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CLEANER

for the harvest is ripe"

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DOES IT PAY?

Does it pay to work for Jesus
In a humble way?
Will you labor for the Master
In the heat of day?

Does it pay to talk of Jesus,
The truth, the life, the way,
Implying him for faith and strength
To live for him each day?

Does it pay to ask our Father
For his strength and aid,
To dispel the awful darkness
Sin and doubt have made?

Does it pay to close our ears
To all that can annoy,
And, instead, mete out a blessing
In love without alloy?

Will you do the little duties
That come to you each day,
Knowing that the smile of Jesus
Is sufficient pay?

Does it pay to ask the sinner
To the festal board,
That he too may get the blessing
Christ has for us stored?

Does it pay to ask our Lord
For grace to overcome,
That we may ever faithful be
And hear the glad "Well done"?
Mrs. A. A. Banks.

SABBATH, SEPTEMBER 5, 1908

At a recent meeting of the Union Conference committee held in Portland a number of the state canvassing directors were present. After studying the needs of the field with special reference to missionary activity by our churches and also with reference to securing a strong corps of canvassers who will continue in the work it was voted to set apart the above named day for a special program to be rendered in all our churches. Brother C. E. Weeks and other leading brethren in the book work are arranging this program and it will soon be in the hands of the church elders. On receiving it, each elder and company leader should set to work at once to plan for its successful execution. We haven't a large number of ministers to meet with the churches, but as far as possible our workers will help the companies of believers in their districts. But do not wait for a minister to be with you to take hold and make this day and occasion one of blessing and interest. It is not dependent on a minister being with you. God will bless you in doing your best, though the effort may be imperfect, and for your faithfulness his approbation will rest upon you. There has never been a time when the demand

upon the activity of every believer in the third angel's message was what it is now.

"To the work, to the work," everyone is urged by the Lord of the harvest to go work today. Soon the night will come when no man can work.

"What can I do," do you ask? Can't you sell a paper? Try it. I know a young lady who said not many months ago that she just couldn't go out and sell the Signs. Now she could hardly be induced to give it up. She says she "just loves" the work.

Can't you canvass your neighbors and friends for some of the 40 per cent books—the small books that are intended especially for use in this way by our people who must stay at home and can not go out as regular and permanent canvassers? Try it.

It may be that you will in this manner find out that you are one of those persons who can sell books and who should be at it as a regular business. "Half the battle lies in trying, lift, brother, lift."

Can you not go to your neighbors and hold a Bible-reading with them or talk on the grand Bible themes that go to make up the message for today? You can't because you are not acquainted with the evidences of the doctrines our people teach! Do you really acknowledge so much as this? Then "search the Scriptures," "study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." "Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you." Seek God that he may make you a channel of blessing to others.

Can't you go into the field that calls so urgently for stalwart, trusted and tried workers, and place the truth-filled books in the hands of the people? Have you tried? Are you willing? Will you try? Too busy at other things that concern your personal welfare in this world? What excuse will you offer when the Master asks you to give an account in that great day? "Who will answer gladly saying, 'Here am I, oh Lord, send me'?"

REMEMBER SABBATH, SEPTEMBER FIFTH.

F. M. Burg.

SELF-DENIAL WEEK

This week is the last week in November,—November 23-30. This title has not been given it by the General Conference, but for convenience in mentioning this week to the readers of the Gleaner we will call it Self-denial Week. We suppose that every Seventh-day Adventist ought to be a self-denying person. We have a message to the world that calls for self-denial and sacrifice. But the plans that are being laid now for the furtherance of the work in foreign missions certainly warrant us denominating this week one of self-denial. The General Conference is expecting to issue a special number of the Review and Herald giving an account of the work that we as a people are doing in heathen lands. This will be thoroughly illustrated, and we presume will be a grand paper.

But the plan is this. These papers will be furnished to our churches free of cost, and then every one who can possibly do so is invited to take these papers and go out into your several communities, cities and towns, presenting a copy of this paper to the people, telling them what we are doing in foreign fields, and giving them the paper free: then ask them if they would not like to make a contribution to our foreign mission fund. We believe that this is the first time Seventh-day Adventists have ever asked the world for a dollar to carry forward their work in heathen lands. If our people will all take hold of this enterprise earnestly, we can see no reason why many thousands of dollars may not be brought into the mission fund during

self-denial week. But there will be a large number who can not go out in this way, who can not go personally with the papers, and these are asked to give not of their time but of their means. All who can not go out with the papers, soliciting means are asked to give the wages of that week to the foreign mission fund, and if we choose, give it anyway whether we go out or not. If all of our people will take one or the other of these means, either giving a week in soliciting, or giving a week's wages, thousands and thousands of dollars may be brought into the foreign mission fund.

And, brethren, there was never a time in the history of our work when means is more needed than now. Calls are coming from all lands that we shall hasten to them the messengers of present truth. Many more could be sent out today if we had the means to do it. Why not make self-denial week a week when we will all rally to the support of our foreign work as never before? We trust that our conference officers will bring this matter before the people and organize for work at this time. We hope also that our church elders will be interested in this great plan for the advancement of our foreign work and will bring it before their churches and take the matter up and do what they can to make it a success. If we are faithful in taking hold of this plan, we are sure that many thousands of dollars will come to the foreign mission treasury.

W. B. White.

THE SUMMER NORMAL

The Summer Normal School has now been in session for nearly three weeks, and the present enrolment including the Normal Faculty has reached forty-three. This is very nearly double the enrolment of last year. By those attending this school it has already been declared to be "a feast of good things." We wish there were others here to enjoy it with them.

Several of the Superintendents and Intermediate School Principals were present during the second week, preparing the examination questions for the teachers, also for the final tests in the church and intermediate schools. A report of their work will appear in the next issue.

M. E. Cady.

Field Reports

UPPER COLUMBIA CANVASSERS, NOTICE

Most of our Seed Sowers will be busy delivering during the next two or three weeks. To nearly all, this will be a new experience, and a word of caution may not be out of place. It is this: Don't leave books on a promise to send you the pay at a future date. The promise is seldom kept, and your obligation to the tract society can not be met with promises. It takes cash to pay debts; promises don't count.

The books may, sometimes, be left upon receipt of half the price or more. In so doing you get enough cash to pay the tract society, but you may get nothing for yourself—nothing for your work.

Cash business is always safe.

My earnest prayer is that the Lord will direct and bless the faithful Seed Sowers in their deliveries, and keep them near to him.

A. D. Guthrie.

WESTERN WASHINGTON OLD PEOPLE'S HOME

It is necessary to say a few words to our people in Western Washington in reference to the matter of caring for the needy aged people among us. I am writing this under the above heading as the thought of an "Old People's Home" being established seems to have taken quite definite shape in the minds of many. We wish to say to all that there is so much involved in establishing and maintaining such a home that the question of whether such an institution should be opened can not be settled in a moment. Such a venture means a considerable amount of money for the initial investment, as well as no little amount to support it after it is started. So for this reason, if for no other, we must give time for such developments as will make it possible for the enterprise to be started without our incurring a large debt.

There are standpoints from which it becomes questionable whether a home of this kind would be the best thing or

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Program for Home Missionary Rally

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"THY PEOPLE SHALL BE WILLING IN THE DAY OF THY POWER" Psalms 110:3

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the churches know not the time of their visitation. How can they best learn the truth?—through the efforts of the canvasser. The publications will do a far greater work than can be accomplished even by the ministry of the Word, because the canvassers reach a class the ministers who teach in word and doctrines can not reach. Here is a work that man can lay hold of and do. All who will consecrate themselves to God to work as canvassers, are giving the last message of warning to the world. We have no time to lose. We must encourage this work. Who will go forth now with our publications? The Lord implants a fitness for the work to every man and woman who will co-operate with divine power. All the requisite talent, courage, perseverance, faith, and tact will come as they put the armor on. Brethren and sisters, will you put on the Christian armor? "Your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace," you will be prepared to walk from house to house carrying the truth to the people. Sometimes you will find it trying to do this kind of work; but if you will go forth in faith, the Lord will go before you, and will let his light shine upon your pathway. Entering the homes of your neighbors to sell or give away literature, and in humility to teach them the truth you will be accompanied by the light of heaven, which will abide in these homes."

"If there ever was a time when we needed to understand our spiritual condition and our present duty, it is now. The things of this world are soon to perish. This is not discerned by those who have not been divinely enlightened, who have not kept pace with the work of God. Consecrated men and women must go forth to sound the warning in the highways and byways. I urge my brethren and sisters not to engage in the work that will hinder them from proclaiming the gospel of Christ. Oh, that thousands more of our people had a realization of the time in which we are living, and of the work to be done in field service, in house-to-house labor."

"Let everyone professing the name of Christ act a part in sending forth the message, 'The end of all things is at hand;' 'prepare to meet thy God.' Our publications should go everywhere. The circulation of our periodicals should be greatly increased. The third angel's message is to be given through gospel literature and through the living teacher. You who believe the truth for this time, wake up. It is our duty now to employ every possible means to help in the proclamation of the truth. The work to be done is great; the world is asleep, and

"The Lord is soon to come. In fire and flood and earthquake he is warning the inhabitants of this earth of his soon approach. Oh that the people might know the time of their visitation! We have no time to lose. We must make more determined effort to lead the people of this world to see that the day of judgment is near at hand. Carefully prepared literature on the significance of the scenes we are now witnessing is to be circulated everywhere. Our understanding is to be quickened by the Holy Spirit. O, if our people would feel as they should the responsibility resting upon them to give the last message of mercy to the world, what a wonderful work would be done! A thousand times more work for God

might be accomplished if all his children would fully consecrate themselves to him, using their talents aright. It is the Christian's business to shine, but no one will ever enter heaven who is not a laborer together with God."

"We must let our light shine amid the moral darkness. Many who are now in darkness, as they see a reflection of the light of the world, will realize that they have a hope of salvation. Your light may be small, but remember that it is what God has given you, and that he holds you responsible to let it shine forth. Some one may light his taper from yours and his light may be the means of leading others out of darkness. There should be companies organized, and educated most thoroughly to work as nurses, as evangelists, as ministers, as canvassers, as gospel students, to perfect a character after the divine similitude. From town to town, from city to city, the warning message of present truth is to be proclaimed."

"Wake up, wake up, my brethren and sisters, and enter the fields in America that have never been worked. After you have given something for foreign fields do not think your duty done. There is a work to be done in foreign fields, but there is a work to be done in America that is just as important. In the cities of America there are people of almost every language. These need the light that God has given to his church. In many states there are settlements of industrious, well-to-do farmers, who have never heard of the truth for this time. Such places should be worked. Let our lay members take up this line of service. By lending or selling books, by distributing papers, and by holding Bible-readings our lay members could do much in their own neighborhoods. Filled with love for souls, they could present the message of present truth with such power that many would be converted. Let us remember that it is as important to carry the message to those in the home field who have not heard the truth as it is to go as missionaries to foreign countries."

"The Master calls for everyone to do the part given him, according to his

ability. Who will respond to the call? God has his workmen in every age. The call of the hour is answered by the human agencies. Thus it will be when the divine voice cries, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' the response will come, 'Here am I; send me.'"

Mrs. E. G. White.

YOU CAN IF YOU WILL

Scores have done it, hundreds are doing it, and why not you do it, and join the ranks of "doers," instead of remaining with that larger class of discontented people known as "wishers." "Blessed are they that do."

I repeat it with double emphasis: You can if you will. You can have an education,—a Christian education,—that will fit and prepare you for the place that Christ has assigned to you in the great closing work. Scores have secured a scholarship, and hundreds are securing it this present summer vacation; and this opens the way for them to enter one of our training-schools and speedily gain a training and preparation for service in the Master's vineyard. Indeed, while out canvassing for the scholarship these youth are already working in the vineyard of the Lord; and in no other way can they be led to realize the world's great need, and the preparation necessary that they may be prepared to minister to those who are perishing for lack of a knowledge of God's saving truth for this time.

Nearly one hundred of our youth in this great Northwest have been out this summer with our truth-filled books, placing them in the homes of the people, and they have been richly blessed with a living experience in the things of God. He has given them favor with the people, so that some have already delivered their books and secured their scholarships, and now they are taking a few days' rest before beginning their school work. Others will have completed their book deliveries in a few more days, and be ready to enter school when it opens. Still others may be a few days late in retiring from the field, but this will not hinder them putting in a good year's work in school. There are instances where the father or mother

has joined with the son or daughter, and in just a few days their united efforts have quickly secured the scholarship which makes it possible for their children to attend school this year.

There are those who have not been in the field, but they have heard how wonderfully the Lord is blessing in the canvassing work, and now they are anxious to earn a scholarship and thus secure the privileges and advantages offered by our schools. Some of these have just recently entered the field, and plan to enter school at the beginning of the second semester, which is about the middle of January. Why is this not an excellent opportunity to secure the half-year scholarship, which has already been provided for? This entitles the holder to a half year's schooling, paying the expenses of board, room, and tuition. A whole loaf is the best, but a half-loaf is better than none.

Why should there not be at least one hundred of our young people who will work for the half-year scholarship, beginning now and working up to the holidays? The retail value of the books to be sold for the half-year scholarship varies from \$90 to \$137.50, depending on which school one attends.

Why should our youth everywhere respond to these calls that come to them to enter our schools for training? Because the Master hath need of them. God has set his hand to finish the work in this generation; "for a short work will the Lord do in the earth, and he will cut it short in righteousness." We have not a moment to lose. "The day of the Lord is near, and it hasteth greatly." "The King's business requires haste." The salvation of souls, in a large degree, is dependent upon our diligence and earnestness; and the salvation of our own souls is assured only as we labor faithfully for the salvation of others.

Let Seventh-day Adventist youth give this matter serious consideration. Are you willing to follow the Master, sacrificing a life of ease and pleasure that you may go about doing good, as he did? If so, you too, in the great day of God recompense, shall see of the travail of your soul and be satisfied.

You can if you will. "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power." "For it is God that worketh in you, both to will and to do of his good pleasure."

Let us be willing. If this seems too hard, then let us pray God to help to be willing to be willing, for "the willing and the obedient shall eat of the good of the land."

M. E. Cady.

RESTORATION OF THE TRACT POCKET

When did the time come, dear brethren and sisters, that called for the abandoning of that former necessity, the "tract pocket"? Do you not remember the pocket you used to have, or that carried by some minister or worker in your early experiences in the message, and what a place it occupied in all missionary efforts? If so, you surely now have a word to say in favor of its restoration to its former place of usefulness and honor, in helping to give a lost world the message of a soon-coming Saviour.

Oh for a return to the old-time missionary zeal which characterized the early believers in this message! Then every man, woman, and child had his work, and did it for the love of the truth. Are we not enough in earnest to begin anew the work once so successfully done through the medium of these truth-filled leaflets?

Let us accept the statement of God when he says our publications are to be scattered like the leaves of autumn, and that the world must be warned before the end can come. Let us see to it that the tract pocket comes again into use, that the message of mercy may be given to the world in attractive and convenient form. May God bless every means he has given for carrying on his work.

O. K. Butler.

WILL YOU ENLIST?

God has his workmen in every age. When a mighty movement is to be inaugurated in this earth, he chooses to work through human instrumentalities, and just to the extent that these instrumentalities consecrate their all for service, to that extent the work moves forward. Because of the lack of whole-

hearted consecration on the part of ancient Israel, they wandered about in the wilderness for forty years when they might have been in the promised land. This advent people might have been in the kingdom long ago if we had only lived up to our opportunities, but because of our failure on this point, a great work is yet to be accomplished.

A great reform movement was carried on under Nehemiah "for the people had a mind to work." The work was not left alone to Nehemiah and his direct associates, but the people realized that there was a responsibility resting upon them, so men and women from all stations and walks in life gladly gave their services for the accomplishment of the one object. Merchants, apothecaries, goldsmiths, and all gladly laid aside their duties along these lines for the time, and as one man they arose to do the work of God.

God is calling upon men and women today to do as they did in the days of Nehemiah. We are to let nothing stand in the way of soul saving. His people are to be willing in the day of his power. The publishing work has been established in our midst as a means of doing a great work quickly. The third angel's message is to be given largely through the printed page, and this is a work that man can lay hold of and do. Is the Lord impressing you by his Spirit, my brother, my sister, telling you that this is the work he would have you do? If so, take heed to that call, for "his Spirit shall not always strive with man." The last call to service will soon have been made. When that time comes we want to be found in just the place God would have us in.

Calls are repeatedly coming urging us to push out into the work of circulating our truth-filled books. God is going before those who have entered the field, and they are receiving souls for their hire. The work also furnishes a means of livelihood for the one who goes forth trusting wholly in him who has promised to pay what is right. It is hoped that a large number in the North Pacific Union will attend the institutes this fall and prepare for this grand work.

Carl E. Weeks.

WHAT CAN I DO IN THE WORK?

Well, my brother or sister, you can do a great deal for the advancement of the truth of God in the earth if you are willing to be used. The Lord hath need of thee, and you have a work to do before probation closes that no one but you can do; and if you fail to do it, it will never be done. You can reach some heart that no one else can reach, and there is a little corner in the great harvest field which is waiting the sharp edge of your sickle. Do not say there is nothing you can do, for God has given to every man his work, and in the great reckoning day he will inquire how we have used the talent or talents entrusted to us. May we all in that day have it said to us, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Not many of us may be called to labor in foreign fields. Our paths may never lead to Japan, India, or China, but, dear reader, "we can find the heathen nearer, we can help them at our door;" and if our hearts are glowing with the love of souls, and we truly long to see some one find the salvation of our God, we will not wait till a call comes from the Foreign Mission Board, or till we receive missionary credentials from our conference, but we will go to work anywhere for God, do the first thing that comes to our hand to do, and do it with our might.

A few extracts from recent testimonies from Sister E. G. White will not only be of interest, but an encouragement to all.

"Missionary success will be proportionate to whole-hearted, thoroughly consecrated effort. Every departure from true missionary effort, every failure to cherish the missionary spirit, has reacted upon the church, and there has been a decline of spirituality. But every earnest effort that has been made in missionary lines has brought spiritual health to the church, and has not only increased the membership of the church, but has increased its holy zeal and gladness."

Then the way to bring health, zeal, and gladness to the church is to be active in home missionary lines; and, rest assured, if we will but do our part, God will see to it that results will follow.

But, without question, there is not as much of this home missionary spirit in the church as in bygone days. Brethren, as we draw nearer the end there should be much more of this spirit, should there not, rather than less, in the church? But, sad to say, this home missionary spirit, this spirit to see our neighbors and friends turn to God and accept his truth, has been dying out in our churches. Another extract from Sister White:

"The home missionary spirit is little known among us, and its manifestation is greatly needed in every line of work. A portion of the church has begun to exhibit some activity along missionary lines, but if we do not awake more generally and fully, then those who know not the truth for this time will advance before us and block up our way."

Again, "to work at home successfully will need a spirit, faith, and perseverance that will not fail nor be discouraged. There is not one inactive in heaven, and no one will enter the mansions of bliss who has failed to show love for Christ, who has put forth no efforts for the salvation of others."

Again, in a more recent testimony, Sister White pens these encouraging words:

"In working for perishing souls you have the companionship of angels. Thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand, angels are waiting to co-operate with members of our churches in communicating the light that God has generously given, that a people may be prepared for the coming of Christ."

What an encouragement to every church member who feels that he or she desires to labor for Jesus at home!

But what can our church members do, and how can they work? Again we quote from the testimonies:

"Get acquainted with your neighbors. Oh, how many have never opened their lips to inquire of neighbors and friends if they would be willing to hear something of the truths for the time in which we are living! My brethren and sisters, study your plans. Grasp every opportunity of speaking to your neighbors and associates, or of reading something to them from books that contain present truth. Show that you regard as of first importance the salvation of the soul for whom Christ has made so great a sacrifice."

'And not only in the lines indicated above can we work for the Master, but many, with a little training, can take our splendid magazines, such as Liberty, Life and Health, and the Signs of the Times monthly, and easily sell them on the streets or in the homes of the people. What precious present truth do these magazines contain for the world! Just the truth for this time, just what they need; and our home workers should organize for a great campaign on these magazines for the fall and winter. The long evenings, when people read most, will soon be here, and now is our time to put on the yoke of labor and the harness of service, and sow the seeds of truth among the people everywhere. Others, no doubt, would rather sell our small, bright forty-per-cent books, and here is another great field open wide to our home workers. The fall is the best season of the year for this work, and shall not a large army of home missionaries enlist for service for the great campaign which is now being organized in the several conferences? Thousands of small packages of tracts could be put up in neat form and sold quickly among the people. Of course, all our church members could not spend all their time in this home missionary work, but many could spend some, and some could spend all; and God will abundantly bless the efforts put forth to the advancement of his truth. Would it not be well, brother or sister, if God is impressing you to do something in the home missionary work, to mention your leadings in this matter to your home missionary secretary, and ask him to assist you in getting started in some line of Christian work? Soon the days of work will be forever gone, and the night will come in which no man can work. Now is the time to sow the seed, and the harvest and resting will be by-and-by.

W. B. White.

News Items

Elder A. J. Breed and C. E. Weeks left last Thursday evening to attend the camp-meeting at Anacortes, Wash.

Elders White, Langdon, and Butler left last Wednesday evening for Victor,

Mont., to attend the camp-meeting at that place.

C. H. Castle is attending the Anacortes camp-meeting in the interests of the Gleaner. He will also visit some of the churches in Western Washington before returning to the office.

Elder Langdon is attending the camp-meeting at Victor, Mont., at the present time.

•Elder F. D. Starr, of Clarkston, Wash., writes that a few have decided to obey the truth.

The new normal building in connection with Walla Walla College is nearing completion, and will be ready for use when school opens, September 9.

Our camp-meeting in the northern part of the conference will be held at Wenatchee, Wash., commencing September 24. More particulars concerning this meeting will be given next week.

Brother Evans has spent about three weeks in the field with his colporteur wagon, and met with good success, but has just been called home on account of his interests in Two Rivers.

We still have a good supply of the Signs of the Times monthly here at the office, which can be had at four cents per copy, postpaid. They retail at ten cents. This is the August number.

Elder Hill has been visiting the isolated Sabbath-keepers in Southern Oregon around Long Creek, and has sent in a number of subscriptions for the Review and Herald.

The book work in this conference has been quite successful this year. Most of the agents are delivering, and the others are still working for orders, but will be delivering soon. Several scholarships have been earned already.

If those who are planning to attend the Wenatchee camp-meeting and wish to rent tents would inform us at an early date with reference to size wanted, we can in that way plan to a better advantage, and also have a knowledge of the tents wanted. Possibly there are those who may have special books in mind which they would wish us to bring to the camp-meeting; if so, kindly inform us. We are, however, planning on having a fair stock of books and Bibles there.

Upper Columbia Conference.

Calendars of Walla Walla College can be had by writing a card. Remember that the College opens Wednesday, September 9. Be present the opening day if possible. If you are in doubt as to whether you can attend school this year, please write and it may be that the doubt can be dispelled. Address President M. E. Cady, College Place, Wash.

LITTELL, WASH.

Our meetings closed at Chehalis August 9 with six souls keeping the Sabbath through the effort there, of whom one sister was baptized. There are a few more who are deeply interested, and who have expressed their desire to obey the Lord. Of these we feel very hopeful.

We have now pitched our tent in a little country town, Littell, just four miles from Chehalis; thus enabling us to attend the Sabbath meetings at Chehalis, and to further look after the interest there. The meetings here began Friday, August 14, with a small attendance, but Sunday night there were over 100 out. Since then the attendance has not been less than 75.

Just before opening the meeting a question box was placed upon the rear pole of the tent, and the people, not being informed of the true purpose of it, mistook it for the contribution box and have been contributing quite liberally every night. We consider this an omen of good for it shows that some are interested in what is said.

J. A. Holbrook,
Geo. Harlow.

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not, though this is not saying that the wisdom of such a possible venture is doubtful. It may be the best thing, but time is required for careful consideration of the matter from every standpoint. So we hope that our readers will not allow themselves to look for such an enterprise to be launched at once, at any rate. But while we say this much, we would invite those who may be especially interested to correspond with us, stating their convictions; and if any have sufficient interest in such an institution to offer substantial aid, we would be pleased to hear from such persons. Indeed, some have already made offers of a tangible kind to assist in starting a home should one be established; and we invite others to do the same if they have offers to make.

Now while this question develops, we will have the responsibility of caring for the aged and needy ones, by whatever may be the best means. So we would suggest to our churches and to our brethren and sisters that the first responsibility to provide for these dependent ones rests with them, and not with the conference. But, of course, there will be cases when the burden will be too great for the local church, or for the individual family concerned, and in such instance the conference has a duty to help meet the demand. For this reason, we are planning to have an offering taken in every church twice during the year, to create a fund for helping take care of the aged and the orphans. When these offerings are taken, let every one give freely, so that we can have the means with which to help wherever duty demands.

And in closing I would suggest to our churches that where they feel that they have done what they could to provide for the needy among them they report to us the situation and the need, and we will give attention to it.

In the good work,

F. M. Burg.

NOTES OF INTEREST

Forest Home School.—The school board met in the boys' dormitory recently and gave some very careful thought to the needs of the institution. About the hardest situation that con-

fronted them was the lack of money with which to make the improvements and furnish the equipments that are so sorely needed. It took the most careful thinking and planning to cut the cloth to fit the garment. But at best only a beginning could be made. Among the things provided for by the action of the board were general repairing of some parts of the building,—the parlor, dining-room, hall, etc.; more desks for the schoolroom, bath facilities, a supply of chairs for the dining-room, dishes and kitchen utensils, harness and hack, principal's desk, etc.

Mrs. Walter E. Gillis was elected matron and preceptress. A business manager is yet to be supplied. The school has a good outlook for the coming year. Send for a calendar.

Field Educational Secretary.—We have waited long for a man to fill this important place in our work. Our patience has been rewarded. We have secured help in Brother L. G. Paap, formerly principal of the Royal Intermediate School, near Cottage Grove, Ore. Our teachers are very much encouraged at having the help that one can give who has had a successful experience in the work of Christian education. Brother Paap's address is 309 Second Avenue North, Seattle, Wash.

Field Missionary Secretary.—Again we have, after waiting and hoping a good while, secured help in this line of work. Brother Walter E. Gillis, who has been for a number of years connected with the publishing house at Mountain View, has been elected by our committee to the above-named office. He has already taken hold of the work, and his evident interest in it promises good. Watch now for his visits and for correspondence from him about the missionary operations which should be kept alive in every place. Only those who have a part in giving the warning message to the world will be ready to meet the Lord of the harvest. Write Brother Gillis at the office address.

Workers' Departure.—We feel a great loss in Elder and Mrs. C. E. Knight going from us. Answering an urgent call from the General Conference, they left Tacoma on Sunday, August 9, enroute for Argentine, South America, via California.

The labors of Brother and Sister Knight have been very much appreciated in our conference, and the Lord

has blessed their efforts to the salvation of souls. Our loss will be gain to the needy field to which they have started. May God give them many sheaves for the great harvest home.

"Ye Christian heralds, go, proclaim
Salvation through Immanuel's name;
To distant climes the tidings bear,
And plant the Rose of Sharon there.

"He'll shield you with a wall of fire,
With flaming zeal your breast inspire,
Bid raging winds their fury cease,
And hush the tempest into peace.

"And when our labors all are o'er,
Then we shall meet to part no more,—
Meet with the blood-bought throng, to
fall,
And crown our Jesus Lord of all."

The Canvassers.—They are still at it, delivering now, most of them. Generally the deliveries are all that the workers have hoped for. What a day of rejoicing is awaiting these diligent workers when the seed which they have sown yields the rich harvest! Who will now join the ranks of the seed-sowers and swell the volume of work far beyond what we have thought or hoped for?

Religious Liberty Institute.—Arrangements are being made for such an institute in our field from October 14 to 20. All the laborers in the conference are to be present, and Elders W. B. White and A. J. Breed will attend. Now why should not a goodly number of our church elders meet with us? Our elders need help. They feel the need themselves, and it seems to us that just such an occasion as this would be their golden opportunity to come together and study with our leading brethren the practical features of their work in the churches. Can we not hear from our church elders that they will come and have a good time with us at the religious liberty convention? While the question of religious liberty will be made prominent, time will be given for other things of great interest.

We hope soon to furnish the Gleaner readers with a program, so that all can see what is to be done. We expect a good time together.

Office Improvements.—We have made quite a change in appearances at the conference office. First, there has been built a neat little storehouse for our tents and other camp-meeting equipments, so that the lower rooms of the office building are now used for the

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stock of the tract society. This convenience is very much appreciated, indeed. The upper rooms have been papered and rearranged, so that everything is much more convenient and pleasant than it has been.

Our Tent Companies.—Our ministers who are out with tents are storming the enemy's fort. They all talk courage and hope. Why should they not? God is with his servants, and he is leading the way for the onward march of his army. Victory will perch upon their banner, for there is inscribed, "The commandments of God and the faith of Jesus."

In his service,

F. M. Burg.

CAMP-MEETINGS

Victor, Montana (Western) Aug. 20-30
Anacortes, Wash. Aug. 20-30
Roseburg, Oregon Aug. 27 to Sept. 5
Meadowglade, Wash. Sept. 1-6
Great Falls, Montana Sept. 4-13
Medford, Oregon Oct. 1-10
Wenatchee September 24—.

FOR SALE

Five acres good fruit land nine miles from Wenatchee, one and one-half miles from railroad station, three-fourths mile from Berean Industrial School, an intermediate school lately established by the Upper Columbia Conference. Write to L. I. Stiles, Malaga, Wash.

"Missions are not a failure in heathen lands, but are a sad failure in the hearts of many professing Christians at home."

Bookmen's Corner

MONTANA

Week Ending Aug. 7, 1908

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders.	Value
Noble Rittenhouse	D. & R.	45	9	\$ 32 50
G. R. Moore	D. of A.	39	8	44 30
2 agents		84	17	\$ 76 80

UPPER COLUMBIA

Week Ending Aug. 14, 1908

F. A. Bower	D. & R.	29	7	\$ 14 50
Mrs. G. V. Reeder	C. O. L.	17	5	10 00
Florence White	Heralds	18	18	33 75
I. C. Van Dorn	Heralds	20	7	16 65
Olive Adams	Heralds	22	10	17 50
Geo. Wikander	Heralds	21	16	31 75
G. S. Garner	G. C.	25	8	62 00
Florence Guthrie	H. & H.	19	15	60 00
Mrs. R. Cook	H. & H.	9	3	9 00
9 agents		180	89	\$255 15

WESTERN WASHINGTON

Week Ending Aug. 14, 1908

Oliver Shrewsberry	Heralds	25	22	\$ 37 00
J. Hosokihara	Heralds	28	14	28 00
John Cornell	Heralds	14	5	9 50
G. B. Collett	Heralds	29	5	26 95
W. C. Thompson	D. & R.	26	12	43 00
C. A. Purdom	P. H.	8	15	8 25
Effie Walker	C. K.	17	11	25 70
Mrs. Sederlof	G. C.	12	3	8 25
R. T. Cornell	G. C.	10	4	17 00
Nield and Rittenhouse	H. & H.	32	21	80 40
Fern Rowe	H. & H.	20	7	25 50
Ray Holbrook	H. & H.	30	16	60 80
Teresa Barrett	H. & H.	7	6	30 00
13 agents		178	141	\$ 357 75

WESTERN OREGON

Week Ending Aug. 14, 1908.

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Value
Ethel Rogers	Heralds	27	27	\$ 65 25
Roscoe Randolph	Heralds	37	4	7 00
Lowell Tupper	Heralds	40	15	28 25
*Claude Oppen	Heralds	84	18	40 85
Eliza Jenson	Heralds	29	14	24 50
Fred Larson	G. C.	35	3	16 95
Henry Haeft	G. C.	26	3	13 25
Almon Owens	D. & R.	14	11	37 25
Frank Oster	D. & R.	32	28	106 50
Harold Oberg	D. & R.	35	21	72 50
J. J. Ferguson	D. & R.		1	3 75
Mae Elwood	D. & R.	12	4	14 50
Ada Blue	H. & H.	4	2	6 00
Mamie Lashier	H. & H.	14	6	18 00
Madge Moore	H. & H.	22	5	23 25
15 agents		411	159	\$ 477 80

*Two weeks.