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

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GOD'S WORKMEN.

THE trials of life are God's workmen, to remove the impurities and roughness from our character. Their hewing, squaring, and chiseling, their burnishing and polishing, is a painful process; it is hard to be pressed down to the grinding wheel. But the stone is brought forth prepared to fill its place in the heavenly temple. Upon no useless material does the Master bestow such careful, thorough work. Only his precious stones are polished after the similitude of a palace.—*"Mount of Blessing," page 21.*

How varied are thy workmen, Lord,
Whom thou in love dost send
To herald forth thy faithful Word;
In Christ their works do blend.

How beautiful indeed the feet
Of those who peace proclaim!
Glad tidings of salvation sweet
They bring in Jesus' name.

Not all thy workmen, Lord, have hands
Nor feet to do thy will;
Yet they are found throughout all lands,
Thy purpose to fulfil.

The trials of each life, though hard,
Are all thy workmen true,
And while we find them painful, Lord,
We find them blessed, too.

They are thy workmen to remove
All things that are impure;
Each trial doth thy kindness prove—
Thy love forever sure.

Help us receive these workmen, blest,
Submissive to them be;
Soon in thy presence we shall rest,
And from all sin be free.

C. H. KESLAKE.

A SPECIAL MESSAGE.

Sermon of Professor W. W. Prescott,
South Lancaster, Mass., Nov. 6, 1903.

(Concluded.)

I BELIEVE that the question of the sanctuary and its services, the change of ministry from the holy to the most holy place; and our relation to it in this generation, is that touchstone of safety in regard to this third angel's message. And I venture to say, it is my candid belief, that any one who has the personal experience of that truth, and what belongs necessarily with it, will keep anchored firmly in this third angel's message.

Now we agree to that; we say that is true. Is it not clear, then, at once, that we ought to make that thing very clear and prominent and strong in our teaching? Do you not think it would have saved Seventh-day Adventists from some confusion if that teaching had been before the people with its old-time power and clearness? I do. I believe, brethren, plainly that we have been brought into much trial, difficulty, and confusion because we have not followed our old-time message; spiritualized it away, until there is no practical difference between substance and shadow.

Now just a word further in this study, and that is concerning some

of the expressions and teaching in the fourteenth chapter of Revelation as a guide and a help to us. I have been very strongly convinced for some time that we who teach this message need a fresh baptism in the understanding of this message itself. I hope I am not speaking too strongly. This message is not to me a thing once seen always there just so; once dealt with, always to be dealt with just that way; once preached about, always to be preached about in just that way. That is not the preaching of this message that ought to be. You do not find any basis for that view of teaching in the teaching of Christ and his apostles, or in the teaching of the early church. The gospel message, and above all things, the gospel message for this generation, is that living thing that quivers all the time; that if you attempt to put it into a mold and a form, you are going to kill it. It dies that way. It must just as much have room to grow and to live as any living thing on the face of the earth. And when you have seen that truth, and have presented that truth to-day, that truth to-morrow in divine light may shine with an altogether different light and setting; and when to-morrow you take that truth, and endeavor to put it into that same mold (you can put it there,

and ten chances to one, it will lie there as dead as a door-nail) you kill it in that way. It is to flow out as the very river of the water of life. "If any man thirst," said Christ, "let him come unto me and drink." That is the receiving of the truth.

Now with reference to the fourteenth chapter of the book of Revelation. I want to ask you some questions to think about. There is the setting of the threefold message. What is there in that setting of the threefold message that will be any help to us in our ministry, in teaching the people, that they may see with clearness that these "isms" that pervade the world to-day are errors and not truth? What is there in the threefold setting of that message that will enable one to deal clearly from the standpoint of this message with such an outbreak as New York has seen recently, in this great so-called religious crusade? What is there that will deal with Christian Science? With all these other great errors that are in the land? Is this message properly dealing with these things and answering these things as it should?

Have you not been stirred over the relation of this message as you have observed the Dowie movement? or when you see ten thousand intelligent people go on a pilgrimage of Christian Science heresy? How can any one view these facts that are before us in this generation, and see such a mighty tide of people following this false view, and then a mighty tide of people following another false view, and another following a third false view, and not feel in his soul that there ought to be a true voice that will call the people to it? The very things we have assented to in our talk here to-night testify that if these people are in error, what is our duty?—It is not our duty simply to stand off and gibe and jeer; it is our duty to present to them a truth that being received will save them from that error, and present it in such a way as will

help them to see that that other thing is error. In this message is that which will save the people of this generation from all the delusions of this generation. And will these delusions decrease as the time of the coming of our Lord comes nearer?—Increase of course. Will it not be that the effort to deceive if possible the very elect, will be the closing work in this line? We have not seen the last of the efforts to turn aside this message right within our own body.

Now let me plainly remark right here upon the difference between warning our people, our whole body of believers, against errors that have sprung up, and that will spring up, in this denomination and the effort to pervert this whole movement—let me call your attention most earnestly to the difference between that and personal attacks upon anybody. I believe that every Seventh-day Adventist minister's mouth should be open and free to warn the people concerning the perils of these days that are coming upon this denomination. Of course you grant with me, that that is, as it were, the very test of the minister's fitness for his work; that he can do that in a way to help the people, and not to the injury of anybody; and he who rushes into it for the sake of condemning anybody, or putting himself in the forefront,—he is not called to do that work.

Now let me add further, and apart—and let it be forever apart—from any idea of personal reference to any one, let us know that we have not seen the last of the effort to pervert this movement among this people, and let us be warned, and let us know that we ourselves have only one platform of safety, and that we ourselves, not any of us, are beyond the power to be deceived, provided the true light does not shine upon this message. Therefore let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall.

But the truth must be made very clear, the vital, fundamental truth of

this message, with the second coming of Christ near at hand for the keynote throughout; that these truths of the sanctuary, and this truth to which we have been referring, but have not studied fully in this talk to-night, the truth of the ministry, the work of our High Priest for this generation, is different from his work for any other generation,—those truths should stand out with clearness, that every one who will see the light may see, as it were, right into the heavenly sanctuary, and may see with eyes anointed the very work that our High Priest stands doing for us now.

Now in this setting of the message there is given to us in this fourteenth chapter of Revelation, I believe that there are expressions, there are thoughts, suggestions, and a setting as a whole, that reaches out to and involves all these truths of which we have spoken in this message, and they should be studied from that standpoint, and taught from that standpoint; and when that experience comes to this people, which we are encouraged to believe may come soon, in the special outpouring of God's Spirit upon his servants, and upon his people,—when that experience comes, and finds a people clear and strong concerning the fundamental principles of this heaven-sent message for this generation, you will see such a work accomplished in a short time as we do not dream of now. This message is the greatest thing in this world at this time; despised as it is, not appreciated even by us ourselves, not being given its place and power in our lives, yet for all that, this message is the greatest thing there is in the world to-day. There is not a worldly project that can compare with it; there is nothing that can be measured with it in interest and power; there is nothing so worthy, with the power that God gives us, as to give ourselves to this message and its work. I earnestly ask every one—preacher, lay brother, sister, young, old,—every

one to bear in mind that there ought to be a clearer understanding of this message at this time, and that there is nothing that will repay prayerful, earnest, secret study as will this third angel's message now; and there can come into our lives, brethren, and into our teaching, a new light, and a new power that will bring new efforts to this message.

May God hasten the day that shall bring that experience among this people, and that will hasten the time of our blessed Lord's return.

THANKSGIVING.

FOR summer's bloom and autumn's blight,
For bending wheat and blasted maize,
For health and sickness, Lord of light,
And Lord of darkness, hear our praise!

We trace to thee our joys and woes,—
To thee of causes still the cause,—
We thank thee that thy hand bestows;
We bless thee that thy love withdraws.

We bring no sorrows to thy throne;
We come to thee with no complaint.
In providence thy will is done,
And that is sacred to the saint.

Here on this blest Thanksgiving night,
We raise to thee our grateful voice;
For what thou doest, Lord, is right;
And, thus believing, we rejoice.

—J. G. Holland.

THE MEMORIAL CHURCH, WASHINGTON, D. C.

ON Friday, November 13, the last payment was made on the debt of this church with interest in full, so that this church, which was purchased Nov. 1, 1902, is now free from all indebtedness. We are deeply grateful to God for his wonderful providences, and to all the friends whom he has made willing to help to clear this first Washington enterprise from all debt. This is a good beginning. We believe that God will enable his people in this city to establish the institutions he has sent to the head of the nation free from the weight and the blight of debt.

There are three rooms connected

with the church which have been closed for about eight months for the reason that they were not in a condition to use without incurring considerable expense. We decided to free the church before we incurred the expense of fitting up these rooms. They would have been most useful during the late General Conference council. We shall now fit them up immediately.

There is need of some other alterations. Fifty-three dollars has been sent in since the debt was paid besides a special gift for the baptistry and interior fitting up of the church. This work will immediately be done, and the date of rededication will be announced through the *Review*. It is apparent to all that it will require a certain amount of outlay to fit up the church suitably for the situation and the work it is called to do.

Those who have sent in money since the debt was paid, will understand that after it is decided by the officers of the General Conference located in Washington that the church is in a suitable condition, if there should be providentially a balance in the treasury, it will be devoted to the building of the sanitarium and school to be located here. So that not a cent will be lost or misapplied. The accounts of all the money received directly by myself will be audited by the General Conference. We are confident that all who have promised to send help to this fund will do so at once, or as soon as possible. With the belief and understanding that the money subscribed for this purpose by individuals or in the hands of treasurers of tract societies or conferences will be sufficient to cover all remaining expenses, and that it will be promptly sent in, we may now consider this account closed.

I voice the sentiments of all our brethren here when I express once more our deep gratitude for the willing spirit of helpfulness that has been manifested by our people. May God reward all those who have sacrificed to establish this "memorial for God."

As rapidly as possible the list of donations will be published in the *Review* of money sent directly to me and not previously reported. This will take some time, and we trust that all who have given will wait patiently. Below is given a partial list of contributions received since June first, and not previously reported in the GLEANER.

Previously reported,	\$5,494.52
J. N. Loughborough,	5.00
C. C. Christenson,	2.00
A Friend,	2.40
L. M.,	1.00
Mrs. Thomas Williams,	2.00
Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Deers,	1.00
James Taphouse and friends,	7.00
J. J. Butcher and wife,	2.00
Mrs. J. E. Kipp,	1.00
M. Christenson and family,	1.00
Miss C. Clouson,	5.00
Mary A. Riedy and friends,	3.75
Charles Christenson for H.	
M. Grove church,	4.30
Eugene Nelson,	3.00
J. T. Woodward,	1.00
Mr. Claude Jones,	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Pember,	1.00
Mrs. Hildreth and daughters,	
per C. Hildreth,	6.00
A Friend,	.50
William Goff and friends,	5.00
H. C. Carmichael,	1.00
N. L. Bolinger,	1.00
A. D. Westcott,	2.00
A Brother,	.50
Miss E. L. Fuller,	.50
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A. D. West,	2.00
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Mrs. E. J. Eaton,	5.00
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D. W. C. McNett,	1.50
Daisy Mallernee,	1.00
E. J. Westphal,	6.00
Mrs. Hattie Countryman,	5.00
S. D. Cole,	1.00
S. D. Smith,	1.00
C. M. Christianson,	1.75
H. T. Darter,	1.75

Mrs. Belle Hughes,	2.00
A. E. Erickson,	2.00
Rosanah Switzer,	2.00
J. W. Tabor,	1.00
Mrs. T. T. Wheeler,	1.00
N. Roseboom,	5.00
W. E. Caldwell and friends,	8.00
Jacob Stull and friends,	6.65
Reuben Wright,	5.00
A. E. Devereaux,	10.00
H. T. Holm,	100.00

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D. C.

VIRGINIA.

Not long ago the following letter was received at the office of the GLEANER:

“_____, Nov. 8, 1903.

“ATLANTIC UNION GLEANER,

“South Lancaster, Mass.

“Enclosed find ten cents to pay for the GLEANER sent to us since September 11. Discontinue it. Supposed it would cease to come when time expired or soon after. It is of no benefit to us as we have the other Adventist papers.

“Very kindly yours,

“_____”

We would like our people in Virginia to read the letter carefully, and see if they can tell us why the GLEANER is of no benefit to this person. Is it the fault of the editor? We do not believe it is. If the GLEANER is not a benefit to any one in Virginia is it not because there does not appear enough matter in its columns from the “Old Dominion” to make it interesting and profitable to those living in the State? We know of no other reason. Then, brethren, we appeal to our laborers, our churches, and all our brethren in the State that they report for the GLEANER regularly, and thus make it a medium of profit to all. We know this can be done. Let all take hold

of the matter in earnest. Give short items of interest from your home church, and the field in which you are laboring. These can be sent to the office of the GLEANER, or if you wish, you can send them to Dr. A. M. Neff, New Market, Virginia, and he will forward them to the office with any other items that he may have. Let us all make the GLEANER a special benefit to every one in the State.

R. D. HOTTEL.

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

SELF-SUPPORTING MISSIONARY WORK.

For years the Lord has been calling our attention to the importance of giving this message to the people in the large cities, and also showing us that this work has been sadly neglected. We quote the following from “Testimonies for the Church,” Vol. VII., page 40:

“When I think of the cities in which so little has been done, in which there are so many thousands to be warned of the soon-coming Saviour, I feel an intensity of desire to see men and women going forth to the work in the power of the Spirit, filled with Christ’s love for perishing souls. Those in our cities—living within the shadow of our doors—have been strangely neglected. Organized effort should now be put forth to give them the message of present truth. . . . We all need to be wide-awake, that, as the way opens, we may advance the work in the large cities.”

We appreciate the fact that this is a difficult problem to deal with on account of the expense. In many of the large cities tent meetings can not be held on account of local restrictions, and hall rent is almost prohibitive.

We are convinced that the work of warning the people in these large cities will have to be done largely through our publications, and if taken

hold of in the right way, it can be made nearly or quite self-supporting.

Our “pioneer paper,” the *Signs of the Times*, can be used as an entering wedge. The special number on the subject of “Capital and Labor” will be a splendid one to begin with. Then let this be followed by the sale of the regular issues, securing subscriptions, and selling small books, tracts, and pamphlets. We have these covering almost every phase of the message.

Brother George A. King has been engaged in this work in New York City for many years. We quote the following from a letter recently received from him:

“I think the time has come when we can work faster with the message by using the *Signs of the Times* as a pioneer for the book work as well as for Bible work and ministerial work. I have been working for several years on the difficult problem of reaching the people with books in these large eastern cities. We have sold many thousands of dollars’ worth of books, and have done a good work, but I think it is clear now that for the future the *Signs*, or some other paper, will have to play an important part in our work here.”

As to the value of our periodicals, and especially the *Signs of the Times*, in this work, the following extracts from the Testimonies are right to the point:

“Our missionary paper, the *Signs of the Times*, is doing its work everywhere, and is opening the way for the truth to be more fully presented.”

“Our brethren do not all see and realize the importance of this paper if they did, they would feel greater personal interest to make it intensely interesting, and then to circulate it everywhere.”

“This silent preacher, the *Signs*, enriched with precious matter, should go forth on the wings of prayer, mingled with faith, that it may do its appointed work in shedding the light of

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WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

THE Greensburg meeting began on the evening of October 26, and closed November 1. There was a good attendance of the church-members and the outside people. A good interest has been awakened to hear more concerning the truths for our time. A great many questions were asked by those who attended the meetings. A club of the special *Signs* numbering three hundred and eighty copies was raised. Pledges amounting in all to \$32.50, were received on the tent fund and the poor fund.

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November 9 to 12, I held the quarterly meeting in Uniontown, and these souls who had enjoyed no such privileges for the last year, were all encouraged by the visit and the meetings. We received \$23.42 in tithes, and \$3.97 in first-day offerings. A club of the special *Signs* numbering seventy-five copies was ordered.

Before leaving this field, I went to Browns Landing, and found the Sabbath-keepers of good courage, also two new ones who are preparing to be baptized. While there I took subscriptions for a club of the special *Signs* numbering one hundred copies. In all these fields there is a great interest and still much to do.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY

AT THE SANITARIUM.

ALL is moving along encouragingly at the sanitarium, and the family are in very good spirits, we believe. A willingness prevails to cooperate in every good work.

The patronage of the sanitarium is surprisingly good at this time. We find ourselves in need of quarters such as are demanded by a class for whom we can not provide. We are thankful, however, for what we have, and pray that in due time the Lord will open up to us what we should have.

At the close of the Union Conference, at South Lancaster, the sanitarium was favored with a brief visit from Elder C. F. McVagh, Elder Chas. Baierle, V. H. Cook, F. E. Painter, T. D. Gibson, and W. F. Lane, of Pennsylvania; Elders J. W. Raymond and J. B. Stow of New York; Elder P. F. Bicknell, B. F. Davis, and C. H. Harmon, of Maine. All seemed pleased with the lavish dealings of nature in providing pictures for the sick all about the Bethel.

The presence of the Lord was manifestly with us on Sabbath, October 14, in the organization of the sanitarium church. The lesson which Elder Place impressively brought to us was from 1 Tim. 3:15. It seems as though we should no longer be weaklings in the Lord's body, after duly considering the true character of a "pillar and ground of the truth"—each individual

we held one service with the Arlington church, endeavoring to encourage them to take hold and circulate the special number of the *Signs*, and to sell other of our publications.

Sabbath we met with our home church at New Market, and took up the same matter. Some are taking hold of this work in earnest, but we find much room for improvement, and trust that we will all be awakened by this special rally and instruction given the next few weeks. We must arouse if we meet the mind of the Lord in his service of to-day.

We expect to meet with the Lynchburg and Danville churches November 25 to 30, after which time we expect to be at Newport News December 4 to 6, when the little church building will be dedicated.

Pray for the work in our State.

R. D. HOTTEL.

PITTSBURG GENERAL MEETING.

ON Sabbath and Sunday, November 14 and 15, the brethren and sisters of Wilkinsburg, McKeesport, Washington, Waynesburg, and Allegheny City met with the Pittsburg church. The meetings were well attended, and a godly spirit was manifested by all. The sermons were of a nature to draw all closer to God who loves all, and in the praise meeting many confessions were made, which filled the meeting full of the Spirit of God.

Sabbath afternoon fourteen precious souls were taken into church fellowship by Brother Longacre and Brother Herrington who is elder of the church. The Sabbath was a blessed day to all present.

On Sunday three services were held in the Wilkinsburg Hall. The first service was led by Sister Fondersmith, the Sabbath-school secretary of our conference, and many papers were read on the work of a Sabbath-school. These were very profitable to all who heard them.

The time of the afternoon meeting was fully taken up with conference work and our relation to this great message at the present time. Pledges to the amount of \$30.25 were taken for the tent fund. The poor fund also received \$27.25. In all the pledges amounted to \$58.50. The special number of the *Signs* received a nice club of three thousand two hundred copies.

This field is in great need of a church building, so time was taken to consider the place for such a building in this large city. Pledges were made to be added to the one thousand dollars that is already raised, and in a short time we added to this amount four hundred and sixty dollars in pledges to be paid in one year. May the day soon come when we shall see a church building in this part of the vineyard.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

THE BOSTON FIELD.

SABBATH and Sunday I spent with the churches and companies in Boston and vicinity. Sabbath morning I spoke to a good company at the sanitarium, concerning the foundation and object of "The Church of the Living God;" the qualifications and work of officers and members.

After the sermon, thirty-five signed the church covenant, and the sanitarium church was organized, with Brother W. M. Lee as elder; Dr. C. C. Nicola and D. M. Hull, deacons; Mrs. Lee S. Wheeler, clerk; Dr. C. F. Ball, treasurer; and Dr. Lucinda Marsh, librarian. Doctor Nicola was then ordained to his work of deacon. Elder Wheeler, the sanitarium chaplain, assisted in the work. The Lord's blessing was with us, and all seemed to rejoice that this work of organization, so long expected, was accomplished, and we can but believe that the step will be a source of great blessing to the sanitarium family and the cause of God in that important in-

stitution and its vicinity. Several others will doubtless unite with the church soon.

The Lord has signally blessed and is blessing in our sanitarium work, and we have great reason to praise him for what has been done and the prospects before us in this work. I was glad to see Doctor Nicola chosen as one to bear sacred responsibilities in the church. I have long known that in his heart he carried a burden for the spiritual as well as the physical welfare of the people, and I received a special blessing in the ordination service.

May the Lord help all our people to feel a burden for this new church, and pray that it may give with wisdom and devotion the light of truth for this time to the people whom God's providence shall bring to it.

As soon as this service closed, Brother Whitford drove me hastily to Reading for a service appointed for 2:30 P.M. There I found that a company of ten adults desired to be organized into a church. Brother James Bills was elected elder; Brother Justus Emerson, deacon; Sister Annie Giles, clerk and librarian; and Sister Sarah Hanley, treasurer.

I am pleased to note that this company have been holding Bible readings and manifest a desire to get the truth before their neighbors. They have sent an order for the special *Signs*, and they expressed a desire to be ready to unite with all our churches in the special missionary campaign this fall and winter. Let us all be ready for the special services November 21 and 22.

Evening after the Sabbath I returned to the sanitarium for a board meeting. Sunday forenoon was also used in counsel concerning the various phases of sanitarium work. By an examination of the treasurer's financial report, I find that all bills have been paid and between two and three thousand dollars paid in improvements and repairs of buildings, and about

one thousand dollars on back accounts. The buildings are still well filled with a good class of patients.

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November 9 to 12, I held the quarterly meeting in Uniontown, and these souls who had enjoyed no such privileges for the last year, were all encouraged by the visit and the meetings. We received \$23.42 in tithes, and \$3.97 in first-day offerings. A club of the special *Signs* numbering seventy-five copies was ordered.

Before leaving this field, I went to Browns Landing, and found the Sabbath-keepers of good courage, also two new ones who are preparing to be baptized. While there I took subscriptions for a club of the special *Signs* numbering one hundred copies. In all these fields there is a great interest and still much to do.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

MEDICAL MISSIONARY

AT THE SANITARIUM.

ALL is moving along encouragingly at the sanitarium, and the family are in very good spirits, we believe. A willingness prevails to cooperate in every good work.

The patronage of the sanitarium is surprisingly good at this time. We find ourselves in need of quarters such as are demanded by a class for whom we can not provide. We are thankful, however, for what we have, and pray that in due time the Lord will open up to us what we should have.

At the close of the Union Conference, at South Lancaster, the sanitarium was favored with a brief visit from Elder C. F. McVagh, Elder Chas. Baierle, V. H. Cook, F. E. Painter, T. D. Gibson, and W. F. Lane, of Pennsylvania; Elders J. W. Raymond and J. B. Stow of New York; Elder P. F. Bicknell, B. F. Davis, and C. H. Harmon, of Maine. All seemed pleased with the lavish dealings of nature in providing pictures for the sick all about the Bethel.

The presence of the Lord was manifestly with us on Sabbath, October 14, in the organization of the sanitarium church. The lesson which Elder Place impressively brought to us was from 1 Tim. 3:15. It seems as though we should no longer be weaklings in the Lord's body, after duly considering the true character of a "pillar and ground of the truth"—each individual

we held one service with the Arlington church, endeavoring to encourage them to take hold and circulate the special number of the *Signs*, and to sell other of our publications.

Sabbath we met with our home church at New Market, and took up the same matter. Some are taking hold of this work in earnest, but we find much room for improvement, and trust that we will all be awakened by this special rally and instruction given the next few weeks. We must arouse if we meet the mind of the Lord in his service of to-day.

We expect to meet with the Lynchburg and Danville churches November 25 to 30, after which time we expect to be at Newport News December 4 to 6, when the little church building will be dedicated.

Pray for the work in our State.

R. D. HOTTEL.

PITTSBURG GENERAL MEETING.

ON Sabbath and Sunday, November 14 and 15, the brethren and sisters of Wilkesburg, McKeesport, Washington, Waynesburg, and Allegheny City met with the Pittsburg church. The meetings were well attended, and a godly spirit was manifested by all. The sermons were of a nature to draw all closer to God who loves all, and in the praise meeting many confessions were made, which filled the meeting full of the Spirit of God.

Sabbath afternoon fourteen precious souls were taken into church fellowship by Brother Longacre and Brother Herrington who is elder of the church. The Sabbath was a blessed day to all present.

On Sunday three services were held in the Wilkesburg Hall. The first service was led by Sister Fondersmith, the Sabbath-school secretary of our conference, and many papers were read on the work of a Sabbath-school. These were very profitable to all who heard them.

The time of the afternoon meeting was fully taken up with conference work and our relation to this great message at the present time. Pledges to the amount of \$30.25 were taken for the tent fund. The poor fund also received \$27.25. In all the pledges amounted to \$58.50. The special number of the *Signs* received a nice club of three thousand two hundred copies.

This field is in great need of a church building, so time was taken to consider the place for such a building in this large city. Pledges were made to be added to the one thousand dollars that is already raised, and in a short time we added to this amount four hundred and sixty dollars in pledges to be paid in one year. May the day soon come when we shall see a church building in this part of the vineyard.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

THE BOSTON FIELD.

SABBATH and Sunday I spent with the churches and companies in Boston and vicinity. Sabbath morning I spoke to a good company at the sanitarium, concerning the foundation and object of "The Church of the Living God;" the qualifications and work of officers and members.

After the sermon, thirty-five signed the church covenant, and the sanitarium church was organized, with Brother W. M. Lee as elder; Dr. C. C. Nicola and D. M. Hull, deacons; Mrs. Lee S. Wheeler, clerk; Dr. C. F. Ball, treasurer; and Dr. Lucinda Marsh, librarian. Doctor Nicola was then ordained to his work of deacon. Elder Wheeler, the sanitarium chaplain, assisted in the work. The Lord's blessing was with us, and all seemed to rejoice that this work of organization, so long expected, was accomplished, and we can but believe that the step will be a source of great blessing to the sanitarium family and the cause of God in that important in-

stitution and its vicinity. Several others will doubtless unite with the church soon.

The Lord has signally blessed and is blessing in our sanitarium work, and we have great reason to praise him for what has been done and the prospects before us in this work. I was glad to see Doctor Nicola chosen as one to bear sacred responsibilities in the church. I have long known that in his heart he carried a burden for the spiritual as well as the physical welfare of the people, and I received a special blessing in the ordination service.

May the Lord help all our people to feel a burden for this new church, and pray that it may give with wisdom and devotion the light of truth for this time to the people whom God's providence shall bring to it.

As soon as this service closed, Brother Whitford drove me hastily to Reading for a service appointed for 2:30 P.M. There I found that a company of ten adults desired to be organized into a church. Brother James Bills was elected elder; Brother Justus Emerson, deacon; Sister Annie Giles, clerk and librarian; and Sister Sarah Hanley, treasurer.

I am pleased to note that this company have been holding Bible readings and manifest a desire to get the truth before their neighbors. They have sent an order for the special *Signs*, and they expressed a desire to be ready to unite with all our churches in the special missionary campaign this fall and winter. Let us all be ready for the special services November 21 and 22.

Evening after the Sabbath I returned to the sanitarium for a board meeting. Sunday forenoon was also used in counsel concerning the various phases of sanitarium work. By an examination of the treasurer's financial report, I find that all bills have been paid and between two and three thousand dollars paid in improvements and repairs of buildings, and about

doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

F. E. PAINTER.

CLINTON, MAINE.

My soul is burdened for the cause of truth. O let there be a united prayer from God's people sent up to the throne—the prayer of faith that brings the blessing down. I feel alarmed, and pray God by his Spirit to search my heart, and show me if there is anything there that hinders God from working for Israel.

The Sabbath-school lesson of November 14 on "God's Promises and Israel's Failure" impressed me deeply. God help us not to fail to keep his

commandments and pass the light on to others. We are living in a time when many are drifting away from God.

I have been canvassing in Skowhegan for "Christ's Object Lessons." I never saw the canvassing work go with such speed. God by his Spirit moved many hearts. My heart is full of praise for what he has done in this place. With Jesus by my side I sold fifty-seven "Object Lessons," twenty-one "Gospel Primers," and a few "Best Stories," and "Coming King." Many received me to their homes with, "God bless you in your work." I had many blessed experiences as I met with the people. With prayer in my heart for the guidance of the Holy

Spirit, I go forth with faith in God.

ABBIE WEBBER.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

NOTES FROM MAINE.

—Elder H. C. Basney will soon take his family to his new field of labor—Pittsburg, Pa. He has been laboring in Baltimore the past season.

—The orders are coming in well for the special number of the *Signs*. The papers will be mailed from the Maine Tract Society office as soon as they arrive from California.

—Sister May Haines expects to go to California soon. She will doubtless engage in some work that will give her an opportunity to talk with people about the message for our day.

—We hope our churches are preparing for a vigorous tract campaign this winter. The four new tracts issued some time ago are admirably adapted to this work. We hope to receive many orders for them.

—Have you a boy or a girl whom you desire to make a success in life? Help him or her to do this by placing in his or her hands a copy of the new book on "Thought" soon to be issued by the Review and Herald. Price \$1 post-paid. It will be ready about the middle of December and will be an invaluable holiday present. Order of Maine Tract Society, North Deering, Maine.

E. H. MORTON.

VIRGINIA.

—Word comes to us that Brother Davis' son, who has been ill the past few weeks, is improving. We are glad to note this.

—We understand that the church school at Stanley has started with a number of scholars, and that the work is moving along nicely with prospects of a larger attendance.

—Elder Herrell and his family are now located in Richmond, and will

New York Conference, Week Ending Nov. 13, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Claude L. Wiltsie,		P H		18	30	9.00	.25	9.25	
G. F. Evans,		G C		19	1	3.00	1.50	4.50	
Totals,	2 Agents,			37	31	\$12.00	1.75	\$13.75	

Central New England Conference, Week Ending Nov. 13, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
D. A. Piper, Milford, N. H.,		D of A	3	18	2	7.00	2.50	9.50	
*F. W. Stray, Shelburne Falls,		D of A	6	23	5	19.00	4.50	23.50	38.00
Totals,	2 Agents,		9	41	7	26.00	\$7.00	\$33.00	38.00

*Two weeks.

Southern New England Conference, Week Ending Nov. 13, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
E. W. Fraits, E. Hartford, Ct.,		Misc	5	37		35.50		35.50	
R. C. Andrews, Winsted, Ct.,		Misc		29		18.00		18.00	
W. Blackburn, Westerly, R. I.,		C K	4	25	16	16.00	4.00	20.00	4.00
Totals,	3 Agents,		9	91	16	\$69.50	\$4.00	\$73.50	\$4.00

Vermont Conference, Week Ending Nov. 13, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Rubie Roscoe, Barre,		P & P	4	23	2	4.50	5.50	10.00	
" " "		C O L			3	3.75		3.75	1.25
M. E. Greenwood, Rutland,		C O S		27	50	32.25		32.25	
C. H. Porter, Albany,		C O L	5	37	4	5.00	5.25	10.25	
Totals,	3 Agents,		9	87	59	\$45.50	\$10.75	\$56.25	\$1.25

Union Conference Totals	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
29 Agents,	108	600	243	\$433.50	\$223.10	\$656.60	\$128.90
Totals for corresp. week last year,							
34 Agents,		520	346	\$496.45	\$151.05	\$647.50	\$112.50

have charge of the work in that city during the winter. He moved from Alexandria about ten days ago.

—Dr. A. M. Neff, our secretary, while on a visit to Washington and Baltimore, stopped with the Arlington and Alexandria churches *en route* home. His visit was greatly appreciated.

Elder Purdham met with the Mount Williams church over the Sabbath and Sunday, November 21 and 22, after which he will begin a series of meetings in Stafford County in Dr. Tate's neighborhood.

—Elder Babcock, our Ohio helper, is located in Newport News. and Elder T. H. Painter has joined him in the special effort they will make for the next few weeks in that city. The little church building will be dedicated the first Sabbath in December.

—In our plans for the work at New Market, November 21 and 22, the entire country for miles around was districted, and we hope will be thoroughly worked by the church the coming fall and winter. We begin the work with the special number of the *Signs*.

R. D. H.

BOSTON FIELD.

—Elder A. E. Place made a flying visit here last week.

—Brother H. C. Wilcox spent several days here last week in the canvassing work.

—Sister Irwin of the Boston church has returned from her long absence down in Maine.

—The Atlantic Union Conference Missionary Secretary, Brother F. E. Painter, spoke to our people in Boston and Malden, Sabbath, the 14th inst.

—Brother W. R. Uchtmann has been attending part of the session of the American Federation of Labor convention that has been held in Faneuil Hall during the past two weeks in distributing reading matter and conversing with those in attendance. It was found difficult to get the dele-

gates to receive the literature owing to the fact that it did not bear the "Union stamp."

K. C. RUSSELL.

FURNISHINGS DONATED TO SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY.

South Lancaster church: Mrs. E. D. Robinson, one comforter; Mrs. C. W. Thayer, one sofa pillow. Bedford, N. H., church: Miss Abby Burns, four sheets, four pillow-slips, and one bedspread; Mrs. C. L. Davis, four sheets, one bedspread, two towels, and two blankets. Norwich, Conn., church: two comforters, two sheets, two pillow-slips, one bedspread, and one set crockery for the "Norwich room." These are in addition to the \$21.50 previously reported from this church.

THIS WILL INTEREST YOU.

THE Correspondence School for Nurses connected with the Sanitarium Medical Missionary Training School will begin a new class the first of January, 1904. Lessons are sent weekly to students who are unable to leave home duties in order to take a regular course at one of our sanitariums. This is the sixth year this work has been in progress, and hundreds are availing themselves of it. Our enrolment for 1903 shows an encouraging increase. Studies in eleven subjects are given, among which Christian help work, and care and treatment of the sick are prominent. Our lessons have recently been rewritten and enlarged, and are in every way improved.

The tuition fee is five dollars for the entire course. This amount is to cover the cost of sending out lessons, correcting the replies, and returning the reports to the pupils. The few text-books required for this work are furnished at actual cost price. We shall organize a new class in January, which will continue one year. By taking double lessons some students

finish in six months. We shall be glad to hear from all who are interested. A descriptive circular giving full particulars, also testimonials from those who have taken the course, will be sent free on application. Address, Correspondence Department Sanitarium Training School, Battle Creek, Michigan.

THE BIBLE READER.

THE opening of Christian schools has created a demand for Christian text-books. No class of students need the help of proper books more than little children in their first year's work.

Some three years ago "Bible Reader Number One" was published, and was used in all parts of the country in primary reading classes. With the burning of the *Review and Herald*, the plates of this book were destroyed. "Bible Reader Number One" has been revised. New illustrations have taken the place of those which appeared in the old edition of the book. In its new form it is about to be placed on the market.

Are there children in your home who should read Bible stories? Are there children in your neighbor's families who should read these same stories? The "Bible Reader" is a book for the children, for those who are just beginning to read. It is in harmony with the most advanced methods of teaching. It builds a vocabulary gradually. It cultivates a taste for Bible literature. It is a mother's help as well as a text-book for the schoolroom.

For the beginning classes who are waiting for the lessons, the first thirty-two pages have been bound separately. Send five cents for a copy of these advance sheets, or thirty-five cents for the "Reader" and the advance sheets. The regular price of the "Reader" is thirty-five cents post-paid.

Send your orders to the Advocate Publishing Company, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

TEACHERS, ATTENTION!

THE *Advocate* is about to publish a directory of Christian teachers. There are five hundred or more teachers connected with elementary and intermediate Christian schools, and every one of these names should appear in the directory. In behalf of this effort, every teacher is respectfully requested to send his name and address at once. Educational secretaries and superintendents are asked to cooperate. This directory will be valuable for many reasons. A copy will be mailed free to every name sent. Address, The *Advocate*, Berrien Springs, Mich.

THINGS BOYS WILL WANT TO MAKE.

ARTICLES have often been written on "How to Save the Boys," and this is a subject of vital interest to every parent. One good way to save them is to plan for their instructive entertainment and pleasure.

To furnish helpful suggestions for active, wide-awake boys, the *Youth's Instructor* is now publishing a series of articles under the general title of "Around the Work-Table."

These papers are written by Edison Driver, of California. Boys who are growing up will be interested in these articles written by a grown-up boy. Boys who would like to do things, if they knew how, will here find detailed instructions fully illustrated, by one who "knows how" to do things.

A few of the articles are as follows:

The Climbing Sailor, and How Sailors Make Him, How Ice is Made, Grandpa Talks of Centrifugal Force, Building a Modern Kite, How to Make a Simple Weaving Machine, Knots and Strings, A Match Puzzle, How to Make a Hand Bracket Saw, A Simple Electric Engine, The Enchanted Egg, How to Solder.

Every boy will want to read these articles and make the experiments. No expensive apparatus is needed,

but simply the tools and materials which boys usually have at hand or can easily procure.

Give the boys a chance to read this series by subscribing now for the *Instructor*.

The first article of the "Work-Table" series appeared in the *Instructor* of Nov. 17, 1903, and we offer to send this number and all the remaining issues of 1903, free to every new subscriber who sends us seventy-five cents for the paper for the year 1904. Address, *Youth's Instructor*, 222 N. Capitol St., Washington, D. C.

MISSIONARY TRAINING SCHOOL OF CORRESPONDENCE.

THIS School of Correspondence has been called into existence to meet the needs of the hour. There are in almost every community people who, if circumstances were different, would be glad to enter one of our schools to prepare for active missionary work. They know that the Lord has a place for them and a work for them to do. Some are prevented from attending school by home duties, others are detained for financial reasons. Nevertheless, these would make just as good workers as those who become resident students in our various schools. They are as earnest and as thoroughly Christian as those differently situated.

There are families that feel that they should work as families in the cause of God. There are mothers who have a deep longing to better understand God's will concerning them and the training of their children. These are the people who have created a demand for the work by correspondence. It is for them that the Missionary Training School of Correspondence has been opened.

Possibly those who are detained from our schools have felt that they must always live under great disadvantage, but this is not true. Many a man has advanced by doing his studying after the ordinary day's work.

Lincoln is a notable example of such industry. We often read of men who are obliged to work hard all day, but who utilize every spare hour in self-improvement.

If men working for worldly advantage will put forth such an effort, should Christians be satisfied when they do less? The long winter evenings may profitably be devoted by many Christian families to a study of the word of God. In many of our homes, neighbors may gather to study God's truth. The course of instruction offered in Bible by the Missionary Training School of Correspondence will enable parents to work side by side with their children. It will make it possible for Christian fathers and mothers to study with their neighbors. It is an opportunity which none can afford to miss.

You should at least read the circulars issued by the Missionary Training School of Correspondence and see for yourself what you may do by studying in your own home.

Address, Missionary Training School of Correspondence, Berrien Springs, Michigan.

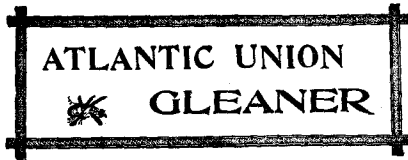
THE New Haven, Conn., church will hereafter hold its services in the Sons of Temperance Hall, in the Insurance Building, Chapel Street. Sabbath-school at 2 and preaching at 3 P.M. D. R. Leighton, *Elder*.

A CALL has been received from Henry Tonjes, 21 Morton Street, New York, N. Y., for periodicals. Brother Tonjes is librarian of the New York church No. 2, and these papers are wanted for use in missionary work. Send only clean papers, and prepay the postage.

SUNSET CALENDAR FRIDAYS.

Local Mean Time.

1903.	Boston.	N. Y. and Phila.	Washington.
Nov. 6....	4:49	4:52	4:56
Nov. 13....	4:41	4:43	4:49
Nov. 20....	4:35	4:40	4:44
Nov. 27....	4:31	4:36	4:40



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IN another column is a call for funds with which to purchase a tent for Scotland. The Vermont Conference has decided to pay Brother Westworth's salary for another year. If they can afford to contribute so large an amount to the work in Scotland, it would seem that our other conferences could easily raise two hundred dollars for a tent to be used in that field.

DURING the session of the Atlantic Union Conference, at South Lancaster, Elder W. W. Prescott delivered three sermons on the "Special Message" for this time, or the sanctuary question. The sermons were stenographically reported, and Elder Prescott kindly furnished a copy of the first one to the GLEANER, an abbreviated form of which has appeared in the EXTRA No. 4, and the last two regular numbers of our paper.

To those who are interested in this intensely practical subject, we would say that these discourses will appear in the *Review and Herald* in the speaker's own "setting," which will greatly enhance their value, and we trust that you will all give them a careful reading. No family should be without our church paper.

NORTH WARREN, PA.

A GENERAL meeting will be held at the above-named place, December 16 to 20. This will be the last general meeting in the conference this year, and, notwithstanding the most excellent general meetings already held

this fall, we trust that this one will be the best. We trust that the brethren and sisters in that section of the conference will make a general rally to attend.

We expect that Elder I. N. Williams, and possibly other help besides myself, will be there. Brother Meleen, of the New York Conference, expects to be present. Brethren and sisters, let us plan and pray for the best meeting ever held in that part of the State.

E. J. DRYER.

NOTICE.

I FIND it necessary to change the dates of the general meeting appointed for East Washburn, Me., from December 31 to January 3, inclusive, to January 7 to 11, 1904, inclusive.

P. F. BICKNELL.

A TENT FOR SCOTLAND.

LAST year the New York Conference donated a tent to the work in Scotland, to be sent to W. A. Westworth. November first Brother Westworth writes: "In spite of the opposition, we have demonstrated that the tents will go in this climate. We have had a very successful season, and as the result have twenty-five or more new Seventh-day Adventists. But we want more. In a population of fifty-one millions we must see the work advance, and the tent work is yielding far greater results than the hall work; hence we want another tent—a fifty-foot circle." "Do not some good brethren and sisters want to have an interest in this? I am sure that it can be raised for us, and the cause helped in a positive way. I write early, so as to get the order in early, and get the benefit of a cut price by having the work done in the slack season."

We place this call before the brethren and sisters of the Atlantic Union Conference, trusting that their hearts will be opened to respond quickly by

sending donations to W. A. Wilcox, South Lancaster, Mass. About two hundred dollars will be required. Why not raise this amount at once, and have a Thanksgiving tent for Scotland?

H. W. COTTRELL.

ANNUAL OFFERING FOR 1903. Fifty Thousand Dollars for Missions.

CAN we do it? Will we do it? We can, if we will. On our part it means an increase over our offering of last year. But why not? Every year the end is nearer, and the need is greater, and the time for work is shorter. Just as much as we expect great things from God, in these closing hours of earth's history, we are to attempt great things for him.

Commence at once to plan for the offering. Let every individual decide to make 1903 the banner year in his gifts to missions. Then it will be the banner year for every church. It will be the banner year for every conference. And it will be the year that will open the way for the banner of King Emmanuel to penetrate deeper than ever before into earth's dark corners.

Begin to-day to lay aside for your contribution to the fifty-thousand-dollar annual offering. Only a little time is left us to lay up treasure above. Pray as you plan, and He who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, will devise the plans for you.

A fifty-thousand-dollar annual offering to missions for 1903 means a message of courage to every lone worker in the field, and new recruits in the many fields now pleading for help. Will we do it?—By his grace, we will.

ESTELLA HOUSER.

THERE is no excuse for our existence as a people, if we do not push this grand truth to the front in all parts of the world.