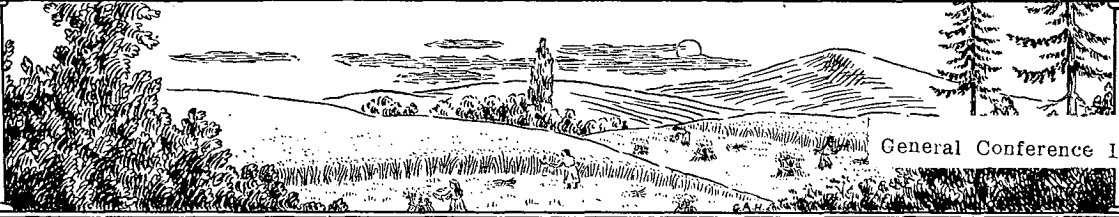


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"Put ye in the sickle,

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for the harvest is ripe"

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"If you have not gold and silver
 Ever ready to command,
 If you can not toward the needy
 Reach an ever-open hand,
 You can visit the afflicted,
 O'er the erring you can weep,
 You can be a true disciple,
 Sitting at the Saviour's feet."

FROM AFRICA

(Continued)

Our school opens the first of August in this country, and August 1 coming on Sabbath, the boys began to throng in on Friday, July 31. On Sabbath, at 10 o'clock, the scores of black, shining faces gathered under the new roof—which had been completed only two hours before sunset—was a sight that was good to see. The new church is practically completed, and it is beautiful, indeed. It may not be a cathedral—though to our thankful eyes it looks better than Notre Dame, Westminster, or Wittenburg did to us—but it is God's own church, for the honor of his name in this region where his message is scarcely known. It is made of good

red brick, and every brick was made by black hands, one at a time. Likewise, the laying of the bricks and the making of all the woodwork was by black men, and men, too, who couldn't wade through long division or fractions if their lives depended on it. Many times during this busy vacation as I have seen Provera (the head carpenter) make a model for the curve over the large front doors, fit a window-frame faultlessly, or bevel a beautiful board exquisitely, I have looked on with reverent wonder, remembering keenly how hard I labored last year to show him that he really must "put down five and carry one," which after all proved a maze of hopeless bewilderment to him; yet he can make arches with geometric precision. How does he do it? I think that the same God who put it into the head and hands of ignorant slaves to do "cunning work" has not ceased to bestow in time of need. But over it all, and constantly on the alert, was Mr. Rogers,—up at the brickyards, down at the building, out in the forest where the native sawyers were slaughtering century-old mahogany treasures,—everywhere he watched and directed, and as a result this completed church, plain and simple as it is, is just perfect in outline, and so beautiful to us that we know that God did not for a day leave things to blundering mortals. And then about the rain, I must tell you how he helped in that. You see, these African rains are terrible; just come in floods and soak to the bottom of everything. Time and again the terrible clouds would gather, while the "raw" bricks were lying spread out over two acres of ground to do the preliminary drying before being

burnt, and in all but one instance the clouds finally rolled away, and the rain was averted. Once it came, but growled around so long beforehand that the one hundred fifty workmen had time to put a thick thatch of water-proof grass (such as is used for thatching all our buildings) over every brick, and thus the calamity didn't fall. Isn't it beautiful how good God is?

Besides the hundred grown men who have been working at the bricks and the building these last three months there were about two dozen little children, boys, and girls too, all about ten years old. The work of these little ones was to carry bricks to the bricklayers. This they did by balancing four bricks on each little woolly pate, and marching down the hill (the brick-field is on a hillside) to the church site. Each child had to carry one hundred fifty bricks a day, which is one-half of a man's day's work. This number, you can see, would keep them busy, but they were always finished by three o'clock in the afternoon. All work in this country is done under the direction of a "capiteau" (overseer), precisely as in the days of the Israelites. At first we hated this way of doing things, but it wasn't long before we saw that it is really the only satisfactory way. The people don't like work naturally, never having had to work before white men came to this country; so they would "do" an employer, generally, but for the law of a native overseer. We always select our best Christian boys, who are merciful and sensible, and they decide each one's "bandela" (day's work) according to the worker's strength. All of a certain size carry so many; grown men carry so

many, etc. For this work the children didn't want money, but "Marias," which is the name given to every sleeved garment. And that is where my work for the building of the church came in,—the making of these same "marias."

Jessie Rogers.

(To be continued)

NOTES OF TRAVEL

Soonan, Korea, Oct. 27, 1908.

At 1:00 p. m. on the 25th of September, we bade farewell to friends and native land; the gang-plank lifted, the good ship Tenyo Maru pulled out from her dock, and we were soon on our way across the Pacific. We had very comfortable quarters on the ship, and, as it is a very large vessel, it passed through the waves very peacefully. The first night out we were all sea sick, but the next day (Sabbath) we felt better, but kept close to our staterooms. After that our voyage was very pleasant. Four days and a half brought us to Honolulu, where we stopped twenty-six hours. We spent the night with Elder C. D. M. Williams and family. We found them busy and yet enjoying much of God's blessing in their work. While at this place we saw many interesting things; there were banana plantations, cocoanut groves, and rice fields. I believe that it was the most beautiful place I have ever seen. As we passed out of the harbor the next morning, many boys swam around the ship, diving for coins that the passengers would throw them.

Eight and a half days passed before seeing land again; but awaking Monday morning, October 12, we found ourselves in the harbor of Yokohama. As our boat was to stop at this place for two days, we decided to try to find our way to Elder Field's at Tokyo, about twenty miles distant. After three hours of riding and many interesting experiences, we arrived at Elder Field's home. Here we met Elder Field and family and Elder Evans. The time that we could stay was all too short, and the next day we returned to Yokohama, and spent the night with a family of missionaries that we became acquainted with on the boat. Only one day was required in going to Kobe. Here we bade farewell to our good ship, and went to the sani-

tarium, where we spent five days in resting and seeing the many things of interest. Dr. Dunscomb and his helpers are all busy, and are having a good experience in laboring with those who come to them for help.

Three days on the train and one night on the boat were required to come from Kobe to Soonan. Elder Smith, Dr. Russell, Miss Scharffenberg, and Miss Scott, with about twenty of the Korean believers, met us at the station and escorted us to Elder Smith's home, on a little hill overlooking the village. We were truly glad to meet the workers here and to know that our journey was at end. We have been here five days, and we like this place real well. The climate reminds me of autumn weather in southern Minnesota. Our first task will be to get a house of some kind to live in for the winter. It is hard to get material to build a foreign house here, and it is almost impossible to live in a native house.

At another time we will write more with regard to the people and their needs. They are sadly in need of the gospel to free them from the bondage of sin.

Remember us at the throne of grace, that God may abundantly bless in the work here.

Yours in the Master's work,
C. L. Butterfield.

A GOOD REPORT

The Southern Standard, published at McMinnville, Tenn., gives quite a lengthy, and a very favorable, report of work done in the vicinity of that place by Seventh-day Adventists. The work was started six years ago by Clifford G. Howell, in the form of a school under a large tent, and then in a private house; now they occupy a school building of their own.

The article represents their work as having a very good influence upon not only those who attend the school, but upon the whole county in which they are located.

This is certainly as it should be, and only demonstrates the fact that much can be done along this line. Possibly, and quite likely, this was the only means of beginning the work at that point. We are constrained to believe

that everywhere are opportunities for Christian effort, and, too, that there are resources with which to prosecute the work if only we could get our eyes open to recognize them.

We believe, too, that we are fast approaching the time when much more will be done through the development of local resources, rather than waiting for conference financial backing to pave the way.

It is not opportunities that we need, but consecrated men and women with faith in God to step forward and begin. Then may we not confidently expect the Lord to "make bare his holy arm"?

LORD IS IT?

"The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest and have nothing." Prov. 20:4.

The above verse outlines the experience of one that is subject to outward conditions. No statement could be more true. Suppose the farmer would wait for the warm weather of May or June before he began to prepare for the planting of his crop, and then he would leave the field just as soon as the first frost or shower came on in the fall. Surely such a man would "beg in harvest and have nothing." Suppose every factory, every commercial enterprise, should close down just as soon as the weather became a little unfavorable, and should remain closed down until spring opened up warm and beautiful again. We all realize that such a course would be ruinous to the country, and bring on such a seige of hard times as we have never witnessed. When just a few commercial enterprises closed down at the opening of winter just a little over a year ago, how quickly the effect was felt by the whole country, yes, by the whole world.

Yet to keep these enterprises running, some one has to remain by his post of duty winter and summer, facing conditions as they are. There is a class, however, that chooses to "lay by" for the winter. This class flocks to our great centers of population to spend their idle months. This is the class that throngs the "bread line," and burdens the institutions of charity. It also fills the mission lodging houses, and

the jails of our cities. And why does this condition exist? Because a certain class "will not plow by reason of the cold, therefore shall he beg."

It appears to me that we are living out the principle, brought out in this verse, in our canvassing work. During the summer months when everything seems favorable, the field is filled with workers, and the Lord richly blesses their efforts, but when fall comes, how few are left. It is all right for the students to reenter school to further prepare themselves for usefulness, but where are those who are not students? Have they left the field because the Lord has withdrawn his blessing? "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end." Where the greatest need is, his grace and blessing "much more abounds." According to these promises, there are even greater blessings in store for the one who will push ahead in the work regardless of outward conditions.

It was during the dark night of this world's history that the Lord of Glory left his home on high and came to our rescue. Many precious souls are passing through the darkness of despair in their experience, and will finally be lost unless some one hastens to their rescue. Where is the God fearing canvasser that is ready to leave the comforts of home and answer the call, saying, "Here am I, send me."

What a sad thing it would be to come up to the harvest, "the end of the world," and have nothing,—have no soul to present as the result of your work simply because you "would not plow by reason of the cold." Yet this will be the experience of some who now feel secure, but the verdict will be, "Depart from me," "I was in prison and ye visited me not." Thousands are bound by the bondage of sin, and are calling for some one to visit them. Go to them with the truth-laden literature that the Lord has stirred his servants to write.

Let every one enquire, Lord, is it I that will not plow by reason of the cold?

Carl E. Weaks.

"We spend days of trouble and nights of anguish, while the Comforter waits unheeded by our side."

Field Reports

WESTERN WASHINGTON

NOTES FROM WESTERN WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Since our Religious Liberty Convention, I have made an extended visit to the churches in the interest of the Ingathering work and other important matters.

At Snohomish a new church was dedicated and a large congregation assembled to attend the dedicatory service. The church-school children rendered an excellent musical program which seemed to be much appreciated. The building is neat and well furnished, entirely free from any financial embarrassment. The basement is nicely fitted with desks and other school furniture where a prosperous church-school is being conducted by Miss Gatton. There is a splendid opening in the Snohomish and Pilchuck valleys adjacent to the church-school for people of moderate means to obtain a home remote from the large cities with the privilege of a church-school where their children may be taught according to God's instruction.

Continuing north I visited Everett, Mt. Vernon, Bellingham and Lynden. At Lynden a man and his wife who had heard the truth and subsequently opposed it were influenced by the Spirit of God to make a full surrender and decided to obey all his commandments. At Ferndale we have the largest church school in the conference and the children were planning for a part in the Ingathering plan. At Mt. Vernon the Forest Home Academy is located. In this school there are many consecrated young people preparing themselves for service in the Lord's vineyard. They are conducting a lively and interesting Young Peoples' Society and are ready to do service whenever the opportunity offers. Professor Wolfkill and his wife are working earnestly to assist these young people in fitting themselves for efficient service.

Continuing south of Seattle, I visited Olympia, Tacoma, Centralia, Aberdeen, Elma, and Connie. I was favored with good weather considering this is usually a wet and stormy part of the year. At Elma another lady yielded herself to obey God and united with the church. The brethren and sisters in all these

churches manifested a willingness to assist in perfecting the plan for the Ingathering week.

On returning to the office I found some rejoicing over their experiences in soliciting funds for the foreign missions. One sister after a hard day's toil in the business part of the city had gathered in \$18.00, another received \$5.00 in cash and a pledge of \$100 per year from one of Seattle's leading business men.

I was called directly from the office to revisit Aberdeen and conduct a funeral service. Brother A. C. McLafferty, born at Junias, Seneca Co., N. Y. in 1823 died on the 29th of November being nearly 86 years old. He was the father of Brother D. MacLafferty, elder of the Aberdeen church. Another son Edgar and seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren are residents of Aberdeen. He was a man of temperate habits and sterling integrity and possessed of strong constitution. He first yielded his heart to the Saviour about five years ago and was a consistent member of the S. D. A. church until he fell asleep on the afternoon of Nov. 29 to await the call of the Life Giver on the glorious resurrection morning. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer from 1 Thess. 4:13-18.

S. W. Nellis.
Pres. W. Wash. Conf.

THE MORNING WATCH, 1909

The Morning Watch Calendar is now ready, and we shall have a supply at the office of the Western Washington Missionary Society with which to fill all orders that may be sent in. This little booklet is 5 3-4x4 inches, printed on heavy glazed paper, and covered with buff linen paper, ornamentally designed in red, blue, and gold. It contains fifty-two topics of study, with one text for each day of the week, and also a gem of thought for each month, together with subjects for special prayer.

This little calendar is attractive and pleasing, but this is not the reason, especially, that we wish you to have one, but rather because it will be a daily reminder of our need of communion with the great Teacher, in whose presence alone we find strength for the battle and that "victory that overcometh the world." Shall we spend "A Year

at His Feet," and in so doing learn to "be like him"? There is no other way to be strong and healthy spiritually than to feed the "inner man" daily on the Bread of Life, and in order to do this we must spend some time each day alone in his presence in prayer and meditation over his holy Word. I trust that all of our people in Western Washington who have not formed this most important habit of life will begin with the coming new year, and that those who have already found this their fortress of strength will do all in their power to persuade others to follow the plan.

The texts contained in this Morning Watch Calendar are along the general line of thought in the Sabbath-school lessons for 1909, nine months of which are on the life of Christ, and this will be an assistance in the study of our Sabbath-school lessons.

The price of this little booklet is made sufficient to cover the cost of printing and mailing. Single copy, postpaid, six cents; five or more copies to one address, postpaid, five cents. Send your order to the Western Washington Missionary Society, 309 Second Avenue North, Seattle, Wash.

S. Lela Hoover,
M. V. Sec. W. W. C.

SOMETHING FOR THE CHILDREN

Just a little book-mark, made of yellow satin ribbon, on which is printed the memory verses for 1909. It is nine inches long by two and three-fourths inches wide. One memory verse for each month is printed in full; the others are cited. It will not require much effort nor expense for each teacher to remember her little folks with one of these yellow-ribbon book-marks, and it will gladden the hearts of the children and deepen their interest in the Sabbath school lessons. These little book-marks are sold at cost, and, indeed, I was surprised that they could be printed on a good quality of satin ribbon for the small sum of six cents each, or five cents when five or more are sent to one address. I remember of having paid twenty-five cents for book-marks similar to these, and the ribbon was not so wide nor the quality so good.

We shall have a supply of these at the Western Washington Missionary Society in time to fill orders for New Year's gifts. All who wish to gladden the hearts and brighten the faces of the little ones, please keep this in mind.

Lela Hoover.

WESTERN OREGON

MERRILL

The representatives of our faith are few in number in this county, but I am glad to say that there are several who are trying to keep all the commandments.

One good brother has lately accepted the Sabbath at Merrill. This is a rich, productive country, and is settling up very fast. The government is doing an immense amount of reclamation work, and thousands of acres of land that were considered worthless a few years ago are now reclaimed, and this work has only just commenced. I know of some good homestead land here that I would like to see some of our brethren take.

The few of us that are here meet together on the Sabbath and enjoy the Lord's blessing.

Frank L. Chitwood.

ROSEBURG

I came to Roseburg November 18, and found a company looking for the soon-coming of our Saviour.

The brethren were quite faithful in the self-denial work. They took four hundred papers and brought in the nice sum of forty dollars. One sister who has just begun keeping the Sabbath (not a member) took a number of papers, disposed of them, and got about seven dollars. She did not forget the name of the week. She was planning for a new rain suit. She denied herself the suit, and gave the money into the mission work, which then amounted to \$14.20.

There are others who are studying. Pray for the work at Roseburg, that souls may be brought into a saving knowledge of the truth.

N. C. Ertson.

Sabbath-school and Young People's Work

ANOTHER SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION

Out of the kindness of their hearts, the brethren who had charge of the religious liberty institute of December 3-7 at Spokane set apart the time on Sabbath for a Sabbath-school convention. The Spokane church have their Sabbath-school following the morning church service, and so we had one session of the convention before the Sabbath-school and the other in the afternoon. The program rendered was similar in most of its parts to the one at College Place the week previous, though, with two exceptions, the topics were treated by different persons, thus bringing in a pleasing variety, even for the few who had been at the former meeting. The music for the occasion had been carefully prepared, and added much to the interest of the occasion. Right here I would digress to say a word in commendation of the music rendered during the days of the religious liberty institute. It certainly must have been an inspiration to those who took part in the sessions to see the willingness of the singers to do their part for the general interest.

Some very interesting points were brought out in the discussion of some of the subjects presented in the convention. Especially was this true of the discussion which followed the closing paper of the afternoon session,—“Reverence for the House of God.” This paper will appear in a later issue of the Gleaner. The statement was made in one of the talks that of all departments of our work the Sabbath-school is the greatest factor in soul-saving. As the nursery of the church, it should be so. Shall we not each endeavor to make it all that God intends it should be as an agent in his cause?

Brother L. H. Logan, the superintendent of the Spokane Sabbath-school, took charge of the exercises and did his part well.

Helen C. Conard.

“Better to be small and shine, than to be great and cast a shadow.”

Educational

A GOOD TIME TO ENTER WALLA WALLA COLLEGE

A new term, or semester, opens in Walla Walla College, Wednesday, January 13, 1909. This will be shortly after the Holidays, and is a good time for new students to take up their studies.

At that time new classes will be organized in various subjects. We will organize classes to meet the wants of the students who enter at that time. By enrolling at the beginning of next semester you will be able to get a half year of schooling. A whole loaf is best; but a half loaf is better than none.

The cause of God is in need of workers in every line, and our young people should now earnestly enter upon the work of gaining a preparation; for time is very short, and a quick work will the Lord do in the earth, and he will cut it short in righteousness.

The Lord is greatly blessing Walla Walla College this year with a large number of earnest devoted young men and women, who have but one purpose, and that is to prepare themselves speedily to act their part in the closing work of the message. The present enrolment is 242 in the college, and 106 children in the normal training department, making a total enrolment of 348, which is exactly the enrolment of last year. We are expecting several more students at the beginning of next semester, and shall be glad to hear from those who are planning to come, and also those who desire to come, but do not yet see the way open. It may be that we can help you in some way. A college calendar will be sent on application. Those wishing a calendar or any information concerning the college and its work may address the undersigned at College Place, Wash.

M. E. Cady, Pres.

CHURCH SCHOOL WORK IN WESTERN WASHINGTON

Just now, as plans are being laid for a week or more of mid-winter holiday season, our minds naturally cast up the school gleanings thus far.

or Western Washington Conference, so far as the writer has been able to learn by visiting and correspondence, we have to report a forward movement toward the ideal of church-school perfection.

Many of our schools are still handicapped by a lack of facilities, nevertheless the teachers are enthusiastic and results are being ground out.

A few days since I spent some time in the cheery schoolrooms of the Forest Home Academy. Here may be found as satisfactory an exhibition of what a twentieth century "school of the prophets" should be as one could well imagine. The interest and discipline of this school is almost above the most exacting criticism.

Since Brother Coltrin has been exercising his genius as business and farm manager, a most commendable air of cleanliness and comfort is everywhere manifesting a ready response to good judgment and consecrated effort.

In the girls' dormitory a majority of the inmates have for a fortnight or more been holding consecration prayer meetings as a preparation for the week of prayer services.

A company of five young men who have ministerial aspirations spend three hours Sunday evenings practicing pulpit etiquette and eloquence. There is evidence of good timber here.

Several excellent church-school teachers will be the result of encouragement given during this school year. And this reminds us that Sister Kime-Wolfkill is conducting as nearly a model school as facilities and pupils up to the eighth grade will permit. Not that a normal is the intention, but the results justify the expression.

As one passes from place to place in the field and sees the various efforts being made to "win out," it is not surprising that one's thoughts conjure up ways and means of improvement. To this end we believe a mid-winter conference institute for church-school teachers would be a potent move in the right direction.

Walter E. Gillis.

"God's providence will not place you where his grace will not keep you."

TEMPERANCE PROGRAM AT COLLEGE PLACE

That Seventh-day Adventists are a thorough-going temperance people nobody who knows them would ever think of doubting or disputing. But our work in this line has been done in such a quiet (I had well-nigh said tame), unobtrusive way that so far as the general public is concerned, our light has been flickering and uncertain. And now it seems a pity for this people to follow simply in the wake of the temperance wave when their staunch total abstinence principles so well fit them to ride on its fore crest. But a new era is dawning for this people in the temperance work. They can no longer allow the mistakes of those who would link the cause of temperance with religious legislation to hold them back from avowing their convictions. They must unfurl the "True Blue" to the world. They must lift their voices to help in the effort to stay the tide that threatens to engulf all in its direful surge.

And so it comes about that temperance rallies are getting to be quite the thing among us. The young people are falling into line, and are taxing their minds to set forth the temperance issue in striking and attractive ways.

The missionary volunteer society of College Place presented the following program on the evening of November 28: Song, "Sleeping on Guard."

Talk, "What the Young Men's Christian Association Is Doing to Aid in the Temperance Reform," Mr. Cook, secretary of the Walla Walla Y. M. C. A.

Talk, "The Present Status of the Temperance Work in the United States," Mrs. Bodwell, President of the W. C. T. U. of Eastern Oregon.

Song, "Wine Is a Mocker," by the choir.

Talk, "Evils of Intemperance," Edwin Sargeant.

Temperance Statistics, Ralph Conard.
Temperance News Items, Miss Phyllis Sargeant.

Temperance Recitation, Miss Antoinette Burdick.

Song, "Where Is My Wandering Boy To-night?"

Response, "Down in the Licensed Saloon."

At the close of the program a call was made for signers of the Temperance Pledge, and nearly two hundred of the young people responded. A donation

of several dollars was taken up to furnish the young people with temperance literature for distribution.

Can not every one of our missionary volunteer societies take hold in earnest in this campaign against intemperance? Prepare the temperance program, sign the temperance pledge, circulate the temperance literature. Let it be known on which side of this question you stand, at once, and forever.

Helen C. Conard.

THREE NEW BOOKS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"A Man of Valor" by Prof. A. W. Spaulding is a fascinating story of the life of Jonathan, son of King Saul. Aside from Biblical manners, customs, and geography, free use has been made of the imagination in giving a setting for the life of the greatest Old Testament type of the perfect friend. Price 75 cents.

"Talks to My Students," by Prof. Frederick Griggs, is full of practical instruction and helpful suggestions to young men and women, in school and out, who desire to make the most of life. Price 50 cents.

"Elo the Eagle and Other Stories," is a series of stories of animals which the author knew and loved when a child. No one can fail to be intensely interested in this book, and have a greater and more intelligent interest in and love for animals, after reading it. The price is \$1.00.

Do you wish to make presents to some of your friends at this season? Do not rush to the holiday shops and hastily buy some books made simply to sell. You may find books with excellent sentiments and yet there may be threads of error throughout. Here are books written for young people by those who have spent their lives with the youth, and whose hearts are tuned to God's message for to-day.

Order through your tract society or the nearest publishing house.

M. E. Kern,

Chairman Y. P. M. V. Department.

"Faith is the hand wherewith we take everlasting life."

CUBA

According to promise the writer presents to the "Gleaner" some items about Cuba as he sees it.

The buildings in the best part of the cities and large towns are mostly of rock plastered outside with cement and tinted some light color like yellow or cream and are tile covered. The streets are practically without sidewalks; but in Havana most of the sidewalks are from 18 to 30 inches wide and many of the business streets 12 to 20 ft. wide.

Since the Americans have had jurisdiction the city has been changed from one of filth to quite a clean place physically. There are no saloons as such but every grocery and cafe furnish liquors. In several months I have seen but two or three intoxicated persons. Be it a shame to say the Americans are the worse to indulge to that point.

Camp Columbia lies about eight miles west of Havana on a beautiful slope facing the ocean.

It has many more troops and buildings than the fort at Walla Walla altho not so much land—not even enough for Cavalry practice.

The troops expect to evacuate the island January 28, but they think that within six months that insurrections will arise so that they will have to return here.

Many of the towns are connected with Calzadas—fine macadamized roads; but many of the side roads are rough and get badly cut up by the heavy ox carts by which most of the country produce is hauled. Although many chickens, goats, pigs and fruits are carried to market on horse or mule back. Even small children corpses in coffins are carried to the cemetery on horseback and only the men go to the burying.

Gua Guas (pronounced Wa Was) sort of busses drawn by small mules near Havana compete with the street cars in prices for passengers.

The country houses here off a distance look like old hay-stacks having thatched roofs and often the sides are covered with guana—leaves of the palms.

The land varies greatly in fertility and tillableness. Many here think it must be heavily fertilized with the commercial fertilizers as in Florida. But I believe by proper working and a right rotation of crops most of it will raise profitable crops; for now most every-

where we see a rank growth of grass and weeds produced quickly.

The Scotchman who went to Australia and felt homesick because he could not see the accustomed thistle from his native land introduced the pest in the new land to satisfy his unwonted desire.

We find already here plenty of the sandburs to call our minds back to the home of my boyhood days.

We were disappointed in not finding many cocoanut palms here, although the royal palm and a sort of fan-leaved palm are plentiful.

This is the great tobacco district of the island while across the range of mountains north of us (the range is from 1,200 to 2,000 ft. elevation) is the sugarcane region, and in the east end of the island are found many cocoanuts.

This region is one of the best for bananas, pineapples, and the citrus fruits, especially the grape fruit, or pomello, does better in Cuba than most any place else.

This country seems a natural home for the mango and aquacate (alligator pear) and produces many other fruits. I saw one mango tree here 16 ft. in circumference. One kind of tree bears, at eighteen months from seed, a fruit much like a muskmelon.

We are renting now but are negotiating for offers for a location for a school. We ask your prayers for success in the work here for this heretofore priest-ridden people. While most of the older ones are naked spiritually, many of the younger ones are physically.

S. H. Carnahan.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning with January, 1909, the Signs of the Times weekly will be published in its original form,—16 pages, 50 numbers in the year,—entirely independent from the monthly magazine. This decision was arrived at after careful consideration and after hearing from many of our workers in the field. The price will be the same as it was before the monthly was started, viz., one year, \$1.50; six months, 75 cents; three months, 40 cents. Club rates will be the same as before, except that no rate will be less than 2 cents per copy. The monthly magazine will continue just as

it started, but the two journals will be entirely separate and distinct.

For those who wish to read or use both the weekly and the monthly magazine, a combination rate has been made as follows: One year, \$2.00; six months, \$1.00; three months, 50 cents.

The monthly magazine alone can be had as follows: One year, \$1.00; six months, 50 cents; three months, 25 cents. Special terms in clubs and to agents.

We believe that all will be glad to learn that our good pioneer paper is to be restored to its original size and form. It is expected that the weekly journal will be taken largely by our churches in clubs for general missionary work; while the monthly magazine is designed more especially for agents to sell on the street and from house to house. The subject matter of the magazine will be entirely different from the weekly numbers, and it is the purpose of the publishers to make both journals stronger and better than ever before.

A little booklet outlining some of the good things these journals will contain during the coming year, giving club rates, terms to agents, etc., can be had for the asking.

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WHAT A BARREL OF WHISKEY CONTAINS

- A barrel of headaches, of heartaches, of woes,
- A barrel of curses, a barrel of blows;
- A barrel of sorrow from a loving, weary wife,
- A barrel of care, a barrel of strife;
- A barrel of all-unavailing regret,
- A barrel of cares, a barrel of debts;
- A barrel of hunger, of poison, of pain,
- A barrel of hopes all blasted and vain;
- A barrel of poverty, ruin and blight,
- A barrel of tears that run in the night;
- A barrel of crime, a barrel of groans,
- A barrel of orphan's most pitiful moans;
- A barrel of serpents that hiss as they pass,
- That glow from the liquor in the head of the glass;
- A barrel of falsehoods, a barrel of cries
- That fall from the maniac's lips as he dies!

Financial

WESTERN OREGON

RECEIPTS FOR MONTH ENDING
NOVEMBER 30, 1908

		TITHE
Albany	-	\$ 16 25
Albina	-	26 40
Ashland	-	89 44
Astoria	-	62 05
Clitwood	-	15 90
Cottage Grove	-	25 55
Dallas	-	6 20
Friend	-	18 80
Hopewell	-	5 00
Hillsboro	-	14 13
Laurelwood	-	207 20
Miscellaneous	-	8 70
Montavilla	-	80 15
Mt. Tabor	-	15 00
Newberg	-	90 23
Portland	-	190 81
Portland, Scandinavian	-	6 00
Roseburg	-	49 71
Sheridan	-	14 17
St. Johns	-	53 25
The Dalles	-	10 00
Tillamook	-	36 90
Toledo	-	55 24
West Scio	-	12 94
Yoncalla	-	17 00
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TRUST FUNDS

Manson School	-	\$ 15 32
Canton Chapel	-	3 75
China Mission	-	12 15
Colored Work	-	26 54
Colored Mission Schools	-	20 00
\$150,000 Fund	-	2 55
Intermediate Schools	-	60 00
Laurelwood School	-	15 32
Mission Board	-	112 41
Sabbath-school Offerings	-	60 17
Tent and Camp-meeting Fund	-	5 00
Weekly Offerings	-	23 55
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		\$356 76

Edith Starbuck,
Treasurer.

"No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
Nor can the memory find,
A sweeter sound than Jesus' name,
The Saviour of mankind."

MONTANA CONFERENCE

TITHE.

Bozeman	\$ 162 78
Butte	4 10
Darby	50 00
Great Falls	21 20
Hamilton	41 40
Helena	5 00
Isolated	47 40
Kalispell	50
Mt. Ellis	82 05
Missoula	134 85
Rollins	2 50
Red Lodge	6 65
Twin Bridges	6 00
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564 43	

FUNDS

Harvest Ing.	16 85
Mission Board	7 75
Annual Off.	50
F. D. Off.	83.31
S. S. Don.	46 80
Southern Work	19 46
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\$174 67	

A. E. Everett,
Treasurer.

One very attractive feature of the Signs of the Times weekly during the coming year will be a series of studies on the book of Revelation, taking it up verse by verse, and explaining in detail the various prophecies and striking symbols of this most wonderful book.

A series of Bible Readings, covering all the important phases of the Message, will also be given.

The other departments of the paper, such as "The Home," "Health and Temperance," "Missions," etc., will be kept up the same as usual. Each number will contain something of interest to every member of the family, both young and old, religious and non-religious. Now is the time to subscribe so as not to miss any of these interesting features.

What better Christmas or New Year's present could be given than a year's subscription to this family journal? Already it has been the means of bringing many into the truth. The subscription price is only \$1.50 per year; six months, 75 cents; three months, 40 cents.

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News Items

We shall have a report of the institute at Spokane soon from the religious liberty secretary, Elder Breed.

We invite our local laborers and church elders to send in brief items from the week of prayer which will be encouraging to our people in general.

After attending the religious liberty institute at Spokane and spending a day or two at the office, Elder White returned to Portland last week.

We are glad to say that quite a number are renewing their subscriptions to the Gleaner, thus securing this valuable little paper for the balance of this year and all of 1909.

In the issue of the Gleaner of December 9 appeared the following item, which, by mistake, was not credited to the Illinois Recorder, of which paper H. E. Moon is editor: "It is supposed that the earth has only one moon, but another, weighing seven and one-half pounds, was recently discovered at the home of the editor. Mother and daughter are doing nicely."

The churches in Washington, D. C., held a union Thanksgiving meeting on Sabbath, the 28th. A Sabbath-school donation of \$52.77 was made for Missions, and many of those who had been soliciting for Missions during Thanksgiving week gave their experiences with amounts collected. It was a very inspiring service. Those who had not had an opportunity to get out on ac-

Bookmen's Corner

WESTERN WASHINGTON

Week ending Dec. 4, 1908

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Value
Mrs. B. C. Cook	C. K.			\$ 3 50
Fern Wilcox	C. K.	15	3	17 90
Effie Walker	C. K.		6	12 85
G. B. Collett	Heralds	22	5	19 70
H. E. McWhinney	Heralds	21	4	11 00
W. C. Thompson	D. & R.	13	8	26 75
H. E. Loop	D. & R.	16	3	22 85
Bertha C. Cook	B. R.	9	4	18 65
Canvassers		8	96	33
				133 00

UPPER COLUMBIA

Five Weeks ending Dec. 4, 1908

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Value
Edna T. Wilson	C. K.	133	32	76 30
N. W. Miller	Heralds	15	7	13 75
A. A. Jones	G. C.	36	13	44.35
		184	52	134 40

count of being obliged to work night and day preparing the papers for others expressed appreciation for the extension of the time in which to solicit, for this would make it possible for them to share in the blessings and privileges of soliciting for Missions.

Central New England sends reports of the work of two sisters soliciting for Missions. One placed 43 papers and collected \$43. The other placed 47 papers and collected 47 dollars. Report just received from one brother who had written letters and sent copies of the papers to business associates, and solicited donations. From eight of the parties written to he received 88 dollars. Reports coming in at the present time from all parts of the country indicate excellent results, and we trust that our Missions will receive through this effort sufficient means to greatly advance our work in all parts of the world during the coming year.

"Since God gives to his intelligent creature, man, an inspired standard of perfection in moral conduct in the Bible, exemplified in the life of him who was

and is the Alpha and Omega of it, must not all bring hither their thoughts, words, and actions, and test their fitness by this standard if they desire to 'perfect holiness in the fear of God'?"

The times are prophets now;
They preach impending doom;
Let each repentant, bow,
And saints prepare for home;
We wait for Jesus from the skies;
So shall his glories meet our eyes.

MONTANA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The annual conference of the Seventh-day Adventists in Montana will be held at Mt. Ellis Academy, January 18-24, 1909, at which time officers for the ensuing year will be elected, reports submitted, and plans devised for the carrying forward of the work committed to this people. The first meeting will be held Monday, January 18, at 7:30 p. m.

R. D. Quinn,
President.