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

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Keep the Light Burning

M. L. Rice

God has put a light within every person. We call it conscience. The wise man spoke of it as "the candle of the Lord." Prov. 20:27. Every one must live with his conscience. Try as hard as he may, he cannot get away from it any more than he can get away from himself. It is a part of him.

When man does wrong, his conscience condemns him. Something within him tells him he is wrong. Jesus said, "Why even of yourselves judge ye not what is right?" Luke 12:57.

Some have felt that they should point out to others their errors, but long before they had any knowledge of these mistakes, those concerned knew all about them. The light, or conscience, within them had spoken to their hearts. And the conscience never acts on rumor. Nothing but facts impress or have any convincing weight with it.

When Joseph's brothers sold him to the Ishmaelites, they knew they had done wrong. They needed no one to tell them. Pounding in their hearts like a trip-hammer was something telling them they had committed a great sin. And this inner voice continued to taunt them. They could not get away from it. Years later, when forced into Egypt to buy food because of the famine, we hear them saying "one to another, We are very guilty concerning our brother." Gen. 42:21. A guilty conscience never gives a person any rest.

David was being pursued by Saul with three thousand soldiers. David with his little band hid in a cave. Saul

came to the cave in his search for David. He came so close to David that the record says he "cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily." After David had done this, he remembered that Saul was the anointed king, and that he had done wrong in this act. "And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt." What was it that condemned David? His "heart smote him;" his conscience condemned him. When David's conscience smote him, he did just what every person should do—he confessed his mistake. It is a noble act to admit that you are wrong.

It was Job's purpose so to order his life that "my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live." Job 27:6. He did not want to live under the condemnation of a guilty conscience.

It was not the mob, not the crowded courtroom, not a jury, that condemned Judas for selling Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. It was his "lamp." In anguish of soul he cried out, "I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood." Matt. 27:4.

"Herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men." Acts 24:16. This text tells us that Paul put forth great effort ("I exercise myself") to live so as to have a clear conscience before God and man. To live such a life calls for much prayer. It calls for watchfulness. We should weigh every motive and action.

Continually to violate one's conscience, to do repeatedly those things

which we know to be wrong, sears the conscience so that it may not be so sensitive to sin as it once was.

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron." I Tim. 4:1, 2.

A last-day sign, one that will be "in the latter times," will be people with seared consciences. People will depart from the faith, will follow seducing spirits and false doctrines until their consciences will become seared and no longer a safe guide to follow.

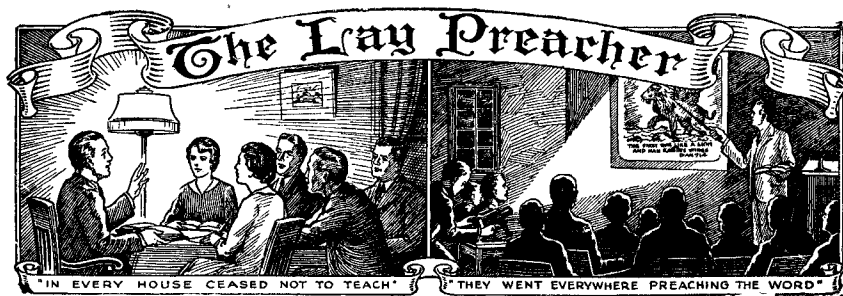
"For this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie." 2 Thess. 2:11.

It is a serious thing to violate one's conscience. If one finds himself guilty of such a thing, he need not be discouraged. There is still hope. Confess the matter to God, make whatever restitution may be called for, and press on in the Lord's way.

Those who by continued sin grieve the Holy Spirit away from them, will find that their light will go out. "If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!" Matt. 6: 23. No physical blackout can compare with the spiritual condition that comes to the one who has grieved away the Spirit of God from his life.

Live each day with a "conscience void of offence." Keep the light burning.





Lay Evangelism in Our Union

R. G. Strickland

THE importance of lay preaching has not yet been fully impressed upon our dear people, else there would be more of this kind of evangelism. Some of our brethren have taken hold and the Lord is blessing their labors. This is not a work that can be begun and finished in a few days. When one starts he should expect to reap results only after weeks of labor. It is this perseverance — this tireless, persistent, painstaking labor — that allows the Spirit of the Lord to do His full work, which softens hardened hearts and causes light to illumine darkened minds.

In Southern New England Conference territory one of our lay preachers, aided by a good projector and some excellent film strips of pictures, is doing earnest work. Others in different sections are preparing the way for baptism. At the college some of the young men have arranged to use a hall in one of the near-by towns. They confidently believe that the Lord of harvest will give an increase. Cottage meetings held by earnest youth will prepare some for a home in heaven.

Brother E. W. Thurber, of Williamstown, Vermont, in the Northern New England Conference, reports that he expects to have some ready for baptism by spring and others are carrying good strong work. Out of Lebanon, N. H., Brother Leon T. Thurber is carrying on meetings and we hope there will be good reports from this effort.

Other lay workers are carrying on in Northern New England, and we hope that reports of how the Lord has blessed in these places will come through to us before long.

The New York Conferences are planning lay preacher institutes during the

winter, at which time many thrilling accounts of labors and successes will be given.

Lay Bible evangelism is not confined to men. Just as consecrated women go from house to house in the role of Bible worker, so earnest, godly Christian lay women may take their Bibles and study with neighbors or friends the things that may mean eternal life to those who hear. May the burden for souls come upon all our people, men and women alike, and give each believer no rest in heart or mind until systematic effort is made continually to reach the unconverted all about.

A report in the paper from one of our sister unions reveals the fact that a church there is conducting *four* separate lay efforts with four speakers and as many groups of assistants. In this church last year one lay effort was held over a period of some months and resulted in eight souls won. This year these brethren have set out to give the Spirit opportunity through their efforts to quadruple the results.

Brethren, let us come behind in no good gift, but rather let us cultivate the gifts, humble and feeble at first, but effective under God.

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HOWEVER small your talent, God has a place for it. That one talent wisely used, will accomplish its appointed work. By faithfulness in little duties, we are to work on the plan of addition, and God will work for us on the plan of multiplication. These little things will become the most precious influences in His work. — *“Christ’s Object Lessons,”* p. 360.

Camp Meeting in Kenya

E. R. Colson

IN September I had the great joy of visiting four large camp meetings close to the equator. These were seasons of real spiritual blessing to my own soul. In an area not larger than one eighth the size of Nebraska, or one fifth the size of England, about one hundred square miles, nearly 13,000 believers gathered in camps. There are not many places in this old world where we could duplicate this experience. We had one gathering in the Kisii hills, where 5,000 were present, and two gatherings among the Luo people, where 7,000 were present, these places being within forty miles of each other. Another meeting was held across the Kavirondo Bay, where 450 were present. Another, which I did not visit, drew 700.

The Kisii camp was similar in certain respects to the Feast of Tabernacles. Some three hundred grass huts were put up, which accommodated nearly three thousand people. The natives took pride in making neat, substantial dwellings and some had come in three or four days ahead to do this. A prize was awarded the ones having the best hut. Each church had its appointed place, and order prevailed throughout the camp meeting. At the other camps, however, material was more scarce, and the believers came from shorter distances, which made it less necessary to put up so many. But there were some two hundred, anyhow.

I found the Africans a singing people, as their brethren and sisters are in other parts of the world. They like to sing our familiar gospel songs, but even more the ones they themselves

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have composed. Each group or church would render a selection, not in parts as we are accustomed to hear, but one would begin a solo prelude, and then all would join in. They certainly made the hills and valleys ring with their voices.

On account of the cool, damp evenings, generally speaking there were no meetings at night, but the natives would start singing about dusk as they prepared their evening meal and would keep it up until bedtime. I am sure that they would have sung all night if permission had been granted.

Once the school building, where 100 to 150 of the girls were sleeping, caught fire at about three o'clock in the morning. The girls soon had the fire extinguished, however, and then the singing commenced again. Rain, storm, or sunshine, they seem to be just as happy and full of song.

Those present at the camps were all believers, although probably not more than 30 per cent were baptized as yet. I saw only one or two who wore any ornaments or charms at all. These people do not come because of curiosity, but because they long to hear the word of truth.

It is customary to take up the annual offering at the camps. This was done at the Kisii camps, but not at the others due to the fact that the believers have not been able to dispose of their crops. The offering taken up at the Kisii camp surprised me greatly, and I feel that it should put many of us to shame. The believers were right there when it came to giving. The offering amounted to Shillings 5,353.50, or, five shillings a church member. If you should figure the per capita giving in the home fields, you will find it much lower than this, not more than 25 or 30 per cent of this in many fields. The African, I found, wanted to support his own work and then help to push out into new, unentered fields.

The work in those parts has been self-supporting since 1935, and now they are setting aside a part of their tithe income for new fields.

Nearly 600 were baptized at the camps. One woman walked thirty miles to be baptized, carrying a five-day old baby on her back. At the close of the Kisii camp, the whole gathering stood, without exception, to show their desire and determination to reconsecrate themselves to the Lord.

A missionary's work is no sinecure. He must be in harness from early morning until late at night, and an expert at all trades. I found also that the wives of most of our missionaries are taking an active part, and an important one, although without remuneration. The work was well organized and progressing. The camps are, I believe, and will be more so in the future, a great incentive and encouragement to the believers.

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Tithing

ONE tenth for the Lord, and nine for you.
It isn't so very much to do.
And perchance the tenth may soon come back
In heavenly favor; so—where's your lack?
Join the Tither's League.

If God gets His and I get mine,
Then everything will be just fine.
But if I get mine and keep His too,
What do you think God will do?
We believe He will collect.

—Author Unknown.

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An Opportunity for All

SABBATH, January 27, is Religious Liberty Day—an opportunity for all our churches to review again the great principles of freedom so dear to the hearts of all Americans. More than ever before in our history, our members need to be fully instructed in the fundamentals of religious liberty. Now, as never before, should we be active in holding up religious liberty before important citizens in this country.

At the present time there are a number of bills before Congress which, if passed, would open wide the door to the union of church and state. There is, too, the appointment of a personal representative of the President to the Vatican. Whether or not this is intended to lead to a direct connection by exchange of delegates, it will nevertheless prepare the public mind for just such a diplomatic connection. We need always to be vigilant in the cause of religious and civil liberty if we wish to continue to enjoy the blessings of this freedom.

Our Religious Liberty Offering, to be received on the 27th, because of the

special needs, should be the largest that we have ever received. As we think of the benefits of liberty which we are privileged to enjoy and which are denied so many today, how grateful we should be! Let us make our offering a thank offering as well as an offering to continue to make known these principles, that we may the longer share their blessings.
W. A. NELSON.

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Important Meetings Scheduled

Quarterly Dorcas Federation Meeting. Thursday, February 1, 10:30 A. M.

General and union help present at meeting arranged especially for newly-elected officers and new societies. Held at German Brooklyn church. Bring annual report. See the Dorcas exhibit, get new ideas, get questions answered. New plans for 1940. Come.

Church Home Missionary Officers' and Elders' Council.

Friday, February 2, 7:30 P. M.

Elder Steen Rasmussen, head of the General Conference Home Missionary Department, will be present. It is desired to lay plans for all of the new year and to give new officers help. A fully coordinated plan for the whole church is ready. Plan for two hours. Washington Avenue Church in Brooklyn at 7:30 P. M.

Lay Preachers' Institute. Temple Church. February 3 and 4

Elder Steen Rasmussen will be present to give instruction to all lay preachers. Reports of year's work. Plans for new efforts. Practical instruction on preparing field, financing effort, advertising, decisions, and relation to church and conference. Starts Sabbath afternoon at three o'clock in Temple Church. Evening session at 7:30. All day Sunday from 9 in the morning till 4 in the afternoon. Most important lay council ever held in conference. All lay preachers invited. Others desiring to join forces, see your pastor. Come with your experiences and plans.

Missionary Volunteer Officers' Council. Sunday, February 11, 10 A. M.

Help from the General Conference and the union will be present. Plans for the new year discussed. New ideas. Summer camp. Nature

work. Inspiration. Essential for all officers to be present. Starting promptly at 10 A. M., till 5 in the afternoon. Upstate especially invited. Bring your new plans and ideas.

PAUL C. CARDEY.

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Youth of the Sabbath School—IV Bring Your Bible

DURING recent years we observe in some Sabbath schools the tendency for the children and youth to come to church without their Bibles. We would not criticize our young people on this point; we merely recognize their danger and appeal to them to change their habit and to bring their Bibles to church. We feel that their training has omitted this fine Seventh-day Adventist practice, so becoming to the people who have the message of the Bible for the whole world.

Modern living and our city transportation problems suggest we carry as little as is necessary; but the Bible is so necessary that we must bring it with us. It is a token of our respect for the Word. It is the sword of the Spirit, and who would venture forth to battle without this weapon? It is the guidebook of our faith, and how can be built up a strong faith for ourselves without our personal study at every opportunity, especially at church?

Is it possible that we think of the Puritan youth who came to our shores, and who carried their Bibles to church with their guns, without being impressed that this should be the practice of every Seventh-day Adventist youth? Parents, set the youth a good example. Sabbath school teachers, encourage this godly practice by providing occasion to use the Bible in the Sabbath school. Let every Seventh-day Adventist cling to the old and sound practice of studying the Word constantly and of using his own Bible at church.

LOUISE C. KLEUSER.

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Onions

"LIFE," some one has said, "is like an onion." How many people there are who go through life always looking ahead to the great accomplishments that lie in the land of tomorrow, when they get their chance. While hoping for tomorrow, they go on peeling off layer after layer of life. Like a small boy they

find out that there is no onion, only layer after layer of onion skin, and that which they have peeled off *was* the onion.

Someday we are going to realize as we look back that now is the ideal time to do service for God. *Now* is the best and most favorable time we shall ever have to spread the truth by scattering literature. Soon we may be placed in a position where it entails hardship and persecution even to *give* away a tract. Surely while times are so favorable and the angels hold the winds of strife from blowing on our fair land, we ought to make good use of the time by seeing that every home in the territory of the conference has a small contact with the truth. We have the literature now at the cheapest price ever in the history of our work—*six* tracts and follow-up material for one cent, *A Cent a Home*. Aren't your neighbors worth at least one cent? Get two dollars and a half worth of literature today and set out to give it to the block or two nearest to your home. Full instructions come with the tracts. Order from your missionary secretary *at once*. For years you have wanted to do this and have been putting it off. Don't keep on tearing off the days from the calendar of life. Start now and start near home.

Our young people's societies should plan to take a number of blocks and thoroughly work every home. This can be done Sabbath afternoons and evenings. It can be done on Sunday and also during the week in the evenings. Organize bands similar to the Ingathering singing bands. Many in the church will be glad to pay for the tracts if you young people will only use them faithfully and well. A number have already spoken to us about this. The tracts are on hand and full instructions are prepared. We have the territory, and surely this is the time. I am even more confident that we have thousands of volunteers, old and young, who will at this time launch out into this needed work.

"Among the members of our churches there should be more house to house labor, in giving Bible readings and literature."

PAUL C. CARDEY.

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"THERE is no slave the gospel cannot save."

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One Colporteur's Experience

"WHEN I called at one home the woman said she was too busy, that they had all the books they needed, and that her husband was a Sunday school teacher with a full library of religious books. I asked for the privilege of showing him the book for his approval. At the end of the demonstration that evening they gave me an order.

"When I delivered the book Mrs. R—— began to tell me what they were doing in her church that she disapproved of. Fearing I might be offended at her attitude she asked me what denomination I belonged to. When I said 'Seventh-day Adventist,' I was surprised to have her tell me she thought we were right. I told her she would know and believe it more and more as they read their wonderful book.

"She said they had been Methodists so long that they hated to leave that church. But since they are reading 'The Great Controversy,' and are very much interested, I hope and pray they both may be won to the message of truth."

There are thousands and thousands of our truth-filled books in the homes of the people of our conference, which if read, would bring as deep conviction to the heart of the reader as to the hearts of those mentioned above.

We are told that the message will return with power to the East just before the end, at which time a great revival will be seen. Many will take the books from the shelves and read them and take their stand with God's remnant people. Yes, the promise is given that thousands will be converted in one day as a result of their reading.

Has not the time come for this promise to be fulfilled to us? Dear reader, if you will begin to pray for this result we are sure your prayers will help materially. Will you not take it upon your heart as a daily privilege of service to your Master and your fellow men?

The harvest is great and the laborers are few. Perhaps the Lord could use you. If you are not now doing service for your King, why not get in touch with your field secretary at once?

W. D. FLEMING, *Field Sec.*

Home Missionary Items

WE rejoice in being able to report that our conference passed its \$25,000 Ingathering goal by \$31. Elder Carr's check of \$88 from the Burt and Lockport churches put on the capsheaf. For the past five years now we have been going forward with increasing success. In 1935 we averaged \$7.60 a member; in 1936, \$7.69; in 1937, \$7.79; in 1938, \$8.15; and now in 1939, \$8.76.

If we keep stepping up at our present rate of gain, the New York Conference will soon again march in the front line of Ingathering leaders, as we have so often in the past. Once more our hearty thanks to all who help us to win.

Be Faithful in Follow-up Work

Souls abroad and souls at home is the double aim of our Ingathering effort. With the Ingathering dollars sent them, our missionaries will do their very best to garner in precious souls for the kingdom in lands afar. Shall we at home forget and neglect the many kind and promising ones we met in our Ingathering work? Many of them would undoubtedly greatly appreciate a year's subscription to *Present Truth* or the *Signs of the Times*, our two missionary periodicals.

While we pray that the Lord may add His richest blessings to the funds gathered, in order that a great number of souls may be added to His fold in mission lands, let us do all we possibly can at home to assure a harvest of souls here also.

Have you handed in your list of interested persons found in your Ingathering work, and a list of relatives and friends you wish to enlighten before it is too late? Three yearly subscriptions to *Present Truth* cost only \$1, and the first two excellent numbers for this new year are just off the press. If we expect to reap bountifully later on, now is the time to begin sowing in like manner.

Special "Review and Herald" Effort

Knowing how much blessing our good church paper brings into the home each week when carefully read and followed, we were made happy to see 243 subscriptions come in to January 18. While we are greatly pleased with the results thus far, we should not relax our efforts until our goal—The *Review* in Every Home of English-Reading Believers—is attained. A good *Review* secretary should be functioning in each

church to hold all old subscribers on the list and to do his best to add new ones until the ideal is reached in each church. Our Oneida church reports having reached the ideal. Has yours? Are you making a real effort to do so?

Reporting

A new year is with us. Have you determined to make it the best in your experience and in your service for the Lord? We sincerely hope so.

A little past history may be enlightening. During January of 1938 only 28 per cent of our people reported any missionary work done. Last January the number had grown to 46 per cent, which, however, is still less than half.

What will it be this year? Our home missionary ideal is "Every Member a Working and Reporting Member." Will you not do your part to help us reach our goal and thus gladden the heart of your missionary secretary this very first month and every other to follow?

How much longer will it take to finish the work? It rests largely with our members, for on page 438 of Vol. VI we read: "Were every one of you a living missionary, the message for this time would speedily be proclaimed in all countries, to every people and nation and tongue."

Let Us Remember

January 27, Religious Liberty Day and Offering

Let us strike a mighty blow for liberty in this hour of need. Each church should average at least one subscription a member for our *Liberty* magazine. F. BOHNER.

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Conference Radio Broadcast

Just before the beginning of the new year, final arrangements were made to broadcast over station WMBO, Auburn, N. Y. (1300 kil.) Thus far we have had six programs. They come every Thursday afternoon at four o'clock. We have given the title "Songs and Meditation" to our broadcast. The program consists of several musical selections and a short talk. Thus far our talks have consisted of instruction and counsel as to how a sinner may come to Christ.

At the beginning of the new year, we thought it would be well to give our listeners a little gift that would be a daily reminder of our broadcast. All those who wrote in received a Morn-

ing Watch Calendar with a little verse to encourage them to read the text every day.

In some of the responses we received some very encouraging words. Here are a few of them: "I just found your program last week for the first (time), and I am looking forward to hearing it again this week. If only there were more such programs." "I listen to your program every Thursday afternoon and really do enjoy it very much. I sincerely hope that these programs may continue." "My mother and I listen to your program regularly and enjoy it immensely." "I surely enjoy your program. I hope it keeps up every Thursday. May God bless you." "This program is lovely—I enjoy this kind most." "I listened in yesterday to the program put on at 4 p. m. by the Seventh-day Adventists and enjoyed it very much. I hope you will keep it on the air."

I think we have a wonderful opportunity to bring to these people a real message. I know that our people will remember in their prayers these messages that go over the air.

A. F. RUF.

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Sabbath School Items

MANY indications point to a good remittance from our Sabbath schools for the last quarter.

Sister Schnetzler, recovering from a serious goiter operation, but as keenly interested in the Sabbath school as ever, assured us that Watertown would run true to form and again make it "Double Dollar" day for the thirteenth Sabbath. They did, and even went several dollars over. Our sincere thanks to our loyal Watertown leaders and members.

Our Auburn Sabbath school, under the earnest and energetic leadership of Sister Greene, also averaged \$2 a member for thirteenth Sabbath. We hope this excellent school will become as regular as Watertown in this respect.

Buffalo's live branch Sabbath school at Springville also reports over \$2 a member, and our Oswego Sabbath school tops all of them with the excellent per capita of \$3.10 for thirteenth Sabbath. We rejoice with Syracuse and Rome for regaining the pennant during the fourth quarter, and wish to thank all these and other schools for their liberality during the last quarter of '39.

Picture Rolls

As far as we know, every Sabbath school in our conference has promised to send its Picture Rolls to some mission station at the end of each quarter. Complaints have reached us that this is not always done. We do hope our Sabbath school secretaries will promptly discharge this little duty at the end of each quarter, since these Picture Rolls are of great help in our Sabbath school and evangelistic work in mission lands.

F. BOHNER.

Are you doing your honest part to help your Sabbath school to become a grade "A" school this quarter???

Elmira District Meeting

WE are sure that our people in this district will appreciate this opportunity of getting together. We shall have the privilege of having Elder Rice, our union conference president, with us. Come and hear his message. Elder Howard, our local conference president, will be there also, besides Brother Fagal, the district superintendent, and the writer. There are good things in store for you. Plan now to be there for the all-day meeting. Brother Fagal will make detailed announcements in his district.

A. F. RUF.

Conference Broadcast Over Station WMBO, Auburn, N. Y., Every Thursday at Four O'clock — 1300 Kilocycles.

Program in Syracuse

THE members of the physical education class of Union Springs Academy will give a program for the members of the churches in the Syracuse District, Sunday evening, January 28, 7:45 p. m., Seymour public school, located on Shonnard St., Syracuse, New York.

They will be assisted by the Gerald quintet; piano, two trumpets, trombone, xyloimba; Roy Hunt, tenor; Miss Jean Harding, piano accordionist.

The gymnastic part of the occasion will consist of tumbling, hand balanc-

ing, pyramid building, contortion work, and juggling.

It is planned to give such an entertainment in all the large church organizations that can be reached.

V. H. CAMPBELL.

ATLANTIC UNION COLLEGE

News Notes

ELDER C. L. TAYLOR spoke at the young people's devotional meeting Friday evening. His subject was "The friendships which we fail to make." He spoke of the privileges of friendship which may be enjoyed in this world, and especially the friendship which we may enjoy with Christ.

"How can we keep our young people in our ranks?" was the important topic discussed by Peter Churchward at the Theological Seminar Friday evening. Gordon Hewlett in his introductory remarks said, "If all our young people were kept in our ranks, our denomination would grow faster than it is growing by evangelizing."

The senior recital of Miss Dorothy Evans, contralto, and Miss Virginia Rittenhouse, violinist, was given in the college auditorium Saturday evening. Both young ladies will receive their A. B. degrees in the spring, with majors in music.

The program was as follows:

- Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Cantata 147) Bach
- But the Lord Is Mindful of His Own ("St. Paul") Mendelssohn
- Miss Evans
- Air Handel-Ysaye
- Theme and Variations Tartini-Kreisler
- Miss Rittenhouse
- To Music Schubert
- Am Meer Schubert
- Farewell, Ye Hills ("Jeanne D'Arc") Tchaikovsky
- Miss Evans
- Concerto in E Minor (First Movement) Mendelssohn
- Miss Rittenhouse
- O Lovely Night! Ronald
- I'm So Glad Trouble Don't Last
- Alway arr. Dett
- Slave Song Riego
- Sing a Song of Sixpence arr. Dett
- Miss Evans
- Danse Espagnole Granados-Kreisler
- Liebesfreud Kreisler
- Calm as the Night Bohm
- Moto Perpetuo Ries
- Miss Rittenhouse
- Ave Maria Bach-Gounod
- Miss Evans and Miss Rittenhouse

The accompanists were Miss Madge Gould, instructor in piano, who ac-

companied Miss Evans, and Miss Virginia Gaskell, also a senior with a music major, who accompanied Miss Rittenhouse.

The Fabrizio Trio, Einar Hansen, violinist, Enrico Fabrizio, cellist, both of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and Ethel Hutchinson, pianist, artist pupil of Gebhard, gave their program at the college Sunday evening. This was a regular Lyceum Course number. All three are famous in their respective positions and they gave an excellent program.

Sabbath afternoon a Sabbath school convention was held in the college chapel for the officers and those interested in Sabbath school administration. Edward MacDonald, general superintendent of the South Lancaster Sabbath school, was chairman and introduced the speakers. Elder George Butler outlined the way in which a Sabbath school should be conducted and gave illustrations to prove his points.

Floyd Hilliard, superintendent of the youth's division, reviewed the qualifications and duties of the superintendent. Mrs. George Caviness, secretary, presented the secretary's duties and responsibilities. Professor L. G. Sevrens, principal of South Lancaster Academy, spoke of the importance and need for increasing Sabbath school attendance and daily lesson study. Mr. MacDonald presented the financial needs of the Sabbath school, and C. E. Cotton, superintendent of the senior division, presented the Sabbath School Teachers' Training Course and the reading course.

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"WHERE there is faith there is love, Where there is love there is peace, Where there is peace there is God, Where there is God there is no need."

OBITUARY NOTICES

O'DONNELL.—Captain John E. O'Donnell was born in Bristol, R. I., and passed away January 10, 1940. He served as a sergeant with the Seventh Cavalry in Cuba during the Spanish-American War. During the late World War he served as a military instructor, both here and at Plattsburg, N. Y., with the rank of lieutenant.

Early in the autumn of 1938, Mr. O'Donnell became actively interested in the study of the Bible, and requested that we open a Community Bible School in his home for himself and family and a number of friends. He joyfully accepted the truths that were brought

to his attention in the Bible school, and he, together with a number of other members of the class, was baptized last June, after which he united with the church at Providence, where he was a most devout and faithful member during the rest of his life. He was a man of strictly temperate habits and a perfect gentleman, in the fullest sense of the word. After the memorial service a gentleman came to me and said, "All that you said of Captain O'Donnell is true. I have known him intimately for many years and in all that time I have never heard him swear or use any language unbecoming a Christian gentleman."

On the occasion of my last visit to his bedside at his home, he thanked me, in his customary courteous manner, and then said, "Elder Cone, it is quite possible that I haven't long to live. I am not afraid to die. I feel that I am prepared to die, and that I shall come up in the resurrection of the just. But O, I am so thankful I found this truth first." As we reflect on his love for this message, and his consistent Christian life after accepting it, the words of Milman come forcefully to mind: "It matters not at what hour the righteous fall asleep. Death cannot come untimely to him who is fit to die. He who always waits upon God is ready whenever He calls."

He is survived by his wife and two daughters; also three brothers, one of whom is judge of the Fifth District Court of Bristol, R. I. Relatives, friends, and comrades manifested profound interest in the funeral address, which was based on Isa. 57:1. A. A. CONE.

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PRESTON.—Harriet Monson Hitchcock was born in New Haven, Conn., April 16, 1871. On June 23, 1897, she was united in marriage to William Preston. To this union were born two children, a son, Benjamin Monson, and a daughter, Dorothy Adele.

At an early age she gave her heart to Christ and manifested a deep interest in religious activities, both in church and Sunday school work. In the spring of 1915 she, with her family, united with the Seventh-day Adventist church on Brewster Street, New Haven. From that time to the time of her death she was a most earnest devoted worker in that church. For over twenty years she served as a teacher in the Sabbath school, much loved by all her pupils. In 1918 she was elected leader of the home division of the Sabbath school, which position she was elected to every year thereafter until her death. She loved her home division work, taking a deep, personal interest in the members, keeping in constant touch with each one through correspondence and personal visits. She was dearly loved by these isolated members and only eternity will reveal the full results of her loving ministry in their behalf.

January 1919, she was elected clerk of the church and faithfully and efficiently served in this capacity to the time of her death. In 1918, she joined her husband in the colporteur ministry and for over four years devoted almost full time to this work, placing in many hundreds of homes Bibles and gospel literature, the results of which will only fully be known in the new earth.

After a number of years of failing health, she underwent an operation in October 1939; she underwent a second operation on Decem-

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OUR LITERATURE EVANGELISTS

"In every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5:42

J. F. Kent, F. M. Secretary

Report for Week Ending January 13, 1940

NEW YORK

W. D. Fleming, F. M. Sec.

	Bk.	Hrs.	Val.	Del.
Richard Barker	Misc	33	9 90	4 00
*H. J. H. Albright	Misc	25	6 70	11 70
H. J. H. Albright	Misc	25	13 40	6 90
*O. H. Johnson	FC	10		39 25
L. D. Dryer	GC	8	6 45	6 45
O. H. Johnson	FC	6	4 75	
Misc. Workers	Misc		44 85	44 85
A. Colporteur	Misc		31 50	31 50

Magazine Workers

*Mildred Mills	Mag	24	21 10	21 10
Mildred Mills	Mag	21	12 80	12 80
Thompson & Boyle	Mag	15	14 10	14 10
Misc. Workers	Mag		24 25	24 25
Rita & Reba Williams	Mag		20 00	20 00
E. B. Beach	Mag		14 10	14 10
H. Cummings	Mag		14 00	14 00

12 Colporteurs 167 237 90 265 00

*Back Reports

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

I. H. Ihrig, F. M. Sec.

	Bk.	Hrs.	Val.	Del.
Ralph McGann	HP	40	70 80	13 55
Chester Walters	BR	39	19 75	7 00
Donald Kenyon	BR	38	37 50	

ber 22, this time a much more serious one. While she partially rallied from this, it was apparent that she was not making improvement, and on January 11, 1940, she fell peacefully asleep in Jesus, to await the call of the Life-giver at the first resurrection.

She leaves as immediate relatives to mourn their loss, her beloved husband, Wm. Preston, of East Haven, Conn.; her mother, Mrs. H. E. Hitchcock, of Middletown, Conn.; a daughter, Mrs. Edward Dempsey, of Waterbury, Conn.; a son, B. M. Preston, home missionary and Sabbath school secretary of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Decatur, Ga.; two sisters and seven grandchildren, besides many other relatives and a host of friends.

A noble Christian woman has left us. Her sweet consistent Christian life endeared her to all who knew her. She was a loving, faithful wife to her companion. She was a godly mother, dearly loved by her children, upon whose lives she exercised a tremendous influence for good. She was willing to toil and make any sacrifice for her children, always by precept and example pointing them to the Saviour whom she loved so dearly.

The memory of this lovely character and the influence of her life will never be erased from the minds of her loved ones, her brethren and sisters in the church, her neighbors and friends and all who knew her. Truly it can be said, "Her works do follow her."

The funeral service was conducted by Elder C. L. Taylor, who spoke from the text, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

BENJ. M. PRESTON.

Felix Elicerio	BR	36	105 25	6 75
Norman Stevens	BR	35	33 50	6 75
Wilford Gray	BR	35	7 00	39 25
Samuel Lombard	OD	26	31 50	
Mrs. M. Simpson	HWS	25	9 00	
Paul Cummings	BR	12	11 25	1 75
*Mrs. Alice Coe	BTS	17	16 50	61 50
Frank Frattaroli	OD	7	13 25	
**Mrs. Alice Coe	BTS	2		4 50
George Powell	FC	3		10 75

Magazine Workers

Mrs. Edith Waters	Mag	33	31 25	31 25
Mrs. May Briggs	Mag	28	37 50	37 50
Mary Mayall	Mag	18	12 68	12 68
Mrs. R. Mathewson	Mag	15	14 60	14 60
Luella Lemke	Mag	10	9 70	9 70
Mrs. Fred Riley	Mag	10	11 00	11 00
Mrs. W. C. Knight	Mag	6	7 00	7 00
Celina Germaine	Mag	5	5 50	5 50
Annette Hayward	Mag	2	2 50	2 50
Fannie Seymour	Mag	1	2 20	2 20

22 Colporteurs 443 489 23 285 73

*Two weeks ending January 6

**Week ending December 30

Totals	Hrs.	Value	Del.
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FOR SALE—Triple Guaranteed Chicks; sexed or as hatched. Famous Strain Leghorns our specialty. Seven other breeds also available. Free price list. Ortner Poultry Farms, Clinton, Mo.

WANTED—Efficient S. D. A. Bookkeeper-Stenographer over 30, capable of managing office. One preferred who has salesmanship experience and some knowledge of dietetics. —V, c/o Gleaner.

FOR SALE — My home, Dutch Colonial style; 2½ acres; 100 fruit trees; plenty of water for irrigation. Three blocks from church. Stewart Kime, College Place, Wash.

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"NOBODY ever advances who constantly waits for directions."

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Religious Liberty Offering - - - January 27

Progress on New Dormitory

WITHIN the past few months there has arisen on the campus of Atlantic Union College something of which we are all very proud. For years we have longed and hoped for a ladies' new dormitory. It has been our outstanding need at the college.

While not yet completed, the building is far enough advanced so that we know just how fine it will look. The building is of New England architectural design, constructed without frills, and ideally adapted to our needs. Every one who visits the college seems pleased with this fine addition to our plant.

When the plans for this new building were drawn, we felt as if we were constructing a building sufficiently large to accommodate our young ladies for some time to come. But the interest in Christian education on the part of our young people has made it necessary to change our plans and provide a number of additional rooms even before the building is completed.

Our enrollment at the college has reached a new high this year. According to present indications, our new dormitory will be filled to capacity when school opens next year.

Work on this building is progressing. Heat has been installed, and interior work is being carried right along. We are well pleased with the progress that is being made.

There may be some who read these lines who will recall that they have an unpaid pledge which was made some time ago to the Atlantic Union College Expansion Fund. We need every dollar that was pledged to help us finish the building.

M. L. RICE.

Annual Soul-Winning Institute Dates

So. New Eng. Conference Jan. 23-Feb. 1

No. New Eng. Conference Early Spring

Spirit of Prophecy Reading Program



ASSIGNMENTS FOR FIFTH WEEK

January 28 - February 3

VOLUME: "The Great Controversy."

"Huss and Jerome," pp. 97-119.

Jan. 28	97-100	Jan. 31	108-110
Jan. 29	101-104	Feb. 1	110-113
Jan. 30	104-107	Feb. 2	113-116
		Feb. 3	116-119

"The voice (of John Huss) . . . had wakened echoes that would be heard through all coming ages. Huss was no more, but the truths for which he died could never perish. His example of faith and constancy would encourage multitudes to stand firm for the truth, in the face of torture and death." —"G. C.," p. 110.

NOTE: A leaflet with reading assignments for the year may be secured without charge from your Book and Bible House.

The Isle of Prayer

Do you ever feel discouraged
With the story of the past?
Have you tried to do your duty—
Tried and tried, and failed at last?
Does your life seem vain and useless,
Crushed and desolate your heart?
Would you give earth's richest treasure
Just to get another start?

Then I know a little island
That is just the place for you,
Where your soul may find refreshment
And your life begin anew.
I have often found fresh courage
In its purifying air,
In the place where God meets mortals—
'Tis the sacred Isle of Prayer.

There the sunbeams of forgiveness
Will dispel each cloud of gloom;
From our deep tears of repentance
Flowers of hope begin to bloom.
From the crystal streams of mercy,
Rising washed and purified,
We begin our lives all over
With a living Friend and Guide.

Let us often seek the pleasures
Of this happy little isle,
And forget our cares and worries
In the sunshine of God's smile.
He has given us many blessings,
But no privilege so rare
As a full and free admission
To this golden Isle of Prayer.

—Winifred Davidson.

At the time of the last Autumn Council, it was voted to offer our people a Spirit of prophecy reading program—a simple plan by which thousands of our people, all at the same time, could be studying certain books of the Spirit of prophecy.

On this page each week appears the assignment for the succeeding week. It is remarkable how much reading can be accomplished in a given time if a certain amount is done every day. These assignments are not long.

I hope there are many who will join those who have already started this reading program. We are now reading "The Great Controversy," a most important book for these times.

M. L. Rice

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With the Union Workers

LAST Sabbath Elder M. L. Rice was the speaker at the church in Hartford, Conn.

Elder E. A. vonPohle visited Brookside Junior Academy on Friday the 19th. On Sabbath he attended the combined rally held for the young people of the Portuguese and English churches in New Bedford, and was the speaker at the English church in the morning.

Elder R. G. Strickland spoke at the Brattleboro, Vt., and Keene, N. H., churches on Sabbath.

Elder J. F. Kent has returned to the office from attending the colporteur institute in Greater New York; he reports a most successful institute.

On Tuesday of this week Elders M. L. Rice and E. A. vonPohle, and Brother I. G. Ortner attended the audit and committee meeting held at the Northern New England Conference office, Rochester, N. H.

Sunset Table

(Standard Time)

Jan. 26 Feb. 2

New York City	5:06	5:14
Union Springs, N. Y.	5:09	5:18
Rochester, N. H.	4:51	5:00
So. Lancaster, Mass.	4:51	5:00

Add 1 minute for each 13 miles west. Subtract 1 minute for each 13 miles east.