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

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NEW YEAR'S WISHES.

(To the readers of the “Atlantic Union Gleaner.”)

WHAT shall I wish for thee?
Treasures of earth?
Songs in the springtime,
Pleasure and mirth?
Flowers in thy pathway,
Skies ever clear?
Would this ensure thee
A Happy New Year?

What shall I wish for thee?
What can be found
Bringing thee sunshine,
All the year 'round?
Where are the treasures
Lasting and dear,
That shall ensure thee
A Happy New Year?

This I will wish for thee,
Faith that increaseth,
Walking in light;
Hope that aboundeth,
Happy and bright;
Love that is perfect,
Casting out fear,
These shall ensure thee
A Happy New Year.

This I will wish for thee,
Peace in the Saviour,
Rest at his feet,
Smiles of his countenance,
Radiant and sweet,
Joy in his presence,
Christ ever near,
This shall ensure thee
A Happy New Year.

CHAS. P. WHITFORD.

Jan. 1, 1904.

BEWARE OF FANCIFUL DOCTRINES.

I HAVE been instructed to say that it is not new and fanciful doctrines which the people of God need. They do not need suppositions, which can not be sustained by the word of God. They need the testimony of men who know the truth, men who understand and obey the charge given to Timothy: “Preach the word: be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.” 2 Tim. 4:2-5.

In some instances men have been turned away from the truth to listen to fables. Efforts were made to set right those thus deceived, but some had drunk so deeply from the polluted fountain, and had become so impregnated with false impressions, that it was impossible to undeceive them. They had come to believe that it was more profitable to eat of the food offered in the strange doctrines presented, than to eat of the food

contained in the holy word of God.

Brethren, look well to the character of your religion. Do not forget that Christ is to be your pattern in all things. You may be sure that his religion is not a sensational religion. A religion of this kind I learned to dread in my very earliest experience in the cause of present truth. I was at that time, before I was seventeen years old, bidden to warn those who were cherishing fanciful ideas and who declared that their strange movements were inspired of God.

In New Hampshire there were those who were active in disseminating false ideas in regard to God. Light was given me that these men were making the truth of no effect by their ideas, some of which led to free-lovism. I was shown that these men were seducing souls by presenting speculative theories regarding God.

I went to the place where they were working, and opened before them what they were doing. The Lord gave me strength to lay plainly before them the danger of their course. Among other views, they held that those once sanctified could not sin, and this they were presenting as gospel food. Their false theories, with their burden of deceptive influence, were working great harm to them.

selves and to others. They were gaining a spiritualistic power over those who could not see the evil of these beautifully clothed theories. Great evils had already resulted. The doctrine that all were holy had led to the belief that the affections of the sanctified were never in danger of leading astray. The result of this belief was the fulfilment of the evil desires of hearts which, though professedly sanctified, were far from purity of thought and practice.

This is only one of the instances in which I was called upon to rebuke those who were presenting the doctrine of an impersonal God, diffused through nature and the doctrine of holy flesh.

In the future, truth will be counterfeited by the precepts of men. Deceptive theories will be presented as safe doctrines. False science is one of the agencies that Satan used in the heavenly courts, and it is used by him to-day. The false assertions that he made to the angels, his subtle scientific theories, led many of them from loyalty. And, having lost their place in heaven, they prepared temptations for our first parents. Adam and Eve yielded to the enemy, and by their disobedience humanity was estranged from God, and the earth was separated from heaven.

Christ pledged himself to bridge the gulf that sin had made. Thus he became the Way, the Truth, and the Life. He shows us the path that leads to heaven, and promises to impart his efficiency to every one who believes on him. He came to our world to reveal, not a mixture of truth and error, but the pure truth of God. All error is misleading, even though clothed with garments of heavenly beauty.

The character and power of God are revealed by the work of his hands. In the natural world are to be seen evidences of the love and goodness of God. These tokens are given to call attention from nature to nature's God,

that his "eternal power and Godhead" may be understood.

Pantheistic theories are not sustained by the word of God. The light of his truth shows that these theories are soul-destroying agencies. Darkness is their element, sensuality their sphere. They gratify the natural heart, and give leeway to inclination. Separation from God is the result of accepting them.

Christ calls upon his people to believe and practice his word. Those who receive and assimilate this word, making it a part of every action, of every attribute of character, will grow strong in the strength of God. It will be seen that their faith is of heavenly origin. Before angels and before men, they will stand as those who have strong, consistent Christian characters. They will not wander into strange paths. Their minds will not turn to a religion of sentimentalism and excitement.

I beseech those who are laboring for God not to accept the spurious for the genuine. We have a whole Bible full of the most precious truth. We have no need for supposition or false excitement. In the golden censer of truth, as presented in Christ's teachings, we have that which will convict and convert souls. Present in the simplicity of Christ the truths that he came to this world to proclaim, and the power of your message will make itself felt. Do not present theories or tests that have no foundation in the Bible. We have grand, solemn tests to present. "It is written," is the test that must be brought home to every one.

Walk firmly, decidedly, your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. God has not laid upon any one the burden of encouraging an appetite for strange, odd doctrines and theories. My brethren, keep these things out of your teaching. Do not allow them to enter into your experience. Do not let your life-work be marred by them.

The minds of the Jewish teachers were filled with maxims and suppositions. They interpreted the Word to mean that which God never designed it to mean, enforcing their oddities on the common people.

A warning against such teaching is found in Paul's letter to the Colossians. The apostle declares that the hearts of the believers were to be "knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. And this I say," he continues, "lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. . . . As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him, rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power." Col. 2:2-10.

I am instructed to say to our people, Let us follow Christ. We may safely discard all ideas that are not included in his teaching. I appeal to our ministers to be sure that their feet are placed on the platform of eternal truth. Beware how you follow impulse, calling it the Holy Spirit. Some are in danger in this respect. I call upon them to be sound in the faith, able to give every one who asks a reason of the hope that is in them.

Into the hearts of many who have been long in the truth there has entered a hard, judicial spirit. They are sharp, critical, faultfinding. They have climbed into the judgment-seat to pronounce sentence on those who do not meet their ideas. God calls upon them to come down, and bow

The FIELD

GREATER NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

THE second annual session of the Greater New York Conference was held Nov. 12 to 17, 1903, at the Stephen Merritt building, Nineteenth Street and Eighth Avenue, New York City.

The President, Elder H. W. Cottrell, presided throughout the session, and there were seventy-eight delegates seated, representing eight churches, and including the delegates at large.

The first meeting was opened with singing, and prayer was offered by Elder A. G. Daniells. After a few opening remarks by the chairman, impressing the nature of their individual responsibility on the delegates, the roll was called.

The counties which were ceded to us by the New York State Conference were regularly accepted, and Sister Van Rensselaer was seated as a delegate to represent the Newburgh church.

It was decided to hold the regular business meetings from 10 A.M. till 12 M. and from 2 till 5 P.M., preaching at 8 P.M.

The chairman appointed the usual committees as follows:

On Nominations: E. H. M. Sell, M. D., A. G. Daniells, J. J. Kennedy, O. E. Reinke, Lewis Hansen.

Committee on Plans: C. H. Edwards, E. E. Franke, G. E. Langdon, Louis Klebahn, E. H. Hall, R. H. Martin, G. M. Chaffee, A. Anderson, G. A. King, J. C. Hennessy.

Credentials and Licenses: J. L. Johnson, Chas. Eliason, J. M. Calvert, Steen Jensen, D. MacPherson.

Auditing: E. H. M. Sell, M. D., L. Klebahn, E. H. Hall, R. H. Martin, J. M. Calvert.

Revision of Constitution: A. G. Daniells, L. Klebahn, E. H. Hall.

before him in repentance, confessing their sins. He says to them, "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." Rev. 2:4, 5. They are striving for the first place, and by their words and acts they make many hearts sore.

Against this spirit, and against the false religion of sentimentalism, which is equally dangerous, I bear my warning. Take heed, brethren and sisters. Who is your leader, Christ? or the angel who fell from heaven? Are you sound in the faith? My prayer for you all is that God would grant you "according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." Eph. 3:16-19.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

A SISTER IN MAINE HEALED BY FAITH.

SISTER C. P. Wood, of Skowhegan, has written the following experience to the church in Augusta, of which she is a member.

"The Lord has greatly blessed me the last few months, and I have great reason to praise his name. Two months ago I was a sick woman but to-day I am well and strong,—all done through faith in God. I wish I could see you all and tell you of the blessed experience, and how wonderfully near the Lord has been to me. You all know, I think, how poorly I have been for over a year—not able to do much work and trying this doctor and that one, but getting no help from any one.

You would hardly have known me as I looked then. Now I will tell you how I was brought to my senses. A lady friend called to see me one day (she belongs to the Christian Science church here), and said I ought not to be sick but to be healed as she was. She wished I would read her books, as she knew that I could be healed. I told her I did not believe in it, as they took some of the Bible and discarded the rest. She said they went mostly by the ninety-first psalm. After she went home, I kept thinking about her being healed, and something seemed to say to me, Here you are a child of God, keeping his commandments, and believing the Bible just as it reads. It says God is the same yesterday to-day and forever. Where is your faith? I made up my mind then and there to take God at his word, I went to my room and told him all about it, asked him to forgive my lack of faith, and if it was his will and for my best good, to heal me. I felt that he heard me. I threw all my drugs away, and began to gain in strength, and soon people began to notice the change. I do not remember of having scarcely a pain after I decided to have faith no matter what came, and asked God to heal me. I know it was a miracle, and praise the name of my God. I wanted you all to know about it, and I love to tell it."

I WILL PRAISE HIM.

I WILL praise my dear Redeemer
For his love, with joy and song;
He's redeemed me out of bondage,
He has kept me from all wrong.
Plenteous is his grace and kindness
To poor mortals here below.
He will take the vilest sinner,
Make his heart as white as snow.
Oh, this precious, loving Saviour
Gave his life to die, that we
All may have a home in heaven,
And forever with him be.
Then let's love and serve him ever
For this pardon full and free,
Till he comes in all his glory
And his dear face we shall see.

MRS. C. P. WOOD.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted during the session, after full and free discussion:

1. *Whereas*, The prospering hand of God has been with us during the past year and we can see the hand of providence in the blessing and increase of finances, therefore,

Resolved, That, as a conference, we hereby express publicly our gratitude to the Lord for this prosperous year, and we hereby pledge ourselves to a new and more complete consecration to his service, and we humbly pray that the same prospering hand may be with us in the year to come.

2. *Whereas*, A clerical error was made in applying to the New York Conference for new territory by putting the name of Putnam County instead of Ulster County, which was the original intention, as Putnam County already belonged to us; therefore,

Resolved, That we request the New York Conference that Ulster County be substituted instead of Putnam County, and ceded to us in accordance with the original design.

3. *Resolved*, That the conference ascertain if possible what work has already been done in the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons," and that the work of disposing of our quota be vigorously pushed, and

We recommend, That all our laborers and church elders take an active interest in finishing the work to the glory of God.

4. *Resolved*, That we give special attention to the forthcoming *Signs of the Times* on "Capital and Labor," that we encourage every member of every church, and all the children as well, to get this special copy into the homes of the people, and that all who circulate this paper keep a record of the places in which they leave them, so that it can be followed up and yearly subscriptions secured; and be it further

Resolved, That we hold ourselves

responsible to furnish one copy of this issue of the *Signs of the Times* to all the editors of all the papers in Greater New York, and to all the ministers of all denominations and nationalities in this city.

5. *Whereas*, The *Review and Herald* is our recognized church organ, and the *Signs of the Times* our pioneer missionary paper, and the ATLANTIC UNION GLEANER is the official paper of the Atlantic Union Conference and consequently it is also our conference paper, and the *Bible Training School* is a valuable Bible workers' help,

We recommend, That our people subscribe for the above papers, and we further

Recommend, That our workers report more frequently through the GLEANER.

6. *Whereas*, The foreign papers, *Christlicher Hausfreund* (German), *Sions Vaktare* (Swedish), and *Evangeliets Sendebud* (Danish), are our pioneer missionary as well as church papers among those nationalities,

We recommend, That the workers of the above nationalities do all in their power to encourage the circulation of these papers.

7. *Whereas*, The General Conference has granted us an appropriation of \$6,000, and

Whereas, The Atlantic Union Conference has favored us with the services of several workers during the past year; therefore,

Resolved, That we extend a vote of thanks to the aforesaid conferences for these favors.

8. *Whereas*, The General Conference Association has invited the Union Conferences to assume their proportion (*pro rata*) of the old debt,

Resolved, That this conference assume its proportion (*pro rata*) according to membership, the same as has been done by our neighboring conferences.

9. *Whereas*, We believe the Sabbath-school to be the nursery of the church; therefore,

We recommend, That more interest be taken in this branch of the work by our brethren and sisters, and that Sabbath-school conventions be held as often as convenient.

10. *Resolved*, That this conference encourage the formation of young people's societies to be carried out on a strictly Bible plan, and that the general organization be under the supervision of the conference Sabbath-school secretary.

11. *We recommend*, That the Home Department of the Sabbath-school be given more attention in the future, to the end that absent members may be encouraged to retain their membership.

12. *Resolved*, That in consequence of the departure of the Pacific Press Publishing Company from this city, this conference shall organize a tract-society, the headquarters to be located as centrally as possible.

13. *Whereas*, The Testimonies state that treatment rooms are of great assistance in setting forth the principles of health reform, and as they are a great means of presenting present truth,

We recommend, That steps be taken at as early a date as possible to follow the plans laid down in the Testimonies, and that our people as a whole give this move their hearty financial support.

14. *Whereas*, The Lord has spoken of the importance of establishing church schools; and,

Whereas, There is and has been for years past a real need of church schools in this conference,

We recommend, That early steps be taken to carry out this work, and that we invite our people to assist in it.

15. *Resolved*, That a competent Field Secretary who will devote his time and energies to the work of reviving and carrying forward the canvassing and colporteur work, be employed by this conference as soon as practicable, and that he be given liberal moral and financial support.

16. *Resolved*, That we request the

Southern New England Conference to release Elder C. H. Edwards, their president, that he may be free to accept the presidency of this conference.

17. *Whereas*, Elder H. W. Cottrell has acted as president of this conference for the past two years in addition to his many other duties,

Resolved, That we tender him a hearty vote of thanks, and wish him God's blessing in his work in the future as president of our Union Conference.

18. *Whereas*, Brethren R. H. Martin and E. H. Hall have served us conscientiously and faithfully during the past year as secretary and treasurer, respectively; therefore,

Resolved, That we extend to them a hearty vote of thanks, for services rendered gratuitously.

19. *Resolved*, That we pay the salary of a teacher in the South Lancaster Academy for the current school year, not to exceed \$12 a week.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Elder C. H. Edwards; Recording Secretary, R. H. Martin; Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, E. H. Hall; Executive Committee, C. H. Edwards, O. E. Reinke, L. H. Proctor, Steen Jensen, R. H. Martin, E. H. M. Sell, M. D., E. H. Hall, L. Klebahn, G. M. Chaffee; Medical Department Committee, G. M. Chaffee (chairman), R. Bryant-Leake, M. D., H. P. Vaughan, M. D., J. A. Wood, O. E. Reinke; Sabbath-school Department Secretary, Mrs. L. H. Proctor; Educational Department Secretary, R. H. Martin.

The following persons were granted credentials: C. H. Edwards, O. E. Reinke, G. E. Langdon, A. Anderson, L. H. Proctor. A ministerial license was given to G. A. King. Missionary licenses were given to J. J. Kennedy, J. C. Hennessy, J. K. Humphrey, G. A. Roggenkamp, P. L. Hoen, Mrs. R. Leo, Mrs. E. H. Hall, Miss Bessie Shonsby, Miss Carrie Wentland, Miss Alice Williams, Miss Bessie MacPherson.

Much of the session was taken up with reports of workers which were given individually, and were very encouraging; the secretary's report showed a net gain in the conference membership of ninety-two during the conference year.

The following General and Union Conference workers were present at all or a part of the session: Elders A. G. Daniells, R. A. Underwood, J. E. Jayne, and Brother F. E. Painter; we also had a visit from our old friend, Elder C. H. Keslake.

The chairman made some closing remarks which were very encouraging. A motion to adjourn was then entertained, and after singing "God be with You Till we Meet Again," the session closed with the benediction by Elder C. H. Edwards.

H. W. COTTRELL, *President*.

R. H. MARTIN, *Secretary*.

VERMONT TITHE REPORT FOR DECEMBER.

Burlington church,	\$18.72
Richford "	6 00
Sutton "	7.30
Troy "	7.46
Vergennes "	36.70
Windham "	10.45
Wolcott "	29.00
Individuals,	24.38
Total,	\$140.01
	F. M. DANA, <i>Treas.</i>

MANHATTAN BOROUGH, NEW YORK CITY.

SINCE our conference November 12, 1903, I have been very busy holding twelve meetings a week, three preaching services at One Hundred and Thirty-fourth Street, and eight Bible readings, besides preaching every Sunday morning to a Baptist congregation. A hearty interest is shown by all at these meetings, including the pastor. Since the conference four have accepted the truth, and many more are interested, some

of whom are keeping the Sabbath. This is all a result of God's blessing on my personal effort thus far.

I am still of good courage and desire to press forward this year as never before. Let all pray for the work in New York City.

J. H. CARROLL.

VIRGINIA.

WE met with the Lynchburg church on Sunday night, December 13. Elder Painter preceded me a few days, and remained over the following Sabbath and Sunday. The brethren here are very much scattered, which makes it hard to hold regular services with even a fair attendance, but there are a few who are always faithful and who are doing all they can for the work at that place.

On Monday night we stopped at Buena Vista to see Brother Rowsey, who has been sick for several weeks with fever. We were glad to note that he was improving, and hope that, by the time this reaches our readers, he will be entirely well and able to perform his duties in the home and the church. Elder Painter also met with them on his way home a few days later.

Friday, December 18, we drove across the mountain and met with the Stanleyton church on the Sabbath, the closing day of the week of prayer. We had good meetings with them, returning to New Market on Sunday. As far as we have learned, the week of prayer has been filled with good results, and the circulation of our literature is being taken hold of more than ever. We trust that this will be kept up all the winter, preparatory to a spring campaign.

While accidents by land and sea have been increasing on every hand during the year, God in his mercy has seen fit to prolong our lives through the year, and privilege us to enter upon the new year with health and strength. May we all use it to his

glory, trusting his saving grace and power through all the days of the year.

R. D. HOTTEL.

WEST PHILADELPIA.

THE work is onward in West Philadelphia. We expect to make a payment of \$1,500, the balance due on our church lot, next Tuesday; and while we have not yet received all of this amount, we believe the way will be opened that the people will respond, and we will be able to meet our obligations.

To those outside the city who have so kindly helped us, we desire to express our gratitude; and as we shall now go ahead with the church building, we will appreciate any help that any one may give very much. All donations may be sent to my address 5237 Cedar Ave., Philadelphia, Pa.

We have been very successful in disposing of the three thousand five hundred *Signs* which the church ordered, and expect to have them all sold soon.

Your brother in the work,

MORRIS LUKENS, *Pastor.*

A CALL TO ALL OUR PEOPLE IN WEST VIRGINIA.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS: I am homesick. Do we not all want to go home? Are we ready to go while we are in debt?—No. In the West Virginia Conference we have a debt of about one thousand five hundred dollars. At its recent meeting the auditing committee pledged, and will pay, one hundred and thirty-five dollars of this debt. It seems like paying a security debt—a debt which we have not made. But we pledged from principle and love of the truth.

Shall we get free from debt in 1904?—Yes, says faith, and by the help of the Lord we will. By comparing this debt with what has been given us, it seems that we can pay it all off this year if all will do their part, and give according as God has

prospered them. God will bless every one who will by faith go to work to pay off this debt in 1904. Then on the first day of 1905 we can sing the song of deliverance. Let all lift harmoniously, and help as much as they possibly can. Great blessings will come to those who take hold of this matter just now. Let no discouragement be offered by any brother or sister, as though it were not a proper thing to do. We should take right hold of the work of paying off this debt this year. Only in this way can be rolled back the reproach that has come upon our conference.

Dear brethren and sisters, we have no time to find fault or criticize those who have incurred this debt. Our duty is to go forward and pay it, and receive the blessing. Let us pray that God will give Brother Huntington and all those at the head of the work much wisdom and the spirit of discernment, so that the conference may be freed from debt, and then kept free from it, and this last message of mercy may soon go to all the people in West Virginia.

“If ye abide in me,” Jesus said, “and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” In considering these things, my spirit rejoices in God. Let us go on to victory by paying this debt. There are certain times when the Spirit of God moves upon the hearts of men to work in certain ways for him.

To those who seek him, God will reveal himself. Let us, therefore, cooperate with him, and do so now. The Spirit of God has already been at work on some hearts, leading them to give of their means to help pay off the debt. Will not others join us in this final effort for freedom from debt, and thus enable us to increase the number of our laborers, so that we may enter new fields already white for the harvest? On to victory! for Jesus is our Captain, and he will lead us safely through if we will only let

him. Read Isa. 1:19; 1 Cor. 2:9; and Titus 2:13.

Yours in the work,

S. G. CUNNINGHAM,

Balderson, W. Va.

THE “SIGNS” CAMPAIGN IN THE BOSTON FIELD.

A GOOD work with the *Signs* has been begun in this field. At this writing, nearly three thousand of the Capital and Labor number of this paper have been sold, and another thousand has been ordered.

Brother A. D. Gilbert, who is laboring for the Pacific Press in the interests of the *Signs*, spent a week with us, and his visit resulted in awakening a greater interest in this grand work.

Sabbath morning, the 26th ult., Brother Gilbert spoke to the company in Malden and in the afternoon in Boston. The attendance was not large, owing to the blizzard that we experienced that day, but notwithstanding this, we were successful in obtaining eighty-five *Signs* subscriptions in clubs of three to five to each subscriber.

The words of the Lord were carried out where he says, “Be instant in season out of season,” when on Christmas day a number of us celebrated the day by canvassing on the streets with the *Signs*. Besides selling about one hundred and seventy-five papers, we had some most interesting and pleasant experiences in meeting the people.

Saturday evening, the 26th ult., a company of seventeen persons led by Brother Gilbert went out on the streets of Boston and demonstrated that the *Signs* could be sold on the streets, although the thermometer was nearly down to zero. The most of those who went out, sold from ten to twenty-five papers each.

It was also demonstrated that this paper can be sold on Sundays here in the city; for on Sunday, the 27th

ult., some of our brethren tried it with success.

Our prayer is that this may be a beginning of better days in old-time missionary work, not only in this part of the conference, but in every church throughout the great harvest-field.

K. C. RUSSELL.

GUYANDOTTE, W. VA.

DEAR GLEANER: We are gladdened each week by your visits, filled with such rich reports. It fills us with rejoicing to see the work moving on so fast. It will soon bring the Saviour to take his children home. Oh, that all might sense this as we should!

Since coming from Parkersburg, we have held meetings and Bible readings. Two families are convinced of the truth, and we hope to see them take their stand to keep all of God's commandments. I am sorry to have to leave them for a time. We are going to Roanoke, Virginia, to see my two brothers and one sister, whom I have not seen for thirty-seven years. But while I am away from West Virginia, I hope that many souls will accept Christ, and live for God and his love.

C. B. RULE.

CHESAPEAKE CONFERENCE.

In the Bible there are two points of time that are made very important. The first is the beginning, but the second is the ending. While there is much that calls us to consider the beginning, the greatest event of all to us now is the ending. To that all things are rapidly tending. Centuries ago the prophets spoke of the sufferings of Christ, and not stopping there, they spoke of the glory that should follow.

So Christ himself even when giving to us the memorials of his suffering and death, did not leave us to gaze upon that alone, but said, "Till I come." So we, brethren, have begun a work in this conference that is not

yet finished, and we never should let go of the work till God himself shall declare, "It is finished." Now the Lord says, "He will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness."

Shall we work in his lines? Shall we each put on righteousness, that we may be in a position where God can work mightily through us? We have begun the work of giving the message to the people of this conference, and there is yet a great work to do. Shall we stop with simply a beginning? or shall we reach forward to an ending?

The New Year comes to us laden with the greatest possibilities. The greatness of these possibilities is limited only by the faith and faithfulness of the people. Our responsibilities as a conference are greater than ever before. The ending of the work is much nearer than ever before. The time the Lord has given us for preparation for the work is almost over. He is now waiting to pour out his Spirit that power may be given to finish the work. Are we ready for it?

On December 1 the three western counties of Maryland, which several years ago had been ceded to West Virginia with three counties of West Virginia were ceded back to the Chesapeake Conference. Elder J. A. Traugh, who was working in that territory, also was received into this conference, and will continue his work at Cumberland where several have already begun to keep the Sabbath.

On December 26 I baptized three in Baltimore, two of these coming in as a result of the tent meetings of last summer. There will be others who will join the church later. Three, who are intending to join, have already been baptized, and three more expect to go forward later.

The church at Cheswold has met with a great loss in the burning of their church building on the evening of December 30. The neighbors turned out and saved the lamps, seats, and organ. This church had been working hard to build a church-school

building this last fall, and so will not be in so good a condition financially to rebuild the church. I am sure that any help would be greatly appreciated by them.

One thing more: We have begun the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons," but we have not seen the ending as yet. What are you going to do about it, my brother, my sister? Have you done your duty toward the school and toward your fellow men? The books containing most precious truth are waiting to be sent out on a mission of blessing to many. There are also many hungry souls who are waiting for just the rays of hope and encouragement these books would bring to them. These books can yet be sold. I have disposed of several lately.

What we need now is to make a general rally, and in the strength of God finish the work that has been given us to do. Let every church now take hold, and every individual in the church, and see what can be done to cut short the work. We never will see a more favorable time than now to push this work forward. The times have been fairly prosperous and the Spirit of God is working with the people. Will not every individual soul ask himself before God what his duty is in this matter?

While the work was taken hold of in the beginning with love and consecration, we need now to renew our consecration to the work, and not pause till we see the ending, the glorious triumph, the grand jubilee.

O. O. FARNSWORTH.

NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA.

GLEANER FRIENDS: Greetings for a New Year, and a prosperous one in the closing work of the gospel! Newport News has little else to offer. All is *old* and yet *new* day by day in the message. The little company here of some half a dozen members shared with their brethren throughout the great harvest-field in the rich experi-

ences of the week of prayer, and the blessings of the annual offering. The last was small indeed in amount here, but God did not choose Israel because it was a great nation or pronounce a blessing on the widow's mite for its nominal value.

The series of public Bible studies closed during the holidays, and has not yet been resumed. A number are interested and give mental assent to the truth, but the question of a living—how to meet present demands, save the present life—bars the way to obedience.

Now that the Jamestown Exposition in 1907 seems to be assured, no doubt the whole Chesapeake Bay region directly, and adjacent territory indirectly, will be still more bound up in "things seen" which are temporal, while indifferent to things not seen which are "eternal."

The cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Newport News are hives of industry. Many thousand people are employed in the ship-yards and railway terminals. Thousands of others serve these and their families with their daily necessities, so that really all of every class apparently depend on a few "soulless" corporations for what they can earn to "keep soul and body together."

It is written, "The just shall live by his faith." With Jeremiah how often must one cry out, "I am pained at my very heart; my heart maketh a noise in me; I can not hold my peace, because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war." Amid it all we cling to the hope that some will hear the call, "Come out of her, my people," and in the end will know that "he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

We have taken part in the distribution of the special *Signs*, and personally Mrs. Babcock and I have gone from house to house with printed invitations to our meetings, with literature, etc. As a result we find more

personal work and Bible studies than we are able to take. Yet we are not certain but other talents the Lord has given us remain unused, for which he may call us to account in the final examination of the record of the deeds done in the body. However that may be, while we trust in him and go forward, if not right, he surely will lead us right. The goal is in sight! Let us give all to reach it bringing our sheaves with us, amid rejoicing evermore!

M. S. BABCOCK.

VERMONT TENT FUND.

DEAR BRETHREN: In 1902 we made plans for purchasing a new sixty-by-ninety foot tent for our camp-meeting use, also to build a portable tabernacle for general work in the field. At that time we made a call for funds with which to carry out the above plans, in harmony with your resolutions authorizing your committee to proceed in this work.

The tent was purchased, and as you may not have observed, we have to pay for such things as soon as finished, as the manufacturers have not the capital to invest in stock and work so as to trust such items out. Also the tabernacle has been built and used one season, and of course this had to be paid for.

Again, we needed a tent for what we term "tent efforts," and as we made one of these "efforts" at Randolph last summer, we had to procure a tent for this work, and accordingly bought one of one of the brethren at a reasonable price, and because of financial needs, we paid this brother for the tent.

From the above you will see that your committee has had demands to meet, and this has caused an outlay beyond the means for such work, so that we are overdrawn on this fund nearly \$200, and now feel that if we state to you the real situation of the work, you will see the condition, realize the needs, and respond to our

urgent call in this direction, as soon and as freely as the Spirit of the Lord may impress you to do.

Some of our brethren have responded to the cause in this department nobly, and we are thankful for it all, and praise the Lord for every effort made in this work. There are others that have not made any special donation to this work, and we feel confident that they will be pleased to aid the conference if they know the situation hence, we have presented the facts, and now trust and pray that you will come up to the help of the Lord, and thus relieve us of the overdraft in this fund.

We need some good, large donations to make up this amount, as there are many of the brethren who are not in position to give but a little; but every penny given heartily is acceptable to the Lord, and we shall be pleased to acknowledge any amount that you may be able to send for this fund.

Awaiting your consideration, and praying the blessing of the Lord to rest upon you as you give, I am, in behalf of the conference committee,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

F. M. DANA,

Secretary and Treasurer.

COUDERSPORT, PA.

THE greater part of the time since my return from the Atlantic Union Conference, at South Lancaster, has been spent in the Potter County field. The little church at Coudersport has felt keenly the need of a place of worship of our own, and the latter part of November we broke ground, and began the foundation of a little chapel. The Lord responded to the prayer of faith, and has gone before us in a truly wonderful manner, so that at present we have stone, rough lumber, flooring, and siding on the ground, and roofing, doors, and windows provided for. Besides this in the way of furnishing we have, either in hand

or promised, a good organ, pulpit, communion table and service, and altogether the outlook is very encouraging. We expect to get practically all the labor donated.

For several weeks now we have had severe cold weather, culminating in a record of forty degrees below zero Tuesday morning, January 5, something unknown before in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. We are waiting for a warm spell in order to go forward with the work. Friends of the cause are manifesting a lively interest in this memorial building in the county seat of Potter County and we trust that there are others still who will want at least a board in this good work. The little company here is united, and enters heartily into mission work both at home and abroad.

The week of prayer was a blessed season of soul refreshment, and at its close, notwithstanding the strain of building, the Mission Board treasury was substantially remembered, all having at least a small part in it. It is the lift all together that counts.

January 1 and 2, I met with the Austin church in quarterly meeting at Odin. The meeting was held in the United Brethren church, and was characterized by extreme cordiality on the part of the pastor and neighbors, and much zeal and unity on the part of the members. This church is rejoicing in the blessing of having sold their full quota of "Christ's Object Lessons." Officers were elected and plans for active work laid. On Sabbath, January 2, a blizzard began which brought our promising meeting to a close.

In December I visited the little company at Sweden, and spoke twice, being most cordially received. I am receiving more calls than I can possibly fill. I am planning to visit Sunderlandville, West Pike, Hickox, and other places as soon as circumstances will permit. Truly the harvest is great but the laborers are few.

C. F. McVAGH.

The PRINTED PAGE

"Publicly,
and from HOUSE to HOUSE"

AN INVITATION.

THE inclement weather of the past six weeks has been rather hard on our outside workers, especially the canvassers; and now that the holiday delivery has been made, some of this latter class feel that they also should have a holiday season, and have concluded to rest until the purchasing public have recovered from their Christmas extravagance. The idea that the people must have a rest is not a correct one, as our older canvassers, who have spent winter after winter in the field, testify that they can go right along with their work from the middle of December taking orders for February delivery. A new canvasser, after having worked his first summer, and having some fears for the winter, asked an experienced canvasser how he worked through the winter. The experienced worker replied, "I keep going right along. This is my business, and I work at it the same as other men work at their trades."

This is the secret of success in the canvassing work, and every one who faithfully follows the example of this canvasser will soon know it for himself. An examination of the records of Western Pennsylvania canvassers shows that since June 20, 1903, an average of more than one dollar an hour has been made by each canvasser for every hour actually spent in field work. This is good wages, and no one need have a thought of failure who will work energetically and persistently.

Besides the success that comes from pushing our own work vigorously, we are promised most efficient help in impressing on the minds of the people that what is being offered them is that which they most need. We are not dependent entirely on our own ef-

forts, as are the agents of other publishing houses, but have the promise that the heavenly messengers will go before us into the homes of the people preparing the way.

We would like to enlist a new corps of energetic workers in addition to those already in the field, men and women who are filled with the desire for service. We have a large territory, a portion of which has never been entered, and canvassers can thrive in all of it. We want men and women who have a burden for the souls of their brethren and sisters, who feel that God is calling them into his service, and who are willing to depend on the fulfilment of his promises to them for their support. Here is a splendid field for service, and every encouragement will be given those who will consecrate themselves to this branch of the work. We will endeavor to give the needed instruction to those who desire it, and will go personally into the field with the new canvassers to teach them those methods of work which are the development of practical experience. This instruction includes forms of introduction, methods of gaining admittance, how to introduce the canvass, and finally to take the order. This preparation will enable the canvasser to work intelligently, and will give him that courage, born of confidence in himself and his cause, which will overcome timidity and hesitation.

THOS. D. GIBSON.

"THE CANVASSING SHOE."

SOME very encouraging letters are being received from the canvassers throughout the field. Here is an extract from a letter I received from a young brother who tells us something of his first experience in the canvassing work. "Canvassing in the beginning is just like breaking in a pair of new shoes. One acts awkward and feels awkward, but just think we have paid for the shoes and soiled them,

and now we must wear them. And just so with canvassing. It may hurt a little at first, but it is a good work, and it is getting so that it feels just like an old shoe."

Now this shoe that our brother tells us about, I can recommend as being of the very best quality, and warranted to wear till the Lord comes. There are very few who have tested the wearing qualities of these shoes. By many they have been discarded, cast off, and thrown away, before they got the shape of the foot, *just because they pinched a little*. Now that would be a very foolish thing to do in the event of breaking in an ordinary pair of shoes, and so much more so in beginning to wear these of a superior quality. I remember when I would wear a pair of ordinary shoes for the first time, I would find it was always best to wear them in all kinds of weather. And I noticed in particular, if they were inclined to fit tightly, they always *pinched less* on damp, cloudy, and wet days. And so it is with the "canvassing shoe." It is a very foolish thing to do to cast off the "canvassing shoe" if it looks a little cloudy, or even rains a little. Much is lost by doing this. The shoe thus never assumes the proper shape of the foot, and, therefore, never feels comfortable, and besides the real service and value of the shoe is lost every day it is not worn. Now this "canvassing shoe" *will feel comfortable, and will not pinch if it is only worn long enough*. After they are well broken in, they must be worn regularly, or they will *pinch again*.

Now, dear canvassing brethren, truth is truth, no matter how it is expressed. Even though our brother used a figure to tell us of his first canvassing experience, there is much truth in it, which should be accepted by all for what it is worth.

Every canvasser must truly have his feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, and, as he goes forward bearing his message of peace

and truth, he does not become foot-sore, and weary in well-doing. We are all acquainted with the scripture, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that

publisheth salvation." Isa. 52:7. This scripture teaches that the "canvassing shoe" will never cause corns, bunions, or ill-shaped feet, for these feet are carrying "good tidings of good."

Now, brethren, let us put on the

THE BOOK WORK.

Vermont Conference, Week Ending December 18, 1903.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Rubie Roscoe, Barre,		P & P				2.45	2.30	4.75	44.67
C. H. Porter, Glover and Albany,									16.25
G. H. Clark, Bennington,		H of M	5	33	16	20.25	13.50	33.75	
Totals,	3 Agents,		5	33	16	\$22.70	\$15.80	\$38.50	\$60.92

Week Ending Dec. 25.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
C. H. Porter, Lowell and Newport,									20.00
G. H. Clark, Bennington,		H of M	3	15	8	10.00	7.00	17.00	
Rubie Roscoe,									5.00
Totals,	3 Agents,		3	15	8	\$10.00	\$ 7.00	\$17.00	\$25.00

Central New England Conference, Week Ending Jan. 1, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
F. W. Stray,		H of M	5	20	12	15.00	1.00	16.00	
Totals,	1 Agent,		5	20	12	\$15.00	\$1.00	\$16.00	

New York Conference, Week Ending Jan. 1, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
May Carlyon,		S of D		40	6	3.72	1.80	5.52	2.35
Derrick Brewer,		S of D				6	6.00	17.00	23.00
Mrs. Mary M. Abbey,		C M				4	4.00		4.00
Mrs. H. H. Wilcox,		P H		15	9	2.25			2.25
Totals,	4 Agents,			55	25	\$15.97	\$18.80	\$34.77	\$4.35

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending Jan. 1, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. T. Hilgert, Philadelphia,		Misc	5	20			5.69	5.69	5.99
Totals,	1 Agent,						\$5.69	\$5.69	\$5.99

Western Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending Jan. 1, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. H. Zeidler, McKeesport,		G C	4	11	3	8.75	7.75	16.50	3.00
F. A. Evans, Potter Co.,		Misc	1	10			3.75	3.75	
D. Bowman, Pittsburg,		H M	5	18	11	16.25	4.25	20.50	.50
Totals,	4 Agents,		10	39	14	\$25.00	\$15.75	\$40.75	\$3.50

U. C. Totals Jan. 1,	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
9 Agents,	15	114	51	\$55.97	\$41.24	\$97.21	\$13.84
Totals for corresp. week last year,							
8 Agents,		106	23	\$40.00	\$65.40	\$105.40	\$45.30

footwear the Lord has provided for us, and then we will always have beautiful feet. We will be beautiful ourselves, because we are publishing peace and salvation, and bringing good tidings of good. We will never think of becoming discouraged ourselves, but will always be engaged in encouraging, strengthening, and helping some one else. We will never be satisfied to grope along in the valley of despondency and discontent, but will be found up on the mountains where the Lord says we belong. Shouts of victory are in store for the faithful canvasser, and I am looking for many more good experiences, like the one above, to be reported.

F. F. FRY,
Field Sec'y E. Pa. Conf.

THE CANVASSING WORK IN WEST VIRGINIA.

WE are very anxious to see the canvassing work come up to its proper place in this conference. We have as good territory as there is in the United States. Our coal, oil, and gas are being developed. Money is plenty, and the people are ready to buy our books, because we have the best class of literature in the world, and the Lord is going out before his people and impressing hearts.

We are told by the Spirit of the Lord that what we fail to do in times of peace, we will have to do in a time of great trouble. Brethren and sisters, let us arise and do this work while the circumstances are so favorable. There are several counties in our State that have never been entered by either the canvasser or the minister. The Lord is calling you to cut loose and enter this work, and push it forward until every soul in this State has heard the message. We are told by the spirit of prophecy that the canvassing work is to be revived, and we know that it will be so. But, brethren and sisters, will we come forward and do our part to revive it? or will workers have to come from other States and take our

places and also take our crowns? May we not expect to see twenty good, consecrated canvassers in the field in the near future.

If any who read this are staying out of the work on account of want of means to start with, let us hear from you. The conference committee stand ready to do all in their power to help you, and I will spend as much time in the field with any who will go as is necessary to get them started, and will give them the benefit of all orders which I take during that time.

D. HADDIX.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

BOSTON FIELD.

—Sabbath, January 2, Elder M. D. Mattson spoke to the Boston church, and assisted in the administration of the ordinances.

—Brother M. E. Neilsen and Brother H. N. Coffin were elected as deacons of the Boston church for the ensuing year.

—Sister McClements, of Pawtucket R. I., spent Sabbath and Sunday, the 26th and 27th of December, with friends in Boston.

—A gospel workers' training class and Bible study will be conducted at 91 Appleton St., Boston, every Wednesday evening at 7 P. M.

—The Sunday evening services that are being conducted by the writer in Berkeley Hall, corner of Tremont and Berkeley Streets, are deepening in interest.

—Misses Irene Cady and Melva Cobb, students of the South Lancaster Academy, spent a few days of their holiday vacation visiting relatives and friends at the sanitarium.

—The annual Sabbath-school and gospel workers' convention for the Boston field will be held in Gilbert Hall, Tremont Temple, Boston, Sabbath and Sunday, the 30th and 31st of January.

—Elder A. E. Place conducted a Bible reading at 91 Appleton Street, Friday evening, the 25th ult., on the Second Coming of Christ, at which there were six Chinese brethren present for whom Sister Fortner is laboring.

—A special dinner was served at the hygienic restaurant at 555 Boylston St., Boston, December 27; and following the dinner, Elder Place gave an interesting and instructive address on the principles of health reform.

—Brother A. D. Gilbert and the writer attended a missionary meeting at the home of Brother Jernegan at 16 Harwood St., Lynn, Tuesday evening, December 29, at which there were a number of the Lynn church present. The Lord blessed Brother Gilbert in presenting the truth.

K. C. RUSSELL.

MAINE.

—The teacher of the Cliff Island church school spent the holidays with her parents in Vermont.

—We have another new Sabbath-keeper at Deering Center. The seed sown is beginning to bear fruit.

—We have no more copies of the special *Signs* at this office, but can order more from California if they are desired.

—The Portland church will hold its weekly meetings in Union Hall at the corner of Free and Congress Streets for the winter. Services at 2:30 P. M.

—We shall be glad to have our church treasurers send in the tithes on hand at the end of each month, as the money will be needed to pay the laborers.

—Elder Bicknell is attending the general meeting in the Aroostook County. The conference committee went with him, and ministers from other places were expected.

E. H. MORTON.



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SINCE our last issue we have learned of the death of Brother J. H. Watson, who only a short time ago went to Nyassaland, to have charge of our mission work in British Central Africa. The bereaved family has our deepest sympathy.

THE price of the *Life Boat* having been changed from twenty-five to thirty-five cents a year, the paper can no longer be furnished with the GLEANER at sixty cents. It has therefore been thought best to withdraw the club offer.

WE are glad to give this week the report of the last annual session of the Greater New York Conference. Unlike many of our conferences, Greater New York employs no secretary to devote his time to the work, and the brother who serves gratuitously, being a very busy man, has found it impossible to send the report sooner.

ERRATA.—In the GLEANER of December 23, on page 592, in the third column, the paragraph in Brother Fry's article which reads, "After January I will go two full weeks," etc., should read, "After January first I will go," etc.

IN writing to renew his subscription, Elder G. B. Thompson says, "Though in another union conference, and under another flag, I have lost none of my interest in the Atlan-

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tic Union Conference. The association of former years is a green spot in my memory. My courage in the work is good, and I confidently expect in a little while to see the king in all his royal beauty."

THE YEAR BOOK FOR 1904.

OWING to the discontinuance of the *General Conference Bulletin*, the directory of our denomination is now issued in the form of a Year Book, the chief features of which may be stated as follows: A complete directory of the General Conference and all its officers, committees, departments, and laborers; complete directories of all Union and State Conferences and Union and local mission fields throughout the world, with the territory, population, membership, and churches thereof specified, as well as the names and addresses of all officers, committees, departments, and laborers given, and church schools in operation therein; full directories of all colleges, academies, and intermediate schools, with boards, branches taught, and faculties; directories of all publishing houses, with boards, officers, and departments connected therewith; a complete list of all periodicals published under the auspices of the denomination, with specifications as to frequency of publication, price, size, and editors thereof; a directory of sanitariums, with boards and faculties; treatment rooms, restaurants, cafes, and benevolent institutions. The work also contains an exhaustive summary of officers, with their addresses, a complete directory of ordained and licensed ministers, and of physicians, together with statistical reports, and the constitution of the General Conference.

This work will be found very helpful to our people in giving them a correct understanding of our organized work in the various parts of the world, and will, we believe, lead to a greater interest in extending the mes-

sage to parts as yet unentered. The book contains a number of features not contained in any previous directory, is issued in the most convenient form, at a very low price, and should be in the hands of all our people. Price twenty-five cents. Order of your tract society.

OBITUARY NOTICES

ADAMS.—Little Eveleth Adams died June 21, 1903, aged 2 years, 10 months, and 25 days, and was laid to rest in the family cemetery till the return of the Lord, when she will awaken to meet father, mother, sisters, and brother. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Adams have the deepest sympathy of their many friends in their sad bereavement.

Dearest Eva, how we miss you,
 And how sadly pass the hours
 While we hear no more your prattle
 In the garden 'mid the flowers.

But we hope sometime to meet you
 In that land so bright and fair
 Where we'll ever be with Jesus,
 And no sorrow enters there.

Now goodby, my little Eveleth,
 Though my heart it pains me sore,
 We will wait until we meet you
 Over on the other shore.

C. B. RULE.

SOULE.—Our dear sister, Alice A. Soule, fell asleep in Jesus, Dec. 22, 1903, in Denver, Colo., aged 46 years, 3 weeks and 3 days, of tuberculosis. For two years she was a patient sufferer, and in her last few weeks with us, often said, "I have put my case in my Father's hands, and I know it will be all right in life or death;" while praises to God were often on her lips.

She was formerly a member of the Baptist Church, but through Bible readings was led to see and accept the light of present truth, and united with the church in Brockton, Mass., in October 1901, and was ever an earnest worker, faithful in attendance at meeting, and no good work that came her way lacked a helping hand.

A husband and three sons, an aged mother, two sisters, and a brother mourn her loss, but not without hope. Services were conducted by Elder Geo. W. Anglebarger, from the text, "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." We laid her to rest in Fairmount Cemetery, Denver, to await our Lord's return.

JENNIE R. BATES.