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"Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe"

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### THE TWO GIFTS.

There is the gift of a beautiful face,  
And there is the gift of a heart of grace.  
Which would you have—now tell me true!  
Which of these gifts, were it left to you?

The beautiful face will fade some day,  
But the heart of grace will last for aye.  
So better a gift of endless worth  
Than the dearest treasures in all the earth.

All cannot have a beautiful face.  
But each may possess a heart of grace.  
This wonderful, priceless gift is free  
To king and to beggar, to you and to me.

So he whose face will never be fair  
Need not to give one sigh of despair,  
For he may, if he choose, have a heart of  
grace,  
Which is worth far more than the loveliest  
face.

—Selected.

### THE WEEK OF PRAYER.

Another week of prayer will come to us, beginning with Sabbath, December 15. Each succeeding year seems to be more important than any that has preceded it. Thus we can safely say that the year 1906 has been the most encouraging and successful of any year in the history of God's work.

In the home-land, and in the foreign fields, there has been marked progress made in every branch and line of God's work. No note of discouragement has been sounded by any missionary in foreign fields. From Japan, Korea, China, India, in Africa, South America, and the islands of the sea, there comes

from our workers one grand chorus of praise and thanksgiving for the privilege of being connected with God's closing work.

Surely, we are one year nearer eternity than we were last year. It is almost impossible for us to conceive of the rapid strides of the cause of God in one short year. Eighteen new mission stations have been opened up. Fifty-eight workers have been sent abroad into foreign fields. Literature has been produced in new tongues, and our workers in various fields have gotten a foothold, and souls are being converted to the truth.

The finances of the denomination have greatly improved, and encouraging reports come in from Union Conferences, State Conferences and mission fields all over the wide world. Our tithes have greatly increased. Our schools are full of students, and everything seems to bear an encouraging indication of prosperity and growth.

This makes the hearts of God's people glad, and they rejoice in the prosperity attending the cause.

And amidst these great outpourings of God's Spirit, and amidst the great blessings which he is so freely bestowing upon us as a people, there is great need, that we seek him earnestly, that our hearts may be set right in these days when God is so abundantly blessing his people.

The week of prayer should bring to us reconciliation with any with whom in the past we have had differences. Every wrong should be made right, and we should do our best to put away sin from our hearts.

We trust that each one will endeavor to attend the services during this week of prayer. Let there be songs of praise pouring forth from every heart to God, who has so abundantly blessed his people this last year. Should we not seek for a new baptism of the Spirit of God in our own hearts and lives, that we may have that growth in Christ that the people of God should have as they approach the end?

Do not forget the annual offering. This has been one of the strong resources of the Foreign Mission Board for many years. Usually about \$40,000 is given at this offering for the work in foreign fields. The Mission Board has sent out a large number of recruits into various fields this past year, and it is necessary that our offering be increased rather than diminished.

But above all, we trust that the week of prayer will be a week of spiritual blessings to our people. To this end let us all pray and labor and do all we can to lead others to a rich Christian experience.

Pray for the General Conference officers and workers. Pray for our workers in foreign fields. Pray that God will give liberal hearts to his people in this time of great financial prosperity, that they may liberally sustain the cause of God. Pray that God will keep us in the unity of the spirit, and in the bonds of Christian love; and especially pray that God will fill each of our hearts with the fullness of His spirit of love, that will make us one in Christ Jesus.

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### WESTERN OREGON

#### MEDFORD.

About eleven months ago we came to this part of Oregon, locating at the thriving little town of Medford. Up to the time of the general camp-meeting we spent most of our time in encouraging our churches, Grant's Pass, Ashland and Jacksonville, also our isolated brethren. Two were baptized at Grant's Pass and received into the church there. I had the privilege of holding a series of meetings at Wimer, resulting in the most of three families accepting the Sabbath. Although I have not been able to visit them since, I understand from brethren visiting from that part that they are still faithful to what truth they know. I hope to visit them again soon.

After our camp-meeting we held a short series of tent meetings with Elder Starbuck in a country place, about 20 miles west of Grant's Pass. Here two precious souls were baptized and received into the Grant's Pass church.

About the first of September we settled at Medford again, full of courage, and have since that time tried to push the work in the homes of the people. We now have a Sabbath-school numbering 21, seven or eight keeping the Sabbath.

Having lately rented a convenient place for our meetings in the central part of the town, we hold four public services over Sabbath and Sunday, two regular cottage meetings at different parts of the town during the week, then, with Bible reading, visiting, and scattering tracts, you can see we have our hands full.

Last Sabbath was a precious day to

us all. Two that had accepted the Sabbath took a firm stand for Jesus, and two others that had backslidden, vowed to give their lives fully to the Lord. Our hearts are full of courage and cheer in the blessed work. As we read of the advancement of the message in all parts of the world we are strengthened to push the work in the part of the vineyard the dear Lord has allotted to us.

W. L. BLACK,  
MRS. K. M. BLACK.

### WESTERN OREGON NOTES.

An institute for ministers and workers was held at Newberg, Ore., from December 5 to 12.

Elders F. S. Bunch and T. H. Starbuck have been holding meetings with the churches at Dallas and Falls City. They report a good spirit prevailing among the brethren.

Sister B. B. Tabor has some interesting classes of readers at Eugene and Springfield. The Christian minister at the latter place is doing all in his power to break down the work, but the Lord is able to make the wrath of men praise him.

On Sunday, November 25, occurred the death of brother J. C. Scott, for many years closely connected with the work of our conference. Funeral services were held at the Congregational church at St. Johns. There was a large attendance, all business houses being closed for the afternoon.

His kindly greeting and hearty hand-shake, his counsel on the conference committee—of which he was a member at the time of his death—will all be keenly missed, yet we rejoice in the assurance that, if faithful, we shall meet him again when the Lord shall call forth his sleeping saints.

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

#### VERNON.

Since reporting last, the work of God in this place has assumed a more definite turn and, as all Gleaner readers doubtless have a decided interest in the "great world field," a short

amount of the progress made in this immediate part will be encouraging.

Sabbath, November 17th, we organized the Vernon church with an enrollment of thirteen members, three of whom were old Sabbath-keepers, who withdrew from other churches purposing to reside here. The remaining ten are made up of those who have taken their stand partly during the ministry of Elders J. L. Wilson and P. P. Adams, and later during our own labors, through the blessing of our God.

The following Sabbath, November 17th, we organized a missionary society and all were filled with a missionary zeal of love for perishing relatives, friends and neighbors, so are ordering a supply of tracts, papers, books, etc., to loan and otherwise distribute, that this message of hope may gladden other hearts as it had rejoiced theirs.

Hearing of several, whom at one time we had known as earnest workers, residing at the head of Okanogan Lake, at a place called Pintuton, which is some miles from Vernon, it was decided that one of us should go there, "spy out the land," and see what could be done for the advancement of the cause.

We found two who were bringing reproach upon the cause of God, who, like Demas of old, were gone "after the present world," yet the seeds of truth were not all lost, and they expressed sorrow for their course and a determination to do better in the future. There was one mother with her two boys who were trying to hold up the light of the third angel's message. The father had been held in the chains of habit to the tobacco fiend, but was reclaimed, burnt his pipe, and at last accounts was remaining true to his pledge to God.

After remaining one week, speaking each night on the near coming of Jesus, we organized a Sabbath-school of five adults and two juniors, taking the cash with orders for full Sabbath-school supplies.

We secured subscriptions for five Signs of the Times, one Review and Herald, one Youths' Instructor, two Little Friend, and sold some 40 per cent books. We then returned to Vernon.

It was our privilege to find some real interested souls at Pintuton and we trust that soon some ministerial help will be sent them. It is much needed,

the town is a growing one and our work should be established at that place. "Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest" in this time of the harvest.

DAVID DODGE,  
WM. C. YOUNG.

### UPPER COLUMBIA.

#### FRUITLAND, WASH.

On the fourth of November, the writer joined Elder L. H. Ells in a series of meetings held in our church at this place. These continued for a month. The attendance and interest were good, both from our people and those not of our faith. The Holy Spirit witnessed to the message given so that all, especially our brethren, were greatly blest. Confessions were made and wrongs righted. On Sabbath, December 1, we had a Pentecostal shower in which the brethren were drawn still closer together in love. Six were converted, four of whom united with the church the next day, subject to baptism. We believe the other two would have come in with us had they been present.

The missionary work was revived and a strong interest in church-school work was aroused. We know of no place in the conference where they are better able to maintain a school, yet for two years it has been neglected. The brethren say they must have such a school next year. A full corps of church officers was elected for the coming year, and the elder was ordained to the work to which God had called him. There is still an interest which will be looked after by Elder Ells, who will probably remain until after the week of prayer.

L. A. GIBSON.

### MONTANA.

W. A. Gosmer and wife are laboring in Great Falls.

A much needed laundry building is being erected at Mt. Ells Academy.

At Bozeman, on the evening of the 4th inst., occurred the marriage of brother W. H. Holden and sister Sadie Rittenhouse, Elder Martin officiating. The day following they took the train

for Butte, their field of labor. We wish these young people the blessing of the Lord as they labor unitedly for the Master.

Brother W. S. Holbrook of Hamilton recently made a trip to Saskatchewan, Canada, with a view of locating there.

Brother C. W. Page of Pageville attended the meeting of the conference committee held in Bozeman on the evening of December 1.  
W. A. Gosmer.

Elder J. C. Foster, who has been compelled, on account of ill health, to spend a great portion of his time in manual labor, has again taken up the work of preaching the message.

### PACIFIC PRESS NOTES.

One week before Thanksgiving the first edition of 50,000 copies of the special Thanksgiving number of the Signs of the Times was nearly exhausted and a second edition ordered. The paper seems to be appreciated by all who have seen it, and the prospect is it will have a large circulation.

On Monday, November 26, the members of the Mountain View church, including the office employees as far as they can be spared, are going to all the near-by cities and towns to sell this special number, and also secure regular subscriptions as far as possible.

We wish to call particular attention to the fact that this special Thanksgiving number is of such a nature that it can be sold all through the holidays. We will be prepared to fill orders as long as they are called for.

Our hearts have been made glad to see the interest that is being taken in the plan to help increase the regular subscription list of the Signs. Last week over 1000 were added to the regular list, and the same number for the two weeks previous. This is truly encouraging, and it is our prayer that the good work may go on.

Since the fire we have not taken in a single job of commercial work, although we have been urged to do so many times. More than that, we never again intend to take another job of this kind. From this time on all the facilities of the Pacific Press and the

undivided attention of all the employees are to be given to our own denominational work, and we hope to see this work increase very rapidly. But we realize that, in order to accomplish this, we must have the hearty co-operation of our brethren and sisters everywhere.

At present our presses are running night and day to supply the demand. The work is being carried on in temporary sheds under great difficulties, and yet we have a happy, contented family, willing to sacrifice and ready to do to the extent of their ability.

A few weeks ago we ordered five carloads of paper for the Signs, and we have just placed an order for paper for 10,000 copies of Great Controversy and 20,000 copies of Heralds of the Morning. This will make two carloads.

Professor George W. Caviness has been with us for several weeks, superintending the publication of Coming King, Christ Our Saviour and Gospel Primer in the Spanish language. He is now on his way back to Mexico.

Work on the school text books has been unavoidably delayed because of our inability to secure special type called for. But this has now arrived, and the work is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible. Two sets of hands are working night and day on these publications.

Work on our new factory is progressing quite satisfactorily. It is to be a plain, one-story building about two-thirds as large as the old one. The weather thus far has been very favorable for building, and if it continues this way we hope to have it ready for occupancy by the first of January. We have been greatly favored in the matter of securing material. The work is being done by our own brethren.

Many encouraging letters have been received, containing substantial evidences of sympathy, for all of which we feel very grateful. Donations to the rebuilding fund should be sent direct to the Pacific Press Publishing Company, Mountain View, Cal.

Our Honolulu brethren are to have a new church building. Elder Williams writes very encouragingly of the work there, saying that several additions to the church have recently been made.

### NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Held in Portland, Oregon, November 18-21, 1906.

In accordance with a call made by Elder W. B. White, president of the North Pacific Union Conference, the presidents of Upper Columbia, Western Washington and Western Oregon Conferences, together with the members of their executive committees and such other resident workers in Portland as could be present, were invited to meet on Sunday, November 18, at 2 P. M., to consider matters pertaining to the work in these conferences, as well as that of a more general nature affecting the North Pacific Union Conference at large.

Owing to the recent floods in Western Washington, some members of the committee were unable to be present at the first meeting. Instead of convening the Council at 2 P. M., November 18, as had been announced, the first meeting was held in East Portland church at 7:30 P. M., the most of the time being taken up in a prayer and social meeting, in which God's presence and guidance was invoked, that the committee might work in harmony with his plans in all that might be considered at the Council. A committee on program was appointed. Members of this committee were:

T. H. Starbuck,  
T. G. Johnson,  
A. G. Adams.

The meeting closed with prayer.

At 9:30 A. M., November 19, the Council met for the first business session. The committee on program made their report as follows:

9:30 A. M. to 10:15 A. M., Devotional Exercises.

10:30 A. M. to 12:30 P. M., Business Session.

12:30 P. M. to 2:30 P. M., Dinner Hour.

2:30 P. M. to 4:30 P. M., Business Session.

7 P. M. to 9 P. M., Business Session.

Elder W. B. White led the devotional exercises in this meeting. He read the Scripture found in Col. 3, verses 1 to 4 inclusive. Emphasis was placed upon the words found in the second verse, which reads, "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." A very earnest exhortation

was given to all present and to those bearing responsibilities in the work, to seek a closer relationship with God, to whom we should look at all times for guidance and help. A prayer service was held in which nearly all present testified to the goodness and mercy of God, and expressing a desire for a deeper experience in that which would tend to bring them nearer the Saviour.

The business meeting was opened promptly at 10:30 A. M. by the use of No. 633 "Christ in Song." The President of the North Pacific Union Conference stated that before beginning the work of the Council, he thought it would be well to have reports from the presidents of the conferences represented at the meeting, that we might take a general view of the progress of the work in these fields, and thus get better acquainted with what the real needs are.

#### WESTERN OREGON CONFERENCE REPORT.

Elder F. S. Bunch, president of the Western Oregon Conference, was called upon first. He stated that while he had not anticipated making such report, he would give as best he could a general summary of the work accomplished in his conference during the past season. The report proved quite interesting. He stated that three local camp-meetings and three general camp-meetings had been held in his conference. As a result of these meetings, 23 were baptized. In addition to this, six have been baptized at Portland, four at Astoria, four at Hubbard and three at Tillamook. He said their conference was divided into three districts by natural divisions, owing to the mountain ranges that formed the dividing lines. They are first, the Willamette Valley; second, Tillamook, and third, Astoria. He stated that there had been eight church schools in operation, with a larger attendance than that of any preceding year; 14 teachers are employed in these schools. The Laurelwood Intermediate School, near Gaston, has an attendance of 90 students. The school at Gravelford has a good attendance. The school at Royal has made no report as yet.

Unity among the brethren, he stated, was a very marked characteristic; all were working unitedly for the upbuilding of the cause we so much love.

#### WORK IN PORTLAND.

Elder G. A. Snyder, pastor of the

East Portland church, and who has general oversight of the work in the city of Portland, was called upon to give an account of his work. He stated that he began work about July 4, first by distributing literature throughout the city, but that did not seem very successful at first. The real interest seems to have started by Rev. True Wilson speaking against Seventh-day Adventists. Reply was made to Rev. Wilson at the Auditorium. This meeting was quite generally advertised, and a good attendance was secured. Since that meetings have been held regularly every Sunday in the Auditorium, with attendance ranging from 100 to 250 every night. Expenses for these meetings have been fully met by collections taken at the meeting.

#### THE PORTLAND SANITARIUM.

Elder Daniel Nettleton reported for the Portland Sanitarium. He began by stating that the object of their work was as expressed in one of the Psalms: "That thy saving health may be known to all nations." He stated that in his Bible classes with the nurses and helpers of the institution, he took up the principal points of our faith, studied them very carefully with the young people that they might thoroughly understand them from a Bible standpoint. November 6 the first class of nurses was graduated from the institution. A new class has since been started, composed of 12 or 14 members. They are excellent young people and have done noble work thus far. The graduating class left the institution immediately after graduating, and because of this many duties and responsibilities have been placed upon the members of the new class. They have been doing faithfully and well the duties such as devolve upon nurses who have had far more experience and training. The line of Bible study presented to the nurses' class is as follows: First, the Bible as a whole; second, Christ's coming; third, sanctuary; fourth, first angel's message; fifth, second angel's message; sixth, third angel's message; seventh, spiritual gifts. Morning worship is held every morning at 7 o'clock, with the young people. Prayer meeting for the students and patients, Wednesday evenings. That the nurses might be better prepared intellectually for their work, as many of them come from the

farm and have no advantages of education, he stated that they had hired a teacher for instructing them in the elementary branches, and that vocal music also received considerable attention. Under the head of the needs of the institution, he mentioned first, a better and more perfect organization, and also that a head nurse was greatly needed. Under the present management it is necessary for the matron to give attention to the work that should devolve upon a head nurse. The patients are not tourists or pleasure-seekers, but sick people who have come to the institution to get well, and some came for the purpose of seeking God, and to get a better acquaintance with him. The sanitarium is getting good advertising from patients who have gone away from the institution well pleased and satisfied with their treatment, and with the progress they made in regaining their health while there. A good spirit prevails in the institution; all work together harmoniously and everyone manifests an interest in the welfare of the institution as a whole. Dr. Froom, superintendent, has been obliged to be disconnected from the work for a time, owing to a serious accident that befell him some six weeks ago.

#### THE GERMAN WORK IN WESTERN OREGON.

Elder H. J. Dirkson, who has charge of the German work in the Western Oregon Conference, stated that the work among his people was going slow, but sure; that he was glad to have a part in this work; he stated that his courage was good; that he was in harmony with the brethren, and further, that he loved the work and his brethren. Ten members have been added to the church through his efforts, in Portland. In southern Oregon he organized a church of 15 members, and since that time two more have been added, who had once been members of the church, but had backslidden. He visited them two weeks ago and found them all of good courage. He was of the opinion that a good work could be accomplished among the German people in Medford. He stated also, that a greater effort is needed in Portland, and thought that a German Bible worker should be put in that city. The work in Western Oregon among the German people seemed to move more slowly than in Wisconsin,

Minnesota, Dakota and the British Provinces, where he had formerly labored. He could not account for this, but found it to be a fact, nevertheless.

Elder White mentioned that a German teacher, Prof. Isaac, is now a member of the faculty in Walla Walla College, and asked that brother Dirkson encourage young people among the Germans to take advantage of this opportunity so far as possible.

#### THE SCANDINAVIAN WORK IN WESTERN OREGON.

Brother Hanson was next called upon to report progress in the Scandinavian work in the Western Oregon Conference. He stated that his work had not been for the Scandinavians exclusively, as he had labored among the English speaking people as well, and many of his people preferred to have their services conducted in that language. He stated that he had baptized 10 during the past season, but only four were Scandinavians. He said there was a large Scandinavian field in Western Oregon that as yet was comparatively untouched. He made plain that there was a great need of workers among this people; he thought if help could be supplied the Scandinavian work would be greatly strengthened, and especially in Portland where there are so many of his people, new workers should be employed. There are quite a number of Scandinavian people living near Eugene, Ore. He said many of them had come from the East where they had heard more or less of the truth and had their minds prejudiced to that extent that it was difficult to reach them, many times.

#### EXPERIENCES OF THE PACIFIC PRESS PUBLISHING CO.

Brother H. H. Hall from the Pacific Press Publishing Co., of Mountain View, Cal., was next called upon by the chairman to give us a general view of what had been done at the Pacific Press, and the experiences that they had passed through recently. He stated that their plans for work during the year 1906 were along the following lines: First, that a closer relationship should exist between the publishing house and the conferences. Second, that they should get in touch with the schools. He stated that at least 100 young people in the Pacific Press territory have won scholarships as the re-

sult of this second point in the plan. Every school, including the intermediate schools, have the benefit of an experienced and competent book man, to give them instruction as to how the canvassing work should be carried on. The earthquake made the Signs which we are and have been studying, a reality, and it was plainly seen that this is no time to slacken our pace. The prospects, up to the time of the Pacific Press fire, were never so flattering in the history of their work.

#### BOOK AND TRACT SALES HAD GREATLY INCREASED.

One scholar who canvassed in Nevada, earned two scholarships and collected money for the books before they were ready to deliver. The books were sent by mail to the subscribers some two months later. Just when everything looked so prosperous and encouraging, the disaster by fire came. The institution was almost a total loss. The Signs lists, however, were preserved and about half of the Little Friend list. Canvassers had taken a large number of orders for books, and as all of the books were burned in the fire, it was necessary to have them printed elsewhere, so a brother was sent hurriedly to Kansas City, with a copy of Heralds of the Morning, and arrangements were made and entered into with a Kansas City house to publish the books and get them ready as quickly as possible for the canvassers, that they might make their deliveries as promptly as possible. The work, however, as done by this house, was not entirely satisfactory. It fell far short of being up to the standard of the work done by the Pacific Press. It was thought that we could not get Signs of the Times printed, but later arrangements were made with outside firms for the printing of the paper, until temporary quarters could be provided. In getting out the books hurriedly to agents, quite an extra expense was incurred. \$1000 was paid in express on books to agents, as one of the items of expense. The insurance received was \$72,500. The plant was insured for \$100,000. The total loss by the fire was \$300,000. The plans for the new publishing house are as follows:

\$25,000 to be used in the construction of the building.

\$40,000 for the machinery equipment.  
\$25,000 for paper stock.

\$20,000 for the book department.

Making a total value for the new plant of \$110,000. The plant being much smaller than before, it has been planned to have the subscription books such as Daniel and Revelation, Bible Readings, Patriarchs and Prophets, Great Controversy, and Desire of Ages, gotten out by the Review and Herald. The Pacific Press will get out only such books as they wish to make a specialty. The work of preparing school readers for our church school is an enormous task. The presses are working night and day in the preparation of these books that all the schools may be supplied.

The Spanish work is assuming quite large proportions. Beside many tracts and several periodicals, the book "Steps to Christ" and "Coming King" are now printed in the Spanish language. All the supply of tracts on hand were burned in the fire, so that all the tracts now used will be new ones, and the number of subjects printed in tract form will be about one-half of those formerly held in stock. The principal ones will be such as "The Lord's Day," "The Test of the Ages" Matt. 24, etc. Testimonies Vol. 8, Signs and Little Friend will be published by the Pacific Press. A tremendous work is before the publishing house at the present time. By many, it has been thought that commercial work should not be done by our publishing house, yet there were those who were in favor of it until the time of the earthquake. They favored it on the grounds that many times they could give the help steady employment by taking in outside jobs. After the earthquake they felt that the matter ought to be settled, and no more commercial work taken, but commercial work came in as never before, and it was taken up to the time of the fire. When that disaster came, the whole board voted to reject all commercial work, and that it should be our business to devote all our facilities and energies in the getting out of the pages of truth. He was then asked by one member of the Council as to what progress had been made, if any, as to the selling of the Oakland property. Brother Hall stated that this property had probably been sold for \$65,000. The proposition was made upon a cash basis, and a forfeit of \$1000 was paid by the prospective pur-

chaser. The plan of the directors, when this cash is received, is to take up all 5 per cent notes owing by the publishing house. The church property at Oakland has been sold for \$25,000. He stated that the actual fire loss, less the insurance, was \$150,000. The new building which is to be constructed will occupy only two-thirds of the space of the former building, and will be only one story in height, covered with corrugated iron outside and iron ceiling and walls inside, lined with felt paper. The floors are to be of cement. When asked what fire protection they had, he stated that the city furnishes a fire apparatus, with the understanding that a fire company be organized and maintained by the publishing house.

Moved by T. H. Starbuck and seconded, that the church appoint a committee of four, which shall be a committee on plans, during the session of this Council. Voted. It was voted further, that this committee shall be enlarged to five members and brother Hall was selected as the fifth member.

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The third meeting of the Council was called to order at 2:30 P. M., November 19. No. 417, Christ in Song, was sung. Prayer by Elder T. H. Starbuck.

#### REPORT FROM UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

Elder Geo. E. Langdon, president of the Upper Columbia Conference, was requested to make a report on the work in his field. He stated that the greatest number of the canvassers were in the field from June 24 to July 25. Quite a few, however, remained in the field until the beginning of the school year at Walla Walla College in September. Books to the amount of \$6220.00 were ordered and delivered, four of the canvassers gained scholarships in the college. There are in the conference 10 church schools, all in prosperous condition, and nearly every Sabbath keeping family in the conference takes the Review. There are two sanitariums in the conference, one located at College Place, and the other at North Yakima. Three camp-meetings were held during the season, one at Endicott, one at Boise, Idaho, and one at Milton, Ore. Brother Langdon stated that he favored holding small camp-meetings rather than large ones, in that he believed that greater good was accom-

plished and the people generally seemed to enjoy them. He felt that greater results had been obtained by means of the smaller meetings. General meetings have been held at Wenatchee and Chelan, four new churches have been built and one is now being constructed. The tithes are running about the same as last year, and the report of the treasurer showed that last year tithes were paid into the treasury to the amount of \$22,000. Sixteen workers have been granted credentials by the conference. Plans are now under way for the division of the conference, setting off Southern Idaho, a portion of Eastern Oregon and South-eastern Washington into a conference by itself. He favored the division, from the fact that the Upper Columbia Conference is now so large that it is difficult to visit all interests represented in that field, during the year. The small companies need more help than they have been receiving. He felt convinced that the most needy among our people, those who need the most help and encouragement, were those who were occupying the position of local elder in churches where they were obliged to meet the people 52 times a year. He said there were 90 baptized during the summer. Six tent companies were in the field. The meeting at Endicott proved the most successful. There are 25 workers in the conference. The work is moving forward very encouragingly in all parts of the field. Walla Walla College is in a prosperous condition, and has a larger attendance than at any time in its history. Its financial condition is very encouraging also, having cleared \$2600 the past year. Plans have been talked of, but not as yet carried into effect, for Sabbath-school and Young People's Institutes. He urged that more general meetings be held in which definite instruction can be given to the local elders and church and Sabbath-school workers in the church, so that they will be better prepared to do the work that has been given them.

#### THE GERMAN WORK IN UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

Elder H. J. Schnepfer was asked to report the progress of the work among the Germans in the Upper Columbia Conference. He stated that there were eight or nine German churches with a membership ranging from 16 to nearly

100 and that the total membership among the German people in the Upper Columbia Conference is 200 at the present time. Every year brings an addition of from 20 to 25 members of the German adherents.

At Endicott two or three families were reclaimed; they have a Sabbath-school of 35 members. No church has been organized as yet, owing to the fact that they were in need of further instruction in regard to church relationship. It is thought that they will soon be ready for organization, however.

The Lutheran minister made some opposition and finally issued a challenge for a debate. The discussion proved a means of help and encouragement to our people. A worker is needed for the German work in Spokane. There are now some who are in training for the German work at Walla Walla College. Among these I would mention brother Oster who assisted in the work last season in a very creditable manner.

THE WALLA WALLA COLLEGE DEBT.

The chairman of the meeting asked if it was the desire of those present to have a report of the progress of the plan now in operation that is directed toward the raising of the debt from Walla Walla College? It seemed to be the unanimous desire of all present to know what had been accomplished in this direction. Elder White stated that at present \$14,000.00 of the debt of \$25,000.00 was either paid in or subscribed. Of this amount the students at the college paid \$1,095.00. The board of directors, for the college, \$1,700.00, and the faculty \$1,100.00. Brother White stated that the actual time he had spent in soliciting for this work would not exceed one day. It was formerly planned that Elders Breed and Decker should devote all of their time toward raising a fund for this purpose. But affairs at Yakima Sanitarium were such that they were obliged to give considerable of their time to forwarding the interests of the work there.

Notwithstanding this large amount has already been raised, only 30 or 40 people have been solicited outside the students and faculty of the college. He stated that perhaps the members present would like to know how the General Conference regarded the move. In talking personally with Elder Daniels and Elder Irwin and in letters

received from Elders I. H. Evans and W. A. Spicer, all seemed to favor the plan, and urged that we push it to completion, and that we should do all we could in the meantime to help on the \$150,000 Fund.

Elder Decker was called upon to state his experience relative to soliciting means for the Walla Walla College debt. He said that he had made headway beyond all expectations and that he found the plan was very acceptable to the people. In his opinion, the work of the third angel's message is the largest thing in the world, and that we, as believers, ought to consider it so to that extent that we would be willing to put our best efforts and talents and ability into it. He said that some offered the objection, when asked to contribute to this fund, that they were already contributing by sending their children to the school. Said he did not consider this a valid excuse where people were able to do more. And especially in view of the fact that the school, when placed on a firm financial basis, would be able to do more for the students because of the increased facilities so much needed now, could then be provided.

THE \$150,000 FUND.

The chairman, Elder W. B. White, raised the following question: Shall we, in view of the fact that we are now engaged in raising the Relief Fund for Walla Walla College, start the \$150,000 Fund in our conferences on Thanksgiving Day, in all our churches?

This question was raised owing to the fact that Elder White had received a communication from Elder Daniells, president of the General Conference, asking that such a move be made, and that exercises be held in all the churches on that day, and that each should bring in a thank offering which should go toward making up this fund of \$150,000. And that after this meeting thorough and systematic work should be followed up through the month of December to the extent that if possible the whole amount should be on hand and available by January 1, 1907.

It was moved, supported and carried, that we endeavor to follow the suggestion of the General Conference, viz. that we hold Thanksgivingservices in all our churches on Thanksgiving Day,

and instruct the brethren to bring in a thank offering for the \$150,000 Fund.

A reading for this occasion had been prepared by Elder W. B. White, and a printed copy was given to each member of the council. Sufficient copies had been prepared so that each church could be supplied with the reading.

In reply to a question asked by a member of the council, the following facts were brought out as to the manner, or purposes rather, to which the \$150,000 Fund is to be appropriated.

Southern Field .....	\$50,000
Sanitarium, Washington, D. C. . . . .	50,000
Pacific Press Pub Co. ....	20,000
Review and Herald Pub. Association .....	10,000
The work in England.....	10,000
Skodsborg Sanitarium.....	2,000
Work in Canada .....	2,000
Work in Jamaica .....	4,000
Chilian Printing House and school .....	2,000

After these facts were brought out the chairman showed by means of a mathematical illustration upon the blackboard how easily this seemingly large sum of money could be produced by our people. Supposing there were 60,000 Seventh-day Adventists in the United States (certainly this is a conservative estimate), and that each for a period of one month of 30 days should lay aside daily for this fund 8½ cents, the whole amount would be produced, or an average of \$2.50 per capita. Surely this is not a large sum to lay by in that length of time. While it is true that there are many poor people and many children whose ability for earning money is somewhat limited, yet on the other hand there are those who could give easily \$50, \$75 or \$100.

He urged that all the workers take hold of this matter with earnestness and perseverance, and that all our churches should be encouraged to take hold of the matter vigorously, for by so doing he felt assured that the money would soon be in the hands of the General Conference brethren.

Song No. 405 was sung to close, and Elder F. S. Bunch dismissed the meeting by prayer.

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The fourth meeting was called to order by the chairman, Elder W. B. White, at 7 P. M., November 19. The song "Toiling On" was sung and prayer

was offered by P. A. Hanson. The chairman asked the question: Is the work of the Seventh-day Adventists deteriorating? In answer to this question, brother T. L. Copeland, secretary of the Upper Columbia Conference and Tract Society, was called upon to present some statistics to show the growth of the work since 1863. He presented the following table which was gleaned from the report of the statistical secretary of the General Conference, and which showed in a very impressive manner what rapid strides the work of the third angel's message is making, and proved a great source of satisfaction and interest to all members of the Council present. Some little time was given to a careful study of the facts so clearly presented by the tabular report which is here-with presented.

all of us to the same, if not to even a greater degree than was manifested in the life and work of those who first proclaimed this message.

CAMP-MEETINGS.

The subject of our camp-meetings was next considered. The chair stated that the past season many of our camp-meetings had been seriously affected through failure upon the part of those who had the meeting in charge to provide proper facilities for guarding the health of those in the camp. He suggested that at each of these meetings a competent physician be selected from our own members who should be present to inspect the health of the camp and to see that the sanitary condition should be kept up to the standard. He further stated that some provision should be made to prevent contagious

Elder C. J. Cole spoke in favor of the suggestions and ideas presented by brother White. Brother Copeland said that the small camp-meetings in Upper Columbia Conference had proved a greater success spiritually, and financially, than the larger meetings. Elder Snyder and Elder Langdon also spoke in favor of the small meetings.

The doxology was sung and Elder Snyder dismissed the meeting.

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Fifth meeting of the Council was held at 9:30 A. M. in East Portland church. The devotional exercises were led by Elder Nettleton, chaplain of the Portland Sanitarium. Special attention was called by him to the necessity of all those who are bearing responsibilities connected with the message of seeking God daily for an individual ex-

YEAR	Union Conferences	Local Conferences	Missions	Ministers	Licentiate	Licensed Missionaries	Canvassers	Total Laborers	Churches	Membership	Sabbath-Keepers	Tithe	Per Capita	Offerings to Missions	Total Sabbath-School Offerings	Book and Periodical Sales
1863	6	22	8	125	3,500				125	3,500		\$ 8,000.00	\$2.29			
1872	12	41	47	205	4,936				205	4,936		25,956.42	5.28			
1873	13	51	83	239	5,875				239	5,875		30,687.40	5.22			
1882	26	167	134	660	17,169				660	17,169		84,261.36	4.91	\$ 30,100.00		
1883	26	165	135	680	17,433				680	17,433		96,418.62	5.53	34,000.00		
1892	34	244	193	1,102	33,773		403	1,102	33,773		302,310.19	9.94	75,296.59	\$ 37,952.27	\$706,650.33	
1893	35	267	193	1,151	37,404		460	1,151	37,404		350,690.56	9.37	108,572.11	37,936.11	416,044.52	
1902	13	72	42	826	2,278	2,077	2,278	2,077	67,150	73,522	643,747.83	8.75	115,000.00	51,642.01	430,027.71	
1903	13	78	48	1,032	2,704	2,120	2,704	2,120	69,072	77,554	634,030.54	8.82	137,315.67	55,823.85	477,714.98	
1904	13	78	52	1,053	2,750	2,243	2,750	2,243	71,891	81,721	691,819.33	8.47	144,712.20	60,460.80	436,600.68	
1905	13	80	56	1,068	2,797	2,340	2,797	2,340	77,443	87,311	858,014.91	9.83	169,335.11	68,613.71	548,067.03	

After considerable time had been given to study of the above table of statistics, which so clearly indicated the progress of the work, as to number of conferences, churches and members, and also as to the great gains made along financial lines, such as tithes, offerings, etc., the question was asked by Elder White as to how the spiritual condition of Seventh-day Adventists at the present time compares with the earlier years in the history of this people? This thought was given very careful consideration and it seemed quite clear to all, from certain facts obtained from the Spirit of Prophecy and elsewhere, that the spiritual condition of this people is not as good today as it was forty or fifty years ago. This fact is to be lamented and ought to be a means of causing every Seventh-day Adventist to seek a closer relationship with God in all things, that the Spirit and power of his life may be seen in

diseases on the camp-ground. It was the expressed opinion upon the part of the brethren present that greater precaution should be taken along these lines, especially upon the part of the people attending the meetings.

The question as to whether we should continue the custom of holding large camp-meetings annually in our conferences, was next brought to the attention of the Council. Or whether these should be discontinued and more local camp-meetings held? Elder W. B. White spoke in favor of the local camp-meetings for the reason that the small companies can thus receive more attention and help. He said that the outposts needed strengthening and that these local meetings could be held in various places throughout the conference thus making it more convenient for the people to attend and at the same time greatly lessening the expense.

perience, and further that our spiritual success depends upon our standing in the right relationship with God, rather than to rely upon position or honor. All present expressed an earnest desire for a closer walk with God.

After a short intermission, song No. 692 was sung and prayer offered by F. M. Burg.

The following list of questions had been prepared by Elder White, president of the North Pacific Union Conference, for consideration at this meeting. They were as follows:

1. Is it advisable for our tract societies to establish depositories and prepare to handle retail business in their respective fields?
2. If so, is it necessary to continue the branch office?
3. What plans shall we lay for an active book campaign?
4. Shall we have State agents in



each conference, and an agent for the union conference?

5. How shall we bring the missionary campaign into all our churches? By church officers' institutes?

6. Needs of the sanitarium.

7. Ministerial institutes; shall we hold them? If so, when?

8. Camp-meetings, local and general.

9. The contemplated State agents' institute. Shall it be held, where, when?

The first question in this series was considered at this session.

#### TRACT SOCIETY DEPOSITORIES.

Brother H. H. Hall was called upon by the chairman to make a statement concerning the situation. He said that if the book business was to be handled by the conferences through the media of tract societies, that the publishing house should be their servant and not be asked to bear local responsibilities. He stated that there was a strong sentiment prevailing in nearly all our conferences for the reestablishment of the tract societies. The Atlantic Union Conferences have already done this and so have the conferences of Western Virginia and West Michigan. Brother Hall thought the present plan of dealing directly with a central distributing center has some advantages. Among these he mentioned first that it left the missionary secretary free to give his whole time to his legitimate work. Second, that it was less expensive to the conferences in that they were not required to man and maintain an office for doing this line of work; and third, that it precluded the possibility of a large stock of books and tracts accumulating upon the shelves of the local tract society office, which usually become unsalable and have to be disposed of, if at all, at a considerable loss. But he thought the objections against the plan of dealing directly with the central distributing center outweighed the points in its favor. Among these objections he mentioned first that in the plan of direct dealing the distributing center was likely to forget that it is the servant of the people. Second, that in following this plan the business goes out of the hands of the conferences and thus separates them, quite largely, from the real, active missionary work that they should be pushing vigorously. Third, that by having tract

societies established in the various conferences stocks of books and tracts are thus distributed in various places and the people thus become more directly connected with the work.

If the tract societies are to be established, can we avoid the necessity of carrying a large stock? Brother Hall stated that an effort is being concentrated upon a few books, hence it will not be necessary at any time to carry a large supply. The tracts are not so numerous as heretofore. Special tracts are being pushed and therefore the work of stocking the tract society is not so great a task as heretofore. He said that Elder Daniells, Elder Irwin and Elder Cottrell are convinced that the tract society method is the best.

After brother Hall had finished his remarks the question was given over by the chairman to the members of the Council for discussion. Elder W. B. White read from the Review a report of the Pacific Press Publishing Company as to their attitude toward the tract societies. This report showed very clearly that the brethren at the Pacific Press favor the return to the old plan and are willing to co-operate in every possible way with the conferences in order that the plan shall be made a success.

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The sixth meeting held at 2:30 P. M., November 20. No. 517 Christ in Song was sung. A season of prayer was held in behalf of brother Scott, a member of the Western Oregon Conference Committee who was critically ill and had requested prayer. At the conclusion of this service, the chair introduced the second question before the Council relative to continuing the branch house.

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF A BRANCH HOUSE BY THE PACIFIC PRESS.

Brother T. H. Starbuck spoke in favor of the Pacific Press Publishing Company maintaining a branch house in the North Pacific Union Conference territory to be used as a distributing center. Brother F. M. Burg spoke in favor of the branch office being operated by the Pacific Press Publishing Company, for in this way a large stock need not be carried by the local tract societies.

Brother Clark spoke in favor of the plan and thought that many advantages were to be derived from having

a branch house located in our territory, for in that way rush orders could be taken care of quite readily. Brother T. L. Copeland favored the maintenance of the branch, saying that he would, if the branch were not maintained in our territory, prefer to deal with the Kansas branch rather than with the Mountain View house, for the reason that from his own experience he had found that supplies could be received several days sooner from Kansas City than from Mountain View. But he thought that by all means the Portland branch of the Pacific Press Publishing Company should be kept in operation.

Brother H. H. Hall said he had not said much so far upon the subject as he preferred to wait until others had expressed themselves. He stated that if the Pacific Press is to maintain an office in Portland it will be necessary for the local conferences to put strong men into the field to work with the field missionary secretaries and that under these circumstances the branch house could be maintained. He was speaking as a direct representative of the Pacific Press Publishing Company and said that if this arrangement could not be entered into they would not care to maintain a branch house. He said if the branch is to be established financial assistance will be needed, owing to the fact that a larger stock will have to be carried than at present in the Portland branch in order to supply the demand made upon it by the tract societies, and he thought further that the Pacific Press should have the profit for handling whatever retail business was turned to it.

Elder H. J. Schnepfer said, he appreciated very much what has been said as to the expense of maintaining the branch and suggested that Western Oregon and Western Washington Conferences could unite and pay the expense of a man to do the retail work and thus relieve the Pacific Press from this burden.

The matter of the accumulation of unpaid accounts came up at this juncture and brother White asked brother Sample which he would prefer to look to for pay; the State society or the agents and local societies? Brother Sample said he thought they would just as soon risk the local agent and society as the State societies, in the payments of accounts. Brother White

then asked what was to hinder putting the book and tract work upon a cash basis? Brother Hall replied by saying, that plan can be carried out very easily. And where books are to be sent out without the cash payment having been previously made, the State agent could assist in the delivery of the books and pocket enough of the money thus received to pay for the books at the distributing office.

It was voted that the Pacific Press Publishing Company be asked to maintain a depository. The chair then asked if this depository should be retail or wholesale?

#### DISCUSSION RELATIVE TO TRACT SOCIETIES.

Brother Starbuck thought perhaps the establishing of the State tract society would be too great a financial burden to the conference inasmuch as they had no fund for the establishment of a tract society at the present time. Therefore, he thought it would be better for the Pacific Press to maintain a retail business. Brother Burg said this question affected him personally. As nearly as he could gather from what had already been said the men at the head of the work favored the plan of maintaining tract society depositories and therefore he thought the matter of their re-establishment was practically settled. He failed to see that the present plan had failed because of a weakness of the plan, but rather from the failure of strong men being placed in the field as was originally contemplated. He said he was ready to acquiesce in the wishes and suggestions of men like brethren Daniells and Irwin who have given this matter their earnest and careful attention.

Brother Copeland was perplexed to know just how to handle the business without loss to the society and without accumulating a large stock of books. He said they had used the utmost care in ordering supplies for their society, but in spite of all that they could do to prevent it, their stock kept increasing. Many times they were given to understand that a certain book or tract was to have a large circulation and if they stocked up to prepare for filling orders for such book or tracts it frequently proved that comparatively few copies of the number contemplated were called for.

Brother Hall thought some policy

should be adopted in regard to carrying on the book work, and then the details could be worked out later. Brother White advocated the plan of an active missionary secretary being placed in each conference to instruct and aid librarians, correspond with isolated members and keep actively in touch with all lines of missionary work in the conference. He thought that to adopt a plan or policy and work to it would do more to stimulate missionaries to active and aggressive work than anything else. When the tract societies were abolished the people began to say, "Now we will see what the publishers will do," and immediately there set in a rapid decline in missionary work throughout all the churches. Elder Nettleton spoke of the rise of the tract society work and how earnestly the ministers and other workers were engaged in distributing our periodicals and tracts among the people. That everywhere the ministers went to hold meetings they carried with them a supply of tracts and books for sale and distribution. He expressed himself as perfectly in harmony with this plan of establishing the tract society work and stated that he would give it his hearty support.

Elder Snyder thought the conferences had been negligent in supporting the publishing house, and that had they been faithful in this, the plan would have succeeded that is now in force.

Elder Langdon said he thought Elders White and Nettleton had touched the vital point in the discussion; that the ministers should sell books and tracts. He thought, too, that the old plan of having directors would be very profitable and that it would be wise to return to the former plan. Brother Clark spoke in favor of having directors as formerly and related his experience in that line. He had worked in the field as a director continuously for 14 years and from his actual experience and observation he was convinced that much more could be done in the way of distributing and selling our literature than in any of the methods that have since been used.

Brother T. G. Johnson advocated the plan of districting the conferences about October 1 each year and have canvassers and other workers engage in the sale of the forty per cent books

and visit all the people in their district, distribute tracts and take subscriptions for our periodicals.

Moved by Elder G. E. Langdon and seconded by H. J. Schnepfer that a committee of seven be appointed to consider plans for the work of the branch house and State tract societies and bring in definite recommendations. Voted.

The chair appointed as that committee: H. H. Hall, G. E. Langdon, F. S. Bunch, F. M. Burg, W. W. Sharp, T. L. Copeland, T. H. Starbuck.

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Seventh meeting of the Council convened at 7 P. M., November 20. No. 74 Christ in Song was sung. Elder Snyder offered prayer. The chair introduced a proposition for holding a State agents' convention some time during the coming winter. Brother T. G. Johnson spoke in favor, saying the matter was first suggested to him by brother Hall. He thought this institute should be made as practical as possible by having some experienced man in attendance to give instruction to the State agents as to how to handle books that are to be especially pushed.

Brother Hall spoke regarding the matter and said that competent and experienced men could be secured to give such instruction. And further, he thought the services of brother E. R. Palmer, secretary of the General Conference Publishing department, could be secured for this occasion, and replied in answer to the question as to the probable time for holding such an institute, that January 15 to 22 would be the most favorable so far as he was able to view the question at present.

Brother Burg stated that he was in favor of holding such institutes as we are greatly in need of experienced and well trained men to take charge of the book work in various conferences. Brother Bunch also expressed himself as favoring the plan.

Voted that such an institute be held. The chair asked brother Hall to make all necessary arrangements for this convention.

Elder White called attention to the needs of having an experienced agent for the North Pacific Union Conference. He said that brother Phillips was secured for that place last spring, but was unable to take the work. Elder Bunch and Elder Burg both stated that

there was a great need of such help and also of a State agent in each conference. But they found it very difficult if not impossible at the present time, at least, to secure capable men for these positions. That all who were capable were not now available. Brother Robert Greaves name was suggested as one whose services would be valuable for this line of work. Those who knew him said he would, in their opinion, make an excellent State agent. Brother White spoke favorably of the work he did in the Alaskan field during the past season. Brother Greaves is now a student in Walla Walla College and it was not known definitely whether he would favor such a proposition. The thought on the part of some was that he was preparing for the work of the ministry.

The question of the camp-meeting was again taken up for consideration. Brother Burg asked concerning the time for holding camp-meetings; and if the dates could be so arranged that time will not overlap, thus proving a hindrance to the general laborers attending the entire meeting in each conference; and also whether it would not be thought advisable to postpone the meetings until after brother White's return from Europe so that they could have the benefit of his help and counsel.

A question of how to improve our camp-meetings was discussed at length and many helpful suggestions were made by Elders White, Snyder and Langdon. The importance of divisional meetings at the camp-meeting was urged by Elder White. He urged this first for the reason that great spiritual good would be accomplished by small companies seeking the Lord for his presence and blessing and also for the reason that it gave all the ministers and workers an opportunity for getting better acquainted with the people and at the same time afforded a good experience to the younger ministers and workers.

Brother Hall stated that at the Southern California camp-meeting no meals were furnished on the Sabbath. Brother Sharp thought our people ought to be encouraged to take their food supplies and care for themselves. It was further suggested that in planning the daily routine of secular labor necessary at all camp-meetings, that

the ministers should not be burdened with any of these responsibilities, but that their time should be fully given toward building up the spiritual interests.

Brother Sharp closed the meeting with prayer.

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The eighth meeting of the Council convened at 9:30 A. M., November 21. Elder H. W. Decker led the devotional exercises. The thought of faith and trust in God was particularly emphasized. An earnest season of prayer was engaged in by all present. The business of the Council was taken up at the close of the devotional exercises.

The committee on plans submitted a report for consideration. A motion prevailed to accept the report by considering each item separately. The report as amended is herewith submitted.

We recommend:

1. Our local conferences to give favorable consideration to the re-establishment of tract society depositories as soon as practicable.

2. That we invite the Pacific Press Publishing Company to continue its branch office in our union conference, and stock it sufficiently to supply the entire union, and by way of encouraging it to do so we recommend:

3. That until other arrangements are made by proper authority we contribute \$500 annually toward the salary of its manager; this amount to be made up as follows: \$125 from the North Pacific Union Conference; \$125 from the Western Oregon Conference; \$125 from the Western Washington Conference, and \$125 from the Upper Columbia Conference.

4. That the branch be allowed to charge at agents' rates instead of tract society rates for all mail orders forwarded to it by the state society depository.

5. We recommend the adoption of a cash policy in handling our publications throughout the union conference. That this policy be interpreted to mean:

(a) Cash with order from all Sabbath-schools,

(b) Cash in 30 days from church societies and individuals.

(c) Payment for all books as soon as delivered by agents.

(d) Payment of all branch office bills in 30 days or as soon thereafter

as the carrying out of this policy with Sabbath-schools, societies and agents will permit.

H. H. HALL,  
G. E. LANGDON,  
F. S. BUNCH,  
F. M. BURG,  
W. W. SHARP,  
T. L. COPELAND,  
T. H. STARBUCK,

Committee.

Brother H. H. Hall spoke to the first recommendation saying that for 17 years he had been connected, uninterrupted, with the publishing work and therefore, it was very dear to his heart. A few years ago when the question arose concerning the discontinuing of the tract society work, he said he thought perhaps he was as much to blame as any one, if blame was to be attached to those who favored that move, as he was one of its strong advocates. A prominent man in the work came to him at that time and told him that he had taken an action that would result in great damage to the book work. He stated further, that as a sentiment now was prevailing for the re-establishment of tract society depositories and that it is thought best to return to the former plan, he wished to ask forgiveness for anything wrong that may have resulted from the steps taken to abolish the tract societies. And that now he felt heartily in sympathy with the present move and would do his utmost to assist in putting the former plan into successful operation.

Brother F. M. Burg said he was sure no one felt that brother Hall had acted from a wrong motive in the matter. Brother Langdon favored the resolution and brother W. B. White said he felt that this was a step in the right direction and that if this resolution prevailed he was confident the missionary feature of the work would be greatly encouraged.

After considerable discussion of section 3 of the report, it was amended by striking out the words "for the present" and inserting "until other arrangements are made by proper authority."

The resolutions having been considered by sections, the question of accepting it as a whole was voted unanimously as reported and amended.

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Ninth meeting convened at 2:30

P. M., November 21, in the gymnasium at the Portland Sanitarium. Meeting was called to order by Elder W. B. White. Prayer by A. G. Adams. The chair stated that this meeting was called for the purpose of considering sanitarium matters, pertaining to the Portland institution. He said that the Portland Sanitarium is a union conference institution and that it is the only place in our field where nurses may get a proper training.

REPORT BY MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT  
PORTLAND SANITARIUM.

Dr. Froom, medical superintendent, was called upon to make a statement concerning the affairs of the institution. He began by saying that he felt thankful to report that during the past year no disaster had visited the institution or its employees, and that no cases of apostasy had been reported. Said he wished to talk along the line of increasing our sphere as a training school. The patients of the institution had been treated and cared for by under-graduates, and by people practically inexperienced in the line of nursing, because the receipts did not warrant the paying of wages sufficient to retain graduate nurses. He said further that they were in need of a head nurse and that they also needed a head for the culinary department. The head nurse to act as surgical matron as well. At the present time there is but one graduate nurse in the institution. There is great need of improvement in our service rendered the patients. The work does not bear the inspection of the physicians who visit the place from the city; the bath-rooms are greatly in need of repairs, and surgical ward also; better beds were needed throughout the building. He thought this last mentioned item had to do with patients becoming dissatisfied and refusing to stay a sufficient time to make a complete recovery. The records show that 600 patients were treated the past season, but none of them could be induced to remain a great while because of the poor accommodations. He raised the question as to whether the Council thought it advisable to raise the wages of graduate nurses sufficiently high to secure their services, and also shall we establish a nurses' agency? If so, should it be maintained at the institution or at some point in the city?

STATEMENT OF PORTLAND SANITARIUM BY  
BUSINESS MANAGER.

D. R. Nichols was called upon to report the condition of the institution from his point of view as business manager. He said, as we are all aware that the financial interest of any enterprise must be carefully guarded, it will be along this line I will call your attention for a few moments.

First, I think that those who have never had the actual experience of handling this particular end of a sanitarium are of the same opinion that I was before connecting with the work here. We all know that a doctor's bill or a sanitarium bill looks large enough to the patient. Little do they usually think of the time and expenses lavished upon them at the time when their life was at stake perhaps. If those in care of the sick were obliged to stop and consider the expense of that work, how cumbersome would be the work. Many times does the care of the sick progress while we know that there will not be any returns for the services rendered. We have no inducements to offer any one, that our ways of treating the sick are less expensive or cheaper than those employed in other institutions. Far from it. Our way is difficult and more laborious yet the results attained are correspondingly greater. The worldly physician cannot prescribe for our methods of treatment. Comparing our work with hospitals we find that we maintain the bath-rooms with numerous attendants. We also have the dining room with all its extra expense, service, equipment, room, etc. Our whole building is more after the fashion of a home. By actual survey we find a goodly portion of our building taken up with other than rooms for patients, which the hospital does not have at all. While our prices for private rooms range the same. Then, too, the patients with us do not have an extra physician to pay unless he chooses to secure same. Can we raise our prices? We cannot see our way clear to do this with the surroundings as we have them at the present time. Should we feel satisfied when a patient has had treatment at St. Helena or some other similar institution comes to us and gets one treatment but does not care to return on account of bad conditions in the bath-rooms?

What must we say when we are unable to keep our patients who are financially able to stay? Shall we say it is the fault of the help? We think not. We are glad to say that we have a company of the most consecrated and faithful helpers in the institution that can be found anywhere. During the busy season we have records showing that in some instances nurses have put in 18 hours per day for a number of days without a word of complaint. This work is not light. Could they be induced to labor in this way if their hearts were not in the work? Those who were ambitious and started this institution had confidence that it would succeed. We confidently believe it will, but success will not be accomplished or realized by sitting back and doing nothing. It means hard work and very careful planning.

We are at the present time carrying a debt of about \$45,000. Of this amount \$7,000 is an annuity, and will perhaps at some future time belong to the institution, but now we are paying interest on the same and our obligations in that direction may continue for some time to come. We pay insurance on \$35,000. The institution was started with no surplus of capital, and the founders were obliged to be decidedly economical in the matter of supplying the necessary apparatus, equipment, etc.

We have now been in this building almost four years. The original plan of bonding and selling the bonds has only been partially carried out. The money we have borrowed has been loaned to us for a short time only. A goodly portion of the loans are in small amounts, and are taken occasionally by those loaning it for personal use, thus causing the management not a little perplexity and anxiety. Since I came here we have borrowed from one person to pay another, \$3,000. We have reached a time when it seems imperative that some repairs which will cost a considerable amount, must be made. Principally in our bath-rooms. If you have not visited the bath-rooms and care to do so, you will observe very readily that the wet rooms are so badly in need of repairs that it may be necessary to tear the old part all out and replace them by new ones. At the present time the ladies' spray room leaks down into the gents' room continually.

Another very important item is our supply room for our culinary department. As it is now, the small house, about six by eight feet, will not hold enough even when supplies are purchased daily from the vegetable wagon. Any surplus must be placed at the opposite end of the house in the basement as there is no basement under the kitchen. By this arrangement, many times the cook does not know what supplies are on hand and frequently gets a double order for supplies. In short, the institution without a much better patronage than at the present time, cannot pay the enormous amount of interest and insurance, and at the same time pay the helpers who are working for very reasonable wages, and have anything left to repair a frame building which was, in the first place, not properly constructed or equipped, and therefore needs more repairs than would be necessary was the building more substantially built.

What we wish is that carefully laid plans for the work be made and we shall endeavor as best we can to carry these plans into effect. We maintain a much larger faculty, and furnish a much stronger nurses' course than that furnished by most hospitals. I might add here that at the present time, in our course, we are giving in addition to what has been included in the course of study heretofore, a number of the elementary branches, and vocal music. In order to carry this strong training-school, it is necessary to hire more doctors and teachers.

Mr. Nicholls further stated that \$1500.00 would be necessary to make the needed repairs in the bath-room, and \$1000 would be required to fit up the operating room.

The matron, Mrs. Moore, said that there was a scarcity of quilts, there not being enough to supply beds, and therefore, in assigning a room, it is first necessary to ascertain whether the bed is supplied with sufficient covering. She especially mentioned the surgical ward as being greatly in need of repairs. The city physicians did not think it possible that operations of a critical nature could be even attempted in a room so poorly equipped for that kind of work.

Dr. Froom said that the cook is required to prepare food for a family of 75 people, and that this work is too

heavy for one person to carry. He thought assistants must be provided in this department. The verandas leak badly and other portions of the building are in a very poor condition.

Brother Nichols remarked that while their list of patients last year was about 600, the Boulder Sanitarium list numbered 200. Surely something ought to be done that our patrons shall be contented to remain with us a greater length of time. Elder Decker spoke in favor of encouraging our people to invest their means in our institutions rather than in worldly schemes and enterprises. He thought brother White should write an article for the Gleaner urging the importance and safety of investments in these enterprises by our people. The sanitarium bonds are perfectly safe; this institution has \$30,000 in bonds.

Brother White said we are here as a Union Conference Council, and as such are considering the needs of the work in our field. We have considered tract society affairs and matters pertaining to local conferences, now is it not right and proper to consider the needs of this institution? Should not a committee be appointed to bring in a report of what we ought to do. It was voted that the chair appoint a committee of seven to take the needs of the Portland Sanitarium under advisement, and report back to this Council. The chair announced as members of this committee, Dr. J. E. Froom, Elder H. W. Decker, Elder F. S. Bunch, Elder F. M. Burg, A. G. Adams, Elder T. H. Starbuck and D. R. Nichols.

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The tenth meeting of the council was held at 6:30 P. M., Nov. 21. Song No. 549 was sung. Prayer by Elder H. J. Schnepfer.

#### MINISTERIAL INSTITUTES.

The chairman introduced the following questions for consideration. Will it be advisable in the near future to hold ministerial institutes in each conference where our workers may be called together and where our local church elders, Sabbath-school workers, and others connected with church duties can be instructed and encouraged in their work? Brother Langdon favored the plan. Brother Burg said that his conference had already voted for such an institute. Brother White suggested that Western Oregon and

Western Washington unite in holding an institute for ministers. Brother Burg thought this would be well in some respects, but the benefit to be derived from having korkers in the same conference come together to seek God for help in their field would be thwarted. It was the opinion of the Council that such institutes should be held.

The following dates were then fixed for institutes and other important meetings intervening.

First, Western Oregon Ministerial Institute, at Newburg, Oregon, December 5 to 12.

Week of prayer appointed by General Conference for all the churches, December 15 to 22.

Ministerial institute for Western Washington, at Seattle, December 23 to 30.

British Columbia Conference, at Vancouver, December 28 to January 6.

Upper Columbia Conference committee and North Pacific Union Conference committee, at College Place, January 7 to 14.

Walla Walla College Board meeting, January 7 to 14.

State Agents' and Canvassers' Institute, at College Place, January 15 to 22.

The matter of securing help for the above meetings was next considered. It was thought by brother White that the services of brother Haskell, brother Hibbard or brother Loughborough could be obtained.

The next question introduced by the chair was, shall we have a missionary campaign in all our churches this winter? This being the night of the regular weekly prayer meeting of the East Portland church, the members of the church present upon that occasion were invited to meet with us and participate in the work of the Council. Brother Hall was asked by the chair to explain the term, "Missionary Campaign." He said that the term "Missionary Campaign" meant work for every member of the church, and for carrying on this work he outlined the following program:

First, placing the Review in every Sabbath-keeping home.

Second, the liberal circulation of message-filled tracts.

Third, a more general use of our missionary periodicals, the Signs of the Times, Watchman, and Life and

Health, a small club by each isolated member and a large club by each church and company.

Fourth, The development of interest thus created by the sale of forty per cent books. Christ's Object Lessons and Ministry of Healing.

Fifth, All these lines of work to be followed by Bible readings, cottage meetings, missionary correspondence, etc.

The above suggestions are not to be considered exhaustive but are presented to show some of the lines of work that should be carried on. He said a great deal had already been done in this line. The circulation of tracts has reached 50,000 pages per day for the last four or five years.

The tracts to be used now are all new stock and have been gotten out with new and attractive designs. Our foreign papers are to have special numbers, and will be filled with the truth for this time. The Signs has gotten out a special Thanksgiving number of that paper. The churches everywhere in our field should do their utmost in seeing that these special numbers have a wide circulation.

#### A ROUSING MISSIONARY MEETING.

Now, as to the best method of carrying the campaign into the churches: The most effective way is for those who are endeavoring to get this work successfully started to enter into the work themselves by engaging actively in the sale of papers and tracts and thus get an experience such as only active participation in the work can give. We must go out and show people how to work and not spend so much in telling people how to work.

Several then related their experiences in the circulation of literature. Elder George E. Langdon related an experience he had in New York where he attended a meeting of the Christian Alliance. The leader of the meeting had been considering the subject of divine healing. At the close of the meeting Elder Langdon asked permission of the pastor to distribute a few tracts on the subject of divine healing, as he had some in his pocket which told of the remarkable manner in which sister S. M. I. Henry, now deceased, had been healed. Permission was granted. He soon gave out the last copy of the supply he had with him, only wishing he had carried a larger

stock. The people read them eagerly and asked for more. A second supply was obtained and distributed. This created such a strong sentiment in favor of the truth that when the minister a short time afterwards spoke in opposition the people would not receive his words.

Brother Langdon thought that many times we made a mistake by not at first asking permission of the pastors of other churches before attempting to distribute literature among the people of his congregation. Elder Nettleton related his experience of giving out tracts while riding on the steamboat. And how a man came to him and purchased his whole supply. He was in charge of a crew of men and said they were desirous of getting such reading matter. Said his only regrets were that he had not taken a larger supply with him. He urged the importance of our workers carrying a supply of message-filled tracts wherever they go and distributing them to those who will read. Of course not every one will accept them, but many will.

Brother Pettit gave a very interesting account of the tract work being carried on in the city of Portland. He stated that as a result many people were becoming interested and had an increased desire to know the truth. Brethren Burg, Clark, Johnson and Wollekar also spoke of the great importance of doing active work in the distribution of our literature. The meeting was very enthusiastic and all present seemed greatly encouraged and helped by the many interesting incidents related and by helpful suggestions made by the different speakers.

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Eleventh meeting convened at Portland Sanitarium 9:30 A. M., November 21. No. 662 of Christ in Song was sung. Prayer was offered by Elder J. A. Holbrook. The chair presented the following as a suggestive outline for topics to be considered at the coming ministerial institutes.

1. Church discipline.
2. Sabbath in our churches.
3. Our ministers and prayer meetings.
4. Tithes and offerings.
5. How to make camp-meetings successful. Our ministers at camp-meeting.
6. Ministers—Self-improvement.

7. Health reform.
8. Sermons—*a.* Preparation.  
*b.* Length—45 minutes.  
*c.* Gestures, etc.
9. Revival work. Relation to other churches and ministers.
10. Duty to instruct churches and officers.
11. Reporting work to conferences.
12. Dress and ethics.

As is stated above, this outline is only suggestive; each conference is to prepare its program for institute work.

At this juncture the question of having a report of the proceedings of this Council prepared and printed was considered. A motion prevailed that the report be published in full in the Gleaner.

The chair asked that the question of the camp-meeting work be again taken up. The discussion was as to the time these meetings should be held. Brother Burg thought the large camp-meeting in Western Washington would probably be held in August. And as to the local camp-meetings they are a foregone conclusion and not to be dispensed with. It was thought that a greater number of these should be held the coming season than at any preceding time.

The committee appointed to take under advisement the present needs of the Portland Sanitarium, submitted the following report:

We recommend, first, that the institution borrow a sum not to exceed \$3,000, to be used in making necessary improvements and repairs; second, that the Union Conference arrange a plan for meeting the interest on this loan in order that the institution shall not be burdened with the matter.

After a brief discussion it was voted that the recommendations be accepted.

The business of the Council having been disposed of Brother H. H. Hall was called upon to close the meeting by prayer.

W. B. WHITE, President.  
A. G. ADAMS, Secretary.

Elder A. M. Dart of Ketchikan, Alaska, writes that he is very busy getting their hall ready for meetings. He has recently taken a trip through Southeastern Alaska and promises a report of this trip for the Gleaner in the near future.

## HELPS.

In the church of Christ every man is given, by the Spirit, a work to do. "And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." —1 Cor. 12:28.

By the gift of the Spirit, each individual member is given his special work. To no one is all the work given, but by a division of the gifts, each has his part to act, and all acting together are to do the work of the church of Christ.

True it is that all cannot be apostles, or prophets, or teachers, but few can perform miracles or possess the power to heal. There is, however, found in the next "helps" something that all can do, for who among the church cannot help, and to help is to be a helper.

Isa. 41:6 says, "They helped every one his neighbor; and every one said to his brother, be of good courage." There are so many ways in which we can be a help that no one need feel that they can be of no use in the great work of Christ's church. It is true that all cannot be leaders, but how often is it that it is the little things that help the most. A kind word spoken has changed the course of men's lives and caused them to decide their eternal destiny. So small a thing as a smile or a pleased look has been the means of cheering many a weary heart, and made the burden of life easier.

It is but a little thing to hand some one a tract or a paper that contains the truth of God, yet how many have been led to know God through the reading of a single page.

To give a cup of cold water to the thirsty one is but a kindly act, yet this kindness may lead to the opportunity of telling of the Water of Life. Courage, brother, courage, has lifted many a soul from the slough of despondency and caused them to take a new hold and press forward to the kingdom.

These all seem and are but simple things in themselves, but are they not helps, and are not those who do them helpers? God in the great plan for his church, gave every one a work to

do. No one is so small but that they may have a part. There are those who are placed in the more responsible positions. To some He has given the name of apostles, to others prophets, and others are to be messengers.

Few are thus chosen, but what a glorious thought that all the rest, yes, every one may be a helper. A help to those who are to fill the more important places.

The Lord does not lay more burdens on one than he is able to bear. When their task becomes greater than they are able to perform, then their work may be divided.

When Moses complained that the burden of all the people was too heavy for him, the Lord told him to gather 70 men that they might stand with him. "And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone." Num. 11:17.

The Lord recognizes when the burden becomes too heavy and calls others to help carry the load, that they may not bear it themselves alone.

What a gift, what a privilege, and what a duty to be "helps" in the church of Christ. The duty may be small, the burdens light that we are called upon to carry, but how thankful we should be that we may have even some small part in the great work of carrying this Gospel to a dying world. Our lot may be only to help some one else to carry their burdens, but may God help us all to be helpers, and although our work may be small may we be able to at least say to our brother, "Be of good courage."  
W. R. SIMMONS.

"That the thing (Sunday legislation) 'has its roots in religion' is demonstrated by every proposed exemption clause for those who rest on the seventh day. Such exemptions are invariably based on the requirement that those who rest must do so 'religiously' and 'conscientiously.'"

We all forget more or less, but two things we should be sure to remember —the \$150,000 fund and the Gleaner.

## A SPLENDID OBJECT LESSON.

A few days ago we received the following letter from a friend of the Signs:

"Pacific Press Publishing Co.,  
Mountain View, Calif.

"Dear Editor:

As I wish to make my children a good present for Christmas I will send you their names and addresses for the Signs of the Times for six months and would like to have it commence with the Thanksgiving number. They are all scattered from home and I want them to know about this truth."

Then follow the names and addresses of six individuals.

This letter and this idea struck us so favorably that we thought we ought to pass it on to others. What more interesting or valuable gift could we present to our children or friends?

For the next six months a weekly visitor will come to the homes of these children filled with Bible truth and other interesting matter which can not fail to arrest their attention. It is to be hoped that some of them at least will be brought to a knowledge of the Truth.

Are there not many others that will act on this splendid suggestion? Send us the names and addresses of your children or friends and we will be glad to forward the papers. Do not wait but do it now.

## SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

The Pacific Press is in mourning. Elder W. N. Glenn, of the Editorial Staff of the Signs of the Times, after a week's illness with pneumonia passed away as the sun went down, Sabbath, December 1st. He had been connected with the Pacific Press for over thirty years, filling various positions of responsibility. He was always true and loyal to the message which he held so dear. His many years of faithful work in proclaiming the message are now ended. He passed away holding fast the hope, which year after year has grown stronger as he has faithfully labored to proclaim this last message to the world.

**CANVASSING DEPARTMENT**  
UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

Week Ending December 1, 1906.

Agents.	Books.	Hours.	Orders.	Helps.	T'l Val.
Edwin Leach .....	Heralds	117	88	\$0.25	\$ 90.25
John Heffner .....	C. K.	2	3	.55	3.55
Mary E. Jeffer .....	Small Books	9½	27	...	22.00
Jennie Cornell .....	Small Books	8	13	...	8.00
Milton Lyon .....	Gt. Cont.	...	4	5.50	16.50
<b>Total</b> .....		<b>136½</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>\$6.30</b>	<b>\$140.30</b>

Sister Cornell is giving our small books a trial in Zillah, Wash., and will try our larger books later on.

Brother Lyon's first report has just reached us from Cambridge, Idaho, where success is crowning his efforts.

Brother Leach, who, for some reason, we have not heard from for some time, is now in Wheeler County, Oregon, and has been meeting with good success.

Sister Jeffers is working with our small books in Northern Idaho, before the holidays. Later on she will handle Gt. Cont. there. The lord is certainly blessing Sister Jeffers in her efforts there.

Brother Heffner only got in two hours the past week. He called on three neighbors and sold each one a copy of the Coming King, besides one or two small books. Shall we not all thus improve every hour?

T. G. JOHNSON.

**REDMOND, WASH., CHURCH-SCHOOL.**

I opened a small church-school on the first of October, at the home of brother and sister Sleighter, which is in the country nine miles from Redmond. We are the only Sabbath-keepers in this part of the country, but the dear Lord blesses us, both on the Sabbath and in our school work.

There are four children in our school. They are getting along very well in their studies and seem to enjoy their work very much, particularly their Bible lessons.

MAUD SCHUYLER, Teacher.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST.**

Miss Reith returned recently to Spokane to resume her canvassing work, after spending several weeks at her home taking a much needed vacation.

Elder L. A. Gibson made the office a pleasant call last week. He was enroute to College Place from Fruitland to attend a meeting of the Upper Columbia Conference Committee.

After nearly a month's absence, brother Adams returned to the office to attend to his correspondence and look after details of his work. After spending one week at the office he went to College Place.

We wish to ask our readers to bear in mind to notify us of any changes of address, otherwise they are very likely to miss copies of the paper. This has been the experience of several, and we are sorry, but if we have notice of changes we will endeavor to make the proper change and thus insure against loss.

Brother J. A. Standage of Athena, Ore., writes: "Wife and I are very busy here doing house to house work. There are no Adventists here except ourselves, and it has been years since meetings were held here. It is a hard place to work, but it must be done. We are of good courage and we love to hear of the courage of other workers."

"If we would live a Christian life, the conscience must be quickened by constant contact with the Word of God."

**WESTERN OREGON TITHE RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER.**

Albany .....	\$ 5.15
Albina .....	141.30
Astoria .....	9.75
Blachly .....	25.25
Browsville .....	1.00
Chitwood .....	143.72
Dilley .....	2.05
Drain .....	5.25
Eugene .....	52.90
Hopewell .....	52.65
Laurelwood .....	40.01
Miscellaneous .....	16.40
Montavilla .....	143.43
Mt. Tabor .....	93.00
McMinnville .....	14.79
Newberg .....	89.76
Portland .....	160.12
Roseberg .....	65.42
St. Johns .....	32.55
Svensen .....	61.39
Willamina .....	10.00
Woodburn .....	5.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$1,170.89</b>

**TRUST FUND RECEIPTS.**

Canton Chapel Fund .....	\$ 35.66
China Girl .....	2.71
Colored Work .....	1.00
\$150,000.00 Fund .....	55.13
Huntsville School .....	16.00
Int. Pub. Association .....	63.82
Laurelwood Improvement Fund	96.20
Mission Board .....	7.13
Mountain Mission (India) ....	13.16
S. S. Offerings .....	30.67
Second Tithe .....	29.53
Southern Field .....	17.85
Tent & Camp-meeting Fund....	25.00
Walla Walla College .....	5.00
Weekly Offering .....	18.81
J. J. Westrup Fund .....	7.60
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$425.33</b>

EDITH STARBUCK,  
Treasurer.

**WANTED.**

A grandmother or an old lady who is a Seventh-day Adventist, to take care of two children, aged five and seven years respectively. Will be given charge of the house. The work is easy. Address,

T. J. SHAW,  
Chehalis, Wash.