



Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe

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A VOICE FROM THE SOUTH

A voice from the southland is calling,
 Oh, list to the plaintive plea,
 It comes as a wail on the rushing gale,
 And speaks to you and me.

For years enslaved, downtrodden;
 From learning and freedom deprived—
 We ask it in meekness, oh pity our weak-
 ness,
 Let brotherly love be revived.

Oh, bring us the gospel, dear brothers!
 Bring freedom from darkness and sin;
 We would quickly believe, and gladly receive
 Such faith and such love from Him.

Act quickly while angels are holding
 The terrible winds of strife;
 Teach us, we pray, and show us the way,
 To Christ and eternal life!

—A. G. Adams.

A PRIVILEGE

Next Sabbath, Oct. 5, another privilege (not a duty) will be afforded us to give of our means for the upbuilding of the work, which, has for its ultimate object the educational and spiritual development of the colored people.

Hitherto Seventh-day Adventists have been generous toward this people, and we have good reasons for believing that their good will and generosity will be still more marked, by the liberal collection which will be taken next Sabbath. By reading Elder Evan's article in a recent number of the Review and Elder

W. C. White's article in the Gleaner of last week, relative to the contemplated apportionment of the forthcoming collection, it will be patent to all that there are two important phases to the work which is now being carried forward in the south for the betterment of the colored race, viz. the evangelical and the educational which in the broadest sense carries with it industrial training.

As to the progress of our efforts with this people along evangelical lines, we need only to read the article by Elder J. S. Washburn in the last issue of the Gleaner entitled "Encouraging Omens" to be fully convinced that the labor already bestowed upon this "hard field" has been abundantly blessed of God.

Regarding the educational and industrial training features of this great work, read what Prof. Blake, principal of the Oakwood school has to say in this number of the Gleaner.

You will readily see from what Prof. Blake has written, that while good progress has been made along industrial lines and in the preparation of workers, still much remains to be done. Money is needed and needed now that this important work be not hindered.

The opportunities will never be more favorable for work in this needy field than at the present time. Race prejudice is strong in this field, and while some are endeavoring to strengthen this great wall of separation between the people, many others, aside from our own people are laboring most earnestly for a reformation socially and morally.

Among these agencies God has set in motion for the improvement of present

conditions in the south, I would mention The American Baptist Home Mission Society, Ex. Governor Northern of Georgia. To show the nature and scope of the work being attempted by the Baptist Home Mission Society, I quote the following from a recent report:

"The supreme object in these schools is soul culture: not merely intellectual training like that given in high schools, academies and colleges generally, with some incidental formal religious services. As a rule regular instruction in the Word of God is given daily; Christian students are instructed in the way of the Lord more perfectly; emphasis is put upon the ethics of Christianity; Bible schools and prayer meetings are essential features of institutional life; special efforts are made yearly for the unconverted students, resulting usually in several hundred conversions annually! Thousands of students unaccustomed to such things, dwelling in this warm, vitalizing Christian atmosphere for even two or three years, have been transformed into noble men and women who have become incalculable blessings to their people. The production and cultivation of Christian character is the uppermost idea in this work.

Furthermore, constantly and emphatically students are enjoined to consider education not merely as an accomplishment, or to be used for selfish ends, but rather as the means whereby more effective service can be rendered others; and they are charged to consider that they have a mission to their own struggling people, for which they should fit themselves as best they can.

"Surely every thoughtful and candid man must admit that such work as this

is missionary indeed and that here at least educational and missionary work are not unrelated enterprises, but merge their activities for the production of richer results than would be possible otherwise."

Ex Governor Northen, is urging the establishment of law and order organizations, and is meeting support wherever he goes. He talks against mob-law and lynching in plain language. Here are some of his recent utterances;

"We shall never settle this until we give absolute justice to the Negro. We are not doing justice to the Negro in Georgia.

"Get into contact with the best negroes; there are plenty of good negroes in Georgia. What we must do is to get the good white folks to leaven the bad white folks, and the good negroes to leaven the bad negroes."

These last statements pertaining to Ex Governor Northen's work are quoted from a pamphlet recently prepared by Brother Clarence Crisler entitled "An Agitation and An Opportunity." Such work as Governor Northen is doing stands out in strong contrast to that of such fiery agitators as Senator Tillman and others, and will do much toward mollifying the race hatred and prejudice of the south. In all this, we can easily see that God is working to prepare the way for his truth to enter. When the honest in heart have been gathered out, then God's restraining hand will be removed and the opportunities for work in this field will have passed. Brothers and sisters let us press in while the angels of God are holding the winds, and carry this truth to the people of the south. If we can not go, we can give of our means, in order that others may go and proclaim the message.

Let us give liberally, so that the work may not be retarded. Jesus is soon coming. Time is short. We can hasten the work and the time of Christ's coming by responding quickly and generously to God's call for help. Shall we do it?

WHAT IT MEANS

It may be interesting to the readers of this journal to consider what it will mean to the mission schools for colored people, supported by the Southern Missionary Society, if the October contribution is a liberal one.

Of the total sum given by all our people, twenty-one per cent goes to the society to help in its work of supporting schools, building meeting houses, and assisting evangelists. If the total collection is \$10,000, the society's part will be \$2,000. This is a small amount to be divided between eight schools and eleven teachers.

But because of the strangely small collection last year, less than half this amount was received, and as a result the faithful teachers have suffered, as described in the interesting article published in a recent Review, entitled "Open Doors."

When we think of faithful teachers, receiving \$3.50 a week and boarding themselves, and of men with families working for \$5.00 a week, because funds are so low, and remember that we are debtors to this people to give them the gospel, shall we not put our hands down deep in our pockets and bring forth liberal offerings?

Shall we not make up for the deficiencies of last year by an overwhelming liberality?

Let us try.

W. C. White.

THE COLLECTION OF OCTOBER 5

Time rapidly passes, and we are drawing near the time when the next annual collection will be taken up to assist our colored denominational work. There are between seven and eight millions of colored people in the South, and to carry the message to this people we have only a very few workers; and yet we know that, before the Lord comes, the glorious news of his appearing must go to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. In view of the magnitude of the work and the shortness of time, we certainly must bestir ourselves.

The one purpose of the Oakwood Manual Training School is to train colored workers. The institution is meeting with a degree of success. Seven workers will go out this year from the school, and yet its usefulness is greatly limited on account of a lack of means with which to properly equip and operate the school. A new dormitory is greatly needed, and it is hoped that the way may soon be opened for this much needed improvement.

We are glad to say that the Oakwood

school will have its portion of the October collection, and of course, the larger the collection the more benefit will the school receive. We hope that the Lord may impress our brethren and sisters everywhere with the necessity of liberally responding to the urgent need of our colored work. In the past, this line of work has not been pushed as rapidly as it should have been. Shall we not now redeem the time? We feel that there should be scores of workers prepared for the field immediately. There are at present many opportunities for opening new schools, but we have not the teachers who are properly trained. We appeal to our brethren to help us by a liberal donation on October 5.

W. J. Blake, Principal.

MONTANA NORTHWESTERN MONTANA CAMP MEETING

This gathering was held at Somers, Montana, September 17-23. This little town, of about five hundred inhabitants, is located on the extreme north end of Flathead Lake, a beautiful body of water in northwestern Montana, and about ten miles south of Kalispell. Four large plants, viz., a saw mill, planing mill, box factory, and a railroad tie treating plant, furnish work for the inhabitants. At this place is a small Sabbath-school. There is another at Rollins, on the lake shore farther south, and still another, larger one, at Kalispell. Nearly all these Sabbath-keepers have come into the faith the last two or three years.

The meeting was the first of its kind ever held in northwestern Montana, and, as we expected, was small. Probably forty were in regular attendance, and on Sabbath and Sunday quite a number more. The laborers present were Elder W. F. Martin, president of the Montana Conference; S. H. Kime, D. H. Hanson, and the writer. Brethren Kime and Hanson had been making this part of Montana their field of labor.

The meetings were of a deep spiritual nature, and the presentation of the truth which had recently been accepted by this people was greatly enjoyed by them, and had the effect, we believe, of more firmly settling them in the faith.

A tent meeting was held in the village a year ago, which had quite thoroughly tested the people on points of present

truth; still there was some outside interest. A few decided for the truth at this meeting who had not done so before. The truth is spreading in this part of Montana and should be carefully followed up by earnest work.

The weather was ideal through the meeting, just such weather as Montana knows how to produce in the fall.

Sabbath was a good day for the camp, and God's Spirit moved with power on the hearts of the people. In the afternoon, at the close of the service, Brother S. H. Kime, who for a number of years has faithfully labored in the Montana Conference, and who has made full proof of his ministry, was ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands. God witnessed to this, and Brother Kime will continue to labor in this field the coming winter.

Quite a number of books were sold during the meeting, and the brethren subscribed to a fund with which to purchase a new tent for their field.

The meeting was short, continuing only five days, but we feel that it was profitable, and that more such gatherings should be held in this part of the conference.

W. B. White.

\$150,000 FUND

Eleven months have elapsed since the General Conference brethren decided that a fund of \$150,000 be raised by popular subscription for the purpose of supplying immediate demands for means in various parts of the great harvest field.

At that time it was confidently expected by all that the whole amount would be raised not later than Jan. 1, 1907. Almost a year has passed and still we find ourselves far from the goal. Encouraging progress has been made all along the line; still we believe, if the plan had been as heartily supported by all of our people as it should have been, the work of raising this fund would have been finished ere this. This lack of support was not intentional upon the part of any one, but, we believe, was due to the fact of the rapidly expanding message, which necessitates more men and means in various portions of the world-wide field. For any individual to attempt a comprehensive view of this great work is futile, and in doing so many pressing needs are overlooked.

Is it not far better to follow the leadings of the General Conference brethren, and trust to their judgment as to the needs of the field, inasmuch as they are placed in a position of trust and responsibility by this people that enables them to be in touch with the work and workers in all parts of the world, and hence their knowledge of the needs of the Lord's vineyard is more definite and trust-worthy than any knowledge we could gain by a casual glance, now and again, at this greatest of all enterprises—the everlasting gospel to every nation, kindred and tongue and people.

As we study God through His Scriptures and created works, we are convinced that system and order are pleasing to Him, and, further, He has expressed His approval of our present form of organization, through the Spirit of Prophecy. Shall we not, dear brothers and sisters, in view of all this, follow the advice and counsel of those whom God has chosen as leaders for this great work, believing that they are just as willing to be led by the Spirit and to yield a ready submission to His will as we are.

Let brotherly love continue, let peace and harmony prevail in all our work, and we will see greater results than have ever before characterized this work. Some local conferences have already supplied their quota of the \$150,000 fund, but, so far as we know, this has not been accomplished by any union conference. Shall ours be the first? You will be better able to judge in regard to this matter after reading what has been accomplished in this field and what still remains to be done, as shown by the following report:

The quota for our union conference is \$13,987.50. To September 1, \$8,040.04 had been paid, which leaves \$5,947.46 due and unpaid, as follows:

	Paid	Still Due
British Columbia -	\$ 112 80	\$ 404 70
Alaska - - - -	42 50	—
Hawaii - - - -	52 50	—
Montana - - - -	697 63	432 37
Upper Columbia -	2086 53	1103 47
Southern Idaho -	1144 36	450 64
Western Oregon -	2028 94	1823 56
Western Washington	1874 78	1732 72
	\$8040 04	\$5947 46

The date of the above report is September 1, 1907.

From a glance at the last column in this report, the brethren and sisters of

each conference can readily see what is still to be accomplished.

By a little well directed, earnest effort, the remainder of our quota may soon be raised.

Dear readers, in view of the great needs of the field at the present time, would it not be pleasing to God to have us complete our part of this fund not later than Dec. 31, 1907? Shall we do it?

**SOUTHERN IDAHO
DONATION OCTOBER 12**

Dear brethren and sisters: At the recent organization of our conference at Weiser, a resolution was passed that we supply each member of the Legislature of this state with the magazine, Liberty. Our minds have been stirred up over this matter by a letter recently received from W. A. Colford, Secretary of the Religious Liberty Bureau of the General Conference, in which he lays before us the importance of using this valuable magazine just now to carry to these men, the lawmakers of our state, the principles of Religious Liberty.

You will remember at the last session of the Legislature there was passed a Sunday Rest bill, and now that the minds of the people are more or less agitated over the issue, let us freely circulate Liberty. An earnest effort will no doubt be brought before the members of the Legislature at its next session for more stringent measures to be placed on the Statute Books along this same line. Why not have the magazine to be coming to them while they have time to think and study on these principles, and to be intelligent as to what the issue means?

We have in this state about eighty members of both houses so that to supply them for one year will cost about \$12. The amount to be raised is small and a little invested by each church in this good work will in the aggregate meet this expense. We will not limit the amount to just what we have stated above, but what is over and above we will use for other subscriptions to judges and prominent lawyers in the state.

In thinking the matter over we have thought that Sabbath Oct. 12. would be a favorable time to set apart for this donation and feel that to mention this request is sufficient to have your approval and support.

We shall earnestly hope that you will use your influence to have Liberty placed before lawyers and officers of the law in your vicinity and that by co-operating together we may help to enlighten all along the line.

Those isolated may remit to the nearest church treasurer or to T. L. Copeland, Boise, Idaho.

Trusting that you will remember the date October 12. for this special donation and that the Lord will bless in the efforts put forth in this branch of the Message, I am,

Yours in the Master's service,
W. W. Steward.

SOUTHERN IDAHO

Knowing that the readers of the Gleaner are all interested in the work in this new conference, I will make a statement as to our movements since the organization was effected in July.

At the close of our camp-meeting which was held at Weiser, Idaho, it was thought best to continue the meetings for a while, so Elders Oliver and Bird with Sisters Bird and Kennedy were chosen to remain there to test the interest. There were many hindrances to success, so that but one, a sister, is reported as having accepted the truth for this time. Owing to the warm weather, many of the people were away in the mountains and elsewhere, seeking a cooler climate.

Just at this time the sickness of Sister Oliver made it necessary for Elder Oliver to return to his home in Twin Falls, Idaho, and I might say in this connection that Sister Oliver is now in our Sanitarium at College Place where she has undergone a surgical operation. From the latest reports she is rapidly improving, and will soon be able to join her family again. Just at this time Sister Kenney was called to her home in Minnesota on account of the illness of her mother, so it was thought best to discontinue the work there for the present.

Elder Bird having been elected at the conference to the position of Educational Superintendent has devoted his time and attention to his particular line of work since he closed his work in Weiser. I will say that our Educational Superintendent is meeting with much embarrassment on account of the great dearth of church-school teachers.

A tent was pitched in the little town

of Cove, Oregon by brethren E. E. Smith and E. O. Sanders. Besides strengthening the church, establishing some who greatly needed further instruction, and creating an interest in the minds of some to hear more at a more favorable time, the results were meager, only two sisters declaring their intentions to obey God in keeping His commandments.

Elder J. M. Willoughby, vice president of our conference, after having taken a much needed rest following the organization of our conference, is again in the field looking after the scattered sabbath-keepers and preparing for a fall campaign.

Brother Arthur Moon has not yet entered the work on account of the ill health of his wife.

Elder W. H. Saxby, located at Boise, is doing general pastoral work not only in Boise but in the surrounding districts. Sister Saxby is employing her time in giving Bible readings, health talks, distributing literature etc.

Our faithful and tried worker, Sister Lucy Post, has not been actively engaged in the work for some time on account of ill health. I hope she may be able to take up her work again, for we greatly need many more such faithful workers.

As to myself, I have not been idle, but besides looking after conference matters, have done much in the way of church work. I spent about ten days at Cove, Oregon assisting the Smith's tent company in a series of meetings.

On Sept. 3d we began operations here in Baker City. We are meeting with much encouragement. The people seem to be hungry for the Bread of Life. Already several have turned their feet in the ways of God's testimonies, and many more are in the valley of decision.

Brother E. O. Sanders, Wellington Frost and Sister Smith are doing valiant service visiting from house to house, giving Bible readings and distributing literature. Brother Smith and the writer are doing most of the preaching.

The general outlook in the conference is very encouraging. An excellent spirit is controlling the hearts of God's people, and "Onward" seems to be the watchword all along the line. If all of God's dear children will consecrate themselves to God and be faithful in the payment of their tithes and offerings,

there is no reason why this young conference should not take her place among the sister conferences, and act nobly her part in this great closing work of God in the earth.

I would not forget to express my appreciation of the Upper Columbia Conference in granting our request for Brother T. J. Copeland to be permitted to join us in labor in this new conference.

His long experience in the work is greatly appreciated. All correspondence which would come in his line as secretary and treasurer of the conference should be directed to him at Boise City, Idaho.

In conclusion I will say that much interest is being manifested throughout the conference in our proposed Intermediate School, the location of which will be decided upon about Oct. 10.

W. W. Steward.

WESTERN OREGON

The local camp meeting at Cottage Grove, Oregon, was held August 23 to September 1. The brethren of that part of the conference were quite general in attendance. Elder W. B. White, President of the North Pacific Union Conference, was in attendance for several days at the beginning of the meeting, and did a large part of the preaching during his presence. His instruction, and help otherwise, were highly appreciated by all.

Prof. O. K. Butler of Walla Walla College also spent a few days at the meeting, and spoke to the people on educational matters.

The other laborers present, either all, or a part of the time, were Elders F. S. Bunch, J. M. Cole, T. H. Starbuck, and B. C. Tabor. The attendance from the outside was not large; but some attended regularly and manifested interest in the truth. To our own brethren the Sabbaths, especially were seasons of refreshing. All through the meeting the evenings were devoted to the distinctive features of the message for the benefit of the outside attendance; while the day services were largely devoted to instruction for the edification of our own people. The brethren generally manifested their appreciation of the help which they received. On the last day of the meeting five persons, mostly young people, united with the church by baptism. The Royal church is situated in the country

five miles from Cottage Grove; but several Sabbath keepers living in Cottage Grove have recently been organized into a church, and are now building a very neat little house of worship which will soon be ready for dedication. Brother Taber and wife are located here to assist in the work.

According to appointment a local camp meeting was held at Roseburg, September 13 to 23. Our brethren in that locality were nearly all in attendance to get the help offered by the preaching of the word. In conducting the meetings nearly the same methods were followed as at Cottage Grove. It was a very busy time, and the attendance of those not of our faith was not large. The interest manifested in the instruction given was excellent. The preaching at this meeting was done wholly by local laborers. Elder A. J. Breed who was expected to assist in the preaching was detained away by Religious Liberty interests of the Union conference. At the close of the meeting two young people were baptized and united with the church.

T. H. Starbuck.

MONTANA

Stewart Kime has joined W. H. Holden in tent work at Havre.

The attendance is fair, and the interest good. So far two dear souls have decided to cast their lot among God's remnant people. A number of others are in the valley of decision.

The Mt Ellis school opened on the date appointed with an attendance of twenty in the intermediate and 10 or 12 in the primary.

All reports coming from the Somers camp-meeting are encouraging. The Lord came very near his people and all were encouraged and strengthened in the most holy faith. We believe this meeting marks a new epoch in the work in the Flathead.

Elder W. F. Martin stopped off at Haver a few hours, on his return home from campmeeting to counsel with the brethren in reference to the work. Miss Myrtle La Bean from Kalispell accompanied him going to Mt Ellis to school.

D. H. Hanson will labor for a while in and near Missoula, probably doing Bible work in Missoula during the coming winter.

S. H. Kime who was ordained to the ministry at the Somers camp-meeting will for the present look after and follow up the work in Flathead.

UPPER COLUMBIA

OBITUARIES

Sister Ellen Pritchard, nee Lansdale, fell asleep in Jesus, July 30, 1907, in Spokane, Wash. She was born in England, February 18, 1842. She came to America when about thirteen years of age, was converted when quite young, and joined the Methodist Church. She married John Pritchard in 1886, and, with her husband, accepted the truths of the Third Angel's Message in 1874, under the labors of Elder Geo. I. Butler, in the State of Nebraska. Sister Pritchard remained faithful to the end. She loved the truth, and nothing gave her more joy than seeing the message progress and souls being won to Christ. Her death was caused by a runaway. She was thrown from a buggy into a wire fence and was badly injured, dying two days afterward. She leaves a husband and six children—four sons and two daughters—who mourn the loss of a faithful wife and a loving mother. But they "sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." Words of comfort were spoken by the elder of the church, Brother McCully, from Rev. 14:13.

Mrs. Alice Rider.

Mrs. Ann Eliza Sheffield, nee Alsip, was born Feb. 8, 1837, at Pittsburg, Penn. She died of paralysis and other complications on Sept. 11, 1907, at Rathdrum, Idaho, aged 70 years 7 months 3 days. Her husband died about ten years ago. She was the mother of eleven children, nine of whom are living, besides twenty-two grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She had been an invalid for a great many years, but now she is at rest. While it seems hard to part with those who are near and dear to us by the ties of nature, yet "precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." So we need not sorrow "as

others who have no hope." Words of comfort were spoken by the writer, based on Rom. 6:23.

H. J. Schnepfer.

APPOINTMENTS

The Lord willing, I shall endeavor to meet with the following churches and companies:

Wilcox, Oct. 4-11,
Eudicott, Oct. 12-15,
Farmington, Oct. 16-21,
Edwall, Oct. 25-30,
Odessa, Oct. 31 to Nov. 4,
Wilson Creek, Nov. 4-7,
Wenatchee, Nov. 8-14,
Chelan, Nov. 15-24.

H. J. Schnepfer.

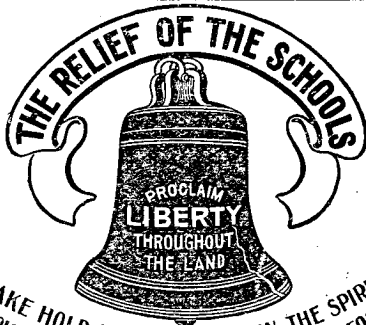
TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS

As the Gleaner is now being printed each week by the Walla Walla College Press, and dependent upon student labor for the type-setting, presswork, etc., it therefore becomes necessary to ask our contributors to send in their articles not later than Wednesday or Thursday preceding the week you expect the article to be published. If our correspondents will remember to do this, it will greatly assist us in our work. The Gleaner is printed Tuesday of each week, and mailed Wednesday.

We hope our readers will pardon the many typographical errors that appeared in our last issue. Being compelled to utilize inexperienced help, the mistakes were unavoidable.

Be patient, however; these young people must get an experience. If we bear with them patiently, they, no doubt, will soon be able to do creditable work as printers. Give the boys a chance.

Just now every church should have a well organized Missionary Society. The members of each society should be alive and active, furnished with an abundant supply of Signs and tracts to distribute regularly among their friends and neighbors. Interesting experiences should be reported from time to time, not for the purpose of boasting as to what you have done; but as a means of encouragement and help to others engaged in a similar work.



"IF ALL WILL TAKE HOLD OF THIS WORK IN THE SPIRIT OF SELF-SACRIFICE, FOR CHRIST'S SAKE, IT WILL NOT BE LONG BEFORE THE JUBILEE SONG OF FREEDOM CAN BE SUNG THROUGHOUT OUR BORDERS."

SHALL WE ALL REMEMBER

Will all the readers of the Gleaner kindly remember the plan that has been laid in the Union Conference to lift the debt from our training school, Walla Walla College, by Jan. 15, 1908? God has blessed wonderfully in this enterprise. Thousands of dollars have been subscribed. The most of our people have responded liberally and so far as subscriptions are concerned we are near the goal. At the last meeting of the Union Conference Committee, it was decided that three thousand more must be raised to make the plan sure, and this may easily be done if all will do what they can. Our school is full this year of a fine class of young men and women, many of whom desire to prepare for the work of God. It will be a reproach to us if we do not rise as one man and lift this burden which has so long been dragging the college down. The Spirit of Prophecy has told us that these debts were a standing reproach to our work, and should be lifted. So we are sure that in this move we are making we are meeting the mind of God, and he will help us to make it a success. Brethren and sisters we are making the lift of our lives to relieve the college and will you do what you can?

Our brethren too will remember that their subscriptions, were in two payments, the first to be paid Jan. 15, 1907 and the last Oct. 15, 1907. So we must remember that the time of the last payment is almost here, viz. Oct. 15, 1907. Some conditioned their pledges to be paid on or before Jan. 15, 1908 so of course these are not due yet for over three months. Every dollar that has been paid in so far is being sacredly held in trust by the Union Conference,

and will thus be held till the whole amount is in the treasury, when the debt will be paid off and the school go free. May God help us to make this plan a grand success.

W. B. White



USE OF SLEEPING CARS

Twenty-five years ago when the writer commenced laboring in the cause of present truth in the Minnesota Conference, sleeping cars were quite rare on railroads, and such a thing as conference workers riding upon them, and enjoying the luxury of a night's rest while traveling was never heard of. We imagine that if such a bill had been incurred by a conference worker and presented to the auditing board that it would have been immediately rejected and the brother who presented it thought extravagant. In those days the cause was young, our revenues were small and some things which to-day are considered justifiable by our conference workers, in view of changed conditions, would not have been listened to a moment then, and one of these items is riding in railway sleeping cars, and charging the expense to the conference. Twenty-five or thirty years ago this never was done, to-day it is done by many of our workers, and the question arises, is this right, and should our conferences pay such expense? We presume many would say that they should not, while others would say that they should, so that on this as on nearly all questions there would be an honest difference of opinion. Personally the writer feels that on this question extreme grounds may be taken either way, and the safest thing to do is to avoid them if possible as extremes are generally hurtful in their nature to all concerned. Probably one extreme that could be taken on the question is this, that under no circumstances whatever should such expense be incurred and charged to the conference while possibly another extreme position that could be taken on the

question would be to allow a very free use of sleepers on the part of all conference employees at all times and pay out the Lord's money for the same. Now as the writer views the situation both of these positions are unsafe and dangerous and should be avoided. As some of our conference workers, and many of our lay brethren are questioning what is right in this matter, the writer will merely give his views of the situation as he views it after some years of experience and observation.

We fully believe that in these matters as in many others that circumstances alter cases; that what might be perfectly justifiable and right in one case, or under certain circumstances, would not be best or right under other conditions. In the matter under consideration we can easily imagine conditions where possibly on the same train one or more conference workers would be justified in going to the sleeper and taking their rest when perhaps others riding with them would not. Many things have to be taken into consideration such as the age of the worker his condition of health, and ability to stand exposure, the work he has been doing, the work he has to do the following day, the burdens he is carrying in connection with the cause of God, all these matters should have weight in determining what is best in such cases. We have in mind a case that is to point as an illustration of this principle.

When traveling last spring in Europe our party left Alborg Denmark for a night's ride to Copenhagen. There was a through sleeper which ran between these cities, without change while those who rode in the common day coaches had to change cars four times that night, which as could be easily seen would deprive anyone of his rest. In our party were two gray haired veterans of present truth, whom we presume had given thirty-five years or more of their life to this cause and who were bearing heavy burdens now in the Union Conference work. Sensibly enough these men took the sleeper and were justified in doing so, and charging the expense to their conferences, but in the same party were many younger men strong and vigorous, who would not feel it very materially if they should lose a night's rest, these did not incur the expense of the sleeping car and we doubt if they would have been clear in doing so unless they had

borne the expense themselves. Among the number who rode in the day coach that night and was deprived of his rest was Elder A. G. Daniels President of the General Conference who is loaded with burdens all the time as a cart is pressed beneath sheaves and who has no strength to spare, and who needs every moment's rest he can get. This brother saved the expense and took the day coach. Whether he should have done it, we will leave to the reader to judge; personally we think he should not, but should have gone to the sleeper and taken his rest, and thus been as fresh and clear as possible the next day for the burdens which continually devolve upon him.

When our conference laborers have been under a heavy strain either by holding meetings, committee work, or accounting work, and possibly will have to continue it on the morrow in some other place, we believe they should have their rest and our conferences will be the losers if they do not, but if one has been under no special strain and is not expecting to be for a few days, and is in usual health, strength and vigor, then we believe our workers should plan to save the expense to the conference even though it may cost us some sleep and inconvenience. We think our younger laborers in the cause who are young and strong, and who are not under any special strain of burden, responsibility and taxing work, should be very modest about incurring sleeping car expense which it is expected the conference will pay. Of course as we said before circumstances alter cases, and the right thing to do is for each one to sustain such a close relation to God that he may tell them first what is best to do at all times; whether to make expense or save it to the cause of God. We fear that some of our conference laborers are drifting toward expensiveness in their work and labor, and we are persuaded that these things should have careful thought and attention. May God guide us all by his Spirit in all matters which effect the cause.

W. B. WHITE.

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Helen C. Conard.

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\$150,000. fund	355 74
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Owing to the illness of Miss May Bell, stenographer for Upper Columbia Conference, she has been compelled to quit her work temporarily, and Miss Alberta Green of Spokane has taken her place in the office for the present.

Brother A. E. Eyrett, secretary and treasurer of the Montana Tract Society, writes, under date of September 15, "Our office building is nearly completed and we expect to move in this week. While it is small, yet it is, first-class, and, I think, will be comfortable."

Brother W. C. Gage, formerly a prominent minister among our people, died recently at his residence in Battle Creek Mich. For several years past he has been devoting his time to commercial enterprises, and has not been actively engaged in religious work.

Elder I. D. Van Horn, who for many years has been a faithful minister of this denomination, has recently become mentally unsound and has been taken to the Hospital for the Insane at Kalamazoo Mich. It is earnestly hoped that his mental derangement is only temporary. He is having good care and his eldest son visits him daily. Let us pray, if it be God's will, that Brother Van Horn may have a speedy recovery.