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

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## THE DOUBLE LESSON.

“YOUR way is dark,” the angel said,  
“Because you downward gaze;  
Look up; the sun is overhead,  
Look up and learn to praise.”  
I looked; I learned. Who looks above  
Will find in heaven both light and love.

“Why upward gaze?” the angel said;  
“Have you not learned to know  
The light of God shines overhead  
That men may work below?”  
I learned. Who only looks above  
May miss below the work of love.

And thus I learned the lessons twain;  
The heart whose treasure is above  
Will gladly turn to earth again  
Because the heaven is love.  
Yea, Love that framed the starry height  
Came down to earth, and gave it light.

—*The Bishop of Ripon.*

## THE FORMATION OF CHARACTER.

TRUE education is the preparation of the physical, mental, and moral powers for the performance of every duty; it is the training of the body, mind, and soul for divine service. This is the education which will endure unto eternal life.

Of every Christian the Lord requires growth in efficiency and capability in every line. Christ has paid us our wages, even his own blood and suffering, to secure our willing service.

He came to our world to give us an example of how we should work, and what spirit we should bring into our labor. He desires us to study how we can best advance his work and glorify his name in the world, crowning with honor, with the greatest love and devotion, the Father who “so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

But Christ has given us no assurance that to obtain perfection of character is an easy matter. A noble, all-round character is not inherited. It does not come to us by accident. A noble character is earned by individual effort through the merits and grace of Christ. God gives the talents, the powers of mind; we form the character. It is formed by hard, stern battles with self. Conflict after conflict must be waged against hereditary tendencies. We shall have to criticize ourselves closely, and allow not one unfavorable trait to remain uncorrected.

Let no one say, I can not remedy my defects of character. If you come to this decision, you will certainly fail of obtaining everlasting life. The impossibility lies in your own will. If you will not, then you can not overcome. The real difficulty arises from

the corruption of an unsanctified heart, and an unwillingness to submit to the control of God.

Many whom God has qualified to do excellent work accomplish very little, because they attempt little. Thousands pass through life as if they had no definite object for which to live, no standard to reach. Such will obtain a reward proportionate to their works.

Remember that you will never reach a higher standard than you yourself set. Then set your mark high, and step by step, even though it be by painful effort, by self-denial, and sacrifice, ascend the whole length of the ladder of progress. Let nothing hinder you. Fate has not woven its meshes about any human being so firmly that he need remain helpless and in uncertainty. Opposing circumstances should create a firm determination to overcome them. The breaking down of one barrier will give greater ability and courage to go forward. Press with determination in the right direction, and circumstances will be your helpers, not your hindrances.

Be ambitious for the Master's glory, to cultivate every grace of character. In every phase of your character-building you are to please God. This you may do; for Enoch pleased

him, though living in a degenerate age. And there are Enochs in this our day.

Stand like Daniel, that faithful statesman, a man whom no temptation could corrupt. Do not disappoint Him who so loved you that he gave his own life to cancel your sins. He says, "Without me, ye can do nothing." Remember this. If you have made mistakes you certainly gain a victory if you see these mistakes, and regard them as beacons of warning. Thus you turn defeat into victory, disappointing the enemy, and honoring your Redeemer.

A character formed according to the divine likeness is the only treasure we can take from this world to the next. Those who are under the instruction of Christ in this world will take every divine attainment with them to the heavenly mansions. And in heaven we are continually to improve. How important, then, is the development of character in this life.

The heavenly intelligences will work with the human agent who seeks with determined faith that perfection of character in action. To every one engaged in this work Christ says, "I am at your right hand to help you."

As the will of man cooperates with the will of God, it becomes omnipotent. Whatever is to be done at his command, may be accomplished in his strength. All his biddings are enablings.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

#### THE MOTHER AND HER SCHOOL.\*

(Concluded.)

IT is often the case that the world is looking on with a critical eye, as we endeavor to train our children in the path of self-denial that leads into the narrow way. These are the words of a young lady who had lived under Christian training, but not until recently felt the need of a Saviour:

\*Paper read at a general meeting in Buffalo, N. Y.

"Oh, I enjoy my Christian experience so much more than those things that I once considered pleasure." How encouraging that the youth are willing to walk in the way opposite to destruction, and know that if they are faithful, Jesus will give them a crown and they shall have a seat in the kingdom.

The extent of a mother's work can hardly be estimated; but she is not alone, for Jesus hears with sympathy all her tearful requests. Just as he comforted the mothers when they brought their little ones to him long ago, so he is their helper to-day; for with his blood he has purchased the children of all ages. In times of sorrow and perplexity, he gives comfort and help.

A duty not to be overlooked is that of a training to bear responsibilities as the mind is able. Little people may be taught to save many steps for mother, and they are very proud to know they are helping her. You know the old adage, "Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do." Industry is an important part of the home training.

In the training of Moses, we have some precious lessons. That mother felt confident that her child had been preserved for some great work; and she knew that he must soon be given to his royal mother. Then he would be surrounded with influences that would lead him away from God. So his faithful mother trained him in those early years when his mind was like wax to receive impressions. Thus in our experience, when we have improved that early training, and lessons from God's word are indelibly stamped upon the tender young minds, in after years, our children are better able to face the influences of the world. We have committed them to the Father above, who is able to keep them.

A Catholic priest has said: "Give me a child the first seven years, and the world can have it the remainder

of its life." He was sure of the result of early training.

We are endeavoring to keep God's commandments, so in the eyes of the world we are a peculiar people. Let us be faithful in teaching this very fact, with the promised reward, to the children, and then they will be prepared to meet the mockings and scoffs of the world; and will not own the cause with shame.

This thought brings to my mind the words of a talented young lady, who, after laying aside the fourth commandment, said: "Now I feel that I can hold up my head when I go out into the world." God grant that this may not be true of our children.

Moses' mother, knowing that he would soon be brought up by an idolatrous people, especially showed him the sin of such worship; and taught him to reverently bow down to pray to God who can hear and help at all times. How many Christian mothers have listened to hear their child open its heart to him who loves the children and invites them to come unto him. Shall they not be encouraged as they enter the embarrassing years? The lessons learned in childhood from the lips and life of an earnest Christian mother are not easily forgotten. Many a wayward son has retraced his steps, when tired of the way of sin, as he recalled the long-ago training of a devoted mother who is perhaps silent in the grave.

How different was Moses' training when he entered the king's court! As the monarch determined to make him his successor to the throne, he received the highest civil and military training, a position that would gain worldly honor. His Hebrew mother had trained him to adore and honor the King of heaven, without which training, it would have been impossible for him in after years to have chosen "rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season."

Moses was threatened with the loss of the crown, and told that he would be disowned by the princess, should he adhere to the Hebrew faith. But he was determined to render obedience to none but the King of heaven. Oh, what joy would have filled that mother's heart could she have seen the result of those lessons way back there in the years of infancy, as they developed into a character of Christian faith, that could not be baffled by the greatest earthly monarch of that time.

We know not which will prosper, this or that; but we can sow the seed in the most careful manner, and our heavenly Father will give it life. Is it not possible that we, too, may see our children stand firm against worldly temptation and apostasy? I believe we will, if we have done our duty and set before them clear Christian principles. And while we believe we are truthful, let us be careful that we are always. Has not your heart often been made sad to hear a mother speak an untruth to a child, in a light manner, and then say she did not mean it. The little child looks to its mother, above all, as a person of honor and principle. What an incentive to a child to know that its mother is a monument of truth! And, again, perhaps you have noticed the disappointment in the little one when forced to believe that "mother" has spoken an untruth. I truly believe that under such circumstances a child will gradually lose confidence in the one it holds so dear. And this is a sad thing. If we lack wisdom, let us ask of God, who giveth to all liberally, and it shall be given.

God's word says that a meeker man than Moses never lived. He saw by faith an imperishable crown which the King of heaven will place on the brow of the overcomer. His greatness distinguishes him above all the great men of all the earth, of all ages. As historian, poet, philosopher,

general of armies, he stands without an equal. Once he was a little child. During the first twelve years of his life he was taught and trained by a mother whose heart was filled with the Spirit of God, knowing that soon her child would be placed under heathen influence. Ah! how thorough was the work of that mother, and she only a slave!

MRS. C. H. SUMNER.

#### MY FAITH AND HOPE.

FOR the past fifty-three years I have loved the word *advent* with fervency of spirit, because that name implies so much that is dear to me. I most fully believe all God's word, and that he is able to bring its last promise to complete fulfilment. Oh, how precious its promises! and how terrible its denunciations against sin and unbelief!

I heard one sermon from Elder James White, also one by Sister White, forty-nine years ago this coming summer. Her text was, "MENE, MENE, TEKEL UPHARSIN." Her warning voice, by the convicting power of God's grace, reached my ears and the depths of my heart.

Many years have passed, and great changes have come to this sinful world; but I bless the dear Lord that I love him still. Oh! how great his keeping power. My faith grasps the hope of his soon coming, and I know his reward will be with him for all his dear people.

God's word declares that "the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day." Agreeable to this, God has of late years shown me the great beauties that cluster around his Sabbath day, the memorial of his creative power, and type of the great Sabbath of rest for his people.

To those who read these lines, I would say, Let no earthly consideration, no matter what it may be, attract the attention so as to draw away your

mind from God, his cause, and our eternal interests. Take this Bible warning with your unworthy brother, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." I trust that soon God's people will be blessed with full communion with each other and with him who hath bought us with his blood.

LEWIS KINGSLEY.

*Dickinson Center, N. Y.*

#### EARN YOUR OWN WAY.

I FEAR that many of our young people are getting a wrong kind of an education in the management of finances. Seeing the wrong tendency of things in this line, and having the future welfare of our cause, as well as our youth, at heart, I feel urged to write to parents, guardians, and youth alike. Vacation is coming to our youth in our schools, and how shall it be improved?

If parents have sufficient means at hand to pay the way of their children through school, they are strongly tempted to let them have an easy time during vacation. They pity them, thinking they ought to rest because they had to work so hard at their studies during school year. They forget that good physical exercise is just what they need for harmonious development, and that the change to manual labor is the highest kind of rest to an overtaxed mind. If it is possible, parents ought to let their children earn and pay their own way in their preparation for life's duties. A person never learns the true value of a dollar or how to appropriate it until it is earned under trying circumstances. If aid is given, it should be with the understanding that it is only a loan, and that the money is to be returned, even though the parents are wealthy and do not need it.

There is a principle underlying this scheme that is worth far more than the immediate expenditure involved. No doubt the student is preparing for

a position of trust in the cause of God or in the world. If he is educated to be a consumer instead of a producer, that defective and wicked principle will follow him in all his future career and destroy his usefulness. He is not prepared to put a just estimate upon the funds of God, or the hard-earned savings of others, and the result is a needless expenditure of means. He knows not how to sacrifice, nor how to teach others to be self-reliant and economical. His unsavored judgment and false education lead him to presume on the earnings of others, and he is strongly tempted to start new enterprises that involve much indebtedness, to harass those who were not consulted in the creation of the same. He can not discern the equal and natural rights of his brethren. I am fully satisfied that a wrong training in the past in the management of finances, lies at the root of our financial troubles and embarrassments in the cause to-day.

Educate the children to be self-reliant and to earn and pay their own way as they go. Yea, insist on it, for it is the means of true character building. Young man, young woman, are you seeking a place of usefulness? Then learn early to hoe your own row. Do not allow somebody else to pick all the weeds out for you, and hoe it besides. Be a self-supporter instead of a pauper. Otherwise you will be always poor and making others poor. Be a producer and a blessing to the world and the cause you represent, and not a consumer or the creator of perplexities, blocking the wheels of progress and consuming the time and energies of scores to devise a way out of them. It is not near so easy to be a producer as a consumer. Driftwood can float with the current, but it takes a strong effort to swim against the current up the stream.

Dear student, vacation is your opportunity to prove your worth and the temper of your characteristics. Give evidence of your willingness to do

anything for the Master, and to do your best. I have often seen students tempted to put on airs after their return from school, and to think that the home folks and old associates were just a little beneath them. You are tempted to compare yourself with your less fortunate brother, and not to show the same freedom as formerly. All these little things wound hearts; whereas your special favors and advantages ought to invoke sympathy, and enable you to bring comfort and encouragement to the hearts of the home folks instead of disappointment. Show your parents and benefactors that the gifts bestowed upon you have not been in vain, nor for vanity; but that they are much appreciated, and have made you more manly and godly. Take an earnest hold and a deep interest in the menial duties of the home. You ought never to outgrow them. Make a strong determination to earn your way, as far as possible, through another school term or to pay off past favors.

Earn your way as far as possible while at school. The idea that you must have all your time for your studies is a perversion of good, sound judgment and should be corrected. I know that the most practical and helpful hours I spent in college were those which were devoted to manual labor in the dough-pan, the pastry room, the cooking department, at the carpenter's bench, with the mop-pail, and in the discharge of the janitor's duties. These hours gave me a mental quiet and rest, and enabled me to build up my physical frame and energies, and thus, when I resumed my studies, I was enabled to take hold of them with a firmer grip and to study harder, comprehend more, and penetrate deeper.

Fortunately my father told me when I asked him to let me go to school: "If you want an education, you must secure it yourself." I wanted it, and wanted it enough to put up a good fight to get it. The hardships and

trials I endured in getting it, are a treasure I value at par with my own character; for my character and life record to-day are the product of all these endured trials and hardships. To sell the trying experiences through which I passed, would mean to sell the very substance and essence of my character. The canvassing work, with all its trials and hardships, is the golden avenue which leads to the citadel of opportunity and usefulness. Aspiring youth, try it, master it.

C. S. LONGACRE.

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## MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

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### OBJECTIONS TO TAKING UP THE WORK WITH "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS."

"AND the king said to Barzillai, Come thou over with me, and I will feed thee with me in Jerusalem. And Barzillai said unto the king, How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king unto Jerusalem. I am this day fourscore years old. Let thy servant, I pray thee, turn back again." 2 Sam. 19:33-37.

"I AM TOO OLD TO ENGAGE IN THIS WORK."

It would seem as though the aged servants of the Lord would be excused; but the Lord has said that it is his will that "each member of each family in each church" should have a part, and that surely takes in the aged. The wise man has said (Eccl. 8:8), "There is no discharge in that war," and not until the last book is sold, are the Lord's people released from their obligations to dispose of their share. That some are unwilling to be released, is shown by the following items gathered from State papers:

"A sister eighty-three years of age attended the canvassers' institute in Johnstown, Pa. She felt that the Lord had called her to sell our books. Her sales have averaged ten dollars each day that she has been in the field."

"Sister Taylor, of Van Wert, Ohio, is over eighty years of age, and is not able to get out to sell 'Object Lessons,' but has sold eleven books to people who have visited her. She says she wants to sell that many more."

"An aged sister in the Pennsylvania Conference, who has passed her three-score years and ten, said, 'I will sell twenty-five copies of "Christ's Object Lessons."' In a few days she had sold them. She immediately placed an order for thirty copies more."

Brother E. Holcomb, of Pierrepont, N. Y., who has passed his eighty-third birthday, writes of his experience with "Christ's Object Lessons:" "Two days last week I was canvassing for 'Object Lessons.' Had a blessed experience. Took ten orders while out, and came home relieved and revived in spirit."

A like blessing would attend a like effort on the part of any who would engage in this work.

J. W. RAMBO.

#### OUR TRACT WORK.

DEAR BRETHREN: We are writing you at this time to call your attention to a few things that you already know, or at least may have read, and also to some other points that may be in harmony with our line of work for "to-day." We have received instruction that we as churches are not to depend upon the ministers to do all the work for those in darkness, but rather that we have a part to act in this great work which the Lord so graciously invites us to do with him. So we read, "To human agencies is committed the work of extending the triumphs of the cross from point to point. As the Head of the church, Christ is authoritatively calling upon every one who claims to believe on him to follow his example of self-denial and self-sacrifice in working for the conversion of those whom Satan and his vast army are exerting every power

to destroy."—*Testimonies for the Church,* Vol. VII, p. 30.

O brother, or sister, is your claim one in truth that you believe on Jesus, or is it just a profession? Are you not willing to make a sacrifice of all that you are, or that you have? or maybe, if you have nothing "in store" to give, are you not willing to deny yourself of some thing that you may help in this work for souls?

Have we grown cold in our missionary work? "God's people are called upon to rally without delay under the blood-stained banner of Christ Jesus." Will you not "rally" at once, "without delay," and take up this work? Do you sometimes hear or think that the churches are somewhat cold or unlovely, have little real life in them? "When church-members put forth earnest efforts to advance the message, they will *live* in the joy of the Lord, and will meet with success. Triumph always follows decided effort." "The church on earth united with the church in heaven, can accomplish all things." Do our missionary meetings seem lifeless or uninteresting? or have they been discontinued because of lack of interest? "Let church-members, during the week, act their part faithfully, and on the Sabbath relate their experience. The meeting will then be as meat in due season, bringing to all present new life and fresh vigor. When God's people see the great need of working as Christ worked for the conversion of sinners, the testimonies borne by them in the Sabbath service will be filled with power."—*Id.*, p. 19.

But we hear it said, "I can not do anything." But, brother, Jesus wishes to work through you to do something, possibly for you and then for your neighbor. It may be that you feel weak and can not do much for any one. But if you make no effort to do something, you will grow weaker. "It weakens those who know the truth for our ministers to expend on them [you] the time and talent that should

be given to the unconverted. In many of our churches in the cities the minister preaches Sabbath after Sabbath, and Sabbath after Sabbath the church-members come to the house of God with no words to tell of blessings received because of blessings imparted. They have not worked during the week to carry out the instruction given them on the Sabbath. So long as church-members make no effort to give to others the help given them, great spiritual feebleness must result." Let all "join his army of workers, and do faithful service for him."—*Id.*, pp. 18, 19.

Then, brother, start at once, and work "faithfully;" keep the tracts and books in circulation; place them before the people, that they may read what is before them and also learn of Jesus, mighty to save. Try it, and write your missionary secretary the results if you have no church privileges.

F. M. DANA.

#### EDUCATE MISSIONARIES.

VERMONT has some young people to be educated for the missionary work. What are you doing to aid that work by bringing your children into touch with our church schools where they may have better advantages to learn the things of God? It is written, "The Lord doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel;" then is it not consistent to believe that he put a difference between their manner, their system, of education? We read, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Then if you educate your child to be an "Egyptian," a "pagan," or any thing else, is it not according to your own "sowing" that your children are what they are? Can we expect God to work a miracle in behalf of our children to save them from going to the world, to destruction, if we put forth no effort, and make no sacrifice, in connection with our prayers for

their salvation? Think on these things, read the valuable instruction we have received upon this subject, and then work for the glory of God by doing "whatsoever thy hand findeth to do" with a "might;" then shall we have some people to go forth as "ambassadors" for God to carry the message of salvation to those in darkness.

F. M. DANA.

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## The FIELD

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CAMDEN, N. J.

THE work is still onward in this city. Our public meetings as well as our Sabbath services are well attended, and the church is greatly encouraged as they see precious souls taking their stand for the truth.

Sabbath, May 2, there were six souls buried with their Lord in the watery grave, and raised again to walk in newness of life. There were also added, one on profession of faith, and one by letter. Another, who should have received the hand of fellowship on profession of faith, was prevented from being present on account of sickness.

We feel to thank and praise God for the work he has done here, and we rejoice that the end is not yet. Other interested souls have expressed their intention of uniting with this people. Two of these are already keeping the Sabbath. Others we feel sure will begin soon.

Let us thank God, brethren, and taking fresh courage, press the battle further.

A. R. BELL.

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### HARBOR WORK IN NEW YORK.

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FOR nearly a year we have been silent, but hard at work all the time. This has been a hard year for us; but God has been with us at every step. Of late the sales on our publications have been light; but we are of good

courage, for word comes to us every little while of some soul stepping out in the Lord's footsteps, and walking as he walks.

The following is an extract from a letter received a short time ago from a Mr. Tholen, who is employed by the Seamen's Christian Association, 399 West St., N. Y.:

"BROTHER JOHNSON, BELOVED IN CHRIST: I have much peace of mind as I pen this, because upon strong conviction that the seventh day is the day God wants us to rest from our labor, I have submitted my resignation which will take effect on the last day of this month.

"I thank you for having taken so much interest in me to show me the will of God. May he still use you to bring many to know him in all his fulness.

"Yours in love,

"F. W. THOLEN."

Mr. Tholen's wife has also taken a stand with her husband, both hand in hand for the Lord. Mr. Tholen is already engaged in laboring for souls among the seamen, and has been for a number of years. A German by birth, he speaks Danish as well as his own language, and has a good knowledge of Spanish and French.

During the last four months we have been doing considerable house-to-house work with good results. Some have submitted themselves to the message, and it is working in them. This last month \$30 worth of our sales has gone directly to England and Scotland, and in the month of February about the same amount went to the same places.

Brethren, we are in need of reading matter for our work, clean *Signs*, *Reviews*, *Sentinels*, *Good Healths*, *Life Boats*. Would not some reader of the GLEANER think it a pleasure to send us a club of twenty-five or fifty *Signs* for a year for the work here? We also owe for the last year's club of *Sentinel*. We would like to have this paid. The amount is about \$18.

Souls are reading these papers who can not afford to subscribe for them.

I placed in the hands of Mr. Martin, chief engineer of a Glasgow steamer, the *Sentinel*, and later on sold him "Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation," "Patriarchs and Prophets," "Ladies' Guide," and "Man, the Masterpiece." He speaks highly of the *Sentinel*. He was convinced of the truth, and left his ship, and sailed last Saturday for Glasgow well loaded with the truth. I could cite other cases of the same kind. We need your prayers and help at the present time.

J. L. JOHNSON.

ROCK HALL, MD.

ELEVEN months have passed since my last visit to this church. During the time very little ministerial labor has been given to it. I found on my return that the enemy had been busy in many ways to break up the harmony and love that existed when I left last spring.

The church numbers one hundred and six with a large Sabbath-school. Besides they have a church school taught by Miss Sadie Clarke, of South Lancaster Academy. With all of these departments, it needs wisdom and much of the power of God to have every thing run without friction.

It is the work of Satan to worry the remnant church, and to plant in it the principles of his kingdom, bringing in trouble, and thus breaking up the harmony that should exist, killing out the love, and driving away the Spirit of God, making a lukewarm church, having a form but no power.

There are lessons for our people to learn. Will we let God teach us? Jealousy and evil surmisings will soon corrupt any society, and much more the church. Shall we learn those lessons that will help build up a character so strong that there will not be any place for Satan to work?

A good interest has been manifested

to hear the instructions given, and some good has been accomplished; but it makes one sad to see some dropping out because of the straight testimony, yet it also makes one glad to see others taking their places.

There is a great work for this church to do, to guard against the encroachments of the enemy, closing up every avenue. Cultivate those traits of character that will make for peace.

May the Lord teach us just the lessons we need for the hour we are living in, is my prayer.

F. W. MACE.

#### WASHINGTON, D. C.

Two thousand five hundred dollars was paid, April 27, on the debt of the Washington memorial church. This makes a total of \$8,700 paid since Nov. 1, 1902, and leaves a balance of \$4,200 yet to pay, with interest at sixty-four cents per day. With the exception of Sunday, money has been received on the church fund every day since January 20. The smallest amount received on any one day was one dollar on April 29.

On April 27 I received \$500 from a sister in St. Louis, who had previously given \$1,500 to this fund. If a few others would give \$2,000 as this sister has done, or proportionately, as they are able, how quickly this account would be closed. Yet we know many have sacrificed in giving the small amounts, and we know they will receive joy and blessing in proportion to their sacrifice.

One sister in Ohio offered to give \$100 if a picture of the church and the congregation standing in front of it, was sent to her. An excellent picture has been taken, and we now have forty-two more of these photographs, which we will gladly send to other friends for the same consideration.

We shall then joyously sing the jubilee song of freedom and appoint a time for the rededication of this

church to the blessed work of proclaiming in the nation's capital and to the representatives and people of the nation, yea more,—from this "city that is set on a hill" indeed,—to all the world, the saving truth of eternal life and light, and the everlasting and glorious liberty of the sons of God. The church and our leading institutions established here will bring the great testing question of the ages to direct and final settlement more quickly and definitely than if established in any other city in the world. This city is the bridge between the North and the South. It is the one city that belongs to the whole nation.

One hundred dollars more than two-thirds of \$12,900, the church debt, has now been paid. Surely it will not be long until the whole amount is raised. At the present rate August 1 will witness the payment of the last dollar, but we trust the day of freedom will come at a much earlier date.

The attendance at the meeting, Sunday night, April 26, was the largest in the new church, the room being packed. We have been studying Christian Science as a fulfilment of prophecy, and a deep interest has been aroused. Every modern delusion seeks to establish itself in Washington.

Abdul Baha, a man who claims to be Christ, living now in Acca, Palestine, has sent his teachers to Washington. They are having a good hearing, and winning followers. It is said that he has 15,000,000 followers. It is a most astounding story, surely a part fulfilment of the prophecy of false Christ's in Matthew 24. Surely we may understand as we consider the modern delusions, the words of Isaiah 2:6, "Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be replenished from the east, and are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers."

Christian Science, according to the

statements made by its own authorities, is simply a dangerous revival of ancient heathen witchcraft from the far East, with its mysteries and incantations. I hope to write on this subject more fully at some future date. We are certainly living in the days when great signs and lying wonders are beginning to appear, when many have come, saying, "I am Christ," and these delusions are deceiving many, and testing the faith even of the elect to the utmost. But he is able to keep us faultless, victorious, till the blessed day, now so near at hand, of "the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

The following donations have been sent direct to me, and have not before been reported in the GLEANER. With the exception of the first two, these donations were received from the Atlantic Union Conference:

Previously reported,	\$1,578.53
Hattie H. Weller,	500.00
Mrs. Sarah A. Higgins,	100.00
Mr. Culneyhouse,	1.00
Miss Alice Ashhurst,	8.00
Mr. and Mrs. Helwick,	1.10
Mrs. A. Stone,	1.00
Mrs. Chas. Miller,	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Kendrick,	5.00
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Miss Emma Newcomer,	2.00
Jacob Wagin,	2.00
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"LET labor for souls become a part of your life."

## SOUTH FRAMINGHAM, MASS.

SABBATH, April 25, was a good day for the South Framingham company. The time had come for them to be organized into a church. Fifteen came forward in a body to be associated in church fellowship. Our dear brethren Mattson and Gilbert, under God, perfected the organization. The Holy Spirit was present, and witnessed to the work done. There are about as many more that are keeping the Sabbath, and are in harmony with the message as far as they know, who will soon be ready to unite with the church.

If this church keeps humble before God, filled with his Spirit, the prospect is bright for a good, strong church to be built up here. The interest manifested by the people to hear the message was never as good as it is now. There is hardly a Sabbath but that some one not of the faith is in to our meetings. They come from the surrounding towns to listen to the truth.

There are many openings for the Bible work. In fact the work is now what we have longed, prayed, and worked for. And it seems as though we had just got to a place where we could do a greater work for God than we have ever done before.

Now comes a call to lay down the work here, and go to a new field. This was a test for me, and I had quite a struggle, and shed many bitter tears over it. But when I came to myself, the victory was won, and I was ready to go. For I recognized the call as from God, believing our conference committee to be men of God and led by the Holy Spirit.

So as I lay off the burden of the work here, and commit this little flock to the keeping of the good Shepherd who gave his life for the sheep, I remember that he says no man can pluck them out of his Father's hand. Yes, they are safe in his keeping. Praise his dear name.

And now as I go to Westerly, R. I., my new field of labor, I much desire the prayers of God's dear people, that he may use me to search out other sheep that are lost on the cold, dark mountains of sin and unbelief, and bring them to the warm fold of this dear Shepherd. There is only one thing in this world that I ask for, and that is for power to win souls to my Saviour, and this I must have; for I believe that it is for us as workers together with God. For Christ when he went away gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work. Pray for me that I may reach the Bible standard of Christian perfection.

I would also ask the prayers of the people of God for my coworker, dear Sister Austin, as she is left here to follow up the interest and bind off the work, that wisdom may be given her from above, and that the grace of God may sustain her in all her trials and perplexities, and that God will preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

MRS. M. A. SCRIBNER.

## WORK ON BLACKWELLS ISLAND.

AN effort has been put forth to carry an extensive campaign against sin on Blackwells Island of New York City, with the combined churches numbers one, two, three, and four.

The various institutions on the island are the penitentiary, almshouse, old ladies' home, asylum for the blind, hospital for consumptives, etc. An interest has been aroused through the distribution of our literature and personal work among the inmates.

There are very intelligent people over there who appreciate our efforts, and good results are seen. We need the cooperation of God's people with their prayers. All can not come with us, but you can send *Signs* and other of our papers; for the silent preacher does a wonderful work. German and Swedish papers are wanted.

We can also use a little change.

From five to ten cents will buy thirty-three eight-page tracts, or two hundred and sixty-four pages of reading. Sometimes the inmates need glasses for their eyes, etc. So if any one in these New York churches feels like making a donation, it will be acceptable. You can send any periodicals at four cents per pound postage, also send donations to H. Tonjes, Treasurer, 24 Morton St., New York City. J. J. Kennedy, Elder, 229 W. Twenty-sixth Street, New York City; R. H. Martin, President; I. White, Vice-President; J. Bashford, Secretary, 32 Eighth Avenue, New York City.

H. TONJES.

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**MEDICAL  MISSIONARY**


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**MEDICAL MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.**

FOLLOWING the General Conference at Oakland, a Medical Missionary Conference was held in Battle Creek from April 22 to May 3. This was held in connection with the International Medical Missionary and Benevolent Association, which must hold its legal meetings in Battle Creek.

This was the first general gathering of medical workers which we have held, and was a very pleasant and profitable gathering. Physicians representing our various sanitariums were present from all over the United States, and some from abroad. Nurses who are working alone in missionary enterprises, those in charge of treatment rooms, and representing other lines of medical missionary work, were also present, while a number of vegetarian restaurants were represented by those in charge. In all, about one hundred delegates were present, besides the students of the American Medical Missionary College, nurses and workers from the Battle Creek Sanitarium, with a large number of friends. Quite a large number of the General Conference Committee and



conference presidents, all of whom are *ex officio* members of the association were also in attendance. A program of very important topics for discussion had been prepared, and the time was only too short to fully discuss the many important problems pertaining to the various features of our work. Much of this had to be considered in committee, as it was impossible to give attention to all the topics in general session, so that the work was divided into sections, as, for instance, the restaurant section, the treatment-room section, nurses-training-school section, etc.

Considerable time was spent in open session in receiving reports from our various institutions and workers. It was very inspiring to all present to hear the encouraging reports that came from all sides as to the progress which is being made. In fact, a notable feature of the occasion was the courage and enthusiasm which seemed to prevail in all the reports that were given. Another notable feature was the perfect unity and harmony which pervaded the conference. The delegates seemed to be bound together by one strong desire to carry forward the Lord's work in the earth, and that the more speedily, as we see the day of his coming approaching. All the reports seemed to indicate that the uppermost desire and aim of the work which is being done, is to develop Christian workers, and represent the whole truth to the world. Even in the restaurant work, where a real spiritual work would be least expected, it was encouraging to hear reports of regular daily worship among the workers, of prayer and social meeting every Friday night at sunset, and to hear that the workers are often led through this work to a complete conversion. If the standard of truth can be steadily upheld in the whirl of restaurant work in the midst of a large city, surely we all ought to be able to adhere to principle in our private lives, or in whatever capacity we are called to work.

During the entire session daily Bible studies were given by Elder Waggoner and Elder Jones. These were exceedingly helpful studies, and were very much appreciated, in fact the spiritual side of the conference was one of the most helpful features. On two different occasions, the meeting which was intended for a business session, turned spontaneously into a praise service, in which there was a manifest desire on the part of all present to reconsecrate themselves fully to the Lord's work.

I am sure every one who attended this conference is able to return home with new courage and a new vision of the great work to be done in the earth for sinful and suffering humanity, and I believe every one has a stronger desire than ever before to do his part faithfully and well.

A fuller report of the entire meeting will doubtless appear in some of our publications.

C. C. NICOLA, M. D.

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" Publicly, and from HOUSE to HOUSE "

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### THE LAST CALL.

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BEFORE another issue of the GLEANER reaches its readers, our institute at Wilkesbarre will have begun, and I wish to take this last opportunity to urge upon those who have been impressed that they should attend this meeting, and are yet hesitating, the importance of improving this opportunity to prepare for the work.

In the light of the sure word of prophecy the recent developments in the situation affecting the eastern question, as well as in the world in general, ought to convince every Seventh-day Adventist that we have not much longer in which to do our work, and that soon, very soon, the privilege we now enjoy of working without interference or restraint will be ours no longer.

But the work must be, will be, done, and what we neglect to do now will

have to be done under the most forbidding circumstances. In view of this how significant is the following language :

"My soul was agonized as I saw the indifference of our people who make so high a profession. The blood of souls will be on the garments of many who now feel at ease and irresponsible for souls that are perishing around them for want of light and knowledge. They have come in contact with them, but have never warned them, . . . never made earnest efforts to present the truth to them. There has been a wonderful negligence on this point."

"God calls upon his people to act like living men, and not be indolent, sluggish, and indifferent. We must carry the publications to the people, and urge them to accept."

"The work of warning has been entrusted to us. . . . *That which is to be done in warning the world is to be done without delay. Let not the canvassing work be left to languish.* Let young and old consecrate themselves to God, take up the work, and go forward." "There is no higher work than evangelistic canvassing." —"Manual for Canvassers."

There are many individuals who know that for a long time God has been calling them to take up this work, has even waited for them, as it were, in order that they might have the blessed privilege of being workers together with God; but he will not wait forever, and if these will not step out and do the work, someone else will, for it is written :

"God has his workmen in every age. The call of the hour is answered by the coming of the man. Thus when the divine voice cries, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' the response will come, 'Here am I, send me.'"

My brother, or sister, if the call to service reaches your ears and your heart, do not allow Satan to keep you out of the work, but come to this in-

stitute, and prepare yourself to go out into life's highways and hedges and constrain the wanderers to come in.

Arrangements have been made to care for those who come in the cheapest and best manner possible. All who attend the institute should bring bedding, towels, etc., so that they can care for themselves in this respect, not only during the institute, but also during the camp-meeting.

Let there be a general rally at this important time, and this summer will mark the beginning of a new era for the canvassing work.

F. E. PAINTER.

#### TITUSVILLE, PA.

THE Titusville institute was held at the time previously announced in the GLEANER, and was, we believe, a very profitable meeting, and was much appreciated by those who were present.

The very light attendance at this meeting seems to be an evidence that there are still many of our people who are not thoroughly alive to their responsibilities to help in the circulation of the printed messengers of truth. But I am sure that the few earnest souls who were present, will accomplish a good work this summer; and it is to be hoped that their example will lead many others to buckle on the armor and enlist for the active campaign.

In addition to the other books studied, we had a very interesting class on "Christ's Object Lessons," which was attended by most of the members of the Titusville church residing in the city. Some of these have already sold their quota, but are not satisfied to relinquish the joy and blessing they receive in this work, and desire to better fit themselves to continue in it.

We were very glad for the presence of Elder Lukens and his wife at this meeting. They have both had an extensive experience in the canvass-

ing work, and their assistance was much appreciated.

One very pleasant feature of this institute was the spirit of genial hos-

#### THE BOOK WORK.

##### Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending May 1, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. J. Heckman, Johnstown,		D of A		23	28	29.50	21.25	50.75	6.50
W. C. Fleisher, McKeesport,		D of A			4	19.00		19.00	
T. D. Gibson, Uniontown,		P & P		30	10	23.50	10.75	34.25	13.25
J. Q. Herrington, Wilkinsburg,		P & P		12	5	12.75	6.00	18.75	
W. H. Zeidler, McKeesport,		G C		25	8	20.75	16.50	37.25	14.75
W. C. Fleisher, McKeesport,		G C		28	7	22.50	17.00	39.50	5.75
Mrs. M. B. Colcord, Coud'port,		L G			3	9.00	3.20	12.20	
Ivor Lawrence, Huntingdon,		M of N		21	10	13.75	3.25	17.00	
Mary E. Diener, Allentown,		H of M		15	2	2.75	2.25	5.00	5.25
D. Bowman, Sharpsburg,		H of M		26	9	13.25		13.25	
Maud O. Rudolph, Washing'n,		H of M		6	6	8.25	4.50	12.75	
F. A. Evans, Coudersport,		M the M		18	6	18.50	5.00	23.50	
Totals,	12 Agents,			204	78	\$195.50	\$89.70	\$285.20	\$45.50

##### New York Conference, Week Ending May 1, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
J. H. Deeley, Otselic,		G C		36	4	9.50	4.75	14.25	
G. F. Evans, Bolivar,		G C		38	1	4.50	18.00	22.50	
Arthur Coon, Otselic,		G C		37	4	10.00	4.50	14.50	.75
A. R. Evans, Bolivar,		H of M		36	12	17.25	10.50	27.75	
S. J. Alden, Hornellsville,		H of M		27	4	7.75	1.75	3.50	
*Geo H. Scott, Little Falls,		G P		48		130.50		130.50	
*Judson J. Scott, " "		G P		54	210	73.50		73.50	
*M. A. Vroman, " "		G P		40		130.45	1.25	131.70	10.00
Totals,	8 Agents,			316	235	\$383.45	\$40.75	\$424.20	10.75

\*Two weeks.

##### New England Conference, Week Ending May 1, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
R. C. Andrews, Torrington, Ct.,		P & P		26	3	7.50	7.00	14.50	42.62
Totals,	1 Agent,			26	3	\$7.50	\$7.00	\$14.50	42.62

##### Maine Conference, Week Ending April 17, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. E. Gerald, Portland,		C O L			15	18.75	13.20	31.95	
Totals,	1 Agent,				15	\$18.75	\$13.20	\$31.95	

##### Vermont Conference, Week Ending May 1, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Rubie Roscoe, Burlington,		P & P,	1½				.50	.50	4.50
Totals,	1 Agent,		1½				\$0.50	\$0.50	\$4.50

Union Conference Totals,	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
23 Agents,	1½	546	331	\$605.20	\$151.15	\$756.35	\$103.37

pitality shown by the brethren and sisters in Titusville. No effort was spared that could add to the comfort and pleasure of the workers present.

Public services were conducted each evening, and were well attended by an intelligent class of interested listeners. I am sure a very good impression was made upon the people of the city, and that Titusville will prove a fruitful field for a more extended effort in the near future.

I wish to request the prayers of God's people for the workers who attend these various institutes, that they may prove faithful to their trust, and that God's rich blessings may attend them, and their efforts may be crowned with success.

F. E. PAINTER.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

VERMONT.

—Our canvassers have all gone to their fields of labor, and we trust they will soon have some good reports for the GLEANER. Brethren, pray for the success of the work.

—Brother Charles Porter has taken Lamoille County in connection with Brother Boardman to canvass for "Desire of Ages," but will make "Christ's Object Lessons" his chief book for a few weeks.

—Elder Watt reports that the North Wolcott school opened with eleven students, and that he has again taken up the work for that place with the hope of presenting the truth as it is in Jesus, that the children of God may "look and live."

—Is the GLEANER in every Seventh-day Adventist home in the State? If not, will you please send to the office of the tract society a list of all the families who do not take it? Send such names with their post-office addresses, that we may reach them at once.

—Sisters Rubie Roscoe and Katie Loveland have gone to Randolph to

canvass for the summer, both to handle "Christ's Object Lessons" in connection with their regular books. Sister Roscoe will handle "Patriarchs and Prophets," and Sister Loveland, "Desire of Ages." May each one experience the blessing of the Lord in placing many books in the hands of the people in connection with the other work that may be done there this summer.

—Sister Jenks writes relative to the Rutland school that "While Satan is working to pull down, the Lord is wonderfully blessing our school. The entire spirit of most of the children seems changed. Two Catholic children are attending. Basket making has been begun, and the children are doing well." "Let this mind be in you, that was in Christ Jesus," a mind to work in harmony with the will of God and thus all in unity, that his blessing may be truly felt for the help of "the little ones" and the church.

F. M. DANA.

NEW JERSEY.

—Elder J. C. Stevens, of Newark, reports that three or four have recently begun the observance of the Sabbath.

—Sister Keslake, of Trenton, who is stopping at the Philadelphia Sanitarium, attended church at Camden last Sabbath.

—The Newark church received one of the new Sabbath-keepers into church fellowship last Sabbath. The attendance of the Sabbath-school has increased considerably.

SALEM.

—Sister Mary Thompson is visiting in Camden.

—Sister Nellie Lengwieler has been visiting her brother in Vineland for two weeks.

—Our children's meetings are proving to be very interesting. The children take hold and help in the service.

—Sister Rebecca Fox, who has been ill all winter, has so far recovered as to be able to attend Sabbath service. MRS. J. W. RAMBO.

OBITUARY NOTICES

WAITE.—Mrs. Harriett N. Waite died at her home in Hubbardston, Mass., Feb. 26, 1903, aged 69 years 8 months and 3 days. She was ill one week, from a severe attack of bronchitis and grippe, from which she seemed lacking in strength to recover, growing weaker until at last she fell quietly asleep in Jesus. She was converted and baptized at the early age of sixteen years, and has been a faithful believer in the truth for many years, and was looking forward to the time when the scenes of this earth will be past, when sin and strife will be unknown, and all will be peace. She was a kind, loving, and faithful wife and mother, and was loved by all who knew her. She leaves a husband over eighty years of age, whose companion she had been nearly forty years, an only child (the writer), and one sister, who feel very deeply their loss, also four little grandchildren, the two older being comforted by the assurance that if we are all faithful we shall see their dear grandmother never to be parted again.

MRS. HATTIE L. BARBER.

TESTIMONY NO. 34. Volume VI.

THE subjects treated in this volume are of such a nature as to make the book invaluable to every believer in the Third Angel's Message at this particular stage of the work.

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May 8.....	7:06	7:02	6:58
May 15.....	7:13	7:09	7:04
May 22.....	7:20	7:15	7:10
May 29.....	7:26	7:21	7:16



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**PENNSYLVANIA CAMP-MEETING.**

THE usual reduction of one-third in railroad fares has been granted, from points in Pennsylvania, on all roads running into Wilkesbarre, where our camp-meeting will be held, June 4-14. The tickets will be sold and good, going June 1 to 12, returning to June 19, inclusive.

All requests for card orders should reach this office before June 1, as the office will be closed from that date until after we return from the meeting. When requesting card orders, always be very particular to state over what roads you will go.

Elder Underwood is now in Wilkesbarre, and will make the best arrangements possible with street-car lines, and other transportation companies, for the carrying of passengers and baggage. Full information will be given in the next issue of the GLEANER.

This will be an important meeting, and we hope that a large number of our people will plan to attend. Come in the beginning, and stay to the close.

V. H. COOK

*Secretary Pennsylvania Conference.***THE WILKESBARRE INSTITUTE.**

TO HOW many in northeastern Pennsylvania has the "still small voice" spoken, and urged them to enter the canvassing work? Let all these respond and say by their actions, "Here am I, send me." Let all such, not only young people, but

older ones also who have made a success in life's calling and whom the Lord is urging now to engage in his service, report at Wilkesbarre, Pa., on May 18, for a two weeks' drill in study and actual field experience. All who come will please report at Sister R. F. Covert's place, No. 25 Market St., Kingston, Pa., across the river from Wilkesbarre.

Those coming over roads running into Wilkesbarre will need to walk about two blocks from the station to the "square," where they will take any car running across the river. Get off at Kingston corners, and walk a few doors farther on Market Street to Sister Covert's.

All who come over the D. L. and W. Railway will get off at Kingston, and take a car at the station on Market Street and ride, or if they desire walk three or four squares, to Sister Covert's place.

We hope for a goodly number to avail themselves of this opportunity to fit themselves for efficient work in the Master's vineyard.

Those who come to the institute will be entertained at the homes of our people at the rate of \$2.50 a week.

S. S. SHROCK.

**PATERSON, N. J.**

I HAVE just returned (May 3) from a three weeks' trip to Camden, N. J., in behalf of "Christ's Object Lessons." In fourteen and a half days' work orders for one hundred and seventeen books were taken, an average of eight per day. These were all, with but few exceptions, from Sunday-school teachers. My plan has been to learn the name of the superintendent or one of the teachers, and then call upon that one, and after canvassing him, secure a list of the teachers in his school. These were readily given, and after canvassing these teachers, I would go to another school and proceed in a like manner, with the above mentioned result. There is abundant

opportunity to give counsel and to "speak a word to him that is weary" in this work, and if our people only realized the blessings that come from engaging heartily in it, much more would be done.

J. W. RAMBO.

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

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