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"Put ye in the sickle.

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for the harvest is ripe"

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LIVE IN THE SUNSHINE

Live in the sunshine, don't live in the gloom,
Carry some gladness the world to illumine.
Live in the brightness, and take this to heart,
The world will be gay if you'll do your part.

Live on the housetop, not down in the cell;
Open-air Christians live nobly and well.
Live where the joys are, and scorning defeat,
Have a good morrow for all whom you meet.

Live as a victor, and triumphing go
Through this queer world, beating down every
foe.

Live in the sunshine, God meant it for you.
Live as the robins, and sing the day through.
—Selected.

NOTES OF TRAVEL

On arriving at Los Angeles, Cal., we went at once to our vegetarian restaurant at 257 South Hill Street for our breakfast. Here we met our old-time friend, E. G. Fulton, who for a number of years had charge of the vegetarian cafe in San Francisco. After their house and business were destroyed in the great fire, he took charge of the work in Los Angeles. A great change had taken place in the restaurant in this city since we were there last, and we hardly knew how to proceed in order to get our

breakfast, for Brother Fulton was now conducting a cafeteria instead of a cafe. Under the new system, as you enter you go to the farther corner of the room, take a tray, plates, cup, saucer, knife, fork, napkin, etc., then passing by a long counter where are displayed many tempting dishes, you select what you wish to eat, and after paying for the same at so much per dish, you take your tray to a table, eat your meal, and depart satisfied. A waiter gathers up the dishes and carries them to the kitchen. Each person is his own waiter, and none are employed in the dining room. The manager told us that the plan met with favor among the people, and that sometimes they would serve 1,000 meals in a single day.

Here we met during the day H. H. Hall, of the Pacific Press; Eld. G. Reaser, president of the Southern California Conference; Dr. Kay, and other workers, with whom we spent a few very profitable hours in counsel with reference to the great work in which we are all engaged. Los Angeles is a great city, and is rapidly growing. It is visited by thousands of tourists from all parts of the world every year. Toward evening, in company with H. H. Hall and E. G. Fulton, we proceeded to Loma Linda Sanitarium, near Redlands, Cal., where we stayed one night. Here we met many old friends with whom we had been acquainted in former days, among which were Elder Luther Warren and wife, Elder J. A. Burden and wife, Brother Nelson, the business manager, Brother John Nichols, the engineer, and Drs. Leadworth, Abbott, and White. Our stay of a few hours at this lovely spot with all these kind friends

was greatly appreciated by us and thoroughly enjoyed.

Since our last visit some very decided improvements have been made at Loma Linda. A large, nice dormitory has been built, three stories high, which contains the bath rooms, doctor's office, and many rooms for students and helpers. It is well built, and is a decided improvement to the sanitarium. A small but well-built food factory has also been constructed, near the railroad station, and will soon be open for the manufacture of different articles of food.

Here again we saw the beautiful orange groves with their golden fruit, and had the pleasure of again eating the fruit from the tree.

Quite a large school is in operation at Loma Linda, and the plan is to make this an educational center for the training of medical missionary evangelists. The spirit of prophecy is giving some quite definite instruction on this point, and those in charge feel desirous of following the light given. The institution is enjoying a fair patronage, and last year made a slight gain above its expenses.

We spent one day here; then taking train at Redlands Junction we started on our long journey of over 1,900 miles for New Orleans. Traveling across these great deserts is quite monotonous and tiring, and we were glad when we reached New Orleans, Thursday night, April 2. At El Paso our train paused for an hour, and at San Antonio two and one-half hours, giving us a little time to look over these cities.

One day while riding through New Mexico we came near to what seemed to be a large, beautiful river, about

three-quarters of a mile away, which we followed for hours. It looked broad and deep, was dotted with islands, and for an hour from the car window I enjoyed the scenery; and, thinking it was the Rio Grande River, which is the boundary line between Texas and Mexico, I asked a gentleman if I was right. Imagine my surprise when he told me that what I had been seeing for an hour was no river at all, that the Rio Grande was three hundred miles away, and that I had been entirely deceived by a mirage. It was a complete deception, and one I shall never forget.

Thursday evening, April 2, we reached New Orleans, and were met at the station by Miss Anna Horton, daughter of Elder S. B. Horton, who conducted us to their hospitable home, where we remained during our stay in the city.

Of our stay in this place we will speak in another article.

W. B. White.

[By an oversight, the article that should follow this was printed last week.]

GROWTH

This is the magic time of growth. Every clod of the valley, every tree and shrub, is sending out reminders of summer to delight the eye and enthrall the senses.

"Whether we look or whether we listen,
We hear life murmur, we see it glisten.
Every clod feels a thrill of might,

An instinct within it that reaches and
towers,

And, groping blindly above it for light,
Springs to a soul in grass and flowers."

It is not alone in the inanimate creation that God looks for growth. "Nature never stands still, nor souls either." Consciously or unconsciously, we are always growing or deteriorating. It seems to me, we should make sure we are growing.

When we plant good seed in the earth, it will grow if the conditions are right. It is the gardener's task to prepare the soil, to provide the fertilizer and the moisture, and to prune the growing plant. And did you ever stop to think how the plant never seems to resist the intelligence of the gardener, but responds to every effort put forth for its development? Is it growing too

rapidly, with weak roots and a puny stalk? The extra growth is pruned back, and, though the plant seems shorn of its beauty, it strikes its roots deeper into the moist earth, the stalk takes on one strong fiber after another, and a noble plant is developed after the plan of the master mind.

We are plants in the garden of the Lord. Fast-occurring events show us the time of full fruitage is very near. As we look at our lives we are overwhelmed at the thought of the little growth we have made in all the years of our Christian experience, and can we hope to attain perfection in the few remaining days?

Can we not learn lessons from our growing plants? Suppose we, like they, yield ourselves wholly into the care of our Gardener. The soil may not suit us, our surroundings may not appear to us as conducive to growth, and the work given us may seem to repress and hinder development; but all this is the Gardener's business, and he will supply all that is needed to make us grow just where he has placed us.

I know a valley out in the mountains where the soil is exceedingly poor. There is no water, and it produces hardly grass enough to cover the gravel. But early in the spring the mountain daisies begin to push themselves up between the rocks into the sunshine, and they soon throw out great clusters of pink and white and purple, far more beautiful than I have seen elsewhere. They don't seem to mind their surroundings; they only grow, and because they grow they blossom and make that valley a delight through all the spring months.

And that makes me think of something I heard at prayer-meeting last night. We are all anxious to blossom and bear fruit, but have you noticed that flowers and fruit come naturally to the growing plant? They are the result of life in it; and it will be the same with us. "The branch can not bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine." "He that hath the Son hath life." With the life of Christ in us, we can no more help bearing fruit than can the apple tree.

I know there are sad things and hard things in all our lives, but these are strengthening to us. The lone pine on the mountain side is more sturdy than his forest brother. Even the rough March wind blowing over the flowers

causes them to push their roots deeper down into the soil, with fairer flowers as the result.

"The heavier cross, the heartier prayer;
The bruised herbs most fragrant are.
If wind and wave were always fair,
The sailor would not watch the star.
And David's psalms had ne'er been sung
If David's heart had ne'er been wrung."

Let us watch our growing plants and learn precious lessons from them.

Nettie G. White.

A NEGLECTED HOME MISSION FIELD

Shortly before D. L. Moody's death I heard him say that the prisons of America were the best mission field in existence and he intended to devote the rest of his days largely to that field of work and regretted that he had not discovered its great needs long ago.

God, in his providence, has brought it about so that this mission field has for years been thrown open almost exclusively to us, and has wonderfully blessed the efforts that have been made to enter it.

The meanest men are not by any means all in prison. The average man in prison has found out that the way of the transgressor is hard and is hungering for the truth that makes men free indeed. As an illustration: One man in the Colorado prison has accepted the truth, is studying all phases of it earnestly, so that he may go as a missionary to the Spanish-speaking field at the expiration of his sentence. An Indian in the Kansas prison saw the Bible we sent there, for the first time in his life, and has been sincerely converted and expects to go as a missionary to his own tribe at the expiration of his sentence.

Space forbids mentioning the hundreds of inspiring examples of how God is blessing this Gospel effort for the prisoners. The May number of the Life Boat will be our ninth annual Special Prisoner's number. Enlist the interest of your friends in helping to supply the men in your state prison. The chaplain of the Ohio Penitentiary writes: "No publication that reaches the prison is more eagerly looked for, or is read with more eagerness. When the magazine is read by one it is passed on to another prisoner, and so is kept on the go until

its useful mission ends in worn-out paper."

This is only a sample of similar letters that we have received from almost every prison official in America, showing how appreciatively they look to us to furnish spiritual meat to the men under their charge.

Donations may be sent to the Life Boat, Hinsdale, Ill., or to your tract society, specifying that it is to be used to supply your state prison.

David Paulson M. D.

CHURCH DISCIPLINE

Let none speak lightly of the duty of the church to administer censure and rebuke; neither let them criticize the action of the church when this painful task becomes necessary. Christ has given plain instruction regarding the duty of the church toward those who while professing to be loyal members, are bringing dishonor to the cause of God by their course of action. "Every plant, which my Heavenly Father hath not planted," he says, "shall be rooted up." God has commanded that those who prove themselves unworthy of church-fellowship shall be separated from his body. Those who speak against the exercise of this authority, speak against the authority of Christ.

The one who first brought temptation into the courts of heaven is constantly working against the peace and prosperity of the church on earth. To those who will listen to his words, Satan represents the authority of the church as harsh and lacking in sympathy, because it seeks to free the members from corrupting influences. It was Satan's purpose in heaven to dethrone God, and himself take the place of the Most High. He failed in this purpose, and was cast out from the heavenly courts and since that time he has tried to instil in the hearts of men and women the belief that God is arbitrary and harsh in his dealings with his creatures.

The church does injustice to God when it allows to exist as part of itself elements that are bringing dishonor to his cause. In the responsibilities God has laid upon his church, he gives to each individual a part to act, with encouragement to draw upon the wisdom of God for his help. But there are those who depart from the way of the Lord, and

who take sides with the tempter and his sympathizers; and there should be those in the church who in the fear of God will act with justice and righteousness and faithfulness in administering reproof.—Review and Herald, March 19, 1908.

Ellen G. White.

SATAN AND ALCOHOL

SEVEN COMPARISONS

1. Satan originated by falling from a pure, holy state—formerly a good angel. Jude 6; Isa. 14:12.

Alcohol results from first stages of decay of good food substances.

2. Satan is deceitful, cunning, often making his cause seem plausible. 2 Cor. 11:14.

Alcohol likewise causes the user to feel better physically, but is really destroying his tissues and powers.

3. Satan is prince of this world—worldliness. John 14:30.

Alcohol is spoken of as King Alcohol.

4. Satan is the father of lies and all sin. John 8:44.

Alcohol is the seductive element in strong drinks.

5. Satan instils doubt, unbelief, and criticism. Rev. 12:9, 10.

Alcohol beclouds the mind, dims the vision.

6. Satan is going about seeking whom he may devour, and will deceive the very elect if possible. 1 Peter 5:8; Matt. 24:24; 2 Thess. 2:9.

Alcoholic drinks are raging, and whoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Prov. 20:1.

7. When Satan has run his course, he shall be destroyed, and sin with its effects wiped out. Rev. 20:10, 14; 21:4.

Then alcohol must cease to exist, as the earth shall have been restored, and nature will know no decay or corruption.

S. H. Carnahan.

"We all naturally think that prosperity would be helpful to us; we need to learn that God knows us better than we know ourselves. And on the other hand, we all need to feel that it is our duty to attain to a spiritual condition in which God can trust us with the best opportunities which we are capable of using to his glory."

Field Reports

MONTANA

Since our last report to the Gleaner we have been sick most of the time, and now I am just getting over one of the hardest spells of la grippe. I have had in years. However, we have been able to do a little. We have held quarterly meetings at Red Lodge and Rockvale. At the latter place a movement is on foot to do something to help the cause of missions. Some have dedicated a piece of land, and will carefully tend it and give all the proceeds to the foreign work; others, especially the children, are planning to raise some chickens and turn all the money over to the mission work. May the Lord bless the dear children and the missionary men.

A word to my brother ministers in Montana: Brethren, you remember that at the Missoula conference we all promised to be faithful in reporting to the Gleaner. What about that? I fear that some of us have forgotten that promise. We owe it to our brethren and sisters to send in reports to this our Union Conference paper, and it is a duty we owe to God. Let us all be faithful in this matter.

At present we are at Mt. Ellis, assisting in the canvassers' institute. We have a good class here, and we hope to see a goodly number in the field this summer.

Brother Oliver was called home yesterday on account of the sickness of his wife, but we expect Brother Weeks here to-day, so the work will go on without interruption. May the Lord bless our faithful canvassers and give them abundant success.

J. C. Foster.

CAMP-MEETINGS

"Arise, shine, for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. . . . Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations. Spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes: for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited." The people of God have a

mighty work before them, a work that must be brought more prominently before the people. "The Lord has instructed us that the camp-meeting is one of the most important instrumentalities for the accomplishment of this work. Our camp-meetings have another very important object, and that is to promote a living experience in spiritual life among our own people." These general convocations, as in camp-meetings, are God's appointed opportunities for giving the early and the latter rain. "Anciently God's people met together three times a year for his worship, and much time was spent by those who lived at a distance from the tabernacle in attendance at these annual feasts." How can the people of God to-day, in the closing days of the message, afford to miss the spiritual benefits that these meetings will certainly bring to all who attend. We can not possibly hope to keep up with the rapidly advancing hosts of God in these times if we become so absorbed in the "cares of this life" that we do not take time to go to our yearly camp-meetings. We trust that this summer shall witness a revival of the old-time spirit and power that attended these gatherings in past years. Plans are being laid in Montana making it possible for every one in the state to attend one of the three meetings that will be held. We have just received word from Elder W. B. White assuring us that good help will be provided from the General Conference.

The location and time of our camp-meetings in Montana will be as follows: Great Falls, June 18 to 28; Livingston, July 9 to 19; Victor, August 20 to 30. Remember the dates.

R. D. Quinn.

WESTERN OREGON NOTE CORRECTION

The paragraph relative to reaching the camp-ground is changed to read as follows:

HOW TO REACH THE GROUNDS

Take "St. Johns" car at Second and Alder Streets, or at any crossing on Second Street north of Alder. The Portland-St. Johns car crosses the Willamette River on the steel bridge three blocks east of Union Depot, and may be boarded just before it reaches the

approach to the bridge at the street crossing. Get off the car at the school-house, and walk three blocks south to the water tower, where the camp is located.

UPPER COLUMBIA

UPPER COLUMBIA CAMP-MEETING, SPOKANE, JUNE 4-14

In company with Elder Gibson, we have found an ideal spot, in a beautiful pine grove with gravel soil, where no floors will be required for tenting. The ground is situated just east of Corbin Park, in the north part of Spokane, about one and one-half miles north from the O. R. & N. railway station, and also from the Great Northern. The Northern Pacific is about two miles distant in the same direction. The Washington Water Power Co., "Corbin Park," cars will land you on the camp-ground. The Traction Co., "Corbin Park" car will take you three blocks west of the grounds. Elder Gibson will give full directions later.

Let all of the churches elect their delegates, and send their credentials to the conference office at College Place; one delegate for the organization and one delegate for every ten members. Please attend to this right away.

G. E. Langdon.

Sabbath-school and Young People's Work

LETTERS FROM A YOUNG MAN TO HIS SABBATH-SCHOOL TEACHER

[Written by H. H. Haynes, and read at the Sabbath-school Institute, April 4, 1908, Portland, Oregon]

Pebble Beach, July 21.

Dear Miss Keith: When I carelessly promised you I would write while I was away on my vacation, I really didn't attach much importance to the promise. You know how regularly I have attended Sabbath-school, and I thought this would be a good opportunity to stay away for a time. When Sabbath came, however, I could not get the vision out of my mind of the other boys in our class gathered in their seats,

with you there ahead of them ready to give them welcome. When I remembered that you had not missed a single Sabbath since I belonged to the class (nearly four quarters), and then thought of how I would lose the connection of the lessons, I could not stay away, so I arrived, as usual, a little before time for the school to open. They have at Pebble Beach, as you know, quite a large school, and I looked forward with anticipation, expecting to find the organization far ahead of ours at Sidney Center.

I wish I could reproduce the scenes and experiences of the last two Sabbaths. I never before loved and appreciated our home school half so much. How quiet our school used to become after the superintendent requested all to bow their heads in silent prayer! I was shocked, as well as astonished, here last Sabbath at the noise of those coming in late who rushed in during this exercise. As there are no carpets in the aisles, the clatter made it anything but a "silent prayer." You know we regard tardiness as a thing to be carefully avoided; and if we came late, always waited until the opening exercises were over before coming in, and never thought of entering during prayer or reading of the secretary's report. When I arrived at the Pebble Beach school, three minutes before opening time, there were two others ahead of me, and when the school opened there were five besides myself. I could scarcely hear the prayer for the noise of others coming in, and the only thing I heard of the report was: "Per cent of attendance, 63; donations, \$1.19; membership, 87." The superintendent spoke of the large number of teachers absent, and made an earnest appeal for help. I looked around the room and counted seven classes without teachers, although two of them came in before the review closed.

The class I visited was taught by a middle-aged sister, who came in during the second song, and, sitting down, began studying the lesson, with only a nod to those in the class. She asked the questions exactly as they were in the lesson, and as soon as the last one was answered sat down again, which was three or four minutes before the bell rang to quit. The young men in the class exchanged ideas on the ball game and the result of the election until the closing song.

The superintendent spoke of the small attendance at teachers' meeting, and invited all the teachers to come. He said he had been told that several teachers and one division leader were unable to be present last week because of a surprise party given the assistant superintendent's daughter.

I suppose I ought not to be so ready to report the things I saw at the Pebble Beach school, but as my class occupies a seat in the rear of the room, I can hardly avoid seeing some of the things that take place. I presume it is human nature to want to know what is going on behind us. This is about the only way I can account for so many people turning around in their seats at every small noise or movement. No one ever asked me to hold a baby in church, but if any one should, and forty or fifty people turned around to look at me when it cried, I expect I would drop it.

I wonder how it seems to come in when Sabbath-school is about two-thirds over. I would really like to know if such people are late to Sabbath-school or early to church. I guess they would be surprised if they knew how the school was disturbed by their coming in late and sitting down in a seat already well filled by the class.

The second Sabbath was similar to the first, with a few exceptions. My teacher was a clerical-looking gentleman, who preached the class a sermon, and only asked one question. The youth who was the most interested in baseball said he liked that kind of teacher best, because he didn't need to know his lesson. Still in spite of this laxness on the part of the members of the Pebble Beach school, the Spirit of the Lord is present. It is good to be in the house of God and to study his Word with those who love it. I miss the associations of those of our home school, and long to be back.

With best regards to the boys in our class, I remain,

Your Sabbath-school pupil,
James Benson Van Dyke.

EFFECT OF BAD READING

We can not too highly esteem the value of reading matter which is to be placed in the hands of our young people. There is nothing that is so crowding out the Spirit of God and the desire

for a place in God's work, and of becoming laborers in this cause, as bad reading. A large number of our young people have their minds taken up with trash and worse than trash. Large numbers, from their own confessions, are spending their time reading the cheapest kind of fiction. The daily papers, the comic section, the monthly magazines, a large number of things that have no place whatever in the lives of our young people, are taking up the time that belongs to Bible study, to prayer, to right reading, to home duties, to work for others in the field.

We ought to do everything in our power to form right habits in the beginning. We ought to ask our young people to sign the pledge against these things. This is needed among our young people as much as the pledge against spirituous liquors is needed in the world to day. Many have gone to ruin over this matter; some are lost for time and eternity: some of them are drugged, and seemingly hopeless, because of the power of the enemy's hypnotism. It demands more than ordinary enthusiasm in this matter; we can not simply touch it lightly; we must arrange to give our young people the right kind of reading, and we must make a continual effort to encourage them in this matter; in every way possible we must fight the deadly evil that is dragging them down to perdition.—A talk by Elder Luther Warren at the Mt. Vernon convention.

Religious Liberty

SUNDAY IN EUROPE

The Sunday laws in many places in Europe are already very rigid, and these are being enforced.

Sixteen years ago Switzerland gave all railway employes fifty-two weekly rest days—seventeen on Sunday, and has gradually extended this privilege to nearly all employees, and stopped all Sunday freight and excursion trains.

Eight years ago Belgium stopped nine-tenths of its Sunday freight trains.

Recently Holland stopped ninety-nine per cent, and gave most employees one or two free Sundays a month.

Germany has made great progress in recent years in giving employees Sunday rest, especially in stores and factories. Recently 1,600 commercial houses in

Frankfort demanded stricter closing. Many Sunday freights have been stopped, and nearly all in Alsace and Bavaria.

The Minister of Public Works in Prussia guarantees railway employees two rest days a month, generally on Sunday.

In Austria no dispatch or delivery of freight is allowed on Sunday.

In Hungary all in factories have Sundays free, if practicable, but must have one whole or two half Sundays free each month.

In Norway, hotels are closed more tightly than anywhere else.

There and in Sweden, employees have one free Sunday in three, and the factories are closed entirely. In Sweden no Sunday theaters and dancing are allowed, and no Monday lessons are given for Sunday study.

Canada's new law greatly reduces Sunday freight, and gives all employees on trains and in most factories one rest day in the next six, when necessity compels Sunday work.

France's Sunday law gives nearly all employees a weekly rest day, part or all on Sunday. Paris hotels now give all waiters and clerks weekly rest days. The railway officials met and arranged to grant weekly rest days to all employees very soon.

News Items

Elder Foster of Montana has been on the sick list for a time but is about again.

Subscribe for the Gleaner now, camp-meeting will soon be here and you want the reports and items that will appear.

Elder Schuepper has been obliged to be at home for a few days on account of his wife's illness. Sister Schuepper is getting along very well.

Elder Breed returned last Friday from a few days visit with his wife in Portland. Sister Breed seems a little better the past few days.

The location for the Upper Columbia camp-meeting has been secured in a beautiful grove close to one of Spokane's beautiful parks. This is accessible from both car lines.

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CAMP-MEETINGS

SOUTHERN IDAHO

Caldwell - - - May 13 to 20

WESTERN WASHINGTON

Seattle - - - May 21 to 31

WESTERN OREGON

St. Johns - - - May 28 to June 7

UPPER COLUMBIA

Spokane - - - June 4 to 14

MONTANA

- - - June 11 to 21

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

Total to March 31, 1908	\$17884 88
April 1-13	45 00
April 14-30	279 20

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C. H. Castle, Treas.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that the sixth annual meeting of the members of the Western Oregon Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation organized and existing under, and by virtue of the laws of the State of Oregon, will be held on the Seventh-day Adventist camp ground, in St. Johns, Oregon, on the 2nd day of June 1908, at ten o'clock a.m. The election of a Board of five trustees for the ensuing year, and such other business as may be necessary or proper to be transacted, will come before the meeting.

T. H. Starbuck, President.

W. C. Raley, Secretary.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank our friends and readers of the Gleaner for their hearty support and increased interest in the little paper. Many have renewed their subscriptions thus showing their appreciation of the paper.

We have during April 45 new subscribers, and we are much pleased to see the list growing for we know this is as it should be. More of our brethren and sisters are coming in closer touch with the work being done throughout the North Pacific Union Conference.

With but two exceptions we have received during April the largest remittance for the Gleaner of any month since January 1907.

While we are grateful for what has been done, we are not satisfied. We are sure that many more of our people should have the Gleaner, and will take it if they have their attention called to it.

One isolated sister in sending her renewal said she could not do without the Gleaner for it was the only way she had of knowing what is being done in our own field.

Thank the Lord for what he enables us to accomplish and let us push ahead.

FIFTEEN MINUTES' STUDY.

"An authority states that fifteen minutes' study a day along one special line for seven years will make the student a specialist in the subject of his study. No matter how weary the burdens, nor how numerous the demands upon our time, fifteen minutes' Bible study each day is within the possibility of each person. Suppose you try the plan of studying the Sabbath-school lesson fifteen minutes each day. Try it for a week — a month — three months — and note the result."

THE STAMP OFFERING

A maiden lady not overgenerous in her church offering, one day dropped two postage-stamps into the contribution box. They were two-cent stamps she had soaked off a letter received by her grandfather from a friend in British Guiana in 1850. But she served this time better than she knew. The

minister, having more knowledge of philately than the donor, disposed of the stamps for \$1,025. The following year they changed hands for \$3,200, and later a German dealer paid \$3,900 for them. He finally sold them to a Russian collector for \$5,000.

PAYING DEBTS

Neglecting to pay debts will ruin anybody's spiritual influence, blind the soul to clear moral distinction, undermine any religious life, and render a person unfit to be used by the Lord, in spite of the greatest gifts or the most thrilling experiences in religion.

If any who read this are slack about paying their debts, begin at once to pray earnestly that the Lord will awaken you to its true magnitude and to inspire you with perfect integrity to begin at once the settling up of all your financial matters in perfect righteousness, and you will find God will begin to bless you both inwardly and outwardly.

Selected.

Financial

NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

RECEIPTS FOR APRIL

Annual Offerings	\$ 85 54
Colored Work	10 00
Colored Mission Schools	54 67
China	5 00
Denial Box	3 00
First-day Offerings	94 76
Foreign Missions	109 79
Glimpses of Sunny Caribbean	56 68
Hausfreund Fund	5 00
India	7 35
India Mountain Mission	11 00
Jewish Work	38 25
\$150,000 Fund	133 55
Religious Liberty	81 19
Sabbath-school Offerings	290 90
Southern Field	5 00
Southern Industrial Normal School	10 00
Young People's Volunteer Fund	12 43
Tithe	734 67
Second Tithe	427 49
Labor	283 38
Ministry of Healing	90
Walla Walla College Fund	324 20
Gleaner	28 00

Total \$2812 75

C. H. Castle, Treas.