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

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MY FATHER.

O GOD! thy power is wonderful,
 Thy glory passing bright;
 Thy wisdom with its deep on deep,
 A rapture to the sight.

Thy justice is the gladdest thing
 Creation can behold;
 Thy tenderness so meek, it wins
 The guilty to be bold.

Yet more than all, and ever more,
 Should we thy creatures bless,
 Most worshipful of a tributes,
 Thine awful holiness.

There's not a craving in the mind
 Thou dost not meet and still.
 There's not a wish the heart can have
 Which thou dost not fulfill.

All things that have been, all that are,
 All things that can be dreamed,
 All possible creations made,
 Kept faithful, or redeemed,—

All these may draw upon thy power,
 Thy mercy may command;
 And still our flows thy silent sea,
 Immutable and grand.

O little heart of mine! shall pain
 Or sorrow make thee moan,
 When all this God is all for thee,
 A Father all thine own?

—Faber.

O LORD! my heart is sick,
 Sick of this everlasting change;
 And life runs tediously quick
 Through its unresting race and varied range!
 Change finds no likeness to itself in thee,
 And wakes no echo in thy mute eternity.

—Faber.

DANGER IN SPECULATIVE KNOWLEDGE.

Part 4.

STUDY THE REVELATION.

To JOHN the Lord opened the subjects that he saw would be needed by his people in the last days. The instruction that he gave is found in the book of Revelation. Those who would be coworkers with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ will show a deep interest in the truths found in this book. With pen and voice they will strive to make plain the wonderful things that Christ came from heaven to reveal.

“The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John; who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy; and keep those things which are written therein; for the time is at hand.”

The solemn messages that have been given in their order in the Revelation are to occupy the first place in the minds of God's people. Nothing else is to be allowed to engross our attention.

Precious time is rapidly passing, and there is danger that many will be robbed of the time that should be given to a proclamation of the messages that God has sent to a fallen world. Satan is pleased to see the diversion of minds that should be engaged in a study of the truths that have to do with eternal realities.

The testimony of Christ, a testimony of the most solemn character, is to be borne to the world. All through the book of Revelation there are the most precious, elevating promises, and there are also warnings of the most fearfully solemn import. Will not those who profess to have a knowledge of the truth read the testimony given to John by Christ? Here is no guesswork, no scientific deception. Here are the truths that concern our present and eternal welfare. What is the chaff to the wheat?

TO THE CHURCH IN SARDIS.

“Unto the angel of the church in Sardis write: These things saith he that hath the seven spirits of God, and the seven stars: I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and

hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee."

"Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy. He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

MESSAGE TO THE PHILADELPHIA CHURCH.

"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth, and shutteth, and no man openeth: I know thy works; behold I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it; for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

"Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. Behold, I come quickly; hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

"Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out; and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is New Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God; and I will write upon him my new name. He that hath an ear, let him

hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

THE LAODICEAN MESSAGE.

"Unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write: These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked; I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eye-salve, that thou mayest see.

"As many as I love I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

The Lord is soon coming. The watchmen on the walls of Zion are called upon to awake to their God-given responsibility. God calls for watchmen who in the power of the Spirit will give to the world the last warning message; who will proclaim the time of night. He calls for watchmen who will arouse men and women from their lethargy, lest they sleep the sleep of death.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

It is a comely fashion to be glad,
Joy is the grace we say to God.

—Jean Ingelow.

BE GOOD.

GOD does not say, "Be beautiful," "Be wise," Be aught that man in man will overprize; Only "Be good," the tender Father cries.

We seek to mount the still ascending stair,
To greatness, glory, and the crowns they bear;

We mount to fall heart-sickened in despair.

The purposes of life misunderstood
Baffle and wound us, but God only would
That we should heed his simple words, "Be good!"

—William Sawyer.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Our Example.

IN the rebellion of the human family and its redemption by Christ, we have an example worthy of imitation. After man had sold himself and his birthright to Satan for naught, Christ took it upon himself to redeem man from sin and die in his stead, or in other words to pay the debt that man had made. If Christ had said, I did not contract this debt, neither am I going to pay it, then the burden would have fallen on us and our death would have been the inevitable consequence; but Christ, in his great love for a lost world, and that the character of God might be made manifest to all, offered himself a sacrifice upon the cross for the redemption of mankind, and thus paid the debt we had made. Now Christ, in return for his love to us, asks us to make such sacrifices for his cause as will show our love for him.

Brethren and sisters, we have a debt to pay in the West Virginia Conference of which many or all had no part in contracting, but shall we not, like Christ, see to it that our credit shall be made good before all men, that the character of God may be manifest unto them through us his people? Let us follow the admonition in 2 Kings 4:7: "Go sell the oil [our treasures] and pay the debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest." I am so glad that the Lord furnishes the oil for us to sell to pay the debt,

and that his blessing is so bountiful that it supplies all our needs.

It was debt that caused the death of the Son of God; it was debt that caused Christ to give his all; it is debt that causes his servants many anxious hours; it is debt that retards the work of the Lord; it is debt that keeps the servants of God at home; and it is debt that is eating our spiritual life away. Let us arise and conquer this monster in paying our debt by Jan. 1, 1905, and thus "Owe no man anything." "The wicked borroweth and payeth not again, but the righteous sheweth mercy and giveth."

J. W. LAIR.

KEEP AT IT.

THE position we as a people hold in this world, the truth that we believe, the message that we must bear to the inhabitants of earth, call for earnest, continued effort on our part. A special effort made for a few days or weeks in some special line of work, then a long period without doing anything to spread the truth, will not meet the mind of God. In Vermont a good work has been done with the Capital and Labor number of the *Signs*, and now the work should be followed up by obtaining yearly subscriptions and the distribution of other literature, family Bible studies, cottage meetings, etc. Every Seventh-day Adventist should be interested to get our literature into the hands of the people. In the advance sheets of "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VIII, we read:

"As our people engage in earnest work for the Master murmuring and complaints will cease. Many will be aroused from despondency that is ruining them body and soul. As they work for others, they will have much that is helpful to speak of when they assemble to worship God. The testimonies that they bear will not be dark and gloomy, but full of joy and courage. Instead of thinking and talking

about the faults of their brethren and sisters and about their own trials, they will think and talk of the love of Christ, and will strive earnestly to become more efficient workers for him."

From the above testimony it is clear that our individual salvation depends upon our doing something in the work of the Lord. This does not mean simply ministers, Bible workers, and a few others who are employed by conferences, but the whole people.

How good it would be if all murmuring, complaining, faultfinding, criticizing, and every other method that the devil employs to destroy souls would cease, and we could see a united people all burdened for souls and doing everything in their power to spread the truth. Such a company will be seen very soon in this earth. Shall we be among them, or shall we remain inactive and when too late awaken to the fact that unimproved opportunities—neglect of duty has kept us out of the kingdom of God? Let those who have taken hold of the distribution of literature this winter keep right at it, for this is one of God's own methods for giving the people light. May the Lord help us all to do our duty, our whole duty.

J. W. WATT.

A WORKER in the Southern New England Conference says: "I am glad for having had the privilege of doing something in the way of the circulation of the special Capital and Labor *Signs*, and feel thankful for the experiences which came to me in that work. I sincerely wish that every member in every Seventh-day Adventist church in the world could share in the experience and the blessing."

"WHEN this passing world is done,
When has sunk yon glaring sun,
When we stand with Christ in glory,
Looking o'er life's finished story,
Then, Lord, shall I fully know—
Not till then—how much I owe!

—R. M. Cheyne.

The FIELD

NEW JERSEY CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS.

Second Annual Session of the New Jersey Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, held at Trenton, N. J., January 14-17, 1904.

FOLLOWING a devotional service led by Elder H. W. Cottrell, the first business meeting convened January 14, at 10 A.M. Elder J. E. Jayne presided. Elder C. H. Keslake offered prayer.

At the roll-call of delegates twenty-one were present.

The President appointed the following committees:

On Nominations: F. F. Stoll, J. W. Rambo, Enoch Titus, Jacob Lengweiler, J. C. Stevens.

On Credentials: C. H. Keslake, H. W. Cottrell, John Dickson, H. J. Adams, F. F. Stoll, Isaac Weller.

On Resolutions; A. R. Bell, H. W. Cottrell, A. J. Read, Joel Bradford, J. W. Rambo, Enoch Titus, F. D. Allen, C. H. Keslake, H. J. Adams.

On Auditing: The conference committee, F. D. Allen, B. J. Blinn, John Dickson, Enoch Titus.

On Education: Mrs. Anna E. Rambo, B. J. Blinn, Raphael Senseman, Mrs. Pauline Schmieider, Mrs. E. L. Adams, Mrs. Anna Sharp, J. C. Stevens.

The Secretary then read the following:

ANNUAL REPORT.

To the Delegates Assembled at the Second Annual Session of the New Jersey Conference of Seventh-day Adventists:

The second year of the existence of the New Jersey Conference has ended. Hall efforts during the winter of 1903 were conducted by Brethren Bell and Stevens in Camden and Irvington, and during the summer tent efforts were conducted in Jersey

City, Camden, and Irvington. An encouraging feature has been that several of our churches, though having no ministerial labor, have added to their numbers. Another encouraging feature is that letters have come to us from different parts of the State from persons of whom we had no previous knowledge, who have accepted the truth or some portion of it, and desire further instruction and are also anxious to have a part in the work. This shows us that in those parts of the conference that have received no labor, the Lord is working. This fact should inspire us to increased effort and greater faithfulness, lest these new ones take our places, and do the work the Lord has called us to do.

The following tabulated report will give our present membership and gains and losses for the year:

CHURCHES.	GAINS.				LOSSES.				MEM. JAN. 1, 1904.
	MEM. JAN. 1, 1903.	BAP- TISM.	LET- TER.	TOTAL.	APOS- TASY.	DEATH.	LET- TER.	TOTAL.	
Bridgeton,	21	3	5	8					29
Burlington,	19						1	1	18
Camden,	62	7	1	8	1		3	4	66
Jersey City, 1st,	50	4	2	6	2	1	2	5	51
Jersey City, 2nd,	23	1	2	3	2	2		4	22
Jersey City, German,	7	3		3					10
Morristown,	8								8
Newark,	15	15	2	17			1	1	31
New Brunswick,	9				3		6	9	113.35
Paterson,	40		1	1	4		1	5	36
Paulsboro,	12								12
Salem,	20					1	2	3	17
Trenton,	65	8	3	11					76
Vineland,	33				1	2	4	7	26
Totals,	384	41	16	57	13	6	20	39	402

By this table we see that there has been a gain in membership, yet this does not include several who accepted the truth in Camden, but who had not, at the time of sending in the report for the quarter ending December 31, 1903, united with the church. Neither does it include several members of the New Brunswick church who have been granted letters, but have not yet united with other churches.

One church, New Brunswick, has been disbanded, and six of its nine

members given letters to other churches; the remaining three members had apostatized.

Six churches, Bridgeton, Camden, Jersey City First Church, Jersey City German, Newark, and Trenton, report gains.

Six churches, Burlington, Jersey City Second Church, New Brunswick, Paterson, Salem, and Vineland, report losses.

The company at Park Ridge, which came out under peculiar circumstances over a year ago, and had embraced doctrines not in harmony with Scripture, is, we believe, still in existence, but needs labor in order to prepare it for reception into the conference.

Besides those included in the above tabulated report, there are about twenty Sabbath-keepers in the conference who are members elsewhere.

Thomason and Goodliff, of Vineland; Brother Groves, of Salem; Sisters De Fratis and Eoff, of Jersey City Second Church, and Sister Sutphen, of Jersey City First Church.

Since our last conference, the number of "Christ's Object Lessons" to be sold has been reduced to about five hundred, not including those still held by the various churches, which number nearly forty. Early in the year quite a determined effort was put forth in this work, but for some months little has been done. Some, we are sorry to say, who made pledges at our last annual meeting to dispose of a definite number of books, have their pledges still unfulfilled. As our membership is over four hundred, there is only an average of a little more than one book a member. It ought not to be a difficult task to dispose of the remainder of our quota the present year.

The following is a tabulated report of the tithe by churches the past year:

Bridgeton,	\$199.69
Burlington,	194.19
Camden,	667.24
Jersey City First Church,	543.19
Jersey City Second Church,	297.91
Jersey City German,	173.00
Morristown,	245.50
Newark,	482.58
New Brunswick,	113.35
Paterson,	414.53
Paulsboro,	33.53
Salem,	178.11
Trenton,	1,505.50
Vineland,	255.82
Individuals,	19.93
Total,	\$5,324.07

There has been a gratifying increase in the amount of tithe received during the year. While last year, with a membership of three hundred and eighty-four, the tithe was \$4,193.84, for the year 1903 it amounted to \$5,324.07, with an increase of only eighteen members. The average for each member in 1902 was \$11.06. For the year 1903 it is \$13.24 a member. This indicates either greater prosperity or greater faithfulness in the payment of the tithe. As the ap-

propriations for 1903 were not equal to the amount received in 1902, this increase was none too much to carry on the work.

There has been a marked increase in the annual offerings, showing that the missionary spirit has taken hold of our people, and also a desire to extend the work beyond our own borders. The Treasurer's statement shows not only a gain of \$117 in Sabbath-school offerings to missions, but a gain of \$333.09 in annual offerings, it being over four times the amount given last year. The first-day offerings also show a commendable increase.

According to the census of 1900 the population of New Jersey numbered 1,883,669. Of this number 431,683, or nearly one-fourth, were foreign born, as follows:

Asiatics,	409
Austrians,	14,768
Belgians,	1,197
Bohemians,	1,063
Canada (English),	5,663
Canada (French),	1,126
Chinese,	1,344
Danes,	3,898
English,	45,408
Finns,	367
French,	5,143
Germans,	119,598
Hollanders,	10,260
Hungarians,	14,913
Irish,	94,844
Italians,	43,026
Norwegians,	2,286
Poland (Austrians),	1,854
Poland (Germans),	1,806
Poland (Russian),	8,653
Poland (Unknown),	1,734
Roumanians,	477
Russians,	19,225
Scotch,	14,408
South Americans,	261
Swedes,	7,237
Swiss,	6,690
Turks,	637
Welsh,	1,196
West Indians (except Porto Rico),	803
Other countries,	1,389

Of these foreigners 162,322 were English-speaking, leaving 269,361 of other nationalities. It is fair to suppose that a large number of these, say one-fourth, could readily understand

and read the English language; this would leave about 200,000, or a number almost equal to the population of Jersey City, in our conference speaking about twenty-five or thirty languages, who, if reached at all, must have literature in their own tongue, and in many cases this can not be procured.

But 1904 is before us with its opportunities and possibilities. Our people did well last year. But our efforts should not slacken. The end of all things is at hand. The needs of the hour call for much greater sacrifice—much greater consecration. "Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

ANNA E. RAMBO, *Secretary.*
REPORTS OF LABORERS.

Elder C. H. Keslake spoke of his work in Trenton and Camden, giving something of the results of his work. Three had taken a definite stand for the present truth in the Camden effort, while several had decided favorably more recently, and some were awaiting baptism. Eight had been baptized in Trenton, and in addition nine have begun keeping the Sabbath. Some of these are paying tithes and have been carefully instructed in the various phases of present truth.

Elder J. C. Stevens gave an encouraging report of his work in Newark. He had seen souls transformed by the power of this message, and had not failed to declare to them all the counsel of God. He reported a gain of seventeen souls, fifteen as the direct result of efforts in Newark, and two by letter from other churches. In speaking of the many encouraging features connected with the tent effort conducted in Irvington, he paid tribute to a Methodist Episcopal minister who had, most unconsciously, assisted materially in advertising his work. He also spoke of the faithful work done by Brother Loose in circulating the *Signs* and other literature. The church has shown an active missionary

spirit, and has done excellent work with the special *Signs*, while the *Review and Herald* is taken by every family.

Brother A. R. Bell gave a brief report of his work in Jersey City and Camden. While some features had been discouraging, yet the work had not been without fruit, and his courage was good to press forward.

EDUCATIONAL SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

The number of schools in our conference is fourteen. This is a loss of one school from last year's report, the one at New Brunswick, the members there having scattered and the church disbanded. The present membership is four hundred, which is a gain of thirty-five over last year. There has been an average attendance of two hundred and seventy-eight. Of the four hundred members two hundred and twenty-two are adults and one hundred and seventy-eight are youth and children.

The total contributions of our Sabbath-schools for the year, as reported by the local secretaries, is \$501.25. Running expenses have been \$189.94. They report donations to missions of \$306.70, but the amount reported by church treasurers is \$330.43, and \$29.05 donations to the Orphans' Home. This is an increase in the missionary donations of \$117.92 over last year. We are pleased to note that while the donations to missions increased more than half their total of last year, there was but a slight increase in the amount used for school expenses.

Our earnest endeavor has been to enlist all church-members everywhere, though isolated, or old, or feeble, to connect with the Sabbath-school through the local or State Home Department, using the Home Department envelopes for records and reports. The local schools have reported seventeen members thus connected with them. From the office we have sent lesson pamphlets and

envelopes each quarter to fifty isolated Sabbath-keepers. There has been an average of thirty-three reports to the State Home Department each quarter, and their donations to missions have amounted to \$37.07. We felt gratified with the results of this Home Department work, and trust that the schools the coming year will make more earnest efforts to connect every member unable to attend regularly with the home school in this manner. This would leave to the care of the State Home Department only those isolated Sabbath-keepers who are not connected with the churches.

We are glad to welcome once more the *Sabbath School Worker* among our helpful periodicals. When it was merged into the *Advocate of Christian Education* two years ago, our schools were faithfully supplying their officers and teachers with this valuable aid. But the *Advocate* was not so favorably received. We trust that now our old friend is returned to us, it will be given a prompt and hearty reception.

Very little has been done this year in the way of regular Sabbath-school conventions, but we have appreciated meeting with a number of the schools taking a little time for the helpful discussion of questions pertaining to Sabbath-school work.

The plan for Sabbath-school lessons the coming year is practical and helpful, and we trust that the Sabbath-schools may enter into the study with enthusiasm and a full determination to make this means of grace all our heavenly Father has designed it should be to his people.

ANNA E. RAMBO, *Secretary*.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL STATEMENT.

December 31, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1903,	\$1,138.03
Tithe,	5,324.07
Property,	1.30
First-day Offerings,	268.26
Sabbath-school Offerings,	332.43
Annual Offering,	428.82
Haskell Home Offerings,	29.05
Atlantic Tract Soc'y Fund,	2.57

Fund, Greater New York,	625.00
Tent Fund,	416.34
Bills Receivable,	60.00
Material Fund,	7.50
Benevolent Fund,	167.19
Merchandise,	10.07
Donations,	445.63
English Sanitarium,	38.65
Book Sales,	2.85
Washington Church,	2.20
A. U. Conference,	632.41
Jersey City Tent Fund,	18.00
Trenton Church Fund,	15.00
Australasian Offering,	72.51
Chinese Offering,	2.33

DISBURSEMENTS.

Property,	205.70
First-day Offerings,	203.47
Sabbath-school Offerings,	368.44
Annual Offering,	198.07
Haskell Home Offerings,	39.78
Office Expense,	11.40
Pacific Press Publishing Co.,	22.98
Tent Fund,	58.12
Scandinavian Offering,	38.77
Bills Receivable,	10.00
Sentinel Fund,	5.40
Benevolent Fund,	89.95
Merchandise,	85.93
Donations,	167.59
Philadelphia Institute of Physio- logical Therapeutics,	47.85
English Sanitarium,	38.65
Washington Church,	2.20
Tithe to A. U. Conference,	532.41
Trenton Church Fund,	15.00
Salary,	3,950.74
Expense,	2,341.17
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1903,	1,606.59
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RESOURCES.

Cash,	\$1,606.59
Bills Receivable,	55.00
Accounts,	106.82
Property,	739.00
Merchandise,	6.05

LIABILITIES.

Sabbath-school Offerings,	115.53
Annual Offering,	326.48
Bills Payable,	100.00
Pacific Press Pub. Co.,	2.15
Material Fund,	16.28
First-day Offerings,	192.84
Australasian Offering,	72.51
Chinese Offering,	2.33
Review & Herald,	17.95
Benevolent Fund,	77.24
Present Worth,	1,590.15
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	\$2,513.46 \$2,513.46

Elder J. E. Jayne, Auditor for the

Atlantic Union Conference, then presented the following:

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

"To the Delegation of the Second Annual Session of the New Jersey Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, Trenton, N. J.

"DEAR BROTHERS: I have to-day finished auditing your account books as kept by your Treasurer for the calendar year 1903. I have compared the original entries in the cash-journal day-book, with the bills, President's orders, laborers' monthly reports, vouchers and receipts authorizing them. I have proved the cash by ascertaining the amount deposited to your credit in the Second National Bank of this city and by counting the money in your cash-drawer, and comparing the sum with amount demanded by your cash-book. I have checked each item in the ledger with the corresponding entry in the cash-journal day-book, I find both books in perfect balance. To the best of my knowledge and belief your accounts have been correctly kept.

"Sincerely yours,

"J. E. JAYNE,

"Auditor for Atlantic Union Conf.
of Seventh-day Adventists."

"Paterson, N. J., Jan. 9, 1904."

Elder Jayne then took some of the figures from the Treasurer's statement and brought out the real financial standing of the conference, showing the cash on hand after all fund accounts should be settled to be \$872.52.

He then followed with an extemporaneous address. He spoke of present conditions which we must face with the third angel's message. The peculiar character of our field, containing such a large and varied foreign population, was emphasized, and also the advisability of relating ourselves favorably to the South Lancaster Academy and Philadelphia Sanitarium. The need of faithfulness in tithe-paying, and the completion of

the sale of our "Christ's Object Lessons" quota, and the assuming of our share of the General Conference apportionment of \$5,000 liabilities to the Union Conference received attention. Other matters of interest were also mentioned; namely, the establishment of a tract society, the election of a secretary and treasurer, and a change of conference headquarters.

During the conference the following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That we express our gratitude to our heavenly Father for the rich blessings and prosperity of the past year by singing No. 92 in "Hymns and Tunes."

God is love; his mercy brightens
All the path in which we rove;
Bliss he wakes, and woe he lightens:
God is wisdom, God is love.

Chance and change are busy ever;
Man decays, and ages move;
But his mercy waneth never:
God is wisdom, God is love.

E'en the hour that darkest seemeth,
Will his changeless goodness prove;
From the gloom his brightness streameth:
God is wisdom, God is love.

He with earthly cares entwineth
Hope and comfort from above;
Everywhere his glory shineth:
God is wisdom, God is love.

2. *Resolved*, That we express our gratitude to the Atlantic Union Conference for the financial aid rendered during the past year by granting us an appropriation equal to our tithe due them until the latter shall reach the amount of \$700.

Whereas, We have succeeded in disposing of many more than our *pro rata* share of one million copies of the special Capital and Labor number of the *Signs of the Times*; therefore,

3. *Resolved*, That we foster all interest in present truth resulting therefrom by an earnest and systematic effort with other literature, and by such other means as we may find practicable.

4. *Resolved*, That we recommend that each member of the conference

take one or more copies of "Christ's Object Lessons," and thus dispose of the quota allotted to this conference.

5. *Resolved*, That we assume our *pro rata* share of the three thousand six hundred and fifty dollars General Conference Association liabilities, as requested by the Atlantic Union Conference in the sixth meeting of its second biennial session, held in South Lancaster, Mass., at 2.30 P.M. Nov. 6, 1903, the membership of New Jersey being at that date reported as three hundred and three.

6. *Resolved*, That we recognize the special importance of the *Signs of the Times*, our pioneer missionary paper, and the *Sentinel of Christian Liberty*, especially devoted to teaching the great doctrine of human rights, and that we give them our hearty support.

Recognizing in our church organ, the *Review and Herald*, a strong factor in the presentation of the principles of the message for this time, which should govern the lives and mold the hearts of believers; therefore,

7. *Resolved*, That we earnestly urge all of our people to give this paper a thorough, steady, and careful reading, that its molding influence may be manifest in their lives; and we ask our laborers to make earnest efforts to secure this desired result.

8. *Resolved*, That we recommend the continuance and extension of the arrangement for the systematic contribution for missions known as the ten-cent-a-week plan.

9. *Resolved*, That we approve and continue the plan put in operation last year for the purpose of creating a Conference Benevolent fund.

10. *Resolved*, That we invite our conference laborers to send frequent reports to the ATLANTIC UNION GLEANER, and that we endeavor to secure a subscription for it in each home in the conference.

Recognizing the *Sabbath School Worker* as a valuable aid and encouragement to our Sabbath-school officers and teachers,

11. *We recommend*, That it be given a hearty reception by our schools.

Whereas, The local and State Sabbath-school Home Departments are designed to bring every Sabbath-keeper under the influence of Sabbath-school study,

12. *We recommend*, That our local and State Sabbath-school secretaries put forth most earnest efforts to thus reach every Sabbath-keeper unable to attend a local school regularly.

13. *We recommend*, That Sabbath-school conventions be held as frequently as practicable.

Whereas, "The education that is generally given in the schools of the world is not that which can be accepted as true education;" and,

Whereas, "Children who are properly instructed will be witnesses for the truth;" therefore,

14. *Resolved*, That our ministers and church officers put forth earnest endeavors to arouse and educate our churches to the needs of the children, and the establishment of church schools under the counsel of the conference executive committee.

Whereas, The canvassing work is an important factor in proclaiming the third angel's message; and,

Whereas, There are but few now engaged in this work in the conference; therefore,

15. *Resolved*, That a collection be taken by the churches once a month for the purpose of creating a canvassers' fund not to exceed \$100, from which the executive committee may make loans to those engaged in this work, the amount thus loaned to be repaid without interest as soon as practicable.

16. *Resolved*, That a camp-meeting be held during this present conference year, and that we request our conference laborers and local church officers to immediately bring this matter before their respective churches, to the end that a fund, amounting to not less

than five hundred dollars, be created for this purpose.

Whereas, During the past year direction has been given through the spirit of prophecy that the time has come when our medical missionary work should be blended with our general denominational work; therefore,

17. *Resolved*, That more attention be paid to the advancement of the medical missionary work, especially the gospel of health and temperance.

Whereas, There is a constant demand for literature to be used in the introduction of our health and temperance principles; and,

Whereas, The *Good Health* and *Pacific Health Journal* are the recognized organs of this department; therefore,

18. *Resolved*, That each church be requested to make greater efforts to circulate these journals.

19. *Resolved*, That we locate the New Jersey Conference headquarters in the city of Camden.

20. *Resolved*, That this conference establish and operate a Tract Society Department.

21. *Resolved*, That the next annual session of this conference be held in the fall, after the close of the tent season, or in connection with the camp-meeting if one is held.

Whereas, We, the delegates to this conference, have been favored with exceptional advantages in the arrangement for and the quality of the meals prepared; therefore,

22. *Resolved*, (a) That we extend a hearty vote of thanks to the Trenton church for our entertainment; and

(b) That our gratitude be especially extended to Sister Harrison for the use of her home, and to the sisters associated with her in the care of the dining-room arrangements.

Officers for the conference year were elected as follows: President, J. E. Jayne; Vice-President, C. H. Keslake; Secretary and Treasurer, Anna E. Rambo; Secretary of Tract Society Department, Anna E. Rambo;

Secretary of Educational Department, Anna E. Rambo; Conference Committee, J. E. Jayne, C. H. Keslake, H. J. Adams, F. F. Stoll, J. W. Rambo; Members of the New Jersey Conference Association, J. E. Jayne, C. H. Keslake, H. J. Adams, F. F. Stoll, J. W. Rambo.

Laborers were accredited as follows: Ministerial credentials, J. E. Jayne, C. H. Keslake, J. C. Stevens; ministerial license, A. R. Bell, F. F. Stoll; missionary credentials, Anna E. Rambo; missionary canvassers' license, J. W. Rambo.

J. E. JAYNE, *President*.

ANNA E. RAMBO, *Secretary*.

RIVERTON, VA.

DEAR GLEANER: Please pardon me for not writing you sooner, as I feel it my duty to do so. I want to tell you my experience in Jesus. I have been handling the "Gospel Primer," and have had the best of success, taking six to eight orders in an hour. I have sold thirty-four copies of this book, and ten copies of "His Glorious Appearing."

I am so interested in the truth that I want to be in the work all of the time, and work for the Master till he comes. I sold twenty-eight of the Capital and Labor *Signs*, and could have sold more if I had had them.

Pray for me that I may hold out faithful till Jesus comes.

ANNA M. HENRY.

WEST VIRGINIA.

As our people throughout the State are aware the conference is making a strong effort this year to free itself from debt by the first day of next year. To this end, our ministry has been reduced to almost the smallest number possible, and the greatest economy is being used in the office, in traveling, and along all other lines, to save every dollar we can. Thus in this wise, if our brethren and sis-

ters faithfully respond with their tithes and offerings, we will be able to save by the first of next January not less than \$1,000 or \$1,200 which alone reduces our debt, less present resources, nearly one-half.

Now to raise the balance of the amount required, we have adopted what we term the "Coupon Plan." This embraces both "Cash" and "Produce Coupons." The "Cash Coupons" are of various denominations, twelve in a tab, one for each month, and redeemable at the conference office. The "Produce Coupons" are for those who wish to give produce, and are payable when produce is sold.

This plan is proving very successful, but that our readers may see what there actually is in it, we herewith append a tabulated report of what has already been done. We hope that when those who have not yet purchased coupons, for lack of opportunity, or otherwise, read what others are doing, they, too, may be stimulated to good works, may write us for coupons at once, and thus give their moral and substantial influence to driving out the "monster" debt from our midst.

LIST OF CASH COUPON PURCHASERS.

Name.	Value.	Paid.
S. F. Ross,	\$25.00	
P. P. Amick,	25.00	
David Haddix,	25.00	\$2.00
J. H. Jennings,	24.00	2.00
S. G. Huntington,	20.00	2.00
W. W. Sayre,	20.00	
Maggie R. Graham,	12.00	
C. E. Mansell and wife,	12.00	2.00
W. E. Arnett,	12.00	1.00
Clarence Province,	12.00	1.00
P. W. Province		
and wife,	12.00	1.00
J. F. Mead,	12.00	1.00
Sue F. Herring,	12.00	2.00
Mrs. D. M. Rhodes,	12.00	1.00
I. F. Haddix,	12.00	2.00
Mrs. Phebe Wilson,	12.00	1.00
Mrs. W. Shillingburg,	12.00	1.00
E. W. Metcalf and wife,	10.00	
S. G. Cunningham,	10.00	

W. R. Foggin,	10.00	Carlton Amick,	25	.25
Mrs. Odell Fletcher,	6.00	Dr. Bee and wife,	2.00	2.00
Mrs. Lillie Taylor,	6.00	.50 W. H. D. Burgess		
Mart E. Griner,	6.00	.50 (pledge),	25.00	
Mrs. F. A. Foggin,	6.00	1.00 Mrs. W. H. D. Burgess		
Mrs. Mattie Mead,	6.00	.50 (pledge),	12.50	
Lenora Sargent,	6.00	PRODUCE COUPONS.		
Mrs. M. A. Gardner,	6.00	.50 J. C. Beckman, one-half acre potatoes.		
C. L. Wilson,	6.00	.50 Mrs. J. C. Beckman, one turkey and		
Clayton Conser,	6.00	increase.		
Mrs. L. C. Conser,	6.00	.50 Mrs. Maggie McCullough, one turkey		
John Johnson,	6.00	and two chickens.		
J. C. McCullough,	6.00	.50 Mabel McCullough, one turkey and		
Mrs. Florence Welch,	6.00	one chicken.		
U. T. Pritchard,	6.00	Mrs. Harriet Walker, one canary bird.		
Geo. W. Shirley,	6.00	From the preceding report, it is		
Mrs. Clara Bean,	6.00	readily observed that about eighty		
G. M. Byrd,	6.00	persons have already given in pledges		
Mrs. Eliza B. McNemar,	6.00	and cash \$538.80. There are at		
Miss Myrtle Amick,	3.00	.50 least three hundred more members in		
Mrs. Edna Fox,	3.00	.25 the conference, and will it be too		
Miss Florence Amick,	3.00	much if we shall now expect them to		
Earnest Foggin,	3.00	.50 come forward with nearly twice as		
Miss Bertha Foggin,	3.00	.75 much more? Let each one do what		
Miss Nellie Amick,	3.00	he can, even though it be but little,		
Mrs. A. A. Clark,	3.00	and the debt will soon be paid.		
Lila and Lillian		The spiritual work of the confer-		
Mansell,	3.00	1.00 ence is also in fair condition. Dur-		
Cecil Taylor,	3.00	.50 ing our recent visit through the cen-		
J. Eden,	3.00	.25 tral and eastern parts of the State, we		
Birdie Mullen,	3.00	.25 found our people very zealous for the		
B. F. Eden,	3.00	.25 truth, and seemingly anxious to see		
Bertha Mullen,	3.00	.25 the work go forward in all its depart-		
John Bloom,	3.00	.25 ments.		
D. M. Whitmire,	3.00	At Berea a gentleman has recently		
R. J. Roach,	3.00	.25 begun the observance of the Sabbath.		
Mrs. Ada Ditman,	3.00	At Moundsville we learn of a number		
J. E. Meredith,	3.00	.25 who are keeping the Sabbath and de-		
Mrs. Belle Meredith,	3.00	.25 sire to unite with one of our churches.		
E. P. Mansell,	1.80	.60 At Parkersburg four or five young		
Ralph Bean,	1.20	people have requested baptism.		
Agnes Bean,	1.20	The canvassing work is also com-		
Hazel Amick,	.75	.25 ing up. Those in the field are re-		
Master J. H. McNemar,	.60	.05 porting good sales and deliveries.		
J. W. Lair and family,	5.00	5.00 This line of work is evidently a de-		
L. Campbell,	.25	.25 cided success in this State when en-		
Ida Amick,	.50	.50 ergetic men and women devote their		
W. L. Amick,	1.00	1.00 time to it. I have never seen books		
Riley Wilson,	1.00	1.00 sell more freely than in West Virginia.		
Lora Davis,	.25	.25		
Mrs. Ella Williams,	12.00	12.00 Those of our people receiving a		
A Friend,	1.50	1.50 sample copy of this issue of the		
Mary Foggin,	6.00	1.00 GLEANER are requested to become		

subscribers to it at once. It is only fifty cents a year—one cent a week—and contains the news and proceedings of eleven other conferences besides our own. Through its columns the work in our home field is reported, important notices are given, and all other matter that our people ought to know is herein printed. Therefore before laying this paper down decide to become a subscriber to it. Send your subscription direct to the conference office, and it will be duly forwarded.

S. G. HUNTINGTON.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

AFTER the general meeting at East Washburn I met with the Blaine and Mars Hill church over one Sabbath and Sunday.

On Sabbath there was a large attendance, but a change in the weather made traveling very bad on Sunday, and there were but a few out. This church is quite aggressive in circulating our literature, and the Sabbath-school department is making earnest efforts to become more efficient. The donations from this school were the largest in the conference during the past quarter.

From here I went to Robinson and stopped at the hospitable home of Brother Aaron Farley, and then went on to Dyer Brook. Good meetings were enjoyed here over Sabbath and Sunday.

At this place there is a fine little church with new sheds for the protection of teams.

The good attendance from without made it evident that a profitable series of meetings could be held here at the right time.

From here I went to Cornville where I spent Sabbath and Sunday. I stopped one night on the way, with Elder Osborne who now lives at Skowhegan. He took me over to Cornville with his team and assisted in the meetings there. He expects

soon to commence a series of meetings at Skowhegan.

There has seemed to be a very good outside attendance at Cornville every time I have been there, and as the conference committee was in attendance it was voted to hold the usual June meeting there, particulars of which will be given later.

P. F. BICKNELL.

BALTIMORE, MD.

DEAR GLEANER: I have had several questions asked me in reference to the effect the fire had upon our work here, and think perhaps the best way will be to give a few lines of information about the work here through your columns, so that all may know. Indeed I am anxious to see more in the GLEANER about the work in this great city of ours. I do not think the work has been specially hindered by the awful calamity which has just befallen our city. No doubt if there were more done in the line of canvassing it would have a greater effect on our work; but unfortunately for the cause there is not much done in that line.

Our brethren and sisters are doing quite a good work with the *Signs* by selling them on the streets. Brother A. D. Gilbert, of the Pacific Press, has paid us two visits within the last few months, and his visits have had quite a reviving influence on the *Signs* work, as several who had never before sold *Signs* are now engaged in the good work. We find that those who are the most active in distributing our literature seem to have by far the best experience, and are getting the most out of their religion.

Another encouraging feature about our work here I wish to mention. Brother R. Finnell, of No. 2 church, after a hard struggle, has succeeded in getting a first-class health bakery started. In connection with the health bakery he carries an excellent line of Battle Creek Health Foods.

Thus you see we have established in this city one important branch of the message. He has had a hard struggle, but has relied on God for help, and we feel sure that he will succeed even beyond his own expectation. We are praying for his success in this important branch of our work, and we would ask the Atlantic Union Conference to also remember this worthy effort.

We are also praying that God will soon open the way for us to have a meeting place which we can call our own. This is in harmony with the Testimonies that we should establish memorials in the cities, and I know of no more important location for such a memorial for our beloved message than in the city of Baltimore. We have already started a fund for this purpose, and trust that it will grow rapidly and steadily until we shall be able to say that we have a church building for Baltimore church No. 2.

Everything has not been encouraging to the work here, but though these discouragements have arisen, we are earnestly praying that all may yet be overruled to the praise of God, the credit of the message, and to the salvation of many precious souls in this city.

I have been holding a Sunday class for the colored people for some weeks past, and while the attendance is small, those who attend manifest a hungering and thirsting for a deeper knowledge of God's word; and when the weather is warmer, we expect our attendance to increase and also the desire for knowledge. Pray for the class.

Again, returning to the subject of the great fire, it seems to me that this terrible calamity affords us, as the light-bearers of this last warning message, an opportunity to bring to the minds of the honest in heart some phases of our message, that perhaps under ordinary circumstances could not be brought so forcibly to their attention.

In Monday's paper I read many extracts from sermons of the different ministers of the city almost all of which spoke of the magnificence of the Baltimore which will rise from the ashes of the Baltimore that has been. "Let us make us a name," is the tune they are singing. At such a time is it not doubly important that we each one stand at his post and give "no uncertain sound"? Pray that we may be faithful to our trust.

Yours in the blessed hope,

H. S. WEAVER.

HAVERHILL, MASS.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE GLEANER FAMILY: Thinking that you would be glad to hear from us, I will tell you some of the good things that we are enjoying. For some time we have been unitedly seeking the Lord for the blessing of his Holy Spirit, and, praise his name, we have been greatly blessed by his presence with us. Last Sabbath, the 13th inst., we truly received showers of blessings. Our hall was full, over fifty were present, and much of the Spirit was felt in every heart as the power of God was made manifest in healing the sick; also Sunday, in the afternoon meeting of the Life Boat Rest, the power of the Spirit was manifest in a marked manner as willing souls testified of their desire to lead a better life, and become followers of the Lord Jesus. Pray for us, that we may be ready to receive the latter rain which is to prepare the people of God for the final harvest.

Yours in the Master's service,

J. J. CLARK.

GLOUCESTER, MASS.

It is some time since the writer has contributed anything to the columns of the GLEANER, and perhaps some of the readers will be interested to know how we are prospering. It has been two months and a half since we came to Gloucester, and though it

has its peculiarities, we find it very much like other places to-day, the same indifference and prejudice with reference to the truth that is universally manifested. We are resolved, however, by prayer, determination, and the grace of God to make known in this place the good news of the third angel's message.

One of the influential church-members and citizens of the place, Brother H. M. Walen, recently accepted the truth. On this account we have found two of the leading churches considerably opposed to our work; and for a time it went slow indeed, but thank the Lord, opportunities have begun to present themselves, so that at the present time we are having all that we can do. Nearly every evening is occupied in giving Bible readings, and all the spare time we have in the day is taken up with visiting, and new opportunities for Bible work are constantly opening up. At a regular Monday evening Bible reading we have seven who listen with interest as we open up the Scriptures. This we consider our best Bible class. We are expecting in another week to begin a series of cottage meetings in a home about a mile out of the center.

The first Sunday in February we began a series of meetings for the public on Sunday afternoon and evening. We secured a good hall centrally located and advertised our meetings, but the interest the first Sunday was far from encouraging, and, although we had incurred considerable expense to prepare for our work, it seemed as though this line of the effort would have to be given up. On the second Sunday, however, the attendance was better, so that we have decided to continue for a time, as we believe the interest will increase. If, however, we find that we do have to give up our public effort, it shall not be without a determined struggle.

Some time ago we visited Brother Hiram Morrill, once a Sabbath-keeper, and formerly a member of the Bev-

erly church, but who had backslidden from the truth; since our visit he has had a new experience, and, with his wife, is rejoicing again in the blessed hope. Brother Morrill and Brother Smith, who recently accepted the truth through the efforts of Brother Channel, of Beverly, have encouraged me much by their assistance in our meetings.

Our faith and courage in the Lord is strong, we are determined to press the battle to the gates. Pray for us, brethren, that God may give us wisdom, and that souls may accept the precious truth.

H. C. HARTWELL.

February 15, 1904.

TITHE REPORT
OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCES.
Oct. 1 to Dec. 31, 1903.

EASTERN.

Alba,	\$ 12.18
Allentown,	167.99
Ariel,	30.30
Bloomsburg,	11.72
Cherryflats,	45.25
Chester,	3.00
Easton,	4.37
Fleetwood,	60.39
Hamburg Company,	11.28
Harrisburg,	172.07
Hawley,	39.78
Kulp,	11.10
Lebanon,	141.02
Norristown,	13.28
North Philadelphia,	194.27
Reading,	214.63
Roaring Branch,	63.91
Scranton	102.36
Shunk,	22.50
South Canaan,	41.38
Sunbury and Northumber- land,	37.96
Orwell,	62.23
West Philadelphia,	230.91
Wilkesbarre,	143.94
Williamsport,	180.36
Individuals,	24.42
Total,	\$2,042.60

WESTERN.

Albion,	\$
Allegheny,	100.26
Altoona,	80.05
Austin,	15.38
Bear Lake,	124.75
Bellefonte Company,	13.43
Bradford,	86.23
Clearfield,	
Conneautville,	32.73
Connellsville,	
Corydon,	30.78
Coudersport,	40.01
Duke Center,	76.50
Edinboro,	65.69
Eldred,	29.00
Emporium,	
Erie,	109.51
Greensburg,	199.13
Huntingdon,	95.58
Johnstown,	154.96
Lowville,	25.70
Meadville,	72.17
Midway,	12.05
New Brighton Company,	
North Warren,	83.76
Oakland,	.90
Oil City,	58.37
Port Allegany,	49.25
Pittsburg,	257.22
Philipsburg,	
Punxsutawney,	26.90
Salemville,	
Shinglehouse,	44.55
Spartansburg,	3.82
Sunderlinville,	39.65
Titusville,	29.66
Union City,	15.39
Uniontown,	57.30
Washington,	49.90
West Middlesex Company,	
West Pike,	16.85
Individuals,	96.50
Total,	\$2,193.93
V. H. Cook, Treasurer.	

"His every word of grace is strong
As that which built the skies,
The power that rolls the stars along
Spoke all the promises."

PRIDE costs us more than hunger,
thirst, and cold.—Jefferson.

EDUCATIONAL

OUR ACADEMY AND
CHURCH-SCHOOLS

VERMONT CHURCH SCHOOLS.

WE would again call attention to our church-school work in Vermont. The Lord has spoken plainly with reference to taking our children out of the public schools, yet many of our children are still in the public schools. The two church schools in operation are doing nicely, but at each place the brethren feel that the financial burden is great, because the number of students is so small. If a few families of our people could settle near these schools and place their children under the influence of said schools, and thus assist in bearing the burden, it would certainly be pleasing to the Lord.

At Taftsville there are farms that could be bought near the school. This school will begin its spring term about the last week in April. A few students can be accommodated with room and board at reasonable rates here, if there are any who desire it.

At North Wolcott there are farms and small homes that can be secured if desired. The spring term at this place will begin about the first of May.

Brethren, are we taking the interest in this question that we ought? Do we believe that the Lord has spoken to us for our good and the good of our children? Should we not make the matter a special subject of prayer, and ask the Lord to open the way and help us to follow the instruction he has given us? The children can not provide for their own education; this must be done by the parents.

It has been demonstrated again and again that the best way is the Lord's way, and that when he speaks to his people upon any subject and they fail to heed his voice, they have suffered loss. Let us heed his voice.

J. W. WATT.

The PRINTED PAGE

" Publicly,
and from **HOUSE to HOUSE** "

CANVASSERS' INSTITUTES.

WE are planning to open the spring campaign for the sale of our subscription books with a short, practical canvassers' institute in as many of the conferences in this Union as can arrange for them, and we expect, and are sure, that we shall have the hearty cooperation of every one interested in this line of work. Arrangements have already been made for several of these institutes. The Western Pennsylvania Conference will have the first one in the city of Altoona, a thriving railroad town on the Main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The date will be March 15-25.

The next one will be at South Lancaster Academy, April 3-17. It is expected that a large number of the

students, and others from the New England Conferences will improve this opportunity to secure a practical drill on the best methods to be employed in selling our most important books.

Following this will be the institute in Vermont which will be held at North Wolcott, April 25 to May 5.

The brethren in Eastern Pennsylvania have about completed arrangements for an institute at Pottsville, in the central part of the conference, about the last of May.

Negotiations are pending for institutes in other conferences, and notice of them will be given in the GLEANER as soon as arrangements are completed.

The instruction at these institutes will be given by the local State canvassing agents, the writer, and such ministerial and other help as may be furnished. Further announcements

THE BOOK WORK.

Central New England Conference, Week Ending Feb. 12, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
F. W. Stray,	Greenfield, Mass.,	D of A	5	30	6	19.00	1.25	20.25	
Totals,		1 Agent,	5	30	6	\$19.00	\$1.25	\$20.25	

Southern New England Conference, Week Ending Feb. 12, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
R. C. Andrews,	Bristol, Conn.,	Misc	4	21			12.50	12.50	
J. W. Sypher,	New Haven, Conn.,	D of A	5	30	10	25.25	9.75	35.00	8.50
J. Alexander,	New Haven, Conn.,	C O S			12	6.50	2.50	9.00	
Totals,		3 Agents,	9	51	22	\$31.75	\$24.75	\$56.50	\$8.50

Maine Conference, Week Ending Feb. 12, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Minnie Prince,	Portland,	L G			4	13.75		13.75	97.15
W. E. Gerald,	Westbrook,	C O L				12.50	7.50	20.00	
Totals,		2 Agents,			4	\$26.25	\$ 7.50	\$33.75	\$97.15

Vermont Conference, Week Ending Feb. 12, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
G. H. Clark,	Bennington,	H of M	5	37	7	9.25	7.75	17.00	
Mrs. E. P. Hathaway,	Bennington,	L G	1	5	1	3.50		3.50	
Mary A. Wilkins,	Bennington,	C O L	3	5	2	2.50	.90	3.40	
Totals,		3 Agents,	9	47	10	\$15.25	\$8.65	\$23.90	

concerning this feature may be made later.

These meetings afford an opportunity to get a good start in the work under most favorable conditions which should not be neglected by any one desiring to enter the field as a "canvassing evangelist," and we hope there will be many in the vicinity of each one who will decide to attend, and then devote their lives to the work of helping, in this way, to give the last warning to the world. Announcements will be made later by the local workers concerning arrangements for the entertainment of those who attend, etc. Those desiring to go to any of these institutes should correspond with the local State agent, or tract society secretary, or with the writer.

F. E. PAINTER.

Wilkesburg, Pa.

CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE FOR WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

A CANVASSERS' institute will be held at Altoona, Pa., March 15-30. A number of new canvassers have signified their intention to be present, and it is believed a corps of energetic Christian workers will receive the instruction that is to be given. Brother F. E. Painter, general agent of the Atlantic Union Conference, will be one of the instructors, and as Brother Painter is gifted in this particular line of work, we hope many persons will take advantage of this opportunity to get a training for active service.

The plan for the institute is that each day is to be divided into two portions, the forenoon being taken up with study of the book and canvass, the different methods of work; train-

ing on how to gain an entrance to the houses, and what to do when there; how to give the canvass intelligently and to arouse an interest, how to close the sale and take the order; and in explaining what is necessary to make a successful delivery. The afternoon is to be devoted to actual canvassing, the instructors taking the students into the field and giving them the benefit of their experience.

This instruction is valuable to the beginner, as it gives him an experience which can only be gained by months of hard labor, and then it is learned imperfectly; while the association with other workers gives him the benefit of their experience and their methods of work.

We extend an invitation to every one who feels that God has called him to service to come to this institute. The training given will fit the individual to take part in the most important work with which a layman is permitted to connect in the service of the Lord. Young men who are desirous of entering the ministry can engage in no other occupation that will give them so large an experience as will the canvassing work, and they may be better prepared for ministerial labor by a season of evangelistic canvassing than by spending many years in school.

Arrangements are being made for the entertainment of those in attendance at the institute, and it is thought that the cost of board and lodging will not exceed \$2 a week. The institute will be held in the Altoona church.

The Western Pennsylvania Conference will pay the railroad fare of those in attendance, from their homes to the institute and back to their field of labor, provided they go immediately into the field, by allowing an extra five per cent. commission on sales till the amount is paid.

If there are any of our old canvassers who wish to change their book, and will take this time to study up the new one, we will be glad to have

West Virginia Conference, Week Ending Feb. 12, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
F. M. Gardner, Charleston,		H of M	3	20	3	3.75	8.60	12.35	9.20
J. H. Jennings, Charleston,		H of M	4	32	8	10.75	28.90	39.65	7.20
G. B. Mason, Morgantown,		P H	5	25	44	19.00	5.50	24.50	.25
Mrs G. B. Mason, Morgantown,		P H	2	7	3	1.25	4.75	6.00	.75
Totals,	4 Agents,		14	84	58	\$34.75	\$47.75	\$82.50	\$17.40

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending Feb. 12, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Alvin H. Osman, Lykens,		H of M	5	29	9	12.50	15.75	28.25	
Daisy B. Ott, Scranton,		H of M	5	20	6	9.00	1.25	10.25	6.75
Elsie M. Swingle, Scranton,		H of M	5	24	6	9.00	5.25	14.25	14.00
G. D. Swingle, Scranton,		H of M	5	26	8	11.50	7.25	18.75	2.00
W. T. Hilgert, Philadelphia,		Misc					3.00	3.00	3.00
Totals,	5 Agents,		20	97	29	\$42.00	\$32.40	\$74.40	\$25.75

Western Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending Feb. 12, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
T. O. Saxton, Punxsutawney,		P & P	4	28	15	34.00	2.25	36.25	
W. H. Zeidler, McKeesport,		P & P	3	9	5	11.00	2.00	13.00	
W. C. Fleisher, McKeesport,		P of J	4	23	16	29.25	4.80	34.05	2.00
Chas. Peden, Johnstown,		B R	5	28	12	36.50	2.75	39.25	3.00
D. Bowman, Pittsburg,		H of M	7	8		10.25	1.00	11.25	6.25
Totals,	5 Agents,		23	96	48	\$121.00	\$12.80	\$133.80	\$11.25

U. C. Totals,	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
23 Agents,	80	405	177	\$290.00	\$139.10	\$425.10	\$160.05
Totals for corresp. week last year,							
19 Agents,	375½	97	236.00	\$120.55	\$356.55	\$103.35	

them come and give us the benefit of their experience. Any of our old canvassers, who feel that they need to sharpen up their tools, will be gladly welcomed.

We ask all local church-elders to extend this invitation to their people, and ask the churches to encourage morally and financially, any one who feels a burden for the Lord's service. Any one wishing further information may correspond with

THOS. D. GIBSON,
*Field Secretary Western Pa. Conf.,
Wilkesburg, Pa.*

ITEMS OF INTEREST

MAINE.

—If any of our brethren or sisters desire us to send the *Signs of the Times* for a few weeks free of charge to any person who is especially interested to read, we shall be glad to hear from them.

—The severe winter has interfered with the canvassing work to a great extent in this State, but we hope that as the warmer days come the hearts of the faithful will be impressed to go out weeping "bearing precious seed," knowing that they will doubtless return again "bringing their sheaves with them."

—Those who can not go out to do missionary work can use the mails to send tracts and papers to others. The four new tracts which were advertised as prepared especially for this purpose have had a good sale in this State, but we still have a large number on hand, and shall be glad to receive orders for them, at a cent apiece.

—A circular letter has been sent from this office to those of the Aroostook brethren and sisters, whose addresses we have, who did not attend the Washburn meeting. The proposed tent and camp-meetings for the coming season were set before them,

and an effort made to ascertain how much interest is felt in pushing the work in that county next summer. We hope to receive hearty responses.

E. H. M.

VERMONT.

—Sister Emma Barrows is visiting her sister, Mrs. Untied, in West Brookfield, during the vacation of the Taftsville church school.

—We have secured a supply of a thirty-two page tract by Brother J. Q. A. Haughey, of Battle Creek, entitled, "Christ's Second Coming," and can furnish them at the rate of two cents each. They should have a wide circulation.

—The members of the Sutton church living near West Burke have organized a Sabbath-school at the latter place, which has an attendance of from eight to twenty. Already there is some interest among those not of our faith. They report good success selling the special *Signs*.

—We learn that the price of the forthcoming "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VIII, will be 75 cents in cloth, \$1.25 in leather. Those who wish to secure this volume as soon as it is issued should send in their orders. As may be seen from the extracts which have appeared in our papers, this will contain just the instruction needed by our people at this time.

E. W. THURBER.

THIS WILL INTEREST YOU.

THE Correspondence School for Nurses connected with the Sanitarium Medical Missionary Training School will begin a new class the first of April, 1904. Lessons are sent weekly to students who are unable to leave home duties in order to take a regular course at one of our sanitariums. This is the sixth year this work has been in progress, and hundreds are availing themselves of it. One who

desires to do Bible or missionary work or canvassing can illy afford to miss this opportunity. Studies in eleven subjects are given, among which Christian help work, and care and treatment of the sick are prominent. Our lessons have recently been rewritten and enlarged, and are in every way improved.

The tuition fee is six dollars for the entire course. This amount is to cover the cost of sending out lessons, correcting the replies, and returning the reports to the pupils. The few text-books required for this work are furnished at actual cost price. We shall organize a new class in April, which will continue one year. By taking double lessons some students finish in six months. We shall be glad to hear from all who are interested. A descriptive circular giving full particulars, also testimonials from those who have taken the course, will be sent free on application. Address, Correspondence Department Sanitarium Training School, Battle Creek, Michigan.

OBITUARY NOTICES

PLUMMER.—Died in Pittsfield, Maine, Nancy A. Plummer, wife of E. L. Plummer, aged 85 years and 4 months. Sister Plummer has kept the Sabbath of the Lord more than twenty-five years. She leaves a husband and one son to mourn her loss. She was a faithful wife and mother, and we have every reason to believe that in that sweet morning when the graves are opened she will come forth with joyful greeting, clothed with immortal loveliness. May this thought comfort those who mourn.

A. H. BARNES.

BOSTON MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE LATE ELDER G. B. WHEELER.

SABBATH, February 13, the services of the Boston church were devoted to the memory of our late beloved brother and fellow laborer, Elder G. B. Wheeler. It seemed especially fitting that such a service should be held by the Boston church as Elder Wheeler had served as one of its former pastors. The occasion was attended with much of the Holy Spirit's presence.

The chaplain of the Melrose sanitarium, Elder L. S. Wheeler, joined us on this memorial occasion and paid a most touching tribute to the Christlike characteristics that were so pronounced in the life of our esteemed, departed brother. The speaker emphasized the thought that we should not allow such occasions to pass unnoticed, by reference to Isa. 57:1, from which we may plainly infer that the Lord desires us to "lay it to heart," and consider when one of his "righteous" ones are "taken away from the evil to come." The graces of meekness and gentleness in his nature, that were so prominent, were dwelt upon, as he was certainly a character to whom the language of inspiration in 2 Sam. 22:36, "Thy gentleness hath made me great," could be truthfully applied.

The writer spoke concerning the work, religious liberty, to which the deceased had devoted his life by referring to experiences in which he had been associated in connection with the Massachusetts Legislature for the past few years. For a long time the deceased had been burdened to show the absurdity of the familiar claim of Sunday-law advocates, that it was the "civil Sabbath" they desired instead of the religious part of it.

Last year the deceased introduced a bill asking for a strictly "civil Sabbath," and it is needless to say that those who had been making such loud claims that they only desired a "civil Sabbath" were the most bitter opponents of the bill. As the bill did not meet with success last year, Elder Wheeler introduced it again this year, but doubtless with little hope of its passage, as the object in its introduction was that the principles of religious liberty might be agitated among the legislators of this commonwealth.

At the close of these addresses a number of his former parishioners spoke feelingly of the influence exerted by the one who had departed this life, and its effect upon their lives for good.

K. C. RUSSELL.

ELDER GEORGE B. WHEELER.

DISTRESSING as it is to hear so frequently of the death of leading workers in the cause, that of our dear brother, Elder George B. Wheeler, has fallen heavily upon the corps of New England laborers. My personal acquaintance with Brother Wheeler was brief; yet from the first I was led to love him, and believe him to be as the GLEANER remarked in its first notice of his death, a "Christian gentleman," one who from his quiet, genial, and unostentatious manner

endeared himself to all those who knew him.

We would not, however, sorrow like those without hope, for we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that our brother who now sleeps in Jesus will assuredly be brought again from the grave to enjoy those everlasting felicities which are laid up for all the true and faithful ones. May it be the lot of every reader of the GLEANER to be among the sanctified throng at the coming of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

E. A. STILLMAN.

Westerly, R. I., Feb. 19, 1904.

SUNSET CALENDAR FRIDAYS.
Local Mean Time.

1904.	Boston.	N. Y. and Phila.	Washington.
March 4.....	5:53	5:54	5:55
March 11.....	6:01	6:02	6:03
March 18.....	6:09	6:09	6:10
March 25.....	6:17	6:17	6:16

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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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Feb. 12, 1904.

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SEVERAL reports are received for which there was not room this week. These will appear later.

THIS blue pencil mark is a reminder that your subscription has expired. Please renew promptly.

THE series of articles from Sister White, part four of which appears in this number, will form a chapter in "Testimonies for the Church" Vol. VIII, which is now in press.

A LETTER received from Elder K. C. Russell just as we go to press contains the following announcement:

"We had the largest attendance at Berkeley Hall last night that we have had, and I had excellent freedom in speaking on the 'Image to the Beast.' It has been decided to administer the ordinance of baptism on Sabbath, March 5, at 3 P.M., in Lorimer Hall, Tremont Temple; and Sabbath, March 19, at 12 M., we are to have a convention on the 'Gospel of Health.'"

VERMONT CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE.

THERE will be a canvassers' institute in Vermont (probably at North Wolcott) April 25 to May 5. We call attention to this so early that all who desire to attend may plan for it. We should like to hear from those who expect to be present.

If there are those in the State who would like to attend this institute, but do not see their way clear to do so,

we should like such ones to write at once, stating plainly the difficulty confronting them; perhaps said difficulty may be removed, and the person be able to get the benefit of this institute.

We expect Brother F. E. Painter, the Atlantic Union Conference canvassing agent, will be with us, and perhaps other good help from outside the State will also be present.

The canvassing evangelist may expect success, because God calls him to the work and has said that angels of heaven will accompany him on his mission of salvation. If you are not one of God's evangelists, will you not cut loose from the world and become one now, this very year?

We hope for a good attendance and an excellent institute this spring.

J. W. WATT.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

AT the recent session of the Maine Conference Committee held at Mars Hill and Cornville, it was voted to hold a large tent meeting in Aroostook County if the funds could be raised, and of this there is little doubt, as about \$200 was pledged at the East Washburn meeting. It was decided also to follow the effort with our annual camp-meeting. It was thought that Caribou would be the place to hold the tent effort if favorable arrangements could be made there. Some may think that this is too much at one end of the State, but all should remember that the Aroostook friends have been coming into the southern part of the State for years to attend camp-meeting, and they think the distance measures the same either way. In regard to expense, although Caribou is nearly three hundred and fifty miles from Portland, a round-trip ticket can be purchased to attend camp-meeting for \$7.75, Waterville \$5.40, and Bangor which is over two hundred miles from Caribou \$3.50, so the expense will not be much in excess of former years.

I trust that a large number outside of Aroostook County will avail themselves of this favorable opportunity to encourage the friends in Aroostook. It is thought that August 25 to September 5 will be the most favorable time to hold the camp-meeting. Let plans now be formulated to attend this meeting. Sister White has expressed a desire to visit Portland this summer, and we trust that she will find it possible to attend our camp-meeting.

The spring meeting, usually called the June meeting, will be held at Cornville May 26 to 29 inclusive. Arrangements have been made with livery stable men at Skowhegan to carry passengers from the railway station to Cornville for fifty cents and come after them for the same. This is an eight-mile trip, so it is readily seen that the rate is very reasonable.

P. F. BICKNELL.

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