

# ATLANTIC UNION GLEASNER



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

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## GRANT US THY PEACE.

GRANT us Thy peace throughout the day,  
Though well or weary, sad or gay;  
Speak to the soul, bid turmoil cease—  
Grant us thy peace!

Grant us thy peace throughout the night,  
When lonely thoughts the soul affright;  
Touch us anew, bid doubting cease—  
Grant us thy peace!

Grant us thy peace in joy supreme,  
Turn thy rare light on life's dear dream;  
Quiet the soul, bid fever cease—  
Grant us thy peace!

Grant us thy peace in heavy loss,  
Help us to bravely hold the cross;  
Strengthen the soul, bid sinking cease—  
Grant us thy peace!

Grant us thy peace in dark suspense,  
When eyes are blind and clouds are dense;  
Hold fast the soul, bid striving cease—  
Grant us thy peace!

Grant us thy peace when swiftly dart  
Temptation's arrows to the heart;  
Cleanse out the soul, bid weakness cease—  
Grant us thy peace!

Grant us thy peace in death's stern hour,  
When earthly moorings lose their power;  
Call to the soul, bid terror cease—  
Grant us thy peace!

## THE GREAT CONTROVERSY.

THROUGH dissension and alienation  
Satan reaps his harvest of souls. He  
leads those who are ambitious for  
money, ambitious to be first, too

proud to be anything but the highest,  
to murmur and complain. These  
poor souls have not overcome their  
natural and cultivated tendencies, and  
they are deceived by Satan, and led  
into sin. Satan must deceive in  
order to lead away. "In vain the net  
is spread in the sight of any bird."  
Underhand work must be done; a de-  
ceptive influence must be exerted;  
pretenses must be set forth as truth;  
suspicion must be lulled to sleep.  
Satan clothes temptation and sin with  
the garments of righteousness, and by  
this deception he wins many to his  
side. Christ pronounced him a liar  
and a murderer. O that unwary souls  
would learn wisdom from Christ!

As the end draws near, Satan will  
stir up minds, in proportion to their  
capabilities and knowledge, to sow  
seeds which will produce a harvest that  
they will not care to garner. He works  
in so deceiving a way that he himself  
is not detected, and then he reaps the  
benefit of the disaffection shown by  
those whom he has tempted. He is  
all prepared to hurl charges through  
them against those whom God would  
have stand stiffly for the truth.

Through apostasy, fallen men and  
fallen angels are in the same confed-  
eracy, leagued to work against good.  
They are united in a desperate com-  
panionship. Through his evil angels,

Satan contrives to form an alliance  
with professedly pious men, and thus  
he leaves the church of God. He  
knows that if he can induce men, as  
he induced the angels, to join in re-  
bellion, under the guise of servants  
of God, he will have in them his most  
successful allies in his enterprise  
against heaven. Under the name of  
godliness, he can inspire them with  
his own accusing spirit, and lead them  
to charge God's servants with evil and  
guile. They are his trained detec-  
tives; their work is to create feuds,  
to make charges which create dis-  
cord and bitterness among brethren,  
to set tongues in active service for  
Satan, to sow seeds of dissension by  
watching for evil, and by speaking  
of that which will create discord.

I beseech all who engage in the  
work of murmuring and complaining  
because something has been said or  
done that does not suit them, and  
that does not, as they think, give  
them due consideration, to remember  
that they are carrying on the very  
work begun in heaven by Satan.  
They are following in his track, sow-  
ing unbelief, discord, and disloyalty;  
for no one can entertain feelings of  
disaffection, and keep them to him-  
self. He must tell others that he is  
not treated as he should be. Thus  
they are led to murmur and com-

plain. This is the root of bitterness springing up, whereby many are defiled.

Thus Satan works to-day through his evil angels. He confederates with men who claim to be in the faith; and those who are trying to carry forward the work of God with fidelity, having no man's person in admiration, working without hypocrisy and partiality, will have just as severe trials brought against them as Satan can bring through those who claim to love God. Proportionate to the light and knowledge these opposers have, is Satan's success. The root of bitterness strikes deep, and is communicated to others. Thus many are defiled. Their statements are confused and untruthful, their principles are unscrupulous, and Satan finds in them the very helpers he needs.

The only remedy for our churches, for our families, and for individuals, is entire conformity to the will and character of God. Unless God shall work through the two olive-trees, his witnesses, causing them to empty from themselves the golden oil through the golden tubes into the golden bowl, and hence to the burning lamps, representing the church, no one will be safe for a moment from the machinations of Satan. He will, if possible, deprave human nature, and assimilate it to his own corrupt principles. But this golden oil will revive the Spirit of God in the heart of man. A Christlike principle will be introduced which will be like leaven. Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, satanic agencies will be overcome.

Envy and jealousy are diseases which disorder all the faculties of the being. They originated with Satan in paradise. He started on the track of apostasy, and his jealous spirit caused him to see many things that were objectionable, even in heaven. After he fell, he envied Adam and Eve their innocence. He tempted them to sin, and they yielded, and

became like himself, disloyal to God. But they repented of their sin, received Christ, and returned to their loyalty. So the enemy tempts men and women to-day. Those who listen to his voice will demerit others, and will misrepresent and falsify in order to build up themselves. But nothing that defiles can enter heaven, and unless those who cherish this spirit are changed, they can never enter there; for they would criticize the angels. They would envy another's crown. They would not know what to talk of unless they could bring up the imperfections and errors of others. O that such would become changed by beholding Christ! O that they would become meek and lowly by learning of him! Then they would go forth, not as missionaries for Satan, to cause disunion and alienation, to bruise and mangle character, but as missionaries for Christ, to be peacemakers and to restore. Let the Holy Spirit come in and expel this unholy passion, which can not survive in heaven. Let it die; let it be crucified. Open the heart to the attributes of Christ, who was holy, harmless, undefiled.

Jesus said to his disciples, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees." His voice comes sounding down the line to our time, "Beware of that misrepresenting tongue, which is not content unless leagued with the disaffected, those who are tempted to think they have been misused." Self, self, self, is the theme of all such. They become envious and jealous, and Satan helps them, putting his magnifying-glass before their eyes until a mote looks to them like a mountain. With a beam in their own eye, they are very anxious to pull the mote out of their brother's eye. But the word of God exhorts; "Love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous." True moral worth does not seek to make a place for itself by thinking and speaking evil, by depreciating others. All envy, all jealousy, all

evil-speaking, with all unbelief, must be put away from God's children.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

#### WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE highest solid monument in the world is the famous Washington Monument, which is five hundred and fifty-five feet and five and one eighth inches high. It was built as a memorial of the "father of his country." The names of forty States and many societies that supplied a share of the money to pay for this mighty obelisk, are inscribed on special stones on the inside of the marble shaft—pure white marble without and granite within, tipped at the summit with a pyramid of pure aluminum on which is inscribed the Latin words, "*Laus Deo*," Praise be to God.

Washington himself is said to have selected the site afterward adopted. The corner-stone was laid in 1848. In 1855 the shaft had attained a height of one hundred and fifty-two feet. Then the funds being exhausted, the construction was suspended for twenty-three years, and was resumed in 1878, and the monument was finished and dedicated *Feb. 21, 1885*. The total cost of the monument has been \$1,300,000.

As I have looked upon this highest monument in the whole world to human greatness, this towering memorial of the master workman who laid the foundation of the last great nation on earth, as I have considered the ascription of "Praise be to God" that fittingly crowns the summit, an inscription invisible from below, seen only from heaven, I have thought that a vastly higher monument must be erected in the capital city on whose summit the same motto shall be inscribed—a monument that shall stand for an infinitely greater government than the United States, for a Master Builder, a Ruler incomparably wiser and greater than the revered father of his country. The last great, terri-

ble, yet glorious message of truth representing God's final appeal to a world in rebellion—this message for which we are ambassadors is vastly greater than the whole government of the United States.

Our modest, quiet church stands for that which is immeasurably greater and higher than that for which this towering marble memorial stands. Has the General Conference asked too much for the capital city when the appeal has been sent out to establish a memorial church here? Ought not our work to be established yet even more strongly? Ought there not to be here in Washington, a sanitarium, a college, a publishing house? I can not believe that our work will wait for years as the Washington Monument waited for funds. If all our people who are able to help will take the same interest as is revealed in the following letter from a brother in far-away Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, how soon, would the \$7,900 still due on the church be paid, and the work fully established in this national center. I am sure this letter will interest all the readers of the GLEANER, and I will quote a part of it.

"Honolulu, H. I., Feb. 3, 1903.

"DEAR BROTHER:

"On January 29, at the noon hour, while waiting for my dinner, I picked up the *Review and Herald*, and noticed a piece that you had written in regard to buying a church in the District of Columbia. While I was reading I felt as though I ought to have a hand in helping to pay for that church, and not having any ready money, I said, Lord what shall I do? The suggestion came, Go and hunt for work, and the first money that you earn, turn that in. I said, Yes, Lord, the first work I get I will give all that I get out of it. As soon as dinner was over I started, went about half a mile, and, as I was passing a two-story house, it came to me very forcibly that I had better call there. But the first thought that came to my mind

was, O you have never got anything there to do. Nevertheless I said, Lord, I will try. So I turned about, and went back, and went to the side door; and as I was about to ascend the steps, I heard a carriage coming into the yard. I waited until it came where I was, and made known my errand just as though I had known she was the lady of the house. Her answer was that she had nothing in my line of work. As I turned to go, she said, 'Wait a minute, and I will see if I can find anything for you to do.' She alighted from her carriage, and started upon a hunt. When she had finished her round, she had managed to find enough to come to one dollar and seventy-five cents, which I now send to you, adding to it twenty-five cents from my own purse. It is all His. I am only acting as his agent. This is from your brother who is in love with the third angel's message.

"N. F. B."

A monument, a memorial built of the enduring materials, faith, prayer, labor, sacrifice, love will tower into the very heavens, and will last in its results for all eternity.

J. S. WASHBURN.

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#### JUST A "MITE."

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SEVERAL years ago the General Conference decided, for good reasons, that it would be a good thing for the people of the denomination to interest themselves financially in the erection of the *tabernacle* at Battle Creek, Michigan, the headquarters of the Seventh-day Adventists. When this church was being constructed, it was called the *dime tabernacle*, although many people gave a much larger amount, and by the cooperation of all the people, the building was completed.

Since that day our work has been greatly extended. It is now being well established in the capital of this nation, Washington, D. C. This city being the general headquarters of all the States in the United States of

America, and our work of warning the world of the soon-coming King of kings, being of much more importance than the business of any earthly nation; it has been thought wise by the General Conference Committee, that the rank and file of our people be advised to interest themselves by contributing of their means, as the Lord may suggest to them, to permanently establish the work in the central part of the residential portion of the city.

You have read in the *Review and Herald*, also the GLEANER, of the recently purchased church building. This great work should not be fettered with debt. The Lord has begun a good work, and by the aid of his Spirit, we should cooperate with him by our influence and our means to carry it forward. The hundred-dollar contributions by a few people, and the smaller amounts by many, would within a few days pay this indebtedness, and then all of us would be free to go at something else. There is no time now for us to tarry.

Anciently when, by the Spirit, one poor woman cast in a "mite" there was *abundance* in the treasury.

May it be truthfully said of each of us relative to the establishing of the work of this message in Washington, "She hath done what she could."

Forward your contributions, great or small, to W. A. Wilcox, South Lancaster, Mass., and you will be receipted through the columns of the GLEANER.

H. W. COTTRELL.

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A FARMER had a weather-vane made for use on one of his barns, in which were wrought the words, "God is love." Some one said to him, "You have placed an immutable truth on a changeable thing." "Well sir," replied the man, "I want you to understand that means God is love whichever way the wind blows." There is more truth in that saying than in some sermons an hour long.—*Selected.*

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## MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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### MAYAGUEZ, PORTO RICO.

(Concluded.)

EARLY Sunday morning we took the train for our overland trip. You would be amused to see the train. The tiny engine, about one-twentieth as large as those at home, came puffing along drawing three or four cars about twelve by fifteen feet in size, having wooden benches with backs for seats. We enjoyed the ride through the country; for we saw so much of the natural part of it. All along were little shacks, thatched with leaves, built up on sticks driven into the ground. They looked like chicken-coops, and around them played naked children and pigs, while all about grew orange trees, beautiful palms, and banana plants.

After leaving the train we took coaches, and had thirty miles to make in four hours. When I saw the train, I wondered what the coaches would be, and was agreeably surprised to find very comfortable-looking covered carriages with two seats. The team was two little ponies that had evidently never seen a curry-comb. I said, "Why this is comfort" when I sat down in the seat; but I was mistaken exceedingly when our driver got in and began to brandish his whip and jerk the poor ponies. Away they went on a full gallop, and I groaned, as he kept this up constantly, up-hill and down-hill. Over stones or what not we tumbled on, he all the while slashing the poor creatures with his whip; while he accompanied the motion with his left hand by repeated jerks on the lines, and gave vent all the time to a sort of whoop. He was evidently a business man; for he would look neither to the right nor left. Nothing could attract him from whipping and whooping. When the poor

little creatures refused to go farther, he changed for another team; and I was relieved for a short time; but the manner of driving was the same. While passing through the mountains, the scenery was so beautiful that we forgot even the misery of the ponies.

At Aguidelia we took the train again, and a little after dark arrived at Mayaguez. As I looked out at the people gathered at the station (simply a little shed), I saw an anxious, sad face, the first one my eyes rested upon, and I said, "There is Sister Fischer," and sure enough it was. When we saw how glad she was to have us here, we rejoiced that we had come. Hers has been such a sad, bitter experience here. Eighteen months ago she and her husband came here. The first nine months she was sick with fever all the time, and came down from the mountains, where she had gone to get help, to stand day and night alone over the death-bed of her husband. When she was nearly worn out, Elder Haysmer came over and stood by her till it was over. Brother Fischer was a very strong, noble man, and was just getting so he could labor some among the people in their own language; and he had to lie down, leaving his wife and little six-year-old girl alone in a strange land, among people of a strange tongue. She could not speak their language, and the people took advantage of her in every way. Contrary to the entreaties of friends at home and here, and the advice of Elder Haysmer, the superintendent of this field, she determined to stay by the work commenced by her husband. For nine months she and her little girl have stood all alone. Never have I seen such loyal devotion to the cause in any one. I believe it is the same spirit that inspired Carey and the early missionaries.

Do you wonder that we are glad to be here? We have moved into the house with her to cut down expenses for both her and us, as rent and living are very high. The Lord blessed us

as we knelt and prayed with her, and asked God to lay upon us the burden that rested so heavily upon our fallen brother and on her.

We have engaged a teacher, and are studying Spanish as hard as we can. We can do nothing until we can talk to the people. They are a handsome-looking, pleasure-loving sort who know nothing of God and care nothing for him. They have been imposed upon by the priests until many of them hate the name of religion. Everybody who is not a Catholic is a Protestant to them, and represents the Protestant religion whether Christian or not. As you may imagine they have seen some very poor representatives of our religion in men who have come here. I believe there could not be a more *needy field*. They are very courteous and hospitable, but *very unreliable*.

Our worst trial so far has been the fleas, mosquitoes, ants, etc. We encase our bed in mosquito-bar, and put all the furniture legs in little cans of kerosene to keep the ants out. The cockroaches are two and a half inches long. The evening of January 20, the cat drew our attention by watching something very closely; and Sister Fischer cried out, "Oh, it's a scorpion!" Mr. Connerly killed it. They said it was an old one, and its sting would have proved fatal. It was right by the bedroom door where the little girl had just passed in her bare feet. We read of Paul's experience with the one in the bundle of sticks, and the promises that Jesus made to the disciples concerning "deadly things," and then praised God for delivering us and for our confidence in him. It was really a precious experience.

I am glad, glad from the bottom of my heart, that we are here. I like this people; and oh, if we can only get so that we can talk to and tell them of the precious gospel message! The Lord has given us precious evidences of his presence with us.

Pray for us that we may be very wise to know how to arrange the plans

for work among this dear people. Our courage is the *very best*.

MR. AND MRS. B. E. CONNERLY.

Jan. 25, 1903.

DISTRIBUTE THE "SENTINEL OF  
CHRISTIAN LIBERTY."

THE *Sentinel of Christian Liberty* for March 12 will be one of special interest. It is hoped by our brethren that this special number will have a large circulation, as articles of special interest, among them "The Love of Power and the Power of Love," will appear.

During a recent visit to Harrisburg I learned that the members of the legislature, both branches, are reading the *Sentinel* with much interest from week to week.

A bill was recently introduced in the House, to amend the old blue-laws enacted in 1704, which are still on the statute-books of this commonwealth. The ministers of Harrisburg almost unitedly opposed the amendment, presenting their weak arguments in favor of maintaining and enforcing Sunday laws. Catholic bishops and others used their influence in the same direction.

Some of the business men of Harrisburg, Philadelphia, and other places, Dr. Lewis, a Seventh-day Baptist, W. H. Smith, our laborer in that city, and others, used their influence on the side of the truth. Brother Smith succeeded in placing in the hands of every legislator a copy of the little tract, "Is Sunday the Sabbath?" This was read by every member of the House the morning before the arguments were presented. When the different speakers referred to facts which had been presented in the *Sentinel*, and when facts were brought out showing the futility of the arguments of the ministers for first-day observance, referring to the fourth commandment as authority (since that commandment refers to the seventh, not the first day) it was interesting to

note the applause which, time and again, greeted the speakers on the side of truth from members of the legislature.

It was learned that the reading of the *Sentinel*, which has been going to each legislator every week during the present session, has had much to do with molding the turn which this discussion took. This illustrates the importance of our brethren and sisters everywhere doing all they can to place the *Sentinel* in the hands of the people. I trust that our church librarians, and our brethren everywhere, will do all they can to give the *Sentinel* its due proportion of attention in disseminating the light for this time.

Order the special *Sentinel* direct from the publishers, Pacific Press Publishing Company, 11 West 20th St., New York City, sending cash with order, or through the Pennsylvania Tract Society, Box 614, Williamsport, Pa.

The price of the special number will be five copies for seven cents.

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

THE TRACT WORK IN MAINE.

AS HAS been already stated in the GLEANER there is a general awakening among our churches relative to the tract and missionary work. It seems that the time has come for a decided forward movement in the "Old Pine Tree State." The hearts of the brethren and sisters are being made tender by God's Spirit, and new courage is being awakened as evidences are thickening that the Lord is shaping matters for a work to be done in this State over which the angels will rejoice. The Portland church feel that if a special effort is made for our largest city this summer the four new tracts should be placed in every family, not only directly in the city, but in all the surrounding towns. If the means can be raised to meet the expense, an organized effort will be put forth to accomplish this result.

Plans are being laid at the Maine Tract Society office to reach other cities and towns with these new tracts. A carefully worded, introductory letter has been prepared, and with the tract "We Would See Jesus," it will be mailed to hundreds of people who have bought "Christ's Object Lessons," and also to many others whose names are sent us by those interested. A correspondence will be opened with those who reply to this introductory letter; while the four new tracts, and no doubt many others, will be placed in their hands. Enough will be done to enlighten those who are earnestly seeking to know the truth. We have not as yet been able to engage in this work very extensively, owing to the pressure of other duties, but from the few letters we have sent out, we have received encouraging responses as may be seen from the following extracts:

"I received your kind favor, and I would that I could see more of such work. The unselfish motive to aid others is commendable. I shall be glad to hear from you at any time."

"I was very glad to hear from you. The book 'Christ's Object Lessons' is the best book I ever read. I hope you will continue to write to me."

"I shall be glad to correspond with you. I have carefully read the tract 'We Would See Jesus,' and think it beautiful. I have not been taught to believe as you do, but we do not differ enough to separate us. I trust to hear from you again."

"I am sorry to say that I am not a Christian; but perhaps I enjoyed reading your kind letter all the more for not being one. It came to me at the very time when I needed words of encouragement, for my cross seemed heavier than I could lift. I sat looking over my mail in a listless way, thinking: 'There is nothing here to comfort me,' when I took up your letter, My first thought was: 'It is nothing but some advertising matter,' but as I opened it and read a few lines, a lady

friend who was watching me asked what caused my face to brighten. I read the letter to her, and she was much pleased, for she has recently become a Christian and is very anxious for me to accept Christ. I shall be pleased to hear from you in the near future, and I ask you to pray for me."

It may be seen from these letters that God sends his angels and prepares hearts for the seed sent by mail, and we need not work at random. We ask all who love the Master to remember this effort in their prayers. It shall need considerable money to buy tracts, pay postage, and carry forward this work in a proper manner, and we have started a tract fund to which we invite you to contribute. We ask you also to send us the addresses of individuals who would be likely to be interested in religious reading, or who would probably reply to a letter received. Send names of individuals who live in Maine, and of those who are not personally acquainted with one another, as the first letters are all alike although the personal address is inserted in a way so that the one receiving the epistle would not be likely to recognize it as a circular letter. After the correspondence is opened, letters are written adapted to each particular case. God is in this work and he is inviting you to unite with him in spreading the sound of his soon coming. Shall we not hear from you in a way that will tell us that your heart is warm and filled with zeal in this blessed cause?

MAINE TRACT SOCIETY.

E. H. MORTON, *Secretary*.

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**THE SPECIAL ISSUE OF THE "SENTINEL" IN VERMONT.**

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WE have written to several of our brethren, librarians and elders, and hope that they will see the importance of doing a great and noble work in behalf of those who are in darkness, and present this special issue of the

*Sentinel* before them, that they may see their position and honor the Lord with their whole-hearted service in thanksgiving and joy. We request that every one in the State do all that he can to present this number before as many people as possible. Remember that every clergyman, church-worker, church-member, public man, and especially every person of influence should have a copy of this issue as "it shows the difference between Christianity and the papacy," and will carry conviction wherever it is read.

May the Lord direct your hearts to make a great effort to give this issue a large circulation. Send in your order on or before March 4, as the paper is printed soon after that date. The price of the paper is as follows: 5 copies, 7 cents; 10 copies, 14 cents; 25 copies, 35 cents; 50 copies, 70 cents; 100 copies, \$1.25; 1000 copies, \$12.00.

F. M. DANA.

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**The FIELD**

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COUDERSPORT, PA.

WE are sure that the readers of the GLEANER have not neglected our earnest request for united prayers of God's people in behalf of the work here. The testing truths of the third angel's message are being presented and the Spirit of God is moving upon many hearts. We held our first Sabbath meeting in the hall last Sabbath, and our hearts were caused to rejoice to see more than twenty adults out to their first Sabbath meeting. Many were deeply moved as they testified to their new experience. The few Seventh-day Baptists in the place joined heartily in the service. Our own people from Sweden, Gold, and this vicinity made up a congregation of over fifty happy worshipers on God's holy day.

The interest is still broadening and deepening, and while we praise God

for what has been accomplished, we feel keenly the need of wisdom from on high to bind off the work here. It is all the more important when we consider that nearly thirty years ago a tent was pitched here, and the place was awakened by Elders Whitney and Robinson. This is, therefore, the second awakening, and we are confident that decisions are being made for eternity. As the apostle Paul says, "Who is sufficient for these things?" Dear readers and coworkers, pray for us that the work be not marred by human weakness, but that His own good will may be done.

C. F. MCVAGH.

CHAS. BAIERLE.

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**READING, PA.**

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AFTER several months of silence, it may be interesting to the friends of the GLEANER to hear from the writer. Even though not reporting, I have been busy. In my section of Pennsylvania, among the Pennsylvania German people, the work is growing slowly but surely. The Allentown, Reading, and Lebanon churches are in a fine, growing condition. Fine and intelligent people are continually taking their firm stand for the blessed truth of the third angel's message. Prejudice is diminishing, while strong conviction is taking hold of hundreds of dear people, who now are fearful to accept, but who will, on account of the pressure with which the truth rests on their minds, accept nevertheless. A characteristic of the German people in Pennsylvania is slowness. They think thrice before they act. They will not accept unless they are strongly convinced, and know positively that they are right in their acceptance. This is a good quality. When they do take their stand, they are firm.

During last summer, Reading was my field of labor. The good Lord richly blessed our work, by giving us large congregations, and a nice company of souls. Aside from those that ac-

cepted, there are, as stated above, many convicted. Those who are not convinced are friendly. In fact the work is taking such a turn in Reading, that next summer must be devoted to this city with a strong tent effort. During the last seven weeks, I conducted an effort in the Lebanon church. That God approved of this work is evident, because of the fine congregation nightly in attendance, and the lodgment the truth has found in the hearts of the people.

Aside from what the truth is doing with the outside, the truth seems to become sweeter and sweeter to our own dear people. A deep spirit of humility and consecration is manifest among these churches. I truly feel to praise God for it. The Lord is in the work.

J. H. SCHILLING.

Feb. 19, 1903.

#### CLINTON, MASS.

Two weeks ago, Saturday evening, after the Sabbath, a party of students went to Clinton to attend the mission. It was in the charge of Elder Mattson, assisted by Brother Chas. Reimers. Elder Mattson preached a sermon on the question "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" After this, Miss Quigley and the writer sang a duet, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

But best of all, and that which stirred our hearts and strengthened the desire to go forward in the work of spreading the truth, was the testimony meeting. Many of the young men gave testimonies, and those who heard them were encouraged. One man said that it showed that the truth had not lost its power.

This was our first meeting. A week ago there were seventy-five or more persons present.

This is aggressive work. The mission is carried on by one of another denomination, and it is given us to use every evening after the Sabbath. Truly God is going before us, opening up the way for us to serve him.

Dearer, more encouraging, more invigorating than ever, comes the refrain, "The advent message to the world in this generation."

MAY G. COLE.

#### WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Tithe for Quarter Ending Dec. 31, 1902.

Parkersburg Church,	\$60.68
Kanawha "	66.67
Culloden "	24.47
Keyser "	27.25
Elk Garden "	23.25
Morgantown "	56.36
Amos "	16.01
Hagerstown "	31.93
Chester "	21.13
Newark "	21.50
Newburg "	23.22
Berea "	11.60
Wheeling "	14.00
Walker "	3.50
Spencer "	4.09
Huntington "	5.00
Individuals "	19.58
Mason "	16.61

Total, \$446.85

C. E. WHITE, *Treasurer.*

#### BOSTON FIELD.

THE services in the Boston church during the past few weeks have been deepening in interest. Sabbath, the 7th inst., Elder R. A. Underwood was with us according to appointment. The attendance was large, and the Lord greatly blessed in the presentation of the theme. The principles that were presented we believe will bear fruit in the experience of those who heard the sermon. The chief thought emphasized was that through humility we are to become great. This thought was contrasted in a clear way with Satan's way of teaching people to be great. It would seem that if there were any who had been laboring for the Lord with the idea of being recognized as great from the world's standard of greatness, they

would forever abandon the thought and adopt God's way.

Sabbath, the 14th inst., our church assembled in Lorimer Hall, Tremont Temple, where our baptismal service was held. After a sermon from John 3:5 placing before the congregation the necessity of engaging in this rite from a true heart-service, and not simply as a form, without the leadings of the Holy Spirit, seven willing souls followed their Lord in the ordinance of baptism. An illustration of a man who refused to be rebaptized after years spent in the service of the enemy since his former baptism was cited. It was shown that an old baptism could no more be relied on than an old conversion.

Following the baptismal service, there was a *Life Boat* meeting held in which a lively interest was manifested by both old and young. One aged sister told how upon repeated occasions she had gone out with the paper during the week, and had sold from forty to fifty in a few hours' time. One young lady who went out having little previous experience sold thirty-six in a few hours during the evening following the Sabbath.

It is evident that this work is proving a blessing, not only to those who purchase the paper, but to those who engage in its circulation, besides it affords a revenue to the one who sells it, thus enabling the work to be self-sustaining. Weekly services are now being held in Boston, Dorchester, Somerville, and Malden in addition to our regular Sabbath services.

K. C. RUSSELL.

#### SLOCUMVILLE AND WESTERLY, R. I.

THE general meetings which were advertised for these two places have been held, and the future will determine the lasting good, under God, they accomplished. At the first-named place the Peacedale church joined in worship, and the several days' services were indeed blessed and

refreshing. The general lines of work which were considered at previous general meetings were attended to at these places; and though the Sunday forenoon meeting at Slocum was not very largely attended on account of a very bad wind and snow-storm that set in, there was over fifty dollars raised for the Material Fund of "Christ's Object Lessons." The Lord be praised for giving his people so liberal a heart to contribute toward this blessed work.

I spent several days after the meetings in visiting the people, and holding evening meetings in the church. Every family of Sabbath-keepers, but one, was visited, and it was a pleasant and refreshing season for all. We took several subscriptions for our papers, and sold several different kinds of our books. There seems to be some outside interest in this place; and if the church will now go forward in the work of God, and do aggressive service with these tracts and by giving Bible readings, we believe the Lord will add to the numbers others who will be saved.

At the Westerly meeting Elder Place was present, and rendered very valuable and timely service. The people of Niantic, some from Ashaway, others from New London, and some from the surrounding vicinity, were present at the meetings, besides a goodly number of those not of our faith. And on Sabbath afternoon several Jews were present during the Sabbath-school convention. The Spirit of the Lord was present at these services from the beginning, and a very blessed season was enjoyed by everybody present. The social meeting Sabbath was characterized by much of the presence of God, and one man arose and said that prejudice was being broken down for him at a very rapid rate.

On Sunday, on account of some having to work in the shops, and partly on account of the weather being cloudy, we did not have so large an

audience as we had hoped, still the Holy Ghost was present, and we had a blessed good time. About thirty-four dollars was raised for the Material Fund, besides a few dollars being given for other enterprises, and for periodicals. All went away with a feeling that it was a blessed good meeting.

Elder Place left us Sunday afternoon, and in the evening I spoke twice at the Christian church in this place, at 6:30 to the Christian Endeavor Society, at 7:30 in the auditorium. Both the services were well attended, and about three hundred were present at the second talk on the Passover. The Lord blessed the word; and many have become interested to know more of the word of the Lord concerning these times of the church's history.

I expect to stay for a short time to follow up the interest, and we have been given freely the use of the People's Mission of this place, in which to conduct services during our stay. The outlook is encouraging; the interest is good: and now will all the people pray that the Holy Spirit may move upon the hearts of the people, as they hear the word, to have grace and courage to follow the Lord wholly.

I have interviewed a number of the ministers of the place with the book, "Practical Lessons from the Experience of Israel for the Church of Today," and they seemed much interested in it. They all purchased a copy, and intended to do what they could to aid its circulation.

We hope the GLEANER family will remember this work in their daily prayers.

F. C. GILBERT.

"TRULY God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart."

"DELIGHT thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."

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## EDUCATIONAL

OUR ACADEMY AND  
CHURCH-SCHOOLS

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### OPPORTUNITIES.

I WANT to talk to you a little while this morning concerning the matter of making the most of your opportunities. There was a motto on the board for several days that especially impressed me. It made me walk straighter every time I came out of my room and saw it. There was a brevity to it, but there was a power. What was it?—"Circumstances—I make circumstances." That statement was made by Napoleon Bonaparte. He was a man who did make circumstances. A poor boy, one who was brought up in poverty, he went to school for a training for the army. He was dressed in poor clothes, and the boys often made fun of him. I often think of a picture that I once saw of Napoleon at the military school. He went to one of the most fashionable schools in the country, and the picture represents him as standing off to one side of the courtyard, and on the other side of the yard were a number of young noblemen pointing their fingers at him. I dare say that if Napoleon thought of the circumstances in later years he had the opportunity of pointing his fingers at them. Why?—Because he made his circumstances—made the most of his opportunities.

There are few of you sitting here this morning who do not often feel bound by circumstances. You say, "I can't help it." But you are not making the most of your opportunities when you say those words. All of us come to obstacles in our way, and it is a blessed good thing that we do; but I want to tell you that by the side of every obstacle is a lever and a fulcrum, and if you will go around that obstacle you will find that there is a weak spot somewhere; there is



the place to put your lever. Put it under, apply the power, and over goes the rock—the obstacle—and we go on our journey rejoicing, for the obstacle has given us the opportunity to grow stronger.

There are a great many Red Seas before us all, and yet when we come to them we do not learn the lesson taught the children of Israel when they came to the Red Sea, but we, like them, become discouraged, and want to go back. We need a little of the spirit of Moses who stretched out his rod over the Red Sea, and the obstacles got out of the way. They were removed—removed by the mighty power of God. So it is, I repeat, with every obstacle we come to. There is a way for its removal. God never brings a man or a woman to any point of difficulty in their life, but he gives them the way through that difficulty; but the spirit of Moses rather than that of the children of Israel is needed to accomplish this. How far do you suppose the children of Israel would have gone if they had not had Moses with them?—They would have gone back into the toils pretty quickly. But they had a man of courage, a man who had surmounted obstacles all his life long, and he was prepared to lead them on every step of the way. Now, we want some of the spirit of Moses in our life every day. No man ever made anything in this world unless he had some of that spirit.

Did you ever notice the fact that the majority who have had all the opportunities of school, all the good things they want to eat and to wear, never amount to much? You look at the men and women in the world who have accomplished something, and you will find that they are men who have hewn their way through from start to finish. You will not find one in a dozen of them who has had an education given him, who has been surrounded by the pleasures of a luxurious home; but you will find eleven

out of every dozen who have had to work their way through. Olney, one of the greatest mathematicians the country ever knew, worked out his first mathematical problems on the plow. When the oxen were tired and stopped, out came his pencil, and he improved his mind as well as his field.

We all know of Edison. He was a newspaper boy, born in Mount Clemens, Michigan. A poor boy, but an inventive sort of a fellow. He became interested in electricity and tried some of his experiments in electricity on the train on which he was running as a newsboy. He set the train on fire one day, and the conductor kicked his things out of the door. But wherever he was, he never forgot his studies; he kept his object ever before him. Now you and I whirl along the country, up-hill and down-hill in elegant cars, just because such a man as Edison lived. He made the most of his opportunities. He took things where he was and where he found them, and went at them. That is making the most of the opportunities; taking things where we find them.

Booker Washington: I read his life to you last year. Most of you were here and heard it. How did he make his way up from slavery?—By making the most of his opportunities. Where did he learn his figures?—He had to mark numbers on barrels of salt, and he learned them as he worked—he made the most of his opportunities.

How many people do you suppose there are in the world who are going from this place to that place, claiming that their surroundings are against them? They are trying to find a place where they will be rid of themselves. But they don't find that place. It would be a blessed thing if they could. If one actually could find such a place I would get up and travel for it to-day. But I have learned that there is no such place. There are lots of little things about

me I would be glad to be rid of, but they don't go in that way or in any other way except to deny ourselves as did our great Master. I have traveled around this country some, and everywhere I go, I am just about as I was in other places. My opportunities are just about the same. So there is but one thing for me to do, one thing for you to do, and that is to take hold of things that we have right here where we are and learn our numbers from just what we are doing.

Lincoln was a man who did that. When other people rode across the country in a stage-coach, sitting on the soft seats inside the coach, he would get up with the driver and talk with him about everything that he knew; and when he came to the end of the journey, though he might be a little more tired than those who were inside, he knew some things that they did not. That is what made him president of the United States, that power of absorbing good and important facts from his surroundings, no matter from whom they were obtained.

Your neighbor is cross and ugly, your teachers do not let you do as you think they should, the work which has been given you is hard. Make the most of it, make the most of every opportunity that you have; don't run away from them; be strong and of good courage.

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

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#### ACADEMY NOTES.

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—Miss Verna Crandall, who has been very ill for the past week, is now much better.

—Professor Griggs has been obliged to be away for a few days, but he returned Friday afternoon.

—Sister Leo, of Brooklyn, has recently been visiting her daughter, Miss Florence, who is attending the Academy.

—We are sorry to lose from our midst Mr. C. W. Ward, who has been called to his home in Wilmington, Vt.

—Mr. Carroll Miles, who has been attending Becker's Business College in Worcester, spent a day at school not long since.

—Herbert Hicks and Willie Godfrey who have been engaged in the health food work in Medford have been with us the past week.

—The young people are still holding meetings in the Gospel Mission in Clinton. Last Saturday evening quite a large number from the village went over, and four young men from the school spoke. May God help those who thus go out and tell the gospel story.

call to service that the Spirit of God has lost its power upon them. Certain it is that ninety-nine have refused the call to give the gospel in printed form, to one who has obeyed the call; else it could not be said that there ought to be one hundred canvassers in the field where there is one. Ten times less grateful than were the lepers of old! But this canvassing work is no less a duty than a privilege. In blessing others the faithful worker is himself blessed;

very greatly blessed! Are you called? Will you also be chosen? The blessed call is sounding again. Will you not respond to-day? Old canvassers, come back; new recruits, come. Shall we not let God do a great work through us during the spring and summer of 1903?

E. E. MILES,  
Pub. Agt. A. U. C.

"A MAN can receive nothing except it be given him from heaven."

**The PRINTED PAGE**

"Publicly, and from **HOUSE to HOUSE**"

**INSTITUTES.**

CANVASSERS' institutes will soon be the order of the day throughout the country, and the Atlantic Union Conference will not be altogether wanting in these most helpful courses of instruction and training. Already several institutes have been decided upon, to be conducted by the best talent at our command, and in the most approved manner, the time being divided between a thorough study and drill in the class room and actual canvassing out among the people. In this way it will be seen whether the theories advanced are capable of immediate demonstration or not, and the instruction will be intelligently received.

If interested, write to your State agent or other officers of your conference, and arrangements will be made to cooperate with you in the matter of a suitable preparation and a successful campaign. Do not wait for a profound sense of obligation, but move out on the fact that you are not at liberty, as a Christian, to fold your hands and do nothing for Christ or your fellow men, since the Saviour left to every man his work. Doubtless many have so long stifled the

**THE BOOK WORK.**

**Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending February 13, 1903.**

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd	
*Mrs. L. B. Trowbridge,	Pitts'g,	D of A		40	8	26.00	11.50	37.50		
T. D. Gibson,	Uniontown,	P & P		37	7	17.00	3.25	20.25	5.75	
W. J. Hackett,	Johnstown,	P & P		16		8.50	.50	9.00	1.75	
J. Q. Herrington,	Alleg'ny Co.,	P & P		11	5	14.75	3.25	18.00		
W. W. Moore,	Staystown,	P & P		17			15.95	15.95		
W. H. Zeidler,	Braddock,	G C		29	4	9.75	25.00	34.75	2.25	
W. C. Fleisher,	Braddock,	G C		23	7	19.00	16.75	35.75	10.25	
T. O. Saxton,	Indiana,	D & R		31½	12	31.25	4.25	35.50		
Mrs. T. D. Gibson,	Uniontown,	L G		9	6	18.50		18.50		
Alvin H. Osman,	Town City,	C K		10	5	5.00	.50	5.50		
C. F. Mahr,	Columbia,	C K		7	3	3.00	3.25	6.25	3.00	
Andrew Ness,	Scottdale,	C K		21	4	4.00	2.50	6.50	5.75	
L. H. Yothers,	Vandergrift,	H of M		40	13	19.00	11.50	30.50	46.00	
W. T. Hilgert,	Philadelphia,								4.60	
Totals,				14 Agents,	291½	74	\$175.75	\$99.80	\$275.55	\$79.35

\* Two weeks.

**New England Conference, Week Ending February 13, 1903.**

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd	
Lottie Wright,	Milford,	D of A		19	4	14.00	1.75	15.75		
J. E. Leighton,	Reading,	D of A		35	3	10.50	11.75	22.25	15.00	
Totals,				2 Agents,	54	7	\$24.50	\$13.50	\$38.00	\$15.00

**New York Conference Week Ending February 13, 1903.**

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd	
B. B. Noftsger,	Utica,	H of M		30	8	10.75	4.75	15.50		
Ada B. Noftsger,	Utica,	B R			4	9.00	2.50	11.50		
G. F. Evans,		B R			4	9.50		9.50	9.00	
Miscellaneous Orders,						7.25		7.25		
Totals,				3 Agents,	30	16	\$35.75	\$7.25	\$43.00	\$9.00

Union Conference Totals,	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
19 Agents,		375½	97	\$236.00	\$120.55	\$356.55	\$103.35

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**ITEMS OF INTEREST**


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**MAINE.**

—We trust that every Seventh-day Adventist in Maine is planning to enter the "Object Lessons" campaign with a determination to see Maine's quota liquidated this season. With united effort it would be a small matter, less than three to a member and our quota is finished.

We appeal to those who have already sold their number, and some many times over, to keep the harness on until this work is finished.

—Undoubtedly all will be glad to know that the final arrangements, so far as is possible to make them, have been made for Elder Franke to engage in an effort at Portland this summer. Without the blessing of God no effort can be a success, therefore we ask that this be made a special subject of prayer.

**VERMONT.**

—Mrs. C. S. Archer is visiting Brother Cady's family at Burlington.

—Brother Albert Cram has finished his school in Charlotte, and returned to his home in West Brookfield.

—Brother Joel Cady has sold out his milk and cream business, and expects to quit that work the first of March.

—Many of the friends will be interested to note that Mrs. H. W. Pierce has gone back to Mississippi to join her husband there. She writes that she has sold their homestead at Enosburg.

—Miss Naomi Worthen will hold an institute to consider the Sabbath-school work at North Wolcott, Sabbath, February 28. Let all give this important work its proper attention.

—The Sutton church reports a man and his wife starting to walk the way of life. Pray for them that they

may look to the Lord for strength to "walk" with a firm step, and seek to honor the Lord by their faithful service.

—We hear that Brother Taylor and Brother Watt are making preparations for a canvassers' school to be held this spring. If there are any that can devote their time to this important work, write to them at once and see what can be done to make the work prosper.

—The Vermont Conference tithe for 1902 was \$4,954.65, an increase over the preceding year of \$1,200.42. Brethren, let us be faithful in our work, and we can do a great work through Christ who will strengthen us. The report of the year of 1902 will appear as soon as the audit is made.

—Brother Purdon has paid for his one hundred "Object Lessons," and we understand a good share of them are sold. Many others in the State are yet at the work. We hope to see it all through soon, but it can not be finished by a few. Let every one work till our quota for the State is sold. Brother Watt thinks we ought not to work with the "quota idea" in mind (the quota for each person). What think you? We have heard from many of our brethren and sisters that have a heart to work, but because of infirmities they can not get out to sell any books. Let some of our younger people help bear the burdens of the older ones, and thus aid the work. We do not mean that the work of selling "Christ's Object Lessons" is a "burden" (some do make it such), but we mean according to the Word "bear ye one another's burden." Have you a copy to canvass with, or have you sold one yet? If not, send \$1.25 to the office, and we shall be pleased to forward one to you by first mail.

—By the time this paper reaches you the treasurer will have sent to the several elders, and others throughout the conference, pledge slips; and if

there are any that wish to make any contribution or pledge to any branch of the work and wish for one of these pledges, if you can not procure one of your church officers, send to the office, and we will be pleased to furnish you with one at once.

Let us count the cost of our tent, plan for it wisely, pay as we go, keep out of debt, and thus make the work easier for ourselves and insure the blessing of the Lord in it all. Considering the present needs, we invite you all to remember the "tent fund" early and generously.

Also as there are many pledges that have been made to this fund, it would aid the conference committee in their work, if you could send in the amount pledged toward the tent soon.

F. M. DANA.

**NOTICE.**

I WOULD like to correspond with two sisters that would like to canvass and do missionary work in Maine or Vermont, but feel unable financially to enter the work. Must have a good Christian experience.

E. A. BOOTHMAN,  
*Skinner, Maine.*

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A TRIAL subscription to the GLEANER will be sent to any address until May 20 for ten cents.

THE General Conference hopes to arrange for two companies to leave Chicago for Oakland, California, one on March 15, at 10 P.M., and the other at the same hour on March 22, over the Santa Fe route. No round-trip rate will be made. The cheapest rate obtainable is the colonists' rate of \$33 from Chicago to San Francisco. This is open to all. Those who desire can obtain sleepers at \$6 per double berth.

**ARE WE DOING WHAT WE SHOULD?**

THROUGH the call by our brethren in Washington for assistance to provide a suitable place of worship to which to invite the representative men of the nation to hear this message, I have been led to think that we have not done in the past what we should for this class. Every State and Territory in the United States, and that includes every organized conference in this country, from the very nature of things should consider Washington as a part of their field, from the fact that from each State and Territory in the Union, citizens are making that field their temporary home. Therefore it seems to me reasonable that all the conferences in the United States should contribute something toward providing a suitable place of worship where this truth is being intelligently presented at the capital city of the nation,—a place to

which each conference may direct its State representatives who go from its territory.

Every Seventh-day Adventist should feel it a pleasure to take some part in this effort now being made to establish a memorial of this truth in Washington. This means God will bless to the conversion to this message some of the first men of the nation. Our prayers should accompany our offerings, whether they are large or small, that God may lead Senators, Congressmen, and judges who are in that city to a knowledge of the saving truth we love.

May God bless those who are placed there to hold up the torch of light and truth, that they may lead many to espouse the principles of liberty and right in the crisis that soon will be reached in our nation.

R. A. UNDERWOOD.

"THE least unbelief, if cherished, involves the soul in guilt, and brings great darkness and discouragement."

**NOTICE.**

NOTHING preventing, Elder Mattson will speak in Everett February 28, at 11 A.M. Sabbath-school at 10:30. A good attendance is desired.

C. E. PALMER, *Elder.*

**THE "SENTINEL OF CHRISTIAN LIBERTY"**

and the GLEANER may now be secured for one year if ordered together, for ONE DOLLAR AND TWENTY-FIVE CENTS. If desired, the *Sentinel* may be sent to one address and the GLEANER to another.

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1903.	Boston.	N. Y. and Phila.	Washington.
March 6.....	5:54	5:55	5:57
March 13.....	6:02	6:03	6:04
March 20.....	6:11	6:11	6:11
March 27.....	6:19	6:18	6:18

**WASHINGTON CHURCH.**

THE following donations for the Washington, D. C., church have been received at this office:

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