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"Put ye in the sickle,

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for the harvest is ripe"

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"If I knew you and you knew me,  
If both of us could clearly see,  
And with our inner sight divine  
The meaning of your heart and mine,  
I'm sure that we would differ less,  
And clasp our hands in friendliness;  
Our thoughts would pleasantly agree,  
If I knew you and you knew me."

### FROM AFRICA

(Continued)

I was so happy when my best mission girl returned very soon after going home for the holiday, and all summer we have been working at these shirts and "nsauru cloths" (which comprise the lower garment of men, women, and children, and are like unto nothing in the world so much as a misguided bed-sheet, made of two strips of muslin sewed together in the middle). We made them by the bushel-basket, and a well packed measure at that; we made them in sets of a dozen and a score, and still the people came, big and little, requesting "Marias" for payment of work instead of money. Now this unbleached calico of which we make them

costs us six cents a yard; it takes two yards to make a shirt, and three yards to make a "nsauru cloth." So the total cost of a boy's "full suit" in this country is just thirty cents. How some overworked American fathers would rejoice at such an arrangement!

Ruthie, my beautiful little Yao helper, is as faithful as she is good, and the child cuts, fits, and makes these garments now without the least direction from me. Isn't it wonderful, when her ancestors of living record were cannibals? But Ruthie was with a good Baptist missionary for three years before coming here,—a colored lady, educated in Fisk University, who was, I believe, a true Christian of beautiful character. This lady only remained in this country three years, being all but dead with fever when she left. But whenever I look over the days's work which Ruthie turns out, I thank the Lord for that good woman's life and teaching of Ruthie. Ruth was not taught to use the machine at the other mission, nor to cut or make garments, but she was taught to sew beautifully by hand, and to have sense and judgment about things; so it was an easy matter to teach her the use of the machine, and to cut and make garments. This child, and dozens of others, is sweet and clean and careful, and a pleasure to be with.

On Sunday two more of our old girls will be back. The enrolment is now one hundred seventeen, and on Sunday there will be a lot more. The people love the Bible, and they are freely allowed to read it here—encouraged, indeed, which is not the general practice of missions in this country. Then, too, we put just the same thought and care

into the school work that we ever did in the white schools. It is a theory here that one must keep a mental block upon the heads of the natives, lest they know something and become wise. We thought it all out, and looked about to see the results; and not seeing any great advantage in this block-arrangement, decided we'd teach as if they were normal, of sense. The result has been most satisfactory. The fact that they are allowed to proceed as fast as they are able mentally has never yet made trouble, and there is the happiest, friendliest attitude in this school you can imagine. We thank God for the way he has led.

Jessie Rogers.

(To be continued)

### OFF FOR FOREIGN FIELDS

As the third angel's message must reach, before the 2d advent of Christ, every nation on the globe, and the good tidings of the coming kingdom be carried to every creature, it is but natural and consistent that in the development of this great work, that from time to time laborers be called from the home field to other lands to assist in the development of the work there.

The last year has seen quite an exodus from our union conference to foreign fields, and others have been called, who have the work under advisement.

It is not long ago that Elder H. C. J. Wollekar of the Western Washington Conference was called to labor in the Danish West Indies. He is now located at St. Thomas and by means of a

small boat is carrying the present truth to the adjacent islands. God is blessing the work there and giving them souls.

About a year ago Elder J. C. Rogers and wife of the same conference were called to central Africa. They responded and are now in that distant field, where gospel help is so much needed. God is greatly blessing their efforts, and as we read from time to time their stirring articles in our publications we are glad they are there. God bless these faithful missionaries.

Miss Bell Shryock, also from Seattle, is now on her way to India, and Miss Lillian Voris of Kent, Wash., has now a call for South America and will soon be away for that field, while Miss Ethel Phillip of the Green Lake church, Wash., is taking another year's schooling at the seminary in Washington expecting to go on to India in another year. This last fall Elder and Mrs. Knight were called from their work in the city of Tacoma to Argentina, and are now in that field. Surely the Western Washington Conference the last few years has been contributing its share of workers to the fields beyond.

Recently Elder J. M. Cole and his brother-in-law Elder J. J. Clark, the former of the Western Oregon and the latter of the Western Washington Conference, have been called by the Australian Union to make Australia their field of labor. These brethren have the matter under advisement, and no doubt one or both of them will soon be away to that distant land.

And now comes a call from South America for Brother John Oster, a former student of Walla Walla College, now employed by the Upper Columbia Conference, to Brazil, to labor among the Germans who are flocking to that country by the thousands. It is likely that soon he will be leaving us for that field.

May the rich blessing of God rest upon all these dear workers as they go out from us to the needy fields of earth, and make them a mighty power for good in carrying this present truth to the nations that sit in darkness.

W. B. White.

"Some men grow under responsibility, others merely swell."

### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

The two conventions held at College Place and Spokane were seasons of great profit to those who attended as well as to the churches where they were held.

The meeting at Spokane was of special interest, as the laborers were called in and spent the time in carefully studying the principles of liberty and what was involved in the move now being made to restrict these liberties so dear to every true follower of Christ.

Careful attention was given to the steps taken in forming the beast and what was necessary to form its image and after spending several days together studying, and seeking God for light it was very plain to be seen that more earnest efforts must be put forth to enlighten the people by placing these things before them both by public meetings and by scattering religious liberty literature.

The legislatures of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana will soon convene and it is hoped that the magazine "Liberty" will have been placed in the hands of each member of these several legislatures that they may become informed as to what Sunday legislation means before they give their sanction to it.

After a man has once studied a question and given his sanction to it, it is harder to convince him of the error than it is to get it before him at an earlier date.

It is hoped that all lovers of liberty will do everything in their power to circulate petitions to congress, and watch the state legislatures where they live and keep close watch of all moves in this direction and be prepared to take up the work at once whenever and wherever opportunity presents itself.

A. J. Breed.

### CIRCULATING PETITIONS

Great care should be taken in circulating petitions to fill out the blank space at the top that into whose hands it falls he well know where to place it.

Thousands of petitions might be sent to Congress that would have a great bearing and influence upon the minds of those in favor or against the bill, but if the blank spaces are not filled in, it could not be known from what state it

came and it would be of no use, and the work would all have been for nothing. A little care is necessary which will make the work effective and sure.

It is better to send direct to your representative from your own district. If the petition is to the United State Senate carefully prepare and fold them and send direct to the member of the senate from your district. The same is true of the house of representatives. At the same time write him a good letter giving your reasons, in brief, for or against the measure. This will give him to understand that members of his constituency are watching moves that are being made in congress and ready to assist in any way they can.

A. J. Breed.

### OUR FORTY-PER-CENT BOOKS

[The following helpful descriptions of some of our best forty-per-cent books were prepared by Brother J. F. Beatty, of the Pacific Press Branch Office in Portland, Ore., and are published in order, first, to interest and instruct our own people who have not read these books, but who may be encouraged to do so; and, secondly, to prepare them to tell others of the good things they have been reading.]

We earnestly hope that many of our people may thus be led, even at this late hour, to take hold and do something with these books that will tell in eternity. And for the encouragement of the timid and doubting ones let me say that many who have long felt that they should do some definite work, but have not had the faith and courage to do so in the past, are now doing a splendid work with these same books. One sister in Portland a few days ago made up her mind she would do some work for her friends and neighbors. She told the Lord all about her plans, and asked him to show his approval by helping her to take just six orders the first day. That evening at the prayer-meeting this sister had something to say, and it was this: "The Lord gave me just six orders for books today, because I asked him to do that for me." She was happy, and could not help praising the Lord. The ones who purchased the books will be blessed, no doubt, in reading them, but this sister was thrice blessed. Another sister, the same day,

in a similar manner, sold five books.

Does it pay? Will such work pay in the end?

Will our field missionary secretaries, our tract society secretaries, our church missionary secretaries, and all our laborers now take hold with us, and with the Lord's blessing do all they can to help place these attractive and useful books in the hands of the people everywhere?—O. K. Butler.]

#### What They Are

They are an attractive line of small books, most of which are particularly adapted to children and young people. A commission of forty per cent on the retail price is allowed those who sell them.

#### Who May Sell Them

They were especially designed to be sold by home workers,—those who can not leave home to engage in our regular work, but who can from time to time spare a few hours, a day, a week, or more, visiting their neighbors with these good books. Home workers include children, youth, middle aged, and even elderly people. All the "home folks" may have a part in this good work.

#### How to Introduce Yourself

After a cheery "Good morning," say, "I am calling on my neighbors this morning with a choice line of attractive books for children, and I would be pleased to step in just a moment and show them to you." If they hesitate to let you enter, say, "All your neighbors have been very much interested in what I have, and I am sure you will be disappointed if you don't at least take a look at them. It will only take a moment to show them."

Where there are no children in the home, call attention quickly (at the door if need be) to Steps to Christ and Paradise Home, saying, "I have here two works which I am sure you will be interested in reading yourself," at the same time bringing them to view.

Having entered the home, ask the privilege of displaying your books on the table, stand, or, if neither is convenient, a chair, which will answer the purpose quite well. Then proceed to give a brief description, of which the following is suggestive:

#### DESCRIPTIVE

##### New Testament Primer

Here is a very interesting and helpful book for children. It begins with

an ornamented alphabet, by the side of which is a verse of Scripture beginning with the same letter. Then come some simple nature lessons about the trees, plants, animals, birds, insects, etc., of Palestine in the time of Christ. Next follow some very interesting stories of Christ,—his birth, childhood days, wonderful miracles, crucifixion on the cross, and ascension to heaven. Further, we have given some beautiful lessons of trust, drawn from the experiences of his apostles, first as fishermen, then in prison for teaching the truth, in shipwreck, etc. You will notice that it is illustrated with colored pictures on almost every page, ending with John's view of the New Jerusalem and this touching scene of a child leading a wolf and a lion, as it will be when all things are restored. In attractive red cloth binding at only fifty cents, or stiff board covers at thirty-five cents.

##### Uncle Ben's Cobblestones

A queer name for a book, you may think, but every page is filled with sound, sensible, and instructive matter for the children. It tells about the origin of common things of every-day use, such as coal, glass, salt, matches, paper, fire, air, and water. More than one hundred subjects are treated, and along with the description runs a happy vein of sunshine and good cheer, for Uncle Ben has a very pleasing way of presenting things. Best of all, a moral fragrance is emitted from every page, which cultures the soul as well as the mind of the young. These bright, cheery pictures of real life will greatly delight the children, and serve to impress the good lessons. Bound in an attractive and substantial way, at only one dollar.

##### The House We Live In

Here is a most important and instructive book for the children, telling about the wonders of our physical house, its various parts, the proper functions of each, and how to care for the body from childhood up. The subject is presented as a conversation between a mother and her children, questions being freely asked and intelligently answered. The writer has certainly made a happy bit in her style of presentation, each part of the body being found to have its counterpart in a house. For example, the mouth is compared to the eating room, the stomach to the kitchen, the eyes to the window, our nerves to a telephone

system, our lungs to the bath-room, etc., which makes it very interesting and impressive to the young. You can readily see the importance of such a work as this in your family, for we all like to see our children become intelligent and form correct habits of living, so that they will grow up well and strong. This is the purpose of the book. These pictures were drawn especially to illustrate the thoughts of the book. Bound in cloth, with this neat design, at only one dollar.

##### Our Paradise Home

There is a good deal of mystery in the minds of many regarding our future home,—as to where it is and what it is,—which this book makes clear and plain. It first tells how we came to be in this world of trouble and sorrow, and then reveals God's plans for the future. It shows the kingdom of glory to be a real place, where we shall build houses and live in them, plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them, and that we shall also have a glorious mansion in the city New Jerusalem, where we can go to see Jesus and eat of the fruit of the Tree of Life. The wonders and pleasures are made so real that a longing is created to be there, where there is no more trouble, sickness, pain, nor death, but where we can roam the bright fields in the physical buoyancy of immortality, and enjoy our homes throughout eternity. I am sure that you will want to read this book for yourself. It is well illustrated, and bound in cloth, at fifty cents; board, twenty-five cents.

##### Christ Our Saviour

This book gives the story of our Saviour from the manger to the cross, telling in an instructive way of the many interesting incidents in his life,—who his parents were, where he was born, of the visit of the wise men, how he spent his childhood days, the precious lessons he taught, the wonderful miracles he performed, and finally of his death for us. The style of the book is simple and direct, enabling the young minds to grasp correct impressions of the one who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me." As they grow up, the memories of the Man of Galilee will cling to them, and be an inspiration to reach for the high ideals of his life and work. This book contains nearly two hundred pages, is finely illustrated, and attractively bound in cloth, at seventy-five cents, or board covers at fifty cents.

### Steps to Christ

Here is one of the brightest gems of truth ever published. It tells you how to find the Saviour, become acquainted with him, and ever keep in close touch with the Life-giver. To many the Father's house seems a long way off, the road difficult and uncertain. This little treasure-house tells how very near the Saviour is, and so reveals his great love that all our doubts and fears flee away, and faith, comfort, and peace are implanted in the troubled soul. Step by step we are led along the way to that completeness of life and fulness of blessing found only in him. No matter what your experience may have been, a careful reading of this book will brighten the way before you, and enable you to pursue the onward journey more confidently and joyfully. It contains fifteen chapters, is bound in fine cloth, fully illustrated, and the price is only sixty cents.

(We think it would be well to carry the gilt book also.)

### Making Home Happy Making Home Peaceful Those Bible Readings

Here is a beautiful set of books in which I am sure you will be interested, and which will greatly please your children, and prove very helpful to your family as a whole.

The first book of the set is entitled Making Home Happy. We all enjoy a home where there is real happiness, where all join together to make things pleasant. This book tells how to have a happy home like that all the time. It pictures before us in interesting story form the actual experiences of a certain family, and how it grew from a home of discord to one of peace. By this object lesson held up before us we readily see just the lines of influence to be drawn, the points to be guarded, and the traits to be cultivated to make home life pleasant. In the same way the children almost unconsciously grasp the true ideas of what home should be, and learn to prize its blessings more. The whole family may read the book with pleasure and profit. It is bound in this attractive cloth binding, at seventy-five cents.

The second book of the set is entitled Making Home Peaceful. It is the sequel to Making Home Happy, telling the outcome of the family mentioned in it. Ten years have passed away, and

great changes have taken place. You will be interested, as well as pleased, in following this family in their later experiences, seeing how their lives became softened and beautified, and learning that the once home of discord became a quiet and peaceful abode, pervaded with love and happiness. In the frontispiece we have given a picture of the author. It is bound in cloth, with cover design, at seventy-five cents.

This third book of the set contains a series of easy Bible studies on interesting subjects. They might be termed "Social Round Table Talks on Bible Themes," for the readings are represented as being held in a certain home, where all the members of the family take part in the questions and answers, and the interest spread so that the neighbors came flocking in. I believe your family will be equally interested, for the writer certainly has a very happy way of presenting Bible themes. Being in story form, the attention of the children will be held, and an interest awakened in the Bible. Same binding as the others, with cover design. Price seventy-five cents.

Sold separately, these volumes are seventy-five cents each, but on the set of three we are making a special rate of two dollars.

### Some Suggestions

In addition to these brief descriptions, we would suggest picking out one or two good points from each book you are selling to which you can readily refer to hold the interest of your customer and help to a decision. Some point that appeals to you or has been helpful to you will carry influence.

In some instances it may be well to state that you are not a regular agent, but having realized the value of these good books in your home, you felt impressed to show them to your neighbors.

We would not advise carrying more than four or five books.

Only a few weeks ago the whole country was stirred over the shooting of Mr. Francis J. Heney in a crowded courtroom in the city of San Francisco. The January number of the Signs of the Times Magazine has a very interesting article in regard to this matter, entitled "The Shooting of Francis J. Heney, and the Events That Led up to It." This article is written up from numer-

ous personal interviews had by one of the editors with Mr. Rudolph Spreckles, Mr. William J. Burns, and others, and the statements can be relied upon. They reveal an alarming state of things not only in San Francisco, but in all the large cities of this country; and in the light of these revelations we begin to see a new force in the testimonies that have been coming to us during the last few years in regard to the importance of giving this message to the cities without delay.

Agents wanted in every city and town to sell the monthly magazine.

For special terms, canvass, etc., address your tract society, or Signs of the Times, Mountain View, Cal.

## LIFE AND HEALTH

For 1909.

Beginning with the January number, Life and Health will be increased to a magazine of 64 pages. This is done in order to make more room for reading matter as well as for more and larger illustrations. Some new departments will be added and special contributors will write for its pages. Those features which have supplied most fully the needs of Life and Health readers will be strengthened and new features introduced. No efforts will be spared to make the magazine one of helpfulness to all.

The price of a single copy will remain 10 cents, and 25 or more copies, 4 cents; but the yearly subscription price will be advanced to \$1.00 on all subscriptions received after January 1st, 1909. Previous to that time all subscriptions will be entered at the old price, whether from new or old subscribers, or for one, two or more years. Subscribe now and save from 25 cents to \$1.00. Write for special rates on large quantities.

Life and Health for December deals in a special manner with the evils resulting from the use of narcotics and stimulants. This subject is so interestingly and convincingly presented that no offense will be given to the persons addicted to the use of these drugs. Other timely matter giving instruction concerning taking cold, proper clothing for the seasons, proper methods of breathing and exercise is also given in this good number. It should be placed in the hands of as many as possible this month. Send your order.

## Field Reports

### UPPER COLUMBIA

#### COEUR D' ALENE

The work at Coeur d' Alene is still moving. November 28 Elder Huntley reorganized the church which has now reached a membership of 37.

Three more were baptized, making twenty all told. Of these twenty, two boys did not prove faithful so are not counted in the membership. Two others of the twenty had been Adventists but desired to be baptized into the faith, thus making only sixteen new ones added to the church.

All but two of these are members of families in which were Seventh-day Adventists. We are encouraged to see the spiritual interest increasing. Some we can see grow daily.

We hold a young people's meeting each Friday evening with an attendance of about twenty-five.

Some are selling the Signs and others are preparing to canvass for our books.

Some of our young people who recently made a stand are well known in the city, and are met with remarks of surprise from leading citizens that they have taken up with the faith. Nevertheless they are holding out faithfully and are not afraid to show their colors.

We are now preparing to build a church. One of the leading citizens has offered to furnish us the lumber at the cost of the logs; about \$6.00 per m. Many other citizens have expressed their willingness to help us when we get ready to build.

Some are still weighing in decision, while others who made a stand had to leave before baptizing.

Sister Wilkenson is still with us, visiting with the people and holding Bible studies and assisting in cottage meetings.

John Oster.

#### ASOTIN, WASH.

September 14 we began tent-meetings in Asotin, Wash. We obtained the free use of a very nice lot in the center of the town, and several came quite regularly to the meetings which were continued till October 5, when we took the

tent down for the season. We never succeeded in gaining a very large attendance, and only a few of those who did come finally accepted the truths of the message. But we were thankful for some results. The few who did take hold, with the few who were previously keeping the Sabbath in that place, have met together every Sabbath since that time. The use of the Baptist church was secured, and Sunday services have been held by us most of the time since the close of the tent effort.

Elder Gibson rendered us assistance several times while the tent meetings were in progress, and has since frequently visited the company, and this help has been much appreciated. The United Brethren presiding elder has announced to preach there on the Sabbath question. We hope the light of truth may shine clearer when contrasted with error.

F. D. Starr.  
F. M. Oliver.

### WESTERN OREGON

#### THE CHURCH-SCHOOL WORK IN WESTERN OREGON

The Western Oregon Conference sent seven teachers to the summer school at Walla Walla in August. Our schools began the latter part of September and the first part of October. At present eleven church-schools are in operation, and one more will begin about January first. Three of these are connected with the intermediate schools.

The following are the names of the teachers and the schools they are conducting: Mrs. Effie Booth, Blachley; Nellie Clark, Gravel Ford; Myra Camp, Hopewell; Minnie Comer, Laurelwood; Alfred Wheeler, Medford; W. H. Coffin, Monitor; Cora Smith, Montavilla; Lena Mead, Roseburg; Gertrude Emmerson, Royal; Levi Bunch, Scio; Lovica Holland, Sheridan. Miss Irene Anderson will teach at Grants Pass.

Nearly all of these schools are doing excellent work, but it takes constant vigilance to overcome the enemy. Nothing can defeat his purpose so successfully as the united effort of teacher, parents, and children under the guidance of God's Spirit. Satan knows that these boys and girls are be-

coming educated to counteract his influence. In the closing scenes just ahead, many who are now in our schools will meet the hosts of darkness in open conflict. How important that all improve present opportunities, that they may be prepared in that critical hour!

Let us unite in praying and working for the success of this branch of God's cause.

F. A. Detamore,  
Educational Secretary.

#### AT LAST

At last after months of effort and of discouraging failure to secure a suitable location for a colored school and church in Atlanta, Ga., a site has been found and the property purchased subject to the attorney's report upon the sufficiency of the title.

Touching this matter the president of the Southeastern Union Conference writes us as follows:—

"Now regarding property for the colored people. I am back on the old tack again and think that this time we will make a go of it. I have bargained for a building situated diagonally across from the Spellman University, on Greensferry Ave. It is an old U. S. barracks building, and as far as the frame is concerned is fine—superfine. Sills are ten by twelve and the joists are three by twelve, with mortised studs; and it is straight and has good lines. Size, about forty-eight by thirty-three. We can make it over for about \$800 to \$1,000 so as to well accommodate both church and school. We pay \$1,244.80 for it, which includes sewerage cost. It has water, sewer, and sidewalk; streets in good shape, etc. It is worth double the first site you saw—well located, street cars passing the door, and a ten-foot alley running along the side of the lot. It is one hundred twenty feet deep and sixty-two feet wide.

"Now there is also space for a treatment-room building, say sixteen by forty on the lot, with chance for a separate approach. This will make a cost of perhaps \$1,000 more, or we can have the whole outfit—school, church, and treatment-rooms—for the price we spoke of for the first two. Now this will not include the fixtures for the bath rooms, but I am sure that we can go until we

are all ready for that part and not overlap \$3,500. We will try to do it for a good deal less.

"Now referring to the bargain, it is made, and the search is in Mr. Everett's (the lawyer's) hands.

"A white man of means and standing is the owner, and says the title is straight. The search of title will cost \$15. By next Tuesday I expect to have the property paid for, and the work of tearing out the interior will begin at once. I remain here a day later to confer with Brother Carter as to the work of changing the inside.

"We shall go right ahead with this. Surely the testimonies you sent me are warrant for this. We feel that every day counts: the situation with those poor colored folks is getting desperate.

"The place will divide into a church of about thirty-three feet square and a schoolroom of fifteen by thirty-three. The plans in mind will enable us also to utilize the schoolroom for the primary department of the Sabbath-School, without going outdoors.

"Having sewer and water right there, we are well in shape to commence the treatment work. To tell you the impression I have gained: We shall be at a great advantage if we do all we can to get these treatment rooms in operation right away. Sister Sebastian tells me that she thinks we can readily get some colored nurses who will come and work here on a basis that will be satisfactory.

"Any suggestions you may have we shall be glad to receive — also all the cash you can get. We shall have to have some very soon to keep the ball rolling."

Gospel Herald.

### LIBERTY

The fourth issue of Liberty not only draws important lessons from history but it strongly presents the whole question of religious liberty in the light of present developments in the nation. It gives the facts concerning the contest in Missouri over moral and religious legislation. It gives in full President Roosevelt's vigorous letter of protest against raising the question of a man's religion in considering his qualification for any public office. The way in which these and other events of religio-political sig-

nificance are discussed makes this number of Liberty one of absorbing interest.

One of the main articles of Liberty, No. 4, emphasizes the danger that confronts the people should the Johnston Bill, already passed by the Senate, become a law. Large numbers of this paper should be sold during the session of Congress now opening. Agents are selling large quantities. Send in your orders through the tract society.

The January number of the Signs of the Times Magazine will be the first of the new series. Hereafter the magazine will be published monthly, entirely independent of the weekly journal, but its plan and policy will remain the same. The various departments will be kept up the same as heretofore. The following are the titles of some of the interesting articles that will appear in the January number:

New Resolutions for the Year.

The New Man.

The New Life.

The New Earth.

The Eternal Outlook.

The Old and the New (a Bible-reading).

The Shooting of Francis J. Heney, and the Events That Led up to It.

The First Catholic Missionary Congress in America.

Distrust, Dissatisfaction, and Unrest.

Fermented and Unfermented Wines.

A Saviour Which Is Christ the Lord.

Proper Breathing and Its Relation to Health.

Current Topics, as usual, takes up the most important events of the month, giving them their proper setting in relation to prophecy.

The cover design, in colors, represents the "prodigal son" returning to his father's house, and is a very attractive picture.

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### HOW A CLOCK LED MANY ASTRAY

"That no man put a stumbling-block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way." Rom. 14: 13.

A little clock in a jeweler's window in a certain Western town stopped one day for half an hour at fifteen minutes of nine. School children, noticing the time, stopped to play; people hurrying to the train, looking at the clock, began to walk leisurely; professional men, rushing to meet appointments, saw the time, and walked slower; business men, after a look at the clock, stopped to chat a minute with one another; working men and women noted the time and lingered a little longer in the sunshine, and all were half an hour late because one small clock had stopped. Never had these people known how much they had depended upon that clock till it had led them astray. Many are thus unconsciously dependent upon the influence of Christians; you may think you have no influence, but you can not go wrong in one little act without leading others astray.

W. T. Clark, in the Ram's Horn.

### INCIDENTS IN SIGNS MAGAZINE WORK

That the Signs of the Times Magazine is a good seller, and that by this means good seed is being sown broadcast, may be gathered from the many letters we receive from agents.

The following is from one who sells 1,600 a month in Oregon:

"I find, as you say, the December number is very salable,—in fact, they sell on sight. The numerous pictures are a great help; indeed, many buy it for them, and then they have access to the reading matter."

Our St. Paul, Minn., agent, ordering 500 of the January number, speak as follows:

"The papers will sell readily, as they are very attractive, and will appeal to the eye. I am of good courage."

A Southern California agent writes:

"I am very busy at home caring for others, but spend every moment I can spare in this work, for one is always repaid by such good experiences. There are only small towns here in the valley, not over 400 or 500 people in each, and I am going to them as fast as possible."

If interested in this effective agency for reaching the masses, address your tract society, or Signs of the Times, Mountain View, Cal.

**OUR EXAMPLE**

The following from Elder Luther Warren greatly encouraged our periodical and book agents during the Lodi camp-meeting last May: "Jesus, the Son of God, was a peddler. He said, 'Behold, I stand at the door and knock,' just like the canvasser. He also said, 'If any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in.' This is what the canvasser says.

"Jesus has something to sell. He is peddling something. 'I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, . . . and appoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.' As he knocks at each home, he virtually says, 'I am peddling jewelry, clothing, and eyesalve.'

"He is like the canvasser in another respect. If the people of the house do not answer when he stands at the door and knocks, he goes on. But like the faithful canvasser, he does not become discouraged, but comes back to that same house and stands at the door and knocks again. He keeps at it. He is so patient with his customers, so gentle, and so kind with us all."—Selected.

The sacrificial offering upon the cross of Calvary sounded the death knell of Satan and of all who choose him as their leader. He fell forever from the sympathy of the heavenly angels. Whatever attitude he should assume, he could no longer await them as they came from the heavenly courts, and before them accuse Christ's brethren of being clothed with the garments of blackness, the defilement of sin.

Mrs. E. G. White.

Prayer moves the hand that moves the universe.—Gurnall.

**Financial**

**WESTERN WASHINGTON**

RECEIPTS FOR MONTHS OF OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, 1908

TITHE		
Aberdeen	-	\$187 52
Bellingham	-	77 75
Ballard, Scan.	-	125 39
Cedar Home	-	37 48
Connie	-	131 94
Colby	-	123 43
Centralia	-	111 15
Carrollton	-	20 75
Deming	-	54 84
Everett	-	157 00
Etna	-	15 33
Everett, Scan.	-	8 61
Ferndale, Eng.	-	16 80
Ferndale, Scan.	-	157 88
Friday Harbor	-	29 08
Green Lake	-	136 83
Kelso	-	44 37
Kent	-	88 52
Lynden	-	14 00
Mt. Vernon	-	222 31
Montesano	-	11 73
Meadow Glade	-	127 77
Olympia	-	84 36
Puyallup	-	27 45
Pe Ell	-	64 50
Port Townsend	-	39 50
Personal Tithe	-	58 82
Poulsbo	-	10 00
Ridgefield	-	612 40
Sara	-	20 36
Sedro Woolley	-	11 95
Seattle	-	490 66
Shelton	-	35 32
Tacoma, Scan.	-	139 24
Tacoma, Eng.	-	337 08
Vancouver	-	147 11
		<b>\$3979 23</b>

CONFERENCE AND TRUST FUNDS

Tent Fund	-	\$ 1 64
Conference Expense Fund	-	30 87
Industrial Schools	-	290 00
Orphans and Aged	-	3 36
Church-school Deficit	-	59 36
Teachers' Institute	-	8 50
Temperance Fund	-	8 39
Second Tithe	-	8 45
Scan. Literature Fund	-	12 50
India Famine Relief	-	1 79
Sumatra Battkhlant	-	2 79
Nyassaland, J. C. Rogers	-	1 50
Nashville Agricultural and Industrial School	-	25 00

Turkey Mission	-	1 00
Abyssinia Mission	-	2 60
China Publishing Work	-	5 00
Christian Herald, College View	-	2 00
Sabbath-school Offerings	-	320 47
Weekly Offerings	-	213 52
Mission Board Offerings	-	190 30
Endowment Fund	-	127 70
Annual Offerings	-	34 88
Walla Walla College	-	32 00
Colored Work	-	336 37
		<b>\$1719 99</b>

H. A. Green,  
Treasurer.

**BUTTER AND HONEY SHALL HE EAT**

Over seven hundred years before Christ was born the prophet Isaiah spoke the words given as the subject of this article as a prophecy of the Saviour; and what may to some seem very strange the prophet said, "Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good." Isa. 7:15.

The fourteenth and sixteenth verses of the same chapter refer to the childhood of Christ; hence we would infer that there was a connection between his diet and his strength of character to "know to refuse the evil and choose the good." We know the Saviour's life from infancy to the cross was in perfect harmony with the Word of God; therefore we will turn to the Bible for instruction in regard to partaking of butter and honey. In Prov. 24:13 we read, "Eat thou honey because it is good." In Prov. 25:16 we find the caution, "Hast thou found honey? Eat so much as is sufficient for thee." In Prov. 25:27, we find a warning, "It is not good to eat much honey." The Saviour's life was the embodiment of the written Word, therefore he ate not only honey, but butter and all other food according to this rule. He did not eat more than was good for him of any food simply because he was fond of it and it was pleasant to his taste. From childhood to manhood His appetite was under perfect control. His taste and fancy never ruled his life. This perfect control of appetite in childhood the prophet said enabled him "to refuse the evil and choose the good."

Mothers, if you wish your baby boy or girl to grow up with a strong character

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that will "refuse the evil and choose the good," teach them to control their appetites and wills while in infancy. Do not remove every tempting dish out of their sight at the table; but teach them to let it set even within their reach, and leave it alone, if it is not good for them or if they have had sufficient. In so doing you will help them. "to refuse the evil and choose the good," when they wander out into the wicked world beyond your parental care.

Mrs. S. N. Haskell.

### SOME FACTS ABOUT THE TITHE

God reserved all the tithe of the land. It was of the seed of the land or the fruit of the tree and it was declared to be holy unto the Lord. God was so particular that the tithe, no more or no less, should be paid, that, when they drove their sheep through the gate, every tenth sheep was marked. God said, "Concerning the tithe of the herd or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord. He shall not search whether it be good or bad." Lev. 27:30-33.

Concerning this first tithe, we read, "I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel, for an inheritance." Num. 18:21. This was because the Levites were not to give their attention to any business, except that of the priest of God.

The tithe of the children of Israel was given to the Levites. The following instruction was given to them: "Of the tithe which I have given you . . . ye shall offer up a heave offering of it for the Lord, even a tenth part of the tithe." So the Levites were to give tithe of what they received from Israel.

The second tithe was also required at their hands, and this was to be used in the religious feasts in which the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow should participate. Every third year this second tithe was to be used at home in entertaining the Levite and the poor. This tithe would provide a fund for charitable uses.

Our Saviour makes mention of this when he says, "When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbors; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompense be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind; and thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just." Luke 14:12-14.

Liberality was enjoined on the people of God, and God regarded this. Paul said to those who supported him, "Ye did communicate with my affliction." To the Philippians he wrote, "No church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only." Then he assured them, it was not because he desired a gift, but he desired fruit, that he might abound to their account. He speaks of their offering as "an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well pleasing to God." He then assured them that God would supply all their needs according to his riches in glory. Phil. 4:14-19.

Cornelius, the Roman centurion, was a just man and one that feared God, and the angel of God appeared to him and said, "Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God." Acts 10:4.

Thus, it is clearly shown that, should the people of God give the first tithe for the support of the ministry and the second tithe for the poor and other uses, as they might see fit, they would bring to themselves heaven's choicest blessings.

S. N. Haskell.

### MONTANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The annual conference of the Seventh-day Adventists in Montana will be held at Mt. Ellis Academy, January 18-24, 1909, at which time officers for the ensuing year will be elected, reports submitted, and plans devised for the carrying forward of the work committed to this people. The first meeting will be held Monday, January 18, at 7:30 p. m. R. D. Quinn, President.

## News Items

Brother Adams returned to Walla Walla Friday after quite an extended stay at Portland.

Elder O. K. Butler is spending some time with the Granger (Wash.) church during the week of prayer.

Brother Weaks is now at Mountain View, Cal., in the interests of the book work.

In another column appears a report of the religious liberty institutes held at Spokane and College Place.

Elder and Mrs. White returned the first of the week from Portland, where they have been for several weeks.

We learn that Dr. Vollmer has been elected superintendent of the Portland sanitarium.

There has been a deep interest at the Walla Walla church and a drawing together of the members. The attendance has been much larger than formerly.

The week of prayer is being observed generally through the field, and while it is too early to state anything definite, still from various places much interest, we learn, is taken in this occasion.

The work at Walla Walla College for the students during the week of prayer is marvelous. Nearly all have given themselves to God and consecrated their lives to his service.

There has been quite a liberal response to the invitation to resubscribe for the Gleaner, and get the paper the balance of this year free. We hope many more will respond to the call.

Brother W. V. Sample, who for many years has been connected with the Pacific Press, and for several years in charge of the Portland Branch, has accepted a position with the Portland sanitarium as head bookkeeper.