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for the harvest is ripe"

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IN THE MORNING

"Cause me to hear Thy loving-kindness in the morning."

A dangerous time is the morning!
There is little to fear at night;
Calm are the eyes in closing,
Tired of the urgent light;
The body is healed in sleeping,
Trouble and labor cease,
The soul is in God's safe keeping,
The heart is in perfect peace.

But who can say in the morning
How fierce will the trials be?
What difficult paths may be trodden.
What griefs may encompass me?
The great, wide world is sunlit;
But I see not an hour before
What new, strange sorrows or dangers
The future may have in store.

O, speak to me in the morning,
Lord of my every day!
Thou art my great Director
As I pass to the hidden way;
If I hear Thy voice in the morning
I open the day with song,
Forth shall I go to conquer,
Thy presence shall make me strong.
Marianne Farningham.

NOTES OF TRAVEL

From Graysville, Tenn., we proceeded to Huntsville, a town of about seven thousand inhabitants, in the extreme northern part of Alabama. About

five miles from this city, in the country, is located the Huntsville Training-school for colored people. We were met by a carriage from the school farm, and we were soon at the institution. This part of Alabama is very beautiful, indeed. I think I never have seen in the United States a more beautiful country than surrounds Huntsville. Our people here have a farm of something over two hundred acres, the most of which, we believe, is under cultivation. About a year ago, this school was visited by a fire, and one of their large buildings, used as a schoolroom and dormitory, was swept away. We are glad to say, however, that the friends of the cause rallied to the support of the school, and at the present time it has a large dormitory for boys that was just opened up at the time we visited the place. The students have also built a nice school building of two stories out of cement blocks, which they manufactured on the ground. This is a very creditable building, and certainly shows what students can do when their heart is in the work. On these grounds is an old plantation house that must have been built long before the Civil War. This building is used by the girls as a dormitory, and also contains dining-rooms for the whites and the colored, separated, however, from each other, as the whites and the colored are not permitted to mix in this part of the South. There are quite a number of other buildings which are being used by the school. A small sanitarium will soon be erected here, wherein the sick may be treated, and there is need for just such an institution at this point.

The evening we were at the school,

we had the pleasure of speaking to the colored students for some time on the aims and object of life. They seemed to be a very intelligent class of young men and women, and feel very desirous of preparing for usefulness in the cause of God.

In an old tree on the grounds we were shown a large iron ring, which was placed there away back in slavery times. This school farm used to be a sort of jockey club before the days of the Civil War, and on the farm was a fair-ground, race-course, etc. It is said that the planters used to assemble here, and would bring their slaves that they wished to trade or sell. This large ring in the tree was where they would fasten the slaves until they could be disposed of by sale or otherwise.

We did not have long to remain at Huntsville, but we were very glad, indeed, that we could visit this our only colored training-school in the United States. We believe that the Lord has a great future for this school, and everything should be done that is possible to make it efficient in the matter of training workers.

From Huntsville, we proceeded to Nashville, Tenn., which is really the center for the work in the South. We first visited the Southern Publishing Company's plant in North Nashville, and were very much pleased to find here a nicely equipped plant, which is now turning out many thousand dollars' worth of books, papers, pamphlets, and tracts, scattering the light of present truth. The plant is large, commodious, well-lighted, and is certainly a credit to our people. We were shown about the building by Brother Ford, the manager,

and are glad indeed that this plant was moved from the heart of the city to the quiet of the country. We believe the Southern Publishing Association has a great field of its own in the Southern States. There seems to be an earnestness about the plant that speaks well for the work, and we were very glad to spend a few hours with them.

W. B. White.

THE CIVIL LAW VERSUS GOD'S LAW

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Another case: "It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom; and over these three presidents, of whom Daniel was first." And on account of Daniel's excellent spirit the king thought to set him over the whole realm. Now these presidents and princes were jealous of Daniel, and were going to get rid of him at all hazards or cost. They could not accuse him to the king for neglect of duty, as they could not find any fault with him concerning the affairs of the government. So these presidents and princes said, "We shall find no occasion against him except in the matter of the law of his God." Then these men assembled together to the king, and told the king a lie, and said to the king: "All the presidents (this would include Daniel) of the kingdom, the governors and the princes, the councilors and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions." Dan. 6:7. The decree was made, and "King Darius signed the writing and the decree." Verse 9. So it became a law of this civil government that if any man should ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, save the king, he should be cast into the den of lions. What about Daniel, a child of God? Did he violate this civil law? "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his window being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem," there he prayed three times a day as he did before. When he knew,

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Field Reports

WESTERN WASHINGTON SUMMIT AND WHITE STAR

Since my last report I have held two short meetings, one at Summit and the other at White Star. Both these places are logging camps and the religious sentiment is very low. The meetings at Summit continued a little more than two weeks. A First-day Adventist family opposed the truth all they possibly could at this place. A sister who had once obeyed the truth but had given it up through discouragement took a firm stand for the truth and was baptized. Her husband who had been much opposed to the truth was convinced and will, we think, obey the truth before long. One other man promised to obey the message.

We were at White Star about ten days. One sister took hold of the truth there, and some others were much interested. We have heard since leaving there that the interest seemed better than appeared when we left.

For the past ten days we have been on the camp-ground at Seattle, preparing for the best camp-meeting we have ever attended. We feel that this must be so, the conditions demand it, and we need it.

We are of good courage in the Lord, and feel determined to press on till the work is done.

J. A. Holbrook.

WESTERN WASHINGTON CHURCH-SCHOOLS

During the year there have been nineteen church-schools in operation in the Western Washington Conference, and with one or two exceptions each school has had a very successful year. The enemy has tried hard to defeat the work but through God's goodness and power he has been unsuccessful in the main.

There have been enrolled during the year 326 pupils including grades one to nine. Good work has been done in all of the schools, in many the work has been excellent. The hard times affected some of the schools so the term was cut short, but nearly all were able to complete their grades with good standings.

All of the teachers have carried on some line of manual training work, many with a great deal of enthusiasm. This feature of our church-school work is growing rapidly in favor, and we anticipate that in the near future this will be a very important part of our school work.

We have had an excellent class of teachers, who have not only taught the Bible, emphasizing the third angel's message, but have lived careful, conscientious lives before the school and church. We believe if there is any class of our workers who should be careful to follow the Bible and testimonies, in their dress, living health reform, and their general deportment, it is those who stand before our children and young people as teachers.

The Lord has greatly blessed our work the past year, may we so relate ourselves to him and his work that he will give still greater blessings in the future.

L. I. Stiles.

WESTERN WASHINGTON CAMP- MEETING

During the past ten days a goodly number of our brethren have been working on our camp-ground, preparing for our annual meeting. We have been hindered some by the wet weather, but at the beginning of the meeting this evening there were ninety-seven small tents and five large ones pitched, and calls for more.

The main pavilion is seventy by one hundred and ten feet. We have it nicely seated and well lighted. The young people's tent is forty by sixty. The Scandinavian tent is thirty by fifty. The children's tent and the dining-tent are the same size. Across the street from the main camp, among some alders, there are five of our new tents pitched, with good floor, stove, and other necessary furniture to make it a comfortable place for our visiting laborers. We have also a separate dining-tent for them.

The camp is in the midst of the residence portion of the city, and the elevated situation makes it visible to several thousands of people, thus attracting the attention of many. We very much regret that our camp-meeting came at the same time the Atlantic fleet visits

this city. The people are so much interested in the celebration of this event that we fear we shall not get many to attend our meetings while the fleet is here. However, there are a good many persons in Seattle who are interested in our message, and we trust they will be glad to attend the meetings and learn more fully what these things mean.

A goodly number of our people are on the ground, and many are coming tomorrow, when the excursion rates are available.

The meeting opened to-night with an interesting sermon by Elder Burg to an appreciative audience. The prospects are good for a large meeting and a good one. We trust we shall not be disappointed.

W. W. Sharp.

MISCELLANEOUS MENTION

Educational Day: We are planning to have an educational day at our camp-meeting. Our people will be interested to read a detailed report of the special exercises which will be held on this day, a report of which is promised in due time.

The Naval Signs Campaign: We have ordered 7000 copies of this paper for use while the fleet is interesting the people. Brother C. E. Weeks is here now organizing those for work who can be enlisted for service. So we hope for a seed-sowing that will bring a harvest for the gathering day.

Commencement exercises were held at the Forest Home and Meadowglade schools May 10 and May 12 respectively. At Forest Home a class of four was graduated this year, and at Meadowglade a class of five had the honor of receiving diplomas certifying to their having completed the grades of work offered in the school.

The members of the '08 class in these schools are,

FOREST HOME

Anna Johnson, Lydia Pointet, Alma Phillips, and Fern Wilcox.

MEADOWGLADE

Fred Boardman, Rae Holbrook, Ella Knokey, Mary Dodge, and Josie Shryock.

The interest in the work for which our schools are conducted is very encouraging indeed in Western Washington.

Our camp-meeting opens to-night. The ground is in readiness for the opening exercises and the people are coming in numbers of from one to twenty. All the tents owned by the conference are ordered and we have been compelled to rent a supply from local factories to meet the demand. The outlook is for a large meeting, and we hope for and expect a good one.

The following workers from outside our own conference are expected to be with us: Elders W. A. Spicer, W. A. Colcord, W. B. White, E. E. Andross, A. J. Breed, H. W. Decker, E. W. Catlin, O. K. Butler, S. Mortenson, John Isaac, P. A. Hanson, Prof. M. E. Cady, Dr. Lockwood, and Brother Carl E. Weeks. The meeting will be reported in the Gleaner as soon as it is over.

Students from the College: The following young men and women who have been students in Walla Walla College during the past year have arrived in Western Washington within the last few days, most of whom will attend our camp-meeting: Misses Teresa and Etta Barrett, Miss Hattie Rittenhouse, Mr. Ben Hoffman, Lawrence Crooker, Miss Gertrude Flahaut, Miss Erna Witting, James Ramsay, Geo. Harlow, Mr. H. Roberts, Miss Ham, Earl Stiles, and Miss Julia Hansen.

A number of these young people expect to take up work in this conference after the meeting is over, some as canvassing evangelists and others as helpers in connection with public meetings which will be held during the summer.

Arrival of the Fleet: Uncle Sam's great "peacemakers" will reach this harbor on May 23. This is the thing now that interests the people here. This city is dressed in her best, and no pains will be spared to make the visit of the great warships an event.

While our citizenship is in a better country than this, even an heavenly, still we appreciate the grand principles upon which our government is founded and which has made the United States a powerful and influential nation. So we are placing the flag of "free America"

on the mast of our pavillion at the campground as suggesting to the people of the city whose attention is being directed toward us by the camp-meeting that we are loyal citizens and that we stand for the immortal principles of liberty and justice which have made the nation a beacon light to the whole world.

WESTERN OREGON

AMONG THE CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS

April 20 and 21 I spent at Roseburg. Here I found Elder Martin in the midst of an interesting series of cottage meetings. Six precious souls were on the point of deciding. In company with Elder Starbuck I spent Sabbath, April 25, with the church at Laurelwood. We found the school busy with final examinations. At a meeting of the school board Prof. Airey was re-elected principal. Other members of the faculty were asked to remain. Not all have given the board an answer.

My next visit was with the Hopewell church and school. The closing exercises of the school were held in the village hall on Thursday evening, April 30. The whole exercise consisted in the building of an arch representing the building of character with Christ as the sure foundation. Each stone bore a name such as "faith," "knowledge," etc. As the children placed these stones (wooden blocks covered with white paper) each would recite an appropriate text of scripture. The building of the arch was accompanied with beautiful and often touching recitations and songs. The recitations were all taken from our own papers, and the whole program was uplifting, the entire absence of everything of a foolish nature was quite noticeable. The house was crowded, and all pronounced it the best school entertainment they had ever seen. Miss Helen Hughes was their teacher. The school was pronounced a success by practically the entire church.

The commencement exercises of Laurelwood Academy were held in the chapel on Tuesday evening, May 5. The room was beautifully decorated, and the exercises simple but impressive. There were six graduates from the tenth grade. The part rendered by each was

an evidence of the careful training received during the year. At the close the writer was called upon to speak for a few minutes on "our reasons for maining church-schools." Laurelwood school has had a good year.

Friday, May 8, was spent in visiting the Monitor school. Brother N. C. Ernston has taught a good school. The church seems much encouraged, and the prospect for the school is hopeful. On the Sabbath at 11 a. m. and again in the evening I spoke to the Monitor church. This is our largest Scandinavian church, and is made up of some of the most loyal people in our conference. Elders P. A. Hanson and J. M. Cole and Brother John Peterson assisted in these meetings.

Elder Cole and the writer held a meeting Sunday evening with the Woodburn church. Though only a small company, their faith in this message is strong.

Sabbath, May 16, was spent with the Portland church. Elder Flaiz and his associate workers have labored faithfully since November placing the truth before the people of Portland. The field is a difficult one, but a few precious souls are rejoicing in the truth as the result of their labors.

F. S. Bunch.

GERMAN WORK

Leaving Portland April 24th for Southern Oregon, the writer was met at Medford by Brother Hoefft, elder of the Lake Creek church, and was taken to his home in the mountains, about twenty miles away. The little company came together on Sabbath; the Lord drew near to his people, and all enjoyed the blessing that fell graciously upon us. The German Lutheran pastor was present at our Sabbath meeting. After the meeting we had a friendly talk on the subject of baptism and the Sabbath question. The truth was so plain that his mouth was closed.

On Sunday we attended his meeting. He spoke on Christ the Resurrection. After the sermon he sprinkled a little child, and then closed the meeting. Some of his members requested him to let pastor Dirksen speak. After an intermission of thirty minutes I spoke. Before I began a Catholic asked me to speak on the subject of "What is the right church?" and "If there is a right

church, is it necessary to belong to it?" I was glad to take that line of thought, and the Lord blessed wonderfully in presenting it, and the people gave good attention. After the sermon the Catholic asked more questions, which gave me an opportunity to get more of the precious truth before them. At the close of the meeting I made an appointment to speak on the subject, "How we may acquire membership in the true church." We held meetings during the week, and the Lord greatly blessed our coming together. All were strengthened and encouraged. Sunday I spoke on the subject mentioned above. The school house was filled with interested listeners. Many shed tears when they saw the true meaning of baptism.

From Lake Creek I went to Medford and visited a few families. From there I went to Ashland to visit the German brethren. On Sabbath and Sunday I preached to Ashland church in English, the Lord blessing us in our meetings. The Lord is still good to his people.

H. J. Dirksen.

YONCALLA

In company with Brother T. L. Thumler and Mrs. Cole, we reached Yoncalla, Oregon, May 8th to prepare for the church dedication at that place. The little building was filled to overflowing Sunday, May 10th, by an appreciative audience who listened to the program for the occasion. Prof. Paap with four of his students came from Royal Academy and rendered valuable help in singing.

The sermon was delivered by Elder W. F. Martin who is now located in Roseburg.

The object of our existence as a people was clearly set forth and received thoughtful attention by all.

Thus another little memorial is launched, free from debt, to bear a testimony to the message for this time. The membership is about fifteen. We have hope for more to unite later.

We celebrated the ordinances with them, and it was an occasion not soon to be forgotten, especially by those of us who carried them the message.

C. J. Cole.

Make perfection your aim, and be satisfied with nothing less.

UPPER COLUMBIA

BOSSBURG, WASH.

It will doubtless be encouraging to many Gleaner readers, as it has been to me, to know that a church of twenty-two members has been organized as the result of this effort. Some of these were previously keeping the Sabbath and had been baptized, but with one exception, were not connected with the organization. Thus far we have baptized fifteen. Others have taken a stand for the Sabbath and presumably will identify themselves by baptism at a later date.

The brethren all appear firm and well-grounded in the faith, happy in the Lord, and are well equipped with literature for further study. Beside Bibles, denominational books, and periodicals, a good supply of which you could find in every Adventist home in this community, as well as in many other homes, five families now have a complete set of the testimonies. Our first ordinance meeting was held Sabbath afternoon, May 9th. All who could attend were present and all took part. You would have rejoiced to have seen the oneness and perfect satisfaction manifested on this occasion.

In consequence of the crisis through which our denomination is passing, those who desired to connect with this church, were organized under the following covenant.

A STATEMENT OF FAITH AND PURPOSE

We, the undersigned, having pledged ourselves, in the name of Christ to keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus, in consequence of which we were baptized into "the faith," we wish to further state that we are in harmony with the spirit of prophecy, tithing, and other points of the Seventh-day Adventist faith as far as we know them.

Having taken our stand with this people to defend and propagate the principles of this, the third angel's message, we hereby express our desire to organize into church fellowship, and thus be connected in a more definite way with the body—the church of Christ—till he come.

We are now leaving this interest for the brethren in the church to develop while we proceed to take up work in another community. Our motto is John 4:34.

E. H. and Mrs. Huntley.

FOX VALLEY, GRANT COUNTY OREGON

April 29, I left Echo, Ore., for Fox Valley to assist Brother F. M. Oliver in binding off the interest at that place. I found there an exceedingly hospitable people and a lively and quite well-spread interest among them in the truths of the third's angel's message. A company had been faithfully observing the Sabbath since Brother Oliver's labors there last fall. I found them quite well instructed in the truths of the message, but some of them were still using some tobacco, though under condemnation. We spent the time for a week in visiting and holding meetings, with a splendid interest and good attendance, although the weather was bad. Sabbath, May 9, we had a good meeting, and the Lord came very near while plain instruction was given as to what constitutes fitness for membership in a Seventh-day Adventist church. The Bible truths appealed to the people, and they saw the beauty of the Lord's requirements, and were glad that they are such as to separate us from every unclean and hurtful practice. Three of the men made a full surrender, and the next day we had baptism. It had been announced, with a sermon preceding, at eleven o'clock. The schoolhouse was crowded, eight or ten from Long Creek being present. Again the Lord came very near. Hearts were touched and tears flowed. Immediately after preaching, about fifty drove two miles to a running stream of clear water, with horses and cattle grazing by its banks, in a lovely green meadow, where the beautiful and impressive baptismal services took place. Although the forenoon had been stormy, a short time before baptism the sun came out, and it was warm and pleasant. Three were baptized, a man, his wife, and another lady. Others being former members of the Baptist Church, counted their baptism valid. The brethren now felt that they were ready to be organized into a church, and the following day an organization was effected at the Seventh-day Adventist church at Long Creek, with eighteen members. Ten of these were still members of the Long Creek organization, now broken up through moving. Six of the ten are no longer living at Long Creek, but for the present wished their names to go into the new church. Eight of its members, all new converts, living at Fox

Valley, four at Long Creek, and six are scattered, some of whom, perhaps, will soon take letters to other churches. The church will be known as the Fox Valley church. Brother J. R. McBride was chosen as elder, W. H. McBride deacon, and Sister Nannie Shaw clerk.

At this time, also, the Lord came very near. Nearly all of the brethren and sisters testified, and their testimonies had a ring of consecration and determination to be faithful. It was between eleven and twelve o'clock when the meeting closed, and the Fox Valley people drove ten or twelve miles to their homes. These people are in earnest. Let us remember them in our prayers.

There are several others at Fox Valley whom we expect will join the church before long. Three of them are keeping the Sabbath and meeting regularly with the brethren.

Brother Oliver has the respect of the people in the community where the Lord has thus blessed his efforts, and they were loath to see him leave. He accompanied me out to Pendleton, where we parted, he going to his home at Pomeroy, Wash., I to Echo, Ore., to bind off the interest at that place.

A. M. Dart.

SPOKANE CAMP-MEETING

Workers' meeting begins June 1.

Meals will be served at a dining-tent at 25 cents per meal; five meal-tickets, \$1.00. But to lessen the work and to encourage all to care for themselves as far as possible, we have arranged to sell fresh-cooked food on the ground. Those buying food must furnish dishes.

Remember the dates for purchasing railway tickets, June 1, 2, 3, 4. Be sure to call for certificates. Tickets may be used one day after date. Tickets are good for return up to June 17.

Bring bedding. There is straw on the ground for bed-ticks. Bed-springs and chairs may be rented.

Elder and Mrs. Huntley recently spent a few days with the isolated Sabbath-keepers near Meyers Falls, Wash. One cottage meeting and a public service were conducted. This visit was appreciated by the brethren, and some not of our faith manifested considerable interest. There are now less than a half dozen Sabbath-keepers at that place.

Sabbath-school and Young People's Work

AN APPEAL FOR JAPAN

(Continued)

Enough, I have introduced this empire; but before I close my talk this afternoon I want to give you a common illustration.

There was a boy taking a swim in a pond, and under some accident this boy was drowning. Fortunately a man was passing by the edge of the pond and saw the boy's danger. Do you suppose this man will consider the depth of the pond or what the temperature of the water is? No! Before he thinks such a thing, as soon as he catches the sight, he will just jump into the pond to save the boy out of his danger. Is it not true? Yes, that is so. That is our human nature, or humanity. No one dare do otherwise, no matter whether Christian or heathen.

The condition of the people of my empire is more dangerous than this boy. In their doctrine there is no promise of salvation. They do not know how to confess their sin. The only way and the best way they can do is just to follow their own conscience. You know then how these people will commit sin so easily. There are more than thirty different missionary societies of Christians, all bearing the name of Christ, but each with something peculiar in its character, its history, or methods, working in the empire, the majority of them in a single city, Kyoto, a headquarter of the Christian education. There are about five hundred foreign missionaries, many of them from this country, and a considerably larger native force living and preaching in five hundred different places. There are now more than fifty thousand Christians gathered into the three hundred and forty-four churches. More than seven thousand of young men and women are under instruction in various institutions learning Christian truth.

But I tell you my dear brethren and sisters there are not over a hundred of the Seventh-day Adventists in forty-eight millions of population. There is no other denomination that is carrying this message into the empire. There are none who realize we are living in the very last generation. They are keeping the Sunday, the first day of the week. There is a single sanitarium of

yours in this land. Knowing their deplorable condition, I can not pass by without appealing to your compassion, beseeching your help. The people of this land are drowning in the sea of sin; they are choking in the sorrow. Do you not feel your Christianity is far above humanity? Do you Seventh-day Adventists not believe you are a Christian of the Christians? Are you not standing on the definite purpose, giving definite message, at the definite time? Did not Christ tell you, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature?" Are you not hero of the heroes in the battle of life? The man saved the drowning child by his humanity. Then could you not save my people out of their larger danger by your Christianity that is as high and perfect in character as we could expect?

I tell you, our door is widely open, and the field is waiting. Work is much left which should be done before the Saviour comes. The Lord wants you to go. It is your privilege to go. God spared our lives for some purpose until this moment. I want to tell you, young men and women raised in Christian homes, under the tender care of Christian parents, and instructed in Christian schools, if you have not realized how your responsibility is so great, now is the time to wake up.

I can not think of any work more noble and far-reaching for good both in this world and the one to come, than to preach the gospel of Christ. Just think, if you could save a soul by bringing him to a knowledge of Christ, that one would live throughout all the years of eternity and would be more lasting than any work you could do in this world, even though you have mighty power and much money to build a city like ancient Babylon, or could erect a monument like the pyramids. I know there will be many difficulties and obstacles in your future life to become a foreign missionary, but just think of the cross of Christ our Saviour. Did he not die for us? Did he not set an example that we Christians should sacrifice ourselves and consecrate our lives for the work of God? My principal purpose of visiting America was not to become minister and teach the people how to serve true God; But the Lord whispered to me to make up my mind to return and preach the gospel among my own people. The things of this world, such as money and honor, pass quickly away, but Daniel

12:3 says, "They that be wise (teachers) shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." And then again the Bible tells us "the things that are seen are temporal but the things that are not seen are eternal."

We Christians should not be lovers of money, nor seekers for fame; we should not run after worldly pleasure.

Do not think of me as merely a student at Walla Walla College, but a representative from Japan, who came here across the ocean of four thousand miles for the special purpose of appealing for your help. I am so thankful that some of the brethren and sisters in our band are going to this land for the work of God, and I do hope many of you will go in answer to my earnest beseeching from the bottom of my heart.

Jas. H. Hosokihara.

A LETTER

(Continued)

After the windows, we want to add, little by little, some of the commodities that make for education, with not a single frill or superfluous article. Oh, we're plain in this region, believe me. There are no pictures, no desks, no seats, but our boys learn, thank God! Why Africa has the courage to try to learn is more than I can fathom. A poor, pitiful, fighting race, cursed with division in all her sections, yet they try and try and try, old and young, to learn. Sometimes I look at some man—the husband of perhaps a half dozen wives, and the father of children too numerous to mention—and there he sits, wrestling awkwardly with slate and pencil while he labors manfully with long division, and I wonder what he does it for. And sometimes when I have asked him (he is legion), he says, "Oh, please, Donna. I don't want to be ignorant." Not every black man is so commendable. It runs not more than one in a hundred, I should judge. But then, you know, there are so many hundreds of him that a mission whose workers are inclined to work will gradually gather around them a great host of these earnest ones. Work! There are no hours and no stoppages. There are but the two of us to meet all the demands of this mission, with its one hundred and

fifteen people. Sore heads and heels and hearts—we are expected to know just what panacea to apply in each particular case; whether it is a case of wife-beating, or the croup, or just plain "itch" (the universal affliction), it is expected that the "Azungus" (Europeans) will know instantly what to do. God has helped us wonderfully in these ceaseless demands, and the interior state of the mission is something for which we are most devoutly thankful. Of course, we got, in the opening of the year, a number of undesirable people, people who would not work, but the solution was easy; we just applied the other end of the couplet, and stated that neither should they eat. So of course they soon went. Those who remain work well; and you can think what an amount of labor is represented in the great fields of corn that wave in every direction from the mission house when I tell you that every stroke of the cultivation of these fields is done by means of a short-handed hoe. This corn is the main food of all the native people's of Africa. It is much like our own corn in America, and I believe it must have been raised in Africa since the beginning, and haven't a doubt but that it is precisely the sort of "corn" which Joseph garnered in the good years of plenty. The natives know of no other sort of "corn," and this same variety has been the food of their ancestors all the way back.

By next year we hope to have some good people to help us. What we need is people who are thoroughly practical, people who have had real, live experience in both the public and church-schools at home, people who are not afraid to tackle anything that comes up, whether they have been drilled on that particular line or not. For instance, we are not trained nurses, yet I'm sure I should have died but for the care and nursing given me, even though Mr. Rogers bears no nurse's certificate. It is said that the next best thing to knowing a thing is knowing where to find it, and its true; and no where in the world does one need such adaptability as in Africa.

From overwork and the rush and hurry and constant "on duty" life I had to live, I was an easy victim of the ever-searching malaria. After two fearful fights with it, I went to the government doctor at Blantyre, and his careful attention and directions (which I

followed, and still follow, to the letter) hold the malaria in check. But it is in my system, to stay, doubtless, as long as I live, or live in the country. But so long as quinine holds its force one can keep it in check. Do not think that I do not believe in the keeping power of God, dear Mrs. Conard, for I do. But only we who have gone out into the wild places know just how deep are the experiences along the line of faith. With my wonderful constitution, I believe I could have lived here for years without the fever, but such unceasing work, such constant care, such never-ending demands made upon one's head and heart and hands, would wear away anything but stone. In all my healthy life I have never been unable to tackle whatever seemed desirable to tackle; so it is something of a change to lie flat on one's back and count objects on the wall. It is now ten days since the finish of my last attack, and this time I have reason to believe I may stay well longer, for a great abscess broke out, caused by depletion of blood, and after the suffering this thing caused me I believe my system is rid of some of the elements upon which the fever fed. Anyway, we hope so.

As fast as we can, we are training the natives to carry responsibilities, but any one who has had experience with Africans knows how difficult is the task of teaching this race to be careful, methodical, and exact. But we have some good experiences along this line, and some results that are gratifying. But, believe me, we need the prayers of all those who have at heart the welfare of missions. We have made many dear friends among the white people here, people who are educated and cultured, and whom it is a joy to know, but they are all at Blantyre, fifty miles away, and we do not see them oftener than once in six months. But the ladies whom I have met there often send out friendly little letters, and always ask me to let them attend to anything that I need attended to in Blantyre, which is the only white town in all this region. For all these kindly courtesies we are most grateful, and no where does one more keenly appreciate friends than in such a region as this. All these Blantyre people are Scotch Presbyterians.

Oh, we need your prayers for guidance in setting forth the truth in a right way in this country.

Jessie Rogers.

THE CIVIL LAW

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he did not go into this ignorantly. He knew the writing was signed; he knew he was violating the law of the land; but he went at it with a determination to vindicate God's law, at the cost of his own life if need be. God's law must be vindicated if he had to violate the civil law of the land to do it. Did God approve of Daniel's course of action? Let us see. 'In the morning, after a sleepless night, the king rose up and went to the den, expecting that God would protect his child. Verse 20. "Then Daniel said unto the king, . . . My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me." Verses 21, 22. We see by these two cases that God does approve of our violating the laws of the powers that be when they conflict with his law.

One more case: The apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, Peter and John, were preaching the gospel, and were forbidden to do it by the civil law; and for it were cast into prison. Acts 4:3. 'And God sent his angel to deliver them. See Acts 12:1-10. On one occasion when they were brought before the rulers, Peter and John said unto them: "Whether it be right in the sight of God to harken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we can not but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Acts 4:19.

So when Sunday laws are enacted and they come in conflict with God's Sabbath law, God will approve of his children standing firmly for the faith once delivered to the saints, and contending earnestly for his down-trodden Sabbath, vindicating the true Sabbath in opposition to the civil law enforcing the observance of Sunday.

G. W. Rogers.

HOW ALONE TO KEEP PURE

A traveler in Switzerland was walking on the neck of land which leads to the place where the dark-blue Rhone rushes from the waters of Lake Lemman to embrace its pale companion, the Arve. He was thinking whether it were possible to be in the world, and yet not of the world. As he wandered on, the two streams flashed before him — the one,

strong, calm, and grand; the other, white, slow, and troubled; and, as they met his sight, they seemed to return an answer to his doubts.

Side by side the streams flowed on, yet for a while their waters were unmingled. The Rhone was still strong and dark; the Arve, still slow and white. Then he asked himself why it was, though flowing in the same channel, the two rivers remained separate; and he found that it was owing to the impetuous torrent of the Rhone, which was so swift in its course that it outstripped its weaker companion.

Thus he learned that if the current of his life were tending onward with a swiftness more than earthly, his life might flow beside the evil of the world without being corrupted by it.—

Selected.

DIED

BOREGO—In east Cottage Grove, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. B. C. Tabor, April 24, 1908, Elizabeth Borego in her 81st year.

Mother was born in Xenia, Ohio, March 13, 1828. In early life she gave her heart to God and for many years was an honored member of the M. E. church. Twenty-three years ago she heard the preaching of the soon coming Saviour and the faith held by the S.D.A. church. After a thorough investigation of God's Word she cast her lot with the remnant people of God who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. Her early life was spent in caring for the sick and dying. During her own illness she was always bright and hopeful. Not one peevish word ever escaped her lips, although she was in pain all the time; her last moments were peaceful and she passed away without a struggle.

To the many friends who so kindly assisted us in our sorrow, and for the beautiful floral offerings we extend our sincere thanks.

Elder and Mrs. B. C. Tabor.

The funeral services of Mrs. Borego were held at the Adventist Church in this city, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Elder J. M. Cole of Salem officiating. While Mrs. Borego was comparatively a stranger here, she had won by her sweet and patient character, presented all the

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more emphatically by reason of her great suffering, many friends who came to pay their last sad tribute to the dead. The floral offerings were beautiful. The sermon by Elder Cole, strong and clear, yet tender with sympathy, was one long to be appreciated. The interment took place in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

OBITUARY

Died April 5th of diphtheria, Walter Rickey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rickey of Colville, Wash.

Deceased was twelve years, eight months and five days of age.

Owing to the contagious character of the disease, a funeral service was not permitted at the time. Now that the quarantine has been lifted, by request of parents and relatives we conducted the funeral service at the Colville Adventist Church, Sabbath, May 16.

Walter's parents, the mother being an Adventist, seven brothers and sisters, beside school mates and friends, mourn his absence. His willingness to help about the house and wherever duty called was very marked.

It is believed that he rests in Jesus to await the master's call. Words of comfort by the writer.

E. H. Huntley.

The Portland Sanitarium desires to announce that it will receive a new class in its training school for missionary nurses, Nov. 1, 1908. Quite a number of applications are being received at the present time for entrance to this class

and since only a limited number can be admitted, the faculty will be glad to have all who desire to enter, send in their applications as soon as possible. For application blanks and further information address,

Dr. S. A. Lockwood, Supt.,
Portland Sanitarium.

CAMP-MEETINGS

WESTERN WASHINGTON

Seattle - - - May 21 to 30

WESTERN OREGON

St. Johns - - - May 28 to June 7

UPPER COLUMBIA

Spokane - - - June 4 to 15

MONTANA

Great Falls - - - June 18 to 28

News Items

Miss Ginther, the Union Conference assistant, is attending the Western Washington Conference.

A. G. Adams has been spending a week or ten days at the office in Walla Walla.

Thursday evening Elder W. A. Spicer gave a brief but interesting address in the Walla Walla College Chapel.

Southern Idaho rallied to the support of the Gleaner in a manner truly encouraging. The camp-meeting at Caldwell, Idaho, was a splendid one.

W. B. White accompanied by Mrs. White left Friday, May 22, for Seattle to attend the Western Washington Conference which began the 21st.

We are much pleased to have so many of our readers renewing their subscriptions. Quite a number have interested their neighbors in the Gleaner and in renewing have sent a few new names.

Financial

UPPER COLUMBIA

Receipts for April, 1908

TITHES

Craig Mountain	-	\$ 83 03
College Place	-	80 21
Chelan	-	34 25
Colville	-	216 60
Dayton	-	80 40
Ellensburg	-	10 20
Edwall	-	5 00
Farmington (Eng.)	-	17 45
Fruitland	-	49 65
Endicott	-	100 00
Granger	-	57 87
Genesee	-	126 90
Individual	-	120 30
Lewiston	-	5 00
Milton	-	219 15
Moscow	-	22 71
Malaga	-	8 00
Pomeroy	-	12 05
Natchez	-	25 75
Rathdrum	-	5 65
Spokane	-	766 97
Viola	-	85 85
Walla Walla (Eng.)	-	31 15
Walla Walla (Ger.)	-	31 15
Wenatchee	-	50
Wilcox	-	137 40
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TRUST FUNDS

S. S. Donations	-	\$355 18
Weekly Offerings	-	72 56
Foreign Missions	-	56 13
Southern Field	-	18 01
Religious Liberty	-	74 57
Walla Walla College	-	35 00
Missionary Volunteer Dept.	-	6 39
Annual Offering	-	22 10
Miscellaneous	-	15 40
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WESTERN OREGON CONFERENCE

The seventh annual session of the Western Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventist will convene Friday, May 29, at 9 o'clock a. m., on the campground at St. Johns, Oregon, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the Conference.

F. S. Bunch,
President.