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"Put ye in the sickle,

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for the harvest is ripe"

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The purest gold is wrought by fiercest flame,
And best of all and greatest men are those
Who nobly fight and strive, and overcome
The greatest sorrows and most powerful foes.

The grandest skies are cloud-adorned, and so
The noblest lives have times of grief and care,
Of tragic heart-break, and of aching woe,
Of silent suffering, and unuttered prayer.

These do not mar the beauty of the life,
But must endure it with a sacred power;
Sorrow ennobles, not degrades the strife,
And makes the sickly bud a glorious flower.

Our joys and sorrows lead to one great end,
Unseen, but certain through the dazzling strife,

Endue the faltering steps with upward trend,—
All are but stepping-stones from death to life.

—J. F. Robson.

CAMP-MEETINGS FOR 1909

That sounds a good way ahead, does it not. But, brethren, 1909 will soon be here; only two or three months more and the new year will be ushered in upon us. Now as to the camp-meetings for next summer. It may seem a little early to bring these before the readers of the Gleaner, but as some plans have been laid by the Union Conference Committee relative to these gatherings, we presume all the readers of this paper will be glad to know what they are.

The first consideration that we would mention is this: That the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, which now convenes only once in four years, convenes next spring in Washington, D. C., beginning May 13 and closing June 6. All can readily see that this will disarrange the plans we have usually followed in holding spring camp-meetings in the North Pacific Union Conference, as all of the conference presidents and other leading men of the field will be expected to attend this meeting. So the only alternative is to carry these meetings over till later in the season, after the General Conference closes. Again, it was thought that they should be put late enough so as not to interfere with the tent work of the several conferences, or at least no

more than possible. After careful consideration, the Union Conference Committee, at a recent session in Portland, Ore., has arranged the camp-meetings for 1909 as follows:

The first one will be held in Montana, August 12-22; the next, Western Washington, August 19-29; Western Oregon, August 26 to September 5; Upper Columbia, September 2-12; Southern Idaho, September 9-19.

We think that the readers of the Gleaner will notice that the first camp-meeting is to be held in Montana, so that the general laborers who are coming from the east can attend this meeting first, and then proceed to Western Washington, Western Oregon, Upper Columbia, and return east by Southern Idaho. Thus all of our camp-meetings can have the benefit of the labor of our general men who may be sent from the east to assist us.

This will be somewhat of a new experience to our conferences here in the Northwest, but one thing we are sure will be in our favor: We will have better weather than we usually have in the early spring. We can, some of us, almost feel yet the chill and cold of the early spring camp-meetings which are usually held here in this field, especially along the Pacific Coast. All the camp-meetings next summer will come in warm and dry weather, and we believe it will be very much better for the meetings. We presume that some will be held in busy seasons of the year, but this will have to be put up with as best we can; and perhaps if all will plan early to go, they can attend the meetings without much inconvenience. The General Conference closes June 6. The

first camp-meeting is August 12; so we see that there will be plenty of time after the close of the General Conference to the first meeting, in Montana, for the General Conference-officers to get the work out of the way that usually follows such a conference, and be prepared to assist us in these gatherings.

Another feature that we will mention is this: Missionaries will come to the General Conference from all parts of the world, and we shall plan to have some of these missionaries attend these camp-meetings and describe to our people the work in their fields. We hope that we may be successful in this. We trust that all of these meetings may be seasons of great power and light, and that our people will plan to rally to them.

W. B. White.

MY EXPERIENCE WITH MODERN SPIRITUALISM

W. H. WILD

In my younger days I lived in the town of Lenox, Mass. With my father and mother, there were fourteen of us in the family. Spiritualism entered our family circle through a brother-in-law and my younger sister. She would simply lay her hand on the stand, and it would walk and dance all around the room. Then my brother-in-law and sisters and brothers would seat themselves around the table, and when they asked if the spirit was present, there would come a rap under the table.

Then my brother-in-law would take the alphabet and put his finger on A B C and so on, until he came to the first letter that spelled the name of the pretended spirit present. Then there would be a rap, and so he would go over and over the alphabet until the whole name was spelled. This I saw repeatedly. I also saw my elder brother, a strong young man, try to hold the table down when the spirit was tipping it, but it lifted him, table and all.

These things had a very serious effect on my mind at that time. I was not posted in the Bible then, and being taught the popular doctrine of the immortality of the soul, and that the spirits of our dead friends were watching us, and knew all about us, I came near fall-

ing a prey to that strong delusion. Yet I loved the Bible more than anything else on this earth, for I had just given my heart to the dear Saviour, and he satisfied my hoping, longing soul with the gift of his Holy Spirit.

The Lord put it into my heart to test that work, and so I did. I told the Lord that on the following evening I would stand in the door when they all gathered around the table, and if that work was of Satan, to let me know it by holding the spirits so they could not do anything. The evening came, and they all took their seats around the table, and I assure you they tried hard to secure the accustomed manifestations. But like the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel who tried to wake up their god, it was all in vain. The spirits could not peep. Finally one of the circle spoke up and said, "There must be a Jonah in the room." They knew nothing of my work, but the Lord did, and he answered my prayer to my joy and satisfaction.

The Watchman.

A TRIP IN OREGON

Having been invited by our conference officers to visit our churches and scattered members through the southern part of the conference, I started from home the last of July. The first Sabbath was spent at Echo. We had meetings both Sabbath and Sunday. The attendance was small, only the brethren turning out. But the good spirit of God was present with us in our meeting, filling hearts with gladness for freedom in Christ. Every family of the church was visited, and their wants in the way of our books and periodicals looked after.

From Echo I drove to Héppner, where Brethren Kime and Standage were holding a tent-meeting. I spent four or five days very pleasantly—and I trust profitably—with these brethren, assisting in their meetings, and visiting the new Sabbath-keepers and interested ones.

From here Elder Kime accompanied me to Lone Rock and Lost Valley. At Lone Rock we found one Sabbath-keeping sister and secured her subscription for the "Signs of the times." At Lost Valley I remained four days giving Bible lessons each day. The Sabbath-keeping family here has had but few gospel

privileges for a number of years, and so were very glad for this opportunity to hear the message again. From here I drove seventy-five miles to near Dayville, where I spent two days with an isolated family of our people, and then drove another seventy-five miles before Sabbath where I met the new church in Fox Valley. I remained here over two Sabbaths, visiting all the brethren in their homes, encouraging them and giving them Bible lessons as the way opened. All are rejoicing in their newly-found faith.

I next visited the brethren at Long Creek, securing their subscription for our periodicals and supplying them with our good books wherever I could do so.

From Long Creek I went to Ukiah where I had a pleasant Sabbath at Brother Clark's. They have a family Sabbath-school. We also had two Bible studies and one preaching service.

From Ukiah I came home by way of Gurdane, Pilot Rock, and Pendleton, visiting the isolated Sabbath-keepers all the way through. Thus six weeks were spent in Umatilla, Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler, and Grant Co's, I trust in a profitable way for the cause.

Oscar Hill.

THE THANKSGIVING GATHERING

This plan, I believe, is one that God approves. I heartily indorse it. The great work now incumbent upon us, as a people, is to consent to carry this glorious truth into all parts of the earth, especially the dark unenlightened corners of the world. God has said every nation, kindred, tongue, and people should hear his glorious message, and that the earth should be enlightened by its glory. It is evident from our statistics that our people are 100,000 strong. The exact number of our membership is not quite this large, but even this number does not, by any means, include every person who loves the truth. The writer, from his long experience, is confident that in the aggregate there are thousands of others scattered here and there who believe this message and love the glorious hope we all have. A hundred thousand strong! Oh, what a power we may be if all are alive and awake, and strong in God and in the

power of his might, moving forward as a unit, pouring out our means to do a great work in a short time. It is time to arise and shine, "for our light has come." Surely the time has arrived to be no longer satisfied with little things. God never calls upon people to do things unless, through his grace, he gives the power to do it.

I welcome this new move for the furnishing of the "sinews of war" and liberal support to our mission board in sending forth the truth, and its missionaries to the ends of the earth, because I believe God's time has come, and to be in the light is to recognize his call, and act accordingly. The mission board has been greatly hindered for lack of means. The calls for help are constantly increasing. God has been moving upon young men and women, putting it into their minds to offer themselves to go out into the crying and needy fields, but for lack of means, the mission board had in some instances at least, to smother their missionary zeal by telling them the means were insufficient to send them. This is a sad fact, and can but indicate that there is a lack on the part of our people to believe the opening providences of God. May this cease to be the case with us in the immediate future.

There is no lack of means among our people to carry on the work to the success if we walk in the might of God. We are rejoiced to see the growth in the gifts of our people. Only two or three years ago more than \$100,000 was rapidly raised, and did a vast amount of good, and this year we have been raising another fund of \$150,000. The year is almost completed. This fund has been a wonderful help in the south and other places. Have our people been impoverished by making these gifts? By no means. We have never heard of a single instance of distress because of the raising of this fund.

The calls of our brethren are reasonable, but no call could be more in place than this Thanksgiving service for missions. One short week of earnest endeavor by this people in fulfilling the promise that the "wealth of the Gentiles shall come unto thee," will be sufficient to give this message at this crucial period the necessary means to swell it into the loud cry, and greatly hasten the coming kingdom. The Lord is coming! Let all the people do their full duty in preparation for this great event.

George I. Butler.

SAFE PLACES FOR MONEY

(Continued)

We will now name a few institutions which can handle a reasonable amount of money, giving good security, all of which are connected with our organized work, owned and operated by our people. The Washington Sanitarium, at Takoma Park, D. C., desires to erect a dormitory for its help, and desires a loan of a few thousand dollars. This institution is under the control of the General Conference, and members of the General Conference Committee are its officers. We regard this institution as perfectly safe and worthy of the patronage of our people.

The Portland Sanitarium is owned by the North Pacific Union Conference, and is the only training-school for medical missionary workers in the Northwest connected with the organized work, excepting the small sanitarium at College Place, which is owned and controlled by the Upper Columbia Conference. The Portland Sanitarium, while carrying a heavy debt, as is the case with nearly all our sanitariums, is on safe ground financially, and its financial condition is improving each year. Hardly any of its paper is held by the world, nearly all by our own people. The institution is enjoying a very good patronage, and does not need to borrow money, unless it is to meet at times its paper which becomes due and which can hardly be paid from its income. From time to time a few thousand dollars could be used here, and good security given.

The College Place Normal School building is now completed, and is being occupied by the normal department of the college. The building is a decided credit to the college campus, and for its size is about all that could be desired. It affords a most comfortable place for the one hundred pupils who are in grades one to seven. Brother C. M. Christiansen, who has had the work in charge, with his college workmen has done well, and has erected a building that we can reasonably be proud of. This building could not have been built had it not been for the splendid gift of \$2,000 made by Elder H. W. Decker on the annuity plan, the college paying a small interest only on the gift. A part of this \$2,000 was given in cash, the remainder in good interest-bearing paper. The normal board of the college

could use for a time a thousand dollars, and give the best of security. Let no one think that this is adding to the debt of the college, for the erection of the normal building is entirely separate and apart from the college finances, having a separate board of managers, treasurer, etc.

In all the institutions above named a few hundred or thousand dollars could be handled from time to time, good security given, and the money would not only be safe, but would be helping the cause of truth. Should any of our people who read these words have money to loan, you could address the writer at Walla Walla, Wash., Box 429, and matters can be easily arranged.

W. B. White.

THE HOLY SPIRIT; HIS OFFICE AND WORK

Just as truly as the Bible teaches that there will be a special manifestation of the Holy Spirit's power during the last days, so certain we may be that there will be many false teachings, and much misrepresentation, in regard to this wonderful and vital subject. Not only are those who are unacquainted with the truth putting forward false doctrines, but some who have long been connected with the message are teaching error. The Word plainly shows that the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit is given in the full development of the third angel's message, to ripen the harvest of the earth.

Elder R. A. Underwood, president of the Northern Union Conference, who is well known throughout the denomination for his sound position on the fundamental doctrines which distinguish the remnant people, has written a series of nine articles on the subject of the "Holy Spirit; His Office and Work." This series will be published in the Watchman. The first number will appear in the issue of November 10. Our brethren and sisters generally should show a deep interest in this series of articles. Those who are not already taking the Watchman should subscribe at once. A general effort ought to be made to get the Watchman containing these articles into the hands of a large number of people.

The subscription price of the Watchman is only \$1.00 per year, 50 cents for six months, or 25 cents for three months. The Watchman bears a cheering, invigorating message every week. Every issue is fresh, pointed, interesting, and easy to sell. It is just the paper for workers who have regular paper routes. Subscriptions should be sent through the tract society, conference office, nearest publishing house, or direct to the Watchman, Nashville, Tenn.

SPIRITUALISM

Spiritualism is attracting the attention of the world just now. Wonderful feats are being performed under its subtle influence. Many of the magazines are giving space to the subject. Men and women are being stirred by the demonstrations of power, and scientific men are unable to explain the mystery or solve the problem.

The leading article in the Signs of the Times November special presents some of the main points in the present agitation, and gives the divine definition of this subtle doctrine. The article is entitled, "What Is Spiritualism, Anyway?"

A copy of this magazine ought to be placed in every home in the land. It throws light on a very important subject, and will doubtless keep some from being deceived.

Send for a sample copy and special terms to agents.

Address this office, or Signs of the Times, Mountain View, Cal.

Elder Andross arrived in Los Angeles with his family on the 8th of October. Sister Andross has been in ill health for several months, but is apparently enjoying good health now. Elder Andross spoke to a large audience, many members of which were former acquaintances, in the Carr Street church on Sabbath, the 10th inst.

Pacific Union Recorder.

Field Reports

WESTERN WASHINGTON

WESTERN WASHINGTON CONFERENCE ITEMS

We have just closed a very profitable religious liberty convention in Seattle, which opened on October 14 and closed on the evening of the 19th. Our people who attended expressed themselves as being greatly blessed in listening to the many papers presented by the workers, and frequently we have been questioned in reference to these papers being printed so that they could be used for future reference and more critical study.

Elder W. B. White and Elder Breed were present. Their help was appreciated very much. One feature recognized in the presentation of the papers was the harmony of thought and principle running like a golden thread through every subject and in all the discussions. It was evident that the Spirit of God was leading each mind in the preparation of the subjects presented. Those not of our faith were invited to attend, and in one instance a lawyer took issue with us on the subject presented. This gave opportunity for all to see the strongest argument presented by one not in harmony with true religious liberty principles. When the true principle was held up and defended in a kindly spirit, I am sure our opponent was favorably impressed with the strength of our position.

On Sunday night of the convention we had a temperance rally. Several addresses, interspersed with recitations and songs, were included in the program. Mrs. Jackson Silvaugh, a prominent W. C. T. U. speaker, delivered an excellent address on the demoralizing and degrading effects of the liquor traffic. Our position on the temperance question was clearly presented by Elder Holbrook, and an appeal for pledges by Elder W. W. Sharp was the closing feature of the program.

Our conference committee has considered the needs of the city of Seattle, and the cities adjacent to and in close proximity to Seattle, and has laid definite plans to put into execution and carry out aggressive lines of work in this city as fast as suitable help can be provided.

Our workers will give close attention

to the week of ingathering, and come into touch with the church leaders, helping to lay plans for the success of this important work. I have before me a sample copy of the Review and Herald, mission number. This is an excellent edition, and will not fail to arouse in any unprejudiced mind a deep interest in our work for the fields beyond. I would suggest that the people be given time to read it carefully and inform themselves in regard to our work before they are solicited to give of their means.

Church-school Deficit Fund.—I hope our brethren of the Western Washington Conference will come into full harmony with the plan devised at our annual conference for raising a deficit fund for the benefit of our smaller church-schools. Briefly stated, this is the plan: Each individual is asked to pay an extra ten cents for every dollar of tithe paid in. This ten per cent of the tithe should be forwarded through the regular channel to the conference treasurer, and form a deficit fund to help out on the teachers' salaries. But it is understood that each scholar is to pay no less than \$1.50 per month tuition, and in no case will any school be entitled to any relief from this deficit fund until the regular tuition fee for every scholar has been provided. In this way our smaller schools can receive help from this fund; and if our brethren will only be faithful in this matter, more schools can be established among the weaker churches of the conference. All must do their duty in order that this plan shall be a success. But as yet, with few exceptions, our churches have not taken hold of this plan. Our conference laborers so far have furnished the bulk of this fund. Brethren and sisters, let us be faithful and come up to the help of the Lord in this good work for our schools.

S. W. Nellis,
Pres. W. Wash. Conf.

Benson—Burnie Benson, eldest son of Brother and Sister Andrew Benson of Hoquim, Wash., died in a hospital in Hoquim, of burns caused by the accidental explosion of blasting powder Oct. 11. He was emptying a can of powder when it was ignited. The explosion set fire to his clothes, and before

the fire could be extinguished he was fatally burned. He lived two weeks, during most of which time he was conscious. Burnie will be remembered as a member of Meadowglade school. He was preparing to return there in a few days. He was baptized by Eld. T. H. Watson about three years ago, and joined the Hoquim church. While the father and mother and three sisters and little brother feel their loss deeply, they have a bright hope of meeting him again when the life-giver shall come.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer, based on 1 Thess. 4:14-18, and we laid him gently to rest in the cemetery overlooking the city.

J. J. Clark.

Some of our canvassers have been attending the religious liberty convention, so are now prepared to do better service, and we expect to see them do it.

We are sorry to lose two of our faithful canvassers, Oliver Shrewsbury and Ray Holbrook, but we are glad that they have the opportunity of attending the Meadow Glade School.

Clifford Favor writes: "I am sure the pasture is green and the picking good in this territory, if one is only faithful, for the Lord is with us always, even unto the end of the world."

Brother Loop tells of an interesting experience he had. When he got ready to leave, with tears in their eyes, they told him they were glad he had called, and wanted him to be sure not to miss their orders when he delivered.

CHURCH SCHOOLS, SHELTON, WASH

Our little school opened September 15, with ten in attendance. The dear Lord has blessed us so far abundantly, more than we could possibly deserve. The old adage, "The course of true love," etc., has not received a very marked demonstration thus far. I dearly love my boys and girls and to all appear-

ances my affection is in a greater or less degree returned. To be sure we sometimes have our showers, but you know the sun shines all the more brightly after a copious shower, and there is such a refreshing that could not be obtained otherwise. Some may say if true love reigns in the schoolroom there will never be any showers. Never is a long time, and my fellow teachers will bear me out in saying that Eden has not been restored yet, and a schoolroom atmosphere with never a shower is a rare thing indeed. We have blessed seasons together studying God's precious truth, and teacher and pupils are visibly affected and strengthened thereby. The dear Lord's promise in John 16:13, first clause, has been literally fulfilled in our case. I praise the Lord that there is a chance for me to labor in his vineyard, cripple though I am, and have a humble part in fulfilling his command in John 21:16 which was given not only to Peter, but to all his disciples. Brethren, pray for your teacher and your children every morning, noon and night. They need your prayers. If you get in the habit of praying for your teacher, you will be a hard subject for Satan to work upon when he seeks to bring in a disturbance over school matters. Otherwise the opposite state is very possible. In one of my past experiences it was a constant source of strength to me to know that at 9:00 o'clock when I was opening school that there was one good old brother somewhere in the community praying for me and my success for the day, for he once told me that when the morning train went by at 9:00 o'clock, wherever he was at work, he stopped a moment to lift his heart in prayer for the teacher in the little schoolhouse on the hillside. May there be more such brothers and sisters in every church. God bless such wherever they are. In our school work we are not counting on doing any very great thing, but it is our desire to do with our might what our hands find to do, remembering "Thou God seest me."

G. C. Robinson.

Wanted.—By every reader of the North Pacific Union Gleaner, reports from ministers in the different sections of the Union Conference. The highest price will be paid in the coin of appreciation.

UPPER COLUMBIA

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The International Publishing Association at College View, Nebr., is to put out the German paper Hausfreund into the field during the last week in November. A special number will be printed similar to the Review, and no doubt our German brethren in the conference will make an earnest effort to have this paper circulated and solicit funds for our missions, like the American brethren. Many of our American churches have German neighbors, and if these could read something on our missions they would be too glad to help us. Will all who have German neighbors send in to this office the number of German papers they can use. This paper is free like the Review. Let all rally, so that a mighty work may be done.

Yours for the work,

H. J. Schnepfer.

THANKSGIVING REVIEW—A NEW IDEA

Surely the Lord has led our brethren at headquarters to lay a most worthy plan, never before undertaken by our people, in attempting to ask means from our neighbors in carrying the gospel to foreign fields.

It is a pleasure to note the interest taken in the enterprise by our people. Ten thousand copies are now ordered by our conference, and others are coming in every day.

This finely illustrated number of the Review is sent free to all who will circulate it and at the same time explain to their friends our purpose in seeking to raise a large ingathering of funds with which to extend the foreign mission work.

Cards, neatly printed, which show you are authorized by the denomination to solicit funds, will be sent you from our office at College Place, if you have not received them from the elder of your church. A little sheet of instruction how to handle the Thanksgiving number is also sent out.

We hope to receive orders immediately from those who are yet planning to take up this work for the Master, but have not yet sent in their names for the

number they can use. Every one should have a part in this great undertaking; "for that the people offered themselves willingly, bless ye Jehovah."

G. E. Langdon.

HERE AND THERE

Elder Decker stopped off a day in College Place while on his way to attend meetings in Southern Idaho.

Sister Breed has been able to be about most of the fall, but since last week she has been confined to her bed again.

Elder Stewart Kime, who has been laboring in Heppner the past summer, was in College Place last week, making arrangements to locate his family so his children can attend school for the winter.

If you have not sent in your orders for the Thanksgiving number of the Review for missionary work during self-denial week, you should do so now, for it will soon be too late. Take hold with us, and join in helping to swell the harvest ingathering for foreign missions.

The German brethren of Walla Walla have for several years met in a small private church building in another part of the city, but now they are meeting in the Adventist church on Fourth Street, at 2 p. m. The English brethren meet at 10 a. m. for Sabbath-school, and at 11 a. m. for Sabbath service.

A letter from Elder Huntley states that he has been over to Coeur d'Alene for two weeks, helping Brother Oster in the work there, and that fifteen are now keeping the Sabbath. The outlook is surely very encouraging for a good church organization with this addition to the few Sabbath-keeping families who were there.

Several very serious operations have been performed at the sanitarium this week by Drs. Holden, Dunlap, and Warner, but all are doing much better, at this writing, than was hoped. Our

conference sanitarium is much cramped for necessary room with which to carry on its work. Are there not some of our brethren who, have money stored in banks who would be glad to loan us two or three thousand dollars to make the improvement that was voted at our last camp-meeting? With a little more outlay much more revenue could be brought into the institution.

The conference treasury has been more than empty for several months after the laborers were settled with, but we are glad to write that the tithe is being sent in of late so that last month there was a hundred dollars left in the treasury after settlement. It has looked until now as though we would have no surplus tithe to send to the General Conference at the close of this year for foreign fields, but it looks now as though we would. Brethren, is it not far better to have nine-tenths with God's blessing—yea, will it not accomplish far more than ten-tenths with his displeasure upon us? "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power." Ps. 110:31. Shall we who are receiving from him all we have from day to day withhold that small part for self which he claims,—the tithe?

G. E. Langdon.

A LETTER

In a letter to the secretary of the Missionary Volunteer Department of the Upper Columbia Conference, dated August 23, Sister Rogers speaks further of their work. After expressing thanks to those in Upper Columbia who had furnished money to buy the window-glass for the new church, she says:

"I have figured up the bills that have just come, and I think the amount which you are sending will just about cover the cost of the glass. And the glass is now almost to Chinde, at the mouth of the Zambesi. The fact is, after we had made the matter of the church a subject of prayer, we sent in the order for the glass, always with the privilege of paying quarterly, and then gave orders for our wages to be held at the Kimberley office until enough was retained to cover the cost in case no one rose up at home to help us.

"The school is simply great—one hundred and forty-eight, with never a day without another applicant. I don't know just how it is coming out. Of course there must come a stop somewhere. These boys work for their food. Their school uniform is furnished by the mission, and is simply loaned to them while in school, no uniform being ever taken away. Their books are also loaned. The work that they do in the three hours of assigned labor counts up, I do assure you. In the early morning one band will go one way, one another, and one still another. In this way the great fields are being prepared for the hoeing time. The deep-set grass has first to be cut off. Then with the first rains they will all be set to hoeing, and later to planting,—and later, just before the close of school in April, the reaping time. In this way we are able to keep such a large number of boys. All the food they eat is raised in this way.

"We have done much building this summer,—the church, and the boys' new brick dining-room, which connects the two dormitories. Before, their dining-room was a daub and wattle affair, a good hundred yards from the dormitories. The two dormitories stood thirty feet apart. We just built up two walls, roofed them, laid a good brick floor, and had a long table built right in, and there you have it, the prettiest, most compact dormitory system you can imagine. We have arranged for every possible means of ventilation, and they stay wonderfully well. The full joys of this arrangement will appear when the heavy, beating rains come, and the boys find their food so near at hand, instead of having to rush out and get drenched in going for it. Then we renovated another large brick building for Brother and Sister Koenmacher. These are the people sent here to help us.

"It's just ten minutes till I must go over to the night school. We find they get on surprisingly fast by the expedient of having this study hour at night. This way they are obliged to keep still, and as for studying, well, there's never any need of urging them. The only thing is that they have the Chinese notion that the fellow who studies loudest is the smartest, and they demonstrate their intellectual caliber to the limit unless there is some device to curb their ardor. The church is as crowded at night as in the daytime. My, how they want to learn!"

CYRUS, THE PERSIAN

Cyrus never believed in the true and living God. Twice the Lord said, "Thou hast not known me." Yet he believed that the God of the Jews was the greatest of all gods from the standpoint of all false gods. Yet the God of Israel called him to do a great work for him.

Had Cyrus' decree to deliver the Jews been carried out, and the Jews had all gone out of Babylon, every family in the world would have contributed to the up-building of Jerusalem; for he said, "Let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, besides the free-will offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem." This was the result of the prophet Daniel's prayer and fasting. Darius was first called to do this work, but in a critical time he was influenced by others, so that God could not use him in a crisis. The angel Gabriel helped Cyrus; God promised that he should do this in answer to Daniel's prayer.

It was in view of this state of things, before any of these parties were born, that God said, "They shall bring all your brethren unto the Lord out of all nations, upon horses and in chariots, in litters and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain, Jerusalem, saith the Lord." "They shall bring gold and incense; and they shall show forth the praises of the Lord." "And the sons of the strangers shall build up thy walls, for their kings shall minister unto thee." "Surely, the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the holy one of Israel, because he hath glorified thee." "Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings." "And thou shalt know that I am the Lord thy Saviour, and thy Redeemer, the mighty one of Jacob." "For brass I will bring gold, for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron."

In the days of Cyrus, God designed to do all of this; but the unbelief of the Jews prevented its fulfillment, so the promise was never fulfilled. But not one word of God will fail.

Who then, now in the time of the closing work, will believe and come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty? "Who then is willing to con-

secrate this day his service to the Lord?" The banquet is prepared; "all things are ready."

The General Conferente has suggested that a week be spent in distributing the special number of the Review and Herald, asking the very class of men spoken above to freely contribute to foreign missions. Who, in view of the enlargement of the work of God in all lands, will give of their wages and of their time to distribute the papers asking for donations? The door is open.

The special Review and Herald will be mailed free to all who wish to work with it. Send your orders to the California Bible House, Mountain View, Cal. Who will volunteer his services this day unto the Lord?

S. N. Haskell.

Pacific Union Recorder.

Educational

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

We are glad to be able to report that the work in Walla Walla College is growing and developing in a very encouraging way. The enrolment to date, October 22, in the college department is 203, in the normal department 101, making a total of 304. We believe that the work in the school is better organized than ever before.

There are three phases to our college work, the spiritual, the mental, and the physical. For the purpose of properly encouraging and fostering these different lines of work, we have three classes of meeting: First, our Friday evening prayer-meeting, at which the teachers meet to pray and consider the spiritual interests of the school. On each Monday evening at 7:30 (with the exception of every third Monday) the faculty meets to consider the intellectual phase, which has to do with the class work in the school. Every third Monday evening at 7:30 the industrial features are considered. These are all college faculty meetings, but the various interests of the school are considered by the same faculty, thus uniting the three phases of the work into a harmonious whole.

The students' Missionary Volunteer meeting is held each Tuesday evening at 5:45. There has been a good degree of interest manifested in these meetings,

and plans have been laid for aggressive missionary work during the coming year.

We are very grateful to God for the splendid class of students we have in the school this year. Nearly all have come to school with a fixed purpose to prepare for some place in the Lord's work. We trust there are many who have not yet entered the school who have purposed to make a speedy preparation for the Lord's work. Those who can not enter school the first semester should arrange to enter at the beginning of the second semester, January 13, 1909. At this time new classes are formed, and students can pursue their studies to good advantage. But students can enter the school to good advantage at the present time, for by diligent effort they will be able to make up the work already covered by the classes, provided they do not take too many studies. We should be glad to hear from all who are planning to enter the school, and will be glad to send the college calendar to any who desire it. Please write your plans for obtaining a Christian education to the undersigned at College Place, Wash.

We earnestly request the prayers of friends and patrons of the school that the work may be carried on in a way that will meet the mind of the Great Teacher.

M. E. Cady,
President.

News Items

Brother Adams spent a few days at the office again last week.

Elders White and Breed left last Friday to attend the religious liberty institute at Boise, Idaho.

Elder Breed returned Monday from the Seattle Religious Liberty Institute, and reported a very profitable time.

From the Pacific Union Conference Recorder we learn that Brother Claude Conard has been chosen secretary and treasurer of the California Conference, which position was made vacant by the death of E. A. Chapman.

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Elder F. C. Gilbert, who is leading out in the work among the Jewish people in this country, is the editor of Good Tidings of the Messiah. This twelve-page paper is published at Concord, Mass. The subscription price is twenty-five cents per year. The last issue gives an account of the dedication of the Good Tidings Home. This place is founded for the purpose of having some place for those who become Christians, as they are very much persecuted when they espouse Christianity.

Wanted.—A middle-aged lady, Seventh-day Adventist, to do light housework. Family consists of an elderly lady and daughter. Wages, \$10 per month. Address Miss Eliza Cole, Box 252, St. Johns, Ore.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY INSTITUTES

Remember the appointments: One at College Place, November 28 to December 2, and at Spokane, December 3-6. Two are held so as to better accommodate the north and south districts of the conference.

Upper Columbia Conference.

Financial

A COMPARATIVE STATEMENT

The funds which the Union Conference have with which to carry on its work are: tithe, second tithe, and

Bookmen's Corner

WESTERN WASHINGTON

Week Ending October 16, 1908

| Agent | Book | Hours | Orders | Value |
|----------------|-----------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
| Effie Walker | C. K. | 21 | 21 | \$ 32 10 |
| C. E. Favor | C. K. | 11 | 18 | 20 80 |
| Ellen Brimer | C. K. | 4 | 3 | 3 00 |
| J. C. Harlow | D. & R. | 15 | 17 | 46 75 |
| W. C. Thompson | D. & R. | 16 | 5 | 19 35 |
| H. E. Loop | D. & R. | 34 | 16 | 71 20 |
| Total | 6 agents | 101 | 80 | \$ 193 35 |

MONTANA

Weeks Ending August 14 and 21, 1908

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|--------------------------|-----------------|------------|-----------|------------------|
| Noble Rittenhouse | D. & R. | 79 | 29 | \$ 109 00 |
| Mrs. A. M. Labeau | Heralds | 39 | 4 | 12 75 |
| Week Ending September 11 | | | | |
| Mrs. L. Buck | H. & H. | 15 | 6 | 20 00 |
| Total | 3 agents | 133 | 39 | \$ 141 75 |

Gleaner subscriptions. It will be of interest to know how these funds have come in as compared with the same time last year. Below we give the figures comparing 1908 with 1907 from Jan. 1 to June 30. The receipts of each item and gain or loss are as follows:

| | | | |
|--------------|------|-------------|-------------------|
| Tithe | 1908 | \$4,827.58 | |
| " | 1907 | 4,537.87 | |
| Gain | | | 289.71 |
| Second Tithe | 1907 | 3,458.60 | |
| " | " | 1908 | 3,219.47 |
| Loss | | | 239.13 |
| Trust Funds | 1908 | \$16,697.41 | |
| " | " | 1907 | 13,399.76 |
| Gain | | | \$3,297.65 |
| Gleaner | 1908 | 222.20 | |
| " | 1907 | 110.62 | |
| Gain | | | \$115.58 |

C. H. Castle.
Treasurer.

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| Colville | 43 55 |
| Ellensburg | 22 75 |
| Edwall | 1 05 |
| Farmington | 186 70 |
| Fruitland | 487 32 |
| Fox Valley | 14 43 |
| Individual | 68 50 |
| Moscow | 39 02 |
| Milton | 276 51 |
| Pomeroy | 14 00 |
| Rathdrum | 21 30 |
| Spokane | 615 00 |
| Viola | 32 00 |
| Wenatchee | 142 32 |
| Walla Walla (Eng) | 34 83 |
| " " (Ger.) | 75 00 |
| Lewiston | 40 85 |
| Total | 2,529 16 |

TRUST FUNDS

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Wash. D. C. Endowment Fund | 32 71 |
| S. S. Donations | 126 53 |
| Weekly Offerings | 71 03 |
| Foreign Missions | 11 50 |
| Southern Field | 2 84 |
| Walla Walla College | 106 00 |
| Mid-Summer Offering | 8 75 |
| Total | 359 36 |

T. G. Johnson
Treas.

UPPER COLUMBIA

Receipts for September

TITHE

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| Bossburg | \$ 5 45 |
| College Place | 408 58 |