

ATLANTIC UNION GLEASNER



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

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THE HARVEST TIME.

THIS is the gathering time of the year,
And merry singing for harvest home,
And the signs of plenty and right good cheer
Ere the days that are dark and dreary come—
These are the days of tranquil air.
This is the time of an answered prayer.

Was ever such gold as the golden grain,
Heaped in the fields for the need of man?
Warmed by the sunshine, watered by rain,
It pays for all care as it only can.
It has done its part, and its life it yields
To the harvest song of the clean-swept fields.

Meadows and orchards and rich corn lands
Are wealthy with fruitage of all the year;
And the world seems lifting its thankful
hands

For the needed blessings that aye are near;
The year is glad when it gains its prime,
And hearts are merry at harvest time.

Whoever is thankful let him come,
With willing hands and a loyal heart,
And help in another harvest home,
Where the Master calls him to do his part;
For he points to the whitened fields again.
And the harvests he loves are the souls of
men.

—Marianne Farningham.

THE WORK FOR TO-DAY.

O HOW much, how very much, re-
mains to be done! and yet how many
that might use their God-given talents
aright are doing almost nothing be-
sides caring for and pleasing them-
selves! But the hand of the Lord is

stretched out still, and if they will
work to-day in his vineyard, he will
accept their service.

The work of the apostle Paul was a
wonderful work. The Holy Spirit
wrought on his mind, showing him
that the gifts of God come straight
from God to all who seek him with a
whole heart, the circumcised and the
uncircumcised, Barbarian, Scythian,
bond, and free. Paul held to this in-
spired truth, and taught it to others,
opposed as he was by the apostles,
who ought to have upheld him. He
took his position against Peter, who
was one of the pillars of the church,
and his companion in labor, and
against Barnabas, the first one to honor
him with the right-hand of fellowship,
when all his Christian brethren were
afraid of him, and questioned and
doubted his fitness for the work, be-
cause he had persecuted the church.

But the Lord had worked for Paul,
and had given him increased light.
He who had persecuted Christ in the
person of his saints was touched and
made tender by the Spirit of God.
The work done for him by God placed
him under the control of God. He
realized that he must himself be taught
by God, and then firmly resist any ap-
proach to bind unnecessary burdens
upon the Gentile Christians.

Paul's brethren withstood him.

Those whom the Lord had used as his
witnesses protested against him, and
declared that he was advocating theo-
ries that were contrary to the funda-
mental principles which they had been
taught. But Paul firmly held his
ground. He had dedicated himself
and all his powers, his talents, and his
ability, to God, and by God he was
taught the truths of the gospel, which
are able to make men wise unto sal-
vation.

To-day those human, living agencies
who have a vital connection with God
are not to be reprovèd and handi-
capped by the prejudices of their fel-
low men. The events which concern
Christ's kingdom on this earth are not
to be under the control of any human
power. The salvation of man is to be
achieved. The traditions and max-
ims of men must not be cherished as
golden grains of truth. Paul was
compelled to stand alone, looking con-
stantly to God, and obtaining his
orders from him. He was to make
no concessions. The burden was
heavy, but he brought freedom to the
churches. It was no longer considered
duty to teach and practice painful rites.

The Lord chose Joseph, through
much affliction to him, to carry a
heavy burden in an idolatrous nation.
He was to work in the line God had
chosen for him, that the knowledge of

God might shine forth in the kingdom of Egypt. Joseph did not betray his sacred trust.

A great mistake has been made by man's trusting in man, and making flesh his arm. Methods and plans will be devised to hedge about the work that should be done. Men trust in human strength, and do not come to Christ; and they are strengthless. Distinct plans must be laid, but they must not be of that character that will place man under the control of men.

The Lord will raise up men, and place his Spirit upon them, and prepare them for the work which must be done. He himself, the God of truth, will qualify them to bear a fresh, living testimony for him. They will be witnesses for God. They will not spring up from their own prompting; they will be constrained by the Spirit of God to volunteer to advocate truth. God will sustain them. He sees what is needed, and year by year he arranges for his plan of operation. He will not allow men to drift as they choose. If men will be men, God will work in and through them.

The standard-bearers are falling, and young men must be fitted up as workers, that the people may be reached. The aggressive warfare is to be extended. Time, money, and labor are not to be so largely expended on those who know the truth. God's servants are to go into the dark places of the earth, calling perishing souls to repentance.

Events of great importance are coming upon the earth. Men must not depend on men, but on Jesus Christ. He says, "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not." O, why do we not show actual, living faith? Why do we not, in this period of the earth's history, come directly to him who says, "I am the bread of life"? "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me;

and him that cometh to me I will in nowise cast out."

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

GRAND BANK, NEWFOUNDLAND.

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS: I suppose you are expecting to hear some good news from my work in Saint Mary's, but I am sorry to say that from there, at least, I have no good report. The best I have is that the Lord by his mighty power kept me while there safe from the enemy's power. Although surrounded by all that was wicked and corrupt, I found that "the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation."

I felt that it was no use for me to remain in Saint Mary's, and so I left it, as you see by the address. It is an impossible thing to do anything for the people there unless God by some mighty miracle would shake their confidence in the priest, and I felt that I was not in a place where God could work so mightily through me. The priest there is God to the people. Several of them told me that "he is God on earth." It is a fact that can not be doubted or denied that the priest there manifests a power among the people that is more than human. It has been proved that he can heal and do wonders; but I thank God I am well enough acquainted with his word to know that there is another supernatural power besides the power of God working in the world, to deceive if possible the very elect.

But how was I going to show these poor deluded people who did not know what a Bible means that the power the priest had was not the power of God? Oh, how necessary it is that God's people know his word for themselves! While in Saint Mary's I thought much of my experience when I first left the Roman Catholic Church. I was not quite convinced that it was wrong to confess to a priest, and I had a feeling that I wanted to make one more confession to the priest but be still a Bap-

tist, because I was not clear in it. But when I learned this precious message, it cleared up all doubts. So I have been thinking that if I had never had any more light on God's word than what I received from the good Baptist people, I should have been liable to be deceived by the priest at Saint Mary's. Thank God, it is not possible for his elect to be deceived. When I saw the condition there, I felt that the Lord did not want me to spend a longer time there when I could do nothing for them. I prayed much about it, and felt impressed to go to a place called Grand Bank, where, I supposed, the truth had never reached. I left there August 26, and after two days arrived at Grand Bank.

It was three o'clock in the morning when I landed, and I did not know a soul, or where to go. There were some ladies on the wharf who came to meet friends on the steamer, and I asked them where I could go to spend the night, hoping that they would ask me to stay with them, but they directed me to a boarding-house. The devil began to work with all his might to discourage me. I felt so friendless and alone, and I asked myself, can it be in God's plan that I should go around like this alone to do missionary work? I went to the boarding-house, and found that the lowest rate for board was one dollar a day, and my heart sank. They told me that I could not find board cheaper anywhere, and I supposed that there was no way to get out of the place until the steamer came back in another week. I thought, Has God really forsaken me? Is he displeased with me for coming here?

In the morning I tried to find a room where I could board myself. I went to several places, but was treated with a cold, "No." I came to a little shop, and the lady was very pleasant. She spoke about the people, how cool they are to strangers. Nearly all the people are professing Christians, Protestants, and she was about the only

Catholic in the place. Again, the devil came to me with the same suggestion that he brought when I was obliged to go to Saint Mary's, "After all you have to say about Catholics, you always have to fall back on them in the end."

She told me of another place where the steamer would be going in two days where the people were more friendly, and I decided that I would go there. She sent her little boy with me to a place where I could stay till the steamer came. It was two unfurnished rooms that I could have for two dollars a month. So I began to think that I had better stay and take the rooms. There was a wooden lounge in the room. I put some shavings on it, and bought some cloth and covered it, and it is my bed. The landlady gave me some chairs, a table, and a lamp, and that is all I have except my books.

It was preparation day, and when I was speaking to the lady about having to get my room ready before the Sabbath, she inquired if I was a Seventh-day Adventist. She told me that Elder Giles, an Adventist preacher, came here two years ago, and preached six months, but not one soul accepted the message. Again, Satan worked with all power; but the lady said, "All the people flocked to listen to him, and they liked him," and I thought, If the people are willing to listen, that is all I want. I will give them what I have, and it is the Lord's part to do the rest.

My landlady tells me that the people are all anxious to know when I am going to hold a meeting, as they want to come. I am going to have a Bible reading in my rooms on Thursday night. A lady who lives next door has promised me what chairs I need.

The people are different from what they seemed the first day. One woman came to my window and gave me a glass of berry jam. A girl came in, and said she wanted to get acquainted

with me, for her mother wanted to give me some fruit. An old man came to see me to-day, and said that he was coming to have a Bible talk with me in the daytime, as he could not come in the evening.

There are many poor people here, so those who have promised to send clothing and books, and tracts, may send them direct to me here, and they will be gratefully received. There may be many things that will be a help to me in furnishing my rooms. All books, and papers and tracts will be put to good use. If any one has charts or a blackboard that they could send, they would be useful to me.

I want to thank all the dear brethren and sisters who have written to me and sent me money. These letters are very precious, and the money will be treasure laid up in heaven. I wish I could take time to write each one personally, but my time now is very precious, and I am sure you will all be satisfied to hear from me through the GLEANER.

I do not write these things to get the sympathy of the brethren and sisters, but because I know they like to hear from me, and there might be things in my experience that would encourage and help others to follow and trust in God. Let no one think of me in pity. I would not change places for all the comforts of Boston. I am happier now than I have ever been, because I see a way open for me to work. To be where the Lord wants me to be, is my happiness.

I was greatly benefited in health by my stay at Saint Mary's, and I am sure that it was in God's providence that I should go there to get built up before I started to work.

When you write, please remember to put a five-cent stamp on your letter, or it will cost me six cents, perhaps more, and I am liable not to get it. Be sure in sending parcels that they are mailed direct to Grand Bank, Fortune Bay, Newfoundland.

TESSIE M. MOONEY.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY WORK IN VERMONT.

IN view of the fact that a special effort is to be made by the National Reform party this winter during the session of our legislature to bring about certain results in the line of religious legislation in our State, it was decided at our recent camp-meeting that we should begin at once to scatter literature relating to the danger of religious legislation, that the people of our State, especially those living at and near its capital, may understand the principles of religious liberty.

Elder T. H. Purdon has been requested to take up this line of work and lead out in it. The brethren in Washington, D. C., are preparing up-to-date literature on the subject of religious liberty. We are glad for this, and as a people we should take right hold and scatter this literature like the leaves of autumn. Will we do this?

But in order to do this work, we must have money with which to purchase this literature. I do not believe the Lord would call upon us to do a work and have us crippled for want of material. We know of no way to get the money needed for this special work only to ask for a donation for this purpose. A collection was taken at camp-meeting for this work, and about \$8 was received. A brother said afterwards that he would give \$10; but \$18 is only a small beginning of what we ought to have. This is an important matter. Here is an opportunity to get the message before the people, and we invite our people in all parts of the State to join us in this religious liberty literature campaign. Send your donations to F. M. Dana, Hardwick, Vt.

J. W. WATT.

"WE must not hide the truth in the corners of the earth. It must be made known; it must shine in our large cities."

The FIELD

FARNHAM, VA.

It was decided at our camp-meeting that I should return, and pitch the tent at Farnham, Elder T. H. Painter to assist me in the meetings. As a result of the meetings held thus far, fifteen have decided to observe the Sabbath of the Lord. All are adults, except two. We are now ordering lumber to build a church here. May the GLEANER family continue to remember us before the throne of grace.

H. W. HERRELL.

NEWARK AND VICINITY.

PERHAPS some will be interested in knowing how the work is progressing here. Our tent meetings for this season are over. We pitched our tent June 6, in a good neighborhood, and had an excellent hearing from the beginning of the meetings to the end. On Sunday evenings we were taxed to seat the people.

For five successive Sunday evenings, the striking truths of the prophesies were illustrated with the stereopticon. This seemed to draw well.

About a dozen have already made a profession of taking their stand for this message. A number more are much interested, and a still greater number have had their minds turned into a different channel. Many acknowledge that we have the truth, but the acknowledging is all.

Yesterday, Sabbath, September 10, eight souls followed their Lord in baptism. We expect to have baptism again next Sabbath when four or five more will go forward.

By next Sabbath our church here will number about fifty. Two years and a half ago, the Sabbath-keepers in this place could be counted on the fingers of one hand. Now there are burning and shining lights all over the city. God's hand in our work is

thus seen, and this is a source of great encouragement.

We can from the heart say, "God be praised."

J. C. STEVENS.

77 Cummings St., Irvington, N. J.

WILLIAMSBURG, PA.

OUR local camp-meeting closed August 28. The attendance was not so large as was anticipated, but delegates were present from Altoona, Johnstown, Huntingdon, Saxton, Six-mile Run, Dudley, Broadtop City, and Salemville. Elder E. J. Dryer and Brother T. D. Gibson were present to assist in the meetings.

As the tent effort was still in progress, and as the Sabbath truths had just been given, the vicinity was all astir. While the camp-meeting was in session, the pastor of the M. E. church spoke upon the Sabbath question, and Elder E. J. Dryer reviewed the speaker. Since then, very little is being said.

The Sabbath that the delegates spent here was well filled. In the morning there was a preaching service; and at two o'clock in the afternoon we had a Sabbath-school numbering sixty, which was conducted by Brother Gibson. Following the school, there was an afternoon service, at which the subject of baptism was presented, and after a good social meeting, we all went to the river, where two brethren and three sisters went down into the watery grave, and arose to walk with their Saviour.

Our meetings still continue, and last Sabbath we had thirty in attendance at our Sabbath-school. The Spirit of God is still working, and some are revealing that they desire to unite with this people. Our meetings here will continue for at least ten days more. Then we shall look after the large interest at the place called Mines.

May we have your prayers in this good work.

W. F. SCHWARTZ.

VERMONT CONFERENCE AND CAMP-MEETING.

THE forty-second annual session of the Vermont Conference convened at Hardwick, Vt., in connection with the camp-meeting, August 18 to 28, 1904. Besides the delegates of the conference, there were present Elder H. W. Cottrell, Elder W. H. Thurston, Elder M. D. Mattson, Professor Griggs, and Brother F. E. Painter, also our conference ministers and workers.

The Chair was empowered to appoint the usual committees, which were as follows:

On Nominations: W. E. Fortune, A. E. Taylor, F. A. Page.

On Resolutions: Elder T. H. Purdon, Sister Eva A. Jenks, E. W. Thurber.

On Credentials and Licenses: A. W. Boardman, C. C. Drown, L. W. Wetherbee.

On Auditing: H. A. Thurber, A. E. Taylor, E. H. Pierce, W. E. Fortune, F. A. Page, and C. C. Drown, in connection with the Conference Committee.

The President, Elder J. W. Watt, made a report of the work in the State for the past year, and while there had not been the desired results from the year's work, he was hopeful that more fruit would yet be seen as a result of the efforts in the several places. A good letter was read from our worker in Scotland, Elder W. A. Westworth, which appeared in the GLEANER last week.

In referring to the canvassing work, attention was called to the advance in this department the past year.

Owing to the other work of the Sabbath-school field secretary, Sister Eva A. Jenks, there were no Sabbath-school conventions held during the past year.

In referring to our new work in the medical missionary department, as represented in the treatment rooms at Burlington, the President spoke of the advance step in this line, and while we

had not been able to start this work on the cash basis as we had hoped, yet it is doing good work, and bids fair to be self-supporting the rest of the year and onward. On account of the overdraft in this department, donations are yet solicited as the people may feel free to thus aid the work.

The resolutions adopted were as follows:

1. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our heartfelt gratitude to our heavenly Father for the prosperity attending the work in this conference the past year, recognizing that from him come all the blessings which we as a conference are continually receiving.

In view of the importance of the moves which are being made at the head of our work, and the omens we see that the forces of right and wrong are fast being lined up for the last great contest, and realizing that unless we as a people discern the import of all these things, we shall drop out of the work and become indifferent to our eternal salvation, and the salvation of others, therefore,

2. *Resolved*, That we urge upon all of our people the importance of studying the Testimonies, especially Volume VIII, and subscribing for the *Review and Herald*, the *Signs of the Times*, and the ATLANTIC UNION GLEANER, and that we do all that we can to have every family in our conference supplied with these Testimonies and periodicals.

Whereas, We recognize the importance of our medical missionary work, and desire to keep in harmony with the principles that have made us a separate people; therefore,

3. *Resolved*, That we give our hearty support to our Washington, D. C., health journal, *Life and Health*, and that we endeavor to give it a large circulation in our conference, both among our own people and among those whom we desire to see accepting the light of truth.

4. *Resolved*, That we approve of the efforts that are being made in spreading the truth by means of the

Family Bible Teacher, and that we recommend this to our people as an efficient and inexpensive means of working, hoping that through its use there will be revived in our midst the old-time zeal in personal missionary work.

Whereas, The Tent and Camp-meeting Fund has been overdrawn over \$200, and

Whereas, Funds are urgently needed for carrying on the work this season; therefore,

5. *Resolved*, That earnest efforts be put forth at this meeting and among the churches to replenish this fund.

Whereas, We are told by the spirit of prophecy that "Very much can be done for the education and moral and religious training of our youth, by a well-organized, properly conducted Sabbath-school," and that "the importance of its influence can not be estimated;" therefore,

6. *Resolved*, That provision be made for holding Sabbath-school conventions in various parts of the conference as often as shall be deemed best for the promotion of the best interests of the Sabbath-school work.

Whereas, There is to be an effort on the part of the National Reform Association to agitate and disseminate its principles in the State of Vermont by holding a convention in the city of Montpelier, October 11 and 12, said conference being a part of its program for every State in the Union; therefore,

7. *Resolved*, That this conference adopt such measures as may be indicated by the Spirit of God to enlighten the people everywhere in our midst, especially in the city of Montpelier, in regard to the true principles involved, that will save them from fostering the principles of this so-called national reform work, and which will save them at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

8. *We recommend*, That all our people interest themselves in a Bible study of the *privileges and responsibilities* of paying a faithful tithe.

9. That all our people in the State interest themselves in the treatment-room work in Burlington by recommending patients to the rooms, to the end that the medical missionary work may become permanently established.

Whereas, Only a small part of our conference membership is in attendance at our annual conference to partake of the blessing in donating to the financial enterprises presented to us; therefore,

10. *Resolved*, That the conference secretary be hereby instructed to send to the church elders, clerks, or librarians the leaflets containing the several pledges, with instructions to have them presented to every member.

Whereas, Much self-supporting missionary work should be done by many of our people who at the present time are doing very little in this direction, and,

Whereas, Elder I. E. Kimball and Mrs. Edith Kimball, his wife, and Brother C. F. Worthen and wife have established an industrial self-supporting school in this conference, and,

Whereas, They have expressed a strong desire to direct, or manage, the school under the counsel of the conference; therefore,

11. *Resolved*, That we extend to them our hearty moral support in their educational work, with the understanding that we deem it wise not to make a strong effort to induce students to come to the North from the South, believing that it is better for them to receive their education in the South for missionary work in that field.

Whereas, The solemn truths taught in our Sabbath-school lessons are just what our people need to aid them in passing through the trials and perils of these last days; therefore,

12. *We recommend*, That all provide themselves with the *Sabbath School Quarterly*, and spend at least one-half hour each day in the study of the Sabbath-school lessons.

Whereas, Both divine inspiration and divine providence indicate that

the present is the most favorable time we shall ever have for the spread of this message by means of the printed page; therefore,

13. *We recommend*, (a) That all our people be encouraged to spend as much time as they can in the circulation of our literature, either selling tracts and the special and regular issues of our periodicals, such as the *Signs of the Times*, *Southern Watchman*, *Life and Health*, and the *Bible Training School*; or taking up the work of resident canvassing for some of the books which have been set aside for that purpose; or that they join the ranks of our regular canvassers, and engage in the sale of our larger and more important publications.

(b) That all persons who do enter the work as regular canvassers first communicate with the State agent, and arrange with him for territory, and that they work under his direction, reporting their work to him each week.

Whereas, We as a conference have disposed of only about two-thirds of our quota of "Christ's Object Lessons;" therefore,

14. *Resolved*, That we push this work to a speedy completion, and hereby pledge ourselves to do all in our power to accomplish this end.

Whereas, The General Conference Publishing Committee has issued a proposition to publish a special series of four numbers of the *Signs of the Times* containing articles on the leading features of the third angel's message for a special missionary effort by all our people during the coming fall and winter; therefore,

15. *Resolved*, That said proposition meets our hearty approval, and that we urge all our people throughout the conference to engage in the sale of the proposed special series of the *Signs of the Times*.

The above resolutions gave opportunity for general instruction and discussion, which ever proved valuable and stimulating.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, Elder J. W. Watt, North Wolcott; Secretary and Treasurer of the Conference, F. M. Dana, Burlington; Secretary and Treasurer of the Tract and Missionary department, F. M. Dana; Field Secretary of the Sabbath-school department, Frank A. Page, Taftsville; Corresponding Secretary of the Sabbath-school department, Mrs. A. E. Taylor, Brownington; Educational Secretary, Frank A. Page; Canvassing Agent, A. W. Boardman, North Wolcott; Auditor, Atlantic Union Conference Auditor; Executive Committee, Elder J. W. Watt; F. M.

Dana; Elder T. H. Purdon, Rutland; A. W. Boardman; F. A. Page.

A further recommendation by the committee on nominations and approved by the conference was:

We recommend, That the work that is usually done by the district directors, be done by the Tract and Missionary Secretary.

Ministerial credentials were granted to J. W. Watt, T. H. Purdon, and W. A. Westworth, in Scotland.

Ministerial licenses were granted to C. H. Drown, Stowe; F. M. Dana, and Frank A. Page.

The Treasurer made the following reports and statements:

Treasurer's Report of the Vermont Conference, August 15, 1903, to August 1, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

Tithe,	\$4,108.46
Donations,	3,271.49
Mileage,	110.28
Notes Receivable,	217.50
Temporary Loan,	500.00
Refunded by Treatment Rooms,	150.00
Sundries,	42.73
Cash on Hand August 15, 1903,	906.83

\$9,307.29

DISBURSEMENTS.

Laborers,	\$4,504.00
Tent Fund,	667.39
Donations,	3,267.38
Tithe to Atlantic Union Conference,	351.07
Mileage,	237.66
Stationery and Sundries,	40.61
Cash on Hand August 1, 1904,	239.18

\$9,307.29

STANDING OF THE VERMONT CONFERENCE, AUGUST 1, 1904.

RESOURCES.

Notes Receivable,	\$ 222.00
Mileage,	57.12
Treatment Rooms Fund,	39.00
Tent and Camp-meeting Fund,	5.64
On \$350 Apportionment of Atlantic Union Conference Debt,	147.43
Tithe,	69.02
Accounts Due,	16.24
Cash on Hand,	239.18

\$ 795.63

LIABILITIES.

Notes Payable,	\$ 500.00
Special Fund,	200.00
Vermont Educational Fund,	4.18
Vermont Benevolent Fund,	69.45
Sundry Funds,	22.00

\$ 795.63

STANDING OF VERMONT TRACT SOCIETY, AUGUST 1, 1904.

RESOURCES.

Cash on Hand,	\$ 157.49
Notes Receivable,	41.22
Subscription Books per Inventory,	626.95
Trade Books per Inventory,	369.61
Merchandise per Inventory,	10.37
Foods per Inventory,	92.88
Furniture and Fixtures,	67.35
Office Expense,	24.35
"Christ's Object Lessons,"	169.03
Accounts Receivable (doubtful),	216.97
Accounts Receivable (good),	201.93

\$1,978.15

LIABILITIES.

South Lancaster Academy for "Christ's Object Lessons,"	\$ 169.03
"Christ's Object Lessons" Commission Fund,	17.00
Pacific Press Publishing Company, New York Branch (old debt),	300.00
Pacific Press Publishing Company, Oakland, Cal.,	14.68
Due on "Story of Daniel,"	200.67
Accounts Payable,	4.25
Stock, or Present Worth,	1,272.52

\$1,978.15

REPORT OF STANDING OF "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS."

Copies received to August 1, 1904,	2,224
Copies sent out from office,	2,064
Copies per Inventory,	160

2,224

Cash on Hand,	\$ 13.80
Accounts Due,	177.23
Value of Inventory,	200.00

2,224

Due Academy,	\$ 169.03
Due on loan to advance to Academy,	222.00

\$ 391.03

Vermont Quota,	3,000
Copies sent out from office,	2,064
Copies sent out not paid for,	142

\$391.03

3,000

This leaves copies sold,	1,922
Copies yet to be sold,	1,078

3,000

Accounts collected on sales for past year, \$472.77, or about three hundred and seventy-eight copies.

F. M. DANA, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

VERMONT CAMP-MEETING.

THE Vermont camp-meeting was held according to appointment August 18-28, at Hardwick. The attendance of our people was not so large as in some former years. The outside attendance was good when the weather was at all pleasant.

The spiritual interest of the meeting was good from first to last. The first Sabbath quite a number came forward for prayers, and we enjoyed a good day indeed. The last Sabbath of the meeting the Lord came especially near. Many came forward to seek the Lord; some wept aloud; sinners were converted; and a good work

was accomplished. On Sunday nine persons were baptized.

The outside interest seemed good until the close of the camp-meeting proper. The last Sunday evening the large pavilion was well filled, and after listening to a discourse on the Change of the Sabbath, they placed almost nine dollars in the collection.

A meeting was appointed for Monday night, but only a few came. Another service was appointed for Wednesday evening, and only three persons not of our faith were present. Why there should be such a dropping off in attendance when the interest seemed so good during the camp-meeting is something that we can not explain. The writer and Brother Dana are to follow up the work in Hardwick, using the portable tabernacle, if the people can be induced to come again and hear the Word.

Our own people went to their homes very much encouraged indeed. Now another year's work is before us as a conference. Let us each endeavor to do better work than ever before.

J. W. WATT.

BOSTON FIELD.

IT will be remembered by those who were at the Melrose camp-meeting that Sister White bore a decided testimony regarding the great work that should yet be done in this field. To say the least this counsel made a deep impression upon the minds of us who have been giving years of hard labor to the work here.

While we were studying what should be the first and aggressive step to be taken, in view of the instructions we had received, there was presented to us a voluntary proposition from the superintendent of Tremont Temple to occupy Lorimer Hall. This is one of the most popular halls in the city, and is in the best location. This offer seems to us as a signal leading of the Lord, as it came just at this time, and because it seemed important that we

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should have another place of worship owing to the poor ventilation of the hall where we now meet, and also its being too small, although located in the same building.

There are from seventy-five to one hundred thousand people pass by this place each day. The capacity of the hall is such that we can accommodate a large audience, so it is our purpose to advertise our subjects each Sabbath on a large bulletin in front of the building, where the thousands who pass there, especially on the Sabbath, can know of our work.

Lorimer Hall rents for \$25 a service, but we can obtain it for a very little more than we gave for our other hall.

We are further considering the advisability of securing a central location where we can conduct a noonday service and follow it with inquiry meetings, in order to reach all interested persons that may come to us.

We are pleased to report that Captain Johnson, with his yacht, "Sentinel," is now in the Boston harbor, and the Lord is already blessing his work in a pronounced way.

K. C. RUSSELL.

GLOUCESTER, MASS.

ALTHOUGH the difficulties of prejudice and indifference have had to be met here to quite an extent, we are glad to report that some degree of success has attended our labors, and our hearts are much encouraged by what we have seen thus far. Our meetings opened here in the tent on July 10, and closed last evening, September 11, with the Message of Elijah the Prophet, at which service the Lord gave much freedom, and also a good attendance.

Thus far there are six who appear to have taken a firm stand for the truth. Some of these had their interest awakened at the meetings we held in the hall last winter. There are a number who have taken no stand

as yet who seem deeply interested, and we expect by the grace of God to see a church of faithful souls established on old Cape Ann.

At our meeting last Sabbath we received pledges which amount to \$8 to pay the rent of a meeting place for Sabbath services, etc., so now we can arrange for this at once. There is yet much instruction to be given here on the question of tithing, the spirit of prophecy, etc., and we feel that we need much wisdom from God; therefore, we need your prayers.

H. C. HARTWELL,

For the Gloucester Tent Company.

REPORT OF MAINE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CONFERENCE.

THE Maine Seventh-day Adventist Conference held its thirty-eighth annual session in connection with the camp-meeting at Caribou, August 26 to September 5. Fifteen churches were represented. A new church of ten members, known as the Bowdoin and Litchfield church, was received under the watch-care of the conference.

The Secretary and Treasurer of the conference made the following report of receipts and expenditures for the conference year ending Dec. 31, 1903.

RECEIPTS.		
Tithe,		\$4,593.05
Camp-meeting and Tent Effort in Portland,		1,526.45
Bills Receivable,		100.00
Sabbath-schools,		210.00
Academy,		212.00
Poor Fund,		16.07
Atlantic Union Conference Pledge,		1.50
General Fund (donation),		.15
Endowed Bed Fund,		6.50
	Total,	\$6,665.72
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1903,		349.12
		\$7,014.84
EXPENDITURES.		
Tithe,		\$4,591.34
Camp-meeting and Tent Effort in Portland,		1,515.47
Paid for New Tents,		100.00
Academy,		212.00
Sabbath-school Donations,		210.00
General Fund,		120.55
Sanitarium,		.50
Atlantic Union Conference Pledge,		1.50
Poor Fund,		24.13
Endowed Bed Fund,		37.43
	Total,	\$6,812.92
Cash on Hand Jan. 1, 1904,		201.92
		\$7,014.84

The value of the conference property per inventory was given as \$1,496.00, which with bills receivable \$75.00, accounts receivable \$86.68, and cash on hand \$301.92, gave total resources \$1,859.60, with liabilities \$769.50. The report to August 1, 1904, showed that more than half of the liabilities had been met.

The financial report of the Maine Tract Society was given as follows for year ending Dec. 31, 1903:

RESOURCES,		
Property as per Inventory,		\$1,392.31
Merchandise as per Inventory,		453.89
Cash on Hand,		138.48
Accounts Receivable,		106.88
Present worth,		
No liabilities.		\$2,091.56

E. H. MORTON, *Treasurer,*

The report from Jan. 1, 1904, to August 1, 1904, showed a marked increase in the business of the society.

The Auditor's report was read.

"I have examined your accounts, including the Tract Society department, from April 1, 1902, until Aug. 15, 1904, inclusive. I have verified the cash, the journals, and the ledger.

Since July 1, 1897, all property purchased has been charged to the expense accounts, and at the close of each year an estimated value of property purchased during the year has been added to the property accounts; therefore, your resources, represented by these accounts, exceed the real value of your property in whatever amount the latter has been consumed, or is depreciated because of use.

The journals and ledgers are in balance. To the best of my knowledge and belief, as hereinbefore defined, your accounts as recorded are correct.

"J. E. JAYNE,

"Auditor of Atlantic Union Conference.
"August 15, 1904."

The reports of both Auditor and Treasurer were accepted.

The business of the conference was discussed under the following resolutions, all of which were passed:

Whereas, Our conference appropriation of the General Conference Association's assignment of \$5,000 to the Atlantic Union Conference is \$352, and,

Whereas, We are in arrears \$330 on the wages of our teacher in the Union Conference Academy; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That a free-will offering be taken up at this meeting in these interests, and that a systematic effort be made in all the churches to secure the remainder of the amount.

2. *We recommend*, That, inasmuch as we have no endowed bed at the sanitarium, the fund now known as the Endowed Bed Fund be merged into the Poor Fund.

Whereas, There are more than

twenty-seven million people in this Atlantic Union Conference, and,

Whereas, The Review and Herald Publishing Association, which by the counsel of God was removed to this Union Conference, is now publishing the journal—*Life and Health*,—therefore,

3. *Resolved*, That we indorse this action of the Review and Herald, and recognize this journal, *Life and Health*, as an important help in bringing to these millions of people a more practical knowledge of the gospel of health.

That we advise our people to subscribe for this journal, and that the churches make large use of it in the missionary campaign which will be opened this fall.

Whereas, There is yet a balance of about one thousand two hundred copies of "Christ's Object Lessons" to be disposed of to complete our quota, and,

Whereas, These books will do great good in the hands of the people, and the disposal of them will likewise benefit our own people; therefore,

4. *Resolved*, That we encourage our members to take up this work in an earnest manner this fall and winter, and that the conference employ some competent officer or person well adapted to this work, to visit the churches to assist and encourage them to complete this work.

5. *Resolved*, That we enter heartily into a general home-missionary campaign during October, November, and December, the leading features of which shall be the wide circulation of periodicals and tracts, a simultaneous effort for the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" and other relief books, and a general thorough effort, by house-to-house visiting and the introduction of literature, to carry the present truth into hundreds of thousands of homes in this great State.

Whereas, The Review and Herald, our denominational organ, is the only periodical published by the body that

gives the progress of the work in every country, and,

Whereas, It is a sentinel to the people of the denomination, especially in this "sifting time;" therefore,

6. *Resolved*, That we do all in our power, by a systematic canvass of every church, to place this paper in the home of every Seventh-day Adventist in the conference.

Whereas, The Maine Conference is a division of the Atlantic Union Conference, and,

Whereas, The ATLANTIC UNION GLEANER is the local organ of this field, and through its columns we learn of the progress of the work in this local conference, and also of the advancement of the work throughout the Atlantic Union Conference; therefore,

7. *Resolved*, That we advise all our people to subscribe for this paper.

The following officers were elected for the conference during the ensuing year:

President, Elder P. F. Bicknell; Secretary and Treasurer, Eliza H. Morton; Sabbath-school Secretary, Mrs. P. F. Bicknell; Assistant Secretary, Lilly M. Grant; Conference Committee, Dr. W. H. Walters, E. C. Taylor, B. F. Davis, Hollis Easler; State Agent, Fred B. Grant; Camp-meeting Committee, B. F. Davis, secretary; the remainder of the committee to be appointed by the conference committee.

Credentials and licenses were granted as follows: Credentials to Elders Bicknell, Goodrich, Osborne, and Hersum; and missionary license to Mrs. P. F. Bicknell and Cornelia Snow.

Conference adjourned to call of Chair.

E. H. MORTON, *Secretary*.

"We are nearing the end of this earth's history, and the different lines of God's work are to be carried forward with much more self-sacrifice than is at present manifest."

FROM THE CAMP, CARIBOU, ME.

ALL through the camp-meeting the desire to hear the truth at the tent continued with unabated interest. The outside attendance every night was quite large, and as the days of the camp-meeting drew nearer the end, the people kept coming right along. Two Sundays there were excursions from all along the railroad stations one hundred and twenty miles from Caribou, and the first Sunday brought in about two thousand people, and the second Sunday, some five hundred. The outsiders gave very good attention during the services, but the ground was cleared from that element before the evening services.

The services during the evenings of the camp were really a continuation of the tent effort, and the truths, the testing truths, which had been given during the season, were brought to a focus during the camp-meeting. Inasmuch as those who attended the services during the camp-meeting were largely the same class of people as those who attended during the summer season, the regular program which was carried out during the week was right in line with the meetings which had been preparing the people for these very things.

The first Sunday evening the subject was, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" showing how important it is that every individual should obey the messages of God, especially referring to the obedience of keeping the Sabbath. At the close an appeal was made, and six hands were raised, who said they would obey and keep all of God's commands. Some of these were people out of town who had come to camp-meeting, but had never before kept the Sabbath. Two had already decided to obey prior to this time, and since the camp-meeting it has been learned that at least two more have decided to obey. There are several others in the valley of decision, whose interest in the truth is very

marked. The outlook is certainly very encouraging for a strong work to be done here, by the grace of God, and if those who follow up the work shall be true and faithful to those who are interested in the truth, there ought to be a strong church raised up here which shall stand for a beacon light in this section of the county.

Services have been held at the tent since the camp-meeting closed, and though the weather has been very cold, still there has been a good attendance every evening. The Spirit of the Lord is certainly at work upon the hearts of the people, and we hope and pray that many more will respond to his pleadings. A very nice hall has been secured in a good part of the town, and by the time this issue will reach the GLEANER readers, meetings will have already begun here. The Methodists have been fighting the truth, and we are informed that they tried hard to keep us from getting the hall; but the Lord has worked for his truth, and through his grace it has been secured.

May the readers of the GLEANER still remember this work at the throne of grace, that the powers of darkness may be overthrown, and that the Lord shall gain the victory, and that a people shall be gathered out of this town and community who will keep the commandments of God and have the faith of Jesus.

P. F. BICKNELL,
F. C. GILBERT.

CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND CAMP-
MEETING.

THIS meeting was held, according to appointment, at Melrose, Mass., August 25 to September 5.

A short time before the date of our meeting, it looked as if we should be obliged to postpone our date or give up our camp-meeting entirely.

Our plan was to rent rooms for all our people who attended the meeting. The responsibility of looking up the

rooms was given to one of our faithful brethren, in good time; but it was found difficult to get any promises of rooms so far in advance of the time, as the people could not tell whether their rooms would be empty at the time or not; and we could not unconditionally promise to take the rooms, as we did not know how many of our people would come.

As we came near to the time of camp-meeting, we found ourselves face to face with "Home Week," and following that the "G. A. R. Week." Boston and vicinity was crowded with people, and those who had rooms to rent had them rented, and, as stated, it seemed for several days that we must give up our meeting entirely; for if we failed to get rooms, it would be necessary to change all our plans, take our meeting farther from the sanitarium, rent tents, etc.

But this was practically impossible. For several days we felt distressed over the situation, as we knew that something definite should be put in the GLEANER for our brethren, but we could not get anything definite to write. Later, we received word from Melrose, stating that "Home Week" being past, people were ready to promise rooms, and a good number had been secured.

We at once called a meeting of our committee, and decided upon necessary details, and, finding it too late to get these details into the GLEANER, we prepared personal letters for all our churches and also for every isolated member, as far as possible. This seemed to be the best and only thing to do.

We have a reason for referring briefly to the above facts, and trust that our brethren and sisters will take notice of it, as it may answer some questions which have arisen.

We have reason to thank God for his providences connected with the meeting from beginning to close. The weather was almost perfect. Not one service was hindered by storm or

rain. The attendance, both of our own people and those not of our faith, was very encouraging.

We were greatly favored and blessed by the presence and help of our beloved Sister E. G. White, who spoke four times at the regular public services. Her testimony was most timely, and was appreciated by all. Though seventy-seven years of age, her voice rang out with astonishing clearness and power. Her son, Elder W. C. White, who had been attending the Atlantic Union Conference medical council at the sanitarium just before our meeting opened, remained long enough to speak twice to our people at the camp.

We were glad also to have with us the last three or four days Elder J. S. Washburn, from Washington, D. C., who gave us good help. Elder Cottrell spent a few hours on the ground on his way from Maine to the Southern New England Conference.

We were also pleased to welcome Elder Russell, who for some time had been away on account of sickness. He returned much improved in health, and ready to take hold of camp-meeting work.

Elders Griggs and Wheeler did some good work for the young. There was a large number of our young people present. The Lord made this meeting a means of salvation to several. It was estimated that not less than two hundred people moved forward the last Sabbath. Several for the first time. Sunday morning twenty-four received the ordinance of baptism.

One of the subjects which Sister White emphasized was the need that advanced moves should be taken to make our Melrose sanitarium work more efficient.

The following I quote from a letter which was placed in my hands, to which reference will be made more fully later:

"I have been instructed that it was in the providence of God that our people obtained possession of this place.

I have also been instructed that proper facilities should be provided for the increasing number of patients. Many from Boston and other places will come to this sanitarium, to be away from the din and bustle of the city. Additional buildings will have to be put up. Rooms must be provided for the rich as well as for the poor. . . . Persons of this class must be accommodated. . . . Therefore we advise that the work on the new building be begun, so that patients of the wealthy class may be accommodated. This class must hear the message. Let those in charge counsel together, and make arrangements to put up a building that will provide the necessary accommodations," etc.

In view of these plain statements, it seemed right and duty to make a start. Cash and pledges were taken at the meeting amounting to about four hundred dollars. About \$150 was pledged for the work in Washington, our endowed bed fund, and for our tent and camp-meeting fund.

A special session of the conference had been called, and one meeting was held, with thirty-one delegates present. The treasurer's and auditor's reports were read and approved.

In view of the fact that Sister W. M. Lee, our Sabbath-school secretary, is greatly needed for important work in the sanitarium, which work she felt called upon to accept, she resigned her position as secretary of the Sabbath-school Association. The conference accepted her resignation, and elected Sister Lee S. Wheeler to fill the vacancy. While we regret to lose Sister Lee from this line of work, where she has rendered most faithful and efficient service, we are pleased to know that in Sister Wheeler we have one who is also well qualified for the work.

A little later we shall be able to give a report of the gains or losses in carrying on this camp-meeting. Whatever that financial report may show,

we know now that in every sense the meeting was a most precious spiritual success.

I see that I had well-nigh omitted several speakers representing an important feature of our meeting. Dr. G. A. Hare, secretary of the Atlantic Union Conference Medical Committee, from Washington, D. C., Drs. C. C. and Mary B. Nicola, and Dr. Marsh, of the Melrose sanitarium, gave some excellent talks on health subjects, which were much appreciated.

It is years since I have attended a camp-meeting where there seemed to be such a universally good spirit, and such an absence of criticism and faultfinding. This was a source of encouragement to me.

May the rich blessings received at the Melrose camp be kept fresh in the hearts of this dear people all through the year.

A. E. PLACE.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.
Tent and Camp-meeting Fund.

PREVIOUSLY reported,	\$302.96
G. F. Archibald,	5.00
Elizabeth Gardner,	5.00
Miss Fancher,	1.00
Mrs. E. M. Barstow,	1.00
Mrs. S. Christensen,	1.00
A. Christensen,	.75
Eva B. Daggett,	.25
R. M. Robbins,	1.50
H. A. Englelom,	1.00
Samuel Booth,	10.00
A. Peterson,	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Park R. Kingsley,	.50
M. A. Scribner,	1.00
Mrs. S. A. Whittier,	.10
D. W. Ives,	.25
Clara Standish,	.10
John Wesley Barrett,	1.10
A friend,	1.00
Lucy Smith,	.10
A. J. Clark,	2.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Burr,	2.00
E. Louise Thans,	.50
T. T. Tucker,	5.00

Mrs. H. S. S. Davis,	1.00
Mrs. D. R. Leighton,	2.00
Elder H. W. Cottrell,	5.00
D. K. Royer,	.50
Sister Colburn,	1.00
J. W. Wilbur,	1.00
Chas. Reimers,	1.00
R. C. Andrews,	2.00

Total, \$357.61

ENDOWED BED FUND.

On hand,	\$ 4.50
Mrs. S. Christensen,	1.00
A. Christensen,	.50
Eva B. Daggett,	.25
A. J. Clark,	1.00
R. M. Robbins,	.50
R. C. Andrews,	1.00
H. A. Englelom,	1.00
Samuel Booth,	2.00
A. Peterson,	1.00
Park T. Kingsley,	.50
Mrs. S. A. Whittier,	.15
Clara Standish,	.10
T. T. Tucker,	10.00
J. W. Barrett,	1.00

Total, \$24.50

D. K. ROYER.

"WHATSOEVER a man soweth that shall he also reap."

"THERE is much joy in the world for the Christian if he only knows how to see it, thousands of things daily to be thankful for."

THY WILL BE DONE.

How SWEET to be allowed to pray
To God, the Holy One,
With filial love kneel down and say,
"Father, thy will be done."

We, in these sacred words, can find
A cure for every ill;
They calm and soothe the troubled mind,
And bid all care be still.

O let that Will which gave me breath—
Formed me a living soul—
In joy or grief, in life or death,
My every wish control!

O could my heart thus ever pray,
With joy life's course would run;
Teach me, O God, with truth to say,
"Thy will, not mine, be done."

—Samuel C. Smith.

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"Publicly, and from HOUSE to HOUSE"

A GAP IN THE RANKS.

AS OUR eyes follow the ammunition as it goes out from the storehouse, we see a gap in the ranks of the soldiers at the front. What makes this gap, and how can it be filled up? Have some soldiers fallen in the battle for

Christ? Possibly, but we are thankful this is not the reason for the gap we see. The enemy has not caused it.

For several months some of our educational workers have been spending their vacations in the front ranks of the canvassing force, and their reports, some of which appear in the GLEANER of September 7, speak for themselves. As one sister says, "If any one desires to make his vacation all that it should be—a pleasant, profitable and health-

THE BOOK WORK.

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending September 2, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. T. Hilgert, Philadelphia,		G C	3	17	1	3.00	5.33	8.33	2.33
Albert Roberts, Hawley,		C K	4	20	10	10.00	1.50	11.50	
Harry Minier, Scranton,		C K	5	35	11	11.00	6.75	17.75	1.00
Lille Minier, Scranton,		C K	5	26	14	14.00	2.00	16.00	
Minnie Minier, Scranton,		C K	3		5	5.00	4.00	9.00	3.25
A. H. Osman, Williamstown,		C K	3	14	16	16.00	4.50	20.50	6.50
Walter Garrett, Peckville,		C K	1	6	4	4.00	.75	4.75	4.00
G. W. Holman, Lancaster,		P H	5	31	95	23.25		23.25	3.25
Totals,	8 Agents,		29	149	156	\$86.25	\$24.83	\$111.08	\$20.33

Western Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending September 2, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Chas. Peden, Somerset,		B R	3	22	3	6.00	2.25	8.25	77.00
*Ivor Lawrence, Windber,		D & R	3	20	5	19.00	7.00	26.00	3.75
*W. C. Fleisher, Castle Shannon,		G C	8	29	11	24.25	16.75	41.00	61.25
Lena Keeler, Liberty,		S of R	1	1			1.50	1.50	
Wilbert Morgan, Washington,		P H	3		2	1.25		1.25	9.25
H. P. Morgan, Washington,		G C	3	11	3	6.75		6.75	15.25
L. B. Trowbridge, Pittsburg,		D of A	4	13	1	4.25	2.00	6.25	6.25
Arthur C. Harris, Pittsburg,		B R	2	16	6	15.00		15.00	
David S. Plank, Hebron Towns'p,		C K	4	24	28	28.00	1.85	28.85	14.82
Totals,	9 Agents,		31	146	59	\$104.50	\$31.35	\$134.85	\$187.57

*Two weeks.

New Jersey Conference, Week Ending September 2, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
J. W. Rambo, Swedesboro,		G A	3	22	32	9.05		9.05	6.90
*S. A. Paul, Atlantic City,		C K	11	64	26	26.50	5.75	36.25	10.75
Totals,	2 Agents,		14	86	58	\$35.55	5.75	\$45.30	\$17.65

*Two weeks. He also sold 340 *Signs and Life Boats*.

Chesapeake Conference, Week Ending September 2, 1904

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. R. Sherman, Laurel, Md.,		B R	4	26	13			30.50	
Totals,	1 Agent,		4	26	13			\$30.50	

ful one—let him go to canvassing.”

These friends, whose work we have greatly appreciated during their vacation, must now leave the ranks here and go to reenforce another movement. Who will come quickly forward to fill the gap they make, and push the battle where they leave it, continuing with their success?

There ought to be many who would enjoy a *prolonged vacation* of this kind—one that is “pleasant, profitable, and healthful.”

The fall season—the best of the year—is just before us.

W. B. WALTERS.

THE CANVASSING WORK IN VIRGINIA.

We are glad to report that the Virginia Conference has decided to take

advance steps in the canvassing work. Although a few persons have been doing a little, many places in the conference have never been touched. More than three-fourths of this State has practically never been entered by one of our agents. Some of the best territory has never been worked.

The conference committee assure me that they will heartily welcome all who are willing to engage in the building up of this branch of the work, and will encourage them in it. We shall be glad to communicate with any who desire to enter this line of work, and will help all such as feel need of help, and will arrange for territory as may seem best.

Many reasons might be given why you should enter the canvassing work. One reason is because God has

reached you through some agency, and he wants to reach some one else through you. Are you willing to let him use you? God has said that where there is one canvasser there should be one hundred. O, that each one who reads this might understand that he is the one to whom God is speaking, not some one else.

If there are workers who wish to come from other conferences to labor in this State, we shall be glad to communicate with them, and give what information they may desire.

We expect to call on the different churches, and place before them the call to canvass as missionaries, that the work may be hastened.

W. H. ZEIDLER, *State Agent.*
Care of A. M. Neff, New Market, Va.

AN EXHORTATION TO FAITHFULNESS.

DEAR FELLOW WORKERS, who are scattering the pages of truth to the world: Fifteen months ago, in company with others, we met in Kingston, as volunteers to hunt and fish for men, to be instructed by Brother F. E. Painter in regard to the best methods of work. My mind goes back to the morning roll-call, when after the opening service, each volunteer would choose his place of study. Some would hie away to their bed-rooms from the confusion of tongues of volunteers' presenting their books and repeating the canvass one to another.

From the then present surroundings, one would conclude that the fifty-five thousand souls in Wilkesbarre and Kingston would soon be warned of the consummation of our hope, the coming King. The words ring fresh in my ears as if it were but yesterday, as one would say to another, “Good morning, sir, I am representing the Pennsylvania Tract Society with a valuable religious work, designed as an aid in Bible study. It is entitled ‘Patriarchs and Prophets.’” Then from some other point would come, “I have here a copy of the ‘Heralds

New York Conference, Week Ending September 2, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Wm. Triechel,		S of D			58	58.00	3.25	61.25	58.00
A. R. Evans, Norwich,		C K		13	9	12.50	1.90	14.40	
Arthur W. Coon, Minetto,		C K		34	31	35.50	4.50	40.00	
Totals,	3 Agents,			47	98	\$106.00	\$9.65	\$115.65	\$58.00

Central New England Conference, Week Ending September 2, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
G. H. Clark, Adams,		C K	5	38	14	14.00	14.20	28.20	
H. T. Cross, Maplewood,		D of A	5	29	2	7.00	10.75	17.75	23.75
Totals,	2 Agents,		10	67	16	\$21.00	\$24.95	\$45.95	\$23.75

Vermont Conference, Three Weeks Ending September 2, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Mrs. R. T. Foster, Johnson,		S of D						4.50	4.50
Mrs. E. P. Hathaway, Benn'gt'n,		L G					1.00	1.00	3.50
Mrs. C. M. Nichols, Lunenburg, D & R									1.88
Totals,	3 Agents,						\$1.00	\$5.50	\$9.88

Week Ending August 5, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Mrs. S. C. Botsford, Manchestr,				2			.35	.35	
A. E. Taylor,									41.25
Totals,	2 Agents,			2			\$.35	\$.35	\$41.25

U. C. Totals September 2,	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
30 Agents,	88	523	400	\$353.30	\$97.88	\$489.18	\$358.43
Totals for corresp. week last year,							
13 Agents,	39	228	52	\$97.75	\$46.48	\$144.23	\$284.93

of the Morning,' showing at a glance the response of history to the voice of prophecy," and so our time was spent from day to day, to fit us to fish for souls in God's own way. Isa. 41:13.

But the time came for us to be assigned to our fields of labor, no more to be called to action by our leader day by day, but left to be obedient to our covenant as volunteers to work till Jesus comes. Oh, how sad when I look at our weekly reports to find but one or two of our number enrolled for a while, and finally only one to go and say, "I am representing the Pennsylvania Tract Society."

Not seeing their names in the weekly report, I turn to those who have been numbered with the slain, yet no name in the column of obituaries reports their death. I conclude, then, that they are yet living the life lent by Him who said, "Be strong and of a good courage: . . . for the Lord thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee nor forsake thee." Deut. 31:6. O, brethren, can we not believe these promises?

"When you look at others with their land and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you his wealth untold.
Count your many blessings money can not buy,
Your reward in heaven and your home on high."

I have had many blessings bestowed upon me as I have gone from place to place, and the angels of the Lord have been sent before me to open the doors of homes, and touch the hearts of the people to inquire for truth. I might cite a few instances. In one instance I went to a sawmill where the two foremen were believers in the Millennial Dawn teaching. Having been told of their faith, I trusted to the Lord to deliver some books among them. After conversing with these men for some time, I took an order for "Patriarchs and Prophets," and they directed me over the hill to a farmer who was interested in their

literature, and I sold him a "Marvel of Nations," and to another I sold "Looking unto Jesus," and I could but thank the Lord for his leading.

Again, I called at a farmhouse, and a gentleman met me outside the door. After introducing my work, and starting to give him a canvass for "Patriarchs and Prophets," I turned to the second chapter and spoke of the creation of the earth, when he interrupted me by asking if the book conveyed the idea that the world was created in seven times twenty-four hours, as taught by the old theology. I answered, "Yes, sir." "Oh, that's too old," he said. "Higher education has brought us to see that many of those things written in the Bible are not so." He named other parts of the Bible that he did not believe, and said that if I should present the book to the ministry around Pittsburg, they would not indorse it. I said I wanted no better evidence of the nearness of the second coming of Christ than his testimony, and what he said about the ministers of Pittsburg.

But while he was saying all this, the Lord prompted him to take a "Marvel of Nations" at once, so I sold him my sample copy for \$1.50, trusting the Lord to water the seed that had been sown. He was the State agent for the new "International Encyclopedia."

So we are led from home to home, meeting with a new face and new questions each time.

Brethren, will you not reenlist? or if you have not fallen out by the way, let me hear from you, either through the GLEANER or by letter. Just think of our companion in labor. Matt. 28:20. The door might close in your face with a bang; be not discouraged. Christ stands by your side. It is not you they reject, but him. 1 Sam. 8:7.

T. O. SAXTON,
Hortons, Pa.

"UPON us rests the weighty responsibility of warning the world of its coming doom."

ITEMS OF INTEREST

CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND.

—Professor and Mrs. Roy F. Cottrell returned to South Lancaster last Friday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Parmelee returned to their work at South Lancaster on Monday.

—Miss Winifred L. Holmden, language teacher in the Academy, reached South Lancaster last week.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Tucker left South Lancaster on Friday to spend a few days at the Southern New England camp-meeting.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Griggs returned to their home Sunday, after visiting the Vermont, Maine, and Central New England camp-meetings.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Heynemann left South Lancaster, Monday, for Battle Creek, Michigan, to attend the American Medical Missionary College.

—Mrs. H. W. Cottrell arrived home Thursday, after a pleasant trip to the Southern New England camp-meeting, at Middletown, Connecticut.

—Mrs. Sara J. Hall, who has been spending the summer with relatives at Piqua, Ohio, has returned to connect with the work in the Academy another year.

—Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Mason, after enjoying a summer in Missouri, visiting the St. Louis Exposition, and Mrs. Mason's parents at Windsor, return much refreshed to enter upon another year's work.

—Miss Janet W. Haskell, preceptress of the South Lancaster Academy home, who has been spending the summer with relatives in Keene, Texas, returned last week to continue her work another year.

—Dr. Lucinda A. Marsh, who has been engaged in work at the New England Sanitarium for the past month, has returned to South Lancaster, where she will continue her work,

as teacher of science in the Academy.

—The many friends of Miss Floy A. Willson were glad to welcome her back to South Lancaster on Thursday. She has been spending the month of August among friends and relatives in New York State, where she lived with her parents before they went as missionaries to South Africa.

DOROTHY J. WHEELER.

MAINE.

—Now is the time to think about canvassing. We hope to dispose of many books this fall.

—Elder Bicknell and wife returned to Deering for a short time, but are now in Caribou.

—Elders Goodrich and Hersum are also in Caribou, and will unite in the house-to-house work.

—Brother Gerald is busy delivering books in Caribou. He has done a good work canvassing in that place this summer.

—Among those baptized Sunday at the camp was one of the new Sabbath-keepers. She is deeply in earnest, and promises to become an efficient worker for the Master.

—It was decided to continue the meetings in the large tent a week after camp-meeting, and then transfer them to a hall. Elder Gilbert is still in Caribou, and will remain for a few weeks to follow up the deep interest which is apparent.

—Our annual camp-meeting is in the past, and the brethren and sisters have returned to their homes cheered and strengthened, it is hoped, for active work the coming season. A report of the meeting will probably be given in the GLEANER soon by some of the ministers who were present.

—The individuals who took subscriptions for the *Review and Life and Health* and the GLEANER on the camp-ground overlooked the fact that the money must accompany the order, or it will not be sent to the office. We find several who did not pay for the

papers ordered, and shall have to wait until the money is sent to us, as we make nothing on these subscriptions, and do not open individual accounts on our books.

E. H. MORTON.

VERMONT.

—Elder Watt attended the Canadian camp-meeting the past week, and expects to hold special meetings at Hardwick as soon as he reaches Vermont.

—Sister Rubie Roscoe, her parents, and the Roscoe Publishing House, managed by Brother Lincoln Roscoe, have moved from Jericho to Essex Junction.

—Sister Lizzie A. Stone is to make her home with Elder Bicknell's family, at Portland, Me., for the winter, according to plans at this writing.

—Elder Purdon is making preparations for the special work at Montpelier according to resolution number seven of the Vermont Conference, which appears in another column.

—We understand that Sister Eva Jenks, of Rutland, has accepted a call to teach a church-school in New York State, and expects to go to that field soon.

—Elder J. E. Jayne came to Hardwick and audited the conference and tract society books and records, also at Burlington, he audited the treatment parlor books.

—Elder H. J. Farman has accepted an invitation to labor in Virginia, and left the camp-meeting, August 21, for his home at Richford, Vt., for a day or two in preparation before starting for his new field of labor.

—We have some of the camp-meeting foods on hand yet, which we desire to dispose of so as not to pay extra freight to ship them to Burlington. Any one wishing anything in our line will find reasonable prices by addressing the writer.

—Have you read the report of the camp-meeting? Please note the

change in the Sabbath-school department officers. Direct correspondence with the corresponding secretary to Mrs. A. E. Taylor, Brownington, Vt., and that with the field secretary to Frank A. Page, Taftsville, Vt.

—Sister L. M. Stratton, of Wolcott, reports to us that she lost her bed and springs at camp-meeting, and we are at a loss to see how it could be unless someone made a mistake and loaded extra furniture into their wagon. Should it happen thus, will you kindly notify her of this mistake, and thus relieve her of her peculiar perplexity.

—Owing to the few laborers in the State just now and the need of further work at Hardwick, the writer is trying to do the conference and tract society office work at Hardwick for a few weeks, and thus be there to assist Elder Watt when the special meetings open as noted above. Please direct correspondence which generally goes to the office at Burlington, to Hardwick till further notice.

—Brother E. W. Thurber has done good work at the office as assistant secretary and treasurer the past year, but owing to the larger force of laborers which the conference has carried the past year, it was thought best to cut down expenses this year, so as to enable the finances to catch up, so to speak, in the overdraft caused by the extra laborers the past year. Accordingly Brother Thurber has joined the faithful in the work of the canvassers for the present, and will work Montpelier, Williamsville, and other territory in Washington County, and will make his headquarters at the home of his parents in Montpelier.

F. M. DANA.

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



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THIS blue line on the margin of your paper is to remind you that we should be pleased to have you renew your subscription.

FROM the Maine camp-meeting, Elder Cottrell went to the Southern New England meeting, then to the camp-meeting at Lacona, N. Y., and from there to College View, Nebraska.

ERE this number reaches our readers, the General Conference Committee will be in session at College View, considering questions of importance in regard to the future of the work. Let all pray that the decisions made may be in harmony with the mind of Christ.

THE decrease in the report of the book work is noticeable of late. But the report of sales is more than twice the amount that was reported for the same week in 1903. To quite an extent this decrease is due to the fact that several of the conferences have just been holding their camp-meetings. It is hoped that the blessing received at the camp-meetings, and the favorable time of year for the work, will soon increase the number of workers and the amount of sales per capita.

It has been with pleasure that we have received reports from canvassers in the Chesapeake Conference for the last few weeks. The faithful sisters who first sent these reports have returned to their regular work, and the brother has been called to another

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State, but a new worker has been enlisted in that conference to scatter the printed pages. The report of his first week's work is found in another column. We have the promise that we shall continue to hear from that field.

VERMONT NOTICE.

PLEASE make all drafts, post-office money-orders, express orders, or checks, on all items pertaining to the Vermont Conference or Tract Society, payable to F. M. Dana, Treasurer.

F. M. DANA, *Sec. and Treas.*,
 190 N. Winooski Ave.,
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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*.

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OBITUARY NOTICES

SHEPARD.—Sister Ann C. Shepard died of apoplexy at the home of Brother Palmer in Charleston, Vt., August 31, aged 70 years. She gave her heart to Christ when very young, and was always a devoted Christian. She saw the truth of the third angel's message about fifteen years ago, and at once embraced it, and has been very faithful. Her heart was in the message. The funeral was held in the Congregational church at Coventry, Vt., September 2, Rev. A. S. Bole officiating. Text: "There is but a step between me and death." There were many beautiful flowers.

MRS. A. A. PATTEN.

ESTEP.—Joseph Estep was born August 15, 1835, and died September 5, 1904, aged 69 years and 20 days. Brother Estep was in failing health for more than a year, and as the end drew near he realized more the necessity of fully identifying himself with the people of God and the third angel's message, with whom he had been acquainted for many years. He was baptized a few days before our camp-meeting by Elder A. C. Neff, and was received into full fellowship in the church, having fully accepted Christ as his Saviour. The funeral services were conducted by the writer, assisted by Elder A. C. Neff, and he was laid away to rest, we trust to come forth in the first resurrection at the coming of Christ. He leaves a wife and daughter to mourn his loss.

R. D. HOTTEL.

COSBY.—Died at Richmond, Virginia, August 21, 1904, Martha Fenton, daughter of Eva M. Cosby, aged 4 months and 13 days. Funeral services were conducted by the writer. Only a few days later, September 3, came the sad intelligence that the mother, who had but recently passed through severe trials, and was suffering with nervous prostration, ending in inflammation of the bowels, had fallen peacefully asleep. Eva M. Cosby, daughter of O. F. and Hattie E. Dart, was born at Oswego, N. Y., July 8, 1876, thus being 28 years, 1 month, and 25 days old. She leaves three small children, and the blow was a sad one to the parents, who are still living, yet they sorrow not as others who have no hope, but wait and rest in the blessed hope of soon meeting the loved ones in that kingdom when "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." The services were conducted by the writer who spoke from 1 Cor. 15:19.

R. D. HOTTEL.