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

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## WHAT SHE COULD.

"SHE hath done what she could," said the Master, "for me; "

How tender and sweet was the word!

"And the deed she hath done her memorial shall be

Wherever my gospel is heard."

Ah! 'tis this that must try every deed that we do,

Ere Jesus pronounces it good:

Not the thing we have done, but the love it may show,

And whether we've done what we could.

There are some that are struggling along on the way,

And reaping, they think, only leaves;

Whilst others return at the close of the day,  
And bring in a harvest of sheaves.

But the eye of the Master is on every one;

Not a sigh nor a struggle is lost;

And it is not the much nor the little we've done,

But—what has the offering cost?

Not the poor widows' mite, nor the gold of the king,

Shall count of itself in the test:

'T will not be the stamp of the coin that we bring,

But whether the gift is our best.

—S. C. Kirk.

"If ever a people needed to walk before God as did Enoch, Seventh-day Adventists need to do so now, showing their sincerity by pure words, clean words, words full of sympathy, tenderness, and love."

## PRAYER AND MISSIONS.

THE experience of the church in apostolic days, as recorded in the New Testament, reveals an inseparable connection between prayer and missions. Matthew relates an instance:

"And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease among the people. But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." Matt. 9:35-38.

Christ was the great model Missionary. He left his home in heaven and came to this sin-stricken world where the lost and suffering were, to save them. He went about all the cities and villages, teaching the people, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of sickness and disease among the people.

As he engaged in this blessed, unselfish ministry, and saw the weary, suffering multitudes scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd, he was

moved with compassion on them. He said to his disciples, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few."

Up to this point we have the situation as it existed—the pressing needs of the suffering, perishing multitudes, and the altogether inadequate supply of workers. What was the recourse recognized by Jesus, and pointed out to his disciples?—It was prayer. "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth more laborers into his harvest."

This record certainly shows that the Redeemer of the world, who is the source of supplies for all true missionary enterprises, teaches the closest possible union of prayer and missions. From this time to the close of the Bible record of missionary experiences in the early church, earnest, unceasing, prevailing prayer is represented as preceding, setting in motion, carrying forward, and consummating that glorious work that gave the gospel to all the world in that generation.

Has this law of the kingdom been changed? Is there now another way by which the church is to be stimulated, sent forth, and sustained in the world-wide missionary effort?

How consistent that Seventh-day Adventists, who have been raised up to give the last warning message of

the gospel—the last call of mercy—to the world, should set apart a season of time each year for special prayer in behalf of this great missionary undertaking. Oh, that there shall be earnest prayer indeed for the progress of this cause! The missionaries toiling in difficult, destitute, sin-cursed fields, at home and in the regions afar off, need the earnest, triumphant prayers of the church of Christ. The multitudes of suffering, misguided, disheartened souls in all lands need the sympathetic, affectionate prayers of those who have found the help they need. The men who have been appointed by the church to carry the responsibilities connected with the general management of this great missionary movement, need the prayers of God's people. And the treasury of the church needs the prayers of the church. Every week of the year that treasury must send forth at least three thousand dollars to support the missionaries who are now devoting their lives entirely to this work. They have left homes, friends, and worldly vocations to give their lives wholly to missionary service. Their provision for support is their confidence in the promise of God, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; and he has arranged that his church shall be the visible support of his work. If the church will do her duty in prayer and giving, the Lord will supply her with the means. I repeat, The treasury of the church needs the prayers of the church.

The time and the situation to which we have come call for the earnest, importunate, heartfelt prayers of Seventh-day Adventists at this time. Let every professed believer in the third angel's message join with all his soul in the coming week-of-prayer services.

One magnificent feature of the week of prayer for 1904 will be the effort to raise \$80,000 in the annual offering to missions.

This can easily be done, and what a burden of care and continual perplexity it will lift from many hearts. Blessed Master, breathe this assurance into the hearts of all thy children, leading them to give as thou hast prospered them, and as thy suffering cause needs at this very time.

A. G. DANIELLS.

#### DO WE BELIEVE IT?

"God is love." 1 John 4:8. If we believe the above statement, we must admit that all God's commands are given in love, and all his demands are made in love. He is the source of all love, the fountainhead from which all love flows. This being true, we understand that God asks nothing of us only that which is for our own good. It is for our benefit and blessing to be faithful in performing the duty made known in every demand he makes of us. When he says, "And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord's: it is holy unto the Lord" (Lev. 27:30), we should say, Yea, Lord, I know that in love thou hast said this, and in love will I respect thy word, and return unto thee thine own.

How liberally the Lord deals with us! If we go out to rent a farm, we must pay our fellow man much more than one-tenth of the products of said farm for the use of it for one year. But the Lord, who owns the whole world, "The world is mine and the fulness thereof" (Isa. 50:12) says to us, You may use my land, my cows, my horses, my sheep, my fowls, etc., and you may use nine-tenths of what you gain, but the one-tenth is mine.

The Lord has to carry forward in the earth the greatest, the grandest, the most important work known to mankind,—the salvation of souls. He must call and send forth his servants to seek for souls, and bring them back from the pathway of sin to the way of righteousness, and support them in this

work as they go. This he purposes to do on the small sum of one-tenth of the earnings of his people. He knew that we should have a greater interest in a line of work if we had money invested in it than if we had no money invested. He knew that a chance to handle a little of his money would increase our interest in his work in the earth. In love to us, God has opened the way so that we may show our interest in his work and in the salvation of souls, by giving to THE LORD tithes and offerings.

*Note*, this giving of our means is to the LORD—not to man, but to the Lord. It is true the Lord's plan is that men shall be supported by the tithes and offerings of his servants, but the giving on our part must be as unto God, and not unto man. It is a grand privilege to thus have an opportunity to be connected with God in the salvation of souls.

There are many in the world, however, that do not seem to esteem it a privilege to thus connect with God, judging from what we read in Mal. 3:8, 9. "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation."

This is a very solemn charge that God brings against this world. A robber is one who takes that which belongs to another and appropriates it to his own use. In the sight of God to withhold the tithes and offerings is stealing. We can draw no other conclusion from the statement made in Mal. 3:8, 9.

How can any one who has a knowledge of present truth withhold the tithe or show indifference on this subject? The writer has known individuals who professed to believe the truth and were quite active in ordinary church work and regular in attendance at church, but who did not pay tithes or make any offerings worth mentioning. Sometimes such ones

will pay in a little money, and call it tithe; but the sum will be far less than one-tenth of their increase.

What a fearful awakening will come to the unfaithful servants when they stand face to face with the life record in the judgment. We would not say anything unkind or out of place, but we may as well face the situation as it is. The Lord says the tithe is holy unto him. If we take the Lord's money, and use it for our own purposes, we are breaking the commandment which says, "Thou shalt not steal." Those who do not keep the commandments of God can not be saved in the kingdom of God.

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house" (Mal 3:10) is the word of the Lord to us to-day. Do we believe that "God is love," and that in love to our souls he gives this admonition? If we really believe it, we shall take pleasure in rendering to the Lord his own in tithes and offerings. Why should any Seventh-day Adventist cling to any of earth's wealth? If our positions on the prophecy are correct, and the Lord is coming in this generation, it is time that not only our tithes and small offerings should go into the Lord's treasury, but all we have aside from actual necessity or needs.

These lines are written with the hope of helping some poor souls who have been remiss on this point to see that God loves them and would have them come up on this as well as other points of duty, in order that he can consistently save them soon in the kingdom of God. Oh, could the veil be drawn aside, and we could see the activity of the heavenly hosts as they now put forth every effort possible to prepare the world for its coming doom, we should hasten to cast our all upon the altar of God, and join the heavenly army in this closing work of the gospel. If we could realize that God is about to end the controversy between sin and righteousness, and that proba-

tion will linger but little longer, there would be no question in our minds with reference to the payment of tithes and offerings. We should hasten to obey.

May the Lord open our eyes that we may see. J. W. WATT.

## MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

### THE MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN.

It becomes more evident year by year that the closing message must be carried largely by the printed page. Here in old Maine we find that the scattered literature is accomplishing more than field work. Therefore it seems to me that all should take knowledge by this, and double our diligence in scattering the precious truth like the leaves of autumn.

I am assured that every one that lets this special *Signs* campaign go by without some part in it will miss a great blessing. Never have I seen the public so pleased with any of our literature as with this special *Signs*. Therefore I trust that every church and company are making special efforts to handle large quantities of these papers.

May the Lord impress each one with the great responsibility that rests upon us to impart the precious truth for this generation.

P. F. BICKNELL.

### VIRGINIA CONFERENCE. Some Things to Keep in Mind.

As we have just entered the campaign for the fall and winter, there are some things that we should ever keep in our minds and before the people. To lose sight of them will be to court defeat. Let us stand as valiant soldiers for Christ, watching every opportunity to accomplish all that is designed in this great campaign.

1. Let us see that every family in this conference has the *Review* and *GLEANER*, and as many more of our

periodicals as they can take. If this has not already been accomplished in the work that has been done, let us continue till it is accomplished. The information coming through these periodicals is just the food we need for this time. It will keep us abreast with the progress of the message as it is going to the nations of earth, and in our own borders; and this reception of the message and its wonderful workings will stir our own souls to action.

2. The present month (November) is given to the circulation of our special numbers of the *Signs*, *Southern Watchman*, *Life and Health*, etc., and if we have not taken hold of this matter as we should, let us redeem the time, getting before the people these papers which will bring to their attention the whole third angel's message, and thus interest them to read further from the books that will follow.

3. December will be given to the sale of "Object Lessons," "Story of Joseph," and such other literature as may be adapted to the development of the interest already created. We are far behind in this conference in the sale of "Object Lessons." Shall we not all improve this time to dispose of our quota? Let each one go to work and see what a blessing we can bring, not only to our own souls, but to others who read the book. There is also a great work to be done for the colored people, and in the sale of the "Story of Joseph" we can bring some means into the treasury for this important work.

4. We trust that the missionary convention in all our churches on October 29 was the means of setting to work every talent in the churches, and that as we come together on November 26, the report of the work to that time will be of such a nature that it will encourage all to continue in the work further assigned, and much more. Let there be a grand rally on this last day, November 26.

5. Keep in mind that there are

calls for the canvassing work from the rank and file of our people. We have some of the best territory in the world. Money is plentiful, times are not hard, and above all the opportunity to labor for souls is just now. "We must encourage this work. Who will go forth now with our publications?"

6. Keep in mind that the week of prayer has been appointed for December 10-17. The readings will appear in the *Review* of November 24. Let every preparation be made to make this the greatest time for a work of grace in our hearts, a full consecration to the work of God, both of ourselves and of our means. Brethren, let us all keep all these things in mind and work accordingly.

R. D. HOTEL.

#### GREATER NEW YORK TRACT SOCIETY.

We take great pleasure in reporting that up to date over six hundred sets of the special *Signs* have been subscribed for. Let us trust that this is only the beginning. The paper is up to date in every way, and all who are interested in good literature and in spreading the message, should avail themselves at once by ordering from the secretary twice the number they think they can dispose of, and then have faith enough to believe that the balance will go more rapidly than did the first half.

We can say that the interest in the work is growing in our churches; that all are praying for a special blessing upon our people during the week of prayer; and that a deeper interest may be manifested in the spreading of our literature among those who are hungering and thirsting for the pearl of great price,—the precious truth.

"Work, for the night is coming,  
Work through the sunny noon;  
Fill brightest hours with labor;  
Rest comes sure and soon.  
Give every flying minute  
Something to keep in store;  
Work, for the night is coming,  
When man works no more."

E. H. HALL, *Secretary*.

#### VERMONT.

We are glad to know that the fall and winter campaign is starting off quite well. A goodly number of the special *Signs* have been taken. We hope the follow-up work will not be omitted, but that every one will become so much interested in the Lord's work that they will see no place to stop work until the world is fully warned, and the Lord comes.

A letter just received from Elder W. C. White urges that the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons" be pushed forward with vigor this winter. We say, Amen, so let it be. Remember that December has only thirty-one days in it, but that the working days of this month are to witness an earnest effort on the part of God's people to sell "Object Lessons." If your neighbors do not have this book, how can you have such a treasure in your possession and not make an effort to place it in their hands? They need it. It will do them good. Let us keep the armor on, and go forward in the work of the Lord.

J. W. WATT.

#### THE MISSIONARY WORK IN VERMONT.

We have just received a letter from Washington, D. C., relative to the campaign now on, and calling our attention to the interest in Vermont in connection with the *Life and Health* for November. Thinking you would be glad to note such progress, together with items in other departments of this work, we submit the following:

To the time of this writing, we have received orders for only seven of the *Life and Health*, and in consideration of the value of this issue, the price (only five cents), and the recommendation by the General Conference Committee that this be one of the special papers for this campaign work, we feel that the Vermont people do not consider the opportunity afforded for doing much good to those about them

by placing this journal in their hands. There are special rates to agents which would surely make it an inducement to handle this issue, to say nothing of the real missionary work in so doing. The love of souls is the chief motive and inducement that we should consider, yet many are so situated that the financial, or secondary consideration, comes forward with special emphasis at times. Do not neglect this opportunity to spread the gospel of health—the right arm of the message.

We note that the Vermont office has received orders for four hundred and twenty-one sets of the special *Signs*, which is good, yet is this the best we can do considering the territory and the number to engage in this work? Let us increase our orders many fold before we close this work. We hope that during the sale and distribution of this paper there will be many subscriptions taken, which will be of untold value to the readers, and will make our missionary work much more effective.

We feel sure you all are interested in the good old *Review and Herald*. We find from the last list sent to us that Vermont now takes one hundred and fifty copies, or in other words there are one hundred and fifty families or individuals who have the special instruction given in this, our denominational organ. This is better than we had realized, yet we find there are many homes that are without this paper, and to allow them a better opportunity to examine this faithful preacher of the message, we have sent to the publishers a list of every family or individual not now receiving this paper, so far as we are able to make such a list by comparing the *Review* list with our directory of the Seventh-day Adventist people in Vermont.

Your servant, Elder Watt, has had a letter sent to the elders, librarians, and many of the people, asking them to cooperate in this work, and calling special attention to the importance of reading and hearing the message

"pure and simple" as it will be found in the *Review*, and requesting all to consider their spiritual and eternal loss if they neglect to keep alive to our work. We trust that all will carefully consider their needs, and the needs of those who may not be able to take this paper. And let each church or family see to it that any poor family who can not take the paper is supplied.

Only one order for ten copies has been received for the *Southern Watchman*, yet there may be some orders from Vermont sent direct to the publishers. However, we think there should be consideration of this item, as this also is one of the recommended agents for our missionary work. Let the message of the *Watchman* be heard in Vermont.

At our late camp-meeting, there were orders given for about eighty "Christ's Object Lessons," and those ordering have taken sixty copies, which will aid in this work. We hope for the sake of the cause, in order to relieve the academy debt and its increasing interest, to say nothing of the good you all may do in placing this splendid work before the people, that you will *now* make an earnest effort to dispose of the remaining eight hundred and seventy-five copies to be shipped from the office. You have noticed from the recommendations that this special book was to receive our attention in connection with the general work in this campaign. Hence we are hopeful that all the people will arise and finish this work, *this* winter, and then it will be done. It is less than two copies to each person, a small number indeed. Shall we not have your order for double the number, and soon hear that you have them sold and paid for, and yet need more of them?

Brethren and sisters, should it seem necessary for the Lord to attempt to place before us any greater motive than love for his cause in order that we shall "finish" the work? We be-

lieve this to be the way to consider the motive. We see it working in the hearts of his people. One under the working of the Holy Spirit writes to the office concerning our privilege of returning to the Lord a tithe of all that he so graciously places in our hands, "Just think of being a thief and a robber—it makes me feel bad, for no such ones are going through, and I feel awfully about it, and have for a long time."

There are many other quotations we might present to you, but it is not needful, and we wish to say that in receiving a letter from Brother Needham, from Washington, D. C., stating "the work is onward," it brings to our consideration the importance of our placing ourselves in the rank and file of the "willing" class who will advance with, *yea advance*, the work to its completion, and then rejoice to see their returning Saviour come to receive them to a better land than we enjoy to-day.

F. M. DANA.

"My experience with the special *Signs* for November has revealed to me that the field is surely ripe for the harvest. At least three-fourths of the people to whom I have purposed taking this gospel series for the month of November have given their subscriptions. I have worked within a radius of three blocks from my home, and have obtained eighty-five orders for the sets, which I expect to increase to one hundred before I finish the territory. The people are awaking to the importance of becoming informed in regard to the coming of the Saviour."

The above, taken from an exchange, shows how the *Signs* work is going in the West. Other workers in that conference bear a similar testimony. We should like to hear from those who are working with these papers in our eastern cities.

"Ask, and ye shall receive."

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## The FIELD

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### MAINE.

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SINCE I last reported, I have spent most of my time at and near Caribou. October 29 I baptized two more, using the Baptist baptistry for the purpose. Others were to be baptized, but, owing to a misunderstanding, they will be baptized later. Twelve are now keeping the Sabbath who were not when the tent was pitched at this place. Sister Cornelia Snow is looking after the work somewhat in Caribou at the present time. This has been a hard-fought battle, but out of it have come some precious souls to rejoice in the truth.

Since leaving Caribou, I have visited the churches of East Washburn and Blaine. Excellent meetings were enjoyed at these places. At Blaine I found a goodly company already organized for aggressive missionary work. Following the week of prayer, I hope to visit many of the churches and scattered ones in the conference.

P. F. BICKNELL.

### EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE.

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THE time from November 10 to 13 was spent by Elder W. H. Smith and the writer with the Cherryflats church. Though the weather was unfavorable for holding meetings in the country, the attendance and interest, both on the part of our own and the outside people, were very encouraging. It was a pleasant and profitable season. The hearts of the believers responded cheerfully to the call for missionary effort. Four subscriptions for the *Review* and one for the *Signs* were taken. On the last day of the meetings, eight persons were baptized and, together with one other, united with the church. Among those baptized were a father and mother and their three children. Such a sight as this must cause more than ordinary joy in

the hearts of angels, and can not fail to encourage the congregations of the Lord's children. Shall we not pray and labor for united families in the message?

W. J. FITZGERALD.

#### WEST PENNSYLVANIA GENERAL MEETINGS.

GENERAL meetings have been held at Bradford, Wrights, and Shinglehouse. Ideal weather prevailed throughout. The meetings were attended by Elders Dryer, Williams, and the writer. Representatives of neighboring churches were in all the meetings which were specially marked by the spirit of unity and tender love for the message manifested. The evening services were well attended by interested neighbors.

Besides the spiritual interests, the sale of "Christ's Object Lessons," tent and camp-meeting fund, and other lines of conference work were considered. Plans were submitted and enthusiastically supported, and altogether a spirit of courage in the Lord pervaded the meetings. A number of subscriptions were taken for the *Review*, *Signs*, *Life and Health*, *GLEANER*, etc. A goodly number of the special numbers of the *Signs* were also taken.

At Bradford plans were arranged which will relieve the society from a blighting cloud of debt that has for many years been a source of irritation and discouragement. We are rejoiced to see the work advancing and the spirits and courage of the dear brethren and sisters rising in this part of the conference.

In the interval between the last two meetings the Coudersport church appreciated the privilege of listening to Elders Dryer and Williams.

At Shinglehouse the ordinances of the Lord's house were celebrated for the first time in several years.

Northwest Pennsylvania has so long been neglected in the distribu-

tion of ministerial help that many of the companies had become sadly scattered. Some who had fallen away from their first love are coming back; and new openings constantly presenting themselves call from those already in the truth and from the laborers in the field the earnest prayer, "Lord of the harvest, send forth reapers." Satan is busy closing neglected opportunities.

Brethren and sisters, gird on the whole armor. Let the tithes and offerings flow into the treasury. Scatter the literature containing the precious truth, and let the sanctifying influence of the truth be revealed in our lives, and soon, soon the witness will reach every nation, the trumpet will sound, and "our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem."

C. F. McVAGH.

#### VIRGINIA.

SINCE I wrote last, the work in Roanoke has changed quite materially. Soon after we began presenting the Sabbath question, revival services sprang up in several of the different churches, like Jonah's gourd, which came up in a night; but for all these, our truly interested hearers remained with us. October 24, we took down our tent, and changed the place of meetings into a store near by, which makes a comfortable hall. Several persons are keeping the Sabbath and meet regularly for Sabbath worship, and others are much interested. October 31, it was my privilege to bury two willing souls in baptism with their Lord. Elder M. S. Babcock and wife and Sister M. A. Baker are continuing the work, and will without a doubt gather more fruit to the Lord.

November 1, I went to Lynchburg, where I shall be located, and expect soon to have my family join me. This city with its suburbs has about thirty thousand inhabitants, many of whom have heard the message. I am told that at one time there was a very great

interest here, but now there are only a few sisters struggling along with a church debt and a church property sadly in need of repairs. If the work to be done here was viewed from a human standpoint, it would be like the crossing of the Red Sea or the Jordan—a thing utterly impossible—but I am thankful it is not so viewed. Our sisters are all of good courage in the Lord, and are acting as though they believed the work was going to be done. Already they have subscribed for forty sets of the special *Signs*, and one sister has begun canvassing for the "Coming King," and others will canvass for other books soon. This sounds like "the marching in the tops of the mulberry trees," and to me it says, "Thou shalt bestir thyself; for then is Jehovah gone out before thee." 2 Sam. 5:24. [A. R. V.]

Will the *GLEANER* family pray for us and the work here, because much depends upon a continuance in well-doing, and the constant presence of the Captain of the Lord's host.

Brethren W. H. Zeidler our State agent, and F. E. Painter, Atlantic Union Conference agent, were with us for a short time and rendered much valuable assistance. May the God of all grace be with them is our prayer.

H. J. FARMAN.

#### WESTERLY, R. I.

FRIDAY, November 18, as I was preparing to leave South Lancaster for my appointment at Keene, N. H., I received a letter from the president of the Southern New England Conference, requesting me to spend the Sabbath with the newly organized church at Westerly. I arranged for a postponement of my appointment at Keene, and arrived in Westerly in time for the meeting Friday night, which was held at the home of Brother and Sister Wilbur, 27 Newton Avenue.

Sabbath, at 10 A. M., between twenty and twenty-five met at the W. C. T. U.

rooms for Sabbath-school. Sister R. N. Wood had been chosen superintendent, and Brother Wood the elder of the church. The church numbers twelve members, and the Sabbath-school about twenty. As the teachers had been previously selected, it took but a few minutes for the organization of the school, and a profitable hour was spent in the study of the lesson for the day, "The Law of God."

At 11 A. M., I spoke on the Rise and Progress of Seventh-day Adventists, and the relation which the present missionary campaign sustains to the message to-day, and our privileges and duties as a people at this time to stand united in the work of finishing the mystery of God. This was followed by a good social meeting, in which some good missionary testimonies were given. There was quite a general expression of desire and determination to take part in the *work* of the message. Arrangements have been made with the railway company to put up a reading rack in the station, and plans are being laid to secure literature for aggressive missionary work. Our literature, if properly handled, constitutes the mightiest factor in our hands to-day for the progress of the message, and I trust we may *all* see this, and hasten to do the part which God has given us to do in its circulation. Our part is to do all that we reasonably can; and when the work is over, and we look back upon our part, it will seem meager enough, and we shall have cause for no regrets for the most earnest efforts which we have made to help the people to see the truth of God for this time.

We believe the Lord led the brethren and sisters there to request the conference to effect their organization into a church in harmony with the plans of the denomination. This was accomplished, Wednesday evening, November 16, Elder Langdon, president of the conference, being present.

We trust that this people will prove

true to the great message of truth which through the Bible and the Testimonies has been placed in our hands as a people.

A. E. PLACE.

#### A VISIT TO MY OLD HOME.

It has been my privilege to spend the past two weeks among a large community of relatives and friends at the home of my boyhood where I accepted this blessed message twenty years ago. I preached my first sermon there when I was but nineteen years of age, in the same district schoolhouse where I attended school. I had a good interest then, as it was quite a curiosity there to hear such a boy preach; and, afterward, when I had been away at college and returned for a vacation, they urged me to speak to them, as they have since. At one time I baptized an uncle, an aunt, and a cousin, among others. During my stay this time, I spoke eight times, one meeting being a funeral which I was asked to conduct by a family who have been living without hope and without God in the world, whom death visited for the first time, taking from their seven children a boy of twelve years. It was an occasion well calculated to impress people with the need of family religion, and the Lord helped me that day to reach those who seldom would come under the sound of the gospel.

Many who heard something of this truth in that community years ago are interested to hear more of it now; while some who accepted it then, young people of promise, have drifted away from it now through intermarriages with the world, and following other paths of their own instead of God's choosing. How dreadful it is to see some of our dear young people taking such a course, which seems almost without an exception to bind them in bundles for burning. With all the regrets and wretched end of others before them, they will gamble with fate, and prove for themselves

the old saying that "Experience is a hard teacher, but fools will learn in no other school."

It was a great privilege again, after three years' absence, to visit my parents and sister, and the brethren and sisters in the truth there, and encourage them to greater devotion toward the Lord's work.

As providence arranged it, Elder W. J. Fitzgerald, my true yokefellow in former labors in Philadelphia, who is now the president of that conference (Eastern Pennsylvania), arrived to hold some meetings there at the same time I came, which gave me much joy as well as the little church in that place.

At Scranton I made a pleasant stop, visiting Elder S. S. Shrock and family.

While traveling up the Delaware River and along the valley of the Susquehanna, I observed that most of the deadwood along those streams falls at last in the direction the current flows, and even the strong trees, that seem able to resist the pressure of wind and tide, lean down the stream. It reminded me much of a class of professed Christians in these last days who suppose that they can stand where all the influences are strongly in the direction of the world, mingling in its society, reading its popular and sensational books and magazines more than God's word, yielding continually to its spirit, and yet clinging to the Rock, or vainly seeking to stand erect amid shifting and sinking sands. All around them others who have fallen are carried downward by the swift current. They may claim that they see no harm in these things, and that they are not affected by them; and they may be able to stand for a time, but as they incline in that direction they are bent that way, so that they are never straight on the truth; their influence is in the wrong direction, and such persons can never be relied on in this cause unless they effect a radical reform in overcoming the world.

LEE S. WHEELER.

**GREEN HILL, R. I.**

THE church located here has been struggling to maintain an existence for several years past, the crucial period coming since the death of their beloved and highly respected elder, Joseph Sullivan, about three years since. Meetings and Sabbath-school gradually became smaller, till about a year ago they were discontinued entirely. The scattered membership became more and more disinterested in maintaining the worship of God publicly.

The writer, having taken some interest in this church for several years and occasionally assisted in the meetings, succeeded at the late convention meeting at Peacedale in making an appointment for a meeting to be held at Brother Jason Greene's house two weeks from that day. By special effort on the part of those most interested, an audience of about twenty or twenty-five assembled; a Sabbath-school was held; and the writer spoke upon Rom. 15:29, after which a real good testimony meeting followed, in which nearly every adult took part. Considering the interest, an appointment was made for another meeting at Sister Stacy's the following Sabbath, and although this meeting was not so largely attended as the previous one, the good Spirit came in, and it was finally decided to resume the services, the meetings to be held around among the families. Brother Irving Greene was appointed superintendent of the Sabbath-school, and the next meeting is to be held at Brother Greene's house next Sabbath.

I sincerely hope the readers of the GLEANER will remember this field in their prayers.

E. A. STILLMAN.

**FROM YACHT "SENTINEL."**

FOR some time, we have been receiving requests from different brethren and sisters for a report of our

work since coming into this new field of labor, and of our trip from New York to this port.

At the Atlantic Union Conference which met in South Lancaster a year ago this month, it was requested that we make Buffalo harbor our field of labor; but owing to the strike among the lake captains and vessel owners, and the rebuilding of our boat into a new one, which took some ten weeks of the spring and summer months, our place of labor was changed to the harbor of Boston which is not a small one.

Sunday afternoon, July 24, we left Fifty-seventh Street, New York City, en route for Boston. We stopped at Hunts Point, at the Caswell Academy, where we were to meet Elder Edwards, who was to baptize some souls who had accepted the truth through our work; but it being stormy, the elder failed to make connections. We had a pleasant evening at the academy with Sister Kennedy's family. About eight o'clock in the evening Sisters Robbin and Lottie, and Brother Robert Kennedy came aboard the yacht, and spent some time examining the new boat. Later in the evening we sailed over to College Point where we remained till daylight Monday morning, when we continued our journey. We reached City Island about 7 A. M., where we remained all day having a main boom made. At 5.30 Tuesday morning, we hoisted sail and with full sail breeze started for Martha's Vineyard, where we were to take in the president of the Central New England Conference. Our first day's run was a fine one, making one hundred and eight miles. Evening came on, with thunder-storms all around us, and we thought best to run into the Connecticut River and anchor for the night.

Break of day, Wednesday morning, found us astir. The morning sky looked threatening. It had rained nearly all night, and was foggy, but it began to clear at sunrise. At six o'clock, after morning worship, we left

the Connecticut River light under our stern, bound to the eastward, a strong head tide coming through the race. We followed the shore "close aboard" through Fisher's Sound into the Atlantic Ocean. We threw bundles of reading matter aboard the light-ships as we passed them, and they were received with thanks. At 1 P. M., we passed out by Watch Hill light from Fisher's Sound into the ocean.

At 10 P. M., we were alongside the schooner, John J. Hanson. The wind had fallen almost to a calm, but it was still foggy. Captain Wood invited us to come on board of his vessel for the night, as he was going to anchor till the morning light; but we declined, and remained on our own ship, with a line made fast to his quarter-bitts.

Captain Wood offered to tow us around Cape Cod to Salem where he was bound, but, expecting Elder Place at Martha's Vineyard, we declined his kind offer. At 6:30 in the morning, we tied to the dock in Vineyard Haven. During family worship, we had asked our Father to furnish us with a tow from the Vineyard to Boston, and our request was answered, for alongside of the pier lay an ocean tug. I called on the captain, and was informed that he was bound to Boston with his tow of three barges. I told him our engine was broken, and being unable to fix it there, it was not safe to continue farther until repaired. The captain at once called his engineer and requested him to help me, if possible, to make repairs, which was done. I inquired of the captain if I might hook to his barge and be towed around the cape. He informed me he was not allowed to tow any other crafts, in fact do nothing but save life with his craft, but if I should hook on, he would tow us. "We leave at 9:30 A. M.," he said. At that time, with Elder Place aboard, we left in tow for Boston. Friday morning at 9:30, we let go our anchor in Gloucester, Mass.,



where we were to remain for a short time before going on to Boston.

We arrived in Boston harbor one week before the camp-meeting. The first month was spent in studying the harbor, and getting acquainted with the surrounding country, and beginning our work. The following month (October) we had a good time in this port, for it is no mean port to work in. Not less than three other mission boats are doing work in this harbor. The Hanover Street Mission, maintained by the Baptists, the Methodists and also the Roman Catholics are doing aggressive work, besides King's Bethel and concert hall and reading-rooms.

October was a good month. The weather was warm and fine, and our book sales amounted to \$65.30, cash. Forty dollars worth of these sales went into homes in England and Scotland. We have been working against great odds, but if the Lord is for us, who can be against us?

We have also done nicely so far this month (November). Some sixteen dollars' worth of books are going into England and Scotland from Boston harbor. We are of good courage in the Lord, and we can only give our Lord and Saviour the praise. We can take none to ourselves, for all we can do is to work and pray, and God will give the increase.

We are distributing some reading among the families on shore, and find some all ready to receive the last message to a dying world. We have one gentleman who has kept two Sabbaths. He spent the whole day on the boat with us to-day, studying the Bible on present truth. Others are interested. Pray for the work in this city, and for the workers, for temptation is great.

J. L. JOHNSON.

"SO LONG as church-members make no effort to give to others the help given them, great spiritual feebleness must result."

## The PRINTED PAGE

"Publicly, and from HOUSE to HOUSE"

### WORK WITH "CHRIST'S OBJECT LESSONS."

Waynesboro, Pa., Nov. 17, 1904.

DEAR READERS OF THE GLEANER: I take great pleasure in writing a few lines under the above heading, because I am putting in full time now canvassing for the good book, "Christ's Object Lessons."

Just one week ago I came to this place. Up to the present time I have been alone. But it may be in the providence of God that I may soon have a coworker.

I have had fairly good success up to date, although I have been working in the poorest section of the city, and have sold mostly the smaller books.

It is remarkable to notice how this good book, "Christ's Object Lessons," will win its way into the homes of the people. The very first book I sold in this place, sold two others for me.

I will endeavor to write more in another article of the plan I purpose to follow out in this place in the sale of this good book. I can assure the readers of the GLEANER, however, that any plan that I may originate, to sell a book will not eliminate good, hard, earnest work eight hours in a day and five days in a week.

To sell books of any kind to any marked degree of success always meant earnest, zealous work, or, to use the more expressive term, it can only be summed up in the one word "hustle." It always will mean that we must plan to put forth earnest effort if we wish to see desirable results.

If we are satisfied to see only a few books go into the hands of the people, we will rest easy. But I believe it is pleasing to the Lord if we have high ideals of what it is possible to accom-

plish in this work. The printed page is to be "scattered like the leaves of autumn." We have had the object lesson of falling leaves before us continually for the past two months. Now whenever our ideals of true success in the canvassing work come up to that point where we will work earnestly to fulfil the above statement, then, we can trust the Lord for results, and we shall see a work done that will be marvelous in our eyes.

The book, "Christ's Object Lessons," ought to be brought forcibly to the attention of the people, for it is a book that will win its way. If a town is canvassed and only one-tenth of the people buy it, that would be such an advertisement that it would create a demand for more. Why, then, should any of the dear brethren or sisters have copies of such a good book lying in their home accumulating dust, when they should be in the hands of the people creating a demand for other copies? And why especially should this be so when the Keystone State yet has half of her quota to dispose of?

Let us arise, dear brethren and sisters of Pennsylvania, and finish this work that was so zealously begun, and has been so deplorably neglected. It is a shame to be so far behind in so good a work. May the day soon come when we shall have rolled away our share of the reproach that is resting upon us, and shall be able to sing the jubilee song of freedom.

FRANK F. FRY.

### AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE.

A CANVASSER working in Norfolk, Virginia, some time ago had quite an interesting experience. He was arrested by a policeman for selling books in the city without first complying with the city ordinance requiring all agents to take out a license. He explained the nature of his work to the policeman, and said he thought he was exempt from a law of that kind, and asked to be permitted to continue

his work without the payment of a fine, or taking out the license.

The policeman told him that he had better see the judge before whom the case would be heard if it came up for trial, and that if he could make arrangements with the judge, it would be all right with him.

The canvasser accordingly called at the office of the judge in the hope of having the matter satisfactorily adjusted so that he might continue his work. The judge himself was out when he called, but his son, who was also a lawyer, was present, and desired to know the nature of the man's business with his father. He felt a little reluctant at first to explain the matter to the son, fearing that he might not be able to secure a favorable hearing with the judge, but there seemed to be nothing else to do, so he stated the case as plainly as possible. The lawyer appeared quite interested, and asked several questions about the nature and object of his work. While they were talking about it, the judge himself returned. His son turned to him and explained the matter to him, setting it forth in the most favorable light possible. After hearing him and asking the canvasser a few questions regarding his work, the judge said, "I wish we had a hundred men doing that kind of work in this city."

His son then said, "Well then, father, why don't you do all you can to encourage them?" The judge replied, "All right, I will do what I can." "Then," his son answered, "you had better begin by patronizing this man." The judge then asked to see the book, and after examining it, placed his name on the subscription list, and also gave him a license to continue his work without interference.

This brother felt that the Lord had certainly worked for him in that matter, and he went at his work with renewed courage.

This is only one example of how the Lord is cooperating with those

who work for him. Every canvasser who is actuated by right motives is continually meeting with experiences wherein the hand of God is plainly evident. The Spirit of the Lord has said that canvassers ought to write an account of such experiences for the papers, that others may be encouraged and edified. Now the question is, dear canvassers, shall we do what we ought? Obedience always brings a blessing, and compliance with the Lord's instructions in this matter will bring a new experience into your lives,

and will be the means of cheering some discouraged one, perhaps, and result in more and better work for God. The benefit of the blessings the Lord is giving us in our work is not to a large extent unless they are passed on to others. As canvassers we do not have the privilege of meeting together very often for the exchange of experiences, but through the medium of our papers, such as the GLEANER, this can be done while the experiences are still fresh in our minds. The trouble with many canvassers is that

### THE BOOK WORK.

#### Western Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending November 11, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Ivor Lawrence, Cambria,	D & R,	B R	3	21	2	4.00	2.00	6.00	29.00
David S. Plank, Horton,		C K	2	16	6	6.00	2.25	8.25	37.25
Mrs. T. D. Gibson, Brushton,		L G	5	12	1	3.00	10.25	13.25	
T. D. Gibson, Braddock,		P & P	4	20	5	14.50	6.75	21.25	
Mrs. L. M. Russell, McKean Co.,		C O L			10	12.50	8.00	20.50	
Totals,	5 Agents,		14	69	24	\$40.00	\$29.25	\$69.25	66.25

#### Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, Week Ending November 11, 1904

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
W. T. Hilgert, Philadelphia,		G C	4	21	1	3.00	17.90	20.90	2.20
J. R. Ebersole, Shiremantown,		D & R	3	20	7	9.00		9.00	
Harry Minier, Scranton,		C K	2	14					22.25
Lillie Minier, Scranton,		C K	4	15	1	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00
Minnie Minier, Scranton,		C K	4	15					6.50
A. H. Osman, Wiconisco,		C K	1	7	3	3.25	5.75	9.00	
A. Sholder, Duboistown,		C K	5	23	10	13.75	5.75	19.50	
S. W. Cape, Elmwood,		C K	5	39	9	9.00	10.50	19.50	
G. W. Holman, New Holland,		P H	5	35	105	26.25		26.25	21.00
Mary M. Thomas, Dutch Valley,		P H				7.00		7.00	
Totals,	10 Agents,		33	189	136	\$72.25	\$40.90	\$113.15	\$53.95

#### Central New England Conference, Week Ending November 11, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
G. H. Clark, Dalton,		P of J	5	34	11	16.20	17.30	33.50	3.00
C. E. Mattison, Boston,		L of C	5	33	15	27.25	12.80	40.05	
Wm. W. Rice, N. Hampton, N.H.,		B R	5	18½	7	20.00	2.25	22.25	
Frank Carlson, Gardner,		C K	6	41½	28	18.00	7.00	25.00	
Fred. W. Stray, Greenfield, DofA, HofM						28.75		28.75	
*F. S. Hartwell, Amherst, Greenfield, Misc						152	92.35	92.35	54.75
†F. A. Lodge, Gloucester,		H of M	9		20	25.00	10.70	35.70	
Totals,	7 Agents,		30	127	233	\$227.55	\$50.05	\$277.60	57.75

\*Four weeks.

†Two weeks.

they feel they must wait until they have some especially striking or remarkable experience to write about; but it is the little things that you meet with in your daily experience, which cheer your own heart, and show you that Christ and the angels are with you in your work, that will stimulate the faith and courage of your fellow canvassers, and those who ought to be in the work.

Shall we not have a reform on the part of all our canvassers in this respect? Who will be the first to respond? Letters of this nature may be sent direct to the papers for publication, or they may be sent to me, and I will pass them on.

F. E. PAINTER,  
General Delivery, Wilkinsburg, Pa.

"SEEK, and ye shall find."

#### Southern New England Conference, Week Ending November 11, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
M. J. Fritz, Middletown, Conn.,		G C		2	3	8.00	6.50	14.50	1.75
R. C. Andrews,	Manchester, Conn.,	S of D		29	27	27.00	7.50	33.50	
Totals,	2 Agents,			31	30	\$35.00	\$13.00	\$48.00	\$1.75

#### New York Conference, Week Ending November 11, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
G. F. Evans,		H of M			11	16.50	3.50	20.00	
A. R. Evans,		C K		31	25	30.50	5.75	36.25	
Fritz A. Evans,		C K		16	4	5.00		5.00	
Mrs. Andrew Cobb,		B R			2	4.50	35.50	40.00	
Totals,	4 Agents,			47	42	\$56.50	\$44.75	\$101.25	

#### New Jersey Conference, Week Ending November 11, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
J. W. Rambo, Swedesboro,		G A	4	32	63	19.05	3.25	22.30	7.25
*W. H. Loose, Newark,		C K	6	23	6	18.15	3.65	21.80	3.65
Totals,	2 Agents,		10	55	69	\$37.20	\$6.90	\$44.10	\$10.90

\*Sold \$1.15 worth of papers.

#### West Virginia Conference, Week Ending November 11, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
J. H. Jennings, Fayette,		C K	5	36	14	14.00	48.30	62.30	9.60
Totals,	1 Agent,		5	36	14	\$14.00	\$48.30	\$62.30	\$9.60

#### Virginia Conference, Week Ending November 11, 1904.

Name	Place	Book	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Del'd
Mrs. J. H. Hayes, Brambleton,		B N		6	7	1.75		1.75	
Totals,	1 Agent,			6	7	\$1.75		\$1.75	

U. C. Totals November 11,	Days	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total	Deliver'd
32 Agents,	92	560	555	\$484.25	\$233.15	\$717.40	\$200.20
Totals for corresp. week last year,	29	108	600	\$433.50	\$223.10	\$656.60	\$128.90

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### MAINE.

—May Haines writes from Los Angeles, California, that she has not forgotten her friends in Maine.

—We have just received the sad news of the sudden death of Brother George Ueberhnd, of Richmond. The sympathies of the conference are with the bereaved family.

—An interesting missionary meeting was held recently by the Portland church, and about one thousand copies of the *Signs* were ordered for aggressive work.

—A little girl in the State recently sent us fifty cents for the *Haskell*. Home, stating that she earned the money raising pumpkins. This is a good example for the children.

—A note from one of our brethren in the State says that a gentleman in Bangor, not of our denomination, went out the other day and took six orders for "Christ's Object Lessons," and will probably sell more, not expecting a recompense.

E. H. MORTON.

### VERMONT.

—Miss Gertrude Sims, of the treatment parlors, Burlington, is taking a vacation with her people at Hyde Park.

—If you are interested in the missionary work in Vermont, we submit a few items pertaining thereto in another column.

—Our canvassers have not reported so as to furnish a report for the *GLEANER* this week, yet we believe Brother Boardman is still at this work. Sister Roscoe has been handling the special *Signs* of late, and for this reason has not done much book work.

—The last report we had, Elder Purdon was still working at Montpelier in connection with the legisla-

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## EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE.

A UNION meeting will be held in Philadelphia, beginning Wednesday night, November 30, and closing Sunday night, December 4. At this time the conference committee will meet for the consideration of some important matters. We expect to have the counsel and services of Elders H. W. Cottrell and K. C. Russell. We anticipate a good time during this special season of seeking the Lord and considering his service.

The churches in Philadelphia extend a cordial invitation to the members of neighboring churches to be present. Let all who expect to attend write at once to Elder Morris Lukins, 211 North Farson St., Philadelphia, or Elder Charles Baierle, 1942 North Seventeenth Street, Philadelphia, and provision will be made for all to be entertained. Services will be held in the chapel, corner North Seventeenth and Norris Streets.

A union meeting will be held in Harrisburg, December 8-11. Elder Lukins and the writer, assisted by Brother Geo. W. Spies, the local pastor, will conduct the services. We shall be glad to see a good attendance of the members located in that section of the conference. The ordinances

will be celebrated on the Sabbath day. All from other places who expect to attend should write to George W. Spies, 1211 Swatara St., Harrisburg, Penn.  
W. J. FITZGERALD.

## BELL'S "GUIDES" WANTED.

We should be glad to receive second-hand copies of Bell's "Guide." If any of our former students have these books that they will dispose of, we will pay for the mailing and a fair price for the books. In every case write to us that you have mailed the book.

FREDERICK GRIGGS.

## FROM DOCTOR ROBIE.

*Kensington, N. H., Nov. 12, 1904.*

DEAR GLEANER: It is a pleasure to once more get back where we can read the GLEANER regularly.

During the eight years that I spent in the central west and Australia my friends sent it to me occasionally, and it was always a joy to read about the old workers, with so many of whom I was well acquainted. Often I would think of writing a few words to my old friend, the conference paper, but the many responsibilities of medical missionary work in a foreign field filled my time so fully that I never wrote.

We felt much of the Lord's blessing in our work there, and saw some souls brought into the truth as the result of our personal effort. We have reason to hope to see others saved as the final result of seed sown among those who could not easily be reached by a regular ministerial worker. It is a great pleasure to be engaged in such a work, and we hope, after a short period of change and rest, to be once more in the harness.

ALFRED A. ROBIE.

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ture, specially on the Sunday measures and any items connected with any religious matters upon which the

people are so much in darkness.

—Their many friends will be interested in a notice we received stating that H. C. White and family, J. H. Botsford and family, Charles Porter, and J. G. White, had moved to their new place of residence, Fultonville, N. Y., where the factory and main office of the White Mop Wringer Company is now located. Mrs. Nellie A. Porter was expected to join them soon.

F. M. DANA.

## SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND.

—Miss Victoria Bell has returned to her home in East Hartford, after a short visit with her sister, in Tariff-town, Conn.

—Sister Park Kingsley, of Mansfield, Conn., is visiting her son in East Hartford. She is planning to improve the time by placing some of our books in the neighborhood.

—Brother E. A. Stillman, of Niantic, R. I., held services in Green Hill, R. I., Sabbath, November 12, at the home of Brother Jason Greene. Brother A. J. Clark spoke in Slocum the same day.

—Brother Whittier reports from Bridgeport that the Lord is blessing him in the use of the *Family Bible Teacher*. He has distributed one hundred sets, and expects soon to begin with another hundred in new territory.

—One of our faithful canvassers has interested himself in encouraging a young man to enter the work. Two days have demonstrated that there is abundant reward for young men who will enter the field with a determination to succeed.

—Brother A. A. Curtis, of Winthrop, Conn., has entered the canvassing work with the "Story of Daniel the Prophet." Brother M. J. Fritz, who has been canvassing in Middletown of late, is assisting him in getting started. We trust that they will have success in their work.

IRENE J. CADY.