

You should see their faces, beaming with gladness in spite of the hardships they are forced to meet, when they speak of the light so graciously sent, and the truth so great and so good.

One of the leading stenographers of the National Tube works is among the number who have decided to obey the Lord; and her position, yielding an excellent income, is at stake. For her we desire the prayers of every consecrated heart, that God may, if to his glory, enable her to retain her position as a light to that mighty establishment, for the spreading of his blessed truth.

Our hearts are touched with the Saviour when we see these dear souls, so conscientious, so anxious to please God, called to suffer for his sake; but when we think of the beauty and strength of character developed, we can not help but thank him for it all. *Surely God is good.* We desire that every one of this little company may so learn the sweetness of the service of Christ that they may esteem his reproach greater riches than all the treasures of Egypt.

Pray, fellow Christians, that the life of truth may be realized by all, and the work in this locality meet the mind of God.

CHAS. BAERLE,
W. F. SCHWARTZ.

WEST PHILADELPHIA.

WHILE we felt loath to leave the work in the northwestern part of the State (Pa.), yet the opening providence of God, and his signal blessing that has attended our work since we came to Philadelphia, indicate clearly that the call to this place was from above, and we rejoice to be where he would have us, and feel deeply grateful for his guidance and blessing.

Almost daily some are deciding for the truth, so that at this writing there are twenty-three who are rejoicing in the light of truth, since the tent was

pitched, June 30, and we feel confident that there will be others.

The minister whom we mentioned, has taken a noble stand for the truth; and not only attends our services when they do not conflict with his own, but urges his members to come.

Last Sunday evening he was so anxious to have his people hear on the Sabbath question that he told them to come to the tent, and as a result his own congregation was very small indeed.

To-day he (Elder Zuber) kindly consented to take charge of our regular Sabbath service, and gave a most excellent talk on the subject of prayer, and next Friday evening, at the tent, he will state publicly, why he has begun the observance of the seventh-day Sabbath. This can not fail to attract attention, and we most earnestly ask your prayers that God's special blessing may rest upon this service, that as the people come to hear, their minds may be illuminated with the light of truth, and that those who are yet in the valley of decision may become submissive to God's will.

We rejoice that the Lord still has a faithful people, who are responding to his call. Some of these faithful ones are already requesting to be baptized, and are planning to pay their tithe, though the latter subject has not yet been presented.

Financial prosperity has also attended our work, as our collections amount to over one hundred dollars during the tent season thus far.

We believe that the readers of the GLEANER will continue to pray for the work and workers in this great city.

MORRIS LUKENS.

RICHMOND, VA.

IN a recent letter Brother J. H. Willcox writes: "We are about to commence a series of tent meetings here in this city. Brethren H. W. Herrell and H. C. Basney will do the preaching. Pray for the outpouring of the

Holy Spirit upon the effort that shall be put forth, that many souls may be converted to the truth, and that the church here may be built up. The first service will be held August 27."

LOUISIANA CAMP-MEETING.

FEELING assured that the readers of the GLEANER have a deep interest in the work in this part of the Master's vineyard, I send you a little sketch of the recent Louisiana camp-meeting.

The Louisiana Conference held its annual camp-meeting in a beautiful grove near Hope Villa, about eighteen miles southeast of Baton Rouge. The camp-meeting proper continued from July 23 to August 3. Such encouraging interest was manifested, that meetings were conducted a full week longer.

It was intended that an educational convention be held during the week previous to the camp-meeting, to be conducted by Professors Tenney and Spaulding; but as sickness prevented their presence among us, the matter was confined to instruction given by Elder S. B. Horton, the president of the conference.

During the camp-meeting Miss Ruby Roach, secretary of the educational and Sabbath-school departments of this conference, called attention to the matter and the following resolution was passed: That an intermediate school be opened as soon as a suitable location can be decided upon. It was also decided that a meeting for the regular election of officers for the conference be held in December.

There were delegates present from every church in the conference. We were glad to welcome one new church into the conference—the Shreveport church. We were also glad to have the assistance of Elder Geo. I. Butler, president of the Southern Union Conference; and Elder N. W. Allee, president of the Tennessee River Confer-

ence; also A. F. Harrison and Miss Nina Case—all of whom rendered very efficient service by way of counsel and instruction.

Notwithstanding the fact that a shower of rain visited this locality almost every day, yet it did not prevent a good attendance at the meetings. The Spirit of the Lord was present in large measure, and all felt the sweet influence of love binding them together in unity and harmony, so that each one had sufficient foretaste of heavenly things to be able to conclude that it is possible to have "heaven on earth" as truly as to have the opposite state.

Claybank, a picturesque spot on the Amite River, about six miles from the camp-ground, was the scene of a very impressive baptismal service. Eight candidates were buried with their Saviour in the watery grave; and one week later two more candidates took the same step. The ordinance was administered by Elder Horton. It was very encouraging to note the admission of sixteen new members to the Hope Villa church, as a result of this general meeting.

The friendliness of the neighbors was of an exceptional character: all being loath to part with us, and asking us to come again. Truly we could conclude that the angel of the Lord had gone before us, and prepared the hearts and minds of this people for the reception of the great threefold message for this age. The call from this part of the great field is, that "the harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few."

MRS. E. V. ORRELL.

MANASSAS, VA.

In a note to the office Elder B. F. Purdham says: "Brother T. H. Painter and I are preparing for tent meetings at Manassas, Va. There is a good interest here since the camp-meeting at Wellington, six miles from here, and we hope to see a good work

accomplished in this part of the field. Pray for us."

SABBATH-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

SABBATH-SCHOOL: READING CIRCLE
YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

VERMONT CONFERENCE.

Report of Sabbath-school Department for
Quarter Ending June 30, 1903.

NUMBER of schools,	31
How many of these are family schools?	3
Present membership,	458
Average attendance,	350
Number in the senior division,	287
Number in the junior division,	52
Number in the intermediate division,	48
Number in the primary division,	52
Number in the kindergarten division,	19
Number in home department of local schools,	10
Number in State home department,	30
Total,	40
Number of classes,	138

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Total contributions including the amount reported by the schools, camp-meeting donations, donations for orphans, etc.,	\$124.48
Total expense of schools,	\$7.93
Amount of donations to missions from schools,	81.95
Amount of donations to orphans' home,	32.60
Amount of special donations from schools, for Sanitarium,	2.00
	\$124.48
Expense of the Sabbath-school department of the State Conference,	
Postage,	5.45
Miscellaneous expenses,	2.00
Total,	\$7.45

C. H. DROWN, *Secretary*.

SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION AT JAMAICA, VT.

SABBATH morning, August 1, a goodly number assembled at the church nestled among the hills, for the purpose of holding a Sabbath-school institute. The regular session of the Sabbath-school was held at 10:00 A. M., after which our convention took the time usually given to

the regular Sabbath meeting. All seemed to enter into the spirit of the meeting, and we feel that a blessing was received by all. A talk on organization was given by the field secretary to the effect that, as the Sabbath-school work is a department of the local church, its officers should be chosen by the church. All seemed to see that this is correct.

Several members of the school had been requested to prepare papers on different Sabbath-school topics, and had responded heartily.

Sister Edith White read an interesting paper on "How to obtain a more thorough study of the Sabbath-school lesson." Others followed with remarks showing the great need of more thoroughness in the study of our lessons, that we may be better fitted for the Christian life.

Reverence for the house of God, and how shall we teach it to our children, was the next subject introduced. An extract from "Testimonies for the Church," No. 33, was read, showing that a great lack of reverence is sadly apparent among us as a people and there is a need of reform in this respect. When we realize for what purpose we meet together, that it is to meet with God, that it is God's house, we will reverence the place where he meets with us. Let parents teach this to their children both by precept and example; but they must first have it themselves.

Brother J. G. White then gave a talk on "Methods of Teaching," which was interesting and instructive. His point was, that *to teach* is "to cause to know;" therefore, if the class exercises are gone through with and the pupils do not become possessed of knowledge new to them, the teacher really has not *taught* them, although he may have *told* them a great many things.

For an individual to gain knowledge requires the interest and thought of that individual. If a fact be stated to the pupil, he may think, and he