

PACIFIC UNION RECORDER

"THEN THEY THAT FEARED THE LORD SPAKE OFTEN ONE TO ANOTHER."

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THE CHURCH

Grant Us Grace

Grant us such grace that we may work
Thy will,
And speak Thy words and walk be-
fore Thy face,
Profound and calm, like waters deep and
still;
Grant us such grace.

Not hastening and not loitering in our
pace
For gloomiest valley or for sultriest hill,
Content and fearless on our downward
race.

As rivers seek a sea they can not fill,
But are themselves filled full in its
embrace.
Absorbed, at rest, each river and each
rill;
Grant us such grace.

—Selected.

A Sin-Pardoning Saviour

Nothing else in this world is so dear to God as His church. Nothing else is watched over by Him with such jealous care. Nothing else so grieves His heart of love as the injuries inflicted in His church by those who are opposed to His government.

Human might and human wisdom did not establish the church of God, and neither can they destroy it. The members of the church will have to meet the seducing arts of the enemy. They will be assailed by the representatives of Satan. Let them not get into controversy with those who are adepts at warfare of this kind. If they will answer their assailants in the words of the Scripture, Satan's arguments will prove to be noth-

ingness. The Word of God in the hearts of His people is a power unto life and salvation. Fighting under the divine Commander, they will obtain the victory. The Life-giver will strengthen them to overcome.

There is comfort and encouragement for us in the scene described in the third chapter of Zechariah. We read: "And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him. And the Lord said unto Satan, The Lord rebuke thee, O Satan; even the Lord that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee; is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?"

"Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment. And I said, Let them set a fair miter upon his head. So they set a fair miter upon his head, and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord stood by.

"And the angel of the Lord protested unto Joshua, saying, Thus saith the Lord of Hosts: If thou wilt walk in My ways, and if Thou wilt keep My charge, then thou shalt also judge My house, and shalt also keep My courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by."

Joshua, standing before the angel of the Lord with defiled garments, represents those whose re-

ligious life has been faulty, who have been overcome by Satan's temptations, and are unworthy of God's favor. To-day human beings stand before God with defiled garments. All their righteousness is "as filthy rags." Satan uses against them his masterly accusing power, pointing to their imperfections as evidence of their weakness. He points scornfully at the mistakes of those who claim to be doing God's service. They have been deceived by him, and he asks permission to destroy them.

But they trust in Christ, and He will not forsake them. He came to this world to take away their sins, and to impute to them His righteousness. He declares that through faith in His name they may receive forgiveness and may perfect Christian characters. They have confessed their sins, and have asked for pardon, and the Saviour declares that because they trust in Him, He will give them power to become the sons of God.

Their characters are defective, but because they have not trusted in their own merits or excused their sins, because they have humbled themselves and confessed their sins, seeking forgiveness, the Lord receives them, and rebukes Satan. He refuses to listen to the enemy's accusations. He has abundantly pardoned the penitent ones, and will carry forward in them His work of redeeming love if they will continue to believe in Him and to trust Him. He will perfect their redemption, defeating the enemy, and glorifying His name in their salvation.

And let not those who have been

forgiven forget that they have a part to act. Those who by divine grace have gained the mastery over their faults, are to help others to overcome, pointing them to the Source of strength. To every converted soul is given the privilege of helping those around him who do not rejoice in the light in which he is standing. They also may know the joy that has come to him. They may take their place in the world as God's light-bearers.

How helpful we may be to one another by receiving from Christ the divine blessing, and then sharing it with those in need. The true Christian will leave nothing undone that he can do to raise to newness of life those who are dead in trespasses and sins. He will work as Christ worked.

Especially are those whom God has set over His church to watch for souls as they that must give an account. They may accomplish great good if they will walk humbly with God, hiding self in Christ. Those who have a living connection with Christ become partakers of the divine nature. Those who give to others the light they have received are representatives of the heavenly Worker.

Ellen G. White.

THE FIELD

WESTERN OREGON

About the Laurelwood School

I visited the Laurelwood Industrial School about ten days ago, and wish to report to our people that the school is doing a good work. It seems unfortunate that there are not more attending the school, and yet we hear of a goodly number who will enter soon. So we expect to see as many at the school as we have accommodations for now.

I wish to say that our young people who are in the school are adapting themselves to the unfinished condition of things there, and to the lack of furnishings and facilities in a way that is interesting indeed. The young men have made their own bedsteads, and the school

is using the springs which the conference has used at camp-meetings. They are also using the camp-meeting cook-stove and dishes. The students have also made little tables for use as desks in the school-room, and they have made tables for the dining-room. The school has a few chairs, but not enough. Still they are cheerfully adapting themselves to the inconveniences occasioned by the lack of proper furnishings. Each student has his chair, marked so that he can easily identify it, and this he carries to the dining-room for use there; thence to the schoolroom for use during school session, and then to his room. This is rather unhandy, and yet none complain. A very excellent spirit prevails in the school. A readiness to work and do all that is to be done is seen everywhere; teachers and students don their working clothes and do with their might what their hands find to do. The work is systematized, so that everything is characterized by order. The students, boys and all, take their turns at cooking, washing, dish-washing, etc. In this way, sharing the various duties to be performed about the place, as cutting wood, milking, plowing, harrowing, etc., together with the good work that is being done for them in the schoolroom, the students are getting an education that is essentially practical, and a discipline which will make them strong men and women for the place that awaits them in the cause of God.

Perhaps this is enough to write now. But it seemed to me that it belonged to our people throughout the conference to know something in regard to the school and its conditions. They have an interest in it, many having made offerings of money and provisions.

But while something has been done, it will be clear from the above report that more funds must come in. The bills for building material and the few furnishings which have been procured for the school must be met, at least what is remaining on them. No debt should be allowed to remain on the school. And all can see that many other

things are needed to make the students reasonably comfortable. We must meet present bills, so that the way will be clear another year to erect the needed dormitories.

Shall we not look for a continual stream to come in until we can say to our people, "It is enough"?

F. M. Burg.

The Week of Prayer

What shall it mean to you and to me?
How much shalt thou profit ere it pass thee?

Shall I get the full share of the blessing in store
For him who is hungering and thirsting for more?

Hast thou looked in thy heart to see if is there

A thought that will hinder God's hearing thy prayer?

A longing to cling to a sin not confessed,
Art thou cherishing idols and can not be blest?

Can't meet every brother, and sister, thou dost know

With the love and sympathy Jesus would show?

All feelings of jealousy, envy, and pride,
Laid down at the cross where our Saviour has died?

Then welcome with gladness this week set apart

For communion with God by each hungering heart.

Let's attend every meeting, the Lord will be there

To strengthen and comfort the fervent in prayer.

J. A. A.

Montavilla, Oregon.

Gravel Ford Academy

School opened October 17, with twelve students present. The number has since increased to thirty-five. More are expected to come; in fact, we shall not have reached our total enrollment until after the holiday season.

This school is unique in this respect—most of our students are not of our faith. They attend this school because of the thorough work done. Here they come in contact with our people, and a most excellent opportunity is given us to show them what the power of the truth can do in the daily life. While our own young people are in the minority, yet, I am glad to say, they manifest an excellent Christian spirit, and though the other students do not engage in Bible study, they do study the lives of

those who are Christians, and this will have its influence.

Our board of trustees decided late this fall to build a home for our students. The building is not yet completed, yet our student family occupies it. The family now numbers nineteen, including the preceptress and the matron. The home, when completed, will accommodate about thirty.

We have done no advertising, but it begins to look as though we shall have to provide additional room to both the academy and the home next year.

On account of the number of public school teachers wishing to take review work, we have had to provide a teachers' review course. This can not in any way be encroaching upon the work of our training school, since most of these young people are not of our faith, and would not attend the college.

The Lord is with us, and we as teachers and managers have consecrated ourselves to Him and to His work, thus we are confident of victory.

Frank S. Bunch,
Principal.

November 23.

Conference Funds

Receipts for the Month of November, 1904

TITHES

Albina, \$25.90; Albany, \$10; Ashland, \$19; Astoria, \$6.01; Blachly, \$2.62; Chitwood, \$22.59; Drain, \$10.22; Dilley, \$0.65; Gravelford, \$16.15; McMinnville, \$4.38; Montavilla, \$146.24; Mount Tabor, \$17.40; Newberg, \$72.05; Oregon City, \$1.00; Portland, \$133.83; Roseburg, \$68.25; Sheridan, \$7.35; The Dalles, \$73.85; Woodburn, \$10; Miscellaneous, \$10.61; Total, \$658.10.

OFFERINGS

Haskell Home, \$9.55; Weekly Offerings, \$5.18; Missionary Acre, \$3.75; Southern Field, \$76.50; Hundred Thousand Dollar Fund, \$18; Sabbath-school Donations, \$20.02; Laurelwood Industrial School, \$50.68; Second Tithe, \$37.65; Western Oregon Conference

Students' Loan Fund, \$9.00; Tent and Camp-meeting Fund, \$2.85; Poor Fund, \$3.84; Total, \$237.02.

W. O. Raley,
Treasurer.

Notes from Coos County

MYRTLE POINT

Since the local camp-meeting for Coos County, which was held at this place, we have continued the work in and around the surrounding country. In all, nine precious souls have been baptized through the effort put forth, four of these since the camp-meeting.

With these and a few brethren that live near by, we have organized a church of twenty-two members. Our hearts rejoice as we see the missionary spirit and earnestness that characterizes these dear ones in trying to give the truth that has blessed their souls to others. A free reading rack is kept filled with "Signs," "Life-boat," and a variety of tracts at our place of worship, so that all may supply themselves for work during the week.

Missionary work can not be separated from a living church. It was organized and exists for this purpose. It is Christ's representative on earth, and the means whereby souls may be brought to a saving knowledge of the truth. Since the spirit of Jesus is the spirit of the church, and He is the head of the church, is it not reasonable that every church-member that is in touch with Christ, its living head, will be a working member?

"He that hath not the Spirit of Christ is none of His." This is the test of true discipleship. Can we think of Christ dwelling in us by His Spirit and not causing us to do something for a perishing world for whom He laid down His life? It is time for us all to become "workers together with God."

We had planned on moving to Coquille City soon, but there are still others that seem interested, so we have decided to prolong our stay here for a while.

COQUILLE CITY

We met with the Coquille church for our missionary convention for

Coos County, as arranged. Some from Myrtle Point and Gravelford were in attendance. It was an enjoyable and profitable time for all. A missionary and co-operative spirit prevailed. By this time all are doing something with the special "Signs."

GRAVELFORD

Since the convention, we have paid Gravelford a visit, for ten days working on the students' home for the academy, which was nearing completion. The building is neat, and very conveniently arranged, having kitchen, dining-room, bathroom, one bedroom, and the assembly-room on the first floor.

The second story is divided into sleeping apartments. There is sufficient room in the building to accommodate thirty-six students. Prof. F. S. Bunch, who is at the head of this school, has been doing excellent pioneer work in establishing it on so firm a basis. His work in the past is now telling in an encouraging way.

The reputation of the school is very good and well established among those not of our faith. Thirty-five are already in attendance, and others are planning to enter. Those now there are a fine class of students, some are public schoolteachers, and others are studying to become such.

How encouraging to know that all will have the privilege of listening to the special truths of the Third Angel's Message being taught in its simplicity every day. This is a model missionary school, and should be heartily supported by our people of southern Oregon. The best dowry that parents can give their children is a Christian education.

W. L. Black,
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Obituary

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The questions of "The Bible in the Public Schools," and "The Re-enactment of the Sunday Law" are before them now. Some of the local and county unions have already expressed themselves, but many even of these are not satisfied, and are looking for more light. Can we not give it to them? There are seventy-five officers and state superintendents in northern California, and we should not court their displeasure, and perhaps contempt, by working in a disorderly, unsystematic manner; but, studying the situation and the organization, and considering as well the Christian character of the women who compose this organization, we should labor in the Spirit of the Master.

They have much in loving courtesy, in Christ-like charity, that we could, with profit, imitate; and let us each seek that wisdom that never errs, and follow Him in this important crisis.

If any desire to do any local work, please correspond with me first, as I have already sent some literature, that there may be no confusion.

There are so many departments in their work where we can help, and our help will be appreciated. In the meantime, we can be learning how to present new truth to them.

Anything done in a hasty or

abrupt manner would work great damage, but letting the Spirit of love rule and govern, we can speak a word in season that will be a great comfort to the sad ones, a cheer to the discouraged ones, and a light to others who desire to search the Word.

Last May, the executive board of San Francisco County elected me city missionary. At the last meeting the same authority made me evangelistic superintendent of this city and county. This opens the door of every church to me where a union meeting is held, to conduct a Bible study once a month. God alone can tell where this will end, but we hope by this means that many will be brought to see the light of present truth.

Pray for this work. There is no salary in either of these positions, but God is not unmindful of the means that will be needed to carry it on.

Augusta C. Bainbridge.
San Francisco, Cal.

UPPER COLUMBIA

Colville

It was my privilege to be with the brethren at Colville, Wash., from October 14 to 24. A neat house of worship is being erected there, and will soon be ready for dedication. October 22 we organized a church there of seventeen members. Brother L. R. Foos was chosen elder. One very interesting case at Colville was that of a man and his wife who did not attend the meetings at the tent at all, but who began to be interested after the tent meetings closed. They studied very intensely the various lines of present truth, and soon became well informed in the message, were baptized, and united with the church. After they began to investigate, they found they had in their possession a nice full morocco binding volume, that proved to be a great help in their research. This copy of "Bible Readings" had been scarcely opened since it was purchased many years before. This is another instance of printed truth lying latent for a long time, and then coming into notice.

Others in Colville are interested and investigating, and the work seems to be onward there. Brother C. J. Rider was with them several weeks, working on the church building. We thank the Lord for His favor toward His people.

F. D. Starr.

Notice

In harmony with the recommendation of the Upper Columbia Conference at its twenty-fourth session, that the calendar year be made the conference year, and the annual conference be held soon after, the twenty-fifth session of the conference will be held January 17-21, 1905, at Spokane, Wash., unless these dates conflict with plans of the Pacific Union Conference.

A. J. Breed,
President.

MONTANA

Twodot

Shortly after our last report from Pony, early in August, we went to the eastern part of the state to assist Elder Foster in his summer tent work. On October 3, we returned to Pony, where we held thirteen meetings with those who received the message in July.

October 18, we went to Castle, where we labored for about five weeks. Castle is a well-nigh deserted mining-camp, where we found only twelve or fifteen families, but they attended our meetings well, and we enjoyed our stay with them very much. A few took a firm stand for the truth, and some took a firm stand against it, while others remained indifferent.

When we came to Twodot, November 21, we left three ladies keeping the Sabbath in Castle, as a result of our work there. We started a little Sabbath-school before leaving, and expect to spend a few more days with them before our work closes in Twodot.

Twodot is also a small place, with only thirteen families within two miles of the church, but we are having some very good meetings at present. We are now using both the church and parsonage, but don't know how long we will remain undisturbed in our snug little quar-

ters, as the report came yesterday that their local minister will doubtless arrive from Texas this week. We are having a regular attendance of about twenty-five, and the interest is quite favorable at present, so we have placed ourselves absolutely in the hands of God, and will remain in Twodot as long as He opens the way and holds the interest.

W. H. Holden,
Mrs. W. H. Holden.

November 28.

Annual Meeting

The Montana Conference Association of the Seventh-day Adventists will hold its next annual meeting at Helena, Mont., Jan. 9-12, 1905, in connection with the next session of the Montana Conference, to be held at the same time and place. All the members of the association are requested to be present, as the election of officers and other legal business will be attended to at this time.

J. A. Holbrook,
President.

Notice

The next annual session of the Montana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists will be held at Helena, Mont., Jan. 9-12, 1905. While it is true that our constitution provides that every member of this conference is a delegate, I hope that each church will see that it is represented at this conference. Let each church select one of its delegates, who has not been in the employ of the conference during the year, to act on the auditing board. The conference will be held at U. G. White's house, about one-fourth of a mile beyond the end of the Broadwater car line. One can take a car at the depot and get a transfer to the Broadwater line. Delegates should bring their bedding, unless they prefer to lodge in the city.

Board can be had at 25 cents a meal when the conference is held. Let us have a good representation to attend to the business of our conference.

J. A. Holbrook,
President.

The Week of Prayer

December 10-17 is the time appointed by the General Conference Committee for our annual week of prayer. We hope that all our people in Montana will prepare to observe this season in a way that will bring rich blessings to ourselves and substantial aid to the work in the regions beyond.

The perils of the last days are around us on every side. Pride, selfishness, and the cares of this life are blinding our spiritual eyesight, so that we do not discern fully the times in which we live, nor our own true condition. With many the "first love" is waning, and a spirit of criticism is taking its place. It seems to me that it is high time for us all to seek the Lord for the "eye salve" that we may see, and the "gold tried in the fire" that we may be rich, and the "white raiment" that we may be clothed.

Eighty thousand dollars is the amount asked for by the Foreign Mission Board from this annual offering, to help them answer the urgent calls that are coming to them from the needy and suffering fields. Those who understand the field and the needs of the board are sure this is a modest request. Let every believer in Montana do his part in raising this amount. Let us cut down our long column of "wants" and transfer some of these items to the "needs of the cause of God." May the Holy Spirit direct each one of us to make a covenant with Him by sacrifice, and get out of this week of prayer just what the Lord has for us.

J. A. Holbrook.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Escondido

Since coming to Escondido, I began to visit my neighbors, and found they were waiting for a more perfected knowledge of God's law. Thus far since my home stay, nine persons are rejoicing in new-found light and obeying God's requirements as to the Sabbath. Fourteen have been added to our Sabbath-school.

We are now studying the sanctuary and its work. While God is

blessing us in a marked manner, the enemy of all souls is not idle. The ministers are alarmed that they may lose some of their flock. The interested ones are very zealous to learn all there is for them.

It is indeed good to see souls rejoicing in the light.

The church is encouraged. The "Signs" work is onward. Some are having success in house-to-house work.

The missionary convention, November 26, gave encouragement to all to push forward in the work of telling all in the valley of Jesus' soon coming.

We are of good courage.

A. J. Howard.

MISSIONARY WORK

THE BOOK WORK

Montana

Report for Week Ending Nov. 19, 1904

GREAT CONTROVERSY

	H.s.	Ord	Value
D. L. Johnston.....	32	1	2 75

Western Washington

Report for Week Ending Nov. 19, 1904

GREAT CONTROVERSY

A. H. Booth.....	40	3	8 25
G. B. Collett.....	16	2	5 25
Dodge and Coffin...	125	27	69 00
Total.....	181	32	82 50

Western Oregon

Report for Week Ending Nov. 25, 1904

HERALDS OF THE MORNING

G. J. Scharff.....	31	4	6 00
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MAN THE MASTERPIECE

Mrs. J. Barrett.....	1	1	4 00
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California

Report for the Two Weeks Ending Nov. 25, 1904

DESIRE OF AGES

W. R. Beatty.....	20	9	56 25
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MISCELLANEOUS BOOKS

B. Julius.....	10		30 00
Total.....	20	19	86 25

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:16.

An Interesting Experience

The following, although taken from a private letter, is of such general interest that we are publishing it in this form. "Signs of the Times."

"A week ago Sabbath we held a convention at Vancouver, Wash. This was well attended, and we had an excellent meeting. One thing that made our meeting very interesting was the practical experience meeting that we had in the afternoon. One brother told his experience right after the reading of the article entitled, 'Some of the Best Ways of Using Periodicals and Tracts.' He stated that he had been instrumental in the hands of the Lord in bringing Brother Jasper Wayne, who was mentioned in this reading, into the truth. It was done by first lending Brother Wayne's mother tracts, thus reaching her, and then in interesting Jasper by the same means. I wish that you might have heard his experience. Although past eighty years of age, he is an excellent talker, and says his life is given for the advancement of the message. He can not hear very well, so usually stays at home, but he told me he read every word of the 'good old "Review"' from beginning to end. He said a few years ago he gave nearly all of his means to help start the work, and now he felt almost like sharing his bread and butter. His wife was with him, and they had walked in two miles from the country, and walked home at the close of the afternoon session. There is nothing that does me more good than to meet the old pioneers in the message, and hear them relate early experiences, and, the best of all, to know that their hearts are still rejoicing in the soon triumph of the message."

Another letter gives an idea of how some have appreciated the special "Signs":—

"One of your missionaries handed my son No. 1 of your series of four publications, and we were so well pleased with it, and helped as well, that I feel I must have the others, so please send me the remaining numbers, namely, issues of 16, 23, and 30 of November. I am a

Methodist, but I love to feed my soul on the words of God-fearing and God-loving men and women, and I do believe, and have for a long while, that the millennium will not come until the second advent of Christ.

"Enclosed find twenty cents for the three copies, and oblige."

Real Missionary Work

Recent mail has brought an interesting letter from Brother and Sister Sutter, in New Mexico. Mrs. Sutter, nee Miss Amy Crawford, having been one of our St. Helena Sanitarium nurses. I thought it might be interesting to the readers of the "Recorder" to know some of the lines of true missionary work they have been taking up since they launched out in that new country. Extracts from her letter reads thus: "We arrived in Albuquerque in July, 1903, and in August came to this new country that was then just opening for settlement. Of course, our aim was to do missionary work. We built a small house on the prairie, and here we are yet. We had been here but a short time when plenty of work presented itself. The country is mostly settled by Texas people, and some of our neighbors are very poor and have no education at all. I felt so sorry for the poor children growing up like weeds, that we decided to try to teach them. Our two nearest neighbors had children from seven to seventeen years of age who did not know their A B C's, so we invited them to our house every afternoon to study. It seemed very strange to teach a boy as tall as I to spell 'cat' and 'rat,' but I never saw children anywhere more eager to learn, or who learned faster.

"When Friday came I told them the next day was the Sabbath, and we would not have school, but if they would come, we would have a lesson from the Bible. Sabbath afternoon they came, and, would you believe it, they had never heard any one pray or read the Bible, and did not know who God or Jesus were, had never heard their names save as used in oaths.

"Well, that was the beginning, but in a short time we had a Sab-

bath-school organized with a good attendance, and we carried on day school until last March, when my health gave out, and we have had no school since."

"All last winter my sister was with me, and we did a great deal of visiting and nursing. I attended a severe case, in which the woman had convulsions two days and nights, and I was working over her all that time without rest. Finally I lifted too hard and injured my back, but without taking rest I answered a call to a case of pneumonia, and was up two more nights, then, being exhausted, was compelled to stop. I am feeling well again now, and expect to open school this week.

"We now have a small school-house that was built by donations from different ones in the neighborhood. Mr. Sutter made some desks, our friends in California sent us chalk, pencils, ink, and some money. This winter we will have a subscription school, \$1.00 per month for each pupil.

"The work here has been very discouraging, though we have tried not to permit discouragement. At one time our Sabbath-school had twenty-six members, but some have moved away, others lost interest, until we have only five. Elder H. L. Hoover held a series of meetings last spring, and about ten promised to keep the Sabbath, but out of that number only four remained steadfast. Two of them have moved away, and the two remaining are little girls twelve years of age. The great drawback is tobacco, both men and women use it, chew, smoke, and dip snuff."

More of interest could be taken from her letter, but from this which I have copied it is plain to see they need help in many ways. How much better would it be for many of our people to go to such needy fields and work than to crowd about some center, and almost get in one another's way.

Mrs. E. C. Boger.

San Francisco, Cal.

"By the prayerful study of the Scriptures comes the knowledge of the divine will."

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Can it be said of us as of Cornelius: "Thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God"?

George Eliot has said: "Some people give according to their means, and some according to their meanness." How do we give?

Upper Columbia and Montana readers should observe the notices in this issue of the annual meetings to be held in these conferences early in January.

Mrs. Anna Ingles-Hindson, who was for many years the secretary of the California Tract Society, and during the past ten years has been connected with the work in Australia, is visiting her mother and family in this city.

Elder W. B. White left Battle Creek, Mich., Tuesday, November 29, for California. He is coming over the Northern Pacific railroad, and will make stops at Bozeman, Mont., College Place, Wash., Portland, Ore., expecting to arrive in Oakland in time for the week of prayer.

We have received the announcement of the Washington Training College, located at Takoma Park, Washington, D. C., which opened its doors for the reception of students November 30. This school is organized not only to impart a good Christian education, but to prepare students to enter the great missionary field with the

everlasting Gospel which is to call out a people for God's kingdom. For further particulars, address Washington Training School, Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

"To have a lowly opinion of ourselves is a good way to enjoy peace and quietness. We are free of envy of others, of jealousy of their successes, of dislike of their praise. We may live in happy comfort and gladness, quarreling with no one, restless for no preferment, content to fill a little place if God be glorified."

Sabbath, December 10, is the beginning of the week of prayer. The readings for this occasion have been published in the "Review and Herald" of November 24, and extra copies have been mailed to our isolated brethren. We sincerely hope that all will realize the importance of this special season, and obtain that deeper experience in the things of God which He has in store for us as children of the Most High. The offerings that are contributed this time are for the advancement of our general missionary work as carried forward by the mission board. Our church treasurers and isolated brethren will forward them as formerly to their respective conference treasurers.

Words of Appreciation

At the young people's convention in southern California, held during the state camp-meeting, a collection was taken up by the young people for the work in the Huntsville school. The following letter is an acknowledgement of its receipt:—

"Dear Young People of Southern California: A recent mail brought us a remittance from the Pacific Union Conference to the southern field. Included in this contribution was a remittance of \$66.18, for the benefit of the Huntsville school. We feel that this generous gift from you to this needy institution requires more than a simple receipt and a passing notice from us. In behalf of the Huntsville school managers and the entire Southern Union Conference, we want to render our heartfelt

thanks. The donation comes at a very opportune time, as cold weather is coming on, and the buildings need to be repaired and enclosed. We would be glad if the thanks of this conference could be extended to each individual donor, and we wish you all to understand that the gift is highly appreciated.

"Respectfully yours,
Southern Union Conference
Association,
Smith Sharp, Secretary.

"Let the weakest, let the humblest, remember that in his daily course he can, if he will, shed around him almost a heaven. Kindly words, sympathizing attentions, watchfulness against wounding men's sensitiveness—these cost very little, but they are priceless in their value. Are they not almost the staple of our daily happiness? From hour to hour, from moment to moment, we are supported, blest, by small kindnesses."

Wanted

Two good coat and dress makers. Must be Seventh-day Adventists. Address, G. F. Rusch, 204 Fourth Street, Portland, Ore.

For Sale

We wish to have you and your neighbors know about a tin fruit canner that will can 1,000 tins per day. Price, only \$50.00. Write for particulars and testimonials. We also have olives and honey for sale.

W. S. Ritchie,
Corona, Cal.

Wanted—A Farm

I desire to rent or work on the shares a small farm that is supplied with fruit and some stock. Place must be located in a healthy section that is free from fogs and near a good school. I shall be glad to hear from all persons who have or know of such property.

H. C. Lyle,
Redding, Cal.

"Between the great things that we can not do and the small things we will not do, the danger is that we will do nothing."