.

Joseph Schnetzler.

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BOOK & BIBLE HOUSE NOTES

Last Sunday night Elder D. J. C. Barrett spoke at the Sunday night meeting in the Boston Temple on the subject, "God So Loved the World." Elder Shultz, the pastor, was away at the time.

Professor W. E. Bement made a quick trip to New Jersey and return recently, on account of the sickness of Mrs. Bement's mother.

Mr. L. E. Aldrich attended the wedding of his sister, Miss Dora Aldrich, to Mr. Willis Armstrong of Vergennes, Vermont. The wedding took place at the home of the bride in Killingly, Conn.

We have a few "Home Physician" cloth, that are damaged. Who wants them at \$2.60 each post-paid?

Brother Wilkinson, of the Athol society, spent a few hours in the office recently.

The "Morning Watch Calendar" is now printed in the German language—to cents each.

"Our Day" is now in print in the Polish language—price \$3.00.

Brother and Sister J. Barcelou, of Salisbury, called at the office on Wednesday. Elder Freiberger called Wednesday afternoon for a few minutes.

The next big event is the colporteurs' institute. If you plan to attend, write to T. M. Butler, South Lancaster, Mass.

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"The cure for fear is faith."

BOOK WORK, WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 23, 1928

Southern New England, T. M. Butler, Field Secretary					New York (Continued)						
Name	Place	[Bk]	Hrs	Total	Del	Name	Place	[Bk]	Hrs	Total	Del
Mrs. F. G. Mower, South Hanover		BR	40	37 00	54 00	O. Cooper, Lackawanna		BR	35	82 70	47 25
F. G. Mower, South Hanover		BR	40	16 25	29 75	K. Schmidt, Schenectady		BR	30	59 50	
Lillian Noseworthy, Willimantic		GC	39	40 15	2 00	O. Keeler, Salamanca		RJ	24	47 50	
Levi Noseworthy, Willimantic		GC	39	17 25	1 00	J. Deeley, Savannah		GC	23	24 50	4 25
Mrs. E. Water, Providence		WCS	38	58 00	58 00	E. Champlin, Oneida		RJ	21	14 00	3 00
P. Depre, Salem, M.		OD	38	21 65	2 50	*Emily France, Schenectady		HW	13	24 55	
N. Russell, Gales Ferry, C.		GC	33	54 00		A. Evans, Wellsville		GC	8	3 00	13 00
A. Kenny, Hartford		HP	32	40 00		R. Stephany, Rochester		BR	8	27 50	47 00
S. Lombard, Brockton		OD	31	151 00		L. Ellsworth, Irondequoit		HW	7	5 00	50
D. Johnson, Providence		PP	30	78 50		**W. Watson, Troy		BR	7		203 00
E. Carpenter, Fall River		WCS	26	12 70	12 70	Mrs. Rosenthal, Oneonta		RJ	6	6 50	75
J. Yorke, Boston		BF	21	32 75	2 50	Laura Givens, Oneida			5		17 00
E. Robinson, Attleboro		WCS	20	31 75	20 75	Lester Givens, Peterboro		RJ	3		23 50
Mildred Carlton, Athol		GC	5	2 00	7 50	Edna Lawhead, Watkins Glen		HW		38 00	38 00
14 Colporteurs			432	593 00	190 70	O. Johnson, Painted Post		PP	41	27 50	131 50
						A. Labbadia, Niagara Falls		OD	23	105 00	
New York, W. B. Maris, Field Secretary						20 Colporteurs			390	632 60	620 30
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P. Vixie, Watertown		RJ	35	37 00	62 25	Totals,			Hrs	Total	Del
Rose Ellis, Endicott		WCS	32	23 05	23 05	34 Colporteurs			822	1225 60	810 00
A. Ishkanian, Utica		WCS	31	23 55	3 50						

SERMONS IN OVERALLS

When we invited our pastor, Elder Gibson, to make his home with us during a series of revival services at our church in Amesbury, we little dreamed what blessings he was to bring to our community and to us personally.

From the start our good neighbors were invited by our intrepid preacher to go with us in his roomy car to the services. They responded encouragingly, and in most instances kept up their attendance till the close of the meetings.

As a teacher I am always especially interested in vigorous efforts and struggles, believing that results usually take care of themselves if the strong endeavors are faithfully persevered in. So I shall leave Elder Gibson to report on results, while I mention a few proceedings that especially interested me in this vigorous campaign.

For twelve evenings he preached with characteristic earnestness to unusually attentive audiences. His days were filled with searching out stay-a-ways among our own church people, scattered through eight different towns, also in calling on newly interested ones or on the sick and infirm. All these ministrations were highly commendable surely, but I sincerely believe that our pastor's most effective sermons were a series conducted in overalls. I do not mean that he appeared in the pulpit in other than becoming clergyman's

attire, but it happened on this wise. In the midst of the meetings, my brother was taken quite seriously ill. The care of the farm stock was quite an anxiety to us, especially the milking, as I regret to say that my education in that line had been neglected. But help was nearer than we dreamed; for our ministerial guest sprang into the need, and morning after morning rising from 3:30 to 5:00 o'clock milked and otherwise aided most satisfactorily in caring for the needs of the farm animals. We were certainly sorry to add this new burden to his already heavy load; but he shouldered it so cheerfully and ably that we could but thankfully accept his services in our time of need.

Of course our neighbors heard of this rather unusual proceeding, and our minister's influence for good was apparently not lessened. One interested neighbor, a refined, educated woman, on hearing of his faithful labors in this and other lines said, "He has restored my faith in the ministry."

Unfortunately in the midst of a deep interest, the meetings had to close on account of another similar effort, advertised for a neighboring city. But I have strong hopes of glad reaping in God's own good time, as a result of Elder Gibson's faithful, tireless seed-sowing.

(Realizing that even the clergy have their discouragements, I am persuaded that these words of sincere appreciation from a humble

member of Elder Gibson's flock will not be amiss, but may prove an effectual antidote for some future trial--which we hope, however, will not come, unless it is the only way for future character-perfecting.)

Carrie E. Robie.

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TOO NARROW VISION

That is the fault with so many of us. You will find J. Berger Johnson's "Have You Tried the Far Look?" in the December color *Signs* a splendid tonic for your heart, as well as your eyes. Only four cents each in lots of ten or more to one address. Your Bible House secretary will gladly supply you.

ADVERTISEMENTS

All questionable advertisements submitted to the GLEANER, and those advertisements which are not accompanied by recommendations of responsible workers, will be referred back through the local conference office of the conference territory in which the advertiser resides.

Approved advertisements will be published in the GLEANER at the rate of twenty-five cents for twenty words or less, and one cent for each additional word. Each group of initials or figures counts as one word. Cash and reference must accompany copy for all advertisements.

IRIS Bargain—Five good ones, up-to-date, including White Knight worth 50c, \$1.60 worth, will send postpaid for \$1.00. Japanese Lantern roots 50c. Peonies, 8 kinds at 50c. Tulips, 50c a dozen. 6 best Phlox \$1.00. Write wants.

Oxford Floral Co.

Oxford, N. Y.

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"There is a wide difference between seeing through a thing and seeing a thing through."

HELP WANTED

We need help to give the third angel's message to the 4,700,000 French Roman Catholics in North America. We wish to enlist every French speaking Seventh-day Adventist in an evangelistic effort for the salvation of these souls.

We desire to send the French *Signs of the Times* to a thousand of these French speaking people in one locality, and follow up this work with a public effort, and raise a new French church.

A yearly subscription to the French *Signs* costs 75 cents, a club of five to one address, \$2.75. We have a limited number of the book "From Infidelity to Christianity and Why I Am a Seventh-day Adventist." A copy of this book will be sent free to those who will take a club of five or pay for a club of the paper to be sent to addresses that we will furnish. We can furnish any number of addresses to those who desire them.

Not only is this a call to those who speak the French language, but to all our brethren and sisters to help us reach their neighbors of a different language. Send all orders for French *Signs* through your Book and Bible House.

L. F. Passebois,
Sec. French Dept.

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WEDDING

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich of East Killingly, Conn., Willis H. Armstrong and Dora M. Aldrich were united in marriage, Thursday, November 29. It was a very pleasant and appropriate occasion attended by a large group of friends and relatives. These young people are quite well known in our field having spent some time at the Atlantic Union College. After a brief period they will be at home at Vergennes, Vermont.

E. K. Slade.

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"What is a stairway but a series of obstacles? Yet you rely on the stairs to help you mount to a higher place. If the life road had no obstacles to surmount, who would ever get up? No one can climb on thin air.—Wellspring.

**ATLANTIC UNION
COLLEGE****NEWS NOTES**

College closed on Wednesday noon for the customary holiday recess, and many of the students went to their homes for Thanksgiving.

Miss Edna Farnsworth spent the vacation with relatives in Keene, N. H.

The carpentry department, under the direction of Mr. H. B. Rudolph, is making some important changes in the library. Two much needed book stacks have been added, and a new lighting system will be installed.

The members of the faculty and their families gathered in the College dining room on Thursday where they enjoyed a real Thanksgiving dinner together.

An earnest movement is on foot to fill the seats that are still vacant in our chapel. While the enrolment is equal to that of last year, there are now many other young people who should be enjoying the privileges of a Christian education. The College Council presented the question Wednesday in the form of an interesting program. "What I can tell others about A. U. C. while I am on my vacation," was the main topic; and when the hour was over there could be no doubt as to the truth expressed in our school slogan, "New England for the Student."

Rowena E. Purdon.

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SEEKING SOULS

"Higher than the highest human thought can reach is God's ideal for His children. Godliness—Godlikeness—is the goal to be reached." These words from the inspired pen mean much to us who are endeavoring to show others the way of life.

Our work in Sterling is now well under way. Although the enemy tried to baffle us in various ways, we firmly believe that God was standing just within the shadow and controlling the entire affair. The first difficulty was to obtain available cars to go the five miles. Another one was the time-old scheme of turning out the lights, locking the doors and "playing pos-

**Satisfying
A Demand**

Every normal boy and girl is endowed with a desire for activity. They want to do something. They want to do that which pleases them most. Every wise parent encourages this idea of activity by providing suitable kinds of work. This work should not only be interesting, but, as a result of the effort put forth by these little folks, something useful should be produced.

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The new book has many suggestions never in print before. The girls will find things for their nimble fingers; and the boys, devices for the skillful use of their tools. A few of the best things in the former books of the same title have been retained.

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In view of the fact that the children will really use this book day after day, a durable cloth binding has been placed on the book. The cover has an attractive design in four colors.

Lessons in Woodwork

The book contains twelve lessons in woodwork for the older juniors. Useful articles are fully illustrated, so that, with little or no assistance, the handy boy with tools can produce well-made articles for himself and for others.

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sum." But now we feel much encouraged and we solicit your prayers that God will help us to point these hungry souls to the Man of Galilee.

The evening of November 25 was without exception the brightest spot of this school year for me. Mr. Drake, Mr. Roscoe, and I conducted the service together. My theme was "The Inspiration and Reliability of the Scriptures." Several gospel songs were sung, as we believe this is one of the chief methods of approach.

On December 2, Mr. Roscoe took the leading part in the service.

The little town of Sterling contains people of Sterling qualities, and our prayer is that we will allow Jesus to lead, for He knows the way.

Leon A. Moore, Th. B. '29.