



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

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"We mar our work for God by noise and bustle;
 Can we not do our part and not be heard?
 Why should we care that men should see us
 With our tools, and praise the skill with which
 we use them?
 And oftentimes we chafe and think it hard
 That we should lay our 'great' and 'costly'
 stones
 For other men to build on and get praised,
 While our names are forgotten or passed o'er."

SONS OF MINISTERS

There are some people in the world who seem to have but little respect for the son of a minister, inasmuch as they feel that they are generally hard cases, and likely will not amount to very much in the world, if they do not at last land in the state's prison or reform school.

No doubt some ministers' sons are wild and go to the bad, but the following list of ministers' sons would indicate that some at least accomplished something in the world:

Oliver Wendell Holmes, author; Edward Everett, statesman and author; John Hancock, first signer of the Declaration of Independence; Jonathan Edwards, theologian; Increase Mather, president of Harvard College; Cotton Mather, author and scholar; Geo. Bancroft, historian; Louis Agassiz, naturalist; Henry Clay, statesman and orator;

Ralph Waldo Emerson, essayist and poet; David Dudley Field, jurist; Stephen J. Field, justice U. S. Supreme Court; Cyrus W. Field, of Atlantic Cable fame; John B. Gordon, soldier and statesman; Samuel Morse, artist and inventor; Henry Ward Beecher, clergyman; James Russell Lowell, author and diplomat; Chester A. Arthur, president of United States; Joseph R. Hawley, senator; Francis Parker, historian; Henry C. Parker, clergyman; Grover Cleveland, president of United States; David J. Brewer, of United States Supreme Court; Jonathan P. Dolliver, senator; Levi P. Morton, vice-president of United States; Dr. Lyman Abbott, clergyman.

All these men of prominence were sons of ministers, and an honorable list it is.
 W. B. White.

THE CONFERENCE

The North Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists assembled at 9 a. m. January 31 in the chapel of the Walla Walla College at College Place, near the city of Walla Walla, for the opening meeting of its first biennial session. At its meeting in Portland, Oregon, in February 1906, the Pacific Union Conference, then comprising all the Pacific Coast States, was divided, the northern portion taking the name North Pacific Union, the southern portion retaining the old name. Officers elected at that time and now serving are Elder W. B. White, President; Elder A. J. Breed, Vice-president; A. G. Adams, Secretary and Auditor; C. H. Castle, Treasurer.

The territory comprises Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska. Fifty-four delegates, most of whom were present, represent the following conferences: Western Oregon, Western Washington, Upper Columbia, Southern Idaho, Montana, and the mission field of Alaska. The membership of these conferences aggregates more than 5000.

The work of the morning session, after an address of welcome by Elder G. E. Langdon, President of the Upper Columbia Conference, was the appointment of the various committees, and such preliminary business as would facilitate the work of the later meetings. A spirit of unity and harmony prevailed which bespeaks a pleasant and profitable session. Below is given a list of the various committees.

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F. S. Bunch
W. F. Martin
G. E. Langdon
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J. A. Holbrook

As we near the end of the earth's history and the conclusion of the mighty work of the third angel's message, the religious liberty issue will become more and more acute and the conflict more and more intense and terrible. It is certainly right and opportune at this time that a religious liberty program should be sent out to all our people to be carried out in all our churches on Sabbath, Feb. 1, at which time the collection for the religious liberty work will be taken. There is in this country a mighty current toward paternal and religious liberty legislation. Here in the South especially, however, is this a living issue. A great temperance tide is flooding the South and there is no question of the sincere motives of many of the noble men and women working in the temperance cause, but unfortunately closely associated with it, and in many places directly following it, there comes the false issue of Sunday and other relig-

ious legislation. To many, these seem identical, and in fact, one great issue.

Recently the writer visited a dark prison cell where the air was stifling and poisonous and one of our brethren, a missionary worker, was confined with criminals for quiet Sunday work. Brethren and sisters, there is no mere sentiment that can sustain a man in such a position. He was placed in the prison cell and suffered the penalty of the civil law simply because of his religious belief, and this shows us something of the pressure that the enemy is making to destroy freedom of thought and worship. Shall we not rally at this time and make a liberal donation to this work whose importance cannot be measured and which means so much to the intelligent and leading men of this nation, and which gives us opportunity of reaching the governors and rulers of the land as can be done in no other way? We believe there will be kings and senators, judges, and men of leading influence in the kingdoms the result of the religious liberty work, some perhaps by the generous help which will be given on Sabbath, Feb. 1st.

J. S. Washburn.

PORTLAND SANITARIUM

The past two years have been years of prosperity and blessing to this our central training-school for Medical Missionary nurses. There has not been a spasmodic wave of prosperity but we believe a steady healthful growth in confidence and earnest intelligent work.

Beside our trained or graduated nurses and other helpers we have twenty-nine young men and women, who are taking the regular course of study and practice. These are divided into three divisions viz.: first year, second year, and third year classes. We hope when they have finished their three years of preparatory study and work, they will go out into this dark world of sin and sickness as "medical missionary evangelists uniting the ministry of the word with their ministry of physical healing." Thus God's truth and his plan of healing will be made known to all nations. We praise the Lord that the health and lives of our family have been precious in his sight, and although we are living with the sick and suffering all the time and death sometimes enters our home, yet

not one of our dear nurses have been called away by death. The sanitarium has had a steady increasing patronage. The majority of our patients have been greatly helped and gone to their homes in much better health, to tell other suffering ones where they too can find relief, and learn a better way to live. Our patients have not only heard the gospel of health and been blessed physically but have also had an opportunity to hear the good news of his coming kingdom. Some we know have been converted and embraced the present truth. We could relate many interesting experiences with them in answered prayer and Bible study. We have six Bible classes a week, a weekly prayer meeting, religious service in our parlor at the beginning and close of the Sabbath, a Sabbath-school and preaching service on the Sabbath; also morning worship with helpers and patients each day. The week of prayer was observed as well as sanitarium conditions would allow. We had two special seasons of prayer each morning and one at five p. m. for all who could not attend the morning meetings. At seven-thirty p. m. we had the readings and a prayer and social service. Several of our patients attended and took part in the meetings. We believe the week of prayer was a season of refreshing to our family. The collection for missions on the last Sabbath was over one hundred dollars. Our Mt. Tabor or Sanitarium church has paid in tithe during the year 1907 \$1469.96. Our little church has responded liberally to every call for financial help. We took five hundred copies of the special Signs of the Times. We are hopeful for the future. We believe the "good hand of our God is upon us," to guide, to bless and save. We also pray that he will make us a blessing. Brethren you can help us in several ways. We believe the Portland Sanitarium a good and safe place for our people who have money they wish to loan at a fair rate of interest. The sanitarium has never yet failed to pay its obligations. The banks of Portland are not afraid to loan us money. Beside being a safe place to loan your money you will be helping the cause of God. We are glad to say many of our brethren are doing this, and we hope to soon cease paying interest to worldly banks, and pay it to our people to be used in giving the third angel's message. You

can pray for us, and speak encouraging words of our work; you can send us your young people to train for service, and recommend your sick friends and neighbors to come to this place for treatment. And so we all can work together to strengthen and build up the cause of God. "They helped every one his neighbor and every one said to his brother, be of good courage." Isa. 41:6.

Daniel Nettleton,
Pastor Portland Sanitarium.

ITEMS

Elder W. F. Martin was quite ill with the epidemic for several days.

Prof. O. K. Butler is prostrated with grippe, and Elder H. A. Washburn has also been obliged to miss some of his school work because of the prevailing trouble.

To the old teachers and students it is gratifying to see the school so well filled with earnest young men and women, preparing to reinforce the ranks now out upon the firing line.

Representatives from four of our colleges were present at the Missionary Volunteer meeting in the chapel Sabbath afternoon: old Battle Creek College, Union, Healdsburg, and Walla Walla.

Our brethren from abroad are coming in one by one. Elder R. A. Underwood arrived on Sabbath, Elder A. G. Daniells reached College Place Sunday morning, and Prof. Frederick Griggs and Brother H. H. Hall are expected in a day or two.

The Union Conference is (at the time of our going to press) in full swing. The meetings thus far have been full of good things. A spirit of harmony and brotherly love prevails, and the general opinion is that this will prove one of the most precious occasions ever enjoyed in the Pacific Northwest.

We are sorry to announce that Elder F. M. Burg was taken violently ill on

Sabbath morning, and it was found necessary to operate on him immediately. Fortunately Dr. Holden was here, and the operation for hernia was performed about 2:00 p. m. The operation was entirely satisfactory, and the patient is doing as well as could be expected.

Unfortunately an epidemic of grippe struck College Place about the time of the beginning of the Union Conference, and for a time it seemed that Elder W. B. White was going to be incapacitated for his burdens as chairman of the conference meetings. We are glad to state, however, that he was able to take his place at the opening session, and is growing stronger as the meeting progresses.

Former college teachers present at this meeting are Elder W. W. Steward, now of Southern Idaho Conference; Elder J. A. Holbrook, of Western Washington; and Elder T. H. Starbuck, of Western Oregon. Greenville Holbrook, a former business manager of the college, is also in attendance. Mrs. Lee Moran, at one time matron, is assisting Mrs. Adams to care for the large number of visitors.

Among old students of the college who are in attendance at the conference we note the following: Mr. and Mrs. Adam Schlotthauer, Elder Stewart Kime, Dr. Newton MacLafferty, Mrs. Maud Brakey Posey, Mrs. Ida Johnson Sharp, and Miss Edith Starbuck. Mr. and Mrs. Schlotthauer since leaving school have spent two years in the school in Friedensau, Germany. Elder Kime is now laboring in the Montana Conference. Dr. MacLafferty is connected with the Portland Sanitarium. Mrs. Posey is in the Bible work in Spokane, while Mrs. Sharp is associated with her husband, Elder W. W. Sharp, in city work in Seattle. Miss Starbuck is connected with the Western Oregon Conference as treasurer and secretary of Sabbath-school and young people's work.

Almost every available space was filled at the Young People's meeting Sabbath afternoon in the chapel in spite of the fact that another large meeting was in session at the same hour in the gymna-

sium. The study of the hour was conducted by Elder W. W. Steward. The burden of his remarks was the little things,—the "little foxes that spoil the tender vines." Not many of those present would ever be shut out of the kingdom because of some outbreaking crime, but because of the little sins of omission or commission,—the "little things" that we scarcely notice in the passing days of our busy lives. The speaker earnestly exhorted all to faithfulness in the minor details of every-day duties. A very interesting testimony service followed the lesson. This was conducted by Professor Cady, a great number of the young people taking part in the exercise. Many of our old students were present, which added greatly to the interest of the meeting.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER IN THE NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

Elder S. H. Kime, who is at present working in Kalispell, Northwestern Montana, writes as follows with reference to the week of prayer in his field:

"We spent the week of prayer at Kalispell and Rollins. At the latter place the brethren were much benefited by the readings. The members at Kalispell are so isolated that they were not able to attend very much of the time. At Rollins the brethren are of good courage and firm in the present truth. One person was added to the church last Sabbath, and two others are keeping the Sabbath who have not as yet united. I am at present holding a series of meetings here at Dayton. Congregations are quite small on account of so many people being sick with la grippe; still we hope for good results."

Prof. G. E. Johnson of the Meadowglade Intermediate School writes as follows with reference to the week of prayer in that place:

"Some little time previous to the week of prayer there began to be a growing interest in the work of present truth here at this place. Ten young people from the school had made up their minds to be baptized, after which a request was made to the conference for help to finish up the work. Elder Holbrook came and began meetings

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about a week previous to the week of prayer. He was joined later by Elder Burg, who together conducted a very interesting series of meetings, leading up to and nearly through the week of prayer. Many received rich blessings as the result of these efforts, and eight more,—all but one from the school,—requested baptism, making a total of seventeen students who were baptized. Others who attended the meetings, almost without exception, were greatly helped spiritually. Taken altogether, we had a very profitable season, the Spirit of the Lord coming in in a great measure, although the powers of darkness worked hard to prevent. This leaves only six or eight of the home students who have not taken their stand, but even some of these are contemplating baptism, and we hope and pray that before the year ends we will see the whole school family turned to God."

An important session of the Southern Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists has just finished its labors in this city. One act of this conference was to divide the territory of the Southern Union Conference into two nearly equal parts, one of which, comprising the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida, and the eastern halves of Kentucky and Tennessee, now takes the name of the Southeastern Union Conference; leaving Western Kentucky and Tennessee, and the States of Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana to comprise the Southern Union Conference. Elder K. C. Russell, of Washington, D. C., was chosen president of the new union conference,

and Elder G. A. Irwin, also of Washington, was chosen to the like office in the Southern Union, with C. F. McVagh as vice-president. The following named persons were chosen to act as a board of trustees for the publishing house at Nashville during the present year: G. A. Irwin, C. F. McVagh, I. A. Ford, C. P. Bollman, R. Hook, Jr., W. A. Wilcox, L. A. Smith.—The Watchman.

MONTANA CONFERENCE

ANNUAL RECEIPTS FOR 1907

TITHE	
Bozeman	\$ 1332 63
Butte	237 05
Basin	29 80
Darby	250 95
Great Falls	1103 85
Helena	509 97
Hamilton	252 50
Isolated	1330 31
Kalispell	315 41
Missoula	1158 59
Mt. Ellis	560 17
Red Lodge	238 10
Rollins	22 60
Rockvale	38 84
Stevensville	503 71
Twin Bridges	222 21
Total	\$ 8106 69

FUNDS OUTSIDE STATE

Annual Offerings	\$ 271 01
Literature for Blind	4 50
China	5 50
Fiji Islands	1 72
First-day Offerings	406 30
Harvest Ingathering	52 01
\$150,000 Fund	473 38
India	34 10
Jamaica	10 30
Levant Mission	6 30
Mission Board	9 72
Orphans & Aged	55 79
Pacific Press Relief	2 00
Religious Liberty	9 21
Spartansburg Church	4 20
Southern Work	102 51
Southern Missionary Society	25 20
Sabbath-school Offerings	618 22
Total	\$ 2091 97
Total Tithe	8106 69
Grand Total	\$ 10198 66

A. E. Everett,
Treasurer.

The following is a financial statement of the Spokane church.

RECEIPTS	
Tithe	\$ 3805 61
Trust Funds	
Annual Offerings	181 09
Colored Work	51 67
Christ's Object Lessons	1 25
First-day Offering	177 00
Kingston Church	16 87
Jamaica School	19 46
India Mountain Mission	6 76
\$150,000 Fund	213 39
New Orleans Church	1 00
Religious Liberty	13 72
Orphans and Aged	2 71
Sabbath-school Offerings	239 39
T. & M. Society	50 00
Walla Walla College Fund	92 50
Home Work	
Church-school	534 60
Church Expense	287 58
Poor Fund	36 14
Home Expense, wood	63 25
	\$5901 75

S. Yarnell,
Treasurer.

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE FUND

Received to November 1, 1907 \$7458 10
Received during November - 2248 00

Total to November 30 - \$9706 10
December Receipts

December 1-7 - - - - 324 85

December 8-15 - - - - 270 15
\$10030 95

December 16-22 - - - - 806 65
\$10301 10

December 23-31 - - - - 188 00
\$11107 75

January, 1908, Receipts
January 1-8 - - - - 1908 35

January 8-15 - - - - 1390 46
\$13204 10

January 16-23 - - - - 900 46
\$14594 56

January 24-31 - - - - 380 88
\$15495 02

\$15875 90
C. H. Castle,
Treas.