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"Put ye in the sickle,

CLEANER

for the harvest is ripe"

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GOD'S HOURGLASS

God's hand was on the hourglass when
the world was new;

(O, the long generations he allotted
then);

And as the sands of time went slipping
slowly through,

He measured out the ages to the sons
of men.

God's hand was on the hourglass down
in David's day,

When he said the years of man shall
be threescore and ten;

And, while the generations swifter
passed away,

He turned and turned the hourglass
for the sons of men.

God's hand is on the hourglass in these
latter years;

He counts the days for every soul in
every clime;

Now the last generation upon the stage
appears,

God's hand has turned the hourglass
for the last, last time.

Elizabeth Rosser.

Mission Notes

Elder Jay J. Nethery and wife have been compelled to remain in England, instead of returning to Egypt, where they have been laboring the past two years. They will labor in the South England Conference. A young man and his wife from Europe have been selected to go down into Egypt to continue the work.

Brother Robt. S. Greaves, writing from Smyrna, Turkey, under date of August 9, after speaking of the rejoicing throughout the city because of the change in governmental affairs, tells of two who have embraced the truth as the result of their labors. One Armenian lady, who before they came had heard about the Sabbath, and a young Greek, who also had had his attention called to the Sabbath, but who had opposed it, are now rejoicing in the new-found truth. Brother Greaves still craves an interest in the prayers of God's people in the home land.

"A queer country this is, where the only things of interest you have to show me are the graves," said a newcomer who had joined the mission forces in Africa. "Yes," was the reply, "but they are the milestones of Christianity to regions beyond." Another missionary, illustrating the brave spirit actuating the advance into such dark climes, said, "Though every step be over the grave of a missionary, Africa must be redeemed." Soldiers of Christ are needed whose hearts beat with this true

heavenly courage, who are not daunted in the face of hardships, to enter the great mission fields with the third angel's message.

A general meeting was held during August at Koze, Japan. This place is the one the brethren have in mind for locating their new sanitarium. Brother Field writes; "We are looking forward with much expectation to our meeting at Koze. It ought to mark a decided advance step in the work here, and I believe that it will. We have a carefully-arranged program, covering the various lines of our work, and have divided the meetings among the workers, that the best results may be secured. We plan to have the workers spend some time each day in getting out among the people with our literature. The evening meetings will be planned with special reference to outside attendance." This will be the first camp-meeting for Japan.

Two acres of land have been deeded the Indian Mission committee, in a favorable locality among the Tamils of South India. One and one-fourth acres of this land are well adapted for building purposes, the remainder for a fruit and vegetable garden. Brother and Sister James are in the mountains, seeking a little respite from the heat of the plains, where the mercury has gone up to 112 degrees in the shade. They carried on dispensary work, relieving the afflicted who came to them in large numbers, both from the vicinity where they lived and from outlying villages, until they were compelled to seek a little

rest. A physician and wife who can also help in the spiritual work are greatly needed to join Brother and Sister James in South India.

At a cost beyond all reckoning the continent (Africa) has passed from prehistoric darkness to twentieth century day break. It is estimated that of explorers over six hundred died as a direct result of the death-dealing climate and the consequent hardships of travel. Of missionaries the number is unknown, but in 1902 seven of the leading missionary societies in the United States furnished lists showing that the average length of service of the missionaries under their auspices had been eight years, and that since 1833 these seven societies had given 195 lives for Africa. When it is remembered that these are but seven of the ninety-five societies working in Africa, one can form some idea of the cost in the lives of missionaries. The roll of honor of those who, through the centuries, as conquerors, geographers, explorers, colonizers, missionaries, soldiers, statesmen, have contributed, bit by bit, here a little, there a little, to the sum total of knowledge concerning Africa, or to its present state of development, represents almost matchless achievements.—Daybreak in the Dark Continent.

Paul, the "Apostle of the Kongo," was another of these "commonplace blacks." The Rev. Henry Richards tells his story. There was one man, the son of a chief, who did all that he could to oppose the gospel. He would take his drum and some wine, and begin to dance to call the people away from the service. The weak ones would sometimes go and join in the dance. The sound of the drum seemed to electrify them; it reminded them of pagan times. Sometimes, when this man, whose name was Nloko (meaning 'a curse') could not draw the people away from the meetings, he would come in and drive them out by making a great commotion." But the time came when this Saul, "yet breathing out threatenings," heard the heavenly voice, and experienced a radical conversion. "Nloko was baptized. I gave him the name of Paul, because his experience was so much like that of the apostle. The man seemed to be full of the Holy Spirit."

He was eager to preach. He asked for the hardest place, one where it had previously been impossible to gain admittance for the Gospel. After some preparatory training, he went to Kin-Kauza. The people would not receive him. He then pitched his old tent outside the pagan town, and began his siege. Cold and dampness and hunger were his companions, but he was steadfast.

For some months there were no converts. Finally one man dared to say, "I am a Christian." Immediately he was rejected by his townspeople. Then Paul had a neighbor. A small hut was built near his tent, and the new convert moved in. Gradually the little community grew. A chapel accommodating 300 people was built. This little company of Christians, just from paganism themselves, were soon sending teachers to other towns, and paying their expenses.

"All that Paul seemed to think of was souls; he dreamed of souls and how he could win them. Of course," concludes Mr. Richards, "we have not many Pauls. He is a born preacher. No man's prayers seem to help me as much as his. I am astonished at the man's power. He preaches the gospel of the cross. That is what breaks down the pagan." Before Paul died (1902) his church numbered 600 members, all converted under his personal evangelism. This number included none of the converts in the towns where his missionary teachers had gone. His people continue to carry the message across the Kongo to their heathen neighbors, and its influence is widening.—Id.

THE SOUTHERN WORK

Our brethren and sisters will soon be expected to contribute their offering to our Annual fund, which is to be used for the advancement of the work for the colored people.

We have a great work on our hands in the South; and only a short time in which to do it. Nearly nine millions of colored people are to be warned of the soon coming Saviour, and we are instructed that the work in the South is to be closed first. There are many influences noticeable, which indicate that if our work is not quickly done, it must

be carried forward under great difficulties. God is holding in check many evil agencies, and is asking us to improve the golden opportunity which is graciously extended to us. Race prejudice is growing. Many difficulties are arising, and statesmen are vainly striving to solve the great southern problem; but one thing is needful to relieve the situation with those who will accept it, and that is the third angel's message. Shall we give it to this people just now?

Oakwood Manual Training School must have immediate assistance that it may do a successful and speedy work in training ministers, teachers, Bible workers, and other laborers for the field. A small sanitarium should be erected to meet the demands of the medical work of the school. A fund must be provided for the payment of teachers who are devoting their whole time and interests to the school. We hope our brethren and sisters everywhere will see the present great need of this work, and make their gifts very liberal.

We close with a quotation from the spirit of prophecy: "Now, just now, is our time to proclaim the third angel's message to the millions living in the southern states, who know not that the Saviour's coming is near at hand."

"I ask you, my brethren and sisters, to do your best. By willing liberality let us prepare the way for the laborers in the South to do a work of mercy for this people. I urge you in the name of the Lord to do something, and to do it now. I pray that God may open your hearts, and help you to do justice to the needs of the work for the colored people."

W. J. Blake.

OUR COLORED BROTHERS

There are now more than ten million colored people in the South. Their ancestors were brought to this country and enslaved by the white man for the money that there was in the accursed thing. Their children have been declared free. When this boon came to them they were without education or money. They had a practical knowledge of common labor. This knowledge had been a great blessing to them in many ways. Many of those who were slaves have gone to their graves. A few

of the present generation have a strong desire for an education, but thousands of them can not read or write.

Their condition appeals to the people who know that the Lord is soon to return to this world for his children. This people must have an opportunity to hear the message of the coming King. This work will have to be largely done by the colored laborer. We have a successful school at Huntsville, Ala., where we have the colored youth in training for workers. This school still needs financial help to do proper work for the youth that attend it. I think that we have faithful workers there who will lay out the money donated to that educational institution.

It was my privilege to be present at the last Southern Union Conference and to be with the financial committee who had the needs of the colored work under consideration, among other things the needs of the Huntsville school for the colored student. We have to have centers of education for the white work. It is equally needed for that unfortunate people. They have been wronged by the white man until they are distrustful of him. This is the opportunity for the people to whom the Lord has intrusted the closing work for the human family, to help this people with a knowledge of the way to eternal life. This will be a great privilege to us as a people in the coming collection for the colored people in all of our churches the first Sabbath in October. Upon that day the Lord will see who will do as the widow of Mark 12:41-44. It was her love for the cause of the Lord that moved her to contribute so freely to His work. Those who love this glorious message will lay up treasures in heaven by contributing of their goods to help finish this work. He has made His people responsible to furnish the means to take it to every nation. Being upon the ground, I can realize what I could not when in the North. Within sight of our tent are the homes of a number of the colored people. We are not allowed to mingle with them socially as we can with the whites.

Do not be fearful that the money sent down here will not be used as you have directed and we have planned to do with it. Will be pleased to correspond with any one who may wish to know more about the colored work in this state. Address me at Moreland, Ky.

A. O. Burrill.

Field Reports

UPPER COLUMBIA

SANDPOINT, IDAHO

Soon after the close of our camp-meeting at Spokane, we began meetings in Sandpoint, Idaho. Were delayed several weeks waiting for our tent.

Began meetings July 17. Continued one month; when it was necessary for us to close as the owner wished to make some improvements on the property occupied by us.

Not thinking the interest justified our pitching the tent again here (however in this we were mistaken) we moved to Newport, Wash., distance 28 miles, where an interest was developed, several being convinced of the truths presented and we look for some to obey.

At Sandpoint last Sabbath, after speaking on the subject of baptism, we gathered on the lake shore of the beautiful Pend d' Oreille, where four precious souls were buried with their Lord in baptism. Others will be baptized later, at which time we hope to perfect a church organization. The problem that confronts us now is to provide a suitable place in which to hold services. There are about forty in attendance at Sabbath-school. Donations are very liberal.

It has been arranged for Brother O. L. Coy and wife to labor in Sandpoint this winter.

We had to buy a home, as houses are scarce. My wife and I will follow up the interest in Newport and hold meetings as the way may open.

We are of good courage. Indeed, brethren, we are near the end. God's Spirit is being withdrawn from the people of this world. God help us to work quickly and faithfully.

Clarence L. Ford.

OBITUARY

Mariett Lavina Hart, nee Goodwin, was born at Rubicon, Dodge Co., Wis., May 6, 1857, died Sept. 16, 1908. at Dusty, Whitman Co., Wash., of consumption. Age 51 years, 4 months, and 10 days.

Mrs Hart had spent her childhood days in Wisconsin, where she united in marriage to E. E. Hart, on April 18,

1881. To this happy union eight children were born, four boys and four girls, all living. While quite young she was converted and joined the Methodist church. Later she and her husband where living in a Baptist community, were immersed and together joined that church. About nine years ago during a course of meetings held by Eld. E. L. Stewart, Brother and Sister Hart accepted the claims of God upon them in keeping all his commandments. All her lifetime she endeavored to live in harmony with her faith and to bring up her family to fear the Lord.

About fourteen years ago her health began to fail. On the 15th day of April last, she took her bed and has been confined since. At times she suffered greatly, but bore it with Christian fortitude. Peacefully she fell asleep in full consciousness on September 16, seven minutes to one in the morning. All the family but one were present at the time of death, also an aged uncle and aunt of hers, and two sisters of Brother Hart had come from Wisconsin to stand by her in the last hour.

She leaves a sorrowing husband, eight children, one grandchild, and one brother. All mourn the loss of her faithful devoted life, but not without hope. One of her last words for the children was, that there was one Lord Jesus, whose love was more than parental love could be and whatever affliction might befall them, to confide in him.

Words of comfort were spoken by the writer to a large crowd of neighbors, based on 1 Cor. 15:26.

H. J. Schnepfer.

Educational

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE OPENING

According to announcement Walla Walla College opened for another year's work Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 9th. There was a large attendance of patrons and friends of the institution, as well as of students. The children of the normal department met in the college chapel at the opening exercise.

After the reading of Scripture and prayer several talks were given by ministers and other visiting brethren. Those

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who spoke expressed their faith in a greater work being done by the college than ever before, and that the prospects for the present year were very encouraging.

A recess was then taken and the children and their teachers went over to occupy the new normal building to proceed with the work of classification and organization of their school. There were seventy-five enrolled the first day.

After recess the college students again gathered in the chapel for matriculation and classification. The opening day ninety-nine students were enrolled in the college department, and seventy-five in the normal department, making a total enrolment of 164 students. As compared with the opening last year, there is an increase of about fifty pupils. This was a surprise to all, as the school began a week earlier than was first planned and it was thought that the establishment of two more intermediate schools in this district would lessen the attendance at the college this year. But the Lord is moving upon the hearts of the youth everywhere to make haste in the work of preparing to enter the whitened harvest fields, and he is also moving upon the hearts of parents to make sacrifices that their children shall enjoy the privileges and opportunities afforded by our training schools. The school has been in progress eight days; and the enrolment to date is 226, and every day is bringing more students.

While we thank the Lord for large numbers, we feel more grateful for the larger measure of his Spirit and presence that we believe will characterize the work of the new year.

We shall be glad to hear from any who may be planning to attend the col-

lege and will mail a copy of the calendar on application. Write the undersigned at College Place, Wash.

M. E. Cady, President.

HELPS FOR TEACHERS

Bible Nature Series Nos. II. and III.

Bible Nature series No. I is all in type and will be ready for use by the middle of October. This first book of the series has been prepared for use in the fourth grade in our primary schools, and can be secured from the Pacific Press, Mountain View, Cal.

Numbers II and III of this series are in preparation, and neostyle copies may now be secured from month to month as they are being graded and adapted for use in the normal department of Walla Walla College. Numbers II and III are designed for use in grades V and VI, and teachers who desire to use these lessons the present year can obtain copies by addressing Walla Walla College Normal Dept., College Place, Wash. Price of neostyle lessons for numbers II and III of the Series, \$1.00 each, post-paid.

The lesson sheets used by the pupils in Professor Gerritsen's course of sight-singing, for Section One, are now ready to be sent out. Let the church-school teachers who have subscribed for the course send in their orders now, not failing to give the number of sets needed for their school, and their complete address.

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News Items

A good, live, interesting missionary paper is the Watchman.

The Colorado Conference has been divided, and two conferences have been formed.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Castle, parents of C. H. Castle, arrived in Walla Walla from Michigan to spend a few months in the West.

Brother Asa Smith, who has labored in British Columbia for the past two or three years, has been called to the secretaryship of the Wyoming Tract Society.

The last camp-meeting of the season in the Union Conference is now in progress in Chelan. Elder White, Elder Langdon, and Elder Butler are in attendance.

Missouri has been divided and two separate conferences organized. Eld. A. R. Ogden was elected president of the Northern Missouri Conference, and Eld. D. U. Hale of the Southern.

The cannibal island of New Guinea now has some Seventh-day Adventist missionaries, and recently a man was ordained to the gospel ministry according to the third angel's message who was once a cannibal. What' can not the power of God accomplish!

October 3 is the time when an offering will be taken for the work among the colored people of the South. Liberality in this offering will not only insure a blessing to the giver, but to those for whom the gift is made. Let all do what God may impress them to do for the colored race.

Elder C. E. Knight and family, of the Western Washington Conference, sailed from New York the 24th for England, enroute to South America. We wish Brother and Sister Knight success in their new field of labor, and believe God will abundantly bless their labors, as he has in this field.