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BLOOMING OF THE FLOWERS.

The birds have come and the flowers have come,
The music of waters, ice-bound and dumb
Through frigid nights, and the long, cold days,
Is heard again in the psalm of praise
That nature, in sylvan temple bowers,
Sends up with the vernal birth of flowers.

Red are the buds, and the leaves are green,
An azure haze on the hills is seen;
Like phantom ships in the crystal sky
The white-winged clouds go sailing by:
Sunshine and shadow and passing showers
Sweeten the air with the breath of flowers.
—Charles F. Fudge, in Good Health.

SUCCESS SEEMS CERTAIN.

Some weeks have passed since anything has appeared in the Gleaner relative to the great work commenced in the spring of 1906 of raising, by subscription in the North Pacific Union Conference, a fund of \$25,000 for the final raising of the financial burdens now resting on our training school, Walla Walla College. While, through the past winter it is true that but little has been said through the Gleaner, the work of taking subscriptions has steadily gone forward and has now reached a point where we feel that we can say to our brethren and sisters that the success of this enterprise seems certain. In looking over our pledges a few days ago, which we think are of the very highest order, we find that between \$15,000 and \$16,000 has now been subscribed, and each

week the fund is growing. Last week a brother and wife in far away Tasmania, wrote us, subscribing \$20 and wishing us abundant success in the grand effort we are now making to lift this financial burden. Not in the least are we discouraged. God has blessed this move; his people are responding, and it is going to succeed. Who will make a good liberal subscription this spring to be paid the last of 1907, or the coming fall? A good,

what has been subscribed is conditioned on the sale of property, which we trust may be sold the coming summer. Each day the work of taking subscriptions is quietly going forward, and who will lift just now? May God bless all our brethren and sisters and help them to meet the mind of God in this matter.

W. B. WHITE.

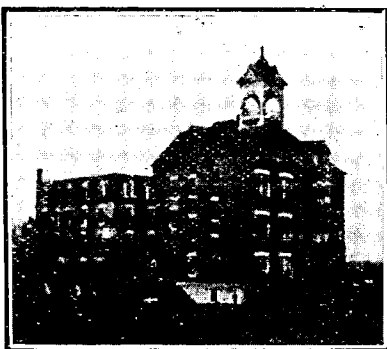
A LETTER.

I will today write a few lines, so that the Gleaner family may know that we, by the help of God, safely reached our destination.

We arrived in New York February 13th after a very pleasant trip over the Southern Pacific railroad with a better degree of health than we enjoyed when we left Walla Walla.

Our route, though somewhat long, brought us through a very pleasant part of the northwest. We had the privilege of stopping one day in San Francisco. This day was profitably spent in looking over this once beautiful city, but now a heap of ruins, and although nine months had intervened since the great calamity befell this place, it is an indescribable sight that meets the visitor's eye. Just think, when the whole world shall have been visited with the wine of God's wrath, what an awful scene it will present!

Our next stopping place was Los Angeles. There we found the summer land, with its beautiful palms and its large olive and orange groves laden with its golden fruit—a weak repre-



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strong pull, now; a putting of our shoulders to the wheel and giving the move a good hard lift, and the work is done; the heavy burden is lifted, and success crowns our efforts.

Will not all our brethren and sisters in the North Pacific Union give us assurance this spring of what they will do by next fall, that the noble object of letting our college go free from debt may be an accomplished fact?

We might say that a small part of

sensation, I should judge, of what this world once was, and what it again will be after it is redeemed from the consequences of sin and restored as the home of the saved.

We left Los Angeles in the evening and as we arose the next morning and looked at the scorched sands and the thriving cactus of Arizona, we saw that the beautiful things of this world are few. We then had a journey of two days of barren sands and rocks while we passed through Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. In New Orleans I had the privilege of having a short visit with Brother S. B. Horton, the president of that field, who told us of the needs in that great city.

Our next stopping place was Washington, D. C. Here the brethren received us very friendly and a good comfortable place was provided for us. We were glad to find the work advanced as much as it is. We visited all of our institutions here and found a large force of men employed in finishing the neat sanitarium, which will be dedicated by the 1st of April, if possible. We stayed here two days, and after becoming acquainted with our work here and visiting some of the most interesting public buildings we went on to our journey's end. We were met by Elder O. E. Reinke, who took us to his home until we were able to find a proper location for ourselves. We are now located at 750 Cauldwell avenue, Bronx, New York City, but we find that everything connected with living is very high. Our little humble home costs us \$18 a month. Almost every step you take is connected with expense, and consequently we find that the New York Conference is in great need of means and laborers. New York has an immense population. I wish our brethren in the west could take a look into this great city and behold the millions that crowd the streets. Every block represents a small town, and in order that this multitude may be conveyed from place to place we have not only street cars and elevated railways, but also subways. These run for miles under the streets where nothing can hinder them. I am not as yet able to write much in regard to the work here; only this, that we have the same difficulty here to bring the people to the meetings as

we have in the west. There are so many other things that attract their attention that they find no time and interest for their eternal welfare.

We have two German churches and several English churches and several churches and companies of other nationalities. We are at present holding three public lectures every week in the German language. Of the result of these meetings we will report later.

Asking an interest in your prayers that the Lord may bless us here in our humble effort to work in his cause, we remain yours for the work,

CHAS. and ANNA KNOTT.

WESTERN WASHINGTON.

WESTERN WASHINGTON CAMP-MEETING.

Necessity for Attending.

The Lord is coming *soon*. This was never more true than now. "Our salvation is nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand."—Rom. 13:11, 12. "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. . . . For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry."—Heb. 10:35, 37.

When we first heard the truth and implicitly believed that the Lord was soon coming, we thought nothing of so great importance as that it should keep us from attending the annual gatherings of God's people. Now, with the end so very near, and the multiplied dangers on every hand, do we not, as never in the past, need these meetings where God is sought in earnest while home cares are laid aside, and where instruction and help can be obtained to better enable us to cope with the enemy of our souls in the year to come?

I can say nothing that can present with such force and clearness the importance of these annual meetings and our need of being present with our families as will the following from Volume VI of the Testimonies:

"It is important that the members of our churches should attend our camp-meetings. The enemies of truth are many; and because our numbers are few, we should present as strong a

front as possible. Individually you need the benefits of the meeting, and God calls upon you to number one in the ranks of truth. God calls upon you to take your place among the rank and file of his people. Strengthen the meeting all you possibly can by being present with your families. Put forth extra exertion to attend the gathering of God's people. Brethren and sisters, it would be far better for you to let your business suffer than to neglect the opportunity of hearing the message God has for you. Make no excuse that will keep you from gaining every spiritual advantage possible. You need every ray of light. You need to become qualified to give a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. You cannot afford to lose one such privilege."—Testimonies, Vol. VI, pages 38, 39.

Take these good words of counsel to heart, dear brethren and sisters, and may we not see you all at the camp-meeting this year, with your families? Interest your neighbors to come.

The conference sessions should be of the greatest interest to you. We need to come close together to plan for the work in its many lines, and to study its needs and how to carry it forward in the most successful way. Your presence and counsel is greatly needed in the meetings of the conference.

We regret to see sometimes members of a church nearer to another conference going there to camp-meeting rather than to the one in their own field, and thus withholding the help that their presence and counsel would be in the conference meetings. It may be more convenient and some less expense to do this, but a real interest in the conference work, of which you are a part, will lead our loyal people to be in their places for the service which God expects of them.

We will look for a large attendance of our people at the camp-meeting in Western Washington this year.

Order tents *now*, and do not fail to place your order soon, for it is absolutely necessary for the conference to know ahead how many tents will be required, so that if we have to take steps to get more than we have on hand now we can do so.

The tents will rent as follows: 10x12 (old), \$2.00; 12x14 (old), \$2.50;

12x14 (new), \$3.00. Order of C. E. Knight, 309 Second Ave., N. Seattle, Wash.

F. M. BURG,
Conference President.

TACOMA.

Work Among the Germans.

We arrived in this field for public work about sixteen months ago, first locating at Georgetown, a suburb of Seattle. For about eight months we worked with tracts, holding Bible readings and selling books, sowing the good seed beside all waters. As the result of our work some were deeply interested and acknowledged the truth of the Scriptures under consideration, but could not at that time see their way clear to accept it. One woman, however, said she could not do otherwise but keep the Sabbath day holy, as there was no other way. She desired so much to unite with a German church of our organization. Public meetings, which we endeavored to hold in the newly built tabernacle, were, as far as we could judge, an entire failure, as the people did not come out to them very well.

In August we accepted a call from Tacoma, where we worked from house to house, trying to create an interest for the message for this time. In the latter part of September we moved the tabernacle to this place and began public meetings four evenings a week. The Lord blessed us very much in our efforts and the people attended regularly, and at last we could see the promise of Isaiah 55:11 fulfilled. Elder H. J. Dirksen, from Portland, then came and labored with us for a few weeks, and March 16 it was our privilege to see nine precious souls follow their Master in baptism, and two sisters were taken into the church by vote on their profession of faith, they having been baptized previously. Elder Dirksen remained with us until March 19th, holding some very profitable meetings. But the enemy of truth was also at work and through his faithful ministers denounced our message from their pulpits, and in private, claiming our teachings to be devilish, but thanks be to God, the truth prevailed.

To show how the enemy was wroth

I would relate one incident. Just the night previous to Elder Dirksen's departure we were visiting with a family who are favorable to the truth, and upon our return we learned that seven window lights had been broken and one window frame, several large rocks having been thrown into the meeting room, fragments of glass covered the floor. But with renewed courage we repaired the damage done and the same evening held a meeting as had been announced. We are still holding meetings and there are new ones interested. We can only sow the seed, but we trust God will give the increase.

J. H. WIERTS AND WIFE.

KENT.

I feel like praising the Lord the way things have opened up for us to stand for principle. For several weeks Seattle, Tacoma and Kent have been engaged in a bitter fight trying to close the saloons.- The work was conducted in such a way that one was almost ashamed to enter into the struggle. But our circulating the petition against No. 16403, Wadsworth bill, Sunday closing for District of Columbia, prepared the people so that when the church people came with their petition quite a few of the citizens refused to sign it. This aroused a feeling of anger and threats of boycott were sent in anonymous letters. This made matters worse.

We quietly distributed reading matter where it would count—to the mayor and others—and the fight is on, not against us, however. At first we thought we would keep out of it, as we were soon to have a camp-meeting here, but I became impressed that if done in the right spirit it would do some good, so in the fear of the Lord, we have written an article for the town paper and the editor very kindly gave us space. Following is the greater part of the article as it appeared in the paper referred to:

Another View of Sunday Closing.

"Mr. Editor: As there has been much discussion in this town on Sunday closing I would be glad of the opportunity to stand for a principle involved. One of the most dangerous evils threatening our times is the

growing demand for religious legislation. We oppose Sunday laws because we do not believe in religious legislation. If Christians would pause to consider they would not ask for Sunday law. Granting that Sunday observance is right; they have no right to demand that their opinions shall be respected by the other man more than the other has the right to demand that they shall respect his opinion.

The Golden Rule demands that we give the other man the same right to choose as we ask for ourselves. Right here comes in the purpose of the civil law to be enforced all the time for the protection of life and property, and vigorous protest to do away with intemperance altogether seven days of the week would give no room for religious legislation. Believe me, this is but an entering wedge, as can be shown. In fifteen states since 1885 since the enforcement of such Sunday laws over 100 Seventh-day Adventists have been prosecuted for quiet work on the first day, resulting in fines and costs of \$2,296.69 and imprisoned 1,438 days and 445 days served on the chain gang, all this because they had kept the Sabbath according to the commandment. True religious reforms are accomplished not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts. Zech. 4:6. Any movement, however mild and Christian at first in appearance, which seeks to advance religion by religious legislation, will, when fully developed, manifest the same intolerance and oppression that prevailed in the past ages.

We have Christ's words, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." The greatest example of national ruin, the most complete destruction of the State that has ever been seen on this earth occurred when there were the most far reaching Sunday laws. That was in the western empire of Rome. So let us not put ourselves on record as placing the entering wedge. Let us by our own lives and service to humanity, render unto each both civil and God's law and no harm will be done. Our government is a civil and not a religious institution and has not the right to determine

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IS YOUR CHURCH IN THE LIST?

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

MT. VERNON,	WASHINGTON
OLYMPIA,	WASHINGTON
KENT,	WASHINGTON
GRANGER,	WASHINGTON
STANWOOD,	WASHINGTON
REISWIG,	BRITISH COLUMBIA

CAMP-MEETINGS.

Western Washington, at Kent, May 16-26.

Western Oregon, at Portland, May 23-June 2.

Upper Columbia, at Walla Walla, May 30-June 10.

Montana, June 13-23.

for any other whether they shall esteem one day above another."

Oh, how I see the Lord's hand in giving us the desire to go out with the petition last fall, so when this came up many were prepared to refuse to sign this last petition.

These have been busy weeks, and now we are so rejoiced that we are to have a camp-meeting here in Kent. Let us all earnestly seek the Lord to be with us as there may be some honest hearts here. Seventh-day Adventists are much mentioned these days.

LOUISA SHAFFER.

TACOMA AND SEATTLE.

Elder Burg invited me to come to Tacoma and help Brother Wierts. On arrival I found Brother Wierts of good courage and that he had done a good work. Quite a few people were deeply interested, but seemed unable to move forward. We began a series of meetings in the tabernacle, and the

Lord has blessed us very much, not only among the Germans but also the English.

March 16 I had the privilege of baptizing nine precious souls who are firm in the truth, and three were admitted to the church by vote on previous baptism. There are yet quite a number deeply interested. For certain reasons I was obliged to return to Portland, but if the Lord wills I shall return about the first part of April, to assist in binding off the work.

We are so glad that the German work has begun in Tacoma.

H. J. DIRKSEN.

WESTERN OREGON

TILAMOOK, ORE.

On Sabbath, March 16, I had the privilege of baptizing three of those who have taken their stand for the truth at Foley. These were a man, his wife and their daughter. They have lived in this place nearly all their lives and are now upholding the light of truth. One unites with us by vote, having been baptized. Four more await baptism and will be baptized as soon as they can. Three of these who are sisters, are being very strongly opposed by their parents. These are bright, intelligent young ladies, who have taken a firm stand for the truth and would have been baptized when the others were had it not been for their parents, who have now refused to allow two of the girls, being under age, to attend Sabbath-school and meeting any more.

Will not the prayer of faith ascend to God from you who read this that he will work upon the hearts of these parents and this restraint be taken from these young people so that they may return to the Sabbath-school and unite with God's commandment-keeping people? In unity there is strength. In Matt. 18:19 we read that "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." We are doing what we can, but God alone can change the heart, and to him we look in this time of need.

Another man and his wife are study-

ing the truth and we hope that they will decide with us soon.

C. L. BUTTERFIELD.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

NEWS ITEMS.

On the evening of March 21 Elder E. L. Stewart gave a musical at his home in honor of Brother J. Rottacker, who has had charge of the school farm the past year, but is now returning to his former home at Reiswig, B. C.

Brother C. Lofstad of Tacoma, Wash., while making a business trip to British Columbia spent a week visiting at the school farm. Other recent visitors are Sister Reason of Vernon, B. C.; Sister A. C. Hartnell and daughter of Matsqui, B. C.; Mr. and Mrs. McNaughton of Manitoba.

Brother J. M. Watson and Brother Sam Staley of the Meadow Glade school have come to Hammond to take charge of the new saw-mill on the school farm.

The Young People's Society of Hammond rendered a temperance program on the evening of March 31. A large number of outsiders were present, and we trust the words spoken and sung may leave a lasting impression on their minds.

Three workers from Walla Walla College will assist Elder W. C. Young in the Vernon district this summer. They will come as soon as school is out, about the first of June.

BIBLE WORK IN SPOKANE.

From Sister Posey.

I am of good courage in this work. Many people are investigating the truth. The calls have been many and now I am glad we have organized a class for the church members to gain knowledge and experience in this line. We meet every Wednesday at 9:30 A. M. We are using the Family Bible Teacher with interest and success.

"Freckles are not half as pretty as blushes, but they are never counterfeit."

NOTES OF TRAVEL.

By W. B. White.

Having been called by the general conference to attend the European councils in April and May, I left College Place, Wash., March 20th, for the long journey. Elder H. W. Decker accompanied me to Pasco, where we separated, he to enter the Western Washington Conference in the interest of the relief fund of Walla Walla College. I first stopped at Spokane, where I met Brother Adams and C. H. Castle. Here I did some necessary writing, and counseled with the secretaries with reference to the time of moving the office to Walla Walla, which will likely be done about the 20th of April. Two rooms have been rented in the last named place, which will make very convenient quarters for our work.

At Bozeman, Mont., I was joined by Brother C. H. Rittenhouse, an old friend, who, at his own expense, will make the trip with me. This was very gratifying indeed, as traveling seems so much shorter with a companion. We also met at the station Elder W. F. Martin, president of the conference, and for a few moments counseled with reference to the time of the annual Montana camp-meeting.

At Glendive we had the pleasure of meeting for a few moments at the station Sister Lillian Leiper (nee) Sartin and her husband. Sister Leiper was our stenographer in the Helena office when we were in the Montana conference and we were glad to meet her and her husband, who is a representative in the lower house of the Montana legislature. We reached Fargo Sabbath morning, where I had the pleasure of speaking to the church in that city in the afternoon, and meeting friends of other years. The church, in consequence of removals is rather small at present, but there is a spirit of earnestness present which speaks well for the future. In our annex of the church are the offices of the North Dakota Conference and tract society, and in charge are Sister Alice Robinson and husband. Some seventeen years ago when we were in the South Dakota Conference, Sister Robinson (nee) Beaumont was secretary of the tract society and conference, and

Brother Robinson was a canvasser in that field. We were very glad to again meet these old friends, and also others who embraced the truth in Fargo when we labored there twenty years ago. Fargo is a growing, thriving city and has changed much in recent years. Not an open saloon is in the city, nor possibly in all North Dakota, for when it came into the Union a few years ago it put state prohibition into its charter, so the vexed question of the open saloon does not trouble North Dakota. There it is a settled question. We could only wish that other states would follow its example and abolish the miserable saloon which is the breeding ground for so much evil.

At Minneapolis we had only time to run out to our Lake Street office where again we met for a few moments our old friends, C. M. Everest and family with whom we used to associate years ago when in the Minnesota Conference. How greatly God has blessed the work in Minnesota in the last 25 years; then there was only a very few believers in that field, but now a strong conference, with many laborers and much financial strength. Surely God is good to his people, to such as trust in his mercy.

Our next stop was in Battle Creek where we remained for nearly a week, and of our visit here we will speak in our next issue.

A MISSIONARY REPORT.

We have the following report of missionary work performed among the prisoners at the United States naval prison on Alcatraz Island, by Brother Brooke: Quite a large number of periodicals have been distributed, he says,—“I visited the U. S. naval training station, Yerba Buena (Goat Island), March 10, with Brother Peter, our ship missionary, and distributed about 200 papers; Brother Peter gave a 15 minute talk to the marines on Prophetic History. Following is the list of periodicals handed during the quarter ending March 31st, 1907, with the number of copies of each: Liberty, 11; Life Boat, 135; Life and Health, 77; Little Friend, 434; Instructor, 382; Review, 150; Signs of the Times, 157; Tracts, 99; Southern Watchman, 12; Good Health, 5; Bible Training School, 30; Save the Boys, 4; Miscellaneous, 57; Total, 1,553.”

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

THE EDUCATIONAL WORK IN WESTERN OREGON.

Nine schools have been in operation in this conference during the year. Three of these are doing work of the intermediate grade. Laurelwood Academy has an enrolment of something over one hundred. This is by far our largest and most important school. The faculty have done good work notwithstanding the disadvantages under which they have labored,—the school has been overcrowded. The kitchen and dining room are too small to accommodate the number of students in attendance, and this has seriously hindered in the discipline of the school. More room will have to be provided for next year. Prof. Airey has been re-elected principal for the coming year. The other teachers were invited to retain their places. Some are considering the matter; others, on account of failing health, will give up school work.

Good work is being done by the Royal school, near Cottage Grove, where Prof. L. G. Paap is principal and Frank Peterson assistant. The brethren at Royal have erected a neat and very creditable building, and are considering the advisability of a school home next year.

Gravel Ford Academy has had a prosperous year. This is more of a mission school than anything else, the attendance being divided about equally between our own people and those not of our faith. Almost every year some of these bright young people accept the truth. This year three have become deeply interested, and have expressed a willingness to walk in the light as it comes to them. Miss Nellie Clark will remain with the school another year, and Miss Neta Hermann will probably assist Miss Clark.

The Montavilla school, under the management of Miss Anna Whitley, is the largest of our church schools. It has done excellent work, and would have been more than full had the school board not limited the attendance.

Next to the Montavilla in size is the Monitor school. While the teacher, Miss Anna Barrett, had no previous

experience in church school work, she has shown ability in adapting herself to conditions peculiar to our schools, and especially peculiar to this particular school. While not all has been accomplished that could be desired, yet the teacher has labored faithfully and well, and I believe substantial progress has been made.

The Astoria school is taught by Miss Florence Barrett. Though small it is doing good work. Miss Barrett is a progressive teacher, and almost any school would prosper under her management.

The school at Blachly is taught by Brother and Sister C. C. Slayter. The Lord's good blessing is attending this school and it is certainly prospering. While I had not the privilege of visiting it while it was in session, yet all speak very highly of the work that is being done.

The school at Dallas was discontinued at the end of three months. A family school is now being taught there by Miss Esther Hoodenpyl.

The family school near Salem, taught by Miss Bertha Clark, was very successful. It continued for four months I believe.

While we have not so many schools as in past years, most of these have an element of permanency and strength in them that gives our people confidence that they will continue from year to year. We have a list of teachers of whom we are proud, and we hope that all of these will continue in our work and give our own schools the benefit of their ability and experience.

F. S. BUNCH.

CHEERFULNESS.

"The true source of cheerfulness is benevolence. The soul that perpetually overflows with kindness and sympathy will always be cheerful."

If we are cheerful, those around us will feel refreshed by our presence, and will themselves be more cheerful, for cheerfulness is catching. It is impossible for one to be cheerful without making others more cheerful and happy; and in making others happy, we ourselves are made more cheerful and happy.

A cheerful person can do more in the same time, do it better, and persevere in it longer, than a sad or sullen

person. A person who sings or whistles when at work will get on a great deal better than one who does not. Those who work willingly and cheerfully will find their work much easier and more agreeable, than one who does it just because he has to, or because it is his duty.

As every cloud has a silver lining, so every sorrow has a bright side, although we cannot always see it at first. If everyone would form the habit of looking on the bright side of every event, instead of the dark and gloomy side, there would be more cheerful, happy people, fewer sad and sullen ones, and less sickness, for cheerfulness is health.

Solomon says: "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine," and "A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance."

A cheerful person is like a sunny day, which sheds its brightness on all around. If we are cheerful, we can make a dark and cheerless day, bright and cheerful, by our smiles and pleasant ways.

Although Christ was a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief, yet we find by studying his life, that he must have always been cheerful, for he went around comforting the sad and sorrowful and healing the broken hearted ones. A sad person cannot comfort another, until they have first received comfort themselves.

One of the fruits of the spirit is joy, so if we bear these fruits, we must be cheerful and joyful.

" 'Tis better to smile in the sunshine
Than count every cloud in the sky;
'Tis better to gather the roses
Than pass them carelessly by.
'Tis better to travel life's pathway
With hearts that are helpful and glad,
Rejoicing to lighten the burdens
Of pilgrims, discouraged and sad."

FERN WILCOX.

CANVASSING WORK IN WESTERN WASHINGTON.

Since attending the bookmen's convention that was held at College Place, I spent the month of February visiting Seattle, Everett, Snohomish, Mt. Vernon, Forest Home Academy, and adjoining territory, in the interest of the canvassing work.

The Lord has spoken in regard to this work that it will be renewed. In harmony with this, I found a hearty

response among our people to take up the work anew. Psalms 110:3 says that "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power."

We believe that we are living in the time when God's power will be especially manifested in behalf of this

March 5th, with the assistance of Brother Oberg from Oregon, we opened the Canvassers' Institute at Meadow Glade. Elder Burg spent the first Sabbath with us, which was indeed a good day. The Lord came near, and our hearts were made tender by the preaching of the word. Twenty took the class, which lasted until the 10th. Quite a number expect to take up the work during the summer.

It is with pleasant memories that we look back to our stay at Meadow Glade, where the heart is always cheered with music and song.

At the present writing, I am assisting Brother Oberg at the Cottage Grove Institute, which is now in session.

C. L. DAVIS.

309 2d Ave. North, Seattle, Wash.

ENVIRONMENT.

Environment is a strong factor toward sealing our destiny for eternal gain or loss. There are but few persons of average intelligence who do not recognize this factor. Because of this the people are establishing aggressive church schools, academies, colleges, and sanitariums. The influence of these institutions is already being seen to a marked degree. These are sending out into the world hundreds of consecrated ministers, Bible workers, doctors, nurses and canvassers, who are rapidly carrying the last message of mercy to earth's remotest bounds.

In missionary enterprises, zeal and aggressiveness, our denomination is second to none, numerically compared. Notwithstanding this fact a recent testimony says: "Not one thousandth's part of what should be done is being done by those who understand the plan of salvation." I am sure we all want to rectify this mistake and make up the deficiency. In order to do this we must probe the trouble to the very core, and reason from cause to effect. From personal experience and observation, I am convinced that the inefficiency, on the part of our can-

vassers, is, caused largely by their environment.

We, as evangelistic canvassers, come far short of our privileges and God-given opportunities. We have been living in penury and poverty, when God desires us to buy of him, "Gold tried in the fire, that we may be rich, and white raiment that we may be clothed."

I fear that we have long been pondering over our troubles, when we should have been basking in the sunshine of God's smile.

Our mental, physical and temporal environments will cause either strength, vigor and eternal happiness, or sadness, retrogression, and final destruction. Which will you choose?

If there is any one class of workers that should be more happy than another, it is the canvassers, whose work will continue till the hours of probation close. The Lord himself is our paymaster and there could never be a better one. He says, "Go, work today in my vineyard, and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive."

During last year he rewarded canvassers in the P. P. territory with sales ranging from 20 cents to \$5.85 per hour. What more could we ask?

Too long! O, too long! have we existed in a little hut, in Grumbler's Alley where the atmosphere, poisoned with complaint, causes sadness of heart, financial depression and spiritual weakness, when we should have been enjoying the God-given blessings of success and living in a mansion on Sunshine Avenue, beautified with honest, hard labor. My earnest prayer is that our canvassers will move up on Sunshine Avenue or Success Boulevard, and that 1907 may mark a new era in our work. May we at its close have planted our feet on higher ground.

F. E. FAIRCHILD.

WESTERN WASHINGTON NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern, that the annual meeting of the members of the Western Washington Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Washington, will be held in the pavilion on the Seventh-day Adventist camp-ground, in the city of Kent,

county of King and State of Washington, on Friday, May 17, 1907, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The election of trustees for the ensuing year, and such other business as may be necessary or proper to be transacted, will come before the meeting.

F. M. BURG, President.

Attested:

W. W. SHARP, Secretary.

WESTERN WASHINGTON CAMP-MEETING NOTICE.

The sixth annual session of the Western Washington Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to meet on the camp-ground at Kent, Washington, at 9 o'clock A. M. Friday, May 17, 1907. The meeting is called for the purpose of electing the officers for the coming year and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Each church should elect its delegates, as provided for in the constitution, viz: one delegate for the organization and one for each ten of its membership. Send delegates' credentials to C. E. Knight, 309 Second Ave. N., Seattle, Wash., prior to the meeting.

F. M. BURG, President.

C. E. KNIGHT, Secretary.

\$150,000 FUND.

Previously reported.....	\$2,188.26
Received during March—	
Western Oregon.....	147.41
Western Washington.....	7.30
Montana	16.05
Upper Columbia.....	40.92
British Columbia.....	47.80
Total received to Mar. 31....	\$2,447.74

C. H. CASTLE, Treasurer.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Tithe Receipts for March, 1907.

Cumberland	\$ 65.15
Manson	24.45
Vernon	27.00
Armstrong	8.00
Silver Creek	18.35
Miscellaneous	6.00
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	\$148.95

Conference and Trust Funds.

Indian work.....	\$200.00
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Manson Industrial Academy....	150.00
Second tithe.....	17.54
S. S. Donations.....	1.30
Annual Offerings.....	1.00
International Pub. Assn.	4.90

\$374.74

BERTHA LOFSTAD, Treas.

WESTERN WASHINGTON.

Tithe for March, 1907.

Cedar Home.....	\$ 106.06
Colby	20.08
Everett	47.20
Green Lake.....	334.63
Kent	28.00
Pe Ell.....	76.42
Personal	42.81
Sara	2.78
Seattle	453.68
Shelton	33.15
Tacoma	118.65
Wilkeson	1.60

\$1,265.06

Conference and Trust Funds.

Second Tithe.....	\$ 4.23
Tent and C. M. Fund.....	34.00
Industrial Schools	32.00
Educational Fund.....	10.00
Conference Sinking Fund....	10.36
Annual Offering.....	7.00
Indian Mission.....	2.00
Colored Work.....	10.12
Colored Work, self denial....	.60
\$150,000 Fund.....	48.00
Joel C. Rogers.....	3.25
Levant Mission	2.20
Mission Board.....	10.52
Religious Liberty.....	13.85
S. S. Offering.....	17.81
Scandinavian School Fund (College View).....	19.25
Southern Field.....	2.50
Weekly Offering.....	21.61

\$ 249.30

C. E. KNIGHT, Treas.

A very interesting lecture on the life of Christ, illustrated by stereopticon views, was given in the Spokane church Sunday evening, April 7th, by Brother Tolton.

Are there not other churches ready to report that every family in the church has the Review? This week we add the names of two churches to our list.

NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE.

Receipts for March.

Tithe	\$ 578.25
Second tithe.....	391.35
Annual offerings.....	271.50
Colored work	27.29
East Caribbean school.....	10.00
Foreign missions.....	102.42
First-day offerings.....	97.29
Harvest Ingathering.....	1.50
India	4.00
Mountain Mission.....	11.50
Levant Mission.....	37.83
\$150,000 fund.....	259.48
Religious Liberty.....	140.16
Russia, famine.....	12.93
Sabbath-school offerings.....	171.56
Southern field.....	9.50
So. African Mission.....	.50
Pacific Press.....	5.00
Indian Bay mission.....	152.78
Ministry of Healing.....	53.25
Walla Walla College.....	25.00
Surplus	810.87
Gleaner	19.35

Total.....\$3,193.31
C. H. CASTLE, Treas.

THE WIDOW'S OFFERING.

How natural it is for men to seek to hold this world with one hand, and to reach after the next with the other. The gift of God was costly. He gave us his most precious, priceless possession, his only begotten Son; and yet how many consider that they have really given when they have an abundance left. This is not the Scripture principle of giving.

"And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury; and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called his disciples, and said unto them, Verily I say unto you that this poor widow hath cast more in than all they which have cast into the treasury." Why?—"For all they did cast in of their abundance, but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living."

This poor widow had but two mites. She gave both to the Lord. She did not give one and keep the other. What

a misapprehension of this touching Bible story do those have who give, we will say, one dollar, and call it the "widow's mite." Remember, brother, there was not one, but **two** mites. She gave both. If you have given but one, have you followed the example of the widow, which Jesus commended? Where is the other mite? Have you kept it for yourself?

How can one who could easily give one hundred times as much claim to have given as this poverty-stricken widow in Israel gave? Remember that God measures not the gift as men measure, but by what you have left, and what it has cost you to give; and the blessing is in proportion to the sacrifice.

The glorious Saviour calls his sons in the last day who have made a covenant with him by sacrifice. The widow's two mites given by every Seventh-day Adventist, would doubtless raise one hundred times as much as is now being given by our people in all the annual and special offerings combined. Before the Lord comes, we shall certainly give the widow's "**two mites.**" J. S. WASHBURN.

AN ENCOURAGING LETTER.

Two members of the Nashville church have been having wonderful success in selling our papers in the cities of the South. Under date of January 1, at Atlanta, Ga., they write:

"From the time we left Nashville the last of November, up to December 31, or eighteen days' work, we have sold three thousand papers, lacking forty, and have been in ten cities, so that traveling and locating have taken time also. Last Saturday eve, after the Sabbath, we sold the special Watchman in Montgomery, Ala., 97 in all. We sold at ten cents per copy to devote the proceeds to the \$150,000 fund.

"We expect to be in Atlanta till the 15th of January, as we have 1,500 copies ordered for this place. We sold 1,400 here last year in seven days. The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

With \$15.60 in tithe, these sisters enclose five dollars each for the \$150,000 fund. There are those who think that by engaging in some worldly business they will be able to give more to

the cause of God, but the more prosperity in the world a man has, the less he seems to be able to give.

Is not this the highest kind of business capacity, the bringing of the truth before a large number, the salvation of their souls, and through the proceeds gifts to the cause of God? Are there not many whose hearts prompt them now to go and do likewise, at least to do as far as God gives ability and opportunity? He will do great things, beyond all that we can ask or think, for those who step out upon his promises. J. S. WASHBURN.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Elder Schnepfer was a caller at the office last week.

The first of a series of articles from Elder W. B. White, descriptive of his trip to Europe, appears this week.

We have received at the office a letter from Elder C. E. Ford, now of Los Angeles, California. Elder Ford is now the pastor of the Los Angeles church with a membership of 600.

Reports from nearly all of the local conferences indicate that plans are being formulated for a very active missionary campaign during the coming season. Particularly so with respect to the book work.

-All remittances and, business pertaining to the office of the North Pacific Union Conference, as well as for the Gleaner, should be addressed as usual to Spokane until our Walla Walla office address appears in the Gleaner and date of transfer is published. This information will be given in due time.

"In conducting a review there should be enough variety in the points considered, and in the manner they are brought out, that no one will look upon the exercise as a tiresome repetition of an old story. It is possible to make old thoughts seem new by a new form of presentation. A blackboard outline will be very helpful. By this the memory is aided, and the grouping of the ideas tends to fix them more firmly in the mind."