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"THEN THEY THAT FEARED THE LORD SPAKE OFTEN ONE TO ANOTHER."

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## THE FIELD

### WESTERN OREGON

#### The Coos County Camp-meeting

On Thursday evening, August 11, the writer, in company with Elders Decker and Dirksen, left Portland for Roseburg, where, according to previous arrangements, several days were spent in labor for this church, which the enemy has lately made the object of his attack. God has blessed the work at Roseburg and the church there. With the excellent facilities it has for work, a well-equipped house of worship and schoolroom, a good work can be done for the Lord. Hence the determination of the enemy to bring in confusion and by every means to hinder the work.

God blessed the labors of His servants at Roseburg, and the meeting closed there with an encouraging degree of harmony prevailing, with tokens which promise good for the church and for the cause there. May the Shepherd's special watch-care be over this little flock.

At the close of the meeting at Roseburg, Elder Decker returned to his work at the Portland Sanitarium. On Tuesday morning we started by team for the sixty-five-mile trip over the mountains to Myrtle Point. Our company consisted of the driver, Brother J. B. Meehan, of Yoncalla; Brother and Sister Pettit, Elder Dirksen and the writer. Our first day's travel brought us to the home of an iso-

lated sister in Camas Valley, where a very pleasant and, we trust, profitable, evening was spent, after which we retired for a much-appreciated rest. We were on our way early the next morning, being assured by our driver that the interesting part of our journey was soon to begin. And so we found it. If words did not fail me, I would attempt a detailed account of our trip over this rocky mountain road. But I will say merely that we reached our destination about 6 o'clock in the evening. Elder Dirksen thinks that he will remember Coos County for many years to come because of this novel trip. Elder W. B. White also traversed this road in one day by stage a few days later, and knows all about it. But we soon forgot it all, being lost in the interests of the good camp-meeting which opened on Thursday evening on the same ground where the Coos County meeting was held the last two years.

The interest at Myrtle Point seemed to call for the meeting being held at that place again this year, and we think that the meeting and its results show that the decision of our Coos County brethren in this direction was a good one. The tent was crowded the first night, and the attendance kept up and the interest deepened to the close. Indeed, at the last it seemed a most perplexing thing to us to be compelled to close the meeting with such an interest. We were deeply impressed that the instruction in Volume VI should be followed, to plan to have our camp-meetings continue for several weeks till the

interest is bound off. The meeting throughout was characterized by the Holy Spirit's presence, and, as a result, hearts were melted to tenderness, sins were confessed and put away, and differences among brethren were removed.

We wish that all who read this could have been with us at the last meeting on Sunday night, when, at the close of the public service, in which the Spirit of God was felt in an unusual degree, the campers were called together for a special closing meeting. I do not know that I was ever in a meeting where the Spirit of God fell like showers upon a thirsty land as in this meeting. The meeting continued till about midnight, and we left the tent feeling that the best camp-meeting we had attended in Coos County had closed. The campers returned to their homes and churches with much courage in God, and we look for the fruits of this meeting throughout the coming year.

Brother W. L. Black and wife will continue in the work at Myrtle Point for a time to follow up the interest there. They will labor in Coos County through this conference year. Satan has worked hard to oppose the laborers in this part of the field, but victory has crowned the efforts made. Fruit is beginning to appear, and we look for a large harvest. A number of new adherents to the faith were baptized on the last Sunday of the camp-meeting, in the beautiful Coquille River. The ceremony was a very impressive one, witnessed by a large number of people from the town. Brethren and sisters, I am

glad for the truth God has given us—are not you?

In addition to the laborers named above, the following were present: Elders W. B. White, J. J. Westrup, W. L. Black, F. S. Bunch and Brethren R. W. Airey and G. A. Larson. We especially appreciated the presence and labors of Elder White. F. M. Burg.

### Notes of Interest

The Coos County camp-meeting is closed, and an excellent meeting is reported. A goodly number of souls were converted. Among them were several who accepted the truth during the meeting.

Elder Starbuck reports some interest in the tent-meetings at Ashland. The workers there are making the necessary arrangements for the camp-meeting which is to begin on the 8th inst. Elders Decker, Reaser and Dirksen will join Brethren Starbuck, Clark and Butterfield in labor at this meeting. Elder Burg finds it necessary to give his attention to the intermediate school question just now, hence he will not attend the Ashland meeting.

The lumber will be on the ground at Gaston this week, and work on the school building will begin at once. We have, as yet, less than \$400 for the school enterprise. Brethren and sisters, this is your work and we will look for more money from you soon, so that the work can go on.

Elder Reaser and his co-workers have closed the series of meetings at Laurelwood, a suburb of Portland. Several are keeping the Sabbath as a result, and a number of others are much interested. The interest will be followed up by Bible work.

We have had a reminder from the publishers in regard to the four successive special numbers of the "Signs" which will be out in November for use in the special missionary campaign. Let our churches be getting ready for work.

We hear of several of our youth who are planning to attend the intermediate school this winter. May

we not hear of many others? Announcement of time to open the school and terms to students will be made soon.

Elders J. M. Cole and R. D. Benham have closed the tent-meeting at Falls City. They report several accessions to the faith there. A church will soon be erected, a lot having been donated for this purpose.

Elder C. A. Wyman has been very ill for the past month. He is at the Portland Sanitarium, and at the present seems to be improving quite encouragingly.

Brother B. C. Tabor was in the city the other day, making a call at the office. He looks well, and his courage is good in the work.

Brother and Sister G. W. Pettit attended the Coos County camp-meeting. Brother Pettit is now giving his attention to the church-school interests, locating teachers, etc., in the conference.

Things not to forget:—

1. The work in Washington, D. C., our first work now.
2. The 10-cent-a-week offering for missions. Are you following this plan, and reaping a blessing from systematic giving?
3. The intermediate school, a very important interest in this field just now. Funds are needed.
4. The second tithe for support of church schools. This is very important; study it.
5. The special fund for Walla Walla College.
6. The conference poor fund.
7. The tent and camp-meeting fund. Don't pass this by.
8. To pray for an infilling of the Spirit for service; a willingness in this, the "day of His power."

### Montavilla

I have been working the greater part of my time this summer in and around Portland, mostly among the Scandinavians, giving Bible readings and distributing books, papers and tracts. I know this is the Lord's work, and I am glad to labor as fast as I am able to find those who will listen and believe the message. I am sure if I can sow the seed God will see that it is watered

and attend to the increase. There are about four thousand Scandinavians in this locality, and my work is as only a little drop in the bucket among so many. There ought to be more workers among this people right here in our own land, for many who are anxious to learn go to our English meetings, but can not understand. I have three readers who are embracing the truth and have begun to keep the Sabbath.

A. Williams.

September 8.

### Falls City

The graphic account of the charge of the Light Brigade, or scenes of war and bloodshed, like the fierce battles between the Japanese and the Russians are read with exclamations of praise and commendation of the heroes who rush to the cannon's mouth to lose their lives or take the lives of their fellow men at the command of some earthly ruler or ambitious general. But the men who take their lives in their hands and enter the conflict between sin and righteousness to save men from death in the lake of fire and give them eternal life in the land of bliss, receive far less respect and attention at the hands of the world. The account of their labors and hardships would be considered "dry stuff." But in the sight of heaven they are considered greater heroes than the commanders of armies. The walls of prejudice, error and tradition of these days that have to be broken down are greater than the walls of a fort.

These reflections came to me as we were taking down our tent in the village of Falls City, after an effort of eight weeks against as hardened a prejudice as I ever met. Infidelity, intemperance, antinomianism, Methodism, and Mormonism had to be met in their various phases, but not in open conflict. Sometimes there were as many as three ministers in our congregation. The Methodist minister seemed quite friendly and interested, so much so that he stayed one night for an hour after meeting, talking

these things over, but never opposing us. We gave him a sample of our tracts on the Sabbath question, at his own request, and also gave him "Thoughts on Daniel and Revelation," which he promised to read carefully. These he has taken back East with him, and we pray that sometime he will have the strength and courage to break away from the chains of error and accept present truth.

Sabbath, August 20, I baptized three souls. Another man took his stand and kept his first Sabbath that same day, and he felt happy as he dropped his work about ten o'clock A. M., and went with me to Sabbath-school and meeting. He came from the Christian Church, and the other three had no profession. There are others who seem fully convinced, and we hope will decide for truth at no distant day.

As soon as the vacation and busy seasons are passed we hope to return and help them erect a church building.

R. D. Benham.

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### Among the Brethren

The 12th of August I left home for a trip up the Columbia River. On Sabbath I met with the company at The Dalles. The church elder was not present, so I held only one meeting. The Spirit of God was present in the presentation of the truth of the closing work in the heavenly sanctuary. The hearts of parents and children were moved. There are several children here that should be members of this church.

On Sunday I went down to Mosier to see a minister that I had been acquainted with in the past. The resident minister preached in the evening, and presented some wholesome points of truth. After meeting was over I had the privilege of visiting with these ministers, and presented several lines of truth without any controversy. At the close an invitation was given me to present a course of lectures in their new church which they are building.

The next day I crossed the river into Washington, and visited scattered brethren and sisters. On the 21st I held two meetings at Carson, with a full house and good attendance. There are some interested ones here. On Monday I came home to attend our camp-meeting at Ridgefield.

A. J. Stover.

Sara, Washington.

### Arlington and Sedro Woolley

At Arlington we have an interesting Sabbath-school of fifteen members. We have met with them each Sabbath since we closed our meetings. Five were baptized yesterday and others will be baptized at the camp-meeting. Several others are deeply interested and have promised to take their stand with us soon. A good lot is offered for a church site, on which we hope to build a small chapel this fall.

At Sedro Woolley there is some interest in our meetings, although the attendance is quite irregular. When there are no shows or entertainments we have a fairly good-sized congregation. The Methodist Episcopal minister, unlike the one at Arlington, is doing what he can to keep his people away from our meetings. About sixty families are reading our tracts and some seem much pleased to do so.

Our camp-meeting begins this week and many have promised to attend it. We hope we shall find some who esteem the reproach of Christ greater treasure than all the pleasures the world offers.

W. W. Sharp.

Sept. 5, 1904.

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### Chinook

We are closing up our work in this place. Have taken down the big tent and I am now visiting from house to house. Five have begun the observance of the Sabbath, and three have been baptized; others are convinced of the truth, but lack courage to obey. We hope in time some of these may come with us.

We have scattered considerable literature here, and have taken a number of subscriptions for our periodicals. Have also sold several of the larger publications. We trust

that the printed page will continue to bear witness to them of the truthfulness of the message, after the living preacher has departed.

Brother Eckstrom, who lives a few miles up the river, will visit the company here at least once a month all winter, and will encourage them in the faith. We are glad that he finds himself able to do this, as it is always cheering to beginners to have some one older in the truth visit them.

We feel grateful to the Lord for the success given us in leading a few honest souls to the saving message for this time. It has been a very unfavorable time for holding meetings here, as it is the fishing season, and the only really busy part of the year. Sometimes they have had to work day and night, and, of course, there is no chance then for any of them to attend meeting. The message has been given, however, and eternity alone will reveal the results.

H. C. J. Wollekar.

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### Letters from Washington Canvassers

I am truly thankful that the Lord impressed me with the necessity of doing this work for the salvation of souls.

The Lord directs the worker by His Spirit to the place where souls are waiting for the truth. I stayed over night at one place with some people who had been working hard all day. I helped them with the chores, and in the morning sold them a copy of "Great Controversy."

The lady who bought it knew that it was an Adventist book, but said she wanted to study it, as she believed there were truths there that should be known. I had been somewhat discouraged before, but that one experience brightened the whole week's work. I felt that should one soul be saved as the result of that week's work there would be rejoicing among the angels.

At another place I labored long and earnestly with a man who seemed interested in the truths which the book contained, but, for some reason, he would not purchase. Finally I left him and

started away. I had just stepped into my rig to go when he came out and said he would take one of the books.

I really believe that an angel from heaven must have been sent to impress him with the importance of the truths which the book contained.

I am just about to begin my fall delivery now. Brethren, pray for us who are in the field.

Edwin Sargeant.

I have spent a number of weeks this summer in the canvassing work. This is my first experience in the work. The Lord has blessed me to a marked degree. Many times I have seen His hand leading me. One Thursday afternoon I drove out seven miles in the country to reach some unworked territory. I stopped over night with a family, and in the morning took their order for "Great Controversy."

By this time it was raining so hard I could not canvass, so drove to town to spend the Sabbath.

I believe the Lord led me to that family with the truth, and I pray that they may be led to see and accept it.

Last week I was showing "Great Controversy" to a business man. A gentleman standing near said, "I haven't time to read such a book."

I soon had his interest and took his order for the best binding.

The angels are always present to impress these truths upon the minds of the people.

I shall commence delivering in another week.

L. B. Ragsdale.

Plaza, Wash., Sept. 4.

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA Manson Industrial School

After leaving California I arrived in Vancouver, B. C., June 15. The next day we went out to the farm near Port Hammond.

The farm consists of 320 acres of land, nearly all of which is in the "raw" state. It is about evenly divided between heavy second-growth fir and cedar timber and prairie land which has been protected by dikes.

Much of the prairie land is high

enough to raise oats and other grain, and all is hay-producing, a crop of which is very profitable. Hay sells for \$10 and \$15 per ton, baled.

The first thing which took our attention was a building in which to hold a summer term. There being no proper building on the farm, we decided to build a log structure which could be used for a church building as well.

After about two weeks we opened school with an enrolment of ten. The reason for so small an enrolment is that it was in the midst of the berry season, and, as this is one of the main dependencies in this country, the children had to be at home during this time.

The enrolment now has more than doubled what it was at first, and more are coming in all the time.

We expect to have an attendance of from forty to fifty when we open school in the new building. We have nearly prepared the ground for this building, which will be 30x40 feet. The children are doing nearly all of the work.

The pupils spend the morning at the farm work, milking the cows, etc.; then from 8:15 to 1 o'clock we spend at mental work in the schoolroom. From 2 to 2:30 we begin industrial work again, and work two and a half hours each day, except Friday afternoon, when we do none but the most necessary work, so as to be prepared for the Sabbath. The work is nearly all such as the farm would have to hire done. The teacher works with the pupils unless other physical work demands attention, when each one looks after one—himself—while some one is appointed to direct in the work. At conservative prices per hour, the students have more than paid the teacher's salary thus far. As we shall have industries such as broom-making, etc., each financed by a private individual who is to hire the students at so much per hour, we expect that it will continue to do so.

No tuition is charged, only two or two and a half hours' work per day. There is one thing which troubles us, and that is to obtain sufficient means to put up our

buildings this fall. But we have faith that God will put it into the hearts of His people to give freely enough to prevent a halt in preparing workers for this part of His field, for no one can work in any field like one who is born and educated in that field.

Of course, we have difficulties, but we believe that the Lord is in the work and that it must go. Pray for us.

G. E. Johnson.

#### MONTANA Missoula

On July 6 Elder J. A. Holbrook and the writer, with our companions, came to this place in response to an earnest call for labor from the church here. Missoula has a population of about 7,000. We pitched our tent in a central location and began meetings, after much advertising. The attendance was not large at any time during the meetings, which continued for nearly six weeks. Early in the meeting Brother Paul Iverson joined us, with the object of working among the Scandinavian people. Before we reached the Sabbath question Elder Holbrook was called to Pony to help Brother Holden in Elder Foster's absence. We enjoyed much of God's power and clearness in presenting the Word. In all, eight souls began to keep God's truth. Two of these left Missoula before the baptism. Besides these, four young people, children of Sabbath-keepers united with the church by baptism. In all, eleven were baptized. One was a rebaptism. Elder Holbrook joined us again after an absence of about two weeks.

On August 23 Brother Iverson, myself and wife came to Elliston for another tent effort. The Lord seems to have opened the way before us. We have our tent pitched and have held one meeting with fair attendance. Last night we had no service, owing to heavy rain. We are looking for souls in this place for our hire. We are grateful to God that, in all our labors, His presence has been with us and has given us rest. We rejoice in the victory over known, conscious transgression, and by faith we see the end of our pilgrimage.

W. A. Gosmer.

### The Work in Montana

We began the tent meeting at Missoula July 13, and closed August 21. As a result, eleven souls were baptized and connected with the church. Two others began keeping the Sabbath, but one of these went to Minnesota and the other was not present at the baptism. Several others were convinced, and we believe some of them will obey the truth a little later. These new members seem to have gotten hold of the spirit of the message, as they are taking hold of the church-school work as heartily as the older ones.

The attendance was not large at any time, but was kept up by constant visiting. Elder and Mrs. Gosmer and my wife and I started the work. Brother Paul Iverson joined the company after the first week. I was called away from the company several days during the meeting, but the brethren carried the work along nicely.

We are thankful to the Lord for His blessing on the work at Missoula. Elder Gosmer and Brother Iverson have the tent pitched at Elliston now, and we hope the Lord has some honest souls there waiting for the truth.

Elder Foster and Brother Holden went to Bigtimber from Pony, but had a very strange experience there. They advertised, invited and visited faithfully, but could not get the people out to hear the message, so they will soon go elsewhere with their tent.

We are all of good courage, and intend to press onward into new fields. When the tent season is over, the workers will go to the schoolhouses and halls to continue the work.

J. A. Holbrook.

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### CALIFORNIA

#### Fortuna

The Lord has given victory to His truth and proven the faithfulness of His promises, and to His name be the praise.

We have had a trying experience here. We advertised thoroughly and visited from house to house, daily seeking the Lord, yet we could get only a few to attend—sometimes not over three from the outside. Notwithstanding, we did not

feel free to close the effort.

The Christian Church here called a young pastor from Oregon, and, on his second Sunday, he attacked the law. It was a boyish effort, and we paid little attention to it. Two weeks ago we learned that he planned to speak against our work the next Sunday evening. Instead, he spoke Sunday morning, but some of our brethren were present and asked him to read a notice for a review in the tent the next evening. He came with a number of his members and began interrupting and asking questions to confuse and divert the attention, until I was obliged to ask him to wait until I could make my points.

The next night I took the "Covenantants." He did not attend, but sent three leading women of his congregation, one of whom followed his example of the night before. She was silenced by the Scripture. At the close that evening six persons voted that the law was binding, and they, with others, are now keeping the Sabbath.

Numerically the results here are small, but it is a great victory, under the circumstances, and we rejoice.

D. T. Fero.

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### Canvasser's Letter

During the past week I have seen the Lord working upon the hearts of the people every day.

Besides delivering over \$20 worth of books, the Lord has given me orders for \$47.25 in thirty-three hours. To Him be all the praise. When we do our part, I have proved that the Lord will do His part. I have had many good talks with people. The Holy Spirit is always with me to bring God's Word to my remembrance. People are hungry for the truth. Some hold out their hands when they see I have a book on Bible subjects. I am very sorry I did not start out before. Satan tried to hinder this grand work, but praise God, I am in it now. With the Lord's help I expect to earn my way to Healdsburg College by the time it opens. Pray for the canvassers.

H. S. Carter.

Santa Cruz, Cal., Aug. 28.

### Be Not Negligent

(2 Chron. 29:11.)

To neglect is "to suffer to pass unimproved, unheeded, undone; to slight, to omit, to overlook; to disregard."—Webster. "The good that I would I do not." Rom. 7:19. I meet so many people now in our churches who have neglected to daily read and study the Bible, and, as a result, some have lost and others are losing their interest in the things of God. In Vol. VI, page 16, I read: "All are NOW deciding their eternal destiny. Men need to be aroused to realize the solemnity of the time, the nearness of the day when human probation shall be ended." So we can not afford to be negligent now.

Since our last camp-meeting at Oakland I have been visiting the churches at Oakland, Alameda, San Francisco, Sebastopol, San Jose, Santa Cruz, and Soquel, largely in the interest of our young people. I could not confine my time, however, so as to devote my attention wholly to the work of young people, for the middle aged and aged are as greatly in need of encouragement as the children and youth. We have such a grand and beautiful truth, that if we give earnest attention to it, we become an allround, equipped, and fully developed people; but if we neglect the instruction given by the Lord, how quickly we deteriorate and become cripples. "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely" (Hosea 14:4), are the true sayings of God. Backsliding is a disease which will result in death; but God has provided a sure and positive cure, a remedy that is infallible, a specific. Look at this a moment: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Tim. 3:16, 17. The Bible will fully guide and perfectly equip the student for every good work, consequently save him from backsliding. But he must attend as truly and faithfully to the study of the Scripture as he does to sup-

ply his body with wholesome and natural food.

We never perform a wrong act unless we are first tempted by the devil, and the only instrument that can keep him away from us is the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. Eph. 6:17. Jesus said, in John 3:6: "That which is born of the flesh is flesh [we feed it grain, vegetables, nuts, etc.]; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Here Jesus taught plainly that there were two births. Now can the spiritual life subsist on the same kind of food on which the first-mentioned life thrives? It can not. We have learned from a long and painful experience that all the grain from the field, vegetables from the ground, nuts from the tree, or flesh from the herds, can not save us from sin, or build a barricade against the devil. The spiritual life requires something of a different nature and of greater strength. Let Jesus give us another illustration of the two distinct kinds of food: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." The Holy Scriptures are the words of God, and if poor, sinful man ever expects to overcome the devil and rise above his fearful power, he must do it with the weapon with which Christ overcame Him, and that was the sword of the Spirit, which is the WORD OF GOD. So study that Word. Our very life depends on our knowledge of it. "This is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent." We know Him and Jesus through His Word. Again He said: "It is the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing; the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." But where are those words? The Holy Scriptures, the Bible, is the Word of God. Let it be to you what it was to the patriarch Job, "More than my necessary food." Job 23:12. The sure cure for backsliding is in the Word of God. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth forever."

1 Peter 1:23. Through a knowledge of God's Word and obedience to it, we take on the divine nature, which will prevent us from backsliding. 2 Peter 1:4-10.

B. F. Richards.

## MISSIONARY WORK

### THE BOOK WORK Western Oregon Conference Report for the Week Ending Sep- tember 2, 1904

GREAT CONTROVERSY			
	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
Ford Dodds.....	46	.....	\$32 55
BEST STORIES			
George J. Scharff	30	22	11 15
HERALDS OF THE MORNING			
F. E. Fairchild .....	24	11	18 00
	100	33	\$61 70

### California Conference Report for the Week Ending Aug. 24, 1904

BIBLE READINGS			
	Hrs.	Ord.	Value.
Myrtle Blake .....	24	4	12 00
Susie Barker .....	40	6	16 50
H. S. Carter .....	40	13	47 25
DESIRE OF AGES			
W. R. Beatty .....	9	20	56 25
GREAT CONTROVERSY			
Wm. Harmon .....	32	5	12 25
MARVEL OF NATIONS			
Wm. Harmon .....	4		9 75
Total .....	145	52	\$154 00

### Why Not More Canvassers?

For some time this question has been in my mind, and I wish to give what seem to be correct answers to this important query.

On account of physical inability, the aged, feeble and infirm can not go into the field; neither can those who care for such persons, and there are those engaged in other branches of the work. There may be still others who can not enter this work, but out of the 100,000 Seventh-day Adventists in the world there certainly should be more canvassers—"one hundred to one." Therefore, why not more canvassers?

The real reasons, I believe, are:—

1. Because there is a lack of faith in God's promises. If \$12 or \$15 per week, besides expenses, were guaranteed by some reliable party,

there would be a coming into the work by many who are now "fearful and unbelieving." "My God shall supply all your need" is less to doubting souls than the word of poor, weak, finite man, and so the Lord's work is neglected.

2. Because there is pride in the heart. "I am not going from house to house like a tramp or beggar to sell books." How many have listened to Satan and echoed these words in their hearts? Ridicule has kept many souls from duty. The Lord says: "The intelligent, God-fearing, truth-loving canvasser should be respected, for he occupies a position equal to that of the Gospel minister." "Careless spectators may not appreciate your work or see its importance." They may think it a losing business, a life of thankless labor and self-sacrifice. But the servant of Jesus sees it in the light shining from the cross. His sacrifice appears small in comparison with those of the blessed Master, and he is glad to follow in His steps."

For fifteen years the writer occupied the position of minister in the Methodist Church, but by the eternal Word and the Spirit of God and co-operation with Him, he has been led to go from door to door with the books that contain the message for this time. If I have disgraced myself in the sight of Babylon, I praise God for the unspeakable joy and blessing that has come with the reception of "present truth," and for the privilege of carrying "the message where the living preacher can not go."

3. Because the work requires self-denial. There is no doubt about this matter. Perhaps the humble, faithful canvasser's work requires as great sacrifices as any work for God. As the writer has not seen his wife and children for several months, he can speak from personal experience; yet this can not be compared with Christ's sacrifice and suffering for us. "He that loveth father or mother, . . . son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me, and he that taketh not his cross, and followeth Me, is not worthy of Me."

4. Because failure has come in

the past. Some have seemed to make a failure even when they were faithful in their work. But many more have failed because they entered the work in a lazy, careless, lifeless manner. Three or four hours work a day brings failure to almost every person. Three things are necessary to success: First, to have a good business; second, to know your business perfectly; third, stick to it.

Dearly beloved in Christ, why not more canvassers? Let us put away our excuses and meet this question at once. O, why not enter the harvest field now, and remain faithful workers "until He come"? Every day we lose is delaying the glad hour of Jesus' coming. Eternal interests are now at stake. Delays are dangerous. Come while you may. A rich reward awaits the overcomer.

G. H. Clark.

N. Adams, Mass.

### A State Agent's Letter

There are only three ministers and one saloon-keeper and one professional gambler in this little town. The Lord has enabled me to place a copy of "Heralds of the Morning" in each of these person's homes. The Lord is moving wonderfully upon the hearts of the people in these last days.

One evening last week I canvassed a lady who wanted the book very much, but it was impossible for her to get it. She said her husband was well able to buy it, but that he was opposed to the Bible, all kinds of religious books, and churches of all denominations. I asked her if she would not like to have me call when he was at home and see if I could not sell him one of the books. She said, with tears in her eyes, that she would, but that he is so rough and cross she feared he would insult me. I told her I would risk that. So I called again about 6:30 P. M., and found the man sitting on the front porch. I introduced myself and my business, talking directly to the point regarding the books I was handling for about a minute before opening my grip. My customer became anxious to know

what I had, and upon taking my book from the grip, he reached for it, and never gave it back. In about ten minutes I bade him good evening, walking away with the money and leaving him reading the book.

Friday the Lord gave me eleven orders for "Heralds of the Morning;" total value of sales, \$18. I like "Heralds of the Morning" better every day I sell it. Although I have used this book a great deal ever since it came out, I am of late getting more new points on selling it than I had never before dreamed of. I am studying it carefully again. May the Lord help us all to improve every day.

F. E. Fairchild.

The following is from a letter forwarded to us by Elder Ballenger:—"Albion F. Ballenger.

"Dear Sir: Your book, 'Power for Witnessing,' was lately loaned to me by a friend. I have enjoyed reading it so much, and feel it is such a splendid help, that I would like to have a copy for my library. I would like to know whether the book is bound in cloth, and where it can be secured."

We have been glad to correspond with this lady, giving her the information desired and her name to the president of that conference. This is only one of many indications of the influence of our good literature.

H. H. Hall.

### Living up to Love

"And ye don't drink any more, Jim?"

The question came as two workmen walked along together.

"No."

"And ye don't talk as ye used to, either—dropped a lot of swearin' that used to come pretty handy. What's up?"

"It's the wife and boy," answered Jim, half pleased, half embarrassed, that the change had been noticed. "Ye see, the little one was nothing but a baby when I went away, but he's gettin' to be a smart boy now. Lizzie believes in me. And that boy, he really thinks his dad is the best man in the world. I'd sort of like to have him keep on thinkin' so, that's all."

Trying to live up to some one's thought of him, some one's faith in him, was making his whole life higher and purer, as it has made many a life. It is an ignoble nature that is not at once humbled and uplifted at finding itself idealized by some loving heart. Almost unconsciously, we try to be what we are expected to be. And if this is true, what volumes it speaks in regard to thinking, hoping, expecting the best of those around us!—Selected.

### Take Time

We are often in a hurry in our religious devotions. How much time do we spend in them daily? Can it not be easily reckoned in minutes? Probably many of us would be discomfited by the arithmetical estimate of our communion with God. It might reveal to us the secret of much of our apathy in prayer, because it might disclose how little we desire to be alone with God. We might learn from such a computation that Augustine's idea of prayer, as "the measure of love," is not very flattering to us. We do not grudge time given to a privilege which we love. . . . Who ever knew an eminently holy man who did not spend much of his time in prayer? Did ever a man exhibit much of the spirit of prayer who did not devote much time to his closet? Whitefield says, "Whole days and weeks have I spent prostrate on the ground, in silent or vocal prayer." "Fall upon your knees and grow there," is the language of another, who knew whereof he affirmed. It has been said that no great work in literature or science was ever wrought by a man who did not love solitude. We may lay it down as an elemental principle of religion that no large growth in holiness was ever gained by one who did not take time to be often alone with God.—Phelps.

"The most dangerous foes are those which attack from within our own nation, our own household, our own hearts."

Control your temper, for if it does not obey you, it will govern you.—Horace.

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Congress of March 3, 1899.

Tent meetings have been opened in Elsinore, Sevier Co., Utah, by Elder Alfred Whitehead, president of the Utah Conference.

Elder H. J. Dirksen, our German laborer in the Western Oregon Conference, is attending the annual meeting of the British Columbia Conference.

Dr. E. C. Bond and family attended the Southern California Camp-meeting while en route to Phoenix, Ariz., where he has resumed his medical work in the sanitarium at that place. The doctor has been away from his post of duty on a vacation for several months, and we are glad to say that he has returned to his work full of courage.

Elder A. S. Kellogg, president of the California Conference, spent a few days with the brethren of the Southern California Conference while assembled in their annual camp-meeting. His presence was appreciated, and it indicated a friendly interest in the work of the sister conference.

Elder A. J. Howard, on account of the poor health of his wife and the necessity of his being associated with her in their home in Southern California, has resigned his position as president of the Arizona Conference. Elder C. E. Knight, of the Southern California Conference, has been chosen to fill the vacancy and will enter upon his duties at once. We believe the brethren in

Arizona will give Elder Knight their hearty support and will cooperate with him in every way possible in advancing the work in this large field.

In connection with the camp-meeting in Los Angeles the annual convention of the young people's societies in that conference was held. At the close of an interesting program the work that is being done by the Huntsville Industrial School was presented and a hat collection was taken up for this school amounting to \$60. For the past year these societies have taken a deep interest in some special lines of missionary work, and it was encouraging to notice the deep interest which these young people have manifested in behalf of the work in this school in Alabama.

## Please Notice

On account of a mistake made by our printers, paragraphs three, four and five found in the first column, and the signature "J. A. Holbrook," at the top of the second column on page eight, of our last issue, are out of place. We wish to say to our readers that these paragraphs in question refer to the work in the Montana Conference, and were written by Elder Holbrook for the field department.

Brother C. H. Parker, who is laboring in Fiji, would greatly appreciate a shipment of dried fruit. Cherries, raisins and apples are particularly desired. If any of the "Recorder" readers have a donation of this kind to make to the work over there, if they will correspond with the writer, care Pacific Press Publishing Co., Mountain View, Cal., arrangement will be made for forwarding. As freights are very high, it is not best to ship anything unless it is in first-class condition. H. H. Hall.

## Ministers, Attention!

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For a number of years word has been given to the brethren in the Southern California Conference that a sanitarium in the country adjacent to the city of Los Angeles should be provided. Messages from the servant of the Lord have been sent, not only once, but many times, directing that this work should be started. The brethren have spent much time in looking for favorable sites, as it had been pointed out that large buildings that could be adapted to our sanitarium work were available at a fraction of their original cost. This summer their attention was called to a large seventy-six-room building known as the Glendale Hotel, situated in the suburbs of Glendale, some six miles from the business portion of Los Angeles. The building stands on a five-acre tract of ground. Recently an electric road has been built which passes the door. The more this building was examined the stronger the conviction became that it is the place for a sanitarium. Accordingly, the question was submitted to the Southern California Conference which was held last week, and, after studying the instruction that had been given with reference to this work, it was voted that the Glendale Hotel should be purchased at a cost of \$12,500. An option on the building was closed. The building is well constructed, and will be a credit to the work in the Pacific Union Conference.

Elder Burden will furnish, for an early issue of the "Recorder," a cut of this building and a general outline of their work.

## Camp-meetings

Camp-meetings for 1904 have been arranged for as follows:—

	WESTERN OREGON	
Ashland . . . . .	September 8-18	
	WESTERN WASHINGTON	
Sedro Wooley . . . . .	September 9-18	
	BRITISH COLUMBIA	
Vancouver . . . . .	September 15-25	
	UPPER COLUMBIA	
North Yakima, Wash. . . . .	Oct. 11-16	
Southern Idaho . . . . .	September 12-18	

"A great opportunity will only make you ridiculous unless you are prepared for it."