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

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FROM OVER THE PACIFIC.

We take the liberty to give to our readers the following interesting letter from Sister Lena Williams, our Bible worker in Honolulu. This was sent to Elder W. B. White and will describe our work in that field. The picture on this page shows Elder Williams in the center, his wife, the writer of this letter, at his left. The young man behind, the boy at his left, and the two young ladies at his right, have recently been baptized, and are now members of the Honolulu church. These young people are Chinese and how they are standing for the truth is described in the following letter.—EDITOR.

"We are very glad to hear from you and have so much to say that I shall have to typewrite it so it will not be so much of a task for you to read it. We are all well and happy and of good courage in our blessed Master, and so thankful to him for his presence in the work here.

"This place is well named, 'the Crossroads of the Pacific'—such a gathering together of different nationalities. We realize that the third angel's message shall go to many nations from Honolulu. A Methodist missionary remarked to me that 'Honolulu was a strong strategical point.' The constant

coming and going makes this a fine distributing station, but the same fact operates against the building and holding together of a large church here. But we know that the Holy Spirit is more often in the small churches than

will not visit our little flock again soon.

"We are having stirring times here now. The ministers are angry because some of their members have joined our church. They even went to the par-



Elder and Mrs. Williams of Honolulu, and members of their Bible class.

the larger ones, and if we can scatter the truth across the seas we will be thankful.

"In one year the church has changed greatly, but for the grace of God in adding new souls to it there would be only five or six besides ourselves. We hope people are done moving away, for a little while at least, and that death

ents of all the different Chinese families urging them to make use of their Chinese prerogative and force them back into their churches. One father, Mr. Lam, a clerk in a judge's office, talked to them in favor of the Sabbath till they could not meet his arguments. He let them know that his son and two

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A TRIP THROUGH SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA.

On the 10th day of October I left Ketchikan for a visit to the various towns in Southeastern Alaska. My first stop was at Juneau. Here we have a faithful sister who came out into the light of Sabbath truth four years ago under our labors at this place.

We also have many kind friends here who gladly received me into their homes. Urgent requests on every hand were extended to come and stop with them any or all the time of my stay there.

A lady with whom I was taking dinner, and who at one time was nearly persuaded to accept the message, remarked: "One thing, Mr. Dart, we must all acknowledge—that the things you preached to us when you were here are rapidly being fulfilled before our eyes."

A prominent business man said to me: "I am disappointed that you are not going to hold meetings." Another said: "I wish that you were going to stay here; I will guarantee you a full house every night. There are men here who went regularly to your meetings who had not been to church for five years, and haven't been since you left." This man was deacon in the Episcopal church when we were at Juneau. He said that he did not go to church any more; that it was the same thing over and over again.

There is another Sabbath-keeper at this place who keeps a boarding house. She accepted the truth at Washington, D. C., some years ago. I talked with her about loyalty in the payment of tithes and offerings, and found that she had grown quite indifferent to this

solemn obligation. After correcting some erroneous ideas that she entertained on tithing, she seemed quite impressed with the fact that she had been remiss in this important matter. Just before leaving she placed five dollars in my hands as a free-will offering, with the statement that more would follow.

A young girl of fourteen or fifteen, whom the sisters at Juneau have been instructing, is also keeping the Sabbath, and seems quite intelligent in the message. She desired baptism if her mother was willing, and if not she preferred to wait a year or two longer and then be baptized any way. I called on her parents and was kindly received. I talked with the mother with reference to her daughter being baptized, and found her quite reasonable on the subject, but requested that she wait a couple of years and if she then was of the same opinion she would have no objections whatever. I had Bible study and prayer with her and think that she, too, is of the opinion that we have the truth.

Another girl of twelve years was asked by the Presbyterian minister if she did not want to join the church. She replied that she did, and was asked what church. She said the Seventh-day Adventist church if there was one here. The minister replied that that was a good church. I called on this girl and found her to be very bright and she seemed firm in her convictions. Her mother is favorable to us and expressed herself as being very desirous that I soon come to Juneau and hold meetings.

At Douglas, just across the channel from Juneau, we have two faithful sisters. One of these has lived there some seven years and is doing what she can to spread the truth to her neighbors. She takes in sewing and last June earned \$75 in this way. She is faithful in tithing, and when I left handed me \$13.15. Her husband intellectually assents to the truth and does not oppose her in any way.

While there I met the other sister for the first time. Her husband is not a believer.

I left Juneau, bound for Skagway, October 15. The distance between these points is only about 125 miles, but the change is quite marked. The abrupt ascent of the mountains from

the water's edge, the keen air, the snow-capped peaks, was a forcible reminder that fur coats and caps would soon be in order in these parts.

At one time we had a company of Sabbath-keepers at Skagway meeting each Sabbath for study of the Sabbath-school lesson. This company I found broken up, though four of the number are still there. Two of them have never been in full harmony with the message, but still claim to keep the Sabbath. The other two, while not doing as well as might be done, are striving for the best, and received me with much joy and studied the word with evident susceptibility to the Spirit's influence. They both are in adverse circumstances, one, a sister, being the only one in the family keeping the Sabbath. The other, an old man, blind in one eye and losing the sight of the other, dependent upon his labor for support. I trust that my efforts to get these two to meet for regular Sabbath study will not prove in vain. When I left the sister handed me \$5.00 free-will offering. The brother, \$7.50. My work with these dear souls was pleasant and profitable. They are being tested and tried. Remember them in your prayers.

A. M. DART.

(To be continued.)

OBITUARY.

FERGUSON—Died Nov. 25, 1906, at the home of his parents, in Bridgeport, Wash., Curtis Clyde, 14-year-old son of John and Carrie Ferguson. He embraced the third angel's message and was baptized July, 1903. He was an earnest Christian and longed for the time when he could attend college and prepare to work for the Master.

He was accidentally struck on the head while helping move a building, and only lived three hours. Funeral services were conducted by Elder C. E. Ford.

W. R. WRIGHT,
Lakeside, Wash.

The chains of habit are generally too small to be felt till they are too strong to be broken.—Johnson.

Education is a better safeguard of liberty than a standing army.—Edward Everett.

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daughters were old enough to decide for themselves and that he should not interfere with their religion. Then they urged him to at least forbid his wife coming to our church, but he would not do that. She is studying English with me and preparing herself to come to church as soon as she can understand what is said. She has been keeping the Sabbath for three or four months, and we think she is quite firm in the truth. She is a very nice woman.

"The public schools close at 2 P. M., then the Chinese attend their own schools. Mr. Lam's children were attending the church-school of the church of which he is still a member. The ministers were so angry after their failure in getting Mr. Lam to coerce his family into church that they promptly expelled his son from school and told him it was because he had joined our church. We expect others to be cast out. Now Mr. Lam is angry with them.

"They called on Mrs. Ho, a very sweet woman. She has two daughters in our church. She stood boldly for the Sabbath and did not encourage them at all. Mrs. Ching did not give them any encouragement for her son. She has laid off her ear-rings and has been keeping the Sabbath for two or three months. They went again and called Ella Ho out into the street so as to talk with her alone. She was frightened, but told them that if the Bible said keep Sunday to show it to her and let her read it for herself. For some (known) reason they didn't give her the text, but seemed a little mixed and told her at last that she ought to keep two days—the seventh and Sunday too. She laughed at that.

"One young lady has just asked for baptism. She has only been attending church and taking readings about two months, so we would prefer waiting a while, but she is very bright and understands quite well, and also realizes that we are a very unpopular church, and that we expect, and now have, persecution. She has obtained her father's consent and is in a hurry to be baptized for the ministers may in-

duce him to change his mind and oppose her baptism. Her teacher at the public school asked her if she was 'one of those crazy Jew girls?' She said no, but that she kept the seventh day because God commanded it. The teacher has been very unkind to her since and makes it very hard for her in school.

"Ministers, missionaries and public school teachers are all very active against our work. So far our young people stand firm and their parents encourage them. Two of their mothers are keeping the Sabbath and we look for more to do so later.

"I have nine Bible readers and two more Chinese women to whom I teach English so that they can understand and come to church later. Of the eleven, six are keeping the Sabbath. Four have united with the church and two more expect to soon. I study with one white woman, one Portuguese, one Hawaiian, and the rest are Chinese. One of our Chinese girls recently gave up the young man she was engaged to marry because he insisted that she should wear ear-rings. Ear-rings are as dear to the Chinese woman as the wedding ring is to our English sister. One of my readers is just waiting for grace enough to lay aside her ear-rings. Our young girls have set a noble example in putting off their ear-rings and finger-rings. They have been laughed at and called crazy by their associates. God is working wonderfully in the hearts of these young people. They are maintaining a high standard and continually search the Bible to know and do His will. They have been true witnesses for God as they have met and talked with those who have sought to overthrow them in the faith.

"The work has been carried on here for twenty years, so, as Prof. Colcord said, 'It is all burnt-over ground.' That is why we meet so much opposition, and the work goes so slowly. So much effort seems to bear no fruit, but we know that the warning must be given even to those who will not accept it as a saving message.

"Last night at the young people's meeting they were inquiring about building the church, and as it is now getting a little cooler, it is time that the matter was decided and that we commence building. Then it ought to

be well under way before the rainy season commences. We do need it so much, and we need it now. People that paid in their money several months ago are asking when we are going to commence, and it is keeping us in rather an embarrassing position. Then the soliciting that we do ought to be done before the people spend all their money for Christmas gifts, but we cannot ask outsiders for money when we are not sure we are going to build a church. We have already learned what our members will do; if the conference will give us \$500 or \$600 we will build, if not we will be compelled to wait until the Lord opens some other way. We meet in our old tent, and it leaked on us last Sabbath. It will be uninhabitable when our rainy season commences. We pray all the time that the Lord may open the way for us to have a little church building. And we are hoping that the North Pacific Union Conference committee will see fit to help the Lord answer our prayers, and real soon, too, for our need is urgent, more so than we can express.

"MRS. LENA E. WILLIAMS."

SABBATH-SCHOOL CONVENTION
AT COLLEGE PLACE.

On December 1st an interesting convention program was enjoyed by the College Place Sabbath-school and visitors from the Walla Walla and Milton schools. Both forenoon and afternoon appointments gave way to these exercises, which followed in the main the outline in the November number of the "Worker."

After song and recitation of memory verses by the children, the morning session opened with the companion papers, "How Parents May Co-operate with Teachers," and "How Teachers Map Help Parents." The points particularly noticed in the first paper were: how parents may aid in regularity of attendance, in preparation of the lesson, in providing lesson helps, and in proper discipline. The points dwelt upon in the second were: the example of the teacher, and the teacher's interest in the pupil. A talk was given on "How to Use Illustrations," which was certainly replete with helpful suggestions. There followed two more companion papers: "The Model

Pupil," first from the standpoint of a pupil and then from the teacher's view point. Both were good.

The first part of the afternoon session, after the opening, was a talk, "The Purpose of Young People's Work." This was most excellent. The emphatic question, "Who then is willing to consecrate his *service* this day unto the Lord," surely came with fresh force to the many young people present. The talk on "Reaping the Harvest by Personal Work," struck the key-note of success in all Christian labor. Generalities have their place, but in the summing up of results, it is the individual effort that counts most. The closing paper, "How May Thorough Study of the Lesson be Secured?" emphasized by the minute speeches that followed, made a very searching topic; and many must have been led to the mental confession, "I do remember my faults this day." May the good resolutions that were formed bear rich fruit in the weeks to come.

All parts of the program were followed by interesting discussion, which served to bring out new thoughts as well as to impress those presented. We believe this convention will give an impetus to our Sabbath-school work here that will be far-reaching in its effects.

HELEN C. CONARD.

MONTANA.

CANVASSER'S NOTES.

We are encouraged to see the growing interest in the canvassing work in our conference.

Brother Carr is taking hold of the work in a way that gives us confidence that he will succeed.

Brother Lund has been doing good work at Great Falls. He is going to Mt. Ellis Academy, where he will take some studies that will prepare him for better service in the canvassing field.

Brother Burger has taken up work in school, and will join the canvassing corps next spring. Sister Beggs, who has not been engaged in the work for some years, has become so enthused that she feels impelled to resume her work next spring.

Many others are desirous of taking hold of the canvassing work.

Lawrence Fairchild has sold a few

small books by working evenings after school hours.

He will take up regular work in this line after school closes.

The writer has also been out two evenings, and as a result of five hours' work sales to the amount of \$97.15 were made.

We expect a good corps of well trained canvassers to go out to do faithful work at the close of the canvassers' institute, which we hope to hold early in 1907. It is hoped that Brother C. G. Bellah, the Central Union Conference agent, will conduct our institute.

F. E. FAIRCHILD.

MINISTERIAL AND CHURCH OFFICERS' INSTITUTE.

College Place, Wash.

January 7-14, 1907.

This convention will be a very important one to all. Some of the subjects to be discussed are found below:

"Dress, Ethics and Self-improvement of Ministers."

"Should Ministers Engage in Speculations?"

"Sermons; Preparation, Length and Language Of."

"Revival Work."

"Should Ministers Unite in Marriage Believers With Unbelievers, or Divorced persons, except on Bible Grounds?"

"Health Reform, Cottage Meetings, Visiting, Amusements, Music, etc."

"Duty Towards and Work for the Young."

"Instructions to Church officers,"

"Church Discipline."

"Individual Communion Cup."

"Religious Liberty."

"The Law and the Gospl."

"The Medical Work."

"Church-schools and Teachers."

"Sabbath-schools."

Board and lodging will be furnished free to all who come.

Papers will be read on the different subjects, then a general discussion will follow.

General Conference help, besides Elders W. B. White, A. J. Breed, H. W. Decker and ministers of the conference will be present.

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NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE.

Receipts for November, 1906.

Tithe	\$1,356.96
Second tithe	902.61
Interest	75.00
Walla Walla College Fund....	110.00
Gleaner	86.25
Pacific Press Relief Fund....	11.75
Library Fund O. L. F.....	.05
Allum Fund75
Colored work	181.11
E. Caribbean School.....	72.11
Foreign Missions	116.40
First-day Offerings	246.91
Haskell Home	1.00
Harvest Ingathering	11.50
India	5.00
India—J. L. Shaw.....	255.95
Mid-summer Offering	26.00
Missionary Acre	40.00
\$150,000 Fund	5.25
Sabbath-school Offerings.....	960.44
Southern Field	543.11
Southern Pub. Association....	2.00

Total.....\$5,010.15

C. H. CASTLE,
Treasurer.

ITEMS.

Elder W. B. White, president of the North Pacific Union Conference, was at the office one day last week. He left Spokane the evening of the 22nd to attend the ministerial institute at Seattle.

The article begun this week from Elder Dart is very interesting, as is also the letter from Sister Williams of Honolulu.

GENERAL MEETING AT YAKIMA.

January 4-6, 1907.

This meeting was postponed on account of the flood that occurred at the time before appointed, so we now announce the above date. Arrangements will be made to care for those who come. Several ministers will be present.

G. E. LANGDON.

WANTED—Consecrated, Christian, Seventh-day Adventist girls to wait on table in Vegetarian Cafe. Those with experience preferred. Address S. J. Lashier, 105 Sixth St., Portland, Ore.