

NORTH PACIFIC UNION



"Put ye in the sickle,

CLEANER

for the harvest is ripe"

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THERE IS MISSIONARY WORK AT HOME

Ye who sigh to till the acres
Of more distant harvest-fields,
Long to plant in far-off furrows
Seed which precious fruit will yield,
Know that not to all there cometh
Calls in foreign lands to roam,
For close by the fields are whitening;
There is mission work at home.

Ye who yearn to tell the heathen
Of a Saviour's love and claim,
And in ears that never heard it
Speak that Saviour's precious name,
Know that there are those much nearer
Whom kind words in tender tone
Yet might win as sheaves for Jesus;
There is mission work at home.

Ye who look beyond with pity
For the souls in darkness deep,
While, at knowledge of their blindness,
Hearts are chilled and eyes must weep
O, forget not, in their sadness,
That they do not stand alone
In their need of truth and Jesus;
There is mission work at home.

Broad the fields for harvest whitening,
Some to each the Master calls;
No mistake his wisdom maketh
When he plans the work for all,
Does he call across the waters?
Go, then, in his strength alone;

Does his hand restrain? Then meekly
Do the mission work at home.
—Selected.

DEDICATION OF THE COLLEGE PLACE NORMAL SCHOOL BUILDING

The dedication of the new College Place Normal School building took place the evening of February 7, and indeed was a very enjoyable occasion. In the afternoon of the same day there were exercises held in the chapel, when the normal school work was thoroughly outlined and what the the school was endeavoring to do was brought before us. The exercises were of a very lively character, and the normal school children did their part well. The attendance at the evening service which was held in the upper room of the normal school



building was by invitation. About seventy-five or a hundred were present. The building was entirely completed, and samples of the work done by the normal school students were on the desks and walls, open for examination. Teachers were ready to explain the work to those who desired to inspect it, and a large number looked over the work that was being done. Much credit is due to the efficient corps of training teachers connected with the normal department for their untiring efforts in behalf of the children under their care and protection.

Elder A. J. Breed was chairman of the meeting, and in a few well chosen remarks stated the object of the gathering. A number of songs were sung appropriate to the occasion, after which Prof. M. E. Kern, of Washington, D. C. spent a little time on the subject "What it means to dedicate to God." After this, Brother C. M. Christiansen, who has had the building in charge, rendered his financial report, showing that the building completed had cost about \$3,000; the furnishings about \$500 more. Then five minute addresses were given by Elder R. D. Quinn, of Montana; Elder S. W. Nellis, of Western Washington; Elder C. W. Flaiz, of Western Oregon; Elder W. W. Steward, of Southern Idaho, Elder H. W. Decker, of Portland, and the writer. Following this, the dedicatory prayer was offered,

and the exercises closed with an appropriate song.

As this building was set apart to the training of teachers for our church schools, we felt that God's presence was near us. We believe, if we are not mistaken, that this is the first normal school building that has ever been built and dedicated to this work among this people. The building is a model in neatness and convenience, and we hope that it may long stand to do the good work upon which it has entered.

The money for the erection of the building was furnished by an aged

couple of our Union Conference, and the gift has been greatly appreciated. We feel that this is the work that must be done if our church-schools are to prosper as they should. They must have trained teachers who understand their work and can go out to our schools thoroughly equipped for the same.

The exercises, both in the chapel and in the normal school building, were very gratifying, and the orchestra and college band enlivened the scene with good music. We wish that many of our young people in the Union Conference would come to our school and take the normal training course, and prepare themselves for educational work.

W. B. White.

A SAFE PLACE FOR FIFTEEN HUNDRED OR TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS

The North Pacific Union Conference would like to borrow from some one in the Union \$1500.00 or \$2000.00 for a couple of years. It will pay a reasonable rate of interest, either quarterly, semi-annually, or yearly as the loaner may desire. It will give the note of the Union Conference signed by the President and Secretary, and if anyone who reads these lines has money in the bank which they would let the Union Conference have the use of for a couple of years it would be appreciated, and we are sure that no safer place on earth could be found for money than the North Pacific Union Conference. Address Elder W. B. White, President, Walla Walla, Wash. Box 429.

SPIRITUALISM

Our readers are no doubt aware of the fact that the subject of spiritualism has received special attention during the last few months in the columns of the leading magazines in this country, and that the public mind is greatly agitated over the question. Scientific men are puzzled, and do not know how to explain the strange phenomena, although various theories are advanced by different ones. Nearly all, however, admit that there is something supernatural about it.

Now is the opportune time to call attention to what the Bible says concerning this great deception. This opportunity to disseminate light will be placed within the reach of all, in the March

number of the Signs of the Times Monthly Magazine. This will be largely given over to the examination of this question in the light of prophecy. Some very strong articles from our leading brethren covering the various phases of the subject will appear in that number, and it ought to have a wide circulation. The times demand it.

Here are the titles of some of the leading articles that will appear in this issue:

1. Spiritualism as Predicted by the Prophets, and the Facts of Fulfilment. By Elder W. A. Spicer.
2. Great Deceptions Predicted. By Elder R. A. Underwood.
3. Satan to Personally Appear to Counterfeit the Second Coming of Christ. By Prof. W. W. Prescott.
4. The State of the Dead. By Elder C. L. Taylor.
5. Origin, History, and Destiny of Satan. By Elder M. C. Wilcox.
6. Victory. By Mrs. E. G. White.
7. Ministration of Good Angels. By Max Hill.
8. A Momentous Present-day Movement. By Elder G. W. Rine.
9. The Rise of the War Craze and Its Relation to Modern Spiritualism. By Elder A. O. Tait.

This number of the monthly magazine has a very striking cover design, taken from a painting by one of the great masters, illustrating the scene recorded in the twenty-eighth chapter of 1 Samuel, entitled "Saul and the Witch of Endor."

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LITERATURE WANTED

While it is an occasion of rejoicing to know that we have 106 periodicals in 54 different languages as the product of our 16 publishing houses, our joy is not complete till we know that these means of supplying an intelligent, logical and convincing presentation of the principles of health, temperance and educational reform, with the warning message for this time, are accomplishing their in-

tended purpose in permeating the homes, reaching the offices and places of business, and entertaining the traveler; that it can be truly said of these printed pages that they are falling like the leaves of autumn.

As the Instructor, Life and Health, Liberty, and Signs of the Times, come to us freighted with timely instruction and enrich our experience, we feel burdened that other souls should see and feel the same blessing.

In many instances this burden takes no definite form as evidenced by the accumulating of these heaven-sent messages in dusty corners till they become too soiled for service.

A sense of condemnation frequently possesses us as they mutely testify of our neglect. So it is with real pleasure that we can speak to you of the plans of the Union Conference committee in making the harbor at Seattle a mission field, intending that its ships to the Orient and all parts of the world shall bear as part of their cargo the message contained in the papers above mentioned, that the many argonauts going to Alaska yearly shall learn of the heavenly treasure, and the daily travelers between the many Sound cities shall have the privilege of more wholesome reading than we so frequently see commanding their attention.

Should any of your church members be coming here at any time, gather up your surplus literature and have them bring it for use in this new mission field.

If this is not feasible kindly mail post-paid your clean copies of these papers to C. A. Purdom, Ship Missionary, 309-2d Ave. N.

WESTERN OREGON CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Western Oregon Conference Association will be held in connection with the Western Oregon Conference which will assemble in Portland, Oregon, March 23, 1909. The first meeting of Western Oregon Conference Association will be called at 10:30 a.m. March 24. The business to receive attention at that time will be the election of a Board of Trustees for the ensuing year, and the transaction of any other business which may properly come up for consideration.

T. H. Starbuck,
President of Board.

Religious Liberty

THE OUTLOOK FOR IDAHO

A letter was received at College Place, Friday the 12th, stating that a bill had been introduced into the Idaho Legislature to repeal the Sunday law passed two years ago, and that Elder Healey, of California, had been sent for. Elder W. W. Steward and I took the train that afternoon for Boise, where we have been since, trying to become acquainted with the situation and to decide what is best to do.

Meetings are being held each evening in the church, and each evening new faces are present. Elder Healey is bringing out many interesting points in connection with the truth for this time; and, as we listen, we can see what is before us as a people.

The bill is in the hands of the judiciary committee; and if a hearing can be had, which we feel confident can be, it may be that some modifications to the law can be had. One thing is certain: the spirit by which men are actuated is changing, and it will not be long before we shall feel the wrath of the dragon.

The more reading matter we can place in the hands of the people, the better. The last number of Liberty is full of the best kind of reading matter that we can use for this work. Let us place it in the hands of all who will read.

A. J. Breed.

SUNDAY-LAW AGITATION

[Following Elder Martin's report of the Sunday-law agitation we give a quotation, sent us by Elder Martin, showing something of the spirit behind the Sunday crusade in Oregon, which is characteristic of similar efforts in other places.]

Soon after the convening of the legislature in Salem, a Sunday bill was introduced, requiring all stores to close on Sunday, stopping all baseball games, and closing theaters. The senator from Roseburg introduced the bill, being backed by the Northwest Sabbath Association and the ministers' associations of Portland and Salem. As soon as we learned of this, it was decided to take active steps against it. Accordingly petitions were prepared and sent to all

our churches over the conference, and our people were asked to write letters to their senators and representatives protesting against the passage of the bill.

The writer was asked to go to Salem to do what he could to disseminate the principles of religious liberty. I had letters of introduction to a number of senators and members of the house, and was kindly received by them all. After the first reading of the bill, I had copies of Liberty placed on the desks of the members of both houses. I soon saw there was to be a hard fight over the bill, but felt confident that the right would win. Monday evening, January 8, a hearing was granted on the bill. About thirty-five ministers took a special car for Salem to speak for the measure. They were determined to carry their point. John A. Logan, a prominent attorney from Portland, was engaged by the theaters to fight the bill. About two and a half hours were given to the hearing. The Sunday-law advocates spoke first, occupying a long time. From the first, it was an attack upon the doctrines held by Seventh-day Adventists. This gave me a chance to reply by presenting the truth. I occupied about forty-five minutes. Never in my experience did I feel more of the presence of the Master, or was I given better freedom. Ministers, lawyers, and senators sat or stood intently listening to the principles of the third angel's message. You may be sure, I endeavored to lay it down in straightest lines. At the close the petitions were presented to the committee. There were about three thousand names attached. A deep impression was made, and we were given to understand soon after the close that the committee would report against the bill. While the ministers tried to cover up the real issue, and did all in their power to prove to the senators that it was simply a civil statute they wanted, the religious arguments showed that such was not the case, and that this was only the opening wedge for more drastic measures. Elder Nettleton was with me, and aided by his prayers and counsel. From all sides, lawyers, senators, and newspaper men came to us at the close and commended the stand we took. The second day following the hearing, the bill was reported adversely to the senate and indefinitely postponed.

We thank the Lord for this victory

for his truth. May we be stirred up to do all in our power to spread these great truths. The enemy is alert, and God's people should do all in their power to thwart his purposes.

W. F. Martin.

The following is the quotation mentioned above:

"SUNDAY REST BILL KILLED.

"Senate Postpones Abraham Measure Indefinitely.

"Author in His Defense of It Declares Senate Is Guilty of Breaking All of Ten Commandments

"State Capitol, Salem, February 10.—(Special.)—Senator Abraham's Sunday rest bill was killed in the senate this morning by indefinite postponement, by a vote of 18 to 9, with three absent. After the judiciary committee reported the bill adversely, the senate defeated an effort to send the bill to the committee on education, and then carried Hart's motion to postpone indefinitely. The bill was given extended discussion by Abraham and brief discussion by Selling, Hedges, and Hart against it, and by Kay and Miller, of Linn, in favor of it.

"Senator Abraham supported the bill on both religious and economic grounds, insisting that this was a Christian nation and that the tenets of Christianity should be observed. He scored the senate for inviting a preacher to open the sessions each morning by invoking divine blessing and then proceeding immediately to defeat a Sunday law. He declared that he had no hope of the senate passing the bill, for it had set aside all the rest of the Ten Commandments, and he expected it would set aside that relating to the keeping of the Sabbath."

A MISSIONARY IDEA

Have you recently been elected to the office of church librarian? If so, possibly you have been at a loss to know what the Lord expects of you. You will find a satisfactory answer in that superb little volume, *Missionary Idea*. Paper, 50 cents; cloth, 75 cents.

Western Washington Tract Society.
309 Second Avenue North,
Seattle, Wash.

Sabbath-school and Young People's Work

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER SOCIETY OF COLLEGE PLACE

For a number of years Walla Walla College has had an organization of missionary workers among its teachers and students, but the years 1908 and 1909 have marked new progress in the history of the society. Under a new organization which has been perfected, about one hundred forty students have pledged themselves to active service in the work of the Lord.

On Tuesday evening at 5:30,—the usual time for the beginning of study-hour,—a double bell sounds from the belfry, suggesting to all that this is the evening for our students' missionary meeting. By 5:45 a goodly number have assembled in the college chapel. It is known that these are really in earnest from the fact that they so willingly give up the study-hour.

Our programs during the winter have been varied. Talks and studies by members of the society and visiting friends have been mingled with reports of actual work done and letters received. For the carrying forward of a more systematic work, the society was organized into bands. The work of wrapping and mailing papers, as well as their distribution in the city, is accomplished by the literature band. The members of the ministerial band, the canvassers, and the Christian helpers do their part in carrying forward those lines of work.

Among other good programs, the subject of temperance has had its place. All were aroused to the importance of the work. Aside from interesting papers and talks by students, two outside speakers were present,—the president of the W. C. T. U. of Washington, and the secretary of the Y. M. C. A., from the city of Walla Walla. At the close of the program, signers for the temperance pledge were called for. A surprisingly large number responded. Of these, the majority chose the total-abstinence pledge, which includes tea, coffee, and tobacco, as well as alcoholic drinks.

A special program was given by the young ladies of the society, the topic being "Women's Work in the World." Many beautiful characters were pre-

sented in their true light, before a large and inattentive audience.

Surely the work of the young people's missionary societies is not the least in the many phases of this message, as it is being carried forward. We extend greetings to the other societies, which we know are striving as is this one to carry the gospel to the world in this generation.

Fedalma Ragon,
Secretary.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

I am sure many of the Gleaner readers will be looking for something from the recent Missionary Volunteer convention at College Place. Following is the program of the week, February 4-11, which was carried out in almost every particular, the only important deviation being the substitution of Prof. M. E. Kern for Elder C. W. Flaiz for Friday morning's subject:

Thursday, 7:30 P. M.

1. Our young people: When and how can they be used in God's work?

Prof. M. E. Kern.

Friday, 9:30 A. M.

2. Responsibility of students in Missionary Volunteer work,—to be active in church work, to encourage other young people in education, etc.

Elder C. W. Flaiz.

Friday, 7:30 P. M.

3. The Macedonian call to world-wide missions.

Prof.—M. E. Cady.

Answering the call: Young people as missionaries.

Prof. M. E. Kern.

Sabbath, 3:00 P. M.

4. Preparation needed for the missionary field,—fitness, spiritual, intellectual, practical.

Elder R. D. Quinn.

Sunday, 7:30 P. M.

5. Call to Missionary Volunteer work.

Frank Oster.

How the Volunteers are answering the call.

Edwin Sargeant.

Monday, 9:30 A. M.

6. The needs of our young people, spiritually, intellectually, socially, and how can the missionary movement meet those needs?

Elder S. W. Nellis.

Monday, 3:00 P. M.

7. Missionary Volunteer methods:

1. Literature work.

C. E. Weak's.

2. Personal evangelism.

Miss C. Rogers.

3. Christian help work.

Miss Madsen.

4. Christian stewardship.

Miss J. Henry.

5. Temperance and other reforms.

Mr. S. Frost.

Discussion, led by O. K. Butler, Miss E. Starbuck, Miss May Bell.

Tuesday, 9:30 A. M.

8. Adolescence.

Prof: M. E. Kern.

Tuesday, 3:00 P. M.

9. Organization,—re-organization.

Prof. O. K. Butler.

The society as a department of the church, and the duty of the church to foster it.

Elder W. H. Holden.

The society program—Lessons.

Elder E. W. Catlin.

Discussion, led by Miss S. E. Hoover, John Oster.

Wednesday, 9:30 A. M.

10.

Prof. M. E. Kern.

Wednesday, 3:00 P. M.

11. Preparation of literature,—leaflets, books, etc.

Prof. M. E. Kern.

Standard of attainment.

Miss Edith Starbuck.

Good reading.

Mrs. M. E. Cady.

Reading course.

Mrs. H. C. Conard.

Discussion, led by Miss A. Burdick, Harold Oberg.

In later issues we may emphasize special features of the instruction given during these days; for the present suffice it to say that it was a time of great interest to those who find themselves face to face with a responsibility which they can not evade and expect to be found guiltless.

A number of our brethren and sisters from other churches of Upper Columbia Conference were in attendance. We wish more could have had the privilege. We were pleased to see a marked interest on the part of the young people of the school.

Helen C. Conard.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE, 1908

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Resources			
Bills receivable	-	-	\$1500 00
Personal property	-	-	1266 93
Cash balance, Jan. 31, 1909	-	-	2637 80
			<u>\$5404 73</u>
Liabilities			
Walla Walla College fund	-	-	\$335 01
Ministry of Healing	-	-	215 42
Due laborers	-	-	573 56
Surplus, Jan. 1, 1908	-	\$6269 37	
Deficit for year 1908	-	1988 63	
Surplus, Jan. 1, 1909	-	-	4280 73
			<u>\$5404 74</u>

REVENUE AND EXPENSE

Revenue			
Title	-	-	\$9791 83
Second title	-	-	5503 61
Interest	-	-	63 00
Donations	-	-	325 00
Rebates on labor	-	-	1588 28
			<u>\$17271 72</u>
Expense			
Labor	-	-	\$8187 15
Laborers' expense	-	-	2563 49
General	-	-	203 96
Gleaner	-	-	674 81
Rent	-	-	240 00
Title to General Conference	-	-	979 16
Mdse.	-	-	1 86
Office furniture	-	-	31 64
Office supplies	-	-	32 13
Stationery	-	-	146 15
			<u>\$13060 35</u>
Revenue in excess of expense for the year	-	-	<u>\$4211 37</u>
			<u>\$17271 72</u>

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1908

Bills receivable	-	-	\$ 7400 00
Donations	-	-	325 00
Expense	-	-	50
Gleaner	-	-	445 05
Interest	-	-	84 00
Labor	-	-	1588 28
Ministry of Healing	-	-	21 82
Merchandise	-	-	10 65
Office supplies	-	-	50
Orphans and aged	-	-	3 25
Passage to India	-	-	20 00
Personal accounts	-	-	123 57
Surplus	-	-	169 45
Southern Idaho	-	-	5 00

Field Reports

WESTERN WASHINGTON

We have had a very profitable and instructive Young People's Convention at Seattle. There was quite a representation from the young people's societies in this conference and a number of the church elders were also in attendance. Our ministers and conference workers were all present and the Lord blessed us in a very marked manner. Elder Kern's talks were especially encouraging and instructive to our people generally. The topics presented by the local young people's society workers were very helpful. We were especially thankful that quite a number of youth and adults took their stand firmly by surrendering to God during the evening services. The blessing of God was especially manifested during the last evening of the convention which was marked by a number of conversions. We believe that our young people's work is receiving an impetus that will result in the accomplishment of great good in the future.

Our ship missionary, Brother Purdom, entered upon his duties this week and brought in an encouraging report from his first day's experience among the shipping. Our people can greatly assist Brother Purdom by sending clean copies of our periodicals postpaid to C. A. Purdom, 309 Second Ave. N., Seattle, Wash.

Brother Davis is conducting a canvasser's institute at the Meadow Glade school. Brethern Weaks and Gage are also on their way to assist in that work. Brother Davis reports a good interest developing among the students. The writer will join Elder Holbrook in conducting a series of meetings there. Our young people's missionary secretary will also be present.

Scandinavian Meetings.—A general meeting for our Scandinavian brethren will be held at Ferndale, Wash., March 11-14. Elders O. A. Johnson, A. J. Stone, and the writer will attend this meeting. We urge our Scandinavian brethren to make every effort to attend this important gathering.

A series of meetings will be held at Aberdeen, Wash., by Elder Holbrook

Second tithe	-	5503 61	
Stationery	-	3 00	
Tithe	-	9791 83	
Walla Walla College fund	-	7262 83	
Trust funds	-	28813 04	\$28813 04
College debt	-		14907 95
Donations	-		6200 00
Expense	-		204 46
Gleaner	-		1125 00
Interest	-		21 00
Labor	-		598 19
Laborers' expense	-		145 95
Merchandise	-		60 90
Office furniture	-		456 65
Office supplies	-		49 46
Orphans and aged	-		256 72
Passage to India	-		577 59
Portland Sanitarium	-		1500 00
Rent	-		240 00
Southern Idaho	-		5 00
Stationery	-		133 44
Tithe of tithe	-		979 16
Personal accounts	-		10384 12
			<u>\$66658 63</u>
Disbursements in excess of receipts	5087 25		
		<u>\$66658 63</u>	

TRUST FUNDS, 1908

Annual offerings	-		\$4616 33
Australian Mission	-		9 81
Africa	-		46 74
Armenian Mission	-		1 60
Atlanta Church	-		10 00
Abyssinia	-		2 60
British East Africa	-		25
Colored work	-		1068 68
Colored Mission School	-		295 59
China	-		46 94
Colored Sanitarium, Nashville	-		10 00
Central America	-		25
Denial box	-		45 85
Evangelists Sendebud	-		68 32
First-day offerings	-		2490 66
Foreign missions	-		6350 23
Foreign Mission Seminary	-		330 26
Fiji Islands	-		32 95
Glimpses of Sunny Caribbean	-		56 68
Grenada Islands	-		7 70
Hausfreund	-		6 00
Harvest ingathering	-		25 75
Indian Bay Mission	-		22 66
India	-		185 94
India Mountain Mission	-		16 00
International Publishing Association	-		117 36
Jewish work	-		81 65
Japan	-		11 00
Korea	-		63 10
Literature for the blind	-		6 25
Latin Union Mission School	-		34 84
London Sanitarium	-		1 60

and the writer beginning March 16 to continue for a period of eight or ten days. We especially invite our people at Aberdeen and Hoquiam to make special efforts to insure good attendance, and invite all who are interested in the study of God's Word.

General Conference Bulletin.—Orders for the General Conference Bulletin are flowing into the office. We wish to remind our people that the subscription list will close by the last of March. Send all orders to this office. The subscription price is fifty cents.

The Walla Walla College Fund. We sincerely hope that our people in the the Western Washington Conference will make a special effort to redeem their pledges to the Walla Walla College Fund as soon as possible. There are still a number of pledges unpaid among the brethren and sisters in Western Washington. We desire very much to see the debt entirely cancelled before the General Conference. We believe this can easily be accomplished if we put forth a little effort to meet our obligations.

Campmeeting.—Our Western Washington campmeeting will be held Aug. 12-22. The location has not been definitely decided. We will give notice later concerning the location and all other details. We hope our dear brethren will plan to continue this important gathering. Lay your plans early and let nothing stand in the way of your attending. We know that special instruction will be given to our people to prepare them to stand amid the clouds and darkness that will gather during the final conflict.

Bible Training School.—Elder and Mrs. Sharp have established a comfortable little home for Bible workers and a training school is conducted by Elder and Mrs. Sharp to prepare Bible workers for greater efficiency in the Master's vineyard. We are trying to do more for this city in the way of house-to-house work, for we realize that time is getting short and God's mercy is gradually being withdrawn from the earth, and we know not how soon destruction may come to some of our cities. We desire the prayers of God's children that the good work may be accomplished throughout the Western Washington Conference during the year 1909.

S. W. Nellis.
Pres. W. W. Conference.

**UPPER COLUMBIA
SPOKANE CAMP-MEETING**

There were pledges made at last year's camp-meeting at Spokane for the closing up of the Walla Walla College relief fund. Only \$468.55 has yet been received on this closing fund, which was only \$1,000 for our conference to raise. Pledges were taken at the camp-meeting to cover this amount. We are very anxious to receive the amount of the remaining unpaid pledges as soon as possible, and thus close this account on the conference books.

Elder White is striving to bring about, at an early date, the closing of the whole college debt. In order for this to be done, it is necessary for each individual pledge to be redeemed as soon as it can be done.

"Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them. . . . Yea, I think it meet . . . to stir you up by putting you in remembrance."

G. E. Langdon.

LIBERTY

The first issue of 1909 is now being rapidly scattered. It again brings to bear its testimony against the influence of the church in political matters. Attention is given to the rapid strides that have been made during the last three months among different organizations for bringing the Sunday movement to the front.

The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America which recently held its convention in Philadelphia is shown to be a dangerous religio-political combination to control legislation. The First American Catholic Missionary Congress, A Reply to President Roosevelt's Letter by the Lutheran Synod, The Labor Unions and Freedom of Speech, are all articles calling attention to recent developments.

Liberty enlarges its influence this quarter by a new department dealing with the attacks of scientists and the Higher Critics on the Word of God. The leading articles are: Reason and Faith, After the Higher Criticism What? God in Nature.

The number is especially well illustrated, giving a full page group of men now prominently before the public in

Mid-summer offerings	-	754 66
New Orleans Church	-	1 00
Nyassaland Mission	-	39 00
Southern Industrial Normal School	-	115 00
Sumatra	-	19 11
\$150,000 fund	-	2019 15
Pitcairn boat fund	-	1 00
Porto Rico mule fund	-	28 88
Port Hammond School	-	5 00
Religious liberty	-	604 15
Sabbath-school offerings	-	8529 14
Southern field	-	515 85
Southern Idaho school	-	10 00
Vaktare	-	68 33
Venezuela	-	1 60
West Indian building fund	-	20 00
Young People's Volunteer fund	-	22 58
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C. H. Castle,
Treasurer.

political life, also a full page picture of the national conservation commission which recently met in Washington.

The variety of topics considered in Liberty for the first quarter of 1909 makes it a rapid seller. All classes find in it something of interest. One agent has ordered 1,500 copies. Send for magazine at once. If you have never done any work with Liberty write for terms and suggestions. Address your state tract society or Liberty, Tacoma Park, Washington, D. C.

News Items

The Union Conference Committee has finished its work and the brethren have returned to their respective fields of labor.

A more complete report of the work of the Union Conference committee will appear in a later issue of the Gleaner.

Elder Breed left last Friday for Boise, Idaho, to look after the cause of liberty since the matter is now before the legislature of that state.

We hope to have a report of the Young People's Convention at College Place which was held during the time of the Union Conference committee meeting.

Elder J. W. Boynton, late of Alberta, spoke to the Walla Walla church last Sabbath. Elder Boynton is to take up work in the Western Washington conference.

Provision is now made for laborers to enter Alaska soon. The brethren recommended for that field, Brethren Furber and Temple, are now in Walla Walla College.

Seattle Harbor is soon to be provided with a ship missionary. There has long existed the need for such a worker. Brother C. A. Purdom has been recommended for this work.

The gain in subscriptions for the Gleaner during 1908 was 317, which brings our list up to 915. What shall it be Dec. 31, 1909? If one out of every three would secure one more subscription our list would reach 1,220.

"We need a revival of the individual. The question is not, what are they doing?—but, what am I doing? Not, why do you do this, that, or the other?—but why am I not doing this, that, or the other?"

"The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving."

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THE DIFFERENCE

Take church-going and store-going. Every morning the man is at his business; nothing keeps him from it but the grip of some disease which will not let him out of the house. He may feel inert, but he goes. He may have a headache, but off he starts; and when he is there how interested he is—how absorbed! how alert! how devoted! That is store-going.

And now take the same man and look at his church-going. What a contrast! "I have a headache; I do not think I will go to church." "It rains so hard, and it is so cold; I will not venture out." "I feel tired; I will stay at home and rest." And often when he goes, how he lolls about and looks around and lets his mind wander.

Yes, you say; but one is business to which we must attend: we lose our place or our money: and the other is—well, what is it? Is it an important thing? Is it not God's business? Is it not a very holy, a very solemn, a very urgent affair? Does not the welfare of the soul depend upon it? Can it be neglected with impunity?

Think of those words of your Master in Malachi: "A son honoreth his father and a servant his master; if then I be a father, where is mine honor? and if I be a master, where is my fear?"—Selected.

Let us be of good cheer, remembering that the misfortunes hardest to bear are those which never come.

Put away all sarcasm from your speech. Never complain. Do not prophesy evil. Have a good word for everyone or else keep silent.

Bookmen's Corner

WESTERN WASHINGTON

For the month of January 1909.

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value
F. M. Womach	C K	5	3	3 50	8 50
H. F. McWhinney	Heralds	27	4	3 75	13 00
H. D. Carr	D. & R.	25	-	-	33 00
W. C. Thompson	D. & R.	38	3	2 25	10 50
		65	10	9 50	65 00

WESTERN WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

	1907	1908
Membership	1494	1541
No. of Conference ministers	9	7
No. of licentiates	-	5
Missionary licence	-	6
Canvassers	-	40
Hours employed in canvass	-	5799
Sales of canvassers	-	10917 47
Total tithe	25457 87	23185 42
Subscriptions to 40 per cent books	7445 09	10917 47
Trade and relief books, bibles	905 82	1482 56
Periodicals and tracts	2310 31	2153 42
Sabbath-school offerings	1504 81	2114 53
Foreign missions (10 cts. a week)	-	7353 06
10 cents a week, per capita	-	092
Ingathering fund	-	1033 07
Total trust funds	-	11748 94
No. of churches	39	39
No. of buildings	19	22
Value of church buildings	28350 00	31000 00
No. of intermediate schools	2	2
Value of intermediate school buildings	10000 00	10000 00
Value of furniture, church school	-	2500 00

WESTERN OREGON CONFERENCE

RECEIPTS FOR MONTH ENDING
JANUARY 31, 1909

TITHE		
Albina	-	\$ 52 00
Chitwood	-	50 00
Coquille	-	50 00
Cottage Grove	-	20 47
Dallas	-	6 20
Falls City	-	32 10
Grants Pass	-	123 18
Hopewell	-	148 55
Hillsboro	-	13 85
Laurelwood	-	15 10
Medford	-	388 13
Miscellaneous	-	39 25
Monitor	-	30 86
Montavilla	-	103 38
Mt. Tabor	-	187 47
Newberg	-	54 85
Park Place	-	6 00
Portland	-	215 63
Roseburg	-	27 26
Tillamook	-	21 37

West Scio	-	13 30
Yoncalla	-	20 60
		\$1619 55

TRUST FUNDS

Annual Offerings	-	\$ 98 50
Canton Chapel	-	1 07
China	-	1 00
Colored Work	-	35 00
Colored Mission Schools	-	22
Educational Fund	-	1 00
Gold Coast	-	50
India	-	21 00
Intermediate Schools	-	30 00
Korea	-	50
Kingston Church	-	5 00
Mid-summer Offerings	-	2 50
Mission Board	-	253 40
Sabbath-school Offerings	-	104 68
Siberia	-	50
Tent and Camp-meeting Fund	-	2 00
Weekly Offerings	-	52 14

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Edith Starbuck,
Treasurer.