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“Put ye in the sickle,

CLEANER

for the harvest is ripe”

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BUILDING ON THE TRUE FOUNDATION

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“Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine,” Christ said, “and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the wind blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell; and great was the fall of it.”

The great work of parents and teachers is character building—to seek to restore the image of Christ in those who are placed under their care. Acknowledgment of the sciences sinks into insignificance beside this great aim; but all true education may be made to help in the development of righteous character. The formation of character is the work of a lifetime, and it is for eternity. If all could realize this, if we would awaken to the fact that we are individually deciding our own destiny and the destinies of our children for eternal life or for eternal ruin, what a change would take place! How differently would our

probationary time be occupied, and what different characters would fill our world!

The question that should come home to each of us is, “Upon what foundation am I building?” We have the privilege of striving for immortal life; and it is of the greatest importance that we dig deep, removing all the rubbish, and build on the immovable, solid Rock, Christ Jesus. He is the sure foundation. “For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” In him alone is our salvation. “There is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.”

The foundation firmly laid, we need wisdom that we may know how to build. When Moses was about to erect the sanctuary in the wilderness, he was cautioned, “See that thou make all things according to the pattern showed thee in the mount.” In his law God has given us a pattern. Our character building is to be “after the pattern showed to thee in the mount.” The law is the great standard of righteousness. It represents the character of God, and is the test of our loyalty to his government. And it is revealed to us, in all its beauty and excellence, in the life of Christ.

The law is the detector of sin. We have inspired testimony upon this point. “For I was alive without the law once,” Paul writes, “but when the commandment came [home to the conscience], sin revived, and I died. And the commandment, which was ordained unto life, I found to be unto death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived, and by it slew me.” This is the work that the law will do for every soul

that is living in sin. The law points out sin, and condemns it, and sends the sinner to Christ for pardon and cleansing.

All, however fallen, however sin-stained, have the law of God as their guide, and his word as their instructor. They may be sanctified through the truth, and received as sons and daughters of the Most High. But “the carnal mind is enmity against the law of God; for it is not subjects to the law of God, neither indeed can be.” The multitudes do not love righteousness, and they are building on the sand. Many who profess Christ do not love the law of God. If they dared, they would speak out their enmity against it in no mild terms. They have a surface religion, and this is all that they desire.

There are many who attend church, and hear the truth spoken, but they have some pet indulgences which they will not give up,—something which prevents them from judging candidly and wisely between the things of time and those of eternity. It makes little difference what this is, so long as it separates the soul from God.

We can make no selfish bargain with God; we can cling to no sin, and retain his favor. Those who are building on the Rock Christ Jesus will follow none of the pernicious practices of the worldly or of the world-loving church member, but will search the Bible for themselves. God has given men reasoning powers for this purpose, that they may weigh evidence, and decide what is truth. No man's assertions can be taken on trust. The question is, What does the Lord say? His “Thou shalt” and “Thou shalt not” must be obeyed.

Thoroughness is necessary to success in the work of character building. There must be an earnest purpose to carry out the plan of the Master-builder. The timbers used must be solid; and no careless, unreliable work can be accepted; it would ruin the building. The powers of the whole being are to be put into this work. It demands the strength and energy of manhood; there is no reserve to be wasted in unimportant matters. There must be earnest, careful, persevering effort to break away from the customs, maxims, and associations of the world. Deep thought, earnest purpose, steadfast integrity, are essential.

There must be no idleness. Life is an important thing, a sacred trust, and every moment should be wisely improved; for its results will be seen in eternity. God requires each one to do all the good possible. The talents which he has entrusted to our keeping are to be made the most of. He has placed them in our hands to be used to his name's glory, and in the interests of our fellowmen.

The Lord has precious promises in this life for those who keep his law. He says, "My son, forget not my law, but let thine heart keep my commandments; for length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. Let not mercy and truth forsake thee; bind them about thy neck; write them upon the tables of thine heart; so shalt thou find favor and good understanding in the sight of God and man."

But a better than earthly reward awaits those who, basing their work on the solid Rock, have built up symmetrical characters, in accordance with the living Word. For them is prepared "a city that hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Its streets are paved with gold. In it is the paradise of God, watered by the river of life, which proceeds from the throne. In the midst of the street, and on either side of the river, is there the tree of life, which yields its fruit every month; "and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations."

Parents, teachers, students, remember that you are building for eternity. See that your foundation is sure; then build firmly, and with persistent effort, but in meekness, gentleness, love. So shall your house stand unshaken, not only when the storms of temptation come, but when the overwhelming flood

of God's wrath shall sweep over the world. Then every house built upon the sand will fall, and great will be the fall thereof, for the work is for eternity.

"Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him; for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe unto the wicked! It shall be ill with him; for the reward of his hands shall be given him."

WHO ARE GOING?

In this article we wish to inquire, brethren and sisters of the North Pacific Union Conference, if you are expecting to attend the General Conference at Washington, D. C., May 13 to June 6. A list of the delegates has already gone forward, but no doubt there are those who expect to attend as visitors and we would like to know who they are, that we may forward their names to the chairman of the entertainment committee at Washington, who is calling for them. Now, if any in the North Pacific Union Conference are expecting to attend this General Conference in Washington, you should send your name to the writer, Box 429, Walla Walla, Washington, that we may forward it that arrangements may be made for your entertainment when you reach there. A letter from Elder G. A. Irwin has just been received, and he uses this language:

"I would be glad, Brother White, if you will write me at a very early date, giving me the names of the delegates and visiting brethren from the North Pacific Union, stating if possible how many are going to bring their wives with them. And it would be a very great help to the committee, of which I am chairman, if we could know definitely how many would prefer rooms to living in tents. Of course, as you know, our ability to furnish rooms will be somewhat limited owing to the distance we will be away from the town. We are expecting to pitch at least two hundred dwelling tents on the ground. These will all be good tents and will be floored and made as comfortable as we can possibly make them. I might say in this connection that we are providing entertainment for everybody that will come, either as delegates or as visiting brethren. Of course, you understand

this means that we will have to make a charge sufficient to cover the outlay for materials, etc. I cannot tell at this writing just what the charge will be for either furnished or unfurnished rooms, or for tents. It would be well for you to instruct all who are coming to bring sufficient bedding and clothing to keep them comfortable."

We trust our brethren and sisters throughout the North Pacific Union Conference, who are calculating to visit the General Conference, will carefully heed these words from Brother Irwin, and send their names to us as soon as possible; also that you will take with you necessary bedding, as it will be absolutely impossible for those at Washington to furnish bedding for all who will go. Give this matter careful thought at once and let us hear from you.

W. B. White.

THE NEED OF VITAL POWER

(Concluded)

David's courage and boldness in going forth to meet the Philistine champion was inspired by his keen sense of the presence of God. He said to his antagonist, "I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel." He was reckoning on those invisible armies of light and power that attend the righteous from day to day; and their presence, though unseen by mortal eye, was just as real to David as was the presence of Goliath. With a mighty faith like his, what had he to fear?

After recounting the deeds of men of this type, Paul says: "What shall I more say? for time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthah, and of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets, who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, . . . escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens." "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin (of unbelief) which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

And now let us ask ourselves this living question: Shall we be satisfied

with less power than characterized the lives and work of these men? Certainly there was never a time in the history of this world when the work of God was more in need of just such men of faith and power as are revealed in Paul's missionary roll call of past dispensations. Hebrews 11. "Why do we not hunger and thirst for the gift of the Spirit, since this is the means by which we are to receive power? Why do we not talk of it, pray for it, preach concerning it? The Lord is more willing to give the Holy Spirit to us than parents are to give good gifts to their children. My brethren and sisters, plead for the Holy Spirit. God stands back of every promise he has made. With your Bibles in your hands, say, 'I have done as thou hast said; I present thy promise, "Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you."'

"The dispensation in which we are now living is to be, to those that ask, the dispensation of the Holy Spirit. Ask for his blessing. It is time we were more intense in our devotion. To us is committed the arduous, but happy, glorious work of revealing Christ to those who are in darkness. We are called to proclaim the special truths for this time. For all this the outpouring of the Spirit is essential. We should pray for it. The Lord expects us to ask him. We have not been whole-hearted in this work. What can I say to my brethren in the name of the Lord? What proportion of our efforts has been made in accordance with the light the Lord has been pleased to give? We can not depend upon form or external machinery. What we need is the quickening influence of the Holy Spirit of God. 'Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.' Pray without ceasing, and watch by working in accordance with your prayers. As you pray, believe; trust in God. It is the time of the latter rain, when the Lord will give largely of his Spirit. Be fervent in prayer, and watch in the Spirit."

O for that flame of living fire

Which shone so bright in saints of old;

Which bade their souls to heaven aspire,

Calm in distress, in danger bold.

Where is that spirit, Lord, which dwelt
In Abram's breast, and sealed him
thine?

Which made Paul's heart with sorrow
melt,

And glow with energy divine?

Is not thy grace as mighty now
As when Elijah felt its power?

When glory beamed from Moses' brow,
Or Job endured the trying hour?

Remember, Lord, the ancient days;
Renew thy work, thy grace restore;
And while to thee our hearts we raise,
On us thy Holy Spirit pour.

R. D. Quinn.

IS THIS FULFILLING?

In 1864,—forty-five years ago,—Sister E. G. White wrote the following words, describing the days just before the coming of the Son of man. Have we reached the days when these words are reaching their fulfilment? If so, we are living very near the second advent.

"In the day of the Lord, just before the coming of Christ, God will send lightnings from heaven in his wrath, which will unite with fire in the earth. The mountains will burn like a furnace and will pour forth terrible streams of lava, destroying gardens and fields, villages and cities. And as they four forth their melted ore, rocks and heated mud into the rivers, will cause them to boil like a pot, and send forth massive rocks and scatter their broken fragments upon the land, with indescribable violence. Whole rivers will be dried up. The earth will be convulsed and there will be dreadful eruptions and earthquakes everywhere. God will plague the wicked inhabitants of earth till they are destroyed from off it." Spiritual Gifts, vol. 3, p. 78.

It seems as though we have certainly reached the time when these words were meeting their fulfilment. Surely as never before the earth is being convulsed and there are earthquakes everywhere; and this the reader will remember is just before the second advent of Christ. Surely we are living in solemn times and should make ready for the great events that are coming upon the earth. Who will be prepared to stand in the day of the Lord? Only those who have clean hands and pure hearts,

who are not lifting up their souls unto vanity or walking in the ways of deceitful men. These words, though they were penned forty-five years ago, are to-day rapidly meeting their fulfilment.

W. B. White.

BETTER THAN ANY OTHER

Those who have seen the March number of the Watchman are highly pleased with it. One conference president, upon getting a copy of this paper, immediately wrote a letter to all the churches in his field urging them to improve the special opportunity afforded in the distribution of this number.

A new worker in one large city ordered \$7.50 worth of papers from the first copies off the press. A few days later this worker sent another remittance of \$7.50 and said, "Please send me more of the March Watchman. This sells better than any other paper ever sold in our city."

It shows why and how in years past the seeds of lawlessness have been sown that are now bearing the sad and bountiful harvest of crime in every form. The meaning of all this is pointed out in interesting language. Each department is filled with choice articles and illustrations. Who will help in the distribution of this issue? Further information on request. Send orders through the tract society.

GENERAL CONFERENCE BULLETIN

Because of the great importance of interesting all our people in securing and reading the daily Bulletin as it will appear during the time of holding of the next session of the General Conference, it seems to me that it will be well to publish a letter sent out from the General Conference Missionary Department to the churches. I know there will be many who read the Gleaner that will not hear this letter read, and it is for those especially that this article is intended. However, brethren and sisters, if there is anything we can do or say to help interest our people everywhere to quickly subscribe for the Bulletin, let

us do it; for the reading of these stirring accounts will certainly do more to awaken a true missionary spirit than anything else we can do.

O. K. Butler.

TO THE CHURCH

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—

In a few short months there will convene in Washington, D. C., the most thrilling and important council ever held in the history of this denomination. It will be the Thirty-seventh Session of the General Conference, with representative workers from all parts of the world. The great work of this denomination in giving the Third Angel's Message in this generation has made marvelous advancement since the last General Conference, but the wonderful openings for the extension of our work in nearly every part of the world, the rapid accumulation of workers, the inflow of necessary means to support the work, the great army of young people now in our schools preparing to enter the field, the perceptible missionary spirit taking hold upon our churches everywhere, a settled conviction of a mighty social-political upheaval imminent, resting upon all in view of the stirring events rapidly transpiring all about us, and the oft-repeated appeals coming through the spirit of prophecy to our churches to make haste in preparation of the breaking forth of the storm of the very last days,—all this has brought the denomination up to the time when a decided forward movement is to be made that will require our best efforts to keep pace with it.

The General Conference, realizing the importance of the coming General Conference session, and the need of our people who cannot attend, of having a full report of the proceedings as early as possible, have decided to issue the General Conference Daily Bulletin, during the coming session, and send it to all of our people in all parts of the world for only 50 cents. There will be about 25 numbers, each containing from 16 to 32 pages, according to the amount to be reported each day.

The reports of the last session of the General Conference were given through the Review, but they could not be full enough, nor prompt enough, so an effort will be made at the coming session of the General Conference to give prompt and full reports at the least possible cost. We believe this provision will be

most heartily appreciated by all who cannot attend; also by those who desire to keep the reports in a convenient, compact form for reference. They will be valuable for reference and study until the holding of the next General Conference. In fact, we know of nothing that could be produced for 50 cents by our publishing houses that will be of greater value to all our members than this edition of the bulletin. We expect, therefore, a large number of subscriptions, a close study of the contents of each issue, and a grand, forward movement, as a result of the coming Conference.

All orders for the Bulletin should reach the General Conference not later than April 16, 1909. As far as possible all orders should be sent through the state tract society office, but if this is not convenient nor possible, the orders should be sent direct to the General Conference. Churches should decide how many copies will be required for the church, and give the order to the church missionary secretary, (librarian) who should forward it to the state tract society, or direct to the General Conference, with the full address of each subscriber, and the amount of cash to cover each order at 50 cents each. There are no club rates.

The Missionary Department of the General Conference having charge of the circulation of the Bulletin sends greetings to all in the church, extends brotherly love and earnest prayers for peace, prosperity, and final victory, through Christ our Lord.

Yours in His service,

General Conference Missionary Dept.,
per D. W. Reavis,
Secretary.

THIRTY THOUSAND WATCHMAN FOR MARCH

The second magazine number of the Watchman is now ready. Twenty-five thousand copies of the first issue were printed, and sold. The success that has attended the circulation of the February Watchman is conclusive evidence of its value as a magazine. Many new names have been added to the mailing list, and with nearly every renewal there is an expression of appreciation of the paper in its new form.

Thirty thousand copies have been

printed for March. Each containing twenty-six short, pointed editorials, five general articles, and three articles in the department of Scripture Study which is opened with this number. There are three stirring articles from the mission field, five in the Home and Health department, also some striking items in the Scrapbook column, which is again resumed. Besides these and the last page items, there are two excellent poems, and two pages of "Things Here and There". The numerous illustrations including the cover page, are excellent.

The March Watchman gives special consideration to the increase of lawlessness in these days; its causes and their meaning. Each article is complete in itself, and aids the reader to more clearly comprehend the terrible situation which now exists on every hand. The seed for the present harvest was sown in substituting tradition for God's Word, and in destroying the integrity of the Law of Ten Commandments. Law breaking by high and low, rich and poor, by means of trusts, combines, and night riding, naturally follows the setting aside of God's standard. All this is shown in a most convincing manner.

One striking picture is that of the seven night riders recently sentenced to be hanged for murder in Tennessee. The recent earthquake in Italy speaks its meaning through the article "Earthquake Theology".

The WATCHMAN sells readily at ten cents a copy. It is furnished to agents in quantities as follows:

2 - 24 copies, each 5c.

25 - 499 copies, each 4c.

500 - 1000 copies, each 3 1-2 cents.

Special rates will be made to agents selling 1000 or more copies of each issue. Who will help to place these 30,000 papers in the hands of people who need this message of warning and invitation? Order a supply at once. Address the state tract society.

All sophistry of Satan is bound up in one word—wait.

Beware of despairing about yourself. Pure religion as taught by Jesus Christ is a life, a growth, a divine spirit within, coming out in love and sympathy and helpfulness to our fellowmen.

News Items

UPPER COLUMBIA

HERE AND THERE

Have you subscribed for the General Conference Bulletin?

The Bulletin will be published during the entire time of the conference in Washington, D. C. Price 50 cents. It is time now to send in your subscription.

The Walla Walla Seventh-day Adventist sanitarium is nearing completion, and will be ready soon to receive patients. Dr. Warner says some patients are being cared for now, in the little hospital building.

Some of our brethren have asked if the sanitarium would take small deposits of a few hundred dollars on interest. Arrangements have now been made whereby this can be done. It is desirable that the deposits be made for a year, at least, but should it become necessary for some to draw out their money at an earlier date, it could be done, by giving the usual notice. Those desiring to place their money in some safe place in the Lord's cause where it will be doing good and at the same time earning a reasonable rate of interest to the depositor, may correspond with Dr. W. H. Warner, Medical Supt. of the Sanitarium at College Place, Wash.

G. E. Langdon.

ITEMS

Elder F. D. Starr is holding a series of meetings at Moscow, with a good attendance.

F. M. Oliver was a caller at the office recently. He is holding meetings at Starbuck, with a good interest.

O. L. Coy is busy distributing out literature in the vicinity of Chelan and holding meetings there.

Elder Langdon is visiting in the vicinity of Viola and Moscow, and spent last Sabbath with the Farmington church.

Brother James Standage is still in Troutlake, Wash., where some interest is manifested and a few have taken their stand for the truth.

Orders are coming in quite freely for Elder Starr's valuable book, entitled "Search the Scriptures." We have a good supply on hand, the price being only 25 cents.

Elder Catlin has just made a tour of the church schools in the northern part of the conference. He called at the office during the week, on his way to North Yakima, Wash.

Elder Gibson has just returned from Portland, where he went to take Brother J. E. Lovell, of Genesee, Idaho, to the sanitarium, as he was seriously ill with typhoid.

Brother Pedersen, who has recently come to this field, and who has had years of experience in the canvassing work, has just gone to Bickleton, Wash., where he will engage in the canvassing work for a time.

A. D. Guthrie is at present conducting an interesting canvassers' institute at the Berean Industrial Academy, at Malaga, Wash. Classes are organized in Great Controversy, Heralds of the Morning, and Coming King, and quite an interest is manifested, although the majority are quite young.

Elder A. M. Dart is having good success along the line of the home missionary work among the churches of the conference. Recently at the Granger church the society took between two and three hundred of our books to circulate among their friends and neighbors. Sabbath, March 13, Elder Dart spent with the North Yakima church.

U. C. Tract Society.

"The empty vessel makes the greatest sound."

WILLS, LEGACIES, AND ANNUITIES TO THE CAUSE OF GOD

Several of our people have made out wills and other legal documents to the Upper Columbia Conference and some to the tract societies. Neither of these are legal bodies, they are simply names to designate our work and territory.

The legal name under which the conference and tract society do legal business, is "Upper Columbia Mission Society of Seventh-day Adventists," College Place, Walla Walla County, Wash.

We surely appreciate the regard our brethren have for God's cause in giving of their means to his work. We trust others who have made wills, deeds in trust, etc., to the cause will see that they are drawn up under the proper legal name. It would be well to cut out this name and preserve it. Our ministers and church elders especially should have this legal name with them.

Often deeds of churches are drawn up in different names and then we have to return them and have them made out again.

If all will bear this notice in mind it will save many dollars to the Lord's cause.

G. E. Langdon,

WESTERN OREGON

CORNELIUS, ORE.

January 19, I sailed for Portland from Marshfield. The first part of February I began meetings in the First-day Adventist church at Cornelius. I have now put in three weeks at this place. Ten adults have commenced to keep the commandments, and others are convinced, but halting. Our attendance has been good. A First-day Adventist minister spoke against us Sunday evening in the M. E. Church, using D. M. Canright as authority. We expect more opposition soon. We do not invite it, but, knowing that it must come sooner or later, we feel anxious for the battle. We can then bury the dead, gather up the wounded, close up our ranks, and know what we have and how many are loyal. It takes some wind to separate the chaff from the wheat.

There are two families of our people here, and the prospects are favorable for a company of twenty to be established.

We are planning to organize a Sabbath-school next Sabbath.

W. C. F. Ward.

WESTERN OREGON CONFERENCE ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Western Oregon Conference Association will be held in connection with the the Western Oregon Conference which will assemble in Portland, Ore., March 23, 1909. The first meeting of Western Oregon Conference Association will be called at 10:30 a. m., March 24. The business to receive attention at that time will be the election of a Board of Trustees for the ensuing year, and the transaction of any other business which may properly come up for consideration.

T. H. Starbuck,
President of Board.

SOUTHERN IDAHO BOISE, IDAHO

January 18, I left Boise for Pine Valley, Ore., and arrived here the evening of the 20th after the worst sixty miles of travel I ever experienced. I began meetings at Halfway shortly afterward, and continued them for about two weeks. As the roads became very muddy in that locality, I moved up the valley to Chandlers, where services were held about two weeks longer. In the meantime, I spoke twice at a point called Carson, near the head of the valley.

During this time a challenge to debate was repeatedly given by a Disciple minister. This I persistently refused, being encouraged so to do by about all, except his congregation. Upon invitation the Sabbath question was presented in the Disciple church to a full house. Later a reply was made, the spirit and manner of which was to many a sufficient refutation of the positions therein taken; however, I afterward reviewed some of the principles involved in the reply. Our friends and many others considered that in this controversy the truth gained a decided victory. To the Lord belongs

the praise. While in the valley five were received into the church, three of these by baptism. A sixth would have united and been baptized, but illness prevented. Some others promised to walk in the light; and beside these, at least a score admitted that they were convinced and expressed the hope that they would sometime see the way clear to obey.

The roads having become quite bad, the meetings were closed, and after spending some days in visiting, I left the field to answer other calls, but hope it may be my privilege to some day visit again the dear friends in Pine Valley, which, by the way, is the place where, nineteen-years ago I resigned the M. E. ministry and embraced the Seventh-day Adventist faith.

H. W. Oliver.

WESTERN WASHINGTON

ITEMS FROM WESTERN WASHINGTON

I have just returned from a visit to the Meadow Glade Intermediate school where I attended a meeting of the board, and a canvassers' institute conducted by Brethren Weeks and Davis.

There is a fine class of students at this school, and all are making fair progress in their studies, while quite a number are doing excellent work. With the exception of two or three, all have a good Christian experience. Brother Paap and Miss Julia Hansen have been placed on the faculty for the next year. This, I am sure, will be appreciated by those who are attending this year and are planning to come again the next school term.

Judging from the enthusiasm manifested by the large company who are expecting to canvass for scholarships, Brother Davis will have quite an army of young people in the field this summer. I very much appreciated the privilege of meeting these young people and having an opportunity to speak to them on several occasions. They no doubt esteem it a privilege to attend the school, and feel grateful to their parents for the many sacrifices made to secure them the privilege of a Christian education.

One serious difficulty we have to meet in this conference is the scarcity of church school teachers. I hope many of our young people will plan to attend the Walla Walla Normal Department and prepare themselves for efficient teachers that we may be able to secure the help for our church schools, that we so much need.

This is also true of the Bible workers. I hope some of our young women are planning to prepare themselves for this branch of God's work.

Our cities are crying for the "Bread of Life." There seems to be a greater dearth for Bible workers throughout the Union than for workers in any other line. Elder Sharp has untiringly scoured the country for Bible workers, but none can be found who are fit for the work. Let some of our young women consecrate themselves to this work, and I am sure they will reap God's richest blessing.

We are planning to send out five tents into the field this summer in Western Washington. Two of these will be manned by our Scandinavian brethren and the other three by our American brethren. We look for good results, for we believe the workers are united and have one single purpose in view, that is the salvation of souls.

We are glad to welcome Dr. Shryock back to our conference. Dr. Shryock has been on our conference committee for some time but on account of illness resigned, and was compelled to leave his work in the sanitarium treatment rooms where he has been steadily engaged in caring for the sick for a number of years. He looks much better as a result of his last recuperation in Southern California.

I wish to remind the officers of our churches that we have a nice little card containing the schedule of Sabbath donations for the year 1909. It would be well if every church elder secured one of these so as to be prepared to present to the church each Sabbath their obligations to the different offerings. They are also first-class calendars, giving the date of every Sabbath in the year.

Yours in the Master's service,
S. W. Nellis.

"In company, guard your tongue; in solitude, your heart."

SHIP MISSION WORK

It seems that this is a very favorable time to inaugurate the ship mission work in Seattle.

There have been times in the past when some attention has been given to this work by other people than our own, but at the present we seem to have a clear field.

As a consequence our literature is welcomed and the kindly feeling manifested by the seafaring men indicates their appreciation of this effort in their behalf.

Before the Ohio sailed for Alaska with her 375 passengers, tracts were placed in many of the state-rooms and Signs and other periodicals in the reading-room and steerage. As before indicated this was the only literature in evidence and the avidity with which it was taken advantage of was truly pleasing.

You must recognize that these opportunities are becoming a daily occurrence in addition to the other shipping and to supply the demand must require a constant stream of papers from all who can spare them. So will request that you give this work the benefit of such surplus papers of any language that you may have bearing on the message.

Mail post-paid to C. A. Purdom, Ship Missionary, 309 2d Ave., N., Seattle, Wash.

Sabbath-school and Young People's Work

JOTS FROM UPPER COLUMBIA EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

Only six of the sixty-one Sabbath-schools of Upper Columbia appropriated any of the regular contributions for the running expenses of the schools last quarter. \$21.66 were used by these six schools. All other money went to foreign missions,—\$705.94.

Up to the present date, March 14, there has been paid in from Upper Columbia to the Foreign Mission Seminary Fund \$186.47. North Yakima leads in this with \$55.00, Spokane coming next with \$26.00, and Milton following with \$24.35. The remainder is distributed among several societies and companies.

Elder F. D. Starr's little book "Search the Scriptures," is just what will satisfy the need of many, a brief synopsis of the sixty-six books of the Bible. Secure the pamphlet, read what he gives of each book, then read the book, and you will certainly find your appetite for Scripture study stimulated. The one fault I find with the book is that it is not bound in more durable form.

A neat and interesting little program was given by the Missionary Volunteer Society of College Place on a recent evening. The history of nine of our best hymns, both of the words and music, was presented, and then the songs were sung or the music rendered on instruments. We think we value some songs because of their age when if we analyzed a little closer we might discover that they are old because of their worth. Not many but the truly valuable stand the wear of time.

The Temperance Number of the Instructor is, we think, about the most dainty and attractive Special that has been sent out since the time of "Specials" began. We trust that not only our young people but all will esteem it a privilege as well as a bounden duty to give this paper a wide circulation. We believe that all will consider this an opportunity which they can not overlook to "give the trumpet a certain sound" from our ranks on the temperance question. Especially should it be gotten before the younger classes of the people, and this our youth can do so well.

Helen C. Conard.

MAKING VOWS

Is it right to make a vow to God?

Ps. 76:11. "Vow and pay unto the Lord your God; let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared."

When men fear the Lord, what may we expect them to do?

Jonah 1:16. "Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the Lord, and made vows."

When did David say that he would render praises to God?

Ps. 56:12. "Thy vows are upon

me, O God; I will render praise unto thee."

It ought to be a great pleasure to us to vow to God, and we should praise him that we have such a privilege.

Shall we make vows in days of adversity and affliction?

Ps. 132:1, 2. "Lord, remember David and all his afflictions; how he swore unto the Lord, and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob."

What was the nature of this vow?

He vowed that if God would help him, he would provide a place for the ark of God.

What good man of old made a vow to God?

Gen. 28:20-22. "And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the Lord be my God, and this stone which I have set for a pillar shall be God's house; and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee."

When the Spirit of God moves our hearts to make a vow or pledge to God, what should we not then do?

Prov. 20:25. "It is a snare to the man who devoureth that which is holy, and after vows to make inquiry."

It is not best after making pledges and vows to begin to make inquiry as to whether we did right in making such vows, and whether we are able to meet them, etc. If God led us to make them, he stands ready to help us meet them.

What does God say to us about our vows?

Eccl. 5:4. "When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools; pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay."

Who hear us when we make our vows to God?

The angels hear us.

What should we not say in their presence?

Eccl. 5:6. "Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel that it was an

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error; wherefore should God be angry
at thy voice, and destroy the work of
thine hands?"

If God's Spirit impressed us to make
the vow or pledge, we must not now
say it was an error, for the angels of
God hear all we say.

What did the Lord say to ancient Israel
about vowing?

Deut. 23:21. "When thou shalt
vow a vow unto the Lord thy God,
thou shalt not be slack to pay it; for
the Lord thy God will surely require
it of thee; and it would be sin in
thee."

If we feel that we can not make a vow
or pledge and fulfil it, is this sin?

Deut. 23:22. "But if thou shalt for-
bear to vow, it shall be no sin in
thee."

In the light of these scriptures, we
would conclude that it is right at times
to make vows and pledges to God and
his work, but when they are made they
should be sacredly kept and performed.
Further, if one does not feel able to
make a vow or pledge, it is no sin to
refrain, though he is, of course, miss-
ing the blessing that comes in giving to
the cause of God. The work of God in
the earth has largely been built up by
the vows his people have made to it,
and likely it will be so to the end.

The writer does not regret any pledge
he ever made to the cause of the third
angel's message; he only regrets that
he has not been able to do more. The
day is rapidly approaching, brethren
and sisters, when we shall be glad of
every dollar we have put into the cause
of God. So may we be faithful in our
stewardship, that at last we may hear
the "well done" said to us.

W. B. White.

Bookmen's Corner

WESTERN WASHINGTON

Two weeks ending Mar. 5, 1909.

Agent	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Value
W. C. Thompson	D. & R.	26	13	4 25	41 00
G. B. Collett	Heralds	26	1	14 25	16 25
O. Shrewsberry	C. K.	15			25 80
		67	14	18 50	83 05

Financial

NORTH PACIFIC UNION CON- FERENCE

Receipts for February, 1909

Title	\$517 20
Second Title	301 15
Gleaner	9 50
Rebates	550 97
Merchandise	1 45

TRUST FUNDS

S. S. Offerings	654 79
First-day Offerings	195 21
Foreign Missions	310 31
Southern Field	3 65
Colored Work	49 14
Sendebud	2 50
Fiji	10 00
Earthquake Sufferers	26 16
Missions	1 50
Colored Mission Schools	22
Annual Offerings	309 87
India	21 00
China	1 00
Kingston Church	5 00
Southern Idaho Academy	5 00
Mid-summer Offering	2 50
Scholarship Endowment Fund	3 50
Thanksgiving Offerings	345 33
Vaktare	2 50

\$3329 45

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UPPER COLUMBIA CON- FERENCE

For January, 1909

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Lewiston	\$9 15
Granger	13 10
Individual	22 85
Chelan	30 00
Spokane	12 00

Walla Walla German	15 00
Milton	37 75
Farmington, Eng.	33 50
Viola	8 20
Sand Point	60 50
Natchez	34 85
	\$276 90

TRUST FUNDS

S. S. Donations	195 83
Foreign Missions	27 00
Southern Field	85
Colored Work	5 00
Walla Walla College	5 00
Thanksgiving Offering	55 90
Annual Offering	13 50
Sions Voktare Miss. Fund	2 50
Sendebud Miss. Fund	2 50
Fiji Island	10 00
Italy Miss.	26 16
So. Idaho School	5 00

\$349 24

T. G. Johnson, Treas.

CANVASSERS' INSTITUTES

Forest Home Academy, March 3-23.
Malaga, Wash., March 5-19.
Walla Walla College, March 22 to
April 10.
Mt, Ellis, Montana, April 12-24.

"Our grand business is not to see
what lies dimly at a distance; but to do
what lies close at hand."

"Every mind was made for growth,
for knowledge; and its nature is sinned
against when it is doomed to ignorance."