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

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TEMPTATION

Deal gently with the erring;
 Ye know not of the power
 With which the dark temptation came
 In some unguarded hour.

Ye may not know how earnestly
 He struggled, or how well,
 Until the hour of darkness came,
 And sadly thus he fell.

Heir of the self-same heritage,
 Child of the self-same God,
 He hath but stumbled in the path,
 Thou hast in weakness trod.

—Selected.

JANUARY 15, 1908

For about a year and a half a good many people in the North Pacific Union Conference have been looking forward to the above date with the hope and desire that on that date sufficient funds would have accumulated in the Union Conference treasury to pay all the outstanding notes against our training school, Walla Walla College. To this end we have labored and prayed, but our hopes were not fully to be realized, and all we can report is splendid progress; and state to all the subscribers to the Walla Walla College Relief Fund that prospects were never so bright as now that ere long (we hope in the near future) all the debt can be paid.

On the evening of January 15 a mass

meeting was called in the college chapel, and the true status of matters was fully discussed. There were upon the platform Elder H. W. Decker, Elder W. A. Gosmer, Elder G. E. Langdon, Elder Oscar Hill, Elder H. J. Schnepfer, C. M. Christiansen, and the writer. After singing and prayer, a financial statement was presented, showing just how much money had been received into the Union Conference treasury, how much had been paid out, and the balance in the treasury. Here are the figures that were presented:

There had been received into the treasury up to the evening of the 15th of January the sum of \$14,593.56. This is accounted for as follows: Notes already paid off, \$8,500; Washington Sanitarium notes in our safe and due January 1, 1908, and which we can turn to the General Conference in part payment of a \$4,000 note held by them against the college, \$3,400; cash in Walla Walla banks, \$2,693.56. Adding \$8,500, \$3,400, and \$2,693.56 will make \$14,593.56. At the present writing, January 18, the fund has grown to about \$15,000, and money is coming in every day to increase it. But you may ask, "Why was it not all in by January 15?" I suppose the subscribers to the fund could answer this question better than the writer. Three or four thousand of the amount subscribed was conditioned on the sale of property, and when the financial crisis came the owners were unable to sell. A little later this property will likely be sold, and then this will come in. The stringency in the money market hurt us not a little, and we have often wondered why it was that it had to come just at this time—possibly to

test our patience and reveal whether we would trust God and press forward in the darkness as well as in the light. May God help us to be true to him now in this time of crisis. The Union Conference has promised that if the fund was not all raised by January 15, that any subscriber who desired to do so could call his money back, but we have no one yet who desired to do this. With \$15,000 already paid in, with which money we are now taking up the notes and stopping interest, we believe the brethren and sisters of the Union Conference will not only pay the pledges already made, but will provide sufficient means to entirely pay every obligation against our training school. Why not do this by Union Conference? What an inspiration this would be to our meeting! Shall each one work to the end of paying his or her subscription by that time? Brethren, we have done the best we could. God has blessed us so far, and will you still give us your prayers and assistance, that this work may be carried forward to a successful conclusion.

W. B. White,
 H. W. Decker,
 A. J. Breed.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY OFFERING

February 1, 1908, is a special day set apart by the General Conference for liberal offerings to be made for the religious liberty work. This is the only offering of the year devoted to this work and for this reason it should be a liberal one. Three Sunday bills have already

been introduced into Congress since the session began, and if this is an index of what we may expect, the needs and interests of the work will be great. Those who are especially interested in Sunday closing are pressing members of Congress, State legislatures, mayors of cities and others to enforce the Sunday closing acts, and now is our opportunity to educate the people upon this important point. Of the three bills introduced into Congress two are for the District of Columbia; the third is to discontinue the issuing of postoffice money orders and registering letters on Sunday. This, if passed, will affect all postoffices in the United States. Petitions and literature will be sent out by the Religious Liberty Bureau, and it is hoped that our brethren will put forth earnest efforts to secure signatures to these petitions; also place the literature in the hands of the people, and wherever it is thought best, that letters be written to members of Congress, calling attention to the subject of religious legislation, and asking them to use their influence to oppose such measures. If the ministers and church elders will carefully call attention to this important work on February 1, that liberal offerings may be made, the Lord's blessing will attend the efforts put forth.

A. J. Breed.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY DAY

There is certainly no branch of God's work to-day which should have a more hearty support than the Religious Liberty work. There is an increasing demand for Sunday legislation; it is reaching into other countries besides our own. We must make the most of our opportunity for enlightening some souls who are honestly deceived and do not perceive the dragon spirit that is underneath this legislation.

You well know the spirit of past ages when bigots had a law whereby they could wreak out their cruel hatred upon those whose example and faith condemned them. Many of our brethren have already known the cruelty of Sunday laws, under which they have suffered for conscience sake. These are only the "beginnings of sorrows" which will follow this wicked work.

The time for the annual collection for this work has been set for Sabbath,

February 1. This is the only general collection for this association this year. We trust none of our churches and companies will overlook this important collection. Send collections to Upper Columbia Tract Society, College Place, Wash.

G. E. Langdon.

MUSIC AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

An Essay written by Miss Gertrude Dart as a part of an Examination in Musical History in the School of Music of Walla Walla College.

We read of Music in heaven before the earth was created. Lucifer was a great musician, and before his fall, led the heavenly choir. The prophet Isaiah in the 14th chapter, tells of his wonderful talents in musical art. Music therefore, must be of divine origin, as this was before sin entered the earth.

The Psalmist exhorts us to praise the Lord "With the sound of the trumpet; praise Him with the psaltery and harp; praise Him with the timbrel and dance; praise Him with the stringed instruments and organs". So we see that music may be used to the praise and glory of God.

Music expresses the deepest emotions of the soul. It is the most divine of arts, and is a great influence for good if used in the right way. Satan uses the great musical ability, which he received from God, to work against the Lord and His work. The popular music of the day is certainly not that which will direct the thoughts in the purest channels. Music has an influence either good or evil, not only on those who produce it, but also those who listen to it. A professed Christian who plays and sings the popular music of the day, can not have as close communion with God as those who study the better class of music.

Playing and singing the music that Satan has inspired is praising and worshipping him instead of God. Those who practice this music not only hinder their own spiritual growth, but exert an influence for wrong upon those who hear it.

On the other hand we have instances where people have been led to Christ through the influence of good music when nothing else could get their interest in religious services. How important it is, then, that we should ever

honor God in our music; and that whatever talents we may have in that line be consecrated to Him.

OUR COMING UNION CONFERENCE

This meeting will soon be here, beginning the morning of January 31 and holding till February 9. Already arrangements are well under way at College Place, and many are looking forward to this gathering with much expectation. It will be held in the college chapel, which will be given over to the meetings during the session. The Upper Columbia Conference have plans well under way to provide for all who come, and none need stay away fearing there will be no room.

We trust there will be a full delegation from all parts of the field. We expect Elder A. G. Daniells to be with us, also Prof. Frederick Griggs, General Educational Secretary, and we have just received word that Elder R. A. Underwood, president of the Northern Union Conference, will also be with us; and we trust also that Elder W. C. White will attend.

We trust this meeting may be a great inspiration to the cause of God in the North Pacific Union Conference. We trust that all the Union Conference Committee will remember the council that has been called, beginning with the morning of the 27th of January. The first work in this council that will be done is the auditing of the accounts of the workers for the last year. All members should be present when this is done. Then we will spend a day or so looking over the work that needs to be done in the coming session, and we hope at this time that plans may be laid that will greatly facilitate the business of the conference. We trust that all the delegates will plan to be at the first meeting of the conference, Friday morning, Jan. 31.

W. B. White.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER IN THE NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE

Brother E. N. Sargeant, writing from Dusty, Wash., speaks as follows with reference to the week of prayer in that church:

"The week of prayer was a great season of refreshing for the Wilcox church. I never attended meetings where more of the Spirit of God seemed to be present than was manifested here. Brother Koch and I visited the Endicott church two days during the week of prayer. Though there were only a few out, yet the Lord abundantly blessed them. I am thankful that large numbers or great demonstrations are not necessary to secure the blessing of God. I feel that we are rapidly nearing the end of all things earthly. To that end may we all pray and work."

Elder F. D. Wagner writes as follows from Genesee, Idaho:

"The annual week of prayer service, no doubt, gives opportunity to observe the spiritual status of an Adventist company, and I certainly was impressed with the high degree of earnestness and spirituality of the company at Genesee. It is known as the Genesee church, but it is situated about six miles from Genesee, where ten or more families have settled and purchased from a few up to 160 acres of land, that they might have the privilege of a church-school for their children. Although the roads were muddy and the weather not the best, the attendance at the regular readings and social service and evening preaching was excellent. There seems to be harmony in the company, and all have an earnest desire to press forward. The brethren almost to a unit are zealous in the study of the Scriptures, and as a result are well established in the truth and are above what we would term nominal Adventists.

"The meetings were enjoyed by all, and the testimonies of the brethren indicated a more determined purpose to press onward. Those new in the faith confessed being helped and more fully enlightened by the meetings."

Elder W. L. Black, whose field of labor is Southern Oregon, writes of the week of prayer as follows:

"During the week of prayer Elder Starbuck and the writer spent the entire time between the following places: Grants Pass, Medford, and Ashland. Part of the time we had both day and

evening meetings. Some difficulties had arisen in the churches at Grants Pass and Ashland, but these were quickly settled, and a tender spirit was manifested toward each other. Brother Starbuck's counsel along the line of settling these troubles was appreciated by all and will be of lasting benefit to all.

"Two evenings were spent with the Medford church. During the entire week they had most excellent meetings. Some for whom we had worked faithfully took their stand for the message.

"I believe we can say that these churches were uplifted to higher spiritual attainments. All seemed ready to start out the new year with renewed courage."

Elder F. S. Bunch, president of the Western Oregon Conference, speaks thus of the week of prayer at Gravelford, Coquille, and Monitor:

"At Gravelford, while the attendance was not large, it was the best week of prayer this church has ever observed. Especially were the students in the school helped. Some who were growing careless got a new hold on the Lord. The very stormy weather and high water kept many away from the meetings.

"Elder Butterfield writes that a good meeting was held during the week at Coquille, especially at the close, when they had a missionary rally. Nearly every family now takes the Review.

"Brother John Peterson writes that the Monitor church enjoyed the best meetings that he ever took part in. Two meetings were held each day, one in English, the other in Danish. Two precious souls were converted."

Prof. R. W. Airey, principal of the Laurelwood Intermediate School, speaks of the work done among the students as follows:

"The week of prayer at Laurelwood was an occasion of rejoicing, indeed, and one long to be remembered.

"Sometime before the week rolled round the consecrated young men would meet in one place for prayer, the young ladies in another, and the members of

the faculty in still another; and the Lord hearkened and heard. We tarried 'ten days,' as it were, and I think I never before witnessed such plain and distinct answers to prayer.

"The Spirit of the Lord came into our meetings, and they were seasons of refreshing indeed. On one occasion every heart in the congregation was touched and all hearts were melted. Forty came forward, confessed their sins, and consecrated themselves to the Lord's service. Many of them had never made any profession before, and they had a bright and clear experience. As a result there are about thirty candidates for baptism.

"To the Lord belongs all the the praise and glory. As expressed by one, 'it was a wonderful meeting;' our souls were refreshed and many were revived..

"The effect upon our school is marked. Many are more earnest and zealous than ever before and ready to respond to the call of the Lord—'Here am I, send me.'

"Again we say, to the Lord belongs the glory, and we most gladly give it to him.

"Thinking that you would be interested in a short report of our work, would say that our attendance at the opening of school last fall was rather small, but before our vacation it had reached about eighty. We have nearly ninety now, and several others expect to be here soon.

"We were favored by a visit from Elders W. B. White and J. N. Loughborough last term, which was much appreciated; also one by W. D. Burden from Japan and Prof. F. R. Rogers of Mississippi. Would say, Come again, brethren; you are welcome at Laurelwood."

Elder J. A. Holbrook sends in this splendid report of the week of prayer at the Meadow Glade school:

"An interest was reported among the students at the Meadowglade school, and I was asked to assist in a short effort there. I started the meetings on Sabbath, December 7, and was joined by Elder Burg the following Monday. We presented some of the main features of our faith at night, and then asked those who desired to pray, or to be prayed for, or to make requests for prayer for others, to remain a short

time that we might seek the Lord together. Only a small number remained the first time, but as the meetings continued from day to day the number of those who remained to the after-meeting increased. The interest deepened and spread until there were only a small number in the school who did not take some advanced steps in Christian experience. Quite a number seemed to get positive victory. On December 16 we had the pleasure of burying eighteen willing souls with their Lord in baptism, and we hope all of them arose to walk in the new life in Christ Jesus.

"On Tuesday we all enjoyed the feast of good things that Elder Loughborough spread for us for about two hours.

"On Wednesday Elder Burg had to leave, but I remained till Friday morning.

"We had a splendid time with the church and school at this place. So far as learned, only about three or four of those who were baptized had belonged to the church before. I left before the offering was taken, so can not speak of that feature of the work there, but I hope it corresponded to the blessings received.

"I was at Centralia for the last Sabbath of the week of prayer. We had a splendid meeting that day, and I learned the meetings had been good all the week. The church here is small and the membership, yet the offering was forty dollars.

"I think the readings were most excellent this year. I am of good courage in the Lord, and never had stronger faith in the truth and triumph of this message than now."

Brother J. P. Simpson, who is laboring in the city of Portland, writes thus from the Chitwood and Toledo churches of the Western Oregon Conference:

"When Brother Bunch asked me if I would go to the Chitwood and Toledo churches, I said, 'Yes, at once,' and said to my soul, 'Yes, we will seek the Lord together.' And when we met in the Chitwood church, which is away out in the mountains toward the Yaquina Bay country, it was with a feeling that we were nothing and that God was all and in all. As we took up the good reading for that day and realized the shortness of time and the great need of our knowing for ourselves of the power

of Christ to save and the power of his blood to cleanse and sanctify us by faith, we looked up to him who gave his life's blood, and how he answered from heaven by the glory of his Spirit, which is the witness to our faith!

"As we spoke of his cleansing work, how the Holy Spirit convicted of sin, and brought to the dear saints a sense of their need of that cleansing work before they are fit for the latter rain! May we all realize day by day that the work of cleansing must be done in our hearts before the latter rain comes, for the Holy Spirit can not fall upon the head of an impure person. It was the live coal from the altar that cleansed Isaiah; so we are only cleansed by the fire and glory of God through accepting the blood. If Isaiah needed the fire to cleanse his unclean lips, so we need the living flame to cleanse us. There is no other way. Only God can speak us clean.

"In Isa. 6:7, Isaiah said, 'And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips and thine iniquity is taken away and thy sin purged.' So at the Chitwood church the dear saints are seeking the cleansing power that they may be found without fault when Jesus appears. Oh, it was a glorious day, and we felt that it was good to be there.

"As we went in the spirit to the Toledo church we gathered God's dear people around to seek the Lord's presence. The elder and deacon and their wives were so earnest in seeking the Lord for the cleansing from sin as Isaiah was cleansed, that they might be ready for the outpouring of the Spirit. When the glory of God filled the tabernacle, it was an evidence to Moses and his helpers that the work was accepted of the Lord. So it may be with us when we claim the blood to cleanse us and the glory of God comes to our temples, we know that our faith in the blood of the Lamb is accepted of him. The entire church at Toledo began earnestly to seek the cleansing power of God's presence.

"The second Sabbath the church spent almost all of the day in prayer and study of the Word. What earnest confessions were made and surrenders of self and reconsecration to God! Truly God was present with us. All glory to his name! "May the dear ones who read this ask themselves, 'Have we before the

throne of God, where Jesus dwells, plead for cleansing from all sin through the blood until God has answered, and the glory of God has filled our temple?' If we can not answer, 'Yes,' we can not receive the Holy Spirit in the time of the latter rain."

N. C. Erntson writes for the Monitor church-school:

"I am glad that we can report a blessed experience during the week of prayer. We set apart the morning session for our meeting in the school. We took up the lessons as they were in the Review, and then used the remainder of the time for singing and social meeting. We have thirty enrolled. At our last meeting nearly every one took part, for which we praise the Lord.

"May God help us to be faithful and to set a good example for the young of our flock."

THE WEEK OF PRAYER IN BITTER ROOT

The first few days of this season were spent by the writer at Darby, one of our oldest churches in Montana. We held the meetings in the day time. There was on the part of all present a sincere seeking after God, and I have reason to think good was done.

From Darby I came down to Hamilton, intending to remain a short time there; but scarlet fever was raging, so we could not meet together. I then came on down to Stevensville. Two meetings a day were held here. In the evening a good sized audience of those not of our faith attended. The Lord blessed in both the day and evening meetings. Our hearts were stirred as we studied the progress of the work in the regions beyond and also the great needs of the same. Two took their stand for the truth, one joining the church. About ten stood up one night expressing themselves as believing the law of God binding. Soon after our committee meeting, January 7, we intend to send a worker there to follow up the interest.

Reports from other points in the State indicate a good work done during the week of prayer. We are very thankful for God's many blessings.

W. F. Martin.

It was my privilege, in connection with Brother Coy, to meet with one of the districts of College Place during the week of prayer, and I can safely say that the meetings were among the best it was ever my privilege to attend.

The attendance from the first was good, and all seemed to realize their great need of coming up on higher ground, and expressed their determination to make a more decided consecration to God and to his service. It was indeed gratifying to see the way the young people led out in helping make the meetings a success. One young man gave his heart to God, and was baptized before the close of the week.

We all felt as though we could not afford to discontinue the gatherings when the week had closed, so it was decided that we continue to meet together each Friday evening, at the beginning of the Sabbath, to spend an hour in seeking God for a deeper experience. It is also hoped that a work may be done for those in the district that are not of our faith.

May God help us all to make the year 1908 a year of prayer and service.

Carl E. Weaks.

Brother Frank Oster writes from another district in College Place as follows:

"For several weeks I had been looking forward to the week of prayer as a season when the Lord would work in an especial manner, nor was I disappointed; for I can truthfully say that without exception the meetings held here in College Place were the best I ever attended. From the start there was heart-searching and a spirit of confession and consecration. Books and unnecessary work were laid aside, and students divided into separate companies to seek the Lord. My soul rejoiced to see so many young people, especially those for whom we had been praying, yield their hearts to God. My faith has been greatly strengthened, and my soul refreshed. Thank God for the week of prayer."

Elder Lewis Johnson, who has recently connected with the Scandinavian work in the Western Washington Conference,

speaks of the week of prayer among those of his nationality with the following good report:

"According to request I will tell some of my experiences during the week of prayer. It is a season that the writer always looks forward to with hope and joy, first because of the many blessings it so many times has brought both to himself and the people he has labored for, and second because he knows the Lord desires to do great things for his children; and I know that we shall see this and that the world will see it. It can not be otherwise as we know the end is very near, and a people will be prepared for translation when our Saviour comes. I therefore believe that each week of prayer will bring greater blessings than the one before, especially as we can not expect many more weeks of prayer.

"The first Sabbath and Sunday I met with our newly organized church at Ballard. On the Sabbath we fasted and had a very good meeting. Two persons united with the church. One was a brother from Minnesota in his 98th year, that I had known for many years, the other was his daughter-in-law. On Sunday we had two good meetings. One was held in the home of a sick sister, by whose request we also celebrated the ordinances, as she had not had that privilege for several years.

"On Monday I had two meetings with the Cedar Home church. The Spirit of the Lord was present and splendid testimonies were borne. On Tuesday I went to Ferndale where I remained over Wednesday. We had good meetings, and I also visited a number of families in their homes. Thursday evening I met with the church in Ballard again, and Friday morning left for Pearson, where I remained over Sabbath. Before meeting Sabbath morning in company with another brother and two sisters we walked quite a distance into the woods to visit a lady of feeble health, who had become interested in the truth. This visit, where we sang, read and studied the Scriptures and had prayers, was much appreciated by her, and we were blessed. We returned just in time for the meeting.

"When the offering was taken up I found these brethren at the time were without any income, and therefore did not have much money, but they promised to do more when they began to earn money. One laboring man pledged \$10.

Thus ended this good week of prayer. The readings were very inspiring and made a deep impression. May God still work with his Holy Spirit in the hearts of his people, and may we all soon be gathered home."

The following is from Brother C. H. Rittenhouse who is attending the school at Walla Walla College. He writes as follows of one of the divisions of the College Place church during the week of prayer:

"About the week of prayer and what were its results to the people, will say that two brethren and myself were given a district in College Place. We met together in the homes of the people for the daily reading, followed by a prayer and social meeting in which showers of the latter rain were felt. Some had grown careless and indifferent in their Christian life; all such expressed themselves as knowing that such a life was a miserable failure, and also expressed a determination in the future to be wholly the Lord's until the saints are gathered home. There was a 'sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees' all about us. We feel to say that the week of prayer has been an oasis in the desert to many souls whose feet were slipping as they were traveling along the narrow way. We feel to praise the Lord for his goodness and lovingkindness to the children of men."

Elder R. D. Quinn, who has recently come to this union conference from Tasmania, but who was formerly a laborer in the Montana Conference, having located at Milton, Oregon, writes as follows with reference to the week of prayer in that church:

"On the 8th of December we began a series of meetings in the Milton church. During the week of prayer the brethren met an hour and a half before the regular preaching service in order to devote that time to the reading for the day and to prayer and social meeting. Following this there was preaching. The burden of the message borne was absolute surrender to God, deliverance from the bondage of Satan, complete and constant cleansing from sin, and the reception of the Holy Spirit by faith, as the

only source of power to go forward and complete the work of bearing the gospel message to the world in this generation. There has been a general awakening and a definite forward movement. The meetings are being continued nightly with a growing outside attendance. The interest to hear the special truths for this time seems to be intense. We are all of good courage and are praying that the work may go forward until every soul may be reached that desires to be saved."

Elder F. M. Burg gives this cheering report from the Meadow Glade school situated near Vancouver, Washington.

"Most of the week of prayer was spent by the writer, in company with Elder J. A. Holbrook, at this school. It was a season of special blessing to the students and to others from the community who attended the meetings. The special manifestation of the Spirit of God in conversions and in spiritual uplifting for those who knew the Lord were features that might be expected at these appointed seasons of prayer and devotion. These blessings were sought for, and the prayers offered were heard and answered.

"It was a cheering sight one day during the week to see eighteen persons, mostly students, follow their Saviour in baptism. The jewels of the kingdom are being gathered in, and soon will be numbered. May there be many from the Meadow Glade school who will be prepared to shine as stars in the Saviour's crown."

Brother E. M. Watts, who was in charge of another district in the church at College Place, reports as follows:

"The week of prayer meetings in district No. 4, College Place, were seasons of spiritual refreshing enjoyed by all. Each family was visited by the leaders and invited to be present. A most gratifying response followed, there being an average attendance of thirty-five during the week.

"The meetings from the first were characterized by quiet, but apparently deep movings of the Spirit of God in the hearts of the brethren. One company was favored with the presence of Elder W. B. White who gave some very timely

instruction and exhorted all to a greater faithfulness in private devotion.

"A determination to be faithful to the end was expressed by many in their testimonies.

"Two were baptized at the close of the meetings and two young men responded to a call and signified their intention of living a Christian life.

"On the whole the brethren felt strengthened and better prepared to fight the good fight of faith. A desire was expressed to continue the district meetings as opportunity would permit."

Elder Frederick Jorg writes from the Scandinavian brethren at Portland that they had excellent meetings there during the week of prayer; that all seemed interested and took hold well. He speaks of one brother that has just accepted the truth, coming from the Catholic church, and who is now endeavoring to get the light of truth before his parents who live in Scandinavia, and who are also Catholics. He is sending them papers which they are reading with interest, and he hopes that soon they may receive the truth.

Brother E. E. Smith gives this report from Union, Oregon, this church now being connected with the Southern Idaho Conference:

"A few words from our field may encourage some reader of the Gleaner. On the first Sabbath of the week of prayer I met with the church at La Grande, and the brethren had arranged to hold quarterly meeting at that time. Sabbath-school at ten o'clock, then the first reading for the week of prayer, after which the ordinances of the Lord's house were observed. Here we had a grand and good meeting, and the Spirit of the Lord came very near. Several people not belonging to our church were present and enjoyed the meeting very much, stating the same in their testimonies. According to previous arrangements, I was to divide my time with the Union and Baker City churches, so from La Grande I came back to Union and remained until Wednesday morning. Our meetings at Union were not attended by all our people, some being away and others living at quite a

distance in the country. But the meetings were good and all enjoyed the presence of the Lord. Elders Steward and Willoughby being on a tour among the churches in the interest of the intermediate school soon to be established in our conference, were with the Union church Sabbath and Sunday. Wednesday morning I went to Baker City and found them very much interested in the week of prayer services. Friday morning Elders Steward and Willoughby arrived and remained there over Sabbath and Sunday, holding meetings each evening with good interest. The meetings at Baker City proved to be of great benefit to the church as was demonstrated at our quarterly meeting the next Sabbath. I feel greatly encouraged about the work there.

"It may be of interest to know that our church-school at Union is progressing nicely with Miss Emma Morgan as teacher, and thirteen children are attending. My courage in the Lord is good, and am looking and longing for the coming of our dear Lord."

WESTERN WASHINGTON

VANCOUVER

Another week of prayer has just closed, and we want to testify to the rich blessings enjoyed by the Vancouver church. Two meetings were held daily, giving all a chance to attend. As the readings were read, the faith and courage of the brethren and sisters, many of whom have been long in the message, seemed to rise higher and higher till it found expression in a liberal contribution followed by an appropriate dedication of the money and a heartfelt praise meeting. But when the meeting was dismissed some came forward with larger donations till the sum was raised. We feel to thank God for his blessings, and all enter upon the new year with the hope of seeing greater advancement in the year to come than we have ever seen, and we feel like saying with others, "It is the later rain, the refreshing from the Lord."

During the last reading we found that we were personally acquainted with workers in every important mission field on the globe, and it made the world

seem like one neighborhood. We say to our comrades and acquaintances at the front, "Go forward into the opening fields, and we will sustain you with our means and our prayers."

J. J. Clark.

MOUNT VERNON

During the month of December it was my privilege to visit some of the churches in Northwestern Washington. I find them generally in a prosperous condition. The young people especially are manifesting a real missionary spirit, and show a deep interest in the dark, benighted fields so long crying, "Come over and help us."

The \$150,000 fund received its share of consideration, and many promised to give another lift in that direction.

The company at Friday Harbor, San Juan Islands, are erecting a house of worship. This enterprise calls for much sacrifice on the part of the members of this small company, but the blessing they enjoy in building a house for the Master's use is a great encouragement.

At the commencement of the week of prayer I was with the Forest Home School. From the beginning of the meetings the interest of the young people increased, and old and young experienced much of the blessing sought as they consecrated themselves anew to God and his cause.

The amount contributed to missions was about sixty dollars.

S. W. Nellis.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

RECEIPTS FOR DECEMBER, 1907

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Cumberland - - - -	\$ 35 30
Manson - - - -	37 90
Silver Creek - - - -	60 05

\$ 133 25

TRUST FUNDS

Annual Offerings - - -	\$ 51 85
Sabbath-school Donations -	7 94
\$150,000 Fund - - - -	1 00
Work for the Colored People	1 00
Manson Industrial Academy	25 00

\$ 86 79

Bertha Lofstad, Treas.

WESTERN OREGON

RECEIPTS FOR DECEMBER 1907

TITHES

Albany - - - -	\$ 28 00
Albina - - - -	124 35
Astoria - - - -	24 23
Beaverton - - - -	30 10
Blachly - - - -	37 16
Chitwood - - - -	84 40
Coquille - - - -	112 65
Cottage Grove - - - -	265 38
Dallas - - - -	36 95
Eugene - - - -	55 60
Falls City - - - -	11 50
Grants Pass - - - -	105 45
Gravel Ford - - - -	55 93
Hopewell - - - -	93 20
Hillsboro - - - -	50 66
Lake Creek - - - -	65 00
Laurelwood - - - -	223 00
Miscellaneous - - - -	26 87
Monitor - - - -	252 37
Montavilla - - - -	238 93
Mount Tabor - - - -	246 56
McMinnville - - - -	69 69
Newberg - - - -	136 31
Park Place - - - -	2 08
Portland - - - -	230 18
Portland Scandinavian - -	19 50
Roseburg - - - -	46 40
Royal - - - -	286 24
Salem - - - -	605 40
St. Johns - - - -	123 17
Sheridan - - - -	18 04
Svensen - - - -	42 53
The Dalles - - - -	23 00
Tillamook - - - -	33 07
Toledo - - - -	34 00
Willamina - - - -	10 00
Woodburn - - - -	61 33

Total - - - - \$ 3909 23

TRUST FUNDS

Annual Offerings - - -	\$ 865 35
Canton Chapel - - - -	4 47
Colored Work - - - -	25 86
Colored Mission Schools -	24 60
Educational Fund - - -	17 17
\$150,000 Fund - - - -	222 38
Intermediate Schools - -	10 00
Mission Board - - - -	124 58
Orphans and Aged - - -	1 25
Passage to India - - -	20 00
Sabbath-school Offerings -	269 05
Southern Field - - - -	26 10
Tent and Camp-meeting Fund	20 00
Walla Walla College Debt Fund	63 00
Weekly Offerings - - -	38 20

Total - - - - \$ 1732 01

Edith Starbuck, Treas.

WESTERN WASHINGTON

RECEIPTS FOR NOV. 1907

TITHES

Aberdeen - - - -	\$ 722 44
Bellingham - - - -	229 19
Ballard - - - -	43 02
Carrolton - - - -	12 85
Cedar Home - - - -	10 00
Colby - - - -	74 51
Centralia - - - -	48 86
Deming - - - -	17 52
Everett - - - -	111 36
Elma - - - -	23 60
Ferndale(Eng.) - - - -	45 00
Ferndale(Scand.) - - - -	175 93
Green Lake - - - -	184 89
Kelso - - - -	9 82
Kent - - - -	66 00
Lynden - - - -	2 90
Mt. Vernon - - - -	127 90
Meadow Glade - - - -	25 36
Montesano - - - -	10 53
Personal Tithe - - - -	21 25
Poulsbo - - - -	3 40
Puyallup - - - -	167 73
Port Townsend - - - -	1 55
Ridgefield - - - -	119 53
Shelton - - - -	35 55
Seattle - - - -	691 04
Sara - - - -	19 10
Sedro Woolley - - - -	13 25
Snohomish - - - -	598 32
Tacoma - - - -	158 10
Vancouver - - - -	8 85
Wilkeson - - - -	28 80

Total - - - - \$ 3808 14

CONFERENCE AND TRUST FUNDS

Self Denial Box - - - -	\$ 5 79
Tent Fund - - - -	29 80
Teachers' Salary Fund - -	187 83
Sinking Fund - - - -	14 43
Meadow Glade School Bldg. Fund	4 00
Annual Offerings - - -	635 40
Sabbath-school Offerings -	116 54
Weekly Offerings - - -	105 46
Mission Board - - - -	28 28
\$150,000 Fund - - - -	295 82
Colored Work - - - -	12 05
Caribbean Indian School -	1 00
Foreign Mission Seminary -	2 00
Passage to India - - -	2 00
Southern Colored School -	5 00
Southern Field - - - -	12 10
Walla Walla College Debt -	105 11

Total - - - - \$ 1561 61

C. E. Knight, Treas.

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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.

OBITUARY

The following is a letter just received from Brother F. M. Oliver:

"Wednesday I received a message from Lapwai that Elder J. Bartlett was dead. I took the first train going there, and found upon reaching their place that he met his death by falling from a bluff of rocks near his home. Tuesday evening he went after the cows and did not return. His folks, getting uneasy, went out in search for him, and it was not until three o'clock in the morning that they found him. His eyesight has

been failing him for some time, and it is thought that while hunting his way home he slipped and fell over the bluff. His head struck on a rock, and he must have been killed instantly.

"Brother Bartlett was born in the State of New York, December 31, 1821, and died January 14, 1908, being at the time of his death 87 years 14 days of age. The earlier part of his life was spent in Ohio, removing to Indiana in the early 'fifties,' where he united with the Campbellite Church. In 1863, under the labors of Moses Hull, he accepted the truths held by Seventh-day Adventists, and from that time on till the day of his death he was a faithful worker in the cause of present truth. He was a brickmason by trade, and during the first ten years of his work in the cause he would work during the summer at his trade and through the winter hold meetings. The Lord blessed his labors from the start, and to-day many are rejoicing in the truth as a result of Elder Bartlett's labors. In 1864 he was ordained a minister in the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and remained such until the time of his death.

"Elder Bartlett leaves to mourn their loss a wife, four children,—two boys and two girls,—and about thirty grandchildren, yet they sorrow not as others which have no hope. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from Rev. 14:13, after which we laid him away to rest until the life-giver shall come to call forth the sleeping saints and unite them again in the Father's kingdom."

F. M. Oliver.

Woodland.—Died at her home in Elma, Wash., of heart and lung trouble, Jan. 4, 1908, Mrs Barbara F. Woodland, wife of Luther Woodland, in the 54th year of her age.

Brother and Sister Woodland accepted the third angel's message about ten years ago under the labors of Elder Nellis. They have both been faithful during this time. Sister Woodland's faith was strong and her courage was good to the last, and she was perfectly resigned to the Lord's will. She was the mother of four children, all of whom are grown.

We hope that her faithful life or submissive death may yet bring her children to the Saviour. The funeral was conducted by the writer in the Christian

church, and was attended by a large number of friends and neighbors.

J. A. Holbrook.

A FEW WORDS TO MONTANA

I suppose most of our people in this state are aware of and in sympathy with the plan to raise money for the purpose of paying off the debt hanging over Walla Walla College. The college belongs to the North Pacific Union Conference, of which we are a part. Montana has supplied both teachers and students for the college, so we have a deep interest in the school. I believe it is pleasing to the Lord to have the debt lifted. If any of our people in Montana have means which they can spare, it will be well to consider the needs of the college. I trust the Lord may so impress some of our people.

W. F. Martin.

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE FUND

Received to November 1, 1907	\$7458 10
Received during November	2248 00
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Total to November 30	\$9706 10
December Receipts	
December 1-7	324 85
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	\$10030 95
December 8-15	270 15
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	\$10301 10
December 16-22	806 65
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	\$11107 75
December 23-31	188 00
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	\$11295 75
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January, 1908, Receipts	
January 1-8	1908 35
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	\$13204 10
January 8-15	1390 46
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	\$14594 56
	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.