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

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A WARNING.

Rev. 14:9-12.

If any man said the angel,
In loud and clearest tones;
Worship the beast and his image,
In any of earth's wide zones
And receive his mark of sin,
In forehead or assenting hand,
The same shall drink the wine of wrath,
Which is poured upon the land.

From His cup of indignation,
Unmingled with mercy or love;
Is poured without any mixture,
By the hands of angels above.
The smoke of their torment ascendeth,
Forever and ever—on high.
They have no rest, by day or night,
Nor is heeded their painful cry.

Shall you or I, dear brother,
This terrible fate e'er share?
Shall we be weighed and wanting,
At the judgment trumpet's blare?
Or, shall it be said of us that day,
Oh patient saints draw near,
You have kept our God's commandments,
And the faith of Jesus here.

A blessing shall attend you,
Come, enter the city so fair;
The gates of pearl swing open,
For you are welcome there.
Then through eternal ages,
The songs of triumph sing;
Of Jesus, our Redeemer,
Our Saviors and our King.

A. G. ADAMS.

A BOOKMEN'S MEETING.

A small but important convention was held here in College Place, Jan.

15-22. Its object was the more thorough organization of the subscription book work throughout the territory supplied by the Pacific Press Publishing Co. This territory consists of that portion of the United States west of the Mississippi excepting Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas. It also includes that portion of Canada west of the Lakes.

There were present E. R. Palmer, secretary of the General Conference Publishing Department; Jos. Cochran, manager Kansas City branch of the Pacific Press Pub. Co.; Chas. G. Bellah, general agent of the Central Union Conference; H. A. Hebard, field agent for Nebraska; E. M. Oberg, field agent for western Oregon Conference; Bro. C. L. Davis, field agent for Western Washington Conference; Thos. G. Johnson, field agent for Upper Columbia; W. V. Sample, manager Portland Branch Pacific Press Pub. Co.; R. J. Leo, stenographer from the main office of the Pacific Press and the writer. Several experienced canvassers such as C. H. Allen, S. B. Hare, L. B. Ragsdale, H. W. Oliver and Robt. S. Greaves from the school also attended as many of the sessions as their other duties would permit. Eld. F. M. Burg attended the first few days and his counsel was much appreciated. Eld. W. B. White was with us at the opening but on account of being called to other meetings was only able to attend one or two meetings. Eld. G. E. Langdon was taken sick and so could not be with us but he assured those of us who visited him that his heart was with us. Eld. A. J. Breed, a life-long

friend to all branches of missionary work, called in to shake hands on his way through the village but could not remain.

Among the many topics to which careful practical attention was given were:

1. Books to be handled during 1907.
2. How can we improve our canvasses and methods of presenting our books to the public.
3. What style of Prospectuses shall we recommend.
4. The Reporting System. How to make it accurate.
5. Canvassing Institutes. How to conduct them.
6. Duties of Field Agents.
7. How to Present Missionary Work at Camp meetings.
8. How to Economize Our Territory.
9. The Resident Canvasser.
10. Business Arrangements With Agents.
11. How to Economize.

Institutes were arranged for in this Union Conference as follows:

Montana, Bozeman, Jan. 24 to Feb. 3.

Western Washington, Meadow Glade School, March 5-22.

Western Washington, Forest Home School, April 23-May 14.

Upper Columbia, College Place, April 2-23.

Western Oregon, Laurelwood School, April 23-May 14.

Western Oregon, Cottage Grove School, March 22.

At the request of the faculty, the chapel hour each day was taken by

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IS YOUR CHURCH IN THE LIST?

List of churches in which every Sabbath-keeping family take the Review and Herald.

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some one of our number to present the principles underlying our missionary work. We trust these were helpful.

Tuesday morning the writer briefly stated to the students the work of the convention and announced the date for the institute. Bro. Johnson with assistants passed around slips of paper and 50 signed their names to a promise to attend and nearly all expect to canvass this summer. Thus a fitting close was given to our gathering.

An earnest season of prayer closed the meeting, and we were soon hurrying to our fields of labor determined to make good use of the instruction received.

The following vote of appreciation and thanks was passed:

"We, the members of the Bookmen's Convention, express our hearty thanks to the North Pacific Union Conference, the Upper Columbia Conference, Walla Walla College, and the families of the College Place church for the generous and very pleasant entertainment which they have given to the members of the convention, and trust that as a reward for the same the Lord will bestow blessings in the coming year which will many times repay them."

H. H. HALL.

W. V. Sample, manager of Pacific Press Branch at Portland, was in attendance at the Bookmen's Convention, recently held in College Place.

HOW TO MAKE A CAMPMEETING SUCCESSFUL.

Perhaps the first items to be considered in holding a tent-meeting, are the tents. A good 30x50 foot meeting tent is a convenient size for most places. The tent should be carefully pitched and systematically seated. The platform and pulpit should have a neat appearance. In damp weather, the tent should be given some slack to avoid straining the canvas.

The family tents should be neatly pitched near the large tent. The entire camp should present an orderly appearance. All the tents should be kept in good repair. Our religion is often estimated by the appearance of our tents or houses. If the tents are old and in bad condition, and carelessly pitched, the people will surely think that the occupants have nothing for intelligent, up-to-date people.

Where to Pitch the Tents.

In the smaller towns it is usually better to get a central location, so the entire town or community will have opportunity to attend the meetings, so far as distance is concerned; but in cities where more than one effort should be made, a good residence district, near some car line, would be desirable.

The Workers in a Tent Company.

Two experienced ministers and their wives make quite a good tent company, for most places; but if this is not practical in the distribution of workers, then one or two young men to train for the ministry. Often workers of one or two years experience yoke up together, and have quite good success in tent work. They do not know so much about the truth, but sometimes make up for his lack in the earnestness and simplicity with which they tell what they do know.

There should be at least one wife with every tent company. If the minister's wife is with him, he can visit the homes of the people more freely, and the ladies of the community can visit the tent home, and learn much about the message and our way of living. In the larger cities a number of Bible workers could work in connection with the tent company to advantage. As a rule two regular speakers are enough with one tent company.

Advertising the Meeting.

Have some bills printed to announce the meetings, giving time and place, also a liberal list of important subjects to be presented. The day the meetings begin let the workers take the bills and go from house to house, and not simply throw the bills over the fence, or in the yard, but go to the door and knock and when the inmates respond, in a pleasant way invite them to attend the meetings, give them the bill, directing their attention to the list of subjects, and especially make mention of the topic for that evening.

If all the homes in reach of the tent were not visited the first day, let this work go on from day to day till the ground is all covered. The workers then may exchange territory, and go again from house to house and ask people if they were not out to the meeting last night. If they say they were, then learn if there were any points in the sermon that were not clear to their minds, and if so try briefly to remove the difficulties, or if you have a leaflet of a small tract on that subject leave it with them to read; but if they were not at the meeting, give briefly the main points of the sermon, and tell them something of the interesting subject for that night, and urge them to attend. The work should continue until the people are attending the meetings, or utterly refuse to come. Before a great while you will be able to learn who are willing to hear, and then more definite visiting can be done.

The worker should be in such close touch with the Lord that he will be quick to discern when the individual has enough of anything, so as not to disgust him or drive him from you.

As the meetings progress it may be necessary to advertise special subjects with bills. The daily papers may also be used when conditions will justify the expense. I offer these suggestions on the matter of advertising, while I realize that each worker must have latitude for his individuality. We cannot all be Frankes or Simpsons and do just as we hear that they do, and expect the same results, but if we can learn something from them, or from anyone else, that we can use to God's glory it is well to do so.

Order of Subjects.

We should give some attention to the order of the subjects to be presented. Different speakers have different subjects with which they prefer to introduce the meetings, but when a line of subjects is taken up, it would not be natural nor logical to jump off on some irrelevant subject, before that line of thought is completed. When you present the second coming of Christ, the nearness of that coming would naturally follow, then the special signs of his coming, followed by the great lines of prophecy in Dan. 2, 7-8-9, which show with such clearness that we are living in the very closing scenes of this world's history. These will bring us to the cleansing of the sanctuary, an exceedingly important subject, which may be followed by the rule in the judgment, the plan of salvation, and what was abolished by the Savior.

The field is now clear to tell why we keep the seventh day as the Sabbath, what the Bible says about the first day of the week, and who changed the Sabbath. If you still have the attention of the people, you can give four or five sermons on the 'beast,' the image, and the mark. This is a good time to bring the people to a decision on the Sabbath question.

The condition of the congregation will determine what subjects should next be considered. There should be so much of Christ in every sermon that no honest person would ever think that you depended on anything other than His merits for salvation.

Manner of Presenting Subjects.

No one should go out with a tent company who does not fully believe and obey all points of the message. Those who speak to the people should feel that angels of God are present to record what is said and to impress hearts with the truth. They should also realize that perhaps some who are present will never hear another sermon. He should feel the solemn responsibility of standing before men fast hastening on to the judgment bar of God.

Nothing light or frivolous should find a place in his heart, but he should speak forth the truth with a simplicity and earnestness born of heaven. He should not talk all around the subject, but come directly to the point in

a clear and convincing way. He should not cover up his thoughts by a multitude of words, not by words that common people do not understand. Every subject presented should be thoroughly fortified with plain statements from the word of God. Scriptures of doubtful application weakens the argument. He should in the fear of God, and the love for souls, "Cry aloud and spare not." When the minister leaves the pulpit he should be very careful, lest a light or chaffy expression destroys the solemn effect of the sermon. He can be friendly and cheerful but not light or frivolous. At the close of every service the minister and other workers should speak to as many of the people as possible, and make them feel welcome.

Business Conduct of Workers.

The workers should be cautious about all their transactions. A little negligence or carelessness in business matters often causes misunderstanding and brings trouble, and thus works against the truth. We should be careful about making contracts, but very prompt in fulfilling them. We should live so that those of the contrary part may be ashamed having no evil thing to say of us. Always remember that it is better to suffer wrong than to do wrong.

Unity of Workers.

The unity or agreement of workers, has much to do with the success of a tent-meeting.

I heard of a tent company once of which it was said that the two leading workers spent most of their time canning fruit and disputing about who should be boss. I heard of another company where one of the ministers became angry at the other and did not speak to him for three days. They went into the pulpit together, and one prayed for the Lord to help the other to speak to the people, but they did not speak to each other. Sometimes the devil succeeds in arousing envy and jealousy among the workers of a tent company and these always bring much evil to the work.

When differences arise there should be an earnest seeking of God, and a putting away of selfishness, that the Lord may have his way in all hearts. This should end the matter of any feeling of one worker against another.

Once in a long time there may be a

case where the workers' ideas of how the work should be done are so radically different that they could not work well together. In such cases it would be better for the workers to separate, as Paul and Barnabas did, than to injure the work by contention.

The members of the tent company should not be organized on the plan of king and servant, but they should realize that they are brethren, and workers together with God, and one is their Master even Christ.

The workers should counsel freely concerning every important step to be taken. The speakers should plan the line of subjects together, and naturally agree on who shall present the different subjects. I heard of one tent company where one speaker had no idea what the other would present at the next meeting, so no plan was followed, and no counsel had. To my mind this would be a very unsatisfactory way of conducting meetings.

Members of a tent company should be so busy working for souls, preaching the truth, and fighting the devil, that they will have no time to look for slights, or insults, or neglect among themselves, but if anything does happen that needs attention, or when misunderstandings do occur, then follow the Bible rule and remove the difficulty at once, and not harbor those mean feelings for days, and thus destroy your peace of mind and usefulness in the work. If we are not reconciled to God, but have hatred, and envy in our hearts, it will be little that we can do to get others to be reconciled to him.

The Dark Days in the Meeting.

I do not mean the dark day of May 19, 1780. There have been hundreds of dark days in tent-meetings since that time. In fact I think there have been some dark days in every tent-meeting that I have held. Sometimes the dark days come early in the meeting, when the people do not seem at all inclined to attend. Then apply the remedy—pray more and work harder, and usually the tide will turn in your favor. Often the dark days come a little later. When you have presented the coming of Christ and the prophecies to a fair crowd, and things appear encouraging and you take up the Sabbath question, greatly desiring the attendance of the people, but they will not come. Then

we must pray more and work harder, and do much visiting and personal work. As you hold on by faith and continue the work, perhaps a few will tell you that they have decided to keep the Sabbath, and as you learn of still others who are deeply interested and deciding for the truth, the dark days disappear.

I have known dark days to come still later than this. After a goodly number have promised to obey the truth and you are feeling pretty well satisfied with the results of the meeting, then you hear that one has gone back to his tobacco; another to working on the Sabbath and others have been visited by some relative who has so turned the truth that they will scarcely speak to you. These are dark days, but we must do all we can to win these souls back to the truth. If nothing can be done for them we must not be discouraged but remember that if these will not obey the truth we must find those who will.

In my early experience in the work a brother and I held meetings in a certain place, and quite a large number accepted the truth, a church was organized and I was selected as elder of the church. I remained with them for some time, teaching them the truth, but when they seemed fairly well established I went to another place and held a meeting, and eighteen or twenty souls took hold of the truth. I had been away from the first company about six weeks when I returned to find that only a few remained faithful. Ten or more of them had agreed together to give up the truth. I could do nothing with them. As I returned to visit this church I was delighted to think how glad they would be to hear that the Lord had been at work calling other souls into the truth that they loved, but when I arrived only a few could be found to receive the news. This was a dark day indeed and I felt it keenly when I realized that so much seed had fallen on stony ground and among the thorns and so little on the good ground.

When to Close the Meeting.

Some close when the first dark day comes, or before they get a hearing at all. Others close when the second dark day comes just after the Sabbath has been presented and before any have begun to observe it. The meeting

should not be closed before the testing truths are presented if it is at all possible to get a hearing, but in the event of a failure to get the people out, the test should be given them in visiting from house to house. After the testing truths have been presented the meetings should not be closed until all means have been exhausted to bring the interested ones to a decision.

After a company have begun to keep the Sabbath, they should be thoroughly instructed in practical Christian living, and should not be left alone long at a time, until they are fully established in the faith.

Relation of Our People to a Tent Meeting.

It is a great privilege for our people to have a tent-meeting held in their vicinity, but it brings a corresponding responsibility. Most of our young people, and many of the older ones among us, have never attended a full course of meetings where all the different points of our faith have been brought out in a connected way, and fortified by plain scriptures. A tent-meeting gives opportunity to have their faith greatly strengthened. It gives them the privilege of bringing their neighbors to hear the reasons for their faith.

Our people near where a tent-meeting is held should be present at every meeting if possible, and put forth their utmost endeavors to get their neighbors to attend the meetings. Where they have teams let them bring their neighbors to the meetings, and give all the help they can in the singing.

When a sermon has been given our people should not be too anxious to press it home to their neighbors' hearts, but let the Lord have a chance to do that while you try to keep them coming. It is sad for the tent company that goes to a place, where our own people have not been living out the truth; I would that all might fully realize how the devil used our failures to hedge the way for the truth to reach other souls.

The Singing in the Meeting.

Good singing occupies an important place in a successful tent-meeting. I mean good Christian singing of good Christian songs, in the Christian way—with the spirit and understanding. It is an excellent plan where there are

singers in a tent company to precede the preaching service by a song service of from fifteen to thirty minutes. I have known many people who came to hear the singing but afterward became much interested in the preaching. Often the truth in the song is remembered longer than the truth in the sermon. Sometimes it is the truth in the song that reaches the sinner's heart and leads him to repentance. Happy is the tent company whose members can sing.

Prayer.

The prayer of faith is the key that unlocks the store-house of the Infinite One. There is a power in the united prayers of God's workers. Before every meeting the tent company should unitedly ask God to be with the speaker, to send out the people to hear, to bless in all the exercises of the meeting, and to give victory to his truth.

As the minister bows before the service in silent prayer, let the other workers lift up their hearts to God for victory in that service. While one is speaking let the others continue to pray, that God's word may have free course and be glorified in the salvation of souls. After the meeting has closed and the people have dispersed it is well for the tent company to bow together and ask God to bless the words spoken, and not let the word return to Him void, but be mighty in the salvation of souls.

One may outwardly regard the hints given in this paper, and yet make a sad failure in the tent work. We must have a living connection with the source of all light and power and study His holy word much, so that we may be simply channels through whom the Lord can give his saving truth to a lost world. I am sorry that so little success has attended the tent work the past years. I long for a better experience in the work, and for more power to reach the hearts of the people with this blessed truth. I pray for God's blessing to rest upon my brethren in the ministry until we shall all be able to garner a rich harvest of golden grain for the Master's use.

ELD. J. A. HOLBROOK.

We are glad to report that Bro. C. H. Castle has sufficiently recovered from his late illness as to be at his desk once more.

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND CIRCULATION.

Would not every Seventh-day Adventist rejoice if it could be said that our good old pioneer missionary paper, the "Signs of the Times," had a circulation of 100,000 copies weekly? Well, that is just what we are striving for, and we trust there will be no let up until the deed is accomplished.

And it is not such a great undertaking after all—only an average of about two copies to each church member.

The Salvation Army "War Cry," "Ladies' Home Journal," and other papers of that class have a circulation of from 500,000 to 1,000,000 copies. With our constituency and the important message we have to give to the world, is it too much to expect a circulation of 100,000 copies for the Signs?

It has already been demonstrated that the "Signs of the Times" is the most effective agency we have for bringing people into the truth, but the publishers have been studying to see how they could make it still more efficient for general missionary work, and the next volume promises to be better than ever.

Beginning about the 1st of April, there will be a series of 26 special numbers covering all points of Present Truth. Among the subjects to be considered in this series are the following:

1. **THE BIBLE.** Oneness of the Scriptures and Their Inspiration.

2. *Prophecy.* (a) Its Object and Scope. (b) The Great Image of Daniel 2. (c) The Four Beasts of Daniel 7. (d) The Seven Seals of Revelation 5 and 6.

3. *The Coming of the Lord.* (a) Will He Actually Come Again? (b) How Will He Come? (c) What His Coming Means to the Righteous. (d) What His Coming Means to Those Who Reject Him. (e) What His Coming Means to the Earth, including the Promised Inheritance and the Everlasting Kingdom.

4. *Our Sacrifice and Priest.* (a) The Lamb Slain from the Beginning. (b) Our Sacrifice in Type and Shadow. (c) The Ancient Sanctuary and Its Service. (d) The Antitypical Sanctuary—Our Center of Worship. (e) The Twenty-three Hundred Days of Daniel, 8-14. (f) The Judgment and Its Message.

5. *The Signs of the Times.* (a) Signs in the Sun, Moon and Stars. (b) Signs in the Physical Earth—Cyclones, Earthquakes, Tidal Waves, etc. (c) Crop Failures, Destruction by Insects. (d) Various False Isms Which Are Undermining Christian Faith. (e) Capital and Labor. (f) Socialism.

6. *The Law and the Gospel.* (a) The Law—Its Scope, Character, and Perpetuity. (b) The Gospel—What It Is and Its Purposes.

7. *Man and His Destiny.* (a) The Man Created and His Nature. (b) The Entrance of Sin and Its Ripened Fruits—Death. (c) Righteousness and Life. (d) Christ Our Life. (e) The Resurrection.

8. *Spiritual Gifts.* (a) What They Are, Their Purpose and Distribution. (b) Restoration in the Church.

9. *Election, Predestination, and Free Will.*

10. *The Great Threefold Message.* (a) The Condition of the World. (b) God's Healing Message. (c) Message Rejected, and Result. (d) The Beast. (e) The Image. (f) The Mark. (g) The Result of the Messages. (h) God's Sealing Work.

11. *The Church.* (a) What the Church Is. (b) The Called-out Ones. (c) The Apostate Church. (d) The Two Witnesses.

12. *Bible Temperance.* (a) The Temple of God—Eating, Drinking, Dressing, Exercise, and Breathing. (b) True Sanctification.

13. *The Sabbath, the Test of the Ages.* (a) Its Origin, Nature, and Object. (b) The Sabbath in the Old Testament. (c) The Sabbath in the New Testament. (d) The First Day of the Week. (e) The Change of the Sabbath. (f) The Restoration of the Sabbath.

14. *The Great Federation Movement.* (a) Federation of Capital. (b) Federation of Labor Organizations. (c) Federation of Socialistic Societies. (d) Federation of Religious Bodies. (e) The True Church Unfederated.

15. *Religious Liberty.* (a) What It Is. (b) Relation of Church and State. (c) Teaching of the Scriptures. (d) Religious Liberty in America. (e) The Prophecy of Revelation 13. (f) Religious Liberty Menaced. (g) The World-Wide Extent of the Movement. (h) The Year of Uncertainty in France. (i) The Papacy's Challenge to Germany.

16. *The Outpouring of the Spirit.* (a) The World's Great Need. (b) Baptized for Service. (c) The Power of Godliness.

These subjects will be supplemented by Bible Readings and taken up in such a thorough, systematic, progressive way that they cannot fail to interest and convince the honest in heart.

Every church and isolated member ought to take a club for general missionary work, and then an earnest effort should be put forth by them to secure yearly subscriptions. The next volume will contain "A feast of good things," and our friends and neighbors should have the privilege of enjoying it.

We presume all our readers will give a hearty assent to all this, but dear friend, let us be a little more definite, and as to you personally, What are *you* going to do to help bring about this much-to-be-desired result? Are you willing to act your part and pay for two or more papers to be used by your church in general missionary work, or to send to your friends or neighbors?

Are you willing to take a club and then sell the papers on the street or from house to house?

Are you willing to join the ranks like a good soldier and do your part in this work?

It means hard work and self-sacrifice, but there is a blessed reward at the end.

In one of the special Testimonies it is stated that "Our missionary paper, the 'Signs of the Times' is doing its work everywhere, and is opening the way for the truth to be more fully presented."

And in another place we read, "It is a fact that the circulation of our papers is doing even a greater work than the living preacher can do."

Now in view of this we have every reason to take courage and push the work vigorously.

The past year has been an eventful one, and 1907 promises to be even more so. Calamities are multiplying on land and sea, earthquakes continue in divers places, capital and labor are still at war, our large cities are fast becoming like Sodom and Gomorrah, the nations are arming for the last great struggle, and everything goes to show that we are nearing the end. In the

"Outlook" department of the Signs special attention will be given to current events, showing the fulfillment of prophecy.

Now, JUST NOW, is our time to work, and we appeal to you to take hold with us to help increase the circulation of our pioneer missionary paper, and in this way assist in giving the last warning message to the world.

We cannot all go to foreign lands as missionaries, but we can all have a part in circulating the Signs, and thus have a part in giving the last message.

If you are a member of a church, talk with the elder or librarian about this matter. If the church is already taking a club, see if it cannot be enlarged.

If you are alone, then write to your Tract Society or to the publishers direct, asking for descriptive matter and suggestions, how to use the Signs, etc.

Little booklets have been prepared telling what the Signs will contain during the coming year, what it has accomplished by those who have used it in the past, how to organize and pay for a church club, who are agents, club rates, etc. These little booklets contain full information in regard to the Signs, and they can be had for the asking. Address your tract society, or "Signs of the Times," Mountain View, Cal. C. H. JONES.

UPPER COLUMBIA.

GRANGER, WASH.

After spending the first half of the week of prayer with the Walla Walla Church and having some excellent meetings the writer went to the Granger Church. Here the Lord met with his people in a special manner in every meeting. There was a spirit of close heart searching among the brethren. The climax in these splendid meetings was reached at the last reading, Sabbath noon. We certainly received a copious shower of the latter rain. The Holy Ghost fell upon this little company of about fifty in a greater measure than I had ever witnessed before. Hearts were melted, and all without restraint yielded to the influence of the Spirit of God. Children began of their own accord to work for unconverted members of their own families. Five

of such yielded, two of whom united with the church a few days later. We could find no place to close the meeting till four hours had elapsed. All were greatly refreshed, and were made to realize the willingness of God to give his Holy Spirit to his people just as far as it is possible for them to receive it. These are days of great power. "The eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in behalf of those whose hearts are perfect toward him." Brethren, if our hearts are perfect there will be no limit to the power that He will bestow.

We continued the meetings for two weeks more with good results. Quarterly meeting was held in which God came near his people. Seven united with the church, two new converts and five by letter. The Granger Church is in a prosperous condition. The church school is being conducted with success which is a blessing to the church. May the blessings of God continue to rest upon this church.

L. A. GIBSON.

UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

Tithe Receipts for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1906.

Blackfoot	\$ 276.15
Baker City	545.39
Boise	1,145.29
Caldwell	1,076.16
Cambridge	375.80
Chelan	354.32
College Place.....	1,745.64
Colville	497.44
Coeur d'Alene.....	95.40
Cove	29.40
Craig Mountain.....	181.48
Dayton	560.49
Edwall	233.90
Elgin	190.11
Ellensburg	188.03
Farmington, German.....	384.10
Farmington	602.55
Fruitland	528.08
Grangeville	35.35
Genesee	152.50
Granger	408.83
Godfrey	158.10
Halfway	157.74
Individual	756.77
Kettle Falls	250.25
La Grande.....	256.42
Long Creek.....	51.75
Lembi Valley.....	46.80

Lewiston	302.00
Medical Lake.....	17.30
Meridian	137.25
Moscow	662.89
Milton	1,426.66
Myrtle	165.01
Natchez	316.71
North Yakima.....	1,374.65
Ontario	195.83
Parma	396.20
Pomeroy	110.52
Spring	100.10
Spokane	3,986.27
Twin Falls.....	52.35
Union	453.16
Vollmer	83.40
Wallowa	227.00
Walla Walla.....	367.86
Walla Walla, German.....	317.70
Wenatchee	230.43
Wilcox	1,119.40

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Trust Funds.

Annual Offerings.....	\$ 1,462.80
Allum Fund, China.....	14.28
College Debt Fund.....	10.00
Foreign Missions	407.24
Famine in Japan.....	55.00
First-Day Offerings	747.71
Federation Signs	1.00
Germand Mission E. Africa..	40.00
Haskell Home	166.88
Huntsville School	5.50
Int. Pub. Association.....	168.89
Library Fund L. F.....	.50
Literutre for Blind.....	2.00
Minister of Healing.....	9.75
Mid-Summer Offerings	407.19
Madagascar Mission	5.75
Pacific Press Donations.....	331.07
Printery in Chili.....	1.25
Rescue Home	2.75
Religious Liberty	118.37
Southern Field	479.97
Second Tithe	30.94
Tent Fund	532.34
Teacvbers' Institute Fund...	87.03
Training School, India.....	179.97
Wasfington, D. C., Fund....	18.00
Work in India.....	15.00
West Indies50
Work in Japan.....	3.00
West Indian School.....	167.87
Work in Corea.....	4.50
S. S. Donations.....	1,663.38
\$150 M. Fund.....	669.91

\$ 7,810.34

T. L. COPELAND, Treas.

MONTANA.

Elder W. B. White arrived in Bozeman January 31st and remain until after the auditing and school boards meet, February 5. He is planning to stop at Butte, Helena and Missoula, on his way back. His many friends in Montana will all be glad to see him again.

The state canvassers' institute is now in session at Mt. Ellis. Those who have been assisting at the institute from outside the state are Brother H. H. Hall of Mountain View, Cal., and Brother Bellah, state agent of the Missouri Conference. Elder W. B. White will be present at the institute for a day or two.

Elders Martin, Gosmer, and Mrs. Gosmer, stopped for a few hours at Butte on their way from the Bitter Root. Brother Holden is still distributing literature, and holding Bible readings with the people.

Brother Hanson, who is holding meetings at Fishtail, near Red Lodge, reports a good interest, though the extreme cold weather has had some effect on the attendance.

Elder J. C. Foster, business manager of the Academy, made a trip to Butte recently on business connected with the school.

The auditing board and conference committee will meet in Bozeman, in the conference office, February 5. The accounts of the laborers will be audited, and the conference committee, and the Academy school board will also transact necessary business in connection with this meeting.

W. A. GOSMER.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

PROCEEDINGS OF THE B. C. CONFERENCE.

The regular annual meeting of the B. C. Conference was held as per appointment in the S. D. A. church at Vancouver, Dec. 28, 1906—Jan. 1, 1907. Twenty delegates represented this conference and the North Pacific Union Conference was represented by Elders W. B. White, H. W. Decker, Prof. M. E. Cady and Bro. A. G. Adams.

The following resolutions of general interest were adopted to outline the work for the coming year:

We recommend that an Indian Mission be established at Port Simpson

and other points as the way may open; and that the conference adopt the following recommendations made by the sub-committee of the British Columbia and North Pacific Union Conferences.

1st. Elder Stewart proposed that we purchase 240 acres of land located on Works Channel at Island Bay, Northwest B. C., for an Indian Industrial Mission. Agreed.

2d. That we each agree to surrender to the B. C. Conference (if said conference desires to purchase) said land. Agreed.

3d. That we invite the North Pacific Union Conference to credit back to the B. C. Conference its foreign missionary trust funds, including the 2d tithe, until said Mission site is paid for. Agreed.

4th. We suggest that the name of this Mission shall be Island Bay Industrial Indian Mission. Agreed.

5th. We suggest to the B. C. Conference committee that said Mission be established and that simple industries such as tin and sheet-iron work, net making, boat building, tanning, glove making, hand canning, and a small trading post, be established as soon as advisable. Agreed.

6th. We advise that as soon as advisable a teacher be employed and a school opened for the benefit of the children and young people. Agreed.

7th. We recommend further that Elder T. H. Watson be invited to connect with this work under pay of the B. C. Conference. Agreed.

8th We would suggest that the foregoing resolutions cannot be successfully carried into effect without a boat. Agreed.

(Signed): Elder E. L. Stewart, Elder W. B. White, G. E. Tyszkiewitz, Mrs. Hannah Tyszkiewitz, Mrs. M. E. Watson, Elder T. H. Watson.

(a) We recommend that a suitable school building be erected on the School Farm at Port Hammond, and that this conference take steps to raise \$1,500 for this purpose.

(b) We further recommend that this school be placed upon an academic basis.

3. We recommend the adoption of the General Conference recommendation in regard to our superannuated or disabled workers and their families.

(a) We recommend that all our people be encouraged to buy our books

which are now on the shelves in our office.

(b) That our secretary be instructed to advertise these books extensively among our people.

(c) That the full price of these books be paid, for the purpose of liquidating the Tract Society debt and restocking for more efficient work.

5. Recognizing the fact that the Review and Herald to Seventh-day Adventists is the best paper in the world; and that in order to keep abreast with the advancing work it should be in the homes of all our people,

Resolved, That we will make an earnest effort to see that each church member has this good paper, and where there are families too needy to subscribe we will try to induce the church to send it to them free.

6. Whereas, The North Pacific Union Gleaner has been established in our union as a medium of exchange between the several conferences and the field workers, bringing to the homes of the people each week the progress of the work in the several parts of the union; therefore,

Resolved, That the coming year we will endeavor to extend its circulation among the people in this Province and that from time to time we will contribute to its columns reports of labor and items of interest.

Since the last conference some additions have been made to our force of workers which has been warranted by the increase of the tithes. Four ministers and four Bible workers have been employed. There has been \$3,232.60 tithes received during the last seven months which is nearly three times as much as was received during the same length of time just previous, making \$19.35 per capita.

Credentials were granted to the following named persons: E. L. Stewart, J. L. Wilson, W. C. Young, P. P. Adams, T. H. Watson, and Missionary License to E. C. Widgery, Henry Pierce, David Dodge, Lim Ping, and Mrs. E. C. Widgery.

The newly organized church at Vernon was admitted into the conference.

Pledges amounting to about \$750.00 were received on the school fund and the question of raising the remainder of the \$1,500.00 as well as that of camp meetings and the furnishing of the Indian Mission with a boat were re-

ferred to the incoming conference committee.

The officers for the following year were elected as follows: President, E. L. Stewart; secretary and treasurer, Bertha Lofstad; educational secretary, P. P. Adams; executive committee, E. L. Stewart, W. C. Young, J. L. Wilson, Wm. Manson, S. A. Wilband.

The spirit of the meeting was good throughout and the action of the conference generally harmonious.

P. P. ADAMS, Sec.

THE PORTLAND SANITARIUM.

The week of prayer has brought precious blessings to the members of our family with few exceptions. A few members of the new class of nurses were not definitely enlisted in the Lord's army. These found blessed peace with God, and some of the patients also felt it a privilege to drink at the fountain of life. The classes were dropped for one week and by dividing the family into divisions, it was possible for all to attend a daily prayer service. Growth in personal experience and a very cheering interest in the spread of this Truth was the result. The closing praise services led to the recounting of God's mercies extended to the individuals present, and also to the Sanitarium. God's care has protected from disaster, apostacy and from serious illness in our family of helpers.

The little company gathered in the Sanitarium Chapel on December 22, and contributed \$100 toward the \$150,000 fund and \$93 for foreign missionary work.

A very good degree of success attends the care of our patients. Many of them participate in the religious services conducted regularly in the parlor and gymnasium. The local physicians are showing a friendly interest in the Sanitarium, and at one time this month there were seven patients in the Sanitarium in the care of five different well known local physicians. They are pleased to know that our board is planning to make some much needed repairs which will enable us to render still better service.

While making up our new class of nurses, many expressed the opinion that we would be unable to secure really capable young men to take the

course unless we shortened the course or paid a high salary. At the time of our commencement exercises, but one young man had reported for the training course, but during the past few weeks three more excellent young men of mature judgment have entered the class. There is to us much significance in the fact, that of the seventeen nurses recently admitted to our training course, five had a settled conviction that they must prepare for a foreign field. We had hesitated as to how much we could enlarge our list of helpers, but the faith exercised in more than doubling our number of nurses, has been approved by the grade of missionary apprentices enlisted, and also by the steady increase of patronage, which makes it possible to fit more workers for the whitened harvest.

May God help us as teachers to do our work acceptably.

J. E. FROMM, M. D.

Knowing that several of our leading brethren were attending a conference at Kingston, Jamaica, at the time of the recent earthquake, the following item clipped from the Atlantic Union Gleaner will probably be of interest to our readers:

LATEST FROM KINGSTON.

Elder Farnsworth wrote January 15 and 16: "On Monday morning most of the delegates went to see the school site, twenty-three miles from Kingston, and were in a meeting there when the shock came. We were in a house ceiled with wood, and it was not much damaged. We took a train for Kingston at five o'clock, and found our friends all safe. It is reported that one of our brethren here is missing, Norman Johnston, secretary of the Jamaica Conference. We have heard that he was seen to go into the bank a few minutes before the quake came. The bank went down, and not a man escaped from it. Soon it was on fire, and it is supposed that every one in it was consumed.

"There is such confusion everywhere that most of the brethren have decided to go home. The most of the business of the conference is done, the officers elected, resolutions passed, etc. They wish Elder Evans and me to stay another week. We shall go

out to the school ground, and if passage can be obtained, will start for home on January 23."

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Sabbath, Feb. 2, was a blessed occasion for the Spokane church. Eleven new converts were baptized.

Eld. C. E. Ford, who has officiated as pastor for the Spokane church for the past three years, has been called to labor in Southern California Conference. He leaves for his new field tonight. The prayers of his many dear friends in Spokane will ascend, that God may greatly bless him in the field to which he has been called.

Some Seventh Day Adventist family desiring a home in the country with church school and church privileges might do well to correspond with W. C. F. Ward, Chehalis, Wash, R. F. D. 2, Box 86.

Eld. L. A. Gibson has just begun a series of meetings at a school house, on Four Mile Creek, six miles north of Pullman, Wash. He reports a good interest. His address while there will be Albion, Wash.

Wanted—A dishwasher. Steady employment to right person.—The Vegetarian Cafe, 105 Sixth St., Portland, Oregon.

Readers of the Gleaner please notice carefully the article in this issue by C. H. Jones of the Pacific Press. The important topics to be considered in the near future by our good missionary paper, The Signs of the Times, are worthy of careful study. Should not our neighbors have the privilege of reading the stirring truths for these times?

What are you doing tract society secretaries and church elders to "boost" the Signs list to 100,000? Next week we hope to report what is being done for the Signs in this Union Conference.

If the Union Conference, for the small sum of 50 cents per year, can afford to send you the Gleaner, a paper worth \$5.00 per year, how can you afford to be without it?

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