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

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ALONG THE NORTHERN COAST.

Port Simpson, B. C.

Returning from Ketchikan, Alaska, our party met Elder E. L. Stewart, who followed us from Vancouver on the next boat, and together we visited Port Simpson and the surrounding country, having in mind the opening of a little mission in that region for the Indians. We are not permitted by the authorities to freely labor on the reservation among the Indians; so if anything is done in the way of getting the truth to them it must be done through a mission established near by, but not on the reservation. After looking the ground over carefully and the needs of the field, it was thought best to purchase 240 acres of crown land facing on Work's Channel, and about five miles in a direct line from Port Simpson. A beautiful land-locked bay of deep water indents this land, having a passage deep enough for any ordinary vessel, but only about 200 feet wide. On this land also is a lovely fresh water lake, and from this a stream flows through the land to the bay. The stream has a sharp fall and would furnish very good water power. On this tract is large quantities of hemlock, spruce and yellow cedar, while the waters abound with fish and the woods with game. This is one of the loveliest spots I ever visited, and

here our British Columbia brethren are planning to establish a little mission for the Indians. The land is quite inexpensive, the Canadian government selling it for \$1.00 an acre. Elder T. H. Watson, who has become acquainted with many of these Indians, and who feels a burden to labor among them, may be asked by the B. C. conference to lead out in this work. Probably some line of industry may be opened up as soon as possible, such as making of camp stoves, fish net making, a small hand cannery, etc., which will give employment to those who desire to live the truth, but who find it difficult to obtain employment after they decide to obey God.

Work's Channel is a beautiful body of water about 40 miles long, half a mile wide and deep enough to float the largest vessels on the sea. It opens directly into the ocean through a channel 64 fathoms deep, and is a perfectly land-locked harbor. Two transcontinental railroads are now heading for this country, and certainly from a worldly standpoint the future looks bright; but it is for the souls of these poor natives that we are concerned, and this is the reason why our brethren are planning as they are. Very many of the intelligent Indians are rejoicing that something is going to be done along this line, and we believe they will give it their hearty support. As soon as possible a small Indian school should be opened up here and the children and young people be taught to work with their hands in the line of some useful trades.

We enjoyed very much the privilege

of looking over this country with the brethren, and trust that God will greatly bless them as they plan for the future of the work. W. B. WHITE.

(Concluded.)

MONTANA.

The Kime brethren have moved their tent from Kalispell to Somers, a town of about 1200 people. They report a good attendance at this place. Five souls promised to keep the Sabbath at Kalispell, and meetings are held weekly with the church there. The brethren are of good courage in the work. We wish them abundant success in the new location.

Brother W. H. Holden and Sister Mabel Putnam are making a house to house canvass in the city of Butte, distributing tracts in a systematic way and thus seeking to reach the honest in heart. Bible readings are held with those who become interested through tracts and visiting, and already a number are interested in the message. May the Lord bless the efforts put forth and turn many from darkness to light in that wicked city.

The camp meeting for the Bitter Root will be held at Darby, beginning October 4th.

Sister Adeline Rouleau of Butte, and Sister W. S. Holbrook of Hamilton, arrived last week to attend the church school institute, which is now in session.

Brother Fairchilds was a caller in Bozeman last week. We are glad that he is recovering his health, and that he is able to go forward in the work of canvassing. W. A. GOSMER.

Withal and notwithstanding, the meeting was one of great blessing and uplifting to believers in Present Truth in the south end of the field. Indeed I have seldom attended a camp meeting where a better spirit prevailed. It was remarked by many that the "old time ring," the real "Advent spirit," was there.

Elder W. B. White was not with us, as had been arranged, on account of other interests calling for his attention. Our brethren and sisters regretted this. Still we had good help from Elders Daniel Nettleton, J. L. Shaw, H. J. Dirksen and Geo. E. Snyder, each of these brethren being with us part of the time and rendering valuable assistance. And the Lord was with us, so that none felt a lack nor undue disappointment. Elder Shaw's presence and labors were much appreciated. And his story of India and the needs of that great field with its millions of the un-warned stirred the hearts of our people. Over one hundred dollars was raised in cash and pledges to apply toward the fund now being gathered to build a retreat and mission in the mountain regions of India.

I might mention, too, in this connection, that an aggregate of over \$400 was raised during the camp-meeting for various interests. A rousing meeting was held with reference to the Meadow Glade Intermediate School and the cause of Christian Education in general. It hardly tells it all to say that an enthusiasm exists among the people in this section along the line of the right education for our children and youth. The prospects for the Meadow Glade school are far beyond any hopes that we had entertained. The needs of the school, which just now are for more room to accommodate the prospective patronage, was presented, and in just a few minutes \$250 was raised for this purpose. The work is going forward on the building which was started a few months ago, and it will be pushed to completion before the opening day, September 12, to receive the fifty or more students who are coming.

The evening services of the camp meeting were held in the open air in the city park. The weather was perfect, and all seemed to enjoy the meetings under the foliage of the many beautiful trees that make this park

an ideal place for such gatherings. Brother G. E. Johnson, who is hired as principal of the Meadow Glade school, was with us and rendered valuable help in leading our singers. The singing was appreciated by the people, and added much to the interest of the meetings.

Doctors W. B. Holden and J. E. Froom each gave a good talk to the campers, which were very instructive, giving our people a better understanding of the nature of the health and medical work as God has given it to this people, and the true relation of this important phase of the everlasting gospel and its place in the great united Advent movement.

A local camp meeting committee of five was chosen who shall give special attention to the question of a meeting for this part of the conference another year—the need or demand for such a meeting, place for it, and the best time to hold it.

They will also have in charge or the oversight of the work upon the ground. Hence with this preliminary step toward another meeting, together with the unanimous expression from those who were on the ground at this one, that we have another, we think our people in the south end can begin now to plan for a camp meeting the coming year.

F. M. BURG,

President W. W. Conference.

UPPER COLUMBIA.

PENDLETON, OREGON.

We closed our short series of meetings Aug. 12. The attendance was very small throughout, yet there were a few interested ones. Three had taken their stand for the truth when the meetings closed. We organized a Sabbath-school, and have had Sabbath meetings. We also had meeting in the tent last Sabbath and Sunday nights. As the town is large enough for another effort we have moved our tent to the other end and will begin meetings next Sunday night, Aug. 26.

We have never seen people more indifferent regarding their eternal welfare. Surely we are in the days of Noah. Let us take courage and labor with untiring zeal that we may reach a few more before the end.

L. A. GIBSON,

August 22. J. A. STANDAGE.

BRIDGEPORT.

In response to an invitation for short reports for The Gleaner, we have the following from Sister Ferguson:

"Two years ago there were no Sabbath-keepers here. Two families of us came home from Twisp, Washington, where we had been living for a while. While there we had heard the third angel's message for the first time through Brother J. A. Holbrook, the Lord opened our hearts and we accepted it, and praised the Lord. When we returned, we were indeed 'a peculiar people' to our neighbors and we had many opportunities to give an answer for the reason of the hope that we have, and we always gave it with the help of the Lord with meekness and fear.

We requested the conference to send a minister to preach present truth, and they sent Brother F. D. Wagner. He labored faithfully, both in public and from house to house, and as a result four dear souls were convinced and three are now faithfully keeping the Sabbath, and another sister has accepted it since then and is very firm.

As Brother Wagner was not then ordained they were not baptized and there are five and possibly seven now awaiting baptism. We are in hopes that some one may come soon and attend to this work. At Waterville are two sisters who wish to be baptized at the first opportunity, and we shall send a team and bring them when some one comes to administer this rite.

We have no organized church, but there are seventeen Sabbath-keepers scattered about within six or seven miles of each other. We ask the prayers of God's people that we may be faithful till the King shall come."

MRS. ELENA FERGUSON.

Those who contribute items for The Gleaner should remember that their communications should reach this office not later than Sunday of each week.

Thursday is mailing day for The Gleaner.

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CANVASSING DEPARTMENT

UPPER COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

Week Ending August 18, 1906.

Name—	Book	Hours	Orders	Helps	Tot. Val.
B. B. Smith.....	Gt. Cont.	35	19	\$ 6.00	\$58.50
Mrs. B. B. Smith.....	Heralds	22	5	3.00	10.50
*Floyd Smith	Heralds	21	7	10.50
Emma Rothgeb	Heralds	12	3	4.50	9.50
*Isabel Reith.....	Gt. Cont.	32½	11	5.75	35.25

* Two weeks.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Geo. Toombs	Dan. & Rev.	28½	9	\$26.50
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WESTERN OREGON.

PORTLAND.

Elder G. A. Snyder rendered his reply to Rev. Clarence True Wilson's dissertation on Seventh-day Adventism at the Auditorium in Portland Friday evening, Aug. 17, and completed the same the following Sunday evening, Aug. 19, in the Seventh-day Adventist church in Portland.

A very interesting report of Elder Snyder's reply may be found in the Oregonian, issues of Aug. 18 and 20. The following editorial mention of Elder Snyder's discourse will doubtless be of interest to readers of the GLEANER:

"Keeping the Sabbath."

"The advocates of Sabbath legislation will have to wriggle rather smartly to elude the dilemma in which Elder Snyder has entrapped them. If such legislation is enacted on religious grounds, the elder argues, it is unconstitutional, for Congress is expressly forbidden to make any laws respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. Since there are many people in this country who keep the seventh day instead of the first, and many more who keep no day at all, Congress would invidiously discriminate in favor of certain religious views were it to enact a law for the observance of Sunday. Such discrimination among sects and opinions is contrary to the very genius of American institutions. Our government, as a government, knows nothing of religious opinions or warring sects. Such matters, we have found, are best left to the individual to settle for himself, and so long as he violates no moral precept and disturbs no other worshipers the law will not interfere with his preference, what-

ever it may be. He may keep the first day or the seventh, every day or no day, as he may choose. Concerning such matters the law should be a very Galileo; it should care nothing about them.

"Elder Snyder pertinently remarks that the Adventists, who keep the Scriptural Sabbath, or Seventh day, need no law to help them to obey their consciences. Why cannot other sects get along as well as they do? Why must they continually appeal to the state or the Nation to assist them in doing what they think is right? The fact of the matter seems to be that they are more eager to compel others to conform to what they think is right than to walk in the straight and narrow way themselves. If every person were content to satisfy his own conscience about the Sabbath and leave the same liberty to others, we should hear very little about Sunday laws; but religious freedom is the last privilege which most men are willing to concede to their neighbors. Most of us are determined that our friends shall go to heaven in our way or not go at all.

"But the elder's dilemma has another horn. The Sabbath is either a religious institution or it is not. If religious, Congress has no right to meddle with it under the Constitution. If not a religious institution, why make such a fuss over it? Really, the elder's argument is rather neat. Of course the advocates of Sunday laws can answer him, but just at this moment it is not entirely evident what they can say."

A tract of land containing 240 acres, in the extreme northwest portion of British Columbia, has been purchased for a mission station.

EUGENE, ORE.

Owing to hindering circumstances, the regular quarterly meeting of the church was not held until the 14th of July. In connection with the regular quarterly service, the question of the education of the youth and children was a leading feature of the meeting. The Spirit of God was manifest to quite a degree and one person took a decided stand for the truth. Two were baptized and others are to take the same step at some time in the near future.

Services are also being held after the Sabbath and on Sunday, six miles from the town of Eugene. There is quite an interest in various places in close proximity to Eugene, but without adequate means of conveyance we are somewhat crippled in our work.

B. C. and B. B. TABOR.

OBITUARY.

G. W. Nickell died at Twisp, Washington, July 23d, 1906, aged 56 years. Two weeks before his death he was seized with severe pain in his breast which soon left him and he felt as well as usual. It returned at frequent intervals and with increased severity and resulted in his death. He was not at any time confined to his bed and died while sitting in his chair.

He leaves a wife and three children—two sons and a daughter. He and his wife accepted the truth four years ago through the preaching of Elder J. A. Holbrook and were baptized at the Milton camp meeting last spring. His later years were characterized by a consistent Christian life and he leaves many relatives and friends to mourn, but we hope to meet him at the resurrection of the just.

MRS. ELENA FERGUSON.

Brother A. G. Adams left last week for North Yakima, intending to go from there to Portland, and then to College Place, to attend a meeting of the conference committee at this place September 2.

Elder W. B. White spent Tuesday and Wednesday, August 28 and 29, at the office in Spokane after being absent about three weeks. He reports progress in the various places he visited on his trip.