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"Put ye in the sickle,

CLEANER

for the harvest is ripe"

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TRUST

The clouds hang heavy round my way,
I can not see;
But through the darkness I believe
God leadeth me.
'Tis sweet to keep my hand in his
While all is dim,
To close my weary, aching eyes
And follow him.

Through many a thorny path he leads
My tired feet,
Through many a path of tears I go,
But it is sweet
To know that he is close to me,
My guard, my guide;
He leadeth me; and so I walk
Quite satisfied.

Selected.

AN APPEAL TO YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN

There is a great law of the mind which reads, "As he [a man] thinketh in his heart, so is he." God works in harmony with that law. He tells us what to let the mind dwell upon in order to develop the character he would have us form.

We have an instance of this in the book of Deuteronomy. There we read that the children of Israel were told to repeat often to their little ones the story of the conquest of the promised land. The leaders in that great movement, such men as Caleb and Joshua, were characters worth studying. God wanted the children as they grew up to let their minds dwell upon the sturdy, self-sacrificing spirit of these leaders. By so doing, the children would become sturdy burden-bearers, men and women with the Caleb and Joshua spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion to God.

We have passed through an experience similar to that of the children of Israel. The third angel's message was proclaimed by persons of great faith and courage. Such were Elder James White and his wife, Elders Joseph Bates and J. N. Andrews, and many others that could be mentioned. They were bold, brave spirits who forgot themselves and their personal comforts in their zeal for the cause of God. When the Lord impressed these men to move out in any direction, they did not hesitate over the question of personal comfort, salary, or any such thing. They moved straight forward and did nobly the work that God gave them to do. They laid the

foundation for the greatest movement that the world has ever known.

It is the duty of our young people to let their minds dwell upon the work done by these pioneers. As we do this, we shall become like them in spirit and courage.

The leaders in the days of Israel did a great work, but some things remained for the young people to do. To-day we find that the pioneers in the third angel's message have likewise left some work for the young people to do. There are still some nations to conquer. Our pioneers were soldiers, solid Christian soldiers. But many of our young people shrink from the life and duties of a soldier, while the Lord is saying that our schools should train for the battlefield.

The Lord intends the southern field to be a great training-school for thousands of young Seventh-day Adventists. The South offers them an opportunity to gain the same experience that the pioneers had. The Lord says he has been waiting twenty years for our young people to do the work that is needed in the South. Recently the message has come: "The Lord is certainly opening the way for us as a people to divide and sub-divide the large companies that have grown too large to work together to the greatest advantage. . . . Properties will be offered for sale in the rural districts of the South at prices below the real cost because the owners desire city advantages. . . . When driven from the cities, or when sent to other countries, the trades learned in our schools may be an influence in favor of the truth. The last call should be made just as important

"Repentance is not required to make us precious to Christ, but to make Christ precious to us."

in new places in this country as in distant lands. Enter every possible place and begin the work of education in vicinities where they have not heard the truth. . . . I am instructed that angels will direct in the opening of fields nigh as well as far off. . . . Why did our Saviour labor to sow seed in out-of-the-way places? Why did he travel slowly from the villages? . . . He chose as a missionary field places which others could not discern as especially advantageous."

"For twenty years it has been before our people that they must do a special work in the Southern States. When the Lord repeatedly sends messages to his people, it is because he desires them to follow the light he has given. We are not to work in the same places over and over again. . . . As a people we need to yet learn what it means to fill our place as missionaries among the people who know not the truth for this time. . . . Every city in the Southern States, every town and village, must have earnest work done for it. That field will be missionary soil until many churches are raised up."

E. A. Sutherland.

Madison, Tenn.

WILL YOU DO IT?

"Don't ever hesitate to speak to a person about his soul," said an eminent man to a Christian worker who offered an apology for seeming impertinence in speaking to him on the subject of religion. He further said, "I have been longing for twenty years to have some Christian speak to me. I believe there are thousands of men in this city who are in the same condition that I am, carrying an uneasy conscience and a great burden on their souls; not courageous enough to seek instruction, yet willing to receive it."

There are many Christian people who are endeavoring to seek out such persons. They make their chief business to ascertain the spiritual condition of those whom they meet from day to day. If they find persons unsaved, they point them to the Way of life, and seek to lead them definitely to decide to walk the narrow way, which leadeth unto life eternal.

The relating of the encouraging experiences which such Christian workers have in their efforts to win souls to God and truth is an inspiration to those of less experience. It encourages timid people to be more faithful in this God-given work.

For the accomplishment of these ends it is desired to print in the Youth's Instructor as many experiences of personal work as can be obtained. Will not all therefore, who know of a person who has been brought to Christ or to a knowledge of his truth by a personal word, or by receiving literature directly from a believer, write an account of this experience and send it to the editor of the Instructor.

THOUGHTS FROM SPURGEON

A child of God should be a visible beatitude for joy and happiness, and a living doxology for gratitude and adoration.

A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you and were helped by you will remember you when forget-me-nots are withered. Carve your name on hearts, and not on marble.

He who climbs above the cares of this world, and turns his face to his God, has found the sunny side of life. The world's side of the hill is chill and freezing to a spiritual mind; but the Lord's presence gives a warmth of joy which turns winter into summer.

Many books in my library are now behind and beneath me. They were good in their way once, and so were the clothes I wore when I was ten years old; but I have outgrown them. Nobody ever outgrows Scripture; the Book widens and deepens with our years.

"The question is asked, 'Will not the heathen be saved without the Gospel message?' A more important question is, 'Will you and I be saved unless we do all we can to give them the Gospel?'"

Field Reports

WESTERN WASHINGTON

TACOMA CAMP-MEETING

The Tacoma camp-meeting is now in the past. It was conceded to be the best camp-meeting ever held in this conference. From the first meeting there seemed to be an earnest desire to seek God, and obtain victory and blessing. The Spirit of God came very near, and on Sabbath, Aug. 24, Elder Irwin conducted the Sabbath service. It was a season of rich blessing, as many precious souls came to the Lord, and those in doubt and perplexity renewed their covenant with God, and with faith embraced the precious promises held out to them from God's word. The studies on the testimonies presented by Elder Irwin, were timely, and greatly appreciated. Many were led to renewed faith in the Spirit of Prophecy, and others who did not understand their importance were led to place confidence in the reproofs and warnings God is sending to this people.

Our people were pleased to meet Elder Butler and hear him relate his faith and courage in the third angel's message.

Elders Field and Anderson gave interesting and encouraging reports from their respective fields and when a plea for assistance was made by Elder Irwin for the needy fields beyond our own borders, \$252.24 was donated in cash and pledges. The Sabbath-school donations brought it up to \$2,244.27.

The missionary spirit seemed to pervade the whole camp, and it was unanimously voted to contribute 25 per cent of our net tithe to the General Conference to be used in mission fields.

As our tithe had decreased quite perceptibly, and the income of the conference at this time was not more than was needed to carry on our local work, we had to move out by faith trusting to the faithfulness of our brethren and sisters to loyally and honestly surrender a faithful tithe to God. Many are not doing this, and if they do not live up to the spirit of usefulness that God demands and the needs of this cause demand, they will never hear those precious words from the Saviour's lips, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

We appeal to our dear brethren and sisters to hold up the hands of your conference committee by faithfully doing your part, or else we will be compelled to cut down our working force and retrench. This we feel would only tend to cripple to a greater extent the work at home.

We must examine ourselves and see if covetousness is not in many instances the prevailing sin in our own lives. We feel thankful for what has been accomplished by our people. This conference has proven itself to be a missionary conference, for we have sent to fields outside our own in title appropriated and in offerings during the period of eight months covered by this report, \$10,-705.10.

Our book and periodical work shows an encouraging increase. During the eight months our tract society has a net gain of \$1000.

Our offerings to foreign missions and S. S. offerings show a marked increase.

Our decrease in tithe is not the result of unfaithfulness on the part of our people as compared with the previous year, but there has been a marked depression in the lumber trade, the one great industry of Western Washington; and as few of our people are agriculturists and depend on their daily wage, any fluctuation in the lumber industry is perceptible in the tithe reports. Still we believe more faithfulness is demanded by the Lord in this matter of systematic giving to his cause.

Our church and intermediate schools are enjoying God's blessing, and are now preparing for a successful term of school. Our teachers are attending an institute on the camp-ground under the supervision of Professor Lawrence, who has charge of our schools in Western Washington. We are glad to welcome him to this conference; for with his long experience in school work, he will be a great assistance to our teachers in bringing our schools up to a higher standard.

Brother C. L. Davis and Brother Weaks are conducting a canvassers' institute on the grounds. Quite a large number of canvassers are here improving the opportunity offered, and we expect good work will be accomplished in Western Washington this fall and winter.

We feel grateful to God for a very successful camp-meeting. I might add that thirty-three souls were baptized,

and a number more will be baptized at their home churches.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, S. W. Nellis; Vice President, W. W. Sharp; Secretary and Treasurer, H. A. Green; Conference Committee, S. W. Nellis, W. W. Sharp, J. A. Holbrook, Lewis Johnson, J. J. Clark, A. J. Stone and J. E. Graham.

The Conference Association Legal Board, President, S. W. Nellis; Vice President, J. A. Holbrook; Secretary, W. W. Sharp.

C. L. Davis was again chosen as Conference Missionary Secretary and Miss Lelia S. Hooyer as Sabbath-school and Young People's Secretary.

The Boards for the Intermediate schools are as follows:

Forest Home School Board, W. W. Sharp, L. Johnson, J. W. Boynton, Wm. McMoran, O. C. Hollenbeck, and for Meadow Glade School, Professor Lawrence, J. A. Holbrook, J. R. Clark, L. D. House, G. G. Clark.

Asking all our dear people to remember these officers in their prayers, that faithfulness and success may attend all our work, I am

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

WESTERN OREGON

PORTLAND

A number of times I have thought of reporting to the Gleaner as the summer has been one of interest and hard work to me. It was my privilege to visit both the Meadowglade and Laurelwood schools to be present at their close, delivering the closing address at the first, and the closing sermon at the latter. I was glad to meet the teachers and young people in these schools. Rightly related to the message these schools can be a mighty means in the hands of God to spread the message to all the world. The Lord has greatly blessed the work in the city of Portland. The last six months there have been twenty-six additions to the east church. That makes an average of one addition for each Sabbath in the quarter. These are not all new in the faith, but a part of them those who have moved from the east, and other sections of the country. Early

in the season, in company with Elder C. J. Cole and Brother T. L. Thuemler, we pitched a tent in Woodlawn, a suburb of the city. Sister Eliza Cole had been giving Bible studies to a number of people, and an interest was aroused in that section. While the attendance at this place was never large, yet a few souls manifested a deep interest. While we were there, four souls decided to keep all the commandments of God. One of them has since been baptized. This was a short meeting, yet in many respects a pleasant one.

After closing this meeting we pitched the seventy-foot circle of the large pavilion on east Morrison St., between Tenth and Eleventh Streets on the Mt. Tabor car line. We advertized this meeting thoroughly and began services the evening of July 8. We estimate that the average attendance at this meeting was about two hundred. Many times the tent was crowded, and again not so full. The smallest number present at any meeting when the attendance was numbered was one hundred and twenty-five. A deep interest in the meetings was taken by the members of the different churches throughout the city. The young people came evening after evening, and assisted in the singing, and different ones rendered valuable aid in many ways. We were joined here by Elder J. M. Comer. Our donations amounted to \$125.00 and others have pledged to pay more yet. As a result of our summer's work thus far, we can count seventeen who have taken a definite stand for the truth. Ten have been baptized. We feel very grateful indeed for the good hand of God that has been with us.

W. F. Martin.

CAMP-MEETING ITEMS

The camp is pitched on grounds by the side of which the street cars pass, thus making it easy of access.

About two hundred tents are pitched and the attendance of our people is very encouraging. The larger number of the tents are among the pine trees thus affording considerable shade.

On Wednesday Elder F. W. Field left the camp-ground and will shortly sail for Japan.

Sister J. N. Anderson joined Elder Anderson in Portland. Sister Anderson is yet in quite poor health.

Elder Irwin is giving some splendid instruction daily concerning the Spirit of Prophecy which is much appreciated.

Elder C. W. Flaiz returned last Tuesday from the east.

The sales from the book stand have been very good indeed.

The shipments of books from the Portland Branch house have kept the brethren there very busy, hindering their attendance at the meeting. But it gives much satisfaction to know that the truth is going through the printed page and we all rejoice.

UPPER COLUMBIA

UPPER COLUMBIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at the Camp-ground at the close of the Conference. There were present, Elders Langdon, Gibson, Catlin, Huntley, Hill and Isaac.

The following recommendations were passed:

In view of the fact that the North Pacific Union Gleaner met with a deficit last year which was divided among the different conferences in the Union, in whose interest the Gleaner is printed, and of which \$141.37 fell to our lot to pay, and in view of the fact that the Gleaner contains, weekly, matter of special importance to our people in the conference, it was voted that we furnish to each family of our people who are not now taking the Gleaner for six months, and that our workers do all in their power, wherever they are, to have all become permanent subscribers and thus in the future avoid this deficit and at the same time get the needed infor-

mation the Gleaner contains, into the hands of the people.

Voted that Elder E. W. Catlin continue to have charge of the Educational work in the conference and act as secretary of that line of work.

Voted that Miss Mabel Dimond act as conference Sabbath-school secretary, and secretary of the Young People's Missionary Volunteer Department in the conference.

Voted to conduct a school at Viola this year, and that a temporary building be put up for the present.

Voted that we ask Brother L. J. Weese to take the Viola school.

Motion prevailed that we ask Brother Herbert Flower to take the Natchez school.

Owing to the urgent demand for a Scandinavian laborer in the conference, it was voted that we ask Western Washington Conference to release Elder Adolph Johnson of that conference, for this field to take up work among the Swedish people.

T. G. Johnson, Secretary.

UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

The new committee of the conference, together with the laborers, met at the close of the camp-meeting in Spokane for distribution of labor, which resulted as follows:

Brethren C. K. Hoover and O. L. Coy will go to Ferry Co. with a tent.

Elders C. E. Ford and F. D. Starr to Athol, near Sand Point, with a tent. Later, Elder Starr will return to the Lewiston district.

Elder E. H. Huntley with Mrs. Maud Posey and Emma Wilkensen as Bible workers will remain at Spokane and vicinity.

Brother J. P. Rippey will labor in the Wenatchee district as much as his other duties will permit.

Elder E. W. Catlin will labor in the Yakima district as his time will permit. He was appointed as secretary of the conference educational department.

Elder L. H. Ells will labor in the Garfield-Viola district, but will also hold some evangelistic meetings at Moses Lake. Elder A. M. Dart and Brother J. K. Luther will hold a series of evan-

gelistic meetings at Colfax in a large tent.

Elder O. Hill and Brother F. M. Oliver will labor in the Walla Walla district. Brother Oliver will locate at Dayton for the winter.

Elder L. A. Gibson, Brother James Standage and Brother Frank Ogden will labor in North Central Oregon. They will hold a series of tent-meetings near Shaniko.

Miss Mabel Dimond was appointed Secretary of the Young Peoples' and Sabbath-school departments.

Professors H. A. Washburn and John Isaac will take up Bible teaching in the College at Walla Walla.

Brother John Oster is detained at home to care for his aged parents for the present. Brother E. N. Sargeant will enter Walla Walla College for the year.

Elder H. J. Schnepfer, on account of feeble health will be granted a vacation until he regains his health sufficient to take up work again. He is now at the Walla Walla Sanitarium.

Other laborers remain as they were.

The following were selected as the Walla Walla Sanitarium Board for the coming year:

G. E. Langdon, T. L. Ragsdale, C. W. Flaiz, A. G. Adams, E. W. Catlin, C. M. Christiansen, W. H. Warner.

BRITISH COLUMBIA TO COLLEGE PLACE

We are glad to be connected again with the work in the North Pacific Union Conference. We began packing to leave Canada July 20. Had an auction sale July 26 and sold off our personal effects and took our departure the next day for Walla Walla. We had supposed our farm was sold also; but the day of the sale the man broke his agreement and my place is still on my hands.

We reached Walla Walla on July 30 after a pleasant journey of about fourteen hundred miles. We had been invited to attend the camp meetings in the Union in the interests of the college. Three of these meetings are now in the past and we have succeeded in finding a large number of promising young people for Walla Walla College for the coming year. We rejoice to see the multitudes of youth attending our

Intermediate schools in this field. Already these schools are turning a stream of workers into the college and from thence into the great field. Our hearts were much cheered to see the fruits of these schools we had formerly had a part in establishing.

We feel many times repaid for our labors put forth in these lines. Professor Cady was present at all these meetings and presented the subject of education to which there was a hearty response by young and old.

The prospects are bright for a large attendance this year in the college, and in a few days the students will be flocking in.

May God bless the educational work in all our schools is my prayer.

E. L. Stewart,
College Place,
Wash.

OBITUARY—SCHNEPPER

Died at College Place, Wash., August 24, 1909 of anemia, Elder Hugo John Schnepfer. Brother Schnepfer was born at Elberfeldt, Germany, October 3, 1864, being nearly forty-five years old at his death.

He came to America in 1886. Two years later he was married to Miss Marie Knoche. There are five children living who were present at the funeral. Brother Schnepfer's acquaintance with the third angel's message dates from his earliest recollection. Before our first missionary went to a foreign country, Elder Ertzemburger had come to America from a company of Sabbath-keepers in Germany to learn more perfectly about the truth and to secure help for those in his country desiring to know all about the third angel's message. Elder Schnepfer and his wife were both fortunate enough to be children in this first company of Sabbath-keepers in the third angel's message in Europe.

When first coming to this country he taught German one year in Battle Creek College. He then taught a church-school in Kansas for two years, which is said to be the first church-school among our people. He then labored in the ministry in the Iowa Conference and in the Western Oregon Conference before coming to the Upper Columbia Conference about eight years ago. During this eight

years his time has been occupied either in the ministry or in teaching; part of the time being connected with the faculty of Walla Walla College.

Although Brother Schnepfer had been in poor health for more than a year, he had hoped to recover and continue in the work, until a few days before the end came.

He failed to recover from the long, tiresome trip to the General Conference. While attending our camp-meeting and conference at Spokane, he realized that he was failing and knowing what was before him, he expressed a desire to come to College Place to die and be buried where two of his children are buried.

While his family deeply mourn their loss, they are comforted in the hope of meeting their loved one in the soon-coming resurrection.

A large congregation gathered on the College lawn at the funeral. Comforting words were spoken from Rev. 14:13 by the writer, assisted by Elder H. A. Washburn in English, and by Elder John Isaac in German.

Oscar Hill.

CANVASSERS' INSTITUTE

At the close of the Spokane camp-meeting a canvassers' institute was held for a few days. Ten or twelve were in attendance most of the time; some of whom we trust will make permanent workers.

During the first half of the institute, Brother W. R. Beatty, of the Pacific Press, gave the instruction, as the writer was absent looking after a delivery that had to be made Aug. 12, 13, 15 and 16. Brother Weeks had to leave Sunday evening for the Tacoma camp-meeting, so Brother Beatty was left alone.

The class enjoyed his instructions very much and we all regretted that he had to leave so soon (Wednesday a. m.) for Regina, Saskatchewan. The interest remained good throughout the institute.

None of those in attendance were prepared to enter the field as they require more time to make thorough preparation. We expect some will begin work next week and others later when they arrange their business so they can.

Are there not others who did not at-

tend the camp-meeting whom the Lord is impressing with the importance of the book work, and the great need of consecrated men and women to carry our truth-laden literature to the people, many of whom would not otherwise be impressed with the truth? I will be glad to hear from such and will render them all the help I can in preparing for the work.

A. D. Guthrie, Field Missionary,
Upper Columbia Conference.

WORK IN MEXICO

You may be interested in the following incident which has recently developed in connection with our work here in Mexico. A young man by the name of Lauro Guitierrez has recently identified himself with us, and started yesterday with Brethren Green and Yarnell to engage in colporteur work. He began this line of work with a Bible society when fourteen years of age. He is now twenty-one. He was born of Protestant parents and has suffered severe persecution on account of his efforts to distribute Bibles among the Catholic population of the Republic. On one occasion, while he was working at San Juan Bautista, the fanatic Catholic population, doubtless incited by the priests, became enraged and stoned him until he became unconscious. His brother-in-law, who was his companion in labor, was tied to a tree and stoned to death. This sad incident occurred only one year ago, and as a result of the injuries which he received, he was compelled to remain in a hospital for about three months. However, his courage in the work of the Lord is not in the least dampened. On another occasion, while working on the West Coast in company with an ordained minister, a Catholic mob came to their room and assassinated the minister but spared his life. We fully believe that we have an excellent worker in this young man. He was born in the city of Oaxaca, which is noted for being the birthplace of Mexico's two greatest men, viz., Benito Juarez and Porfirio Diaz. Our acquaintance with him so far compels the conviction that he is a young man of splendid material and has a deep Christian experience.

A very talented native minister by the

name of Manuel Zavaleta has also identified himself with us recently and is preaching the message with power. We are truly thankful that the Lord has sent us these workers. When the Lord raises up men of consecration and experience among native people to join us in giving our message, how much more rapidly the work is advanced than by importing laborers who have to acquire a new language.

We hear the good word from our workers in different parts of the Republic that a total of about thirty new converts to the truth are awaiting baptism.

Surely the Lord is working in a special manner for the advancement of the cause in the Republic of Mexico.

Truly your brother,

G. W. Reaser.

NO TIME

In fact, most young people waste enough time each week to provide an abundance of time for private prayer, Bible Study, and the reading of missionary literature. It is all a question of choice and purpose in life. One person loses mental, if not physical vigor, and frequently moral power, by staying up late for an engagement of fleeting pleasure and questionable character, if often indulged in. The brain moves slowly next day, and school work or business suffers. Another person of the same age keeps regular and reasonable hours of eating, sleeping and working, saves energy by not expending it when no permanent gain is to result, and thereby works rapidly, learns quickly, preserves health, and chooses best because he gets in many engagements of high intellectual and spiritual order.

More young people "have no time" because they waste it or do not know how to use it than because they have filled the hours with work and pleasure well worth while. For this reason engagements which cater to temporary and sometimes selfish gratification get the time which ought by right to be given to good reading, the study of the Bible and missions, and the doing of a reasonable amount of church work. If any person who reads this comment does not believe in its conclusion, but really desires to get the profit of mission and Bible study, let him keep a faithful re-

cord of the use of time, minute by minute for one week. Earnest prayer for wisdom to decide whether there is nothing of such inferior importance that it can not give way to regular habits of spiritual culture, Christian training, and unselfish devotion to church work will usually result in the discovery that there is time to learn and do the will of God with respect to these things.—Selected.

UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

(Resolutions continued)

Whereas, The laborers in our conference are few, the territory extensive, the demands for help urgent, and our people, distributed throughout the entire field, need ministerial help to organize and foster the working forces of the churches, therefore,

We recommend, That a committee of three, including the president, be appointed by the chair to divide the conference territory into districts, with the view of placing an ordained minister, and such other help as can be supplied in each district, and we also recommend, that those who are thus appointed take up residence within their respective territory, the assignment of the field to be left with the laborer and the conference committee.

Resolved, That we adopt the resolution of the recent General Conference reading as follows:

"Whereas, There is a most urgent need of reapers to gather the harvest in the great destitute mission fields; therefore,

"Resolved, That our local and union conferences be urged to curtail their expenses wherever expedient, and that they be invited to definitely appropriate to the support of the work in the regions beyond, from one-fourth to one-third of their total tithe receipts, after taking out the tithe to the union and the General Conference."

Resolved, That we adopt the recommendation of the recent General Conference reading as follows:

"We recommend, That the ten-cent-a-week plan be adopted by our people, and that each conference endeavor to raise no less than this amount for the world-wide work of the General Conference, in addition to the \$300,000 Fund

for foreign institutions and missionary homes; and that the following funds be included as making up the ten-cent-a-week offerings: annual offerings, mid-summer offerings, Sabbath-school offerings, and specific offerings for foreign missions, when not designated for a specific purpose for which no appropriations have been made."

Whereas, Elder H. J. Schnepfer is unable to engage in the German work, and there is no German laborer to look after this work; therefore,—

We recommend, That the Oregon Conference be invited to release Elder H. J. Dirksen to assist us for a while until further arrangements can be made.

Whereas, There is within the territory of this conference a large Scandinavian population, being nearly 15,000 in Spokane alone, with no conference laborer to develop this work in these languages, and

Whereas, There is a call for help in these lines, therefore,—

We recommend, That an effort be made to supply this need at an early date.

Whereas, Much good has resulted from the Religious Liberty Institutes held in the conference; and

Whereas, Seventh-day Adventists should be well informed in the principles of religious liberty, that they may be enabled to meet the rapidly approaching crisis; and

Whereas, The laborers should be prepared to present the subject of religious legislation before legislative bodies and court officials; therefore,—

We recommend, That one or more institutes be held at such time and places as will be for the best interests of the work in the conference.

Whereas, The agitation of Sunday legislation is rapidly increasing in all parts of the land, and

Whereas, At the late General Conference it was recommended that the annual collections which have been used exclusively for the Religious Liberty Department of the General Conference be equally divided between the General, Union, and Local conference; therefore,

We recommend our brethren to make more liberal offerings for the prosecution of this important work, in order to meet its increasing demands.

Whereas, The magazine "Liberty" is the periodical whose columns are devoted entirely to the subject of religious legislation, and

Whereas, it ought to be in the hands of State, County, Town and City officials, therefore,—

We recommend that more earnest efforts be made to place the magazine in the hands of all those who make and administer laws.

Whereas, The Lord has definitely spoken to our people through the Spirit of Prophecy telling them to withdraw the children from the public schools and place them in the church-school, therefore,—

Resolved, That the churches throughout the conference be urged to hold educational conventions, that the true principles of Christian education may be clearly understood. As an aid to this work

We recommend, The use of the leaflets prepared by the Educational Department of the General Conference.

Whereas, The conference has adopted a regular system of financing the church-school, therefore,—

We recommend, All churches operating church-schools to counsel with the Educational Department with reference to engaging their teacher and planning for the financial support of the school

Whereas, The publishers of the Signs of the Times have, by special request of the brethren of our Union Conference, and at extra expense, issued an Exposition number of the Signs Monthly for August, therefore,—

Resolved, That we recognize the worth of this number to the cause of present truth and that we do all we can to help give it a wide circulation and that we urge our people to subscribe for it in liberal quantities for circulation among relatives, friends and neighbor. Also be it

Resolved, That we do what we can to stimulate an interest in the forthcoming special series of weekly Signs known as the Bible Reading Series.

In as much as many of our people are not reading the Review and Herald,

We recommend, That special efforts be made by all our laborers and church officers to encourage our people everywhere to secure and read this valuable paper.

Believing it will help to unify and harmonize our work and tend toward its more rapid advancement,

We recommend, That in each of our churches the elder, the missionary secretary, the Sabbath-school superintendent, the leader of the missionary volun-

teer society, and the church-school teacher, if there be one, constitute a missionary committee for the church, and that they hold regular meetings at least once each month for the purpose of counsel and for planning the work for the entire church.

Whereas, The General Conference committee has made a number of recommendations in regard to the medical work in order that it may be brought up to a higher state of efficiency,

Resolved, That we as a conference act in harmony with these recommendations and make the necessary changes in our policy to enable us to stand to the best advantage in the reorganization of this work.

We recommend, That the leaders in our conference exercise care in recommending young people to the Sanitarium to take the nurses' course, recommending only those who have shown a missionary spirit and are consecrated, active workers; also that after they have received their training, the conference take them into active work and send others to the Sanitarium to be trained.

We recommend, That those in our conference who have means in banks and other worldly enterprises, loan it to the Sanitarium at a reasonable rate of interest.

Whereas, It was the strongly expressed sentiment of the General Conference, both by General Conference officers and delegates from the home field and abroad, that all funds should be sent through the regular channels; and

Whereas, In harmony with this expression the Union Conference has passed a definite resolution regarding the matter of direct donations; therefore,

Resolved, That we pledge our loyal support to the Mission Board, and will work in harmony with the Union and General Conference and use our influence toward the same end.

Whereas, It has been demonstrated that funds have been lost to the cause of God by our people giving their means to individual solicitors; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this conference that we should follow closely the policy outlined by the North Pacific Union Conference which safeguards the avenues of missionary supplies.

Whereas, The North Pacific Union Gleaner affords the most convenient and most economical means of communication between the conference officials and lay brethren; therefore,

Resolved, That we pledge our support by individually subscribing for the Gleaner and also by putting forth an earnest effort to get all to subscribe who we may learn do not have the paper.

Whereas, Recognizing the importance of our youth being thoroughly grounded in the truths of the Scriptures, and the history and principles of the Advent movement; and recognizing the necessity of our young people storing their minds with valuable information,

Resolved, That we heartily approve of the Standard of Attainment Missionary Volunteer Reading Course, the preparation and selection of suitable literature for the young and other educational features of the missionary volunteer work.

Whereas, It has been demonstrated that the holding of institutes and conventions are of great spiritual and educational value to our young people as well as to those who are older; therefore,

We recommend, That conference and local Missionary Volunteer conventions and institutes be held as often as consistent for the purpose of advancing this work and that the conference department arrange outlines for the conventions and institutes to be held during the year.

Whereas, Our Sabbath-schools have become such a strong factor in the promulgation of the message; therefore,

We recommend, That all teachers and families so far as possible, provide themselves with the Sabbath-school Worker, a most valuable aid to the study of the Sabbath-school lesson.

QUESTIONS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

What is my life purpose?

Is each year making me a more efficient worker for the Lord?

Have I all the education I need?

Am I doing all I can to secure it?

Am I planning to spend the coming winter profitably?

Am I saving my money for a Christian education?

Have I made an earnest attempt to earn a scholarship by canvassing?

Could I get into one of our schools this fall if I really tried hard enough?

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The work of God is too sacred, too solemn, too important to permit of self-service, or the deceitful pleasures of the world; and he who takes the yoke of gospel service in all sincerity, realizing the nature of the service to which he is called, will shun every selfish indulgence as the pitfall of death, which it is; but upon those who yield to the enticements of ease and luxury falls the terrible indictment of the great Judge.—The Signs of the Times.

COURAGE

It takes the highest courage for one to stand alone in the midst of men, knowing that all others are against him. It is a courage born of a nobler, stronger character than that which nerves a man to face the cannon's mouth. It is the courage of manhood, of character, and is the product of a higher influence upon human life than humanity affords. To be right, alone, is better than to stand with kings and know that we have compromised with error, even for a moment.

It took the death of Christ to make life worth living.

"To know thyself is well; to keep that knowledge to thyself is better."

Bookmen's Corner

UPPER COLUMBIA

Week ending August 20, 1909

Name	Book	Hours	Orders	Value
Cathrine Epp	Heralds	21	13	\$26 00
Florence Guthrie	H. & H.			54 00
A. A. Jones	D. & R.	28	8	37 30
Edna Wilson	C. K.	10	2	3 25
W. C. Christiansen	P. G.	81	28	103 00
		140	51	\$223 55

ALASKA

Three weeks ending July 30, 1909

Name	Hours	Orders	Value
Fred W. Temple	81	18	\$83 00
Wm. Furber	70	15	60 00
	151	33	\$143 00

CAMP-MEETINGS FOR 1909

Montana
Stevensville Aug. 26 to Sept. 5

A SPECIAL OFFER

We are very desirous of getting all our people on our Gleaner subscription list and in order to accomplish this we have decided to make an exceptional offer for a short time.

To any one who will send 60 cents before October first we will send the Gleaner till December 31, 1910, thus you get the paper the balance of 1909 for 10 cents. This offer applies to renewals as well as to new subscriptions. In other words, any one whose subscription has expired recently or will expire before the date named may get the benefit of this special offer. Do not neglect this opportunity but send in your subscription right now.

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CANVASSING NOTES

Our students who have been in the canvassing field during the vacation months are now completing their deliveries preparatory to returning to school to resume their work there. The Lord has greatly blessed these young people both in securing orders and in delivering.

The call of the hour is for the old canvassers to come back to the work, and many are responding to the call and are stepping in to fill the places made vacant by those who are returning to school.

An institute was held following the Spokane camp-meeting, and a goodly number availed themselves of this opportunity to prepare for service in this important branch of work.

An institute for the training of canvassers also followed the Tacoma meeting. About twenty remained to take instruction, and the Lord blessed us richly. The indications are that many of our truth-laden books will be placed in the homes in Western Washington this fall and winter.

Now is our opportune time to dispose of our literature. The holiday season is upon us again,—the time when people expect to buy books. I trust that we will improve our opportunity, and step in to supply the demand with literature that contains God's message for this time.

C. E. Weaks.