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"Life is real, life is earnest,
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WESTERN WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

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CONFERENCE EQUIPMENT

(a) Office, etc.—Our office building is an unpretentious one, located in the rear of the lot owned by the North Seattle Church. While in some respects it answers our practical purposes, yet it is the judgment of many of our brethren that as soon as consistent with other demands upon our resources we should change our location to some more favorable point, and secure a building which will better represent the cause for which our work is being carried forward. We have reasonable furnishings in the way of desks, a good safe, two good typewriters, etc.

(b) Tents, etc.—We have about five good circular tents for use in field work, besides the large new pavilion, 70x115 feet, which was purchased less than a year ago; and also in addition to the old pavilion and two portable wooden tabernacles which are owned and used by the Germans and Scandinavians. We have about fifty family tents, twenty-five of

which were bought within the last year; and an order has been placed with the factory for thirty-five additional tents.

WORKERS

During the twenty-two months just past the workers employed in the field have numbered in all 49,—17 ordained ministers, 3 licensed ministers, 3 Bible workers, 6 missionary licentiates, and 20 other workers. These laborers have reported for this time 10,396 days of work, 3,216 meetings held, 3,412 Bible-readings held, 10,422 missionary visits, and 239 added to the church. It might be mentioned that some of these forty-nine workers are not in regular employ by us, the number including a few persons who have at our call spent a short time in labor in the conference.

FINANCES

(a) Tithe.—The aggregate tithe for the two years reaches the sum of \$42,997.06, a per capita tithe of \$28.78 for the whole membership, and of \$41.11 per capita when we consider that not more than 70 per cent of the reported membership, if indeed that many, can be reckoned tithe-payers. There is an annual per capita tithe on the basis of the whole membership of \$16.02, and on the basis of the 70 per cent of \$22.88.

(b) Trust Funds.—In all, we have received at the conference office \$15,706.35 for various fields and enterprises. This amount, on the basis of membership mentioned above, shows offerings per capita to have been \$9.08 for the twenty-two months, or at the rate of \$4.54 per capita per year. This does not include \$8,007.12 in tithes and second tithe we have paid into the treasury of the North

Pacific Union Conference, nor does it include \$6,601.03 which has been donated from our surplus tithe to the General Conference and to other fields, nor \$1,440.42 paid by us toward the salary of the Bible teacher in Walla Walla College and for the support of laborers in other fields.

For our own evangelical work, \$23,718.35 has been paid for laborers' salaries, and \$4,904.17 for office and field expense. Excluding the office and field expense, it has cost us for the number of days reported, as given above, at the rate of \$32.49 per day, average, or \$227.43 per week.

TRACT SOCIETY AND CANVASSING WORK

The volume of work done by the tract society during the biennial term is shown by the following figures:

Subscription Books.—Gross value, \$11,684.88; net value, \$6,181.95.

Trade Books.—Gross value, \$1,769.15; net value, \$1,708.21.

Tracts and Periodicals.—Gross value, \$3,823.24; net value, \$3,426.35.

Total.—Gross value, \$17,078.01; net value, \$11,316.51.

The total number of canvassers who have worked in the field during the twenty-two months has been thirty-one, they reporting an aggregate of 2,595 hours of work, and sales of \$5,285.70 worth of subscription books.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS

We have two schools of this class, one at Mt. Vernon, in the northern part of the field, and known as the Forest Home Intermediate School; and the other near Battle Ground, in the south end, known as the Meadowglade Inter-

mediate School. Both of these schools have grown from small beginnings—when they worked under most trying circumstances for lack of building room and facilities—till now their capacity will admit from eighty to one hundred students each; and both schools are taxed this year. Indeed, several applicants have been refused admittance for want of room to accommodate them. An excellent spirit pervades the schools, and great good is being done, the best being the conversion to God of the larger part of the young people attending.

The investment in the two schools for buildings and furnishings amounts to about \$10,000, of which all has been raised and applied except about \$4,000. This amount we hope to raise within another year, and thus entirely free these institutions from debt.

The value of real estate connected with the schools is about \$2,400, which makes a total valuation, including land, buildings, and furnishings, of about \$12,400. Greater capacity will soon be needed to meet the increasing demand from our young people.

It might be stated that the schools have both operated from the first within their current income, even making something of a net profit, which has helped to an extent in equipping the schools.

F. M. Burg.

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UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

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HEALTH AND TEMPERANCE

This cause is not receiving the attention among us that it once was; our children are growing up without a knowledge of these principles that they should have. I trust this branch of the cause will receive such an impetus here at this conference that these safeguards will be "hard spiked" all along the line, for danger lurks every foot of the way.

REGIONS BEYOND

This part of our work is very gratifying; not that it is extraordinary, but it shows a good spiritual interest among the brethren to help in the missions abroad. The conference has been supporting Elder Knott in New York City for the year; \$4,000 has been donated to the General Conference; \$7,849 has been

paid and subscribed on the debt of the Walla Walla College. Our brethren have responded nobly to the call for our quota on the \$150,000 fund. Our portion was raised before Christmas, and we consider our conference as being very fortunate in receiving the first "star" in the Review on the Pacific Coast. The annual offerings have amounted to \$3,185.71; mission offerings, \$1,870.66; and all missionary enterprises, home and abroad, \$19,842.

TITHES

There has been a steady and healthful growth of the tithes in this field. In 1904 the tithe was \$16,097.91; in 1905 it was \$21,846.51; total, \$37,944.48. In 1906 it reached \$23,327.13; in 1907 the amount was \$30,195.74 (\$25,676.52 U. C., \$4,519.22 Ida.); total, \$53,522.87, a gain of \$15,578.39. For this continuous increase in the financial phase of our work we are truly grateful to him who moveth the hearts of men toward his great work in the earth.

THE OUTLOOK

There is a good spirit of unity and cooperation manifested on the part of all the laborers, and an individual interest in a speedy triumph of the message. The spirit of love among the brethren prevails in general throughout the churches. We feel that the one object before us is to carry on a continuous and aggressive campaign in new fields, especially in our Oregon territory. There are several scattered brethren in this territory, but only two churches, one at Long Creek and one at Milton. Our constant prayer is that we may all be fitted by heaven to carry forward to a successful issue the great commission bestowed upon us by our gracious Master.

G. E. Langdon.

CUBA AS A MISSION FIELD

Some time ago we wrote an article for the Review and Herald, under this head, which was published in due time, and since then have received, as a result, a great many inquiries about Cuba, the work, its needs, advantages, disadvantages, etc., until it has become quite a serious problem how to respond to them all as they deserve. And having been asked to write an article for the North Pacific Union Gleaner, we gladly embrace the opportunity; but it will be

impossible in one short article to set forth in detail the many needs, opportunities, and openings in this needy field.

Personally we have but little experience in active work here. We came here two years ago, had no knowledge of the Spanish language, and were not financially so fixed that we could go into a Spanish school to learn it, nor was this our purpose at that time; for one to give all his time to missionary work and make a success of it, it would be necessary to have a pretty thorough knowledge of the language. At the time we wrote the article above referred to, the thought uppermost in our mind was Cuba's greatest needs as they appeared to us.

First of all they need the present truth, the gospel of Jesus Christ, put before them in a demonstrative way, not so much by word of mouth as by a simple, humble, Godly life; for it is a well-known fact that actions speak louder than words. And we notice that the Cuban people are close observers, and readily adapt themselves to and make their own that which they see and hear, be it good or bad. And knowing that there are many of our people of the States, in overcrowded churches in the large cities, and on high-priced rented farms, that could, if they would, come here, better their own conditions and also help better the conditions of these people, at least in a spiritual way. And I do not hesitate to say that many of our people can come here and get them a little home of their own, a thing many of them do not possess. And by coming in contact with these people, visit them in their homes, invite them to your home, show them how you live, cook, eat, drink, sleep, how to keep themselves clean, physically, mentally, and spiritually. They need to be taught personal cleanliness; many of them seem strangers to the bath-tub, or the water and soap process. Steeped in tobacco until some of them look like a smoked ham; and no wonder, for you often see the mother puffing a cigar six inches long and then hand it over to the child, perhaps not more than three or four years old.

Do I hear you say, "Such heathen, semi-savages"? Hold on, brother, sister, be not too hard on these poor people. "Let him that is without sin cast the first stone;" remember the pit from

whence you were dug. Behold this poor priest-ridden, down-trodden race, held down under the galling yoke of Spain, bound by the shackles of the church for four hundred years. Is it any wonder they are ignorant of even the simplest rudiments of life? Yet we find them a kind-hearted, peaceable, amiable people, with few exceptions.

Now what we want first of all is a school here at Omaja, then a sanitarium and a health food bakery. To have all these we must first have some of our people here. We also want an industrial farm, etc, where we can educate our own children and those of our neighbors, Cuban and others that want to send. The Cubans are very anxious to send their children to school, begging us, and in some cases offering us land for school sites and other means of support. Shall we say no to these appeals? shall we turn a deaf ear? or shall we arise to the emergency and endeavor to help them out of this quagmire of ignorance, sin and vice. May not their souls be as valuable as mine or yours. Other denominations are doing a good work along educational lines all over the Island; why not we. The opportunity is here. Mr. D. E. Kerr and Co., a lot of public spirited gentleman, who personally own and control immense tracts of land here and in several other places, are willing to give us a forty-acre tract of the best land they have for a school site, and also to set aside a good sized tract more to sell in small lots to such of our people who may come here to live, so they can be near the school. This is an old country and yet it is new from the American point of view. We do not have electric car lines running through the country here and there, R. F. D. routes, nor rural telephones, and all of these modern conveniences as we have them in the States, and sometimes people come here and get very homesick, and some few go home, but most of them come back later better contented than before.

I am sending a long list of questions and answers with this, that will perhaps appear in due time. J. A. Johnson.

NAVAL EDITION OF THE SIGNS

We learn from a little folder just received from the Pacific Press that the issue of the Signs of May 13 will be a

Naval Edition, bearing directly on the movements of the great fleet of warships that is expected to enter San Francisco Bay about May 6. This edition of the Signs will be finely illustrated and will be full of present truth. The eyes of the whole country will be turned on San Francisco, as this immense fleet of battleships, supplemented by the whole Pacific squadron enters the harbor.

What a splendid time it will be to sell this paper; what a grand opportunity to get the truth before the people. The prices are as follows:

Single copies	-	-	10 cents
25 to 100 copies	-	-	3 cents
100 copies and over,	2	-	1-2 cents

Five or more copies mailed direct from the office of publication to individual names and addresses furnished, four cents per copy.

We are sure that this will be a grand opportunity for our Signs workers to get their papers before the people, and we have no doubt that thousands of copies will be sold. This great fleet, we understand, will also visit Puget Sound, and surely our workers in the North Pacific Union should be active and alive to this opportunity.

We trust that our church and conference officers will take this matter up as soon as possible and do what they can to give this issue of the Signs a wide circulation. It will be a sixteen-page issue and will be simply bristling with the truth.

On the first page there will be a large portrait of Admiral Evans, commander of the fleet. The fourth cover-page will contain a view of the United States battleship fleet. On the first page of the paper, inside the cover, there will be a cartoon by Mr. Maybell, the artist for the Signs, entitled "Consecrated Service." Here is presented a large figure of a soldier leaving behind the attractions of the world and pressing on in the army of Prince Immanuel. It is indeed a very beautiful drawing. We bespeak for this issue of the Signs a large circulation.

W. B. White.

Man is not altogether an imbecile. True, "circumstances do make the man;" but they make him only in the sense and degree that he permits them to make him.

G. D. Boardman.

WESTERN WASHINGTON PERSONAL

This brief mention concerns more especially the Brethren and Sisters of the Western Washington Conference. It seems necessary to use this means to reach the churches and our people throughout the conference to say that some changes are at present undergoing in connection with my work and plans. About two weeks ago I had an urgent call from the General Conference Committee to take the presidency of the Southeastern Union Conference. Seeing so much involved in such a call, both to myself and to the cause, especially to the field to which the Brethren were calling me, I felt it necessary to take some time to carefully and prayerfully consider the matter.

Since the question has now been decided, I should state to our people in the conference that I am to leave here this week for Washington D. C., via the South, to acquaint myself somewhat with the field in which I am called to labor; and then attend the General Conference council at Takoma Park in April. After that meeting I expect to take up my work in the S. E. Union, and hope to return to Western Washington to attend the camp-meeting here, and then to take my family to our new field.

Perhaps I should state in this connection that the S. E. Union Conference embraces all the States of Georgia, nearly all of Florida, all of North and South Carolina and the eastern half of Tennessee, with a population of nearly eight millions. It will be seen that there is a great work to be done there to bring light of Present Truth to this great number of souls.

In view of the sudden call for me to leave here, our conference committee took action at a recent meeting asking that Elder W. W. Sharp take up the duties of this conference from which I am called until the coming camp-meeting and conference session. So all correspondence intended for the president of the Western Washington Conference should from this date be directed to Elder W. W. Sharp at the Conference office address.

It is not necessary to write at length concerning this matter of my field and work. If God has called,—and we can feel free to go only as we have assurance that He has,—I cannot stop con-

sistently to dwell on the feelings that unavoidably rise at the thought of leaving this favored field and the work which has had such a large place in my heart since I connected with it, and at parting with the dear fellow-workers and the brethren and sisters to whom I feel so strong an attachment. "Duty's call is self-denying"; and at best it is only little,— a "few things" that we can do. May we all be faithful in the "least" which the Master has assigned to us, here or there; and the "well done" will soon be heard.

In conclusion I will promise that the Northwest shall hear from the Southeast occasionally through the Gleaner.

It is because I feel the need that I request an interest in the prayers of my fellow-workers of Western Washington and the North Pacific Union Conference.

In Christian love,

F. M. Burg.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

Since our splendid Union Conference at College Place, I have visited the following churches: Meadowglade, Centralia, Olympia, Montesano, Oakville, and Connie; and in company with Elder J. J. Clark, Vancouver, Meadowglade, Kelso, Centralia, Hoquiam, and Aberdeen. We have presented the providence of God in developing this great system of truth, and in opening the hitherto closed fields so that it may go to every nation, kindred, tongue, and people, and in establishing our schools and filling them with earnest, consecrated young people to be trained to carry the message to all the world. In other words, the Lord has prepared the tidings to go to the world. He has opened the world so the tidings may go. He is training his agents to bear the tidings. He is now calling on his people to make the consecration necessary to give their boys and girls to bear the tidings and to furnish means to send them.

In all the places I have visited there has been a real hearty response to the plans presented to furnish the means to carry on the work in the fields beyond.

God's way of supporting his work is by tithes and offerings. The tithe is a definite part of our income, a tenth, hence anything short of a tenth is not a tithe. The amount of our offerings is measured by our prosperity. We are to

give as God prospers us, though our offerings be as small as the commendable one made by the poor widow. When we are unfaithful in tithes and offerings, God says we have robbed him. It is a great sin to rob any one, but how great it must be to rob the one who gives us life and breath and all things. If every believer in this message in our conference would bring all the tithe into the storehouse, it would greatly increase our tithe. Our tithe last year was about \$21,000. On the supposition that seventy-five per cent of a faithful tithe was paid last year, you can see that faithfulness by all would increase this amount by \$7,000. The surplus tithe that we are sending outside of our own conference already, increased by this \$7,000, will make about \$10,000 surplus tithe from this conference each year after maintaining the work at home as well as it is at present. Now add to this what can be brought in by the offerings for the needy fields by the ten-cents-a-week plan, and you will see what faithfulness in little things will do. Counting our membership at 1,400, this offering would be \$7,280 a year. You see that would make the handsome sum of \$17,280 to go to the needy fields outside of our conference. Brethren, I am very anxious to see this result accomplished. It would make the hearts of our lone workers in some of the dark corners of the earth rejoice to learn that reinforcements were coming to them. It would help to answer some of the Macedonian calls for this truth that are heard in different parts of the world. I am sure this work can be accomplished, and from the hearty way our brethren receive this plan of work, I believe it will be. Let us put our hands and hearts together in this work, and not be satisfied till every one of our members brings a faithful tithe into the storehouse, and till every church brings in an amount equal to ten cents a week for each member. May the Lord lay this burden upon the church elders, as well as on the ministers, until this result is accomplished.

J. A. Holbrook.

WESTERN OREGON

Elder W. F. Martin was a caller at the office on the 18th inst. Elder Martin comes to the Western Oregon Conference from Montana to make this conference his field of labor. He is now en-

gaged with Elder B. C. Tabor at Cottage Grove, Oregon, where a series of meetings will be held.

The Young People's Society at Medford, Oregon, has purchased a supply of the "Family Bible Teacher" in the pamphlet form to be used as a text book in a thorough study of the principles of our doctrine, in their meetings. From a study of this fifteen-cent pamphlet they will gain a knowledge of the Bible that will enable them to "give to every one that asketh, a reason for the hope that is in them." This is a worthy example and we would be glad to see other societies and individuals join in such a study.

As has already been announced in the columns of the Gleaner, the annual conference and general camp-meeting of the Western Oregon Conference for 1908, will be held at St. Johns, near Portland, Oregon, commencing May 28 and continuing until June 8. A ground has already been secured and is being provided with the things necessary for the accommodation of a large delegation. More definite information concerning the meeting and rates on the railroad, etc., will appear in the Gleaner from time to time. Let us all plan to attend the entire meeting, for truly it will be a "feast of good things."

If fifty or more copies of the Signs of the Times be sold each week by one person on the streets or from house to house, the price per copy is 1 1-2 cents. One hundred copies cost \$1.50, and these sold at 5 cents per copy would bring \$5.00, making a net profit of \$3.50 per week. One agent is selling 400 copies per week in the city of Portland. Other agents in Portland are using clubs of 50 to 75 copies and in other cities agents are handling from one to four hundred copies each. So you see that the Signs can be sold and at a profit to the seller too.

This is a line of work equal in importance to any part of our work, and should not be regarded as degrading or without results. We need a corps of good energetic persons to study this method of work and begin at once to prepare for it. And the best kind of preparation is actual experience in the smaller towns, or right at our doors. We shall be glad to receive the names and addresses of any who are interested

in this line of work, and shall be glad to do anything possible to help them get started. Write for a complete price-list and ask for the "New Theology Leaflet," which is furnished free. Address Western Oregon Missionary Society, 285 Salmon St., Portland, Oregon.

W. C. Raley.

MARSHFIELD

The interest at this place continues to increase. Some honest souls are enquiring for the truth. Last week I began to study with another family. They are members of another denomination but know very little about the Bible. They seem desirous to know and do what is right.

Will you, who read these lines, remember us in your prayers and these families with whom we are studying. Pray that God will abundantly bless the work here, and that these dear souls may be led into the full light of the truth.

C. L. Butterfield.

GASTON

A canvassers' institute was held at Royal Academy, Cottage Grove, Oregon, February 19 to March 7. The interest was greater and the attendance better than at any previous time.

The books studied were Great Controversy, Home and Health, and Heralds of the Morning. Brother C. E. Weeks, our General Field Agent, spent several days there, and led out in general instruction. A number dedicated themselves to this work for the summer.

We feel sure that the Lord will bless the results of their earnest efforts.

Yours in the work.

E. M. Oberg.

**BRITISH COLUMBIA
CUMBERLAND**

Dear Readers of the Gleaner: It has been some time since I have reported, but I have been at work some of the time. Since I last reported I have distributed over 2,000 pages of tracts in and near Cumberland; 750 pages of these were in the Italian language. I have also sold twelve books in the Italian

language. There are about fifty families of Italians here, and with this amount of reading it should do some good. Besides this I have sold seventeen books in the English language, such as Heralds, Controversy, Seer of Patmos, etc. Any one of these has much of the third angel's message in it. I also held a number of Bible-readings, and had a good many talks on the Scriptures. I have also distributed several hundred Signs and Watchmen to those who would read them. It seems as though a great many have rejected all and everything, for some even reject the Life and Health magazine. But we are to sow beside all waters, and the Lord will do the rest. I am trying to hold the banner of the Lord as high as I can hold it. Many may yet see the truth and accept it and do much for the Lord before the close of this world's history.

A series of tent-meetings might be profitable here, as there have not been any meetings here for several years; and there are many traveling "to and fro," some of whom have never heard the truth. Also there are a great many Chinese and Japanese here, who should have some literature in their language. Nothing is done for them, yet we send missionaries to China. We have thousands of them at home, and not a worker among them. What do you say, brethren, Is this right? or shall we work for them as though we were in China? Let us pray for some one to be raised up at home to work with this class of people.

Yours in the work for Christ,
Geo. J. Scharff.

**UPPER COLUMBIA
ECHO, OREGON**

The attendance at our meetings increased after the first week, so that last week there were from 40 to 50 out every night. An encouraging feature is the regular attendance, which has been 25 or more every night since the meetings began just two weeks ago. Last night the Methodist minister, with several of his prominent members, was out. The sermon was on the Judgment following the time question on the Sanctuary study. The talk certainly contained much of the message, and one lady, a prominent Christian worker, was enthusiastic in expressing her appreciation of the ser-

mon. While this was the first time for the Methodist minister and those with him, several of the attendants at the Methodist church are regular attendants at our meetings. One lady, Sister Fulford's daughter, has given herself to the Lord in the light of this message. This is her first step in Christian life although she is a woman with a family. Her sister, who once kept the Sabbath, but has long been on the back ground, has renewed her consecration to the Lord in the light of the truth. Another lady who was about convinced before we came here, through sister Raley's efforts, has decided to keep the Sabbath. I have not yet spoken directly on the Sabbath, but that is my theme for tonight, announced last night before the minister and his company. I don't know whether they will be out or not.

There has not been the first indication of opposition.

We expect to organize a Sabbath-school for the first of the quarter. Don't forget to pray for these dear souls who are hearing so much truth. It is truly an important occasion for them. And pray for us also that we may be where the Lord can do all that may be done.

A. M. Dart.

SPOKANE

The Lord is blessing the work in Spokane in a special manner. There seems to be response from every effort. Several of the lay members are giving Bible-readings. I never saw a time before when it was so easy to get a company of people together for Bible study. A few days since, a brother spent about three hours in securing the promise from fifteen persons to meet once a week for Bible study. A like effort of three days' labor resulted in securing the promise of twenty-one to meet for the same purpose. These two classes have been turned over to a competent sister, who will give them Bible-readings. The above is given as an example of how God's Spirit is working on hearts. I have never seen a time in the twelve years of my experience when God's Spirit was working with so much power as it is at the present time. There are no great demonstrations. It seems that God is calling out the honest in heart, scattered as they are, to embrace the truth when they have opportunity to hear.

The work in the church here is very encouraging. Two weeks ago eight souls were baptized and united with the church. Two of these were from the effort held by Brother Wiper in a school house adjacent to the city. There will probably be four or five more from the same place.

Our Sabbath and Sunday night meetings are well attended by outside people, as well as by our own people.

We have had a good attendance in our church-school, an average of about thirty. Two teachers are in charge, Brother S. J. Cloak and wife. We expect to have a church-school building by the beginning of another school year. Pledges to the amount of five hundred dollars have been secured for this purpose with little effort.

We are glad to hear that the general camp-meeting is coming here this year. We hope to see a large attendance.

L. A. Gibson.

BOOK WORK

The last month was spent by the writer in Spokane and adjacent territory in the interest of the book work. From present indications we expect several earnest young people to take up the canvassing work this spring. One young lady is already doing excellent work. She expects to earn two scholarships this season, one for herself and one for her sister. They can't both leave home, so while one is helping the mother at home the other is earning the scholarships. Another young lady expects to begin work next week.

There are some young men who are shaping their business so as to labor in this important branch of the work; and we trust that others, who can and should engage in carrying the printed page to those who know not the truth, may have such a burden for this work that they will come to the canvassers institute at the Walla Walla College April 6-25 and get the necessary preparation for doing effective and acceptable work for the Master.

Arrangements have been made whereby those coming to the institute will get room and board at the college for only \$2.50 per week instead of \$3.00 as stated in last Gleaner.

An extra five per cent discount on price of books will be allowed those who take up the sale of our regular sub-

scription books till such time as the said discount equals cost of their accommodations at the college and fare to their field of labor.

Brother Weaks writes me that he expects brethren Oberg and Davis to be with us to assist in the work.

A. D. Guthrie.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL SABBATH-SCHOOL EXPENSES NO 3

It has been said of influence that it "has no night, and keeps no Sabbath." Silently, steadily, influence is ever working, its circle ever widening. An unpleasant trait "crops out" in a child or young person, under some unusual pressure perhaps, and we wonder where he got it. Many times if we could trace that back to its starting-point we should find the present condition but a logical outgrowth of a little ripple of influence which at the time passed unnoticed.

I have been led to think of all this in connection with the plan followed by some Sabbath-schools of dealing out lesson papers, pamphlets, etc. without their pupils having made definite arrangements to give value received. I know the theory is that when we put our pennies into the envelope on the Sabbath, we are paying for our supplies; but there is something vague about it. Whether we individually put anything in or not, our papers come to us just the same, and the effect is about equal to having them given to us outright. I can not believe the plan tends to foster that spirit of true independence which is such a necessary element in the character of every person. It seems to me we can not be too careful to teach our young people exactness in business dealings. Anything that has a shadow of tendency toward laxness in financial obligations should be scrupulously avoided. We scorn the tramp who goes about demanding his daily bread, but he was not always thus. Little by little the thought has grown upon him that "the world owes him a living." We are in an age when the curse of our labor-world is that idea of getting something for nothing. How necessary that we, as a people of reforms, raise up a standard against all such false notions.

So it seems to me that if pupils in Sabbath-school are relieved too fully of responsibility in the matter of individual

supplies, there may be at least some danger of forming the habit of depending on others to do for them what they should do for themselves. A single step from this condition will bring us to another logical outcome,—that of doing without the helps and reading matter unless we can have them furnished with little or no effort on our part. This result is not wholly imaginary.

In conclusion I would say: As to the question of how to secure the necessary supplies, each school has the privilege of working that out. Some good suggestions will be found in the April number of the Sabbath-School Worker. I wish that little article of Elder Thompson's might be read in every school. But whatever plan is adopted, I trust that the two items of expense and regular donations may be entirely separate and distinct. Let it be fully understood that every penny that is dropped into the class envelopes on the Sabbath is dedicated unreservedly to the spread of the message in "the most needy fields," and I shall not be surprised if a blessing comes into our Sabbath-school work that will make us wonder how we could ever have had it any other way.

Helen C. Conard.

HERE AND THERE

Did you read the story of the Naval Edition of the Signs in the last Gleaner? It will be out about the time the great war fleet enters San Francisco harbor. Order a good supply now from the tract society; 3 cents per copy.

In a private letter from Elder F. D. Starr, he says: "My wife has been suffering again, and we have decided to return to Washington, and will arrive there about June 1. We will attend the camp-meeting at Spokane. We shall enjoy joining the workers again in helping to erect the camp." We shall enjoy seeing them again in our midst and shall not be inclined to refuse the help.

We know there are those in our conference who ought to join our bookmen in the Lord's work. Are you planning to come to the college and take the "Canvasser's Drill" to be held April 6-25? The tract society will allow you an extra five per cent on your sales, so that you may by this means pay your board while attending. There will be a large class. Come in and join them.

Brethren, don't overlook our apportionment of the remainder on the college debt—\$1,000 for Upper Columbia. I am glad we have made a start in "whittling towards the point." You saw last week we had \$295 in cash thus far. We have five dollars more for this week, but it will look lonesome to put in this brother all alone; so we will hold it over till some others join. Now who will be the next to join us in this enterprise? If you can't send the cash, send in your pledges. You have till July 1 in which to pay them.

Last night we held a meeting in Brother Adam Schlotthauer's home in Pendleton, where he and Sister Schlott-hauer are doing missionary work. They have organized a little Sabbath-school. They have had many interesting visits and Bible-readings, and have distributed thousands of tracts, leaflets, and periodicals. They have found some interest springing up already from their work. If there are any readers who have clean copies of tracts or papers, they will be glad to have you send them postpaid for their work. Address 719 Star Street.

G. E. Langdon.

ITEMS

Brother Adams having finished his work in Southern Idaho is now in Western Oregon where he will remain for some time.

Elder W. F. Martin has taken up his work in the Western Oregon Conference in harmony with the recommendation of the Union Conference.

We trust all will read particularly recommendation No. 10 relative to raising an amount equal to 10 cents per week for each church member for missionary work.

Also No. 11 regarding the title.

Recommendation No. 23 should be read entire, then let every one do his part quickly to finish this work.

Elder Breed, our Union Religious Liberty Secretary, has been very busy this past week in his line of the work. Just now there is much activity along the line of religious legislation.

Brother E. N. Sargeant, who is teaching a church-school at Wilcox, writes very encouragingly of the work there. The people there are much interested in the church-school work and much good is being done.

At the last session of the Northern Union Conference held at Minneapolis, Elder R. A. Underwood was re-elected president, Elder M. N. Campbell, vice-president, T. D. Gibson, secretary, and C. M. Everest, treasurer.

The recommendations passed at the Union Conference in February have not been published owing to the fact that the secretary, because of other pressing duties, has not been able to prepare them for publication. These will now appear as fast as space will permit.

The officers elected at the late Montana Conference are as follows:—

President, R. D. Quinn; vice-president, J. C. Foster; secretary, Mrs. R. D. Quinn; treasurer, A. E. Everett; field missionary agent, A. V. Oliver; Tract Society secretary and treasurer, A. E. Everett; Sabbath-school secretary, Mrs. J. B. Everett; educational secretary, K. R. Haughey; religious liberty secretary, J. C. Foster.

What a little effort it would be for each subscriber to the Gleaner to get one new subscription and send it to the office. But what an enlargement of our list and how great the benefit resulting therefrom. The Gleaner is only 50 cents a year for 52 numbers, less than 1 cent a week. Can you be without the Gleaner for that? If not, perhaps others would feel just the same about it. At least tell your friends about it, they will surely subscribe, and you can send 50 cents in stamps or by other means to Box 429, Walla Walla, and the paper will be sent regularly each week.

FRIDAY HARBOR, WASH.

I came to this place three weeks ago to hold some meetings in a newly erected church.

The meetings were a source of great encouragement to the little company of believers, who have struggled hard to obtain a modest little building in which to hold services and invite their friends to hear the truth.

As soon as our announcements were out the leading churches began a series of revival meetings, calling in two of their prominent men from adjacent cities to assist. We feared for our interest that this would take many from our meetings. While we lost some who belonged to these churches, yet the interest continued good. As a result, six promised to walk in the way of God's commandments. Others are impressed with the truth, and may yet gain faith to obey the Master's voice.

From here I go to hold services with other needy localities.

Brethren, remember us at the throne of grace.

S. W. Nellis.

RESOLUTIONS

PASSED AT THE SESSION OF THE NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE HELD AT COLLEGE PLACE, WASH., JAN. 31 TO FEB. 9, 1908

1. Whereas, The blessing of God has attended the efforts put forth to advance the interest of his cause in the North Pacific Union Conference during the biennial period just closing; and,

Whereas, Good reports of progress have come from all parts of the field; and,

Whereas, It seems fitting at this time as delegates in conference assembled to acknowledge all his mercies and favors that we have enjoyed; therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly put forth every effort in our power to carry forward his work aright; and that we pledge ourselves to more earnest efforts to advance his cause, not only in our home field, but in the regions beyond; and that we earnestly co-operate with the General Conference in closing up the work in this generation, that we may be prepared to meet the Lord as he shall descend the shining vaults of heaven.

2. We recommend that the Union Conference pay the time and expense of the educational secretary during the year while engaged in general educational work in the several conferences.

3. Whereas, The General Conference has recommended that each union conference provide for the aged and dependent and orphans in its territory, and since no definite steps have been taken to provide for these worthy charges;

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We therefore recommend, That each local conference in this Union take immediate steps to provide homes for such persons as circumstances may demand.

4. We recommend, That our brethren throughout the entire Union Conference, especially ministers, adopt a systematic course of study in civil government, that they may be better prepared to present the subject of religious liberty before councils, legislative bodies, and wherever opportunity may be given.

5. We recommend, That our ministers and laborers form the acquaintance of members of Congress and state legislatures, and place in their hands such reading matter as will give the best information obtainable on the subject of religious legislation.

6. We approve of the following action by the General Conference Publishing Department taken last May at College View, Neb.:

That we unite in strengthening and building up the distributing agencies of the publishing department, so that they shall lay hold very definitely upon every individual who has espoused the cause of the third angel's message and enlist him as an active working factor in distributing our publications, and give him the instruction and training necessary to qualify him for the work.

To this end we recommend,

(a) That a field missionary secretary be appointed in each conference to take active supervision in the field of the circulation of periodicals, tracts, trade books, and forty per cent books. Among the duties of this field secretary would be the holding of institutes in the churches for the instruction of the members in the methods of home missionary work, the organization of the church missionary work, auditing librarians' books, and

CANVASSING REPORT

WESTERN WASHINGTON

WEEK ENDING MARCH 14, 1908

Agent	Book	Hrs.	Orders	Helps	Value
G. B. Collett	Heralds	28	9	\$ 9 35	\$ 29 35
F. E. Griffith	Heralds	13	11		22 00
		41	20	9 35	51 35

increasing the clubs of our papers and the sale of literature provided especially for home workers.

(b) That the field missionary secretary be appointed and directed by the state conference committee, that he be supported by the conference, and hold practically the same relation to the tract and missionary department as the field missionary agent.

(c) That the field missionary secretary co-operate closely with the tract societies, that he make the tract society office his headquarters if possible, and join with the tract society secretary in the office work when not in the field.

(d) That a general missionary secretary be appointed by each union conference to take general supervision of this work in the union, very much the same as the general agent directs in the sale of subscription books.

(e) That the general missionary secretary be supported by the union conference and wholesale house, the expense to be mutually provided for between them.

(f) That the general missionary secretary make the wholesale office his headquarters if possible, provided there is such a general distributing center in the union.

7. Whereas, The General Conference has appointed a food committee to consider and advance the food interests; we therefore request,

(1) That the General Conference Committee call a meeting of their committee in connection with the spring council;

(2) That the matter of selecting a delegate to such meeting be referred to the Union Conference Committee.

(To be continued)

We take pleasure in commending to our readers two new and beautiful songs entitled, "Mercy's Final Call" and "Joyful News."

These songs contain a stirring exhortation to make speedy preparation for the soon coming of our blessed Lord.

The publisher is an evangelical singer in feeble health, and the authors of these songs have given them to the publisher, Brother Chas. P. Whitford, to assist him in his declining years. All orders will be promptly filled at the low price of 25 cents for the two. Published in folder form.

Address Chas. P. Whitford, Orlando Florida.

WALLA WALLA COLLEGE FUND

Total to March 8, 1908	-	\$17738 38
March 8-14	- - -	106 50
		<u>\$17844 88</u>
March 15-21	- - -	30 00
		<u>\$17874 88</u>
March 22-28	- - -	10 00
		<u>\$17884 88</u>

C. H. Castle, Treasurer.

OBITUARY

Leech.—Died at Sheridan, Wyo., March 20, of tuberculosis, Hattie M. Leech, being 52 years, 9 months and 20 days old at the time of her death. Hattie Olds was married to Joseph I. Leech in 1881. To this union four children were born, three of whom survive her. Sister Leech was raised an Adventist, and when quite young gave her heart to God, and was baptized by Elder J. N. Adrews. All through her life she loved the truth, and died with a bright hope of soon seeing Jesus and being at home with the loved ones.

Sunday, March 22, we laid her to rest to await the call of the Life-giver. A husband, three children, three sisters, and a host of friends are left to mourn her loss. The Lord used us to speak words of comfort from Job 14:14.

J. C. Foster.