

ATLANTIC UNION GLEANNER



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

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COME, LABOR ON!

COME, labor on:

Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,
While all around him waves the golden grain,
And every servant hears the Master say,
"Go, work to-day?"

Come, labor on:

The laborers are few the field is wide;
New stations must be filled, and blanks
supplied;
From voices distant far, or near at home,
The call is, "Come."

Come, labor on:

The enemy is watching, night and day,
To sow the tares, to snatch the seed away:
While we in sleep our duty have forgot,
He slumbereth not.

Come, labor on:

Away with gloomy doubt and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here;
By feeblest agents can our God fulfil
His righteous will.

Come, labor on:

No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
While the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun,
"Servants, well done!"

Come, labor on:

The toil is pleasant, the reward is sure;
Blessed are those who to the end endure;
How full their joy, how deep their rest
shall be,

O Lord, with thee!

—*Author Unknown.*

WHEN we are converted, our desire
for ease and elegance will be changed.

—*Mrs. E. G. White.*

A RALLYING CALL.

THERE is a desire on the part of some of our number, and a need on the part of all, to return to the consecration and the simplicity which characterized the early days of the message. The signs of the approaching end are so thickening around us, that one does not have to walk by faith to see it near. In view of this is it not time to arouse to a more earnest effort of bringing the attention of the world to the meaning of the various movements throughout the land which are clearly explained in the word of God? Shall we not place ourselves in the light of God's word, and consider which is more important, eating, dressing, and living like the world around us? or preparing for the life to come? Shall our energies, mental and physical, be devoted to our houses, our lands, our merchandise? or shall these things be secondary, and the work of God be regarded as first in importance?

Twenty-five years ago every Seventh-day Adventist church expected to have a part in sounding the gospel message. For this purpose, each church took a club of *Signs*, which the members used in personal missionary work. These papers were sent regularly to relatives, friends, and strangers whose addresses could

be obtained, and letters were written indicating that the writers had a burden for souls. They went from hearts lifted to God in prayer that his Spirit might accompany the publications sent, and impress this solemn message upon the heart of the receiver. These prayers were not unanswered, as the testimony of hundreds who received the papers bore witness.

This was a line of work in which all the home-keepers, who were prevented from engaging in more active service, could have a part; and we are thankful to find that some of these faithful workers are still carrying on missionary work in their homes. From quarter to quarter we receive individual reports of work performed by those who have grown gray in waiting for the return of their Lord, but are not among the number who say, My Lord delayeth his coming. Of late we learn that the little granddaughter of one of these sisters, at an early age, is beginning the work of sending out papers. Such is the power of example on susceptible childhood. We would that more grandmothers were educating their children and grandchildren to work for God, rather than filling their hands with worthless and expensive baubles of earth that soon perish with the using.

A golden opportunity is offered to

all in the special holiday number of the *Signs* to explain to thousands one of the most vital yet perplexing questions of the age—a question of equal interest to rich and poor, high and low—and to show them where they stand in the world's history. Shall we let this opportunity pass unheeded?

Elder A. G. Daniells, president of the Seventh-day Adventist General Conference, says in relation to this work:

"There is no service that can be rendered the world equal to that of giving to the perishing the very truth for the present hour. One of the most tremendous issues facing the people of the United States, and all the world, for that matter, is this labor question." "There is no question but what the most terrible and bitter struggle this country has ever passed through is before us in this controversy between labor and capital."

"I have more in view than simply the sale of a single copy of the *Signs*. This should be the rallying call to an entire winter's campaign. It is a good thing to start with. If our people could be put into the field for a few weeks in the sale of this paper, and circulate a million copies, it would prepare them for further work; and this is one of the greatest needs among our churches to-day."

"We must not stop with one issue of the *Signs*. Let us keep up the distribution of the paper as well as possible." "The inactivity of this denomination is simply unaccountable. How it is possible for a people believing and teaching the most glorious truths held and taught by any body of people on earth—the most glorious and wonderful mankind can conceive of—to make so little effort to place them before the minds of the world, is utterly unaccountable."

In former days, we, as a people, really believed that the coming of the Lord was at the doors. In later years it has come to be with the greater number simply a beautiful theory.

This explains the wonderful inactivity; but shall we not begin anew with the present hour, return to the first works, place the trifling things of earth which seem so important behind our backs, and make the work of the Lord our first aim?

Here is an opening for the old, the middle-aged, the youth, and the children to have a part in sounding forth the loud cry of the third angel's message. We do not wish to be understood as recommending that all should adopt the old-time methods of sending out the *Signs* through the mail. It is the old-time missionary spirit which we wish to see revived, yet we would not imply that with the revival of the former spirit there may not be a revival of the former methods in connection with those more recently adopted. If you are walking in the counsel of God, he will reveal to you the way which he would have you employ. Could the army of young people in our midst sense the time in which we live, the work of a thousand years might be done in one day.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE MAINE CONFERENCE OF SEVENTH- DAY ADVENTISTS.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

THIS organization shall be known as the Maine Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

ARTICLE II.—TERRITORY.

The territory of this conference shall comprise the State of Maine, and such other territory as may hereafter come under its supervision.

ARTICLE III.—OBJECT.

The object of this Conference shall be to extend the work of the gospel throughout its territory and the mission fields of the world.

ARTICLE IV.—MEMBERSHIP.

This Conference shall be comprised of such churches as are, or may be, organized in any part of its territory under the direction of the

Executive Committee, when said churches shall have been accepted by vote of the Conference.

ARTICLE V.—REPRESENTATION.

SECTION 1. The delegates of this Conference shall be elected according to the following ratio: Each organized church shall be entitled to one delegate for the organization and one additional delegate for each ten members.

SEC. 2. The members of the Executive Committee shall be delegates *ex-officio*, and all accredited ministers of this Conference and any member who may be present of the executive committee of the Atlantic Union Conference, and of the executive committee of the General Conference, and any regular minister who may be present, as a laborer, from other conferences at any session, shall be delegates at large.

SEC. 3. In case any delegate to which a church is entitled is not present at a session, the Conference may elect any member of said church who may be present to fill the vacancy.

SEC. 4. Unorganized companies of believers shall be represented in the Conference by the delegates at large.

ARTICLE VI.—OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of this Conference shall be a President, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary, and such Department Secretaries as may be necessary to carry forward the work, and a Conference Committee of not less than five members of which the President shall be one.

SEC. 2. All officers shall be elected at the regular sessions of the Conference, unless otherwise provided, and shall hold their office for the term of one year, or until their successors are elected and appear to enter upon their duties.

ARTICLE VII.—SESSIONS.

SECTION 1. This Conference shall hold annual sessions at such time and place as the Conference Committee

shall designate by a published notice in the *Review and Herald* at least three weeks before the date of the meeting.

SEC. 2. The Conference Committee may call special sessions of the Conference as occasion may require, by a like notice, and the transactions at such sessions shall be equally valid with those of an annual session.

ARTICLE VIII.—TRUSTEES, SECRETARIES, COMMITTEES, AND AGENTS.

This Conference shall at each annual session select a board of managers of such institutions and enterprises as are or may be operated by this organization in accordance with the Acts which govern the same; and the Conference shall employ such committees, secretaries, agents, missionaries, and other persons, and make such distribution of its laborers as may be necessary to effectually carry on its work. It shall also give credentials to, or license, such ministers and missionaries as it may employ.

ARTICLE IX.—CHURCHES.

When any church, or scattered brethren, wish ministerial labor in their vicinity, their call shall be made to the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X.—WAGES.

No person shall be employed and paid from the tithe of the Conference, unless he himself pays tithe.

ARTICLE XI.—BY-LAWS.

The voters of this Conference may make By-Laws and amend or repeal them at any session thereof, and the scope of such By-Laws may embrace all subjects not inconsistent with the Constitution.

ARTICLE XII.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds' vote of the delegates present and voting at any session, provided that if it be proposed to amend the Constitution at a special session, notice of the proposed amendments shall be given in the call for such special sessions.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—PRESIDENT.

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of the Conference, to report annually the condition of the work, and make such recommendations as may seem best in the judgment of himself and Committee, and to attend to all the duties that usually pertain to this office.

ARTICLE II.—RECORDING SECRETARY.

It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each session of the Conference; to supply all churches with blanks for customary reports; to provide proper blank credentials for ministers, missionaries, special officers, agents, and other individuals authorized by the Conference; to collect and tabulate such statistical reports as are desired by the Conference Committee, and to give attention to all other business usually pertaining to the office of secretary.

ARTICLE III.—TREASURER.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all moneys belonging to the Conference; to disburse them by order of the President, and to make a full report thereof at all sessions of the Conference, and at such other times as may be required by the President or Conference Committee.

ARTICLE IV.—PRIVILEGES OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee shall have full administrative power during the intervals between the sessions of the Conference, and shall exercise a general watch-care over all matters pertaining to the work of the Conference in its territory, and shall fill any vacancies that may occur during their term of office, in the boards, committees, or agents, appointed or elected by the Conference. It shall direct the movements of the employees of the Conference, and pay them for labor at regular intervals from the funds of the Conference.

ARTICLE V.—AUDITORS.

SECTION 1. The account books of this Conference and its several departments shall be carefully audited at such times as may be arranged by the Executive Committee.

SEC. 2. The Conference shall provide an Auditor or Auditors to thoroughly examine the accounts of the several departments of the Conference and to report upon the same to the Conference Committee and to the Conference at its next session.

SEC. 3. The Conference Committee may appoint six persons, not in the employ of the Conference, to act in conjunction with itself, who shall constitute an Auditing Committee, and shall annually audit the accounts of all employees of the Conference.

ARTICLE VI.—FINANCE.

SECTION 1. The Conference shall receive the tithe of the churches, companies, scattered members, and the mission fields within its territory.

SEC. 2. The Conference shall receive the donations from the Sabbath-schools within its territory which shall be forwarded to the treasurer of the Atlantic Union Conference.

SEC. 3. The Conference Committee is authorized to call for special donations as may be necessary to carry on its work.

SEC. 4. This Conference shall pay the Atlantic Union Conference a tithe of its tithe.

ARTICLE VII.—MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

The Secretary of the Missionary Department shall labor to promote the circulation of the denominational literature and to encourage active missionary effort in all lines, in the various churches; to execute plans arranged by the Conference Committee; supply all churches with blanks for customary departmental reports; collect statistics; provide statistical reports as required by the Conference Committee, and to perform all other duties usually pertaining to the office of such secretary.

ARTICLE VIII.—SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

The Secretary or Secretaries of the Sabbath-school Department shall labor to promote the general interest of the Sabbath-school work; execute plans arranged by the Conference Committee; supply all Sabbath-schools with blanks for customary reports; collect statistics; provide statistical reports as required by the Conference Committee, and by the Sabbath-school Departments of the Atlantic Union and the General Conferences; and to perform all other duties usually pertaining to the office of secretary.

ARTICLE IX.—CANVASSING AGENT.

It shall be the duty of the Canvassing Agent to have charge, under the direction of the Conference Committee, of the canvassing work and the territory, and to direct all agents for this work appointed and recommended by the Conference.

ARTICLE X.—REPORTING.

It shall be the duty of the ministers and workers in this Conference to report monthly, giving an account of labor, expenses, and all donations received.

E. H. MORTON, *Secretary*.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

WHEN the fact is considered that Washington is the representative city of the United States; that here, as in no other city in the country, may be found the whole United States in a nutshell; also representatives of all other great nations of the world, it is at once apparent that it is the ideal center and head of our work; that it possesses peculiar qualifications and attractions not possessed by any other city for the headquarters of a work which in the near crisis will be the sole champion of religious liberty, for the commandments of God, the universal King, as opposed by a world in rebellion.

The fact that several other cities have a larger population in no wise

militates against the above statement. The fact that Washington is not a crowded business city, as are Chicago and New York, makes the location here all the more favorable, for here it is possible, as it would not be if Washington were a larger city, to directly reach the leading men who make up the government.

The North and South can alike be reached from Washington, which can not be said of any other city in the country. In every country in the world where the United States is known, the city of Washington is known. I speak from experience when I say that many larger cities of the United States are comparatively unknown in foreign lands, as compared with Washington, D. C. I know this from a sojourn of ten years and four months in a foreign country. The influence of Washington, D. C., is world-wide. It is a city set on a hill.

When all these facts are considered and the wonderful providences that have led to the establishing of our headquarters as a denomination here in the capital city, it will be at once apparent that the plan and the call for the memorial church was not simply the plan and the call of man, but the direct providence of God. It was a forerunner of the greater things that were to follow.

The move from Battle Creek, Michigan, to Washington, D. C., does not mean simply a change of location. It indicates rather a change of condition. One thing that it signifies, is a freedom from the bondage of debt; and a debt, however small, clinging for a long time to this church would surely be a harbinger of debt and disaster for other institutions located here.

I regret to say that the contributions are decreasing, and at the present rate the debt will not be paid till January 14, 1904. It is important that it should be paid by November 1,—just one year from the date

of purchase. But if this is done a great change must be made at once. This is the last appeal that can be made before that date. When I remember the wonderful response through our field on February 2, I believe this will be done. Much was sent by telegraph at the last moment then. This can be done now.

About \$900 yet remains to be paid, though the Review Office has over \$100 for this fund.

I quote a few words from a Testimony written February 22: "Those who share in this missionary enterprise by making gifts large or small according to their ability, will ever after feel a deeper interest in the progress of the Lord's cause in Washington. Those who respond to this call, making gifts to the Lord for the purchase of this church property, will receive rich blessing for so doing. All gifts should be sent to J. S. Washburn, 1728 Fourteenth St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Below is given a brief list of donations sent directly to me, and not before published in the GLEANER.

Previously reported,	\$3,938.77
Elm Dale, Minnesota, church,	4.00
Mrs. H. L. Horn,	2.00
L. H. Crisler,	.87
C. O. Taylor,	1.00
Mrs. L. E. Grier,	1.00
Laura Harkins,	1.50
Georgie Rudolph,	1.00
J. F. Dorsey,	1.00
Mary Wonters,	.50
Della Beckberger,	1.00
Mr. W. J. Mullin,	.50
Mrs. Jane Thompson,	1.00
Mrs. M. E. Dutton,	.50
J. L. Wheeler,	.50
S. McMulkin,	1.00
Mrs. L. Bowen and family,	1.00
Mrs. S. M. Tucker,	1.00
Miss Katie Weibright,	1.00
Mr. F. H. Hicks,	1.00
Mrs. F. E. Eckert,	.50
Mr. William Brisbin,	.05
Mrs. M. E. Landon,	.25
W. W. Wiley,	5.00

Mrs. J. S. Thompson,	5.00
J. H. Disher,	.75
Mrs. George W. Peare,	.50
Derby Eaton and Ole J. Olson	10.00
Mrs. Anna H. Stoiber,	50.00
J. J. Ireland, Treas.,	20.00
E. A. Chapman, Treas.,	41.60
Philip Austeth,	100.00
J. S. WASHBURN.	

The FIELD

ENFIELD, MASS.

THE dear Lord is answering our prayers. Praise be to his name. The two ladies for whom I requested prayers have decided to accept present truth, and next Sabbath, October 24, will be their first Sabbath. Oh, pray earnestly for them that they will be firm for the side of truth.

I can not tell you how rejoiced I am to see these "first-fruits" here in Enfield. I want to thank you all for the prayers in our behalf. Now, dear brethren and sisters in this most precious faith, will you still continue to help us here in Enfield by your prayers?

There is a great work to be done here, and it is my prayer that the Lord will send help. The doors are open wide for workers to come in. Last Sunday, October 18, I spoke before twenty-nine persons in a little school-house. The Lord was there and blessed the service.

Pray for me that I may be strong in the Lord's wisdom and might, that I may be humble and faithful to the end.

ARTHUR E. SANDERSON.

IRVINGTON, N. J.

FOR the encouragement of those who are anxious to see the work succeed in all places, I write the following lines: On Sabbath, October 10, though a very stormy day, nine souls

were baptized by the writer in a large pond on the outskirts of the city. On the following Thursday, four more followed their Lord in baptism. On Sabbath, October 17, thirteen members were added to the Newark church.

We pitched our tent in Irvington the latter part of August. Irvington is practically a part of Newark, but in some respects it is separate. An excellent interest was manifested from the start. The tent was pitched almost in the center of the town, and was attractive. It was decorated inside with banners with inscribed Scripture verses, and lighted with electricity. We were helped in our advertising by a Methodist minister who took up the Sabbath question in opposition to what we were teaching. We advertized our reply, and it resulted in a victory for the truth.

There is one sad feature connected with it all, however, and it is this: Nine-tenths believe that we have the truth, but how few accept it! The effort here has encouraged us all. The church membership has been almost doubled, now numbering over thirty. Two years ago there was one Sabbath-keeper. So the Lord has blessed, and we are thankful.

J. C. STEVENS.

PAWTUCKET, R. I.

SABBATH, October 17, the Providence church met with us, and we enjoyed a blessed season together. Although the day was stormy, the attendance was good. Brother Archibald, of Providence, spoke to us on the subject of "Sanctification" or being set apart for a holy use.

The thought was brought out that as we are in the closing days of time it is of the greatest importance that our means, our talents, our energies, *ourselves*, be set apart to the work of giving the third angel's message to the world.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren,

by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification."

As we bowed before the Lord in prayer, consecrating ourselves anew for service at this time, we felt that God, by his Holy Spirit, was present with us.

We are beginning to realize, as never before, our need of the spirit of consecration and self-denial that characterized our people in the early days of the message.

At the close of the meeting a collection was taken, amounting to over fourteen dollars in cash and pledges.

F. L. W.

BOSTON AND MELROSE.

SABBATH morning, October 24, I spoke to the sanitarium family, especially to the class of nurses which were just finishing their course.

In the afternoon I met with the Boston church in Gilbert Hall. Sister Robinson was present, and occupied the first part of the service in giving a description of the situation in India. It was interesting and instructive, and it awakened a new desire to help in that important field. A collection was taken towards meeting the expense of a church-school teacher for that field, which amounted to about seventeen dollars. Following this service I spoke a few minutes concerning the special council at Washington, and our plans for a special campaign with our literature this fall and winter. There seemed to be an interest in the soon-forth-coming special *Signs* on "Capital and Labor," to be ready about November 15.

In the evening we had a large attendance at the sanitarium to witness, and take part in the graduation exercises. It was an inspiring occasion. Dr. Kellogg was present and spoke

words of encouragement and counsel to the graduating class of eight. After conferring diplomas, a pleasant little reception was given Miss Dr. Beckner, who leaves soon to take up work in another part of the field. Many of the patients seemed to take as deep an interest in the program as any, and it was indeed one of interest.

I was pleased to find the sanitarium so full that I had to sleep in Dr. Nicola's office.

Elder Wheeler is getting hold of the work of chaplain there nicely, and his wife is also giving good help to the institution.

We had a large attendance at Boston, and Elder Russell reports a good interest and attendance at Malden. Brother Utchmann also reported a good interest in his Sunday night meetings at Cambridge.

A. E. PLACE.

NEW YORK CITY CHURCH NUMBER TWO.

WE ask our brethren of the GLEANER family to rejoice once more with us. Some of the brethren of this church have gone out in accordance with the command of the Master in Matt. 28:19, 20, and the Lord has been faithful to his promise contained therein. Brother E. M. Kirby, who is a native of Walker Valley, Ulster County, New York, and who is very anxious that his friends and relatives there should hear the last message to the world, purchased and fitted out, at his own expense, a thirty-by-sixty-foot tent, which was taken charge of by Brother Henry Tonjes as tentmaster. Brother J. J. Kennedy, one of the elders of our church, during his summer vacation went there to do the preaching for two weeks, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and taking with him the good wishes and prayers of the Lord's people. The Lord blessed the effort to his honor and glory by convincing about thirteen souls of the truth of this message, five

of whom were baptized; and a little company was formed who are keeping the true Sabbath of the Lord, and who send encouraging letters to the brethren from time to time, which are gratefully received and answered.

These three brethren are well satisfied with their effort, as they consider those five souls worth much more than the money, time, and energy expended on them, especially Brother Kirby, who had the joy of seeing his wife baptized, which more than repays him for his part in the work. We ask the prayers of our brethren in the Atlantic Union Conference that this little company may prove faithful to the end, and that we shall soon all be gathered home, when Jesus comes to claim his own.

Brother Tonjes sold many of our publications, mostly our large books and quite a number of "His Glorious Appearing," to the amount of about twenty-five dollars. One man, a wealthy cigar manufacturer of this city, who was spending his summer vacation there, attended the meetings nearly every night, and was so interested that he purchased a whole set of our leading books, and, with many others, gave his name and address to the brethren, asking them to notify him when the meetings commenced in this city.

The brethren are also pleased to be able to report that, during the rain and wind storm about the middle of September, when most of the tents in this conference were blown down, and much damage was done to property in their immediate vicinity, the wind blowing at about sixty miles an hour, the angel of the Lord faithfully watched over their tent, to the extent that not one stake was shaken; although to the finite eye it had no protection or shelter on any side. Praise the Lord for all his goodness to the children of men!

So the good work is going on; and we are satisfied that every humble effort put forth in the name of the Lord

will bear fruit to his honor and glory. We ask the prayers of the Lord's people everywhere, that we in this great, wicked city may all prove faithful to his trust, and let his light so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven.

R. H. MARTIN.

EDUCATIONAL

OUR ACADEMY AND CHURCH-SCHOOLS

CASH DONATIONS RECEIVED FOR FURNISHING FUND SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY.

PREVIOUSLY acknowledged,	\$29.30
Pittsburg, Pa., church,	3.71
Mrs. A. H. Stoiber,	5.50
	\$38.51

FURNISHINGS DONATED TO SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY.

CHESTER church, Chester, W. Va., three comforters and one bedspread; Washington, D. C., church, three comforters.

STUDENTS' DORMITORY.

ONE thousand dollars is wanted to light the entire students' dormitory in our Union Conference academy.

The following has already been contributed for this purpose, and we trust that other contributions may come in soon, that the matter may not be delayed.

Previously reported,	\$556.75
R. C. Andrews,	2.50
Mrs. M. A. Stillman,	1.00
E. W. Stone,	1.00
Slocumville church,	1.00
E. M. Bailey,	1.00
Athol church,	1.00
Brockton church,	2.00
	Total,
	\$566.25

Please send all contributions to W. A. Wilcox, Treas. Atlantic Union Conference, South Lancaster, Mass.,

and recognition of the same will be given in the GLEANER, as above.

ATLANTIC UNION CONF. COMMITTEE

SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

SABBATH-SCHOOL : READING CIRCLE
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK.

I FEEL a deep interest in regard to the Sabbath-school work, for I believe the time has come when we must have a better work done along this line. The Sabbath-school is not something new; it has been established a long time; but how have we improved the opportunities and the sacred responsibilities that have been entrusted to us?

Is it an effort for us to meet together once a week? Do we say we have had no time to study the lesson or teach it to the children? and yet the Saviour has said, "These words which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

But to-day how do we find many of the homes of Seventh-day Adventists? We are told that the children must be anchored soon, and yet in how many homes does the Sabbath find no welcome? They are sorry it has come to stop their worldly pursuits and pleasures. There has been plenty of time for caring for these poor bodies, and the weightier matters have been passed by.

How much time is spent lying in bed late Sabbath morning, and then they rush breathlessly into the Sabbath-school room, away behind time, which has a bad influence.

The Lord has designed that the Sabbath-school should be a place for

old and young to meet together, to learn more of the height, and depth, and length, and breadth, of God's love. We need to talk much of the love of God to others. Hear them and ask them questions, so shall our hearts burn within us, and Jesus will make himself known in some deeper, sweeter guise.

Remember Jesus Christ has given you a message. Have you forgotten it? or lost it? He will one day call you to render an account of it.

How have those who have been placed as leaders in the Sabbath-school stirred up the gift that is in them? It is easy to be troubled over other people's neglect of duty, but anxiety over our own will pay better in the end.

The officers and teachers in the Sabbath-school need more love, more of the Spirit of Christ. God's love draws us his way. He must have willing servants or none. What shall it profit a teacher to gain a reputation, and lose the child's soul?

A good teacher will recognize every answer given by the pupil, and give it the proper amount of credit. Nothing dampens a pupil's enthusiasm quicker than to ignore his answer, but whatever the answer, it should never be treated indifferently, and if the answer is a correct one, then the teacher should have the class understand that the question was answered correctly by that pupil.

If scholars are absent make inquiry for them; let them know you love them, that you missed them, and that you are interested in them.

Oh! what a glorious work is ours, to be associated with Christ in the salvation of the lost, to hasten the glad day of his coming. Will not you, dear fellow-laborer, and friend of Jesus, look at this subject earnestly, and give it your serious thought?

Let us not hesitate a moment to begin work with the young, when it is such a clear duty, since youth is the

time of life when lasting impressions are made.

FANNIE FONDERSMITH.

The PRINTED PAGE

"Publicly,
and from HOUSE to HOUSE"

A NEW ORDER OF THINGS.

THE American revolution resulted in such a complete change in matters relating to civil government in this country, that when the national seal was adopted, it was deemed fitting to place upon it *Novus Ordo Seclorum*—meaning "A New Order of Things." This illustrates what God desires to see on the part of his people with respect to his cause—such a change in their methods of work, such a revival of the true missionary spirit, such a complete revolution in the life and practice, that it will produce indeed a new order of things. I believe this revival, this revolution, began with the leaders among God's people at the General Conference council just closed at Washington, and I am sure it will spread, not only to the laborers in the various conferences, but that the entire rank and file of our people will unite with them in one grand, mighty forward movement, that will never cease until this last warning message has rung throughout the world.

At this meeting plans were laid for a thorough, systematic, missionary campaign that is to be world-wide, and will give every Seventh-day Adventist an opportunity to work in a sensible, practical way for the Lord. Much was said about the necessity of our getting back to the spirit of labor and earnest zeal, and the simple methods which were so effective in the earlier days of this movement. Then the third angel's message was given straight and plain, and the power of God accompanied it, and souls were converted and embraced the truth so firmly that they were not easily shaken out.

I am sure that a revival of that spirit has begun in earnest, and that it will reach and vitalize all our canvassers and the canvassing work. Certainly there is need for this. The present low ebb at which we find this work is a reproach to the entire denomination; for it has been neglected by many of those who were in it, and those who should have been in it, and by others who should have given it encouragement. We are all guilty together. But now God calls upon us to repent and do the first works. He calls for a new order of things in the heart and soul of every Seventh-day Adventist.

This means that the canvassers now in the field will receive new life and energy, and will manifest it both in the character and the amount of their work. It means that the canvassers who have given up the work in discouragement will no longer look at past failures, no matter what their cause, but will buckle on the harness again, with new courage and determination.

It means that hundreds of the bright, earnest young men and women in our ranks will come forward now and do their part in helping to scatter the pages of truth like the leaves of autumn throughout the length and breadth of the land. No more favorable time to begin that work will ever be found than the autumn of this year, 1903.

Word has come to us that Christ is "hungry for fruit." He is impatient, as it were, that his people shall awake at once, and speed to the world with this definite, closing message.

"He has sent forth his angels with the message of mercy; but as if they did not speed on their way fast enough to satisfy his heart of yearning love, he lays on every member of his church the responsibility of proclaiming this message." "*A chain of living witnesses is to carry the invitation to the world. Will you act your*

part in this great work?"—Special Testimony.

It is hoped that there are many in the Atlantic Union Conference who will respond to this call, and prepare to enter the field at once with some of our good books, and get the benefit of the holiday trade. All who will do this should write to their State agent, or tract society secretary.

F. E. PAINTER.

"THE STORY OF DANIEL THE PROPHET."

HAVE you obtained a copy, and given it a careful reading? In this grand book we have in attractive form the story of one of the most success-

ful lives of which we have any record. It unfolds the true principles of temperance and of education, and the lessons that are drawn from Daniel's character will be of great value to the young. It shows clearly the secret of his success and greatness, and will be an inspiration to every reader. The principles of religious freedom and the relation that Christians sustain to earthly governments are made very clear. The subject of the Sanctuary and the Judgment is ably treated, also the great prophecies relating to the rise and fall of nations, till the setting up of the everlasting kingdom. This book should be in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist, and it is a

THE BOOK WORK.

Western Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending October 16, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Mrs. L. B. Trowbridge,	Pittsb'g,	D of A	4	17	6	21.00	9.70	30.70	23.70
W. J. Heckman,	Johnstown,	D of A	1	6			3.50	3.50	3.50
W. C. Fleisher,	McKeesport,	G C	4	30	4	9.50	23.25	32.25	69.00
T. O. Saxton,	Indiana Co.,	P & P	2	14	2	4.50		4.50	9.50
W. H. Zeidler,	McKeesport,	D & R	3	5	2	5.00	6.50	11.50	8.25
F. Daughenbaugh,	Huntingdon,	H of M					.75	.75	10.85
J. W. and E. A. Mitcheltree,	West Middlesex,	C K	5	39	8	8.00	.50	8.50	8.50
Anna Elliott,		C K				4.00	4.00	8.00	
*J. G. Saunders,	Clearfield Co.,	C O S	4	17	9	6.75	11.75	18.50	
Mrs. B. Dickens,	La Quin,	Misc	1	5			6.00	6.00	
C. F. Mahr,	Monongahela,	C K	5	26	18	18.00	6.50	23.50	2.75
Totals,	11 Agents,		29	159	53	\$76.25	\$71.45	\$147.70	\$136.05

*Week ending October 9.

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending October 16, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
J. A. K. Lichty,	Allentown,	D of A	5	34	2	6.00	10.75	16.75	22.55
F. F. Fry,	Steelton,	D & R	1	8	1	1.00		1.00	29.00
W. T. Hilgert,	Philadelphia,	G C	5	15	1	2.25	4.05	6.30	25.05
D. W. Allen,	Athens,	H of M	3	6	1	1.25	4.00	5.25	
J. H. H. Albright,	Birdsboro,	H of M	5	31	5	6.75	2.75	9.50	5.75
Henry K. High,	Reading,	H of M	4	24			6.00	6.00	10.25
Mary E. Diener,	Allentown,	P H	2	7	7	1.75	3.25	5.00	
Totals,	7 Agents,		25	125	17	\$19.00	\$30.80	\$49.80	\$92.60

Vermont Conference, Week Ending October 16, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
C. H. Porter,	Brownington,	C O L	4	31	2	2.50	1.75	4.25	
Totals,	1 Agent,		4	31	2	\$2.50	\$1.75	\$4.25	

most important work to place in the homes of those who do not know the truth.

It would be a fine holiday gift, and an earnest effort on the part of many of our church-members would result in the sale of hundreds of copies among neighbors and friends before the beginning of another year. A great many people buy books for presents, and it gives us an opportunity to sow the seeds of truth contained in this book, and others that are equally attractive and valuable.

We are told that the circulation of our literature is the "very work that needs most to be done," and shall not the next few weeks be used to the best

advantage to advance the work in this line by a few at least in every church? Those who sold "Christ's Object Lessons" could sell "The Story of Daniel" and the smaller books, "Christ Our Saviour," "Best Stories," "Our Paradise Home," and "Steps to Christ." There is great need of reliable men and women to engage permanently in the sale of our large subscription books, and the Lord gives assurance of success to those who are consecrated to the work.

I wish to hear from all who are interested to have a part in the work in the Central New England or Southern New England Conference.

H. C. WILCOX.

PHYSICAL CULTURE AND THE CANVASSER.

If there is any one who needs the reserve power that physical culture imparts it is the canvasser. All who are zealous workers in the spreading of the third angel's message *need a reserve supply of energy*. Many have had only a small degree of success at the canvassing work because they have not taken sufficient exercise to develop the powers of the body. It means many more orders in a day if the canvasser can approach the people with a buoyant spirit than if he is weak and lacks courage. We will all enjoy life more if we cultivate the habit of walking with "chest up." Fully developed lungs and a prominent chest mean courage. Without courage the preacher can not preach, the soldier can not fight, the canvasser can not canvass. Let the canvasser therefore seek to obtain that which will bring to him an abundant supply of courage.

A good way to enlarge the breathing capacity, and expand the lungs, is by deep breathing exercises. To breathe deep and strong will become a habit if practiced persistently. No special time need to be set apart or be wasted in following this practice. While walking along the street with erect form and shoulders back, the inhalations and exhalations can be measured by the steps. About fourteen steps can be taken to one inhalation and exhalation, or once breathing. Another good way to expand the chest is to stand erect, bring the arms slowly from the side till the tips of the fingers meet directly above the head, at the same time filling the lungs slowly with air, to their utmost capacity. Exhale through the mouth, at the same time dropping the arms loosely to the side, and repeat.

The air we breathe is free, so why not prepare to take in as much as we possibly can. There is no element that is so important to life as air.

New York Conference, Week Ending October 16, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
G. F. Evans,		G C			1	2.75		2.75	
A. H. Osborn,		P H		3	2	.50		.50	
R. L. McKenzie,		R H		20					
Mrs. Andrew Cobb,		B R							40.00
Totals,	4 Agents,			23	3	\$3.25		\$3.25	\$40.00

Central New England Conference, Week Ending October 16, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
F. W. Stray, Buckland, Mass.,	D of A		3	14	4	12.00	2.25	14.25	
Totals,	1 Agent,		3	14	4	\$12.00	\$2.25	\$14.25	

Southern New England Conference, Week Ending October 16, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
R. C. Andrews, Winsted, Ct.,		Misc	5	32		19.00		19.00	
W. Blackburn, Westerly, R. I.,		C K	5	26	14	14.50	10.25	24.75	1.00
Totals,	2 Agents,		10	58	14	\$33.50	\$10.25	\$43.75	\$1.00

Maine Conference, Week Ending October 16, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
F. B. Grant, Phillips,		B R			10	21.50	17.50	39.00	
M. T. Prince, Portland,		L G		17	8	26.00	1.25	27.25	
W. E. Gerald, Westbrook,		C O L			17	21.25	10.10	31.35	
Abbie Webber, Skowhegan,							10.50	10.50	
Totals,	4 Agents,			17	35	\$68.75	\$39.35	\$108.10	

Union Conference Totals	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
30 Agents,	71	427	128	\$215.25	\$155.85	\$371.10	\$269.65
Totals for corresp. week last year,							
34 Agents,	642	465	653.10	\$265.33	\$918.43	\$384.00	

Being deprived of it for only a few minutes, means death to the body. For this reason those organs that receive the life-giving fluid into the body should be developed to their utmost capacity. Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." There are many people to-day who would have life more abundantly if they would follow the example of the Author of these words. If every opportunity to develop the powers of mind and body should be embraced, there would be more who would be able to cope with difficulties, and gain victories for the Lord. Before success comes to any one in any line of work it has been previously written upon every muscle, nerve, and fiber of the whole being.

In entering the canvassing work let us study the real secret of success. Let us ask why has this one failed and the other succeeded. The one who fails, is the one who gives up in despair. Success in the canvassing work is not measured by the financial results only, but it is measured largely by the earnestness, faith, and courage that is shown in the distributing of our literature. We must prove to the world that we believe what is in the books we are selling. This requires earnestness of spirit, which to be truly manifested, will draw upon the vital energies of the body. Do not let us fail to have at command a reserve supply. Let us learn how to overcome physical weakness by developing every muscle of the body. In preparing to do successful canvassing, it is not only necessary to be able to give an intelligent description of the book, but it is also necessary to be graceful in figure and manners, meeting the people with a bright and beaming eye.

The canvassing work would be enjoyed to a much greater extent than it is if the physical preparation necessary would be made before entering the work. Let all remember that an

account must be given for the proper use and consecration of the physical powers, as well as the mental and spiritual. May the Lord impress hearts to develop all these powers for the canvassing work just now, at this opportune time when many books can be sold.

F. F. FRY.

VERMONT.

THE time has come for all to be workers in spreading the gospel message. The canvassing work should keep pace with the message. I feel like letting the readers of the GLEANER know that I am interested in this work. Though not directly engaged in canvassing, being, as many others are, tied up to the home duties of life, I think we all can do something in bringing our literature before the people.

Brother Boardman, our State agent, gave us a call a few days ago while on his way to Northfield, in the interest of the canvassing work. Let us pray that his efforts may meet with success in this State, and ere winter closes in upon us may there be a large company of canvassers, numbering five hundred, in the old Green Mountain State. That means all of us, farmers, mechanics, and everybody else. If each one could be instrumental in saving one soul from death, then there would be a thousand workers in our little State. The question arises, Can we all canvass? Perhaps we can not all become regular canvassers, but we can all help a little. We can pray, believing that God will answer us; we can study the science of canvassing; we can try, and leave the results to the Lord.

The canvasser should have the Spirit of the Lord with him, so that people will see that there is something in his character different from what can be seen in the ordinary book agent of these times. We need not think we are book agents, for we are

gospel agents, carrying the truth to those who are in darkness about us. We are all capable of selling books, although it is one of the paramount issues of the closing message. If we could remember that it is the Lord working through us and not we ourselves trying to canvass, there would be more work done for the Lord in circulating our literature among the inhabitants of Vermont.

Let us all take hold of this work as never before, asking the Lord to work through us as his agents, believing he will do it, and he will attend our efforts with rich blessings. Then we soon will be gathered home rejoicing in the earth made new.

IRVING H. CARR.

No. Calais, Vt.

SCOTLAND.

I HAVE thought many times of sending a few lines to your weekly visitor. I am well and ever rejoicing in the good work of putting our publications into the homes of the people. The weather has been so unfavorable that I have not been able to put in the time as I would have liked. There has scarcely been a day through the season but what it has rained some. Notwithstanding I have sold more books in this five months than ever I did in America in the same time. The Lord has indeed blessed me with success.

I have had some blessed experiences, and believe that my labor is not in vain in the Lord. My wife also is having good success for the time that she is able to put into the work, and we are rejoicing together in having a part in this work that is so near its close. Let us all labor together in winning souls, pointing men to the Lamb that was slain but lives again to intercede for them.

We are being tried and tested in Dunfermline, and as we ever remember the workers in the Keystone State in our prayers, we earnestly de-

sire your prayers for us. May the sunshine of the Saviour's love shine on us all, that our influence may bless others, and at last we shall reap if we faint not.

Yours in the work of the Master,
ANDREW NESS.

October 8.

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SUNSET CALENDAR FRIDAYS.

Local Mean Time.

1903.	Boston.	N. Y. and Phila.	Washington.
Oct. 2....	5:42	5:42	5:44
Oct. 9....	5:30	5:31	5:32
Oct. 16....	5:18	5:20	5:22
Oct. 23....	5:08	5:10	5:12
Oct. 30....	4:58	5:00	5:04

OUR INLAND CHINESE MISSION.

MANY will remember Brother E. Pilquist's appeal for help, from the province of Honan, China, and the openings he mentioned for consecrated laborers to unite with him in service for the Master in that hitherto almost unentered land.

All will rejoice to know that God has chosen six earnest, consecrated young people, four doctors and two nurses, to answer this call. Two of the doctors are ordained ministers, and all six go into the field, definitely called of the Lord to spend and be spent in giving the last message of mercy to China's millions, using their medical skill as an auxiliary in the far greater work of preaching the third angel's message.

The party consisted of Drs. A. C. and Bertha L. Selmon, H. W. and Maud T. Miller, and the Misses Carrie Erickson and Charlotte Simpson. They sailed from Vancouver, October 5, on the "Empress of India." They expect to reach their destination, Sintang Cheo, Honan, in about six weeks.

Remember these dear people in prayer, both while *en route* and after they reach their field of labor. With our prayers and with our offerings we may enter into their labors and share with them in the glorious work of giving the everlasting gospel to that benighted people.

A recent letter from Brother J. H. Watson reports progress in our Nyassa, British East Central Africa, Mission. When he wrote there were forty students enrolled in the school with the prospect of more. We have the promise of some illustrated articles for the *Review* from Brother Watson soon.

ESTELLA HOUSER.

"EVEN the wise are long in learning that there is no better work for them than the bit that God puts into their hands."

WASHINGTON CHURCH.

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

W. A. WILCOX,
Treas. A. U. Conference.

Previously reported,	\$794.00
Mrs. Silas Paddock,	1.00
E. W. Stone,	1.00
H. E. Warner,	2.00
Nashua church,	4.00
Mrs. C. E. Moulton,	1.00
Total,	\$803.00

OBITUARY NOTICES

JOHNSON.—Fell asleep at Scranton, Pa., October 14, 1903, Harry, the oldest child of J. G. and Fleta Johnson, aged 17 years and 14 days. Services were conducted at the home of his parents, and were attended by a large number of friends, after which he was taken to Tonawanda, New York, for burial. Remarks were made from 1 Thess. 4:13-17.

J. F. PHILLIPS.

MERRY.—Died at Vineyard Haven, Mass., Sept. 15, 1903, Emma L. Merry, aged sixty-six years. Sister Merry was born in London, England, and her parents being devout Methodists, she was early taught the way of the Lord. While quite young she went for a visit to New Zealand, and on her return came to America. At Vineyard Haven she was united in marriage with William Merry. Later they went West, where for the first time she heard and saw the light of present truth. For her to see light meant to walk in it, and she took a firm stand for the truth, and remained steadfast to the time of her death.

Some years ago she returned to Vineyard Haven, where she did much for the advancement of the truth. For several years she was an earnest and faithful leader of the church there. Her strength of character was also manifested in her "good Samaritan" ministrations to the sick and suffering. In the midst of contagious diseases she seemed to be unconscious of fear, and the Lord made her a great comfort and blessing to many. Two sons and two daughters remain to mourn the loss of a faithful mother. The funeral was held from the home in Vineyard Haven, Thursday, September 17. Pastor Moore, of the M. E. Church, conducted the service.

A. E. PLACE.



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UNLESS funds are received soon to light the students' dormitory, the prospect looks dark for them this winter.

A NOTICE of the special holiday number of the *Signs* will be found on another page. This is to be ready by November 15, consequently the orders for it should be forthcoming, as it will take some time to get the papers from Oakland. It would be well to consider this work with the *Signs* in all of our churches October 31, and then forward your orders promptly to the State secretary.

LAST week your attention was called to the importance of this work by the president of the Vermont Conference. The suggestions contained in his article are just as applicable to our workers everywhere as in the State of Vermont, so if you have not read them, it might be well to do so now, and then lay plans to systematically engage in circulating this special number of the *Signs* as the providence of God may direct.

"THE *Signs of the Times* is our pioneer missionary paper, and in view of the fact that this is a missionary enterprise, and as an additional incentive to our people to give this number a wide circulation, the publishers have decided to donate one-half of the net-profits on this special issue to the Mission Board, to be used in carrying the truth to the regions beyond."

A SAD CIRCUMSTANCE.

BROTHER HERBERT HARTWELL had made careful and earnest preparations for his work in Portsmouth, N. H. He had several interested Bible readers, and had a hall engaged, and meetings advertised, when he suddenly had a shock of facial paralysis. The doctors call it paralysis of the facial nerve. It is a source of great disappointment to him, and to the interested ones in Portsmouth. We know that all our brethren and sisters will unite in sympathy for our dear brother, and pray that his captivity may soon be turned, and he be permitted to take up his work again.

A. E. PLACE.

NOTICE.

WILL conference officers see that credentials for delegates to the Union Conference are filled out and forwarded to this office at once, in order that we may know the number coming and be prepared to provide for them?

Will all persons who are not delegates, but are planning to attend the conference, please inform us of their intentions, so that suitable arrangements may be made for them? Otherwise we will not hold ourselves responsible to provide accommodations. Please do not delay giving notice if you are going to attend the meeting.

H. W. COTTRELL.

A MISSIONARY RALLY.

NOVEMBER 21 and 22 has been set apart for a general missionary rally all over the United States. Readings on various phases of missionary work have been prepared, and will be furnished free to those requesting them. They are as follows:

"A Call to Service," by Mrs. E. G. White.

"Value and Uses of Tracts," by various writers.

"Our Periodicals a Continual Blessing," by H. H. Hall.

"Home Workers with Small Books," by I. A. Ford.

"A Missionary Follow-up System," by S. N. Curtiss.

"Mission and Results of 'Christ's Object Lessons' Work," by P. T. Magan.

These readings are all very short and are only expected to open up the subject for general discussion after the plan of Sabbath-school conventions—in fact these services will be called missionary conventions.

The plan is to devote three services to them; two on the Sabbath and one Sunday evening, or evening after the Sabbath. This will allow about fifteen minutes for the study and discussion of each topic. The third meeting, coming as it does upon time other than the Sabbath, enables the church to transact the business connected with the ordering of supplies and arranging for work.

Let us pray that this may be a season of extraordinary blessing to us all, and in the meantime be studying how we can make it so.

H. H. HALL.

NOTICE.

SISTER E. D. ROBINSON will speak on India at the Everett church, Sabbath, October 31, 11 A. M. Meeting in Grand Army Hall.

C. E. PALMER, *Leader*.

A SCHOOL OF HEALTH.

EARNEST efforts are being put forth at Everett to arrange for a school of health. A good degree of interest is being manifested by the people of Everett, and it is expected that the effort will be a success.

A. E. PLACE.

"THE summer comes, and the summer goes;

Wild flowers are fringing the dusty lanes,
The swallows go darting through fragrant rains,

Then all of a sudden—it snows."