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

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BEYOND TO-DAY.

If we could see beyond to-day
As God can see;
If all the clouds should roll away,
The shadows flee,
O'er present griefs we would not fret,
Each sorrow we would soon forget,
For many joys are waiting yet
For you and me.

If we could know beyond to-day,
As God doth know,
Why dearest treasures pass away
And tears must flow,
And why the darkness leads to light,
Why dreary paths will soon grow bright,
Some day life's wrongs will be made right;
Faith tells us so.

If we could see, if we could know,
We often say!
But God in love a veil doth throw
Across our way;
We can not see what lies before,
And so we cling to him the more;
He leads us till this life is o'er;
Trust and obey.

—*Christian Work.*

DANGER IN SPECULATIVE KNOWLEDGE.

Part 3.

A RENEWAL OF THE STRAIGHT TESTIMONY.

THE Lord calls for a renewal of the straight testimony borne in years past. He calls for a revival of spiritual life. The spiritual energies of his people have long been torpid, but

there is to be a resurrection from apparent death.

By prayer and confession of sin we must clear the King's highway. As we do this, the power of the Spirit will come to us. We need the pentecostal energy. This will come; for the Lord has promised to send his Spirit as the all-conquering power.

Perilous times are before us. Every one who has a knowledge of the truth should awake, and place himself, body, soul, and spirit, under the discipline of God. The enemy is on our track. We must be wide-awake, on our guard against him. We must put on the whole armor of God. We must follow the directions given through the spirit of prophecy. We must love and obey the truth for this time. This will save us from accepting strong delusions. God has spoken to us through his word. He has spoken to us through the Testimonies to the church, and through the books that have helped to make plain our present duty and the position that we should now occupy. The warnings that have been given, line upon line, precept upon precept, should be heeded. If we disregard them, what excuse can we offer?

I beseech those who are laboring for God not to accept the spurious for the genuine. Let not human reason

be placed where divine, sanctifying truth should be. Christ is waiting to kindle faith and love in the hearts of his people. Let not erroneous theories receive countenance from the people who ought to be standing firm on the platform of eternal truth. God calls upon us to hold firmly to the fundamental principles that are based upon unquestionable authority.

SEEK THE FIRST LOVE.

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 upon the judgment-seat, to pronounce sentence upon those who do not conform to their ideas. God calls upon them to come down, and bow 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." 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 sis-

ters. Who is your leader,—Christ, or the angel that fell from heaven? Examine yourselves, and know whether you are sound in the faith.

THE WORD OF GOD OUR SAFEGUARD.

Our watchword is to be, "To the law and to the testimony; if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them. We have a Bible full of the most precious knowledge. The Scriptures, given by inspiration of God, are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. Take the Bible as your study-book. All can understand its instruction.

I call upon our ministers, physicians, and all church-members to study the lessons that Christ gave his disciples just before his ascension. These lessons contain instruction that the people need.

Eternal life is obtained only by eating the flesh and drinking the blood of the Son of God. "Verily, verily, I say unto you," Christ declared, "He that believeth on me hath everlasting life. . . . I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. . . . Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. . . . It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are life."

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. They will not wander into strange paths. Their minds will not turn to a religion of sentimentalism and excitement. Before angels and before men, they will stand as those who have strong, consistent Christian characters.

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 Christ has never mentioned, and that have no foundation in the Bible. We have grand, solemn truths to present. "It is written," is the test that must be brought home to every soul.

Men may still learn the things that belong to their peace. Mercy's voice may still be heard calling, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." It is only when spiritual life is given, that rest is found, and lasting good secured. We must be able to say, in storm and tempest, "My anchor holds."

Let us go to the word of God for guidance. Let us seek for a "Thus saith the Lord." We have had enough of human methods. A mind trained only in worldly science fails to understand the things of God; but this same mind, converted and sanctified, will see the divine power in the Word. Only the mind and heart cleansed by the sanctification of the Spirit can discern heavenly things.

Brethren, in the name of the Lord I call upon you to awake to your duty. Let your hearts be yielded to the power of the Holy Spirit, and they will be made susceptible to the teaching of the Word. Then you will be able to discern the deep things of God.

May God bring his people under the deep movings of his Spirit. May he lead them to arouse, to see their peril, and to prepare for what is coming upon the earth.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

(To be continued.)

"WHERE THERE IS A WILL, THERE IS ALWAYS A WAY."

THE heading of this article is an English proverb, and in temporal things has nearly always been found true. In the things of God it is absolutely true. When the will is submitted to God, and his way is chosen, "It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."

Some time ago our attention was called to the way in which some children raised means to give at the time of the annual offerings. The family lived in the city. The children asked the father to allow them one dollar a week, and they would board themselves, thus hoping to save something to give at this season of prayer. The parents at first demurred, but thinking the experience would be good in more than one way, consented. The result was that they had a dollar apiece to give to the work. A little later the same family was talking over the matter of attending the camp-meeting, which if held in the vicinity proposed; would be some distance from them. They hardly knew how they would all get to the meeting. The children again proposed to board themselves if allowed one dollar a week. As the first experience brought no evil effect, but good, they were again allowed to do so. We saw them recently, after several weeks of this experience, and can say, as we

looked into their faces, that they were not worse liking than the children of their sort, but their "countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh."

This experience reminded us of the English proverb, and we wondered if it would not be well to have the attention of all our people called to it. It certainly is not too soon to begin to plan to attend the camp-meeting. If we lack the necessary means to take us to the meeting, let us begin to lay plans now that will bring it into our possession, even though it cost a sacrifice. If other difficulties stand in the way, let us seek God most earnestly that they may be removed. A great deal depends upon our planning to do a thing. If we never plan to give to the cause, we will seldom give what we should. If we never plan to attend the services of God, the way will seldom open for us to do so.

Brethren, it is God's will that we all be there, for he has told us this over and over again. Come with our families, our friends, and our neighbors. The rich blessing of the Lord will be ours to enjoy. We had one of the best meetings ever held in the State last year; we hope for a better meeting this year. It will be, if we all pray and plan and work for it.

"And this is the confidence we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him."

R. D. HOTTEL.

RIGHTEOUSNESS.

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness; for they shall be filled." Matt. 5:6.

THE first thing to be considered in the above text, is to find out what righteousness is. Righteousness is *right doing*, and David tells us that all of the commandments are righteous-

ness. Ps. 119:172. Righteousness is also *holiness*, and holiness is likeness to God. Therefore when we hunger and thirst after righteousness, we are really hungering and thirsting after God, and "God is love." 1 John 4:16.

When the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, we will then be truly keeping the law of God; for the apostle Paul says, "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." Rom. 13:10. We can not receive righteousness by our long prayers, or through any outward form of worship, but it is a gift of God given to every man who will surrender all to him, and truly hunger and thirst after the same. "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; . . . without money and without price." Isa. 55:1. Thank the Lord the gift of righteousness is free to all. Many of us could not have the same, if we had to purchase it with money, or some other costly gift.

Well do I recall an experience that I had when I was a boy, of traveling through some strange country with men who were furnishing telegraph poles, when there was a drought so that we could hardly get any water for love or money, and when we would come to a place where it was offered to us, how willing we were to drink, and oh, how refreshing it was to us! So the living waters of life will satisfy our hearts as nothing else can do. Too many of us have been trying to quench our spiritual thirst at the shallow streams, when we should so hunger and thirst that we will come to the fountain head, Jesus Christ the righteous.

Jesus said, "The water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:14. May we all seek to be clothed with the righteousness of Christ. Without this no man can

be saved. Let us take the Lord at his word, and prove him for ourselves. He tells us that he is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Eph. 3:20.

H. W. HERRELL.

The FIELD

VERMONT TITHE REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1904.

Barre church,	\$11.23
Bordoville "	60.01
Burlington, "	21.16
Charleston "	60.60
Hartland "	31.87
Jamaica "	84.03
Johnson "	6.00
Middlebury "	30.23
Morrisville "	11.40
Northfield "	82.66
Richford "	8.21
Rutland "	122.44
Sutton "	25.75
Vergennes "	1.34
Wolcott "	14.50
Individuals,	5.00

Total, \$576.43

E. W. THURBER,
Assistant Treasurer.

MAINE.

DEAR READERS OF THE GLEANER: Last week I had quite an interesting experience in meeting the Universalist pastor, at Woodfords, and selling him the little book "Our Paradise Home." He desired to know what the Adventist faith was. He said he believed in the literal second coming of Christ, and admitted that he was doubtful about the position of his own people in regard to the trinity. He found difficulty he said in reconciling Christ's prayer in the seventeenth chapter of John, with the belief that Christ and the Father are one and the same person.

I have been very successful in the

Adventist community at Westbrook. Many of them attended Elder Franke's lectures last summer. They recently asked their pastor to preach on the Sabbath question, but some admitted that the minister's exposition was very unsatisfactory. They have asked him next to preach on the mark of the beast. His view on this, as already expressed, is that the mark is *immortality*.

W. E. GERALD.

SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

SABBATH-SCHOOL :
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

THE SABBATH-SCHOOL A MISSION FIELD.

Duties of Officers and Teachers.

In the Sabbath-school great opportunities are offered to the true officer and teacher. It is therefore a most important missionary field.

Why do we engage in this work? Are our motives right ones? What is our object? So many undertake their work solely from a sense of duty, and have no pleasure in the duty, and then wonder at their lack of success.

Let officers and teachers come with the spirit of prayer. Be punctual; be at your place at least ten minutes before the appointed hour. Tardy officers and teachers make tardy scholars.

If teachers come to their class without knowing what they are going to teach, it is likely that their scholars will come away without knowing what has been taught. Do not be always reproving your scholars, and be not ever ready to say: "Don't laugh." "Don't talk." "Don't shuffle your feet." Interest them by keeping all at work. Do not preach to your class, and do not talk so loud as to distract a neighboring class.

When teachers enter the school let them take their place in their class and wait the coming of their pupils. Always give them a friendly greeting,

calling them by name. If one is absent, make inquiry about him. Let them know that you love them, and that you are interested in them, and that you missed them. It is the personal work that counts. How many have grown cold and indifferent because no one cared for their soul!

How often do we find in our Sabbath-school the spirit of faultfinding. Let us make the best of one another. We may put ourselves in the place of others, and ask what we should wish to have done to us, and thought of us, were we in their place. Faithfully cooperate with the superintendent. Be his friend and helper, and never by word or look, show you are dissatisfied with him, even though he be not a faultless man.

One difficulty with a great deal of our Sabbath-school work is a lack of real concern. So many have only a superficial interest in their work. They feel under no obligation to make sacrifices for it, or enlist heartily in its service. There is a vast difference between approving of work being done and being willing and ready to get down beside it and do it.

When the walls of Jerusalem were built, Nehemiah's people did not stand around and make speeches about it, telling how much they would like to see it done; but they went to work with a will. The walls were built; the city was fortified; the gates were hung—all because the people had a mind to work.

A Sabbath-school secretary has a great deal to do with the success of the Sabbath-school. The one chosen for this office should be one who has had a personal Christian experience. A secretary should take her place at the front of the school near the superintendent during the opening exercises, not back in some of the classes. And during the study of the lesson she should visit the different divisions; but let it be done so quietly that the teachers are not disturbed.

In this way a secretary may find

many little items of interest to bring into her report. This will awaken more of an interest in the report, for it will be seen that the secretary has been in every place, and every one will be anxious to know what the other classes have been doing. A secretary should bring into her report those things that will invite among them the Holy Spirit.

Is it not written, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not"?

Let your motto be: Punctuality, Perseverance, Patience, Piety, and Prayer.

FANNIE FONDERSMITH.

EDUCATIONAL

OUR ACADEMY AND
CHURCH-SCHOOLS

SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY.

It has been some time since we have given a report of the work of the Academy. At the time we last reported, several changes had been made in our teaching force incident to Miss Dickerson's leaving for her work on the *Youth's Instructor* at Washington. I am pleased to say that while we have all missed Miss Dickerson very greatly in her work, yet the Lord has had a very great watchcare over our work, and it has progressed as well as could be expected, and better than we feared that it might. We have had in these changes the kindest sympathy and support from our students; and while there have been features that were disagreeable to them, yet in all a very kindly spirit has prevailed.

The work in the home has been passing along very pleasantly. We are just now beginning to feel at home. There were so many features in connection with the erecting of the home, such as light and water and heat, that have required considerable adjustment, that naturally there has

been more or less discomfort experienced by the students, but in the midst of it all they have been very patient and forbearing. However these difficulties are quite removed, and the comforts of heat and hot water and light are thoroughly appreciated by our students.

The total enrolment for the year is two hundred and nine, and the actual attendance one hundred and seventy-six.

It may be fitting to say a word particularly with reference to the work in the commercial department. There are about twenty-five enrolled in this department who are preparing for commercial lines of work. Several of these students are not of our faith. We are pleased to have this good enrolment in this department because there is such a demand for thorough, competent workers in these lines in our denominational work.

The students in the school are enjoying good health. There is as little sickness this year as in previous years. We praise the Lord for his keeping power in this direction.

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL AT ROME, N. Y.

THE work here is progressing. We enjoyed much of the Lord's blessing during the week of prayer. The missionary spirit seems to be reviving in both old and young.

Friday evening the young people hold their missionary meeting. We have some most excellent meetings. Each one is willing to do his part to make the meetings of interest. Sabbath afternoon, Bible studies are conducted by the young people. Besides this, we are doing what active work we can with our small force of workers.

Between five and six hundred *Signs* have been distributed in the city. Work with our books has been carried on to some extent. Several barrels of clothing have been sent away by the

sewing-circle. On the whole, the work is steadily moving forward. We can see the working of the Spirit of God from day to day. For this we praise him.

FLORENCE M. KIDDER.

The PRINTED PAGE

"Publicly, and from HOUSE to HOUSE"

THE DISTRIBUTION OF OUR LITERATURE.

(Extracts from "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VIII, soon to be issued.)

LET every Seventh-day Adventist ask himself, "What can I do to proclaim the third angel's message?" Christ came to this world to give this message to his servant to give to the churches. It is to be proclaimed to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people. How are we to give it?

The distribution of our literature is one means by which the message is to be proclaimed. Let every believer scatter broadcast tracts and leaflets and books containing the message for this time. Colporteurs are needed who will go forth to circulate our publications everywhere.

In the miracle of feeding the multitude with a few loaves and fishes, the food was increased as it passed from Christ to those who received it. Thus it will be in the distribution of our literature. God's truth, as it is passed out, will multiply greatly. And as the disciples, by Christ's direction, gathered up the fragments, that nothing might be lost, so we should treasure every fragment of literature containing the truth for this time. None can estimate the influence that even a torn page containing the truths of the third angel's message may have upon the heart of some seeker after truth.

There are many places in which the voice of the minister can not be heard, places which can be reached only by publications—the books, pa-

pers, and tracts, that are filled with the Bible truth that the people need. Our literature is to be distributed everywhere. The truth is to be sown beside all waters, for we know not which shall prosper, this or that. In our erring judgment we may think it is unwise to give literature to the very ones who would accept the truth most readily. We know not what may be the good results of giving away a leaflet containing present truth.

Many are sad and discouraged, weak in faith and trust. Let them do something to help some one more needy than themselves, and they will grow strong in the strength of God. Let them engage in the good work of selling our books. Thus they will help others and the experience gained will give them the assurance that they are God's helping hand. As they plead with the Lord to help them, he will guide them to those who are seeking for light. Christ will be close beside them, teaching them what to say and do. By comforting others, they themselves will be comforted.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

PRAY FOR LABORERS.

WHILE looking over the weekly reports from the canvassers, and especially the record of those connected with the two New England conferences, my heart has been touched with sadness, and has responded to the command, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." How many are there among the young men and women who are ready to unite in this petition, waiting to have their lips touched with a live coal from off the altar that a willing response may come from each heart, "Lord, here am I; send me"?

Truly the voice has been heard by many, clear and unmistakable on this line of work as well as on other lines, saying in the most forcible language, "Go, work in my vineyard." Soon

the voice will cease to be heard. The last opportunity to obey the command will have passed, and then what will the harvest be? Shall we say to the Spirit's call, "Go thy way for this time; when I have a more convenient season I will attend to these things"?

Praise the Lord! there are willing-hearted souls who are proving the rich promises of God as the days go by, and are receiving favor because of their willingness to listen to the still, small voice of the Spirit as it whispers in the ear, "This is the way; walk ye in it." This voice not only speaks to those who are scattering the printed pages, but to all who are engaged in any work in the service of the Master.

I can testify to assurance of continued favor, and I am sure those who commit themselves fully to the Lord's work will not only receive a rich reward at the end of the harvest, but will find abundant blessing in the preparatory work.

R. C. ANDREWS.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

MAINE.

—Elder Bicknell was called last Sabbath to attend the funeral of Sister Nickerson, of Cliff Island. Her death will be a loss to that church.

—We have a few copies of "The Story of Daniel," old edition, which we will sell very cheap. This book will help now in connection with the Sabbath-school lessons.

—We have recently learned that the tract "Who Changed the Sabbath?" was the means of leading a sister in Maine, now dead, to see the truth relative to the Sabbath. This is an encouragement for us to scatter the printed pages.

—There seems to be a general desire on the part of our scattered Sabbath-keepers to do something to advance the cause. One writes, "I am

waking up and holding Bible readings. May God help us to improve the time." Another requests us to send certain tracts to individuals named for whom a burden is felt. Another writes that he feels that he must take this truth to his neighbors, and many express their interest in the work.

E. H. M.

FROM the Colorado State paper we glean the following particulars concerning Elder J. W. Collie. He was born in Nova Scotia, Dec. 19, 1864, and died in Boulder, Colo., Jan. 16, 1904. He embraced present truth at the age of eight years; was united in

marriage with Miss Rosella Rupp, at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1887, by Elder R. A. Underwood; and entered the ministry in Minnesota in 1889. At the time of his last sickness he was president of the Ontario Conference, and went to Boulder last May hoping to regain his health. Elder G. F. Watson says; "It was my privilege to spend a little time with him during the last days of his life, and a greater hope and stronger faith I never saw." The funeral services were conducted January 19 by Elders G. F. Watson, F. M. Wilcox, H. M. J. Richards, and E. T. Russell.

THE BOOK WORK.

Maine Conference, Week Ending Feb. 5, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. E. Gerald,	Westbrook,	C O L			8	10.00	11.00	21.00	
Totals,		1 Agent,			8	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$21.00	

Vermont Conference, Week Ending Feb. 5, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
G. H. Clark,	Bennington,	H of M	3	18	7	8.75	9.00	17.75	
Mrs. E. P. Hathaway,	Benning'n,		2	8			1.20	1.20	
Mary A. Wilkins,	Bennington,	C O L	2	3	1	1.25	.30	1.55	
Totals,		4 Agents,	7	29	8	\$10.00	\$10.50	\$20.50	

Central New England Conference, Week Ending Feb. 5, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
F. W. Stray,	Greenfield, Mass.,	D of A	2	11	6	19.00	1.50	20.50	31.40
Totals,		1 Agent,	2	11	6	\$19.00	\$1.50	\$20.50	\$31.40

Southern New England Conference, Week Ending Feb. 5, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
R. C. Andrews,	Bristol, Conn.,	P & P	4	25	4	11.50	12.00	23.50	
*J. Alexander,	New Haven, Conn.,	Misc			34	25.50	13.75	39.25	
J. Wm. Sypher,	" " "	Misc	6		16	12.00	6.25	18.25	
H. C. Wilcox,	" " "	D of A	6	30	7	24.50	12.50	37.00	
Totals,		4 Agents,	16	55	61	\$73.50	\$44.50	\$118.00	

*Three weeks.

West Virginia Conference, Week Ending Feb. 5, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
F. M. Gardner,	Charleston,	H of M	5	35	6	7.50	19.95	27.45	13.20
J. H. Jennings,	Charleston,	H of M	4	15	1	1.25	4.60	5.85	25.55
G. B. Mason,	Morgantown,	P H	5	19	32	12.75	3.00	15.75	.50
Mrs G. B. Mason,	Morgantown,	P H	4	9½	12	5.25	6.00	11.25	1.50
Totals,		4 Agents,	18	78½	51	\$26.75	\$33.55	\$60.30	\$40.75

OBITUARY NOTICES

PAINTER.—Died at Stanleyton, Page County, Va., Feb. 5, 1904, Daisy Lee Painter, daughter of Brother A. J. Painter, aged 19 years, 5 months, and 4 days. Daisy was sick only a few days, and her death was a sad stroke to the family. More than five hundred people were present at the funeral which was conducted by the writer from Rev. 21:4. The testimony of the parents was that she was a good and obedient child all her life, and her last words were that she hoped to meet them in heaven.

R. D. HOTTEL.

BIOGRAPHY OF ELDER GEORGE B. WHEELER.

(Extracts from a paper read at his funeral.)

ELDER GEORGE B. WHEELER, a native of Massachusetts, was born in the town of Warwick, Sept. 14, 1840. At the age of eight years, with his family, he removed to the State of Vermont, in which State most of his time was spent till he was twenty-one, when a call from his country to help free the oppressed and downtrodden slaves, came to him, and in response he enlisted, and spent some time in Gettysburg, and other places of the South, in many battles.

His surroundings in his early life had a great deal to do in determining his future destiny. His home was a Christian home. For many years his father was a deacon of the Baptist church, who brought him up to love and fear God, and whose life was an exemplary one to the family. His reminiscences of his father were always of a pleasant and agreeable nature, and he ever spoke of him as a man who lived what he believed.

His mother, too, was indeed a devoted and loving Christian mother, who ever sought to lead the feet of her son in the path which the Saviour trod, and whose life and influence over him wielded great power.

In the year 1867, the prayers and tears which had been offered to the throne of God by the true and godly father, and by the loyal and devoted mother, were answered, and from this time forward he decided to obey his Saviour, and to become a devoted and earnest Christian. With this call from God came also a larger one, that he should devote his life to the ministry.

For nearly fifteen years he was a true and devoted minister among the Baptist people, and being a Baptist, he was an ardent lover of the Baptist gospel principles of religious liberty; and as he saw the tendency to grow away from those principles among his brethren in the ministry and among the church in general, many questions kept rising in his mind as to the meaning of this change.

When the *American Sentinel* was published, the first copy of the paper fell into his hand, and with it a voice from heaven telling him that light was surely sown for the righteous; gladness for the upright in heart. He kept on reading this paper; and soon he desired to read other literature, which was supplied him by his sister who had already accepted the truths which Seventh-day Adventists hold, and the more he read the stronger the conviction came upon him that God did have more light for him, and that he was being led into the truth. Position, influence, friends, sociability, surroundings, glowing prospects, none of these had any charm to him, as compared with the greater glory which would be given him by following truly and loyally in the path his blessed Saviour had mapped out in his word. He gave up his pastorate in Cavendish, Vt., and identified himself fully with Seventh-day Adventists. He was assured they were the people who were giving God's message of truth to a lost and perishing world, and warning all to be ready for the coming of the Son of man with power and great glory.

From the time he came among Seventh-day Adventists to the day of his death, he was a true, loyal, and devoted minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ. For twelve years he has been endeavoring to constantly enlarge his sphere of usefulness in the work, calling the attention of ministers, lawyers, legislators, jurists, as well as the common people, to the grand and noble principles of the gospel. God was with him and blessed his work.

His illness, though short, was borne like a Christian; and while he had consciousness he never murmured. His confidence was strong unto the end: and his faith was great in the Lord. We have met with a great loss,—the conference, the church, the community. Especially is this true of the dear wife, the three daughters, the two sisters, and other relatives. But we sorrow not as others who have no hope; because we are sure that he rests in the Lord, and his works will follow him; for he had fought a good fight, he had finished his course, he had kept the faith, and therefore a crown of life awaits him which the Lord the righteous Judge will give him at that day, and to us all who love his appearing.

F. C. GILBERT.

His love in time past forbids me to think
He'll leave me at last in trouble to sink;
Each sweet Ebenezer I have in review
Confirms his good pleasure to help me quite
through.

—John Newton.

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending Feb. 5, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Daisy B. Ott, Scranton,		H of M	5	22	9	13.00	3.25	16.25	1.50
G. D. Swingle, Scranton,		H of M	5	32½	11	16.25	10.00	26.25	1.25
Elsie M. Swingle, Scranton,		H of M	5	25½	5	6.75	8.00	14.75	4.50
Alvin H. Osman, Lykens,		H of M	5	25½	6	7.75	7.75	15.50	23.00
W. T. Hilgert, Philadelphia,		Helps	5				8.67	8.67	8.02
Totals,	5 Agents,		25	105½	31	\$43.75	\$37.67	\$81.42	\$38.27

Western Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending Feb. 5, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
J. Q. Herrington, Brushton,		P & P	3	11	9	24.50	11.00	35.50	
T. O. Saxton, Punxsutawney,		P & P	4	28	5	8.90	4.25	13.15	
W. C. Fleisher, McKeesport,		G C	4	15	2	7.00	13.30	20.30	2.05
W. H. Zeidler, McKeesport,		G C	4	14			24.75	24.75	
Ivor Lawrence, Elton,		B R	3	13	5	13.00	3.50	16.50	13.50
C. F. Mahr, Charleroi,		C K	5	20	13	13.00	1.50	14.50	
Totals,	6 Agents,		23	101	34	\$66.40	\$58.30	\$124.70	\$15.55

U. C. Totals Jan. 29,	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
24 Agents,	91	380	199	\$249.40	\$197.02	\$446.42	\$125.97
Totals for corresp. week last year,							
18 Agents,		318½	119	\$257.05	\$191.09	\$448.14	\$133.00



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WE have not heard whether the destructive fire that recently raged in Baltimore seriously affected our brethren there, but it is another warning to God's people that our large cities are no longer safe dwelling-places.

THE *Wisconsin Reporter* states that "Elder C. W. Flaiz is improving and is able to be in his wheel-chair. We trust that Minnesota and the Northwest will not long be deprived of his services and counsel."

THE secretary of the Southern New England Conference, says, "You will note by the enclosed canvassers' report that we are beginning to move down here, and I hope and trust that I shall be able to give you more such good news." We also note some good reports from canvassers in the West Virginia Conference, and we hope that this branch of the work may continue to increase.

THE *Review and Herald* last week contained quite a detailed account of the proposed removal of the Pacific Press Publishing Company from Oakland to Mountain View, California. Those who do not read the *Review* are likely to find themselves awakening in surprise some day to a realization of how rapidly the work has advanced, but perhaps it will then be too late for them to advance with the message. If you are not a reader of the *Review*, send your subscription to 222 N. Capitol St., Washington,

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D. C., or hand it to your church librarian.

THE TEN-CENT-A-WEEK OFFERING.

THE Lord has committed his work on earth to men, and to every humble child *his* work.

We are all anxious that the light of gospel truth be speedily borne to all people, the work of character-reform completed, and this terrible conflict between righteousness and sin brought to an end. But how anxious are we? Those who really in their hearts believe the third angel's message, will be looking for opportunities to assist in this work in every way possible. Inspiration said at one time of the faithful, "She hath done what she could." That is all the Lord ever required of any one, or requires of us to-day.

If each professed believer of present truth will adopt the systematic plan of contributing to the foreign mission work, known as the ten-cent-a-week envelope plan, there would flow into the treasury every twelve months by this small, but continual addition, almost four hundred thousand dollars. Many persons can give much more than ten cents a week, and while it is true that there are those who can not give so much, the average could be reached, and bring no hardship to any one. Then many more workers could be sent to heathen lands and there would be funds with which to support them there. Does any one think we can not do this? I am sure we can. Let us arise to our privilege and do it, that it may be said of us we have done what we could in this respect.

I know a church the weekly offering of which amounted in one year to \$29.45, which after adopting the ten-cent-a-week envelope plan, envelopes being distributed at the door as the people passed out of the church, the offerings were in the year 1903, \$349.38.

The offering from a church in another union conference for the first seven months of 1903 amounted to only \$18.52. During the last five months of the year, after adopting the ten-cent-a-week envelope plan, their offering amounted to \$343.18.

If the eight thousand people in the Atlantic Union Conference were to fall into line in this respect, we would place in the treasury by this means alone more than \$41,000 annually. Should this be thought a thing incredible?

H. W. COTTRELL.

SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the South Lancaster Academy Corporation will hold its twenty-first annual session at South Lancaster, Mass., beginning March 15, 1904, at 10 A.M., for the purpose of electing officers and a board of trustees for the ensuing year; also to consider the advisability of closing out the stock corporation, and forming a new one that the business may be controlled by the people of the Atlantic Union Conference; and to transact such other business as may properly come before the stockholders.

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Trustees.

Feb. 12, 1904.

WANTED.—A man about thirty-five years old, well and trustworthy, wishes a place to work among Sabbath-keeping farmers, either on a fruit, market-garden, or stock farm. He has worked considerable in a sawmill, and must earn good wages as he has a family of six to support. Address H. J. Farman, Bakersfield, Vt.