



“Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe”

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He always wins who sides with God;
 To him no chance is lost.
 God's will is sweetest to him when
 It triumphs at his cost.

Ill that he blesses is our good,
 And unblest good is ill,
 And all is right that seems most wrong,
 If it be his sweet will.

—Faber.

NOTES OF TRAVEL

Leaving Rome, we were soon traversing the country that lies between this city and the Mediterranean Sea. As we passed through the country, we got an excellent glimpse of rural life. We saw here some very odd looking teams. We saw men working with cows, and women pulling carts with donkeys; and every crude implement was being used in their farming.

After about two hours' ride, we heard a shout in the other end of the compartment and saw a number of the members of our party gazing out of the window. Looking in that direction, we beheld for the first time the blue waters of the Mediterranean Sea. The sea was calm, the day was bright and warm, and it all made a very, very pretty picture.

About the first thing we saw of general interest was when we passed through the town of Pisa, which is about forty or fifty miles north of Rome, near the

Mediterranean. You have heard of the Leaning Tower of Pisa, and probably the readers of the Gleaner have often seen pictures of the same. We did not stop in Pisa, but we were told by the train men that we would have a fine view of the tower after we left the station on the right-hand side of the train. So after leaving the station we soon passed by it and had a very good view of the same. Our train passed within about two hundred rods of this great leaning tower, and we saw it very distinctly. It looks just about as the pictures that you see in your geographies, and is certainly leaning at a sharp angle. We did not learn what caused this tower to lean as it does, neither did we learn for what purpose it was built. It seems to be about eight stories high, made of stone, and has stood in this way for many hundreds of years. Perhaps sometime in the years that have gone by an earthquake might have disturbed the foundation and settled the tower in its present position. It is certainly a marvel how any building leaning as this does can stand. But it was very solidly constructed, and may stand for a good many years to come.

Toward evening of the same day that we left Rome, in passing along the shores of the Mediterranean, our train would dart through a tunnel, then out in the sunlight; we would catch a beautiful view of the sea, and while our eyes were feasting upon it our train would again dart into another tunnel and then out again; and this was repeated for about twenty-five or thirty miles. It became very tiresome, indeed, for we longed so much to have an unobstructed view of the Mediterranean.

About sundown we reached Genoa, which lies in the extreme northwestern part of Italy, on the Bay of Genoa. It was in this city that Christopher Columbus, who visited America in 1492, was born. We desired very much to stop in this place, which is one of the prettiest cities in Italy, and is also a great summer and winter resort. But we now felt that we were homeward bound, and we wanted to reach Liverpool in time to take our boat, which sailed the 13th of June. Genoa is built on a side hill that rises from the Mediterranean, and, we should judge, is a very pretty place, though we should think it would be one hard to travel in, on account of the steepness of the grades. We paused in this place about half an hour, and then were off for France.

The next place of interest that we reached was Turin. We did not stop in this city, but would have been glad to, for here Brother Faunt, the ex-catholic priest who has recently accepted present truth, is working for his people. We offered a prayer for him as we passed through the city, that he might be successful in winning many souls to Christ. It is near Turin that so many of God's people suffered martyrdom during the dark ages, in the mountain fastnesses of the Alps. We are glad, indeed, that God has sent his light once more into these dark regions that are dominated by the papal church.

The next morning about ten o'clock we reached Paris, and were soon comfortably quartered in a hotel. Here we remained over the Sabbath. We met with the little company that assembles here, and viewed a few of the points of interest in the city. The first day after

we arrived in Paris, the writer had somewhat of an accident, which laid me up in the hotel for a couple of days. Crossing the street one night, I was struck by a bicycle on the leg, which for two or three days made it impossible for us to do much traveling. While in Paris, we visited the arch of triumph which was erected by the French to commemorate their great wars under Napoleon. This seems to be about the center of Paris, and from it the streets radiate like spokes in a wheel. From the top of this arch of triumph one secures a splendid view of the city, which is one of the most beautiful cities that we ever saw. From this place, we visited the tomb of Napoleon Bonaparte. This is a large structure, and in the center, heavily guarded, rest the remains of this great general. His coffin is in a mammoth sarcophagus of beautiful porphyry, and all around the building are the old battle flags of France and the captured flags of other nations. Here rest the remains of the man who one time shook the world, but to-day his head lies as low as that of any poor man in the nation. This tomb is swarmed with visitors the year around, and every one who comes to Paris expects to visit the tomb of Napoleon.

Leaving the tomb, we crossed over the beautiful bridge of Alexander III, and visited for a time the Gardens of the Tuilleries. We think, without exception, that these are the finest gardens that our eyes ever rested upon, and it was here years ago that the kings and emperors of France basked in wealth and luxury. We also visited the Louvre, which is one of the greatest museums on earth. We can not stop to describe in detail what we saw at this time; space will not permit. But probably the most interesting thing that we saw in Paris was the little company of Seventh-day Adventists that gathered that Sabbath day in their little chapel to uphold the banner of present truth. Elder Angsbourger has charge of the work in this city, and the Lord has blessed his labors in bringing quite a large number to present truth. The church at Paris was well filled the day we were there, and we had the privilege of speaking to this people through an interpreter. They seemed to appreciate the word spoken, and we hope and trust that in this great city many souls may be gathered out for the present truth.

We also visited the celebrated Church

of Notre Dame, where so many stirring scenes were enacted during the French Revolution in 1798. Paris is an historical city, but it is more modern than Rome, and did not possess all the interesting parts that we found in other cities. We remained in Paris about five days, and then took the train for Calais, which is situated on the English Channel; and connecting with the steamer, we were soon in London.

We paused in London a few days; then making our way to Liverpool, our good ship, the "Celtic," that brought us over to the old world was waiting for us, and we were soon quartered in comfortable rooms, awaiting the passage homeward. Exactly at noon, June 13, the whistle blew, and our boat swung away from the wharf, and we were soon on our way homeward. We had a very beautiful passage back from England. Many days the sea was like glass. But this is not as interesting on the sea as when the waves are rolling moderately. We had a beautiful passage, and as there were quite a number of workers on board returning home, we had a very profitable time, indeed.

We reached New York after a nine days' trip, and going up to the tract society office, we learned that there was an important message for us from Battle Creek. This message, however, was delivered to Elder E. W. Farnsworth, who was then attending the Jersey camp-meeting at Elizabeth. As this city was only a few miles out of New York, we immediately proceeded to that place, where I learned that my brother-in-law, Brother Gerould, whom I had left in good health at Battle Creek when I went to Europe, had been buried about the hour that we reached New York harbor. The telegram was from my sister, urging me to come to Battle Creek as soon as possible. Having important business in Washington, D. C., with the General Conference Committee, we went west that way. At Washington we spent one day, and were guests at the beautiful sanitarium that has been built in that city. I think I never have seen a building which to my mind has been built on more reasonable lines than the Washington Sanitarium. It is neat and plain, but solid and substantial. We are glad that such a monument for the truth can be built at the heart of our nation. We enjoyed our stay in Washington very much. After visiting Battle Creek and spending a

few days with the bereaved ones there, we came on to the Pacific Coast, reaching home the morning of the Fourth of July.

During this trip we had good health and much of the blessing of God. We feel that we have a broader idea of the work in other lands than we ever had before, and from an educational standpoint the trip has been one of real value. We do not think that we shall ever care to take it again; but we are glad for the progress the work is making in the old world, and have enjoyed very much meeting with our dear brethren who are working under many unfavorable conditions in that field. We hope the prayers of the church will ascend daily that the work may prosper and go forward in all the nations of the earth.

We have written these articles many times without books of reference and simply from memory, so we do not suppose they are all that they should be, but from them the reader will obtain some idea of different places of Europe and the progress the work is making in that field.

W. B. White.

THE 1908 COLLECTION FOR THE GENERAL RELIGIOUS LIB- ERTY DEPARTMENT

The annual Religious Liberty collection for the General Religious Liberty Department will be taken Sabbath, Feb. 1, 1908, in all of our churches. There will be a special religious liberty program that will be carried out that day in our churches in the United States. This program will be published in the Review of Jan. 16, 1908.

It will be remembered that this collection is the only resource of the general department, hence it is important that the offering shall be a liberal one. The rapidly increasing efforts of those who are seeking for Sunday legislation should arouse the most indifferent to take hold of this work as they never have before.

We are far behind already in our work of enlightening the people. Already three Sunday bills have been introduced into the present session of Congress. A special campaign has been started here in Washington by the Protestant ministers and the Roman Catholic clergy to secure a Sunday law for the District of Columbia.

We are planning a most vigorous counter-campaign to the one referred to above for the purpose of placing literature concerning the third angel's message in the homes of the citizens of Washington, D. C.

You are without doubt aware of the almost universal demand for the enforcement of Sunday laws that is now prevailing all over the country. We certainly need your earnest prayers and free-will offerings, in order to make the work effective. Please begin to plan for this offering at once.

K. C. Russell,
Chairman Religious Liberty Bureau.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER IN THE NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

For the benefit of the readers of the Gleaner, we will make extracts from letters recently received how the week of prayer was observed at different places throughout the Union. We are sure these will be of interest to all who read them. The first is from Father Stover, one of our early pioneer ministers, who now resides at Ridgefield, Washington. He says:

"Our week of prayer passed off with quite a good attendance most of the time. The rain hindered, however, to some extent. The Lord drew very near to all who earnestly sought Him. The donations were \$10. Our Sabbath-school donations were over \$6.00 last quarter. I am circulating eight copies of Signs each week. I am now in my 73d year, my 48th year in this glorious message. It is like the new Jerusalem, or the new covenant; it never gets old; it is always new, the longer the brighter. I am now reading Patriarchs and Prophets through again. It is so encouraging; it never gets old to me. I praise the Lord for this book and for all his mercies. Yours in the blessed hope."

A. J. Stover.

The next letter is from Brother R. T. Cornell of Colby, Washington, a church across the sound from Seattle.

"The week of prayer marked the beginning of a better experience in our church, especially with the children, as with fasting and prayer we turned to the Lord. The children seemed to grasp the true idea for which life was given

as they resumed their school studies to prepare themselves for the Master's service." R. T. Cornell.

Elder C. J. Cole and wife write as follows:

"On account of sickness it was not the writer's privilege to be with the Roseburg church during the week of prayer, but was there a week later at the quarterly meeting. Judging from the good spirit manifested, the Roseburg church seems to be in a good healthy condition. Over \$1,000 has been paid the past year in tithes and offerings. We are greatly disappointed to know that we must leave this needy and encouraging field. The conference committee has been calling on us for some time to assist in the work in Portland. It is hard for us to leave this dear people. This will make twenty-seven moves for us in eight years. Our work in Youcalla is at a standstill on account of typhoid fever. Pray for the work in this part of the field."

C. J. Cole and wife.

Elder W. H. Saxby writes as follows:

"I spent four days at Caldwell during the last of the week of prayer. Had excellent meetings. I spent the balance of the week at Eagle. We had excellent meetings here also. Pray for us in this part of the field."

Brother A. V. Oliver writes from Wenatchee, Washington, where he is now laboring, as follows:

"The week of prayer was indeed a time of blessing and encouragement to our little company here at Wenatchee. Meetings were held daily at 10:30 a. m. in our little church which we hope to have ready for dedication by Feb. 15. The weather was very cold most of the time and some of the brethren live far out in the country; yet we are glad to report that nearly all were present at every meeting. On Sabbath, Dec. 21, the quarterly meeting services were held, about twenty members and a few visitors being present. All were especially impressed with the appeals for help in the Sabbath reading and responded with a liberal offering. One soul was added to the church, and all enjoyed a refreshing from the Lord. Pray for us, dear brethren and sisters,

that we may prove faithful and receive souls for our labor."

A. V. Oliver.

The following has been received from Elder E. W. Catlin:

"I spent the first few days of the week of prayer with the church at Malaga. The Lord came especially near at the very beginning. There was a very tender spirit manifested throughout the service. I then visited the Wenatchee church. The brethren seemed anxious to draw near to the Lord and receive of his blessing during this prayer season. One outside party arose, asking for help to serve the Lord and live a Christian life. From here I went to Cle Elum and spent one day. The two believers at this place seemed of good courage and were enjoying the week of prayer. The last Sabbath I spent with the Granger company. This was truly a revival service to all. One person promised to keep the Sabbath and follow the Lord. Personally I greatly enjoyed this week of prayer, and received much overcoming grace from our God."

E. W. Catlin.

The following has been received from Elder H. W. Babcock, an aged minister of this faith, formerly of the Minnesota Conference, but who now resides at Cottage Grove, Oregon.

"I submit the following report. The week of prayer meetings commenced at the time appointed. The attendance was good throughout. The services were usually begun with a short season of prayer; stirring hymns were sung as occasion required. Sister E. J. Wheeler carefully attended to the children's exercises. The readings were well read, and listened to on the part of the people with deep interest. The children's exercises added much to the interest of each service. The word of the Lord was appreciated as furnishing meat in due season. It seemed wonderfully good to have the children take part in all the meetings. The students attended very regularly and took part in the services which were mostly closed with a testimonial meeting. These were seasons of much spiritual refreshing. The testimonies of the young, middle aged, and aged were all mingled together in the same service, and constituted a scene that angels undoubt-

edly looked upon with interest. Many observed the day of fasting. The children and youth have nearly all made a start in the service of the Lord. Our offering amounted to \$48."

H. W. Babcock.

Elder R. D. Benham of the Western Oregon Conference, speaks of his experiences as follows:

"During the week of prayer I was privileged to meet with the Dallas church the first three days. This company is greatly reduced in numbers, so there were only a few who could attend the meetings, but those who did come seemed strengthened and expressed themselves as determined to brighten up their armor and renew the battle for a home with the saved. There seemed to be some interest with a few from the outside. It did our hearts good to hear the good elder express himself as realizing that his business affairs had somewhat interfered with his spiritual interests and dimmed what might have been a brighter experience, but now he had determined to lay that all aside and spend the remainder of his life in working for the Lord. I hope this church has brighter days before it. The remainder of the week I spent with the Hillsboro church. The larger part of this company meet near Forest Grove. Here I spent two days. Earnestness seemed to be in the prayers and testimonies and a desire to arouse to the importance of the hour.

One day I spent at Cornelius. It was storming hard and some there were hardly able to attend. The last day I spent with that part of the church which lives in Hillsboro. Here, too, the good Spirit of the Lord came in to cheer and encourage. Owing to the fact that I had to visit so many places, I do not think as much good resulted from the work as there might have been if we could have concentrated our efforts more in one place. Soon after the week of prayer, I answered a call to go over into the Nehalem Valley to preach a funeral sermon of a man who met his end by an accident, and died quite suddenly. The last end of the journey was on horseback twelve miles over the mountains, through the primeval forest of big trees of Oregon; but being accustomed to much of this kind of work for the last twenty-two years it is not very new. Those who have passed

through similar experiences know what it is to clamber over these mountain roads and paths and look down their precipitous sides into the deep valleys and gulches beneath. It rained and snowed most of the time while over there, but on Sunday I had the privilege to speak to a goodly number who had gathered in a school-house upon the subject of the 'Sleep of the dead and the glorious resurrection.' This is a strong evangelical settlement and many had never heard the Bible testimony on these points before. I believe good seed was sown in good ground.

On my return I met a man on the car whose parents were Seventh-day Adventists, and I succeeding in arousing his interest in these truths so much that he said he desired to investigate them and wanted me to aid him. I gave him a bundle of papers and tracts, and promised to correspond with him. I pray that he may be converted and brought into the truth."

Prof. Kenneth R. Haughey writes as follows with reference to the week of prayer at Mt. Ellis Academy, Bozeman, Montana:

"The week of prayer at Mount Ellis Academy was certainly a time of spiritual refreshing and upbuilding. For some weeks prior to this time there was a very noticeable growth along spiritual lines and we drew near to the special season of prayer fully expecting great blessings from the Lord, but he did for us much more than we had hoped. The meetings were all marked by the deep movings of the Spirit of God and our hearts were made glad by seeing the reconsecration on the part of all who had previously started in God's service, and seeing still others make their first and complete surrender to the Lord. The blessings of the week of prayer have given a preparation for better work for God, and new energy to take up the school work for the balance of the year.

Brother T. J. Linrud, a Scandinavian laborer of the Western Washington Conference, writes of the week of prayer as follows:

"We had a very good time here in the Ferndale Scandinavian church during the week of prayer. Every one took much interest in the meetings. Many

good promises were made by old and young to be more faithful in working for the Lord. Elder Lewis Johnson was with us for two days, which was a great help to us. Our offering was \$37.56. I have been giving Bible readings in a school house near Custer this last week, and we are having a very good interest, and it seems as though the Spirit of the Lord is working on the minds of the people. Pray for us here in Ferndale."

The following report has been received from Prof. M. E. Cady, president of Walla Walla College, which describes the week of prayer and its results in the school.

The week of prayer at Walla Walla College is now in the past, but it will not soon be forgotten because of the very manifest presence of the Lord in the school at different times. Last year's week of prayer was a great blessing to the school and seemed the best we had ever enjoyed, but the season we have just spent has been even richer with the blessings of God than that of last year.

The readings were given in the evening, the church and the school uniting in the evening services. Usually the reading was followed by an earnest prayer and testimony meeting, which showed a willing response to the instruction contained in the readings. At the chapel hour, nine thirty o'clock, the students assembled in small companies in the various recitation rooms, or all assembled in the chapel where general instruction was given as the spirit of the Lord indicated. These special seasons were a great blessing to the students.

On two occasions when all the students were assembled in the chapel the spirit of the Lord came in in a marked manner and nearly every heart yielded to God. The presence and power of the Lord was so manifest that it was plain that all of our regular work should be laid aside and that the Great Teacher had lessons of instruction for us which would be more profitable than the carrying on of the regular class work. A deep interest was manifest in the meetings from the very beginning. On the last Sabbath of the week of prayer twenty-five went forward in baptism. Most of these were students who are attending school. There are a number of others who expect to go forward in baptism at the first opportunity.

The conviction seemed almost universal among the teachers and students as well as the members of the College Place church, that the time had come for the people of the Lord to have a deeper experience in the things of God, and to walk upon a higher plane of Christian activity than ever before. This season of prayer has brought great blessings to the church and school, which it is confidently believed will result in a larger number of our youth giving themselves fully to the Lord for whatever service he desires of them. I have never seen a deeper spirit of consecration and earnestness manifest on the part of the students, and their highest aim seems to be to prepare themselves quickly for efficient service in the closing message.

Elder J. N. Loughborough was with us one week, beginning the latter half of the week of prayer, and spoke each evening during the week to the church and school. This is a new undertaking for Brother Loughborough as he has felt in his declining years that it was not best for him to speak to the people in the evening; but this time seemed most favorable for the church and school, so he readily consented to the plan. The Lord greatly blessed and sustained his aged servant, and the instruction was very much appreciated by all. The instruction given by Brother Loughborough seemed to blend with the spirit of consecration that came in during the week of prayer and resulted in settling and establishing the hearts of the youth more firmly in the faith than ever before. Despite the rainy weather and muddy roads the chapel was filled every evening, including Christmas eve.

Six years ago Elder Loughborough gave a similar course of instruction, and it is earnestly hoped that he may be able to visit the school again. Thursday night he took the train for Seattle where he will speak to the brethren and sisters on Sabbath, and then return to his home at Mountain View, California.

Elders W. B. White and A. J. Breed were with us during the week of prayer and gave much valuable instruction. A new feature was the holding of cottage meetings during the week of prayer in the homes of our people here in the village. College Place was divided into eight districts with a leader and an assistant leader over each district. Several of the older students gained a blessed experience as they assisted in these meetings. These meetings were

all well attended and the Lord blessed greatly in these small meetings. In these meetings there was an opportunity for more personal work than could have been carried forward in the large meetings. It was felt by all that the holding of these small division meetings was a great blessing to the College Place church.

While the week of prayer is now in the past, we believe that its blessings have enabled the brethren and sisters in the church and the teachers and students in the school to take a firmer stand for truth and place themselves on vantage ground where they can be of greater service in their work for the Master.

May the year that now intervenes between this week of prayer just past and the one that is next to come, be one filled with earnest efforts to advance the work of the Lord in the earth, and prepare a people for his coming. To this end let us work and pray.

(To be continued.)

NEARLY FINISHED

There has been paid in in actual cash on the \$150,000 Fund in the Southern Union Conference up to the present date, Dec. 31, the sum of \$6122.81. The General Conference requested that the sum of \$6000 be raised by the Southern Union Conference as their reasonable part of the \$150,000 Fund. We feel very thankful to God and very grateful to our brethren that we have been able to pass that mark. There are, however, a large number of pledges that have been made in the South on this fund that have not been paid. We shall certainly not stop to sing the song of jubilee at the present time but shall continue right along helping raise the balance of the \$150,000 Fund and then join in the grateful chorus when the whole amount is raised and there is added to it a large overflow. We are certain there is a large amount of money on the road, but it goes so slowly through the "regular channels" that we should all work until it is all in, in each union conference, at least the amount suggested by the General Conference. In the language of the sailor let us "call all hands up on deck" and with earnest, sharp, united effort, close up the fund immediately.

The recent financial crisis demonstrates that the earthly institutions are not a safe place to deposit our funds. This truth, this cause, will survive when the world goes down in wreck and ruin

This is the only place of safety for our lives and our money.

We have hoped to see the whole amount actually on the list by Jan. 1, 1908, but if it is not there before that time we feel certain that it will be but a few days until the many streams that are flowing toward the center of the General Conference Treasury will have filled the \$150,000 Fund to the brim and then to overflowing. J. S. Washburn.

WHEN GOD MOVES

Our success in the work of the third angel's message depends on co-operating with God and moving when he moves. Anciently when Israel heard the "sound of the going in the tops of the mulberry trees," then they were to bestir themselves, for the Lord had gone out before them. Very much depended on their moving when God moved, and their success was in walking along in his opening providences. The successful men, those who are the most beneficial in the cause of present truth to-day, are those who have discernment to recognize when a crisis comes, when God's providences are leading on before them, and who at that time have wisdom to move out when God is working and strike effective blows at the opportune time. Such men will generally be successful, and their efforts will be blessed of God.

In the days of Queen Esther a crisis had come in Israel, and God stood ready to checkmate the enemy and turn victory on the side of his people; but he could not do this without his people moving with him. Mordecai discerned the situation, saw how necessary it was to move with God, and sent word to Esther, the queen, who had it in her power to assist, that if she held her peace at such a time as this, then deliverance would come from some other quarter, but she and her house would be destroyed. Esther did not hesitate, but, moving into the opening providences of God, found not only deliverance for herself, but for the whole Jewish nation.

A striking illustration of this principle was seen in our work in Russia the last few years. For years our work there struggled against opposition and oppressive laws. Police interfered with our religious rights, broke up our meetings, and carried our people to prison and exile. But finally God's time came. It was at the time of the war between

Russia and Japan. The throne of the czar was trembling, riot and insurrection were on every hand, and murder and pillage were everywhere. At this critical time our people were moved to send a statement to the throne defining our position and disclaiming any sympathy with the disorderly elements in the nation and assuring the czar of their support in all that was right. Brethren, God was working, and our brethren struck just at the right time, for soon there came from the throne a decree that our people should be recognized in the empire and their rights respected; and to-day we have religious freedom in Russia, simply because our people moved when God moved, and discerned his opening providence.

Now, brethren and sisters, God is moving to-day in our plans to lift the heavy cloud of debt from our central training-school, Walla Walla College. It is a reproach to our people of the Northwest that it has ever been permitted to remain so long upon our school. A year and a half ago God moved the hearts of the Union Conference Committee and of many other of our leading men to devise a plan to roll back this reproach, and all who have had anything to do with carrying this plan forth

was willing to co-operate with us. He has assisted us in many ways, and he shall have the glory for what has been done. But now as God is moving and leading out, what should our people do? Clearly enough we should mightily bestir ourselves and heartily co-operate with him in this movement, which means so much to the success of our work. It certainly would be a great mistake to falter now, either in the line of subscribing to the fund or in paying our subscriptions. Surely we should come to the help of the Lord now, even if we have to make a loan for a short time. More than one-half is already in the treasury to pay off the notes due against the college; and, brethren and sisters, shall we not rush this matter forward to a swift completion? If each one who has subscribed to the College Relief Fund will now carefully plan how he can soon meet his subscription, we shall very soon sing the song of jubilee of freedom over this debt. Will you do it, brother?

Send all money to C. H. Castle, our Union Conference treasurer, Walla

Walla, Wash., Box 429, and he will send you a receipt.

Now as God is moving in this thing, let us move too, and success will surely result.

W. B. White.

THE MORNING WATCH CALENDAR

All of our young people in the Western Washington Conference who wish to make this year the best one in their Christian experience should order at once a "Morning Watch" Calendar. The one who will follow the plan outlined in this little calendar with faith and diligence will find his hope and courage renewed and his doubts and discouragements vanishing like the mist before the sun. To set apart a time each day to meet our Lord, as definitely as we would any other friend, being faithful to meet our appointment, will insure a blessed acquaintance with him whom we hope soon to meet, and will cause the desires for the transient things of this world to drop off as naturally as the leaves from the trees in autumn.

This calendar can be had for six cents,

Second Avenue North, Seattle. Following are the first two pages of the calendar, which will give some idea as to the plan to be followed:

THE MORNING WATCH, 1908

"Prayer makes the darkest clouds withdraw;

Prayer climbs the ladder Jacob saw,
Gives exercise to faith and love,
Brings every blessing from above."

The Morning Watch is the devotion of the first half hour of each day to personal Bible study and prayer. The great blessing of spiritual power coming to the soul as the result of this can hardly be overestimated. Can you visit with God for thirty minutes a day? Can you afford not to? Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life;" and prayer "is the key in the hands of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse, where are treasured the boundless resources of omnipotence."

To succeed in our Christian life we must plan for it, and "take time to be holy."

"Without doubt our failure to prevail with man and against evil in the world during the day is too often due to our more fundamental failure to prevail with God at the beginning of the day." We must form fixed habits of Bible study and prayer. Make and keep this half hour covenant with God. Devote to him the best hour of all the day, when the mind is in its most receptive mood. Commune with God before going forth to meet the world and its temptations. Consider the text prayerfully. Let it be your guide and strength during the day.

Our Missionary Volunteers are to lead others to Christ. This calendar is based on "Steps to Christ," that we may learn and experience the precious lessons of that book. Read it, and, if possible, the choice selections from the spirit of prophecy given as "Supplementary Reading."

Missionary Volunteer Department of the General Conference of S. D. A., Takoma Park, Washington, D. C.

JANUARY

GOD'S LOVE AND THE SINNER'S NEED

Read Steps to Christ, chapters "God's Love for Man," and "The Sinner's Need of Christ."

"The water of life shall flow forever flowing
A never ebbing sea."

FULNESS OF GOD'S LOVE

We. 1. John 3:16	SUPPLEMENTARY READING
Th. 2. Exodus 34:5-7	
Fr. 3. Psalms 86:5	Education
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CONSTANCY OF HIS LOVE

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TENDERNESS OF HIS LOVE

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OUR HELPER

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SUBJECTS FOR SPECIAL PRAYER: Those for whose salvation you have a special burden. The Young People of your church. Those who are persecuted for conscience' sake. The Southern Field.

UPPER COLUMBIA

VIOLA, IDAHO

I met with the church at Moscow Sabbath and Sunday during the first part of the week of prayer. We had a good attendance on Sabbath day and a good devotional meeting. On Sunday there were but few in attendance. The bad roads may have had something to do with it. Brethren, can we afford to let any excuse keep us from the place of meeting when it is possible for us to attend, when we are so near the end, when such intensity is taking hold of all the powers of darkness, and we are assured the Lord will by his Spirit sustain our efforts in counteracting this influence? If we are strong and do not feel that we need the meeting for our own benefit, can we not attend for the benefit of those who may not be as strong as we?

The rest of the week of prayer I spent with the church at Viola. On account of rain and bad roads, those living at a distance did not attend. I visited these as far as I could and held the reading with them, trying to strengthen and encourage them what I could. Last Sabbath we held quarterly meeting with them. Most of the brethren being present, we had an excellent meeting. One family was present who have not been keeping the Sabbath for several years. We hope these will see their way clear to join the company here and help to push forward the work of the Lord in this place and in other fields also. The brethren here are of good courage, and it has been a joy to me to meet with them. Their church-school is progressing finely; although it is small this winter, it is a beginning and a move in the right direction, and before another winter they will plan for a

larger school. They are deeply interested in the missionary work, foreign as well as home work; and considering their circumstances at present, their donation was a liberal one.

I expect to meet with the Moscow church next Sabbath in quarterly meeting.

Yours in the good work,
 L. H. Ells.

SPOKANE

Elder L. A. Gibson sends in this good report of the work in Spokane, Wash. "It has been over three months since I began work in this city. These have been busy days. There is no end to the work that can be done in this city of about 100,000. Much of my time has been given so far in working up missionary interests in the church. There is at present a real live missionary spirit, and a great deal of missionary work is being done. During the last two months about 1,000 papers were sold every week. This work still goes on with success.

"Recently six were baptized and united with the church. This is a fruitful field, and it responds to labor bestowed. There is love and harmony prevailing in the church, and as a consequence in all of our meetings the Holy Spirit is present in power. The deep movings of the Spirit were especially seen during the week of prayer. Many were led to make a more complete surrender of themselves than ever before. Victories were gained over besetting sins. Two or three gave themselves to God for the first time. As a whole the week of prayer was a means of great blessing to the church in Spokane."

WESTERN WASHINGTON

It rains some over here, but the work goes forward. Everybody seems to enjoy the "showers of blessing," and a cheerful, buoyant spirit is met at every turn.

The Scandinavian brethren of the conference have planned for a general meeting Jan. 16-19. It will be held at the Cedar Home church near Stanwood. The writer will attend this meeting. We hope to see a goodly number of our peo-

ple of these tongues at this special gathering.

The work in the church-schools is being greatly blessed. Nineteen schools of this class are in operation in the conference, and courage and hope are expressed by all the teachers. May the Lord make these dear teachers missionaries indeed in the churches where they are working.

It was voted to ask Brother J. B. Goffar of Adna, Wash., to connect with Brother Green in the office work; he to give part of his time in the office and a part of it to missionary work in the city. The work in the office is heavy for one man, and the committee felt that some help should be given Brother Green. Brother Goffar has come and is at work.

A Scandinavian church was organized recently in Tacoma with a membership of twenty-eight. More are to join this church soon.

A Scandinavian church was also organized in Ballard a few weeks ago with nearly the same membership. Thus the Lord is planting centers of light in every place and among every people.

The writer has arranged to hold a series of meetings at the Mount Vernon Intermediate school beginning Tuesday, Jan. 7, for the benefit of the students. It is hoped that much good will be accomplished. A similar meeting was held at the Meadowglade school by the writer in company with Elder J. A. Holbrook. The Lord blessed in the work and eighteen persons were baptized. God is blessing the work in these schools.

Two new type-writers (Fox machines) have been purchased for the office, and also a new safe. The safe, safer and larger than the old one, was an unavoidable necessity, else the books that could not be kept inside for lack of room would be exposed to the danger of being destroyed should a fire break out in the office building. And the type-writers, considering the condition of the old machine and the volume of our work, were scarcely less needed.

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Entered as second class matter, at the post office at Walla Walla, Washington, May 22, 1907, under act of Congress March 3, 1879.

The conference committee met at the office on Sunday, Dec. 29, all members being present. The time and place for holding the next annual camp-meeting and conference was considered and it was voted to make Seattle first choice and Tacoma second, providing that a suitable ground can be secured in either of these cities. First and second choice as to dates for the meetings were made, providing that the time chosen will harmonize with the Union Conference plans.

Brother L. I. Stiles is planning to give a large part of his time for a few months to visiting churches and the members to interest them in the plan which the conference adopted at the Kent camp-meeting for the support of church-school teachers. Shall the plan be carried out? Or shall it be abandoned? The people who compose our churches will have to settle this question. Its success depends on everybody falling into line, else it can only fail. Who is willing to take the responsibility of making a plan that has so much involved in it as this has a failure?

Elder Loughborough's visit to the North Seattle church brought renewed courage to all who heard him. The church was crowded at both services,—forenoon and afternoon, people having come from several outside churches,—from Green Lake, Tacoma, Kent, Bellingham, Snohomish, Port Townsend, Aberdeen, Centralia, Mount Vernon and Ballard.

God's faithful people know the voice of the true Shepherd, and they are ready to follow. The servant of the Lord left with the prayers of many in Western Washington following him.

F. M. Burg.

NEWS AND NOTES

A. G. Adams has recently been auditing the books of the British Columbia Conference.

An invitation has been extended to Elder R. A. Underwood to attend the coming session of our Union Conference, at College Place.

Prof. M. E. Cady left Walla Walla the 10th for a visit to the Mt. Ellis Academy in Montana. He is visiting all the schools before the Union Conference.

Elder A. J. Breed, vice-president of the Union Conference, will attend the annual Conference in British Columbia, to be held in Hammond, B. C., January 17-21.

The Union Conference has invited Elder H. Schultz of California to spend a month or so in the North Pacific Union Conference this winter in labor among the Germans.

A letter just received from Sister E. G. White states that it will not be best for her to attend our coming Union Conference, but expresses the hope that we may have a meeting graced by the good Spirit of God.

NOTICE

The first biennial session of the North Pacific Union Conference Association of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene in the chapel of Walla Walla College, College Place, Wash., at 4 o'clock, p.m., Monday, Feb. 3, 1908, for the election of officers and transaction of such other business pertaining to the interests and work of the association as may properly come before the meeting.

The association named above is a legal corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Oregon; the articles and by-laws providing that the regular sessions of the organization be held in connection with the biennial sessions of the North Pacific Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the regular delegates to said Conference being the constituents and authorized voters in the above-named legal association.

W. B. White,
President.

F. M. Burg,
Secretary.

OUR PORTION OF THE \$150,000 FUND IS RAISED

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father that our quota is all in and nearly \$200 over. Our brethren have "come up to the help of the Lord" in this splendid sacrifice and done nobly in this mission enterprise. The blessings of God will rest upon those who have taken part in this work.

ANOTHER SPLENDID TASK

The debt on Walla Walla College is almost raised in cash and pledges. If there are those who have not yet taken part in freeing the college, it will soon be too late. Let all have some part in this noble undertaking. There is a blessing in store for you. Will you accept it? Send in your offering to-day.

G. E. Langdon.

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Received to November 1, 1907 \$7458 10
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270 15

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806 65

December 23-31 - - - - \$11107 75
188 00

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C. H. Castle,
Treas.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the first biennial session of the North Pacific Union Conference will be held at College Place, Wash., January 31 to February 9, 1908. The first meeting of this session will take place at 9:00 a. m., January 31. All accredited delegates are requested to be present, if possible, at the first meeting.

W. B. White,
President.