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

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A CERTAINTY.

O, PASSING strange it seems to me,
That in a world so bright,
So many souls cry, wearily,
"O Father, show us light!"

Strange that so many questions rise
To which no answer 's given,
And strange that doubts can ever come
Between a soul and heaven.

But there is one sure thing I know,—
I feel it more and more,—
That human sympathy is sweet
To hearts all shadowed o'er.

The friendly clasping of a hand,
The patient, listening ear,
The kindly glance of eye to eye,
The answering smile or tear,—

That these are gifts beyond all price
Must stand forever true,
And he who gives them to a soul
A noble work doth do.

Then if no gold is thine to give,
Though low thy lot may be,
There is a treasure all may give,—
The gift of sympathy.

—*Mary H. Rowland.*

THE NEW ENGLAND SANITARIUM.

Melrose, Mass., August 21, 1904.

EVER since the removal of the New England Sanitarium to Melrose, I have had a desire to see the new location, and to tell those connected with the institution of the important influence which its work may exert to benefit the people of Boston.

I have now been at the Melrose sanitarium for a week, and I find it to be one of the most favorably located sanitariums that I have ever seen. The spacious lawns, the noble trees, the beauty of the scenery all around, answer to the representations given me of what our sanitariums ought to be. Everything is attractive to the eye and refreshing to the mind. Here I see the very pictures that I have been shown in vision,—patients lying out in the sunshine in wheel-chairs and on cots. I see before me the sights that the Lord has helped me to present before our people in print.

Our sanitariums should be attractive places, and the surroundings of this sanitarium correspond more closely than anything else I have seen to the representations that have been given me by the Lord. Several sanitariums in favorable locations have been presented before me; but the strikingly attractive beauty of this place leads me to recognize it as the most favorable sanitarium site that I have ever looked upon. And here is to be done the very work that the Lord has specified must be done in our medical institutions,—a work resembling the ministry of Christ, the greatest Medical Missionary that our world has ever known, a noble, helpful, sympathetic work. The manifes-

tation of the cheerfulness and hope and grace of Christ is the highest ministry of truth and the most effective. I have been instructed that our institutions for the relief of suffering humanity are to be working agencies for the healing of both soul and body.

During my stay here, I have had an opportunity to see a great deal of the surroundings of the sanitarium. The forty acres belonging to the institution are in the midst of the Middlesex Fells, a State reservation of three thousand five hundred acres. We have driven slowly through the park in every direction, looking with delight at the lake and the trees, and inhaling the health-giving fragrance of the pines. It is delightful to ride through the forest. There are many beautiful drives, and much lovely scenery. I enjoy looking at the many different kinds of trees in the forest, but most of all I enjoy looking at the noble pines. There are medicinal properties in the fragrance of these trees. "Life, life," my husband used to say when riding among the pines. "Breathe deep, Ellen; fill your lungs with the fragrant, life-giving atmosphere."

It is impossible for me to find words to describe the beauty of this place. Just in front of the sanitarium there is a beautiful lake, called Spot Pond,

This lake is one of the water supplies of the city of Boston, and it is most carefully guarded from contamination. No bathing or boating is allowed on it.

What of the buildings? They are well built, and fairly convenient. In one of the cottages, the doors and window casings are made of heavy black walnut, and many of the washstands, bureaus, chairs, and bedsteads are also of black walnut. There was about six thousand dollars' worth of furniture in the buildings when they were purchased. The buildings, with the forty acres of land, cost thirty-nine thousand dollars.

This property has come to us in the providence of God, and we should be thankful and grateful, realizing that the Lord has been working in behalf of his people, so that they shall have courage to press forward in his work. Let those who are connected with this sanitarium remember that the Lord is to be praised. He has worked on human minds to keep this place from passing into the hands of those who could not appreciate its advantages. In this institution a work is to be done that will bring health to soul and body. And the praise of God is to be in the hearts and minds of the workers.

Additional facilities should be provided for the care of the patients. Many from Boston and from other places will come here to be away from the din and bustle of the city. Other buildings will be needed. Rooms must be provided for the rich, who are accustomed to many conveniences.

Boston has been pointed out to me as a place that must be faithfully worked. The light must shine in the outskirts and in the inmost parts. This sanitarium is one of the greatest facilities that can be employed to reach Boston with the truth. This city and its suburbs must hear the last message of mercy to be given to our world. Tent meetings must be held in many places. The workers must put to the very best use the abilities that God has given them. The gifts

of grace will increase by wise use. But there must be no self-exaltation. No precise lines are to be laid down. Let the Holy Spirit direct the workers. They are to keep looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of their faith. The work for this great city will be signalized by the revelation of the Holy Spirit, if all will walk humbly with God.

The worker for God is not left without a pattern. He is given an example which, if followed, will make him a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. He is bidden to glorify God by carrying out unselfish aims and purposes. The Lord understands man's nature, and he holds up before him the laws of the kingdom of heaven, which he is to honor and obey. He places the Bible in his hands, as the guide-book that will show him what is truth, and what he must do in order to inherit eternal life. This book draws the attention from temporal interests to spiritual realities. It tells man, fallen and sinful though he is, how he can become a prince and a king in the heavenly courts, an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ.

God sees how strong man's inclination is to accumulate earthly treasure, and in the highways and byways of life his voice is heard, saying, "What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

God's messengers are commissioned to take up the very work that Christ did while on this earth. They are to give themselves to every line of ministry that he carried on. With earnestness and sincerity they are to tell men of the unsearchable riches and

the immortal treasures of heaven. They are to be filled with the Holy Spirit. They are to repeat heaven's offers of peace and pardon. They are to point to the gates of the city of God, saying, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."

The Lord is ready and waiting to help the workers in every sanitarium to do the work that needs to be done. He expects every one to work for him according to his several ability. Man's activity is not to be repressed, but sanctified and rightly directed. Let the workers in our sanitariums take heed to their character-building. Let them not think that God values them according to their position. Let them remember that they must unite with God, carrying on their work with humility, and learning each day the meekness and lowliness of Christ. It is this that brings true greatness.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

THOUGHTS FOR OUR CAMP-MEETING.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS OF THE WEST VIRGINIA CONFERENCE: When this article reaches you, the majority of us will be gathered together on the camp-ground, in Clarksburg, for our annual conference and camp-meeting. And this, too, is surely one way in which the apostle Paul instructed us in his letter to the Hebrews, when he said, "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is, . . . and so much the more, as you see the day approaching." Heb. 10:25.

This means much now to us as a people, and as individuals, for surely we can see the day approaching. It is called the great day of his wrath in Rev. 6:17, and the question now comes to us that is expressed there, "Who shall be able to stand?"

O brethren and sisters, these privileges will not be ours many years

longer. Time is fast passing, and the end of all earthly things is at hand. When we look back over the past nine months, since our last conference, and see how fast the dark threatening clouds of the *last days* are thickening, we can see that prophecy is fast fulfilling, and soon our dear Saviour will come. "There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." Luke 21:25, 26. Then he adds in verse twenty-eight, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

Brethren and sisters, can we see these things beginning to come to pass? I think I can hear you all saying with one voice, "Yes, the sun held out its sign in the dark day of May 19, 1780, and as this scene passed away, the moon showed its blood-red face in response to prophecy; and on the morning of November 13, 1833, just before day, the stars fell to the earth, even as John says in Rev. 6:12, 'As a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, shaken with a mighty wind;' and now we see the nations in distress with perplexity to know how to control the governmental affairs and satisfy the people, yet every move that is made only seems in the end to make matters worse; and in the midst of this perplexity they still respond to the fulfilment of Joel's saying in Joel 3:9, by preparing for war." Then we turn our eyes to the judgments of God that are already in the earth in the form of storms, floods, cloudbursts, fires, railroad disasters, explosions, famines, and pestilence of all kinds, and then we exclaim: "Surely it is time to lift up our heads, for our redemption draweth nigh!"

Brethren, is not this an opportune

time to seek God as never before for an outpouring of his Holy Spirit that will fit us for the work before us? Oh, let us humble ourselves before him as we have not done in the past, and ask, as did David, for a clean heart,—one that will not rob him in tithes and offerings, and that will keep all his commandments, and love his testimonies, and take heed to all his instructions, that we may each of us from this time forward be truly a servant of his, to do his will in carrying this great message on to its finish.

Probably some of you do not get the GLEANER now, as your time has expired. If so, we should be glad to take your subscription before you leave the camp-ground.

Your brother in the blessed hope,
P. W. PROVINCE.

SAYING AND DOING.

GOD'S great object in the working out of his providences is to try men, to give them opportunity to develop character; thus he proves whether they are obedient or disobedient to his commands. Good works do not purchase the love of God, but they reveal the fact that we possess that love. Of those who faithfully serve him, the Lord says, "They shall be mine" "in that day when I make up my jewels: and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him." Mal. 3:17.

Our mission to the world is not to serve or please ourselves. We are to glorify God by cooperating with him to serve sinners. We are to ask blessings from God that we may communicate to others. The capacity for receiving is preserved only by imparting. "We can not continue to receive heavenly treasure, without communicating to those around us."

This, then, is an impetus to press the battle to the gates. Energy and proper application may recover what many lost. Take heart, pluck up courage! Some are like froward chil-

dren, who, if you take one of their toys from them, throw away *all* their playthings for spite.

The mark which God sets upon his people must be the nucleus around which all our efforts and labors tend; for very soon the plagues will begin to fall upon the poor, shelterless heads of the riotous world, drunken with the sins of Babylon. Yet notwithstanding, must we, like John, forbid them because they follow not us? Conscientious, God-fearing people, who though still within Babylon are aroused to zealous works of prevention and rescue, those of our less fortunate sisters living lives of shame in deep miry places of sin and revelry—shall we not meekly and humbly rather help pluck them, "as brands," from the burning, *snatching them out of the fire?* Jude 23. Jesus' answer of reproof, "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of," "forbid him not, for he that is not *against us, is for us,*" is timely for *many modern Pharisees.* Paul repeatedly tells us to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves, giving milk ere stronger food is served, as also, in 1 Cor. 9:19, 23: "To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made *all things to all men,* that I might by *all means save some.*"

Are we not exhorted often that there are many who *err* and *who feel their shame* and their folly? They look upon their mistakes and errors until they are *driven almost to desperation.* *These souls we are not to neglect!* Let a helping hand, then, be held out to them, as was the Elder Brother's hand to sinking Peter. Speak to them hopeful words, that will establish confidence and awaken love. Thy brother sick in spirit *needs thee,* as thou thyself hast needed a brother's love.

In the command to go into the highways and hedges, Christ sets forth the work of all whom he calls to minister in his name. The whole world is the field for Christ's ministers. We must not wait for souls to come to us; *we*

must seek them out where they are.

There are multitudes *who will never be reached* by the gospel unless it is carried to them. "We should have regard for the *outcasts and poor souls who are weak in moral power.*" But to be effectual laborers with them, we must show ourselves humble collaborators with Christ, *tactful and persistent, and never say fail!*

MRS. O'D. FLETCHER.

PREPARATION NEEDED.

"THEREFORE thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel." Amos 4:12.

The day of the coming of the Lord is stealing upon the world with muffled tread. Notwithstanding the fact that that day hasteth greatly, the needed preparation is neglected to a great extent, even by many who are acquainted, in theory at least, with this solemn truth. The rank and file of those who profess Christianity are as destitute of the needed preparation as the most common worldling.

The apostle Paul declares "that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night," and while men and women are saying "Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them." Then he adds, "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day." And further he admonishes us, "Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober," "putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and for an helmet, the hope of salvation," or in other words make preparation for the day of God.

Notwithstanding this plain admonition, many even among Seventh-day Adventists show by their lives that they are asleep; and should the Lord come while they are in such a condition, they would be overtaken as a thief in the night.

How pertinent then is the language of the apostle, "And that, *knowing the time that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed.* The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light, let us walk honestly as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof."

And thus it is, in view of the great day of God, that Paul enjoins a preparation of heart and life. There are two reasons, mainly, why we should be aroused from the death-like stupor that is hanging over so many of us: First, that we ourselves may be prepared for that solemn day; and secondly, that, being ready ourselves, we may be the means in the hands of God of arousing perishing souls to sense their need of a Saviour.

It is only "unto them who look for him" that he will "appear the second time without sin unto salvation." Reader, are you looking for the coming of the Lord? Are you prepared for that great day? If not, make no delay. To delay is dangerous. "Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh."

"And ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately."

Please do not neglect the needed preparation. W. E. FREDERICK.

Charleston, W. Va.

"AS FLOWS the river, calm and deep,
In silence to the sea,
So floweth ever, and ceaseth never,
The love of God to me.
What peace he bringeth to my heart,
Deep as the soundless sea!
How sweetly singeth the soul that clingeth,
My living Lord, to thee!"

The FIELD

VERMONT CONFERENCE.

President's Address.

ANOTHER conference year is in the past, and we are permitted to assemble to consider the cause and work of God. What is the record of the year now closing? Have we gained the victory in every conflict? Are we stronger to do the will of the Lord than we were one year ago? With reference to the work that has been done during the year, I will speak of it as follows:

MINISTERIAL WORK.

Elder Purdon has labored in the southern part of the State, and a few have accepted the truth. Elder Farman has labored in the central and northern parts of the State, and a few have accepted the faith under his labors. He and I have recently closed a tent effort in Richford. One person began to keep the Sabbath, and we are hopeful of a few others.

Brother Dana labored in Randolph a few weeks this spring, by request of some of our brethren who live near there who thought that, as the result of the camp-meeting work there last year, some were still interested; but no one was found who would step out and obey the truth.

Elder Westworth, our worker in Scotland, has sent us a very interesting letter, which I will now read, as it will speak for itself.

"79 Bruntsfield Place, Edinburgh,
June 26, 1904.

"DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS OF VERMONT: Another year has passed, and with it have gone records—records that can not be erased: records of trials, of struggles; of pains, and griefs; records of lessons learned, of opportunities utilized, of triumphs in the Lord, of souls drawn nearer to life; and perhaps of disappointments and losses, of failures, of opportuni-

ties lost, of doubts and backslidings, records for eternity. And still God waits in mercy; still he pleads with us; still he calls, 'Come,' ever lovingly, ever receiving, always ready to blot out the stains of sin and grant a full salvation. What has the year's record been with us?

"How we should enjoy being with you at this general meeting to tell you how the Master has gone before us, and opened up the way for the message here in Scotland, and to relate personal experiences that have brought us nearer to him! How we should enjoy seeing your faces again and hearing your testimonies for the Saviour! But as we look about us and see the crying need that stares us in the face from every quarter, we can but think that the best testimony we can bear, is that witnessed by staying here, and working the harder, and in patience waiting for the time, not far away, when we shall join you in the camp-meeting with the Lord of the harvest.

"Everywhere we can hear the calls coming; not merely the cry of perishing souls that do not realize that they are sinking, but words from various parts come continually, 'Come over and help us.' Some of our good brethren and sisters, isolated from us, have now settled down to wait in patience for the time when they can have help; hoping, almost against hope, but ever praying that there will be raised up workers, that the Word may be heard in their homes.

"But the Lord has heard our prayers, and we are able to look back and see much that has been accomplished during the past year. We are now in condition for carrying on work as we have never been before, and we think that the omens for the present season are the brightest that Scotland has ever had. As a field we are about two years old, and we are weak in numbers, and the first steps seemed very hard to take. Sixteen months ago we were simply destitute as regards

means or property to advance the cause of truth. Not a penny-worth of equipment in hand did we possess. But the Lord saw the need; our brethren here and in the homeland came to the rescue. We are now well prepared for the fray.

"We are blessed with two good tents, and a portable tabernacle has just been purchased and erected. We are well supplied with chairs to seat them, and with the necessary smaller requisites, with the exception of another organ. And, thank the Lord, we are able to fill these openings with men. Thus we are now running four efforts—three of them new efforts, and one an older one sustained. We have but one ordained man in the field (the writer), one licentiate, and four Bible workers, with two tent masters. Two of these are not under pay. Then you ask, 'How can you run so many efforts?' The answer will show you the desire there is here to see the message go.

"From the position of affairs, we thought that we could only support one tent and carry on the Glasgow church work, with the men and means available. But the brethren said that the work must go. Two volunteered to work on the self-supporting basis. So we prayed and asked. The promise to ask and receive was fulfilled. We got the tent; we cut down expenses and bought two hundred and fifty more seats, and sent the brethren out with the blessing of the Master. In one tent there are two speakers; in the tabernacle and another tent there are one speaker and a tent master; for the Glasgow church there is a speaker and a Bible worker. Thus the brethren are doing double work, and getting (may I say it?) 'a double blessing.'

"The Word is being received; and though it is now too early to give results, we can see souls drinking in the Word. Though we have opposition and false reports and persecution everywhere, the Word is holding its

own, and we are letting the Lord do his work.

"Every little while brings news that some one has stepped out into the truth, and we can but praise the Lord for the way that he is working. Two days ago news came that a whole family had stepped out to keep the truth as the result of some work done by a canvasser. I will tell you a detail or two, in order that some of you may take courage as you go about with the books. A brother was canvassing the farms on his bicycle, and got a punctured tire. Away from home, night coming on, and no place to stay (at least as far as he knew), he tried to fix it; but, brethren, the Lord did not want it fixed just then. He had to plod along, and after a while came to a house and went to the door to ask for permission to try to fix his machine. But night came on, and it would not respond to his efforts. Then he asked to stop there. After a little, they consented to keep him. Then he began to tell them who he was, and it was morning ere they went to bed. But the seed had been sown. 'You must come again,' was the word as he left. Then he wrote to them, and they purchased some books. He went to see them again, and now they are rejoicing in the message. Question—Did that puncture pay?

"Another young man has just stepped out, who is spreading the tracts so that the whole town is aroused, and the call to come and help them is urgent. So goes the work. There is not a darkening cloud before us so far as the work is concerned, only we are longing for more men. Not that they can not be had here, but we can not pay them, and so must wait. But we live in hope, for God is running the work. Trials are thick about us, and we have had, and are having, some tests; but all we need do is to look back and see what has been done for us, and we can but take courage and press on.

"The canvassing work is still at the front. 'How do you sell so many books?' was asked one of our brethren the other day. 'Well,' he replied, 'You see it is this way—I have five little ones and a wife to support, and when I start out at the first of the week, I say, "Lord, I have to have so much this week to get through." Then the Lord says, "Well, you do your part, and I will do mine." So I can not stop till I get the right number sold; for if I did, I should not be doing my part.' 'But how long do you work?' 'Oh, sometimes till six at night, sometimes till eight, sometimes till ten—but till I get what the Lord knows I need.' 'And how long have you canvassed and supported your large family?' 'Eight years, and at it all the time.'

"So the canvassing work is responding well, because the brethren are in partnership with the Lord, and realize that it means hard work all the time; and God has not failed in a word of his promises to them.

"We now have it light till about 9:30 P. M., and the brethren stay at work till late. The Bible workers and ministering brethren are all busy till late, and thus we are finding that to work while the day lasts, is bringing a reward. We have organized one more church during the past year, and shall have another ready ere long. Our membership has doubled, or more than that, during the past twelve months. This year we hope to double again. We are praying for an abundant harvest.

"Brethren and sisters, do not forget us. Remember us at this camp-meeting. In the morning divisions, pray for Scotland. Remember us in the home companies. We are glad that there is such a tie between the two fields; and the example of Vermont will, I hope, be soon our privilege to follow. We long for the time to come when we shall be able to pass along to some other struggling field the help you are giving to us. This is a poor

country, but the people are firm when they once take their stand, and we can count on them to stand firm for the message.

"May the Father above bless you all, and may the time be hastened when Vermont and Scotland can meet in the kingdom of his love.

"Mrs. Westworth wishes to be remembered to all the dear friends among you.

"With Christian love,

"Your brother in the Master's service,

"WM. WESTWORTH."

Sister Jenks has done Bible work in Rutland. Two persons have accepted the faith, and others are interested. We are also supporting a teacher in the South Lancaster Academy.

CANVASSING WORK.

There has been an encouraging increase in the number of canvassers in the field during the year. An institute was held last spring, and a good number were in attendance. We are very thankful for what we have seen in this line.

SABBATH-SCHOOL WORK.

No institutes have been held during the year because our field secretary was doing Bible work. Yet the Sabbath-schools are in a prosperous condition.

CHURCH-SCHOOL WORK.

We have had two schools doing successful work during the year, and a third one that kept a part of the year. I fear that as a people we are not awake as we should be to the importance of this line of work.

MEDICAL WORK.

Since our last annual meeting, we have started a treatment-room enterprise in Burlington, the largest city in the State. We have had no work of this kind in the State heretofore; hence, to us, it is something new. We found it quite expensive to start this work, but we are very well equipped and can give almost any treatment that is given at our sanita-

riums. I mean any of the ordinary treatments. We have an electric light bath, an electric water bath, massage tables, sitz bath tubs, modern spray, shower, etc. Last spring we were quarantined three weeks because of diphtheria, and we have been called upon to change our entire force of workers; but notwithstanding all this, the work has prospered, and we consider the enterprise a success.

While we have not seen all accomplished in any line of work that we desired, yet we are thankful to God for what has been done, and hope to see greater results the coming year.

The work of this conference is now in the hands of these delegates assembled for a few days, and may the Lord lead and guide in his own work.

J. W. WATT.

WORK AMONG THE SCANDINAVIANS IN NEW YORK CITY.

THE work among the Scandinavians in this large city advances slowly, but we find now and then an honest soul that is willing to investigate God's message for this time, and is also willing to obey the same.

Last Sabbath two dear souls that have lately accepted the truth united with us and were buried in baptism to rise to walk in newness of life. We have hope that others will follow their example.

P. L. HOEN.

August 30.

NEWARK, N. J.

FOR the encouragement of all lovers of truth, I write the following lines: Our hearts go out in gratitude to God for his blessings to us ward, in that he has given us abundant success in our tent effort here. Our faith has been strong from the beginning, and God has rewarded us according to our faith. Ten have already taken their stand for the truth.

We praise and thank God for a part

in his work, and may that glad day soon come when we shall see our blessed Redeemer face to face, and receive our reward. Rev. 22:12.

W. H. LOOSE.

August 29.

NARUNA, VA.

ON my return to Lowry after camp-meeting, I expected to hold meetings in the grove where Elder T. H. Painter and the writer held meetings for two weeks. I was offered the use of the grove as long as I wanted it, but the Baptists had just closed a two weeks' meeting about a half mile from Lowry, and the Methodists had begun one close by, and I did not think best to begin services there at this time.

I shall pitch my tent at Naruna, Campbell Co., Va., about the first of September. Please send all mail to this address.

C. B. RULE.

August 26.

WEST PENNSYLVANIA, POTTER COUNTY.

SINCE my last report, I have visited West Bingham, Hickox, and West Pike. The results are very encouraging. The good seed is growing and an increasing number of interested listeners is found at each succeeding visit.

At West Bingham two meetings were held. One person acknowledged the truth and asked for prayers that she might have grace to be faithful.

At Hickox two dear souls were buried with the Lord in baptism, and also one at West Pike. There are several others at the latter place who desire baptism, but whom circumstances prevented from going forward at this time.

In the course of the trip, I had the privilege of visiting a great number of families and of distributing many pages of literature to interested inquirers, several ministers being among the number. This week I expect to labor at Shinglehouse.

C. F. McVAGH.

SAYVILLE, LONG ISLAND.

THE work is still onward at this place, and the prejudice is very high but the Lord is giving the victory to many individuals. Sunday, August 28, I baptized nine persons (all adults) in a little lake near the town.

Although we tried to make the baptism as private as possible, in order to avoid the rough element, there were between three and four hundred persons present to witness the scene, and perfect order prevailed. The Lord was present at the baptism in a marked manner, and this was recognized by many who were there.

Among others who were baptized was a good old brother of the M. E. Church, seventy-five years of age, a man of influence, also another man from the same church nearly the same age. It did us all good to see these two aged men go forward in service for the Master. The people here are nearly as prejudiced over the subject of baptism as they are over the Sabbath, as the churches here all sprinkle. Others are expecting to be baptized in a few days. Every church in the place is doing all they can to hinder our work, but the Lord is sufficient for all these things.

Many of the people are still interested in the truth. Pray for us.

L. H. PROCTOR,

J. A. WOOD.

NEW YORK CITY.

I BEGAN a new series of lectures last night in Genealogical Hall on West Fifty-eighth Street, between Broadway and Seventh Avenue. The hall was full, and a good interest was manifested. My subject was "Religious Apathy in Perilous Times." The Lord gave great liberty in presenting the precious truth for this time. I expect in the near future to return to my old meeting place, Carnegie Lyceum, where I have held forth for a number of years. I was very much disap-

pointed in not being able to pitch my tent this season, as there are a great many who are very much interested, and I have no doubt but that we should have seen many of these in the truth by this time. The last tent effort we had in this city resulted in bringing one hundred and thirty-nine into the church. I have always believed that our hall efforts should be followed up with a good tent effort.

I am also holding a meeting on the Sabbath with a very fair attendance of some of our own members, and some outsiders who attended my meetings in Carnegie and elsewhere. In due time we hope to see this company develop into a good strong church to the praise and glory of the Master. I want to say to my friends that I am presenting the truth to these people as I have always presented it, without any change but with more vigor, as the Lord has been very good to me, and has greatly strengthened me physically, so that I am stronger now than I have been for a long time.

E. E. FRANKE.

THE VIRGINIA CAMP-MEETING.

DEAR GLEANER FRIENDS: We have just returned home from our camp-meeting. I am happy to state that we had a good meeting. The Spirit of the Lord came in, and we were greatly blessed. I think I can safely say it was the best camp-meeting I have ever attended.

The canvassing work was freely discussed. Our hearts rejoiced as Brother Painter gave some of his experiences, and talked of this good work. I think many were impressed to take hold of the circulation of our literature among our neighbors and friends. Brethren, I believe this is a work second to none. It was decided that we should have a State agent, which, I believe, will greatly increase the canvassing work here in Virginia. May the Lord help us to take up this good work, in this time of sifting.

Truly we are living in perilous times.

My heart was pained as I saw and heard some of those claiming to be the children of God lusting after the flesh-pots of Egypt. May God help us to see where we are standing. Though keeping the Sabbath is considered a great cross, I verily believe that appetite will keep more people out of the kingdom than the Sabbath question.

MRS. A. C. NEFF.

Quicksburg, Va.

DUNDAFF, PA.

FOR a time we had many hearers, and often after the discourse you could hear the expression, "That's my doctrine." But when the pointed, testing truths for this time began to come, many have remained away. A few souls, we are glad to notice, seem to be honestly seeking after truth.

Yesterday we took down our tent, and to-day Brother Baum left for home. I will continue the work here a little longer, holding the meetings in the Baptist church which was very kindly offered to me free.

August 22, I was called to Hawley to baptize a faithful soul who has for some time walked in the way of God's commandments. This is the fourth person that has been baptized at Hawley this summer.

With faith and courage we press on in the good work of God, which will soon triumph gloriously.

S. S. SHROCK.

September 1.

WEST VIRGINIA.

DEAR brethren and sisters, did you know that a large proportion of you who purchased coupons early in the year are far behind in your monthly payments? Upon investigation, we discover that this is even so, and that about \$200 or more is still out, that ought now to be in the hands of our conference treasurer. Neither does

this statement refer to nor include a few who made special arrangements with us when the coupons were bought, to pay the full amount this fall. It refers exclusively to those who obligated themselves to pay monthly.

There are, no doubt, some exceptional cases where the individual could not avoid running behind. These we excuse, hoping that they will remit before the year is up; but to make "exceptional" cases, or "excuses," for all, should not be expected, neither is it reasonable to suppose that they would be granted. Therefore, in behalf of the conference and its financial welfare, we request those who are in arrears in their payments, some of whom are four, five, six, and even seven months behind, to pay up at the earliest date possible.

Then, too, we should like to speak to those who have accounts with the office, also those who have given their notes for their accounts, which are now months over due, do you not also think that it is high time that these obligations were being met? We greatly fear that some regard these matters far too lightly, and seemingly imagine that the office is a gold mine, and that it makes but little difference whether they pay their debts or not. To such we would say, You should be more serious and conscientious along these lines. A debt is a curse, and should be shunned as we would the leprosy. Hence those who have debts should pay up, and keep out of debt, and no excuse whatever releases you from your moral obligations to pay your debts. Shall we not expect, therefore, that these accounts and notes also will be balanced at once?

Then, again, as a further reminder of our financial obligations in which we are falling behind, we would say that, according to actual count, hardly one out of three in our conference pays any tithe whatever, while some of those whom we count among the "tithe payers" only pay a part of the time, or apparently just when a good

resolution strikes them. Now this is not as it should be. Every believer who has an income should pay tithe on that amount, and do it regularly and systematically. Indeed, if all would adhere strictly to the teachings of the Bible and the vows that they took when they united with the church, there would be no difficulty along financial lines. Try it, and be convinced.

S. G. HUNTINGTON.

August 26.

A VISIT TO WESTERN NEW YORK.

OWING to my condition of health, it was thought best that I should take a vacation for a few weeks. Western New York is my native home as well as my wife's, and nearly all of our relatives live there. We therefore concluded to spend our vacation in this place.

I left Boston July 25, my family having gone about a month earlier, and we returned August 26.

We feel that the change from our routine of work that we have followed so continuously, has proved a great blessing to us in every way, and we have returned to our field of labor with renewed strength.

I would add in this connection that I question whether one who really carries the burden of this precious work can take a vacation; for the opportunities are so many to do personal work for souls wherever one may be. Of course these occasions are vacations in that they afford a change of fields and new experiences.

I was gratified to meet and visit with Elder C. Meleen, a former colporteur in tent work. He is now conducting a series of tent meetings at Jamestown, N. Y., in the Swedish language, and is meeting with encouraging results.

Sabbath, August 20, I visited our church in Bradford, Pa., my former field of labor. It was a great pleasure for me to once more meet with those

with whom I have been associated in the work of God.

Sunday, August 21, we met with a company of believers from the Salamanca, Randolph, and Steamburg churches, of the New York Conference, in the woods near Quaker Run, N. Y., where they had gathered to pick blackberries to donate to the Buffalo Sanitarium.

With this unselfish labor they also improved a portion of the time in worship. I was happily surprised to meet with Brother Tyler E. Bowen, the secretary of the New York Conference and Tract Society.

I expect to meet with the Boston church again on Sabbath, September 3.

K. C. RUSSELL.

MANCHESTER CENTER, VT.

DEAR READERS OF THE GLEANER: You must think it very strange that you do not see more reports from me in the canvassing work, and I have been disappointed because I could not do more, but unforeseen events and illness have prevented me. Our dear Sister Adams was sick, so she could not canvass, and was obliged to go to the hospital for a serious operation. She went to the Mary Fletcher Hospital, at Burlington, and was there four weeks. She would have gone to our treatment rooms in Burlington but we did not know that they took surgical cases there till after she had made arrangements to go to the hospital. She is at home again now, is gaining quite fast, and we hope she will soon be well.

I kept house for Sister Adams while she was at the hospital, and have helped her before she went and since she returned, but hope very soon that it will be so I can go to canvassing for a while, or till cold weather sets in.

While I was canvassing, the dear heavenly Father gave me very good success. One lady whom I had canvassed before for several books, but never could get an order, gave me an

order for "The Story of Daniel." When I came to deliver it, she did not have the money to pay for it, but she said she wanted the book, and would take it later. I asked where her husband worked. She told me that he worked at a mill where I had to go to deliver several books. I asked if I could not get him to take it. "Oh, no," she said, "my husband is a Catholic, and he does not want me to have such books as you have; but I want that book, and I will try to come for it next week." She did not come, and as I knew that she had small children, I took it to her. She was very glad to get it, and wanted me to come to see her. I sold several copies of the same book to her neighbors, and I expect to see fruit for the Master's kingdom there.

As I go from place to place, I find those who are hungering and thirsting for the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, and in helping them, my own soul is refreshed.

Brother Adams is distributing tracts all about him. He seldom goes out, even to his work, without taking tracts with him. He talks with the people a great deal, and gives them the straight message. He has put a reading rack in the leading barber's shop in this village, and keeps it filled with tracts. He and Sister Adams are ready to lay all on the altar for the advancement of the cause, and she is very anxious to get out in the canvassing work.

We are expecting that Elder T. H. Purdon will soon come here to hold meetings and labor for souls. Pray that many souls may be gleaned for the Master's work and kingdom, and pray for me that I may soon be able to return to the work, and that I may have good success in putting the printed pages in the hands of the people in this place.

MRS. SARAH C. BOTSFORD.

Sept. 1, 1904.

"BEHOLD, I come quickly."

EDUCATIONAL

OUR ACADEMY AND
CHURCH-SCHOOLS

YOUNG PEOPLE WANTED.

I do not think I state it too strong when I say that any young person who really desires an education may have it. But they must really desire it so that they will be willing to do good, conscientious, hard work to obtain it. Many would take an education if it were given to them, but they do not care enough about it to *work* for it, and to work hard. This hard work is, however, in itself, one of the most valuable kinds of education which can possibly be acquired.

For one to be obliged to work to meet expenses in school, is not always the most pleasant way of attending school, nor is it the quickest way in which to complete a course of study. But when no other way is open, it is certainly the best; and, as I have already suggested, it yields its own reward in the giving of a sturdy, independent character, which is in itself of inestimable benefit.

I can not advise young people to run in debt for their education, though I am free to say that I know of no other thing for which one can better afford to run into debt. But this is not necessary. We have in South Lancaster and vicinity a good number of openings for the right sort of young people to earn their support and to attend school. This is at the present time particularly true of young ladies. There are calls for them to work in homes about five hours a day for their room and board. Those who are well acquainted with housework, will find good openings in this direction.

Then there is the opportunity to work in the bindery. One purpose, if not indeed the great purpose, which Brother Miles had in opening this bindery was to afford an opportunity for young ladies to work for their room

and board while attending school. This work has so grown that there is need of more helpers. This is a most excellent opening for quick, willing workers—one which should be sought by all who desire an education and are obliged to work for it.

There are also openings for the right sort of young men in the broomshop and on the farm.

But even if it is impossible to find these openings, many could work a year, and save enough to attend school the next year, and thus, by working one year to pay the expenses of the next year's school, could gain a good education. And a good education pays. The enjoyment which its possessor gets out of life is in itself a great reward, but when we consider the greater good which an individual can do, that is a far greater incentive to struggle hard for a prize which can never be taken away—if it is a *Christian education*.

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

“I MUST be about my Father's business.”

“It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.”

“TRAINING body, mind, and soul for divine service. This is the education that will endure unto eternal life.”

“LET no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”

“I USED to find enjoyment in games, but when the love of Jesus came into my heart, that enjoyment gave place to a desire to do something that would help others.”

“I FIND so much pleasure in the Master's service that I would not intimate that I enjoy going to such a place [a party]. The Lord's work satisfies my desire for pleasure.”

The PRINTED PAGE

“Publicly,
and from HOUSE to HOUSE”

NEED OF THE IMPELLING POWER.

OF TENTIMES when we are talking with persons about the canvassing work, the remark will be made: “I realize the importance of this branch of the work, but I am a poor man, and must work to support my family. If one could make a living at the canvassing work, I would not hesitate to take it up at once.” These persons evidently do not think while reading the report of the sales in the GLEANER. In almost every issue of the GLEANER we find reports that read like this: J. Q. Harrison, 16 hours; 3 days; 10 orders; amount of sales, \$31.00. This is an average of almost \$2 an hour for the time at work, an average of five and one-third hours a day. Now if these canvassers had put in eight hours a day, and had taken orders in the same proportion, the total for five days would have been \$77.50. If these were all delivered, the canvasser would have over \$35 for his week's work, with enough left over to pay for the time lost in making his delivery. This would be enough to keep an economical family several weeks. Of course this is an unusually large week's work, and our workers do not often reach that mark, but it isn't at all unusual for them to reach one-half of the amount; and this, when delivered, gives \$15 for the week's work, which is as much as the average mechanic makes. If that feeling of fear could be banished from the minds of men and women, I have no doubt that we should have one hundred canvassers where now we have one. If they could but realize that the promise of Isaiah 41:10 is theirs if they will claim it, it would give them confidence, and the fear of privation and poverty for the future would disappear. The Lord also promises the man who delights in the

law of his Lord and meditates in it, that “whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”

Some of those able-bodied persons who are so fearful of non-success in the canvassing work, would be made to feel ashamed of their fears if they were familiar with the work of Sister Trowbridge in Pittsburg. Sister Trowbridge is in her eighty-fifth year, yet she rarely misses a day from the field, working with the highest-priced book on our list, and making sales that range from \$10 to \$50 a week. Sister Trowbridge can work only about three hours a day, but she is faithful, and the Lord is blessing her every day. This lady has been the means through whom the truth has been brought to a number of people in the city of Pittsburg.

Applications have been received within the past few months from persons not of our faith, for permission to canvass for such works as “Bible Readings,” “Prophecies of Jesus,” and “Coming King.” These persons are impressed that this is God's means of reaching some soul, and they are making a record for themselves on the books of heaven.

I wish every believer could see this work in its true light. I believe that impelling power by which men and women are compelled to come to the gospel feast would take possession of them, and where we now have one, we should have hundreds of workers.

THOS. D. GIBSON.

LET US REMEMBER.

“WHEREFORE I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.” 2 Peter 1:12.

I wish to mention a few things that have come to me by way of remembrance since I have been engaged in the canvassing work, that have been a great help and encouragement to me.

Let us remember, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." Luke 10:2. Let us remember to read the rest of that verse and practice it every day.

Let us remember that the Lord has said, "There should be one hundred canvassers in the field where there is one."—*Manual for Canvassers.*"

Let us remember to hold ourselves in an attitude where we can truthfully say, "Here am I, Lord; send me."

Let us remember that the Lord has said, "Go ye into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive." Matt. 20:7.

Let us remember, "There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting." Luke 18:29, 30.

After we have spent an entire week toiling over hot and dusty roads, under a broiling sun, or through winter's blast of snow and wind, without seeing any apparent results, let us remember, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." Ps. 126:6.

Let us remember that "Blessed is he that soweth beside all waters." Isa. 32:20.

When we are told that the people at the next house are not Christians, and would have no interest in our book, let us remember, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good." Eccl. 11:6.

When we have the door shut in our face, let us remember, "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." Isa. 53:3.

When we are sneered at and called "a set of religious tramps and prose-lyters," let us remember, "We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise

in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye are honorable, but we are despised. Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling-place; and labor, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it; being defamed, we entreat: we are made as the filth of the world, and are the offscouring of all things unto this day." 1 Cor. 4:10-13.

When the bed in which we sleep seems hard, cold, and damp, let us remember, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." Luke 9:58.

When the food we eat does not taste so good as it might, let us remember, "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." John 4:34. To keep the "commandments of his lips," and to esteem "the words of his mouth," is "more than my necessary food." Job 23:12.

Let us remember that we should be "redeeming the time, because the days are evil." Eph. 5:16.

Let us remember if we are faithful to our trust, "When the chief Shepherd shall appear, we shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away." 1 Peter 5:4.

"Therefore, I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: if we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he will also deny us: if we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he can not deny himself. *Of these things put them in remembrance.*" 2 Tim. 2:10-14.

J. S. JAMES.

Clarksburg, W. Va.

MY FIRST EXPERIENCE.

My first experience in the canvassing work is about to close. Thinking it might be of interest to some of my fellow-laborers to hear of this experience, I will endeavor to relate it briefly. It has been short, though full of interest, and has been delight-

THE BOOK WORK.

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending August 19, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
J. R. Ebersole, Harrisburg,		D & R	5	32	10	11.25		11.25	12.25
Mrs. J. E. Inman, Philadelphia,		D & R			4	4.00		4.00	
Kate S. Peiffer, Lebanon,		C O S	5	27	5	3.75	13.00	16.75	3.25
A. H. Osman, Williamstown,		H of M	5	14	22	23.75	6.50	30.25	
Harry Minier, Scranton,		C K	5	38	16	16.00	3.50	19.50	24.50
Lille Minier, Scranton,		C K	5	31	13	13.00	4.00	17.00	13.00
Minnie Minier, Scranton,		C K	5	31	2	2.00	4.25	6.25	16.25
Albert Roberts, Forest City,		C K							28.50
John Kalen,		G. P.				25.00		25.00	
Totals,	9 Agents,		30	173	71	\$98.75	\$31.25	\$130.00	\$97.75

Week Ending August 26.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
*W. T. Hilgert, Philadelphia,		G C	10				16.09	16.09	7.85
Walter Garrett, Carbondale,		C K	2						8.00
A. H. Osman, Williamsport,		C K	5	22½	18	18.00	6.50	24.50	
Lillie Minier, Scranton,		C K	4	30	5	5.00	5.75	10.75	.75
H. M. Minier, Scranton,		C K	4	38	11	11.00	2.75	13.75	.75
Minnie Minier, Scranton,		C K	2	15	2	2.00	1.25	3.25	
Totals,	6 Agents,		27	105½	36	\$36.00	\$32.34	\$68.34	\$17.35

*Two weeks.

ful to me. I have thoroughly enjoyed the work.

As a general thing, I found the people very warm-hearted, and earnest seekers for the gospel of truth. I have tried to meet them just where they are, to manifest the Spirit of Christ in my work, and to show them that I was interested in their soul's salvation rather than in their pocket-book. This required earnest seeking of the Lord; for many times the desire to take the order would creep in.

I have learned from my short experience that it will never do to allow this desire to be the primary cause of our canvassing. If this desire predominates above the eternal interests of our fellow men, then we will not be so successful. As a result of showing this personal interest, I have gained many friends, thereby having frequent opportunities to present the truth to them.

I have often had interesting conversations with individuals on points of our faith, and on the signs of the times. No one that I have met has ever disagreed with me in regard to the nearness of the coming of Christ.

When I think of the spiritual condition of the world, and of this city, though small, I realize more and more what a great work is to be done by those who profess to have the light of the third angel's message, and who are Protestants in deed and in truth.

Then let us go forth as a band of Christian workers scattering the printed page as the Lord hath given command. Let us strive to rescue these souls who are perishing at our very doors, and throw out the life-line before it is everlastingly too late.

I feel truly grateful to the Lord for success in my first experience, and I desire to stand firm and true at my post of duty, and to faithfully do my part in carrying this saving message to the world.

S. A. JOINER.

Cumberland, Md.

Western Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending August 26, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Lena Keeler, Roulette,		S of R	9	59	17	21.25		21.25	
L. B. Trowbridge, Pittsburg,		D of A	10	42	9	33.75	6.20	39.95	6.30
J. Q. Herrington, Willock,		P & P	3	16	12	30.70	14.50	45.20	
David S. Plank, Hebron Towns'p,		C K	4	24	3	4.00	1.00	5.00	45.00
C. F. Mahr, Titusville,		G C	5	27	6	15.50	8.00	23.50	2.75
T. O. Saxton, Smichsburg,		P & P	5	45	8	19.50	22.00	41.50	1.50
Totals,	6 Agents,		40	211	55	\$124.70	\$51.70	\$176.40	\$55.55

New Jersey Conference, Week Ending August 19, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
J. W. Rambo, Swedesboro,		G A	4	28	31	8.75	.25	9.00	10.75
Totals,	1 Agent,		4	28	31	\$8.75	.25	\$9.00	\$10.75

Week Ending August 26.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
J. W. Rambo, Swedesboro,		G A	4	30	37	10.45	1.25	11.70	14.45
Totals,	1 Agent,		4	30	37	10.45	1.25	11.70	14.45

West Virginia Conference, Week Ending August 12, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Mrs. Odell Fletcher, Parkersb'g,		C O L	2	8	3	3.75		3.75	2.50
F. M. Gardner, Charleston,		C K	2	5	8	8.00	1.00	9.00	.25
J. W. Sargent, Charleston,		C K	1	7	6	6.00	2.00	8.00	
Mrs. L. M. Sargent, Charleston,		C K	4	24	19	19.00	6.25	25.25	
J. H. Jennings, Charleston,		C K	3	22	1	1.00	.50	1.50	32.20
David Haddix, Hendricks,		S of D	3	24	2	2.00	9.25	11.25	
Totals,	6 Agents,		15	90	39	\$39.75	\$19.00	\$58.75	\$34.95

Two Weeks Ending August 26.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Totals	Del'd
F. W. Thirlwell, Fairmont,		C K	7	41	21	21.00	.50	22.50	18.50
David Haddix, Hendricks,		P of J	3	22			14.50	14.50	7.50
J. H. Jennings, Charleston,		C K	10	76	37	37.00	68.95	105.95	14.20
F. M. Gardner, Charleston,		C K	6	20	13	13.50	21.75	35.25	37.75
J. W. Sargent, Charleston,		C K	2	10	1	1.00	.25	1.25	15.50
Mrs. L. M. Sargent, Charleston,		C K	3	14	9	9.00	3.75	12.75	
Mrs. A. A. Clark, Charleston,		Bibles	1	8	1	2.00	1.75	3.75	3.75
Totals,	7 Agents,		32	191	82	\$83.50	\$111.45	\$194.95	\$97.20

Chesapeake Conference, Week Ending August 19, 1904

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
L. I. Tarbell, Cumberland, Md.,		H of M	3	10	1	1.50	1.75	3.25	19.50
S. A. Joiner, S. Cumberland, Md.,		C K	2	2½			1.50	1.50	32.00
W. H. Zeidler, Allegany Co.,		C K	5	22	11	11.00	2.75	13.75	14.25
David Percy, Cumberland,		C K	5	26	17	17.00	3.25	20.25	10.00
Henry Hout, Cumberland,		C K	3½		9	10.50	2.75	13.25	
Totals,	5 Agents,		18½	58½	38	\$40.00	\$12.00	\$52.00	\$75.75

Week Ending August 26.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. H. Zeidler, Allegany Co.,		C K	3	7	4	4.00	1.25	5.25	8.25
D. W. Percy, Cumberland,		C K	2		6	6.50		6.50	
Totals,	2 Agents,		5	7	10	\$10.50	\$1.25	\$11.75	\$8.25

New York Conference, Week Ending August 19, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
J. H. Deeley, McDonough,		G C		31		11.25	2.00	13.25	31.50
G. F. Evans, Norwich,		H of M		36	8	10.25	3.75	14.00	1.75
A. R. Evans, Norwich,		C K		26	13	15.50	3.50	19.00	
Fritz A. Evans, Guilford,		C K		28	5	5.50	1.25	6.75	
Cuno P. Crager, Rochester,		C K		30	15	20.50	5.50	26.00	8.50
Chas. M. Cottrell, Rochester,		C K		33	25	32.50	12.50	45.00	
Arthur W. Coon, Minetto,		C K		32	25	27.00	5.50	32.50	2.25
Harold B. Fisher,		C K		7		7.50	2.00	9.50	
E. Blanche Markham,		S of D		4		4.00	7.50	11.50	11.50
Mrs. H. H. Wilcox,		G P		2		.50	.25	.75	.75
Mrs. Andrew Cobb,		B R		50	10	25.00	30.00	55.00	7.50
Totals,	11 Agents,			266	114	\$159.50	\$73.75	\$233.25	\$63.75

Week Ending August 26.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
J. H. Deeley,		G C		30		2.50		2.50	18.00
G. F. Evans,		H of M		24	1	1.25	1.75	3.00	46.75
A. R. Evans,		C K		55	10	20.10	7.60	27.70	203.20
F. A. Evans,		C K		52	4	4.50	4.25	8.75	80.50
Cuno P. Crager,		C K		33	27	34.00	5.00	39.00	
Chas. M. Cottrell,		C K		31	33	43.00	8.00	51.00	
Arthur W. Coon,		C K		4		10.25		10.25	
Mrs. Andrew Cobb,		C K			18	40.00	31.50	71.50	
Totals,	8 Agents,			229	93	\$155.60	\$58.10	\$213.70	\$348.45

Southern New England Conference, Week Ending August 19, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Chas. H. Reimers, Meriden,		B R, D of A	4	26½	5	12.00	5.20	17.20	
Miss Bowers, N. Windhem,		H L G				15.00	2.75	17.75	
Totals,	2 Agents,		4	26½	5	\$27.00	\$7.95	\$34.95	

Central New England Conference, Week Ending August 19, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
H. T. Cross, Malden, Mass.,		D of A	3	18	5	19.00	7.25	26.25	1.00
G. H. Clark, Adams,		C K	2	14	7	7.00	11.15	18.15	
*S. N. Fogg, Medford,		S of D	5	33	4	4.00	5.15	9.15	8.35
Totals,	3 Agents,		10	65	16	\$30.00	\$23.55	\$53.55	\$9.35

*Week ending August 12.

Week Ending August 26.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Carl E. Mattison, Everett,		D of A	5	37	6	26.75	24.00	50.75	
G. H. Clark, Adams, Mass.,		C K	3	23	6	6.00	6.00	12.00	
H. T. Cross, Malden, Mass.,		D of A	3	9	1	4.25		4.25	24.50
Totals,	3 Agents,		11	69	13	\$37.00	\$30.00	\$67.00	24.50

U. C. Totals *	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
44 Agents,	185½	1,459½	601	\$821.75	\$434.84	\$1,256.59	\$823.10
Totals for corresp. weeks last year,							
34 Agents,	147	868	267	\$813.00	\$258.44	\$971.44	\$528.00

*For two weeks ending August 26.

LETTER FROM WILKINSBURG, PA.

DEAR GLEANER FAMILY: It has been a long time since I have written anything to the readers of the GLEANER, and I want to say that I have not been idle, although I have not put in as much time as I should. I know that if we will put in more time, our reports will show it, and we shall see souls in the kingdom through our faithfulness in the Lord's work.

I have had many blessed experiences in meeting the dear people that are inquiring after the truth of the Bible, and I praise the Lord that he has given me a part in the work of carrying the last message of mercy to a dying world and telling the people of the coming of the Lord, and has permitted me to see how willing they are to hear what the Bible says in regard to those things.

I am of good courage in the work, and I hope that all of our canvassers will be of good courage, knowing that the end of all things is at hand.

Your brother in the Master's service, *

J. Q. HERRINGTON.

August 26.

GOOD VACATION WORK.

New and varied experiences are coming to each one of us, more or less, all of the time; but as these experiences come and go, we should get from them all that they contain. Perhaps in no line of work can a person find such a varied experience as in that of canvassing.

To new and untried workers it is very encouraging to find that with a little effort, it is possible to take orders, even if they have been told, "You would never make a canvasser."

To be appreciated is something that we all enjoy in whatever line of work we are engaged; but I am sure that it does the canvasser, who earnestly longs to do some good to this darkened world, much good as he hears such words as these: "I believe that

I have well spent my money in buying this book," or, "My little girl is very much pleased with her new book."

The Spirit of the Lord surely does impress honest hearts, even after we have reason to say to ourselves, "Well, I did not take an order in that house." This was nicely illustrated during one of the last days that I was out working. I had shown the lady of the house the book, and had reached the gate, when I heard some one call. Upon returning, I was told that she wanted me to bring her one of my books when I delivered.

There are many persons in the world to-day like this woman; they let opportunity almost get away from them, and then try to call her back; but she is more often out of reach, than found at the gate.

If any one desires to make his vacation all that it should be—a pleasant, profitable, and healthful one—let him go canvassing.

LULA I. TARBELL.

* *Cumberland, Md.*

A BLESSED PRIVILEGE.

SUCH is the work of "presenting before the people the light contained in our books." No mortal beings ever had greater privileges and responsibilities than this generation. "Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision." The house-to-house canvasser has many opportunities for helping souls decide for Jesus. Of late precious experiences have been granted the writer.

One day while ascending some stairs to "fish" and "hunt," I heard footsteps behind me, and looking back, I saw a Catholic priest coming. Being within a few rods of the convent and church, and on the church property, I thought he might be coming to ask me not to trespass. I knocked at the door, but there was no response. By this time the man was beside me.

He very kindly informed me that the lady was very ill, also asked me if I was canvassing. That introduced "Christ's Object Lessons." The dear Lord helped me to present the precious messages contained in that work. If I had spent hours preparing for that interview, I could not have selected more appropriate words to give him. I believe the angels of God guided my fingers in turning the leaves, and I hope that man will be among the many who "will yet take their position with Christ's people." How true are the words, "If we recognize Christ as the One who is with us to prepare the way, the Holy Spirit by our side will make impressions in just the lines needed."

Soon after this, I called on a family where a minister was boarding. I showed him "Heralds of the Morning." He then asked me my name, residence, and denomination. I answered his questions. He said, "You had better take your book and go to your *Adventists*." I replied that most of our people had the book, and that we were now going to others with the precious truths it contained. He seemed to harden his heart against the message. But, praise the Lord! at each of the next three houses I took an order from the colored servant girls. "Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes."

One evening, about 6:30 o'clock, I took an order from a lady who said, "I am out of work, and can not see how I shall pay for the book, but I will trust God." That very night, unexpected work came to her, enough to pay for several books. "My God shall supply all your need."

Some time ago, I took by exchange, in order to get the truth into a home, a book—life of one of the presidents—and it occurred to me to take it along and sell it; but the word of the Lord came to my mind, "How can the followers of Christ engage in so common a work, when there is crying

need for God's truth on every hand? It is not our mission to circulate such books." I did not take it. That day several extra orders were secured. "Behold to obey is better than sacrifice, and to harken than the fat of rams."

Yes, it is a great and precious privilege to be God's helping hand in these days. O that many more of his dear people would immediately enter the great harvest-field and help garner the precious grain before "The harvest is past" and "the summer is ended."

G. H. CLARK.

North Adams, Mass.

A FOUR-SECTION SPECIAL "SIGNS."

AFTER months of careful consideration and counsel with presidents of conferences, missionary secretaries, and those of long experience in the circulation of our periodicals, we have decided to issue a series of four special *Signs of the Times*.

DESCRIPTION.

This series will be packed full of short, pithy articles on the *third angel's message*. Such subjects as the Soon coming of Christ, the Sanctuary, the Sabbath, the Three Messages, the State of the Dead, Capital and Labor as a Sign of the Times, and the Judgment, will be given prominence. Different phases of each of the foregoing subjects will be treated in each number, and the titles of other phases to be treated in other papers will be given at the close of each. In this way the series will be bound together, so to speak, and the person who reads one will want to read all. A story in four sections, and excellent articles on "The Home" will appear also. An attractive cover design has been prepared by a prominent artist, which will add materially to the salable qualities of the series. There will be other and appropriate illustrations throughout. A table of contents will also appear on the cover of each number.

GENERAL TITLE.

The name of the series will be "The Third Angel's Message Series."

THE OBJECT.

The objects of this series are:

1. The presentation of the whole system of truth connected with the third angel's message.
2. To encourage missionary work with the Signs to follow up the interest created by each sale or visit.
3. To prepare the way for a larger and broader campaign for the circulation, not only of the Signs of the Times, but of other message-filled publications as well.

TIME OF PUBLICATION.

These specials will take the place of the regular weekly issues of November, and will be mailed weekly during the month. This will give a week to circulate each number, which will be ample if rapid work is done.

IN SETS ONLY.

As the series is really a large special number divided into weekly sections, each reader should have the opportunity of studying each section, therefore, we expect to print an equal number of each, and all orders must be for complete sets.

WHEN TO ORDER.

The first number of the series will go to press about October 15, by which time it is hoped a large portion of the orders may have been received. If orders are received thus promptly, we can print more economically than if several editions are to be manufactured. But do not think because you may not have the opportunity of ordering so early that you can not get papers, for we shall do all in our power to supply the whole series to those ordering throughout the month of November, so order early if possible, but order later if you must.

HOW TO ORDER.

It will be found more satisfactory to order through your tract society, but if this should be inconvenient for any reason, order direct from the Pacific Press Pub. Co., at its new ad-

dress, Mountainview, Cal. In ordering clubs to your own address, the following is a good form to use:

"Please enter my name for _____ sets of Third Angel's Message series Signs of the Times, for which you will find _____ enclosed."

If you wish the series sent to different names and addresses, say:

"Please send one set of Third Angel's Message series Signs to each of the following names, for which you will find _____ enclosed."

PRICE.

From one to four sets of four papers each, twenty cents a set. Five or more sets to single names and addresses, fifteen cents a set. Five to twenty sets to one address, twelve cents a set. Twenty-five or more sets to one address, ten cents a set.

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PRESIDENT L. A. HOOPES said: "The Lessons in New Testament History, by M. E. Kern, are most practical because of their arrangement for class and private study." Many others have spoken highly of this set of lessons on the Life of Christ and the Acts of the Apostles.

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of Correspondence, as well as in-class work in our church schools, academies, and colleges.

CAMP-MEETINGS.

THE following is a list of the conference camp-meetings appointed in the Atlantic Union:

- Southern New England, Middletown, Conn., Sept. 1-10.
- New York, Lacona, Sept. 8-18.
- West Virginia, Clarksburg, Sept. 8-18.

AFTER many years' absence in South Africa, Australia, Great Britain, and other fields, Brother Dores Robinson, son of Elder A. T. Robinson, has made a brief visit to old friends in South Lancaster.

TO THOSE of our people who wish to obtain a first book in reading for small children, we would recommend "Our Little Folks' Bible Nature." The beauty of its illustrations, and the simplicity of its language can not fail to please the little ones, while the purity of its style, and the tendency of each lesson to awaken thought on scientific subjects in the child's mind, place it above the ordinary reader as an educational work. It is calculated to lift the mind of the little one to the power and love of God as seen in everything around him.

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TWENTY-FOUR persons were baptized at the Central New England camp-meeting on Sunday September 4.

UNTIL further notice the address of the Vermont Conference and Tract Society, also of Brother F. M. Dana, is Hardwick, Vt.

THE Central New England camp-meeting was favored with four excellent discourses by Mrs. White, and also with four by Elder J. S. Washburn which were highly appreciated.

MRS. E. G. WHITE, who has been spending a few weeks at the New England Sanitarium, left on September 2 to attend the camp-meeting at Middletown, Conn. She expects soon to leave New England for her home in California, and to meet with the General Conference Committee in their council which will be held at College View, Nebraska, September 15 to 29.

THE address of the Pacific Press Publishing Company, the *Signs of the Times*, and *Our Little Friend*, is Mountainview, Santa Clara Co., California. Thus in a little more than one year the two leading publishing houses of the denomination, which had so long remained in one place as to be regarded as fixtures, have changed their location. This is one of the important signs indicating that God's work in the earth will soon be cut short in righteousness.

THE September number of *Life and Health* is now ready, and will be fur-

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nished regularly to agents and those who desire to sell it for three dollars a hundred, post-paid.

To encourage its circulation by inducing persons to solicit for it, the special offer made for August is extended through the month of September. This special offer is to give free of charge one hundred copies of the October issue to all who sell one hundred copies of the September issue and pay the regular agent's price of three dollars for them. The limit of this offer is one hundred copies.

The gift of one hundred copies of the October issue in addition to the regular agent's discount is expensive advertising for the publishers, and will not be continued longer than through September. The journal is fast becoming popular, and agents find it is not at all difficult to interest people in it.

APPOINTMENT.

THE third annual session of the Greater New York Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will convene, Thursday, Sept. 29, 1904, at 10 A. M., ending October 2, and will be held at the "Beacon Light Gospel Tent," One Hundred and Ninth Street and Manhattan Avenue. The churches of our conference will please call special meetings as early as possible for the election of delegates, as it is important that this matter be acted upon promptly.

C. H. EDWARDS, *President*,
EDWARD H. HALL, *Secretary*.

A GREAT MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN.

IN its general meeting last March the General Conference Publication Committee recommended that a great missionary campaign be inaugurated this fall. Ever since then plans have been quietly maturing for such a movement, and the time for them to be put into operation is nearly here. It is hoped that a thorough organization may be effected all over the

United States, and that sharper instruments with which to work may be devised than we have ever had before. We expect that men, women, and youth, with qualification as leaders, will show themselves Daniels and Josephs for the Lord in this campaign. It is hoped that our brethren and sisters everywhere will unite in making this one of the most successful efforts for the presentation of the third angel's message our denomination has ever attempted. Is all this too much to expect? In view of the times in which we live, and the great work yet to be done, we know you will answer "No, a thousand times, no."

Let us each, then, pray that the Lord will mightily use us, and that a harvest of souls may be garnered as a result of this great effort.

Full plans and suggestions will be given a little later. Watch for them.

H. H. HALL, *Secretary*,
General Conference Publication Committee.

TO LET.

TWO FURNISHED rooms with house-keeping accommodations for those desiring the privileges of the South Lancaster Academy. Reasonable rent, references. Address Mrs. A. Mitchell, South Lancaster, Mass.

NOTICE!

A YOUNG man eighteen years of age wishes to obtain work. He is strong, and willing to do anything where he can keep the Sabbath. Address Christian Hansen, care Geo. A. Rohde, 49 Graham St., Jersey City, N. J.

SUNSET CALENDAR FRIDAYS.

Local Mean Time.

1904.	Boston.	N. Y. and Phila.	Washington.
Sept 2.....	6:33	6:32	6:30
Sept 9.....	6:22	6:20	6:19
Sept 16.....	6:09	6:09	6:08
Sept 23.....	5:57	5:57	5:56
Sept 30.....	5:45	5:45	5:45