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In a Dry and Thirsty Land

O soul of mine! we've wandered In a dry and thirsty land, With brazen skies above us, And around us burning sand; There was neither shade nor fountain In that dry and thirsty land. O soul of mine! we've hungered

When we fed the herds of swine; For in that land of famine

There was neither corn nor wine; There was neither milk nor honey When we hired to feed the swine.

O soul of mine! we've listened When the father called, "Come home; In my house are food and raiment;

Why in want and hunger roam?" And we hastened home in gladness When the father called, "Come home."

Elizabeth Rosser.

A REFORM NEEDED

If Seventh-day Adventists practiced propensities. A what they profess to believe, if they to develop anim were sincere health reformers, they would indeed be a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. And standing truth.

they would show a far greater zeal for the salvation of those who are ignoraut of the truth.

Greater reforms should be seen among the people who claim to be looking for the soon appearing of Christ. Health reform is to do among our people a work which it has not yet done. There are those who ought to be awake to the danger of meat eating, who are still eating the flesh of animals, thus endangering the physical; mental, and spiritual health. Many who are now only half converted on the question of meat eating will go from God's people to walk no more with them.

In all our work we must obey the laws which God has given, that the physical and spiritual energies may work in harmony. Men may have a form of godliness, they may even preach the gospel, and yet be unpurified and unsanctified. Ministers should be strictly temperate in their eating and drinking, lest they make crooked paths for their feet, turning the lame-those weak in the faithout of the way. If while proclaiming the most solemn and important message God has given, men war against the truth by indulging wrong habits of eating and drinking, they take all the force from the message they bear.

Those who indulge in meat eating, tea drinking and gluttony are sowing seeds for a harvest of pain and death. The unhealthful food placed in the stomach strengthens the appetites that war against the soul, developing the lower propensities. A diet of flesh meat tends to develop animalism. A development of animalism lessons spirituality, rendering the mind incapable of understanding truth.

The word of God plainly warns us that unless we abstain from fleshy lusts, the physical nature will be brought into conflict with the spiritual nature. Lustful eating wars against the health and peace. Thus a warfare is instituted between the higher and lower attributes of man. The lower propensities, strong and active, oppress the soul. The highest interests of the being are imperiled by the indulgence of appetites unsanctified by heaven.

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Great care should be taken to form right habits of eating and drinking. The food eaten should be that which will make the best blood. The delicate organs of digestion should be respected. God requires us, by being temperate in all things, to act our part toward keeping ourselves in health. He can not enlighten the mind of a man who makes a cesspool of his stomach. He does not hear the prayers of those who are walking in the light of the sparks of their own kindling.—Mrs. E. G. White, in Review, May 27, 1902.

CAMP-MEETING AT CALDWELL, IDAHO

This meeting was held, as appointed, in the city of Caldwell, Idaho, May 13-20. The camp was pitched in a very central location of the city, accessible from all parts of the town, which has a population at present of about four thousand people. About thirty tents were pitched and possibly one hundred or more people camped upon the ground and roomed in rooms. The weather during the meeting was quite unfavorable, being cold and chilly. Still a good spirit pervaded the meeting and a feeling of deep solemnity rested upon the congregation as the words of truth were spoken from the desk.

This is the first camp-meeting that has been held in this field since the organization of the conference last summer. The conference has a membership of about five hundred, and during the nine months of its organization they have paid their workers and felt free to give at the camp-meeting \$500 of their surplus title to the work in foreign fields. We were glad to see the Southern Idaho Conference take this stand upon the start with their surplus funds, for the funds not needed for prosecuting the work in their field should be given to the great fields beyond.

The laborers from outside the conference were: W. A. Spicer, H. W. Decker, C. H. Castle, and the writer. The sermons were of that nature that called attention to the importance of the hour,the need of a thorough consecration to the great work that they have in hand. The Lord seemed to abundantly bless all of his servants in presenting the truth, and the Southern Idaho Conference starts out another year with much courage for the work.

At the last Sabbath meeting, Brother E. E. Smith, who has labored faithfully in this field for a number of years, was ordained to the gospel ministry, the charge being given by Elder Spicer.

The foundation of the new intermediate school building located at Eagle, a small town between Boise and Caldwell, is now laid, and the conference trusts that the school may be running by the opening of the next school year.

Elder W. W. Steward was re-elected president, with about the same conference committee as last year. We feel that this young conference has much to encourage them and we hope and trust that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon their work during the coming year. W. B. White.

He can not be a true man who is not a truthful man.

A man shows his real self in the way he treats a child.

.You never lift up a life without being yourself lifted up.

when he hates boys.

Hield Reports

UPPER COLUMBIA

COLVILLE, WASH.

The church at Colville enjoyed a visit from Elder E. H. Huntley from the 14th to the 17th of this month. Preaching services were conducted Thursday, Friday, and Sabbath nights; also on Sabbath, and on Sunday at 3 p. m. in the Odd Fellows' Hall, to a large and appreciative audience, notwithstanding there was a ball game and several of the churches appointed meetings for that hour. We had five hundred hand bills printed and distributed from house to house throughout the town.

A collection was taken and the entire expense of the meeting covered. We took advantage of the opportunity and distributed some tracts on "Prohibition and Sunday Legislation." We were all satisfied with the results of the efforts put fortli.

L. R. Foos.

AN APOLOGY

As we have been attending Sundayschool this winter, and as some of the neighbors are hesitating whether to keep the whole law or not, we ventured a suggestion occasionally, as we thought it our duty. But the minister complained that the people were getting tired of that question. So I arose and said I supposed we owed the people an apology for talking so much about the commandments, and he would find my apology in Matt. 5:19. It was not what they were looking for. Let us always be ready to give our apology.

W. Ford.

WESTERN OREGON

ITEMS

The camp-meeting held at St. Johns, Oregon, was the largest held in this field since the division of the old North Pacific Conference.

An excellent spirit pervades the meet-There is something wrong with a man ing, and especially is this true in the business sessions.

Monday morning the committee on nominations reported the following, which were unanimously chosen: President, Elder C. W. Flaiz; Vice-President, Elder W. L. Black; Executive Committee, C. W. Flaiz, W. L. Black, T. H. Stårbuck, P. A. Hansen, J. M. Cole, W. C. Emerson, and H. J. Dirksen.

Tuesday morning a recommendation to raise \$1500 to improve the three Intermediate schools of our conference was heartily received and in a short time over \$2000 was raised in cash and pledges.

WESTERN WASHINGTON

WESTERN WASHINGTON CAMP-MEETING

The meeting is progressing very nicely at this date, May 27. The camp is situated in an open space on Twenty-fifth Avenue, near Vesler Way. There are about one hundred ten family tents and several large meeting tents.

The officers have been elected for the ensuing conference year, and the business of the conference is passing off very well indeed.

Elder C. E. Knight has been invited by the Foreign Mission Board to take up work in South America, and the Western Washington Conference has voted to release Brother and Sister Knight; so that destitute field is to have another representative of the third angel's message.

The work of the intermediate schools is receiving substantial help at this meeting. Something over four thousand dollars has been pledged, and partly paid in cash, for the aid of the educational work of these institutions.

Those in attendance outside the conference are Elder W. A. Spicer, Elder E. E. Andross, Elder W. B. White, Elder H. W. Decker, Elder A. J. Breed, together with other of the secretaries of departments of the Union Conference.

No human character can ripen or sweeten without the sunshine of love.

Persistency in prayer leads to consistency in practice. Prayerless preaching is powerless.

ADDRESS.

Delegates to the Seventh Annual Session of the Western Washington Conference,-

Beloved Brethren and Sisters, Greeting: The rapid flight of time has added another chapter to the history which the little conference here in the Northwest is making for itself. Nothing seems to call for such serious reflection to-day, and nothing suggests the solemn realities of our on-coming destiny as the speed with which the years are, one by one, passing into eternity. So quickly has the closing year receded into the great past that we seem to be almost under divine command to pause here on the threshold of the future to take both a retrospective and a prospective survey of the cause and work with which we are connected and of which we are each an integral part, that by our reflection upon the experiences of the past, whether of success or failure, we may, by renewed consecration to the work that has been committed to our trust, and by adopting and following better plans and policies under God's leading, see far greater results to the Master's cause in the future, and meet with approval from above.

RETROSPECTIVE

We can not look buck but to feel an almost overwhelming regret for the many failures and mistakes which mar and blot the record that is out of our reach and beyond change. Realizing that the responsibility for our shortcomings and our defective work lies altogether at our own door, we are led to seek pardon through our patient Redeemer and to consecrate ourselves anew to the work for better service. Looking back to such records as are now sealed beyond any chance for erasure, we can not even appear to boast of what we have done. Yet there are many very encouraging features to be seen by a retrospect of the past year. For all the success, advancement, growth, or results which may be noted we give thanks to God, and to him ascribe all the glory. All that may be mentioned of this character has resulted from blessings bestowed and not withstanding our lack.

PROGRESS MADE

(a) Churches and church buildings: Three churches have been organized the work of God in the future. during the past year, at Snohomish,

Ballard, and Tacoma, with an aggregate membership of seventy-four. This makes a total of thirty-nine churches in the conference at this date. Three church buildings have been erected, at Snohomish, Friday Harbor, and Centralia, at a cost of \$2,125. Besides the investment in these new buildings, many of the other houses of worship have been greatly improved, at considerable expense. There are twenty-one church buildings in the conference, with an approximate value of \$30,000.

(b) Church membership: The increase in membership has been encouraging, though far from what we would wish to see. One hundred and nine persons have been added to our church membership during the past year, making a total of 1,516, as against 1,443 reported at our last conference session. The 109 persons added to the church were those brought to the truth by our ministers and Bible-workers during the past year.

(c) Sabbath-schools: We can report an increase of twenty in the number of schools in the conference, and a total now of sixty-one schools and 1,636 membership.

(d) Young people's societies: Twelve organizations of our young people have been effected during the year, there being now sixteen societies in all, with 326 members. There is a constantly growing interest in the great movement to enlist our young people in the work of God.

(e) Intermediate and church-schools: The two intermediate schools have expended for increased facilities and equipment through the year about \$3,500. The increase in attendance has been good, aggregating 191 in both schools, as compared with 132 last year, an increase of 59. Good work has been done under the blessing of God, and as a result we see a splendid company of young men and women turning their attention toward the Master's work.

The total number of church-schools during the past year has been 19, with an aggregate enrolment of 326, making an encouraging increase over the year before. In these schools also an excellent work has been done for the lambs of the flock. It is good to note the growing interest among our brethren and sisters in this line of work. It promises much for the children and for

(f) Canvassers and book sales: In all,

35 canvassers have been in the field the past year, spending a total of 4,964 hours in actual work and selling \$10,659.22 worth of subscription books, trade books, and periodicals. Of this amount, \$\$7,445.09 was subscription books, \$903.82 was trade books, and \$2,310.31 was tracts and periodicals. The aggregate amount of sales for the year hefore was \$6,618.05, making an increase during the past year of \$4,041.17. The average per capita sales per hour of the subscription books during the year was \$1.50.

(g) Missionary society: The society has made an aggregate sale of books, tracts, periodicals, etc., of \$11,326.54 in value. At the close of the year's work, we find a small gain to the society financially and a promise for a large business from the increasing interest among our people to have a part in scattering the truth-laden publications.

(h) Tithes and offerings: The books show an increase of tithe over that of last year of \$2,862.52, the total amount received by the treasurer being \$24,-480.27. Offerings have reached a total of \$11,379.66, as compared with \$8,108.95 last year. The per capita tithe paid has been \$16.38 1-2, and of offerings \$7.63. During the year \$9,231.62 of title has been sent to the General Conference and to other fields outside of our own, and \$8,101.60 of the offerings taken have been for fields outside of Western Washington and have gone to their destination. This is a total of funds to other fields than our own, including the tithes to the Union Conference, of \$17,333.22, as against \$10,596.71 for the vear before.

(i) As far as I have collected data, the total amount of money raised in the conference during the year, including tithes, offerings and enterprises outside of the field, and interests pertaining to the local conferences and also the local cliurches, has an aggregate sum of \$37,289.31, which has a per capita amounting to \$24.61.

(j) Harmony, spirit to labor, and good health: For what we have seen in these respects we feel especially to thank our heavenly Father. In harmony and accord among the workers, in a will on their part to work faithfully and to sacrifice for the success of the cause, and with strength to labor, prosperity under God's blessing is assured. F. M. Burg.

(To be continued)

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Sabbath-school and Young Neople's Work

OUR INFLUENCE

A lad trained in a godly home, to whom the theater was a forbidden place, crept once into a theater and sat there with an' accusing conscience, looking around with furtive eyes. For him to be in that place was disobedience to parental law and dislovalty to a tender concience. But he looked up and saw in the gallery a face that he saw every Sunday in the church choir behind the minister. The sudden vision of that face served as an opiate to the lad's conscience. It helped to confirm him in what, for him, was a wrong course. How little the member of the church choir, as he sat in the theater, dreamed that his face was registering itself as a force for evil on a lad's conscience.

An organist of a little country church told the present writer the following story: He was playing a voluntary for the afternoon service. The day was hot; the air was sleepy; the congregation was small. There was nothing at hand to inspire anybody. At that moment the preacher opened the vestry door and passed into the little pulpit. He was a young man of intense earnestness., He came into the church from an atmosphere of prayer, and brought the atmosphere with him. There was a look as of other worlds on his grave, uplifted face, as he passed into the pulpit. The look of the preacher's face thrilled the organ-The music under his fingers grew ist. fuller; the little building seemed to be charged with a new atmosphere. And all this was wrought by the look on the preacher's face. The preacher himself was unconscious of it; but by his mere countenance, he was touching with spiritual and enduring forces those who looked on him.

In this way, and at a thousand points, we are unconsciously writing our own history on the lives and characters of all about us. We forget the records, or we are unconscious of them. But they endure. No art can destroy them. And at some coming moment they will leap into vision.—Southern Cross.

The devil always endorses the man who sees no use in studying the Bible.

Educational

CLOSING EXERCISES OF WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

(Continued)

On Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evening, May 13 and 14, were given two music recitals, consisting of numbers rendered in both vocal and instrumental music. These programs indicated that progress has been made in this department during the past year.

Thursday morning were held the industrial graduating exercises. Elder Andross, from England, gave the address on this occasion. He emphasized the value and importance of this phase of the educational work in preparing men and women for work in foreign fields. There were eight graduates, three from the printing department, three from the dress-making department, one from the baking department, and one from the broom-making department.

Friday morning, May 15, a program was rendered by the members of the normal training class. It consisted of selections of music rendered by the children and several interesting papers prepared by the different members of the class on the subject of Christian education. These papers briefly covered the history of Christian education from Eden to Eden restored, emphasizing the great work of educational reform that is to be carried on under the third angel's message.

On Sabbath, May 16, Elder H. A. Washburn delivered the baccalaureate sermon, dwelling upon the scripture found in Heb. 3:1. As he considered Christ, the apostle and high-priest of our profession, showing what a complete and perfect Saviour we have, one who has been tempted in all points like as we are, the Spirit of God came in and witnessed to the word spoken. Hearts were melted by the recital of the story of Christ's temptations and sufferings in the wilderness, and the agony and anguish that he experienced on the cross, but which assure his followers that the enemy has been vanquished, and victory won for those who are faithful.

The student social service in the afternoon was a blessed occasion. It was a meeting of praise to God for the manifold blessings of the year, and from ten to thirty were standing on their feet at With this burden off the college, better

a time waiting to give their testimony of praise and thanksgiving for the blessings of the past year. Some who had grown careless, and some for the first time in this last students' meeting, yielded to the influence of the very manifest presence of the Spirit of God. About fifty thus responded to the call for consecration to God. Just before closing the meeting with the praver that God would bless those who had thus responded and would be with all during the summer vacation, a request was made that all who were fully determined to live for Christ to stand. Tt was very gratifying and cheering to the teachers that the entire audience rose to their feet. This service was a blessed occasion, and one that will long be remembered.

Sunday, May 17, at 11 a. m., were held the regular graduating exercises. The writer gave the address on this occasion, the subject being "Christian Education-A New and Living Way." The graduating class was a large one, numbering twenty-two. Three received diplomas from the advanced normal course, four from the elementary normal, two from the preparatory medical. two from the German Biblical, eight from the commercial, and three from the stenographic course. With scarcely an exception, the members of this large class have dedicated themselves to the work of the Lord.

The class exercise was interesting and profitable. It was preceded by a farewell reception held on the lawn. This was an enjoyable occasion, but not unmixed with sorrow as we thought of the happy hours spent together in the work of the past year, and that not all would be privileged to thus associate together again; but our hearts were cheered by the thought that the grand reunion will soon take place for those who are faithful. So with kind admonitions to faithfulness and perseverance, and with expression of good wishes for success, we said good-by.

The past year has been a very successful one, and has given to the faculty a clearer view of the great work that God designs shall be done in this institution. The prospects for the year to come are very bright. The debt of the college is nearly paid off. About \$19,000 is already paid, and there is a good prospect for the balance, \$6,000, to be paid before the school opens, Sept. 16, 1908. With this burden off the college, better facilities can be provided, and much better work can be done. As we review the work of the past year, and note the progress that has attended it in its various features, we say, "See what God hath wrought."

M. E. Cady: President.

News Items

The Western Oregon Conference began meetings at the appointed time and while the weather is rather unfavorable still there is a very good attendance.

The membership of the conference is 1618. This is about 100 more than Western Washington has.

On the first Sunday afternoon of the meeting, Mrs. Abbott, a temperance lecturer, addressed a large congregation on the subject of temperance. Following several of our brethren made brief remarks.

The business of the conference is proceeding in an encouraging manner.

Sabbath, May 30, was a day long to be remembered by those who were on the camp-ground at Seattle. After a stirring discourse by Elder Spicer at eleven o'clock, many responded to the invitation to get liberty in Christ. In the afternoon Elder Breed gave a very instructive lesson on how to keep free in Jesus.

Reports more in detail of the campmeetings will appear in the Gleaner.

The Gleaner ought to be read by every Seventh-day Adventist in the North Pacific Union Conference. Brethren and sisters, you who know where there are isolated brethren and sisters, please write such a letter and ask if they have the Gleaner and encourage them to subscribe. Upon whom rests such responsibility if not upon those who know of such.

CANVASSING NOTES

Brother Hall is in attendance at the St. Johns camp-meeting in the interest of our book and periodical work. '

A large number, entered the field at the close of the camp-meeting at Seattle. We shall look for large reports from that field from this date on.

Let our canvassers remember that we will look for their reports early in each week. Try to get it mailed to your tract society not later than Sunday morning.

It is encouraging to note the number of hours that our workers this year are putting in. They are finding that a full week has success in it. We are striving toward the forty-hour-per-week standard.

Brother Hosokihara has been canvassing in the city of Portland, and reports good success. His sales last week were over forty dollars. He finds his own countrymen quite eager to get the books which contain the truth which he has learned to love.

Brother William Furber has been chosen by the Western Washington Conference to assist Brother Davis in his work during the busy season while he is getting his large force of workers started. Brother Furber has had a long experience in the field, and will be a strong help to the force of workers in that field.

Brother F. P. Wright, one of the students from Forest Home Academy, and one of our old canvassers, will lead out in the book work in British Columbia, as Brother Ragsdale will be absent from the field for some time. Brother Ragsdale informs me that they have nineteen entering the field.

Tuesday, June 2, was canvassers' rally day on the camp-ground at St. Johns. A very interesting symposium on our book work was given. The choir heart there is peace and joy, because

and it was indeed inspiring to hear them sing their battle hymn, "Hold on to the Plow." The prospects are for a big work in Western Oregon this summer. Brother Oberg expects to have a force of about forty in the field.

> Carl E. Weaks, Gen. Agt. N. P. U.

CONVERSION

Conversion is the law of God operative. Witness Gen. 1:1 in the story of creation. "The earth was without form, and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep." But the Spirit of God, which is the agency of God in performing his pleasure, hovered over the great deep, and, lo, out of this chaotic condition was brought forth the form of the earth. Further, light, air, and life were brought forth, and the green grass, the beautiful flowers, and the trees, with their foliage, through which the sweet-songed birds fearlessly flitted. The waters contained fishes of every known color and of varied form. The animal creation was of itself a marvel,

But over and above all, God converted from the dust of the ground a man, in form like his Creator, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. And all this at the command of God. Ps. 33:6, 9. From this we readily see that the law of God is a spiritual force, a power,-really life. "As the Father hath life in himself, so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself." Thus when Jesus spoke to the sick of the palsy, as recorded in Mark 2:2-5, there was life in the expression, "Son, thy sins be for-given thee." "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." Ps. 19:7. The law of God is brought to view in a different phase of its operative power in the case of the palsied man. In the forgiveness of sin was there the healing of disease. Again (Acts 3:1-8), the man lame from his birth was converted into a sound man through the operation of the Spirit of God and by the human agency.

And all this is but the result of operative righteous principles. God is love. 1 John 4:8. His law could not be less than a code of righteous principles which bring only light and life. And to the one who receives Jesus into the was composed of over thirty canvassers, the law of righteousness is written upon

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