

# ATLANTIC UNION GLEANER



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

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## "THE LORD'S APPOINTMENT."

I SAY it over and over, and yet again to-day:  
It rests my heart as surely as it did yesterday.

"It is the Lord's appointment!"  
Whatever my work may be,  
I am sure, in my heart of hearts,  
He has offered it for me.

I must say it over and over, and again to-day,  
For my work is somewhat different from yesterday:

"It is the Lord's appointment!"  
It quiets my restless will  
Like voice of a tender mother,  
And my heart and will are still.

I will say it over and over, this and every day,  
Whatever the Master orders, come what may:

"It is the Lord's appointment!"  
For only his love can see  
What is wisest, best, and right,  
What is truly good for me.

—Selected.

## THE SIN OF REJECTING LIGHT.

"THEN was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb; and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub, the prince of the devils." The course pursued by the Pharisees called forth

the denunciation of Christ. He said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: and if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. . . . Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come."

By rejecting the light that was shining upon them, by refusing to examine the evidence to see whether the messages were from heaven, the Pharisees sinned against the Holy Ghost. Christ, the world's Redeemer, was in the world. "All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in dark-

ness; and the darkness comprehended it not. . . . He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not." The voice of his Spirit came to them, saying, "This is the Son of God; believe on him." But turning their faces from the light, they refused to listen, choosing, instead, to cultivate their unbelief. Thus the light which, if received, would have been to them a savor of life unto life, rejected became a savor of death unto death,—death to spirituality.

The Pharisees were self-deceived. They rejected the teaching of Christ because he exposed the evil of their hearts and reproved their sins. They would not come to the light, fearing that their deeds would be reproved. They chose darkness rather than light. "This is the condemnation," said Christ, "that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father." And at the destructio-

of Jerusalem the Pharisees reaped their harvest.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.  
(To be continued.)

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## The FIELD

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### VIRGINIA CAMP-MEETING.

THE twenty-first annual session of the Virginia Conference was held in connection with the camp-meeting at Stanleyton, August 5-14. The camp was situated in a convenient grove in the Luray Valley, which lies adjacent to the historic Shenandoah Valley. The picturesque view afforded by the Blue Ridge Mountains made the location especially enjoyable to those who were not accustomed to such a variety of natural scenery.

The famous Luray Caverns were within a few miles of the camp. Their beautiful limestone formations far surpass the works of art, and are beyond human description.

The conference was well attended by our people from all parts of the State. Besides the workers in the conference, there were present, either all or a portion of the time, Elders A. G. Daniells, S. G. Huntington, and F. Griggs, also Miss Dickerson, editor of the *Youth's Instructor*, who labored especially for the young people, Brother F. E. Painter, and the writer.

As Elder Daniells could remain only the first few days, he was urged to occupy the time of as many of the public services during these days as his strength would permit. The labors of each of the workers were much appreciated by the people.

Although the camp was located in a country place, the outside attendance was excellent, the people coming from miles around. On the last Sunday there were at least one thousand persons in attendance, who gave close attention to the presentation of the testing truths of the message, and a deep impression was made on the minds of many.

During the meeting, nine young persons gave their hearts to the Lord and were baptized. Our own people were much encouraged and strengthened by the meetings. They are loyal to the truths of God's word that make us a separate people.

The conference and the tract society department are out of debt, which is a great encouragement to the brethren and sisters, who have for many years been struggling to get free from this monster, and they are now ready to enter aggressive work in new fields.

Elder H. J. Farman, of the Vermont Conference, will soon begin work in Virginia, and will be quite an addition to their working force. If each worker keeps in close touch with the Source of all wisdom and strength, marked progress will be seen in the advancement of the truth during the present year.

Elder R. D. Hottel was reelected president of the conference, and A. M. Neff, secretary. The other officers also remain about the same as before.

The conference employed a good canvassing agent, and they intend to do a stirring business in distributing the printed pages, thus adding another agency to their present methods of spreading the light of truth.

All the people are of good courage.  
H. W. COTTRELL.

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### SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

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THE first annual session of the Southern New England Conference was held in connection with the camp-meeting at Middletown, Conn., Sept. 1-10, 1904.

The first business meeting was called to order by the President, September 2, at 9:45 A. M. "Nearer My God to Thee" was sung for the opening hymn, after which prayer was offered by Elder C. H. Edwards, president of the Greater New York Conference, and also by the President of the conference.

The churches in the conference

were fairly well represented throughout all the meetings, thirty-two delegates being present. There were also present sixteen delegates at large, consisting of our Conference Committee, Ellen G. White, A. G. Daniells, H. W. Cottrell, S. H. Lane, C. H. Edwards, J. S. Washburn, A. E. Place, E. E. Miles, Doris Robinson, F. E. Painter, and H. C. Wilcox.

The president in his opening address stated that while he had no prepared report to offer, he wished to call attention to some of the pressing necessities of the cause of God at the present time. He reminded us of our individual obligations to it; of our need of earnest consecration to his service, especially while we are in times of great opportunities, that we may thus be prepared for the momentous times just before us; and exhorted us to remain of good courage while keeping pace with the message for the people of to-day.

He then appointed the following committees:

On Nominations: G. P. Coates, H. W. Cottrell, Thomas Lord, John Drake, H. S. Priest.

On Plans: D. B. Parmelee, D. A. Bidwell, S. A. Whittier, D. R. Leighton, F. E. Painter, H. C. Wilcox, A. J. Clark, Mrs. G. E. Langdon, Mrs. S. A. Whittier.

On Credentials: T. T. Tucker, W. Blackburn, Elder A. E. Place, J. B. Hall, Professor Griggs.

On Auditing: Geo. LaMunyon, D. W. Ives, H. S. Priest.

The Committee on Plans brought in the following resolutions, which were carried:

*Whereas*, The *Review and Herald* is the only denominational paper published that gives a full report of the progress of the world-wide work entrusted to us as a people, and,

*Whereas*, The contents of this paper from week to week are an oasis in this period of our work; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we use our utmost influence by making a special ef-

fort in each local church to induce some one in each family to become a regular subscriber to it, in order that the paper may be placed in each Seventh-day Adventist home in the conference.

*Whereas*, The ATLANTIC UNION GLEANER is our conference medium of communication with our churches and isolated people; therefore,

2. *We recommend*, That our churches arrange for a systematic canvass of each family in the conference for the GLEANER.

*Whereas*, The health journal, *Life and Health*, is published in the eastern field, and should have our special support, and,

*Whereas*, It is a most instructive journal and should be in every household; therefore,

3. *Resolved*, That we encourage our people to subscribe for the journal, and that we favor the use of a large number of it in our fall missionary campaign.

*Whereas*, We have many times been admonished by the Lord that "his people should go forth to make centers for his work, to establish sanitariums where the sick can be cared for, and agricultural schools, where the youth can be educated in right lines;" therefore,

4. *We recommend*, That immediate steps be taken towards establishing such a center in our conference; and

*Whereas*, God has placed in our hands the proceeds from the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" for the establishment of schools; therefore,

5. *Resolved*, That we urgently request all our people to consecrate themselves anew to the circulation of this work.

*Whereas*, The spirit of prophecy has indicated, and it has been demonstrated in the history of our work, that the circulation of our literature is one of the most effective means of giving the light of present truth to the world, and,

*Whereas*, It is evident that the

present is the most favorable time we shall ever have for the accomplishment of this work; therefore,

6. *We recommend*, (a) That all our people recognize their responsibility to put forth special efforts to do something definite for the advancement of this message by means of the printed page.

(b) That all our church librarians encourage suitable persons, children included, to take up the work of resident canvassing for some of the books that have been set apart for this purpose.

(c) That as many as possible be encouraged to become regular canvassers for some of our larger and more important publications.

(d) That all who enter the work for our regular subscription books first communicate with the State agent, and arrange with him for territory, and work under his direction, reporting their work to him each week.

*Whereas*, We have been repeatedly told by the Lord's servant that we do not realize as we ought the importance of the work to be done in the large cities of this country, and that the work will grow more difficult in these places as we near the end; therefore,

7. *Resolved*, That we will now devote our energies in every way possible to continuing and pushing the work in the large cities, in addition to our work in the rural sections.

*Whereas*, The *Family Bible Teacher* has been found to be an efficient means of reaching people who are difficult of access by methods heretofore in use; therefore,

8. *Resolved*, That we encourage its use by our workers, and also by our people throughout the conference.

*Whereas*, This conference has no ordained minister other than its president, and workers of experience and ability are needed to meet the requirements of this field; therefore,

9. *Resolved*, That we ask the Atlantic Union Conference to assist us in securing at an early date the serv-

ices of an ordained minister experienced in city work.

*Whereas*, The General Conference Committee has planned a missionary campaign throughout the denomination, and has recommended that special work begin in October and continue to the close of the year, and,

*Whereas*, In harmony with this resolution the publishers of the *Signs of the Times* have decided to make the regular issues of their paper for November a series of four special numbers to be known as the "Third Angel's Message" series, presenting the different phases of present truth; therefore,

10. *We recommend*, That as far as possible our churches hold missionary conventions in October to prepare for vigorous missionary work, beginning November 1 and continuing to the close of the year, and that the Third Angel's Message series of the *Signs*, the *Family Bible Teacher*, and our various small publications, be used in this campaign.

*Whereas*, The importance of the Sabbath-school as a means of awakening and increasing a desire to know more of God's word, among both old and young can not be over estimated, and,

*Whereas*, It has been found that Sabbath-school conventions are especially helpful to all, both workers and pupils; therefore,

11. *Resolved*, That Sabbath-school conventions be arranged for, and as far as possible be held in connection with the missionary conventions in October.

12. *Resolved*, That we pay to the South Lancaster Academy from the tithe fund the sum of five dollars a week for the school year of thirty-six weeks towards the support of a teacher.

13. *Resolved*, That we continue our arrangement with the Central New England Conference for the maintenance of the endowed bed, and that immediate steps be taken to secure

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pledges for the necessary fund, payable before Jan. 1, 1905.

Whereas, This conference, in order to hold camp-meetings, must necessarily be supplied with a camp-meeting outfit, such as tents, seats, cots, bedding, etc.; therefore,

14. *Resolved*, That we request our churches to donate any articles of bedding, towels, and other things needed, and that a fund be raised at this meeting and among our people to purchase tents and other equipment.

Whereas, The Bible Training School is designed to educate our people in all phases of the message so that they may be able to intelligently present these truths to others; therefore,

15. *Resolved*, That we urge our people to become subscribers to this magazine.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, G. E. Langdon; Vice-President, D. B. Parmelee; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss J. I. Cady; Secretary Sabbath-school department, Mrs. S. A. Whittier; Conference Canvassing Agent, H. C. Wilcox; Executive Committee, G. E. Langdon, D. B. Parmelee, D. A. Bidwell, G. P. Coates, T. T. Tucker.

Ministerial credentials were granted to Geo. E. Langdon; ministerial license, to A. J. Clark; while missionary licenses were granted to Mrs. M. A. Scribner and Mrs. H. E. Austin.

The following report of the Treasurer was then read in connection with the Auditor's report, and was adopted:

"Southern New England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists,

"Elder G. E. Langdon, President,

"DEAR BROTHER:

"I have examined your accounts as contained in the records of your Treasurer from October 1, 1903, until August 25, 1904, inclusive. To the best of my knowledge and belief they are correct.

"Sincerely your brother,

"J. E. JAYNE,

"Atlantic Union Conference Auditor."

Financial Report of Southern New England Conference from October 1, 1903, to August 25, 1904.

TITHE:			
Tithe received on division,	\$ 456.59		
Tithe received from churches, etc.,	4,646.65		
Received in donations to laborers,	36.00		
Received Interest and Discount Account,	.25	\$5,139.49	
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Paid tithe on division,	109.53		
" tithe and second tithe,	792.70		
" labor,	3,033.00		
" traveling expenses,	458.32		
" conference expenses,	234.08		
" rent,	48.00		
" property purchased by laborers,	82.13	4,757.76	
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On Hand,			\$ 381.73
LOCAL TRUST FUNDS:			
Received on division:			
" Material Fund,	\$ 87.50		
" Canvassers' Fund,	37.27		
" School, Conference, and Mission Fund,	13.78		
" Fund to be Appropriated,	109.32	247.87	
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Received Sabbath-school Tithe,	32.19		
Paid expenses of Sabbath-school Secretary,	9.42	22.77	
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Received on Tent and Camp-meeting Fund,	303.36		
Paid on account of this fund,	190.45	112.91	
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Received on Endowed Bed Fund,	4.50	4.50	
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Received on Initial Expense, Donations,	131.59		
Paid out of this fund for Initial Expense,	131.59		
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On Hand, Local Trust Funds,			\$ 388.05
GENERAL TRUST FUNDS:			
Received on Weekly offerings,			
" Annual offerings,	\$ 327.10		
" Mid-summer mission offerings,	359.15		
" Sabbath school offerings,	71.11		
" Haskell Home,	222.63		
" James White Home,	89.34		
" Storm Swept Jamaica,	9.56		
" Washington Removal Fund,	3.00		
" Southern Work,	59.25		
" Religious Liberty,	30.36		
" International Publishing Association,	21.58		
" Missionary Acre,	41.43		
" \$1,000.00 Fund,	38.55		
" \$205,000.00 Fund,	6.00		
" Boys' Dormitory,	11.00	1,291.06	
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Paid to the Atlantic Union Conference,		1,246.82	
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On Hand, General Trust Funds,			\$44.24
Received for \$100,000.00 fund (Washington),		21.10	
Paid W. T. Bland, Treasurer,		19.75	1.35
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Received on "Christ's Object Lessons," old accounts,	3.75		
Paid South Lancaster Academy,	3.75		
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Total on Hand,			\$ 815.37
On August 25, the conference books show the following property belonging to the conference:			
One large and one small tent just purchased,			\$ 186.25
Property purchased during tent efforts this season,			86.33
The Westerly tent outfit, inventoried January 1, 1904, at			295.00
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Total,			\$567.58

BUSINESS STATEMENT OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND TRACT SOCIETY, OCTOBER 1, 1903, TO JUNE 30, 1904.

BORDENTOWN, N. J.

	RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Cash,	\$ 111.08	
Bills Receivable,	346.89	
Accounts Receivable (Individuals),	279.13	
Accounts Payable,		\$ 154.92
Accounts Receivable (Balance due from Tract Societies),	49.49	
Inventories:		
Subscription Books,	125.32	
Trade Books,	157.76	
Merchandise,	4.75	
Furniture and Fixtures,	127.90	
"Story of Daniel,"	74.22	
Light and Fuel,	7.40	
"Christ's Object Lessons" (New business),	56.97	
School Farm,		54.92
South Lancaster Academy,		54.92
	<u>1,340.91</u>	<u>\$264.76</u>
	264.76	
Present Worth,	\$1,076.15	
	LOSSES.	GAINS.
Subscription Books,		\$181.23
Trade Books,		48.44
Periodicals,		21.64
Merchandise,		38.62
"Story of Daniel,"		13.28
Expense,	\$88.77	
Furniture and Fixtures,	2.10	
Donation,	12.11	
Exchange, Interest, Discount,	1.63	
Rent,	32.00	
Insurance,	7.00	
Fuel and Light,	7.25	
Cartage,	19.00	
Freight,	24.54	
Initial Expense Donation Account (Fell short in donations),	141.07	
	<u>334.47</u>	<u>\$303.21</u>
	303.21	
Net Loss,	31.26	

PROOF.

When the Tract Society started in business, it was credited with the difference between \$1,233.50 which it received from the Central New England Tract Society on account of division of property, and \$256.09 which it paid to the Central New England Tract Society as its share in the division of deficit accounts, "Story of Daniel," etc:

	\$ 977.41	
Furniture and Fixtures,	130.00	\$1,107.41
Net Loss,		31.26
Present Worth,		\$1,076.15

The loss of \$31.26 is brought about largely by the item of \$141.07 of the initial expense donation account. This item represents a loss, as the donations to the fund fell short just \$141.07.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF TRACT SOCIETY BUSINESS, JULY 1, 1904, TO AUG. 25, 1904.

	BOUGHT.	SOLD.
Subscription Books,	\$ 54.13	\$ 68.59
Trade Books,	66.13	62.70
Periodicals,	35.64	18.24
Merchandise,	22.48	12.06
"Christ's Object Lessons,"		71.25
"Story of Daniel,"		17.60

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I BEGAN tent meetings in this place July 17. Prejudice from the first has been strong, and the stay-away argument has been most effective. The attendance, therefore, has been small. Even the elements seem to be against us. Soon after the series began, a terrific storm blew our tent down, doing considerable damage to the tent, and ruining our organ. These things caused considerable delay, but we cheerfully set about to do what we could to bring the message before the people.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable conditions, the search-light of truth has found some dear souls who are willing to follow Jesus and keep his Sabbath. Seven persons have accepted the truth so far as they have heard it, and there are others who are in the "valley of decision." We confidently expect more will take their stand in the near future.

This summer has been peculiarly trying to the writer. Besides having had to do all the preaching, I have had to be my own chorister, and much of the time my own organist. In fact much of the time I have had no help, whatever. This, together with the recent loss of my beloved wife, has made the burden unusually heavy. But God is good, and I trust him fully. I praise him more than ever for the blessed hope.

C. H. KESLAKE.

EAST PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE.

THE past tent meeting season has been prosperous in this conference. Five tents have been operating. Between twelve and twenty have embraced the present truth as a result of each tent effort. All who are engaged in the work are filled with the spirit of courage and a desire for earnest service.

A few weeks ago, Sister E. G. White and her son, W. C. White,

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spent a few days with the churches in the city of Philadelphia. Over four hundred people, nearly all of whom were Seventh-day Adventists, greatly enjoyed two earnest discourses by Sister White. This proved an encouragement, not only to those already established in the message, but also to those who have become interested through the two tent efforts which have been conducted in this city during the summer.

Elder Schilling's tent effort in Lancaster was closed with a very interesting and profitable union meeting, which was held September 1-4. Those who took an active part in these special services were Elders E. J. Dryer, J. H. Krum, P. M. Howe, J. H. Schilling, Dr. A. J. Read, Brother G. W. Spies, and the writer. The Lord richly blessed in the preaching of the word, making reports of missionary undertakings, and considering plans for future work. It was such a meeting as will always send the brethren and sisters to their homes rejoicing that they have accepted God's message for to-day.

To push the work forward, all the tithe of all the members of all the churches is needed. Brethren, let us be faithful and true to God's cause, and the work of our hands will prosper.

W. J. FITZGERALD.

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## TENT AND CAMP-MEETING FUND.

PREVIOUSLY reported,	\$357.61
Mrs. A. Wilcox,	.10
Mrs. S. A. Brackett,	1.00
Mrs. A. E. Sturtevant,	2.00
Mrs. T. B. Stewart,	5.00
Total,	\$365.71

## ENDOWED BED FUND.

Previously reported,	\$24.50
Dr. N. P. Smith,	5.00
Total,	\$29.50

D. K. ROYER.

Cash received on sales, collections, etc.,	\$246.20
Cash paid out on accounts, etc.,	257.04
Cash on Hand August 25, 1904,	101.24

## CASH STATEMENT AUGUST 25, 1904.

Conference, Tract Society,	\$ 815.87 101.24
Total,	\$916.61
In Riverside Bank, New York,	\$405.64
In B. T. & S. D. Co., Hartford,	501.68
In Cash,	9.29
	\$916.61

In connection with the camp-meeting there were sold:

Subscription Books,	\$ 47.46
Trade Books, including tracts, etc.,	39.11
Periodicals,	24.84
"Story of Daniel,"	2.40
"Christ's Object Lessons,"	100.00

Total, \$213.81

D. K. ROYER, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

## A VISIT TO NEW BEDFORD.

In company with Dr. C. C. Nicola, I visited New Bedford for a short time last week. It was my first visit to this place.

Brother W. R. Uchtmann met us at the station, and took us to the building that has been proposed for treatment rooms or a small sanitarium. From there I went to Smiths Mills, a suburb of New Bedford, where I spoke to a few of our people in the afternoon. We spent the night at Brother Gilbert Collins' home, where we enjoyed a most pleasant visit in conversing about the precious truth for this time and listening to Brother Collins as he related many reminiscences concerning the early history of the message.

The fact that New Bedford and vicinity was one of the very first places where this message had its rise, and that Brother Collins was one of the pioneers in this cause, made the narration of these events seem more real.

It was indeed refreshing to hear one who had been connected with this truth so long, and one who has been thoroughly acquainted with Sister White's relation to the message from the beginning, express such un-

bounded faith in the spirit of prophecy.

It was most pathetic to hear Brother Collins relate how he accompanied his parents to a meeting the day that they expected the Lord to come, and how they bade good-by to some whom they expected to meet again, shortly, in the kingdom; but, alas, they were bitterly disappointed, and returned with their horses and wagon to their home. When they reached home, Brother Collins, who was but a lad then, alighted from the wagon, and then turned and saw his parents still sitting in the wagon looking down in sorrow and disappointment. It was touching at this point to observe the tears gather in Brother Collins' eyes as he was relating this sad experience.

What a satisfaction it is to know that God's faithful children will not experience another similar disappointment; for the Lord says, "For yet a little while, and he that shall come, will come, and will not tarry," and "There shall be delay no longer."

I had the pleasure of making a short but pleasant visit at the home of Sister Bradford, that has for many years afforded a haven of rest for God's wearied saints. I am convinced as I visit these typical old New England-

ers who have embraced this truth, that this message is a sure cure for the characteristic conservatism that pervades New England.

K. C. RUSSELL.

SPRINGBORO, PA.

It has been a long time since I have reported any work, but I have found all that I could do.

Last January, I was sent to Pittsburg to do what I could to awaken an interest in the health work. Through parlor talks three good classes were organized. After paying all the expenses of hall and supplies, \$46 was deposited to be used when needed.

Two of these classes were organized in homes for private classes, but the numbers increased until we needed more room, and a hall was arranged for in each place. At each place they are anxiously waiting for an opportunity to have classes later this fall.

Since camp-meeting I have been at Washington, Pa., assisting in the tent work. Each Sunday afternoon has been devoted to health and temperance talks and children's and mothers' meetings, which were well attended.

The most interesting experiences I had were in visiting people in the homes, "helping just a little" in whatever way I could, and nearly every one needs some help that we can give.

I had some very interesting experiences in jail work. An innocent girl had been there a short time, as she could not pay \$10 costs, and I was glad when I succeeded in finding a good home for her. We hope a condemned man there has found the Saviour.

After a short vacation, I hope to resume the work God has given me to do, wherever he wants me in his vineyard.

LENORA BOLLES.

Springboro, Pa.

"BLESSED is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments."

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE,  
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1903.

CONFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

RESOURCES.			
Cash,		\$ 1,052.64	
Tent and Hall Equipment,		488.46	
Accounts Receivable,		65.77	
Total,			\$ 1,606.87
LIABILITIES.			
Accounts Payable,		\$ 663.28	
Balance,		943.59	
Total,			\$ 1,606.87
GAINS.			
Tithe,		\$14,823.84	
Donations,		502.16	
Tent and Equipment Rental,		10.00	
Total,		15,336.00	
Stock Balance Jan. 1, 1903,		553.87	
			\$15,889.87
LOSSES.			
Labor,		\$ 8,841.11	
Traveling Expense,		867.59	
Tent and Hall Expense,		717.86	
South Lancaster Academy,		252.00	
Freight,		162.60	
Conference Expense,		233.61	
Canvassers' Home,		88.75	
Donations to Work in Scotland,		100.00	
Tithe to Atlantic Union Conference,		1,469.38	
Second tithe to Atlantic Union Conference,		1,322.43	
One-third share of Division to Southern New England Conference,		456.59	
Tent and Hall Equipment Expense,		.25	
Total,		14,517.17	
Loss and Gain Balance, Jan. 1, 1903,		429.11	
Balance, Dec. 31, 1903		943.59	
			\$15,889.87

TRACT SOCIETY DEPARTMENT.

RESOURCES.			
Real Estate,		\$ 4,535.00	
Cash,		2,475.08	
Accounts Receivable,		1,837.76	
One Thousand Dollar Fund,		1,000.00	
Printing Department,		5,618.07	
Subscription Books,		575.82	
Trade Books,		467.86	
Furniture and Fixtures,		380.33	
Due from Local Tract Societies,		303.54	
Merchandise,		176.33	
Camp-meeting Account, Balance 1903,		103.46	
Total,			\$17,473.24
LIABILITIES.			
Notes Payable,		\$ 4,396.89	
Due Publishing Houses,		1,525.63	
Personal Accounts Payable,		591.39	
Southern New England Tract Society,		145.99	
South Lancaster Academy on "Christ's Object Lessons" Account,		55.92	
Due Local Tract Societies,		38.65	
Printing Office Cash Deposit,		14.54	
Local Trust Funds Deposit,		882.98	
General Trust Funds Deposit,		1,916.50	
Total,		9,568.49	
Balance,		7,904.75	
			\$17,473.24

## ATLANTIC UNION GLEANER

		GAINS,	
Loss and Gain, Balance, Jan. 1, 1903,			\$ 1,462.18
Rent and Taxes,			348.49
Subscription Books,			281.26
Interest and Discount,			219.93
Periodicals,			150.26
Trade Books,			146.85
Merchandise,			48.26
Sundry Accounts Closed to Gain,			1.20
Stock, Balance, Jan. 1. 1903,			7,529.98
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			\$10,188.41
		LOSSES.	
Division of Accounts,			\$ 1,016.17
Sundry Accounts Closed to Loss,			378.91
Expense,			290.55
Fuel,			277.43
Improvements and Repairs,			178.54
Free Distribution of Publications,			79.66
Insurance,			55.31
Furniture and Fixtures,			7.09
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			2,283.66
Balance, Dec. 31, 1903,			7,904.75
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PRINTING OFFICE DEPARTMENT.  
RESOURCES.

Equipment,		\$ 4,776.26
Accounts Receivable—Customers' Accounts,		1,488.02
Inventories—Material,		807.78
Cash on Deposit,		233.63
Heating and Lighting,		100.85
Notes Receivable,		75.00
Office Expense,		52.91
Cash on Hand,		1.16
Balance,		1,167.67
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		\$ 8,703.28

LIABILITIES.

Loan Account,		\$ 5,618.07
Notes Payable,		1,540.00
Accounts Payable,		1,417.14
Other Accounts,		115.96
Employees,		12.11
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		\$ 8,703.28

GAINS.

Job Printing,		\$ 1,764.39
Outside Work,		696.29
Material,		377.12
Power,		56.13
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LOSSES.

Equipment,		\$ 762.16
Interest,		314.56
Taxes, Rent, and Insurance,		250.68
Job Printing Expense,		219.62
Transportation,		152.88
Traveling Expense,		139.09
Equipment Expense,		131.73
Labor,		131.70
Loss on Heating and Lighting,		127.83
Merchandise Discount,		41.00
Office Expense,		.15
Accounts,		2.46
Balance,		620.07
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		\$ 2,893.93

Total, \$ 2,893.93  
H. B. TUCKER, *Treasurer.*

## VERMONT TITHE FOR AUGUST, 1904.

Barre church,	\$ 6.10
Bordoville "	41.68
Burlington "	26.70
Charleston "	60.20
Hartland "	14.05
Jamaica "	85.83
Johnson "	24.60
Morrisville "	14.40
Northfield "	25.60
E. Richford "	13.61
Rutland "	42.75
Sutton "	2.00
Troy "	12.00
Vergennes "	5.18
Windham "	13.10
Wolcott "	14.80
Woodbury "	3.11
Individuals,	12.96
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Total, \$418.67

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

## VERMONT CAMP-MEETING.

THE Vermont camp-meeting was held at Hardwick, August 18-28. This is a place of about four thousand inhabitants, located in a thrifty, enterprising part of the State, where the chief industry is granite quarrying.

The camp was well situated in close proximity to the people, and the attendance from the city and the surrounding country was excellent. The tent was well filled each evening, and on Sunday and Sunday evening there were, perhaps, from ten to twelve hundred people present, which is a good attendance for so conservative a locality as the East. They listened with undivided attention to the presentation of the Sabbath and kindred reforms for the people of this generation, in order that they may be prepared for the coming of Christ.

We began at the opening of the meeting to present the Bible truths that make us a people, and the interest increased daily until the close of the series. Laborers will follow up



the interest awakened, in the hope of establishing a goodly number of people in the third angel's message.

The churches in the conference were well represented by delegates, and there was a good attendance of our people. Several persons gave themselves to the service of God. Nine individuals who had previously made no profession were buried with the Lord in baptism. The presence of the Spirit of God was especially manifest, and made the occasion a blessed one to those who were present.

The various lines of conference work were considered, and the people were much encouraged to push forward the work. Special efforts were made to revive the canvassing work for our strictly denominational books and periodicals.

The conference still supports Elder W. A. Westworth in Scotland, and the brethren and sisters do not seem to have the least disposition to confine their missionary efforts from this time forward to the boundary lines of their local conference. In the interest of the general work they also support a teacher in the Union Conference academy. I am sure the Lord will greatly bless the people of this conference in their endeavors to assist the one great work in a broader way than to confine it to the local church or conference. The individual, the church, or the conference, that thus views the needs of the cause of God, "must increase."

The laborers from outside the conference who were present all or a portion of the time, were Elder W. H. Thurston, of Canada, Elder M. D. Mattson, Bible instructor in the South Lancaster Academy, F. E. Painter, the Review and Herald's general representative for the Atlantic Union Conference, and Professor Griggs. Each rendered good service. The local conference laborers were present, and also the writer.

Elder H. J. Farman, of this confer-

ence, will connect with the work in Virginia.

The workers and the people returned to their homes filled with the love of the truth, and with courage to do their duty, by the help of the Lord.

Elder Watt was again chosen president of the conference, and Brother F. M. Dana was elected secretary and treasurer. The other members of the executive committee are Elder T. H. Purdon, A. W. Boardman, and F. A. Page.

H. W. COTTRELL.

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## The PRINTED PAGE

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

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**DON'T DOUBT; DON'T DROOP; DON'T  
DRIFT.**

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DEAR READERS OF THE GLEANER: The above title is a motto. The first time I saw it was on the wall of a business office in the city of Lancaster, Pa., where I was helping some of the brethren to dispose of the Capital and Labor Signs. While waiting a few minutes for the manager to come in, my eyes drifted to those words artistically arranged in a conspicuous place. I was so impressed with them, that I decided to pass them on at the first opportunity.

It is not always the best plan for us to lay down a code of rules which prohibit us from doing certain objectionable things, but it is better to lay out for ourselves a line of Christian work which will so occupy our minds and fill our lives, that there will be no time for these objectionable tendencies to come in. The above motto has not been selected as a title for this article simply to be an admonition to its readers; but also to call attention to the fact that it outlines the natural course in a life that is not filled with earnest toil for the Master.

I have just finished reading Brother Saxton's article in the GLEANER of September 14, in which is mourned the loss, or "dropping out," of so

many who at one time took special training for the canvassing work. I want to say that this "dropping out" of the canvassing work by the dear brethren did not come about by a decision made in a moment. There are successive steps taken, and a natural course is followed out, which makes it just as natural to drift out of the canvassing work as it is natural for a log to float down stream. The dear brethren who are out of the canvassing work now, know how they came to leave it. Some for good reasons, perhaps; but let us just glance over the above motto again, and see if it did not come about by successive steps. If we would never doubt we should never droop, and if we should never droop, we should never drift. It is only when we doubt whether the message our books contain is the message the people should have today, and only when we doubt whether the Lord is soon coming or not, that we think of giving up the work. It is after doubt has entered into our hearts that we begin to droop, for doubt always takes out of us all the spiritual stamina we ever had, and leaves our Christian experience in a crippled condition. A flower never droops unless its life and vitality has been interfered with in some way. So it is with the Christian canvasser. After doubt has left him in a weakened, drooping condition, he is ready to drift, for there is no strength there to stem the tide, and it is the most natural thing in the world to drift. It is sad to note, too, that many have drifted into worldly occupations when their talents should be employed in the Lord's service.

It is plain to be seen how the above course is followed out by many, and how this course is leading many of our young people, not only to leave the canvassing work, but to finally give up the truth and to drift out into the world entirely. What a sad picture! Where is the remedy? What can be done to reverse the tide? It seems that the only way is to avoid taking

the first step. To fill every moment of our lives with earnest work is the only way to destroy the seeds of doubt which are about to germinate, and to choke out the miserable tares that are about to sap our Christian life.

A canvasser should be the busiest man on earth. He needs every minute that comes to him. When we approach a business man in his office, we are so liable to hesitate and falter and wait a while before we approach him, for fear he is too busy to hear us. But, dear brethren and sisters, I am sure God is not pleased with us when we do this. We should be just as busy as the man in the office. If we are not, we are not about our Father's business. Our work is so much more important than his. So why wait and falter and hesitate and lose any time in going about our work? Here is where doubt comes in. Dear brethren, let us defeat the devil, and choke the monster *doubt*. Those in the canvassing work who read these lines I implore to refrain from taking the first step in this wrong course. Fill every moment of your time with earnest endeavor to make the canvassing work a grand success. May there soon be many recruits to the canvassers' list who will neither DOUBT, DROOP, nor DRIFT.

FRANK F. FRY.

#### AN INTERESTING INCIDENT.

TO SHOW how readily our books can be sold, I wish to mention an incident in the experience of one of our workers. Away up in one of the border counties, in the northern part of Pennsylvania, a brother has been canvassing for a portion of the past year. This brother has had the misfortune to lose one of his legs, and it is hard for him to get around in winter or when the weather is bad. He is now sixty-two years old, but has been working so energetically since last winter that he has sold and delivered 707 copies of "Coming King," 100 "Christ

Our Saviour," and a large number of Bibles and small books. This brother sold a man a "Coming King," and as a result he has had the satisfaction of seeing the man baptized into the message. The success of this brother is but an illustration of what may be done by almost every energetic member of our churches, and I write this that it may be an encouragement to some of those timid ones who are afraid to meet their neighbors or strangers with something to sell.

About three weeks ago I received a letter from a young man who wished to canvass for one of our books. The young man is not of our faith. He is a member of the Lutheran church, and is desirous of studying for the ministry, but as he has no means but that which he earns now as a grocery salesman, he was seeking something to help him out. This young man had read "Prophecies of Jesus," and thought that work would just suit him, as it seemed to be in harmony with the Lutheran faith. As this work can not now be had, I showed the young man a prospectus for "Bible Readings," and he was at once attracted to it. He studied the canvass, and was ready for work in a very few days. As he intended to work among his

own church people, I thought best to let him go out alone after giving some instruction at his room. The first report sent in showed that he had taken six orders in two half days, and the next one showed a total of \$46.50 for about twenty-two hours' work, and the young man thinks he can do still better than this. He is placing his books in many homes where a regular canvasser would not be admitted, and these books may be a means of bringing souls into the kingdom of God. It may be that his own soul will be watered, and he may imbibe the truth contained in his work.

These incidents should stir some of our people into action. We all realize that this work must be done, and if we do not come up to the help of the Lord and do the work he has designed we shall do, he will call out some one else to do it. I do not suppose one of our young men or young women would entertain the thought that this young man has been called to do the work that they have neglected or refused to do, but who can assert that it is not so? May the Spirit of God so stir the hearts of our brethren and sisters that they may be impelled to lay themselves on the altar for service.

THOS. D. GIBSON.

#### THE BOOK WORK.

##### Vermont Conference, Week Ending September 9, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
F. S. Jenks, E. Pittsford,		S of D	4	23	11	11.00	3.50	14.50	
Totals,	1 Agent,		4	23	11	\$11.00	\$3.50	\$14.50	

##### New Jersey Conference, Week Ending September 9, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
J. W. Rambo, Swedesboro,		G A	5	29	45	12.05	1.25	13.30	10.10
Totals,	1 Agent,		5	29	45	\$12.05	\$1.25	\$13.30	\$10.10

##### Maine Conference, Week Ending September 9, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
*W. E. Gerald, Caribou,		G C			21	51.00	30.00	81.00	
Totals,	1 Agent,				21	\$51.00	\$30.00	\$81.00	

\*Two weeks.

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending September 9, 1904.

APPOINTMENT.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. T. Hilgert, Philadelphia,		G C	5	29	2	4.50	9.77	14.27	3.27
Harry Minier, Scranton,		C K	3	18	14	14.00	2.25	16.25	
Lille Minier, Scranton,		C K	4	20	2	2.00	4.25	6.25	.75
Minnie Minier, Scranton,		C K	3	19	3	3.00	1.75	4.75	.25
A. H. Osman, Williamstown,		C K	2	6	5	5.00	3.50	8.50	2.70
Mary Sprecher, Ephrata,		C K							8.00
Olive Pippy, Ephrata,		C K							14.75
Walter Garrett, Peckville,		C K	4	25	26	26.00	2.00	28.00	1.00
G. W. Holman, Lancaster,		P H	5	38	98	24.50		24.50	31.75
Totals,	9 Agents,		26	155	150	\$79.00	\$23.52	\$102.52	\$62.47

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*.

Western Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending September 9, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Ivor Lawrence, Adams,		B R	4	28	9	23.00	24.25	47.25	5.50
Chas. Peden, Somerset,		B R	3	8	4	9.00	8.50	17.50	60.60
W. C. Fleisher, Pittsburg,		G C	4	23	6	19.00	7.25	26.25	5.50
Miss Lula Prosser, Industry,		M of N	3	25	2	1.50	13.00	14.50	
Effie Midkiff, Beaver Falls		M of N							20.25
Arthur C. Harris, Pittsburg,		B R	4	16	19	46.50		46.50	
David S. Plank, Homer,		C K	4	28	30	30.00	1.00	31.00	22.00
L. B. Trowbridge, Pittsburg,		D of A	1	4	1	1.00	.50	1.50	
Lena Keeler, Liberty,		S of R	5	25	7	8.75	9.00	17.75	
J. G. Saunders, Brockport,			1	10	1	1.50	10.28	11.78	
Totals,	10 Agents,		29	167	79	\$150.25	\$73.78	\$224.03	\$113.85

WANTED.—A brother from Denmark wishes employment where he can keep the Sabbath. He has had experience in flower gardening, but is willing to do anything. For particulars write to M. E. Nielsen, Hotel Lester, Davis Ave., Brookline, Mass.

West Virginia Conference, Week Ending September 9, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
F. M. Gardner, Charleston,		C K	6	18	9	9.00	4.25	13.25	16.25
J. H. Jennings, Charleston,		C K	2	20			.75	.75	50.50
Totals,	2 Agents,		8	38	39	\$9.00	\$5.00	\$14.00	\$66.75

OBITUARY NOTICES

HALE.—Died in Weston, Vt., August 8, Brother C. Hale, aged 84 years and 3 months. He was a firm believer in the first angel's message, and has been a faithful Sabbath-keeper for thirty years, and died with a bright hope of a part in the first resurrection. He leaves a wife and two daughters to mourn his loss. The funeral services were conducted by the M. E. pastor of Weston.

"He sleeps in Jesus—soon to rise,  
When the last trump shall rend the skies;  
Then burst the fetters of the tomb,  
To wake in full, immortal bloom."

Mrs. ALVA HOWE.

Central New England Conference, Week Ending September 9, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
C. E. Mattison, Everett,		D of A	4	44			7.75	7.75	14.75
G. H. Clark, Adams,		P of J	3	21	7	13.20	4.50	17.70	
Totals,	2 Agents,		7	65	7	\$13.20	\$12.25	\$25.45	\$14.75

EDWARDS.—Died at Shingle House, Pa., early Sunday morning, September 11, H. W. Edwards, in the seventy-sixth year of his age. For many years he has been a conscientious member of the Shingle House church, and a consistent follower of the Saviour. He gave his life and all he possessed to the advancement of the third angel's message. His daily activities were interrupted but one day, and then he fell peacefully asleep to await the Master's call. He knew of but one blood relative in the world, Sister Helen Turette, also of the Shingle House church. The funeral was held on September 13, the writer speaking from 1 Cor. 15:58.

C. F. McVAGH.

Chesapeake Conference, Week Ending September 9, 1904

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. R. Sherman, Laurel, Md.,		B R	5	28	10	26.00		26.00	
Totals,	1 Agent,		5	28	10	\$26.00		\$26.00	

U. C. Totals September 9,	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
27 Agents,	84	505	332	\$351.50	\$149.30	\$500.80	\$267.92
Totals for corresp. week last year,							
12 Agents,	39	214	64	\$151.20	\$92.58	\$248.08	\$133.45

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## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### VERMONT.

—The Sutton church reports increased effort and zeal, increased interest in their church work. Let us hear from the rest of the churches.

—Elder J. W. Watt connected with the work at Hardwick last Thursday, and we trust the interest will now receive the special blessing of the Lord during the special meetings. Remember this place in your prayers.

—Mrs. S. C. Botsford writes that Sister Adams, of Manchester Center, is so far restored to health that she is able to visit some of her relatives. Sister Botsford plans now to bend her energies to the canvassing work the rest of the season.

—Our *Sabbath School Quarterly* for the next quarter is at hand, and we trust each person will avail himself of the help of one of these pamphlets. Order early so as to have the benefit of the whole quarter's study. Reread resolution number twelve on page four hundred and nine, in the GLEANER of last week.

—The work with "Christ's Object Lessons" is progressing, and we shall be pleased to hear from any one at any time who desires one or more

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copies. If you are not prepared to pay in advance, just write to the tract society and explain that you would like to help this glorious work and will pay for one or more copies as soon as sold, and they will advance the books to you at once.

—Did you note the resolution number fifteen on page four hundred and ten of the last GLEANER, and consider the privilege and the blessing you have in doing something in this special campaign? What are your plans now? We trust each church, each member, every Seventh-day Adventist, will avail themselves of this opportunity to make a great effort in the salvation of souls through the medium of our paper, *The Signs of the Times*.

F. M. DANA.

*Hardwick, Vt., Sept. 16, 1904.*

### MAINE.

—Elder Bicknell has been quite sick with the gripe.

—The interest is still good at Caribou, and several have taken their stand for the truth since camp-meeting.

—We have two slightly damaged copies of "How a Little Girl Went to Africa" which we will sell for fifty cents each.

—Those who are thinking of canvassing should write to our State agent for territory. Direct to Fred B. Grant, Phillips, Maine.

—It is not too late to send in money on camp-meeting pledges, as the expenses are not all paid. Send all money to the conference treasurer, E. H. Morton, North Deering, Maine.

—We have at the Maine Tract Society office a few copies of "Favorite Songs, Life Sketches, and Bible Readings," by Charles P. Whitford, the singing evangelist. Brother Whitford is in poor health at the Colorado Sanitarium, and this book was published to help him pay his expenses there. The price is but fifteen cents. We hope our people will help this

brother by sending their order at once to the Maine Tract Society for one or more of these attractive and useful little books.

E. H. MORTON.

### CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND.

—A church school was opened at Worcester, Mass., on September 12, with Mr. Howard M. Lee as teacher. There are fourteen students, and more are expected. We certainly wish the school and its teacher the best of success.

—It has probably been noticed that the canvassers' reports have been small of late. This is due to the fact that several of the canvassers returned to school last week. They have not given up the work, but only laid it aside till another vacation.

—Mr. C. W. Comings, of Cornish Center, N. H., is visiting Mrs. E. D. Robinson, of South Lancaster. He is eighty-two years of age; has been in the truth since 1868; and for a number of years was a member of the New England Conference Committee. He was one who helped to lay out the grounds for the South Lancaster Academy and Home.

H. B. TUCKER.

### EAST PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE NOTICE.

UNION meetings are hereby announced for Allentown, September 29 to October 2, and for Carbondale, October 13-16. We trust that all the brethren and sisters within reasonable distance of these two places will plan to attend, so that these may truly be union meetings. The writer will assist Elder J. H. Schilling in the Allentown services, and Elder S. S. Shrock at Carbondale. We expect to arrange for Elder J. H. Krum, who has spent five years as a missionary in Asia Minor, Syria, and Palestine, to attend the Allentown meeting.

W. J. FITZGERALD.