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

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SHINING.

ARE you shining for Jesus, dear one,
So that the holy light
May enter the hearts of others,
And make them glad and bright?
Have you spoken a word for Jesus?
And told to some around,
Who do not care about him,
What a Saviour you have found?
Have you lifted the lamp for others,
That has guided your own glad feet?
Have you echoed the loving message,
That seemed to you so sweet?

Are you shining for Jesus, dear one,
Not for yourself at all?
Not because dear ones, watching,
Would grieve if your lamp should fall?
Shining because you are walking
In the Sun's unclouded rays,
And you can not help reflecting
The light on which you gaze?
Shining because it shineth
So warm and bright above,
That you *must* let out the gladness,
And you *must* show forth the love?
—Miss F. R. Havergal.

"YE ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD."

THE Lord hath made his people
the depositaries of sacred truth. He
has set them on an elevated position,
above the world. He declares of
them: "Ye are a chosen generation,
a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a
peculiar people; that ye should show
forth the praises of him who hath
called you out of darkness into his

marvelous light." And again he says:
"Ye are the light of the world. A
city that is set on a hill can not be
hid."

Upon every individual who has had
the light of present truth devolves the
duty of developing that truth on a
higher scale than it has hitherto been
developed. The Lord will hold us
accountable for the influence we
might have exerted, and did not be-
cause we did not earnestly try to un-
derstand our accountability in this
world. We need not think that be-
cause we are only a tiny light, we need
not be particular about shining. The
great value of our light lies in its shin-
ing amid the moral darkness of the
world,—in shining not to please and
glorify ourselves, but to honor God.
If we are doing service for God, and
our work corresponds to the ability
God has given us, that is all he ex-
pects of us.

"And the angel that talked with
me came again, and waked me, as a
man that is wakened out of his sleep,
and said unto me, What seest thou?
And I said, I have looked, and be-
hold a candlestick all of gold, with a
bowl upon the top of it, and his seven
lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the
seven lamps, which are upon the top
thereof: and two olive-trees by it, one
upon the right side of the bowl, and
the other upon the left side thereof.

So I answered and spake to the angel
that talked with me, saying, What are
these, my lord? Then the angel that
talked with me answered and said
unto me, Knowest thou not what these
be? And I said, No, my lord. Then
he answered and spake unto me, say-
ing, This is the word of the Lord unto
Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might,
nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith
the Lord of hosts. . . . Then
answered I, and said unto him, What
are these two olive-trees upon the
right side of the candlestick and upon
the left side thereof? And I answered
again, and said unto him, What be
these two olive branches which
through the two golden pipes empty
the golden oil out of themselves?
And he answered me and said, Know-
est thou not what these be? And I
said, No, my lord. Then said he,
These are the two anointed ones, that
stand by the side of the Lord of the
whole earth."

We know that the lamps which give
us light have no light in themselves.
They can not fill themselves. So the
holy appointed ones must empty the
golden oil into the golden tubes. And
the heavenly fire, when applied, makes
them burning and shining lights. Our
hearts can not shed light on others
unless there is a vital connection with
heaven. This alone can make them
burn steadily with holy, unselfish love.

for Jesus and for all who are the purchase of his blood. And unless we are constantly replenished with the golden oil, the flame will die out. Unless the love of God is an abiding principle in our hearts, our light will cease.

"Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The tiniest lamp, kept replenished with the golden oil, and sending forth its bright beams to dispel the darkness, is of far more value than the large lamp which flashes with brilliancy for a time, then sputters and goes out, leaving souls in darkness to stumble along as best they can. It is the golden oil, emptied by the heavenly messengers into the golden tubes, to be conducted into the golden bowl, that creates a continuous bright and shining light. It is the love of God continually transferred to man that keeps him a bright and shining light for God. Then he can communicate the light of truth to all who are in the darkness of error and sin.

The golden oil is not manufactured by any human skill. It is the unseen power of the heavenly messengers who wait before the throne of God to communicate to all who are in darkness, that they may diffuse heaven's light. Into the hearts of those united to God by faith, his golden oil of love flows freely, to flow forth again in good works, in real, heartfelt service for God. These souls become a blessing to their fellow men, and thus are enabled to shine.

We see children, they may be brothers and sisters, who, if they chance to be pleased, and circumstances are all favorable for them, are in good spirits, kind and courteous. But wait until something comes that does not please them. Then see how passion is expressed in the voice and attitude.

Where now is the cheerfulness, the love, the true Christian politeness? Instead of these graces, the countenances express hatred.

God can look upon these things only with grief and sadness, even in inexperienced children. But when these objectionable attributes are manifested in grown-up children,—when those who have come to years of maturity, who have had great light and knowledge and experience, act like children in their fits of malice,—it is a sad thing. They are piercing Christ afresh, and putting him to open shame. Satan and his confederate angels point to those who profess to be the children of God, but who, by their disposition and attributes, show that they are after the similitude of the apostate, and taunt Christ and the heavenly angels. How long shall we thus crucify the Son of God afresh, so that God will be ashamed to call us his sons and daughters? Is it not time that we put away childish things? Shall we be of the number who are ever learning, and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth?

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

ANOTHER DEBT. HOW SHALL WE PAY IT?

OUR message is the proclamation of "this gospel of the kingdom" in all the world as a witness to every nation—"to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people."

This work is to be accomplished in this generation. It will gather some from all nations and tongues. Revelation 5:9.

Can the work be done and exclude, or not include, the literal seed of Abraham, or Israel after the flesh? All will at once answer, "No."

Looking into the census returns of our large cities in this Union Conference, we find that there are hundreds of thousands of this despised race. What has been done for this people? In all our efforts during the past fifty-

eight years, we have done practically nothing. Paul said, We are debtors to the Jews. Have we paid the debt? Perhaps we are more indebted to them than any other people. All the features of our truth they believed. The Sabbath, the law of God, the sanctuary, yea, even the spirit of prophecy they believed. They were made depositaries of God's great truth for all time. In this fact the great truth has come to us through them. Christ was a Jew; his disciples were Jews; the apostles were all Jews; the early church was quite largely from the Jews; and Christ said, "Salvation is of the Jews." But after over half a century as a special people, with a special message, we find scarcely any effort made in their behalf. Pages of literature are falling from our presses by the millions in nearly fifty languages, but no leaves for this ancient, historic people.

Thousands outside our ranks are beginning to turn their eyes toward the Jewish people. Church men are preaching a delusive counterfeit for truth in the so-called "Return of the Jews." Thousands of dollars have been spent for literature along this line, which can end only in disappointment. Thousands more are being given. While this is so, is it not a specially opportune time for God's people to make use of some of these dollars, as well as some of our own, to place the truth as it is in Jesus before both the Jews and the deceived "Greeks"?

Elder Fred C. Gilbert, of South Lancaster, Mass., who in his youth was being educated for the Jewish priesthood, and by a special providence was brought to accept Christ as the Messiah, and later the present truth, has of late had his mind stirred along this line. His new book, "Practical Lessons from the Experience of Israel," which is being much appreciated, is designed as a start to a fund for literature and work among the Jews.

During the past summer the Lord has given him entrance to many churches from Maine to New York City, and in this way he has been enabled to awaken an interest in the truth for this time, and in the Jewish people. This is encouraging, but in the language of the disciple who compared the bread and fish with the multitude, we can but exclaim, What is it among so many?

The Jews are a reading people, and properly prepared tracts and pamphlets might turn many to Christ and the truth as Elder Gilbert was turned. I can but hope and pray that not only his tongue and pen but many may be inspired in behalf of the Jewish race, and that we as a people, while making efforts to pay our debts, may not forget our debt to the Jews.

A. E. PLACE.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

THE ten commandments are given, not only repeatedly in the Old Testament, but also in the teachings of Christ in the Gospels.

1. "And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord." Mark 12:29.

2. "For they themselves show of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God." 1 Thess. 1:9.

3. "But I say unto you, Swear not at all." Matt. 5:34.

4. "And He said unto them, The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath." Mark 2:27.

5. "Honor thy father and thy mother." Matt. 19:19.

6. "Thou shalt do no murder." Matt. 19:18.

7. "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Matt. 19:18.

8. "Thou shalt not steal." Matt. 19:18.

9. "Thou shalt not bear false witness." Matt. 19:18.

10. "And He said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness." Luke 12:15.—*Sunday School Times.*

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

WHY DO I WAIT?

THE Master says, "Go work to-day." The fields are ripe, no longer stay Dreading thy task. The night is nigh; Why longer wait? No *answer* why.

Art thou afraid he giveth thee A lonely work with none to be Thy comforter? Ah hear his voice, "I'm with thee e'er." Then, soul, rejoice.

This surely can not be thy plea That thy reward will meager be; For in this life much will be given, Besides the endless joys of heaven.

Haste to thy task, nor more delay. The western sun tells us the day Is well-nigh spent. There's much to do, And oh! how much depends on you!

A. E. TAYLOR.

Nov. 19, 1902.

SCATTER THE LEAVES.

I BELIEVE that the circulation of our literature, in the various ways through which it can be accomplished, should not be allowed to languish, but should be carried forward with vigor until, like the leaves of autumn, the pages of present truth shall confront the people of the world at every turn and stopping place, as they run to and fro seeking to satisfy the longings of their hearts.

I am thankful for what I have received through this avenue, and am glad every day for these messengers of truth which are going forth to reach others.

ELLERY ROBINSON.

PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY.

THE commission of our Saviour, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel, to every creature," if obeyed will cause some to leave home,

friends, and native land, to carry the glad news of a Saviour's love and salvation through belief in him, to those who sit in darkness. To be pioneers in such work is more of a responsibility than it would seem at first thought. Those who have had experience in such a work know how necessary it is that those who come to the people as representatives of the true God should have a close acquaintance with him, that they may not misrepresent the Master. While this is true in every place, yet it is more fully realized when you find yourself in a strange land among strangers, who look upon you as one who should be perfect in the way that you have known so long; and who if they accept your teaching, will copy to some extent the example you give them in all things. They are quick to detect it if your practice is contrary to the precepts given to them from the word of God.

One has said that "Christianity is intensely practical," and you find this emphasized in the life of a missionary. In those distant lands those coming from so-called Christian lands, are called Christians, and accounted as such, whatever their belief or character, although they acknowledge there is a difference between the missionary people and others.

In many of the schools that have been established for the young native men of India, the Bible is made one of the studies. The Hindu students admire the life and teachings of Christ, and say, If all would live out the principles taught in the Bible, the world would be a good place to live in. When new missionaries arrive, and it is soon known by all the natives, among the first questions asked are, "How do they treat their servants? Are they kind to our people?" and thus an estimate is made mentally, at least, of how much love for souls they possess.

The ladies who work in the zenanas, among the women, are "living epis-

bles" to those shut-in women. Their dress, and their deportment are freely discussed. In the schools for girls that have been opened by missionaries you would naturally expect that the influence of the teachers would be far-reaching. One of these teachers in giving her report said, "I find my greatest difficulty, in keeping the girls to their native habits of dress, and find more need than ever to simplify my own dress." Another sympathized with her, saying, "There seems something in woman nature all over the world that delights in adorning itself with what it considers beautiful, and it is often a great question to know where innocent pleasure ends and vanity begins. I have learned at least one thing in my fifteen years in India, to be more strict with myself in my dress. I have found it easier to discard every sign or suggestion of trimming or frilling or ornament in my own dress than to explain to them why my dresses should have it and not theirs."

Our experience on arriving in South Africa was similar. Among the first questions asked, as we afterward learned, was, "How were the ladies dressed?" Is there not a lesson in this for us in the home land? Which has the greater place in our hearts, love for self, shown by outward adornment? or love for souls for whom Christ died? Do we show by our dress that we are of *this* world, and conforming to its fashions? or by the same that our citizenship is in heaven? Are we gratifying self by spending the means at our command to adorn ourselves and our homes? or do we deny self, and give to send the light of life to those who sit in darkness? Shall we not seek to have our dress in accordance with the advice given by Peter: "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible,

even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price"? 1 Pet. 3:3, 4.

Such a course of life and conduct, will give us an influence for good wherever we may be, and will be prized in heaven.

MRS. E. D. ROBINSON.

BE MINUTE-MEN.

MONDAY morning I heard the door-bell ring, and upon opening the door, I found a neat, intelligent lady there, who said, "I am a general agent for a firm in New York City, and am a stranger in this city. Somehow I was impressed to come to this house, and see if you would not like to become our agent here." I said, "I can not, because every moment that I can get from my necessary home duties, I am out selling books, holding Bible readings and meetings."

There was a school-teacher at this time in the house, who heard the conversation, and came to the door and said, "Let me see what the lady has. It may be I will take the agency." They both came into the house, and after the business was finished, the agent spoke, and said, "May I ask what church you represent?" The reply was, "The Seventh-day Adventist church." She said, "I am not acquainted with that people." I told her, "As the name indicates, the Seventh-day Sabbath and the second personal coming of Christ are the leading features of our church." She answered, "I am sure it makes no difference what day we keep if we only keep one holy to the Lord." Then followed a most earnest talk, and she said, "I have never thought upon all this subject." The question came, "Will you read upon it?" She said, "I was brought up according to the old, blue-stocking Presbyterian faith, and am a Christian, I hope. Yes, I will read."

While I was getting the tracts for her, she spoke, "How strange this all

seems. Last night I dreamed that I visited a house on Sunday, and found the lady washing, and I said to her, 'Why! don't you know that this is the Sabbath?' and the lady answered, 'I am a Seventh-day Adventist. The seventh day is the Sabbath, and not the first day,' and now here it has all come to pass as in my dream."

She gave me her name and address. Her home is in Pennsylvania, and I thought, Can it be that God has sent her here to learn her first lesson about his blessed Sabbath? Oh! how near I came to letting her get away from my home without telling her about the precious present truth that I love, and losing the sweet experience of that day forever. I asked God to help me to remember the words that he has given us by his Spirit that "God wants minute-men, whose special and personal interests are swallowed up, as were our Saviour's in the one great, general interest for the salvation of souls." God grant that we may always have the armor on.

MRS. ELLA M. WILBER.

OUR MISSIONARY WORK.

WE are glad to note the interest our people are taking in this work; and, thinking it may be of interest to some, we give reports of the work from time to time. Our appointment at Vergennes was not kept, owing to the absence of some of the brethren; but we shall be glad to visit them later, if the Lord wills.

Sabbath and Sunday, November 22 and 23, we visited the Rutland church. Although not quite so much time was spent in the services as we would have preferred, yet the work was continued in their homes. We are glad to note the willingness of the brethren in Rutland to help in the work, and especially their interest in the medical missionary work. May the Lord give them wisdom, tact, and judgment to do all things to his honor and glory.

We may cite a good indication of the practical missionary spirit at Rutland in their struggle to start a church school. This is in harmony with our light—missionary work of the right order. May they be successful in the Lord.

We would that this zeal might be exercised throughout the State. We would call your attention to one point that may help you if you will heed it. At our last camp-meeting one resolution passed relating to the church schools mentioned the point of starting and maintaining these schools in council with the conference committee, and thus solicit funds to help support the schools. Let all help these schools, that our own children may be educated and trained to be missionaries indeed. Ere you read this, we shall have visited the Jamaica brethren, and we trust that the meetings may be characterized by the same spirit as has attended our services thus far. We would urge all to remember their opportunity to help in giving the message to all the world in this generation.

F. M. DANA.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN WORKERS AT SOUTH LANCASTER, MASS.

It is now more than two years since this society was organized. We believe that God led in its organization; for he has blessed it to the good of its members and to others outside its ranks. Regular meetings have been held and missionary work conducted. Thirty new members have been added since this school year began, and now there is an enrolment of ninety-one. The interest in our work here in the home land at our door, and also in the countries beyond our borders, is increasing. This leads us to consecrate all our powers to carry the "advent message to *all* the world in *this* generation."

Many who are enrolled as members

are now in other places doing the work God has called them to do. We often think and pray for these, knowing that they remember us. Since we can not have face-to-face communication with them, we would be glad to hear from them by letter.

During the summer we made up a box of our papers, *Reviews*, *Signs*, etc., and shipped them to Jamaica. We have learned that the box arrived safely, and we were glad to pay the express bill.

We are using one hundred copies of the *Signs* each week. About half of these are sent out from the *Signs'* office and we are corresponding with the people who receive the papers. The remainder of the papers we distribute around us. Some are put on trains, in jails, depots, barber-shops, etc.

We intend to make a canvass of the near-by towns for the *Signs of the Times*. In doing this we can become acquainted with the people and their needs. Besides the *Signs* we are using fifty copies of the *Life Boat*, and fifteen of the *Sentinel*.

We also do something in Christian help work. A barrel of food and clothing was recently shipped to Boston by one of our members. Clothing will be gathered together, that we may be prepared to help those who might suffer this winter. It is the desire of each heart to be such a missionary as Christ was, and to be filled with the same love for perishing souls. We are thankful that we can work for God in a humble way.

For three weeks past our meetings have been held at 6:30 A.M. on Sabbath morning. Every one who has attended has thoroughly enjoyed the blessings we have received at this morning hour. The attendance has been as good as when we met in the afternoon. Certain conditions led us to make this change, and it has been enjoyed by all.

We are taking up the lessons as found in the *Youth's Instructor*. With

these we have some mission studies. At present we are enjoying the "Story of Our Matebele Mission." We have many with us who have been in foreign fields or else have relatives and friends outside our own country. Their talks are always interesting and profitable.

Any of our absent members may be assured we will be glad to hear from them. They can address the president or the secretary of the society.

HOWARD M. LEE, *Pres.*

LULA I. TARBELL, *Sec'y.*

A NEEDEY FIELD.

THROUGH the kindness of one of our missionary workers, we are permitted to give an extract from a letter written by Mrs. Mary G. Fisher who with her husband is conducting a school for the poor people of Valley Cruces, N. C.

"I can not tell you how thankful we are for the things you have so kindly sent us. We have been able to help many destitute families. I have never been where there were so many poor people. Many of them are rough, rude, and selfish, and it is not always pleasant to think of living among them; but at heart they are kind and grateful for what is done for them.

"My husband has been away since last spring. We need him here, and hope he will not need to go away again. We are trying to put up a cottage and schoolhouse, and he is earning the means to build them.

"There are no colored people here. The class we are working for are 'poor whites.' The worst thing we have to work against is the lack of ambition and love for study. Many are contented to live on in ignorance, even after they have an opportunity to improve.

"The children enjoyed the knitting work and sewing. I can not get pieces enough for them, and I only

let the smallest children sew. One has finished a quilt by coaxing her mother to help her.

"We have only twenty-one pupils now, but we shall have as many more by Christmas. The children have to help to pull fodder, dig in the fall grain, dry beans, apples, and pumpkins, and each family makes cane syrup and tree syrup in the fall and spring.

"Everything is brought up to us by mules and covered wagons, so clothing, dishes, etc., are high. Kerosene is twenty cents per gallon. I get a little disheartened sometimes; but we shall stay, praying that the Lord will send his Spirit in this testing time, and show us the path of duty, and rouse this people to a sense of their condition.

"I wish we could get the people to read, but so many are unable to; and hardly any families have a light to read by at night. They use lamps but no chimneys, and you may fancy how bad the air is; but the holes in the houses let the smoke out. I can not tell you how I dread the cold weather; for we can not get our cottage up before the cold comes.

"Any thing that any one will send will be used and appreciated. It hurts me to visit, and not be able to relieve the destitute; but I do all that I can for them."

Those whose homes are amid more cheerful environments should not forget their poorer neighbors, and live only for selfish interests. The Carolina Conference affords a large field for laborers, and many might assist in the work there who could not visit other lands.

AN INSPIRING LETTER.

THE following is a brief extract from a letter written by a dear sister in Brooklyn, N. Y., November 21. While so brief, it contains a largeness which ought to be an inspiration to all who read it, and hence we print it,

trusting that it may be a blessing to the many readers of the GLEANER, and that it may indeed inspire some to activity on this line who have as yet not started, and quicken the step of those who are working, but are yet "lukewarm."

I would call especial attention to the words, "now" and "I must beware." It is easy *now* to procrastinate, or to drift along or to excuse ourselves from taking part in the work, but will it be easy to meet the record before Him who gave his life, his all, to pay the debt upon lost humanity?

A. E. PLACE.

"I am attending all the meetings I can here, and am deeply interested in spending *all my powers* outside of actual home duties to push the sale of 'Christ's Object Lessons.' I consider this work of the utmost importance *now* and feel I must beware of being 'neither cold nor hot.'"

L. A. S.

UNKNOWN, YET WELL KNOWN.

HAVE YOU ever had what seemed a friend in private, but when met among his friends on the street or in public, he did not recognize you? This may be so socially, but the Bible speaks of some, who, for Christ's sake, are classed among the unknown of earth, yet nevertheless are well known. In these days when true Sabbath-keeping is not at all popular, the same truth is often realized. While in a certain sense we may be cast aside as among the would-be unknown, still, *in fact*, no one in the whole community is better known. For miles as you approach where a conscientious Sabbath-keeper lives, by inquiring for that family who keeps "Saturday for Sunday," any one will direct you accurately to their home. "O, yes," they will say, "Mr. Smith, that man who keeps Saturday, lives over near Jonesville on the ridge. Anybody can show you his house. Everybody knows him." Certainly, "unknown, yet well known."

The other day a lady met the daughter of one of our sisters in Lockport, and by chance heard her name mentioned. She at once broke in with the question,

"Why do you keep Saturday for the Sabbath?"

Being informed that she didn't and that she must be mistaken, she said,

"Why, are you not Mrs. —?"

"No, I am not that Mrs. —."

This Mrs. —, the Sabbath-keeper, never heard of this lady before. She purposes, though, to form an acquaintance, and has ordered some tracts entitled "Which Day do you Keep and Why?" to send to this unknown inquirer. This is certainly the very thing to do, and may the Spirit of God so accompany the letter she may write, and the pointed truth in the tracts which may be sent, that this stranger may also learn of the glorious truth that makes people both "unknown and well known," that she, too, may let her light shine forth in her community.

Truly we are all epistles of Christ, "known and read of all men." The serious question is, What shall they read? Is it of the "I," or of the "Christ"?

T. E. BOWEN.

FAITHFUL SERVICE.

YEARS ago in a Western city there was a humble worker whose means were so limited that he lived in a loft; but whose heart was so large that it embraced perishing souls of every nation, kindred, people, and tongue. Day by day he labored, early and late, planning to bring the truth which he loved to the notice of all whom he could reach. The city in which he was located was a great center of travel; and hoping to interest the traveling public, he placed reading racks in the leading railway stations, and kept them filled with *Signs, Reviews*, and other literature. Many times he became very weary, and no

doubt the enemy of souls often tempted him to neglect some line of work; but he remained faithful.

There came a day when a young Congregationalist from the East made a visit to the far West, and reaching this city failed to make connections, as his train was late, and he was forced to spend six hours of the night at the waiting-room of the railway station. In this interval of travel he read *Signs*, and *Reviews*, taken from the rack in the station, to while away the tedious hours, and they "set" him "to thinking." After he returned home, another missionary sent the *Signs* to his father; but as the father did not care for the paper, the son continued to read, deepening his interest. When a course of lectures on the prophecies was given in an adjoining neighborhood, he and his wife attended, and decided to keep the Bible Sabbath.

This young man had a friend, a Baptist, preparing himself for work in heathen lands. When the friend learned of the change in the young man's belief, he readily consented to investigate the subject thinking soon to convince the Sabbath-keeper of his mistake. He proceeded to study the Bible record of the Sabbath question, with the result that the friends became united in the Seventh-day Adventist faith.

True to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, these young men responded to the call of the Mission Board, and gladly gave the best years of their lives to proclaiming this precious truth in darkest lands. To-day, in the prime of life, they are both connected with the work of the third angel's message, and their names are familiar to many readers of the GLEANER.

The brother who faithfully filled the racks in the railway station fell asleep, and was laid away to rest without any knowledge of these two laborers who in far-away lands were representatives of his work. But no

one can tell what the loss of souls might have been, had he neglected to do his duty on that particular day, and the rack had been empty when the young man waited at the station for the message God had for him.

How many more laborers there might be in the field—which is the world—if every one in our ranks was instant in season, out of season in circulating our literature! Do not wait for results, but "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

The FIELD

WASHINGTON, D. C.

I CAME to this place May 8, and after a month spent in renewing old acquaintances, forming new ones, becoming acquainted with the situation, began tent meetings in N. E. Washington June 8. The first series of meetings closed August 17; the second series continued from August 24 to October 19. Over twenty have begun to keep the Sabbath as the result of these meetings.

September 22 a new church was formed in our tent in N. W. Washington, with forty members. This church now numbers sixty-six. A recent report by Elder H. W. Cottrell has explained the situation fully. At first our meetings were held in the tent, but this was blown to pieces October 12; and we then moved into a small Odd-Fellows' hall.

October 19, we first decided to buy or build a place of our own. On November 1, just thirteen days after this, this church, fully described in another column, was bought ready furnished, and Sabbath, November 8, we had our first meeting in the new place of worship. The Lord is raising the dead here, and we are sure he is

about to do a great work at the capital city of the nation.

Surely every reader of the GLEANER will be glad to give something toward this work in which every American is interested, but especially every one in the Atlantic Union Conference. Will not every reader of this paper send as large a sum as he can spare to H. S. Weaver, 903 Woodley St., Baltimore, Md.? The interest on the debt amounts to \$1.81 per day now; so you see every day adds to the amount. Please send at once, and reduce the interest; and soon, if every one, young and old, will help, the church here will be free from debt, and prepared to do the work which must be done here before the Lord comes.

Should any one desire a neat little leaflet describing the church, or our "Appeal," or a prepared subscription list, in order to solicit help from those who do not see this report, they can be secured from H. S. Weaver, 903 Woodley St., Baltimore, Md., or from myself. Believing we shall receive a ready and hearty response to our petition, I am

Your brother in the great and glorious work which is so soon to close triumphantly.

J. S. WASHBURN.

RUTLAND, VT.

SABBATH and Sunday, November 22 and 23, the Rutland, Vermont, church was given the opportunity of listening to Brother F. M. Dana, of Burlington, in missionary talks.

Sunday afternoon, the envelope plan of tract distribution was given much consideration. The work with "Christ's Object Lessons" was talked over and the need of renewed efforts in selling this book.

The church school in Rutland has increased to eight pupils, and more are expected. Although laboring under many disadvantages, all are of good courage, and expect soon to have better accommodations. The

school has started, a free school with free books, supported by the church on a plan similar to the tithing system.

MRS. L. C. BALL.

CHURCH NO. 1, NEW YORK.

It has been a long time since a report of New York church No. 1 has been published. Since the conference met at church No. 1 strenuous efforts have been made to start the work again in Manhattan. We are all so happy that *unity* is our motto, and with this motto in front the work goes on nicely. We started the Monday night meetings at church No. 1 on November 17, and the first night we had a good meeting notwithstanding, as many claim, it is an unfavorable neighborhood. Every one in the church is praying that God may bless these meetings and that *souls* may be the fruit of these services. Elder E. E. Franke is conducting these services, and the first seven subjects are as follows: 1. Inspiration of the Bible; 2. Hand of God in History; 3. A Wonderful Prophecy; 4. Signs of the Times; 5. Capital and Labor; 6. Second Coming of Christ; 7. His Glorious Appearing.

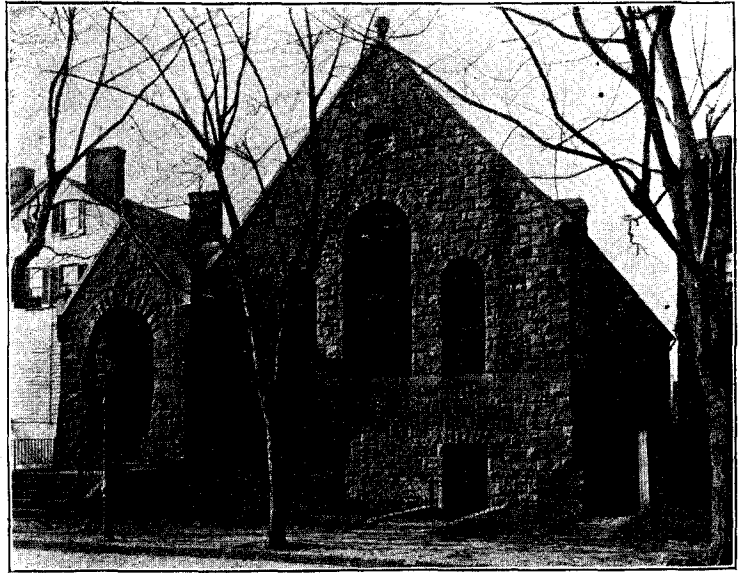
In regard to the church building, I will say that many have pledged to pay a certain amount, but have not done it. This has made matters very bad, and it is doubtful if the necessary amount can be raised by the thirtieth of next March. If all will do their duty, we will be able to hold the church, which is indeed a home. The building committee urges you to pay your pledges, and go to work in getting funds. We need \$2,000 by March 30, 1903. Who will help? If we fail this time, we will have to go back into somebody's room. God grant that members of No. 1 church will realize the responsibility and go to work with a will.

The services are well attended each Sabbath, and the unity which exists we know is pleasing to God. The

Sabbath-school lessons are very interesting and instructive and are bringing out a goodly number. The children's classes are also increasing.

May the good work continue, and may all put on the armor of God and go forward fearlessly, and all will be well.

L. KLEBAHN, *Clerk.*



SECOND SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH, WASHINGTON, D. C.
Purchased of Central Methodist Protestant Church, Nov. 1, 1902.

The location is excellent. One square from the very highest point of the city, in the very heart of Northwest Washington, by far the largest and most important part of the nation's capital.

Here is the chief business section of the city. Here are the principal hotels, the government department buildings, the residences of senators, congressmen, ambassadors of foreign governments, and the president of the United States.

This church is but one square from the Eleventh Street car line, two squares from the Fourteenth Street line, and can thus by these two systems of car lines be reached by one fare from any part of the city.

The site. The land alone, without the building, is valued at \$2.50 per foot, and is actually priced at \$9,000.

The plat of ground is fifty-seven by eighty feet, and would thus permit the building later, if desired, of a much larger church than the present one.

The church building is thirty-three feet six inches by seventy feet, well built of brick with a massive brown stone front, has a seating capacity of at least three hundred, has an excellent schoolroom below, is heated by two first-class furnaces, and is most comfortably furnished throughout. There is in the church building, library room, kitchen, living rooms, and in addition a three-story brick annex, containing living rooms.

The church was built fourteen years ago, and is in an excellent state of preservation.

The cost of the building was \$14,000.00, furnishings, \$1,500 additional, so that, including the cost of the land, the whole would be worth considerably over \$20,000.00. The Central M. P. church is now building a larger church, and they were willing to sell this church to us for \$12,900.00, with the privilege of immediate possession. Terms, \$500.00 cash, \$2,500.00 in ninety days from date, the balance to

bear interest at five and one-half per cent. The value of this property must increase as long as Washington stands.

We most earnestly request you to give towards this purchase any money your generosity may prompt you to contribute. This money can be sent to the pastor, or given to any of our agents, who will also accept subscriptions if it is not convenient to pay cash.

There is the very best reason possible for our existence as a church. The name "Adventist" indicates that we believe and teach that most glorious truth—the reality and nearness of the second coming of Christ as king to "this generation." We may not know the day or hour of his coming, but "He is near, even at the doors." Your cooperation and interest are most earnestly invited.

J. S. WASHBURN, *Pastor.*
1728 Fourteenth Street N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

GIBSON AND VILAS, W. VA.

WE have just returned from Gibson and Vilas where we have been for the last ten days, and have labored publicly and from house to house among

the brethren and interested ones. They are all of good courage, and are making advancement in the divine life; and we think from present appearances, that more will soon unite with them. The brethren are now beginning to pay their tithe, and seem to be willing to help carry the truth to others, and thereby show that they appreciate the sacrifice that others made to send them the message.

They also will soon begin to make offerings as the Lord has required his people to do. This is encouraging, as we know many are bringing the curse of the Lord upon them by robbing him in tithes and offerings.

We have many in this conference, even among our old churches, who, if they would pursue the course taken by this little church, would enjoy much more of the Lord's tender Spirit.

How much we desire to see the time come when *all*, who profess to be children of the heavenly King, will deal honestly with God, and thus help to sound the message of warning over this entire State.

We are now on our way to Freeport in Wirt County to begin a series of meetings. W. R. FOGGIN.

NORWICH GENERAL MEETING.

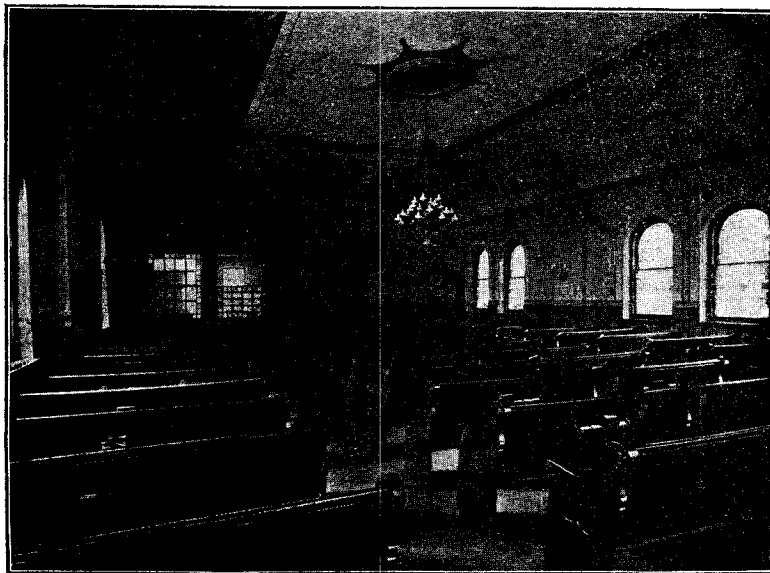
THE above-named meeting is now in the past. It was held according to appointment in the Seventh-day Adventist church building at Norwichtown, Conn., November 14 to 16, and we can but believe that the testimony of all who attended is that its influence will long constitute a part of the pleasant memories of the past. We had present some from Ashaway and Westerly, R. I. About fifteen came from Willimantic and North Windham. I was disappointed not to see more from the New London church, but it was represented.

Our first meeting, Friday night was small but good. The Lord's promise to the "two or three" was verified, and we felt encouraged to hope for a blessed Sabbath day's experience; and in this we were not disappointed.

Sabbath morning we started in for a full day. Nearly all brought lunch, and only a half hour was used for that. We ate little, and were thus better prepared to pray and study much. "Our Mission, the Message, the Preparation Necessary for true Success," were the themes studied. The Lord blessed and nearly all hearts were moved to praise and prayer.

Sabbath afternoon was devoted to Sabbath-school work, holding to the same text, and meeting the same results. We feel confident that a renewed interest in this important line was awakened, which we trust may not grow cold.

Sunday from ten in the morning till 8:30 P.M., with brief intermissions, was packed full of study concerning our conference and tract society work, and our relations to the great field. Interesting and important discussions were awakened concerning various questions of organization and plans of work. Among these were our local church officers, especially treasurers, librarians, and Sabbath-school secretaries. Some of these we hope



THE INTERIOR OF THE CHURCH.

to give in the GLEANER later. A desire to come into harmony with the organization of the denomination was clearly manifested; and as we saw this, the beauty and force of David's words were especially precious, "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power."

The meetings at 2:30 and 7:30 P.M. were devoted to sermons for the friends not of our faith who expressed a desire to come and hear.

Elder Gilbert was with us till nearly noon Sunday, when he had to leave to fill his appointment in the Baptist church at Beverly, Mass.

While at Norwich I shared the kind hospitalities of Dr. N. P. Smith's home, and I shall not soon forget my pleasant visit there. Monday I remained there for some needed rest, and several came in in the afternoon for a Bible reading. Donations in cash and pledges to the amount of \$28.50 were taken for the "Christ's Object Lessons" Material Fund.

In conclusion I feel impressed to state that the Norwich general meeting was attended by the Lord's Spirit and blessing from beginning to close, and to his dear name be all the praise.

A. E. PLACE.

THE LORD IS AT WORK.

SABBATH, November 22, I had the privilege of holding services in a schoolhouse three miles from North Hyde Park, Vt., where two sisters have recently embraced the truth by the study of the Bible, also a daughter of one of these sisters is keeping the Sabbath. The father of these two sisters is a First-day Adventist minister, and is not well pleased to have his daughters take such a step; but the truth is dearer to them than any earthly tie.

A young man and his wife near this place (N. Wolcott) have accepted the Sabbath without any special effort being made for them by any of our people so far as we know; but they have

yielded to a sense of duty, impressed upon them, doubtless, by the Spirit of the Lord.

Another similar case has come to our knowledge near Sutton, Vt. A man and wife have accepted the truth. Thus we learn of seven persons in our conference who have accepted the Sabbath within a few months and no ministerial or Bible work was done with any of them, at least by any of our conference workers. Who brought them into the truth?—The Lord, is the only reply we can give to the above question. The Lord is working upon hearts, and he will by his grace develop a people that will be pure and true. Shall we who have known this truth for so many years awake out of sleep, gird on the armor of righteousness, and place ourselves where God can use us in the work of calling a people unto himself?

J. W. WATT.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y.

THE general meeting at this place was held November 20 to 23, and was a meeting of unusual interest and profit. Elder A. O. Burrill, T. E. Bowen, H. W. Carr, and the writer labored for the interest of the various branches of the work during the meeting. The Lord greatly blessed the word spoken, and some drops of the "latter rain" fell upon us. Special attention was given to the Sabbath-school work, healthful living, educational work, etc., and most valuable instruction was given by different persons who had prepared papers to be read on various topics.

After a talk by Brother Carr on Sabbath afternoon on the importance of educating the children, the Spirit of the Lord moved upon all present, and a thousand dollars was raised in cash and pledges to start an industrial school and remove the West Salamanca school to more desirable quarters. Some very good openings are being looked up where offers of

land, etc., are being made, and we hope to have the location decided upon before very long. The Lord is blessing the school work. Two more church schools have recently been started, and are progressing nicely. The call of the Lord to place our children in church schools should not be longer neglected.

On Sunday the matter of freeing the Jamestown church from debt was considered, and one hundred and ninety dollars was raised for this purpose, which canceled the entire amount of the indebtedness. Some praised the Lord aloud when they saw their church free from debt; and we feel sure the Lord was glorified in this sacrifice made by his people.

The "Object Lessons" work was considered, and a hearty interest was manifested by all present to push this work. A number of churches in this part of the State have finished their quota, and are singing their jubilee song.

Our hearts are cheered at all the advanced movements made by the Lord's people here to forward his work.

G. B. THOMPSON.

"WHEN Christ, who is our life shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

"AND they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

"JESUS CHRIST is the response of God to the needs of a lost world; and personal service is the response of a man to the love of God working in him, in behalf of those same needs."

"DO NOT wait until you have plenty of time. Go out if it be for only half an hour. Missionary work thus accomplished in the midst of trying home cares and burdens, is fraught with the richest blessing."

EDUCATIONAL

OUR ACADEMY AND CHURCH-SCHOOLS

* THE IMPORTANCE OF NATURE STUDY.*

I HAVE been requested to speak to you this morning upon the importance of the study of nature. In the eternities there was reared a great temple—the temple of truth. Six thousand years ago, or more, another temple came into existence—the temple of error. The great controversy in all the ages has been regarding these two temples. The enemy of truth has been determined that all the world should worship at the shrine of error, but as I live, saith the Lord, truth shall prevail, and truth will prevail. Within this magnificent temple of truth, man is expected to find his knowledge, wisdom, and pleasure. Some of the doors to this temple have ever been closed to man. Others have been open that are now closed. A lifetime hardly grants one more than an entrance into its labyrinths.

As the massive gates swung open to the apostle Peter as the angel led him out from the prison, so the doors of the temple of truth open to the earnest seeker for truth. But he is told to knock; and the promise is that it shall be opened.

There are two doors leading into this temple. Corridors from each meet at the heart of the temple where God himself is enthroned. The glory of the shekinah gleams down both pathways, so one is led unerringly to the Eternal. Each of these two pathways has its own individual beauty, yet they are so arranged that the light from one is reflected to the other, and enhances the beauty and the glory of the other. Old oil paintings often times become so dim that one can barely distinguish the outlines of the chief figures upon them. There has

been a preparation discovered that will restore their original beauty. It takes the glory of one of these corridors to bring out the beauty of the other, and if a person travels along one of these pathways only, he can not even discern the reflected light from the other corridor, neither can he see the full beauty of the corridor in which he is traveling. Remember then that it takes the light from both the Word and nature to bring out the whole beauty in the temple of truth.

God has identified himself with nature, and that in itself is a sufficient reason for its study. I say again, God, God the Creator, has identified himself with nature, and that in itself is sufficient reason for its study. Notice, "He [God] calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out over the earth again." "He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds." "He giveth the snow like wool." "By the breath of God frost is given." "He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion." "He watereth the hills from his chambers."

The Lord *has* identified himself with nature. It is his own handiwork. I have here an object that shows marvelous skill. It is exquisitely carved. I call your attention to it. You are interested in it. You acknowledge that it shows wonderful skill. But I give the name of the one who made it. To my surprise, and your pleasure, it is your special friend. Your interest at once is heightened. You want it to examine carefully. It is the handiwork of your friend. The things about us are the handiwork of our Father.

Every manifestation of his creative power, we are told by the Spirit of God, is an expression of infinite love. Think of it—our Father wants us so much to know that he loves us that he has made everything to express to us his infinite love. Have we tried

to read these lessons of love in all the things about us? If we have not, are we not indifferent to his love? You remember that in ancient Babylon the Lord's hand reached down and wrote a message to Belshazzar. That message has echoed and reechoed down the halls of time. That same hand has written a message for you and for me upon everything that he has made. This is truth. Have we read these messages?

The poet asks, "Can the motions of a star give me peace, or the herb's virtues mine increase?"—I answer, Yes; the motions of a star can give me peace. The herb's virtues can mine increase. This was God's design for us. When we realize that it is the Lord's infinite arm of power that guides the stars that not one of them faileth, does not it give us confidence that he can guide us in our little orbit? This confidence surely gives us peace. God has been accused of unfaithfulness by puny man. In every star the Lord has sent us a message of his faithfulness. From everywhere, far and near, comes the word, God is faithful, God is love. Astronomically, *near* means this: A star so far away that it takes three and a half years for light to come from it to us. A star so far, yet so near that if you could go from New York to Liverpool in one-tenth of a second, and then could keep on at that same speed day and night, you would in twenty years' time reach the nearest star. To reach the North Star at the same speed it would take you two hundred and eighty years. But the light that bears to us the message of God's faithfulness travels at a much greater speed. An express train rushes by a platform. It approaches, passes, and vanishes in a moment. A rifle ball is shot. It goes over the same distance in a second that it takes the train to pass in a minute. A meteor darts across the sky. It goes one hundred times faster than any missile fired from any weapon invented by

* A talk given to the students at South Lancaster Academy, November 19, 1902, by Miss Fannie M. Dickerson.

man. But what is this speed compared with that of the undulations of light? A little child totters across the room. The velocity of the shooting-star is to the velocity of the little child as the velocity of light is to the velocity of the shooting-star. Streaming in from all sides from millions of stars comes the light, bearing to us the message of God's faithfulness. I think ere the light speeds on its way it leaves with us this admonition, to hasten on the message to others. "I will make known thy *faithfulness* every evening."

Another reason for the study of nature is this: It gives to us something of an idea of God's ways of working. God's ways are not man's ways. God's ways are the best. To one illustration only will I refer. It rains. It has rained. Annually two hundred thousand cubic miles of water fall upon the earth. What power is required to lift that water from the earth and carry it to the sky? If all the inhabitants of the earth should pull with a force of one hundred pounds each, it would take the inhabitants of eight million worlds to lift that water,—to simply support it, to say nothing of lifting it above the tops of the mountains. Eight million worlds like this, with each man, woman, and child, strenuously exerting himself, are required to do the work which our Father, with scarcely a grateful thought from us, does every year; yet not a sound is heard as "He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds." "Be still, and know that I am God!"

The Lord has *told* us to study nature. He likes to have us do it because we want to, and because we can see the importance of it. But lest these fail as incentives, he tells us to study it. "Speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee." "Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things; . . . for that he is strong in power; not one faileth." "Consider the lilies." "Behold the birds." [R. V.] "Go to the ant."

At one time a man was traveling in the Rocky Mountains. He came across, at the top of one of the highest peaks, a French priest traveling alone. He asked him why he was traveling thus; what he was looking for. The priest replied that about six months ago he was very ill, and that he had a dream in which he seemed to be in heaven. The Lord said to him, "My child, what do you think of the things that I made for you?" The old man blushed, for he had never really observed the things that were around him. He awoke, and promised the Lord that if he would restore him to health, he would spend a length of time studying his work, so he was traveling for that purpose.

Shall we not begin now to show our appreciation of our Father's care for us in providing the beauty of earth, sea, and sky? Shall we not be ever listening for, and reading, the messages he sends to us through the things he has created?

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THE BOOK WORK.

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 21, 1902.

Name	Place	Ords	Val	Hips
DESIRE OF AGES.				
1 Lottie Wright, Milford,		3	10.50	3.00
2 Jennie Person, No. Attleboro,		1	3.50	.75
3 E. C. Townsend, Leominster,		1	3.50	6.75
4 E. Robinson, E. Providence, R. I.		7	24.50	5.00
PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS.				
5 R. C. Andrews, Milford, N. H.,		9		3.50
COMING KING.				
6 C. L. Irons, Leominster,		1	1.00	.75
GOSPEL PRIMER.				
7 M. A. Vroman, Pittsfield,		88	44.40	
8 Geo. H. Scott, Newton,		49	24.80	
BEST STORIES.				
CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR.				
4 E. S. Chase, Manchester, N. H.,		14	9.25	
Totals,	9 Agents,	173	\$121.45	\$19.75

Time.—No. 2, 20 hrs; 2, 26 hrs; 3, 13 hrs; 5, 25 hrs; 6, 9 hrs; 7, 21 hrs; 8, 22 hrs; 9, 13 hrs. Total, 149 hrs.

Deliveries.—No. 2, \$7.00; 4, \$42.75; 5, \$27.75; 6, \$1.00; 7, \$11.60; 8, \$28.35.

PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE.

WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 14, 1902.

Name	Place	Ords	Val	Hips
PATRIARCHS AND PROPHETS.				
1 T. D. Gibson, Fayette Co.,		7	18.25	21.23
2 W. J. Hackett, Johnstown,				9.75
3 G. E. Hall, New Brighton,		2	5.00	6.42
4 W. W. Moore, W. moreland Co.,		2	5.25	13.25
GREAT CONTROVERSY.				
5 Mrs. E. Mitchelltree, M're'r Co.,		1	2.75	
DESIRE OF AGES.				
6 W. J. Heckman, Cambria Co.,		9	31.50	29.00
DANIEL AND REVELATION.				
7 T. O. Saxton, Marion Ctr.,		7	22.25	5.00
8 Wm. T. Hilgert, Chester,		1	1.00	.50
LADIES' GUIDE.				
9 Mrs. T. D. Gibson, Uniontown,		5	15.50	8.25
10 Mrs. E. W. Kirker, Hecla,		12	38.25	1.25
COMING KING.				
11 Andrew Ness, Connellsville,		2	2.00	2.50
12 C. F. Mahr, Lancaster Co.		12	12.00	3.25
HERALDS OF THE MORNING.				
13 L. H. Yothers, New Derry,		20	30.00	9.50
BEST STORIES.				
14 Sue M. Andrews, Reading,		14	9.00	2.75
Totals,	14 Agents,	94	\$192.75	\$112.65

Time.—No. 1, 36 hrs; 2, 18 hrs; 3, 20 hrs; 4, 16 hrs; 5, 10 hrs; 6, 29 hrs; 7, 25 hrs; 8, 8 hrs; 9, 22 hrs; 10, 23 hrs; 11, 15 hrs; 12, 20 hrs; 13, 40 hrs. Total, 282 hrs.

Deliveries.—No. 1, \$14.00; 2, \$1.75; 6, \$13.50; 8, \$1.50; 9, \$13.50; 10, \$3.00; 11, \$1.00; 12, \$4.75; 13, \$21.25; 14, \$1.00.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 21, 1902.

Name	Place	Ords	Val	Hips
BIBLE READINGS.				
1 Ada B. Nottsgger, Utica,		7	15.50	9.25
MISCELLANEOUS.				
2 B. B. Nottsgger, Utica,			18.25	
COMING KING.				
3 Mrs. Andrew Cobb, S. Russell,		8	10.50	13.00
4 L. B. Loomis,		13	13.00	9.25
5 Mrs. F. N. Johnson, Rome,				1.00
MARVEL OF NATIONS.				
6 Harriet E. Carr,		6	8.50	
Totals,	6 Agents,	34	\$65.75	\$32.50

Time.—No. 1, 16 hrs; 2, 32 hrs; 3, 40 hrs. Total, 88 hrs.

Deliveries.—No. 3, \$29.50.

VERMONT CONFERENCE.

WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 21, 1902.

Name	Place	Ords	Val	Hips
MAN THE MASTERPIECE.				
1 H. F. Litchfield, Newport,		16	51.75	
HERALDS OF THE MORNING.				
2 A. W. Boardman, Stowe,				
Totals,	2 Agents,	16	\$51.75	

Time.—No. 1, 11 hrs.

Deliveries.—No. 3, \$70.50.

Totals for the Union Conference: Agents, 31; hours, 530; orders, 317; value of orders, \$431.70; helps, \$164.90.

IMPROVE EVERY OPPORTUNITY.

DEAR BRETHREN: We often think of the time we lose in not trying to be doing something that will be of some good, rather than allowing it to pass, and have nothing to show how it was spent. Recently a sister from Pennsylvania came to Vermont to make a visit, and, thinking she might possibly be doing something besides "visiting," tried her hand at canvassing with the result which you may see in her report given below; and note that she did something Sunday, although we have to be so careful not to hurt any one's "feelings" on that day.

AGENT'S WEEKLY REPORT.

For week ending Nov. 7, 1902.
Territory canvassed, Readsboro.
Name of book:

- "Marvel of Nations."
- "Best Stories."
- "Patriarchs and Prophets."

Days.	Hours' Work.	Exhibitions.	Orders Taken.	Total Value.
Sunday,	1		4	\$2.50
Monday,	3	3	1	2.25
Tuesday,	2	4	4	3.25
Wednesday,	3	6	3	1.50
Thursday,	1	2	1	.50
Friday,				
Total,	10	15	13	\$10.00

Now, brethren, do you suppose that you could do something in your spare moments to present the printed page before your neighbors, that they may have something to lead them to a knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus? When we think of the vast number of books that Satan can induce people to buy, read, and pass on, should we not be diligent in our Master's work, and, as far as we can, try to get a good book into the hands of the people in the place of those trashy things they so often have? Again, as the day for making presents is so near, think of the special opportunity before us of presenting something before them that will uplift them in mind and spirit. These are golden opportunities that we should

improve to our Lord's honor and glory. Who will try to do their best?

F. M. DANA.

LETTERS FROM CANVASSERS.

THE following extracts are copied from an exchange:

1. I am still selling that good book, "Patriarchs and Prophets," with good success. The nights are long now, and almost every evening finds me at some fireside, explaining God's word to a listening family, or praying with them. I certainly enjoy these seasons, and my soul is watered and kept alive.

Thus, with "the peace of God that passeth all understanding" in my heart, and a tired body from the walking and talking of the day, I am well prepared for sleep. So "He giveth his beloved sleep," and how sweet it is. With his angels watching over me, I "fear no evil." Then "He wakeneth [me] morning by morning" for another day's work. On bidding the family good-by, I am almost always invited to come again. O, it is good to work for the Lord.

2. I have found out that if we ever get any one else interested, we must first become interested ourselves. We must convince the people that our book contains something which they have not, and in order to do this, they must see something in us which they have not seen in any one else: *i. e.*, earnestness, the Spirit of God, and a love for their souls. Whether I sell a book or not, I show them that the book was written to save their souls, and that this is just what I am in this work for. I know it has its effect for good. Every evening about four o'clock I find a place to stay all night. I tell them I will canvass their neighbors, and I will be back. I then go to as many homes as I can until it gets dark, and after dark I return to the place where I am to spend the night. In this way I get in eleven hours every day but Friday.

This early and late work proves to the people that we are in earnest, and it will prove a wonderful blessing to us both spiritually and financially. The world works early and late, and we have a greater work than they have, so let us push it with all the power that God gives us.

3. I am of good courage and am having some wonderful experiences. Sometimes it seems that all the heavenly angels are coming to my help. The other day I went into a house which contained three or four families. The Spirit of the Lord came in, and I sold six books in that one house. I went to the next two houses and sold four more books.

4. About the middle of the week I found myself in a neighborhood where the Baptists had just closed a protracted meeting, and they were all anxious to purchase a book that would help them to understand the Bible. I believe this is one of God's plans for preparing the hearts of the people to purchase our books. Everywhere I find the harvest is ripe. One man will tell me if I will just go down to a certain neighborhood, I can sell every man in it a book. Another will tell me to come over where he lives, for he knows every one will take a book there. There are so many good places, and so many roads to go, it appears I can not get anywhere until the day or week is gone. I feel sometimes that I would like the sun to stop,—especially last Friday, when I had taken \$33.00 worth of orders up to one o'clock, and had to put in the rest of the day walking home, which was a distance of fifteen miles.

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Funeral discourse by the writer from John 11:25.

J. W. WATT.

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THE several churches of this district in attendance at the Sweden general meeting, voted to hold a Sabbath-school convention for the district at Grimes' Settlement, McKean County, December 12 to 14, and urgently request that all churches and Sabbath-schools of the vicinity be represented, and an active part be taken by every one present. An interesting program has been arranged by the committee in charge. Papers have been assigned, and will be discussed as follows:

CHURCHES.

Port Allegany, The Object of Sabbath-school Conventions; Austin, The Sabbath-school as an Important Factor in this Closing Message; Emporium, The Responsibility of Each Officer of the Sabbath-school; West Pike, The Privilege of the Superintendent in Arranging Classes; Sunderlandville, The Opportunity for the Teacher to do Personal Work; Duke Center, Parental Responsibility in Christian Training; Shinglehouse; Church Schools and Their Bearing upon Sabbath-schools; Bradford, What Constitutes a Good Review; Eldred, How Should the Contributions be Used? Raymond, Gold, and

Sweden companies, which is the Greatest Aid in the Salvation of Souls—the Home, the Sabbath-school or the Church?

Elder I. N. Williams and others are expected to be present, and preaching services will be had each evening beginning Friday, December 12. We expect good results to follow, and desire the prayers of all to this end.

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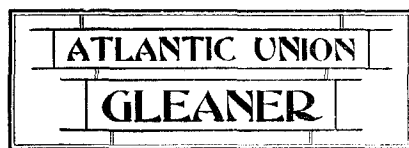
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AN URGENT REQUEST.

A SISTER in Pennsylvania is very desirous that an urgent request be presented to all of our churches to make Sabbath, December 20, a special season of prayer for a brother in that State. The Spirit of God is calling the brother to return to him, but something seems to stand in the way. Pray that it may be removed. The sister is ill, and needs the power of the great Physician to restore her. We trust that all will consider it a privilege to remember this afflicted family at the throne of grace.

ANOTHER VICTORY.

THE case of Brother W. T. Gibson who was arrested last summer for Sunday work in Everett, which was appealed from the lower to the Superior Court, came up at that court Thursday, the 13th inst. The chief of police offered to loan Mr. Gibson the money to pay his fine, which he refused. He was then asked what he wished done with the case, and replied that he wished to have the case discharged on the grounds of rights guaranteed by the Declaration of Rights in the Constitution of the State, or that the case be tried. The chief of police called the attention of the district attorney to the case and gave him the *Sentinel* with an account

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The general meetings held at Norwich, Conn., and Springfield, have demonstrated the value of these meetings to our brethren and to the cause.

We trust that all within reasonable reach of Lowell will begin at once to plan to come Friday afternoon and be at the first meeting and remain to the close.

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A. E. PLACE.

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The Lord has said that where there is one now in the canvassing field there should be one hundred. Where are the ninety and nine in Vermont? I am thankful that we have more than one in the field in Vermont, yea, we are thankful for the faithful few; but there should be others. Who will take up this work? Address me at North Wolcott, Vt.

J. W. WATT.

HARTLAND, NOTICE.

THE Lord willing, we shall be with the Hartland church Sabbath and Sunday, December 13 and 14, to study and present some line of work, and we hope all will so plan their work that they may give these meetings proper attention, not alone for our own benefit, but that we may better help carry on the several lines of work as the Lord may approve.

F. M. DANA.

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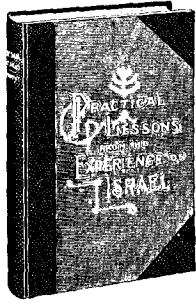
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