

ATLANTIC UNION GLENER



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

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SONG OF THE REDEEMED.

IN the mighty sweep of angelic harps,
There's an unresponsive string;
But the note which the angels can not wake,
The redeemed of the Lord can sing.
Shall we sing it together, you and I,
With the wondering angels standing by?
Shall we sing it out in the courts above,
Heaven is ours through redeeming love?
There's a joy the angels can never share,
While the endless ages roll;
The joy of one who has been redeemed,
The joy of a ransomed soul.
Shall we share it together, you and I,
With the wondering angels standing by?
Shall we share it there in the courts above,
The heaven gained through redeeming love?
There's a story true, angels can not tell,
Who have lived with God in heaven;
'Tis the story sweet they alone can tell,
Who have sinned and been forgiven.
Shall we tell it together, you and I,
With the wondering angels standing by?
Shall we tell it out in the courts above,
Heaven is ours through redeeming love?

—Anna J. Granniss.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY.

THERE are times when a distinct view is presented to me of the condition of the remnant church,—a condition of appalling indifference to the needs of a world perishing for lack of a knowledge of the truth for this time. Then I have hours, and sometimes days, of intense anguish. Many to whom have been committed the saving truths of the third angel's message

fail of realizing that the salvation of souls is dependent upon the consecration and activity of God's church. Many are using their blessings in the service of self. O, how my heart aches because Christ is put to shame by their unchristlike behavior! But, after the agony is past, I feel like working harder than ever to arouse them to put forth unselfish effort for the saving of their fellow men.

God has made his people stewards of his grace and truth, and how does he regard their neglect to impart these blessings to their fellow men? Let us suppose that a distant colony belonging to Great Britain is in great distress because of famine and threatened war. Multitudes are dying of starvation, and a powerful enemy is gathering on the frontier, threatening to hasten the work of death. The government at home opens its stores; public charity pours forth; relief flows through many channels. A fleet is freighted with the precious means of life, and is sent to the scene of suffering, accompanied by the prayers of those whose hearts are stirred to help. And for a time the fleet sails directly for its destination. But, having lost sight of land, the ardor of those entrusted with carrying food to the starving sufferers abates. Though engaged in a work that makes them colaborers

with angels, they lose the good impressions with which they started forth. Through evil counselors, temptation enters.

A group of islands lies in their course, and, though far short of their destination, they decide to call. The temptation that has already entered grows stronger. The selfish spirit of gain takes possession of their minds. Mercantile advantages present themselves. Those in charge of the fleet are prevailed upon to remain on the islands. Their original purpose of mercy fades from their sight. They forget the starving people to whom they were sent. The stores entrusted to them are used for their own benefit. The means of beneficence is diverted into channels of selfishness. They barter the means of life for selfish gain, and leave their fellow beings to die. The cries of the perishing ascend to heaven, and the Lord writes in his record the tale of robbery.

Think of the horror of human beings' dying because those placed in charge of the means of relief proved unfaithful to their trust. It is difficult for us to realize that man could be guilty of so terrible a sin. Yet I am instructed to say to you, my brother, my sister, that Christians are daily repeating this sin.

In Eden man fell from his high es-

tate, and through transgression became subject to death. It was seen in heaven that human beings were perishing, and the compassion of God was stirred. At infinite cost he devised a means of relief. He "so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. There was no hope for the transgressor except through Christ. God saw that "there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness it sustained him." Isa. 59:16.

The Lord chose a people, and made them the depositaries of his truth. It was his purpose that by the revelation of his character through Israel men should be drawn to him. To all the world the gospel invitation was to be given. Through the teaching of the sacrificial service, Christ was to be uplifted before the nations, and all who would look upon him should live.

But Israel did not fulfil God's purpose. They forgot God, and lost sight of their high privilege as his representatives. The blessings that they had received brought no blessing to the world. All their advantages were appropriated for their own glorification. They robbed God of the service he required of them, and they robbed their fellow men of religious guidance and a holy example.

MRS. E. G. WHITE.

THE parable of the unjust steward was to teach us a lesson. "Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness, that when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations." If we use our means to God's glory here, we lay up a treasure in heaven; and when earthly possessions are all gone, the faithful steward has Jesus and angels for his friends, to receive him home to everlasting habitations.—*E. G. White.*

MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN NOTES.*

A PERSON sold one "Bible Readings." The man who bought it did not like it, so traded it for an old pistol. Ten began keeping the Sabbath through reading this book.

A man "sold one twenty-five cent 'Gospel Primer,' and now three are keeping the Sabbath on account of reading it."

"A woman in the State of New York, by writing and sending literature, reached one soul in northern Wisconsin, and through her, many others. As a result, hundreds since then have heard and believed the message—among them a number of ministers and other workers."

"Nine years ago I sold a book to a man in the western part of the State. He laid it aside for four years; then there were several weeks in the winter that he was not well, and he read the book, and the whole family, five persons, accepted the truth."

"Nearly twenty-five years ago, I found in a reading-room a paper containing present truth. I read it, was convinced, and accepted the truth."

"A canvasser sold a book which was put in a trunk and lay there for five years. It was then taken out and read by the lady of the house, who accepted the truth."

"A few years ago some one sent a copy of our Danish paper to a family in the northern part of Wisconsin, which was carefully read by them. They sent to the office of publication for books and tracts which they saw advertised in the paper. They read these and accepted the truth. The man and his wife and two eldest daughters were afterward baptized and united with the body of Christ."

*These notes are gleaned from the *Wisconsin Reporter*.

"About four years ago a man subscribed for the *Signs* for three months. He has been an interested reader of this paper ever since. His wife now observes the Lord's Sabbath, and we believe that he, too, will soon walk in the path of obedience."

"More than twenty years ago I prevailed upon a spiritualistic infidel, whose wife was an atheist, to subscribe for the *Review and Herald* with the 'Life of William Miller' as a premium. He read the paper, procured more of our literature; both he and his wife soon embraced the faith, and began to work among their neighbors with our reading matter. The result was that a church was afterward organized at that place."

THE WINTER CAMPAIGN IN VERMONT.

THE bugle call has sounded, it is now time that the Vermont division of the Lord's army were in line, for the order of the day now is, FORWARD MARCH. There is an abundant supply of ammunition ready for each company, if they will avail themselves of the privilege of obtaining it from the storehouses where it is made. The November battle may be a hard one, but we know that victory will be ours if we follow the orders of our Captain, Jesus Christ, for he never lost a battle when his orders were obeyed.

We are glad to report that some of our churches are taking hold of this work with willing hands. We have not heard from all parts of the State.

One thing has deeply impressed me, and that is that thirty sets of the November *Signs* have been taken by those not of our faith. As I presented the matter at a Sunday evening service, a village merchant was present, and took five sets of the *Signs*. After the service, I talked with him, and he said he desired to send the papers to his friends. If those not of our faith are interested in the circulation of our good literature, should not we be much

more interested in it than they can be? because we understand the truth and the work much better than an outsider can possibly understand it. If they are stirred, and desire that their friends shall see this light, should we not be doubly stirred?

The fact that outside people are taking hold to scatter our papers should awaken us to the fact that the time has come when God would have this light go to the world, and if his people do not awake to their God-given privileges, cut loose from the world, and go to work, the Lord will call others to the work, and we shall be left to go into darkness and be lost. It is certainly a very dangerous thing now to remain idle when the orders are, Go forward.

The Lord is in earnest with us, brethren, for he is anxious that the world shall speedily be warned of its coming doom, that the Saviour may come to claim his own and to put an end to this dark reign of sin. "Arise, shine: for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." Isa. 60:1.

Brethren of Vermont, let us arise in the strength of the Lord, and accomplish a great work for our God during this fall and winter.

J. W. WATT.

"EVEN Christ pleased not himself," is a good motto for all, especially during the missionary campaign. As he left the joys of heaven and came to earth to suffer and die, in order to save that which was lost, so must those who would enter into the joy of the Lord, deny themselves, in order to carry the gospel of the kingdom into all the world in this generation.

No one should be disheartened though he may not see direct results from his seed sowing. Notice the number of years that some of the publications referred to in these notes and in Brother Watt's report, lay unread; but, nevertheless, in due time they brought forth fruit.

The FIELD

GREATER NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

THE Greater New York Conference held its third annual session September 29 to October 2, 1904, in the "Beacon Light Gospel Tent," One Hundred and Ninth Street and Manhattan Avenue.

The first meeting was called to order at ten o'clock on Thursday morning. President Edwards in the chair. After singing hymn number 447, "Harvest Time," prayer was offered by Elder H. W. Cottrell. The opening address was made by our President, in which he manifested great earnestness, and impressed upon the minds of the people, and especially those of the delegates, the responsibility resting upon them at this time, and asked God's blessing upon the work to be accomplished in the future.

The roll of delegates was called, after which it was unanimously voted that the Chair appoint the usual committees for the transaction of such business as would properly come before the conference.

The following ministers and workers spoke of the work being done in their respective fields: L. H. Proctor, Sayville, L. I.; O. E. Reinke, College Point, N. Y.; J. C. Hennessy, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; G. A. Roggenkamp, Newburgh, N. Y.; P. L. Hoen, Scandinavian work, Brooklyn, N. Y.; J. K. Humphrey, colored work, New York City; G. A. King, work with *Signs of the Times*; Mrs. R. Leo, work in Brooklyn; Miss Alice Williams, colored work in Brooklyn; Miss C. Wentlandt, College Point and Brooklyn; Miss B. Shonsbye, New York City and vicinity; Miss B. McPherson, New York City; Mrs. E. H. Hall, New York City; John J. Kennedy, Middletown, N. Y.

The Committee on Plans submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we express our gratitude to the Lord for the various ways he has blessed us and led us as a Conference for the past year, and for the general success that has attended our workers in the field, and for the spirit of unity that prevails among the Lord's people generally; and,

Whereas, The Lord has planned that the debt be raised from our denominational schools by the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons," and has definitely stated that they are to be sold by the church-members; therefore, in harmony with the foregoing,

We recommend, That the number on hand be apportioned to the churches, at the rate of four copies to each member, and that the disposal of the same be accomplished before the holidays, and that ministers, workers, and church officers use their energy to this end to the glory of God.

Whereas, Brotherly love is the great badge of Christianity, and unity of action is essential to successful work,

We recommend, That all our people, and especially all of our employed laborers, seek to uphold the general plans of the officials chosen to represent this Conference during the ensuing year.

We recommend, That special attention be given to the financial needs of the cause by faithfulness in paying tithe, and also that particular economy be exercised in our personal and family expenses, so that more means may flow into the treasury of the Lord as voluntary offerings.

In view of the immense population to be instructed in the message, and of the urgent need in all parts of the field for devoted and experienced laborers,

We recommend, That wise and energetic steps be taken to establish a training school where suitable persons may be educated in the fundamental truths of the message, and directed in active and efficient methods of missionary labor.

Whereas, Much of our knowledge

of the local and general work of the cause must be derived through the periodicals established among us,

We recommend, That special attention be given by all of our people to the *Review and Herald*, *Signs of the Times*, *Life and Health*, ATLANTIC UNION GLEANER, and *Youth's Instructor*.

Whereas, A special movement along all lines of missionary work was recommended by the last General Conference council; therefore,

Resolved, That we indorse this plan for united action, and that we will adopt it so far, and as fast, as is consistent with our local circumstances and conditions.

The Committee on Nominations submitted the following report, the same being unanimously adopted:

For President, Charles H. Edwards; Secretary and Treasurer, Edward H. Hall; Executive Committee, C. H. Edwards, E. H. Hall, O. E. Reinke, E. H. M. Sell, M. D., R. H. Martin, L. Klebahn, G. M. Chaffee, Steen Jensen, J. A. Wood; Sabbath-school department Secretary, Mrs. L. H. Proctor; Educational Secretary, Robert H. Martin; Medical Committee, G. M. Chaffee, Chairman; Dr. E. H. M. Sell, O. E. Reinke, S. A. Maxwell, J. A. Wood.

The Committee on Credentials and Licenses reported as follows: For credentials, C. H. Edwards, L. H. Proctor, O. E. Reinke, and H. E. Robinson; ministerial license, G. A. King; missionary license, Mrs. R. Leo; Misses C. Wentlandt, A. Williams, and B. McPherson; Brethren P. L. Hoen, James K. Humphrey, John C. Hennessy, G. A. Roggenkamp, J. A. Wood, and J. J. Kennedy.

Throughout the session, there was a fair attendance of outsiders, and a great interest was manifested. Many have faithfully followed up the message that has been presented with much power and earnestness during the past few months in our tent, and we have every reason to believe that

a great blessing has attended the preaching of the Word, and several have borne testimony of the goodness of God, and in their expressions of

TREASURER'S REPORT, NOVEMBER 1, 1903, TO AUGUST 31, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on Hand November 1, 1903,	\$ 750.36
Tithe,	9,389.02
First-day Offerings,	287.57
Annual Offering,	820.08
Foreign Missions,	301.65
Haskell Home,	53.50
Italy,	100.00
Southern Field,	50.00
Japan,	12.78
Missionary Acre Fund,	8.50
Brazil,	11.50
Special donation, July 2,	26.35
Religious Liberty,	39.71
Washington Fund,	31.00
Syria,	51.75
Washington Church,	.50
Sabbath-school donations,	285.64
International Tract Society,	81.96
Greater New York Tract Society,	116.25
General Conference Appropriation,	200.00
Merchandise, Tract Society,	1,013.77
Tent Effort, New York City,	446.11
Merchandise Account,	46.05
Loans,	100.00
"Object Lessons,"	82.00
Church School,	4.00
Home Missions,	1.50
General Donations,	208.20
Loan returned, Newburgh Church,	10.00
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	\$14,529.65

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries and Expenses,	\$ 7,780.80
Pacific Press Publishing Company,	365.00
Review & Herald,	778.00
Review & Herald, Battle Creek,	13.69
Rent,	318.00
M. B. Gregory, Tents,	45.00
Merchandise,	22.25
Loan, Newburgh Church,	10.00
Atlantic Union Conference Treasurer for donations, etc.,	2,727.23
Office Furniture and Fixtures,	114.38
South Lancaster Academy Account,	5.00
General Conference Merchandise,	2.40
<i>Bible Training School</i> ,	.20
New Jersey Conference,	17.55
Note of Mrs. Goodrich, paid,	100.00
Freight and Expressage,	54.03
Stationery and Printing,	50.13
Postage-stamps, postals, and mailing packages,	46.68
Expenses Carnegie Lyceum, etc.,	826.14
Balance, September 1, 1904,	1,253.17
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	\$14,529.65

E. H. HALL, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

gratitude have made it clear that no such revelations were ever before brought to their notice.

Let us pray that the seed sown may spring up and bear much fruit. Let us be just in all things, for "the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day," and may our motto be the words left with us by Elder H. W. Cottrell in his closing remarks, "Let God be our guide and leader, and let unity of Spirit prevail to the glory and honor of our heavenly Father."

EDWARD H. HALL, *Secretary*.

ROANOKE, VA.

THE tent services here closed the 24th of last month, and meetings are now held in a hall at stated times. The hall is situated in a part of the city most convenient for the friends who have come regularly to the tent.

Seven adults claim to be keeping the Sabbath and accept other points of the gospel message presented, with willing minds to consider what remains.

Sabbath, the 30th of October, we organized a Sabbath-school with thirteen adults and four juniors. In the tent as many as nineteen adults and six juniors have been present and taken part. If all who will attend and were at the tent Sabbath-school had been present, there would have been at least twenty adults enrolled.

There has been no excitement at any time, but a respectful hearing at all times, and a good attendance of representative people until the cool nights in this mountain section shut off many. We trust that a foundation has been laid, though all are not ready for a building.

The studies in the hall now are along the lines of healthful living and personal purity—a *whole* man to be presented without guile, blameless to the Master at his coming in glory.

Elder Farman has taken up the work at Lynchburg, about fifty miles away, where we have a little company

and a church building. Our courage never was better. Remember us in your prayers.

M. S. BABCOCK.

VERMONT TITHE FOR OCTOBER, 1904.

Barre church,	\$35.00
Bordoville "	22.06
Burlington "	61.21
Hartland "	33.04
Jamaica "	54.91
Johnson "	1.00
Middlebury "	11.00
Morrisville "	7.06
Northfield "	21.00
Richford "	8.90
Rutland "	47.43
Sutton "	31.15
Windham "	27.60
Wolcott "	13.10
Woodbury "	6.10
Individuals,	15.29
Total,	\$395.75

F. M. DANA,

Secretary and Treasurer.

SUTTON, VERMONT.

I RECENTLY had the privilege of spending two Sabbaths with this church, and I find the work in this vicinity very prosperous at present. I baptized one lady, and she and her husband united with the church. Two others united with it a short time ago, and still others are in attendance at the Sabbath services who have not united with the church.

Interesting experiences might be told in regard to the way that some of these persons were led to accept the truth. One young man and his wife, who had never made a profession of religion, and who live so far from the church that they had never attended our meetings and were not acquainted with our views, became interested in reading our literature, fully accepted the message, and to-day rejoice with us in the light.

A family of eight persons are now

attending the Sabbath services, and the father has united with the church. All this has been brought about by the reading of "Great Controversy" which was sold by one of our canvassers about nine years ago, to a relative of this family, and lay on the shelf until last fall, when it was presented to them as a gift. Thus we see the effect of scattering our literature.

Another interesting case is that of a man who gave up the Sabbath about twenty years ago; but at our camp-meeting this fall he returned to the Lord, and has united with the Sutton church. He is now filled with praise to God continually for the mercy of God in sparing his life till the present time. This man has a wide circle of friends and acquaintances, having been in business in this vicinity for many years, hence we hope others will become interested because he has accepted the truth.

A consecration service was held last Sabbath (October 29), and fifty-seven sets of the *Signs* were taken with which to begin the fall and winter campaign. May the Lord bless the Sutton church, and help them to be faithful in the work.

J. W. WATT.

REJOICE WITH US IN MERIDEN, CONN.

SINCE my last report in the GLEANER, we have found two brethren who came to this place shortly after we came here, and opened up Turkish bath and treatment rooms. They are getting along nicely, and are using the treatments as a means of leading people to the Saviour.

We have also organized a Sabbath-school. We meet each Sabbath at my home, at 10:30 A. M., for worship and study.

As the young man who had been brought up a Catholic and left that to follow and teach the modern so-called "New Thought," of whom I wrote in my last report, was waiting with his wife to follow the Lord in baptism, we

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were privileged to have Elder Langdon with us last Sabbath. On Sabbath evening, he gave us a grand study on "Bible Election and Predestination," which was enjoyed by all present. On the Sabbath, at 10:30 A. M., we met for Sabbath-school, after which we again listened to Elder Langdon. At three o'clock in the afternoon we met at the bath rooms where they have a plunge bath, and here we saw this young man and his wife buried in the watery grave and raised in newness of life with Christ. What a cause of rejoicing this is for us to see such a sight in a city where none of our work has been done so far as I know. We wish to share this joy with you.

One of the witnesses of the baptism was a young man who is a member of the Salvation Army here, for whom I have been working. He is accepting the truth. Last Sabbath he did not go to his work in the shop, but came to the meeting at my home to keep his first Sabbath with us. Satan is working hard through some of the members of the Army and also through his relatives to persuade him to have nothing to do with us, but so far he has been firm.

We expect a lady member of the Army to study with us, who comes through the efforts of the young man. Several others are becoming interested, and because we know it is not by might, nor by power, but by the Holy Spirit, therefore, we wish you all to pray for the work in this place. Please pray especially for these two members of the Salvation Army that they may step out and fully accept our Saviour and his teachings, and then continue their missionary work in the right way.

God is wonderfully blessing us in so many ways, and permitting us to see fruit of our cooperation with him. There are eight of us now who meet together Sabbath after Sabbath and we are joyfully looking forward to the near future when a church shall be organized in this place.

Copies of *Good Health, Life and Health*, and tracts, if sent post-paid will be appreciated by the brethren in the bath rooms. Send to my address.

CHARLES H. REIMERS,
58 Charles St., Meriden, Conn.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

THE following is a report of the actual funds received toward establishing a school farm:

Camp-meeting collection,	\$ 1.01
Mr. Davidson,	1.00
Miss Lucy Smith,	1.00
E. E. Miles,	5.00
J. W. Barrett,	2.00
H. B. Tucker,	2.00
Anna Wykman,	1.00
T. B. Stewart,	2.00
Mrs. Frazier,	1.00
Samuel Booth,	10.00
Beatrice Gardner,	5.00
Mrs. H. S. S. Davis,	5.00
W. F. Woodward,	5.00
Mrs. J. L. Wells,	5.00
R. C. Andrews,	5.00
John Osterbloom,	1.00
Mrs. G. W. Bowers,	3.00
Jennie Loomis,	40.00
G. E. Langdon and wife,	20.00

Total, \$115.01

We are indebted to Miss Emma Thans for the gift of an organ for use in the school.

At the recent session of this conference, held in Middletown, Conn., the resolution was passed that one-half of the net proceeds from the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" should be appropriated to our school farm. One-half the net proceeds of cash received on sales to date is as follows:

A. J. Clark,	\$.47
Josie Larkham,	1.88
Mrs. E. L. Perry,	.94
R. C. Andrews,	.94
Mrs. M. A. Scribner,	2.35
T. T. Tucker,	4.70
H. W. Cottrell,	.47
Mrs. T. B. Stewart,	.47
Mrs. S. F. Rowe,	1.88

J. E. Barrett,	1.88
Samuel Booth,	4.70
Mrs. H. S. S. Davis,	7.99
Mrs. I. L. Wells,	1.88
J. L. Hakes,	.47
Mrs. J. W. Phillips,	1.41
Mrs. N. P. Smith,	2.35

Total, \$34.78

IRENE J. CADY,
Secretary and Treasurer.

BALTIMORE, MD.

CHURCH No. 1, of Baltimore, now meets in a hall on Lafayette Avenue, near Stricker Street. We sold our church building several weeks ago, and plan to meet in halls in the southwestern section of the city, in order better to meet the people and impart to them the third angel's message.

We expect to have a part in the winter missionary campaign, and have ordered some of the sets of papers just published for that purpose. The tract society has been reorganized, and our people are taking hold of the work in a manner that augurs well for the future of the society.

Our prayer-meeting is held weekly from house to house, and is well attended. Some who were once indifferent are becoming interested, and strangers are coming in to hear the word of God.

Elder J. A. Traugh, of Cumberland, Md., will be with us Sunday night, November 13. Both churches will attend this meeting, and we look for a blessing at that time. We remember the word of the Lord, "Only be thou strong and very courageous," and will go straight ahead, for our Saviour has said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

GEORGE E. TACK.

"ARM yourselves with the same mind."

"EACH member of the church is a steward, entrusted with something."

MEDICAL MISSIONARY

OUR BURLINGTON TREATMENT ROOMS.

WE would once more remind our people in Vermont that at 308 Main St., Burlington, Vt., we have well-equipped treatment rooms, which we have established for the purpose of holding up the light of truth in our State. This is our first effort in Vermont in the health line, or at least, it is the first effort of the kind. In making an effort to establish this line of work, we have tried to follow the light given in the Testimonies. But, as in all other lines of work, there are perplexities to meet and earnest, hard work to be done. Brethren, this work needs your support and your prayers.

Brother George Litchfield and wife are now in charge of the work, and we can assure those who go there for treatment that they will receive the best of care and attention. Arrangements have been made with Dr. Ball, of Rutland, to visit our treatment rooms from time to time, and render such medical aid as may be needed. He will examine patients, prescribe the treatment, etc., when called upon to do so. Thus we are able to do for our patients about the same as they would get at a regular sanitarium. We can take a limited number of patients to room, but can give treatments to many more than we can accommodate with room and board. Any one who desires the benefits of this institution, should write to George Litchfield, 308 Main Street, Burlington, Vt.

J. W. WATT.

SIN TSAI HSIEN, HONAN, CHINA.*

THE houses are grouped in little villages. All of them live off the products of one farm, and besides this have sufficient to sell to buy their

*Extract from a letter to Dr. C. F. Ball.

small amount of clothing. They have no furniture in the small mud houses, but sleep on a straw mat.

The food consists of rice, radishes, beans, onions, greens, bread, pears, peanuts, and meat. The food is prepared on a mud stove constructed as follows: They build a mud fireplace and upon the top set an iron pan, the shape and size of a wash-bowl in the States. There is no outlet for the smoke except the opening where you place the fuel in the stove. The fuel used is straw and cane stalks, so that the room in which food is prepared is covered with soot, and the continual smoke in the room, in almost every case, causes the cook to have inflammation of the eyes. Fuel is very scarce in China. In the late fall many women and children are covering the ground with their rakes, so that there is not a straw left to tell which way the wind blows. China is the best place I know in which to study economy. It is by reason of this that the land can support such a large population:

It is well known that rice is the staple product and principal food, although in this part of the country wheat is used freely. In this iron bowl they will place the rice, and when it is well cooked, they will add another product called "bean curd," which is beans ground in water to a pulp, and this pulp dried until it looks like an American cheese. This is cut in slices and fried in hemp oil, and added to the rice. To this is added chopped onions and chopped radishes; and if they can afford meat, it is also added. When cooked, this food is dipped out in bowls, and the members of the family stand out in the yard with the bowl in close proximity to the mouth, and sip the contents of the large bowl. With this they often eat bread called *mo mo*. It is made of wheat in the form of buns and steamed, or they may eat fried cakes, similar to the ones found in the States, but I think they are superior.

Another common porridge is noodles, made the same way that they are in America, cut in long strings, and to this is added Chinese cabbage (this looks like cauliflower) and meat, and at this time of year dandelion greens are eaten in this dish.

Peanuts are eaten in the natural state, except they are slightly roasted.

The food is usually well cooked, but the greatest objection is their disregard of cleanliness. The farmer will bring wheat to town in sacks, and return with the sacks filled with fertilizer. Probably the most obnoxious thing about their diet is the meat. There are many reports about their eating rats and bugs, but these I can not substantiate from my observation. Very few, if any, animals are killed for food, but all animals that die are eaten, no matter of what disease they have died. Hogs are killed, but oxen, donkeys, and horses are never killed, but when they die, are eaten. Chickens are largely used and fish. There is no distinction made with reference to fish. Everything that can live under water is eaten. They do not like fresh meat. In their kitchen you will see chickens hanging with their feathers on, that are dried like beef in the States, or instead it may be a quarter or a half of a goat.

Were it not for the fact that they eat sparingly of meat we should certainly have a great plague among the people, but a family of a hundred will not eat so much meat as one family in the States.

H. W. MILLER, M. D.

"THE Lord desires us to be spiritually and physically healthy, that we may exert a pure, wholesome influence."

"SO FAR as possible, we should avoid hurried eating. The shorter the time for a meal, the less should be eaten. It is better to omit a meal than to eat without proper mastication."

The PRINTED PAGE

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

A REFORM IN CANVASSING.

For the past ten or twelve years there has been a tendency among many of our people to depart from the fundamental teaching and landmarks of this message. We seemed to have discovered means and methods of getting this truth before the people other than those by which it was started in the beginning. But the time came for a new (yet not a new, but the old) order of things to be established. The past four years have witnessed a wonderful work of reorganization in our midst. The attention and means of our people have been turned toward the accomplishment of that all-important work—"The gospel to all the world in this generation." Evidence of this departure from the old-time methods is quite noticeable in almost every branch of our work. To this fact I wish to call the attention of those who are engaged in the sale of our books. Did you ever think that the canvassing work has been suffering because of an apostasy from the true methods of work? Such is the case, I am sorry to say.

We have been instructed by the spirit of prophecy that "the canvassing work is missionary work of the highest order, and should be conducted from a missionary standpoint." Notwithstanding this important instruction, we find many of our canvassers engaged in selling books that treat upon very little, if any, of the message for this time. We have printed, for the use of our canvassers, a large list of books known as "helps." Not a few of our canvassers are spending their time selling these books, just because they find an easy sale for them. This is not right. We do not accomplish what we are out to do, and these small books were never intended

to be sold by our canvassers to the exclusion of our large works.

Not long ago a canvasser in one of the Western States was complaining to me that his back and shoulders hurt him, and his limbs suffered from rheumatism. Noticing his satchel near at hand, I asked to see it. Upon opening it, I found, "Gospel Primers," "Cats and Dogs," "All Sorts," "Best Stories," pocket vaporizers, a fountain

syringe, a roll of wall mottoes, two dozen patent window fasteners, and about the same number of patent lace-curtain hangers.

This may be an extreme case, but it is an illustration of a condition that should be remedied without delay. This brother talked with the greatest confidence that the message was going to the world speedily. Dear friends, be not deceived, this kind of work is

THE BOOK WORK.

Western Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending October 28, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Mrs. T. D. Gibson, Wilkinsburg,		L G	2	10			2.25	2.25	
David S. Plank, Austin,		C K	4	30	8	8.00	2.50	10.50	90.50
J. Q. Herrington, Allegheny Co.,		P & P	3	14	5	14.00	6.00	20.00	
Miss L. M. Guild, Titusville,		B R	1	3	1	2.00	1.50	3.50	
Mrs. R. H. Wiper, Monessen,		G C	5	30	3	7.25	19.50	26.75	
Totals,	5 Agents,		15	87	17	\$31.25	\$31.75	\$63.00	\$90.50

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending October 28, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
J. R. Ebersole, Lemoyne,		D & R	5	35	18	30.50		30.50	
Annie G. Howells, Wyoming,		H of M	4	18	8	12.00	6.75	18.75	
Harry Minier, Scranton,		C K	5	35	6	6.00	6.25	12.25	
Minnie Minier, Scranton,		C K	4	19	3	3.00	1.50	4.50	7.00
Lillie Minier, Scranton,		C K	2	11					6.75
S. W. Cape, Ardmore,		C K	5	32	11	11.00	4.00	15.00	22.75
A. H. Osman, Williamstown,		C K	4	17	7	7.50	5.25	12.75	1.75
Mrs. G. W. Spies, Millerstown,		C K	3	20	11	11.00	9.50	20.50	49.10
W. T. Hilgert, Philadelphia,		C K	2	8			5.18	5.18	24.93
G. W. Holman, Lancaster,		P H	5	35	128	32.00		32.00	23.50
Totals,	10 Agents,		39	230	192	\$113.00	\$38.43	\$151.43	\$135.78

New York Conference, Week Ending October 28, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
A. R. Evans,		C K		37	32	40.50	5.00	45.50	
Fritz A. Evans,		C K		40	3	4.00	5.75	9.75	40.50
Chas. M. Cottrell,		C K							73.50
Arthur W. Coon, Minetto,		C K		27		39.00		39.00	
G. F. Evans, Norwich,		H of M				3.50		3.50	68.00
Totals,	5 Agents,			104	35	\$87.00	\$10.75	\$97.75	\$182.00

Central New England Conference, Week Ending October 28, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
G. H. Clark, W. Stockbridge,		P of J	5	37	7	13.65	24.00	37.65	2.50
C. E. Mattison, Everett,		L of C	5	32	12	20.00	13.25	33.25	
Elizabeth S. Chase, New Boston,		C K	2	6			2.25	2.25	
Totals,	3 Agents,		12	75	19	\$33.65	\$39.50	\$73.15	2.50

not warning the world. God can not judge the world as having received the truth until it is rightly presented. "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world." John 3:19.

There is nothing wrong in a canvasser's selling a "help" in connec-

tion with his larger work. It was published for that purpose, but not for him to sell to the exclusion of the large books containing the truth. The older and more successful canvassers seldom carry more than one large book and one small help. In fact, many canvassers will use only the large book.

When our book work was first started, our small books were unknown. Tracts and pamphlets treating on some special phase of the message were used in their stead. As a result, hundreds of people accepted the truth, and churches were raised up.

It is easier to sell our large books when we get the people interested in them. Any one who can sell family Bibles costing from three to five dollars, and can club three or four of the helps together, and sell them for \$2.50, can surely sell a book containing the truths for this time, ranging in price from two to four dollars. If not, why not?

God is calling for a reform in the methods used in the sale of our books. Dear friends, let us return to the old-time methods that have been tried and proved. The truth will then be given to the world, and we shall be watchmen indeed. "My heart aches as I see those who profess to be looking for the Saviour devoting their time and talents to circulating books containing nothing concerning the truths for this time. . . . How can the followers of Christ engage in so common a work, when there is crying need for God's truth on every hand."—*Testimonies*.

J. S. JAMES,
Clarksburg, W. Va.

QUICKSBURG, VA.

THOUGH I have not been canvassing so much for the past two weeks, I think I have been just as busy for the Master in other lines of his work. There has been much sickness among my neighbors and friends. I have endeavored to visit and help wherever I could. I am glad there are so many ways in which we can work for Jesus.

I never go out for an hour or two but I take some of our books with me. Last week I went to attend to some business for my husband, and after it

Southern New England Conference, Week Ending October 28, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
R. C. Andrews,	South Manchester, Conn.,	Misc		24				12.75	
J. W. Sypher,	Seymour, Ansonia,	D of A, C K		32	8	13.00	13.10	26.10	1.50
Totals,	2 Agents,			56	8	\$13.00	\$13.10	\$38.85	1.50

Vermont Conference, Week Ending October 28, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
A. E. Taylor,	Barton, Westmore,	D of A, S of D	1	7					14.00
*A. W. Boardman,	Sheffield, Wheelock,	H of M, S of D	8	61	20	29.75	19.75	49.50	
Rubie Roscoe,	Burlington,	C O L		4½	4	5.00		5.00	1.50
E. H. Pierce,	Eden,	S of D		14	2	2.00	1.00	3.00	
Totals,	4 Agents,		9	86½	26	\$36.75	\$20.75	\$57.50	15.50

*Two weeks.

Virginia Conference, Week Ending October 28, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Mrs. Ida Klein,	Berea,	C O L	5	20	1	1.25	6.25	7.50	
Mrs. W. H. Zeidler,	Richmond,	H of M		7	5	7.50	4.00	11.50	
Mrs. A. C. Neff,	Quicksburg,						2.25	2.25	
Totals,	3 Agents,		5	27	6	\$8.25	\$12.50	\$21.25	

West Virginia Conference, Week Ending October 28, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
J. H. Jennings,	Nuttall,	C K	4	25	6	6.00	20.00	26.00	15.75
Totals,	1 Agent,		4	25	6	\$6.00	\$20.00	\$26.00	\$15.75

Maine Conference, Week Ending October 28, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Abbie Webber,	Skowhegan,	C O L, C K			21	28.00		28.00	
Totals,	1 Agent,				21	\$28.00		\$28.00	

U. C. Totals October 28,	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd	
34 Agents,	84	690½	330	\$357.40	\$186.78	\$544.18	\$443.53	
Totals for corresp. week last year,	32 Agents,	106	641	179	\$299.50	\$242.20	\$541.70	\$252.05

was done, I had time to canvass a little, so I visited three homes and sold five books. In one of the homes the lady of the house asked if they were not Adventist books, and said she had read most of them, as her mother was an Adventist. She bought "Our Paradise Home," as that was new to her.

May the Lord help us to take part in this good work.

MRS. A. C. NEFF.

WORK WITH "PRACTICAL LESSONS," IN NEWTON.

IT was a matter of deep concern with me how to begin work with this book in Newton. But, strengthened by the promise, "The Lord God will help me; therefore I shall not be confounded; therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed," I started out to visit the thirty or more ministers and their Sunday-school superintendents. Thus far I have sold to ten of the ministers. I also had the pleasure of selling a copy to the secretary of the Y. M. C. A., of Boston, and the leading officer of the Salvation Army, of Boston, who purchased it for a gift to Colonel Evans.

When I have beheld religious teachers provoking their hearers to a stream of merriment that would put a first-class comedian to shame, when the priests of the people, from whose lips the holy law is proclaimed, betray the strong odor of the vile weed, when sensuality is written in the very countenance, and when pride of knowledge leads the expounders of the truth of the meek and lowly One to fail of treating the stranger even civilly, and under the appearance of trying to be polite there gleams Pharisaical hatred and malice, how forcibly has the truth that "Babylon is fallen," and "perilous times" are come, been brought home to my heart!

Since making this last change in

my residence and coming to Massachusetts, it seems as if almost insurmountable obstacles were blocking my way, but I have believed that God has some lesson of trust for me to learn in this experience. I read the other morning in the fourth chapter of Judges where Deborah said to Barak, "Up; for this is the day in which the Lord hath delivered Sisera [the great obstacle to Israel's progress] into thine hand: is not the Lord gone out before thee?"

In three days last week I took about twenty-five orders. On Friday I took eight orders in three and one-half hours, two of them being for the morocco bound book.

W. E. GERALD.

A FIELD FOR CANVASSERS.

THE following letter, written to Brother J. S. James, of West Virginia, by one of the canvassers, is an index of the manner in which the Lord is blessing those who are pushing into the unworked fields of that State:

"J. S. James.

"DEAR BROTHER: I have had good success in canvassing for nearly every hour put in, as a close examination of my report will show. Any man who studies my reports from Fayette County can see plainly that the good Lord is giving success to this one canvasser who is entering new fields as the Testimonies exhort us to do. I have not written this to cause men to see what I am doing; but to turn their attention to what the Lord is doing for me financially, as well as spiritually, and to encourage others to enter this unworked territory. I am satisfied success awaits even those who have been unsuccessful in the past, if they can be persuaded to come to this field.

"Praying for your success, I am

"Sincerely your brother in Christ,

"J. H. JENNINGS."

"Be not wise in thine own eyes."

ITEMS OF INTEREST

MAINE.

—Edith Bicknell has gone to the South Lancaster Academy to take special studies preparatory to becoming a trained nurse.

—Sister Cornelia Snow is improving in health, and we believe that God has heard the many prayers in her behalf. She is now in Caribou, and will engage in Bible work there as her strength will permit.

—We have a large stock of "Christ's Object Lessons" on hand, and our quota is unsold. If each one in the conference would take three more books, it would set us free. Shall we not see a general taking hold to close out this work? If you can not sell them, buy them to give away, and thus spread the light of truth.

—Sister Abbie Webber writes, "The reading matter we place in the rack in the Skowhegan station goes rapidly. The agent says it does not make him any trouble. The good angels are hovering near that spot. I feel drawn by God to have two more reading racks put up in this place. Jesus comes very near by his Holy Spirit. God is in the work."

—We ask those who are canvassing not to forget to send their weekly reports of labor to the Maine Tract Society. Those who intend to make a business of handling our large books should write to our State agent, Brother Fred B. Grant, Phillips, Me., for territory and instructions. Those who intend to handle small books only for a short time during the holidays, may write directly to the Maine Tract Society office concerning their work.

—We shall have several hundred sets of the special *Signs* at this office also a quantity of the special numbers of the *Southern Watchman*. Please send in your orders at once. The *Southern Watchman* in clubs of ten or more is ten cents a set, single sets fif-

teen cents. The *Signs* are twenty cents if less than five papers are ordered, if five or more, fifteen cents a set, or even less in larger quantities. These are just the thing to send to your friends.

E. H. MORTON.

CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND.

—Mr. Frank P. Luce, of Wakefield, and Miss Alice Moffatt, of Lancaster, were married at South Lancaster, November 7.

—The Sabbath-school lesson for November 19 is on the law of God, and chapter eleven in Elder Gilbert's book, "Practical Lessons," entitled "Why the Law Was Given on Sinai," will be excellent to read in connection with this lesson.

—Mrs. Richards and her daughter, Mrs. LeGacy, have recently moved from Lowell to South Lancaster. We sincerely hope they may enjoy their new home and friends.

—Mrs. E. M. Clark, of Fitchburg, Mass., spent last Sabbath with her daughter, Miss Sadie Clark, at South Lancaster, Mass.

—Baptismal services were again held in the church at South Lancaster last Sabbath, and three precious souls thus acknowledged their determination to devote their lives to the service of God.

—Orders for the special *Signs* are coming in quite rapidly. We are glad this is so, and trust our people will not become weary in well-doing.

—Mr. A. P. Needham, who has been in Vermont for the past two or three weeks on business, visited South Lancaster last Thursday, to see his daughter, Marian, who is attending the academy.

—Mrs. H. C. Wilcox, of Lancaster, Mass., is at the New England Sanitarium, Melrose, on account of her health. We hope she may rapidly improve.

—An interesting lecture was given

in the Assembly Hall of the academy last Tuesday evening, by George Wharton James, on the "Poetry and Symbolism of Indian Basketry." A splendid collection of Indian baskets was exhibited to illustrate the lecture.

—Brother Amos Mitchell, librarian of the South Lancaster church, resigned his position last Sabbath as he was to leave on that evening for New York. Mr. Dudley Cobb was elected to fill the vacancy.

H. B. TUCKER.

A QUESTION.

"In the ordinance of humility, is it necessary to wash both feet of each member, or is one sufficient?"

We are somewhat surprised to have this question asked, but it is worthy of an answer.

First, let us ask another: "What says the Bible? This should be my only question." The thirteenth chapter of John gives the following statements, which seem to us to be conclusive. "And *Christ* began to wash the disciples' *feet*, and to wipe *them*," etc. Verse 5. "Lord, dost thou wash my *feet*?" "Thou shalt never wash my *feet*," not, "my *foot*." Verse 6.

"Lord, not my *feet* [not foot] only, but also my hands and my head." Verse 9. "He that is washed needeth not save to wash his [foot? No.] *feet*." Verse 10. "After he had washed their *feet*," etc. Verse 12. "If I . . . have washed your *feet*; ye also ought to wash one another's *feet*." Verse 14.

It will readily be seen that the plural is used in every case, and while some might claim that in verses 5, 12, and 14, *one foot of each* of the disciples makes the plural, verses 6, 8, 9, and 10, can by no means be construed to mean one foot, and these verses it would seem should be unquestionably regarded as the key to the other verses, and also a positive answer to the question.

A. E. PLACE.

OBITUARY NOTICES

NICKERSON.—Died at Blaine, Aroostook County, Maine, October 18, of general paralysis, Sister Permelia Nickerson, aged 74 years, 9 months, and 11 days. She embraced the third angel's message about thirty years ago, under the labors of the writer and was baptized by Elder S. J. Hersum. For several months she suffered from mental derangement. In July last, she had a shock which rendered her nearly helpless. October 11 she had another, which rendered her speechless and seemingly unconscious until October 18, when she passed away. Remarks were made at the funeral by the writer, from Isa. 25:8, 9.

J. B. GOODRICH.

SUNSET CALENDAR FRIDAYS.

Local Mean Time.

1904.	Boston.	N. Y. and Phila.	Washington.
Nov. 4.....	4:51	4:54	4:57
Nov. 11.....	4:43	4:46	4:50
Nov. 18.....	4:36	4:40	4:45
Nov. 25.....	4:31	4:36	4:40

WANTED.—Clean copies of the *Signs, Review, Instructor*, and health journals.

CORNELIA SNOW,
Caribou, Maine.

All who receive papers should examine them carefully before handing them to others.

GENERAL MEETINGS.

Cherryflats, November 10-13.

Lorenton, November 15-20.

W. H. SMITH.

GENERAL MEETINGS FOR WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA.

WE call the attention of all our brethren and sisters to the following appointments for general meetings this fall:

Shingle House, November 10-13,

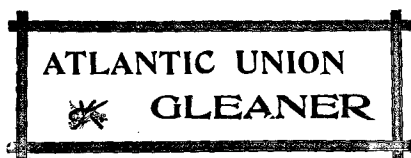
North Warren, November 17-20,

Conneautville, November 24-27,

Meadville, December 1-4,

Greensburg, December 8-11.

E. J. DRYER.



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IN another column are a few notes relating instances where persons have embraced the truth through reading our literature. Hundreds of such instances might be given, and the individuals who accept the truth through reading are among the firmest and truest of our members.

THE announcement has been received of the marriage in London, England, October 27, of Brother William R. White and Miss Alice M. Sisley, eldest daughter of Brother William C. Sisley, formerly of Battle Creek. The young couple are connected with our work in London.

AT the recent session of the Southern California Conference, the following recommendation was passed: "That the incoming conference committee discontinue the publication of the *Missionary and School Bulletin*, and adopt the *Pacific Union Recorder* as the organ of this conference."

They also passed a resolution inviting the Pacific Press to establish a depository in Los Angeles.

"OBJECT LESSONS."

THE month of December has been set apart for a special month of "Object Lessons" work. In Vermont we have, I suppose, five hundred Seventh-day Adventists. We should sell about one thousand copies of "Object Lessons" yet to fill our quota. This would be about two copies each.

ATLANTIC UNION GLEANER

Now, brethren, shall we not during the month of December get right at it, and finish up this work? Is there one of us who could not sell two copies of this book in a month if he tried? If there are any who can not sell two copies, they might pay for selling them. Send fifty cents a copy to the State treasurer for that purpose, and some one will sell the books on commission. But it would be better for you to sell them yourself, and get a blessing out of the experience of doing actual work for some one else.

We expect to say more on this subject if the books are not sold in December.
 J. W. WATT.

NEW JERSEY NOTICE.

THE third annual session of the New Jersey Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held in Hickson's Hall, at the corner of Hamilton Ave. and Hudson St., Trenton, N. J., November 16-20, 1904.

The first meeting for the transaction of conference business will convene Wednesday, November 17, at 10:30 A. M.

J. E. JAYNE,
Conference President.

TO WEST PENNSYLVANIA CANVASSERS.

THE conference committee having decided to dispense with the services of the field secretary, the duties of that officer will be assumed by the president of the conference. Hereafter you will send your reports and address all correspondence relating to the canvassing work to Elder E. J. Dryer, Norwood, Erie, Pa.

I shall always keep in remembrance the many kindnesses and acts of courtesy extended to me, and hope that each canvasser will be found faithful to his calling, going out in the name and in the power of the Lord to give the message of truth to the world.

I expect to go actively into the canvassing work.

THOS. D. GIBSON.
Wilkesburg, Pa., Nov. 4, 1904.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY.

TWENTY-FIVE or thirty Seventh-day Adventists to begin at once the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." We must complete our conference quota of "Christ's Object Lessons" this fall and winter if possible. Many of the people would much rather pay some one else to sell their share. Therefore, we have planned to pay a commission of sixty cents to every one who will take up the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons." All those who can and will enter this campaign please write to me at once, at Corydon, Pa.

We sincerely hope that many will respond to this call. A few weeks' work by a few good, consecrated agents will enable us to finish our quota in a short time. Some have already decided to begin the good work.

Yours in the work,
 E. J. DRYER.

VERMONT NOTICE.

AGAIN; we would call attention to the fact that the third Sabbath in each month is set apart for a collection to be taken in all our churches for the work in our home field. We need funds for the work aside from the tithe, and to conduct lines of work for which the tithe is not designed. At present the tent fund is overdrawn. This money should be replaced.

I feel sure that if all the people in the State could understand the situation as it is, they would favor this plan of a third Sabbath donation for the work in Vermont. Let any one feel free at any time to ask questions with reference to our finances, the management of the same, etc. Your conference committee will be only too glad to tell you all about these matters at any time.

May the Lord give us all wisdom and courage to go forward in his work.
 J. W. WATT.