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

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GENERAL ARTICLES

THE FALL COUNCIL OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

It was the privilege of the writer, in company with the presidents of the State conferences of the Atlantic Union and others, to be present at the fall council of the General Conference Committee held in Washington, D. C., November 10-20.

In view of the fact that no spring council is to be held in this country next spring, but rather in Friedensburg, Germany, this council was very well attended from all parts of the United States. Quite a delegation came from California; a small delegation from the far Northwest; and quite a full delegation from the Mississippi Valley and States bordering the Great Lakes.

Elder Daniells for the most part presided, but it was easy to be seen that the recent illness through which he has passed had had its effect and that he was not yet fully recovered. Elder G. A. Irwin, vice-president of the North American Division and Elder O. A. Olsen, chairman of the North American Foreign Department, assisted Elder Daniells in the chair.

This council continued a full ten days, and in many ways was the strongest, deepest, and most spiritual council that the writer has ever had the privilege of attending. Unity and harmony were seen from the beginning, and every question of any importance was passed by a unanimous vote of the entire delegation. Certainly, it was a united body, earnestly planning for the extension of the truth of the third angel's message.

The first topic considered by the

convention was the work in our large cities. Very urgent testimonies had been coming for over a year from Sister White, urging a strong advance movement in the large cities of the earth, stating that now was our time to act; that soon Satanic agencies would close the avenues which are now open; that the judgments of God were hovering over our large cities, but that in them there are many precious souls who would obey the truth, if they only could hear it.

Topics had been assigned on which papers had been prepared. These were read before the council, and then the questions discussed in the papers were given thorough consideration in the council. Here are a few of the papers that were read:—

1. "The Meaning of the Call to Work the Cities; the Field Embraced in This Call." By A. G. Daniells.

2. "The Magnitude of the Work to Be Done." By C. H. Edwards.

3. "Upon Whom Should Rest the Responsibility of This Work." By W. B. White.

4. "Agencies, Methods, and Plans in City Work." By R. D. Quinn, C. B. Haynes, O. O. Bernstein.

5. "The Relation of This City Work to our Foreign Work." By W. A. Spicer.

6. "What Steps Should Be Taken to Secure Able Speakers and Efficient Bible Workers for City Work?" By K. C. Russell.

7. "How Shall the Necessary Funds be Raised to Carry on This Work?" By G. A. Irwin, E. T. Russell, Allen Moon.

8. "The Use That Can be Made of the Public Press." General topic.

9. "The City Mission, and How to Conduct It." By G. B. Starr.

10. "The Part Our Literature Is to Act in Working the Cities." By N. Z. Town.

11. "How to Carry on Medical Missionary Work Efficiently in This Movement." By Drs. Kress and David Paulson.

The council took very strong grounds with reference to an advance move into the cities, and the resolutions that were passed will appear in future issues of the *Review and Herald* and the *GLEANER*.

One matter that was taken up early in the council was some general plan for the relief of aged, sick, or disabled workers, and the widows and orphans of those who have given their lives to the cause of God. Never in the history of the denomination has there been a general plan for the proper care of laborers who have been working on a missionary basis and who, for various reasons, are now disabled, and in a position where they cannot support themselves.

So far in the history of this work, this matter has been left to local conferences to deal with as they choose. Many conferences have been generous and liberal toward these aged and sick servants of God and have given amply for their support. Other conferences have dealt with them in a hard-fisted manner, which has been a disgrace to the denomination.

The council felt that the time had come when this matter should be handled by the General Conference from a fund created by the General, union, and State conferences, and it was finally agreed that the above named organizations should give each month from the tithe that they received five per cent, which will go through the regular channels to the General Con-

ference treasury at Washington, from which all of our sick or disabled workers may draw regularly.

That the readers of the GLEANER may have a clear idea of this fund which is now being created, we will give here a full account of the resolutions that were passed at this General Conference Council. They are as follows:—

SUSTENTATION FUND

[A fund for the adequate support of sick and aged laborers, and for the widows and orphans of deceased laborers.]

Whereas, The Scriptures plainly teach:—

1. That Israel, in the wilderness, under the leadership of Moses, were the recognized church of God. Acts 7:30.

2. That the Lord chose the Levites for the ministry of his church. Num. 3:6, 7.

3. That the service of the sanctuary and the congregation was to be their sole occupation.—*Volume II.*

4. That, because of their appointment to the Lord's work, they were his people, and he was their portion, in a special sense. Num. 3:45; 18:20.

5. That because of their special relationship to God, and the service they were to perform, the Levites were not given an inheritance in the land, as were the other tribes. Deut. 10:8, 9.

6. That instead of giving them a portion of the land for their inheritance, the tithe of all Israel was given to the Levites for their inheritance, Num. 18:21-24.

7. That this inheritance was given to them as a reward for the service they rendered to all the people. Num. 18:21, 31.

8. That all the people, including the Levites, were to rejoice in this arrangement. Deut. 12:12.

9. That the people who had inheritance in the land were not to forget nor forsake the Levites who had none. Deut. 14:27.

10. That even to this day the tithe

belongs to Christ, our great High Priest, for the support of those whom he calls to the gospel ministry. Heb. 7:4-9; 1 Cor. 9:7-14; and—

Whereas, The adoption of this plan by Seventh-day Adventists, provides a prompt, regular, and adequate support for the ministry; and,—

Whereas, In the application of this plan, no regular well defined arrangement has yet been made for the care of laborers who, because of serious sickness, permanent illness, and old age, are unable to render full or even partial service, nor for the widows and children of those who fall in death at their posts of duty; therefore,—

Resolved, That we hereby adopt, and recommend to all our conferences, the following plan:—

1. That we maintain a permanent fund to be known as the "Sustentation Fund," for the support of sick and aged laborers and the widows and children of deceased laborers.

2. That the resource of this fund be the tithes of all our people.

3. That each local and union conference and the General Conference pay monthly into this Sustentation Fund an amount equal to five per cent. of their total tithe receipts, these remittances to be made through the regular channels.

4. That this fund, for the North American Division and the mission fields, be kept by the treasurer of the General Conference; for the European Division, by the sub-treasurer of the European Division; and for separated union conferences, by their several treasurers.

5. That allowances from this fund be made by vote of the following committees:—

For the North American Division and the mission fields, the General Conference Committee.

For the separated union conferences, their respective committees.

6. That the benefits of this fund shall be extended to the disabled laborers of our cause whose remuneration

has come from the tithe or mission fund while in active service, and such workers in the various departments of our cause, whose remuneration has been on a missionary basis, who may legitimately be included under this head.

7. That the resources of this fund shall not be drawn upon for temporary sickness or disability, it being understood that all conferences shall care for their workers for a period of at least six months.

8. That all applicants to this fund shall furnish the disbursing committees satisfactory evidence that they are entitled to support, and also as to the amount that will be required.

9. That in order to secure uniformity, accuracy, and justice in making allowances, blanks be prepared by each separate general division, which, when filled, will give the committees the information they will need for making a profitable and equitable distribution of the fund. This blank to be signed by the applicant, and the president of the local and union conference in which the applicant resides.

10. That when an allowance is fixed by vote of the disbursing committee, an order shall be given to the treasurer of the fund to make monthly remittances of said allowance to the party named until said allowance is changed or discontinued.

11. That the disbursing committees be charged with the duty of aiding the beneficiaries of this fund in locating where conditions will be most favorable for the restoration to health, where living will be most economical, where they can do the most to help maintain themselves, and where they may render the best service possible to the cause.

12. That it be understood by the beneficiaries that the allowances from this fund are cheerfully made, and by the disbursing committees that the fund is the inheritance of the beneficiaries.

13. That decisions regarding appli-

cations be made promptly, thus avoiding delay, suspense, and possible suffering.

14. That any surplus funds on hand, above \$5,000, be appropriated annually to the General Conference for mission fields.

15. That this plan become operative as follows:—

(a) The local, union, and General conferences to begin paying the five per cent. into this Sustentation Fund from Jan. 1, 1911.

(b) Each conference to continue from ordinary funds the support of its disabled workers during the month of January, as aforesaid.

(c) The Disbursing Committee of the Sustentation Fund to assume responsibility for the support of those coming under this fund from Feb. 1, 1911.

Other matters of interest taken up by the council will be considered in future issues of the GLEANER.

W. B. WHITE.

CAUSE FOR ALARM

WE have long expected that the time would come when the freedom of the public press and the use of the United States mails would be denied us. It is a recognized fact by all thoughtful people that when any government denies to its citizens the freedom of the press, the situation is perilous.

We are glad that opportunity is still afforded us to use untrammelled the United States postal service in our work of warning the people against the beast, his image, and the reception of his mark.

There is, however, cause for alarm regarding this matter; for only a few weeks ago the organization known as the American Federation of Catholic Societies of the United States, at their national convention held in New Orleans, La., passed a resolution which aims at this very thing.

As will be seen from the report of the convention which appeared in the

Associated Press reports of that meeting,—

“Congress was urged to amend the postal laws so as to include within the scope of the prohibited literature, books, papers, writings, prints, which ‘outrage’ religious convictions and contain ‘scurrilous’ and slanderous attacks upon the faith.”

Should the promoters of this proposed amendment of the postal laws accomplish their purpose, all can readily see that there would be great cause for alarm. Such a law would necessarily exclude nearly every book and periodical published by Seventh-day Adventists; especially the magazines *Liberty* and *The Protestant*.

In view of the possibility of such a law being enacted by Congress, it should arouse every Seventh-day Adventist to improve the golden opportunity that is now afforded in using the United States postal service in sending forth the magazines *Liberty* and *The Protestant* with pages freighted with a warning message against the beast and his image.

How disastrous it would be should such a measure become law and we have failed to do our part in circulating these journals while there was such freedom in using the United States mails as there is at the present time.

The publishers of these magazines offer to furnish either of them at fifteen cents a year, to be sent to separate addresses, when ten or more subscriptions are ordered at the same time.

If it is not convenient for you to supply the addresses to whom the journal should be sent, you can forward to the secretary of your tract society the money to cover the number of yearly subscriptions you specify and the tract society secretary will furnish a selected list of names to accompany your cash. The names he furnishes will be the names of persons with whom he considers these magazines can work most successfully.

Now is the most favorable time to act.

K. C. RUSSELL.

DEAF MUTES

“GO YE into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” Mark 16:15. Every creature surely includes deaf mutes, for we all are God’s creatures. The ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Isa. 35:5.

While visiting my brother in Melrose last September, I went to the home for the aged and infirm deaf mutes in Everett. As a result, I spoke on the type and antitype of Christ. They wanted me to come and preach monthly, as circumstances would allow.

At the next visit, I spoke briefly on the “Plan of Redemption” to the deaf mutes in a room for their use in the Trinity Church. Afterwards spoke fully on the same subject at the home.

Last Sunday, I gave “Search the Scriptures” as the subject in Boston and the home. At the latter place, I prefaced the subject with Gal. 6:6,7. There are popular teachings that the testimonies in the Old Testament are not to be substantiated. The inmates were spell-bound, giving their attention to the subject. “Fingers speaketh and eyes heareth,” hence they must focus their eyes on the speaker. They expressed their wishes to have the prophecies of Daniel expounded at the next visit. God be praised.

One or two of the inmates know something about the truth, so let us pray for their conversion, and also that I may be given talents that I may be clearly understood. See Neh. 8:8. My chief delight is in studying the prophecies and commandments. I ask an interest in your prayers.

W. E. WHITE,
Nashua, N. H.

“PRAYER is the outlet of the saint’s sorrows, and the inlet of their supports and comforts.”

The FIELD

WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING Springfield, Mass.

The western district meeting was held at Springfield Sabbath and Sunday, December 10 and 11. Although not all the churches were represented, there was a fairly good attendance.

Elder Hartwell addressed the company Friday evening, choosing as a text Hebrews 3:5, 6, emphasizing especially the latter part of the sixth verse, which reads as follows: "Whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end."

Sabbath day, after an interesting Sabbath-school, the first reading for the week of prayer was read by Elder W. B. White, president of the Atlantic Union Conference. He followed with a few appropriate remarks concerning the importance of every individual member of the church consecrating his life to the giving of this message to the world.

The afternoon hour was given to a consideration of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer work. Brother C. F. Ulrich read a paper which he had prepared based upon Revelation 3:13-19. Many interesting and practical thoughts were brought out, among which were the importance of simplicity in dress, of being careful in our reading, avoiding literature containing fiction, and choosing only that which is sound and elevating.

Professor Leon W. Cobb, secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department for this conference, then spoke for a short time, introducing his remarks by reading Rev. 14:6. He said that the work had started in a small way,—in weakness, and in obscurity—but that its growth had been remarkable; and, as a consequence of this, the young people have been organized into societies and pressed into service. He emphasized the thought that the young people should

have a thorough knowledge of the truth, studying such books as "Early Writings," "Desire of Ages," "Great Controversy" and other books containing the fundamentals of this message. His talk was instructive and greatly appreciated.

On Sunday the religious liberty work, the tract and missionary work, and the educational work were considered; and the day was well filled with practical thoughts suggested and instruction given on these lines. About ninety copies of the magazines *Liberty* and *Protestant* were taken to be used for missionary purposes. Other interests of the work were considered and all felt at the close that it had been an interesting and profitable session, and we expect to see a revival of the missionary work in the western district.

H. B. TUCKER.

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

THE many friends who have so willingly contributed to the little chapel here in Providence will want to know how we are progressing in our work. We are glad to say that we hope to have the building completed in a very short time, we are planning on having a very quiet and modest dedication. At the present time, we can not state the exact date when this will take place, but we hope to arrange for it in the near future. We shall extend to our brethren and sisters throughout the State a most cordial invitation to attend the meeting. We shall, in all probability, plan for a two days' meeting. It may be that arrangements can be made so one day will be spent with the church in Providence, and the next day with the Pawtucket church in their new building. This is uncertain at the present time, but due notice will be given in the GLEANER so that all may attend.

At this time, we wish to thank our friends who have so nobly donated to our work in these cities. Certainly

the richest blessings of God will be yours. To those to whom appeals have been made, but who have not responded, we would say that you have missed the blessing that comes to the cheerful giver. To those who have pledged themselves to help us, but have not paid, we would also say that if it is convenient please send your pledges as soon as you can, as we need them very much.

The interest among the people is good, and we are very anxious to complete the building soon, so we may begin a regular course of lectures. We hope for an abundant harvest soon.

Will those who read these lines please stop and ask themselves if the dear Lord does not wish them to send us a simple donation, so we may finish the chapel at once?

C. H. EDWARDS,
291 Alabama Ave.,
Providence, R. I.

ELMIRA, N. Y.

IT was my privilege on November 30, to lead six dear souls into the watery grave. Among them was a sister whose hands are so badly crippled from rheumatism she has been almost helpless, having almost lost the use of her hands. Since accepting the truth, she has engaged in the sale of our literature, such as the *Watchman* and *Life and Health*, until now she is selling fifty copies a week. She has ordered two hundred of the December number. The Lord is increasing her strength each week, and she is so glad she can do something for her Master to hasten his coming. The most of her work is from house to house. This sister has a number of interested readers already. The Lord seems to be fulfilling his promise to her in Isaiah 40:29: "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength." This sister is getting stronger physically each week.

A brother, seventy-three years of

age, who has been a strong infidel all his life, also went forward, and is happy in Jesus. He is doing all he can to uphold the truth and his influence is being felt. Among others was a bright young man who expects to go to one of our colleges to prepare for the Lord's work.

Sister Paterson is engaged in the book work here. While her orders have not been so many, she finds many interested persons who are already taking Bible studies. Pray for the work in this part of God's vineyard.

L. H. PROCTOR.

The PRINTED PAGE

CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE

(Continued)

CLOSING THE SALE.—When you have finished giving the canvass, it is not always best or necessary, to ask for an order. Strive to close the sale without asking the customer to make the decision to buy all at one time.

It is well to make it clearly known how many pages the full book contains. Call attention to the clear type used, the beautiful illustrations, and the fine indices in the book. Then show the bindings, beginning with the best, fully explaining the good qualities of each. If you see any special interest in one of the better bindings enlarge upon it, always telling the truth. Make a special effort with the half-morocco binding, as that is medium in price, and very widely used in the market today, and also is a very good value. It costs but one dollar more than the cloth, and possesses many of the good features of the full morocco: the leather back and corners, which receive the most wear and give stability to the back; and the beautifully burnished edges.

You might make inquiry as to what bindings are usually purchased and find out which one of the bindings will suit him best. Get his decision

on this, if possible, then make known the date of delivery and ask if that will be all right. If the answer is in the affirmative, pull out your guarantee book and read the guarantee clearly, laying stress on the protection it gives the purchaser, also state that you deliver the book yourself (if you do). Then, if no objection is made, begin to fill out the guarantee blank by getting him to help you to recollect the date. If he does, go right on with the rest, calling attention in an off-hand way to each item on the blank.

In this way, he gives his consent and understands fully that he is expected to take it. Tear off the blank thus made out and hand it to him. Then quickly filling out the stub, show him the place for his signature, handing the stub and pencil to him. If the least hesitancy is shown manifesting distrust, remark that it does not make much difference whether he signs it or not, as his word is just as good as his name to you, as it is a Christian business with perfect integrity on both sides. Ask his initials and offer to write the name yourself.

In this whole transaction, he has not been asked to decide as to whether he would buy a book or not, but has been helped by the agent to select what he really wants.

C. J. TOLF.

(To be continued)

ALMOST 3,000,000

WE have just completed some very interesting statistics concerning the circulation of our ten-cent magazines from January, 1909, to November, 1910. During these twenty-two months, the total sales of ten of these magazines have amounted to 2,948,616 copies, valued at \$294,861.60.

Of the *Signs Monthly*, 677,407 copies were sold,—an average of 30,791 per month; of the *Watchman* which first appeared in magazine form in February, 1909, 461,076 copies were sold,—an average of

21,956 per month; of *Life and Health*, 1,008,414 copies,—an average of 45,837 per month.

Of our magazine *Liberty*, 275,356 copies were sold during the twenty-two months,—an average of 12,516 per month. It will be remembered that the *Protestant Magazine* was launched in May, 1909. During the past eighteen months 95,155 copies have been sold,—an average of 5,286 per month.

From March, 1909, to August, 1910, 321,521 copies of the Temperance number of the *Youth's Instructor* were distributed, or an average of 17,862 copies for the eighteen months. From October, 1909, to November, 1910, 30,509 copies of *Christian Education* were sold,—and average of 2,346 per month.

The sales of our three foreign ten-cent magazines, beginning in February, 1910, are as follows: *Lys over Landet*, 26,013 copies,—an average of 2,890 for nine months; *Tidens Teken*, 31,001,—an average of 3,444 per month; *Zichen der Zeit*, 23,164 copies,—an average of 2,574 per month.

Through the silent, steady circulation of these magazines the reading world is becoming better and better acquainted with our views on health and temperance, religious liberty, and the cardinal points of our faith. Where we now have one agent, we should have scores. The work of selling these periodicals is both pleasant and profitable. The great variety of subjects considered in these magazines makes it easy for the beginner to select one which appeals most to him and which he therefore can sell most successfully.

Write to your conference tract society office for sample copies and terms to agents. The best feature of this work you will find to be the spiritual uplift gained by meeting with the people as you go from door to door with these truth laden messages of love and warning.

A. J. S. BOURDEAU.

THE BOOK WORK

Greater New York, week ending Dec. 2, 1910

Name	Place	Book	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total
L. H. Taylor, Elmsford		D R	44	5	15 00	4 95	19 95
N. J. Grant, Brooklyn		C K	33	25	21 00	3 60	24 60
A. D. Ishkanian, Fishkill		D R	31	8	12 00	4 75	16 75
David Hale, New York City		D R	25	8	5 00	50	5 50
*J. S. A. Munster, New York City		Misc.	24	8	9 50		9 50
Dr. E. H. M. Sell, White Plains		Misc.	14		24 40		24 40
Gladys I. Mitchell, Brooklyn		Misc.	7		14 00		14 00
Ethel L. Hennessy, New York City		G C			3 75		3 75
Sarah T. Panie, New York City		G C			3 00	2 50	5 50
Stephen Leonard, Spring Valley		G C			1 50		1 50
E. A. Manry, Spring Valley		D R			6 10		6 10
Totals 11 Agents			248	54	\$115 25	\$16 30	\$131 55

*Two weeks

New York, week ending Dec. 2, 1910

F. G. McAlister, Broome	G C	42	23	62 00	2 30	64 30	
Geo. D. Austin, Schuyler	G C	31	7	21 00	5 50	26 50	
E. E. Covey, Saratoga Springs		32			39 25	39 25	
C. L. Covey, Saratoga Springs		16			15 05	15 05	
Total 4 Agents			121	30	\$83 00	\$62 10	\$145 80

Maine, week ending Nov. 25, 1910

G. W. Whitney, Island Falls	B R	39	2	6 00	25 30	31 30	
E. W. Townsend, Hartland	C K	28	18	21 50	6 00	27 50	
Wm. H. Hall, Norridgewock	G C	21	3	6 00	13 80	19 80	
Austin Brown, Norridgewock	C K	18	3	3 50	4 50	8 00	
Totals 4 Agents			106	26	37 00	49 60	86 60

Week ending Dec. 2

E. M. Town-end, St. Albans	C K	39	7	9 50	1 75	11 25	
A. S. Brown, Oakland	C K	22	16	19 00	8 00	27 00	
Wm. H. Hall, (Del.) Fairfield	G C	20	2	4 00	5 75	9 75	
G. W. Whitney, Island Falls	B R	23	1	3 00	27 15	30 15	
Totals 4 Agents			104	26	35 50	42 65	78 15

Western New York, week ending Dec. 2, 1910

C. H. Markham, Jamestown	S P	29	9	9 50	9 00	18 50	
Mary DeWitt, Buffalo	G C	19			5 75	5 75	
Geo. Mathews, (Del.) Medina	D of A	18		9 00		9 00	
La Clear Matthews, (Del.) Medina	C O S	16	7	4 75		4 75	
Chas. Koons, Brighton	D A	14	3	12 00	2 50	14 50	
E. Blanch Markham, Jamestown	S P	10	3	3 00	2 00	5 00	
Emily Smith, Buffalo	G C	8	1	2 00	2 25	4 25	
Totals 7 Agents			114	23	\$40 25	\$21 50	\$61 75

Southern New England, week ending Dec. 2, 1910

Wm. H. Seymour (Del) Providence	D of A	32	1	3 00	8 75	11 75
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THE PAPER WORK

Massachusetts, week ending Dec. 2, 1910

Name	Hours	Misc	Lib	B T S	L & H	Wat	Tem In	Don	Amount
W. S. Thomas	21				76				\$7 60
Lizzie M. Stevens	9				13	4			1 70
	30				89	4			\$9 30

ITEMS OF INTEREST

MASSACHUSETTS

SUNDAY, December 11, ten members of the Leominster Missionary Volunteer Society had a pleasant visit at the House of Correction, in Fitchburg.

They went for the purpose of distributing literature to the inmates. When they arrived there, they found the chaplain much disappointed because the singers he had expected had failed to come. He asked the missionary volunteers to help with the music, which they were very glad to do. This assistance was much appreciated, and they received a cordial invitation to come again, which invitation they plan to accept. About fifty periodicals were given to the inmates, who seemed pleased to get them.

H. B. TUCKER.

MAINE

ELDER MONTGOMERY spent Sabbath and Sunday with the Portland church.

Brother Butterfield and family spent Sabbath and Sunday with the Cliff Island church.

Sister Bates is nicely located with her aged parents at West Paris, where all mail should be addressed to her.

Several urgent calls have come in lately for ministerial help to hold meetings in localities where there seems to be an interest.

Brother Coon, our field agent, is at Washington, attending the bookmen's convention. We expect him to return in a few days by South Lancaster, where he will stop to visit our students.

We are glad our canvassers are meeting with success, and are sending in good reports. This is the time to sell books, and our young canvassers are demonstrating that it can be done. Many more of our brethren and sisters should be engaged in the work.

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Northern New England, week ending Dec. 2, 1910

D. A. Piper, Strafford	Misc.	14		5 45	5 45
H. M. Kirtland, Bristol	G C	28	11 00	1 50	12 50
Ruby Roscoe, (Del.) Burlington	G C	7			
Totals 3 Agents		49	\$11 00	\$6 95	\$17 95

Massachusetts, week ending Dec. 2, 1910

Carl Schmidt, Lenoxdale	G C	21		13 75	13 75
N. N. Witter, Lenox,	G C	22		23 80	23 80
W. W. Rice, Fitchburg	D of A	8		8 00	8 00
Clifford A. Wilkinson, Gloucester	G C	28	1 3 00	4 85	7 85
Totals 4 Agents		79	1 \$3 00	\$50 40	\$53 40

A. U. C. Totals Dec. 2	Hrs	Ords	Value	Helps	Total
38 Agents	853	161	\$328.00	\$258.25	\$586.25
Totals for corresp. week last year					
11 Agents	122	26	\$40.50	\$70.10	\$110.60

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

ORDER your Morning Watch Calendars early.

Isolated Sabbath-keepers should send their annual offering direct to this office.

The writer visited the Middletown church the opening Sabbath of the week of prayer.

Brother H. C. Wilcox has been at Washington, D. C., during the past week, attending the field missionary agents' convention.

Brother R. C. Andrews called at the office recently and left \$19.71 to apply on the Harvest Ingathering, making a total of \$78.71 that he has raised.

Our supply of Sabbath-school quarterlies for the first quarter of 1911 has been received, and we are ready to fill orders. We also have a supply of the maps to be used in connection with the study of the book of Acts.

If each member of our conference will give sixteen cents to the Sabbath-school or weekly offerings during the next two weeks, the Southern New England Conference will have raised this year an amount equal to ten cents a week per member.

W. E. FORTUNE.

WESTERN NEW YORK

BROTHER J. W. SYPHER, our field agent, spent a night in Elmira on his way to the bookmen's convention at Washington. He found in Elmira two or three who expect to enter the canvassing work.

We trust all the church treasurers will send in all funds in their hands at the close of the week of prayer to the office, so that they may be forwarded to the Union Conference office to help in the present crisis.

One of our canvassers in writing of some of his experiences the past week, says that he sold a book to a Methodist minister and to some who were Catholics. The Lord is truly going before the workers who are braving the storms of the winter to spread the pages of this truth.

Brother and Sister Joseph Worden, of Burt, called at the office on their way home from a visit with their people in Corydon, Pa. They give an encouraging report of their church-school, and feel that the Lord is blessing the effort that has been made.

Elder Westbrook was expected at Jamestown the first Sabbath in the week of prayer; Elder Piper, at Burt; Elder Proctor, at Wellsville; Elder Raymond, at Corning; and Elder

Carr, at Delevan. Our ministers are planning to meet with all they possibly can, but we have not enough to reach all at this time.

There never was a time when our people needed to seek the Lord more earnestly than at this week of prayer. Satan is determined that we shall not succeed, but our Lord has promised the victory to those who do their whole duty. Will not every member in Western New York consecrate their entire service to God as they never have before?

Last December our people in this conference gave to the mission funds in Sabbath-school offerings, ingathering, and week of prayer offerings, \$864.93. If we give \$117 more than this this December, we shall make up our full amount on the ten-cent-a-week plan. Can we not afford to give more this year? We are nearer the end, and the mission funds are lower than last year.

MRS. H. W. CARR.

MARRIAGE

AT the home of Elder A. J. Clark, in Burlington, Vt., on the evening of December 6, 1910, Sister Ida E. Solt of Burlington, Vt., and Brother Byron E. Garvey, of Randolph, Vt., were united in marriage, Elder Clark officiating. We wish a happy union and the blessing of the Lord for the contracting parties.

A VERY pleasant home wedding was solemnized, November 22, by the writer at the home of Brother and Sister Stephen Peckham, at Quonochontaug, R. I. The contracting parties being their youngest daughter, Mary E., and Mr. Fay E. Pierce, of Bolton, Vermont. After a short honeymoon among friends of Rhode Island, Mr. and Mrs. Pierce returned to their future home in Vermont. The best wishes of their many friends will follow them.

C. H. EDWARDS.

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"THOU art coming to a King!
Large petitions with thee bring,
For his grace and power are such,
Thou canst never ask too much."

"A PLAIN man once strikingly said,
'Before my conversion, when I prayed
before others, I prayed to them; when
I prayed in secret, I prayed to myself;
but now I pray to God.'"

DID you know that one result of missionary volunteer work in a certain conference last year was the conversion of seventy-seven young people? Does it pay? Will you not give Sab-

bath, January 7, to a careful, prayerful study of how your church and your home can best work for your young people.

"ENCLOSED find check for four dollars for which send me one hundred of the Christmas number of the *Signs*. Our last order for fifty copies came yesterday and was sold this morning in less than three hours."

—From a Washington worker. Send orders for the January number, which is now ready, through the tract society.

GREATER NEW YORK CONFERENCE

THE ninth annual session of the Greater New York Conference will be held at 600 West 181st Street, New York City, January 24-29, 1911. The first session will be at 10:00 A. M., at which time it is hoped all delegates will be present.

To reach the hall take the Broadway Subway to 181st Street Station.

At this time the officers for the ensuing year will be elected, and such other business be transacted as may properly come before the conference. For the Sabbath meeting it will be arranged to secure the Y. M. C. A. auditorium in Brooklyn, which is sufficiently large enough to accommodate all our people in a general meeting.

R. D. QUINN, *President*.

NEW BEDFORD GENERAL MEETING

THERE will be a general meeting for the southeast district at New Bedford, Mass., from Friday evening, December 30, to Sunday evening, January 1. In this district are located the churches at South Framingham, Mansfield, Brockton, New Bedford, and the companies at Fall River and Plymouth. Probably the members of the South Framingham church will find it more convenient to attend the general meeting at Worcester, which is to be held next Sabbath, but I am anxious to see a good attendance from all these other places at the New Bedford meeting. A program is

being arranged that all will enjoy and which none can afford to miss. Entertainment will be provided for the friends from other churches.

The services will be held at the church on Willow Street. A Mt. Pleasant car, which can be taken at the transfer station, passes Willow Street in sight of the church.

H. C. HARTWELL.

Now is the time to subscribe for the *Watchman*, the present truth evangelizer. Your list of periodicals for 1911 is far from complete without the *Watchman*.

While it is not possible to give a complete list of articles for the year 1911, yet a few of the features already arranged for may be given, viz:—

A continuation of the "Eastern Question" series, by Professor P. T. Magan. There will also appear a series of articles on the Seven Seals of Revelation 5 and 6, by Elder B. G. Wilkinson. Beginning with the January issue, Elder George B. Starr will furnish a series of articles considering the marvelous inventions and discoveries, presenting it in the light of Bible prophecy. Elder J. S. Washburn will write on the sufferings of Christ in Gethsemane, stating why it was that Christ suffered as he did, and its significance as an argument for the immutability of God's law.

There will also appear in the January number a faithful report of the great World's Christian Conference at Philadelphia, by the Editor, and an article by C. P. Bollman, entitled the "World's War Cloud."

These as well as many other wide-awake articles which will appear, make it of great importance to every home and fireside. Therefore, right now is the time to subscribe.

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