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

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THE KINGSTON LIGHTHOUSES.

Two lights that gleamed from
 Kingston's rocks
 Amid the drifting spray,
 Went out in darkness with a shock
 On the great earthquake day,—
 Jamaica's day of awful gloom,—
 O island of the sea!
 Our hearts go out to those bereft,
 In tender sympathy.

The great calamity unknown
 For days to those outside,
 And onward came with living freight
 A steamer in its pride.
 "Breakers ahead!" alas! alas!
 Too late the warning cry,
 And on the rocks the ship was cast
 By wild waves dashing high.

'Tis thus in life, full many stand
 Lighthouses on its shore,
 And by some earthly shaking fall,
 To lighten men no more;
 And still they come, looking for light,
 And looking, look in vain,
 While wrecks along the shore are cast
 By some wild hurricane.

How is your light, O brother mine?
 O sister, dear, reply;
 Are you a beacon on the rocks
 Where mortals drift to die?
 Has earthly shaking dimmed your lamp?
 Beware, O soul, beware!
 For you are then to other souls
 A death-trap and a snare.

—Eliza H. Morton, in Youth's Instructor.

GEORGETOWN, BRITISH GUINEA.

An Eye Witness.

Knowing that the readers of the Gleaner have heard of the severe earthquake and extreme destruction of Kingston, Jamaica, I thought a few lines from an eye-witness and one

with whom many are acquainted might be of interest to them.

The 14th day of January, 1907, was the fatal day in which hundreds of lives were snuffed out as a candle in less than 30 seconds at 3.35 P. M. As our West Indian Union Conference was being held at this place, and being a delegate to the same, I witnessed the sad calamity and one of the most horrifying and nerve-trying scenes man can be called to look upon.

The morning was most beautiful in this tropical climate; the sun as bright and clear as ever shone and to the human mind all things promised a day of health and happiness and general prosperity. There was nothing to indicate that anything of an unusual nature was to take place. During the forenoon I was attending to some personal matters of business in the city with not a shadow of a thought that the large business establishments of which I passed in and out would soon to be an unrecognizable mass of ruins, with their proprietors and large force of employes, and many customers, buried beneath the tons of debris, or fleeing for their lives, many frightfully mangled by the falling buildings.

I had been invited to take the service at the hour during which the shock came and accordingly had just stepped upon the rostrum with pastor Strickland and we were singing our opening hymn when, without warning, and as suddenly as a cannon shot, came the mighty subterranean roar like thunder, and the earth was violently shaken with quick, short vibra-

tions combined with a slight rotary motion.

Our church, like about nine-tenths of the buildings in the city, was a brick structure with the auditorium on the second floor, the first floor being used for the church-school. The congregation numbered about one hundred and forty. The building was shaken like a leaf in the wind and much material as plaster and brick fell; the walls vibrated perceptibly, the east wall being moved from plumb at the top by a foot or more, the walls were badly cracked in several places, yet the building did not collapse and is one of two hundred church buildings left standing in the city. Only four of the congregation sustained injuries and none fatal. When all had escaped from the building a short praise service was held in the yard, and I immediately returned to the house we were occupying only to find the whole end of the building a heap of debris in the street. On entering the room I occupied I found it exposed to the street and my bed buried beneath brick and mortar. Hastily gathering up my scattered raiment and other personal effects from the ruins and making all as secure as possible I then gave my attention to the suffering ones about me who, by this time, had been gathered in the yard.

After setting the shoulders of one of our brethren I hastened to the business part of the city where fires were already raging in several parts of the ruins. I found groups of people everywhere seemingly spellbound or

insensible to the situation. The wail of men, women and children for loved ones perished, mingled with the cries of agony and death groans of others, combined with the sight of human beings of both sexes, all ages and all classes, torn, mangled, wounded, bleeding, dead and dying, together with beasts of burden, all buried beneath the ruins, formed a scene indescribable and inconceivable only by those who witnessed such things.

I at once united with a native policeman and set to carrying out the bodies of the dead and wounded from the flames so rapidly sweeping down upon them. After about fifteen had been carried out to a place of safety my strength failed and I was obliged to return to our own yard for rest and food.

By this time darkness had settled down upon us as if to hide the terrible sight, but still the cries of the suffering ones was heard on every hand.

Light shocks continued and the cry for mercy, and prayers to God, were uttered on every side and from those who but a short time before were engaged in the lowest forms of dissipation.

Fortunately the city hospital was not seriously damaged as it is a low building. After a short rest I went to the hospital and offered my services which were gladly accepted and we did what we could until medical attention could be given. The whole grounds around the institution was one vast ward with sufferers lying so thickly on the ground that one could scarcely find stepping ground to pass around to wait upon them. In the surgical ward few had the nerve to remain long as three of the most skilled surgeons were engaged in amputating mangled limbs which the occasion demanded to be done in the shortest time possible. Here I assisted until far into the night when being overcome with fatigue I was compelled to return to rest.

As the recurring shocks continued one would be aroused by the cries of the terror stricken people, many fearing that the earth would open and swallow the city as it had done in the instance of Port Royal at this same place about two hundred years ago.

On returning to the hospital in the morning I could scarcely believe the

awful sight in the corner of the room to be human limbs, and the surgical work still going on.

At the time of the sinking of Port Royal there was left a long narrow neck of land about half a mile wide by two miles long which forms a land-lock or break-water to the harbor of Port Kingston. It is said that the greater part of this harbor was formed by the sinking of old Port Royal. On this neck of land near the point is a small village known as the present Port Royal and at this place the coast line for about two hundred feet sank about four feet.

The entire business portion of Kingston is destroyed, not a single business place of any size remains standing and the fire licked up the greater part of the goods. All brick buildings throughout the city were more or less damaged and many totally ruined. Thousands are homeless and shelterless. The stench was something awful and unbearable to many.

Thus another city with the loss of about a thousand lives, according to the latest reports received here, has been added to the already large list of cities that have been destroyed by an earthquake. Much more might be said, but I will close, hoping I shall never be called to witness such a scene again.

Though disappointed in our conference plans, the institute work being entirely abandoned, we all felt that the experience as studied in the light of prophecy, had fitted us to present the truth more forcibly on our return to our respective fields. We read in the Word that these things shall be in the last days, and earthquakes in divers places. Can it be doubted that those days are upon us? Are we ready for the great earthquake of Rev. 18: 15-21?

O. E. DAVIS.

Christianity is not a drill; it is life, full, free, radiant, and rejoicing. What a young man should do is not to vex himself about his imperfections, but to fix his mind on the bright image of Perfection; not to weary his soul with rules, but to live with Christ as one liveth with a friend. There is one way to complete manhood, and that is fellowship with Jesus Christ.—Ian MacLaren.

WESTERN WASHINGTON.

SOME SUGGESTIONS.

SEND ALL MONEY TO THE CONFERENCE TREASURER, whether it is intended for use in the conference or for some field or enterprise elsewhere. The reason for speaking of this matter is that we learn of churches and individuals quite often who send money direct to Washington, D. C., or to the Pacific Press, or to other places as the calls for help are made, and in this way our office gets no record of quite an amount of money that goes to the fields beyond, and hence we cannot make a correct report to our annual conference nor to the Union Conference.

This has been done, no doubt, because those sending money direct to other fields haven't had their attention called in a definite way to the necessity for remitting through the conference channels.

The attention of every church and individual is called to the plan that should be followed either in our conference or outside:

Pay the amount to your church treasurer, making clear to him what it is for; then he will, with what others have paid to him, send it to the conference treasurer. At the close of each month the conference treasurer sends to the Union Conference such funds as have come into his hands for fields outside of our own, and what has come to him for the work in our field is appropriated to its right place.

Of course there are some who are not near an organized church; so it would be best for them likely to send their offerings direct to our conference treasurer, taking special care in any case to state clearly what the money is intended for.

In any event send all money, whether for use in our conference or outside of it, to the conference treasurer, C. E. Knight, 309 Second Ave. North, Seattle, Wash.

IN SENDING MONEY FOR ORPHANS HOMES, SAY IT IS FOR THE ORPHANS FUND, instead of specifying any one orphan's home in particular.

This is in harmony with the action taken by the General Conference. The attention of the reader is called to an

article on this point in the Review of February 28, under the heading "The Annual Offering for Orphanages." Certain days during the year are set apart for an offering to be taken for orphans, and the money, when collected in the union or General Conference treasury is to be appropriated to such orphans' homes as are most in need of the help. Otherwise than this there will not be an equitable distribution of the funds which are collected in our churches for the care of homeless children.

DO NOT SEND MONEY TO ENTERPRISES THAT YOU DO NOT KNOW ARE APPROVED AND IN FULL HARMONY WITH THE WORK OF THIS DENOMINATION.

If this caution is not exercised, there is great danger of the liberality of our people being abused. When an appeal comes through the mails or otherwise for financial help, and you are not real clear as to the standing of the person or institution making the call, write to your conference headquarters or to the union or General Conference for the needed information.

F. M. BURG.

A VERY URGENT NEED.

We hope that every one in Western Washington who gets this issue of the Gleaner will read these few lines, and re-read them, until the real situation is clear and the necessity that all do something just now is felt.

First: We need a new pavilion and some family tents. Indeed the need is so great that there seems to be only one thing to do, and that is to have them made. And because of this situation we have placed an order with the Pacific Tent & Awning Company of Portland for 20 family tents and a new pavilion. These are to be ready for our coming annual camp-meeting.

We need money to pay for them; The pavilion will cost us \$600 and the twenty living tents \$400, making \$1,000 in all. There is already a debt of about \$400 against the Tent & Camp-meeting Fund, which, with the purchase of the new tents will make a total of \$1,400.

To meet this we have collected on pledges and through the Sinking Fund about \$500. This will leave a balance of \$900.

Our resources for meeting this obli-

gation are the brethren and sisters throughout the conference to whom this appeal is addressed. We are sure that every one will appreciate coming to our next camp-meeting to find a meeting tent that will not leak, no matter how hard it may rain.

The tent that is being made will be 70x110 feet, 8 foot wall, the top to be of best U. S. Army Duck. And the family tents will be of same material.

So we urge, first, that each one reading these lines, send something to the conference treasurer to swell the Tent and Camp-meeting Fund. Why not some of our brethren who have a reasonable amount of God's money entrusted to them send in \$50 or more? Others can send in sums all the way from this amount down to a dollar,—some giving \$40, some \$30, \$25, \$20, \$10, \$5, etc., etc.

Those who have pledged in the past to the Tent and Camp-meeting Fund, and who have not yet paid up, can make a special effort to send in the amounts. There are about two hundred dollars worth of these pledges yet unpaid.

We are confident that our brethren and sisters who see this appeal will appreciate it; and we look for a hearty and liberal response at once.

In closing, we would urge the churches to make liberal offerings on each third Sabbath to the Sinking Fund, as this will help too; and it will create a resource with which to get what is needed in the future without the necessity for a special appeal.

WESTERN WASHINGTON CONFERENCE COMMITTEE,

By F. M. BURG, President.

UPPER COLUMBIA.

WHERE ARE THE WORKERS?

Every few days I receive letters from the brethren asking, "Where is this minister located?" Possibly the Gleaner will print a letter for us. I will say that good words of encouragement are coming in from many parts of the conference.

Elder Gibson has just returned from Palouse where he had a good interest and attendance till the floods came, when he had to close the meetings. One or two made a start in God's

service. He is now working in Walla Walla.

Elder Wagner has just closed a series of meetings at Dayton held in our church. I was with him a few days. Some were interested, but the attendance was variable. He has now gone to Bridgeport above Chelan where he held meetings a year ago. Some are asking for baptism and more meetings.

I have just returned from Granger and Yakima. I found the brethren here of good courage and many of them anxious to help forward the work of God. Quite a number subscribed toward the tent and camp-meeting fund. The church-schools at these places taught by Miss Rothgeb at Granger and Miss Clinkenbeard at Yakima, are doing well.

At Toppenish I met Brother Hamer who is the only Sabbath-keeper here. We attended the Methodist meeting Sunday night and the pastor invited me to speak, which I did. The people seemed very friendly towards us. Elder Catlin has been holding meetings in the same church occasionally during the winter; he is now conducting a series of meetings in Thorp, Wash., with good interest and attendance.

Elder Starr is laboring at Lewiston, "some are investigating," he writes. Brother Rider has been holding meetings at Colbert, Wash. While none have declared themselves as ready to accept the truth, yet an interest has been aroused and there is a good prospect of some accepting the truth.

Elder Ellis has closed a series of meetings at Fruitland and is at home in Emida at present. Elders Saxby and Steward are in Boise. They report a good interest in distributing, by regular course, hundreds of copies of Family Bible Teacher. This is a printed series of twenty-eight Bible lessons designed especially for home work among our friends; all can have a part in this work. The sets can be obtained at our tract society office for ten cents each, post paid. They have also circulated hundreds of Religious Liberty tracts and "Liberty" magazine and worked among the legislators, but the bill for Sunday closing of shops passed. The prophecies are fast being fulfilled in the continued enactments of religious laws in our country. It

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IS YOUR CHURCH IN THE LIST?

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KENT,	WASHINGTON
GRANGER,	WASHINGTON

is time to work with our might to warn the people and give them the light before it is too late.

Elder Ford, who has labored in the conference for years, has been called to Southern California. He left Feb. 5th. We wish him and his family all blessings in the Lord. We trust to hear from him through the Gleaner soon.

Brother F. M. Oliver writes from Pomeroy that there is quite an interest there on the part of some. He is expecting to go to Loon Lake, Wash., soon to labor, if arrangements can be made.

Elder Knott has been called by the General Conference to labor in New York City. In a letter just received he writes: "We have had a pleasant journey and are now house-keeping and have entered upon our work in our new field." We believe Brother and Sister Knott will like their new field and we trust that abundant blessings from God may attend all their work.

Elder Schnepfer has been working among the Germans in Walla Walla. At present he is home on account of the sickness of his wife and one of the children.

Brother Arthur Moon and wife are at Weiser, Idaho, circulating the Family Bible Teacher. They are just beginning there.

Brother E. E. Smith and James Standage are holding meetings in the

church at Union City, with excellent interest and attendance. "Some have decided to obey God," Elder Willoughby writes, who was with them a few days. He will leave there for Cove, Ore., the 15th.

Sister Post is at Parma and vicinity, giving Bible readings. Some are awaiting baptism who have accepted the message through her labors.

Sister Posey is following the Bible reading work at Spokane. Several have come out on the Lord's side through her efforts. Elder H. W. Oliver writes: "I am at Heyburn, Idaho, and have made arrangements to hold meetings in the Presbyterian chapel."

I trust the prayers of God's people will follow these workers, that many may be awakened to receive the message of the coming King.

G. E. LANGDON.

CAMP-MEETING.

Upper Columbia Conference.

After discussing for some time the question of time and place for this meeting it seems the time best suited to most of our people will be May 30 to June 10. Walla Walla has been selected as the place, as it is most central for a general gathering. The city will furnish the grounds and water free and possibly light. Favorable steps have been taken by Southern Idaho and also the union conference in its last session of the committee, looking towards the forming of a new conference. This matter will be further considered at this coming meeting.

G. E. LANGDON.

WESTERN WASHINGTON CAMP-MEETING.

We wish to announce to all our people in Western Washington that the time and place for our next annual camp-meeting have been selected. The meeting will be held at Kent, from May 16-26.

The Place: Kent is as central a point as we could choose for the meeting when the whole field is taken into account. Other places wanted it, but in most cases it would either take the meeting too far to the north or to the south. Kent is easy of access by the main line of transportation, being about 16 miles from Seattle on the

Tacoma-Seattle Interurban, and also the main line of the Northern Pacific railroad.

The meeting proper will be preceded by a Workers' meeting beginning the 9th.

This is all we need say about the meeting in this notice. But our aim will be to keep something in the Gleaner every week now till the time for the meeting. Look for something on the following points relative to our coming meeting.

Its importance and your need to attend, a new pavilion and some new family tents that we will all enjoy and that we must pay for, provision and arrangements for obtaining food on the ground, transportation—how to reach Kent and how to reach the ground on arrival, and transportation rate.

Ministerial help for the camp-meeting, delegates to represent your church, and other features of importance and interest.

F. M. BURG.

President W. W. Conference.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Elder W. B. White spent a few hours at the office last week on his way to attend the European council.

Brother A. G. Adams was called to North Yakima last week to attend to some business in connection with the sanitarium.

Elder A. J. Breed, vice-president of the union conference, is quite ill at College Place, but we are glad to announce that he is gaining slowly.

During the time of Elder White's absence from the conference he has promised to send to the Gleaner items of interest in connection with his trip to Europe.

We trust that no one will become confused as to the present address of the North Pacific Union Conference since the notice last week of the renting of office rooms in Walla Walla. Our address is the same in Spokane still and due notice will be given through the Gleaner of our change which will not occur for some weeks yet.