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

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TO MYSELF.

LET nothing make thee sad or fretful,
Or too regretful,
Be still;
What God hath ordered must be right,
Then find in it thine own delight,
My will.

Why should'st thou fill to-day with sorrow
About to-morrow,
My heart?
One watches all with care most true,
Doubt not that he will give thee too,
Thy part.

Only be steadfast, never waver,
Nor seek earth's favor,
But rest;
Thou knowest what God's will must be
For all his creatures—so, for thee—
The best.

—Paul Flemming.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

UP to the present date, March 8, the actual amount of money sent in for the purpose of paying the expense of the removal to Washington, and of building the institutions to be erected here, is \$3,144.57. We are glad for this good beginning; but there will need to be the giving of large sums by a goodly number to make up the \$25,000 needed by the first of May.

Consider the number of institutions to be built here,—training school, sanitarium, and General Conference

offices, and that these institutions must be representative; consider the cost of the land, the laying out of the grounds, the furnishing of these buildings; and all who have had any experience in building up such institutions will say that one hundred thousand dollars is a very small amount. We do not intend to erect expensive or extravagant buildings. We thank the Lord that he has sent to us special directions in regard to the character of the buildings to be erected in Washington. We quote from a letter of instruction written February 15:

"The instruction that has been given me in regard to the buildings to be erected in Washington is that it is not the Lord's will for an imposing display to be made. The buildings are to show to believers and to those not of our faith, that not one dollar has been invested in needless display. Every part of the buildings is to bear witness that we realize that there is before us a great, unworked missionary field, and that the truth is to be established in many places. . . .

"When I was last in ———, I was in the night season called upon to behold buildings rising story after story toward heaven. These buildings were warranted to be fire-proof, and they were erected to glorify the owners. Higher and still higher these

buildings rose, and in them the most costly material was used. Those to whom the buildings belonged were not asking themselves, 'How can we best glorify God, that we may enjoy him forever?' God was not in their thoughts. I thought: 'O that those that are thus investing their means could see that this display does not give them one iota of advantage with God! They are piling up magnificent buildings, but how foolish in the sight of the Ruler of the universe is their planning and devising!' They are not studying with all the powers of heart and mind what they may do to glorify God, that they may enjoy him forever. They have lost sight of this, the first duty of man. . . . The scene that next passed before me was an,

ALARM OF FIRE.

Men looked at lofty and supposedly fire-proof buildings and said, 'They are perfectly safe.' But these buildings were consumed as if made of pitch. The fire-engines could do nothing to stay the destruction. The firemen were unable to operate the fire-engines.

"I am instructed that when the Lord's time comes, should no change have taken place in the hearts of proud, ambitious human beings, men will find that the hand that has been strong to save will be strong to de-

stroy. No earthly power can stay the hand of God.

"The buildings that you erect must be

SOLID, AND WELL CONSTRUCTED. No haphazard work is to be done. The buildings are to be thoroughly presentable, but no extravagance is to be seen. We are not to make it possible for worldlings to say that we do not believe what we preach, that the end of all things is at hand.

"The buildings should be put up at as little cost as possible. No money is to be spent on them merely for show. We are living in a time of fearful depravity. The whole world has thrown off the restraints of religion. Worldlings and church-members are making void the law of God. We are to bend every energy to the proclamation of the message of warning."

These directions will be most carefully carried out. You will note that the "buildings are to be solid and well constructed;" "that no haphazard work is to be done;" and while "no extravagance is to be seen," yet "the buildings are to be thoroughly presentable." This surely can not be done for less than one hundred thousand dollars. There are not a hundred thousand Seventh-day Adventists in the world. Some can give but little; therefore, many must necessarily make large donations.

The work here is onward. The most successful meeting we have ever had in all my experience in Washington was held last Sunday evening, March 6. I am certain that there was the largest outside attendance I have ever seen here, and when the character of the people is considered, and the deep interest manifested, it was certainly most encouraging.

Brother W. A. Spicer spoke Sunday evening, March 6, on the subject of Russia in prophecy, the coming Armageddon, and the sealing work, and we believe that all saw the old truth in a new and startling light.

Our public meetings are held in a

very good hall, located in a most central position, accessible to all parts of the city. For fourteen weeks, from ten to twenty thousand leaflets have been placed in as many homes weekly. These leaflets are large, four-page, and contain a comprehensive summary of the last discourse, and an announcement of the subject for the next Sunday. These are also given to the people at the close of the meeting, so that they may take home with them a very complete statement of all they have heard, with scriptures quoted and indicated, historical extracts, etc. These leaflets are doing good work. Many desire the whole set from the beginning of the series.

A number of lawyers and professional men are deeply interested. One of the lawyers has not missed a meeting. They seem nearly ready to obey. There are more openings for visiting and Bible work than can be filled. This field is ripe for the harvest. Great opportunities,

UNLIMITED POSSIBILITIES, are before the workers here. I believe that every one who reads this article is deeply interested in the prosperity of the work in Washington. But very few can come to this city personally; and we earnestly hope that those who come to work will first have a definite understanding with those in charge of the work. W. T. Bland, secretary of the school board, J. R. Scott, secretary of the sanitarium board, and A. P. Needham, business manager, are the brethren who have a special oversight of this department. No building is as yet in progress. Plans are being laid, and we are hoping that a good amount of money will be sent in before a

FOUNDATION-STONE has been laid or a nail driven. We have often been told that our people much prefer to pay for our institutions before they are built, rather than after. We believe it is so. You who read this article have the privilege of proving this to be true.

Very few will come in person, but all can send that which represents their love and sympathy for the work, and their faith in this move. You can send the representative of your strength, your energy, that which stands for your very heart; your treasure, the "sinews of war."

We are waiting for a gift of one thousand dollars, with which to start the list of donations. We shall not wait in vain. Send all gifts to W. T. Bland, 222 North Capitol St., Washington, D. C.

The sun is sinking in the west, but I see that its last beams are shining brightly on the beautiful Capitol building. O brother, the sun of mercy, of divine opportunity, is setting forever on millions of souls, yea, truly, on all the world, but its last rays are shining brightly, tenderly, mournfully on all the beautiful, empty plans and works of men; and for those who know the truth these last moments of daylight are moments of destiny. This is our opportunity. It may come to us no more forever.

O hasten; for soon the night cometh when no man can work, when no man can give.

J. S. WASHBURN,
Financial Secretary.

SUNDAY BILL HEARINGS IN THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE.

THURSDAY, March 10, the hearing of the "Civil Sunday" bill that was introduced by our late Elder G. B. Wheeler, took place before the judiciary committee. Elder L. S. Wheeler and the writer were present to present to the committee the bill.

The committee before whom the hearing was held, is considered one of the most important committees in the legislature, and it was evident from the many questions that were asked us by the committee that they were not familiar with the principles for which we stand.

The opposition was well represented

at the hearing by Doctors Whithrow, Kneeland, Albright, and others, and the usual papal arguments were used against the bill. Dr. Kneeland in referring to the death of Elder Wheeler, said that he was a conscientious man and that he belonged to a godly people, but that his conscience was perverted on this question, as well as that of the speakers (Elder L. S. Wheeler and the writer) who were present in behalf of the bill. We believe that the arguments that were presented in favor of the bill had their effect upon the committee.

Tuesday, the 15th inst., there was another hearing before the probate and chancery committee of several bills that had been introduced for a more liberal Sunday law. As usual at the clergy were well represented at the hearing, to oppose the bills.

This afforded us another excellent opportunity to present the principles of true religious liberty. The Lord blessed in emphasizing the iniquity in seeking the support of the State in the interests of religion. The latter committee were decidedly in favor of a more liberal Sunday.

A more complete report of these hearings will be written for the *Review*.

K. C. RUSSELL.

LETTERS OF GOOD CHEER.

THOSE who can not go out to canvass or to do missionary work from house to house can, in the quiet of their own homes, write letters that will impress hearts. This work need not be confined to acquaintances. The one who has a burden for souls will find a chain of circumstances directing his attention to individuals who need help and whose minds are receptive to truth. The following extracts from letters recently received at this office are from strangers, and show that unseen agencies are directing workers.

One lady writes: "I thank you for your interest in humanity, for I believe

it was your desire to save a soul that led you to write to me, though it may have another purpose in the divine will, I know not. I am trying to be a Christian. Pray for me."

A gentleman writes: "I am not a professor of religion but I believe that it is a good thing, and that it is a shame to bring up children ignorant of God's will. I have a large family, and we are poor people, but I am willing to do all that I can if meetings can be held in this place."

Another says: "I was surprised to receive a letter from a stranger, but truly it was a blessing to my soul. It cheered my heart. I feel very grateful for it. My circumstances are such that I feel in bondage, and I know that God impressed you to write to me as you did."

Still another: "I believe the letter I received from you was inspired of God. I am in deep trouble. Your letter helped me. I have passed the tract along to another who is in trouble. Pray for me and my husband."

Another: "I desire to thank you for your kind letter which came to me when in deep trouble which I have been bearing in secret for a number of years. Pray for me. I thank you for your kind letter to a stranger, and hope I may hear from you again."

These individuals freely told their troubles, asked advice, and opened the way for extended missionary work. Last spring a canvasser in Maine sold a copy of "Christ's Object Lessons" to a lady from Massachusetts who was visiting in Deering. The name was left at the Maine Tract Society office and an interesting correspondence was opened with the lady. She visited Deering again in the summer, and became interested in Elder Franke's meetings. She returned to her home and the correspondence with the office was continued. In a recent letter she writes: "You ask me how I feel now about the Sabbath question. Well, much the same as when I saw you

last. I have given perhaps more study to that of late than to any other subject. I think your people are right in regard to it, but with my present occupation it seems impossible for me to keep any day." This week the lady came to Deering again and spent the evening with the writer. To all appearance she is a devoted Christian and will, we are sure, be led to take her stand with us ere long on this important truth.

E. H. MORTON.

The FIELD

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

WHEN I came to this city some weeks ago I was pleased to find several who have lately come to a knowledge of the truth through the efforts of Bible workers, and are anxious to take an active part in the work of giving the message to others.

Two have been canvassing for a few weeks with a good degree of success, and others are making preparation to enter the work soon. One more will start in next week and the rest later on.

While it has been a very severe winter and a trying time to start new canvassers, we have had abundant evidence that the Lord's hand was in the work, and many valuable experiences have been gained. We hope to develop a little company of faithful workers here who will carry the truth to every home in this city that will receive it, and also to many of the adjoining cities and towns.

H. C. WILCOX.

WEST VIRGINIA.

THE headquarters and office of the West Virginia Conference have recently been moved from 1200 Seventh St., to 1002 Williams St., Parkersburg. This change saves the conference about eighty-four dollars expenses a year, and places the office in

a much more desirable location. Hereafter when writing to the office, address all communications to its new home.

During the past two weeks, it has been my privilege to visit Chester, Wheeling, Moundsville, Loudenville, and Littleton. At all these places I found the brethren and sisters of good courage and quite an interest among those not of our faith to hear the truth. At Moundsville there is an excellent opening for aggressive work, also at Littleton.

The bath and treatment rooms, recently started at Parkersburg, by Brother Arnett, are commanding a good patronage. We are informed that they are already about self-supporting.

Elder J. W. Lair began a series of meetings last week ten miles south of Berea in an entirely new field. The interest to hear the truth at this place was created by our literature sold by Brother J. E. Meredith. Let our brethren and sisters throughout the conference remember this and all other interests of the work at the throne of grace.

It is often truthfully said that two and two make four; but is it not also equally true that nine and one make ten?—Yea, verily; but, my brother, did you not know *that one* belongs to the Lord and not to you, and that as faithful stewards over God's household we should render to him his own? Let us ever remember that the sixth precept of the decalogue, "Thou shalt not steal," is every whit as binding as the fourth, which says, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

Coupons are still coming in. We trust that every Seventh-day Adventist in West Virginia will take part in this noble work. Those who give to the "Out of Debt Fund" receive a blessing; the conference is also benefited; and best of all, by the removal of the curse of debt from among us, the way is made clear for an aggressive

work to be carried forward for the salvation of souls. Who, my brother or sister, can estimate the worth of a human soul? Yet by giving our mites we may be able to save many. Let us therefore sacrifice for the work of the Lord, and thus faithfully respond to the cause of God in tithes and offerings.

The following is a list of cash coupon purchasers since our last report:

Name.	Value.	Paid.
Previously reported,	\$538.80	
Mrs. David Haddix,	5.00	
Mrs. Olive Giebell,	6.00	1.00
Mrs. Mary Beatty,	6.00	1.00
Miss Lucy Conley,	3.00	3.00
Mrs. A. E. Moore,	6.00	
Thomas Giebell,	6.00	
Mrs. Lizzie Tinson,	3.00	
Eliza Ferrish,	3.00	
Mrs. Kitty Halstead,	3.00	
Miss Emma McCoy,	3.00	
Mrs. Thos. Beatty,	12.00	
Mrs. Robert Beatty,	6.00	
Mrs. Sophia McBee,	6.00	1.00
Mrs. Lucy Conley,	3.00	1.00
Miss Georgia Welsh,	2.50	.25
Miss Maggie McBee,	1.00	.10
Miss Bessie McBee,	1.00	.10
Mr. Cleburn Ramsey,	12.00	
Mrs. Harriet Vaughn,	6.00	

Total, \$632.30

Shall not the above amount be greatly augmented by our next report? Why not make the coupon resource to our "Out of Debt Fund" an even \$1,000 before we stop? Surely three hundred and sixty-eight dollars more of coupons ought to be taken out by the three hundred Sabbath-keepers in the conference who have not yet responded to this call, without any delay.

The "out of debt" ball is well started, so, brethren, let us keep it rolling, until every cent we owe has been paid. We expect to sing the song of jubilee not later than Jan. 1, 1905. Helping to pay the debt is getting one's self in tune to sing—and, of course, on jubilee day we all want

to sing—but those who do not help, I fear, will not be able to understand such enchanting music. Therefore, "Lift, brother, lift," and then, "Sing, brother, sing."

S. G. HUNTINGTON.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

If people wonder how the Southern New England Conference is getting along, tell them "Very well." We have no loud demonstrations to make; however, we will state this: The churches and scattered members report good courage, and everybody seems more or less active in work for the Master. Besides, there seems to be a quiet, sober undertone of determined effort, which is one of the assurances we have that the Lord is working, and that real aggressive work will soon result. This conference is densely populated, and there is abundant room for workers. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

D. K. ROYER.

ALTOONA, PA.

ON March third, a mass meeting was held in the afternoon and evening, at the First Presbyterian church of Altoona. My husband and I were present at the evening meeting, at which Rev. T. T. Mutchler, M. D., corresponding secretary of the Philadelphia Sabbath Association spoke. He stated that he is now organizing in each county in the State of Pennsylvania, an active committee of fifteen, principally ministers of the gospel, who are to push forward the work, and put reading matter in every home, also procure petitions for the passing of the Sunday blue-laws in January nineteen hundred and five.

From the reading matter which was distributed so freely by this association at this time, we find that over five hundred and fifty persons have

been arrested and fined for laboring on Sunday; this association has also spent, in the last year alone, \$1,197.09 for sheriffs' charges, legal expenses, and Sunday closing expenses. Surely the image of the beast is speaking in loud words in our Keystone State. Feeling that the city of Altoona ought to be warned against the workings of this association, my husband spoke on Sunday evening, March 6, on "The Object and Work of the American Sabbath Association in the Light of Prophecy," showing their object to be the uniting of church and state. As we see this condition of things, it should inspire each one of us to go forward with a determination to use all our God-given opportunities for the spreading of the glorious message of the third angel.

MRS. W. F. SCHWARTZ.

BRONX, N. Y.

DEAR GLEANER FAMILY: It is always so pleasant to hear from your different members that I am confident a few lines from here will be acceptable. Having had the privilege of visiting our church at Bronx, N. Y., it is a pleasure to tell you something about it.

We found Elder Edwards "in labors abundant." Notwithstanding this, there was "room for one more," so we tarried in his pleasant home a week, attending with him and his wife, a Bible reading, a lecture on the prophecies, the Sabbath meetings, and also a Sunday evening preaching service. The Monday evening Bible reading had to be postponed, as Elder Edwards was suddenly prostrated with the grip.

At each of these gatherings, one was forcefully reminded of Rev. 14:6, to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, for there were representatives of many tongues right before one's eyes. Oh, the wondrous love of Jesus that so unites these that but one family is known and felt, with Christ as

"The everlasting Father." What union can compare with this?

The majority of this church are but babes in the precious truth, but as far as I could judge, all seemed to be ready for earnest effort, doing house-to-house work with *Signs* and tracts, seeking God's blessing that he might make them a blessing to others who are still in darkness. This truly is the secret of efficient service in our Master's cause. Without him we can do nothing.

How encouraging it is to us poor, weak children to *know* that "all of his biddings are enablings." That whatever he requires of us he gives strength to perform, as "moment by moment" we "trust and obey." Truly it was good for us to meet with the dear brethren at Bronx, and they will ever occupy a warm place in our heart.

One day while I was there Elder Edwards and his wife had the honor of entertaining five guests whose united ages amounted to three hundred and forty-five years. The eldest was our dear "Grandma Clough," one of his youngest children, whose wavy locks are completely bleached by the frosts of eighty-three winters, and best of all they are "a crown of glory," because they are "found in the way of righteousness." Prov. 16:31. I praise God for the great privilege of seeing her face to face and others there of like precious faith.

On Sabbath, March 12, the Bronx church listened to a faithful, strengthening discourse from Brother Reinke, of the Brooklyn German church, with whom Elder Edwards exchanged, he going afterwards to New Jersey to baptize some who had been waiting for the ordinance. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! I do earnestly desire to help swell the glad song of a complete and full salvation.

Your sister in Christ,

MRS. S. D. STONE.

Apponaug, R. I., March 18, 1904.

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SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

SABBATH-SCHOOL :
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

A MODEL SABBATH-SCHOOL.

Work of Parents, Teachers, and Officers.

HERE are evidently parents, as well as teachers, who are walking in the counsel of the Lord. My thoughts revert to a statement in the Testimonies "that the work of bringing the children to Christ must not be left altogether to the Sabbath-school and church worker, but must find its foundation and support in the work in the home. Parents have a sacred responsibility and charge committed to them, and they are called upon to keep their charge, to bear their responsibilities in the fear of the Lord, watching for the souls of their children as they who must give an account. The responsibility which God has given to men and women as parents, many have shifted from themselves to the Sabbath-school worker and to the church influence. But each instrumentality has its work, and parents who neglect *their* part will be weighed in the balances and found wanting." And again, "Let parents do their part, not only helping the children in their study, but becoming familiar with the lessons themselves."

These parents are close students of the Testimonies, sincerely endeavoring to walk in the light. They have no inclination to transfer their duties to others. They desire rather to have the joy of being coworkers with Christ and whatever other instrumentality he may use to bring their children into the kingdom. They regard the teachers as their helpers in bringing their children to Christ. The experience of many homes on Sabbath morning is not theirs. There is no time spent in hunting up the *Little Friend*, or in saying, "Johnny, have you got your lesson?" and commanding him, "Go

sit down and study it," making him feel that the study of the Bible is a punishment.

The first of the week the study of the lesson begins, not by reading it from the paper, but from the Bible; so that the children know they are studying the Bible and becoming familiar with its different divisions. The memory verse is written on the blackboard (a most useful article in every home), and during the week every special points of the lesson, or a picture that will convey some thoughts of the lesson to the smallest ones. Sabbath evening a part of the service of family worship is repeating the memory verses from the beginning of the present series of lessons, and relating some points of the lesson connected with each verse. I know of one family where this was done, and it was wonderful to see how the memory verses suggested the lesson. Some of the older ones could tell the location of each lesson. All this means work and study on the part of the parents, but building for eternity can not be done without work.

With this slight introduction to the parents, let me make you somewhat acquainted with the superintendent and teachers. The superintendent is not a man of special endowments but the example of his predecessors inspired hope and courage in his heart that God could use him even as he had used them. Two lines of instruction from the spirit of prophecy had been by them passed along to him, and had been of great value in fitting him, as well as them, for efficient service.

And as God spoke to them so he speaks to all who are similarly situated. The Lord says of the superintendent: "His educational advantages may have been limited, and he may have but little natural ability, but a *love for the work* and a willingness to *labor in humility* will enable him to awaken a deep interest in both scholars and teachers. The hearts

of the young will be drawn to him. His work will not be mere form. He may have ability to draw out from both teachers and scholars precious gems of spiritual and intellectual truths, thus while educating others, he will be educating himself. The scholars are not awed by his display of profound knowledge and in simple language tell what impressions the lesson has made upon their minds. The result is a deep and living interest in the school. Through the simplicity of the gospel of Christ, he has reached them where they are."

The other quotation is not so long but is equally full of instruction: "It is a wise educator who seeks to *call out the ability and powers* of the *student*, instead of constantly endeavoring to impart instruction." He knows that the Lord says, "A well conducted Sabbath-school is a *missionary field* and a *missionary training school*," and "the object, the ingathering of souls and the training of workers." To this end has been the aim of officers and teachers in the years past and gone.

Three of the present teachers had in their younger days longed to answer the call, "Come over and help us," but by God's providences were kept at home. Then hearing that "God calls for young men and women to gird themselves for life-long, earnest labor in the Sabbath-school," they said, "*This call we can answer*;" so with, "Lord, here am I," they entered this line of work, not for a few months, but for life, gladly consecrating themselves to this home missionary work. Realizing the truthfulness of the statement, "The cause of God has been crippled from a lack of educated workers," they have sought in various ways to educate themselves to be workmen that need not to be ashamed.

The teachers' meeting every Tuesday evening is always well attended. Twice a month a half hour of the time is given to normal work, learn-

ing methods of study and teaching. Every class has a substitute teacher, and these with others who are willing to prepare for service, are always there. The present superintendent is one who received part of his training for service in these teachers' meetings. The alternate week this half hour is used in different ways. Sometimes it is spent in earnest pleading in behalf of some member of the school, or considering lines of missionary work, or the present needs of the school, or in a study of the Testimonies. The remainder of the time is given to the lesson, an exchange of thoughts, and the best methods of teaching it. They study to make their language simple, using the fewest words possible to convey and make clear the thought. Archbishop Tiltson used to read his sermons to an illiterate old woman of plain sense, who lived with him. If any words were not intelligible to her, he changed them before he preached his discourse to his congregation. The style, manner, and methods of Jesus in his work as teacher have been their model.

Two essential qualifications of a good teacher are true consecration and a willingness to prepare for service. In harmony with the counsel of God to teachers, that "when you take upon yourself the sacred responsibility of teaching, you take upon yourself the duty of going to the bottom of every subject," their preparation each week is broad and deep. They go before their classes with the lesson clearly outlined in their minds and the burden of their hearts in unison with the words of God, "Never rest until every child in your class is brought to a saving knowledge of Christ." Prayer and personal work are not neglected. They do not attempt to teach the class as a whole but, each individual. Their acquaintance is such as makes this possible. They and the mothers have frequently counseled and prayed together. Once a month they hold a class-meeting.

The birthday of each scholar is remembered with a little card or letter or flowers. If one is absent, he is visited by some member of the class, sent by the teacher, the teacher also going or sending a note. Every member is made to feel that the teacher has a personal interest in his welfare.

If you will bear with me there is another branch of the Sabbath-school to which I want to call your attention. The Lord tells us, "The Christian youth in our Sabbath-school should be entrusted with responsibilities, that they may develop their abilities and gain spiritual power." In this home department work the young people are deeply interested. There are some aged ones in the church, and a mother with little ones who can not attend Sabbath-school regularly. To different ones is assigned the duty of seeing that each of these persons is supplied with a *Quarterly* and a home department envelope, visiting them as often as possible to study the lesson or pass on some of the good thoughts they have obtained from their lesson study at home and in Sabbath-school. At the end of the quarter the visitor sees that his home department member is supplied with a new lesson book and envelope, and returns the one used during the quarter, containing the home department member's contribution, to the Sabbath-school secretary.

These young people are learning the joy of ministering the Word to others. But their efforts are not confined to those of like faith. Wherever they can find a family or person not attending church anywhere, they endeavor to get them to study the lessons. They have a good home department membership outside of our people. A number have studied themselves into the truth by this means. There are three families belonging to the church, living too far away to attend often. Each of these families has a home department Sabbath-school. They in turn are reach-

ing out after others, and some children and adults among the neighbors are attending quite regularly. The assistant secretary looks after the home department records, corresponds with the isolated families, and helps to keep them in touch with the Sabbath-school. Every member of the church is connected with the Sabbath-school by this means. In this and other ways the officers and teachers are endeavoring to train the young in missionary work.

We have but touched upon some points that make this a model Sabbath-school, and have left many unnoticed for lack of time. It is not the surroundings or equipments or natural talents that make it a model Sabbath-school. These are by no means to be despised, but they do not constitute the part which God uses most. Those who are engaged in the work of this model Sabbath-school are persons who have consecrated themselves to God. They are men and women of strong faith and warm sympathies, who are fervent in Spirit and interested in all that pertains to the cause of Christ. They give themselves to the work with unselfish endeavor, and at whatever sacrifice it may require, lay themselves on the altar, and plead with strong crying and tears for the conversion of the youth who are committed to their charge.

It is said that a ragged little child once strayed into a Sunday-school, and seeing the earnest groups around the teachers, exclaimed, "Is this the way to heaven?" Many have indeed found this Sabbath-school the way to heaven. Eternity alone will reveal how many through its influence have found eternal life. But this we know that from this school missionaries have gone out as teachers, editors, physicians, preachers, and workers, to China, Australia, the South Sea Islands, and other countries. The Lord tells us that "young men and women are to come forth from our Sabbath-schools and colleges to be-

come missionaries for God. The most important missionary work is to train workers to go into the field and preach the gospel to every creature." Has not this school done this? And with such results, can we not call it a model Sabbath-school? Why should not every school obtain such glorious results? Has God bestowed especial favor and blessing upon this school to the exclusion of all others?—Not so; for what he has accomplished through this school, he would gladly accomplish through all schools.

MRS. W. M. LEE.

EDUCATIONAL

OUR ACADEMY AND
CHURCH-SCHOOLS

SOME THOUGHTS UPON PSYCHOLOGY.

PSYCHOLOGY is the study of the mind and the laws through which it works. The word comes from the Greek language and means *soul-study*. This is a most interesting subject, because it deals with the highest manifestations of life. Without mind man would be no better than the brute. It is this that raises him above the animal creation, and gives to him, the power of controlling the lower orders of life.

We are told that "the mind is the best possession we have." Should we not, then, pay some attention to this treasure with which God has endowed men and women? Should we not learn to train and develop it to its greatest possibility? Every one who understands the laws of the mind is better prepared to deal with the minds of others and to form his own character intelligently.

The manifestations of mind are divided under three heads. These are, knowing, feeling, and willing.

We have been studying of late the subject of feeling. This includes the sensations known as hearing, seeing, feeling, and the emotions, as love, faith, hate, sorrow, pleasure, etc. Whenever we gain new knowledge, it

is accompanied by some sensation or emotion. If I cut my finger, the feeling of pain accompanies the knowledge of the injury. When I learn of the welfare or misfortune of some dear friend, I have an emotion either of happiness or sorrow, as the case may be.

Were it not for our emotions, life and the acquiring of knowledge would be barren of all warmth and color. Nothing would give us pleasure or pain, and we should move and act something like a machine. It is emotion that makes up much of the beauty of life.

But shall emotions and feelings guide us in our experiences and desires? Are we to follow our feelings? If we do, we will be bound by our natural desires and pleasures. The man who does just as he feels, is not a free man, feeling is his ruler even when it is for his best and eternal interest not so to do. Feelings are an unsafe and unstable guide; for they will lead us deeper into sin and farther from God. Feelings can quickly change according to circumstances. A character built on them is like the house built upon the sand.

It is a knowledge of God's will, of right and wrong as set forth in his word, that should lead in any course of action. Intellect, or knowledge, must control the feelings. And the intellect must be kept under the direction of the Spirit of God, to be safely followed. When we do a thing because we *know* it to be right, then a *feeling* of pleasure and contentment follows.

There is another relation between knowledge and feeling that contains some beautiful thoughts. The depth of any feeling depends upon the amount of knowledge we have in that line. The better acquainted I am with an individual, and the more I know of his character, the greater my feeling of happiness becomes when I learn of his success, or the deeper is my sorrow at his death.

God's love and mercy are infinite because his wisdom is infinite. He knows all things, and is perfectly acquainted with all our being. Thus his love is manifested toward us in such a wonderful way to save man. The Lord knew the value of a single soul, and his love poured out all heaven in one gift, "that of his only Son, to rescue fallen man."

Our love for God and his word will increase as we learn to know him better. As we study his written word, the book of nature, and his providences, our love and faith are strengthened. So throughout all eternity, we will continue to grow in love for him, for he will continually reveal to us his character and works.

The success of our Christian life depends upon whether we are guided by our personal feelings or by the knowledge of duty. We are to search the Scriptures to *know* our duty, and then in the power of God, perform it, trusting that feeling will care for itself.

H. M. LEE.

FURNISHINGS FOR SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY.

School children, Cliff Island, Maine, one quilt; Portland Sabbath-school, two quilts; Mrs. L. A. Buss, Springfield, Mass., one quilt.

ON Sabbath, March 12, a very impressive baptismal service was conducted at the South Lancaster church, when Professor Griggs led down into the watery grave eleven of the academy students, seven young men, and four young women. We trust that all these arose to ever walk in newness of life.

"When we devote our youth to God
'T is pleasing in his eyes;
A flower when offered in the bud
Is no vain sacrifice."

"KEEP yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."

MEDICAL MISSIONARY

NEW ENGLAND SANITARIUM.

WHILE our patronage has been somewhat moderate during the months of winter, we deemed it an opportune time for those members of our family who desired a vacation, to take it before the pressure of business came on, and we already see the advisability of this course.

At present we are having a foretaste of what is before us, as more people are coming to us again, and we are beginning to sense afresh the business for which we are here; namely, to "make full proof of our ministry."

We are confident that our work is onward along all lines. A good spirit prevails in every department. The prayer-meetings are characterized by a spirit that is no mere sentimentalism.

One noonday meeting hour of each week is to be devoted to the study of some of the principles of health reform. On last Thursday, Brother H. Wilson, manager of the gentlemen's bath-room, conducted the meeting, his theme being, "The moral duty to care for our bodies." This was done from the light of the Bible and the Testimonies. Some of the thoughts were: God made the body and blessed it (Gen. 1:27, 28), also that it is God's will that we be sanctified. 1 Thess. 4:3. We all believe that God blessed the Sabbath and sanctified it, and that the Sabbath was made for man. Which then is more wicked, to pollute the Sabbath or our bodies? If the body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, this temple must be holy, and a punishment follows if this temple is destroyed. Every one who shall enter the kingdom must develop a character like his Master's. "Healthful Living" says that the health should be as sacredly guarded as the character. Transgression of God's word is the occasion of

sickness (Ps. 107 : 10, 11, 17-19), but the Lord is the healer of our diseases. Ps. 103 : 3.

Some changes have necessarily taken place of late in our faculty. Dr. Ball has been obliged to sever his connection with the institution owing to the confinement attendant upon his position, finding it necessary to be out-of-doors more of the time than he could be here. Dr. Marsh was also called away, to take a position in the South Lancaster Academy. While we regret very much to part with these valuable workers, our prayers go with them that they may be as useful elsewhere, and that they may be blessed with that greatest boon—health.

The Doctors Otis have come to us from Battle Creek, to take their places, and we most heartily welcome them, believing that the Lord has sent them to us.

MRS. L. S. WHEELER.

The PRINTED PAGE

"Publicly,
and from HOUSE to HOUSE"

RIGHT TO THE POINT.

I WISH to call the attention of every canvasser, old and young, in the Atlantic Union Conference to another item in the proceedings of the recent meeting of the General Conference Publication Committee which I feel is of great importance, and should not be lightly passed by; that is, the recommendation "That special encouragement be given our canvassers to write frequently for publication in our State and Union Conference papers their experience in the work, and its results."

This is a real practical thing; and if it is carried out by all our workers heartily, enthusiastically, and intelligently, its influence will be tremendous. Every canvasser who was in the field in the earlier days of this work, when this was practiced more than it has been of late years, knows what a cheering effect the letters of his fellow workers had upon him.

Many a one has come home at the end of the week sad, tired, and feeling discouraged, and picked up the latest issue of the old *Union Record*, or some other good paper, and read the experiences of other canvassers, which somehow always seemed to be just what was needed to renew his courage, and he would take heart again, and go forth to the work the next week with fresh hope, and as good cheer as if nothing had ever happened to cause discouragement.

By this means the courage of many a canvasser has been kept up, so that he has remained in the field until he has become thoroughly established in the work, and his example and his words have, in turn, encouraged others.

Not only this, but these canvassers' letters were read by all our brethren and sisters, and as they have read how the dear workers for Jesus have gone forth into the streets and avenues of the towns and cities, and the lanes and highways of the country, carrying the silent but convincing messengers of truth to the homes of rich and poor alike, meeting with some refusals and an occasional rebuff, but hastening on undaunted, and finding a kind reception in the great majority of homes, and many times a glad welcome by some longing heart who, like Nathaniel, had been praying for the light; talking to the people about the gospel of Jesus, pointing sinners to the Lamb of God, bringing hope to the discouraged, comfort to the mourning, praying with, and for, the sick and the erring, and in it all experiencing that joy which the world can neither give nor take away, the heart of more than one of God's children has been caused to burn with an intense longing to follow their example, and to taste for themselves the blessedness of thus working for the Lord, and they have consecrated their lives to his service. What grander, nobler work could any one engage in than this? What glorious results will be seen in the kingdom of God!

Now every canvasser knows that there ought to be many more engaged in this line of work to-day than there are, but perhaps not every canvasser realizes his own measure of responsibility for their not being there. I feel safe in saying that there is no one thing that will prove a stronger factor in interesting our people in this work, and leading them to desire to engage in it than to learn of the experiences our canvassers are having in working for the people, and finding those who are hungering for the truth, some of whom the Lord has already prepared to embrace it as soon as it is called to their attention; and there is no better way by which these experiences can reach them than by having all our canvassers write them up at frequent intervals briefly, and simply for publication in the GLEANER. That is the kind that counts—short, and to the point, and not so far apart.

Now I hope that every canvasser in the Atlantic Union Conference will consider this not only a personal invitation, but a personal appeal to do what is asked in the above recommendation. There are items almost every week in every canvasser's experience which would be very interesting if written up briefly and published.

If each canvasser will form the habit of making a memorandum of these items, and then writing them up at his leisure, I am sure many will be surprised to find how easily it can be done, and we will soon see "The Printed Page" department of our good Union Conference paper filled every week with interesting items that will tell for the advancement of this work. It is not long exhortations that are wanted, but items of experience, and expressions of faith, courage, and good cheer. This will be in accord with the instruction the Lord has given: "God will give a most wonderful experience to those who will say 'I believe thy promise; I will not fail nor become discouraged.' Let those who gain such an experience in work-

THE BOOK WORK.

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending March 11, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Glen D. Swingle, Scranton,		H of M	1	4					7.00
Elsie M. Swingle, Scranton,		H of M					.50	.50	13.75
Daisy B. Ott, Scranton,		H of M	3	11					16.50
H. K. High, Pottsville,		H of M	5	36	9	13.50	8.75	22.25	11.75
A. H. Osman, Lykens,		H of M	2	4	2	2.50	.50	3.00	
J. A. K. Lichty, Hokendauqua,		H of M	5	33	16	21.00	1.15	22.15	
W. T. Hilgert, Philadelphia,		Helps					7.28	7.28	3.78
Totals,	7 Agents,		16	90	27	\$37.00	\$18.18	\$55.18	\$52.78

Western Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending March 11, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. H. Zeidler, McKeesport,		P & P	3	11	4	8.00	1.00	9.00	5.00
*J. Q. Herrington, Pittsburg,		P & P	5	27½	11	37.50	12.75	50.25	
C. F. Mahr, Charleroi,		G C	5	19	5	12.75	15.25	28.00	5.00
C. W. Zimmerman, Hopewell,		D & R	4	22	7	19.00	10.50	29.50	
J. G. Saunders, Brockport,		O P H			18	9.00	24.70	33.70	
Totals,	5 Agents,		17	79½	45	\$86.25	\$64.20	\$150.45	\$10.00

*Two weeks.

Central New England Conference, Week Ending March 11, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
F. W. Stray, Greenfield, Mass.,		D of A	5	20	4	12.75	5.25	18.00	
F. A. Lodge, Worcester, Mass.,		G P	3	18	47	19.40		19.40	
Totals,	2 Agents,		8	38	51	\$32.15	\$5.25	\$37.40	

Southern New England Conference, Week Ending March 11, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
R. C. Andrews, Bristol, Conn.,		P & P	3	18	5	15.50	9.75	25.25	6.50
J. W. Sypher, New Haven, Conn.,		D of A	5	64	7	28.75	12.50	41.25	
J. Alexander, New Haven, Conn.,		Misc	5	14		3.25		3.25	2.50
Totals,	3 Agents,		13	96	12	\$47.50	\$22.25	\$69.75	\$9.00

Maine Conference, Week Ending March 11, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Minnie T. Prince, Portland,		L G			8	29.50		29.50	3.50
Totals,	1 Agent,				8	\$29.50		\$29.50	3.50

West Virginia Conference, Week Ending March 11, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
David Haddix, Grafton,		P of J	2	13	7	7.25		7.25	
G. B. Mason, Fairmont,		P H	5	19	24	12.50	4.50	17.00	
Mrs. G. B. Mason, Fairmont,		P H	3	9	6	2.25	5.75	8.00	
J. H. Jennings, Charleston,		H of M	4	23			6.75	6.75	2.50
F. M. Gardner, Charleston,		H of M	3	14	3	4.00	6.25	10.25	5.00
Totals,	5 Agents,		17	78	43	\$26.00	\$23.25	\$49.25	\$7.50

U. C. Totals March 11,	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
23 Agents,	71	381½	186	\$258.40	\$133.13	\$391.53	\$82.78
Totals for corresp. week last year,							
22 Agents,	454	338	454	\$451.25	\$115.79	\$567.04	\$213.55

ing for the Lord write an account of it for our papers, that others may be encouraged. Let the canvasser tell of the joy and blessing he has received in his ministry as an evangelist. These reports should find a place in our papers; for they are far-reaching in their influence."—*Canvassers' Manual*, p. 38.

Dear canvasser, let us be faithful in this respect, and we will find it will bring a new blessing into our experience, and will help forward the work of God.

F. E. PAINTER.

SOUTH LANCASTER ACADEMY CAN-
VASSERS' INSTITUTE.

SOME changes have been made in the arrangement for this institute, so that it will begin March 28, about one week earlier than was announced in the GLEANER, and will continue three weeks instead of two.

Those who have planned to attend the institute should arrange to come if possible at the beginning and stay till it closes.

As before stated, Brother F. E. Painter, field secretary of the Atlantic Union Conference, will be present to give instruction. This is an opportunity that should be improved by those who desire to make thorough preparation for efficient and successful work in evangelistic canvassing during the coming season.

H. C. WILCOX,

Conference Canvassing Agent.

NOTICE has been given that "Testimonies for the Church," Vol. VIII, will be ready early in March. The work contains about three hundred and fifty pages, and from what you have already seen of its subject-matter you will readily see that it is important that all should know the message that it contains for this time. Price, in cloth, 75 cents; in limp leather, \$1.25. Order of your State tract society.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

MAINE.

—Elder Bicknell spent Sabbath, March 12, with the Augusta church, and was given a hearty welcome. He found the church ready to be used in the Master's work. This good spirit seems to prevail in the conference.

—Sister Mulliken, in behalf of the Augusta church, expresses the deep sympathy they feel for Brother and Sister Leighton in the loss of their eldest son, Lee. The entire Maine Conference unites in this feeling.

—Brother Fred Grant has moved from Biddeford to Phillips, Maine, and in the spring expects to devote his entire time to the work of canvassing for "Marvel of Nations" and some smaller book. The family in whose house he lives is investigating the truth for our times with interest.

—Sister Maude Macomber, president of the working society in the Auburn church, is interesting the young people in distributing copies of the *Life Boat* and in other branches of help work. The church has ordered a club of *Signs*, and we feel encouraged in regard to the labor which we know may be done in that community.

E. H. MORTON.

APPOINTMENT.

THE first annual session of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as is necessary, will be held in the Adventists' chapel at Williamsport, Pa., April 14-20. The first meeting will be held Thursday evening, and the first business meeting of the delegates will be held Friday, April 15, at 10:30 A.M.

Each church is entitled to one delegate for its organization and one additional delegate for each ten members. In the judgment of the confer-

ence committee there are reasons sufficient for calling a meeting of the conference at this early date. Doubtless there will be no camp-meeting held in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference the present season.

The meeting is desired in view of the division of the tract society work and the management between the Eastern and Western Pennsylvania Conferences, which is soon to take place, besides other important matters requiring a meeting of the delegates.

The conference will be held in the chapel connected with the tract society building. Delegates should come prepared to care for themselves the same as at a regular camp-meeting. A dining table will be conducted, where tickets can be secured at the rate of six for one dollar. Rooms can be rented for lodging in the city.

Those desirous of so doing, may bring bedding, and cots and beds can be arranged for in the tract society building, so that lodging will not be expensive for those willing to take up with such arrangements.

We hope to secure a reduction in railway fare of one-third off on round-trip tickets.

Write to V. H. Cook for rates and card orders. All churches should elect delegates to the conference at once. Notify V. H. Cook as soon as possible here at Williamsport, Pa., how many will come from your church and what they will need in the way of rooms to rent, etc.

Good help will be present from the Union Conference to make the meeting a great blessing to the cause in this conference. Let all come praying for the outpouring of the Spirit as the all-conquering power in this work.

In behalf of the conference committee,
R. A. UNDERWOOD.

A COPY of the April *Life Boat* will be placed by prison officials in fifty thousand prison cells of this land. By this means, with one stroke nearly

the entire prison population of this country will be reached. The Lord has used the *Life Boat* to win the heart of nearly every prison official in the land and they recognize it as a great help to them in their work.

OBITUARY NOTICES

GERHART.—Died at Souderton, Pa., January 15, 1904, Clara B. Gerhart, aged 5 years, 1 month, and 9 days. Clara was one of the beautiful buds of youth which adorned the family circle of Brother and Sister Gerhart, who embraced the present truth message some years since and united with the Philadelphia meeting. Clara, we believe, appreciated in her childlike simplicity the love of the Saviour, and cherished the hope of a home in the new earth with the "blessed" of the Lord. Being with her parents, and the other children, isolated from a meeting of believers, she enjoyed Sabbath-school privileges at home. After a short illness of typhoid fever she fell asleep in Jesus.

Services at the house and at the Reformed Church were conducted by the pastor of the said church and the writer. The interment was near Souderton, Pa.

WM. T. HILGERT.

JONES—Died at Mount Cuba, Delaware, March 11, 1904, Naomi Helena Jones, aged 8 years, 9 months, and 10 days. Naomi was the eldest child of Sister Sophie Jones (*nee* Deitel), a former student of the South Lancaster (Mass.) Academy. Ten days before Naomi's death she visited her devoted grandparents, as was her frequent custom, but soon expressed a desire to return home, evidently having some premonition of her last illness. After reaching her home, it was found that she was suffering from a critical affection of the intestines accompanied with peritonitis; which resulted in her death, after excruciating and almost continuous pain.

Being free from the unhealthful and evil conditions of city life, Naomi enjoyed not only a well-developed and beautiful form, but a character quite susceptible to goodness and truth. The weekly visits of *Our Little Friend* were very welcome to her. It was her greatest pleasure on the Sabbath to have her mother read to her and explain the messages conveyed in the *Little Friend*, and in the last days of her illness she requested that it be read to her.

The funeral services were conducted Sunday morning, March 13, by the writer, assisted by Brother Hildreth, of Wilmington, Delaware. Words of comfort were spoken from 1 Thess. 4:13, 14. The interment was at Newark, Delaware.

WM. T. HILGERT.



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THE canvassers' institute at South Lancaster will begin March 28. See notice in another column.

THREE distinct earthquake shocks awakened many of us from our slumbers about one o'clock on the morning of March twenty-first, and reminded us that "earthquakes in divers places" is one of the signs that we are living in the last days. No serious damage is reported.

"TESTIMONIES FOR THE CHURCH,"
VOL. VIII.

TESTIMONY Vol. VIII, is now in print. It is neatly bound and contains three hundred and fifty pages. Books written by the author of this volume do not require the commendation of any individual, to be purchased and appreciated by Seventh-day Adventists. Notwithstanding, I wish to say to the readers of this note, if you have been, or are now, confused as to the real meaning of the term—"God in nature," or whether the life in nature is God, an examination of Section V, entitled, "The Essential Knowledge," will settle your mind on this question once for all. I have read and reread it with the deepest interest, and would suggest that you secure the book at once, and read it carefully and prayerfully, for we are in the midst of a crisis on this question. Each person should *know* the truth for himself.

The book also treats on many other important topics. There should be a

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copy in each home in the Atlantic Union Conference. Forward your order at once to your State tract society.

H. W. COTTRELL.

THE WORK IN SCOTLAND.

THE work in the Scottish field is in need of help. The superintendent, W. A. Westworth, is a young man full of energy, and is consecrated to his work. He is a native of America, with whom many of the readers of the GLEANER are acquainted. There are but two ministers in the field. Their efforts have been greatly blessed of the Lord in bringing souls into the truth, and this is what we long to see as a result of the work of each laborer in the field. The Spirit of the Lord calls for visible results. The number of believers was nearly doubled during the last year, as reported in a recent *Review*, by Elder Olsen, president of the British Union Conference.

Scotland is a mission field. This is the third year that the wages of Elder Westworth have been paid by the little conference of Vermont, the conference in which he was laboring when he decided to accept the call to Scotland.

Last year the New York Conference answered an invitation to furnish the workers a tent for field labor. The Lord having remarkably blessed their labor, they are very anxious to double their effort this year, and earnestly request that they be furnished another tent for use in frontier work the coming season. Shall their request be denied them when such encouraging results have attended their efforts? Shall we not contribute the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars for the purchase of a tent for their use, and do it at once? A few dollars each from a goodly number of persons would supply their need. There are doubtless many persons in this Union Conference, who, if they knew Scotland's condition as stated in this note,

would cheerfully supply all the money required. We made mention of their desire for a tent some months ago, but only a few dollars were received at this office. Please do not let this opportunity of lending a helping hand pass by. The Spirit of the Lord is making manifest its power in Scotland, and should have our cooperation in every way.

Forward your offering to W. A. Wilcox, treasurer Atlantic Union Conference, South Lancaster, Mass.

Yours in the work,

H. W. COTTRELL.

HELP FOR THE EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE, HELD AT WILLIAMSPORT, APRIL 14-20.

EXCELLENT ministerial help will be with us at this important meeting. Elder A. G. Daniells, president of the General Conference; and Elder H. W. Cottrell, president of the Atlantic Union Conference, will be in attendance. Doctors C. D. Christman and A. J. Read will be present to represent the medical work, also the conference committee of the Western Pennsylvania Conference, and all the laborers of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. This will give us the best of help at this important conference. We hope to see each church represented with a good delegation. We have *reduced* railway rates to the meeting. Write at once for *card* orders to get the reductions on *round-trip* tickets.

Let all come to be here at the beginning, April 14. Write to V. H. Cook, Williamsport, Pa., Box 614, stating how many will come from each church, and what you want in the way of rooms or cots. We can secure cots at a small expense for those who will bring bedding. The usual arrangements will be made for the dining table.

R. A. UNDERWOOD, *Pres.*

"PONDER the path of thy feet."