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"Put ye in the sickle,

CLEANER

for the harvest is ripe"

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IF WE KNEW.

Could we but draw back the curtains
That surround each other's lives,
See the naked heart and spirit,
Know what spur the action gives,—
Often we would find it better,
Purer than we judge we would;
We would love each other better,
If we only understood.

Could we judge all deeds by motives,
See the good and bad within,
Often we would love the sinner
Though we deeply loathe the sin.
Could we know the powers working
To o'erthrow integrity,
We would judge each other's errors
With more patient clarity.

If we knew the cares and trials,
Knew the efforts all in vain,
And the bitter disappointment—
Understand the loss and gain—
Would the grim external roughness
Seem, I wonder, just the same?
Would we help where now we hinder?
Would we pity where we blame?

Ah! we judge each other harshly,
Knowing not life's hidden force;
Knowing not the fount of action
Is less turbid at its source,
Seeing not amid the evil
All the golden grains of good;

O! we'd love each other better
If we only understood.

—Selected.

A LETTER

St. Croix, D. W. I., Jan. 20, 1909.

Knowing that some of our brethren in the Northwest will be glad to know of our work here, I am writing you through the Gleaner.

We never have had reason to regret coming to these islands, in spite of the difficulties we have encountered. We are daily receiving new evidences of the goodness and mercy of God, and are continually made to know that he is with us and blessing us. In many remarkable ways has he answered our prayers since we came to this field, for which we praise his name.

At St. Thomas we now have a flourishing church-school, with a good American teacher. This is a great help to us in many ways. While I am obliged to be away at other islands, my wife and the teacher carry on the work there. They had a good season of prayer. Two are now awaiting baptism on my return.

December 2, I came to St. Croix and set up my tent. The next day I began to get it seated, and Sunday, December 6, had everything in order and ready for our first meeting, which was held that night.

The government gave me the use of a very pleasant place to pitch the tent. It is in a small grove of mahogany trees, near the fort where the police and soldiers have their headquarters. This we appreciate very much, as we will have good protection if we need it.

However, we have never had a single disturbance. People here consider this very remarkable, as the common people are very rough and frequently have riots. About three years ago some religious fanatics came and obtained permission to pitch their tent in this same place where our meetings are held. They were the jumping and shouting kind, and gave the police plenty of trouble quelling their disturbances. So the police master said he would not allow another tent to be pitched here for religious meetings. Consequently, when we landed and people found out that we intended to pitch a tent, they informed us that the government would not allow it. I went and talked with the police officials, and asked for a place to put my tent. They made inquiry in regard to our work, how we conducted our meetings, etc., and then gave me the very place I asked for. That was over six weeks ago, and some of them have since come and talked with me, and expressed themselves as pleased with the excellent order maintained, both in and around the tent.

Our meetings have been well attended from the beginning. The tent will only seat from two hundred fifty to three hundred, but we frequently have, besides this number inside, as many more outside.

The ministers have kept very quiet. Some of them have attended the meetings, standing outside under the trees where they thought they were not seen. Some have even spoken well of our meetings, while others have whispered of "false prophets." When a number of the people began to be interested and

take their stand for the truth; the Moravian minister thought it was time for him to act, and Sunday, January 10, five weeks after our meetings began, he preached a sermon on the "Christian Sabbath." We went to hear him; but, of course, he took up the usual line of argument, winding up with the "Fathers." He came and shook hands with us after the meeting, and we invited him to come and hear us the following evening, when we would answer him. He promised, and came, sitting on the front seat. Those who were outside said there was fully a thousand people there that night. I spoke for three hours, and still they did not want me to stop. The Lord was present in a very marked manner. This minister is a young Englishman, fresh from college, and it is his first encounter with Seventh-day Adventists. He thought he would have clear sailing, but, from what I hear, he now thinks we have too much Bible for him.

December 26, we held our first Sabbath-school and Sabbath meeting, with an attendance of fifty-eight adults and seventeen children. This has increased until we now have an enrolment of ninety. About thirty have signed the covenant, and desire to unite with us. Next week we expect to form a class to prepare them for baptism. Many of these are from the better class, and we hope soon to have our work well established here. When you know that there was not a Sabbath-keeper on the island until after we came, you can see that the Lord has richly blessed. We have learned that the enemy of souls has been in our meetings in the form of wicked men, ready to devour us; but God's power has been there to hold him in check. We can surely see that God is working for us and for the salvation of the people. All glory be to him.

The message is going with power to all parts of the world, and soon all will have heard the last warning, the honest in heart will be gathered out, and Jesus will come. Hasten on, glad day.

H. C. J. Wallekar.

THE NEED OF VITAL POWER

When David was called from the sheepcotes and from following the sheep to be made ruler over God's people, he was, first of all, anointed for his mission and for the great work to

which he had been called. The record reads that "Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. . . . And David went on, and grew great, and the Lord God of hosts was with him."

When Moses was called from the wilds of Midian to lead the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage, he hesitated to undertake the great task until God had repeatedly promised him that his presence, or Spirit, would go with him. Forty years later, when the burden of this mission was transferred from Moses to another, it was "Joshua, the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit," who was selected.

Elijah, called of God to begin a mighty reformation in the time of apostasy, was so anointed for his mission that he has by some been termed the "fire prophet." By his faith and prayers, he called down fire from heaven, and went to heaven in a chariot of fire, with horses of fire. One thousand years later, the angel Gabriel, in announcing the birth of John the Baptist, and the marvelous work that would be accomplished through him, could compare it to nothing greater than the "spirit and power of Elias." And yet Elisha for his life's work asked for, and received, a double portion of the spirit that had rested upon Elijah.

When Christ began his public ministry, the Spirit of God descended from heaven upon him, and he was "anointed with the Holy Ghost, and with power, who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with him."

The disciples were told to tarry in Jerusalem until they were baptized with the Holy Ghost for service; and when they had received the anointing, it was not long until they had filled all Jerusalem with their doctrine, and all other places, so that the gospel was preached to every creature which was under heaven, in that generation.

Now, the marvelous success and victories that attended all of these men and many others too numerous to mention are obvious. They received the unction; they were anointed for their mission; they were sent forth by the Holy Ghost. It was the presence of the mighty God of Jacob that made them great. "For he whom God hath

sent speaketh the words of God; for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him." We are told that "the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him."

The secret of success in God's work is the union of divine power with human effort. Those who achieve the greatest victories are those who take God into account and who rely most implicitly upon the almighty arm. When, because of the murmurings of the children of Israel in the wilderness, the faith of Moses was severely tried, he dealt with God. The record over and over is that "when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face." "He endured as seeing him who is invisible." His successor, Joshua, who commanded, "Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon, and thou moon in the valley of Ajalon," is the man who for hours lay prostrate upon the earth in prayer in the camp at Gilgal. The men of prayer are the men of power.

R. D. Quinn.

(Concluded next week)

Sabbath-school and Young People's Work

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER CONVENTION

Saturday evening, February 20, the last meeting of a series of Missionary Volunteer conventions in this Union Conference was held in the gymnasium of the Portland Sanitarium. A good spirit prevailed, and a lively interest was manifested in the different subjects presented. This meeting seemed to fitly close the series that had preceded it. As we remember the interest and enthusiasm that has been manifested in these meetings, we are led to believe that much good will result from the efforts that have been made. Nor shall we forget that the mission of the Volunteer movement has for its purpose the conversion and training of young men and women for active service for the Master.

The giving of the third angel's message to the world in this generation demands the time and the trained talents of all, both old and young; and it has

been the purpose during these conventions to study the needs of our young people, spiritually, mentally, and socially, and how to supply these needs, —to better understand the relation the Missionary Volunteer work sustains to the other work of the church.

"The Macedonian Call to World-wide Missions, and Answering the Call," was considered, as well as such subjects as "Preparation Needed for the Mission Fields;" "The Home;" "Adolescence;" "Standard of Attainment;" "Reading Course;" "Plan of Organization;" "Membership and Reorganization;" "The Society Program;" "Field Work;" "Correspondence and the Isolated;" "Camp-meeting Work;" "Conventions and Institutes;" "Reaching the Homes;" "Perseverance in Christian Work;" "Preparation of Literature;" "Qualifications and Education of Local Leaders;" "Personal Evangelism;" "Christian Help Work;" "Christian Stewardship;" "Temperance and Other Reforms." These and other subjects supplied material for earnest study and thought during the whole time of each convention, and, instead of having time to spare, we found our allotted time for each subject only too short.

We were greatly pleased to have with us, during the study of some of the questions mentioned, the ministers and other laborers of the conferences, and we believe that a better understanding of this important branch of the work by all our people will do much toward saving our young people for service, as well as interesting many others.

At the different places where meetings were held more than one hundred, young and old, reconsecrated their lives to the Master, for his service, or else began serving him for the first time. If nothing else beside this had been accomplished, I am sure we could feel well repaid for every effort put forth. But this is only the beginning of better times for us, if we put into practice the many things we have learned.

We have greatly appreciated the presence and help of Professor Kern, who led out in the work of these conventions. We believe his visit to our field will do much to bring us into closer touch with the work at headquarters.

Our older brethren and sisters showed their interest in this movement by their presence at many of the meetings, and by their kind hospitality in providing

entertainment for the workers and delegates.

These meetings will long be remembered, and I trust that the good resolutions made by many may be carried out.

In connection with the convention at College Place, a secretaries' council was held, at which all our state Missionary Volunteer secretaries were present except two. A separate report of this council, as well as a more detailed report of each convention, will appear in the Gleaner.

"The last great conflict now is on,

The unfurled banners float;

Our royal Prince Immanuel

Now sounds the bugle note.

"Earth's pleasure cup is almost drained,

Her dying groan we hear;

Who'll speed to her the gospel truth?

Who'll be God's volunteer?"

O. K. Butler.

MISSIONARY VOLUNTEER CONVENTION IN WESTERN WASHINGTON

According to appointment made by Professor Kern, our Missionary Volunteer convention was held in the North Seattle church, February 12 to 15. Delegates and visitors from different parts of the conference assembled on the opening day until our committee on entertainment was taxed to the limit.

Out of our eighteen Missionary Volunteer societies, twelve were well represented, and both old and young from many of the churches where societies have not been organized were also present. The meetings were well attended throughout the convention.

All conference laborers except two were present and most of them came prepared to take part in the program. As a result of their co-operation and the excellent instruction given by Elders Kern and Butler, the truth was exalted and all present were greatly blessed.

On Sabbath Professor Kern spoke of the sacredness of home ties and the golden opportunity of parents to win the love and confidence of their children during the early days of childhood; that by becoming companions to their boys and girls, they were able to guide the feet of inexperience over that perilous period of life that proves disastrous to so many of our dear young people. The youth also were admonished to heed

the counsel and admonition of their parents and to direct their steps in the ways of God.

During the morning and afternoon sessions of the convention the different lines of Missionary Volunteer work were taken up. Papers that had been carefully prepared were read and the subjects discussed. Much emphasis was given to the importance of all our young people forming the habit of reading good books.

The evenings were given to consecration and revival services and we greatly rejoiced to see a number of the young people take their stand with the people of God, and others renew their consecration. In all there were about twenty took a definite stand for the truth, and many others who had been following their Lord afar off caught a glimpse of the glorious privilege and possibilities of the Missionary Volunteer who has decided to "wholly follow the Lord."

At the close of the convention, Elder Nellis called the ministers, Bible-workers, and all the conference laborers, as well as the church elders, together for a council. After a short talk given by Elder Nellis, in which he expressed his gratitude for the blessings of the convention and the goodness of God, opportunity was given for each one present to speak. There was manifested a perfect unity of spirit on the part of all the laborers, and an earnest desire to co-operate in the Missionary Volunteer work of our field. Praise and gratitude was offered to God for the blessings received at the convention.

The day following the convention the conference committee met, and it was there decided that the conference Missionary Volunteer secretary should be released from conference office work that more time might be given to the Sabbath-school and young people's work in our field.

We feel to praise God for his blessings bestowed on this first convention of Missionary Volunteers in the Western Washington Conference, and we are confident of ultimate victory in this warfare for "we know whom we have believed."

S. Lela Hoover,
M. V. Secretary.

"Let them now that fear the Lord say,
that his mercy endureth forever."

FRAGMENTS FROM THE COLLEGE PLACE CONVENTION

One feature that is characterising the work of the Missionary Volunteer conventions of the North Pacific Union Conference is the special revival efforts conducted by Professor M. E. Kern. This phase of the work was somewhat hindered at College Place because of the congested condition just then as a result of other interests coming in to take the time and so circumscribing the program of the convention; but it was not by any means neglected wholly. Enough was done to show that the Spirit of the Lord is present to co-operate with every effort in behalf of our young people. One morning especially, at the chapel period, a large number of the students responded to an earnest appeal for deeper consecration. Most of the parts rendered were calls to a higher life, a nobler plane of action.

The sermon by Elder R. D. Quinn Sabbath afternoon was a powerful setting forth of our needs for the task before us. The talk was full of pointed, stirring utterances showing what must be our first, our all-important, and essential qualification, without which we can never successfully hope to accomplish the work. "There must come upon us the vitalizing power of God." "Jesus began both to do and to teach." The Scribes and Pharisees had a good theory, but there was nothing in the life to support it. Great demonstrations, wonderful attesting signs, followed Christ's teaching, but perhaps the "wonder" that stood out most prominent in the minds of those who heard and saw was the blameless life of the Teacher. And so it should be with his followers. The one who is all the time expressing in his own life the greatest of all miracles, freedom from sin and sinning, is the one whose teaching will be followed by effects. Elder Quinn expressed regret that his time was gone before he had reached some practical applications that he desired to make; but the talk by Elder S. W. Nellis Monday morning dealt largely with the practical side, and might be looked upon as a complement to the effort of Elder Quinn. I certainly wish that every young person in the Union Conference could have heard these two good talks in regard to the needs of our Missionary Volunteers. One statement of Elder Nellis I would especially emphasize:

"The success of the young people's work depends upon home life largely." Here is food for thought. His closing thought was the same as that of Elder Quinn, though clothed in different words: "The gifts of the Spirit will be manifested when the fruits of the Spirit appear in the life."

Professor Kern's talks on "Adolescence" and the "Home Life" were replete with helpful hints for all. I once heard one of our brethren say after listening to a searching sermon, "I shall tell Elder — that the next time he has a talk laid up for me I wish it to be given in a less public way." And so the bowed heads and tearful eyes of Professor Kern's audience indicated that the shafts of truth were going to the mark. If ever a people needed to be intelligent upon every phase of practical living, surely this is the people, and this is the time.

Helen C. Conard.

INTERESTING MISSIONARY ITEMS

Our laborers in this country sometimes feel that they have to meet a good many obstacles and perplexities, but the following quotation from a letter recently received from Elder Boettcher, the president of the Russian Union Conference, describes some of the conditions under which the truth has to be carried forward in that field. He says:

"Most of them (the common people of Russia) have no homes where they can receive strangers. They simply rent a place with some family to put a cot. This cot is simply a frame covered with canvas, which is put on two saw horses. During the day the whole thing is removed, and you would never know there were any beds in the house.

The working people have but one room and a kitchen; the room is rented out to a number of such cases, and the family sleeps in the kitchen. I know of one family in Reiga where the parents and two sons sleep in a kitchen in which an American woman would not think she could turn around. Our Reiga church now numbers 170 members. At the next baptism, we shall have about fifteen new ones come in. Our tithe was \$400 a quarter."

Under these discouraging conditions, the present truth is making its way in

Russia, and is destined ere long to be a powerful factor in that field.

Brother Frank Bond, one of our missionaries in Spain, writes as follows from a country village where several have begun keeping the Sabbath:

"Rev. 12:17 is being literally fulfilled in this town. The priests are determined we must leave, and for two days our brother's house has been bombarded by a stone brigade made up of boys and girls. Last evening the door was knocked in. During the siege a constant war cry was kept up. The priests taught the children a song, which translated is:

'Away, away, Protestants, from the nation;

For we wish to be lovers of the Sacred Heart.

Let the Virgin live.'

"As we stood and listened to the storm of stones, we thanked God for the promise: 'The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him.' Last evening twenty-five persons were at our meeting."

Frank and Walter Bond went as missionaries to Spain from the California Conference, and have now been there for a number of years. They have thoroughly acquired the Spanish language, and are laboring faithfully to carry the truth in that country. The Lord is blessing their efforts by the addition of a number of good souls to the present truth.

Last summer Elder Evans, the treasurer of the General Conference, started on a trip through Japan, Korea, and China. He is there at present, but expects to return in time for the coming General Conference in Washington. He writes from Central China of a quarterly meeting held at Elder Westrup's station in Honana. Elder Westrup went to China with his family from the Western Oregon Conference, and is doing faithful work among the Chinese. Elder Evans writes:

"It was the first time they ever had the ordinances. We rejoiced how solemnly they took part. When I was washing one brother's feet, he burst out crying aloud. It seemed as though God was there. At 11 o'clock there were so many present we had to have an overflow meeting; 50 outsiders were addressed by the evangelist, while Brother Westrup interpreted for me. It was wonderful the way God helped us.

The eyes of these poor souls, shone like stars as they listened. Brother Westrup has fifty-two genuine full believers, and ninety-eight keeping the Sabbath. It was a glorious, happy day for us all. The poor souls wept when they had to go, and my own heart felt like bursting to think I could not talk to them in their own tongue. We said goodbye a hundred times, and then said it again and again."

All of these extracts show how the truth is advancing in other lands, and under what difficulties it is making its way. Surely the Lord is going out into the nations of earth and is preparing a people for himself. Let us pray earnestly each day that the Lord will bless these missionaries in other lands who are struggling so hard to carry the truth to the people.

W. B. White.

SUBSCRIBE NOW

Many of us remember how eagerly, in times past, we looked forward to the daily visits of the General Conference Bulletin, during the sessions of that body. First, we looked over the list of delegates to see how many of them we knew, and to see how many different countries were represented. Then we followed closely the organization of the conference. The president's address, recounting God's mercies in the work done and the new fields entered, was enjoyed by all. The appointment of various committees was carefully noted. How anxiously we waited for the report of the committee on "Distribution of Labor"! How we enjoyed reading the reports and experiences of our missionaries from foreign lands! Then there were sermons, Bible-readings, various addresses, and appeals for men and means for the regions beyond. As we read the discussions of the recommendations submitted by the committee on plans, it seemed almost like being there. Many of us felt that we could not retire for the night until we had read the Bulletin from beginning to end; and, in some instances, the entire church came together to read the "latest from the General Conference." Then these papers were carefully filed away for future reading and reference.

Much of this was greatly missed when the Bulletins were discontinued and the reports printed in the Review. I am sure our brethren are pleased to know

that the proceedings of the next General Conference are to be printed in bulletin form. The subscription price is 50 cents, and you may order through your tract society secretary. Send in your subscription before you forget it.

C. W. Flaiz.

WESTERN OREGON CONFERENCE

RECEIPTS FOR MONTH ENDING
FEBRUARY 28, 1909

TITHE	
Albina	\$ 5 85
Astoria	9 00
Beaverton	7 00
Cottage Grove	13 97
Dallas	6 20
Eugene	21 14
Gravel Ford	20 00
Hopewell	29 50
Hillsboro	5 09
Hubbard	3 95
Laurelwood	31 74
Miscellaneous	20 00
Monitor	12 85
Montavilla	72 78
Portland	205 40
Sheridan	10 15
St. John's	40 10
Tillamook	10 50
Toledo	6 15
West Scio	10 87
Yoncalla	16 55
	\$558 79

TRUST FUNDS

Colored Mission Schools	\$ 50
Intermediate Schools	10 00
Int. Pub. Assn. (Swedish Paper)	5 00
Religious Liberty	61 61
Sabbath-school Offerings	14 36
Mission Board	59 21
Weekly Offerings	2 10
	\$152 78

Edith Starbuck,
Treasurer.

UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 1908

TITHE	
Bonner's Ferry	\$ 119 87
Bossburg	174 82
Conconully	32 32

Coeur d'Alene	99 00
College Place	3353 59
Colville	1056 70
Chelan	191 51
Craig Mt.	396 80
Dayton	223 14
Endicott	340 00
Ellensburg	121 50
Edwall	145 55
Echo	74 75
Fox Valley	77 48
Fruitland	805 33
Farmington, English	355 97
Farmington, German	284 25
Grangeville	62 55
Granger	1015 45
Genesee	359 12
Individual	1279 70
Ivy	139 30
Lewiston	208 32
Long Creek	5 47
Malaga	290 70
Moscow	701 06
Milton	1290 61
North Yakima	1025 86
Natchez	374 03
Pomeroy	178 83
Rathdrum	180 88
Sandpoint	11 84
Spring	110 00
Spokane	3645 47
Viola	227 12
Wenatchee	453 29
Wilcox	1621 38
Walla Walla, English	657 12
Walla Walla, German	616 62
	\$22307 30

TRUST FUNDS

Orphans and Aged	\$ 3 30
Southern Field	146 57
Nashville, Tenn., School	275 00
Work in India	46 20
Religious Liberty	182 03
Walla Walla College	848 51
Colored Work	358 44
Colored Sanitarium	10 00
Gilbert Jewish Mission	42 90
Hausfreund Mission Fund	6 00
Missionary Vol. Dept.	7 65
Sions Vaktare	75 83
Evangelists Sendebud	75 82
Southern Idaho School	10 00
Blind Fund	4 00
Orphans and Aged	141 91
Conference Alliance	301 58
Deficit	82 62
Educational	179 80
	\$2788 16

The above is total contributions for

home mission work for year ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Annual Offering	-	\$1104 00
Foreign Missions	-	2390 92
First-day Offering	-	274 62
British Columbia School	-	5 00
Nyassaland Mission	-	43 25
France	-	33 97
Granada	-	7 70
Tamil Sabbath-keepers	-	4 70
India	-	16 90
South America	-	19 30
\$150,000 Fund	-	100 00
Miscellaneous	-	20 30
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The above is total contributions for foreign work, except Sabbath-school donations and Missionary Volunteer Department.

T. G. Johnson,
Treasurer.

OUR INSTITUTES

Our spring Institutes are now well under way. The first one was held at Cottage Grove, Oregon, February 3-18. Although the school at that place is small, eight or ten of the students expect to take up active work in the field this summer.

According to the announcement that had been previously made, our institute opened at Meadow Glade February 8, and continued for three weeks. All but three of the older students joined in taking the instruction given. All will not be able to spend their entire time in the field this year, but we expect that a good representative number will. Wednesday, February 24, was "Field Day." Several of the students spent the day in active work in the city of Vancouver, and the Lord richly blessed their efforts. Elders Nellis and Holbrook were with us several days during our stay at that school, and their presence and help were greatly appreciated.

At this writing, I am at the Laurelwood school. We have about thirty in our classes here. Nearly twenty of this number expect to enter the field. A more complete report of this institute will be given later by Brother E. M. Oberg who is in charge of the book work in this field.

Never before have I seen such an earnestness on the part of our young people in our schools as I have witnessed

this year. Nearly all seem to have one purpose in view in being in our schools, that of getting the quickest preparation possible for service in the Lord's great harvest field. Our institutes have been spiritual feasts throughout. At Meadow Glade even the little children organized for study. One of the first sights that met my eyes upon my arrival at that school was a band of little folks who had gathered to study "Elo the Eagle." I could not help thinking of the time when the little children will have to take up the work of proclaiming this message.

There are still four institutes to be held in the North Pacific Union this spring.

Forest Home Academy, March 3-23.

Malaga, Wash., March 5-19.

Walla Walla College, March 22 to April 10.

Mt. Ellis, Montana, April 12-24.

If there are those from the outside who are planning to attend any of these institutes, don't fail to send notice to the field agent in charge of your local conference so that arrangements can be made for your entertainment. I will be glad to correspond with any who wish to attend the one at Walla Walla College.

Carl E. Weeks.

COTTAGE GROVE INSTITUTE

A profitable canvassers' institute was held at Royal Intermediate School, Cottage Grove, Oregon, February 3-18.

Elder F. A. Detamore assisted at the opening and his help was much appreciated. There seemed to be a deeper interest in the book work this time than at any time in the past.

From the first the classes were well attended by the older students and many give promise of becoming efficient workers. At the close of the Institute, missionary calls were made for foreign territory in our own conference, such as Klamath and Curry Counties, which has not been worked for years because it is a difficult and scattered field. The response was made by four young men who volunteered to carry the printed page into those counties this summer. We believe there are honest souls who

are waiting for the truth in many places in those fields.

One encouraging feature of our work was the hearty support given by the parents and school management. We hope to get at least eight or ten canvassers from that field to work in Southern Oregon.

The answer to the call for laborers in the Lord's harvest is being seen by the willingness for service on the part of our young people.

Brethren, pray for the work.

E. M. Oberg,
Field Missionary W. O. C.

POMEROY

Finding that some were anxious for a few meetings to be held here, I began the latter part of December, and, as the interest increased every night, we continued until the first of February. We thought when the deep snow came in January that we would have to close the meetings, but one of the neighbors who was interested made a snow plow and broke roads so all could come. The spirit of the Lord was in the meetings from the beginning, and after the prophecies and the Sabbath truths were presented, 16 not of our faith said they believed we had the truth. Five of these have begun to keep the Sabbath and are rejoicing in the light.

Not only was this meeting a blessing to those who have found the light and are now obeying, but it has been a great help and encouragement to the members of the church. We can see a new life and vitality springing up here in the Lord's work, and a zeal which shows that we believe that the end of all things is near.

Two weeks ago I began meetings eight miles out in the country and have had a good attendance nearly every night. A few are interested, and two have told me that they are going to keep the Sabbath. Farm work is beginning in this district, so it is impossible to hold meetings every night. But we can do house to house work and in this way can talk personally with the interested ones. Pray for the work here that it may prosper, and especially for the writer that he may remain humble, so that precious souls may be won for the Master.

F. M. Oliver.

News Items

Elder White is spending a few days at Boise, Idaho.

In the interests of the Walla Walla College Relief Fund Elders White and Decker visited Spokane last week.

C. E. Weeks reports a successful institute just closed at Laurelwood, and is now conducting an institute at Mt. Vernon.

Attention is being called to the General Conference Bulletin through the Gleaner by articles from several sources and we trust all who desire the Bulletin will order without delay.

We received a letter from the president of one of our conferences that they were arranging for their laborers to make more regular reports through the Gleaner. This is good news.

We have received word from Washington, D. C., that plans are afoot now to secure some reduction in transportation for those who may attend the General Conference. As soon as particulars are received something will appear in the Gleaner regarding this matter.

H. H. Hall of the Pacific Press, made a pleasant call at the office of the Western Oregon Conference one day last week. He was on his way to British Columbia, where he expected to spend a few days in the interests of the book work. He reports that the prospects for the work in that line is most encouraging.

Many are renewing their subscription to the Gleaner and quite a number are allowing their subscriptions to expire. We have sent out notifications of expiration and accompanied these with a return envelope. We trust no one will allow this little Union Conference paper to discontinue its weekly visits to their home. We can not afford to be without the information it contains.

E. M. Oberg, Field Secretary of the

COMPARATIVE FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE MONTANA CONFERENCE

For Years 1907 and 1908

	1907	1908
Tithe	\$8106 69	\$8288 70
Sabbath-school Offerings	618 22	901 35
First-day Offerings	406 30	701 24
Annual Offerings	271 01	198 49
\$150,000 Fund	473 38	633 95
Mid-summer Offerings		145 71
Southern Work	102 51	131 48
Religious Liberty Fund	9 21	70 10
Thanksgiving Offerings		489 45
Walla Walla College Debt		140 50
Orphans and Aged	55 79	229 24
Tent Fund	82 54	370 24
Miscellaneous Offerings	155 55	103 71
	\$2174 51	\$4115 46
Total Tithes and Offerings	\$10281 20	\$12404 16

SALES OF PORTLAND BRANCH OF PACIFIC PRESS

For Past Three Years

Year	Sub'n Books	Trade Books	Tracts	Total
1906	\$13432 35	\$1419 49	\$ 479 51	\$15331 35
1907	20338 22	2532 34	944 11	23814 67
1908	30918 94	5026 99	1104 30	37050 23
	\$64689 51	\$8978 82	\$2527 92	\$76169 25

SUBSCRIPTION BOOK SALES IN NORTH PACIFIC UNION

For Past Three Years

1906	1907	1908	Total for 3 years
		Southern Idaho	
	\$ 950 96	\$ 2936 85	\$ 3887 80
		Montana	
\$ 768 45	2511 95	2543 80	5824 20
		Upper Columbia	
2681 74	3878 20	5209 96	11769 90
		Western Oregon	
3709 30	5834 45	9387 13	18930 88
		Western Washington	
6272 86	7162 67	10841 20	24276 73
\$13432 35	\$20338 22	\$30918 94	\$64276 73

Carl E. Weeks,
Gen. Miss. Agent.

Western Oregon Conference, assisted by C. E. Weeks, is conducting a very successful canvassers' institute at the Laurelwood school. About twenty mature, enthusiastic young persons, most of whom have attended the school during the winter, together with several persons of more mature years, are taking instruction. Brother Beatty, of the Pacific Press, expects to join them for a few days next week. The outlook for the book work in the Western Oregon Conference for the coming year is very promising.

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COPY FOR THE GLEANER

A very recent experience vividly portrays before us the necessity of again calling attention to the question of "When copy for the Gleaner should reach the office."

It has been stated through the Gleaner on several occasions that copy should be at the office not later than Friday for the issue following that date. From this the idea seems to prevail that all copy which is desired to appear in the "next issue" may be placed as late as Friday. A glance at the situation will show that this can not be so.

The type for the Gleaner is all set by hand, and much of it by those just learning—one of the main reasons for printing the Gleaner at College Place—hence it requires considerable time for this work, since nearly all working on the paper have but a few hours in the afternoon of each day to work.

Now when copy comes in from several sources Friday with the urgent request that it be printed in the next issue, it is simply an absolute impossibility to comply with the request. To have the copy come Friday is virtually to receive it Sunday morning. We do reserve some space for anything special that can not reach the office before Sunday morning, but for the bulk of the material to be placed in the printer's hands at that time, makes it impossible to get out the paper at the usual time. The paper must go to press for one or two runs on Sunday. Again, some make a great mistake in sending late copy direct to the printer, thinking to save time. This makes the delay so much greater since all such is sent to our office; for all copy must pass through the Union Conference office.

We are very anxious that every confer-

ence president, secretary, minister, and other workers make free use of the Gleaner, and are thankful for the contributions received, and we believe this explanation of the situation will remedy some difficulties experienced heretofore, and cause all to feel that we are not arbitrary in this matter but must be systematic in our work to successfully issue the Gleaner.

THE TEMPERANCE NUMBER OF THE INSTRUCTOR

The Missionary Volunteer secretary of one of our conferences recently prepared the following letter and sent it to the Missionary Volunteers of her conference; and since it so clearly brings before its readers the needs of our cause in temperance lines, and shows how we can and should plan to do an aggressive work with the soon-coming temperance number of the Instructor, we take pleasure in passing it on to the Missionary Volunteer Department of the Gleaner, that all our young people of this Union may be encouraged to make use of the temperance number of the Instructor:

"It is in reference to the temperance cause that I write you this morning. No people on earth should be so active, so interested, so well informed on this subject as Seventh-day Adventists. No people practice temperance in as broad a sense as we, yet we have been most negligent in upholding its principles in a public way.

"In the recent Sunday-law agitation, our workers at the capitol were obliged to face the charge of being in league with the liquor interests in fighting Sunday legislation. It is high time that we arise and make known to every one, definitely, our stand on the subject of temperance.

"Our Sabbath-schools, churches, young peoples' societies, and isolated members should plan to take an active part in the fight against intemperance. Temperance rallies should be held, to which neighbors and friends from other denominations should be invited. Material for programs could be obtained from the back numbers of the Instructor. You have, no doubt, noticed the studies along this line which have been given frequently of late.

"But the best help is soon to come to

us in the shape of a special temperance number of the Instructor, which is to be issued under date of March 16. This will contain articles by some of the best known temperance workers of our nation, and will take up the question from many different points of view. The awful effects of intemperance upon the nation, what constitutes true temperance, and the best methods of dealing with the drink evil, are questions which will be given consideration. Every young person should be enthusiastic in working with this number. We find that many of the youth really desire to work among their friends, but do not know how to begin. Here is our golden opportunity; for this special number will be an excellent opening wedge for other literature, since nearly every one is interested in this vital question and will be glad to get the paper. Let us work unitedly to give this number a very large circulation in our field.

"This special will contain twenty-four pages, nicely illustrated, with a beautiful cover page on enamel paper. Prices are as follows: Single copy, 10 cents; 5 copies, 5 cents each; 25 copies, 4 cents each; 100 copies, 3 3-4 cents each; 500 copies, 3 1-2 cents each; 1,000 copies, 3 cents each. Order through your librarian.

"Although it is planned to use this special number for months to come, it would be well for you to get in your orders at once, and begin work at an early date.

"It is thought that many of our young people can sell this issue, thus earning a scholarship for the next year. I wonder if many of our young men and women will not try this plan? Who will volunteer?

"Praying that the Lord may impress upon hearts the responsibility of each one upholding the cause of true temperance, I am,

"Yours in the message,
"Missionary Volunteer Secretary."

Those who live on the mountain have a longer day than those who live in the valley. Sometimes all we need to brighten our day is to rise a little higher.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."