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

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THE YOUNG RULER.

"Come, take up the cross and follow me."

THE orient sun shone mildly warm and clear:

The sky was cloudless; and the breezes light

Swept o'er the hills of far-away Judea,

O'er fruitful vineyards, fields, and rivers bright.

Beneath the spreading branches of a tree,

That cast its lengthening shades along the ground,

The humble, wayworn Man of Galilee

Was set to teach the crowds that gathered round.

And mothers brought their children to be blest:

His outstretched arms of love enfolded all; He drew them closer to his gentle breast;

Not one was passed unnoticed, poor or small.

The maimed and sick and suffering were made whole,

And sobs of pain were turned to shouts of glee,

The burning fever fled at his control,

And happy children sat upon his knee.

The mothers led their little ones away.

The Master rose, and left the wond'ring throng;

And down the rugged, winding path that lay

Between the hills, he slowly passed along.

Among the crowd, a ruler young had stood,

And watched the happy children at his knee;

Had seen those hands upraised to do them good,

And heard him kindly bid them, "Come to me."

The ruler's heart was touched. He loved the good,

And longed to share the Saviour's blessing sweet;

In haste he left the spot where he had stood, And running, knelt before the Master's feet.

His words were spoken from a heart sincere, With longings deep to know that perfect love;

The Saviour bent a ready, listening ear, And pointed out the path to heaven above.

"Good Master, tell me pray what I now need To gain eternal life and endless days."

And Jesus loved him; and he longed to lead Him gently on in heaven's peaceful ways. This learned ruler, cultured, young, and mild,

Had one great need: the letter of the law He'd kept with great precision, from a child, With Jewish form and pride, without a flaw.

"What lack I yet?" he asked, in doubt if aught,

In matters smallest or in matters large, Against him could in any way be brought, Or any ill could be laid to his charge.

Then Jesus sought to rouse the young man's mind

To understand his barrenness of soul: How could he let him go till he should find The thing he lacked to make him fully whole?

From Jesus' lips in love the answer fell:

"One thing thou lackest yet to perfect be: Go on thy way, and thy possessions sell, Give to the poor; and come and follow me."

The Saviour longed to have the young man yield.

Treasures above, and life of endless days Were offered him, but he would not be healed,—

He rose with saddened face, and went away.

The world, and wealth, and honor, were too dear

To give the priceless, precious pearl to win;

And he who had been drawn so near

To heaven's gates, passed down the paths of sin.

Dear Jesus, thy great tender heart of love,

That longs to wash away the deepest stain,

That led thee from the heavenly courts above,

Was crushed with grief and broken with its pain.

And onward, still, the hast'ning crowds will press

Adown death's ways, without a passing thought

Of him who came his own to save and bless,—

His own, who welcome and receive him not!

And now, as then, the world, and wealth, and fame,

Are chosen rather than the lowly cross; But at the end, with dread, and fear, and shame,

The lost will find their treasures *worthless dross!*

EVA A. JENKS.

"CHRIST is the source of fulness to his church and to individual souls. We have sought to be filled with earthly goods and human love."

SATAN IS VERY BUSY.

"WOE to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Rev. 12:12.

"I saw that Satan bade his angels lay their snares especially for those who were looking for Christ's second appearing, and keeping all the commandments of God." "I saw that Satan carries out his plans well. As the servants of God appoint meetings, Satan with his angels is on the ground to hinder the work. He is constantly putting suggestions into the minds of God's people. He leads some in one way and some in another, always taking advantage of evil traits in the brethren and sisters, exciting and stirring up their natural besetments." —*Early Writings*, pp. 128, 129.

God's people are all in great danger with such a wily foe, such a powerful foe, on their track. When one has a great amount of work to do, and only a short time in which to accomplish the work, how natural it is for him to put his best energies into that work. So it is at this time with the devil. He well knows that the Lord will very soon bring to an end this terrible reign of sin, and will destroy sin, sinners, and the originator of sin. He knows that only those who obey the commandments of God will escape the wrath of God; hence he turns his attention to this class, and with true satanic cunning he lays his snares for each one of them.

A call is made for money with which to aid the work of the Lord. A man has a good home, is free from debt, and has a few hundred or a few thousand dollars in the bank. The devil has his eye upon such a man, and comes to him, and says, "Now you do not know how many years it will be until the Lord comes. You know that twenty-five years ago you thought his coming was right at hand. Now if time should last twenty-five years

longer, you will be old and unable to earn money, and you and your family will need all this money that you have laid by; hence you had better not give anything now." The suggestion is considered a good one, and the money remains in the bank.

Another man with a small home, no bank account, and a large family to support, feels it duty to pay a tithe of all his earnings. But Satan suggests that he can not do this. "Your family needs every cent of your money, and your first duty is to them. See that minister over there; his family has better clothing than yours. Why should you pay money into the church treasury when the minister already has a better living than you and your family?" These arguments can not be met, and the tithe is withheld, and Satan rejoices because a man who claims to keep the commandments of God has actually been led to break the one which says, "Thou shalt not steal."

God's people assemble for worship. The devil comes to church also, and he takes his seat by the side of Mrs. Critic, and begins his suggestions. "See Sister A; how she is trigged out. Now if she was not full of pride, would she dress so fine? And there is Sister B. Her testimony sounds so hollow; she charged me more for eggs last week than I should have paid had I bought them at the store. I have no confidence in her religion. Then there is Brother C. He traded horses again last week, and I know a horse-jockey can not be a Christian. I have not a particle of use for Brother D; for he is not honest in deal. He actually sold a cow for forty dollars that I know was not worth more than twenty-five." Thus the devil suggests many things to Mrs. Critic. Meeting closes, and Mrs. Critic invites Brother Evilmind and Sister Tattletale home with her to dinner, and what a grand visit they have. In a few days the elder of the church is made acquainted with the

fact that there is a serious difficulty in the church that must receive attention at once. As a result all missionary work is stopped, and for a number of weeks no reading matter is placed in the homes of the people in that vicinity, until a sort of unity is restored.

The above is not as imaginary as we might suppose. Satan actually attends church. "I say to all, Be on your guard; for as an angel of light Satan is walking in every assembly of Christian workers, and in every church, trying to win the members to his side. I am bidden to give to the people of God the warning, 'Be not deceived; God is not mocked.'" —*Testimonies for the Church*, Vol. VIII, page 294.

Think of it! Satan walking in every church seeking to win us to his side. Is there no safety?—Yes; "He that is in you is greater than he that is in the world." 1 John 4:4.

If we spend much time upon our knees with the Bible in our hands, and daily trust in God, we shall be able to resist the suggestions of the devil, have the victory day by day, and in the end gain eternal life.

May the Lord strengthen his people and help them to do right.

J. W. WATT.

"WHO HEALETH ALL OUR DISEASES."

A FEW weeks ago, in the Seventh-day Adventist chapel, of Wilkesbarre, Pa., several were testifying that they had been wonderfully healed by God without the use of remedies, and Brother Schwartz requested those who had been healed to write their testimony for publication in the GLEANER that others might be benefited.

Many times the Holy Spirit has urged me to write of the wonderful goodness of God in sending his Son to die for the healing of our bodies, as well as the iniquities of our souls (Isa. 53:5), but having many duties and cares, I have neglected to do so. To-

night I was compelled to arise from my bed and obey.

Several days ago I caught a slight cold, and I asked the Lord, who for the past four years had healed me and my family of all our diseases, some of them of the most appalling nature, to heal me of the cold, but I grew worse. Then my children began to cough, and I pleaded in vain for them. As their coughing was so incessant that I could not sleep, I arose, took pencil and paper, and attempted to write.

At first I could not see the lines on the paper my head was so bad, and I asked my Father to help. They instantly became plain. Then I asked him to help me compose this to his glory; and as I sit here in the solemn night, having only written the above lines, the coughing that was tearing my children's throats and lungs, has entirely ceased, and my pain and fever are gone. "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!"

Four years ago I first heard of Jesus, Sanctifier, Healer, and coming King from the dear Missionary Alliance people. I opened the door of my heart, and asked him to come in, and it was all he asked me to do for him; but, oh, what wonderful things he has done for me! After ten years of terrible suffering, he instantly healed me. I have been in his power to heal ever since, trusting him with broken bones, and even when contagious diseases were sweeping away the children of our friends and neighbors, we trusted him, and came off more than conquerors through him that loved us.

When the Sabbath question was presented, we accepted it believing that he who can heal, and can save, can also provide. Jesus, the same yesterday, to-day, and forever.

MRS. A. W. BARRATT.

"If you would learn God's secrets, you must walk with God."

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

THE TEN-CENT-A-WEEK PLAN IN VERMONT.

SOME time ago this plan was brought before our Vermont churches, and a number of them, if not all, adopted the plan. We hope that this plan will be strictly followed by all our churches. If you need envelopes for this purpose, notify the brethren at the office in Burlington, and they will be furnished to you free of charge.

If we really believe that we have a message for the world, we will be willing to make a small offering every week to the Lord, that his truth may soon reach all the world. Many small streams flowing together form the great rivers that course their way through the land; so our little offerings, when they are brought together, make a sum large enough to support missionaries in distant fields. Let us be faithful in the little things that we can do, and soon the great day of the Lord will come and we shall be delivered from this vain world of sin and be at home with the Lord.

Oh, hasten on glad day!

J. W. WATT.

BLESSINGS FOR MAINE.

IF the work is blessed in Maine the coming season, it will be through individuals. As soon as our brethren and sisters individually place themselves in a condition to claim God's promises, they will be verified to them, and the work will go with power.

A letter recently received at the Maine Conference office, contained a check for a liberal amount and these words: "A part of the amount I send for tithe is back tithe, which was due and should have been paid long ago. Because of adverse circumstances, I neglected to pay it; and

have not received the blessing that would have been mine. I have seen appeals for the different fields in the *Review* and *GLEANER*, and enclose offerings for each. I have decided that for me, henceforth, I shall pay an honest tithe and offerings. I desire to be a coworker with God, and pray that his choicest blessings may go with my tithes and offerings, to the good of many people. I believe that if we want a successful camp-meeting this fall, we must begin now, and get the people interested, so that when the tent and camp-meeting are advertised they will want to go to hear. With the help of the Lord, I shall try to do something."

This letter has the right ring to it. The brother ordered a plentiful supply of tracts, and evidently means business. Are there not others in our conference who have suffered loss in not paying honest tithes, and who will take God at his word and claim his blessings? When this is done by the individual members in all our churches, the cause will prosper, and the message will not be long in completing its work. "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

E. H. MORTON.

SELF-WEARIED, Lord! I come;
For I have lived my life too fast:
Now that years bring me nearer home
Grace must be slowly used to make it last;
When my heart beats too quick I think of thee,
And of the leisure of thy long eternity.
—Faber.

"THOSE who live on the Bread of Life will never suffer from spiritual indigestion."

"THOUGH at first sight you may be disappointed and sad, whatever the Father sends must be the very best. Dare to believe it, and you will find it so."

The FIELD

WEST VIRGINIA.

SINCE my last report I have visited Mason City, Charleston, and Culloden. At Charleston, in particular, we had some excellent meetings. I spoke five times, and the Lord by his Spirit came very near at each service. Charleston being the capital of the State, it seems that the work there, which is already well started, should be carried forward until the church becomes strong and a house of worship is erected. We hope, too, that just such a work may be accomplished.

Reports from Elder Lair, who recently opened up the work near Racket Post Office, Gilmer County, are very encouraging. The attendance and interest both, seem to be good.

Elder Foggin is now at Gladly, Randolph County. We hope soon to hear good reports from his effort at this place also.

Brother Haddix, who has been spending considerable time in the field canvassing, will visit Tucker and Hampshire Counties early in April in the interests of the canvassing work generally. In each of the above counties new workers are preparing to enter the field.

Mrs. Kathleen Huntington has been chosen to succeed Miss Emma Newcomer as secretary of the Sabbath-school and educational departments of the conference. Miss Newcomer, who had successfully filled this position for two or three years, is now a member of the Chesapeake Conference. Hence the reason for closing her work with the West Virginia Conference, and the appointment of her successor.

We are glad to note the goodly number of new subscribers and renewals to our various periodicals. The *Review* and *GLEANER* particularly should be in every home of our people

in this conference. Reader, do you take them?

Parkersburg is now the home of a nice health food store. It is located in the rooms recently vacated by the office at 1200 Seventh Street, and is being conducted by Mrs. P. W. Province and son. It was not long since, as reported in these columns, that Mr. A. E. Arnett opened up bath and treatment rooms in this same city. The latter is already enjoying a good business, which we hope may soon be said also of the health food enterprise.

A few more coupons were handed in last week, but still we need about \$350 more of them to make what we hope to get and ought to have,—an even thousand dollars. Who will be the next to help swell this "Out of Debt Fund"?

S. G. HUNTINGTON.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA.

SINCE my last report, I have called on the brethren and sisters in Bellefonte. This company has been sadly neglected, and the results of neglecting a new company, as foretold in the Testimonies, can be seen by one who visits this place. Those who are still faithful are of good courage, and feel a deep interest in the message. From Bellefonte I went to Clearfield, to hold the quarterly meeting and do the little company what good I could at this time.

Since they had had no quarterly meeting for a whole year, they were glad to hear that a minister would call on them every three months, and were thankful for the district plan. If an effort could be held in the east end of Clearfield, it would be a great encouragement to this little company of fourteen.

I next went to Philipsburg, to meet with the brethren and sisters of that place, and of Munson, Pa., to hold their regular quarterly meeting and elect the officers. The meeting was well attended by the members of the

church. The ordinances were celebrated, and the officers were elected to their respective places. After the morning service a baptismal service was held, at which four persons were baptized in Cold Stream, which is well named.

In the afternoon service, six persons were added to this church. The addition of these new souls to the church has inspired the members with faith and courage to go forth with greater zeal in the work of saving souls.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

LEBANON, PA.

SINCE the close of the effort held by the writer just one year ago in Lebanon, Pa., at which time nine dear souls were added to the church, nothing aggressive was done until we opened another effort the first week in last February. From the very first of this last endeavor, the dear brethren and sisters were determined to pray and work as they never had before. The writer can testify to the fact that he knows of no time when the Lebanon church was so willing to unitedly work for the salvation of souls as she was during this last campaign of two months. Those who were not willing a year ago, manifested an altogether different spirit now. At one time it was with great pleasure and satisfaction that the writer on approaching the rear door of a sister's dwelling found it locked. In response to a rap, the door was opened, and then it was revealed by eyes yet overflowing with tears that faithful prayers in behalf of the work had just been presented to the infinite throne from several earnest and devoted hearts.

This was not only a reminder of the prayer-meeting held in apostolic times for the release of Peter from prison, but was also a great source of encouragement, and an indisputable evidence of success—a rich harvest of souls. The Saviour declared: "If ye

abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." This was no doubt one of the promises in which these dear sisters centered their faith, and of course they were not disappointed. The Lord verified this promise in granting ample success to the work of this church.

From the beginning to the last we enjoyed an excellent attendance at each meeting. Some, who were very much interested in the truth at first, were, however, finally kept away by the diligent efforts of their pastor. By threats and some severe denunciations, he succeeded in keeping them away, but the word of God is more powerful than he, and if these persons are honest, they and many more of his flock will join "those insane people," as he called us.

Twelve dear souls have taken their stand for the truth. We baptized eleven of these before a large congregation in the Baptist Church baptistry. Unavoidable circumstances prevented the twelfth one from going forward with the others in the sacred ordinance. She is, however, firm in the truth, and will no doubt be buried with the Lord in the near future.

During the last year, from the last Sabbath of March, 1903, to the last Sabbath of March, 1904, twenty-two souls were added to the Lebanon church. May this grand work in this church continue until from this city many, yea scores, of souls shall be gathered to meet the Lord in the air. Pray for us here. We also pray for all God's people.

J. H. SCHILLING, *Pastor.*

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

SABBATH, March 12, I spoke to the New England Sanitarium church in the forenoon, and to the Boston church in the afternoon. It was the day for the special collection for religious liberty work, and a good interest was manifested in both these churches in

the study of these heaven-born principles.

New bills have recently been brought before committees in the Boston State-house, and Elders K. C. Russell and L. S. Wheeler appeared and spoke before the committees on two occasions, and this fact helped to impress upon our people that this is a live, up-to-date topic which needs, not only the study of our people, but hearty cooperation as the Lord opens the way.

Elder Russell had been suffering from overwork, and felt it necessary to take a little rest, and I took his appointment in Berkeley Hall Sunday evening. The attendance was quite good, and the interest manifested was encouraging. The subject was, "The Judgment." Some deep impressions were made, which we trust may be lasting. The interest in this hall effort is steadily increasing, and we expect encouraging results in a goodly number's taking a stand for the truth.

Brother Russell reports fourteen new members received into the church during the month of March.

Sabbath, March 19, I attended the gospel of health convention at Gilbert Hall, a report of which is given in another column.

Sunday, March 20, I spent with Brother Hartwell at Gloucester, where I spoke in the afternoon and evening. The attendance at both these services was good, and a real interest was manifested. Brother Hartwell is of good courage. His faithful house-to-house work has opened many doors to him for Bible studies, and several were already deeply convicted over the Sabbath question although he had not at that time presented this subject.

Sabbath, March 26, I was with the Everett and West Newton churches where we had good meetings. The Lord is blessing his people who are seeking to lose sight of self, and push toward the kingdom. The enemy is doing his best to bring into our churches and into our hearts, and *keep*

there, *feelings* which ought to find no place with us. The Lord is giving the riches of his grace and the influence of his Holy Spirit to help us to see God instead of ourselves; and the way God's cause is slighted and neglected instead of how we are neglected or slighted; and that "*our* LIGHT affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh *for us* a far more *exceeding* and ETERNAL WEIGHT of *glory*; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

May the Lord give to us as individuals, as churches, as Bible workers, and as ministers, hearts to sense, receive, and appreciate in our lives the value and preciousness of this word from God in this time of testing.

A. E. PLACE.

BEDFORD CITY, VA.

MY husband and I came to Virginia to visit a sister, brothers, and other relatives and talk to them about Jesus and his soon coming. We visited Roanoke and Montvale, and found no Sabbath-keepers, but we did missionary work there by reading and explaining the Bible.

We then came to Bedford City, where a brother met us and took us six miles into the country. We went with this brother and his wife four miles further to Sabbath-school. Several had gathered at a schoolhouse, and we had an interesting Sabbath-school followed by a preaching service. The next Sunday and Sunday evening the house was crowded at our meetings by people who are hungering and thirsting for truth, while others oppose.

God has promised victory to those who are faithful. They will overcome and wear the crown. O for a faith that will not shrink from duty when we are called upon. We must be men and women after God's own heart, for

we are living in the last days. We must be spiritually minded, filled with the Holy Ghost, ready to make any sacrifice, and to endure all things in our efforts to save souls.

When we see people gay and worldly minded, unconcerned about their souls' salvation, when we are living near to the close of time, we should pray earnestly for light to illumine our hearts, and equip us for greater usefulness in the work of God.

We shall attend the quarterly meeting in Lynchburg the first Sabbath and Sunday in April. It will be a feast to our souls to meet the brethren and sisters there for the first time in a quarterly meeting.

MRS. M. C. RULE.

VERMONT TITHE FOR MARCH, 1904.

Bordoville church	\$5.46
Burlington "	47.07
Charleston "	27.85
Hartland "	50.00
Jamaica "	98.56
Northfield "	10.00
Windham, "	8.52
Wolcott "	21.80
Individuals,	4.50
Total,	\$273.76

E. W. THURBER,
Assistant Treasurer.

FIRST COLORED CHURCH NEW YORK CITY.

DOUBTLESS many are wondering what we are doing, as we have kept so long silent; but we should like our brethren and sisters to know that our apparent reticence does not in any way mean a cessation of work. We are working, thanks be to God, harder than we ever did, in the face of difficulties, troubles, trials, and dangers, because we are learning to trust him to whom the battle belongs.

The week of prayer was a source of blessing to us. It has borne much fruit in binding many broken hearts,

comforting the sad and weary, removing doubts, fears, and differences, and greatest of all in awakening in us a spirit of missionary activity. We closed that season with a greater determination to reflect the image of Jesus by his help and grace.

After the week of prayer a missionary society was organized, and the following is the quarterly report, read on Sabbath, April 2:

"I beg to submit a report for the quarter ending March 31, 1904, of the existence and plan of our Missionary Club, which was organized on the third of January.

"We had five present at the organization, and after the officers had been duly elected, plans for work were systematically laid out by Elder Humphrey.

"The members of the club are as follows: President, Emma Sydnor; Secretary, Susie Kellogg; Treasurer Susie Coulson; Librarian, J. K. Humphrey, and in addition to the officers, we have Sarah Dees, Lucy Lewis, Mattie Jamison, Ida Dixon and Henrietta Buchanan, making a total of nine.

"We have worked up a regular route, putting in the field a little over four hundred and fifty copies of the *Signs of the Times*, which, praise the Lord, have already brought light and life to many hearts. According to the spirit of prophecy this paper is our pioneer missionary paper which is expected to do, as it has already done, a wonderful work.

"In the face of discouragements and assaults we have kept on steadily working for the Master, knowing that in due time we shall reap our reward. The field is white unto harvest, but the laborers are few. Let our prayers be united in asking the Lord to send consecrated laborers into his vineyard.

"SUSIE KELLOGG."

After the report, all the members of the club bore testimony to the open door the papers gave for the message, and the personal benefit each derived

from the experience. Freely we receive; let us freely give. We have also opened up work on the east side of the city, where the writer lectures every Thursday night, and two souls, a man and his wife, have already stepped out to keep God's commandments. Brethren, let us pray for those who are still bound by the heavy chains of self and custom—two very powerful yokes of Satan—that they may realize how easy is the yoke of Jesus and how light his burden.

We feel from the depths of our hearts that the coming of the Lord is very near, and this fact throws a very heavy burden for souls upon us, but, brethren and sisters, we need the power and unction of the Holy Ghost. Let us, therefore, unitedly pray for a deeper consecration to God and his cause, that we may obtain the long-looked for latter rain. I am glad also to say that we have already had two very helpful visits from the president of our conference.

Brethren, pray with us.

J. K. HUMPHREY.

IN writing from Spanish Town, Jamaica, to renew his subscription, Brother J. A. Strickland says: "The GLEANER is heartily appreciated by us. Not only are the news notes from our friends and past associates interesting, together with the information it gives us concerning the progress of the message in the home conference, but we find it a worthy representative of the third angel's message, and after reading it ourselves always use each copy for missionary purposes.

"The work here is onward. We are in health, and are of good courage."

ELDER L. R. CONRADI wrote to Elder Cottrell from Port Said under date of March 12: "I have had a profitable trip here in Egypt and Palestine, and arrived here this morning from Jaffa, and I take the steamer to-

night for German East Africa. Two weeks ago, all of our workers in the Syrian field met. We had a good meeting, and baptized three in the Mediterranean Sea.

"While I was with the workers, we made a short trip through Haifa, Nazareth, Galilee, Tiberias, Samaria, and Jerusalem. It was an eight days' trip, part by team, part by mule-back, and long shall we remember the broad, Arabic saddles. We now have the lay of the land."

EDUCATIONAL

OUR ACADEMY AND CHURCH-SCHOOLS

THE SIDEREAL SYSTEM.

AMONG all the sciences that are studied, no one, perhaps, appeals to the human mind more forcibly than astronomy. It is the one above all others which deals with the marvelous works of God; and though it has been a subject of study from remote antiquity to the present age, and has occupied the lifetime of many zealous astronomers, yet no one has ever been able to fathom its depths.

The Chinese, Greeks, and Chaldeans were among the first to make notable astronomical discoveries. The Chaldean shepherds, watching their flocks by night under the clear sky, sparkling with the starry phenomena, became familiar with the movements of the heavenly bodies. When Alexander took Babylon (B. C. 331), he found a record of their observations dating back for nineteen centuries.

The Greeks made many early discoveries, but did not classify their knowledge. They advanced many theories, which were correct in some respects, but no two astronomers seemed to agree; and thus centuries rolled by, and but little true knowledge was gained concerning the great beyond. Not until within three or four hundred years, have the facts and understanding gained by the ef-

forts of astronomers, been systematized into the unity of one great law, governing the universe, which is now recognized to be the law of the Creator.

A great philosopher, while meditating upon the plan of creation, and the exquisite accuracy of this law which governs the motion of the countless millions of worlds, was known to drop his pen in amazement, and exclaim, "A person is mad who studies the marvelous works of God and does not see in them his creative power."

How fitting is the scripture which reads as follows: "To whom then will ye liken God, or what likeness will ye compare unto him?" "Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundation of the earth? It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in." "Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names, by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth."

Let us think for a moment of our little solar system with the great sun in the center, and all its planets revolving around it, entirely dependent upon it for light, heat, and attractive force. Were the influence of the sun withdrawn from us for one minute, we should cease to exist, and our world would undoubtedly go flying through space like a shooting star.

By the attraction of the sun all its planets are held in their orbits. The attractive power exerted upon our little world only eight thousand miles in diameter, and ninety-three million miles away, is equal to the strength of a steel bar three thousand miles in diameter, to say nothing about the power shed upon the other planets many times larger, Jupiter, for in-

stance, which is ninety thousand miles in diameter, and makes its complete circuit in its orbit only once in every twelve years, and travels four hundred and eighty-three million miles away from its great center of attraction.

But let us leave our little planetary home here for awhile, and visit the great universe so infinitely beyond us that the parallax of the nearest fixed star, viewed from the opposite sides of our earth's orbits is hardly appreciable.

Let us go to Alpha Centauri, our nearest neighbor, first. Our car fare on the journey at the rate of two cents for one hundred miles will be five billion, five hundred million dollars. Yet this distance is only a unit compared with that of some of the great suns of other systems, so far away that they appear to us to be only mere points of lumination. It is said that "if our sun should instantly swell to the size of Neptune's orbit, it would appear to be only a speck if viewed from Alpha Centauri."

Beyond those which we can see only with a powerful telescope, are millions of stars, which can be detected only by means of a sensitive plate.

The stars are grouped into companies according to their brightness. Only to the sixth magnitude can they be seen with the naked eye, and only to the seventeenth by the aid of the telescope, beyond which they can only be photographed.

Perhaps it will be well for us to use some illustrations by which we may be able to realize something of the infinity of space, which is so far beyond the grasp of the human mind. Geographers do not use inches to express the distance between London and New York, nor do astronomers use a unit to express the remoteness of a star, but they use the distance which a wave of light will cover in a year, which is six trillions of miles. Just think of such a distance as this being used for a unit, and then think of its

taking over fifty years for light to come from Polaris; yet this star is thousands of times nearer to us than many great luminous bodies, which we are not able to see on a clear night with the naked eye.

But to me the greatest thought in God's creative power is the fact that millions of suns like ours, and an infinite number of planets revolving around, are sweeping through space at an enormous rate without collision, or even the slightest jar, and the fact that they have not deviated a second from their appointed time in their orbits in all these centuries of time. God said in a lesson to Job, "Canst thou guide Arcturus with his suns?" Again, when Job was sorely afflicted with trials and temptations, God sought to comfort his troubled soul by showing him his weakness and his dependence upon Him by using these words, "Canst thou bind the sweet influence of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion?"

With all these demonstrations of God's power and his willingness to save, we are prone to doubt his word, and fail to trust in his promises when he says that the hairs of our heads are numbered, and that the names of his children are graven on the palms of his hands.

OSBERT O. WARD.

TRUE EDUCATION.

THE education of the Israelites included all their habits of life. Everything that concerned their well-being was the subject of divine solicitude, and came within the province of divine law. Even in providing their food, God sought their highest good. The manna with which he fed them in the wilderness was of a nature to promote physical, mental, and moral strength. . . . Notwithstanding the hardships of their wilderness life, there was not a feeble one in all their tribes.—*Mrs. E. G. White, in "Education."*

MEDICAL MISSIONARY

BOSTON FIELD. Gospel of Health Convention.

SABBATH, March 19, was a day to be long remembered by the Boston and the sanitarium churches, and representatives from other churches in the vicinity, who were present at Gilbert Hall, Tremont Temple, Boston, to enjoy the good things presented in the gospel of health convention.

The services were largely in charge of the sanitarium family. The program occupied the time from noon to nearly five P. M. with a short intermission, and at no time during the entire meeting was there manifested lack of attention or interest.

Doctor C. C. Nicola read the first paper, which was entitled, "The Medical Missionary Church." This was followed by a paper, "Health and Temperance Extension," by Mrs. C. C. Nicola, M. D.

Another paper by Doctor Ball was, "How to Have a Sanitarium at Home." Elder L. S. Wheeler's topic was, "Diet from the Standpoint of the Bible and the Testimonies."

Several of the sanitarium nurses gave interesting practical experiences, showing the opportunities and possibilities a nurse has for doing good.

Remarks were also made by Doctor Otis and by Elders Russell, Gilbert, and the writer.

Musical selections, appropriate for the occasion, consisting of solos, trios, and quartets, by the nurses of the sanitarium, assisted by Mrs. L. S. Wheeler, were interspersed through the program, giving a spice to it which was in keeping with good health reform principles.

Each paper seemed to be the best, and although we had been together five hours, many seemed sorry to have the adjournment come. It was a

most profitable and enjoyable time, and we believe it means much for the advancement of the true "Gospel of Health" principles and work in this important field.

We feel that the Lord has greatly blessed in our sanitarium work at Melrose since it opened there. The prospect for the coming summer is that we shall not be able to care for the people who will apply for treatment. Noble young men and women have been brought there by this institution, who are training to work for God and humanity. Several noble souls have been brought to the light of the truth, and are to-day walking in it as the result of work done there.

We thank God that this institution is located in our conference; and we sincerely desire that the precious principles which seem so beautiful to the world's people who come in touch with them, may, through the sanitarium work, be brought more fully into our own hearts and lives as a people. God is preparing in these very days in which we live a people who will be able to stand through the plagues, and see him come in his glory. A part of this preparation at least is a proper relation to and with "The Gospel of Health."

A. E. PLACE.

THE GOSPEL FOR OUR PRISON POPULATION.

THE April *Life Boat* will not only contain many encouraging experiences but stirring articles from such men as A. T. Jones, W. A. Colcord, W. S. Sadler, G. C. Tenney, G. A. Irwin, C. N. Crittenton, and a number of other experienced workers. It will contain about twenty illustrations.

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"PROVE IT."

PROVE what, the canvassing work?— Yes. Did you ever prove it? If you have not, it has surely proved you. Dear reader, how would you set about to prove the canvassing work? In order to say that the canvassing work is not a desirable work and not sufficiently profitable to furnish a man with a family a comfortable living, to what test would you put it? You would surely be fair, at least. You would not expect to get greater returns from your efforts than what they would merit or deserve. You would not expect returns for hours that you did not work. In following out this test, you would not feel that you had any right to appropriate any portion of the working period of any day to anything else but the canvassing work. And furthermore you would feel grieved if anything should come in to hinder you from working eight hours each day. You would put forth every effort and strain every nerve to see whether it would stand the test. Not a stone would be left unturned in order that you might prove whether the canvassing work can be relied upon for a sufficient source of income.

In testing the great boilers for the railroad locomotives, the pressure is turned on several degrees higher than what it is deemed will ever be necessary to use it in actual work. So it is in the canvassing work. It will stand just a few more pounds' pressure than what is usually given it. Just a few more hours each day. Just a little more faithful work. Turn on just a few more pounds of stability, earnestness, zeal, and energy, as it were. Every newly made boiler undergoes two tests, one is a leak test, and the other is a power test and is made by hydraulic pressure. After the leaks

are discovered and closed, then the power test comes. It seems to me that this figure applies most appropriately to the canvassing work at this time. We shall never know what a powerful factor the canvassing work is in the spreading of the truth until we put it to the test. The leaks must all be stopped. The time must come when we shall have no further use for the expression "dropped out of the canvassing work." When all who are in the work have proved themselves faithful, and have remained at their post of duty, and then, being actuated by the Spirit of God, turn on the power, I can assure you, brethren, the canvassing work will move as it has never moved before.

A week ago I was driving into

the country with a dear brother who expects soon to enter the canvassing work. I can not refrain from repeating a little of the conversation that passed in this connection. The brother asked:

"How many canvassers are in this end of the State at present?"

"Only five reporting. A number have dropped out lately, some for good reasons, others for some cause or other do not report."

"I believe the greatest cause of so much indifference and discouragement in the canvassing work comes on account of the canvassers' not putting in full time, and as a result they fall behind financially, and finally drop out of the work."

"I have been convinced of that

THE BOOK WORK.

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending March 25, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Glen D. Swingle, Scranton,		H of M	2	8		2.00		2.00	17.25
Elsie M. Swingle, Scranton,		H of M					.75	.75	11.00
Daisy B. Ott, Scranton,		H of M							2.75
H. K. High, Tamaqua,		H of M	5	41	8	11.25	3.25	14.50	
H. J. Albright, Tamaqua,		H of M	5	41½	12	16.00	5.75	21.75	4.25
*J. A. K. Lichty, W. Catasque,		H of M	10	67½	35	40.25	11.90	52.15	40.45
A. H. Osman, Wiconisco,		H of M	5	24	12	17.25	12.25	29.50	1.25
Totals,	7 Agents,		27	182	67	\$86.75	\$33.90	\$120.65	\$76.95

*Two weeks.

Western Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending March 25, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
L. B. Trowbridge, Pittsburg,		D of A	3	10	8	29.50		29.50	17.20
T. O. Saxton, Punxsutawny,		P & P	5	27					43.75
W. H. Zeidler, Dravortburg,		P & P	4	20	13	34.25	2.25	36.50	14.00
*J. Q. Herrington, Verona,		P & P	5	25	3	8.75	16.25	25.00	
C. F. Mahr, Monongahela,		G C	2		1	2.25	12.25	14.50	12.50
J. L. Zimmerman, Laysburg,		D & R	2	9	2	4.50	2.25	6.75	
J. G. Saunders, Brockport,		C K				5.00	10.50	15.50	
R. H. Wiper, Monossen,			1	7	7	7.50		7.50	
Totals,	8 Agents,		22	98	34	\$91.75	\$43.50	\$135.25	\$87.45

*Two weeks.

Central New England Conference, Week Ending March 25, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
F. W. Stray, Greenfield, Mass.,		D of A	2	10	2	6.00	4.00	10.00	
F. A. Lodge, Worcester, Mass.,		G P	4	22	34	26.25		26.25	
Mrs. Lena E. Browne, Newtonville, Mass.,		D of A	3	13	2	7.00		7.00	
Totals,	3 Agents,		9	45	38	\$39.25	\$4.00	\$43.25	

myself, and have tried hard to get all to see it in that light."

"Well, I have been watching the reports of the canvassers for some time, and I have often wondered how some ever expected to succeed at it, when I saw the number of hours a day and the number of days a week that they spent at it. Really, do you think any one of those who have dropped out of the canvassing work could ever succeed at anything else, or hold a position even for a week, if they did not work more hours each day?"

"They never could, especially if their employer held strictly to business principles."

"I have made up my mind to give

the canvassing work a thorough test, and by God's help I want to prove that it can be made a success, and show to others that a man with a family can enter this work and follow it up without the fear that he will need something after a while to fall back on for a living."

"I am glad you have determined to make this test, and I have faith to believe that the Lord will prove your motive to the good of the cause, and will crown your efforts with such marked success that every mouth shall be forever stopped and none can hold back and speak lightly or disparagingly of the canvassing work."

Brethren and sisters, and every one who reads these lines, won't you pray

for this brother's success in the canvassing work? He has given up much for this cause. He leaves behind his worldly business, and will cast in his lot, his life, and his energy to help to push the work to glorious triumph. He is one of seven who have already announced their intention to attend our institute at Pottsville and take the training for this important work. How many will decide with our good brother to give the canvassing work a thorough test, come up to the institute, take the training, and prepare for a good summer's work in the field? There is no better territory to be found anywhere in which to sell our books than in Eastern Pennsylvania. Those whose hearts are impressed by the Spirit of God to enter this work, and fill in these long summer days with good, earnest work for the Lord will do well to write to me at once, so that when May 24 comes around we shall be all ready to begin our preparation for a vigorous campaign in the field. Arrangements for board and room must be made beforehand in Pottsville for all those who expect to attend the institute, so all those who expect to attend will please address the writer in good time.

F. F. FRY.

Field Sec. E. Pa. Conf.

MCKEESPORT, PA.

I NOTICED Brother Painter's timely call in the GLEANER for workers to give some items of their experience. I will give one or two items of my work the past week. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday I had great pleasure in my work. Thursday came, and having two books to deliver and some money to collect, I started out feeling that it would be a day of small returns, as I had to go some distance.

I lost one delivery, collected an outstanding order, received an order, and then walked two miles to East Pittsburg, and arrived there just at noon when possibly a thousand workmen

Southern New England Conference, Week Ending March 25, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
R. C. Andrews, Bristol, Conn.,	P & P		3	18	2	6.00	3.75	9.75	3.25
J. W. Sypher, New Haven, Conn.,	D of A		5	34	5	17.50	6.00	23.50	10.00
Totals,	2 Agents,		8	52	7	\$23.50	\$9.75	\$33.25	\$13.25

Maine Conference, Week Ending March 25, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
A. E. Boothman, Greenville, H M, C O S				36	38	40.25	4.50	44.75	
W. E. Gerald, Portland,		H H			32	156.50	7.00	163.50	52.50
Totals,	2 Agents,			36	70	\$196.75	11.50	\$208.25	\$52.50

West Virginia Conference, Week Ending March 25, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Mrs. O. Fletcher, Parkersburg,		D A	2	2½	4	6.75		6.75	1.25
G. B. Mason, Fairmont,		P H	4	20	25	12.00	8.75	20.75	
Mrs. G. B. Mason, Fairmont,		P H	3	12	8	3.50	21.65	25.15	
David Haddix, Grafton,		P of J	5	31	7	7.50	.25	7.75	9.75
J. H. Jennings, Charleston,		H of M	4	17½	1	1.50	8.35	9.85	3.10
F. M. Gardner, Charleston,		C O S	4	9	6	6.25		6.25	3.65
Totals,	6 Agents,		22	92	50	\$37.50	\$39.00	\$76.50	\$17.75

New York Conference, Week Ending March 25, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Arthur Coon,		G C		19	3	7.25		7.25	
Ray Bliss,		G C		5			.50	.50	
Totals,	2 Agents,			24	3	\$7.25	\$.50	\$8.25	

U. C. Totals March 25,	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
30 Agents,	88	529	269	\$482.75	\$142.15	\$624.90	\$247.90
Totals for corresp. week last year,							
18 Agents,	441	197	3369.00	\$103.92	\$472.92	\$158.26	

were out for their noon luncheon. I heard same one talking, and went to see what it was. I saw three men exhorting the men as they were passing to and fro to stop and hear something of God's word. I was impressed with their earnestness. Although few stopped to listen, they continued till the whistle blew.

As they dispersed, I followed one of the men down street, and entered into conversation with him. At first I thought to show him a few mistakes that they made, but felt impressed to speak words of encouragement, which led him to ask if I were a Christian. My answer pleased him, and he inquired what I did, and wanted to see the book for which I canvassed. I took his order for a book.

This man is expecting to go to Nyack, N. Y., to study, preparing to be a missionary. I feel impressed to try to lead his thoughts to the third angel's message, and I ask you all to join with me in prayer that this may be accomplished in God's own way. I wish success and courage to every child of God.

W. H. ZEIDLER.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

MAINE.

—Brother Henry Farley has sold his store at Mars Hill. He may move to some other locality.

—Elder Bicknell and his wife spent last Sabbath with the church in Auburn. He found them of good courage, and planning for missionary work.

—Sister Muchler, a nurse from the Melrose sanitarium, has become connected with the Portland treatment rooms. These rooms are having extensive patronage, and are appreciated by the Portland people.

—Elder Basney's health has failed, so that he has been obliged to give up his ministerial work. He and his family have gone to California, where

they will probably make their home for the present.

—Sister Worthen was called to her home in Vermont not long since by the serious illness of her brother, which resulted in his death. She will probably return to her school work on Cliff Island very soon.

E. H. MORTON.

VERMONT.

—Elder Watt is laboring at Richford for the present, looking after the interest there.

—Brother A. P. Needham made Burlington a visit last Sabbath, and returned to Washington, D. C., Monday afternoon.

—Sister Roscoe has returned to her home after taking ten days' treatment at the treatment parlors in Burlington.

—Until further notice, I shall be pleased to have all personal mail sent to me at Randolph, Vt., while the matter relating to the tract society or conference treasurer and secretary, should go to the office at 190 N. Winooski Ave., Burlington, as heretofore.

—In response to the invitation of the conference committee, the writer has taken up the work at Randolph until further notice. The Randolph brethren feel that more work should be done there, and we all trust that more will come out into the light, accordingly we request that the brethren remember the work here in their prayers, as well as in all other places in the State.

—You will note in the last GLEANER that Vermont has drawn all her "quota" of "Christ's Object Lessons" to within eight hundred and thirty-seven. This, with a few that we have in stock in the office, will leave only about two copies a member to sell to finish this "quota." Will not our people make a determined effort at once to finish this work, and thus aid the Academy in reducing the "debt" and also in decreasing the interest on

the debt. We shall be pleased to hear from any one at any time relative to anything they can do to aid in this work.

—Your conference president has written a letter, copies of which we have mailed to every family in the State as far as our directory indicated, stating the needs of the departments of the work here in Vermont for the immediate present and for the summer. We trust that there will be a liberal response to these departments. Especially do we urge that the treatment parlors receive your aid as soon as your circumstances will permit. As stated in the appeal by Brother Watt, we need one hundred dollars at once to help this work, and we trust that the prayers of your conference committee will be answered, and this work will be pushed forward to the glory of God. Send all monies to the office.

F. M. DANA.

OBITUARY NOTICES

RICHMOND.—Died of pneumonia, at his home in Baldwinville, Mass., March 30, 1904, Otis A. Richmond, in the eighty-first year of his age.

Brother Richmond was born in Pittsfield, Mass. His mother heard and accepted the first message in 1844, and afterward the second and third messages, and taught and lived them in her home, but it was not till 1865 that Brother Richmond took his stand on the Sabbath of the Lord. He first united with the Seventh-day Adventist church of Jamaica, Vt., where he held his membership till the organization of the church at Athol, Mass., when he and his wife transferred their membership to that church.

He had spent some time in Springfield, also in South Lancaster. He was a man of strong convictions, and had a deep interest in the message, and for the welfare of his neighbors. It was stated at the funeral that it seemed impossible for him to begin conversation with any one, upon any topic, without turning the conversation to the Bible and the times in which we are living. His faith and hope in the coming of Jesus and the resurrection from the dead, was precious to him in his advanced age, and comforted him in his last sickness, which was but one week in duration. A few hours before his death he said to his children who were present, "Get ready, get ready; I am going a little before you."

The funeral was held from his home April 1. He leaves a wife, three sons, and two daughters, and other relatives and friends to mourn. Remarks were made by the writer.

A. E. PLACE.



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ON Sabbath, April 2, the South Lancaster church was favored with a discourse by Brother F. E. Painter on the Christian Conflict.

WE learn from an exchange that, on account of failing health, Brother Howard E. Osborne has gone to Southern California, to seek a more favorable climate.

IF you have not seen the new Seventh-day Adventist Year Book, you have little idea of how the mission stations, sanitariums, schools, restaurants, etc., have increased since the last Year Book was issued. Send twenty-five cents to your State tract society, and secure a copy.

VIRGINIA, NOTICE.

THE date of the canvassers' institute in this conference will be May 13 to 22, 1904. The place will be Richmond, the capital of the State. Further particulars next week.

R. D. HOTTEL.

HOW MANY SHALL WE SELL IN VERMONT?

A SPECIAL issue of the *Southern Watchman* will soon be ready for distribution. There is an excellent opportunity to get the truth before our neighbors, and at the same time assist the work in the South. There is nothing that will increase our spirituality so much as active work in the cause of God. We may think that

we can not do much, or that we are not capable of doing work for the Lord, but are there any of us who could not hand out a paper? We can not say that we are not financially able to do this work, for the Lord has caused the plan to be suggested of selling the papers; hence, in this way we get our money all back again if we sell the papers, and they can be sold.

If we should meet a soul in the kingdom of God who had learned the truth by reading one of these papers that we had placed in his hands, how thankful we should be that we had made the effort. We hope that many thousands of this special issue of our Southern paper will be sold in Vermont. Twenty-five or more copies to one address, three cents a copy; less than twenty-four copies, four cents. Send your orders to E. W. Thurber, 190 N. Winooski Ave., Burlington, Vt.

Our church elders and librarians should take an interest in this work, and see that every one of their respective church-members is made acquainted with the plan of operation, and has an invitation to take part in this work.

J. W. WATT.

A UNITED WORK.

IT has been proposed that in the erection of buildings and the opening up of sanitarium and school work at Takoma Park, arrangements be made for the sanitarium to give a large amount of work to the school, and for the school to use its facilities as far as consistent for the forwarding of the interests of the sanitarium.

The first building to be erected on our forty-seven-acre tract will probably be a schoolhouse built to accommodate about thirty students. Then close by a dining-hall to seat about one hundred persons. Over the dining-room, the space which later on will serve as workrooms for the lady students, can be used at the first as a meeting hall for the church, and a schoolroom for evening classes.

With these two buildings the school can open up a boarding-house for workmen and an evening school. Tents can be used during the summer by many workmen, while the sanitarium buildings are being constructed.

In the erection of the sanitarium buildings, we shall endeavor at first to put up a two-story building with basement and attic, which will accommodate a family of about twenty-five patients, but so planned that it can be enlarged to accommodate fifty or more patients, if enlargement becomes necessary. In this building must be our parlors, and in wings or annexes, the dining-rooms and offices.

By using the schoolhouse as a home for sanitarium helpers, it may be possible to open up our sanitarium work with accommodation for a goodly number of patients before the next winter.

It is our hope that the schoolhouse may be the home also of some of the workmen engaged in erecting the General Conference building and the Review and Herald building. An earnest effort will be made to secure experienced and efficient teachers, and to conduct evening classes in such studies as will be most highly valued by the workmen on our various buildings.

W. C. WHITE.

Chairman of the Sanitarium Board.

C. N. E. CONFERENCE NOTICE.

DURING the month of March we have received the following amounts on the special accounts presented in our call of March 1:

	Endowed	Bed.	*Tent	Fund.
W. L. Payne,	\$5.00			\$5.00
Lowell church,	1.50			
Sanitarium church,	2.15			
Mrs. H. P. Evans,	2.50			2.50
Etta M. Stone,	.50			.50
Miss Abby J. Burns,	2.50			2.50
On pledges made at				
Montwait,	3.00			8.00

This leaves \$816 yet to be raised. How much can be raised during April?

A. E. PLACE.

*This includes the camp-meeting account.