

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

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What is a Christian Nation?

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What is a Christian nation, Lord?
May we find answer in thy Word?
Some nations claim that they are "Chris-
tian,"

And other nations they call "heathen."
Men do not gather figs from thistles,
Nor on brambles look for apples.
The nations' deeds do clearly show them,
And by such fruit ye surely know them.

When every man in all the nation
Can pass the closest strict probation,
Is clean without, and clean within,
Such nation then is free from sin.
When one man sins the nation sins:
The wrath of God that nation wins.
When Achan took the things devoted,
All Israel that sin committed.

"And touch not the accursed thing
Lest on the camp the curse you bring."
But Israel sinned, trespass committed,
And from Ai fled discomfited.
Then Joshua was much distressed,
But God said "Israel has transgressed,
Stolen, concealed, dissembled sore:
I am not with you as of yore."

Is there on earth today a nation,
That stands free from accusation
Of robbery, theft, and low dissembling?
What wonder then that God avenging
The sins of each against all other,
Each one now slays his guilty brother?
"Vengeance is mine; I will repay."
And this is God's great judgment day.

College Place, Wash.

Korea

ALTHOUGH it has been seven years since we left the North Pacific Union and came to this field, still we greatly appreciate the weekly visits of the GLEANER. One half of the fourteen workers here having come from the North Pacific Union we naturally think often of that field, and you, no doubt, wonder how the

work is going in the fields where you have sent so many workers.

We are glad to report that there has been a steady growth in this field from the first. Our baptized church members now number almost seven hundred, and, no doubt, will be that number by the time you read this.

The number of baptisms will be over two hundred for this year alone. The Sabbath school attendance is now nearly thirteen hundred, many of whom will be baptized next year.

The native tithe and offerings for 1914 were 60 per cent better than the year before and there has been a steady increase this year.

The literature work has grown from year to year and the results have been most gratifying. Only last month I organized a church of fourteen members—about thirty members in the Sabbath school—that was raised up as the result of papers sold in that district.

About ninety young people are in our training school preparing themselves to assist in giving the third angel's message to their own people.

When we came here seven years ago there were only eight foreign workers, including wives, and six Korean workers who had rather a meager knowledge of the truth. Only two of the foreigners could speak the language. But God has blessed and now we have fourteen foreign workers, who have a working knowledge of the language, and seventy Koreans giving their full time to the advancement of the work in its different departments.

We realize that our strength does not lie in numbers alone, but with the help of God a good harvest of souls should be reaped here in the near future, and to this end we solicit your prayers.

By the help given us by our brethren and sisters in the homeland, we have been able to build four dwelling houses, a school building and dormitories, printing house and Mission offices, dispensary; and for the work in the city of Seoul, a neat church building. All of these greatly aid us in our work making it possible to accomplish much more than before.

At first we found living rather difficult. About all we ate, or much of it had to be imported. There were no milk cows so milk and butter was bought in tins. We had no gardens and could buy no vegetables but potatoes and sometimes it was hard to get them. Flour, coal oil, etc., all came from America as they do still. Fruit was almost a minus quantity but little by little the Japanese have put out orchards and now there is more, but still very expensive.

We appreciate the efforts of our friends in the North Pacific Union to send us some dried fruit; however, it was shipped to Shanghai and distributed in China so did not reach Korea.

Now as we have bought land, built houses, set out small orchards and have small gardens, our living is much different. In another year or two some of our stations should be quite well supplied with fruit. Most of our workers now have their own cow so we are not entirely dependant upon "canned milk," any more.

Our Korean brethren are not rich in this world's goods and to make it possible for all to do something to assist in giving the message, we are printing some four-page leaflets treating on all points of our faith. There will be about thirty-five numbers in all and by printing them in 50,000 copy editions we have been able to sell them for four cents per hundred. Large numbers of them have already been used. I am sending some to the

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Editor and perhaps he can pass on a copy to each of you so you can see a sample of our literature even though you cannot read it.

The workers in Korea from the North Pacific Union are:—Eld. and Mrs. W. R. Smith, Mrs. Ella Camp Russell, Eld. and Mrs. H. A. Oberg, the writer and family.

We went out from your 'midst not' to find an easier field in which to labor but to win precious souls to Christ in this darkened land where heathenism has reigned supreme for so many centuries. We trust that you will daily remember us at the throne of grace that our coming and labor may not be in vain.

C. L. BUTTERFIELD.

Encouraging Reports in the Midst of our Harvest Ingathering Campaign.

In a recent communication published in this paper regarding the Harvest Ingathering work, a mistake was made in stating the highest amount yet raised in our efforts to reach the \$100,000 goal. The statement read: "The nearest we have come to it yet is \$56,282.99." It should have read: "The nearest we have come to it yet is \$57,598.73."

We are glad to make this correction, for these figures reveal the difference between our work for 1913 and that for 1914. I am sure we are all becoming very much interested as to the difference, in our upward climb, between what we shall harvest this year and the \$57,598.73 gathered last year. In other words, our gain last year over the preceding year was \$1315.74. What shall be the gain this year over \$57,598.73? Our earnest work from now to the close of December will tell.

There is one important matter we should not overlook, and that is, not to have papers left over. One brother who came into our office the other day stated that in two or three churches in a certain conference which he recently visited, he found large quantities of Ingathering RE-

VIEWES down in the basement, leftovers from two or three campaigns. Every such bundle represents a direct loss to the cause of missions, to the amount of the cost of the papers. It is sufficient, no doubt, simply to mention this, in order to make sure that these good papers are all judiciously used and not allowed to accumulate in our churches, our conference offices, or our homes, but instead are distributed in such a way as to prove an asset to God's cause.

Most encouraging reports are coming in, a few of which we pass on.

The secretary of the Virginia Conference, Brother F. N. Johnson, writes of his joy in receiving a check for \$25 from their bank president.

Another brother, in business, called on his banker, who had given an offering last year, of \$25, we judge. The brother told him that last year we gathered \$57,000 for missions, but were attempting this year to raise \$100,000, and suggested that he would have to double his offering this year. The banker entered into our enthusiasm to reach the goal, and wrote his check for \$50.

South Lancaster Academy set out to harvest \$1000. The principal, Prof. B. F. Machlan, set for himself one tenth of the school goal, and on October 24 had secured half of his portion.

Brother William Covert, in Michigan, is at work systematically again this year. One day his records showed twenty-eight contributions, amounting to \$24. Another day, forty-six people visited gave \$18; and on another, forty-two gave \$22. Up to November 5 he had gathered \$142.90.

The Swedish Seminary, as a result of two days' work, reaped \$170, or about \$100 more than in any previous effort.

The Battle Creek church is alive and determined to do its share. Brother McVagh, the president of that conference had \$24.70 in hand when last heard from.

Last year the following conferences, reached, or passed, in the order named, their portion of the \$100,000 goal: Newfoundland, Maritime, Quebec, Ontario, Mississippi, Nevada Mission, Northern California, Utah, Maine, Saskatchewan, Iowa, District of Columbia.

So far this year (November 11) Maritime and Maine are out.

Washington, D. C. T. E. BOWEN.

For the Japanese.

I have just received notice of the publication this fall of a special number of

our Japanese missionary journal, notice of which appear in the GLEANER; and I take this occasion to express my interest in the circulation of this truth-laden paper, and to urge all who can to place it in the hands of the Japanese in our territory. Most Japanese do not learn English well enough to read it readily; and doubtless all of them would take more interest in religious instruction presented in their own language. As one who has helped in years past to prepare matter for this same missionary paper, I would urge again that all who have Japanese neighbors make a special effort to circulate this New Year's number of the *Owari* among them. F. W. FIELD.

West'n Washington Conference

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Tacoma

THE work in this city is moving forward and upward. Since our last report a goodly number of precious souls have been added to the church.

Our new church house has been dedicated. The services were conducted by Elders C. W. Flaiz, H. W. Decker, L. Johnson and J. F. Piper. The seating capacity was taxed to its utmost limit. The services were simple, brief and impressive. All obligations were provided for.

The congregations, and membership have grown until it became necessary to establish regular Sabbath services in another part of the city; these are maintained with an increasing attendance and interest. Two weekly prayer meetings are conducted with a good attendance, and an interest that impels each one present to take part in the services. Experience has taught us that a church without a prayer meeting is spiritually "pulseless,"—spiritually dead. This principle is true and applicable individually, as well as collectively. The members who attend regularly the weekly prayer meetings, make the most rapid progress, have the best Christian experience, and are the most dependable.

Two well organized and conducted Sabbath schools are maintained in the city.

During the tent season, closed recently, a number of very earnest souls accepted the third angel's message.

To prevent "undesirables," (those who

do not accept the third angel's message in its entirety,—“The commandments of God and the Testimony of Jesus,”) getting into the church, the new ones, with others, have been organized into classes and specific instruction is being given in the gospel doctrines of the church and in Christian experience. Miss Barrett and Miss Clark, our city missionaries, with the writer, are kept busy giving instruction to these classes, preparatory for baptism. Others are inquiring the way, and new ones are found each week.

The young people are taking an active interest in the work. Their weekly meetings are held, not so much to carry out a literary program, as to plan definitely for work, spiritual growth and personal piety. Literary programs are helpful, but should not be allowed to crowd out and supplant in the meetings and work of the Young People's Society, the chief and essential object for which it exists—spiritual life and growth and definite plans for work. What our young people need is to be put to work. A few of that class, following leaders who chase from the Pacific to the Atlantic, with intermediate appointments, “gathering” tithes and offerings from the un instructed, are here. These are now on the *outside* and not the *inside*. See 1 John 2:19. Their *destructive* work has not materially affected the *constructive* work of the third angel's message.

The “Lord's day alliance,” has a nesting place in our city; the usual brood of union of church and state principles and doctrines find expression in the utterances of some of the professed Protestant pastors.

The “Beast” is here too, waiting watching and working, to secure the “lion's share” of the “spoils,” produced as the result of the union of church and state. The anti-beast secret orders are here and alive to the situation politically. We have received frequent invitations to address the membership of these orders in their gatherings. Literature, prepared by S. D. A. writers on Rome and Romanism, is in demand and used liberally.

The “Cloud is rising.” Israel is moving forward. The work is onward. The “mystery of God” is being “finished.”

The workers in Tacoma are of good courage; anxious to be found faithful in their work for the Master.

We earnestly ask a place in the prayers of God's people. J. M. WILLOUGHBY.

Pe Ell, Wash.

FOR the past month or more I have been visiting the Kelso, Castle Rock, Centralia, Pe Ell, and Raymond churches, in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work, and also looking after any special interest that may have developed. While some of these churches are weak in membership and financial strength, yet there is still the love of the truth and an interest to work for others.

The Ingathering work has for the most part progressed favorably, yet some have still to take up their part as opportunity favors them. In all these churches there is some outside interest, and in a few of them a real lively interest has developed. At Pe Ell a special burden for souls has been manifested, and great zeal has been rewarded by a harvest of souls. A three weeks' series of meetings has been held; the interest never decreasing, but new ones have come in to nearly every service. There are now seven new ones keeping the Sabbath, and the Sabbath school is the largest it has ever been. The church building is now too small for the sixty members that assemble, and some steps will be necessary to provide more room. There have been some very remarkable instances of the work of the Holy Spirit.

As there are calls at Raymond for help and also at Dryad and other places, I can not spend continuous time in Pe Ell, but will meet with the church each week as far as possible, to help those who have taken a stand, and meet those newly interested.

In my experience of thirty-three years I have never seen the interest springing up in the same length of time that I have witnessed in the last two months. So far as I am able to judge we are in that special period when the Spirit of God is doing the last work for sinners. Our zeal should know no languor now. To every soul-winner the Master calls, “Go out into the highways and compel them to come in.” Shall not Isaiah 6:6-8 be fulfilled now by this people individually and collectively? C. A. WYMAN.

Battleground, Wash.

Mt. Pleasant

WE closed the meetings at Mt. Pleasant school house, which is five miles from Port Angeles, on November 13. We held meetings there twenty-three nights and

then organized a Sabbath school of about twenty members.

There were eight new adult Sabbath-keepers out the first Sabbath and we heard of two other families that said they were coming next Sabbath. If the work develops there as we expect, we hope to be able to organize a church by spring.

We saw ten Harvest Ingathering papers in the church at Port Angeles that had not been disposed of, so took them out to the school house and gave them out—one to each family—and told them we would ask them for an offering to foreign missions in a few nights. We asked for the offering the last night of the meetings and received \$6.32. We thought those ten papers were well placed. All the expense we have reported for this meeting is 50 cents for oil.

Brother J. C. Harlow was selected as superintendent of the Sabbath school and will look after the work there until I can get back after a few weeks to hold some more meetings with them. I am now going to visit some of the churches in the interest of the Harvest Ingathering work; then after the meetings at Geneva shall return to Port Angeles and vicinity to continue my work there.

I rejoice as I witness God's power in his message to turn the hearts of men to serve him. With best wishes, I am yours for the finishing of the work.

J. A. HOLBROOK.

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Eugene

HERE is an incident that may be of interest showing that “We can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth.”

During the course of our meetings the past summer a very formidable little sheet was scattered over the city by the way of a threat and challenge to our work—the same to be considered for a number of evenings at a stated place. Through curiosity a talented lady school teacher was drawn to the place of attack. The manner of the speaker, combined with the matter he presented against us, did not appeal to her very flatteringly. She decided to search out our tent and hear a few things for herself.

The first thing that attracted her favor-

ably upon entering our tent was its neatness and order. She said to herself—"If the preaching is as clean as the premises the results of Adventism are not as bad as they have been pictured to me." She was kindly noticed, and provided with a song book and a "good seat." She listened very attentively, through the hour's discourse, and wondered why we closed the meeting when we had only well begun the hour seemed so short. She said later, "I could not help contrasting the spirit of the two meetings, for my soul was fed instead of repulsed." This was the beginning, and today she is rejoicing in the Message. She is to be baptized in a few days. She said yesterday—"To think that I have gone to church all my life and taught in public and Sunday schools and was so ignorant of the real message of the Bible, and might never have yielded to it if the Lord had not sent that opposition along."

This has been a lesson to me of the need of being very Christ-like when the Lord permits opposition to break out on us.

It was the spirit of Stephen that won Paul to the truth. How often we have all failed in using the wrong spirit under opposition to our plans. Souls have been repelled from us and the truth.

Opposition to our interests, if met in the spirit of Christ, will win more souls to the truth than any other medium. Reader, are you prepared for opposition to your dearest plans?

Christ could say—"Father forgive them for they know not what they do." This is the winning spirit.

C. J. COLE and WIFE.

Southern Oregon Notes

SISTER Mary Wilson reports two more converts at Grants Pass.

Elder T. L. Thuemler has begun a series of meetings at Bear Creek, near Junction City. He asks the prayers of God's people that many may see and accept the truth.

The old church at Drain, which is the oldest church building in our conference and which has been standing idle for a number of years, has been reshingled and papered and is again being used.

Sister Morris, of Bandon, who accepted the truth there last spring had the misfortune of being on the ill-fated steamer,

the Santa Clara, which was wrecked with the loss of more than a score of lives while trying to make Coos Bay harbor a few days ago. Although suffering from a broken rib and severe bruises, she is thankful that the Lord saw fit to spare her life.

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A Rallying Call

THERE has just come to us a message from the General Conference which is a clarion note and rallying call to all our members and other friends of the cause, to arise and complete the raising of our suggested fund of twenty-cents-a-week per member for Foreign Missions, by the close of the Week of Prayer, which will be Dec. 11-18, 1915.

I am glad to know that three of our churches have completed the raising of their quota: although one of the three was by way of a wind-fall of money.

Our conference quota for the year 1915 is \$23,088.00. We have received during the first ten months of the year \$13,952.33. We should receive between now and Dec. 18, \$9,135.67, which sum will complete our desired amount of \$23,088.00.

There will be a general rally by our people all over the world to secure the much needed amount of money, and I am sure the believers in Western Oregon Conference can be relied upon to do their part. Will not the churches and individuals who have apparently already raised their amounts, forget the fact, and join in with all others to complete the Conference quota? I believe we will in the interests of the glorious work in which we are engaged. But let us first give ourselves anew unto the Lord, and the result will be that the personal, spiritual blessings each one will receive will greatly enhance his ability in giving for the uplifting and enlightening and salvation of the poor, benighted heathen who are to reap the benefit of our sacrifices.

We will distribute our conference laborers to the best of our ability for the week of prayer; but it will not be possible to supply every church with their help.

H. W. COTTRELL.

Our Foreign Neighbors

DURING the past ten years, the time of our greatest foreign missionary activity abroad, more than ten and a half millions of foreigners have come and settled by our sides in the United States. Truly, our foreign missionary work may begin at home. The subject of immigration is an intensely interesting one when studied in the light of the promise—"And I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me." More than forty races are represented in the past ten years' immigration to the United States. Among them are one million seventy-three thousand Polish people. Poland was one of the greatest powers of Central Europe two hundred years before our nation was born. The Polish population of this country reaches out into the New England states and from there westward into Wisconsin, Minnesota, and the Dakotas. These states prize their Polish citizens for their thrift and industry.

More than a hundred thousand Bohemians have come during the past ten years. They are an intelligent, liberty-loving people. Only a fraction of a per cent of the Bohemians are illiterates. Their University of Prague founded in 1348—a half century earlier than the great Universities—had an enrollment of more than seven thousand students. But through the terrible persecutions which followed the burning of John Huss, when the Bohemians, nobles and common people, swore that to their latest breath they would uphold the religious freedom for which he had given his life, this splendid people, numbering four millions, were reduced to eight hundred thousand. Says one writer, "Not only were life, property, and religious freedom destroyed by the unrelenting persecutors of Protestant Bohemians, but their priceless literature, instinct for two hundred years with a spirit of freedom and patriotism, was condemned to the flames." Ought we not to make more than an ordinary effort in this country to reach such a people with the truth?

Although of late the heavy tide of immigration has been shifting from the north to the south of Europe, yet the past decade has brought us almost eighty thousand Germans, more than one hundred twenty-five thousand Finns, four hundred seventy thousand Scandinavians, and one hundred seventy-two thousand French. From Southern Italy have come during the same period over one million seven hundred forty-eight thousand people; and

from Northern Italy more than three hundred seventy-three thousand.

Among the other peoples strongly represented in this immigration are the Slovaks, Slovenians, Croatians, Bulgarians, Russians and Ruthenians. These belong to the Slavic races, as do also the Polish and Bohemians. They come largely from Austria-Hungary. Of the non-Slavic races the United States is getting hundreds of thousands of Magyars, Roumanians, and Lithuanians.

Truly, we have a vast foreign missionary field at our door. Every church should have an active committee studying these foreigners and how to reach them. One of the best ways to work for them is with our literature. Fortunately there is a splendid variety of tracts for each of these nationalities. These can be secured by titles, from your tract society, or in the 25c package containing assortments. In some languages there are small books. The English catalogue under the various languages gives lists of publications obtainable.

Just as this is written, an order comes from one of our Western Societies for 21 copies of "Steps to Christ," and 72 twenty-five cent packages of tracts in the Armenian, Dutch, Finnish, Hungarian, Japanese, Korean, Lettish, Lithuanian, Polish, Portugese, Roumanian, Russian, Servian, Slovakian, Spanish, Welch, Wendish, and Yiddish languages. One of our colporteurs in a Wyoming mining town calls for foreign literature. "I hear there are forty-two languages spoken here," he writes. How interesting to know that we have literature for most of them. Surely the time is ripe for a great forward movement, to reach these millions of foreign neighbors with a knowledge of the love of God, and His message for today.

J. R. FERREN.

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God's Leading Hand

ONE day recently, there came into the office of the Maine Tract Society a well dressed lady and her husband, who were returning to their home in New York City, after spending the summer at their summer home in Maine. Just a year ago they bought copies of "Bible Readings" and SIGNS OF THE TIMES MAGAZINE of one of our agents. They secured the address of the Maine office, and called for the purpose of subscribing regularly for the

SIGNS, and also paid to have the magazine sent to their sister for one year.

They stated that they were much interested, and thought "Bible Readings" was the most wonderful book they ever read, and that the SIGNS was the best magazine that they could have come to their home. They left their order for all the back numbers of the SIGNS up to the time when they were unable to obtain it.

Sister Ross saw an opportunity of presenting them with a copy of the Harvest Ingathering SIGNS. The lady was delighted, and said that she would send an offering on returning to New York. Soon afterward a letter came containing a crisp ten dollar bill. We have faith to believe that God will bring them into this blessed message, for we can see his leading hand.

Let us pray, trust, and work, brethren, for the time is short, and there are many precious souls waiting for these great saving truths.

A. E. SANDERSON.

Its Boundless Influence.

It is not a difficult matter to secure good experiences showing effectual missionary work with the *Signs of the Times*, but when an exceptionally good one comes to the surface, we believe it worthy of first place in publicity. F. A. Coffin passes on this one, and it is so good that we give it entire:

"During the annual camp meeting of the Arizona Conference, held in Phoenix, October 7 to 17, 1915, Brother W. L. Sims gave the following testimony regarding the value of the *Signs of the Times*:

"I am much interested in the circulation of the *Signs of the Times*. It was the first Seventh-day Adventist literature I ever read. Some one mailed to me a copy at a time when I was anxious to know the truth regarding the Sabbath question. I read and reread every article in it, and sent for some tracts that were advertized in its columns. With Bible in hand, I carefully studied the subject matter of each, and soon after began the observance of the Sabbath. When an opportunity presented itself, I was baptized, and became identified with the Seventh-day Adventist people.

"For the encouragement of others, I will relate briefly an experience and its results. Some time ago, while selling the *Signs of the Times* in the mountain towns of Northern California, I met an elderly man who was interested in mining. He was the first candidate for governor of

California on the prohibition ticket. His house stood back from the road, and I had passed it by a number of times, thinking it was useless to try to sell a paper there.

"At last, feeling that I ought at least to give the person living there an opportunity to subscribe, I returned to the house, and met this gentleman at the gate. I obtained his subscription for six months.

"Three months later, while laboring in another town, I again met him. He recognized me and requested me to visit him. I did so. He then said the *Signs* was the best religious paper he ever had read, and that he now was keeping the true Sabbath. He also informed me that his daughter in the East, to whom he had been sending the paper, also had begun the observance of the Sabbath. A few weeks later she wrote him that she had passed the same paper on to her neighbor and that she too, had taken her stand for the Sabbath. This neighbor gave the paper to a deacon of the Methodist church, of which she was a member, with the result that he also, embraced the Sabbath.

"The miner requested me to write to his daughter. I learned that she had interested others in the truth presented in the *Signs*, and they all desired to hear a Seventh-day Adventist minister. I wrote to the president of that conference. A tent effort was held there, and a church was organized as a result. Yes, "the *Signs* does bring people into the truth." I can truly say that I never have accomplished so much in so short a time and with such a small outlay of means than was brought about by that six months' subscription to the *Signs of the Times*."

Truly the influence of the *Signs* is boundless. If we could only appreciate this, we would be more free in its use. A few copies going out each week is bound to reap a harvest. Five copies to separate addresses each for a year only \$6.25, and a copy of "Questions and Answers" free. Place your order now with your tract society.

A Weapon Without A Handle

"Temper," says Barrie, "is a weapon that we hold by the blade." There is good reason for this—it has no handle. Sharp and dangerous it is, and sure to cut, and there is no place where we can safely take hold of it, no security against cutting ourselves if once we grasp it.

A scar is a lasting reminder of a healed wound, and he is singularly foolish who

carelessly and continuously seizes the blade that inflicted the hurt. Yet no one ever drew the blade of temper who was not injured by it more than once. Experience is a good teacher, but her scholars are often sadly dull and forgetful.

It often happens that a thrust of this sword fails to hurt the one at whom it is aimed. A placid spirit, a resolute will, a sunny nature, a heart filled with grace, may prove invulnerable, no matter how the sword may be drawn, but the hand that holds the blade is certain to suffer. The sudden anger that impels the thrust tightens the clutch upon the sharp edge, and blood is sure to flow there. The remembrance of the evil temper is a pang that makes its mark, and character as well as conduct is marred and scarred by the sword exercise with this blade without a handle.

The only safe way is not to take it up, or, having once felt its sharpness, to lay it down forever.

—SELECTED.

Inevitable

DR. J. FRANKLIN COON

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4: 23.

There were two little trees, as the story goes,
Who started life's journey together;
They looked just alike as to life they arose,
And were planted out on the heather.

Both were placed where the water ways,
For them; were near at hand;
And the soil's rich wealth for future days
Was stored in that very land.

The one reached out and received the aid
Kind nature had to bestow;
While it sent its roots far down, in the shade
Of the earth, in the depths below.

It drank deep draughts from the flowing stream,
And rejoiced in the sun's bright ray;
While its trunk enlarged to a mighty beam,
In its growing day by day.

Its towering top has reached the sky,
And its branches wide have spread;
While its welcome shades in the garden lie,
Rich and cool in the grassy glade.

The other tree tossed its careless head,
And, spurning the offered aid;
Preferred to be free from all care, it said,
While plans for pleasure and fun it laid.

Ah! yes, I'll be free from the smoking sun,
I'll defy the cold and the heat;
No burdens I'll bear as my race I run,
For my pleasures shall be complete.

This offer of help to make me grow,
I'll not bother to take to-day;

For my plans are laid, and I must go
To join my comrades gay.

So the thoughtless tree rejected the aid
Kind nature so freely prepared;
And it shriveled and died, by the choice
it made,
While nobody heeded or cared.

This story, as told, shows only a tree,
But the lesson it bears tells more;
For 'tis true of a child, as true can be,
And a moral has in store.

Now, all who care this story to heed,
The lesson it teaches may learn;
So, carefully think while the story you read,
And from the ways of folly turn.

College Place, Wash.

Important Notice.

BEGINNING January, 1916, the denominational health magazine will be issued under its old and popular name—*Life and Health*.

This change is in response to the expressed preference of many of our subscribers, and to the statements of our agents that they have not been able to make the large sales that they formerly made with *Life and Health*.

The January issue of *Life and Health* will be ready for distribution December 1.

The aim is to give in every number practical information regarding the preservation of health. An important feature will be a series of cooking school lessons, such as is needed by every family in the land. These articles alone are worth many times the price of the magazine and should be of special value to our agents in making sales. Besides these, with the twelve other departments, *Life and Health* for 1916 will be of inestimable value in every home.

We make this early announcement so that all those who have sold *Life and Health* may get in their orders in good time. "Every number a seller" shall be our motto. Usual rates: 50 or more copies, 4 cents each; 5 to 40 copies, 5 cents each. Order through your tract society.

A Wide Field For Missionary Labor

The Sabbath School Worker is greatly appreciated by many of our teachers and officers, and we are sure there are hundreds of Sunday school teachers who would gladly welcome the instruction contained in this paper if they could have access to it.

A letter received at the office this week says:—

"I showed my *Sabbath School Worker* to one of my Sunday-keeping friends and he was so delighted with it that he subscribed."

Would it not be a great blessing to thousands of Sunday school workers to have this good paper? The suggestions and articles for successful teaching would renew faith and courage in many a discouraged teacher's heart. The notes on the lesson studies would be hailed with delight. Why then should they not have them?

Let each teacher use the *Worker* as a sample in soliciting orders from Sunday school workers. We believe it will result in many subscriptions being received, and the influence of our work will be extended.

Wedding Bells

ON the evening of Nov. 8, at the home of the bride's sister, Mr. Enoch Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Johnson, of the Upper Columbia Conference. The groom, who but recently accepted the truth, had returned from the North on the S. S. Senator in whose service he has been employed as "shipping clerk" for some time. The wedding was uniquely planned. The bride's mother gave the daughter away. The home was beautifully decorated and all the guests were much pleased with the reception. The young couple will make their future home in Seattle; May the blessing of God accompany them through life as they plight their troth in all the problems that make life interesting. The ceremony was performed by the writer.

A. E. SERNS.

Married

A very modest wedding occurred in Portland, Oregon, Sunday, Nov. 7, 1915, when Mr. A. H. Hart and Mrs. Clara McManama were united in holy wedlock.

A few of their intimate friends were present to witness the ceremony and extend to them best wishes for a happy and prosperous journey through life.

E. W. CATLIN.

OBITUARIES

KEYS.—William Herbert Keys was born in Ontario, Canada, in 1860, and died at Corvallis, Montana, Nov. 6, 1915

Brother Keays, with his wife and daughter, attended a tent effort held at Corvallis in 1914, and as a result, they were baptized and united with the church. His love for the truth was strong. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn their loss. Words of comfort were spoken by the writer. D. H. HANSON.

KEUSLER.—Thomas C. Keusler, the deceased, was born in Indiana Feb. 4, 1842, and died in Eugene, Ore., Oct. 13, 1915, being 73 years, 8 months, and 10 days old.

He served his country as a soldier being a private in Co. F of the Illinois infantry. He spent thirty years of his life in Oregon, and thirteen of them in Eugene. Our people who are acquainted here will remember that he was the husband of our crippled sister who had a little candy stand. Thus we are called to lay to rest another of the old soldiers. We wish they were all soldiers of the cross.

Words of instruction were spoken by the writer from Ps. 89: 47. "Remember how short my time is." C. J. COLE.

WORK.—Edna J. Work was born in Rocksand, Mich., Feb. 22, 1854, and died of dropsy, with heart failure, Nov. 11, 1915 at Orting, Wash. She leaves an aged husband, several sons and daughters, besides numerous other relatives and friends to mourn the loss of a devoted Christian wife, a faithful mother, and a kind neighbor. At an early age she united with the Baptist church. About four years ago she accepted the Seventh-day Adventist faith through the labors of Eld. J. A. Holbrook, and remained faithful until death. Funeral services were conducted by the writer in the I. O. O. F. Hall at Orting, Wash., using as a text Rev. 21: 4, after which we laid her away in the Orting cemetery to await the call of the Life-giver. T. Z. ANDREWS.

Literature Needed

THE Young People's Society of Woodburn and Hubbard, Oregon, is doing aggressive missionary work and desires to maintain several reading racks in that vicinity. Any copies of the *Signs, Watchman, Liberty, Instructor, Health and Temperance*, or other periodicals, together with tracts, will be acceptable. Send by mail or freight prepaid, addressed to Herman J. Roedel, Hubbard, Oregon.

C. E. OLCOTT.

The Seer of Patmos.

MRS. F. M. HOBART.

O lonely seer on Patmos isle,
What seest thou in thy gaze afar;
Seest thou the Earth in quiet smile,
Or seest thou turmoil, blood and war?

What sights distort thy face serene,
What scenes that thus thy visage mar?
Oh! tell us of that far-fetched scene,
And tell us what the portents are.

How far adown time's turbid stream
Does thy prophetic eye explore?
Thy visions are no nightmare dream.
What seest thou, O prophet hoar?

The visions are until the end,
Then Christ our glorious King shall come.
Angelic hosts with Him descend
To take His waiting people home.

Stolen

Several hours of the Sabbath by persons who failed to attend Sabbath school or church service.

Missing

Last Sabbath—several families from Sabbath school.

Mislaidd

A quantity of coins—mostly silver—which did not find their way into the offering for missions.

Lost

Several boys and girls who were last seen on their way to Prodigal Town. Supposed to have started on that road for lack of interest in their welfare and a word of encouragement from the older people.

Important

Any person who will assist in the recovery of the above shall in no wise lose his reward.

—Selected.

BUSINESS NOTICES

Notices will be inserted under this head at the rate of one cent per word each insertion. Display rates furnished on application. Right reserved to reject any or all advertisements.

WANTED—A place in Adventist home where young man can work for board or wages during the winter. References. Louis Ogden, Smith's Ferry, Idaho.

WANTED—Clean, neat, elderly S. D. A lady as housekeeper in a small family. Good home and some wages. If interested write immediately to Mrs. K. L. Gardner, 979 Kelly St., Portland, Oregon.

WANTED—Work by married man, for the winter or year. Has been employed past year on a farm. Address Chas. W. Eggert, Comanche, Mont.

FOR SALE—I have the choicest fruit and alfalfa land in Southern Idaho. To some brother having \$1000 I will make a great sacrifice. For particulars write to Lew A. Wilson, Sweet, Idaho.

HONEY FOR SALE—Extracted honey in 5-gal. cans, \$5.00; 5-lb. pails, 12 to the case, per case \$6.00; 10-lb. pails, 6 to the case, per case \$5.75; f. o. b. Walla Walla. Address S. D. Smith, College Place, Wash.

WANTED—An energetic man with family wants work on farm by year. Must have house, garden, and school privileges. Will hire for term of 1 to 5 years to right party. Can give reference. State wages offered in first letter. E. W. Cates, Kamiah, Idaho.

SPECIAL NOTICE—The pure "Gold Medal" Vegetable Cooking Oil, can now be had at about the same price as cheap oils. It keeps for years and pleases all. 5 gal. can, \$4.25; two cans, \$8.25; 3 cans, \$12.00; 5 cans, 19.50; 50 gal. barrel, \$35.00. Two cans cost no more freight than one. Address Sanitarium Food Co., St. Paul, Minn.

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COLLEGE ITEMS

"O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.

Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord."

Mr. W. C. Raley used a recent chapel hour explaining to the school the work and qualifications of the certified public accountant.

The six weeks' examinations were held on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. This closes the work up very nicely for the Thanksgiving recess.

Prof. W. C. Flaiz at chapel exercises on Tuesday continued his study of the relations of the East to the West. He showed the development of the different governments and also the feeling existing among the nations. This proved a very interesting study.

Elder O. A. Johnson spoke at chapel Monday morning. His theme was the great controversy between Christ and Satan. He will continue the subject, speaking upon it several more times during the year. He is developing in connection with it particularly the idea of the training of missionaries.

Brother S. J. Lashier spoke to the school on Wednesday morning concerning the auditor's work. He gave a brief history of the development of the work in our denomination and spoke of the two conventions that had been held, and also gave somewhat in detail the duties of the auditor and the importance of his work.

Professor W. I. Smith occupied the chapel hour Friday morning in giving the history of the development of arithmetic. It was easily apparent that the work in former years was carried on

under great disadvantages. It was something of a surprise to some that the present convenient system had been in use such a comparatively short time.

A representative of the Evening and Sunday Bulletin of Walla Walla gave an exhibition with a moving picture apparatus in the chapel Saturday evening. The Bulletin is conducting a contest in the counties in the vicinity and giving the moving picture apparatus as a premium. Several educational films were shown which were well appreciated by the audience.

Wednesday evening the students and faculty assembled in the college chapel to enjoy a social season. The following program was rendered and seemed to be enjoyed by all.

Piano Duet Polonaise in A Chopin
Misses Haynes and Holden

Declamation Patrick Henry's "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death"
John Rosby

Harp Solo
Miss Ruth Linrud

Recitation The Scene at the Bridge.
Orley Ford

Song
Eddie Rees

Musical Monologue Soul Music
Harry Pearson

Recitation Lady Hildegard
Lee Moran

Song At the Close of Day
Male Glee Club

New Year's "Owari"

JAPANESE MAGAZINE (Gospel
for the Last Days)

Have you any Japanese people living in your town? Now is the time to do missionary work with them. This New Year's *Owari* will give a brief sketch of the rise and progress of the message in the U.S. together with a more detailed description of the development of the different lines of our work in the Japanese Empire. It will be well illustrated, showing the buildings at headquarters in Tokyo, with other pictures of interest.

The editor, Pastor T. H. Okohira will have articles of especial interest upon some of the leading points of our faith; these topics are given in the English also so that any one can call attention to special points.

The magazine will have an attractive cover in colors. Send in your orders quickly, through your tract society, so as to receive papers on time. C. C. HALL,
Sec.-Treas. Japan Mission.

Next Sabbath

NOVEMBER 27 is the date set for the rendering in the churches, of that interesting program in the "Gazette" in behalf of our good pioneer missionary paper, the *Signs of the Times*. Let us see that nothing arises to interfere with this important meeting and the promotion of our missionary work with this effectual soul-winning agency. Now, when such astonishing results are being seen through the use of the *Signs*, we should avail ourselves of every opportunity to learn of its work, and unite heartily in its still wider circulation. Remember the program next Sabbath, and see that a good club of papers is established at your church.

Shower Wanted.

THE LOCUST GROVE Intermediate School is in need of a library. The standard set by our educational department for schools of this class is five hundred volumes.

We are starting a campaign for the five hundred. A cash donation will be appreciated very much. If you have books which you are willing to donate, please write us giving the titles.

L. I. STILES, Principal,
Route 6. North Yakima, Wash.

She Could "Go Without a Meal or Two"

A lady in writing concerning her subscription to the *Sabbath School Worker* says: "Times are hard, but I could go without a meal or two in order to have the *Worker*. I should certainly not try to teach without it if it were possible to get it. I always take it in a club when I can, and when I cannot, I subscribe personally.

With articles from such contributors as Elder I. H. Evans, Dr. P. T. Magan, Elder Carlyle B. Haynes, Dr. D. M. Kress, A. L. Manous, Mrs. F. Cady, this interspersed with forceful editorials the *Watchman* offers one of the most unusually interesting numbers for December that has been published this year.