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

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INDUSTRY AND PRAYER.

TIME well employed is Satan's deadliest foe:
It leaves no opening for the lurking fiend:
Life it imparts to watchfulness and prayer,
Statues, without it, in the form of guards.

The closet which the saint devotes to
prayer

Is not his temple only, but his tower,
Whither he runs for refuge when attacked;
His armory to which he soon retreats
When danger warns, his weapons to select,
And fit them on. He dares not stop to
plead,

When taken by surprise and half o'ercome,
That, now, to venture near the hallowed
place

Were but profane; a plea that marks a soul
Glad to impose on conscience with a show
Of humble veneration, to secure
Present indulgence, which when once en-
joyed,

It means to mourn with floods of bitter tears.

The tempter quits his vain pursuit, and
flies,

When by the mounting suppliant drawn too
near

The upper world of purity and light.
He loses sight of his intended prey,
In that effulgence beaming from the throne
Radiant with mercy. But devotion fails
To succor and preserve the tempted soul,
Whose time and talent rest or run to waste.
Ne'er will the incense of the morn diffuse
A salutary savor through the day
With charities and duties not well filled.
These form the links of an electric chain
That join the orisons of morn and eve,
And propagate through all its several parts,
While kept continuous, the ethereal fire;
But if a break be found, the fire is spent.

—Carlos Wilcox.

PRAYERS AND ALMS.

"THY prayer is heard, and thine
alms are had in remembrance before
God." Acts 10:31. From this state-
ment to Cornelius it seems evident
that his alms had served to make his
prayer effectual, and that neither
prayers nor alms alone would have
arisen as sweet incense before the
throne. Cornelius was praying for
light, a special blessing, but not for
his own benefit alone. He desired
that it should be imparted to all around
him; for he "called together his kins-
men and near friends" to hear the
message which God would give
through Peter; and there were "many"
assembled to receive the light.

In harmony with the practice of
Cornelius, which God so signally
blessed by the outpouring of his Spirit
on the Gentiles, is the custom of con-
necting the week of prayer services
with the annual offerings to missions,
and we may safely infer that neither
prayers nor alms alone will be effective
at this time. It will be of little use to
pray for the outpouring of the Holy
Spirit, for the light of the message to
go to those who sit in darkness, un-
less offerings are made by which the
work may be done. God's purpose
to-day in blessing his people, is that,
like Abraham, they may be a blessing.

The progress of the work during
the past year seems encouraging.
The establishing of a mission and
opening a school in Nyassaland, the
locating of medical workers in the
borders of the Turkish dominion, the
entering of the heart of China by six
medical missionaries, and the begin-
ning of the work in Spain, are all
events marking special progress in the
spread of the message, and would in-
dicate that if the means are forthcom-
ing for the advancement of the work,
the light of the gospel of mercy for
this time may soon go to all the world.
Whoever believe that the Lord is
coming in this generation must show
their faith by their offerings, in order
to prove that it is not dead. Then,
and only then, may we hope to triumph
with the work when it is cut short in
righteousness.

As we pray for God's blessing at
this time, let it be with the earnest de-
sire that we may be a blessing to the
world. As we reconsecrate ourselves
to God, may it be emphatically a con-
secration for service,—a consecration
of our time, our talents, and our
means. If all our people keep the
week of prayer in this spirit, the world
will soon be encircled with messen-
gers bearing the light to every tribe
and nation.

God help us to hasten the day when

"the Lord shall reign over them in Mount Zion henceforth, even forever."

**TITHE PAYERS' EXPERIENCE MEETING
IN BOSTON, SABBATH, DECEMBER 5.***

AFTER a sermon by the undersigned on the subject of Tithing, the following interesting experiences were given by those present:

Elder Gilbert: One time I played truant from school. I saw my father coming, and started to run. He saw me, and in order to have me captured, he used an expression commonly resorted to in London to apprehend a fleeing person no matter what they have done. So he called out: "Stop thief!" This called the attention of everybody to the person who was running away.

I have often thought of that experience in my life. The attention of the universe is called to a man every time he is dishonest. God says: "Ye have robbed me in tithes and in offerings." When God speaks, all created beings stop to listen. No thieves can enter the kingdom. The joy that exists in the hearts of those who pay their tithes, always surpasses all thought. The Jews as a people are nearly all well off financially. "Patriarchs and Prophets" and the Bible tell us that of every dollar that God gave the children of Israel, they returned to him at least one third. It is not giving, but keeping back, that makes a man poor,—poor in every way,—because he is without God's blessing. God has given us the *privilege of sharing the joy* of carrying on the work of God. For fifteen years I have been deprived of friends and loved ones who were very near and dear to me. When I accepted this truth I left a good position with only two dollars in my pocket; but I have never known what it was to lack a blessing of *any kind*. In withholding God's money, we are simply hin-

dering the personal return of our Lord.

A Brother: God has made a reformation in my life. The fourth of July was my first Sabbath. I would not go back for anything. I began to pay tithes a short time ago, and I am very much blessed. It makes my life brighter. I want my life to reveal the character of Christ.

A Brother: I have found great blessing in paying what belongs to the Lord. I have never planned to spend a cent without first taking out what belongs to God. I have been abundantly blessed. I do not feel that I am *giving* anything, because *it belongs to the Lord already*. As long as I am a Christian, I propose to pay tithes. I also intend to pay *offerings*, as many as I have the means.

A Sister: I have been praying over this matter, myself. I am going to do differently from what I have been doing. I am going to find out what the Lord would have me do.

A Sister: I have always paid a tithe of the money I have received, and the Lord has always provided me with clothing, food, and a place to sleep.

A Brother: I do not pay tithes for the purpose of helping the Lord. All the silver and gold is his. It is the joy of my life to give him back a part of it. I do not want to stop at ten cents on the dollar. I desire to be not only *just*, but *generous*. I want all of the dollars for God's kingdom. Of course, I need a little for my personal comfort.

A Sister: I thank God that I can stand up and be a witness for the tithes. If I receive a present, I always try to find out the value of it, and then tithe it. I used to pledge very much. Sometimes it was all I had, but the Lord has never allowed me to want. The Lord has blessed me in paying the tithes, and he always will.

A Brother: I can testify that the Lord has always kept his word with

me. If in doubt, I have always given the Lord the benefit. If the Lord does not bless us with money, it will be something better than money. It will be a *true blessing*.

A Brother: I thank the Lord for his goodness to me, and for the way that he has kept me. Those of us who have paid tithes for a *money blessing* would better not have done so. The tithe belongs to the Lord.

A Sister: I have been paying tithes since I joined the church. God has blessed me.

A Sister: The Lord has wonderfully blessed me, although I have not been able to earn very much.

A Brother: I believe in paying tithes. I am a little behind, but I intend to make it up. I am going to make a different arrangement. My wife who is an unbeliever told me I would not have enough money to bury me, but I told her that I did not intend to die, but to live until the Lord comes. I have never wanted for a day's work these eighteen years since I gave my heart to the Lord; so I have been able to support my family.

A Sister: I praise the Lord that I have always paid my tithes, and the Lord has blessed me. I never *spent* my tithe but once, when I took some of it to purchase something I wanted, and it took me *so long* to pay it back. I felt very sorry that I spent it.

A Sister: In the Methodist Church I set apart a tithe; but I did not understand it as I have since I came into the truth. I want to pay in all that belongs to God, and *all of the tithe* is the Lord's.

A Brother: There is always a certain amount of pleasure that comes to a man when he pays his bills promptly. He stands better in the community. When I came to find out *I was using the Lord's one-tenth* of every dollar I received, I went to work and paid him. I have been paying my tithes ever since, and have always had my daily meals, clothing, and a home.

A Sister: I can say that the Lord

* Stenographically reported by Brother S. N. Fogg.

has blessed me in my endeavor to return to him his own. He has given me food and raiment.

A Sister: I have never paid tithes. Since I came into the truth, no money has gone through my hands except to pay bills. At the first opportunity I intend to pay tithes.

A Sister: When I first came into the truth I did not understand it. When I thought I was keeping the commandments, I was really breaking the eighth commandment. I saw it clearly this summer at the tent.

A Sister: The Lord has always blessed me, and I always want to give him his.

A Brother: The more I pay, the more blessings I receive. I have been blessed all the days of my life. I have never been sick. Before I came into the truth I had money, but it never went nearly as far as it does now.

K. C. RUSSELL.

GIVE THE MESSAGE.

AS THE subject of "Capital and Labor" at the present time is engrossing the minds of the people of the world, and more especially of this fair land which has been styled, "The land of the free, and the home of the brave,"—a land whose government was founded upon the principles of freedom and equality, let us for a moment, as Seventh-day Adventists, consider our relation to our Employer.

At this present time we see in the world about us the fulfilment of those conditions, which the word of God tells us are indicative of the last days of this world's history. We see "men's hearts failing them for fear." From the office of the "captain of industry," as well as the humble fireside of the day laborer, from the lecture platform, and even from the sacred desk, we hear the same cry, "What shall the end of these things be?"

And we are placed here to answer that question. We as a people have

been raised up by the mighty power of God, to do his work in these last days, to carry the last message of salvation to these sin-bewildered souls, to tell them that the very conditions which confront them, are evidences that the great Deliverer is soon to come.

Are we faithful laborers in our Lord's vineyard? or are we like the Union laborer continually studying "How to get more"? That statement by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, that the question of how to get more was the great problem which confronted organized labor at the beginning of 1903, is a description in few words, of the spirit which has taken possession of the world to-day. The idea might be better expressed in one word, selfishness. Against this spirit, which is from beneath, we are to oppose the principles of Christianity,—how to give more, in short, unselfishness. Selfishness has taken possession of the people, rich and poor alike, corrupting the morals, benumbing the conscience, and severing every connection with the kingdom of God. Well would it be, if those who profess to be followers of the meek and lowly Jesus, would heed his injunction to "Take heed, and beware of covetousness."

Christ showed to the young ruler the futility of trying to keep the commandments, if the spirit of selfishness ruled his heart. The Saviour read his heart, and applied the test; the young man went away sorrowful. My dear brother and sister, would we do the same? Are we continually studying how to make ourselves more efficient laborers, to submit ourselves entirely to the will of God, so that we may be enabled to give more? Our duty is to give the message to the world in this generation. Are we giving our time, our talents, and our means to this work? If not, may God have mercy upon us, and awaken us to a sense of our responsibilities.

All around us sounds the Macedonian call. Who will answer? Who will give? Every prediction of the state of the world in the last days is being rapidly fulfilled. Satan is driving the world into the great time of trouble at a tremendous pace. Where are the watchmen? We are here upon the field. Are we alert, active, and vigorous, in warning the people that the hour of his judgment is come? God grant that it may be so. We must pray for a baptism of the Spirit.

As we look upon the mighty work to be done in so short a time, a sense of our weakness, our inefficiency, settles upon us with a heart-sickening weight, and we seek the Lord for strength. He gives us strength as our day, and we arise to renew the conflict, firm in the conviction that what God has begun he is able to finish.

Let us then be faithful to our Employer, doing the work that is nearest our hand, considering "The apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus, who was faithful to him that appointed him."

FRED W. STRAY.

A QUEER READING RACK.

ONE night recently, while waiting for a train, I was talking with one of our brethren about missionary work, when he told me of his experience, which is certainly an extraordinary one. Here it is in as nearly his own words as I can remember it:

"You know I live in the country, and have but little opportunity to do work of any kind. I wanted to work, however, and as I was studying over it, it occurred to me that I could set up a reading rack. Of course, I could not have the use of a railway station, post-office, or hotel, but I lived on a main road, and I decided to take advantage of it. I made a neat box, on which was printed, 'Free Reading Matter.' I then began to fill it with papers that I had in the house. They

went rapidly, and I soon had to send for more papers, and tracts as well. This went on for quite a while, without any apparent results.

"Just a little while ago, at a time when I was getting a little discouraged over the work, a man fifteen miles away accepted the truth. He told me how he had taken papers from my rack time after time, and always did it at night when he passed by, as he did not want any one to see him. This experience has given me new courage in the work, and you may be sure that my wayside reading rack will always be filled."

Are there not many of our farmer brethren and sisters who can do likewise?

H. H. HALL.

The FIELD

VIRGINIA.

WE spent Sabbath and Sunday, December 5 and 6, at Newport News. The little chapel, erected some time ago, was dedicated to the Lord. A number of the brethren from Norfolk and Portsmouth were present at the dedication. Elders Babcock and Painter had commenced a series of meetings in the chapel, which Elder Babcock will continue. A fair interest to hear has been awakened, and we trust the Lord will add some souls to this little church as the result of this effort.

On our way to Newport News we stopped two days in Richmond, and spoke for them twice. The interest there seems about the same, and some souls are in the balance. We trust our people will pray for them. We met with the Newport News church No. 2, Sunday night, December 6, and with the Norfolk church on Monday night. Both churches seemed to be much benefited and revived as the result of the meetings. We pray that God may guide them

safely through the perils of the last days.

We meet next with some isolated families in the southern part of the State.

R. D. HOTEL.

WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

THE West Virginia Conference held its annual session at Parkersburg, Nov. 24 to 30, 1903. There was a good representation from the various churches. Elders G. B. Thompson, J. E. Jayne, S. G. Huntington, F. E. Painter, and the writer were in attendance from abroad, and assisted in the services. The Spirit of the Lord was present in a marked manner in the transaction of conference business and the preaching of the Word. The brethren and sisters greatly appreciate the efforts of the General and Union Conferences to assist them in their work.

The office accounts were found to be very incomplete, and it is suggested that the conference is probably in debt \$3,000. The meager financial report rendered, showed that over fifteen hundred dollars of "Christ's Object Lessons" money had been used in the local management of conference work. When this situation first came to light, it was a surprise to the people, for they had been frequently informed that the conference was practically free from debt. Elder J. E. Jayne, the Union Conference auditor, was elected temporary treasurer, and is now engaged in straightening out their accounts and starting a new set of books.

Elder S. G. Huntington, of Ontario, who had recently been assigned to this field by the Union Conference, was elected president of the conference.

Three counties in the State of Maryland belonging to the West Virginia Conference, and three others closely allied, in the State of West Virginia, and Elder J. A. Traugh, one

of the West Virginia Conference ministers, were transferred to the Chesapeake Conference.

The tract and book department of the conference work was revived. Brother Painter, the Union Conference agent, in connection with the local agent, did all he could to encourage others to join the ranks of those already engaged in that department of the work. West Virginia is a good field in which to sell our books and other literature, so we are informed by the canvassing agent. Reference was made to the fact, that, in sections where gas, oil, and coal are found, laborers receive their weekly earnings in money, and are willing to purchase books.

I wish some of the wealthier conferences would consider favorably the idea of sending a strong, well-balanced, thorough-going minister to this conference, and support him as one of their regular workers. I will be pleased to hear from any conference who is willing to assist its poor neighbor.

We left all of good courage in the Lord, and in strong faith in the final triumph of the message of truth.

H. W. COTTRELL.

MISSIONARY CONVENTIONS AT WOLCOTT, BROWNINGTON, AND SUTTON, VT.

HAVING had the privilege of meeting with these churches, I would say a few words in regard to the deep interest manifested. I was with the church at North Wolcott November 14. There seemed to be a deep feeling for the work in general.

Sabbath, November 21, I was with the Brownington church, and November 28 I spent with the church at Sutton. The time between the two meetings I spent in visiting our people at their homes in Barton, Brownington, Charleston, Burke, and Sutton. I feel to thank God for the interest I saw manifested both at their homes and at the meetings. God is truly

working on the hearts of his people.

I never shall forget the happy hours I spent with our people, talking of God's wonderful goodness to us. How anxious they all seem to be, to carry the truth to a lost world. May God bless them in their work.

Each church seems to have a deep interest for the canvassing work, and especially for the special number of the *Signs*. The North Wolcott church ordered two hundred and twenty-seven copies, the Brownington church, three hundred, and the Sutton, two hundred or more, besides books and tracts.

I sold some books at Sutton, and should have sold more if I had had them with me. I stopped in Sheffield on my way home and sold one copy of "Object Lessons."

After reaching home, Elder Watt and I visited Sister Clark, in Craftsbury. She is an aged sister, and does not have the privilege of meeting with people of like faith very often. She was very glad to see us, and ordered fifty special *Signs* and a number of tracts.

May this winter's campaign develop canvassers that shall deem it a privilege as well as a duty to scatter the truth until the Lord comes.

ALBERT W. BOARDMAN.
State Canvassing Agent.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.

I AM glad to again have the privilege of laboring in the blessed work of the Master among my countrymen here in Greater New York.

I labored here for over three years some ten years ago when a Scandinavian church was organized in my house. The good Lord blessed us. Brother J. F. Hansen (who now sleeps in the Lord) and I held two tent efforts here besides having Bible readings from house to house, holding meetings in a hall, and scattering literature. Honest souls were found here and there, and were added to our number.

Other brethren have labored here since. Some have moved away, others have come in, and we now have a good, strong church of about eighty members. We have a nice house in which to worship. The Lord is good to us. Six have been added to the church in the last three months, five of them by baptism.

I came here this time the latter part of August, and have labored in connection with Brother A. Anderson, who has just left for Nebraska, his future field of labor. I find plenty of house-to-house work, holding Bible readings and other meetings. Here is a large field, and there are honest souls here and there.

A brother who has lately come from Norway, and has preached several years for the free Lutherans in the Old Country, has just accepted the truth, and kept the first Sabbath in his life last Sabbath. Others are interested. I am of good courage.

We expect to have a church school started in South Brooklyn before long.

P. L. HOEN.

WEST PHILADELPHIA, PA.

SINCE our last report eleven precious souls were baptized. It is indeed an inspiration to witness the zeal of the new convert in his first love of the truth.

We are happy to note that the work here is very encouraging. The church building fund is gradually increasing. We recently received an additional \$125 in pledges, and several churches (or individuals) in the State have kindly remembered us by sending donations and pledges. Any desiring to help us to erect a suitable meeting-house to the glory of God in this populous section, may send their donation, or pledge, to Elder Morris Lukens, 5237 Cedar Avenue, West Philadelphia. We are planning to pay the balance due on our lot (\$1,500) January 1, 1904.

Our meetings are continued in

Wagner's Hall, southeast corner Fifty-fourth and Haverford Streets, Sunday evenings. Sabbath services at 2:30 P.M., and Sabbath-school 1:30 P.M. We also have use of the mission room at 4847 Haverford Street, Wednesday and Friday evenings; Sundays at 10:30 A.M., and Sunday-school at 2:30 P.M.

Our people ordered three thousand copies of the special *Signs*, and are having good experiences in selling the same.

Brethren, pray for us.

WILLIAM T. HILGERT.

SUTTON, VERMONT.

NOVEMBER 28, Brother A. W. Boardman met with the church at Sutton. Quite a number were present. After the Sabbath-school exercises, Brother Boardman took charge of the meeting, giving us some valuable instruction in personal missionary work. He gave us an outline of the conference work, which was very interesting. He presented before us the present needs, showing us the work that must be done now. He read some very important instruction to us, plainly setting forth the need of personal work now with the special number of the *Signs* on the Capital and Labor question, and giving us good, plain instruction in missionary work for to-day.

All seemed to be interested and one hundred and eighty-one of the *Signs* were ordered by those present. We expect quite a number more will be taken by members who were not present.

May God help us all to realize the true value of such help, and may these blessings be appreciated by all. May we all realize that opportunities once passed by can never be recalled. Perishing souls are all around us. Shall we stand idle and see them perish? or shall we work for them? There is work for us all to do, and my prayer to-day is that by the help of

God we may all realize our personal obligations, and do our best.

We hope soon to receive another visit from Brother Boardman, as there is one new family interested. They seem ready to accept the truth. We desire the prayers of our brethren and sisters in other churches, that we may be faithful and do our part.

MRS. E. M. DODGE.

OXFORD, N. Y.

DEAR GLEANER: We are gladdened each week by your visits, and saddened as we see so little mention of the work in the Empire State.

About eight years ago we began work here handling foods and books, hoping that sufficient revenue could be secured to aid in caring for the needs and providing a training school for the children; and though we have not prospered financially as we hoped, yet we have had opportunity to sow much good seed, and to encourage many in the way of truth. Best of all we have become better acquainted with the Lord, and by experience and the teaching of the Spirit and Word find we are better fitted for work than ever before.

Of late we have felt that there was no time to lose, and we have seen evidences of the Lord's purpose to move forward if we had faith to go with him. His providences have been such that we have here a brother from Vermont, Brother Levi Wade, and his family expects to arrive soon. We have a roomy house they will go into and seats to put in, and as soon as a teacher arrives, and a few more pupils come in, we can start a church-school work. Our children are a responsibility we can not avoid. God has made us responsible for their salvation. They are about all we can hope to carry with us when we leave this world. Shall we not expend our best efforts and most of our means to get them fitted to dwell in the everlasting home? What will our money and

other property be good for soon? Let us place all we have at the disposal of the Lord. Let us earnestly seek the guidance and teaching of the Spirit.

It may be some teacher is wishing a place to labor. It may be a child needs the advantages we offer. It may be parents wish to move to a place where the children can be taught aright, or they may wish to send the children for a season. To all such we extend the invitation to come and see, or write and find out what you would know farther.

At the present time we are handling quantities of apples and potatoes. We shipped a mixed car to the Melrose sanitarium, which we are glad to hear pleased them well. We will be pleased to help any of our people to secure what they need to buy in this line—also to help our people who have produce to sell. We would like to do all the good we can as we pass through this world. And all we can make from our labors, we will try to place where it will best advance the good work.

We have here all kinds of chances to get a living. We are in one of the best dairy sections. There are plenty of chances to make money growing berries and vegetables.

We have bakery machinery standing idle for lack of help and means to run it. We would welcome the day when it could start, and turn out a supply of good foods that our poor brethren could afford to buy.

The Testimonies say that such a work should be done. It can be done. It will be done. Who will do it? and when? and where? We are willing to do our part. We can not do it all.

Pray for us that we walk in a straight path toward the eternal city. If you write us do so briefly and explicitly. Life is short, and time is precious.

We have a two-horse colporteur wagon standing waiting for some one

to drive it through to North Carolina. It belongs to that needy field.

If several of our people would hitch up their teams in the fall and drive through to the Gulf of Mexico, and drive back in the spring in time to go at the farm work, and would sell and give and talk the truth all the way as the Lord would direct, we think they would never regret the step.

Imagine the influence of a dozen such lines down and back across our land each year. Would it do any good? Would seed be sown that would bear fruit? The Lord says his word will not return to him void, but will accomplish that whereunto he sends it. Shall we help him send it?

With best wishes and Christian love we remain,

THE NEW YORK FOOD CO.,
F. W. BARTLE, *Manager.*

GOD UNDERSTANDS.

IT means something to be anything that requires the death of self for Christ's sake. It is hard to let men put us in a low place when we have the ability to fill a high one. It is hard to have men shut their door in our faces when we do the things with which we know that God is well pleased; but treasure is being piled up in heaven for us every time it happens. It is hard to have men misunderstand us and treat us accordingly, but it is sweet to know that God understands. He knows about everything, and will some day set us right before everybody. Through him we shall do valiantly.—*Selected.*

"THE amount of strength we may receive from Christ is limited only by our willingness. His ability is greater than our desires."

As WORKERS together with God, we need to keep in close touch with him who knows the end from the beginning. In his continual presence there is power and safety.—*Selected.*

SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

SABBATH-SCHOOL : READING CIRCLE :
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

ORGANIZATION AND SYSTEM IN SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK.*

PROPER organization in Sabbath-school work is like correctly adjusted machinery, it works without friction. A mechanic well knows that when an engine starts and stops, jerks and pulls, something is wrong. Some bolt is loose, a wheel does not run true, or some place needs oiling. If every part was running correctly, no thought would need to be lost upon the running of the machine, but all attention could be devoted to the work it was doing.

There has been considerable agitation in our ranks the past few years against organization, due probably to the fear lest too much thought be given to forms and regulations, and the life and spirit be driven out. There is danger of this when one is depending upon the system to give life, but this evil will not be experienced when the work of the Spirit is the first thing, and harmonious action the resultant.

The salvation of its members is the object of a Sabbath-school, but can any one imagine a refractory boy being converted in the school where no order or system is maintained?

For example: The boy comes to school at nine o'clock when it is supposed to open, but neither superintendent nor teacher is present on time. Opportunity is afforded at once for Satan to get in his work, and by the time the teacher is on hand to deal out spiritual truth, his pupil's mind is already full of Satan's suggestions.

Fixed plans, if they are good ones, carefully carried out, will never hinder the working of the Spirit, but rather

*Paper read at a Sabbath-school convention in Philadelphia.

aid it. Paul encourages us to have things done in order. That implies a program, and to have it done decently emphasizes its being carried out in proper order. What is more annoying, nerve destroying, or a greater travesty on the name of religion than for a superintendent not to know what he is going to do next when conducting a school. Perhaps he has forgotten to have a proper song selected, and so, while the school waits, he must find a hymn, and, as I have occasionally seen, he selects an evening one for the morning.

Little edification is obtained from the prayer of the one who has been called upon in the rear of the room, and who offers it in so low a voice that only the individual kneeling nearest him can hear it. How much better to have previously spoken to the one whom he wanted to have pray, and have him at the front of the school.

A vast amount of lasting benefit may be derived from the secretary's report if it is intelligently written, giving not only bare facts and figures, but reviewing the most helpful, spiritual lessons emphasized the previous week. A few boiled down thoughts may be remembered longer than extended remarks, and so forgotten truths are brought to mind, and the secretary's report has produced lasting effects. Careful attention to the statistics of the school will often lead us to look up some dilatory members who are absenting themselves, or special notice made of small offerings may give the superintendent a good text for a missionary talk. Both these opportunities would be lost if the office of secretary did not exist.

It is well to have a good program and stick to it, then every one knows what is coming next, and is prepared for it. For example: If it is planned to stand while singing, the school should always be taught to rise before the prelude is concluded, then all rise together, and the action is harmonious.

Otherwise, if they stand sometimes and remain seated the rest of the time, no one knows which he is to do, and half a stanza will be sung before it is ascertained which posture one is to assume.

If the exercises are conducted on scheduled time the superintendent knows just how long an opening speech he may make; the reviewer knows he must say much in little, or leave some of his best thoughts unsaid; and the teacher knows how long he can spend on each point in the lesson. The slow scholar who has not prepared his lesson will learn that time in Sabbath-school is too valuable to waste asking him a question the second time, because he was too heedless to pay attention at the first asking, and then waiting for him to guess at an answer. If he has any ambition, he will be spurred to attention and diligence in study.

The United States spends thousands of dollars disciplining its soldiers, and why should the servants of the King of kings be content to present such haphazard service to him?

Some people who possess a great deal of native intuition will give little forethought to the system they will follow in conducting a service. Whatever happens to come to their mind, they do next. This is not a good plan to follow in Sabbath-school. Such recklessness is not found in heaven. Ezekiel says of the angels who surround the throne and wait to do God's bidding, "Whither the Spirit was to go, they went; and they turned not when they went." It was known where the Spirit was going, and the angels in accompanying him, suffered nothing to attract their attention and divert them from their purpose.

To have a school conducted systematically does not mean that the same unvaried program will be carried out week after week. This would be a monotonous form indeed. A school to be successful will be varied frequently, but the variations will be in

perfect harmony with the spirit and purpose of the school. It is here that the officers will have liberty to display all their talents.

Songs, prayers, responsive exercises, reports, etc., are but a means to an end. A Sabbath-school is a Bible school, and the paramount thought should be to secure a thorough and personal study of the Scriptures. If this is accomplished, the forms will be simplified and an intense spiritual power will pervade the entire school, and its great purpose, the salvation of souls, will be realized.

ELIZABETH THOMAS FITZGERALD.

EDUCATIONAL

OUR ACADEMY AND
CHURCH-SCHOOLS

SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY LIBRARY FUND.

We make a regular charge to all our students of fifty cents a year for the support of the library in the Academy. This amount does not enable us to buy books to any extent. We furnish our students periodicals to read, and we can purchase a few books with the library dues.

We have recently had a proposition made to us by one of our brethren who has some very valuable books for our history work, which will also be a material assistance in our literature. There are ten volumes containing the messages and papers of all the presidents. These books cost \$35; they are offered to us for \$10. We feel that this is a rare opportunity, and one that we should not allow to pass. The library fund for this year is already exhausted, and we do not want to run in debt. It seems best to make a call to our brethren and sisters who are interested in our school to contribute for the purpose of purchasing these books. There are many valuable books which we should have in our library for our students to use.

The books that I have mentioned are very valuable, not only for school work, but for general research in religious liberty and other lines. We shall be pleased to receive contributions for the purpose of purchasing these books. If more than the ten dollars required is received, there are many valuable books of which we are in need, that we shall be very glad to get. In sending donations, please designate the same as intended for the library fund.

I do not know but our brethren and sisters will feel that we make quite a good many calls upon them for various interests connected with the Academy, but we have no other source from which we derive our support. This school and its work belongs to the people of the Atlantic Union Conference, and while we who are in direct charge of the work can see the needs and perhaps have a special interest, yet we know that our people everywhere will be glad to know of the needs of our school from time to time, and are interested with us in supporting and building it up. So,

while we who are directly connected with the school, receive these gifts, and thankfully, too, our people everywhere can recognize them as being given to the interests of the cause of education for the work of this last message.

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

FURNISHINGS FOR SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY.

AFTER much delay a generous box was received from the New Bedford (Mass.) church. Only a few of the packages gave the name of the donor. In it were found the following articles: From A. F. Collins, two sheets, two pillow-slips; from Mrs. Mercy Slocum, one pair white muslin curtains, six pillow-slips; from A. H. Howard, one pair of heavy cotton blankets. Others gave two large bath towels, fourteen hand towels, three sheets, one comforter, eight pillow-slips, and two sofa pillows.

A friend, \$2.00.

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Willimantic church (Conn.); three comforters, two large pillows, one pair blankets, one large rug, one bed-spread, two boxes of toilet soap, two sheets, four pillow-slips.

In addition to a previous donation, there has been received this week from the Lowell church, the following articles: Six pillow-slips, twelve small towels, twelve large towels, two hand-worked commode covers, one hand-worked bureau cover, one roller towel, one comforter. There is more to follow.

Mrs. S. A. Mason, South Lancaster, one mantle bed.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

MAINE.

—Elder Basney and family have arrived safely in Pittsburg, Pa. The prospect is that they will like their new field of labor.

—Elder Bicknell was called last week to attend the funeral of Sister Hilborn's only sister, who has been living with her for some years.

—The special *Signs* are selling well. One of our workers wrote that she thought the idea was heaven-born, and no doubt it was. We still have a supply of the papers at the office.

—We have recently received two communications at the office having no signatures. As one enclosed a money-order, we ascertained the sender by inquiry at the post-office; the other we happened to guess at correctly. It is somewhat embarrassing to receive orders and not be able to tell to whom to send the books or papers.

—We would remind our librarians and canvassers that our fiscal year ends December 31, and we shall be glad to have every account settled in full before that date. The books of the society will probably be audited in January, and we know all concerned

would like to have the accounts show the society free from debt. We cannot pay our bills unless those against whom we have accounts pay us.

E. H. MORTON.

VIRGINIA.

—Elder T. H. Painter is now with the Lynchburg church for a few weeks.

—Elder R. D. Hottel left last week for a several weeks' visit among the churches in the eastern part of the State.

—Brother H. A. Rife, of Timberville, was with the Stanleyton church from the 4th to the 7th holding meetings with them.

—Elder B. F. Purdham, who is at Tackett Mills, Va., writes of the good interest there, and says that six stood up for prayer.

—We are sorry to learn that Brother LaFayette Rowsey, Buena Vista, is quite poorly. We pray that he may soon recover.

—One brother in Richmond with but little effort sold fifty copies of the "Capital and Labor" *Signs*. Others can do as well. If you have not sent in your order for enough, send in your order at once for more.

—Elder H. W. Herrell writes, "We are now located in Richmond and are holding meetings four nights during the week and twice on the Sabbath. There is some interest here, and some are taking hold of the truth."

—We wish to remind our people of the needs of the Lynchburg church. It will be remembered that a little more than a year ago the church building was purchased. We are still owing something over \$500 on this building, and this money should be raised at once. What can you do to help them? It would be too bad to have to sell the building and deprive the church there of a place of meeting. They are not able to raise

that amount, as most of them are poor in this world's goods. Give this matter your earnest, prayerful consideration now, and send your donation to O. F. Dart, 2414 Church Hill Ave., Richmond, Va.

A. M. N.

BOSTON FIELD.

—Brother G. R. Ruggles is still having excellent success in the sale of the work of Dr. Kellogg's, on "Hydrotherapy."

—Sister Emma Taylor, who has been in New Hampshire for several months, has returned to the city for the winter.

—Brother Malcolm Martin, of Pawtucket, R. I., spent Sunday, the 6th inst., in the city, and was in attendance at the Berkeley Hall meeting in the evening.

—Sister Andrews, the wife of Elder Walter Andrews, of Canada, passed through Boston with her children *en route* for the home of her parents in Connecticut.

—Sister Wm. Taylor, of 82 Park St., Medford, Mass., is seriously sick at this writing. Let all of our people remember this faithful sister in her severe illness.

—A son of Sister Archer, who was also a brother of Sister Estella Maloney, died recently at his home in New York State. We bespeak for these sisters the sympathy and prayers of the brethren and sisters of their acquaintance, in this their time of great sorrow.

—The first service of the series of Sunday evening meetings that are to be conducted by the writer, in Berkeley Hall, corner of Tremont and Berkeley Streets, Boston, was held Sunday evening, the 6th inst. Our attendance and interest at this first service were most gratifying. The following are the subjects that have been announced for the three coming Sunday evenings: Sunday, December

20, 7:30 P.M., "The Origin of Sin and Why Permitted, or Is there a Personal Devil?" Sunday, December 27, 7:30 P.M., "The Great Anti-Christ, the Great Tribulation, and What They Mean to Us." Sunday, January 3, 7:30 P.M., "The Generation of Christ's Coming Foretold, but NOT the Day and Hour."

K. C. RUSSELL.

VERMONT.

—The church school at North Wolcott is having a vacation of two weeks.

—The members of one of our churches are canvassing for some of our smaller books, in connection with the special *Signs*.

—Sister Clara Bryant, of Newport Center, left last Thursday for Fort Worth, Texas. She will visit Chicago and Milwaukee on her way, and expects to be absent several months.

—Sister Eva A. Jenks is working with the special *Signs* in Rutland, in connection with the envelope system of distributing tracts. She is also holding Bible readings, and reports that she has a number of interested readers, among whom are some of the best people of Rutland.

—The treatment rooms are now open for business, and already there are several patients coming daily for treatment, among them Mr. Wells, of the Wells-Richardson Company. So far as the work has been brought to the notice of the physicians of the city, they seem very friendly, and have already sent some patients.

—One of the brethren of the Burlington church took ten of the special *Signs* from the office the other day, and in a very short time came back for more, having sold them all. There are but few of our people who could not do as much as this. We are glad to see the interest the people of our conference have shown in this good work. We trust that this will

be only a beginning of a systematic missionary work by all of our churches.

E. W. THURBER.

A MAN is rich in proportion to the number of things he can afford to let alone.—*Thoreau*.

THE BOOK WORK.

Western Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending Dec. 4, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. J. Heckman, Johnstown,		D of A	1	1			.25	.25	.75
L. B. Trowbridge, Pittsburg,		D of A	5	9	2	7.00	25.67	32.67	57.17
*T. O. Saxton, Georgeville,		P & P	9	78	26	63.75	15.50	79.25	
Mrs. J. T. Long, Franklin,		P & P			2	5.00	3.25	8.25	
W. C. Fleisher, McKeesport,		G C	4	18	5	12.50	12.30	24.80	8.50
W. H. Zeidler, Homestead,		G C	5	21	3	7.25	12.25	19.50	26.25
S. M. Ford, Erie,		D & R	4	2	1	2.25	11.00	13.25	
Mrs. E. W. Kirker, Harrison City,		L G	4	17	5	17.75		17.75	.75
L. M. Guild, Titusville,		H of M	5	17	9	11.75	9.00	20.75	9.50
F. Daughenbaugh, Huntingdon,		H of M	2	10	2	3.00	11.15	14.15	2.40
G. B. Mason, Franklin,		Misc	4	14	21	10.75		10.75	
J. T. Long, Franklin,		Misc				4.25	13.10	17.35	
Totals,	12 Agents,		43	187	76	\$145.25	\$113.47	\$258.72	\$105.32

*Two weeks.

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending Dec. 4, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. T. Hilgert, Philadelphia,		G C					4.10	4.10	28.50
J. R. Hare, Philadelphia,		D & R	2	12	6	11.00	1.00	12.00	
W. K. Achenbach, Bethel,		D & R	2	14	2	6.00	1.25	7.25	32.75
Elsie M. Swingle, Scranton,		H of M	5	23	5	7.25	5.25	12.50	9.50
S. H. Swingle, Scranton,		H of M	5	19	9	12.25	10.25	22.50	.75
Daisy B. Ott, Scranton,		H of M	5	21	8	11.50	4.75	16.25	4.25
A. W. Barratt, Plymouth,		H of M	3	18	26	39.00		39.00	
J. F. Phillips, Scranton,		C K	5	28	17	17.00	12.75	29.75	
H. J. Albright, Reading,		Misc	5	27	37	11.50		11.50	3.25
Edna Rhine, Reading,		O P H	2		8	2.00	.75	2.75	
David Summers, Reading,		Misc	5	27	43	14.25		14.25	5.75
S. E. Albright, Reading,		Misc	2	4	13	3.25		3.25	1.25
Mrs. E. Egelif, Reading,		Misc	2	5	14	3.50		3.50	
Allison Barlet, Reading,		Misc	5	25	62	16.50		16.50	
Totals,	14 Agents,		48	223	250	\$155.00	\$40.10	\$195.10	\$86.00

West Virginia Conference, Week Ending Dec. 4, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
C. B. Rule, Guyandotte,							35.75	35.75	
Mrs. M. C. Rule, Guyandotte,							67.50	67.50	
J. H. Jennings, Charleston,		H M			8	10.00	22.50	32.50	
David Haddix,		P & P		50	8	21.50	18.00	39.50	
P. W. Province, Goose Creek,		C O L		30	3	3.75	12.00	15.75	
Miss M. R. Graham, Parkersb'g,		C O L			5	6.25	7.90	14.15	
Mrs. L. A. Graham, Parkersb'g,		G P			6		1.50	1.50	
Totals,	7 Agents,			80	30	\$41.50	\$165.15	\$206.65	

Southern New England Conference, Week Ending Dec. 4, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
E. W. Fraits, W. Hartford, Ct.,		Misc	5	34					33.05
Totals,	1 Agent,		5	34					\$33.05

OBITUARY NOTICES

ALLISON.—Died at her home, at Rome, N. Y., Dec. 3, 1903. Susan I. Allison, aged fifty-two years. Sister Allison was born at Constableville, Lewis Co., N. Y. She was united in marriage in 1876 to Thomas Allison, and about that time they moved to Rome, N. Y. She was converted in the Methodist Church, but did not unite with that body. At the time Elder D. M. Canright held tent meetings at Rome, she at-

tended the meetings and became convicted, and accepted the present truth, and united with the Seventh-day Adventist church at Rome, and retained her membership there to the time of her death. I had been acquainted with this sister and her family for more than twenty years, and am glad to say that the acquaintance ripened into a deep friendship and Christian love. So long as Sister Allison's physical health and strength would allow, she continued to bear responsibilities in the church and Sabbath-school. As a wife and mother in her home, and as a

sister in the church, she was much loved, and she will be missed from these circles of influence in the shaping of character; but none who knew of her sufferings could wish her brought back to take up the work again.

Her sickness really began seventeen years ago with a severe attack of *la grippe*. This was followed by attacks of neuralgia of the stomach, from which she suffered intensely. Three years ago jaundice of a serious type manifested itself; and as though this were not sufficient, dropsy developed. For months she sat bolstered up in her chair, or in bed, but in spite of it all she lived on and suffered on, showing almost a miraculous power of endurance. Like my poor mother she sat long months bolstered up in her chair or on her bed, facing day and night "the last enemy that shall be destroyed." But, thanks be to the Lord, through it all she was sustained in faith and patience. In September I had an interview with her, and asked her if she found her faith in God and her love for his truth sufficient for the present trying times? She quickly replied, "O, Brother Place, my faith was never brighter nor my love for the truth stronger than now." Does it not at times seem to you that God's dealings are too severe, in permitting you to suffer so much and so long? Her answer was, "The Lord has always been better to me than I have deserved. He has suffered so much more for me, and I want his will to be done in me."

A short time before she died, she often repeated to her sister the words, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord . . . they rest from their labors and their works do follow them." One night after repeating them, she said to her sister, I believe these words are for me. By her request the writer attended her funeral which was held from the house, Sabbath, December 5. There were present a large number of relatives and friends, and also of the brethren and sisters of our church in Rome. She leaves a husband and four sons whose grief is deep. As we looked into the open grave, how precious seemed the words of promise, "Yet a little while." We look to that time with good hope in the "first resurrection."

A. E. PLACE.

"THERE shall be no more death."

SUNSET CALENDAR FRIDAYS.
Local Mean Time.

1903.	Boston.	N. Y. and Phila.	Washington.
Dec. 4.....	4:28	4:33	4:38
Dec. 11.....	4:28	4:33	4:38
Dec. 18.....	4:29	4:34	4:40
Dec. 25.....	4:32	4:37	4:43

Maine Conference, Week Ending December 4, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
C. R. Chandler, Richmond,		G C		11	2	4.50	3.00	7.50	
Mrs. A. E. Gerald, Shawmut,		S of J			26	6.50	3.05	9.55	
Mrs. B. M. Tapley, Robinson,		M H H			7	3.50	4.00	7.50	
Abbie Harmon, No. Windham,		S of J			9	1.20	2.15	3.35	
Mrs. H. Hammond, Fairfield,		S of J			74	18.50	3.00	21.50	
Mrs. H. Groves, Bath		S of J			20	5.00	2.00	7.00	
Totals,	6 Agents,			11	138	\$39.20	\$17.20	\$56.40	

Some of these are for more than a week.

Vermont Conference, Week Ending December 4, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
C. H. Porter, Newport,		C O L	5	31	8	10.00	4.00	14.00	
M. E. Greenwood, Rutland,		C O S			17	21.50		21.50	
G. H. Clark, Bennington,		H of M	5	38	14	18.00	22.00	40.00	
Rubie Roscoe, Barre,		C O L	5	28½	6	7.50	17.15	24.65	3.50
Totals,	4 Agents,		15	114½	28	\$57.00	\$43.15	\$100.15	\$3.50

Central New England Conference, Week Ending Dec. 4, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
John W. Hartwell, Holyoke,		D of A	4	17	2	6.00	6.75	12.75	
F. W. Stray, Holyoke, Mass.,		D of A	5	22	3	11.25	5.50	16.75	
E. L. Chase, New Boston, N. H.,		B R	4	13	2	5.00	3.00	8.00	
Totals,	3 Agents,		13	52	7	\$22.25	\$15.25	\$37.50	

New York Conference, Week Ending Dec. 4, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
D. A. Ball,		C O L			12	15.00		15.00	15.00
Claude L. Wiltsie,		P H		23	27	7.00	1.25	8.25	
D. A. Ball,		P H			21	5.25		5.25	5.25
L. B. Loomis,		P H			45	13.75	9.00	22.75	22.75
Mrs. Jennie Holst,		C O S				21.00		21.00	
Mrs. Mary M. Abbey,		G P			8	2.00	.15	2.15	
Totals,	5 Agents,			23	114	\$64.00	10.40	\$74.40	\$43.00

Union Conference Totals	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
53 Agents,	124	713	643	\$524.20	\$404.72	\$928.92	\$270.87
Totals for corresp. week last year,							
38 Agents,		661	377	\$315.35	\$211.08	\$526.43	\$522.30

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ALL will be pleased to see such a good canvassers' report this week from West Virginia. She stands next on the list to her sister conferences in Pennsylvania.

Do NOT forget that the paper next week will be the last one printed in 1903, and if you have anything that should reach our readers before January 7 or 8, have it here by Monday morning, December 20.

THE article which appears in another column from the New York Food Co., was written some weeks since. This fact will explain to the mind of the reader some statements in it that may seem out of date.

A GOOD HOLIDAY GIFT.

WHILE planning for your holiday gifts, it might be well to consider whether there is not some one to whom a year's subscription to the *Review and Herald* would be an acceptable present. Evidently there are quite a few Seventh-day Adventists too poor to take the paper who should be supplied with a copy.

VIRGINIA.

Week of Prayer.

WHEN this issue of the GLEANER reaches our readers, the week of prayer will almost be over. We trust that by this time all our people will be so much benefited that they will respond nobly to the call for means to carry

forward the message in all the earth.

Remember that the end will come when this "gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations." We may hasten that glad day by sending forth the message for this time. And the message will go when men and means are laid on the altar for service.

We trust that our people in Virginia will make this year the banner year for annual offerings. Forward all offerings to O. F. Dart, 2414 Church Hill Avenue, Richmond, Va. If tithes or other funds are sent at the same time, be careful to designate the amount of each. R. D. HOTTEL.

THOUGHT.

AT the request of the Battle Creek Review and Herald Publishing Company we printed last week a notice of a book to be issued by them entitled "Thought, Its Origin and Power." A line just received from them states that it has been decided not advisable to print the book, and asks that if we have given notice of it in the GLEANER, we will please withdraw the same.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

THE address, till further notice, of Elder and Mrs. C. H. Edwards and Mrs. S. L. Edwards, will be 1336 Prospect Avenue, corner of One Hundred and Sixty-ninth Street, New York City.

GOOD NEWS.

SABBATH-SCHOOL workers everywhere will be glad to know that, in harmony with the recommendation passed at the last General Conference, the publication of the *Sabbath-school Worker* will be resumed beginning with January, 1904. This first number will be of real value to all Sabbath-school teachers and officers, and to parents who hold family schools. Besides notes on the lessons, there will be begun in this number a series

of illustrated articles on Blackboard Drawing for the Sabbath-school, written by a practical artist; an excellent letter from a sister who has been conducting a family Sabbath-school with her children during the last year, describing the way the lesson is studied, the enthusiasm manifested, and the influence the school is having in the family; and other features of special interest.

The *Worker* is published by the Review and Herald Publishing Association, at the extremely low price of twenty-five cents a year, in clubs of two or more. Single subscriptions, thirty-five cents. Orders may be sent through the State tract societies, or directly to the office of publication, 222 North Capitol Street, Washington, D. C.

MRS. L. FLORA PLUMMER.

STORIES OF MISSIONS.

THE first article of a series on "Missions in the South Sea Islands" appears in the *Youth's Instructor* of November 17.

These stories of missions, by Miss Estella Houser, will tell of our missionary efforts in the islands of the sea, beginning with the first cruise of the missionary brig, "Pitcairn."

Brief sketches of the experience of such leading island missionaries as Williams, Patteson, Chalmers, and Paton will be given in the opening articles.

Miss Houser's "Story of the Matabele Mission" which appeared in the *Instructor*, was most cordially received, and we trust that thousands of new readers will have the privilege of reading these new true stories of our missions.

By sending seventy-five cents now, every new subscriber gets the remaining issues of 1903, and all of 1904. Order through your State tract society, or send direct to the *Youth's Instructor*, 222 North Capitol St., Washington, D. C.