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“Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe”

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HIS WAY.

God lets us go our way alone,
Till we are homesick and distressed
And humbly, then, come back to own
His way is best.

He lets us thirst by Horeb's rock,
And hunger in the wilderness;
Yet, at our feeblest, faintest knock,
He waits to bless.

He lets us faint in far-off lands,
And feed on husks, and feel the smart,
Till we come home with empty hands,
And swelling heart.

But then for us the robe and ring,
The Father's welcome and the feast,
While over us the angels sing,—
Though last and least.

—Anna F. Burnham, in *The Workers' Bulletin*.

THE EUROPEAN GENERAL CONFERENCE.

At the last session of the General Conference in Washington, two years ago this spring, it was decided, hereafter, to hold the General Conference only once in four years, instead of two as formerly. At that time, however, it was quite well understood that after two years, or the spring of 1907, a conference would be held in Europe, which is now appointed to meet in Gland, Switzerland, in May and continue ten days. Short sessions of the General Conference committee will also be held in London, Copenhagen, and Friedensau, Germany.

To our brethren in Europe this will

be a delegated conference, but from the United States only members of the General Conference committee will attend. The writer being requested by the General Conference committee to attend these meetings, brought the matter before our union conference committee at its last session in College Place, February 25, for decision. The committee thought our field should be represented in that conference and voted that the writer should attend. If there is no intervening providence we will do so, sailing from New York on the "Celtic" of the White Star line, April 6, with others from this country.

We shall probably be gone from home about three months, returning the last of June. The writer will not be able to attend any of the spring camp-meetings in the North Pacific Union this season, but good help will be provided for them all, and other officers of the union will be present. We greatly dislike to miss all these good meetings, for we are sure God will abundantly bless them and give his people a refreshing from heaven. We would ask our people to pray for the General Conference in Europe that God may guide in all the plans for the extension of the work in that important field.

During the absence of the writer Elder A. J. Breed, the vice-president of the union conference, will lead out in all matters pertaining to the work, and all mail naturally coming to the president for advice and counsel should be referred to him at College Place, Wash.

Now as we take this long trip to a strange land at what seems the call of duty, we humbly ask our brethren to pray for us that God may guide and protect us, that again, if it is his will, we may return to our loved ones and the work we so much love.

W. B. WHITE.

HOW TO GET A MINISTER.

Can't we have a minister here? My neighbors, friends and relatives must be told the meaning of these terrible earthquakes, storms, famines and floods. They must also know the whole system of truth of which the second coming of Christ is one part."

No doubt these oft-repeated petitions for help voice the longings of your own heart as they have thousands of others. But for lack of men and means the larger share of these pleas have been refused.

But we are going to refuse them no longer. A minister has been secured for you. A minister of more than thirty years of experience in successful work, who has raised up whole churches without an assistant; who has the record in one conference where he has worked of having brought one out of every twenty of the entire membership to a knowledge of the third angel's message; one who not only speaks the message with power in public, but who goes to the homes and by the aid of photographs, Bible studies, charts, and stories, makes it clear to every member of the family.

This minister delights in pioneer

work, no matter how difficult the field. There is nothing he loves better than to take some great event about which people are talking and show its meaning, and then to lead the inquirer to the consideration of connected truth.

He is a great worker in places where there are few, if any, opportunities for public preaching. With an assistant or two he often makes 100, 200, 300 and sometimes 400 visits in a single week in one locality, and has kept it up for a year at a stretch.

Perhaps you have begun to wonder who this remarkable minister is, and if he is not beginning to break down under such labors. Answering the last question first, will say: No, indeed, he is not breaking down. He never looked better in his life. In fact, he told us recently that he would never feel satisfied until he was preaching.

A Hundred Thousand Sermons
and making a like number of missionary visits

Each Week.

And now you have recognized his name. You well know that no flesh and blood minister, nor any group of such ministers could do such work, and that we are talking about

THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES,

Our Pioneer Missionary Periodical.

You also know that all we have said is true, in fact we have only referred to a few of the characteristics of that wonderful paper whose very name, "The Signs of the Times," is sufficient to arrest the attention of every thinking man or woman who hears it pronounced.

And, however good it has been in the past, it is going to be still better in the future. Beginning May 1 and continuing for at least six months, every number will be a special number, for each will contain a Bible study, an article or a short sermon, making absolutely clear and plain some vital phase of the third angel's message. This series will be connected, so that those who follow them will have the advantages of a regular tent effort. Yet each article will be so complete in itself that even the person reading them out of their order cannot fail to see their truth and beauty.

Surely this is the time for us all to greatly increase the weekly visits of our veteran minister. Shall we not

look over the names of our friends and relatives and see that they receive his visits for at least the six months mentioned? And would it not be better yet to send him for a year?

Here is the cost:

Five or more to one address for one year, each.....	\$1.00
Five or more to one address for six months, each.....	.50
Four or more to single names and addresses for six months, each.	1.00
One or more to single names and addresses for six months, each.	.75

The following are some of the topics that will be considered in the twenty-six special numbers of the Signs of the Times beginning May 1, 1907:

1. The Bible,
2. Prophecy,
3. The Coming of the Lord,
4. Our Sacrifice and Priest,
5. The Signs of the Times,
6. The Law and the Gospel,
7. Man and His Destiny,
8. Spiritual Gifts,
9. Election, Predestination, and Free Will,
10. The Great Threefold Message,
11. The Church,
12. Bible Temperance,
13. The Sabbath the Test of the Ages.
14. The Great Federation Movement,
15. Religious Liberty,
16. The Outpouring of the Spirit.

The regular departments of the paper will be kept up during this period the same as usual, and special attention will be given to the "Outlook Department," calling attention to current events and what they mean in the light of prophecy.

As the time for these special numbers to begin is almost here, we earnestly hope you will send in your order at once. Let us concentrate upon this item of missionary work, and see that our every neighbor, friend and relative has the opportunity of listening to a first-class course of lectures from our experienced pioneer minister, the SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

Address your Tract Society, or the SIGNS OF THE TIMES, Mountain View, Cal.

"Wise is he who knows just what to say—and when not to say it."

AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING FOR THE CAUSE IN THE SOUTH.

Possibly it has not occurred to every reader of the Gleaner in just this way—that by donating to the \$150,000 fund now, we are helping directly to lift the burdens being borne by the brethren laboring in the Southern States. But this is so, as the first \$50,000 goes directly into that needy treasury. God has given explicit instructions that the more favored portions of the country shall assist the Southern field.

Some time ago, when the headquarters were at Battle Creek, this message was sent us: "Let God's workmen who have the interests of his cause at heart do something for the colored people in the Southern field. Let not God's stewards be content merely to touch this field with the tips of their fingers. Let those at the heart of the work plan in earnest for this field. Many have talked [the italics are in the quotation itself] about it, but what are they doing, as the stewards of God's means?"—*Testimonies, Vol. 8, p. 150.*

This our general brethren have now done. They have planned in earnest for the raising of \$50,000 especially for the Southern field. This gives all our people opportunity to do more than touch the ends of the fingers to this burden. It means doing something, and in a very practical way.

Later, this message was sent: "A good beginning has been made in the Southern field. In the forward march of events, the Lord has wrought most wonderfully for the advancement of his work. Battles have been fought, victories won! Favorable impressions have been made; much prejudice has been removed."

"We must provide greater facilities for the education and training of the youth, both white and colored, in the South, schools are to be established away from the cities, where the youth can learn to cultivate the soil, and thus make themselves and the school self-supporting. * * * Let means be gathered for the establishment of such schools." "The Lord desires the desert places of the South, where the outlook appears so forbidding, to become as the garden of God. Let our

people arouse, and redeem the past. The obligation to work for the colored people rests heavily upon us. Shall we not try to repair, as far as lies in our power, the injury that in the past has been done to these people?"—*Testimonies, Vol. 7, pp. 230-232.*

With interest, no doubt, the figures presented in the Review week by week are scanned. Have any thought they increased slowly? The names of the individual donors do not appear, as in the raising of the 100,000-dollar fund, but by conferences and union conferences the money is reported. February 26, \$29,170.89 had been received at the General Conference treasury. By union conferences the list on that date as to money paid in stood as follows: (1) Lake, \$8,378.14; (2) Atlantic, \$4,805.71; (3) Central, \$4,651.46; (4) Northern, \$3,839.66; (5) Pacific, \$2,092.57; (6) North Pacific, \$1,902.44; (7) Southwestern, \$1,202.64; (8) Canadian, \$320.84; (9) Southern, \$189.99.

Recently a brother from the other side of the earth sent in a good-sized donation, stating that he wanted to give something for the work in the Southern field. May many in the homeland quickly follow his example, so that the \$50,000 appropriated this part of the vineyard may be invested in the enterprises there needing it so badly.

T. E. BOWEN.

THE FEAR OF THE LORD.

The fear of the Lord has no torment in it. It does not mean terror or torment. It means rest and peace. This is made very clear in Psalm 130:1-4: "Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice; let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who should stand? But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared."

If God should mark iniquities, if he should refuse to write pardon, should administer severe and stern justice,—then, indeed, we should be in terror before him. Not one man would be able to stand, for all have sinned. "But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared." That is, the Holy Spirit comforts us with the thought that we fear the Lord because he forgives our sins.

"Now what is the condition of the heart of him whose sin is forgiven? Is he in terror and sorrow? Oh, who that has sinned, and in darkness and discouragement, in anguish and terror has come to God, and with tears asked for forgiveness, can forget the joy and the peace that flooded the soul when the word "forgiven" was spoken to the sinful soul by the Holy Spirit? Is it fright, is it terror that came to you with the knowledge of sin forgiven? No, the very opposite—joy unspeakable and full of glory, reverence, adoration.

This is the fear of God that is the beginning of wisdom, the beginning of hope, the beginning of the life everlasting. We fear him because he forgives us, and he who thus fears God will have no fear except that he should in some way grieve the blessed, kind heart of him who so generously pardons our transgressions. Oh the goodness, the kindness, the tenderness of our Father, who forgives us. Let us thus fear him forevermore.

J. S. WASHBURN.

RESULTS OF FAITHFUL EFFORT.

Our Pioneer Missionary Paper.

So many good things are coming to hand, we want to pass them on.

Here is a copy of a letter just received from a gentleman of standing in Brooklyn, N. Y.:

"I have read with great interest several copies of the Signs of the Times given me by a kind Christian lady of this city. I have become so deeply interested in the teachings of your paper that I desire to have it mailed direct to me for three months, and if I like it as well as the copies I have received I will continue my subscription to it."

The following is the result of placing a copy of the Signs each week in a public reading rack:

"Some time ago while staying in the city of Pomona (Cal.), I took from the public case or receptacle for gratuitous literature a copy of your paper. Becoming interested in your views of prophecy, etc., I watched for each number as weekly they were placed there by some kind friend. Having recently settled in Los Angeles, I write to know

if the paper is still published, and if so will you send me some copies for the enclosed 10 cents, also give me the street and number of your church or place of meeting in this city. Yours very sincerely, Mrs. —"

Result of one copy of the "Coming of the Lord" number. This letter from a Los Angeles business man:

"Send the writer at once the 'Coming of the Lord' number of the Signs of the Times. I will gladly pay for any clipping or work you can refer me to on this subject, viz., the Coming of Christ, or the end of the world."

An incident Elder Reaser, president of the Southern California Conference brings to our attention:

"We had an interesting incident in connection with the circulation of the Signs come to our notice last Friday. A well dressed man from Vermont came into the conference office and desired to purchase some books on the subject of the coming of the Lord. Before he left the office he took 'Heralds of the Morning' and a copy of 'His Glorious Appearing,' also some tracts. We held a brief Bible reading with him. He said he was attracted to the office by having a copy of the Signs thrown on his doorstep. He seemed very candid in his investigation of truth."

"In the morning sow thy seed." These are results.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES,
Mountain View, Cal.

"Do not for one moment do evil that good may come. It is never justifiable. It may save temporal life today, and bring eternal death in the judgment day. The principle is utterly wrong, and is pervasive of every good principle in the soul. Despite all that we can do, it perverts our moral standard, and we can never see things with perfect rectitude till we utterly abhor it. A good conscience can only be kept by right action."

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IS YOUR CHURCH IN THE LIST?

List of churches in which every Sabbath-keeping family take the Review and Herald.

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OLYMPIA,	WASHINGTON
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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

**Receipts for February.
Tithe.**

Vancouver	\$166.00
Manson	48.94
Cumberland	102.00
Victoria	11.00
Silver Creek.....	13.30

\$341.24

Trust Funds.

Second tithe.....	\$ 24.26
Annual Offerings.....	22.00
Foreign Missions.....	15.52
Religious Liberty.....	2.50
\$150,000 fund.....	8.40
S. S. Donations	21.07

\$ 93.75

BERTHA LOFSTAD,
Treasurer.

NORTH PACIFIC UNION CONFERENCE.

Receipts for February, 1907.

Tithe	\$1,019.64
Second tithe.....	703.69
Annual Offerings.....	1,035.31
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Colored work.....	16.54
China	5.00
East Caribbean school.....	8.00
Foreign Missions	42.31
First-day Offerings	203.67
Haskell Home	4.65
India	10.40
Mountain Mission, India.....	63.56

International Pub. Assn.....	14.77
Indian Bay Mission.....	10.00
Literature for the blind.....	7.00
Levant Mission	25.36
Mid-summer Offerings	1.00
\$150,000 fund	900.27
Sabbath-school Donations	656.07
Southern Field	5.90
So. African Mission.....	1.00
Pacific Press	2.00
Walla Walla College.....	557.00
Surplus	30.90
Gleaner	6.85

\$5,331.04

C. H. CASTLE,
Treasurer.

UPPER COLUMBIA.

Tithe Receipts, February, 1907.

Blackfoot	\$113.59
Boise	114.02
Cambridge	5.00
College Place.....	329.22
Coeur d'Alene.....	45.50
Cove	33.17
Dayton	39.70
Endicott	50.00
Grangeville25
Genesee	16.70
Granger	5.20
Individual	35.02
Lewiston	68.45
Moscow	1.50
Milton	8.50
Pomeroy	4.45
Wallowa	1.00
Walla Walla (Eng.).....	16.34
Walla Walla (Ger.).....	52.50
Wenatchee	25.80

\$965.91

Trust Funds.

Annual Offerings.....	\$ 41.10
Foreign Missions.....	56.95
Southern Field	5.50
Religious Liberty.....	38.04
S. S. Donations.....	70.79
First-day Offerings.....	39.20
\$150,000 fund.....	40.92
Work in Africa.....	.50
Famine in Russia.....	6.50
Indian Bay Mission.....	38.33
Levant Mission.....	19.36

\$357.19

T. L. COPELAND,
Treasurer.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Brother C. H. Rittenhouse of Bozeman, Montana, who has long desired to see the old world, will accompany Elder W. B. White on his trip to Europe.

Mrs. J. A. Holbrook, of Hamilton, Montana, made the office a call last week on her way north for a visit before joining her husband in California where he is now located.

Brother G. B. Collett, of the Western Washington Conference, reports 31 hours' work with Heralds of the Morning resulting in 11 orders which, with \$14.60 worth of Helps, makes a total value of \$30.90.

During the winter months our canvassing department has of necessity been dropped out of the Gleaner, but we have one report this week and the promise from the same conference of more in the near future as this phase of the work is again taken up for the summer.

The following sentence is quoted from a letter received from the headquarters at Washington, D. C., which will be a source of encouragement to every reader of the Gleaner: "There has been no time in the history of God's work when there has been such loyalty and co-operation as at the present time."

The union conference has rented an office for its work in the city of Walla Walla, which will be temporary quarters till something else is provided. These are two pleasant rooms with light, heat and water, and are about all that could be desired for offices. Later on something more permanent may be secured.

God permits temptation because it does for us what the storms do for the oaks—it roots us; and what the fire does for the painting on porcelain—it makes us permanent. You never know that you have a grip on Christ, or that he has a grip on you so well as when the devil is using up all his force to attract you from him; then you feel the pull of Christ's right hand.—F. B. Meyer.