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

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### WHICH ARE YOU?

The two kinds of people on earth I mean  
Are the people who lift and the people  
who lean.

Wherever you go you will find the  
world's masses  
Are always divided in just these two  
classes.

And oddly enough, you will find, too, I  
ween,  
There is only one lifter to twenty who  
lean.

In which class are you? Are you easing  
the load

Of overtaxed lifters who toil down the  
road?

Or are you a leaner, who lets others bear  
Your portion of labor and worry and  
care?

Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

### TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Some facts demonstrated by actual figures may help us to see what is being done as compared to what should be done in the North Pacific Union Conference. We feel sure that these facts will enable our brethren and sisters to see and realize that we are not doing our full duty in the payment of tithes and offerings. But does not the great and crying need of the hour demand

that we at least pay a full tithe? Can we read the reports from our faithful missionaries in every part of the great field,—into which the Saviour has commanded that we "go" and "teach all nations,"—as they appear in the Review and Herald, and still withhold that which the Lord has said is his? But if we do this, can we reasonably expect the blessing of God upon us? The calls for help to step into openings—for missionary work coming unsolicited are so numerous that it is one continual "hurry-up call" to the Mission Board. No more do we have to go "prospecting" for openings. Doors are open everywhere. The conditions are reversed; now the problem is how to get qualified men to fill the positions.

But this is not the only great problem confronting those upon whom the great responsibility falls. The placing of more men necessitates a very great increase of funds,—tithes and offerings,—with which to send and support those who are willing to lay aside the comforts and blessings of the homeland and accept the hardships and privations of missionary life.

The North Pacific Union Conference has a membership of 5,569, and the tithe for 1907 was \$95,601.70, an average tithe per capita of \$17.16. Does it appear that this is an honest tithe? If so, we are certainly poor so far as this world's goods is concerned. But as a matter of fact there is no section of the United States more blessed with gold and silver than this great Northwest.

Our trust funds for 1907 amounted to \$23,871.73, or an average per week of eight and one-third cents per church-member. But the offerings include the

Sabbath-school offerings, and our Sabbath-school membership is much greater than our church membership, so that this must be considerably reduced.

Brethren and sisters, if we were each to pay an honest tithe and raise our offerings to ten cents per member each week, the Mission Board would not be so embarrassed to send men to the needy fields. Our faithful, overworked missionary band would be greatly encouraged; the cries for help from the perishing souls in darkness might be more quickly responded to; the lives of our brethren and sisters be prolonged in those sickly lands; we receive a blessing such as we have never in all our lives experienced; and, best of all, thereby hasten the coming of our blessed Redeemer.

Shall we read and pass it over and soon forget, or shall we put the Lord to the test, as he has invited us to do, and so hasten the fruition of our hopes? May God help us to decide, and that without delay, to do our duty to God, our fellowmen, and ourselves, and begin now,—to-day,—to pay into the treasury an honest tithe and faithful offering.

### WESTERN WASHINGTON. CONFERENCE

(Continued)

#### CHURCH-SCHOOLS

We have this year eighteen schools of this class in Western Washington, with an aggregate enrollment of about 300. This is a very large increase in both the number of schools and in attendance over any previous year. Indeed, there

there is a most enthusiastic interest among our people in the cause of Christian education. The conviction seems to be felt everywhere that we have an unavoidable and imperative duty toward our little ones to educate them for God and for his work. Our teachers are working with a will; and we are blessed this year with an exceptionally good corps of workers in the church-schools. We are erasing all question marks in this connection, and are establishing the educational work as a fixed factor in our conference. There are at present about twelve school rooms with their furnishings, valued at approximately \$2,500.

#### YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

The Y. P. V. department is being given its share of attention. Besides the time and attention that the field educational superintendent, and also the ministers, give this important matter, we have employed a corresponding secretary of the department, who is doing very much toward enlisting the interest of the young people in their spiritual good and in the great missionary field. Fifteen societies are now organized, and it is hoped that before long every young person in the field will be marching under the banner of the Y. P. V.

#### INSTITUTIONS

Aside from the intermediate schools, the conference does not own or control any institutions. Still there are within the territory, in all, seven institutions, owned and operated privately—one sanitarium, located at Port Townsend and known as the Northwestern Sanitarium; treatment rooms in four cities, viz., Seattle, Tacoma, Bellingham, and Vancouver; vegetarian cafes or restaurants in two places, Seattle and Tacoma. As far as these enterprises are operated along lines consistent with the great cause, for the advancement of which institutions of this class can only of right be established and maintained, they have the good will and co-operation of the conference and workers.

An orphans' home is also in the field, located in Tacoma or just without the city limits. It is known as the Woolsey Home, having been established by Sister Woolsey several years ago, and in the time since has shared many benefits from the city. The home is commodious and comfortable, though plainly furnished. Some fifty or more children are cared for there at present, and a good

school is conducted for their education and training.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MENTION

One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollar Fund.—It hardly seems right to place this important item under miscellaneous mention. However, I will give it the first place. It is interesting to us, as it will be doubtless to you, that the little conference west of the mountains have lifted to the extent on this effort to raise this large sum of money that the quota which properly belongs to us, about \$3,500, is raised within about \$300. If it is not all in before this conference is over, it will be very shortly, and we will share with you all in the blessing that follows where duty is done.

#### WALLA WALLA COLLEGE RELIEF

This important item can be made second only to the \$150,000. We find that we have had a little part in the good work of lifting the burden of debt from our school at College Place. We have felt good, and have rejoiced with many in this college district at the prospect of seeing the college free and in a position to do the great work that it was established to perform. There has been raised in cash and pledges on this account in Western Washington, upward of \$2,000.

F. M. Burg.

#### IN THE HEART OF AFRICA

To one conversant with the history of missions, especially with the mission work in Africa, it will be most interesting to learn that the precious truth has found its way into the "Japan of Africa," a name given to Uganda, on account of its rapid development.

Last year, when the British Union Conference decided to open a mission on the shores of Lake Victoria Nyanza, the German East African Mission consented to Brother Enns's joining Brother Carscallen in selecting the new mission site. Brother Enns had been one of our pioneer missionaries in German East Africa, and had made such good progress in mastering the African languages that he was well able to assist Brother Carscallen in starting the mission.

As the German Union Conference is anxious to extend its missionary operations, we wrote to Brother Enns that, if it were possible, we should be pleased to have him take a trip around Lake Vic-

toria Nyanza, the southern portion of which is in German territory, and thus see if there were a good opening for us. Accordingly, he took the steamer, and went down the eastern shore of the lake, stopping at a number of German ports, and visiting as many mission stations as he could, seeing what other missionaries had been able to gain in that territory. It was told him that the Catholic missionaries were not liked in their field. When we first started work in German East Africa, we had thought of going into that well-populated country, but were informed that the Catholics exercised such power that it would not be wise for us to attempt a mission there then. But it would now seem that the way is open for us, and, in view of the increased experience our workers have had, the German Union hopes to start a mission on the southern shores of the lake within the next twelve months.

Having gathered important information concerning the German territory, Brother Enns went up the west side of the lake, to Uganda proper. Arriving in Ntebe, he was kindly received by one of the English missionaries, and had an opportunity of visiting some of his teachers. One of these teachers was so impressed that his eyes filled with tears, before Brother Enns could get through telling about the truth for this time, and he desired that some of our missionaries might return to give them more light.

Then Brother Enns went to Mengo, the Uganda capital. There he was entertained by the Christian servants of Mr. Werner (the gentleman himself being absent), who made it as comfortable for him as they could. He was here eight days, and held Bible-studies every evening. No less than fourteen became so deeply interested that they requested that a missionary be sent to fully instruct and baptize them.

Thus the good seed has been sown in the hearts of a number of honest Uganda people; and we can plainly see how Ethiopia is stretching out her hands for help. Going out one day, Brother Enns met a man on the street. They had a short conversation, and Brother Enns found that this man had just come from the Catholic Mission, where he had been attending the prayer service, and that he was one of the waiters in the royal palace. Brother Enns had an interesting talk with him, and before they got through, tears ran down this man's cheeks, too, and he desired more light.

Brother Enns was invited to call on the regent, and the two young Christian princes,—Kabaka, who is eleven years of age, and his brother. These children are both well educated, and Brother Enns writes that they appear to be Christians, heart and soul. He was also requested to see Pastor Henry Wright, who seemed much interested in the work. The regent asked Brother Enns to supper, and desired our people to establish a medical mission in the province of Chagwe. They have been waiting for a hospital there for a long time. The same request was also extended to us by the Government physician. Brother Enns also had a pleasant visit with Bishop Tucker, and was invited, with him, next day to dine with Mr. Hardsley.

Brother Enns gives a very interesting account of the few weeks' trip around this lake in the very heart of Africa. We see that honest souls are everywhere. Naturally, as they more or less have learned to read, and have the Bible in their own language, there is a wonderful opening before us. Now, as we are invited to commence medical work there, we surely ought to take steps soon; and still more means ought to be raised that we may enter upon that work.

There seems no question whatever that, if we as a people take hold of the work there as we should, we shall not only reap many souls in the "Japan of Africa," but we shall also find that this land sustains the same relation to Africa that such countries as Germany, England, Scandinavia, Switzerland, etc., have borne to the other parts of Europe. How much good could be done if our medical workers could heed that call, and constrained by the love of Christ, and actuated by a real missionary spirit, enter the work there! How blessed it would be, too, if those who have sufficient means would now, in this most favorable time, give of their abundance to forward the work here.

Today we see the Gentiles coming to the light God has given us. Princes and governors are coming to the brightness of its rising glory. What we need is to lift up our eyes; and as they gather themselves together to come unto us, and call from afar, oh, that our hearts may be enlarged, and that we may truly arise and shine so that God's work may speedily be finished! Let us remember our workers in dark Africa, both in our offerings and in our prayers.

L. R. Conradi.

### THE RIGHT THING AT THE RIGHT TIME

You are doubtless more or less familiar with the great conflict that is now taking place between the cause of temperance and the liquor traffic. The liquor organizations see that great strides are being made by the temperance people, and they are rallying their forces and urging them on to prepare for the greatest struggle that has ever been undertaken by the two forces.

A testimony has been sent out recently from the pen of Sister White calling upon every Seventh-day Adventist to show his colors at this time and to co-operate with the W. C. T. U. in their work for temperance.

A letter has just come to my desk from the Watchman stating that they are getting out a special number on the subject of temperance, to be ready about the first of May. This issue of the Watchman will represent our denomination on the temperance question against this soul-destroying traffic. The W. C. T. U. are pushing the temperance reform on its own merits, pure and simple, apart from any religious legislation whatever. This opens the way for us to work for them in this most needed reform. We ought to let them and the world know that we are really what we are,—a thoroughly temperance people,—and that we are in full sympathy with their work so far as the cause of temperance is concerned. It will give us a standing with them that may be of value to us in the future. In addition to this, a strong crusade for temperance by all our people in the United States will be the means of accomplishing untold good to our own people, as well as to others.

By our tract society placing an order for 5,000 copies of this special temperance Watchman, we secure them at one cent per copy, postpaid, and will mail them to any one for the same, in lots of twenty-five or more.

Send to-day for a large supply of this special temperance number. Induce as many others to join with you as possible. Order through the Upper Columbia Tract Society, to secure these rates.

G. E. Langdon.

### NAVAL EDITION OF THE SIGNS

Attention has already been called to the fact that the Signs of the Times

under date of May 13 is to be a "Naval Number" with illuminated cover.

On the first page there will be a portrait of Vice-Admiral Evans, commander of the fleet, in full dress uniform, surrounded by an emblematical border.

On the last page of the cover there will be a large half-tone engraving of the entire battleship fleet, with the flagship, "Connecticut" in the center.

The cover will be printed in photo-brown ink and will present a very attractive appearance.

Many will purchase this number just for the beautiful engravings it contains; but they are not the most important part of the paper by any means, for its pages will be filled with soul-stirring truths for this time presented in the most forceful and attractive manner, and it is to be hoped that a spirit of inquiry will be awakened in the hearts of many which will lead them into the truth.

The third page of the cover will contain advertisements of our leading books, pamphlets, and tracts, so that those who wish to read further on any subject will know where to send.

The California Conference alone expects to sell from forty to fifty thousand copies of this number.

This great "Naval" edition gives us another opportunity to place the truth in the hands of the people in an attractive form.

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Single copies	10 cents
25 to 100 copies	3 cents
100 copies and over	2-12 cents

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Address your state tract society, or Signs of the Times, Mountain View, California.

### AN INSTANCE OF GOD'S SPECIAL CARE

The following experience of a blind brother in Perth was forwarded to us. It is a marked fulfillment of the text, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him, and delivereth them."

This blind brother was returning home from the teacher's meeting late in

the afternoon of December 28, and was put into the train for East Perth his destination. He got into a carriage by himself, knowing that he was to get out at the first station. When the train stopped, he tried hard to open the door but failing, whistled and shouted for assistance, all in vain,—no one would come to his aid. Just as the train started, an express dashed by. At the next stop he alighted and offered excess fare, but was astonished to find that he was at East Perth, and had not been over-carried as he supposed. His train had been stopped before reaching the station to let an express pass, and had he succeeded in getting the door open, he doubtless would have been dashed to pieces by this passing train. He confidently believes that an angel held the door, as he experienced no trouble whatever in opening it when he came into the station.

This brother related this experience at the quarterly meeting of the Perth Church, and all united in praising God for his deliverance. He has had many evidences of God's special care for him. Although blind he is an active missionary worker.—Union Conf. Record.

## SOUTHERN IDAHO

### THE CAMP-MEETING

We wish to write you again concerning our camp-meeting. Elder W. B. White informs me that if our meeting is held May 13-20 he can be with us, but if held at a later date it will conflict with some other meetings in the Union. It is very necessary that Elder White, president of our Union Conference, attend this meeting. We regret very much that we are not able to fix a date to accommodate all of our people, for this is a very important meeting. Much will be lost by those who fail to attend. Let all begin to plan now to attend and earnestly seek God to remove difficulties. Remember brethren, that our God is a mighty God. "Let us attempt great things for God, and expect great things from God." Come to this meeting bringing the Lord with you.

Let all the churches remember to elect their delegates. You are entitled to one delegate for the organization, and one for each ten members. We shall need much wisdom, counsel and consecration to lay broad plans for the advancement

of God's work. Remember the watchword, "The Third Angel's Message to the world in this generation."

W. W. Steward.

The nucleus for a church organization is being formed at American Falls, Idaho, several families of our people settling in and around there.

### BAKER CITY

Sister Stuller has had a very interesting and encouraging experience among the Jewish population circulating Elder F. C. Gilbert's tract. Several of the wealthy ladies gave her a cordial welcome and a hearty invitation to call again.

Elder H. W. Oliver has been holding meetings at Heyburn, where he reports a good interest. He was reviewed and challenged to debate by a Josephite Mormon elder, but refused the challenge and closed his meetings for the present. The people then refused to hear further from the Mormon on the subject, closing the house against more controversy. Brother Oliver left a monthly appointment and will pursue the work with literature and house to house work.

If it had not been that the Lord is on our side, my heart would have failed me the morning I began canvassing in Boise. In my house-to-house work it has been my aim to place some of our literature in all the homes of the people. If not successful in getting an order for a large publication I give a tract and ask God's blessing upon the seeds of truth thus sown.

There are souls among us who are longing for light. Let your light shine. If you do this the canvasser can do more effectual work in your neighborhood.

Byron A. Meeker.

### UNION

At present I am stopping with Sister Ames assisting in caring for her place. I am glad to write that she is much improved now after being quite ill for some time.

I visit other places occasionally. Have met with the La Grande church where Brother E. O. Sanders has been doing

some good work midst opposition from the Methodist Minister.

The church-school is progressing nicely and will continue up to the camp-meeting time.

The Grande Ronde Valley is being rapidly filled up with Mormon people who are coming in by the hundred. Every vacant house in Union is taken and in some two or three families are living. Merry-making and dancing are held in the church every Friday evening which appears as a part of their religious services. I praise the Lord for the truth, so let us be faithful.

E. E. Smith.

The following shows the amounts of tithes and offerings received to December 31, 1907. This is a record of a little over five months for our newly organized conference.

TITHE	
Baker City	\$ 322.07
Blackfoot	203.62
Boise	1102.65
Cambridge	268.12
Caldwell	1216.18
Cove	127.43
Elgin	26.85
Halfway	114.45
Individual	49.55
La Grande	175.66
Meridian	143.80
Mountain Home	32.00
Ontario	80.88
Parma	272.95
Twin Falls	50.25
Union	270.96
Wallowa	61.86
	4519.28

DONATIONS	
Sanitarium Fund	\$ 2.50
Work in India	10.50
Annual Offerings	281.79
Tent Fund	174.66
College Debt Fund	97.50
China Work	7.55
Foreign Missions	17.96
First-day Offering	76.98
Religious Liberty	16.01
S.S. Donations	243.69
Southern Field	206.85
Mid-summer offering	10.25
\$ 150,000 Fund	122.75
Nyassaland Mission	1.75
	1270.74

The impression is becoming quite common that the sacred disposition of the tithe no longer exists. Many have

lost their sense of the Lord's requirements.

The tithe is sacred, reserved by God for himself. It is to be brought into his treasury to be used to sustain the gospel laborers in their work. For a long time the Lord has been robbed, because there are those who do not realize that the tithe is the Lord's reserved portion.

Let us remember that God is a God of justice and equity. There would to-day be many more ministers in the field, but they are not encouraged to labor. Many workers have gone into their graves heart-broken, because they had grown old, and could see they were looked upon as a burden. But had they been retained in the work, and given an easy place, with a whole or part of their wages, they might have accomplished much good. During their term of labor these men have done noble work. They felt so heavy a burden for souls that they had no desire to be relieved of overwork. The heavy burdens borne shortened their lives. The widows of these ministers are never to be forgotten, but should if necessary be paid from the tithe.

Read carefully the third chapter of Malachi, and see what God says about the tithe. If our churches will take their stand upon the Lord's word, and be faithful in paying their tithe into his treasury, his laborers will be encouraged to take up ministerial work. More men would give themselves to the ministry were they not told of the depleted treasury. There should be an abundant supply in the Lord's treasury, and there would be if selfish hearts and hands had not made use of the tithe to support other lines of work. God's reserved resources are to be used in no such haphazard way. The tithe is the Lord's, and those who meddle with it will be punished with the loss of their heavenly treasure, unless they repent. The opening of new fields requires more ministerial efficiency than we now have; there must be means in the treasury.

Ellen G. White.

### UPPER COLUMBIA SPOKANE

After returning from the Union Conference, we rented a hall in Hillyard, a suburb of the city, and began a series of meetings. The attendance has not been

large, but very encouraging because the same people came regularly. The people showed a deep interest from the beginning, and we felt sure that many of the people had honest hearts. They soon began to drop questions into a box we had prepared. This showed that they were interested. There has been a special manifestation of the Spirit of God in the meetings continually. The message, as far as the human instrument was concerned, has been given in weakness, yet it seemed to reach the people in power. We give God all the glory, for he sent the Holy Spirit to witness to the truth presented. God's Spirit has been working in an unusual way on the honest in heart and causing them to be dissatisfied with their past experience and making them hunger and thirst after something better. We are coming in contact with more of this class of people than ever before. We believe this is an evidence that God has at last begun to make a quick work and to cut it short in righteousness. This strengthens our hope and gladdens our hearts. We are consecrating ourselves daily to God, that he may use us in righteousness to hasten to this generation the glad tidings of our Saviour's return.

The meetings have been in progress one month. At the end of two weeks some gave themselves to God. The revival spirit accompanied the preaching of the testing truths as well as on other subjects. God's Spirit directed in all this, and through him souls have been converted, and to him be all the praise. Up to the present time twelve honest souls have accepted present truth. These are all adults, except one. Some among them promise to make splendid workers in the cause. Others are interested, and we feel sure some of them will take their stand soon.

A large portion of the above results is due to Bible-readings previously given by our Bible-worker.

We are of good courage, yet feel incompetent to do the work before us.

Brethren, pray for the work in Spokane.

L. A. Gibson,  
R. H. Wipe,  
Maude Posey.

There is no virtue in tribulations, but the virtue is in the grace of God supplied to every believing, trusting, humble child of God, while in this world of sin and sorrow.

### DAVENPORT, WASH., AND COEUR D'ALENE, IDA.

Since my last report in the Gleaner, I have been laboring in Davenport, Wash., most of the time. Going there in January, I did house-to-house work, using the Family Bible Teacher, the Signs, and tracts. I attended our splendid Union Conference meeting at College Place, returning again to Davenport. I found much prejudice on the part of a large number of people; still, many others were ready and willing to study the truth. After a few short visits with those who would read, the way began to open to hold Bible-readings. I soon had all I could do in this line. As to the results, no doubt the future will tell. The seeds of truth have been sown, and several are studying the truth with interest. One lady took a firm stand on all points of truth before I came away, and her husband is under deep conviction. Another very prominent lady is almost persuaded. We started a Sabbath-school with from seven to nine in attendance each Sabbath. The school is conducted after the "Home Department" plan, in the home of Sister McBride.

At Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, I found a splendid interest, created by the faithful work of Brother Stopher in placing our books in the hands of the people. One young man and wife have lately taken hold of the truth, and several other families are deeply interested. This shows what a splendid work our subscription books are doing. Brother Stopher is still there. He is now selling Liberty in the city. Thus it is that one sows and another waters, but the Lord gives the increase. Our meetings were quite well attended, with a good outside interest.

Personally, I enjoyed much of God's blessing, and am of good courage.

C. K. Hoover.

### CONVENTION REPORT

To our brethren and sisters of Upper Columbia Conference we announce that we have on hand a fresh supply of the Report of the Mount Vernon, Ohio, Convention. These we should like to see go out to those who would be benefited by them. This Report is the only Sabbath-school and Young People's manual which we have at the present time. In

it will be found all the late rulings for these departments; and we might say that the advanced thought of the denomination along the line of these important branches of our work is embodied in the resolutions, papers, talks, and discussions found in the pages of this pamphlet. It is good for everybody, but it should especially be in the hands of Sabbath-school workers and those who are interested in the Missionary Volunteer movement. This should include a large class.

Send ten cents to the Upper Columbia Tract Society for it.

Helen C. Conard.

### "BOOST"

"Boost for a city park" is a bold headline seen in a city daily paper. That was an invitation for every one to lift and render help in a definite way to secure a city park. One could not do it, several would find it a great task, but by every citizen helping a little, sufficient means would be raised to accomplish the desired result, without any overexertion on the part of any.

Now why not each and every subscriber to the Gleaner determine to get one other subscription to this little Union Conference paper and send the name and address, with fifty cents, to Box 429, Walla Walla? The editorial committee are anxious to put out a bright, newsy paper, brimful of such things as our people are interested in. To accomplish this we need the sympathy and co-operation of all our people; lay members and workers, canvassers, teachers, and ministers. Then we want the paper to enter the home of every Seventh-day Adventist in this Union Conference. One can not make a success of this work, two or three can do but little better, but each one by doing just a little can "boost" the good work along. No one will need to make a great effort, but success is sure to result from a united effort. Let us all try it, and the result will be published. With a membership of 5,569, a subscription list of 1,000 would be a very conservative number, hardly sufficient to supply every home. Forty-eight subscriptions per month for nine months would bring the list to 1,000, if all would renew so that we were to lose none.

### CANVASSING NOTES

Let all remember the date of the Montana institute, April 20 to May 6.

The sales for "Field Day," Thursday, March 26, at Laurelwood were \$93. The Lord is truly blessing the faithful efforts of our consecrated canvassers.

The institute at the Forest Home School closed Thursday the 2d. It closed two days early, owing to the opening of the college institute, April 6. A report of this meeting will appear later.

Tuesday, March 31, was "Field Day" at Forest Home. The reported sales for about four hours' work were \$135.75. When we consider the fact that most of the workers were inexperienced, and that the territory had been worked several times of late, we think that this day's work was a remarkable record.

From present indications, the institute which opened at the college April 6 will be the best we have yet held at this place. A more complete report will follow. Should there be others who still desire to attend, it will not be too late even after this issue of the Gleaner reaches its readers. It will continue for three weeks, so come along and join us. We may have the best of the wine at the last of the feast.

Carl E. Weeks.

### MEMORIZING SCRIPTURE

An Arab chieftain once said to his boy: "My son; hasten thou to the spring and bring me a basket of water." The boy went, but always before he could return to the tent the water leaked out, until at length he came back to his father and said, "Although I repeatedly filled the basket, the water would not stay." Then his father, taking the basket, said, "My son, what you say is true. The water did not stay; but you see how clean and pure the basket is. So it will be with your heart. You may not be able to remember all the precepts you hear, but to keep trying to treasure them will make your heart pure and fit for heavenly use."

Is not this true as regards committing to memory parts of the Bible? Although the mind may not be able always to retain all of the choice, rare passages, if they are allowed to even pass through the mind, they leave, like the crystal water a cleansing effect, preparing the heart for the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and making it fit, also, for heavenly use.

Let us, then, I repeat, see to it that our boys and girls and little children commit to memory the golden text, the choicest Psalms, and such verses as have in them power to overcome sin, give hope in time of doubt, solace in hours of affliction, thus becoming, as it were a garment for the soul, which shall forever clothe, protect, and shield.—Sel.

### FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE

The learned Prince of Granada, heir to the Spanish throne, imprisoned by order of the crown, for fear he should aspire to the throne, was kept in solitary confinement in the old prison at the "Place of Skulls," Madrid. After thirty-three years in this living tomb, death came to release him, and the following remarkable researches, taken from the Bible, and marked with an old nail on the rough walls of his cell, told how the brain sought employment through the weary years:—

"In the Bible the word 'Lord' is found 1,853 times; the word 'Jehovah,' 6,855 times, and the word 'reverend' but once, and that is in the ninth verse of the 111th Psalm. The eight verse of the 117th Psalm is the middle verse of the Bible. The ninth verse of the eighth chapter of Esther is the longest verse, the thirty-fifth verse of the eleventh chapter of St. John the shortest. In the 107th Psalm four verses are alike. No names or words with more than six syllables are found in the Bible. The thirty-seventh chapter of Isaiah and the nineteenth chapter of Second Kings are alike. The word 'girl' occurs but once in the Bible, and that is in the third verse of the third chapter of Joel. There are found in both books of the Bible 3,586,483 letters, 773,693 words, 31,373 verses, 1,189 chapters, and 66 books. The twenty-sixth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles is the finest chapter to read. The most beautiful chapter in the Bible is the twenty-third Psalm. The four

most inspiring promises are in John, fourteenth chapter and second verse; twenty-eight verse; and thirty-seventh verse; St Matthew, eleventh chapter and twenty-eighth verse, and thirty-seventh Psalm, fourth verse. The first verse of the sixtieth chapter of Isaiah is the one for the new convert. All who flatter themselves with vain boastings of their perfectness should learn the sixth chapter of Matthew. All humanity should learn the sixth chapter of St. Luke, from the twentieth verse to its ending." —Washington Herald.

### CHRISTIANITY A WARFARE

He who would be most like Christ must pay the cost. If a furnace be needed to purify and brighten you, do not shirk the furnace. Patience is an admirable grace; but it is not oftenest worn by those who walk on the sunny side of the street in silver slippers. It is usually the product of head-winds and hard fights, of crosses carried, and of steep hills climbed on the road to life. "The trial of your faith worketh patience." So it is with all the noblest traits of a robust, healthy, and symmetrical character. No man is rocked into godliness in a hammock. Christ offers you no free ride to the kingdom in a cushioned parlor-car. John Bunyan sent his sturdy "pilgrim" to the celestial city on foot; and some pretty rough walking and hard conflicts did he encounter before the pearly portals welcomed him to the streets of flashing gold. His piety was self-denying, steadfast, and uncompromising; he relished even the stiff severities of duty, and was never coddled with confectionaries. Self-indulgence is the besetting sin of the times; but if you long to be a strong, athletic Christian, you must count the cost. It will cost you the cutting up of some old favorite sins by the roots, and cutting loose from some entangling alliances, and some sharp set-tos with the tempter; it will cost you the submitting of your will to the will of Christ.

—Dr. T. L. Cuyler.

Why cannot some people see the spirituality of God's law? Answer — "Spiritual things are spiritually discerned." We must be "born of the spirit" to discern spiritual things.

### RESOLUTIONS

PASSED AT THE SESSION OF THE NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE HELD AT COLLEGE PLACE, WASH., JAN. 31 TO FEB. 9, 1908 .

(Continued)

8. Resolved, That we express our grateful appreciation to Elder H. W. Decker, the officers of the North Pacific Union, and to our brethren who responded so nobly to the call for means to free Walla Walla College from its burden of debt.

Be it therefore resolved, That we, the officers and people of our several conferences, give our North Pacific Union Conference brethren our hearty support by doing what we can to help complete this work at an early date, and that we do not relax our efforts until our purpose is consummated.

9. Whereas, Our beloved brother, Elder J. W. Bartlett, of the Upper Columbia Conference, who has long been connected with the work of preaching the third angel's message, has been removed from our midst by death; and while we sympathize deeply with his aged companion and other members of his family in their great loss, we bow in humble submission to him who has the destiny of all his faithful laborers in his hands.

10. Whereas, The Lord has gone before this people, opening doors in all nations; so that there is opportunity to teach the truths of the third angel's message to all the world; and,

Whereas, The funds received by the Mission Board are not sufficient to warrant the enlargement of our missionary operations as the providence of God seems to demand; therefore,

Resolved: (1) That we pledge ourselves to endeavor to greatly increase the donations to foreign missions;

(2) That we undertake to raise for foreign mission work an amount equal to ten cents per week per capita for our church membership;

(3) That we assume the responsibility of collecting the above specified sum of money in our territory and forwarding the same month by month to the Mission Board treasury;

(4) That in the union conference a missionary secretary be appointed whose work it shall be to write articles for the papers, hold public meetings, and correspond with individuals and churches

in helping to raise this large foreign mission donation;

(5) That for the present we favor the Sabbath-school donations and the annual and midsummer offerings of each conference being applied to the above fund to make the average of ten cents per week for each church-member;

(6) That in each church a person be elected by the church to be known as the missionary secretary, whose duty it shall be to take charge of the distribution and collection of the missionary envelopes, and to in every way encourage the church in systematic giving for foreign missions.

11. Whereas, The Scriptures teach that the tithe is reserved by the Lord for the gospel ministry; and,

Whereas, The union and local conferences in the United States recognize the importance (and duty) of sharing the tithes with the mission fields of the world; and,

Whereas, It is evident from the amount of tithes reported by different conferences that our funds for mission fields would be largely increased if a full tithe were paid by all the members in our conferences; therefore,

Resolved, That a special appeal be made by every conference to the officers of all the churches to give this matter personal, prayerful attention until they are assured that every member is paying a true tithe to the cause.

12. We approve of the recent action of the officers of the General Conference Publishing Department recommending the publication of a subscription edition of Ministry of Healing at \$2.00; it being understood that said action does not prevent the use of the \$1.50 edition as a relief book.

13. We recommend to the state tract societies the payment by them of the fares of student-canvassers from school to the field assigned them, upon the following conditions:

(a) The student must pass a satisfactory examination as to his knowledge of his book and method of presenting it.

(b) He must agree to spend not less than two months in faithful, systematic work in the field to which he is assigned.

(c) He must sign the regular Salesman's Contract.

14. Whereas, There are scattered over our territory many small church buildings which are in danger of drifting into

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the world or private hands, in consequence of the removal or death of the Sabbath-keeping members who have built and sustained them;

Therefore, We urge our state conference officers to give careful attention to the legal status of these properties and where necessary advise that for safety the title be vested in either the local conference or Union Conference Legal Association.

15. Resolved, That we as delegates and visitors assembled in this first biennial session of the North Pacific Union Conference hereby express our confidence and faith in the great fundamental truths of the third angel's message to which we are devoting our lives, and hereby covenant together to keep faith, courage, and love bright on the altars of our hearts, and also do what we can to encourage these blessed graces in the hearts of all our people; further,

Resolved, That we hereby publicly express our confidence in the present plans of organization of this work and in our brethren who are called to leading and responsible positions in the same; and that while firmly adhering to organization, system, and order, we will also sustain by our means and prayers our work in home and foreign lands; also our leading men, both at home and abroad, who are called to heavy and wearing labor in connection with the development of the work among all nations.

16. Whereas, There is a great dearth of properly qualified teachers for our church-schools, the present demand far exceeding the supply; and,

Whereas, The greater proportion of our churches are yet unprovided with schools; therefore,

We recommend: (1) That we approve

## CANVASSING DEPARTMENT

### UPPER COLUMBIA

MONTH ENDING MARCH 28, 1908

Name	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Total Value
Chas. W. Gibson	Gt. Con.	148	56	\$34 50	\$169 25
Viola G. Vesey	Heralds	98	59	35 75	126 75
Totals		246	115	\$70 25	\$296 00

### MONTANA

MONTH ENDING MARCH 31, 1908

A. V. Oliver	37	10	\$75 25	\$105 25
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of the steps taken by Walla Walla College Board to establish a normal department in connection with that institution.

(2) That the Union Conference Committee be authorized to assist the college in providing a suitable building and facilities for normal training work.

(3) That a summer normal session be held for six weeks at the most favorable period during the summer vacation, and that the Union Conference, state conferences, and Walla Walla College arrange in meeting the expenses of the summer normal.

(4) That our local conferences seek out, encourage, and if necessary assist suitable persons to take a normal training, with the view of teaching in our church-schools.

(To be continued)

## NOTICE

Let all remember the date of our Walla Walla institute April 6-25. There are many, I believe, among our churches who should attend this institute and prepare for this branch of God's work. He has plainly said that "this work is to be revived," that "where there is one in the field there should be one hundred." Where are the ninety and nine? They must be somewhere in our ranks. If the Lord is speaking to you, my brother, my sister, telling you by his spirit that you should enter the field, come and join us at the institute and prepare to enter the field.

Remember the date, April 6-25.

Those desiring to attend should write immediately to A. D. Guthrie, College Place, Wash.

Carl E. Weeks.

## NOTICE

The first annual session of the Southern Idaho Conference will be held on the camp-ground at Caldwell, Idaho, May 13-20, 1908, for the election of officers, the transaction of business, and such other matters as may come before the conference.

The churches in the conference will please make a note of this and elect delegates to this session. Each church is entitled to one delegate for the organization, and one delegate for each ten members. We hope all of our brethren and sisters will plan early to attend this meeting. Let none fail to do so who can reasonably be present.

The matter of tent rent will be as usual: tents 10x12, \$2.00; 12x14, \$2.50. Pasture will be provided for those who may desire to come by team, and such other accommodations will be furnished on the ground as are usually repaid at such gatherings.

W. W. Steward, Pres.

## BRIEFS

He that "taketh up a reproach against his neighbor," shall not enter into the heavenly city. Those who receive or endure a reproach, an evil report, shall not be received into the holy city. Ps. 15. Brethren and sisters be careful how you listen to evil reports about each other as well as to repeat such.

Many professing Christians are sad, and murmur amidst their trials and tribulations, but as soon as the tribulations are past rejoice greatly. Any sinner can do this; it is the Christian and the Christian only who can rejoice amidst tribulations.