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"Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe."

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THE BRITISH COLUMBIA SPRING CONFERENCE.

This Conference was held according to appointment at Victoria, B. C., May 24-26. The sessions were held in the S. D. A. chapel, while the delegates and visitors found furnished rooms at different places in the city. Delegates were present from most of the larger churches, and the Conference officials seemed quite well pleased with the attendance. All were glad to meet Bro. and Sister Widgery, of Southern California, who are just entering this field to labor, their assistance being greatly needed in missionary lines in the larger cities and towns of the province. Eld. E. L. Stewart and family of the Western Washington Conference were present and he, by unanimous vote, was elected president of the Conference for the coming year. Bro. P. P. Adams was elected secretary and treasurer of the Conference. There was not much change in the other members of the committee. Bro. J. L. Wilson, the retiring president, will still remain in the Province, and will spend a couple of years among the numerous islands along the Pacific Coast, which are rapidly being opened for settlement. He will also in company with Bro. Henry Pierce our native Indian preacher, spend some time among the numerous Indian tribes of that country, some of which have never heard the story of the gospel of salvation. The Western Washington Conference have given to British Columbia their missionary boat "Evangel" and our missionaries will use this boat in their work, it being very difficult to reach these islands and inlets without some convenient mode of transportation. It is a combined gasolene launch and sail

boat, 36 feet long, with 12 foot beam and has cabin room for four passengers. We trust that God will greatly bless the labors of these brethren in this region where the sound of present truth has never entered. Bro. Wilson has moved his family to Texada Island, one of the northern group, and will soon enter the work in earnest in that field. Bro. W. C. Young, with some other laborer, possibly Bro. P. P. Adams, will hold tent meeting at Vernon, farther east in the Province, while Bro. and Sister Widgery will likely take up Bible work this summer in Naniamo. The brethren are planning two local camp meetings later in the season, one at Vernon in the Ocanoggan country, and the other on Vancouver Island, possibly at Naniamo. All the workers seem to be of good courage, and we trust the coming year may be one of great prosperity in the British Columbia Conference.

W. B. WHITE.

WESTERN WASHINGTON CAMP- MEETING NOTES.

Such harmony existed at this meeting that the officers and executive board were elected the first day of the Conference. The committee on licenses and credentials also reported at the same session.

Eld. John Holbrook is following up the interest awakened at Puyallup camp meeting by a tent effort.

The city park was an ideal place for holding such a meeting. It was covered with a beautiful carpet of grass, and was right in the center of town. The city was very kind in letting us occupy it.

Bro. Joel Rogers was ordained to the gospel ministry at this meeting. He has faithfully served the cause of God for years, in different state conferences, and educational institutions, and all were unanimous that the time had come for additional responsibilities to be placed upon him. Eld. A. O. Tait offered the ordination prayer, the writer giving the charge.

The weather was showery during most of the session, but with good tents and plenty of fuel, no great inconvenience was experienced.

Two large stoves were placed in the pavilion and as a consequence everybody was comfortable during service. The work of the choir was greatly appreciated and added much to the interest of the meeting. Eld. Burg proved a very efficient leader.

Nearly \$3,000.00 was raised for the Intermediate schools and tent and camp meeting fund.

At the close of the camp meeting, Bro. G. Phillips, our general canvassing agent, gathered about 25 young people into a canvassers' class and gave them thorough instruction for the work. A splendid interest has been manifested. Quite a number will work on scholarships during the coming summer.

One day of the meeting the young people went to Tacoma and sold about 800 copies of the "Earthquake Special." Their reports on their return was an interesting feature of the meeting.

Among the most prominent characteristics of this good meeting was the unanimity of feeling and the marked

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harmony which prevailed throughout, from the time when work began in the preparation of the grounds until the last meeting on Sunday night, May 20, when an old-time closing meeting was held after the public service was over; and the wave of blessing which had made this camp meeting, as many testified, the best one which has yet been held in Western Washington, reached its height. During thirty minutes spent in testimonies about 125 persons spoke, averaging something like four a minute. There was a divine presence felt in the meeting which will not soon be forgotten. Thus closed a camp meeting which will surely have its effect for great good in this field during the coming year.

The following laborers from outside the Conference were with us and rendered valuable services during the meeting: Elders W. B. White, H. W. Decker, A. O. Tait, M. E. Cady and Bro. Hanson; Doctors J. E. Froom and W. B. Holden, and Brother G. Phillips, General Canvassing Agent for the N. P. Union Conference. The Lord blessed the labors of his servants for the people, and very marked advancement was made by those who had left their homes to attend this annual feast. At eight o'clock the first Sabbath morning the meeting took a revival turn and under the deep movings of the Spirit of God a large proportion of the congregation moved forward and on their knees earnestly sought God for pardon and for an experience in the power that helps to overcome.

This work of heart-searching and separating from sin continued throughout the camp meeting, and everybody left with strong courage and faith in God, with a determination to press the battle to the gates.

Several meetings were devoted to a consideration of the issue which this

denomination is now facing, involving the Spirit of Prophecy and other important features of this cause. A spirit of honest inquiry prevailed, and the results of the effort made in this respect were very gratifying indeed. It is surely encouraging to see such a spirit of loyalty to this Message as was evinced at this meeting and as we see in every place. The present conflict will settle us more deeply into the truths which make us a people, and prepare us to stand in the more severe trial which will surely come.

In the Conference sessions held in connection with this camp meeting, ninety delegates were present, representing twenty-six churches, seven others not being represented by delegates, and two new churches being received into the conference by the vote of those present. Total number of churches in Western Washington Conference, thirty-five, with a membership of 1239. The tithe receipts for the past year as reported by the treasurer were \$16,774.24, a gain of \$4,812.41 over the year before. This is a per capita tithe for the year of \$13.54. With this good income of funds the laborers were settled with in full, all expenses paid, and a surplus left in the treasury of \$1,979.77. In recognition of God's blessing which this financial showing indicates and of our interest to help send the "good tidings" to all the world quickly, the Conference voted an appropriation of \$1,200.00 to the General Conference, and also gave the "Evangel," our missionary boat, to the British Columbia Conference for use in reaching the many islands of that field with the truth. The twelve hundred dollars to the General Conference was appropriated by releasing them from a note held by this Conference for that amount.

Some changes were made in the Conference administration at this session, Elder E. L. Stewart having been asked by the Union Conference to go to British Columbia to take responsibilities in that field. It was with much regret that the Brethren and Sisters of Western Washington saw Brother Stewart, who had so faithfully and efficiently served them in a leading way for three years, go from them. And many earnest prayers follow the servant of God to his new field. We long for the home-coming and the reunion, when we will not be called to sever the ties which bind us together here. It is to hasten that glad day that we are willing to say "Good-by" here, for the sooner this Message is given to all the world, the sooner will our hopes be consummated.

The following persons were chosen to serve the Conference for the ensuing year: President, F. M. Burg;

secretary and treasurer, W. C. Raley; educational missionary secretary, Joel C. Rogers; executive committee, F. M. Burg, J. A. Holbrook, J. R. Clark, H. C. J. Wollekar, R. T. Cornell.

Credentials and licenses were voted as follows: For ministerial credentials, E. L. Stewart, W. W. Sharp, W. C. F. Ward, A. J. Stover, H. C. J. Wollekar, T. Godfrey, T. H. Watson, O. E. Davis, J. J. Clark, F. M. Burg, J. A. Holbrook.

For ministerial license, Wm. J. Boynton, J. E. Van De Mark.

For missionary credentials, David Dodge, W. H. Coffin, Jackson Johnson, J. A. Bartow, Mrs. W. W. Sharp, M. Belle Shyrock, T. J. Linrud, J. H. Wiertz, Mrs. J. A. Holbrook, W. C. Raley, R. T. Cornell, H. B. Ham, Mrs. L. E. Cox.

For ordination and credentials, Joel C. Rogers.

On the last Sabbath of the meeting, Brother Rogers, who is well known to many in the N. P. U. Conference, and who has labored in South Africa as well as many parts of the United States, was set apart by ordination to the Gospel Ministry. The occasion was one of more than usual interest and blessing. How good it is to see one give his life and his all to the grand work of soul-saving, and trusting all, saying to God,

"I'll go where you want me to go,
dear Lord,

O'er mountain, or plain, or sea;

I'll say what you want me to say, dear
Lord,

I'll be what you want me to be."

May the Lord of the harvest raise up many in Western Washington to go forth to work for Him.

This report is long, so I will close, calling your attention especially to the list of resolutions adopted by the Conference, and the financial statement from the treasurer which are furnished for the Gleaner.

I should mention, too, that the "Gleaner" was not forgotten at this meeting. There were taken somewhere near seventy-five subscriptions.

And we will work to secure more from the churches and families throughout the field.

Very truly in the work,
F. M. BURG,
Pres. W. W. Conf.

Dr. F. Zelinsky, of California, who is well known in our field, paid a short visit to the Portland Sanitarium and the Conference recently.

WANTED—Seventh-day Adventists to take orders for nursery stock in the locality in which they live, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

UNION NURSERIES,
J. B. Weaver, Prop.

A QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE.

The wide-spread and growing agitation in behalf of more strict Sunday laws, or the more rigid enforcement of those already on the statute books, is to God's remnant people an evident sign that, urged on by religious (?) enthusiasts, the civil and political elements of our Nation are rapidly ripening for the final crisis in religious intolerance.

Many of those directly concerned in the making and enforcement of these laws do not see the real issue, while thousands and thousands of ordinarily intelligent persons throughout the land are unaware that there is anything particularly wrong in laws regulating the observance of Sunday. We should do all we can to correctly inform others in regard to these matters. In so doing we honor God and respect our country and its government.

In order to more fully meet the present needs a special RELIGIOUS LIBERTY number of the WATCHMAN has been prepared. The writers of the articles in this issue have handled their subjects in a very acceptable manner, presenting the true and right way in its attractiveness. They have mainly dealt with the question as one of equity and good-will between man and man, avoiding ecclesiastical discussion and upholding individual responsibility to God.

No one need fear that this special will offend any reasonable person. It will not offend but it will interest. Persons reading it will not fail to be favorably impressed with the noble principles set forth. It is such an excellent number that all who can use literature along this line will be pleased with it. One small conference has already ordered 2,000 copies. This issue should have an immense circulation.

The following are some of the leading articles:—

Religious Liberty, Mrs. E. G. White.

The Declaration of Independence, Percy T. Magan.

The Limit of Civil Authority, L. A. Smith.

Prayer for Rulers, S. N. Haskell.

The Church and the State, Gen. Wm. Birney.

Church and State Fundamentals, S. B. Horton.

A Sunday-Law Fallacy, C. P. Bollman.

A Retrospective View of Some Sunday Laws, Geo. I. Butler.

Questions for the Advocates of Sunday Laws to Answer, Geo. M. Powell.

Who is Behind the Times? S. Jacobs (a Jewish rabbi).

The Perfect Law of Liberty, K. C. Russell.

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THE UPPER COLUMBIA CAMP MEETING.

The annual session of the Upper Columbia Conference and camp meeting was held at Milton, Oregon, according to appointment, May 17-27. There had been no conference and camp meeting held together for three years, and it was feared that the attendance might not be as large as other annual meetings, but when all were in and the tents were all pitched, we found there were about 600 camped on the grounds, occupying about 140 tents. The weather was very fine indeed; two or three little rains during the meeting just enough to keep it cool and free from dust.

There has been a steady growth, both in numbers and in the finances for a number of years, until the tithe this year was nearly \$23,000.00. There were six new churches admitted to the conference, with a membership of 129, with others uniting with the churches during the year, increasing the membership to about 1700.

It was a pleasant thought to many to think that 27 years ago this present month the Upper Columbia Conference was organized on this same ground, with three churches and a membership of 150. Quite a number at this meeting were present at the time of the organization, and remembered with special interest the meetings that had been held, the growth that had been made and the good work that had been done. At that time, Eld. G. W. Colcord, who now sleeps and rests from his labors, was elected president of the conference.

The laborers present from abroad were, Elds. G. A. Irwin, G. H. Haffner, A. O. Tait, and W. B. White, president of the North Pacific Union Conference. Brother White could remain but a few days, on account of the annual meeting in British Columbia, but Brethren Irwin and Tait were with us all through the meeting. The labors of these brethren were much appreciated. Eld. Irwin gave a lesson each day on the Spirit of Prophecy and its connection with the remnant church. At the close of these lessons, many expressed themselves as having greater confidence in the Spirit of Prophecy than ever before. With the attack that is being made at the present time on the Spirit of Prophecy, these lessons were the means of settling many who had become somewhat confused.

Elder Haffner is at the head of the German work in America. His labors during the camp-meeting were wholly

in the interests of the German work. A tent was pitched on the ground, in which meetings were held in the German language three times a day. Quite a number of the German brethren were encamped on the ground; others attending the meeting from the city. A German camp meeting will be held in Upper Columbia, at Endicott, Washington, which it is expected Elder Haffner will attend. The work among the Germans is rising; each year finds a few more connecting with the work, and at this meeting one German church was admitted to the conference.

Elder Tait more directly represented the interests of the Pacific Press here on the coast, and urged upon our brethren the necessity of making special use of the Signs of the Times as our missionary paper and more especially now since the great calamity that has come upon San Francisco and other cities on the Pacific Coast. The Special Earthquake Number has received the largest circulation of any special ever issued, and from a report just received orders are coming in at the rate of 20,000 a day. Another special number is already issued, which will contain further matter respecting the earthquake and the present signs of the times.

The meeting was characterized all the way through by a quiet, gentle spirit, and God's blessing was noticed in many ways. Sunday, the last meeting, twenty-five willing souls were baptized in the beautiful Walla Walla River that flows past the grounds. There was a good attendance from the City of Milton and the surrounding country. Each evening the large pavilion was filled to its utmost capacity. It was estimated that 150 teams were hitched around the grounds by those who came to attend the meeting. There were a number present who had attended nearly every annual meeting held in Upper Columbia, and it was the universal statement that this was the best meeting they had ever attended.

There were a few changes made in the Executive Committee, Eld. G. E. Langdon being elected as president of the Conference. All communications pertaining to the work of the conference should now be addressed to him at College Place, Washington. Quite a number will engage in the canvassing work this season, and a special effort will be put forth to place "Great Controversy" and other books, dealing directly upon the points of present truth, in the hands of the people. A successful Canvassers' Institute was held at the close of the College year and about forty took the instruction and will spend the vacation canvassing.

There were 13 ordained ministers

granted credentials, 3 ministerial license and 15 missionary credentials. There has been a steady growth both in membership and the number of laborers. With the Walla Walla College in our midst and the work of education rising as it now is, we look for a number of young men and women to engage in active work, who have received their first training in the school. God has greatly blessed the Upper Columbia Conference, and with the aggressive work that is now being planned we look for the work to advance in every line. There were funds enough left in the treasury to start the work successfully the coming year, besides giving \$3,000.00 to the General Conference. If the brethren and sisters are faithful in susutaining the cause with their means, God will pour out His blessing, that there will not be room enough to receive it.

The brethren and sisters have returned to their homes full of courage and confidence and with a determination to press onward and upwards the coming year, and will earnestly pray for the laborers in the field, that at the next annual gathering, they may come bringing many sheaves with them. An excellent spirit of harmony prevailed during the meeting and all seemed to be inspired with courage and confidence in the work for the coming year, which will soon terminate in the glorious coming of Christ our King.

A. J. BREED.

HELP THAT HELPS MOST.

During the past few days our hearts have been deeply touched by the liberal responses of our people in donating to the relief of needy institutions on the Pacific Coast, and even more by their great activity in circulating the special literature prepared to let the people know the meaning of these stirring events.

Soon after the earthquake I was sent on a mission to the headquarters of our work in Washington, D. C., and had the privilege of seeing the new home of the REVIEW AND HERALD, which has been recently built.

During the past few days we have also received letters from the Southern Publishing Association, telling of their recent move from the city of Nashville to a suburban locality.

Thus it has been forced upon my mind that although the Pacific Press has recently suffered severely from a great calamity, these other publishing houses are also in need of help, and, indeed, the Pacific Press needs other kind of help worse than it needs money. All these publishing houses need a larger, stronger force of men and women who are willing to consecrate their lives without reserve to the

circulation of the splendid literature which has been prepared to tell the world that Jesus is soon coming, that this old earth is soon to be destroyed, and that now is the time to prepare to meet God.

While the judgments of God are in the land is not this an opportune time for our people everywhere to inquire diligently as to how they may best spend the few remaining days of probationary time? Are there not hundreds of our people now engaged in the common work and commerce of the world, who should be using their talents more directly for God and His cause?

There are hundreds of agents whom God has blessed in the work of circulating our books. There are hundreds of our sisters who can sell books and papers in their respective neighborhoods. There are hundreds and thousands of our people who have never entered the service, and yet God has given them talents with which they could glorify Him. And now that we have given liberally of our means to meet a local need and as we have consecrated a little time to the distribution of special literature, is it not the opportune moment for us to consider seriously whether there is not a greater help that we can render and a greater consecration that we can make? If God's people would arouse all over this land and consecrate their time and their talents to the spreading of this message as published in the printed page, that would be a gift and a consecration which would bring mighty results.

May the Lord grant that the day will soon dawn when such a consecration will be made.

E. R. PALMER,

Sec. Gen. Conf. Pub. Department.

To the readers of the GLEANER. You know that Brother O. K. Butler has been very ill which has necessitated others doing his work. You know that the work he has carried has been handed over to another. You know that the transfer has been made during a very busy season—the time of the Milton camp meeting. Now all of these things tend to more or less confusion and it would not be strange if errors of various sorts crept in. We wish to ask any who may be in any way inconvenienced by errors of whatsoever sort, to write in to the office and we will do all in our power to make corrections.

Notice.

W. H. Coffin, state agent for Western Washington Conference, will have headquarters at 309 2nd Ave., No., Seattle Washington. All reports should be sent there and not to Shelton, Washington.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Belle D. Coffin.

At Ellensburg, Wash., May 26th, of consumption, Mrs. Belle D. Coffin died aged 47 years. She was married to the writer in 1882 and united with the Baptist church.

In 1890 she accepted present truth and has been trying to live out its principles ever since.

We laid her to rest at Ellensburg, May 29th by the side of our little son, to await the Saviour's coming.

W. H. COFFIN.

Shelton, Wash.

There are many articles and other matter of a very interesting character that we are obliged to lay over, but which shall appear as soon as it is possible to give space to it. We appreciate the contributions and will print all as soon as possible.

We wish to say to our subscribers, that we should be glad to have you watch the date on the address label and if your subscription has already expired or is about to expire, please renew promptly. We do not wish to discontinue a single subscription nor can we write a personal letter to every one regarding the matter. We shall from week to week indicate with a blue pencil cross the expired subscriptions, so please watch for the blue pencil mark and send in your subscriptions without delay. Better yet, remit before the subscription runs out. Your close attention to this and prompt remittance will be a great help at the office and we assure you all will be much appreciated.

Elder Bunch spent a couple of days at Astoria last week looking into the matter of establishing treatment rooms in that place. This field is open to the medical missionary work and steps are being taken as fast as the Lord opens the way before us.

The Laurelwood school closed May 16. We have had a very successful school. The Lord has greatly blessed in the work and the prospects before us are most encouraging. Details of the closing exercise will appear later.

Some of our young people who spent last year in Walla Walla College are returning to their home Conference to connect with canvassing work. We are glad to see nearly everyone who spent the year in the College returning to engage in some line of missionary work during the summer.